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REPORT.

The Managers of the Toronto House of Industry have much pleasure in presenting this their annual Report to the patrons and friends of the institution.

It is but too apparent that much destitution prevails in this city during the present season, and that the charity of the benevolent is highly taxed in giving relief to deserving applicants. The number seeking relief from this charity increases yearly, and the funds at the disposal of the committee are barely sufficient to grant the required aid.

In the last Annual Report allusion was made to a change therein proposed and since carried into effect, for distributing to out door recipients coal instead of wood for fuel. The change has been found to be efficient, in as much as the coal gives more comfort than wood in heating the houses of the unfortunate, and is more economical and less expensive for the institution.

It would appear that the public were not altogether aware that a soup kitchen for the daily dis-