

County Council, to agree upon the alterations necessary to make it safe. We also investigated the matter of the escape of the two prisoners on the 31st October, which was reported to the Board.

LINDSAY, U. C.

I inspected this Gaol on the 17th of August, and again on the 20th.

This Gaol is quite insecure and stands in much need of repair otherwise. The County Council take no measures to make it safe.

Males, 5 ; female, 1.—Total, 6.

I visited again on the 19th December, it was quite clean, but quite unsafe. The Gaoler now purchases provision in the market, and charges the price. The ration which last year cost 16 cents, is this year only 8½ cents.

The County Council still do nothing.

MONTREAL, L. C.

I visited this Gaol on 3rd January, with my colleague, Dr. Tassé, when there were 369 prisoners ; and alone on the 19th, when there were 406 ; again alone on the 12th April, when there were 365 ; on the 11th June, when there were 314 ; on the 31st July, 379 ; and on 31st December, 365.

In February, for several days, the numbers were 432. The Prison is built to accommodate only 250.

It is always kept in excellent order. There is at all times to be found here a number of little children, some of them infants at the breast who accompany their mothers, and at my visit in January there was a mother for the fourth or fifth time, with her three boys aged 8, 9 and 11 respectively. The whole number of children at that time was 22, of whom 6 were regularly committed and 16 not committed. The Montreal Gaol is a nursery for thieves, and a school for vice. So it will remain so long as it is on its present footing.

NAPANEE, U. C.

I visited this Gaol on 24th December.

The floors were clean but the bedding was not. There is no shed in the yard for storing wood and straw.

There were an idiot and an epileptic in the Gaol, the latter committed as a dangerous lunatic, although harmless as a child. Oaths as to dangerous lunatics seem to be easily taken at all places by their relatives and readily believed by magistrates.

There were some serious defects, which were pointed out, but which from my experience of County Councils, I should say will not soon be remedied.

Males, 7 ; females, 1.—Total, 8.—Of the males, two were boys aged 13 and 14 respectively.

PERCÉ, L. C.

I visited this Gaol on the 8th September.

The building is still standing and inhabited. The District Judge, however, refused to endanger people's lives by holding his courts in it. To state its defects it would be necessary to begin at the cellar and end at the roof. I therefore think the time would be wasted. There is a curiosity, however, about one of the cell doors which deserves mention—it is, that it is not possible to shut it without very great exertion, and when it is shut it cannot be opened by the Gaoler pulling on the outside, unless the prisoner helps him simultaneously by pushing with all his might on the inside. The padlocks are said to be 40 years in use. Fortunately there are never many prisoners here.

There were two males, at my visit, and no females.

NEW CARLISLE, L. C.

I visited this Gaol on the 11th September, and found it remarkably clean.

The Government have not yet authorized any alteration to be made to render it better adapted for purposes of a Gaol.

There were only two prisoners in it, both males.