

Judging from the highly important sanitary and economic results which have invariably followed the introduction of this system wherever tried, the Inspectors think themselves warranted in asserting that the "Dry Earth" System is destined to rank among the most valuable sanitary and economic discoveries of the day.

Under these circumstances the Inspectors feel that they may be permitted to refer, with some degree of satisfaction, to the fact that this Board was, it is believed, the first public body on this Continent who officially called public attention to the subject, and took steps to test the efficacy of the new system by actual experiment, as they did, first in the Provincial Penitentiary and afterwards in several of the Common Gaols of the country.

The Inspectors would not consider themselves warranted in pronouncing positively on the merits of the "Dry Earth" system from the results of the experimental trials of the system made under their direction. But those results have been, in their opinion, so satisfactory as to induce them to test it still more thoroughly, and they have little doubt that the more it is tested the more will its efficacy be established.

It is perhaps needless to add that the "Dry Earth Closet" is in no respect more costly than an ordinary latrine, while the Water Closet proper is one of the most costly, as it is generally the most objectionable, part of the Gaol.

The Inspectors do not hesitate to predict that before many years are over the "Dry Earth" system, which it has fallen to their lot to inaugurate on this continent, will be found in use generally, not only in the Gaols and other Public Institutions of Canada, but also in the Public Institutions and private residences throughout the continent.

When the Board of Inspectors was first appointed they found the Institutions enumerated below, placed under their supervision:—

LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

Upper Canada :—

1. Provincial Lunatic Asylum, and Branch, University Park, at Toronto.
2. Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Rockwood, Kingston.
3. Fort Malden, Amherstburg.

Lower Canada :—

1. Beauport Lunatic Asylum, Quebec.

ONE PENITENTIARY

For the two sections at Kingston.

REFORMATORIES.

Upper Canada :—Penetanguishene. *Lower Canada* :—Isle aux Noix.*

COMMON GAOLS.

Upper Canada, 31; *Lower Canada*, 21; of which thirteen (13) were in course of erection.

ONE MARINE HOSPITAL, Quebec.

ONE QUARANTINE HOSPITAL, Grosse Isle.

The condition of all these Institutions may be to some extent inferred from the work which has been done at them under the directions of the Board, as noticed from time to time in their Reports, and the increase in their number will indicate at the same time the increase of the duties of the Board, and the growing wants of the country as to Asylum and Prison accommodation.

The addition to the above Institutions since the establishment of the Board, are as follows:—

ONE LUNATIC ASYLUM, at Orillia, in Upper Canada.

ONE LUNATIC ASYLUM, at St. Johns, in Lower Canada.

COMMON GAOLS.

Five (5) new Gaols in Upper Canada, viz.:—At *Brampton*, for the County of Peel;

*The locality has since been changed to St. Vincent de Paul, near Montreal.