

maintaining two distinct establishments with the necessary complement of officers. They, therefore, recommend only one penitentiary for the Maritime Provinces, at a point which would be also convenient for Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

But they point out in this connection that the common gaol prisoners, confined in the St. John Penitentiary, are maintained, at the expense of the Dominion, while this expense in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario is entirely defrayed by local taxation.

The mode of accounting at the St. John Penitentiary they found in the worst possible state, also the mode of buying raw materials, the whole of which irregularities they stopped.

They also found that this Penitentiary had no hospital, no bath-room, no store-room, and that the fence surrounding it was totally insecure. They also recommended the appointment of a Roman Catholic chaplain.

With respect to the Halifax Penitentiary, "they found it in the hands of a young man named Stamper, who had been placed in charge in February last." But before the departure of the Directors from Halifax, Mr. Stamper resigned his charge and left the institution. They placed, on consultation with the Hon. Mr. Kenny, Mr. Charles Ross, one of the officers, in place of Mr. Stamper, till the pleasure of the Government should be known.

Mr. Stamper had kept no accounts, or books of any description, except the Prison Register. They ordered a proper set of books to be opened at once; Mr. Creamer, a clerk, in the office of Mr. Knight, the auditor, at Halifax, was placed in charge; and proper rules were laid down for the conduct of the officers.

The only kind of work carried on in this Penitentiary is that of shoemaking. A school is taught in it; and for some years a Protestant chaplain has attended; but there has been no regular Roman Catholic chaplain. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Halifax has, however, held services at intervals. The Directors recommend the appointment of a regular Roman Catholic chaplain.

In reporting on the Rockwood Asylum, the Directors regret the death of Dr. Litchfield, and mention the placing in temporary charge of Dr. Douglas, surgeon of the Penitentiary. They report the finishing of two wards of the new asylum for female lunatics. They report also the erection of a wharf, for the use of the asylum, in front of the property.

The appendix to the Directors' report contains long reports of the officers of the different institutions, from which we select the following statement of punishments in the Kingston Penitentiary for the calendar year 1868:—

MONTHS.	No. of Meals, Bread and Water, administered to Male Convicts in each punishment.										No. of Convicts without Bed.	No. of Convicts in Dark Cells.	No. of Convicts in Solitary Cell.	No. of Convicts punished with "Cats."	No. of lashes inflicted.	No. of boys punished with "Switch."	No. of Cuts inflicted.	No. of Convicts "Chained."	No. of Convicts Admonished.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10									
January	2	14	37	34	41	1					14	66	2	7	120			1	31
February	2	9	17	36	36						1	57	1	3	30				22
March	3	21	41	52	17	1	1				1	67		4	76			1	29
April		8	14	22	29	1					11	42	3	4	72			1	14
May	3	10	29	45	37						22	64	4	3	60				22
June	3	13	47	27	28	1	1				18	50	7	2	23	1	7		14
July	3	16	28	54	57	2	8				53	62	3	1	12	1	7	1	22
August	2	23	31	33	32	2	4				28	53	5	4	60				27
September	2	11	13	39	25		17				17	59	5	4	48			1	23
October	2	6	8	32	12	1	8				5	43	3	6	156				63
November	1	10	13	27	13	4	19			1	8	44	1	5	123			4	14
December	1	5	6	14	17		11				4	37	2	3	46				31
Total	24	146	284	415	356	13	69			1	173	644	36	46	326	2	14	10	312

It is stated that the punishments in 1868 were fewer and less severe than in 1867. The dark cell punishments were less than formerly. The punishments with "cats" were fewer by two, and the number of lashes inflicted less by 240. Two of the Fenian prisoners, Quinn and Hayden, were placed in dark cells, and Quinn was flogged with "cats." The offence for which this punishment was inflicted, was insubordination, threatening the keepers and attempting to create a mutiny. In a short time afterwards the usual quiet of the Penitentiary was resumed. This was the only serious disturbance of the kind during the year.