

similar organizations. In addition to bringing about an improvement in the surroundings of children, the report shows that a good work has been carried on in finding foster-homes for the homeless ones. A careful record is kept of such children, and they are regularly visited and looked after, no matter where their home may be. During the past year homes have been found for 247 children, and there are now over 1,300 wards of the department. Many of the boys and girls so provided for are under six years of age, and situations have been provided for older children, of whom no record is kept. The children's visitor is Mrs. Harvie, and Mr. Wm. O'Connor has recently been added to the staff to assist in placing and visiting Catholic children. An account is given of Industrial School work, and it is stated that the population of these schools is as follows:—Victoria School for Boys, 140; St. John's School For Catholic Boys, 48, and the Alexandra School for Girls, 30. The supervision of English children also comes under this department. Last year the total number of children brought to Ontario from Great Britain by the societies engaged in the work was 1,053—622 boys and 431 girls. These children are all carefully inspected by an Ontario official before they leave the old country.

Central Prison Industries.

The Provincial Secretary laid on the table a copy of the agreement between the Inspector of Prisons and the H. A. Nelson & Sons Company, whereby brooms and whisks at the rate of 130 dozen per day are made at the Central Prison for the company. The agreement is dated June 1, 1900, and expires June 1, 1905, but must be ratified by the Legislature at the present session.

Notes.

The Deputy Game Warden of the northern district reports that deer were never so plentiful in that region as now, and that they are particularly thick on Maple Islands.

Mr. W. R. Riddell, K.C., has been appointed Crown Prosecutor for the London Assizes, at which the Sifton case will come up for trial.