

There were cut this season 729 cords of wood, last year the number of cords cut was 404. Your Committee feels under special obligation to the Elias Rogers Coal Company for the great assistance it has given the Committee in carrying on the labour tests so satisfactorily. Your Committee does not think but improvements are needed and can be made in this important branch of the House's work, still a good beginning has been made and improvements ought to follow.

Your Committee would recommend that application be made to the Provincial Government for aid to the Wayfarer's Lodge on account of the large number, twenty-nine per cent. of the whole number of men, from other municipalities which apply for shelter therein during the winter months; and also that the city be asked to continue its annual grant of \$2,000 for the Casual poor.

The following Return shows the number of men in the Casual Wards during the four months last past, viz. :

Worked	5,797
Refused	59
Incapable	292
Allowed to leave without working.....	808
	6,956
Sundays, Holiday, and wet days	2,191
	9,147

On behalf of the Wayfarer's Lodge during the past year there has been spent on capital account \$510.35, and for maintenance \$1,677.01.