

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

The balance to the credit of this Account May 1st, 1896 was	\$804 93
Expended during the year.....	118 28
	\$686 65
Balance May 1st, 1897.....	\$686 65

HOSPITAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By balance May 1st, 1896.....	\$ 88 60
Expended during the year.....	45 00
	\$ 43 60
Balance May 1st, 1897.....	\$ 43 60

This is a Special Fund devoted to the purpose of supplying the Sick and Insane patients with comforts which could not be charged to the other accounts; and during the past year your Committee have had made to order and placed in the wards set apart for the Insane one dozen garden settees, which add very materially to the comforts of these patients.

The amount collected to date for the making of concrete is only \$372.55 as compared with \$1,489.89 for the year ending April 30th, 1896; but on the other hand the amount paid to the Hospital for Insane for the care and maintenance of the patients chargeable to the City was only \$3,577.71, as compared with \$4,820.21 for the previous year. This decrease of \$1,262.50 is in a large measure due to the fact that since last May quite a number of harmless insane patients were transferred from the Hospital for Insane to the Poor's Asylum,

The receipts for the sales of kindling wood amounted to \$239.75 and the prospects for next year are good. The starting of this industry was necessary on account of the City not requiring so much concrete as they did in former years, and something had to be done to make up for the loss of revenue thus made.

ASSETS.

On April 30th there was on hand House-furniture, Grocery and Dry Goods supplies, Horses, Waggon, and Kindling-wood to the estimated value of \$3,800.00, besides several amounts due on account of maintenance of inmates.

The number of Coffins supplied by the Poor's Asylum and from which no revenue is derived, is as follows,—

31	to the Home of the Guardian Angel.
11	“ Infants' Home, Tower Road.
11	to persons in the City who were unable to pay.

Total 53

The recommendation of last year's Committee in re Dining Room for the Insane Patients has been carried out. Part of the basement of the building has been utilized for that purpose, and as a result more sleeping accommodation is provided in the wards, as well as abolishing the eating and sleeping in one room, as was the case heretofore.

In concluding this report, I must bring to your notice the great necessity which exists for having some industry in connection with the Poor's Asylum so that more employment would be given the idle inmates, and at the same time help to increase the revenue, thereby making the institution more self-sustaining than it is at present. As before stated the receipts from the making of concrete have fallen off considerably, and some scheme must be devised in order to make up such loss, otherwise the amount of appropriation for the maintenance of the Poor will have to be increased. The loss of revenue alone, however, is not the only reason why the inmates should be kept employed. Experience teaches that where there are a large number of idle people in an institution of this kind it is much harder to enforce the necessary discipline than it otherwise would be, and while I am pleased to say there have been no serious cases of insubordination on the part of the inmates of the Poor's Asylum during the past year, yet judging from the history of some of the institutions in the United States where there is no employment, dissatisfaction is bound to arise

Yours respectfully,

(sgd.) WM. J. BUTLER,

Chairman.

HALIFAX POOR'S ASYLUM, APRIL 30TH, 1897.

To the Chairman and Members of the Charities Committee :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit for the information of His Worship the Mayor and City Council, the Eleventh Annual Report of the Halifax Poor's Asylum.

On May 1st, 1896, there were 341 inmates in the institution, 199 Men, 136 Women and 6 Children. There were 368 admitted during the year, 25 born, 340 discharged, and 43 died, leaving 347 in the institution on this date.

The inmates have been kept employed as much as possible doing the general house work, making concrete and kindling wood. They have also made the shoes and clothing for the patients in Mount Hope Asylum as well as those for the patients in Mount Hope Asylum, chargeable to the City of Halifax.

The revenue derived from the sale of kindling wood is increasing every year, and in a few years, will no doubt be an important factor in the receipts of the institution.

To General and Mrs. Montgomery Moore for their very thoughtful donations, to the ladies connected with the different churches, who have so kindly visited the sick; the Ladies and Gentlemen who have given concerts during the year; the kind friends who have donated books, papers, magazines, pictures, &c., and all others who have in any way helped to entertain the sick and other inmates, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

Appended you will find the name, age, birthplace, and religious persuasion, with the total number of days of each inmate from May 1st, 1896, to April 30th, 1897.

In conclusion on behalf of myself, the matron and other officials I wish to return thanks for past council and courtesies.

JAMES H. DOW,
Supt. of Poor's Asylum.

Males Chargeable to the City.

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Allen, Arthur James	40	E.	Liverpool, N. S.	365	
Anthony, James	58	R. C.	Halifax	131	
Armstrong, Frank	35	E.	"	365	Insane.
Allen, John	33	R. C.	"	3	
Adams, Andrew	52	" "	"	62	
Alusley, Harry	28	E.	"	70	
Barrie, Richard	68	R. C.	Ireland	365	Insane.
Brennan, Michael . . . . .	..	" "	" . . . . .	365	
Burke William	50	" "	"	365	
Brown, Charles	50	" "	Halifax	365	
Bulger, Peter	72	" "	Ireland	365	
Brown, Henry	60	E.	"	365	
Byrnes, James	63	R. C.	"	114	
Bowler, Patrick	41	" "	Halifax	365	
Bradshaw, Richard	81	" "	Ireland	365	
Brown, Richard	75	" "	Hants Co.	72	
Baxter, Richard	55	E.	Halifax	365	
Biggs, Frederick	67	" "	"	365	
Butler, Michael	73	R. C.	Ireland	135	
Bellworth James	75	E.	Mainadieu, C. B.	365	Insane.
Bennett, Ralph	77	" "	England	365	
Barnstead, David	79	B.	Beaver Bank	365	
Burke, Thomas	48	R. C.	Channel Islands	365	
Burns, Thomas	85	" "	England	201	
Bedford, Daniel	33	" "	St. John's Nfld	365	Insane.
Baker, William	42	E.	Halifax	365	
Bradley, Patrick	50	" "	Ireland	295	
Birkenhead, Henry	21	" "	Halifax	40	
Byrnes, Patrick	53	R. C.	Ireland	229	
Beamish, Francis	75	E.	Halifax	37	
Brown, Henry	76	E.	"	163	
Barkley, John	51	P.	Scotland	116	
Boylan, John	47	E.	Halifax	61	
Breslan, Patrick	46	R. C.	"	29	
Buckley, Thomas	56	" "	"	38	
Brackett, James	41	" "	"	49	
Carr, James	53	E.	"	365	
Carroll, Thomas	74	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Coolen, William	78	" "	Halifax	365	
Callaghan, John	84	" "	Ireland	365	
Clivich, James	33	M.	Halifax	61	
Curtis, George	77	E.	London	365	
Clausen, Philip	62	R. C.	Germany	313	
Connolly, John	50	" "	Gibraltar	86	
Carey, Patrick	68	" "	Halifax	263	

Males Chargeable to the City.—(Continued)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Crain, Nathan.....	54	B.	Liverpool, Eng.....	140	
Curtis, James.....	24	E.	Halifax.....	365	Insane.
Caldwell, William.....	..	P.	.....	365	Insane.
Curry, William.....	71	.....	London.....	1	
Connors, Thomas.....	52	R. C.	Newfoundland.....	3	
Chalk, Solomon.....	35	E.	Halifax.....	95	
Carvery, Edward.....	52	B.	".....	151	Insane.
Connors, Francis.....	52	R. C.	Ketch Harbor.....	187	
Cunningham, John.....	40	" "	Halifax.....	60	
Connors, Hugh.....	36	" "	".....	172	
Carr, Andrew.....	69	B.	Cape DeVerde Islds.	171	
Connors, Thomas.....	44	R. C.	Halifax.....	119	Insane
Churchill, Thomas.....	40	E.	".....	135	
Currie, John.....	70	P.	".....	72	
Connors, James.....	44	R. C.	".....	30	
Carter, John.....	66	P.	".....	25	Insane.
Cass Bartholomew.....	68	R. C.	Italy.....	29	
Duffit, George.....	81	E.	England.....	365	
Drew, William.....	44	R. C.	Halifax.....	365	
DeYoung Edward.....	30	" "	".....	365	Insane.
Dalling, William.....	78	E.	".....	365	
Devine, Donald.....	72	P.	Scotland.....	365	
Day, Thomas.....	55	R. C.	Ireland.....	365	
Dunn, Joseph.....	40	" "	Halifax.....	365	Insane.
Doyle, Thomas.....	58	" "	".....	365	
Dunphy, Edward.....	69	" "	".....	365	
Dalton, Garrett.....	65	" "	Ireland.....	365	
DeYoung, Francis.....	80	" "	Eastern Passage.....	280	
Donaldson, John.....	51	P.	Halifax.....	365	
Drew, Thomas.....	58	R. C.	".....	95	
Deminas, George.....	52	E.	".....	92	
DeLouchrey Anthony..	35	R. C.	".....	129	
Drysdale, Newton.....	30	E.	".....	82	
Ellis Frederick.....	55	R. C.	".....	365	
Edwards, Walter.....	49	" "	P. E. Island.....	197	
Erly, Patrick.....	71	" "	Ireland.....	21	
Foster, Samuel.....	67	B.	Halifax.....	90	Insane.
Frizzell, Clement.....	39	" "	".....	365	Insane.
Flaherty, William.....	69	E.	Ireland.....	138	
Fogarty, Arthur.....	51	R. C.	Halifax.....	365	
Fenton, William.....	51	" "	".....	337	
Fanhardt, Martin.....	47	" "	".....	365	
Ford, Cornelius.....	60	" "	".....	294	
Fitzsimmons, John.....	52	" "	".....	136	
Fanning, Henry.....	70	" "	Ireland.....	38	

Males Chargeable to the City.—(Continued)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Graham, Alexander.....	67	R. C.	Halifax.....	344	
Gillis, Robert.....	60	" "	".....	365	
Grant, Charles.....	65	P.	".....	346	
Gilfoy, Thomas.....	56	R. C.	".....	248	
Gray, Harry.....	38	" "	".....	170	Insane.
Graham, Charles.....	53	P.	".....	129	
Gill, Patrick.....	62	R. C.	Ireland.....	133	
Hamilton, John.....	51	E.	Halifax.....	365	
Hickey, Laurence.....	..	R. C.	".....	365	Insane.
Harmoney, Patrick.....	68	" "	Ireland.....	365	Insane.
Hurkes, George.....	66	P.	Halifax.....	365	
Hurshman, Charles.....	69	" "	".....	365	
Hickey, Michael.....	80	R. C.	Ireland.....	365	
Hale, John.....	75	E.	England.....	365	
Hayes, William.....	50	R. C.	Halifax.....	213	
Hayes, Henry.....	33	" "	".....	365	
Healey, Edward.....	36	" "	Boston Mass.....	287	
Hunter, John.....	17	" "	Halifax.....	285	
Haverstock, Charles.....	47	E.	Hammonds Plains.....	158	
Hoskins, Samuel.....	55	" "	Halifax.....	179	
Henneberry, Philip.....	69	R. C.	Spryfield Hx. Co.....	97	
Harrigan, David.....	35	" "	Halifax.....	63	
Harrigan, John J.....	47	" "	".....	6	
Hartery, Cornelius.....	50	" "	Newfoundland.....	45	
Hammell, Daniel.....	19	P.	Halifax.....	85	
Isendor, John.....	35	E.	".....	4	
Joint, Andrew.....	76	R. C.	".....	365	
Jenkins, Byron.....	14	M.	Sheet Harbor.....	11	
Jackson, Thomas.....	77	E.	Ketch Harbor.....	134	
Jessinghouse, William.....	37	M.	Halifax.....	49	
Kenny, Thomas.....	58	R. C.	".....	365	
Kellum, Charles.....	55	B.	".....	342	
Kellum, John.....	53	" "	".....	150	
Kennedy, James.....	63	R. C.	Ireland.....	310	
Kennedy, John.....	44	" "	Halifax.....	62	
Kelly, Arthur.....	53	E.	Fredericton N. B.....	183	
Lynch, Thomas.....	49	R. C.	Halifax.....	365	Insane.
Laurilliard, Richard.....	..	E.	".....	365	Insane.
Lannon, John.....	59	R. C.	".....	365	
Levens, John.....	68	E.	Ireland.....	365	
Leonard, William.....	83	R. C.	Halifax.....	365	
Laidlaw, Adam.....	..	M.	".....	365	Insane.
Lyndsay, John.....	76	E.	".....	365	
Legg, Chas.....	60	M.	".....	365	
Leahy, John.....	67	R. C.	".....	286	

Males Chargeable to the City.—(Continued)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Long, John	57	R. C.	Horton N. S.	193	
Loneragan, Richard	54	" "	Halifax	4	
Lacey, Charles	36	" "	"	365	Insane.
Laurence, Henry	32	E.	England	365	Insane.
Light, William	56	" "	Hammonds Plains ..	298	
Lynch, Michael	25	R. C.	Halifax	44	Insane.
Legions, David	54	P.	Margarets Bay	89	
Lang, Alexander	45	E.	Halifax	86	
Legions, George	53	R. C.	Chester N. S.	50	
Mahoney, Jeremiah .....	..	" "	Halifax	365	Insane.
Moriarty, John	86	" "	Ireland	365	
Meagher, William	79	" "	"	365	
Meagher, Laurence	85	" "	"	365	
Major, James	58	E.	England	365	Insane.
Magee, John	83	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Maloney, William	75	" "	"	352	Insane.
Merriman, George	74	B.	Halifax	178	
Martin, Chas	70	R. C.	Portuguese Cove	29	
Murphy, Michael	65	" "	Halifax	195	
Maxwell, James	59	E.	"	78	
Miles, William	63	" "	England	231	
Maloney, James	40	R. C.	Halifax	184	
Mann, John	61	" "	Newfoundland	134	
Murphy, William	63	P.	Lawrencetown	141	
Mathers, George	60	E.	Lndon	134	
Madigan, Patrick	56	R. C.	Halifax	114	
Millick, Henry	45	E.	"	17	
McAllis, Neil	82	R. C.	Ireland	365	Insane.
McCulloch, Samuel	79	B.	"	324	
McEwan, Michael	51	R. C.	"	329	
McLeod, Charles	22	E.	Halifax	365	Insane.
McKenzie, Duncan	67	M.	Hants Co.	365	
McCready, John	32	R. C.	Halifax	365	
McDonald, Lawrence	52	" "	"	197	
McKay, Patrick	42	" "	"	42	
McGrath, Michael	83	" "	Ireland	231	
McVicar, Daniel	57	P.	Cape Breton	114	
McDonald, John	40	R. C.	Halifax	122	
Newman, Robert	77	E.	"	365	
Nolan, Chas .....	..	.....	.....	365	Insane.
Nowlan, Owen	34	R. C.	Canso	49	
Nowlan, Thomas	46	" "	"	12	
Nowlan, Michael	38	" "	"	51	
O'Hearn, Michael	49	" "	Ireland	365	Insane.
Orman, John	80	" "	"	365	

Males Chargeable to the City.—(Continued)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
O'Rourke, Thomas	78	R. C.	Ireland	99	
O'Connell, Patrick	41	" "	Halifax	301	
Orman, Thomas	38	" "	"	11	
O'Brien, James	82	" "	Lower Prospect	157	
O'Brien, John	47	" "	Sambro	365	
Orman, Thomas	52	" "	Ireland	222	
O'Flaherty, Edward	55	" "	"	6	
Orman, Philp	66	" "	"	2	
O'Brien, Daniel	60	" "	Halifax	28	
O'Brien, Obadiah	45	" "	"	18	
Parker, Alfred	68	M.	"	365	Insane.
Power, James	69	R. C.	Ireland	187	
Phelan, John	77	" "	"	218	
Price, James	71	E.	England	264	
Plummer, John D.	77	" "	Halifax	108	
Piercy, John	69	" "	"	182	
Power, Thomas	24	R. C.	"	14	
Ryan, John B.	62	" "	Kings Co.	365	
Robinson, Samuel	81	P.	Scotland	261	
Rawley, Michael	89	R. C.	Ireland	238	
Ryan, William	40	" "	Halifax	26	
Shea, Thomas	50	" "	Newfoundland	365	Insane.
Shelly, Timothy	74	" "	Ireland	365	
Simms, William	71	P.	Scotland	365	
Stafford, Joseph	75	R. C.	Newfoundland	365	
Shea, Thomas	64	" "	Ireland	94	
Sheehan, Edward	63	" "	Halifax	295	
Sidebottom, William	50	E.	Manchester, Eng.	365	Insane.
Sullivan Thomas	41	R. C.	Halifax	304	
Stacey, Thomas	65	F.	England	229	
Skeehan, James	53	R. C.	Newfoundland	267	
Smith William	64	E.	Halifax	5	
Strange, George	60	R. C.	Cape Breton	195	
Smith, William	59	M.	Halifax	143	
Stone, Richard	23	E.	"	43	
Steele James	52	" "	"	94	Insane.
Spelman, James	62	R. C.	Windsor, N S.	42	
Todd, James	43	P.	Scotland	365	Insane.
Thompson, Fitzgerald	50	E.	Halifax	268	
Umlah, Benjamin	28	" "	"	365	Insane.
Vaughan, Michael	82	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Wade, James	53	" "	Halifax	365	Insane.
Warren, John	61	" "	"	365	
Wells, Robert	54	E.	Dartmouth	365	
Wilson, George	77	M.	Halifax	365	

Males Chargeable to the City.—(Continued)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Walsh, John T.....	49	R. C.	Halifax	365	Insane.
Walsh, Edward	67	"	"	357	
Wilson, Jasper	71	"	"	365	
Wilkinson, James	82	E.	"	366	
Wambolt, Albert	38	"	"	365	
Walsh, John	33	R. C.	"	365	
Wells, William	55	E.	England!	19	
Wilcox, Samuel	57	"	"	94	
Walsh, Daniel	72	R. C.	Ireland	249	
Walker, Michael	28	"	Halifax	43	
Warswick, John	65	E.	England	73	
Wilson, Joseph	46	B.	Charleston, S. C.	21	
Walker, Patrick	27	R. C.	Halifax	9	
White George	66	E.	Ferguson's Cove	3	

Females chargeable to the City.

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Anderton, Mary	25	E.	Halifax	365	Insane.
Archbold, Ellen	37	R. C.	"	6	
Bissett, Ann	73	E.	Scotland	365	Insane.
Bicheno, Flora .....	.....	.....	Cape Breton	365
Burnell, Katherine	45	R. C.	Halifax	365	
Baker, Mary	70	" "	Ireland	135	
Bradburn, Harriet	48	" "	St Margarets Bay ..	365	
Brown, Isabella	54	" "	N. W. Arm	353	
Buckingham, Margaret ..	48	P.	.....	365
Ballard, Francis	38	R. C.	Halifax	365	
Blair, Mary	78	" "	Ireland	365	
Brown, Annie J.	14	" "	Annapolis	8	
Bremner, Mary	50	M.	West Bay, C. B.	234	
Brown, Mary J	20	B.	Halifax	64	
Brown, Eliza	70	E.	"	163	
Boutillier, Annie	52	R. C.	"	28	
Brooks, Mary	58	" "	Parrsboro, N.S	9	
Byers, Jane	80	B.	P. E. Island	19	

Females Chargeable to the City.—(Continued.)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Connolly, Bridget.....	80	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Caldwell, Jane	56	P.	Windsor, N. S	365	Insane.
Connors, Mary	84	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Cann, May	77	E.	Cumberland Co	294	Insane.
Cunningham, Ellen	38	R. C.	Halifax	99	
Conway, Teresa	22	E.	"	101	
Cormack, Eleanor	49	R. C.	"	365	Insane.
Cuvilier, Mary	25	" "	"	240	
Clarke, Elizabeth	39	E.	Pictou	129	
Chalk, Sarah	32	" "	Spry Bay	95	
Corrigan, Mary	56	R. C.	Arichat, C B	201	Insane.
Covey, Ellen	17	" "	Halifax	30	
Delaney, Margaret	66	" "	Ireland	346	Insane.
Dorey, Jeanette				365	"
Downie, Johanna		R. C.	Newfoundland	365	"
Dunlay, Bridget	47	" "	Halifax	365	"
Dunn, Mary A	49	" "	"	365	"
Doyle, Margaret	37	" "	"	365	
Duncanson, Margaret A	23	E.	"	1	
Dunphy, Bridget	73	R. C.	Lingan, C. B	126	
Koyle, Catherine	75	" "	Ireland	4	
Dunscomb, Ann	64	E.	Fergusons Cove	266	
Deakin, Clara	32	" "	Bermuda	94	
Evans, Catherine	58	" "	Halifax	365	
Edy, Johanna	67	R. C.	Ireland	242	
Essex, Catherine	71	" "	"	365	
Ferguson, Margaret	66	" "	Halifax	211	Insane.
Fredericks, Abby	70	" "	"	365	
Fowler, Emeline	24	E.	Harrigans Cove	19	
Fraser, Mary	45	R. C.	Guysboro	104	
Fudge, Susan	52	E.	Halifax	15	
Fay, Ellen	54	R. C.	"	103	
Grant, Margaret		P.	Newfoundland	365	Insane.
Green, Charlotte	47	R. C.	"	365	"
Gillis, Isabella		" "	Cape Breton	365	"
Godfrey, Esther	68	E.	Lunenburg	365	"
Gidney, Ann	82	R. C.	Ketch Harbor	365	
Gilfov, Eleanor				365	Insane
Gorham, Louisa	67	E.	Halifax	365	
Gough, Mary	59	" "	England	365	
Gifford, Florence	21	R. C.	Halifax	365	
Gaffney, Mary	56	" "	Ireland	365	
Gorham, Mary	53	" "	Halifax	152	
Hayes, Catherine	59	B.	"	365	

Females Chargeable to the City.—(Continued.)

NAME.	AGE.	RELEGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No of days.	REMARKS.
Hurley, Ellen	54	R. C.	Halifax	365	Insane.
Hickey, Ann	60	" "	St. Margaret's Bay	286	
Hoskins, Mary	46	M.	" "	38	Insane.
Hurshman, Margaret	46	B.	" "	365	Insane.
Haley, Susan	78	R. C.	Ireland	318	
Hoskins, Catherine	65	" "	Halifax	14	
Hanson, Isabella	64	P.	Scotland	263	
Haverstock, Theresa	40	R. C.	North Sydney, C.B.	5	
Haverstock, Annie	27	" "	England	36	
Harding, Mary E.	58	M.	Halifax	107	
Jackson, Lavinia	76	B.	do	365	
Jackson, Mary	61	" "	England	365	
Johnson, Margaret	52	R. C.	Halifax	345	
Julien, Maggie	22	" "	do	35	
Jones, Amy	25	E.	England	2	
Keily, Kate	24	R. C.	Halifax	365	Insane.
Kelly, Mary	39	" "	do	365	
Kline, Margaret	47	E.	do	365	
Kenny, Jeanette	48	R. C.	do	365	Insane.
Knowles, Charlotte	.....	" "	do	365	Insane.
Kennedy, Bridget	27	" "	do	365	Insane.
Lunn, Ellen	80	" "	do	365	
Lawless, Catherine	49	" "	do	365	
Light, Sophia	43	E.	England	365	
Lowe, Bridget	62	R. C.	Halifax	365	Insane.
Legion, Jane	48	" "	Ship Harbor	41	
Legion, Bessie	21	" "	Halifax	41	
Morrissey, Ellen	65	" "	Ireland	13	
Murphy, Ann	79	" "	Hants Co.	365	
Melvin, Sophia	78	M.	Ireland	365	Insane.
Millick, Caroline	74	E.	Halifax	365	
Mitchell, Mary	65	" "	do	360	
May, Mary	66	" "	do	365	
Murphy, Ann	65	R. C.	Newfoundland	365	
Moran, Sarah Jane	58	" "	Ireland	365	
Mosher, Henrietta	33	B.	Jeddore	14	
Myett, Margaret	30	R. C.	Chezzecook	276	
Manning, Annie	18	" "	Halifax	105	
Mador, Clara	27	" "	Newfoundland	57	
Mont, Annie	21	M.	Halifax	1	
Mullahy, Catherine	32	R. C.	Bangor, Me.	92	
Maxwell, Annie	40	E.	England	3	
McLaughlan, Sarah	75	R. C.	Ireland	365	
McLaughlan, Jane	74	E.	Scotland	166	

Females Chargeable to the City.—(Continued.)

NAME.	AGE.	RELEGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No of days.	REMARKS.
McGillivray, Margaret ..	.....	R. C.	Newfoundland	365	Insane.
McKeagney, Mary	57	"	Ireland	365	Insane.
McInnis, Mary M	74	"	do	365	Insane.
McKenna, Johanna	45	"	Halifax	365	Insane.
McLeod, Mary	80	P.	Pictou	356	
McDonald, Margaret	67	R. C.	Halifax	4	Insane.
McIsaac, Mary	50	"	Scotland	19	
McPhee, Maggie	21	"	Mabou, C. B	3	
McDonald, Bridget	64	E.	Dartmouth	94	
McKenzie, Lizzie	22	"	Baddeck, C.B	56	
Now, Kate	44	R. C.	Lunenburg	338	Insane.
Nowlan, Anastatia	89	"	Ireland	194	
Norris, Margaret .....	.....			365	
Newman Francis	32	R. C.	Halifax	365	
Newington, Jane	52	P.	St. Margarets Bay..	365	Insane.
Naughts Sarah	46	E.	Eastport, Maine....	310	
Nehilly, Ellen	76	R. C.	Ireland	38	
Nickerson, Dolena	22	P.	Sporting Mountain..	4	
O'Brien, Mary	72	R. C.	Ireland	365	
O'Brien, Lavinia	40	"	Halifax	365	Insane.
O'Brien, Ellen	81	"	Ireland	156	
O'Brien, Jane	78	"	Sambro	365	
Orr, Bridget	60	"	Cape Breton	119	
Oakley, Elizabeth	40	"	"	117	
Phillips, Ellen	47	E.	England	365	Insane.
Preston, Ellen	48	"	Halifax	365	
Power, Ellen	69	R. C.	Pictou	365	
Power, Catherine	48	"	Newfoundland	362	
Pace, Laura	19	M	Halifax	25	
Page, Harriet	16	E.	"	17	
Ring, Mary	63	R. C.		365	Insane.
Richey, Jane	69	E	Halifax	355	
Russell, Mary Ann	60	P.	do	365	
Rogers, Susan	70	B	Porter's Lake	365	
Reed, Louisa	62	"	Halifax	365	
Silver, Cecelia .....	.....			365	Insane.
Sullivan, Hannah	73	R. C.	Halifax	365	
Stewart, Jane	25	M.	do	365	
Smith, Lydia	63	E.	do	75	
Skeen, Ann	85	"	Shelburne, N.S	19	
Smith, Esther	70	M	Windsor, N. S	10	
Shea, Julia	68	R. C.	Ireland	31	
Tobin, Susan	66	B.	Halifax	365	
Turple, Catherine	76	E.	do	365	

Females Chargeable to the City.—(Continued.)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Troy, Catherine.....	81	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Eurle, Emeline	79	.....	Halifax	365	
Walsh, Nora	68	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Williamson, Sarah.....	78	E.	Chezsetcook	217	
Willoughby, Sarah	78	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Wood, Elizabeth	64	B.	Halifax	20	
Watson, Caroline .....	.....	P	.....	365	Insane.
Walker, Lizzie	32	R. C.	Halifax	63	
White, Catherine	64	"	do	233	
Webber, Elizabeth	45	E.	Jeddore	30	
Wells, Christina .....	.....	P.	Scotland	53	
White, Cassie.....	41	E.	Halifax	4	

Children Chargeable to the City.

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Barkhouse, Effie. ....	.....	M.	Poor's Asylum.....	17	
Bradburn, Bessie.....	9	R. C.	Halifax	192	
Brideaux, Nelson	2	" "	"	141	
Cunningham, Minnie... 10 ms.	.....	" "	Poor's Asylum	69	
Curley, John G.....	3 "	.....	" .....	19	
Conway, Marie.....	5 "	E.	"	54	
Doucett, William R.....	.....	R. C.	"	30	
Dunn, John .....	.....	E.	"	17	
Deaken, Wm E .....	.....	"	" .....	37	
Henneberry, Mary.....	.....	R. C.	"	31	
Heywood, Norman B.....	.....	M	"	22	
Haverstock, .....	.....	R. C.	"	4	
Ingersoll, Beatrice.....	.....	B.	"	38	
Julien, Mary G.....	.....	R. C.	"	32	
Light, William	16	E.	Halifax	365	
LeBlanc, Columbus.....	.....	R. C.	Poor's Asylum	72	
LeBlanc, Thomas .....	.....	" "	" .....	34	
L-giou, George.....	7	" "	Halifax	22	
Lambert, Margaret.....	.....	" "	Poor's Asylum	20	
Legiou, Ella May	15	" "	Halifax	32	

Children Chargeable to the City.—(Continued)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No of days.	REMARKS.
Legion, Matilda	12	R. C.	"	2	
Myett, William		" "	Poor's Asylum	42	
Maynard, Demas G.		" "	"	36	
Mador, Mary J.		R. C.	"	29	
Manning Frank		" "	"	34	
McIsaac, Catherine		" "	"	41	
McKenzie, Peter E.		E	"	20	
Nugent, James		" "	"	14	
Oakley, Joseph	5	R. C.	Halifax	3	
Oakley, Mary		" "	Poor's Asylum	29	
Robinson, Alice Maud. .	8	E.	Halifax	11	
Robinson, Mary C.	5	" "	"	11	
Robinson, Laura	10	" "	"	11	
Ryan, Freddie	2. 3ms	R. C.	"	30	
Smith, Daniel	13	E.	"	365	
Stone Emmie	12	R. C.	"	227	
Sears, Michael		" "	Poor's Asylum	7	
Whalen, Francis J.	3 days	" "	"	35	
Wriston, John H.	1	R. C.	Halifax	3	
Wright, Eva M.		E.	Cole Harbor	5	
White, David M.	12	" "	Halifax	4	

Inmates Paid for in whole or in part, by Relatives, Friends or Municipalities.

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No of days.	REMARKS.
Aikenhead, David	31	M.	Colchester	365	Insane.
Bezanson, William	41	B.	Windsor, N. S.	100	
Currie, George E.	29	E.	Halifax	365	Insane.
Crittenden, Charles	22	M.	Port Mulgrave	68	
Dow, John		P.	Halifax	365	
Della Torre, Anthony ..	66	R. C.	London, England ..	365	
David, John	72	" "	Truro	365	
Durnig, William	35	" "	Halifax	163	
Hill, Thomas	57	P.	Colchester Co	28	
Jollimore, Geo. E.	53	E.	Halifax	36	

Inmates Paid for in whole or in part, Etc.,—(Continued.)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Laughlan, Michael	49	R. C.	Halifax	365	Insane.
Moody, George	41	E.	"	13	
Marryatt, John U	60	B.	Horton, N.S.	15	
Martin, Charles H.	70	R. C.	Portuguese Cove	29	
McKay, A. J.	66	M.	Pictou	365	
Orr, James	39	E.	New York	6	
O'Donnell, John	66	R. C.	Ireland	14	
O'Neil, James J.	55	E.	Lunenburg	8	
Power, William P.	25	R. C.	Halifax	365	Insane.
Payne, John	19	" "	"	44	
Skim, William				365	Insane.
Sullivan, Daniel	74	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Sarre, Alex.	45	B.	Halifax	365	
Siuclair, Wm. C.	68	P.	"	149	
Sauler, Daniel A.	35	E.	Lunenburg	31	
Ward, John	41	"	Halifax	157	
Brown, Blanche	25	"	"	365	Insane.
Barne, Fanny	18	M.	"	243	Insane.
Bulger, Sophia	82	R. C.	"	161	
Barkhouse, Effie	21	M.	Chester	30	
Callaghan, Ann		R. C.	Newfoundland	365	
Cassady, Catherine		" "	Aylesford	365	Insane.
Campbell, Mary	17	" "	Irish Cove, C.B.	23	
Doucett, Lizzie	21	" "	Margaree Harbor	69	
Hyson Bessie	27	E.	Mahone Bay	23	
Hoare, Bridget	78	R. C.	Ireland	95	
Johnston, Anna M.	18	P.	New Annan	1	
LeBlanc (Arsenault) Mary	21	R. C.	Margaree, C.B.	65	
Maynard, Amanda R.	21		Riverside	42	
Murphy, Esther	22	E.	Hubbards Cove	9	
Maloney, Bridget	51	R. C.	Halifax	94	Insane.
Manuels, Maud	27	F.	"	24	Insane.
McIsaac, Jane	23	R. C.	Port Hood	70	
McGillivray, Kate	20	"	Low Point, C.B.	7	
Nugent, Maggie	22	E.	Catalone	55	
Purell, Maggie	22	R. C.	Prospect	9	
Pulsifer, Louisa	15	E.	Stewiacke	4	
Ryder, Alice M.	36	B.	Yarmouth	365	Insane.
Ross, Christina	64	P.	"	365	Insane.
Ryan, Kate	25	R. C.	Halifax	30	
Robar, Caroline	25	E.	Guysboro	21	
Sears, Mary	24	R. C.	Antigonish	83	
Upfold, Matilda	55	E.	Ireland	49	
Whalen, Sarah	21	P.	Guysboro	35	
Wright, Rhoda	20	E.	Hammonds Plains	21	
Zwicker, Jessie	26	" "	Victoria Co.	12	

Males Chargeable to the Province,

NAME.	AGE.	RELEGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No of days.	REMARKS.
Anderson, Yohan	36	L.	Stockholm	161	Insane.
Adeones Kalds	19	R. C.	New York	6	
Burke, Patrick	29	" "	Maniadien	229	Insane.
Brownswait, Ferdinand ..	56	L.	.....	365	Insane.
Bauer, Arthur	32	P.	.....	366	Insane.
Brown, John	29	B.	Preston	365	
Buist, Arthur	56	R. C.	Scotland	365	
Brine, James	48	" "	Ireland	11	
Bolan, James	65	" "	Newfoundland	32	
Butler, William	45	" "	England	6	
Bolugren, Oscar	22	L.	Sweden	4	
Connolly, Patrick	60	R. C.	Ireland	365	Insane.
Coleman, Frederick	37	" "	Dutchland	365	Insane.
Campbell, James	56	E.	Ireland	365	
Colbert, John	82	R. C.	"	365	Insane.
Connors, Thomas	52	" "	Newfoundland	3	
Clarke, Henry	23	E.	England	39	
Cook, John	45	R. C.	"	2	
Cleary, Daniel	70	E.	Ireland	85	
Cunningford, Peter	23	" "	England	2	
Cree, Hrrold M	23	B.	Boston	2	
Crawford, Thomas	55	P.	Scotland	84	
Connolly, John	65	B.	Ireland	58	
Duncan, John	68	P.	Scotland	365	
D'oyle, Daniel	62	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Delaney, Joseph	61	" "	Quebec	2	
Dusaulsoit, Ernest	35	" "	Belgium	5	
Dolet, Emilie	26	" "	Quebec	10	
Egan, John	51	" "	Newfoundland	95	
Fletcher, Thomas	48	E.	England	18	
Frazer, James	12	B.	Bermuda	4	
Fisher, Thomas	60	M	England	41	
Fitzgerald Joseph	27	R. C.	Ireland	5	
Gardner, William	65	P.	"	365	
Gaetz, Bismark	46	L	.....	365	
Galliot, Louis	36	R. C.	Italy	6	
Griffis, Robert	40	E.	Wales	2	
Harley, John	76	R. C.	Ireland	365	
Howlett, James	32	" "	Newfoundland	365	
Hamilton, Andrew	54	B.	Ireland	365	
Hickey, John	68	R. C.	"	286	
Haley, James	50	" "	Newfoundland	20	
Harrigan, James .....	.....	" "	Ireland	365	Insane.
Hill, Thomas	57	P.	Granby, Ont.	25	
Hueston, Andrew	19	E.	Hamilton	2	

Males Chargeable to the Province.—(Continued)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Hamilton, Robert	64	E.	Machias, N. W.	31	
Higgins, John	42	R. C.	England	22	
Irwin, Joseph	61	" "	Ireland	226	
Kelly, James	55	E.	England	365	
Kelso, James	57	"	Ireland	212	
Kenny, Richard	26	R. C.	Newfoundland	5	
Kramer, Frederick	48	L.	Denmaak	21	
Lacey, Richard	81	E.	England	365	Insane.
LeRollec, Louis	18	R. C.	France	3	
Laurence, James	33	E.	New York	74	
Long, Samuel	53	R. C.	Newfoundland	89	
Loaf, Chas S.	70	M	Russia	54	
Michel, Johan		P.	Germany	365	
Monk, Walter	79	B.	Scotland	11	
Mahar, Dennis	50	R. C.	Ireland	5	
Merkel, George	22	"	Italy	6	
Mansell, Richard	37	E.	Dublin	17	
Meuttrman, Adolph	20	L.	Finland	27	
Moren, John F.	23	E.	New Brunswick	12	
McAinsh, James	50	R. C.	St. John, N. B.	365	
McDonald, Joseph	32	P.	Scotland	18	
McConnell, Thomas	61	"	"	1	
McLean, George	63	E.	"	205	Insane.
McLennan, Thomas	44	B.	Ireland	8	
McQueen, Archie	68	P.	Scotland	162	
Norman, William	22	E.	Newfoundland	3	
O'Donnell, James	40	R. C.	"	199	
Purell, Patrick	70	"	Ireland	365	
Parris, Robert	15	"	Newfoundland	365	
Pengrave, Nichol	33	"	Italy	365	
Parr, George	63	E.	England	142	Insane.
Platt, Edward	62	R. C.	Liverpool, Eng.	18	
Peterson, Chas.	56	L.	Sweden	4	
Pearson, Henry	25	R. C.	Wales	16	
Payson, William	25	E.	India	335	
Ryan, Pierce	73	R. C.	Newfoundland	365	
Rooney, James	65	"	Ireland	365	
Rawley, Thomas		"	"	365	
Rose, John	75	P.	Scotland	6	
Rathburn, Michael	31	R. C.	Ireland	31	
Rich, Charles	34	L.	Germany	365	
Stoker, George	75	E.	England	160	
Shannahan, James	33	R. C.	Newfoundland	365	
Stapleton, James	46	" "	"	342	
Somers, William	48	P.	England	205	

Males Chargeable to the Province.—(Continued)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Smith, Frank.....	.....	.....	.....	205	Insane.
Saunders, Alex.....	66	R. C.	Ireland.....	140	
Scully, John.....	59	" "	England.....	2	
Townshend, James.....	68	" "	Newfoundland.....	102	
Toole, William.....	27	E.	Sydney, N. S. W.	2	
Verge, Eli.....	12	"	Newfoundland.....	5	
Wallace, James.....	58	R. C.	Ireland.....	365	
Westlake, William.....	24	E.	England.....	365	
Williams, Henry.....	74	P.	".....	53	
Wright, Chas.....	24	R. C.	St. John's N. B.	5	
Welsher, Alfred.....	39	E.	England.....	23	

Females Chargeable to the Province.

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Adams, Elizabeth.....	56	R. C.	Newfoundland.....	365	
Blyth, Madeline.....	49	B.	.....	365	Insane.
Brothers, Bridget.....	22	E.	Newfoundland.....	79	
Brideaurs, Mary.....	34	R. C.	Quebec.....	182	
Curley, Susan.....	30	E.	Newfoundland.....	49	
Carmes, Ellen.....	44	M.	Quebec.....	1	
Crawford, Annie.....	25	R. C.	Newfoundland.....	42	
Dunn, Lizzie.....	27	E.	".....	126	
Facey, Mary Ann.....	27	R. C.	Matta.....	185	
Fogarty, Mary.....	30	E.	P. E. Island.....	3	
Franklin Emline.....	32	"	Newfoundland.....	1	
Farrel, Honora.....	66	R. C.	Ireland.....	193	
Glendon, Johanna.....	40	"	Newfoundland.....	8	
Heenan, Elizabeth.....	56	"	Ireland.....	365	
Holt, Ann.....	.....	.....	.....	365	
Hartland, Agnes.....	48	E.	Scotland.....	365	
Hames, Mary.....	75	R. C.	Ireland.....	365	
Hotson, Ellen.....	36	M.	England.....	292	
Heywood, Mary.....	18	"	".....	110	
Henneberry, Mary.....	23	R. C.	Newfoundland.....	31	
Inglis, Louisa.....	69	E.	India.....	365	
Ingersoll, Flodie.....	21	B.	New Brunswick.....	74	
Kirkland, Maria.....	.....	P.	England.....	30	

Females Chargeable to the Province.—(Continued.)

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.	REMARKS.
Lefever, Catherine	68	R. C.	Ireland	365	
LeBlanc, Philomine	22	"	St. Pierre, Miq	114	
Lambert, Kate	28	"	Newfoundland	119	
Murphy, Margaret	44	"	"	2	
Menchington, Mary	21	"	"	21	
McGillivray, Elizabeth..	83	"	.....	365	Insane.
O'Neill, Ann	75	"	Ireland	265	
Pender, Frances	40	B.	Nassau	365	
Pine, Mary	84	R. C.	Ireland	183	
Payne, M. Elizabeth....	47	"	England	365	
Rafuse, Elizabeth	41	E.	Halifax	365	
Russell, Annie	19	"	Newfoundland	28	
Sidebottom, Mary	39	"	England	365	
Smith, Susan	30	"	Newfoundland	18	
Scully, Isabella	45	R. C.	Ireland	2	
Tucker, Hannah	61	"	"	365	
Walker, Mary Ann	14	M.	Scotland	44	

Children Chargeable to the Province.

NAME.	AGE.	RELIGION.	BIRTH-PLACE.	No. of days.
Franklin, Bessie Maud..	2	E	Newfoundland.	1
Murphy, Lizzie	14	R. C.	"	2
Murphy, William	12	"	"	2
Murphy, Michael	9	"	P. E. Island	2
Murphy, Mary Jane	8	"	"	2
Murphy, James	6	"	"	2
Murphy, Samuel	5	"	Trenton	2
Wriston, Mary	14	"	P. E. Island	29
Wriston, Josephine	8	"	"	29
Wriston, Matilda	11	"	"	3
Wriston, Thomas	7	"	"	29
Wriston, Bernard	4	"	"	29
Wriston, Arthur	3	"	"	29

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
GOVERNOR OF CITY PRISON.

HALIFAX, May 1, 1897.

To Chairman and Members of City Prison Committee:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit my report for the year ended 30th April, 1897.

The tables herewith are of the customary nature, and will be found not to vary materially from those of last year.

I take the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the present annual grant for maintenance is not sufficient to meet the requirements, if the clothing, implements, &c. are to be kept in good order and of sufficient quantity. The supply of clothing has been reduced for want of funds and the carts and other farm implements are out of repair from the same cause.

The water cistern is out of order and its usefulness is gone. Much extra labor has been caused by having to truck the water for washing clothing—a work which has been largely increased by short term prisoners. The City laid the water on as far as Duffus Street last summer, and if the City Council would kindly order a continuance to the Prison they would not only save the cost of present and future repairs to cistern, but would provide water supply for domestic and fire purposes, thereby enabling the Committee to dispense with at least one horse, allow labor to be utilized on the farm which is now wasted on the streets, in hauling water, and effect a reduction in the rate of insurance on prison and property. These are important considerations; but I may be pardon if I say that I think there are still more important reasons why the water supply should be extended to the Prison,—the health and safety of

not only the prisoners, but of the officials and other occupants of of the building.

The farm crops were good,—perhaps the best in quality we have had for several years. Indeed, the potatoes and turnips were the best we ever had; but the full benefits of good crops are not always obtained, for the farm being open for the night carts the growing crops are much damaged, and the grown crops stolen. Potatoes and grass are carried away, and even the stone fences are carried off. Two keepers and seven men, with horse and cart, were three weeks engaged making repairs to the stone walls thus torn down and taken away.

In submitting this brief report I have, on behalf of myself and matron, to thank His Worship the Mayor and the Chairman and Members of City Prison Committee for courteous treatment during the year just closed and for kind assistance in the management of this institution in the interests of the City. It shall be our aim to endeavor to merit the approbation of all gentlemen connected with the Prison through the City Council.

I Remain,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) WM. MURRAY,

Governor.

TABLE No. 1.

Prisoners and Offences, City Prison Year ending April 30th, 1897.

OFFENCES.	Total.	May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		Jan.		Feb.		Mar.		April.		Total.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Drunkenness.....	342	33	2	34	1	33	2	37	9	35	6	36	11	16	4	20	1	10	1	9	1	16	1	22	2	301	41		
Larceny.....	15	1	2				2						3	2				1		1		3					12	3	
Disorderly Conduct.....	35	13		1			6	2				1		4						2	1			5			21	4	
Profane Language.....	83	12	1	12		6	5	6	7	1				5	1	7	2	1			2		6		8	1	71	12	
Assault.....	19	3		1		1	1	1		1	1				3	1					1		4		1		16	2	
Vagrancy.....	8			2			1	1									2				1		1					7	1
Violation License Act.....	3					1	1												1									3	0
Lewd Conduct.....	4									4																		4	0
Breaking Glass.....	2			1				1																				1	1
Causing a disturbance.....	47			3		8	3	1	1			3	6	1		3	2	3	4				1		1	7	26	21	
Damage to property.....	7						1		2			1		1					2									7	0
Totals.....	565	52	3	55	2	49	7	55	19	49	11	44	31	31	9	31	6	19	1	16	2	31	1	37	10	479	86		

TABLE No. 2.

Labor Return of City Prison year ending 30th., April, 1897.

WORK.	May.	June.	July.	August	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Total.
Stone broken at 3½c p b }	\$ 87 50	\$ 56 00	\$ 70 00	\$133 00	\$ 59 30	\$ 54 25	\$ 57 75	\$ 59 50	\$ 35 00	\$ 54 25	\$ 89 00	\$105 00	\$ 869 55
Male Pris'ers Farm Labor }	77 00	98 00	47 00	121 00	98 00	119 00	48 00	33 50	30 00	21 00	27 00	84 00	803 50
Conveying Prisoners }	15 25	14 35	14 45	17 50	16 10	15 00	9 80	8 75	7 00	4 55	8 95	12 60	144 30
Earnings in Carpenters Shop	5 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	20 00	6 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	77 00
Do. Black- smith's Sp }	16 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	20 00	30 00	18 00	11 00	4 00	10 00	10 00	161 00
Male Pris'ers House Work }	37 50	29 00	32 00	26 00	50 00	27 00	25 00	27 00	33 00	36 00	40 00	39 00	401 50
Female Pris- Work }	83 00	83 40	52 20	56 70	52 80	53 10	33 00	55 10	15 30	16 20	4 50	19 80	505 10
House Work on Farm }	86 00	78 00	91 00	83 00	55 00	89 00	75 00	72 00	43 00	44 00	75 00	91 00	882 00
	\$407 25	\$380 75	\$320 65	\$453 20	\$341 20	\$383 35	\$298 55	\$259 85	\$179 30	\$186 00	\$267 45	\$366 40	\$3843 95
Work for Health Board													13 50
													\$3857 45

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TABLE No. 3.

Average Annual Cost of each Prisoner in City Prison, Year ending April 30th., 1897.

MALE PRISONERS.

2 suits clothing, and repairing.....	\$ 3 50	
4 shirts at 60 cents each.....	2 40	
4 pairs socks, and mending.....	1 80	
3 " boots, and mending.....	3 50	
4 " mitts, and mending.....	1 00	
1 great coat.....	1 00	
Bedding, soap, towels, etc.....	4 00	\$17 20
Meals—Dinner.....	5 cents	
Supper.....	3 "	
Breakfast.....	3 "	
365 days at.....	11 "	40 15
Total cost male prisoner.....		<u>\$57 35</u>

FEMALES.

2 dresses at \$1.50.....	\$ 3 00	
2 chemises at 50 c.....	1 00	
4 pair. stockings, and mending.....	1 20	
3 " shoes, and mending.....	2 00	
Bedding, soap, towels, etc.....	3 00	\$10 00
Meals—Dinner.....	4 cents	
Supper.....	2½ "	
Breakfast.....	2½ "	
365 days at.....	9 "	32 85
Total cost female prisoner.....		<u>\$ 42 85</u>

TABLE No. 4.

Return of Articles and Materials in City Prison, and Estimated value of the same, April 30th., 1897.

260 blankets, at \$1.00 each.....	\$260 00
100 bed ticks, at 50 cents	50 00
150 shirts, at 50 cents....	75 00
80 pairs men's drawers, at 30 cents	24 00
200 pairs pants, at 40 cents	80 00
200 waist coats, at 20 cents.....	40 00
90 pairs men's boots (new) at \$1.00	90 00
100 " " " (old) at 20 cents	20 00
12 overcoats, at \$1.00.....	12 00
150 pairs socks, at 25 cents.....	37 00
100 pairs stockings, at 25 cents.....	25 00
50 chemises, at 30c. ; 75 jackets at 20 cents.....	30 00
100 aprons, at 20c. ; 50 pairs shoes at 50c.....	45 00
12 sheets 50c. ; 12 pillow slips at 25c.....	9 00
12 blankets and 4 quilts	20 00
6 wash tubs, 8 wash boards.....	3 00
Knives, forks, cups, saucers, etc.....	5 00
18 chairs, table, sideboard, 2 desks	35 00
Map, plan, clock, hall stove, pipe, etc	80 00
12 common stoves and pipe, 6 coal hods, 12 shovels	100 00
2 spinning wheels and cards	10 00
20 rollers, 75 pans, 75 tin plates.....	20 00
Contents and furniture of Surgery.....	200 00
Total estimated value.....	\$1270 00

TABLE No. 5.

*Return of Horses, Carts, Etc., and estimated value of same, at
City Prison, April 30th., 1897.*

4 horses, good	\$460 00
2 vans, good	310 00
2 trucks, (1 good 1 old)	30 00
3 sleds \$24; 1 sleigh \$8	32 00
1 mowing machine (new)	45 00
1 old cultivator and 4 box carts	100 00
2 swing carts	12 00
2 oat bins. at \$5.00	10 00
50 oat bags	5 00
3 stable buckets at 40c	1 20
2 ploughs	23 00
4 sets cart harness at \$10.00	40 00
1 set harness for van	50 00
4 sets sled harness and chains	12 00
lamps, brushes and combs	4 00
14 hay forks and 6 hay rakes	6 00
2 harrows, 1 roller, 1 horse rake	68 00
1 set waggon harness	25 00
Total estimated value	<u>\$1233 20</u>

TABLE No 6.

*Return of Implements, and estimated value of same City Prison,
April 30th 1897.*

10 crow b-rs	\$10 00
7 large bars at \$1.50	10 50
10 steel sledges at \$2	20 00
36 pick axes and handles	18 00
4 setts of drills	3 20
2 axes 40c each	80
4 striking hammers at \$1 50	6 00
1 powder can and tamping bar	1 00
Total estimated value	<u>\$69 50</u>

TABLE No. 7.

Return of implements used in Stone Shed, with estimated value of same, with stock on hand, City Prison, April 30th, 1897.

75 hammers at 20 cents.....	\$15 00
2 wheel barrows at \$2 ; 1 new \$5.....	9 00
6 shovels and handles.....	3 00
3 sledges and handles.....	3 00
6 hand-barrows at \$2.....	12 00
	42 00
26,000 bushels stone at 3½c.....	910 00
Total estimated value.....	\$ 952 00

TABLE No. 8.

Estimated value of Tools and Implements in shops at City Prison, April 30th, 1897.

Carpenter's shop—Tools and Stock.....	\$24 00
Blacksmith's ".....	60 00
Shoemaker's ".....	40 00
Cooper's ".....	8 00
Painter's ".....	4 00
Estimated total value.....	\$ 136 00

TABLE No. 9.

*Return of quantity and estimated value of Farm Produce, raised
and consumed in City Prison, year ending April 30, 1897*

500 bush Potatoes at 40c	\$200 00
50 " Carrots at 30c	15 00
200 " Turnips at 30c	60 00
40 " Parsnips at 30c	12 00
200 lbs. Onions at 2c	4 00
30 tons Hay at \$12.00	360 00
Beans, Cabbage, &c., &c.	22 00
Total estimated value	<u>\$673 00</u>

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

HALIFAX, N. S., AUGUST 10th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:—

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit for your information my Annual Report for the Civic year 1896-7 showing by tabulated statement annexed hereto the amounts received from the various sources of revenue of the Department to have been \$6,144.03 Also showing the number of processes issued out of the City Civil Court during the same period.

I have the honor to remain, Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. TRENAMAN,

City Clerk.

Summary of Amounts Received in the City Clerk's Office for Fines, Fees, Exhibition Licenses,
 &c., during the Civic Year ending 30th April, 1897.

MONTH.	Fines in Police Court.		Fees in Police Court.		Process Fees City Court.		Judgment Fees City Court.		Exhibition Licenses.		Bankers Licenses.		City Seals.		Totals.
	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		
May.....	448 00		57 10		83 70		31 00		40 00		1 50		1 50		661 30
June.....	334 75		47 35		80 65		25 00		87 00		25 00		1 00		600 75
July.....	398 00		64 39		87 65		25 00		65 50		25 00				668 54
August.....	438 20		54 05		112 55		41 00		32 50						678 30
September.....	526 50		71 20		121 55		46 00								765 25
October.....	328 50		40 35		125 25		36 00		145 00						675 10
November.....	187 00		37 10		110 90		43 00								378 00
December.....	284 00		47 14		97 05		36 00		12 00						476 19
January.....	97 00		33 35		76 35		29 00								261 70
February.....	125 00		14 55		107 55		23 00		26 00		1 50		1 50		271 60
March.....	234 75		28 20		81 75		24 00								368 70
April.....	219 50		34 00		69 10		16 00								338 60
Totals.....	\$3621 20		\$ 528 78		\$1154 05		\$ 375 00		\$ 423 00		\$ 50 00		\$ 4 00		\$6144 03

Returns of Civil Processes issued during the year 1896-7.

MONTHS.	Summonses.	Executions.	Capiases.	Appeal Bonds.	Subpoenas.	Totals.
1896.						
May	85	29	5	1	1	121
June	87	26	1		1	115
July	86	26	9			121
August	103	42	12	1	2	160
September	115	47	11		12	185
October	127	39	10		2	178
November	170	42	7	1	15	235
December	129	40	9		3	181
1897.						
January	80	36	7		3	126
February	168	22	3		1	194
March	112	25	2		2	141
April	65	21	10	1	1	98
Totals	1327	395	86	4	43	1855

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 25, 1897.

A. STEPHEN, ESQ., *Mayor, and Chairman of Police Commission :*

SIR.—I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending 30th April last.

In reports to your predecessors I have been able to speak in terms of praise of the general conduct of the officers and men composing the Police Force, and Your Worship will, no doubt, be glad to know on assuming the duties of Chairman of the Commission that nothing has occurred during the past year to cause me, to change my good opinion.

By Legislation passed at last session of the Legislature, I am no longer a member of the Commission, but still subject to its orders. I take this opportunity to thank the several gentlemen who have from time to time formed the Commission for their unvarying courtesy to me while acting as one of their number. I need hardly assure Your Worship and the other members of the present Commission that I will yield prompt and strict obedience to all orders given me. In return, I will expect from officers and men full and prompt compliance with my instructions. Only by strict obedience by principals as well as subordinates, can the discipline and efficiency of the Force be maintained. And here I would take the liberty to say that while not slow to be merciful, as mercy is expected, yet there are times when leniency is likely to be subversive of discipline. That has been my experience during a long connection with the Police, and I believe that nothing but a uniform and strict procedure will prevent lapses from the well understood line of duty.

In my report for 1895-66 I had much satisfaction in saying that during the year "not a man had to be disciplined by the Commission for neglect of duty or violation of orders." While this cannot be said of the year just ended, yet there was very little for the Commission to attend to in the way of complaint—the removal of one man for intoxication being the solitary case for consideration.

There was one death during the year—Policeman John Whalen having died after a brief illness. He had been on the Force twenty-seven years, and was much liked by his fellows.

There have been no changes in the Force except those caused by the filling of vacancies. The much desired increase in the number of men has not been made, while the demands from citizens for more protection are louder than ever. As I have before pointed out, the populated limits of the City are much greater than they were twenty years ago, yet the numerical strength of the force is smaller. This is a condition of affairs which should not be allowed to exist, and I consider myself justified in again calling attention to the matter, in the hope that something will be done.

In this connection, I again refer to the necessity for one or more patrol wagons, for the more expeditious conveyance of prisoners, and for other purposes.

No doubt, the suggestions I have made, if acted upon will cause some increase of expenditure; but not so large as might be anticipated. Increase of expenditure, however, should not be allowed to stand in the way of absolute necessities, especially when it is borne in mind that the Police expenses of Halifax are smaller than those of any other City of similar proportions and population of which I have any knowledge.

I stated in my last report that the City had had an unusual experience in the way of fires. At that time there was a well grounded belief, to which I did not feel at liberty to refer, that all the mysterious fires were of incendiary origin. That belief became a fact—when three fires were started in one night. Detective Power's investigation justified him in making an arrest. The Trial Judge did not consider the evidence sufficient to convict, and discharged the prisoner, who was shortly after sent out of the country by his friends. During the past twelve months our City has enjoyed its usual immunity from fires, as well as its immunity from crime of a serious nature, though the community was startled by the arrival from sea of a Boston vessel on which had been perpetrated a dreadful tragedy, the Captain, the Captain's Wife and the Second Mate having been murdered. The arrest of the crew and a

passenger was promptly made; an investigation was held; and the facts pointed to the First Mate as the murderer. He was put on trial at Boston, the witnesses from Halifax being Detective Power, Sergeant Lehan and Policeman Klire. At present, though found guilty by the jury, his fate is undecided. It is gratifying to be able to state that the proceedings of the Police here were altogether satisfactory to the United States authorities and that if the Author of the tragedy on the "Herbert Fuller" is not discovered it will not be from any lack of vigilance or intelligence on the part of the Halifax Police.

As was believed would be the case, the Bear River murderer arrested by Detective Power (referred to in my last report) met his fate. Another brutal murder in a rural district the past year called again for the Detective's services. A suspected man was arrested, but the jury said "Not Guilty" and the cruel murderer of an innocent old man is at large.

Detective Power has recovered considerable stolen property during the year, and made more or less important arrests in different parts of the Province—and in all cases has displayed his usual skill and industry. Notably in the case of the Carnival of last summer, the services of the Detective were of great value. An extensively advertised Carnival gathered not only thousands of very desirable visitors, but scores of "Crooks" and "Black Legs" of both sexes. Many of these were arrested on sight, before they had time to operate; others were caught in their pocket-picking operations; and the police station was at one time full of "suspects" all of whom consented to leave town on short notice. Others, hearing of the fate of their fellows, stopped at outside stations and took return trains—and the carnival went through to a finish without any more serious loss to visitors or citizens than purses or money missing by two or three drunken men. It is safe to assume that the lesson taught the "crooks" will not be without useful results when Halifax has another Carnival or other extraordinary gathering.

It would be unfair to pass from this point without acknowledging valuable assistance and information from Detective Skeffington of the I. C. R., as well as the intelligent aid rendered by Sergeant Lehan, who was detailed for special duty during Carnival week.

It may be that some may think I devote too much attention to the merits of the officers and men of the Force. If the officers or men were remiss in their duty—if crime were not prevented, or went unpunished—there would be plenty of space occupied in criticism and fault-finding. And, therefore, I feel justified in giv-

ing credit where credit is due.

Appended will be found the usual tables showing the number and nature of the offences with which the prisoners were charged; the alleged religions of the offenders; their sexes, and their places of birth as far as could be ascertained. The numbers have increased from 2,880 to 2,946; the notable increases being Drunk on the Street 113, Absent from School 39, Larceny 25, Disorderly on the Street 46. As these increases largely exceed the total increase, it will be seen that there has been a gratifying falling off in other offences. As usual, drunkenness and its accompanying consequences goes largely to make up the list.

By the table of birth-places it will be seen that there is a discreditable increase in the number of offences attributed to natives of the City, the figures being 765 for previous year and 1130 for the year just ended; and the natives of the Province come second in order of demerit, the respective numbers being 314 and 390.

The necessity still exists for something being done with reference to boys brought before the Court under the Compulsory School Attendance Act. Their number increased from 56 to 95, and where the Magistrate was compelled to inflict a term of imprisonment, the sentence had to be carried out in one or other of the institutions where there are some boys whose offences were of a more serious nature. However excellent the management of the institutions, and their full excellence is freely admitted, the truant and the orphan cannot be benefited by association with those for whose "reformation" the institution was intended.

There are many minor matters in connection with the operations of the Police to which reference might be made; but it would unnecessarily prolong this report, and I therefore refrain from mentioning of them. All the work of the department is not shown in tabulated statements or Court Records. What has been prevented is known to those only whose duties bring them in contact with not only the worst classes, but with the poor and unfortunate, and if all were known, harsh judgments of Policemen might be suspended, and many ill words left unspoken.

Feeling confident that nothing will occur to prevent my future reports from showing as satisfactory a condition of affairs as my past have shown, I submit this, my fourth Annual Report, and I beg to remain,

Your Worship's obedient servant,

(Sgd.) JOHN O'SULLIVAN,

Chief of Police.

OFFENCES, 1896-7.

Absenting themselves from School	95
Acting as Auctioneer without having license	1
Absenting themselves from Ship	2
Adulterating Pepper	1
Arson	5
Assault (aggravated)	2
Assault (common)	189
Assaulting Police	12
Assaulting Wife	9
Assisting a Prisoner to Escape	1
Attempt to Commit Burglary	5
Attempt to Murder.....	1
Attempt to Steal.....	1
Attempt to Commit Rape.....	1
Attempted Assault, with intent to do grievous bodily harm	1
Attempt to pass worthless \$20,00 counterfeit note	1
Backing Horse and Waggon on Sidewalk	2
Bathing in Public Docks	6
Begging on the Street	3
Bigamy	1
Breaking Windows.....	7
Breaking into House of Guardian Angel	1
Burglary and Theft	20
Burglary with intent to steal	1
Carnally knowing Deaf and Dumb Girl.....	1
Caarrying Revolver	1
Cattle at large.....	2
Coasting on the Street	3
Committing an Indecent Act	1
Cruelty to Animals.....	7
Cruelty to Fowls	3
Damaging Property	39
Discharging Firearms.....	1
Disorderly Conduct on or near the street	199
Disorderly Driving on Street.....	7
Disobeying lawful commands of Master of Ship	12
Driving on Sidewalk	4
Drunk on the Street	1253
Drunkard (Common)	18
Enticing Girl to House of Ill-fame.....	1
Escaping from City Prison.....	2
Fighting on the Street	50
Fraudulent Conversion	2
Having Burglar's Tools in possession	1
Having Stolen Property in possession	2
Holding a Lottery (pea and shell game)	1
In Delirium Tremens.....	1
Indecent Exposure	2
Inflicting Greivous Bodily Harm	1
Inmate of Bawdy House	3
Interfering with Persons on Street	1
Imbecile in mind	6

Jostling Foot Passengers	1
Keeping a Disorderly House	1
Keeping Vicious Dog	1
Larceny	105
Loitering and obstructing foot-passengers on street	7
Misappropriating Money	1
Mischief	6
Neglecting to Register Dog	40
Obstructing Bolice	9
Obstructing Street	30
Offensive Weapon in Possession	1
Perjury	2
Polygamy	1
Rape	1
Refusing to Maintain themselves	1
Refusing to Work	1
Refusing to Assist the Police	1
Refusing to Leave the Street	57
Refusing to Provide for Family	1
Resisting the Police	74
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	2
Robbery by Violence	2
Shooting at a person	1
Shooting at and Wounding	1
Stowaways	15
Throwing Stones on the Street	18
Trespassing on Railway Property	13
Unlawfully making Bonfire	5
" Pointing Firearms	1
" Selling Firecrackers	1
Under Suspicious circumstances	3
Using Abusive Language	35
" Obscene	50
" Profane	241
" Threatening	21
Violation of Dartmouth Ferry Act	2
" Chimney Ordinance	15
" Hack & Truck Ordinance	37
" Hay Weighing Ordinance	6
" Health Ordinance	1
" Liquor Eicense Act	63
" Lord's Day Act (servile labor)	4
" Marine Store Ordinance	30
" Pedlar Ordinance	32
" Pound	19
" Snow	14
Vagrancy	14
Wandering on the Street	2
Washing Windows after hours	1
Wounding with intent to Disfigure	1
Wrongs to Children	5
Total	<u>2946</u>

RELIGION,

Roman Catholic.....	1319
Church of England	587
Baptist.....	180
Presbyterian.....	139
Methodist.....	136
Lutheran.....	23
Wesleyan.....	4
Universalist.....	2
Unitarian.....	1
Church of Wales.....	1
Congregationalist.....	1
Hebrew.....	2
No Religion.....	21
Not given.....	525
Total.....	2946

SEX.

MONTH.	MALE.	FEMALE.	TOTAL.
May.....	255	35	290
June.....	225	40	265
July.....	251	44	295
August.....	252	48	400
September.....	344	49	383
October.....	231	27	258
November.....	170	28	198
December.....	194	29	223
January.....	121	14	125
February.....	91	14	105
March.....	155	15	170
April.....	199	25	224
Totals.....	2578	368	2946

AGE.

Under 8 years.....	4
8 to 12 years.....	44
12 to 16 years.....	114
16 to 20 years.....	160
20 to 25 years.....	514
25 to 30 years.....	518
30 to 40 years.....	549
40 to 50 years.....	308
50 to 60 years.....	131
60 to 70 years.....	61
70 to 80 years.....	12
80 to 90 years.....	1
Age not given.....	530
	2946

WHERE BORN.

Halifax.....	1130
Nova Scotia.....	490
New Brunswick.....	47
Prince Edward Island.....	46
Ontario.....	10
Quebec.....	10
Manitoba.....	1
Newfoundland.....	156
England.....	235
Scotland.....	39
Ireland.....	107
Wales.....	8
Australia.....	2
New Zealand.....	1
East Indies.....	3
West Indies.....	15
Bermuda.....	3
United States.....	50
Norway and Sweden.....	25
Finland.....	5
Poland.....	1
Holland.....	6
Germany.....	8
France.....	1
Spain.....	11
Italy.....	13
Place of birth not given.....	523
	2926
Total.....	2926

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

OFFICE OF SANITARY INSPECTOR,

Halifax, N. S., April 30, 1896.

To the Chairman and Members of the City Health Board.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to submit for your information the following report of work done by the officers of this Department for the year ending 30th April, 1897:—

Complaints respecting the unsanitary condition of 320 premises were received at this office, all of which were carefully investigated and dealt with as the circumstances in each case required. These complaints were for—

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	74
Water closets in a filthy condition.....	10
Yards in a filthy condition from ashes, &c.....	43
Wet and dirty cellars.....	28
Defective drains.....	61
Stable yards in a filthy condition.....	32
Water running over sidewalk.....	27
Tenement houses in a filthy condition.....	20
Offensive piggeries.....	5
Water pipes burst.....	19
Wooden shoot drains emptying into gutters.....	10
Offensive fowl yards.....	6
Offensive catchpits.....	6
Throwing slops over street and yard.....	8
Overflowing and offensive cesspools.....	7
Written notices served.....	297
Re-inspections made re complaints.....	243

Had removed and destroyed as unfit for human food :—
 Six half and one whole barrel of bad Corned Beef ; two
 (2) barrels Bacon ; 22 baskets of decayed fruit, 2 barrels
 rotten oysters.

Number of visits to Slaughter Houses.....	84
“ “ Meat and Fish Markets.....	60
Also inspected 478 houses and found 120 in bad sanitary condition.	

The causes of defects were :—

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	54
Dirty yards from ashes, manure, &c.....	33
Defective drains.....	62
Defective Plumbing.....	14
Wet and dirty cellars.....	22
Written notices served.....	120
Permits issued from office to remove night-soil.....	1187
Loads removed.....	2046

The above is a summary of work performed by myself in addition to the regular routine work.

A. J. Penny's Report from 1st May, 1896 to 30th April, 1897.

House to house inspection made :—

No. of premises inspected.....	3029
No. of premises found in bad condition.....	575

The cause of defects were :—

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	477
Dilapidated privy buildings.....	3
Filthy yards, from ashes, manure, &c.....	147
Wet and dirty cellars.....	10
W. C. pipes leaking in easement.....	2
Defective drains.....	3
Defective plumbing.....	22
Notices served.....	575

Reinspections :—

No. of premises re-inspected.....	537
No. of premises found in bad condition.....	71

The causes of defects were ;

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	55
Dilapidated privy buildings.....	5
Wet and dirty cellars.....	8
Liquid manure running over sidewalk.....	3
Filthy yards, from ashes, manure, etc.....	5
Defective drains.....	2
Defective plumbing.....	8
Notices served.....	71

Complaints :—

No. of complaints investigated.....	173
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The causes of complaints were :—

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	112
Filthy yards, from ashes, manure, etc.....	27
Waste water running over sidewalk.....	13
Liquid manure running over sidewalk.....	10
Defective drains.....	3
Defective plumbing.....	6
Wet and dirty cellars.....	12
Notices served.....	173

A systematic inspection has been kept up subsequently to the regular house-to-house inspection in the various streets, parts of streets and lanes which frequently lapse into an unsanitary condition. The number of such inspection was 5581, of which 221 were found for a second and third time to be in a bad condition.

The causes of defects were :—

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	158
Dilapidated privy buildings.....	8
Filthy yards, from ashes, manure, etc.....	37
Wet and dirty cellars.....	8
Defective plumbing.....	9

221 written notices served on the respective owners or their agents.

Of course, in every case where notices were served the premises had to be re-visited to see that orders were obeyed.

Houses placarded for diphtheria	55
Houses placarded for scarlet fever.....	28
Houses fumigated.....	81

*John F. Burns, Assistant Sanitary Inspector's Report from
May 1st, 1896 to December 12th, 1897.*

House to House Inspection.—

No. of premises inspected.....	2756
No. of wharves	25
No. of premises.....	477

The causes of defects were:—

Overflow and offensive privy vaults.....	215
Filthy yards from ashes, manure, etc.....	369
Wet and dirty cellars.....	20
Notices served.....	477

Re-inspections:—

No. of premises inspected.....	445
No. of premises found in bad condition.....	63

The causes of defects were:—

Overflowing and offensive valts.....	31
Filthy yards, from ashes, manure, etc.....	25
Wet and dirty cellars.....	7
Notices served.....	63

Complaints:—

No. of complaints investigated	104
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The causes of complaints were :—

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	49
Dirty yards, from ashes, manure, etc.....	40
Defective drains.....	9
Defective plumbing.....	2
Wet and dirty cellars.....	7
Notices served.....	104

Second inspection.—

No. of premises inspected.....	2780
No. of premises found in bad condition.....	147

The causes of defects were :—

Overflowing and offensive privy vaults.....	103
Dirty yards, from ashes, manure, etc.....	47
Wet and dirty cellars.....	2
Defective drainage.....	1
Defective plumbing.....	1
Notices served.....	147

Respectfully submitted,

N. MEAGHER,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE
OF
CITIZEN'S FREE LIBRARY.

To His Worship the Mayor and members of the City Council:

The total number of books added to the Citizen's Free Library during the year 1896-97 was smaller than the number added during the year 1895-96, but the purchases were generally of a more recent date and better bound, and in a number of instances of a more expensive and valuable character.

Two facts show in a striking manner the extent to which the library is winning the approval and patronage of the people—one of these is the steady increase in the applications for cards entitling the holders to make use of the privileges of the library. The other is the remarkable increase in the number of applications for books for purposes of consultation and reference. In 1896-97 the number of readers' cards issued was 624 compared with 580 for the previous year, while the books kept by the librarian show that in 1896-97 the number of applications for reference books was 11,671, compared with 2,398 applications during the year 1895-96. It has been the constant aim of the committee to improve this department of the library, and the figures quoted show in a striking manner the success that has attended their efforts.

The largest number of books issued on any one day in the year 1895-96 was 465, while the largest issue on any one day during the year just closed was 614. This is another substantial evidence of the increasing interest taken by the public in this important and useful institution.

One of the branches of the library work to which the committee have given much attention, and as to which they feel they have reason to congratulate themselves is the public reading room.

Prior to the introduction of the new system put in operation by the committee, the table of this room was covered with an uninviting rubbish heap of old reports of no interest or value, with an admixture of dirty and dog-eared back numbers of periodicals for which no other use could be discovered. The magazine subscription list was of a small and unimportant character, and the magazines taken were seen by only a few of the readers until they were too old to be of much interest. The Committee largely extended the list of periodicals taken, procured neat covers for them, and gave directions that all magazines should remain on the reading room table until the receipt of the next number when they should be placed in circulation until a sufficient number had been received to make bound volumes. At the present time the subscription list embraces the following, making, perhaps, the best and most carefully selected list of periodicals to be found in any institution in the Maritime Provinces,—Argosy (English and American) Appleton's Popular Science, Cornhill, Fortnightly Review, Strand, Building News, Photographic News, St. Nicholas, Badminton Magazine, Blackwood, Ueber Land and Meer Review of Reviews (Both English and American Editions), Frank Leslie's Popular, Education, London Society, Music, Current Literature, Outing, Atlantic Monthly, Family Herald, Harper (2 copies) Century, Quiver, McClure, Cassell's Family Magazine, Nature, Scribner, Chambers' Journal, 19th Century, Demorest, Lippencott, Canadian Magazine, Le Monde Moderne, Cosmopolitan, Belgravia, Engineering News, Youths' Companion, Mining Journal, Cabinet Maker and decorator, Ladies' Home Journal, Harpers' Round Table, Electrical World, Art Interchange, Munsey and Public Libraries. The result of the improvement made in this department has made it difficult at times to find accommodation for readers, whereas formerly the reading room was seldom used. For years past successive Committees have endeavored to grapple with the problem of having the repair work of the library promptly, efficiently and economically done. This is a most important branch of library work, as owing to the limited grant at the disposal of the Committee for the acquisition of new books, the withdrawal of any considerable number of books from circulation has been quickly felt, and has resulted in annoyance and disappointment to the public. It is hoped that the establishment of a well equipped repair room in connection with the library will entirely overcome this difficulty in the future and will result in the work being done with promptness, efficiency and economy. The work done so far has given every satisfaction, and when the

equipment of the room is completed the Committee hope for even better results. The immediate requirements are the erection of a partition for the protection of the books, tools and machinery, and the construction of a lift by which books can be sent up from the library for repair and returned. This will save both time and money.

There is little doubt that at an early date the erection of a creditable library building for the city will be demanded; but in the meantime all the space over the present library should be reserved for library purposes. When the shelves are filled, as they will be in a short time, it will be necessary to remove a portion of the books upstairs in order to provide space for later acquisitions.

With the removal of the repair work to the room now being fitted up for that purpose it is thought that the room in rear of the present reading room might advantageously be placed at the disposal of readers who desire to make use of books of reference that are not permitted to be removed from the library. All well conducted public libraries make a point of providing for the comfort of readers of this class, but so far, nothing whatever, has been done in that direction in connection with the library of this city.

One of the most pressing requirements of the library at the present time is a catalogue prepared on modern principles, similar to that of Toronto and other well equipped libraries. The present catalogue, while good in its way, is wholly unsuited for use in a public library. Its use not only imposes a large amount of wholly unnecessary labor on the librarians, but it results in a serious financial loss to the library. With a well prepared catalogue an improved charging system could be introduced in place of the antiquated method now employed, and the revenue that would result should be sufficient in a year or two at the most to pay for the cost of making the change.

On several occasions recently the Committee have been annoyed by the wanton and malicious mutilation of new and valuable books. An Ordinance should be introduced and passed with as little delay as possible under which offenses of this description could be severely dealt with.

In the report of the librarian, which is submitted herewith, attention is called to the necessity of replacing many sets of books and parts of sets which have either been entirely worn out or so mutilated as to be unfitted for further circulation. An inspection of the list shows that the mere replacing of the sets mentioned, not including the parts of sets, would absorb the entire additional

appropriation placed at the disposal of the Library Committee for the year 1897-98. In addition to this many volumes of magazines most in demand have been worn out and require to be replaced, while a number of sets of important magazines on the library shelves used for purposes of consultation require to be brought down to date. In view of these facts it will be seen that the Library appropriation is out of all proportion to the requirements of such an important department of the City, and it is hoped that in view of the evidence submitted of the extent to which the opportunities of the library for usefulness are being crippled for want of funds the Council will cheerfully grant an increased appropriation. In the last number of "Public Libraries" it is stated that the libraries of three of the smaller cities in the United States have recently received bequests or donations from public spirited citizens of \$10,000, each, one has received \$6,000, one has received \$40,000, and two have received each \$200,000. If a similar spirit of liberality was manifested even on a small scale by people of wealth in Halifax our public library might be easily made a credit to the City.

The demands made upon the Librarian and Assistant are at times of a trying character, but the Committee have observed at all times a cheerful and ready attention to their duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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Chairman.

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Alderman Geldert, Chairman of Library Committee.

SIR—I respectfully submit a report, as required by law, of the proceedings during the year 1896-97.

The number of new books added to the library during the past was 253, 49 books and 3 pamphlets were donated and 100 magazines were bound by Mr. Philips—total number 402.

The number of new cards of admission to the privileges of the library issued during the past year was 624, total number of