

many of them fully appreciate and improve under the instructions they receive. Many men who come here are unable to read or write, yet even under a two years' sentence can do both before leaving. The education of the convicts does not in any way interfere with their labor. One hour, from 12 to 1, is allowed for dinner. They spend about 20 minutes over the meal and the remaining 40 minutes they go to school, where 6 competent officers instruct them.

The punishments during the year have not been severe. The loss of remission, light and the privilege of writing letters, is most severely felt by the convicts.

Three convicts escaped from gangs working outside. One has been recaptured, and I do not yet despair of getting the other two. Some of the burglar class, who consider themselves clever, are continually plotting to escape, and nothing but unceasing vigilance on the part of the officers prevents their success.

The industry of the small number of female convicts has been employed chiefly on work for the prison. They knit all the socks, make shirts, drawers, &c. Besides those made for the Penitentiary, they knitted 500 pairs of woollen socks and made 350 flannel shirts for the North-West Mounted Police, and knitted 200 pairs woollen socks for St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary.

This branch of the Institution continues to be admirably conducted in every way, and it is very creditable to the women of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec that so few of their number are sent here. None, lately, for serious crime.

The following is a list of the Returns and Reports herewith submitted :—

1. Annual Return of Revenue.
2. " " of Expenditure.
3. Statement of debts due the Penitentiary.
4. " " claims against the Penitentiary.
5. Return of Officers employed at Kingston Penitentiary.
6. Trade Instructor.
7. Masons' Department Return.
8. Carpenters' " " "
9. Blacksmiths' " " "
10. Return from Farm.
11. " of distribution of convicts.
12. General Summary of Labour.
13. Movements of Convicts.
14. Comparative movement of Convicts for eight years.
15. Return of Pardons.
16. " " Deaths.
17. " " Re-Commitments.
18. Criminal Statistics.
19. Punishments in Male Department.
20. " " Female "
21. List of Convicts sent to Rockwood Asylum.
22. Return of Remission of sentence earned by Convicts.
23. Surgeon's Report and Hospital Returns accompanying it.
24. Matron's Report.
25. Protestant Chaplain's Report.
26. Catholic Chaplain's Report.
27. Schoolmaster's Report.
28. Return from Tailor Department.
29. " " Shoe "

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