## LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF **EDUCATION FOR 1887**

Passing the Accounts and Squaring Things as Far as Possible.- A Poff to Mr. Savage -He is Pronounced as Good a Chairman as Ever Presided -The Closing Speeches'

The final meeting of the old school board of 1887 was held last evening. There were present the chairman, T.C. Wilson, S. Anglin, J. Gaskin, Williamson, Dunlap, Mc-Cammon, Allen and Horne,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed without discussion. COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was read from Miss Nerva McDonald, relative to an error which had been made in the payment of her salary. Referred to the committee on school management.

The chairman stated that he received a letter from a citizen stating that a male teacher had used abusive language to him and his friends. The trouble the writer said occurred in 1885. The board refused to consider the communication. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The committee on finance recommended the payment of the following accounts : R. M. Horsey, \$63.77; W. McRossie, \$12.71; J. Henderson & Co., \$5.90; T. T. Miller, \$10.50 ; Dalton & Strange, (3.90 ; Nugent & Taylor, \$11.25 ; J. Laird, \$37.70 ; W. Dunn, \$11.45; W. J. Chapman, \$5.85; Me-Kelvey & Birch, \$4.40; L. W. Shannon, \$29.50; Gas Co., \$4.90; F. Nesbit, \$50.19 S. S. Phippen, \$66.22; Water Works Co., \$40. The committee regretted that they were not able to report regarding the Central school, as the accounts are not all in yet. They also recommended that the chairmen of committees be not allowed to order work to be done without first consulting their committee and the board. - Received and adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT. The secretary reported that he had collected during the year the following sams from military and non-resident pupils : January, \$21.75; February, \$28.50; March, \$26; April, \$21.75; May, \$21.25; June, \$22.50; September, \$15.75; October and November, \$28.50; December, \$11; total, \$197. Received \$1.70 by sale of catalogues. Adopted.

THE INSPECTOR'S STATEMENT. The schools reopened after the Christmas vacation with an increased attendance. Overcrowding exists to some extent in most of the senior departments and in some of the junior classes. The overcrowding in the fifth classes is so great as to call for the

serious attention of the board The report will be considered by the school management committee this even

The board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

## They Parted as Friends.

Farewell ceremonies were in order at the egular meeting of the school board last evening.

The chairman, Mr. H. B. Savage, was requested to vacate the chair, and on doing so Mr. J. McCammon was called upon to pre-

Mr. Gaskin, seconded by T. C. Wilson, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Savage, chairman of the school board, for the able manner in which he had presided at the board during the year. The close attention he gave to the duties of his office, and the gentlemanly way in which he treated the members under him had gained for him, the motion added, their respect.

Mr. Gaskin said that in all his experience in the council and in the school board he had not sat under one who had pleased him better than Mr. Savage. During the year Mr. Savage did the best he could to please the trustees. He may have erred in judgment, but any man was liable to do that. He had been as attentive to the business connected with the board as any mayor he had ever The board had had important matters to deal with. One of them was the erection of the Central school, and considcrable trouble had arisen between the trustees and the contractors, but the difficulties had been got over, and in a satisfactory way. He hoped that the members of the board of 1888 would work as harmoniously together as did the trustees of 1887. In losing their present chairman they lost a man who had tilled the place with credit to himself and the board, and he hoped that his successor would prove as competent.

Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Savage had had many difficulties to contend with, and he had taken the best possible course in his opinion to settle them. It gave him pleasure to testify to the able manner in which Mr. Savage had filled the position, and there was no room for doubt that if he were reelegted to the chair for another term he would discharge the duties connected with the office as impartially as in the past.

Mr. Allen had sat under many able men who had been chairmen of the board, but he had not been under any president who had pleased him better or given him greater satisfaction than Mr. Savage. He was sorry that the rules of the board had been so changed that the chairman was only elected for one year. This was not the case some years ago. Mr. Ford had been chairman of the board for fifteen years, and Mr. Britton five years and six months, and men had followed who had presided two years each. But through the instrumentality of Messrs. Horsey and Wilson the chairman was elected for one year only. The speaker was in favor of chairmen being elected for a longer term than one year. As it was now a chairman was bound to leave office when he was just beginning to learn his

The motion was put and carried unanim-

Mr. Savage thanked the board for the kind sentiments expressed in the resolution. He did not think he was deserving of any thanks for having done his duty during the year. The work which fell upon him to do had been somewhat difficult, but he had performed it with pleasure. His rulings may have been at times questioned, but it had to be borne in mind that there never had been a chairman who had to do as much ruling as he had.

Mr. Anglin-None of the trustees have left the board during the year, any way, ber cause of the ruling of the chairman.

Mr. Savage said he regretted that all the financial matters in connection with the school board had not been settled, but he could assure them he was not to blame. He thanked the members for the efficient assistance they had rendered to him during the year. There had been no board in his experience that had done its work better than that of 1887. In organizing the committees for the new board he hoped that those who would do the wire pulling-

Mr. McCammon smiled and remarked, "There will be no wire pulling on the new

board." Mr. Gaskin-"And no caucuses." Mr. Savage repeated that he hoped those who would manipulace the wires would appoint as chairmen of the committees men who would do their work fearlessly and impartially. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to be a trustee and have the opportunity of visiting the schools. He would | zie, of this city.

remain a member of the board only one year more, then he would retire, as he had not sufficient time to attend to its duties.

Mr. Allen paid a tribute to the members, of the board who had been elected as aldermen at the late municipal elections. He haid they were about to lose the services of one who had been a member for two years. He referred to Mr. McCammon, and although he regretted his retirement as a school trustee he was delighted that he had been elected to fill a more enviable position. The speaker felt proud to be able to say that three members of the board who ran for the council, Messra. Gaskin, Dunlap and McCammon, had been elected, and that each of them had led the poll in his respective ward. The board should look upon their election to the board, under these favorable conditions, as a great honor. "He parted with Mr. McCammon with regret, and when he spoke in this strain he was not merely performing lip service; he was in earnest. Mr. McCammon had never shirked his duty as trustee or as a member of a com-

Mr. Dunlop said he had never known a new member to show as much fidelity to the board in the performance of his duties as Mr. McCammon had done, and in parting with him they were losing a capable and efficient member.

Mr. McCammon, in a brief address, thanked the members of the board who had chosen to speak kindly of his services, and he hoped the new members who were coming would serve the electors as faithfully as those about to retire had done.

### INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newsy Paragraphs Picked Up by Our Reporters in Their Rambles.

The cheapest place for underwear is Hardy's. The ice taken from the harbour is one foot three inches thick

A gentleman from Watertown is in the city looking for three year old horses. The fragrance of Hen lry & Thompson's

is now unsurpassed. Try it and you will use no other. Breck & Booth's is the cheapest p ace for

pine blocks, bunchwood, hard or soft woo cut or un-cut. The St. Lawrence Council, Royal Arcanum, meets on Friday night, the 13th inst., for

installation of officers. J. C. Hardy & Co., Kingston, are enlarg. ing their Renfrew store to nearly double the size of their present premises.

Two new students have entered the Women's medical college since the holidays. One is Miss Brown, of Chatham, N. B.

Belleville is anxious, if a new normal school is established, to have it located there. Kingston, however, has prior claim. Gibbard & Son, Montreal, are creditors of James Nolan, stove and furniture dealer, to the extent of \$4,000. The assets are very

Butter cups, fruit creams, jelly cuts, and fine confectionery and chocolates, Walker's celebrated make, at Henderson's cheap g rocery house.

We roast and grind our coffees on the premises twice every week, which insures it being fresh and fragrant. Hendry & Thomp-

"Marriage for worldly success, without reference to moral character," is the title of Dr. Talmage's sermon on Sunday morning next. The report of it will appear in Monday's WHIG.

More cases of sick headache, biliousness, constipation, can be cured in less time, with less medicine, and for less money, by using Carter's Little Liver Pills, than by any other means.

Yesterday while Mr. Johnson, gardener, living near Williamsville, was harnessing his horse, it made a dash forward and drove one of the shatts of the sleigh into his thigh and fractured it.

Prof. Reid, London, has received a letter from Sergt. Major Morgans, Kingston, accepting a challenge for a conteal with foils, sword and bayonet. The contest will probably take place at Kingston.

The Baird dramatic company visited the asylum yesterday and entertained the patients with the "Lightning Rod Agent." Specialties were also introduced. The performance was enjoyed very much and thanks are tendered the company for their generosity.

The general store, owned by Boyd Caldwell, Wilbur, was destroyed by fire last night. The stock and building was insured. The origin of the fire is attributed to a defect in a chimney.

A tramway for the Chatham engine will be built for the fire station by McEwen & Son. When it is completed the engine will be placed on bob-sleighs. Runners for the chemical engine are being made at Mr La-

The members of the Tramps snow-shoe club had a walk out last evening. They took a couitous route and, on reaching the lower railway depot, partook of luncheon. The returned to the city at 11 o'clock.

On Monday the reeve and members of the new council board at Portsmouth will be sworn in. It expected that in the evening the council will meet to consider the appointment of a new clerk. This matter, it is thought, will create a warm debate.

The electric light company is preparing for the introduction of the incandescent electric light. The poles are being erected and the wires strung. The manager says that nearly all the illuminating capacity of the dynamo has been contracted for.

George Kennan's third Russian Prison papers, to appear in February's Century, is a description of the life of the "Politicals" in the famous fortress of Petropavlovsk. The interest of the papers is cumulative. Copies of the Century now entering Russia have Kennan's articles torn out of them by go-

vernment officials on the frontier. The famous comedy, "Joshua Whitcomb," created by Den Thompson; was performed by Baird's dramatic company last evening. Mr. Baird has been given by the author, the sole right to produce this play in Canada. He cleverly performed the character of the New England farmer, and his rendition of the piece was considered by some equal to

### Mr. Thompson's. A FAMILY IN WANT.

#### The Wheel of Fortune has not Turned in Favor of a Poor Man.

Two years ago an Englishman, with his wife and two children, arrived in the city. He has had considerable ill-luck in securing employment. Last winter he was out of work for a long time, and he and his family. suffered considerable want. Last summer he met with an accident by which one of his legs were broken. He then lost a good deal of time. This winter, up to yesterday, he has been out of employment. For a week he and his family has not had sufficient to eat. Officer Burnett visited the home of this unfortunate family and found them in very destitute circumstances. His wife carried a baby inarms, and told a very touching story. Efforts will be made at once to get the man

employment. Fred. Mackenzie, Q.C., Dead.

Fred. Mackenzie, one of the oldest queen's counsel in Manitoba, was found dead in bed vesterday at Winnipeg by his clerk. He has practised law in the province for fifteen years, and was formerly of Kingston and Napanee. He is a brother of Dr. Macken-

white a boyle

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE.

THE PERFORMANCE OF THE KING-STON CHORAL SOCIETY.

It Was An Unqualified Success - Those Who Sang the Solos and thoruses. The Special Features of the Evening-he Toy Symphony Well Liked.

A large audience assembled in the city hall last evening to listen to the music of the Kingston choral society, under the leadership of the talented young musician, Mr. Horace Reyner, and it is safe to say that all went away satisfied.

The chief feature of the entertainment was the production of Mendelssohn s Hymn of Praise, after a rehearsal covering a period of about three months. The music is of a high class and difficult of performance.

And the fact that this performance was so good is an evidence (1) of the devotion of the vocalists to their engagements; (2) of the excellence of the talent they possessed ; and (3) of the skill with which the practices have been directed. Mr. Reyner aimed at the best vocal effects only. He could not hope to see such an instrumental accompaniment as the work really deserved. He had heard the Hymn of Praise given in England under the conductorship of Sir Arthur Sullivan, and with a band and chorus of 700. The overture, when played through, takes twenty minutes, and it would have taken immensely with a full and efficient band. As it was, with the piano alone, an abbreviation was necessary, and this Mr. Reyner gave in a manner to demonstrate his superiority as a pianist. Then came the singing, the soloists and choristers being as follows Soprano soloist-Mrs. Betts.

Alto soloist - Miss Bates.

Tenor soloist-Mr. J. Greenwood. Chorus-Sopranos, Messrs. F. Greenwood, Orser, Abrahams, Reid, B. Walker, E. Walker, Hoppins, Taylor, Reyner, Johnston, Crumley, Moore, Pollie, W. Galloway, and Renton; Mrs. Galloway and Mrs. Massie; altos, Misses Savage, Galloway, John ston, Trendell, and Mrs. McClymont; tenor, Messrs. N. T. Greenwood, Dr. Massie, W. Keeley, T. McAlister, A. Parker, J. M. Sherlock, H. A. Liffiton, and T. Savage bass, Messrs J. Galloway, jr., R. Crawford, T. H. Johns, Dr. Dickson, F. Strange, F. W Wodell, F. Sparks, Binkley, and E.



Is the Figure Recognizable?

Mrs. Betts was in splendid voice and sang with finish and fine effect. All her contributions were well rendered, but in our estimation these best received, because the most harmonious and readiest understood by the unprofessional critics, were "Praise Thou the Lord, O, My Spirit," with semichorus, and "I Waited for the Lord," duet and full chorus. Mrs. Betts is thorough in her study of music and never fails to score a

Mr. J. Greenwood appeared for the first time in concert and acquitted himself well. This was the more readily admitted in view of the character of the music assigned to him. He has not a strong voice, but it is toler ably well cultivated, and sustained the strain which the recitatives and airs placed upon it. Mrs. Birkett was unavoidably absent, being taken suddenly ill, but aer place on the programme was kindly and efficiently taken by Miss Bates. As for the choruses they were grand and inspiring. They were full and strong, only such as good singers under good teaching could produce. The severest test upon the society was brought to it by the "The Night is Departing," and at points some of the vocalists seemed to waver, but generally they did well; and when the last notes had died away the applause of the audience was loud and enthusiastic.

Perhaps the most appreciative of all to some minds was the choral "Let All Men Praise the Lord," in which the voices blend-

ed beautifully. The second part of the programme was very interesting. It was made up of several selections. Miss Folger's serenade, by Gounord, was as fine as anything she has ever given the public, and of course she was encored. On her second appearance she sang, "When the Children are Asleep." It was very pathetic in words and music. Mr. Greenwood's "Evening Song" was well received. His friends expressed their feelings encouragingly. Miss Alice Britton excelled herself in the "Stars of Earth," with violin obligato, by Dr. Clark, of Rockwood asylum. This was especially liked and had to be repeated. The accompaniment, especially that of the violin, was delightful. Mrs. Betts was very happy in her final contribution, "Sleep on Sweet Child." It was new, very pretty, and sung with exceeding

Then came the funny part of the programme—the performance of Haydn's toy symphony, for which everyone had waited eagerly. The performers were: G trumpet, J. Galloway ; C trumpet, T. McMaster ; rattle, Miss Johnston; bells, Miss B. Greenwood ; triangle, Miss Trendell ; cuckoo, Miss Reyner; quail, A. H. Reyner; night ingale, W. Keeley ; drum, Capt. Crawford. The symphony was very entertaining, and was, as it deserved to be, applauded to the echo. It was amusing and gratitying and

will stand repetition. The piano used on the occasion was Newcomb, lent by J. Reyner, and it was a

The concert was, on the whole, an un-

qualified success. A Novel Sale. Haines & Lockett will begin to-morrow a

remnant sale of boots and shoes and promise some real bargains. These are not damaged goods, but boots slightly soiled, a remnant of large lots. The first chance, will of course, be the best. You should call early and look through. If there is nothing you want you will not be asked to buy.

Dorcas Society.

The above society being out of funds would like contributions of money or clothing. Those who are kind enough to contribute can send anything to Mrs. Jas. Pollie, 48 Colborne st.

# QUEEN'S COLLEGE FUND.

The New Endowment Nearly Laised-The Work of Canvassing Still Going on.

The endowment fund of Queen's university is booming along to the required amount announced in the circular of April last ; to date something over \$240,000 has been raised. Principal Grant, who has, by the way, sufficiently recovered to resome his lectures on theology, thinks that the lists in the hands of friends in all parts of Ontario will be returned during the next week and he anticipates that the \$250,000 will be reported as having been raised. He is very enthusiastic over the matter. Queen's will be placed in a position to successfully meet all rivals. Speaking of the liberality of the people he said: "I hope it is only the beginning of their liberality. As I said last October we will need much more than the amount stipulated, as a number have contributed to objects other than those stipulated in the statements of needed improvements in the university. I am satisfied that all the friends of Queen's have not been appealed to, for so far the quarter of a million has been contributed by about six or seven hundred persons."

There is an air of enthusiasm about the professors and students of Queen's that has not been apparent before. From their very action one could tell that they had been engaged in a noble work. Have'nt they ? The professors gave \$10,000 to the endowment fund, and the students who took a hand in the matter two weeks ago have subscribed \$5,500, and in addition have raised nearly \$3,000 from friends. Mr. McFarlane secured \$1,500 in Dundas and Mr. Mylne \$700 in Merrickville. The sum of \$150 was secured by another in Westport, and \$100 by still another in Delta The lists are still out and will be added to. The students were somewhat disappointed in their work. Some were prevented from raising funds by the severity of the snow storms during the holidays, while others found themselves in places that had been well canvassed.

Rev. Mr. McGillivary, who has been giving a week to the work in Ottawa and elsewhere, has raised a good amount. He were six deaths, one of which was that of a returns to-morrow and an excellent report expected from him. Mr. McGillivary has all the qualifications of a first-class canvasser. He possesses nearly all the qualities that has made Principal Grant so capable in raising funds. If there is anything that has pleased Principal Grant it is the number of friends who jumped in the ring to carry on the scheme when sickness overtook him. And they have done wonderful work.

Kingston must be proud of the success of the scheme, and in such a short time. It will enable Queen's to be equipped at once and thus have the advantage of years in the race. It will be a long time before the confederated colleges are congregated in Toronto, as the Methodist institution will hardly be moved before the needed \$450,000 is raised and a building erected. The outlook for Queen's seems wonderfully bright.

## CONCERT AT PORTSMOUTH

Plenty of Enjoyment in the Orange Hall-An Entertainment of Much Merit.

The event of last evening, in Portsmouth was the concert of the Y.M.C.A., the first of a monthly series. The Orange hall was well filled with a very appreciative audience. In the absence of Dr. Lavell, Rev. F. W. Dobbs occupied the chair in his usual able manner. The programme was begun by an opening chorus, from the choir, followed by prayer and a short address by the chairman. Atkins Bros. gave a duett, fully sustaining their reputation. Miss Wright followed with a song which was encored. J. W. Henstridge gave a reading from Tennyson, and although rather long, it was listened to with attention. John Alexander offered a suitable recitation, followed by a song from Miss M. Dobbs, whose vocalism was sweet and distinct. The Misses Convery gave a duett and F. Milne a solo, which brought the first part of the programme to a close, and an intermission of ten minutes followed. The second part of the programme was opened by a chorus from the choir, followed by a comic song by John Watts, which drew forth applause. Miss C. Smith then gave a well rendered song, succeeded by a recitation from Mrs. Nayes and a song by Mr. Lambert. The old favorite, John McLeod, then gave a solo which demanded a repetition, and this was gladly given. Thomas Graham gave a comical reading from Mark Twain, followed by a duett by the Misses McMullen, who were loudly applauded, Thomas Sampson gave a temperance reading entitled "The Two Glasses." The second part of the program was brought to a close by a musical fantastic by the Smith family (five pieces) which fairly brought down the house a recall was secured. The choir sang the closing hymn, and the Rev. Mr. Dobbs pronounced the benediction. Every one called it the best concert of the season.

# PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

Mrs. Potts, of Maguire's Bridge, Ireland, mother of Rev. Dr. Potts, Toronto, died on Miss Maggie, Volume and Miss Wilder

left for Ottawa to-day to attend the Normal Mr. John Collins, of the post office department, is confined to his home through

Harry Nolan, clerk of the Rossin house, Toronto, lies at the point of death. He was taken with a sudden and violent attack of

uramia while reading to his wife. J. W. Brill, son of Rev. D. Brill, has been elected principal of the commercial depart ment of the university of the Pacific, San

Jose, California. Mr. Ebenezer Couper, of this city, is representing Carsley & Co., wholesale dry goods importers and warehousemen, Mon-

Sir John Macdonald will not call at Kingston on his way back from Toronto after his visit there on the 17th. His visit to King-

s ton will be later than that date. Rev. Father Brennan will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his priesthood, at St. Gregory's church, Picton, on the 25th inst Old schoolmates in the priesthood will be in attendance.

Rev. Father O'Brien, Morrisburg, was presented on New Year's day with a handsome and otter outfit, the overcoat being presented by the gentlemen, and the cap and gloves by the ladies of his congrega-

#### He Is Not the Candidate. Mr. Gaskin has not been selected as the

temperance candidate for the mayor's chair tor 1889. He was authorized by the temperance people to make the announcement the late municipal elections that they would put a candidate in the field next

Storm or No Storm You can buy choice dairy butter for 20 cents a pound, good bright sugar for 6 cents a pound, 16 pounds new Turkey prunes for \$1, 15 pounds new Valencia raisins for \$1, and everything equally low at Henderson's cheap grocery house, Brock street.

Buy blankets at Hardy's, low prices and big discount off extra.

# KINGSTONPENITENTIARY

THE FACTS COLLECTED FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S REPORTS

The Improvements Made to the Prison During the Year, and Others to be Made Tribute of the Warden to the Efficiency of the Staff-Cost of Managing the Pri-

In addition to what we published yesterday regarding employment in the peniten tiary Inspector Moylan adds that by the work of the men much has been done to improve the lower portion of the farf by levelling the numerous heaps of debris of the old quarries. It would make a good sight for quarters for the officers, should it be decided to build the cottages. The house occupied by the farmer has been enlarged and improved: The new piggery is completed. The plan appears, suitable. The mill stands in need of improvement. The wablett is of opinion that another build ing should be provided for the mill. The noise is hurtful to the insane convicts.

The school is well attended ; the prisoners are earnest in their efforts to learn. The system of distributing the salary of the schoolmaster among six of the officers qualified to teach, in operation for sixteen years, has been beneficial and successful. The experiment was made of having a certified teacher from the Toronto normal school, and it proved an utter failure. The library continues to be appreciated by the more intelligent prisoners.

The food supplied is wholesome, of good quality, well prepared and served. The surgeon reports the sanitary condition of the prison as satisfactory, the health of the convicts being "remarkably good." He stated that "a number of youths, as well as those far advanced in years, have been admitted within the last twelve months, some of the latter being more fitted for being inmates of a home for the aged and infirm, than prisoners in a penitentiary." There lunatic ; two men died from debility, one aged 80, the other 76.

The criminal lunatics are kindly and at tentively cared for. A recreation ground has been provided for them. There are 28 under treatment.

The Protestant chaplain states, in his report, that "there has been but little to remark in the past year. Everything has mov ed along its ordinary groove very quietly. He makes some remarks in reference to the feelings of convicts whose petitions are un heeded, and about the advisability of making certain changes in the duration of sentences, which are interesting and worthy of attention. The newly appointed Catholic chap lain, Father Twomey, reports that the con duct of the convicts under his spiritual care, is "excellent in every respect " He states that "they have assisted at the holy sacri fice of the mass and at vespers, each Sunday and holiday, with an unvariable and edify ing piety and reverence, which would be creditable to any congregation in the land." Regarding the sermons and instructions, he says: "I have many evidences that they have been productive of much good."

The management of the female prison still merits the praise bestowed upon it for very many years. The matron bears testimony to the good conduct of the prisoners. I again recommend that a building, properly adapted to the objects and wants of a female prison, be put up in the field east of the boundary wall. The present place was never fit for the purpose for which it has been used.

The hospital is kept in admirable order, clean, cheery and well ventilated. The very capable overseer, Mr. Halliday, to whom the surgeon, in his report, pays a well-merited tribute, has, I am pleased to state, recovered his health, and is able again to discharge the duties of his important position.

All the pipes in the prison wings, put in about two years ago for heating purposes, had to be removed last autumn and other and differently constructed coils substituted. The gas works are not giving satisfaction. A further expenditure of about \$10,000 would be necessary to place the works in thoroughly serviceable order. As the minister has under consideration the project of lighting this penitentiary with electricity or calcium lights, which, if successful, is to be extended to other prisons, it is needless, for the present, to say anything more about the

The building of a female prison, a proper asylum for insane convicts, and quarters for the officers of the staff, also the enlarge ment of the prison cells, are works necessary to make this penitentiary complete and a credit to the dominion. The last named improvement is the most wanted; it should be commenced next spring. It can be done by convict labor, and the expenditure cannot be large, as nearly all the materiel

needed is on hand. Warden Lavell, in his report, urges the early introduction of some industry within the walls. The improving of the property has its limitations, and whatever may be decided upon will not be any too soon. He supports the classification of prisoners, and adds that any effort to morally influence the prisoners is not wasted. The warden feels bold to state that the management of the penitentiary, compared with those in the United States, loses nothing by the comparison. "In association with the staff," he writes, "I endeavour to govern kindly and firmly; no injustice is tolerated; every man is encouraged to feel that, in everything consistent with his circumstances here, he will be treated humanely, and every opportunity afforded him to lay the foundation upon which to build up a better life for the future. Owing to our mixed system this is difficult; nevertheless, if the results are small, there will be a gratification. In all the departments there is a tendency to efficiency. I am well sustained by the staff who, with commendable zeal and vigilance, perform their several duties. Less laxity prevails, and if any mishap occurs it is mostly from causes not attributable to positive neglect. All are learning not to be too trustful of the class over which they are piaced, and, at the same time, not to manifest too much suspicion,'

The cost per capita per day is 46c. and, after deducting the revenue, 41c. On the farm was raised produce to the

value of \$6,875.74. After meeting all expenses a profit of \$204 was reported for the Thirty convicts were pardoned and six died during the year. Thirteen convicts

have been returned for a second term, two for the fourth time, one for the fifth, and one for the ninth time.

The surgeons says that among the female as well as the male convicts are some who, unless the royal clemency is exercised, will die before the expiration of their present



Weather Probabilities Strong winds and gales, south-east and south-west; milder, cloudy weather, with snow, turning to sleet or rain, followed this evening or to-night by west to north-west winds and decidedly colder weather.