

in each reserve whenever the Indians desire it. No intoxicating liquor to be introduced nor sold within the boundary of Indian reserves; and all laws now in force on this point to be strictly enforced. An accurate census of the Indians to be taken as soon as possible; and in every year in the month of July, in some place near their respective reserves, every Indian family of five to be paid \$15, Canadian currency, either in blankets, &c., at the current price in Montreal, or in money. The chiefs pledge themselves and people to observe the treaty and maintain peace with the whites and not to interfere with their property.

This treaty gives peaceful possession of an area of country nearly as large as England and Wales, the greater part of which is fit for settlement. Immigrants can go and take up lands upon squatter's claims. There is room for millions of industrious men and women, and yet this is only a portion of the great North West.

By a second treaty with the Indians beyond the Province of Manitoba, an immense tract of country to the extent of 28,000,000 acres, north and west of that province, will be opened up for settlement. The terms are the same as those with the Manitoba Indians. The new territory is very fertile and well watered and wooded.

## Penitentiaries of the Dominion.

The Report of the Penitentiary Directors for 1870 gives very full details of the management of these institutions up to the beginning of 1871. The Directors divide their report into a General Report, and a Special Report from the officers of each of the four institutions under their charge.

The progress of the Kingston Penitentiary is reported as satisfactory both in a moral and economic point of view. In its "disciplinary, hygienic, and industrial aspects," the prison is reported to be in a high state of efficiency. A larger amount of work, at highly remunerative prices, has been done in the Government shops than in any previous year.

There has been a considerable decrease in the number of the committals at all of the Penitentiaries. The Kingston institution suffered a great loss in the death of the Warden, J. M. Ferres, Esq., who, even during the short time of his administration, effected very great improvements, and materially smoothed the task for his successor. Another severe loss was the death of the Matron, Mrs. Plees, a lady who combined in a high degree, business capacity with devoted Christian zeal.

The expenses of the Penitentiary for the year 1870 amounted to \$98,866 45. The earnings of the year to \$51,916 17, showing a decrease in expenditure over 1869 of \$14,420 28, and an increase of earnings of \$17,419 21. These earnings only refer to outside labour for which money was received. Besides this the value of the convict labour in the different departments of the Penitentiary is estimated at \$28,524 07, and the labour in the management of the institution to \$6,639 86, making the whole amount of earnings \$87,980 60.

The total number of convicts on 31st Dec., 1870, was 686. 196 were admitted during the year and 223 discharged. 28 were re-committed, 23 pardoned, 13 died, and 11 sent to the Rockwood Asylum. Both the Protestant and R. Catholic Chaplains report favourably of the improvement of the convicts.

ROCKWOOD ASYLUM has been so far completed by the work of the convicts as to admit of being fully occupied. The Directors testify to the energy and devotion of the Medical Superintendent. Room has been added for 50 or 60 additional patients, so that now 400 can be comfortably housed. Land is very much wanted to afford the necessary supply of vegetables, pasturage, &c., and for cultivation by the insane. The Medical Superintendent complains of insufficient heating and ventilation, and the Directors have endeavoured to carry out his suggestions to remedy these deficiencies as far as they could. Much has been done towards improving and beautifying the grounds. There have been under treatment in the Asylum during the year 398 persons, of whom 27 have recovered, 35 died, and 1 es-

caped, leaving in the Asylum on the 31st Dec., 335. The total expenditure for the year was \$44,475 70. The value of the farm and garden produce raised, \$929 45, and the total earnings of the insane, the Medical Superintendent estimates as over \$8,000.

### ST. JOHN, N.B., PENITENTIARY.

No offences of a serious nature were committed during the year. The Chaplain's and Schoolmaster's reports are satisfactory, and the Matron bears testimony to the general good conduct of the female prisoners. The health of the prisoners was good throughout the year. There were only three deaths, all from consumption. The Directors do not find the returns from the labour of the prisoners satisfactory, and are engaged in inquiries respecting this matter. The number of prisoners on 31st December, 1870, was 79. There were discharged during the year 184, pardoned 1, and died 3. There were admitted 184, of which 15 were re-committed once, 8 twice, and 1 three times. The value of the sales from the Penitentiary during the year was \$29,131 20, and there was a stock on hand of \$5,431 73. The expenditure for the year is not given in the Warden's report.

### HALIFAX PENITENTIARY.

The Directors testify their satisfaction with the state of order and cleanliness of this Penitentiary, and the manner in which the acting Warden performed his duty in the interval between the death of the Warden and the appointment of another. The Chaplain and Schoolmaster report most favourably of their charge. The Surgeon reports no diseases of a grave character, and no death in the institution during the year. There were admitted during the year 51, discharged 59, leaving on December 31st, 46 prisoners. 2 convicts were pardoned and 1 re-committed. The receipts and expenditure are not given. A remarkable feature of this Penitentiary is that there is in it no female convict, the only one having been discharged during the year.

The value of Penitentiary property belonging to the Dominion is estimated to be—

	Real Estate.	Stock.
At Kingston.....	\$586,014 57	\$653,387 79
At Halifax.....	61,055 80	5,587 54

The other two institutions not stated.

Total No. of convicts in the Penitentiaries:—  
 Kingston..... 686  
 St. John..... 79  
 Halifax..... 59

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At Halifax the principal employment is shoemaking; at St. John, making brooms. At all the institutions there has been a decrease in the punishments, and an increase in the good conduct, order and discipline of the inmates.