

HAMILTON.

(County of Wentworth).

The Inspectors have repeatedly represented in their Reports the utter inadequacy of this Gaol to the wants of the County of Wentworth and the City of Hamilton, and having entirely failed in their endeavours to induce the local authorities to take the necessary measures to remedy this evil, they felt it necessary, in 186—, to submit a report upon the matter for the consideration of the Executive, in the hope that some action might be taken to secure (what is absolutely necessary), the erection of an entirely new Gaol at Hamilton. Up to the present time no action has been taken in the matter by the Government.

The District Inspector who visited the Gaol in August last, was surprised to find that the local authorities, without having in any way consulted the Board or the District Inspector, had actually commenced the erection in the gaol yard of a brick building intended to serve as a female Prison.

The Inspector forthwith reported the facts to the Chairman of the Board. On receiving the report the Chairman lost no time in communicating with the Sheriff of the County, and requested him to bring under the notice of the parties who had authorized the erection of this addition to the Gaol, the provisions of the Act cap. 110, Con. Stat. of Canada.

That Statute plainly provides that for the future all gaols shall be built after a plan approved by the Board and sanctioned by the Governor General, and further authorizes the payment of aid to County Councils in making alterations and additions to Old Gaols, when those alterations and additions have received the approval and sanction of the Board and the Executive.

The Chairman further requested the Sheriff to caution the parties interested against expending further money on a building, which, if completed, could not be recognized as a Statutory Gaol.

The Chairman communicated to the Provincial Secretary a copy of his letter to the Sheriff, and the result was, that the local authorities were informed that they were proceeding informally and illegally in the matter, and the building was suspended.

KINGSTON.

(County of Frontenac).

In all their reports the Inspectors have represented the insecurity of this Gaol, arising mainly from the want of a proper enclosing wall. This very grave defect still continues, and no less than four prisoners effected their escape from the Gaol during the course of the past year. These escapes formed the subject of a special enquiry by two of the Inspectors, and their report upon the subject is still under the consideration of the Government.

During the last Session of the Legislature a grant of \$6,000 was made to this county, to aid in making such alterations and additions to the Gaol, as the Board might consider necessary.

The County Council accordingly submitted, in November last, a plan of the alterations and additions, which they proposed to make to the Gaol. The Inspectors were not able to approve of the plan, considering it insufficient to meet the necessity of the case. But they do not entertain a doubt that, during the year 1867, the enclosing wall will be erected, and the other improvements in the Gaol, which they have so long and earnestly urged, satisfactorily carried out.

PEMBROKE.

(County of Renfrew).

The Gaol for the County of Renfrew was completed during the summer of 1866. The Gaol was built in accordance with a plan approved by the Board, and duly sanctioned by the Executive Government. The certificate of the Board setting forth the completion of the Gaol, was communicated to the Provincial Secretary in the month of June last. The County of Renfrew was not, however, separated from the County of Lanark during the year 1866, and the Gaol at Pembroke was therefore not made use of.