

institution, among whom are some desperate characters, requiring more than ordinarily careful watching. In May last, a plot of a very serious nature was concocted among seven or eight of the worst of the men, which, but for the timely warning of a well-disposed prisoner might have been attended with very grave if not fatal consequences. Prompt measures secured the conspirators, who were summarily dealt with, and since then have been compelled to work in chains. With this exception, the offences have been of an ordinary character, involving the usual punishment of confinement to cell with loss of privileges, &c. In the case of one incorrigible I had to resort to birching, which had a most salutary effect.

During the past year there has been no improvement in our manufactures. The broom trade has been very dull, owing partly to general depression of business and partly to outside competition. As we have a new quality of good brush we may be able to get back part of our former business in this department of industry. On taking stock of the brush on hand in August, 1878, there was found a deficit of 15,000 lbs., when compared with the quantity shown on the broom-maker's books, which is thus accounted for: The loss by waste and vermin was so great, that in one of my predecessor's annual reports it was put down at \$1,000, which was not deducted in equivalent weight at the time on the stock-book of this department.

The revenue from the shoe department is derived from transient custom, which, however, is not very great, although profitably employing the few men who are engaged in it.

Some 2,500 bushels of broken stone have resulted from the labor of the convicts employed in the prison yard at this kind of work, which have been disposed of to the Halifax City Board of Works. The farm gang has done good service during the year in breaking up land, planting, and getting in the produce.

The sanitary condition of the prison will be seen by the report of the Surgeon, which shows a happy exemption from any dangerous or contagious disease.

The reports of the Chaplains and Schoolmaster will show you the moral and educational status of the men.

Hoping the accompanying sub-reports, tables and statistics will be found sufficiently comprehensive and satisfactory.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN FLINN, *Warden.*

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OPERATIONS of Halifax Penitentiary, for Year ending 30th June, 1879.

EXPENDITURE.

Dr.	Dominion of Canada, in account with Halifax Penitentiary.			Cr.		
	\$	cts.	1878	\$	cts.	
To freight and duty.....	156	16	July 25	By Cash.....	200	00
Travelling expenses dis- charged convicts.....	47	60	do 31	Salaries, pay-list.....	697	62
Telegrams.....	4	46	Aug. 10	Warrant to pay July account	431	74
Gratuities discharg'd convicts	376	87	do 31	Salaries, pay-list.....	697	62
Peas.....	57	04	Sept. 12	Warrant to pay Aug. account	605	38
Barley.....	47	25	do 30	Salaries, pay-list.....	697	62
Tobacco.....	120	84	Oct. 12	Warrant to pay Sept. account	528	22
Soap.....	124	20	do 31	Salaries, pay list.....	730	95
Tea.....	10	51	Nov. 13	Warrant to pay Oct. account.	622	46
Herrings.....	27	00	do 30	Salaries, pay-list.....	730	95
Provisions.....	65	34	Dec. 18	Warrant to pay Nov. account	446	18
Broom department.....	1,662	94	do 31	Salaries, pay-list.....	730	95