

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
INSTITUTION FOR THE
EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

I regret that in submitting this the Annual Report upon the work done in this Institution that I can not speak from personal knowledge. Owing to the late date of my appointment as inspector, I have been unable to make the Institution an official visit. I have, however, much pleasure in placing on record the report of my colleague, Mr. Christie, together with the report of the Principal, officials and examiners in which will be found detailed statements of the work done during the past year. From the past history of this institution regarding its organization, management and the educational training of its inmates, we are assured that it has been attended with no small measure of success, which is a guarantee that the same good result will be maintained in the future, and we venture to hope a still greater measure of success will crown the efforts put forth by the Government for the relief of that class of our fellow-subjects who have been deprived of the greatest of all blessings, sight. I may add in addition to the report of Mr. Christie, that lately there has been additional improvements made for the safety of the inmates and protection of the buildings by connecting the city system of fire alarm and water works with the institution and the Government have under consideration an improvement of the sewage system for sanitary purposes, which when completed will make the Institution one of the best in the Province. I beg, also, to submit a statement of maintenance expenditure for the year ending September 30th, 1890, with corresponding cost for previous years.

INSPECTIONS.

Copies of the minutes made by Mr. Christie after his various inspections are appended:

I visited the institution for the Blind, on the 19th March, and found it in its usual good order. The work of instruction and training was going on satisfactorily in the several branches under the respective teachers and instructors.

There was a total of 148 pupils in attendance on the day of my visit, namely, eighty-six males and sixty-two females. Thirty of the males were in the