

should be appointed, with power to parole prisoners, for good behaviour, and if they then violate the terms of parole, could be re-arrested and taken back to prison, without a new trial, which we think would be a saving of expense.

We were surprised to find there no Isolation Hospital for Contagious diseases, and would recommend the furnishing of such a place at once. We find that the buildings recently destroyed by fire are nearly completed, and will be fitted up so as to give employment to all the prisoners. In all other respects we find the prison very perfect.

#### THE NEW COURT HOUSE.

We visited the new Court House and County Buildings, and were kindly received by the parties in charge, and take pleasure in saying that we found that magnificent structure nearing completion, and take this opportunity of congratulating the City and County on the prospect of soon being able to occupy the best ventilated, heated, lighted, and most convenient Public Offices and Court Building in the Dominion.

#### REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN.

We also visited the Mercer Reformatory and found the Institution clean, but we think there should be a more efficient classification, so that women committed for vagrancy or petty offences, should not be compelled to associate with fallen women; and we would also recommend that the Girls' Refuge be removed from the baneful influence of the former, as, from the fact of their being in the same building, is bad, and only bad continually.

#### HOSPITAL FOR INEBRIATES.

The Grand Jurors are of the opinion that an Hospital, or Industrial Reformatory for Inebriates—habitual drunkards—should be established which we think would be in the interests of Society, Morality and Public Policy, as we think that unfortunate class of the community should be provided with accommodation other than the slums, or (?) the common jail, as we believe, in many cases, drunkenness is a disease, and requires medical treatment, should be furnished them, and which we believe would result in saving very many, yes, thousands, of valuable citizens of the country, and we would strongly recommend the Government to establish such an Institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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