

EXPENDITURE.

The result under this heading is also more unfavourable than the last several preceding years. For the purposes of comparison we may take the last.

Delivered in the shed, coal cost us this year \$3.70⁰⁰/₁₀₀, and last year \$3.97⁷⁵/₁₀₀, a difference of nearly 72¹/₂ cents per ton. We had to keep up fires for a longer time last than the preceding Spring, and we have kept up fires all night all the year round, so that in case of fire or accident that demanded it, we could have power at a few minutes' notice. These two items caused an increase in consumption of 345 tons, which, with increased cost, made our expenditure for coal, 1882, \$5,094, and 1883 \$7,591, or an increase of \$2,507.

Our expenses under other headings are also higher.

Dry goods in 1882 were	\$5,123
" " 1883 "	6,310
" " " increased cost	1,187
Ordinary repairs, 1882, were	5,058
" " 1883, "	6,887

Also, in a number of smaller items, the comparison is unfavourable. For items see Table XXII. There has been less expended for extraordinary repairs,—1882, \$3,475; in 1883 \$2,003.

The expenditure has been greater under the head of salaries and wages—for extra work in the boiler house—but chiefly on account of the increased wages to attendants. You last year resolved that attendants should have an increase of wages, according to length of service. And as results we have had few changes in those officials, no ill-usage of patients, and no attendants were discharged—we now have a very competent and satisfactory staff.

The cost per week for maintenance is 2.16⁶⁶/₁₀₀; that of last year 2.42⁰⁰/₁₀₀, owing to causes just referred to.

The subjoined table gives the comparative expenditure for maintenance for the past seven years:—

Cost per Patient.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Food	\$58 62	\$50 35	\$48 03	\$51 35	\$52 00	\$53 12	\$54 00
House expenses..	39 18	37 33	39 47	39 43	36 00	35 50	45 74
Salaries & wages	40 35	38 62	36 47	37 29	36 92	36 46	37 42
Medicines	1 11	0 92	1 16	1 20	1 15	1 13	1 19
Totals.....	139 26	127 22	125 15	129 27	126 04	126 21	138 35
Per week ..	2 67	2 44	2 40	2 48	2 42	2 42	2 66

Our expenses per patient compare very favorably with the other similar institutions in the Dominion. In the United States the rate of maintenance has always been much higher, as a rule, than it is in the Provinces.