

Families Relieved.		Persons.	Expense.	Per Capita.
1896-7	2192	10068	\$14821 78	1.47
1897-8	1997	8860	14059 94	1.58

CASUALS.

4. By reference to the Report on Casual Poor it will be observed that a very large reduction in the average number sheltered each night in the Lodge has taken place. This is owing to the stone-labor test being rigidly applied, and also to the determination of the management to shelter only the homeless of the city for more than three nights in succession, so that casuals properly belonging to other municipalities had to move on after three days.

For the year 1896-7 the average number sheltered every night was 100 while the past season the average number is only 40.

5. The subscribers and friends of the Charity are referred to the accompanying Reports of the various Standing Committees and of the Superintendent for full details of the working of each department in connection with the Institution.

6. The spiritual welfare of the inmates is not overlooked. The regular religious services are maintained and a Committee of interested ladies devote much time and labor to advance their best interest having regard to their circumstances and infirmities.

7. Mr. Laughlen, ably assisted by his wife, continues to discharge the duties of Superintendent to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

8. The Matron, Mrs. North, assisted by her daughter, devotes her energies to looking after the domestic affairs of the House to the satisfaction of the Board.

9. The Treasurer's Statement furnishes information as to the receipts and disbursements of the combined work of the Charity, but the Superintendent's Report gives the separate details of the cost of each department. The receipts from all sources amounts to \$20,997.37 and the disbursements to \$21,731.54 showing an overdraft at the bank of \$734.17.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN GILLESPIE,

Secretary.

SAMUEL ALCORN,

Chairman.

Toronto, 19th April, 1898.