

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY.

TORONTO, SPRING ASSIZE, 1898.

TO HIS LORDSHIP,

MR. JUSTICE ROSE,

High Court of Justice, Winter Assizes.

We, the Grand Jurors of the above-named Court, respectfully make our Presentment:

We have occupied twelve days, and had under consideration five indictments, of which we have returned all True Bills.

We have pleasure in stating that, in compliance with the required duties of Grand Jurors, we have visited the several Public Institutions, our first visit being to

THE COUNTY JAIL.

We were received by Governor Green's Deputy and were shown through the whole building, and we found everything clean and in good order. We find the prisoners are classified, and first offenders are kept from those older in crime. We are of the opinion that better beds should be put in the hospital wards of the Jail. We found a few lunatics still confined there, but we are pleased to notice that the Government contemplate providing a better place for these harmless lunatics at an early date.

THE CENTRAL PRISON.

We also visited the Central Prison and were cordially received by the Warden, Dr. Gilmour, and by him conducted through the prison, where we find the prisoners to be composed of a majority of young men under 30 years of age, and we find the discipline of the prison very perfect, reflecting great credit on the Warden and officers.

The Grand Jurors would recommend more school accommodation, in the way of larger rooms, and that at least two half days a week be devoted to the education of the prisoners, which we think would do a very great deal to reform many of the prisoners. We think the change could be made without very much cost to the Government.

The Grand Jurors are of the opinion that the system of Indeterminate Sentence should be adopted, and that a Prison Commission