

The Gaoler still receives a shilling a cord for all wood sawed-up by the prisoners for the Court House and Gaol.

The more, therefore, which the prisoners are allowed by him to burn, the more shillings pass into his pocket.

The numbers were, males, 13 ; females, 4.—Total, 17.

BEAUHARNOIS, L. C.

I visited this Gaol on the 1st August.

It is in a very bad state, and has been reported so to the Government several times.

There were 8 male prisoners, and no females.

CHATHAM, U. C.

I inspected this Gaol on the 23rd October.

The floors of this Gaol are bad, especially on the female side. They are laid double with sheet iron between, and when washed, the wood as it never gets thoroughly dry, has become rotten. The walls around the yard have also too many sharp angles for safety. These and other defects have been pointed out repeatedly, but without any impression on the Gaol authorities.

CORNWALL, U. C.

I visited this Gaol on the 25th January, by appointment, to meet the Council for consultation as to the best means of obtaining a Gaol which will keep prisoners after their arrest. By the manner in which they took the subject up after so many years of remonstrating by the Board, they completely deluded me into the idea that they were actually going to do something. After a long and satisfactory discussion, they invited me to meet the Gaol Committee, on the 23rd February, to examine plans which an architect was to have all prepared by that day.

I accordingly made a special journey to meet them again, still, under the belief with which they had inspired me. The plan was discussed and resolutions being adopted, they sent me away under a greater delusion than ever, that the Gaol was to be made really a place of confinement at last ; but the whole affair turned out an official sham, gravely carried on by the Warden of the County and the great body of the Council, and, of course, without their intending it, or even being aware of it.

I had been completely imposed upon at all events. Nothing was ever done.

I visited the Gaol again on the 15th August, when there were seventeen males and one female in it, of whom nine were Fenians, guarded by volunteers, besides an extra turnkey.

In a short time after that, all of the Fenians who wished to go made their escape, those of them who considered themselves innocent declined to avail themselves of the opportunity.

On the 6th December I attended with the Board to investigate the facts of the escape, but the principal fact we all knew long before, and so did the County Council, to be the utter insecurity of the Prison.

HAMILTON, U. C.

I visited this Gaol on the 3rd March, and found it clean. The cistern, however, was leaking and causing damage below. Twenty-one men were breaking stone in the yard. Males, 61 ; females 25.—Total 86.

JOLIETTE, L. C.

I visited this Gaol on the 4th August. The repairs to this Gaol are not yet effected, notwithstanding reports made to the Government in whose hands it is.

There were males, 8 ; females, none.

KINGSTON, U. C.

I visited this Gaol with my colleagues, on the 2nd November, in company with the