

INMATES.

The number of aged and infirm men and women now in the House is ninety-seven, of whom three are blind and fifteen cripples. Inmates' maintenance, cost per capita, nineteen and a-half cents. An error in the general reports is published by adding to the cost of inmates the large sum expended in distributing to the outdoor poor.

The need of more accommodation for the increasing number applying for a home such as the House affords, and for a proper classification of the inmates has long been felt. Plans are now ready, however, and it is hoped by the assistance of charitably disposed citizens and the means on hand, this desirable improvement may soon be an accomplished fact.

At the request of the city corporation the management delayed going on with the work last season in order to give time to consider a proposition made to the Council to transfer the Home to an Industrial Farm to be provided outside the city, but the Board of Control having looked closely into the matter decided that the plans adopted by the House were best and recommended the Board to prosecute the work as fast as possible.

CASUALS.

The number of casuals sheltered during the winter is 12,066, an average of 100 each night. The labor test both for casuals and the outdoor poor unemployed is applied as rigidly as possible, the particulars of which will be found in the report of the proper committee.

OUTDOOR POOR.

Building and other trades still suffer from the general depression, and consequently the number of applicants for relief during the past season has increased, as will be seen by the following table :

FAMILIES RELIEVED.	PERSONS.	EXPENSE.	PER CAPITA.
1895-6.. 1,962	8,552	\$ 9,704 72	\$1 14
1896-7.. 2,192	10,068	13,039 26	1 30

The increased cost per capita is accounted for in the advance in the price of coal from \$4.00 in the previous season to \$5.50 the past season, the increase in cost of fuel alone being \$2,631.75.