

return thanks for the assistance rendered on several occasions last winter.

I have already had several enquiries for employment at the stone shed, and fear if work cannot be given as usual, its absence will be severely felt by many industrious men who are willing to work at anything if they can only get the work to do.

The loss on the broken stone this year is very little, as a large item of repairs to roofs of sheds will not be needed again.

The items under sundry expenses includes the purchase of new hammers, sledges, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc., including repairs of the old ones, and is about the same every year, and cannot be reduced, as all proper economy in this department has been practised.

I must add that Mr. H. P. Burton had entire charge of the shed during my absence in England in February and part of March, and rendered most valuable assistance in carrying on the work.

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*Chairman Stone Shed.*