

most economically managed, in proportion to the persons, as will be seen by reference to the tabulated statements accompanying the reports on the subject.

8. We have again to acknowledge the liberality of the Consumers' Gas Co. in supplying free of charge 2,800 bushels of coke for distribution.

9. The usual religious services are regularly maintained and the cordial thanks of the Board are due to the ladies who give much of their time to render the lot of the inmates as happy as possible under these circumstances.

10. The increasing work of the House taxes to the utmost the energies of our Superintendent, Mr. A. Laughlin and his energetic wife, of which the Board cannot speak too highly. The Matron, Mrs. North (seconded by Miss North, the latter hitherto without reward), continues to discharge her duty to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GILLESPIE,
Secretary.

Toronto, 30th April, 1895.

SAMUEL ALCORN,
Chairman of the Board.

REPORT OF CASUAL POOR COMMITTEE.

To the Board of the House of Industry :

The total number of men Casuals for the year 1894-95 was 1,531, the largest number since 1888. More than seventy per cent. of this number was in the Lodge only four nights or less than four nights; of the remainder several of them should have been admitted, as inmates, to the House, but no admission could be given, the House is so crowded. Ninety-eight women were in the ward during the year.

Your Committee recommends that all notorious vagrants be arrested when seeking admission to the "Wayfarers' Lodge" and sent to work upon the Jail Farm, since we have no better way of dealing with this class of the Casual poor.

The number of cords of wood cut and split by the Casuals for the past year was 741.

The cost of maintenance was \$2,022.46; spent on capital account, \$115.10; total, \$2,137.56.

The Rogers Coal Company gave very valuable aid in applying the "labour test" as in former years, the same during the past year.