

REPORT
OF
THE TRUSTEES
OF
The House of Industry,
CITY OF TORONTO,
FOR THE YEAR 1857.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Assistance afforded to the Poor by the House of Industry, Toronto, from
1837 to 1857, inclusive.

Year.	Average Number in the House.			Out door Poor.	Total Relieved.	No. of Childr'n placed out.	Wood Account.	
	Men.	Women	Childr'n Total.				To the Poor.	Consumed in the House.
1837 and 1838	4	12	26	864	906	54	40	90
1839	6	13	29	633	681	28	30	80
1840	7	12	27	610	656	16	32	78
1841	8	14	27	595	639	15	36	79
1842	7	13	27	752	795	18	40	90
1843	8	12	12	1258	1290	19	116	94
1844	6	10	10	1029	1029	17	124	63
1845	10	7	7	476	500	10	40	52
1846	12	7	5	676	700	11	65	57
1847	13	8	9	570	600	15	60	60
1848	12	9	12	807	849	18	60	40
1849	12	10	13	551	586	26	78	70
1850	12	9	18	804	844	23	60	50
1851	31	18	27	804	896	30	123	40
1852	24	23	35	2760	2841	23	172	80
1853	34	26	30	2525	2615	20	184	90
1854	38	34	18	1404	2999	16	300	90
1855	36	32	24	1181	3102	14	264	72
1856	36	37	35	909	2526	20	231	68
1857	47	38	35	1232	3850	10	250	80

Dr. J. W. BRENT, Treasurer, in Account with the House of Industry, Toronto. Cr.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Balance in hand, January 13th, 1857	£136 16 1	By Bread Account	£291 8 7
" Subscriptions account, 1856	217 11 1	Groceries	161 6 10
" " 1857	166 0 0	Meat	171 0 4
<i>Donations, viz.:</i>		Milk	59 6 3
From H. Fowler, Esq., fee from Special Jury	3 0 0	Wine, &c.	5 17 6
" Wm. McMaster, " "	3 15 0	Wood	213 11 8
" A. T. McCord, balance of fund Toronto		Medicines	28 9 5
Destitute Widows and Orphans' Asylum	32 0 9	Dry Goods	21 9 6
" His Worship the Mayor,—balance fund		Salary to Superintendent	100 0 0
" celebration of Queen's Birth-Day	21 9 1	SUNDEY ACCOUNT.	
" J. W. Brent, Esq., balance on hand from		Printing and Stationery	£10 12 1
" Jacques & Hay relief fund	48 17 11	Advertising	4 2 2
" D. K. Feehan, Esq., from Toronto Savings Bank	25 0 0	Bedsteads for House	10 13 9
" S. Fleming, Esq.,—balance of fund for	5 7 6	Repairs and alterations	39 19 10
dinner to Sir W. Logan	8 6 3	Insurance on Bulking	7 10 0
Legislative grant	700 0 0	Leather for Shop	4 3 2
		Nursing Infants	26 10 0
		Deposit in Savings' Bank to the credit of R. McLeod	10 0 0
		Superintendent's Contingent Accounts, audited by Treasurer	99 3 3
		Balance	212 14 3
			103 0 6
			£1368 4 10

J. W. BRENT, Treasurer.

REAL ESTATE OF THE HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

Value of Land and Buildings occupied by the above Charity, say £2500 0 0

Value of Real Estate acquired by Trustees, say 200 0 0

£2700 0 0

E. H. RUTHERFORD, }
SAMUEL SPREULL, } *Auditors.*

Toronto, January 12th, 1858.

Audited above accounts, compared vouchers therewith, and found correct.

RELIEF AFFORDED AND NUMBER OF POOR ASSISTED DURING THE YEAR 1857.

Average number in the House.....	114
In the House on the 1st January, 1857.....	117
Admitted since	260
	—377
Discharged, 235; died, 22.....	257
In the House on 1st January, 1858.....	120
	—377
Of which there are--Blind Men.....	4
Blind Women.....	4
Cripples	26
Others.....	51
Children	35
	—120
Children apprenticed out	10

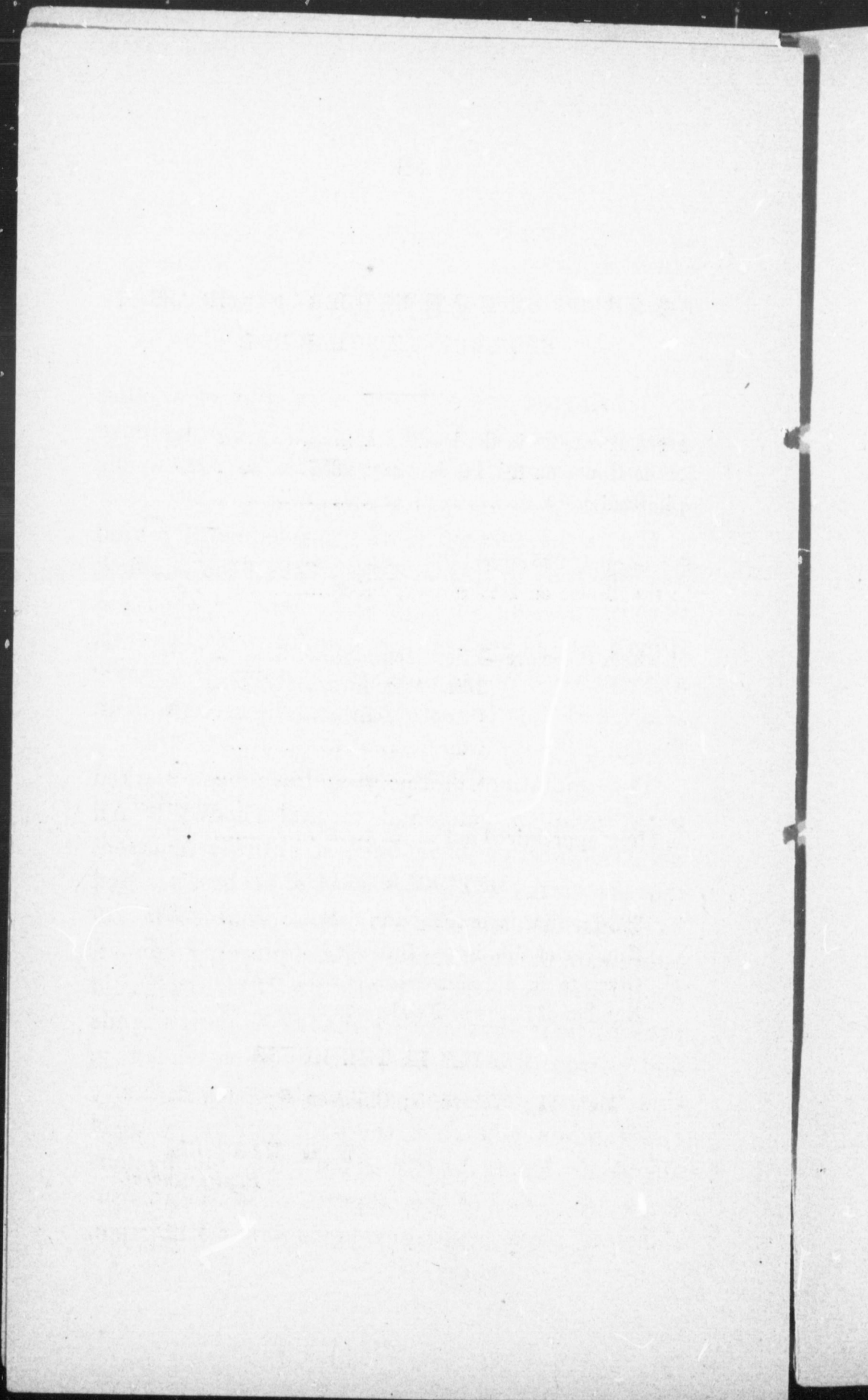
OUT DOOR RELIEF.

308 families, averaging 4 in each	1,232
Number of 4lb. loaves furnished	11,152
Given to out Pensioners	3,176
Number of Cords of Wood given to the Poor	250

DEATHS IN THE HOUSE.

Men, 11 ; Women, 5 ; Children, 6 ; total, 22.

W. G. HANCOCK,
Superintendent.



REPORT.

In bringing the toils and anxieties of another year to a close, the Directors of the Toronto House of Industry rejoice in being able to review the past with pleasure and satisfaction.

Under the protection and assistance of a kind and gracious Providence, they have been enabled, notwithstanding the high price paid for wood and provisions, to relieve the squalid wretchedness, and extend the hand of mercy to upwards of 3,000 of our suffering fellow creatures who cried to them for help.

The operations of the year have been marked with great harmony and mutual goodwill. All points of friction have been so entirely removed, that the clergy of the different churches, assisted by their lay friends, have been enabled to co-operate, in the most combined and pleasing manner, for the general good. While the Directors would present their very sincere thanks to their friends and patrons for the liberal support extended to this charity, they also feel that they may cordially congratulate you upon the vast amount of good effected. Every year's experience but deepens their conviction of the importance of the institution, and every month developes new claims upon

your benevolence, and brings increasing evidence of success. By your timely aid you have warmed the cold limbs of the feeble and destitute, who were perishing in their dreary abodes—fed the hungry—clothed the naked—healed the sick, and administered to the relief of the destitute and the dying. Without presumption, therefore, may you adopt the language of the benevolent Job and say—“When the ear heard me then it blessed me; when the eye saw me it gave witness unto me, because I delivered the poor that cried and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessings of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow’s heart to sing for joy.”

Your efforts in this work of mercy are fraught with many elements of success. The Corporation itself is based on the broadest principles of Christian benevolence, irrespective of age, sect or colour. The Government of our country, and the authorities of our city, are kindly affected towards us, and contribute largely to the support of your funds; while the *courtesy*, the *liberality*, and the kind-heartedness of many of our fellow-citizens, when called upon for aid in these times of financial pressure, are really above all praise. It would afford the trustees much pleasure could they in truth say that this feeling of friendliness and liberality is universal throughout the city; but in looking over the list of subscribers, the painful

fact is forced upon their minds, that a large portion of their fellow-citizens, equally benefitted by your operations, and equally able with yourselves to assist in supporting the poor that are thrown upon the benevolence of the charitable, contribute not a farthing to the increase of your funds.

The Directors, from their frequent visits to the different wards of the House, are happy in being able to report that the greatest amount of comfort, consistent with strict economy and the state of their funds, is afforded to all the inmates.

The Superintendent and Matron continue to discharge their arduous duties with efficiency and fidelity. The wards are kept clean, the food is of a healthy kind and sufficiently abundant. Medical aid is always administered when necessary, and the general wants of all are looked after with tenderness and solicitude.

But the benevolence of the Board is by no means confined to the inmates of the House. There are many indigent families in all parts of the city who are feebly contending against the pinching hand of poverty, who cannot, and for many good reasons should not, break their family ties, and be removed to the wards of the House. These must be looked after at their own homes; and you will be glad to learn that no less than 200 cords of wood, and 3,176 loaves of bread have been distributed to them during the year.

The Directors are anxious, as far as the interests of the poor will admit, to discourage the very common, and in too many cases, very objectionable practice of street begging—a practice as unpleasant to the industrious and worthy receiver, as it is disagreeable to the benovolent and kind hearted giver. If all who call at your door for alms were real objects of charity, as many of them doubtless are from adverse circumstances, it would be a pleasure for the Christian to relieve their distress; but the thought that many idle impostors, destitute alike of honesty and truth, are in the habit of thus appealing to the benevolent for very unworthy purposes, is a great drawback upon that pleasure. In the operations of this institution every precaution is taken to prevent such imposition. Doubtful cases are examined into, and improper recipients struck off the lists. Let the “Industrial Farm” be at once put in successful operation, and let the citizens of Toronto contribute to the support of your funds, “every man according to his ability,” and this desirable object may soon be accomplished.

The Directors cannot close this Report without expressing their deep regret at the removal from among them of one of their most active members, John Arnold, Esq., who, with much credit to himself, and satisfaction to them, has filled their chair for some time back. They trust his absence in England may only be temporary, and that they

may soon have the pleasure of seeing him return again to this city, and to his place in your Board of Directors

It will afford you pleasure to learn that in view of the great distress occasioned by the present hard times, the City Council, by an unanimous vote, have doubled their annual grant to the House of Industry, thus placing at your disposal, for the benefit of the poor, the handsome sum of £500.

Annexed you will find a detailed statement of the Treasurer's Account, as well as the Report of the Superintendent, which we trust will give entire satisfaction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY, 1858.

Moved by the Rev. H. P. HOPE, seconded by Mr. NASMITH,
That the Report now read be adopted; and that six hundred copies thereof, together with the Treasurer's Report and a list of subscribers for the past year, be printed for distribution. Carried.

Moved by E. HOBSON, Esq., seconded by J. THOM, Esquire,
That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the medical officers for their kind and gratuitous services during the past year. Carried.

Moved by R. YATES, Esq., seconded by J. DOEL, Esquire,
That Robert Cathcart, Esq., be elected a Trustee of the "Toronto House of Industry," in the room and stead of P. Patterson, Esq., resigned. Carried.

Moved by Mr. JOHN NASMITH, seconded by Mr. JONES,
That the following Gentlemen be elected as Managers for the ensuing year, 1858, viz.: Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. Mr. Borland, Rev. J. Barclay, Rev. J. Spencer, Rev. Mr. Shuttleworth, Rev. Mr. Darling, Rev. E. Baldwin, Rev. T. S. Kennedy; Messrs. J. Tyner, T. J. O'Neil, E. Hobson, D. K. Feehan, Hon. H. J. Boulton, T. A. Stayner, R. Yates, J. Thom, T. P. Battersby, George Brooke, J. Harrington, W. J. Macdonell, Robert Gilmor, J. Holland, J. Rowell, R. Wordsworth, and I. C. Gilmor. Carried.

Moved by Hon. J. Elmsley, seconded by Mr. Rowell,
That John Carter, Esq., and the amateurs associated with him be respectfully requested to repeat the Oratorio of the Messiah, for the benefit of the funds of the House of

Industry, and that the Chairman (The Rev. Anson Green, D. D.,) The Hon. J. Elmsley, Rev. S. Lett, D. D., and Mr. Yates, be a select Committee to wait on Mr. Carter, for the purpose of obtaining his consent thereto. Carried.

Moved by J. FENN, Esq., seconded by Rev. H. HOPE,

That the cordial thanks of the meeting be presented to the Secretary, E. H. Rutherford, Esq., and the Treasurer, J. W. Brent, Esq., for their unremitting attention to the general interests of the Corporation, as well as for the able, gentlemanly and efficient manner in which they have discharged the onerous duties of their respective offices.—Carried.

Moved by J. NASMITH, Esq., seconded by Rev. H. HOPE,

That the thanks of this meeting are due to the Trustees and Managers of the House of Industry for their kind attendance during the past year. Carried.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE HOUSE OF INDUSTRY
FOR THE YEAR 1857.

£ s. D.			£ s. D.				
His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head...	20	0	0	J. McNab.....	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Toronto.....	10	0	0	C. Unwin.....	0	6	3
J. C. Gilmore & Co.....	10	0	0	A friend	0	15	0
Moffatts, Murray & Co... 5 0 0	5	0	0	Kivas Tully.....	0	10	0
Bryce, McMurrich & Co. 5 0 0	5	0	0	Rev. Dr. McCaul.....	1	0	0
Ross, Mitchell & Co..... 10 0 0	10	0	0	H. Thompson	1	5	0
A. Oglevie & Co..... 12 10 0	12	10	0	H. Piper	1	0	0
Gooderham & Wortz..... 5 0 0	5	0	0	G. & W. Walker.....	1	5	0
Jas. Brown, Jr. 2 10 0	2	10	0	Maclear & Co	1	5	0
C. S. Gzowski & Co..... 5 0 0	5	0	0	Chas. J. Scott.....	0	10	0
Gilmor & Coulson	5	0	0	J. C. Griffith & Co.....	0	10	0
Wm McMasters..... 5 0 0	5	0	0	Bilton & Blakely	1	5	0
Jos. Beckett & Co. 5 0 0	5	0	0	Peter Brown	1	5	0
Thos. Brunskill..... 2 10 0	2	10	0	Rev. Mr. McCallum	1	0	0
F. & G. Perkins & Co. ... 10 0 0	10	0	0	Rev. Mr. Reed	0	10	0
The Canada Company ... 10 0 0	10	0	0	Rev. Dr. Lett	1	0	0
F. Widder, Esq. 5 0 0	5	0	0	Rev. H. P. Hope.....	0	10	0
Mrs. J. S. Baldwin..... 1 5 0	1	5	0	J. Boyd, Senr.....	1	5	0
Henry Rowsell	2	10	0	J. C. Heward	1	0	0
C. Robinson..... 2 10 0	2	10	0	A. Lepper.....	1	0	0
W. P. Howland	5	0	0	Rev. H. J. Grasett.....	1	5	0
H. Fowler	2	10	0	E. H. Rutherford	1	5	0
S. Brough	1	5	0	W. M. Westmacott	1	0	0
Fulton, Michie & Co..... 2 10 0	2	10	0	Foy & Austin	0	10	0
T. P. Battersby	2	10	0	J. Sinclair	0	10	0
Taylor & Stevenson	5	0	0	M. Shewan	0	10	0
H. Cotton..... 1 5 0	1	5	0	J. Ritchey, Jr.....	0	10	0
F. A. Whitney & Co	2	10	0	A. H. Armour	1	0	0
Capt. Scott	1	0	0	W. Cassells.....	2	10	0
Edward Hobson..... 1 0 0	1	0	0	Ridoubt, Brothers & Co. 0 15 0	0	15	0
R. Walker	2	10	0	John Laidlaw.....	0	10	0
Sir J. B. Robinson..... 5 0 0	5	0	0	F. Richardson.....	1	5	0
Chas. E. Romain	5	0	0	J. S. Howard	1	0	0
John Crawford	5	0	0	W. Osborne	0	5	0
John Ridout	1	5	0	T. J. O'Neill.....	1	0	0
John Harrington	1	5	0	A. McL. Howard	1	0	0
Adam Wilson	1	5	0	John Cameron	1	5	0
Edward Shortis	1	5	0	Rice Lewis & Son	1	10	0
Rev. Dr. Green	1	0	0	Hon. J. H. Cameron.....	2	10	0
C. Hopkins	0	10	0	W. Schreiber	1	0	0
Shaw, Turnbull & Co. ... 0 10 0	0	10	0	John Nasmith.....	1	0	0
George Ewart	0	12	6	J. B. Robinson	1	5	0
W. Stewart	0	5	0	C. J. Campbell	1	5	0
				T. A. Stayner.....	5	0	0
				T. D. Harris.....	1	5	0

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T. Thompson	1	0	0	M. R. Vankoughnet.....	1	10	0	J. G. Chewitt	1	5	0
Lyman, Bros. & Co.....	5	0	0	J. G. Chewitt	1	5	0	Angus Cameron.....	1	5	0
W. Henderson	0	10	0	Angus Cameron.....	1	5	0	Rev. E. Ryerson.....	1	5	0
Wm. Proudfoot	2	10	0	Rev. E. Ryerson.....	1	5	0	Rev. J. Taylor.....	1	0	0
L. W. Smith	1	5	0	Rev. J. Taylor.....	1	0	0	P. Paterson & Son.....	1	5	0
D. Crawford.....	1	5	0	P. Paterson & Son.....	1	5	0	A. Nordheimer	1	0	0
Eastwood, Woodall & Co.	1	5	0	A. Nordheimer	1	0	0	C. E. Romain (2nd sub.)	5	0	0
Thomas Galt	5	0	0	C. E. Romain (2nd sub.)	5	0	0	Morgan Baldwin	1	0	0
A. Nanton	1	5	0	Morgan Baldwin	1	0	0	Patton & Co.....	2	10	0
Edward Blake	1	0	0	Patton & Co.....	2	10	0	Thos. Hutchinson.....	1	5	0
Thos. McLearn	1	5	0	Thos. Hutchinson.....	1	5	0	Daniel McDougall.....	1	5	0
Joseph Leslie	1	5	0	Daniel McDougall.....	1	5	0	Mrs. D. McDougall	1	5	0
S M. Jarvis.....	1	0	0	Mrs. D. McDougall	1	5	0	Thos. Mara	1	0	0
John Duggan.....	1	5	0	Thos. Mara	1	0	0	S. D.	1	5	0
W. H. Burns	1	5	0	S. D.	1	5	0				
Patrick Freeland.....	1	5	0								

WOOD FUND.

His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head... 10 0 0	C. S. Gzowski & Co. 2 10 0
The Lord Bishop of Toronto..... 5 0 0	Wm. McMasters..... 2 10 0
J. C. Gilmor & Co. 5 0 0	Jos. Beckett & Co. 2 10 0
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