

account of the insane, and that was what reduced it down. That did not reduce the per capita cost of the inmates, which is exactly what I put it ; but if you credit the penitentiary with the \$10,000 received from the Department of the Interior, then it will show, of course, a proportionate reduction in the per capita cost of the convicts.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. No ; the amount received from the Department of the Interior does not go to the convicts.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) The hon. gentleman will see, on page 28, of his own report that the total cost of the Manitoba penitentiary is given at \$46,000, and that shows a per capita tax, as given by his own report, of \$620. But they credit it with the \$10,098 received from the Department of the Interior on account of insane patients, thus reducing down the per capita cost of the convicts by so much. That is the way he gets a reduction. But what I want to point out is that the per capita cost of maintaining, the inmates in the building is so much. That does not at all touch the points to which we called the hon. gentleman's attention ; and speaking only for myself, I must say that if it is my good fortune, or bad fortune, to be here next year when the accounts come in again, I shall deem it my duty to examine closely into them, and to see whether the inspector has made a special report, not only upon the building, not only upon the discipline, but, as it is his duty to do, upon the expenditure in each of these branches. Where that expenditure is doubled and trebled, let us have a report from him explaining, if he can, and giving reasons, why these expenditures are so high ; and, in the absence of such a report, I think the country will come to the conclusion that there is extravagance in the penitentiary.

Mr. DALY. I want to call the hon. gentleman's attention to page 107, where there is a detailed report by the accountant of the expenditure of the Manitoba penitentiary. He will see that the total expenditure was \$46,011.85, and he will find this entry :

ESS—Amount refunded by the Department of Interior for maintenance, &c., of lunatics, the N.W.T.....	\$10,098 04	
Refund from sundry sales, supplies to officers.....	3,370 86	
Cash revenue.....	959 49	
Balance of stock on hand	718 98	
		15,147 37
Total expenditure	30,864 48	

That total of \$30,864 leaves the net cost per convict per diem of \$1.15½, which is less than in British Columbia.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) If you credit the \$10,000 from the Department of the Interior on account of the insane patients, then you

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would reduce down the per capita cost below that of British Columbia.

Mr. DALY. You have got to do it, because, in the total of \$46,000, the food of the convicts is included.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Are the lunatics included in the Manitoba penitentiary ?

Mr. DALY. They are gone now.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Then, in this \$48,957.65, you are not asking anything for lunatics.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. No.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. That is to be the cost of some 70 convicts in the Manitoba penitentiary ?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. No ; it includes the building, the heating, and the salaries of all the officers.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. But it includes the cost of maintaining, just as the same items do in Dorchester and in Kingston, and St. Vincent de Paul. But the fact remains that we are asked to pay \$48,957.65 for the Manitoba penitentiary in 1894-95 for a matter of some 70 convicts, more or less, that are expected to be maintained there. If the hon. gentleman will divide \$48,957 by 70, he will see that the per capita cost of keeping the convicts was nearly \$700 a year, while for British Columbia, where I understand the average number of convicts is 84, he asks \$52,000, or a trifle less than the sum required per head for Manitoba. But the main fact has not been touched, and that is, the extraordinary difference in the cost of rationing the convicts in Manitoba as against the cost of rationing them in British Columbia, not to speak of Dorchester or St. Vincent de Paul. We can all understand that a little more expense may be required for fuel, but we cannot understand, and no explanation has been offered by the Minister of Justice or the Minister of the Interior, for the extra cost of rationing convicts in Manitoba as compared with other provinces. I do not understand why it should cost more to maintain convicts, apart from the cost of fuel, in the Manitoba penitentiary than in British Columbia. There is certainly in the main articles of food no material difference. It is quite true that Stony Mountain is 8 or 10 miles from Winnipeg.

Mr. DALY. Sixteen miles.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. At all events a railway runs close to it, and almost touches it, and the cost of carrying provisions from Winnipeg to Stony Mountain cannot exceed 5 per cent.

Mr. McGREGOR. The Minister of Justice has stated that the cost of fuel required for the Manitoba penitentiary is very great. But it must be remembered that the penitentiary is situated in a wooded district, and