

63. Average cost of each prisoner, calculating the whole annual cost of the establishment ?

£28 11 5.

64. Annual average of purchases for work shops for the last three years ?

£1,637 10 8½; this sum includes both articles for building materials and for goods made for sale.

65. Average of sales ditto ?

£1,019 17 5, including cut stone amounting to £365 4 1.

66. Market value of goods on hand ?

The amount of property on hand at the Penitentiary, exclusive of the value of the Prison building, is £5,963 8 9.

67. Laws regulating the establishment ?

This is stated in answer to question 45.

68. Plan and description of the establishment ?

This appears from page 29 of the Report of Lower Canada Commissioners, to have been already furnished.

69. If there are any complaints of trades-people and tradesmen or others in the neighbourhood, in respect to the establishment, and what ?

There have been two or three meetings of the Mechanics on this subject, but latterly all complaints seem to have subsided.

70.—Complaints of prisoners, their nature, and means of redress ?

The only complaints made (which is but seldom) after having received punishment for offences against the rules, which are generally found to be frivolous. Cruelty on the part of a keeper would be visited with instant dismissal.

71. If prisoners generally are satisfied or dissatisfied with their treatment ?

On the discharge of Prisoners, certain questions are put to them, and nearly all their answers concur in the following particulars.

That they have never seen any punishment inflicted which they consider cruel, or so severe as to injure the health of a convict, or prevent him from attending to his daily work.

That if a convict is disposed to attend to his work, there is no difficulty in conforming to and obeying all the Prison rules and regulations.

That the cells are sufficiently large, lighted, ventilated and warm, and are as comfortable as need be.

That their food, clothing and bedding, have been wholesome, sufficient and comfortable.

That the discipline of the Penitentiary and the punishment of hard labour therein, is sufficient to deter them from the further commission of crime and calculated to produce reformation.

That the treatment of the convicts is humane.

That proper care and attention is paid to them in case of sickness.

72. General opinion as to the advantages or disadvantages of the Institution ?

This is not known.

73. Have crimes, throughout the State, increased or diminished since the establishment, in proportion to the population ?

Notwithstanding the continual increase of popu-