

by the hon. gentleman over his own signature. The hon. gentleman cannot, therefore, complain, because according to the report of the Minister of Justice, I find an extraordinary difference in the expenditure for rations between Manitoba and Dorchester.

Mr. DALY. The hon. gentleman must include the lunatics.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) I refer to the per capita charge.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. What do you make the per capita charge to be?

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) I will read from the hon. gentleman's report at page 88: "Rations, \$6,296.68, add stock in hand, \$276: gross expenditure, 1892-93, \$6,573. Net expenditure, \$6,392, cost per capita, \$87.56½." These are the figures, and I assume they are correct. What I say is: that assuming the correctness of the Minister of Justice's report, and admitting the facts which my hon. friend (Mr. Gibson) has stated, there is but one conclusion, and that is that there is gross extravagance in the department somewhere. The House has a right to have a report presented to it by the independent gentleman, the Inspector of Penitentiaries, who is paid for doing it. He has not visited the institution, and consequently there is no report as to the result of his inspection. That is what we complain of. There is no use talking of leaving the management of an institution of that kind to a local officer, and paying a man to inspect who does not do so. If there is any reason why he does not inspect the prison, let us have that reason.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. At page 88, where the statement per capita of the cost of convicts for year ending 30th of June, 1893, is given with regard to Manitoba penitentiary, the net cost per capita per annum is \$422.80. That includes maintenance of buildings, salaries and everything else. That is \$70 less than in British Columbia. The net cost per capita per diem, is \$1.15 in Manitoba, while in British Columbia it is \$1.35, so that these amazing contrasts given by the hon. gentleman do not appear from any figures in the book.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Does maintenance include fuel?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. No.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. It includes food solely?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. Yes, and clothing for the convicts.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. How much for food, and how much for clothing for the Manitoba penitentiary for the coming year?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. The food amounts to \$4,881.50 for Manitoba, and the other articles bring the total up to \$9,467 for last year.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.)

Mr. McMULLEN. In order to show that we are justified in making the charge that there is extravagance connected with the Manitoba penitentiary, I would point out that for stationery and printing at Dorchester, it cost 83 cents per head; in Manitoba it cost \$6.49 per head, and in British Columbia, \$2.26. No person could possibly fancy that it should cost in Manitoba three times as much for stationery and printing as it cost in British Columbia, and eight times as much per head as it costs in the Dorchester penitentiary.

Mr. STAIRS. I would like to get at the bottom of this comparison which has been made by hon. gentlemen on the other side between the per capita charge in Manitoba penitentiary and the per capita charge in British Columbia penitentiary. I understood the hon. member (Mr. Davies) to say that the per capita charge in Manitoba penitentiary was \$620.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) I gave the per capita cost and deducted the \$10,000 paid on account of the insane, which reduced it down to \$4.22.

Mr. STAIRS. He does not claim, after he makes that reduction, that the per capita charge in Manitoba penitentiary was higher than in British Columbia.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) It has been stated over and over again, and it appears on the face of it, that it is less.

Mr. DALY. You did not start out with that idea.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Stairs) will look at the sum required for the next year he will find that it is \$49,000 in Manitoba for 70 prisoners, as against \$52,000 in British Columbia for 84 prisoners.

Mr. STAIRS. I rather think that even that does not help the hon. gentlemen out of the fix they have got themselves in when they claim that the per capita charge in Manitoba was highest. The hon. member for South Oxford (Sir Richard Cartwright) wants to make out his own case as best he can, but if I understand it, the Estimates are made up last year and this year on the same system, and there must be a similar amount to cover the maintenance of the insane.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) They are not included at all; the hon. gentleman has not been following the matter.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. If the hon. gentleman had listened he would have heard the Minister of Interior explain that the insane are no longer in the Manitoba penitentiary.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) And that appears on the face of the report. The hon. gentleman seems to misapprehend the whole situation. He seems to think that we are