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STATE OF MAINE,

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

NO. 11.

SENATE.

Report of the Inspectors of the State Prison.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine.

THE Inspectors of the State Prison held a stated meeting at the Prison on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of December 1833, and, by adjournment, on the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 13th of January 1834, for the purpose of auditing and settling the accounts of the Warden for the past year, ending the last day of October 1833; and of examining and inspecting the concerns of the Prison generally, and now respectfully submit the following as their

REPORT.

Since October 4, 1833, the date of their last Report, six convicts have been received at the Prison, ten have been discharged on expiration of their sentences, and four have been pardoned.

The number of convicts at the last annual report of the Inspectors, December 12, was ninety-one. The present number is seventy-five, and they are on

this 9th day of January thus situated and employed :

Laboring in the Quarry,	-	-	-	9
In Smith's Shop,	7	Stone Cutters,	26	33
Shoemakers,	9	Wheelwrights,	3	12
Tailors, - -	6	Shoebinders,	1	7
Oakum Pickers,	2	Cooks, -	2	4
Woodcutters,	9	Sick in Hospital,	1	10
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Aggregate,				75

The average number of convicts for the last five years next preceding the present has been ninety-five. At the time of the annual reports of the Inspectors in the following years the numbers were as follows :

In the year 1828	there were	99	convicts,
" 1829	" "	94	"
" 1830	" "	94	"
" 1831	" "	96	"
" 1832	" "	91	"

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The average number the present year has somewhat exceeded eighty. The diminution of the number of convicts the present year may be accidental. Yet the Inspectors are inclined to believe that it is owing to a corresponding diminution of crime, rather than to the convictions having been less the present year, in proportion to the crimes

committed, than in former years. If from the diminution of crime, it is a subject of congratulation notwithstanding the profits of the Prison will be diminished somewhat in proportion to the decrease of the number of convicts, as the expense of overseers and guards in the different department must be the same.

By the calender of punishments it appears that the following have been inflicted by order of the Warden since our last Report, viz.

Nov. 21. Cornelius Stelphin, Jr. for breaking a Granite Stone, sentenced to one day's solitary confinement.

“ “ James Mitchell for same offence, sentenced to same punishment.

“ “ Ebenezer Brooks for do., same punishment.

“ “ William Donnegan for same offence, sentenced to same punishment.

Oct. 13. Thomas Patch for insolent and profane language to Mr. Stearns, was sentenced to receive fifteen stripes.

No convict has died during the past year, and they have been generally healthy, obedient and industrious.

The Warden has received \$1,698 93 of the debt due from Norris and his surety, Mr. Holt. And it is said by the person having the control of this business in New York that the whole of the balance will be paid on or before next April.

The suits commenced in Philadelphia against Bryant, on his Notes which were negotiated by the Warden, are not yet brought to a close. The Inspectors confidently expected a favorable termination of these suits would have been had long before this time.

It has been customary for the Warden, in his accounts with the State, to credit the amount due for articles manufactured at the Prison, at the time of delivery, whether payment was then made or not. And should there be a loss, by these articles not being ultimately paid for, from any cause other than the neglect or mismanagement of the Warden, such loss should be sustained by the State, and not by the Warden; as the credits are so made by him, not with the intention of assuming the debts, but for the purpose of having the accounts of each year kept as separate from each other as possible.

It will be recollected that the amounts due from Norris and Bryant were so credited by the Warden and that Bryant's Notes were negotiated by him on his own responsibility, for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of the Institution. Yet the State is interested in the collection of these demands, inasmuch as the appropriation made by the last Legislature to the Warden of \$7000, was made on the condition that the same should be refunded by him at such times as the payments should be made by Bryant and Norris.

The above remarks are not made in anticipation of an ultimate loss on these demands, although the protracted delay in obtaining judgment against Bryant, and his apparent determination not to pay these Notes, would seem to render the collection more doubtful than heretofore considered. But they are made, that taken in connexion with the last annual reports of the Warden and Inspectors, there may be a full understanding of the situation of these demands.

The income of the Granite department during the year, after paying for rough Granite, transportation and tools, is \$3,888 84, which sum divided by the number of days work performed in the shop during same time, gives 36 cents earnings per day for each convict employed.

The Granite hammered during the past year has been from the Hallowell quarries, there having been no demand for Granite of the quality and description of that obtained from the Prison quarries at the mouth of the river.

Since the insurrection of the convicts in the granite shop and yard, (which is situated at the shore, and entirely distinct from the yard enclosing the lime quarry and other shops) it has been deemed necessary for their safe keeping to have four guards stationed there, besides the overseer, which increases the expense of that department considerably above what it formerly was. The expense of this department exceeding that of any other, the earnings of

the convicts there should increase in the same ratio, to give a net profit equal to that of other departments.

The income of the Lime quarry, paying every expense except Officers and Guard, is \$2025 25 which divided by the number of days work gives 56 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents per day for each convict.

The net income of the Blacksmith's shop is \$1439 50, which by the same process gives 71 cents per day for labor of each convict.

The income of the Shoe-makers is \$975 01, which gives 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per day for labor of each convict. In the above calculations the Overseers salaries are not included.

There are constantly employed in domestic serving about twelve convicts, who may be considered unproductive, viz.

3 waiters, 2 cooks, 2 washers,	- - -	7
1 tending hospital, 4 tailors,	- - -	5
An average of 2 tending hospital may be added,	- - - - -	2
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The principal part of the Granite hammered in the stone shop during the year has been under contract. And there has been transmitted to New Orleans in pursuance of said contract, Granite to the amount of \$6,044 73, and the further quantity valued at \$390 47 not under contract. No part of these sums has been paid, the days of payment having not yet arrived.

The Warden proposes not to credit these sums in his account to be settled with the State until they are actually received by him, which will not be before his accounts now being made up are closed. This perhaps is better than to credit in his usual way, when delivered. No inconvenience can result from it, as that amount will constitute an item of credit in the accounts between the Prison and State, from which the state of the finances of the Prison may be ascertained.

The account of the Prison with the State is as follows—

<i>Dr.</i>	PRISON.	<i>Cr.</i>
To amount of disbursements as per Warden's account certified, is	22,640 10	
Stock on hand October 31, 1832,	17,000 52	
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	\$39,640 62	
		By amount of sales per account,
		11,458 83
		Stock on hand Octo- ber 31, 1833, in- cluding amount of Granite sold and delivered in New Orleans,
		25,245 51
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		36,704 34
		Balance against,
		2,936 28
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		\$39,640 62

The expense of extending and erecting the Prison yard fence and of rebuilding the stone shop, which has been done during the past summer, including the labor of the convicts, as estimated, somewhat exceeds \$1300. And the loss of the labor of the stone-cutters, which has been considerable, in consequence of the injury done the stone shop by the slide or avalanche from the hill above the shop,

together with the decrease of the number of convicts the past year, may have contributed to produce the result in the account above stated with the Prison.

The account of the Warden with the State has been examined, audited and certified by the Inspectors. A copy of this account, together with the other accounts which are required by law to be transmitted by the Inspectors to the Governor and Council, are appended and accompany this Report.

The Hon. John O'Brien was present and assisted in examining the Prison accounts at the meeting of the Inspectors in December.

With sentiments of the highest respect,

Your ob't servants,

(Signed) EDWIN SMITH, }
HENRY INGRAHAM, } *Inspectors.*

The Warden's account certified by the Inspectors.

Dr.	State of Maine in account with Joel Miller, Warden.	Cr.
1833.		
Oct. 31.	For provisions during the year as per ac't,	3267 87
"	" Fuel and Lights, - - - -	1305 95
"	" Clothing, - - - -	648 92
"	" Transporting Convicts from County	
"	Jails, - - - -	400 00
"	" Cash and Clothing to Convicts dis-	
"	charged, - - - -	382 69
"	" Salaries of officers, exclusive of Warden	4339 54
"	" Buildings and Repairs, - - -	540 36
"	" Physician's Bill, - - - -	100 00
"	" Rough Granite, Raw Materials, Inci-	
"	dental Expenses, &c. - - -	11458 37
"	" Chaplain's Bill, - - - -	147 00
	<u>\$22640 70</u>	
		By received for articles sold during the
		year as per account, including
		fees from visitors, - - - -
		11458 83
		Amount received of State Treasurer
		for Officers Salaries, - - - -
		3680 00
		Amount received on old Notes and Ac-
		counts, - - - -
		55 00
		<u>15193 83</u>
		Balance against State,
		7446 87
		<u>\$22640 70</u>

Account of Stock on hand at the beginning and at the close of the year.

Amount of Stock on hand October 31, 1832, as per Stock Book, - - - - <u>\$17000 52</u>	Amount of Stock on hand October 31, 1833, as per Schedule in Stock Book, including Stone shipped to New Orleans valued at \$6435 10, - - - - <u>\$25245 51</u>
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The probable expense of the Prison for the coming year is estimated to be - - - - \$17000 00
 The probable income for the same time is estimated to be - - - - \$16500 00

**Statements of Receipts and Profits, Expenditures and Disbursements for the
year ending October 31, 1833.**

INCOME DEPARTMENTS.

Dr.	Stone Department.	Cr.
For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	8822 00	By received and charged for Granite, as
" " " purchased since,	7841 07	per account, - - - -
" One Overseer's Salary, - - -	400 00	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,
" Balance in favor,	3488 84	
	<u>\$20551 91</u>	<u>4645 98</u>
		<u>15905 93</u>
		<u>\$20551 91</u>

Dr.	Lime Quarry.	Cr.
For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	304 50	By received and charged for Lime Rock
" " " purchased since,	622 00	sold during the year, as per account,
" One Overseer's Salary, - - -	300 00	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,
" Balance in favor, - - - -	1725 21	
	<u>\$2951 75</u>	<u>2725 00</u>
		<u>226 75</u>
		<u>\$2951 75</u>

<i>Dr.</i>	Shoemaking.		<i>Cr.</i>
For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	971 45	By received and charged for Shoes and Boots,	
“ “ “ purchased since,	1986 06	as per account, - - - -	2636 64
“ One Overseer's Salary, - - -	340 00	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,	1295 88
“ Balance in favor, - - - -	635 01		
	<u>\$3932 52</u>		<u>\$3932 52</u>

<i>Dr.</i>	Wheelwrights' and Carpenters' Department.		<i>Cr.</i>
For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	1266 69	By received and charged for wagons, sleighs,	
“ “ “ purchased since,	974 53	&c. sold during the year, per ac't,	1383 13
“ Balance in favor, - - - -	246 58	“ Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,	1104 67
	<u>\$2487 80</u>		<u>\$2487 80</u>

INCOME DEPARTMENTS—CONTINUED.

<i>Dr.</i>	Blacksmiths' Department.	<i>Cr.</i>
For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	1073 33	
“ “ “ purchased since,	1567 40	
“ One Overseer's Salary, - - -	370 00	
“ Balance in favor, - - - -	1069 50	
	<u>\$4080 23</u>	
		By received and charged for articles sold, per
		account, - - - - -
		2752 50
		“ Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,
		1327 73
		<u>\$4080 23</u>

<i>Dr.</i>	Other Departments.	<i>Cr.</i>
For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	295 07	
“ “ “ purchased since,	6 37	
“ Balance in favor, - - - -	133 30	
	<u>\$434 74</u>	
		By received and charged for sundries, as per
		account, - - - - -
		215 62
		“ Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,
		219 12
		<u>\$434 74</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

<i>Dr.</i>	Provision Accounts.	<i>Cr.</i>	
For Provisions on hand, Nov. 1, 1882,	2180 74	By Provisions on hand Oct. 31, 1883,	2266 08
" do. purchased since, - -	3267 87	" Amount consumed, - - -	3132 53
	<u>\$5398 61</u>		<u>\$5398 61</u>

<i>Dr.</i>	Clothing and Convicts discharged.	<i>Cr.</i>	
For Clothing and Shoes on hand Nov. 1, 1882,	387 22	By Clothing on hand Oct. 31, 1883, -	750 12
" do. do. purchased since, and	1428 19	" Amount furnished to Convicts, -	1059 29
Cash and Clothes to Convicts discharged,	1428 19		
	<u>\$1815 41</u>		<u>\$1815 41</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS—CONTINUED.

<i>Dr.</i>	Furniture and Fuel Accounts.	<i>Cr.</i>	
For Furniture and Fuel on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	1209 36	By Furniture and Fuel on hand Oct. 31, 1833,	1803 17
“ “ “ purchased since,	1342 29	“ Amount consumed, - - -	748 48
	<u>\$2551 65</u>		<u>\$2551 65</u>

<i>Dr.</i>	Buildings and Repairs, Expense Account, &c.	<i>Cr.</i>	
For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	540 16	By stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,	340 06
“ “ “ purchased since,	1812 80	“ Balance against, - - - -	2012 90
	<u>\$2352 96</u>		<u>\$2352 96</u>