

OTTAWA, U. C.

I visited this Gaol on 22nd of January with Dr. Tassé, and again on 10th May with Mr. O'Neill.

The extravagant practice of allowing the Gaoler to supply the prisoners with provisions is continued here. He receives 25 cents for males and 24 cents for females, per day. A calculation of the cost shewed :—

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| For males..... | \$1,677 00 |
| For females..... | 862 50 |
| | \$2,539 50 |

I have no reason to believe that the provisions cost one half of that amount. The county is, therefore, paying about \$1,200 to the Gaoler, for which it receives no value whatever. This evil arrangement ought to be put a stop to.

The cost of water amounts to a very large sum, too—my calculation brought it to more than \$1,700 per annum, a saving of most of which could be effected if tanks were constructed in the yards to preserve the rain water.

The attention of the County Council has been directed to both of these matters, but the County Council seem as loath to save money about their Prison as other Councils are to expend any on theirs. In this respect they stand before the country as a great exception to the general rule. But, however they may look after the money interests of their constituents, they certainly put a large sum of it into the pockets of the Gaoler, the half of which they might well save.

Males, 11 ; females, 7.—Total, 18.

PETERBOROUGH, U. C.

I inspected this prison on the 1st March, 16th August, and 19th December. It is always remarkably clean.

The Inspectors have frequently objected to the kind of bedstead in use here,—for the reason that the feet of the trestles may be used as weapons of attack ; but, they are still retained.

Males, 4 ; females, 1.—Total, 5.

ST. JOHNS, L. C.

I visited this Gaol with my colleague, Dr. Tassé, on the 6th of February.

The Gaoler had himself purchased tools and materials for a cooper to work-up, who was in confinement. The man was glad to get any thing to occupy himself in. In this respect, the Gaoler is a pattern to other Keepers of Prisons whom the Inspectors have endeavored to *persuade* to put prisoners to work, seeing that they have no power to compel.

SWEETSBURG, L. C.

I visited this Gaol with Dr. Tassé on the 7th February, alone on the 24th and 25th May, and on 21st and 22nd November.

The dilapidated state of this Gaol has frequently been brought to the notice of the Government, but up to this time the Reports have not been attended with any results. Partly through the inadequacy of the Gaol itself, and partly through carelessness of the Gaoler, a prisoner made his escape. I investigated the facts, and reported them to the Board. At my visit in May, no entry had been made in the Register since the 13th January. I found also that the Gaoler had taken prisoners into the village to work upon a house which he was building ; and, having ascertained the facts, I reported them to the Board.

Males, 11 ; females, 1.—Total, 12.

SANDWICH, U. C.

I visited this Gaol on the 8th March, with Mr. O'Neill, and again on 21st July, with Mr. O'Neill and Dr. Tassé.