
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

their occupations would keep them happy, and the fear and uncertainty of financial dependence on charity would be removed. As this is not possible, it is earnestly hoped that the Provincial and Federal Governments will soon take steps to bring State Aid in the form of pensions for the large mass of blind of Canada who for various reasons are unemployable.

Sales during the past year showed an increase of 20%. Wages paid to blind men and women amounted to \$16,000 and, in addition, augmentation paid to supplement actual earnings amounted to \$6,152.

The corn situation during the past year has been a very trying one. Prices have been uncertain and have advanced almost 300% over those paid some twelve months ago. The management, anticipating the rise, bought largely for many months ahead last spring, and thus helped to reduce the price average for the year.

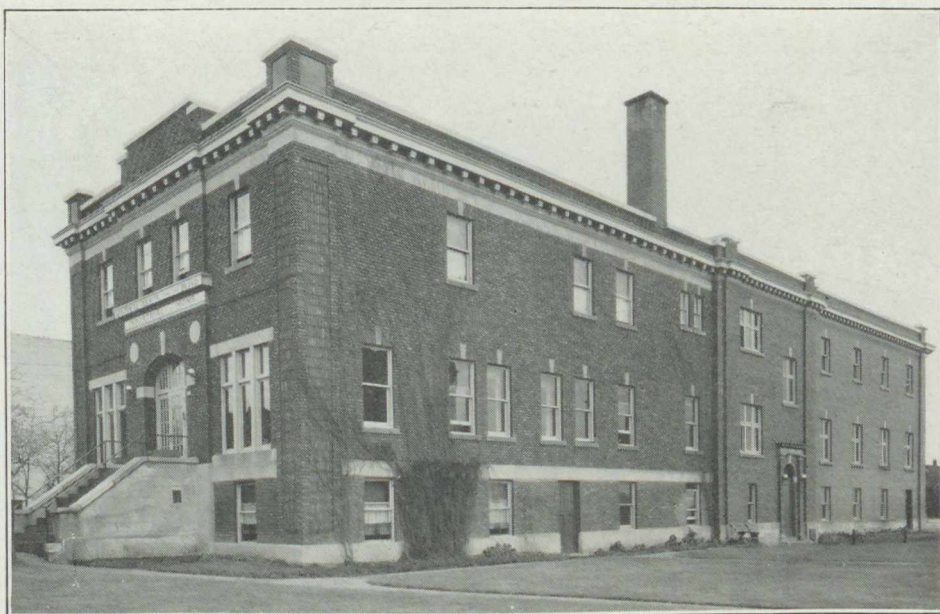
Due to special sales efforts the chair caning department shows a large increase and many orders for piano tunings have enabled two blind men to keep them-

selves largely employed and supported during the past season.

During the year the Board were pleased to appoint Mr. James Carragher, a blind employee for the past 25 years of this Association, as foreman of the workshop. He has as a capable sighted assistant foreman, Mr. Wm. Whyte. Since taking over his duties the workshop has run very smoothly and the Board is confident that Mr. Carragher will be another living example that hard work and ability will enable a blind man to achieve high positions in the business world.

Women's Workshops have been running steadily and increased sales have been achieved in the brushes and mops manufactured in this Department.

BOARDING HOME: The splendid accommodation in this part of the Institution is fully appreciated by those resident there most of the year. The accommodation has been almost fully used up the entire year. The smoking-room and grounds offer recreation and social centre for the blind from all over the city. Radio broadcasts are closely followed and reading by kindly visitors, games and music are much enjoyed.



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