

to the present, the logs used for this purpose have not been paid for, although the matter has been fully reported upon by yourself.

It is a matter of regret that you should have considered "that a more favorable balance sheet should not have existed." I claim that the utmost economy is, and always has been exercised in the different departments of this institution, and had my request, asking for a commission to be composed of local men who fully understood the values existing in this Province, been acted upon, I am fully satisfied that their report would have borne out my statement. It is neither just nor fair to compare the expenditure of this institution with that of others, which have their own workshops and every facility for manufacturing, from the raw material, the bulk of the articles used in the maintenance of the prisons.

I was pleased to welcome the Deputy Minister of Justice, who accompanied yourself on the occasion of your last visit to the Manitoba Penitentiary, presenting as it did the opportunity to him of understanding the peculiar position of this institution as compared with similar ones in the older Provinces, and would add, that the benefits of his visit have already been experienced in more ways than one.

In conclusion, I beg to enclose the usual Annual Statistical Returns.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. BEDSON,
Warden.

No. 1.

RETURN showing Movements of Prisoners in Manitoba Penitentiary, from 1st July, 1882, to 30th June, 1883.

| Distribution. | PRISONERS. | | |
|--|------------|----------|------------|
| | Male. | Female. | Total. |
| Remaining 30th June, 1882,..... | 52 | 4 | 56 |
| Admission during the year | 70 | 3 | 73 |
| Total..... | 122 | 7 | 129 |
| Released | 1 | | 1 |
| Discharged on expiration of sentence. | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| Escaped | 1 | | 1 |
| Died | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| Remaining, 30th June, 1883..... | 98 | 3 | 99 |

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