

# Department of Justice.

## KINGSTON PENITENTIARY.

PORTSMOUTH, ONT., 1st July, 1897.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my second annual report, accompanied with the usual returns of Kingston Penitentiary, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1897.

The vote of the Dominion Parliament for the maintenance of Kingston Penitentiary, during the fiscal year just terminated, was \$211,300. Of this sum \$182,612.35 was expended; leaving a balance in the hands of the Government, unexpended, of \$28,687.65. The average prison population during the previous fiscal year was 550 $\frac{20}{100}$ . The amount of cash remitted to the Receiver General during the year for binder twine, convict labour, &c., was \$75,395.76, and for refund of current expenditure \$758.18, making a total of \$76,143.94.

There remained in Kingston Penitentiary on 30th June, 1896, 579 male and 26 female convicts. Total 605.

Received since:—From common jails, 186. From other penitentiaries, 9. Total received during the year 195.

These added to the number in the penitentiary on the 30th June, made the total 800.

Discharged during the year:—By expiration of sentence, 149; by pardon, 25; by death, 9; by escape, 2; transferred to St. Vincent de Paul, 2; removed by order of court, 2; making a total of 189 disposed of in these ways. Ten female convicts were discharged and 12 received during year. Leaving the total prison population on 30th June, 1897, 583 men and 28 women,—total 611,—being 6 convicts more than we held at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The daily average number of convicts in Kingston Penitentiary during the year was 612 $\frac{1}{3}$ .

The *per capita* cost of maintenance under the various heads of service is as follows:—

Staff.....	\$ 111 95
Maintenance of convicts.....	45 62
Discharge expenses.....	5 46
Working expenses.....	44 52
Prison equipment.....	5 09
Industries.....	132 05
Capital.....	8 40
Miscellaneous.....	0 76

Making a total of.....\$ 353 85

If the per capita revenue, \$230.75, and refund of expenditure, \$1.22 be deducted, it leaves the actual cost \$229.53, or 62.08c. per diem per man.

Two prisoners escaped during the year, details regarding the same were reported to the department at the time.

The usefulness of the prison of isolation has been tested sufficiently to warrant the assertion that it is a most useful disciplinary adjunct to the penitentiary.

The binder twine industry has been well managed and the output yielded a fair profit.