

## REPORT OF CASUAL POOR COMMITTEE.

To the Board of the House of Industry:

## HOMELESS POOR OF TORONTO.

The number who found shelter at the Wayfarers' Lodge for the year, April, 1897, to April, 1898, was 377; the number the year before being 441. There were 11 whose age was less than 20, and 45 whose age was between 20 and 30. The total number of nights these were in the rooms of the House was 8,455; and the cost of maintenance was \$1,426.59.

The number of men who came from outside the city and found shelter in the Lodge last year was 1,015, as against 1,094 the year before: the youngest lad admitted was only 12 (father and son were together, one night only), and the oldest man was 85. The total number of nights granted to this class was 2,746. The cost of maintenance was \$353.66. Therefore the total number of men in the Wayfarers' Lodge for the past year was 1,392, the year before it was 1,535. During the year 71 women found shelter in the House, therefore total number of persons was 1,463.

The total cost of the Lodge for the year was \$1,780.25, as against \$1,954.64 the year before last.

The thanks of the House are due to the City Corporation for supplying an ample quantity of stone for the application of the labor test, which was rigidly enforced on the Casuals during the past winter months. The quantity broken was 68½ toise, which is now being carted out of the yard and put upon the streets of this city.

All those who have the management of the Lodge did the work required of them, faithfully and satisfactorily.

**Expense of Casual Poor from 1st April, 1897, to 1st April, 1898.**

*Toronto Homeless Poor.*

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| Bread, 4,565½ Loaves.....                            | \$358 28   |
| Coal, 52 Tons.....                                   | 287 60     |
| Salaries.....                                        | 292 00     |
| Tea, Sugar, Butter, Soup, etc.....                   | 231 52     |
| Gas and Water Rates.....                             | 104 54     |
| Hardware, Soap, Sulphur, Lime, etc.....              | 143 43     |
| Plumbing, Furnace Repairs and Boiler Inspection..... | 12 84      |
| Dry Goods.....                                       | 6 78       |
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|                                                      | \$1,436 99 |
| Rebate on Coal.....                                  | 10 40      |
| Total.....                                           | <hr/>      |
|                                                      | \$1,426 59 |