

County Paupers and County Houses of Industry.

County of York.

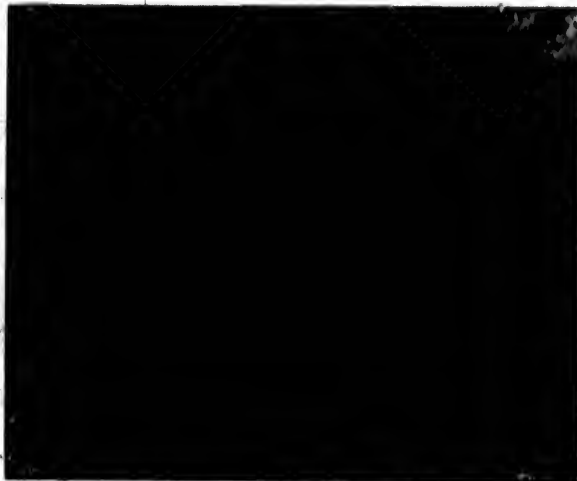
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The House of Industry for County of York is located about 1 1/2 miles from Newmarket. The following information regarding this institution was received from J. C. Lundy, Esq., Inspector. The building cost about \$18,000, it accommodates 100 inmates, the average number being 90. The farm contains only 50 acres. The building is of brick with stone basement; it is four stories high with basement and attic. The cost of maintenance per week is \$1.10. The institution is under the management of the Inspector and a Committee appointed by the County Council. The Inspector is not satisfied with the building or its internal arrangements. He sent plans which he recommends in case a new building should be erected. A new institution should provide better accommodation for the keeper and his family, and the Inspector would have sleeping wards in better shape, and he claims that there should be at least 75 acres of land attached. He states further that the people of the County are generally well pleased with the institution, and that it has had a marked effect in reducing the number of tramps in the townships. Before the institution was established fully \$6,000 a year was spent annually on the poor of the townships. That amount is not now exceeded, but the poor are properly cared for and the sick have skilled attendance. Another improvement, he states, would be to appoint the Commissioners for longer periods, say three for three years, one to retire each year, so as to insure continuity of policy. Fifteen cents per mile are allowed for bringing each inmate; twenty-five cents for two and thirty cents for three brought together. The keeper and his wife receive \$450, Physician and Inspector \$150 each, per annum.

The writer visited this institution in October last, accompanied by the Inspector. He was favourably impressed with the management, but he regretted finding several children as inmates.

County of Middlesex.

The following information was received from John Macbeth, Esq., Clerk of the County. There are 46 1/2 acres of land; the building cost \$25,003.85. It provides for 150 inmates with an average of 80. The building is made of brick and is all in one; it is three stories high. The cost of maintenance for year 1893 was \$7,567.37, or \$94.50 per inmate, or \$1.81 per week each. The institution is under the management of a Committee of the County Council. The people of the County are well satisfied with the institution. It is located near Strathroy.



House of Industry, Middlesex County, at Strathroy.

County of Elgin.

The following information was furnished by K. W. McKay, Esq., Clerk of the County, and who is also the Inspector of the House of Industry. There are 50 acres of land; the building cost \$11,366. It provides for 100 with an average of 60. It is divided, with one main building built of brick and four cottages. It is two stories with basement. The cost for year 1893 was \$4,273.27, or about \$71 each inmate, being \$1.36 per week. It is under the management of a Committee of the Council and the Inspector. The House of Industry in this County, he states, has been a success; and is considered by all to be a necessary institution. It is located near St. Thomas.

County of Waterloo.

The poorhouse or House of Industry in this County was established a little over 25 years ago, near Hagersville, the County Town. In a letter received from Israel D. Bowman, Esq., the County Clerk, in May last, he writes substantially as follows: The cost of buildings, etc., was as follows: building (including barn and out-building), \$12,400, farm \$9,000, furniture, stock, team and farm implements, \$4,800, a total cost of \$36,000. There are 125 acres of land, 95 of which are under cultivation. The institution provides for 100 inmates. The average number is 85. The Home is practically one building, consisting of main building, 32 x 52, four stories high, with wings on each side, 35 x 56, three stories high, the material employed is brick. The cost of maintenance during past year was \$62.14 for each inmate, or \$1.19 per week. It is under the management of a Committee of members of the Council, and the warden. "Our House," he says, "has been in operation exactly a quarter of a century and the people of the County are well satisfied with the institution."

County of Norfolk.

We have received from Charles Dickinson, Esq., County Clerk, the following particulars with regard to House of Industry in this County. The cost of erection of building was \$6,000. There are 100 acres of land which cost \$3,000. It provides for 100 inmates, but the average is only 42. There is but one building, constructed of brick, with stone cellar, the cellar full size of building. There are two stories. The cost of maintenance per inmate for 1893 was \$61.53, or \$1.18 per week. It is under the management of a Committee appointed by the Council. The people of the County are well satisfied, he says, with the steps taken for the maintenance of the poor of the County.