

ANNUAL LOSS.

That there was an annual loss of the above amount is clearly shown by the Inspector's reports as to Central Prison industries, which show that for the years ending 30th September, 1902, 1903 and 1904, the Province gained from these industries respectively: \$16,727.14, \$22,697.54, \$23,243.67. While in the following year there was a loss to the Province of \$4,073.40.

During the session of 1907, T. H. Preston, M.P.P., and other Liberal members, discussed the question and opposed the Contract System, moving a Resolution against continuing the same. As a result, the Government appointed a committee to enquire into the whole question, and, during the recent session, the report of the said committee was brought down, recommending the sale of the Central Prison property and the purchase of four or five hundred acres within reasonable distance of the City of Toronto, on which to erect a new prison, which is to be conducted upon more humane and up-to-date methods.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

During the later years of Liberal rule some progress was made in the establishment of Technical Schools. The present Liberal Leader and other Liberal members during the recent session pronounced themselves strongly in favor of a decided advance being immediately made on the question of Technical Education, in order that our skilled and semi-skilled mechanics in all the centres in the Province may obtain an intelligent understanding of the general principles that underlie their life's work. It is in the best interest, not only of manufacturers and labor, but of the Province as a whole, that advanced strides should at once be made in furthering the great and important question of Technical Education.