

CANADA PENITENTIARY:

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS PROPOSED BY MESSRS.
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MISSIONERS.

1. Name of State, place and Institution ?

Province of Canada, Township of Kingston, Pro-
vincial Penitentiary of Canada.

2. When commenced.

The commencement of building was in the year
1833, and one wing was so far completed in 1835 as
to allow the reception of prisoners on the 1st June
of that year.

3. When finished ?

The buildings are not yet all erected. The north
and south wings, with the walls and roof of the east
wing are built; the latter of which will be completed
with all possible expedition. In order to complete
the establishment according to the original plan,
there yet require to be built: the west wing, (the
foundation of which is finished to the level of the
yard), the hospital, the women's prison, the shop,
and the boundary wall; of the latter of which nearly
one-third is built.

4. Under what authority ?

Under the authority of the Statute of the late
Province of Upper Canada 3d, William 4th, chapter
44.

5. Extent of ground or land belonging to the Institu-
tion ?

The ground upon which the Penitentiary is placed,
including that inclosed by the boundary wall, mea-
sures nearly twelve acres.

6. Extent of the building ?

The whole length of the building is 290 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet,
and the breadth at the broadest part will be 244 feet ;
the height of the wings is 40 feet ; the height above
the rotunda at the intersectional part of the building
will be 105 feet.

7. Of what materials ?

The Provincial Penitentiary is built of limestone,
with bricks for the sides and tops of the cells; the
doors of iron, grated; the floors, with the exception
of those on the north wing, are stone.

8. What distance were the heavy materials brought;
and what peculiar advantages or disadvantages for
building ?

The timber and iron purchased for the erection of
such part of the buildings as are completed, were
furnished by contract and delivered on the ground
at the expense of the contractors—the former was
brought from a distance of 25 miles, and the latter
two miles. The stone was taken from the Quarry
on the spot, and cut, and made into lime, as it was
required. The principal advantage derived in build-
ing the Penitentiary is, that with the exception of
part of the south wing, it has been built by convict
labour at far less expense to the Province, than if it
had been erected by contract or day labour; the
only hired persons in the Institution being those en-
gaged in the superintendence and watching of the
convicts.

9. If built by contract or public competition, or other-
wise, under whose authority, and if any allowance was
made for extra work, and by whom ?