

in Lower Canada the totals went on steadily increasing from 1859 to 1865; being 4,543 in the former and 7,183 in the latter year.

Owing to the unusually high prices of provisions during the year 1866, the cost of the daily rations of the prisoners in Gaols will be found in almost every Gaol somewhat above that of the year 1865.

Taking the three large Cities of Montreal, Toronto and Quebec, we find that the daily cost of rations was respectively 6 cents, 8 cents, 8½ cents, in 1865, and 6½ cents, 11 cents and 9¾ cents in 1866.

#### GAOLS BUILT OR ALTERED DURING THIS YEAR.

The new Gaols of Brampton, Pembroke and Walkerton, were finished during this year. These Gaols are for the three new Counties of Ontario, Renfrew and Bruce, respectively. They are all built as the law provides, according to plans approved by the Board and sanctioned by His Excellency the Governor General, special notices of these several Gaols appear in the preceding portions of the Report.

A substantial addition, being in fact a new Gaol, has also during this year been made to the Gaol at Belleville.

A tabular statement is annexed as in former Reports, shewing the results of the labors of the Board, since its first organization in 1859, in the important work of erecting new Gaols, or altering or improving old Gaols in Upper Canada.

Gaols built since 1859.	Gaols altered and improved.	Gaols for altering which Plans have been submitted.	Gaols unimproved.
Barrie. Belleville. Berlin. *Brampton. Brantford. *Lindsay. L'Orignal. *Napanees. Ottawa. *Pembroke. Peterborough. Perth. St. Catharines. Sarnia. Toronto. Walkerton.	Brockville. Chatham. Cobourg. Goderich. Guelph. London. Simcoe. Whitby. Woodstock.	Cayuga. Kingston. Milton. †Owen Sound. †Picton. Stratford. †Sault Ste. Marie.	Hamilton. Sandwich. St. Thomas. Welland. Cornwall.

Thus it appears that out of a total of 36 Gaols, 16 are entirely new, and these may be regarded, when compared with the class of buildings which preceded them, as model Prisons, in so far as their construction is concerned.

There are still 12 Gaols included in the last two columns. In three of them, however, Owen Sound, Picton, and Sault Ste. Marie, the contracts for the building of new Gaols have been actually given out and the work commenced. The Board have also good reason to believe that Kingston, Stratford and Welland will this year be added to the list of Gaols to which the alterations and additions contemplated by Statute have been made.

Should the anticipations of the Board in this respect be realized there will be at the close of the year 1867 six Gaols only in the same state, so far as any material alterations are concerned, as when the Board was first appointed.

On this head the Inspectors desire to repeat what they stated last year, that, if they

\*The Gaols thus marked are for new Counties.

†New Gaols in progress.