Between two and three acres of rough land have been thoroughly cleared, and will be in crop next year.

A new and commodious coal shed has been erected, supplying a much needed want.

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure for needed repairs and improvements still continues, and though large, is less than in preceding years.

The cost per week for maintenance is $2.\frac{426}{1000}$ (that of last year $2.\frac{42}{100}$) is higher by $\frac{2}{3}$ of one cent, owing to the greater cost of food, which is two cents higher, but the other expenses were a fraction under last year.

The subjoined table gives the comparative expenditure for maintenance for the past seven years:—

Cost per Patient.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Provisions	$52 18	$54 06	......	......	......	......	......
Milk, &c.	6 26	4 56	......	......	......	......	......
Food..........	$58 44	$58 62	$50 35	$48 03	$51 35	$52 00	$53 12
House Expenses.	48 21	39 18	37 33	39 47	39 43	36 00	35 50
Salaries & Wages	41 47	40 35	38 62	36 47	37 29	36 92	36 46
Medicines......	0 80	1 11	0 92	1 16	1 20	1 15	1 13
Totals......	148 92	139 26	127 22	125 15	129 27	126 04	126 21
Per Week..	2 86	2 67	2 44	2 40	2 48	2 42	2 42

Our expenses per patient compare very favorably with the other similar institutions in the Dominion. In the United States the rate of maintenance has always been much higher, as a rule, than it is in the Provinces.

The cost of ordinary repairs was a trifle under last year. Extraordinary expenditure was curtailed more than ($5,592.27) five thousand dollars, as intimated last year.

There is, however, yet much to be done, and we cannot look forward to much more diminution in this regard for some time to come.

The action of the Legislature in reference to an increased accommodation for the many applicants will modify any estimate that could at present be formed, and this subject is fully referred to in other pages.