

the case—or some self-seeking person, and desire to lay before the public an answer to the charge that this House is very extravagant. Should the following statement not be satisfactory, the remedy is in the hands of the contributors:

The number in the House during the year was, 148. The number of outdoor poor relieved was 2,484 families or a total of 9,869 persons; cost, \$13,531.28. The number of tramps was 17,289; cost, \$2,637.56. This includes 45,279 meals at a cost of 24 cents per meal.

Concerning the cost of the tramps, one item has to be taken into consideration, namely, \$294 for coal. This being not only for heating, but for bathing every individual and for disinfecting and drying the clothing.

They would mention also the additional cost in having outlying places for the distribution of soup and bread.

They would draw attention to the fact that the salaries and wages in this great undertaking only amount in the total to \$1,325. Nothing like \$3,000 which was proposed for 100 people on a farm, and considerably below the ordinary relief societies, while at the same time they spend every fraction of the interest of their endowments since the formation of the House.

They acknowledge with regret that for two weeks, but only for two weeks, the tramp accommodation was not sufficient, but this is owing to the fact that the Board allows every man who complies with the rules to spend the whole winter season as a tramp, returning every night while the ward is open, so that no citizen may feel obliged to give a night's lodging to any applicant.

The number refused during these two weeks was from 7 to 14. (Of course able-bodied men who refused to cut wood were refused another night's lodging.)

Contracts were given as below:

Meat	The Boulton Meat Co.
Milk	A. G. Hann.
Groceries	Davidson & Hay.
Oatmeal and Flour	Thos. McIntosh.
Coal	Wm. McGill & Co.
Wood	Elias Rogers & Co.
Bread	Thos. Frogley.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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