

## ANNUAL REPORT.

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In presenting their Report for 1875, the Managers of the House of Industry have pleasure in stating that, although the demands upon their resources during that period were unusually heavy, they have, with the assistance kindly afforded by the public, been able to extend their operations in a corresponding ratio.

Established in 1837 (previous to which time the poor of Toronto must have been relieved entirely by private charity), the progress of the Institution has been most encouraging: according to the Report of Mr. Langmuir, Government Inspector, who made his statutory visit in September last, it is, and has for some time been, "the model Institution of the kind in the Province." This satisfactory state of affairs has been attained by a rigid adherence to the system adopted by the founders of the charity; the Managers have merely maintained and developed the principles established by their predecessors; to this end they have been most ably and efficiently assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Duckett, the Superintendent and Matron.

During the past season, various improvements, much required, have been effected about the premises: the city water has been laid on; a brick shed constructed in the yard, affording space for fuel, also for a root and vegetable cellar and carpenter's shop. The bathing and lavatory arrangements have been greatly improved, and the kitchen removed from the basement to the rear extension; the drainage has been thoroughly and effectively repaired.