

# HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

## FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

1891-92.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

1. The Trustees and Managers of the Toronto House of Industry beg to submit the fifty-fifth Annual Report of the affairs of the Institution in accordance with the Act of Incorporation.

#### INMATES.

2. Application for admission to the House by the aged and infirm are steadily on the increase, but until the management can obtain the funds for increased and improved accommodation, it will be impossible, from a sanitary point of view, to meet the requirements of the increasing population, and the Board would urge upon their successors the necessity of devising some means to accomplish that desirable object.

#### OUTDOOR RELIEF.

3. Applications for outdoor relief have not been as numerous during the year just closed as during the previous year, the predicted increase in distress happily not being realised. The number of applications for the year ending 1st April, is 1,913, representing 8,676 persons. The relief granted cost the sum of \$11,228.<sup>83</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, or \$1.31 per capita.

The previous year the applications numbered 2,033, representing 9,453 persons.

The number relieved the past year represent a fraction over four per cent. of the population. This shows a favourable comparison with our experience in the past year under the pressure of a similar depression in trade. Our records show several years when relief was distributed by this Institution to over ten per cent., and in one instance, to over fifteen per cent. of the inhabitants.

4. It will be readily admitted that with the increase in population, not only a corresponding increase in pauperism may be expected, but in large centres like Toronto intensified.