

relieved during the winter was 2,343, comprising 10,695 persons, at a cost of \$13,426.25, or per capita \$1.29. A comparison with the previous year shows an increase of twenty-five per cent. the number of families relieved being 1,900, comprising 8,457 persons.

CASUAL POOR.

4. The Management would invite the attention of the citizens to this department, which furnishes temporary lodging to the homeless. An inspection would show comfort and cleanliness far in advance of many lodging places, for which regular fees are exacted.

The Lodge, however, is not for the accommodation of persons having money to provide themselves a bed ; but while it was not taxed at any time during the winter to its utmost capacity, many citizens have been importuned unnecessarily for "a ticket for a bed" on the plea that admission was refused to the Lodge or other false representations.

5. The full reports following from the Executive Casual Poor, and the Visiting Committees also the Superintendent's report and the Treasurer's Statements furnish ample and interesting details of all the work carried on during the year by the Institution.

6. For several years past the Corporation Grant for the distribution of coal and bread to the city poor was inadequate, and in consequence the indebtedness on this account had seriously accumulated.

The debt being contracted at the request of the city authorities, the Management have the gratification to report that on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council recently granted a sufficient sum to place the Institution entirely out of debt.

7. Public attention has frequently been called to the expense of the management of the charity, and many very misleading statements have been made, the most serious report having arisen through a mistake of the Government Inspector, and which occurs in his published report presented to the Ontario Government, representing the cost of maintenance of inmates in this Institution as being per capita fifty-one cents per day, whereas it

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