

year ago the labour test was in force throughout the season, and the number who refused to work was very much larger than that of this year. Thus to have work to offer to all able bodied men means a large reduction in the expenditure. In the second place, there has been a large increase in the number of families assisted, and perhaps there was more widespread want last winter than in any former year.

2,192 families relieved, comprising 8,465 persons ; an increase of 230 families.

Orders issued for breaking stone	852
Worked	326
Doctor certified not able to work	18
Did not work	508
	852

Sixty-two toise of stone were broken by outdoor poor, at a value of \$6 per toise, or \$372.

Not sufficient stone supplied for labour test, until about end of January.

Bread, 59,492 loaves	\$ 4405 99
Groceries	794 16
Coal, hard	5555 61
Coal, Soft	71 96
Wood	1100 17
Cartage of Coal and Coke	20 90
Soup Kitchen Expenses	855 16
Interest, Printing and Advertising	235 31
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES TURNBULL,

Secretary.

A. GILRAY,

Chairman.

Toronto, April 27th, 1897.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1897.

It gives me great pleasure to report a very low mortality among the inmates for the past year as only five males and one female, of the respective ages of 52, 57, 66, 75, 77 and 92 years, have died within that period.

Respectfully,

UZZIEL OGDEN, M.D.