

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1834.

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

NO. 12.

HOUSE.

Report of the Warden of the State Prison.

THE accounts of the State Prison are herewith transmitted, for the year commencing November 1, 1832, and ending October 31, 1833. By which it will appear that the receipts of the Institution, during that period amount to \$11,458 83. The amount of stock on hand at the close exceeds that on hand at the commencement of the year, by the sum of \$8,244 99. The amount of the receipts and the increase of stock make together the sum of \$19,703 82; which is the amount of the earnings of the convicts for the last year. The expenditures during the same period, embracing building and repairs, pay and subsistence of officers and guard, salaries of Chaplain and Physician, provisions and clothing for convicts, raw materials, fuel and lights, transporting convicts from County jails, &c. &c. amount to \$22,640 10. The sale of granite in the city of New York during the year past has been much less than the year preceding, which I apprehend is attributable to the increased quantity of rough granite shipped to that city from Hallowell, and Quincy, Mass., and wrought there. In consequence of a more limited demand than usual in New

York, a contract was entered into during the last summer to furnish granite for a block of buildings in New Orleans, amounting to something more than \$6,000, all of which has been shipped. Payment is secured by a House in Boston, to be made in thirty days after notice of its delivery at New Orleans. There is also granite in New York which was shipped there during the past year and which remains unsold, amounting to about \$2,900. In my last annual report to the Legislature, mention was made of a demand of \$5,176 15, against Ira Norris of the city of New York, for which the State was credited in my account for that year; since which time \$1,698 93, part of that demand has been paid by Stephen Holt of New York, who was Norris' surety for the payment of said debt, and the balance remains unpaid. It is, however, considered secure and is on interest. An estimate of the probable expenses of the Institution for the year ensuing, is herewith transmitted, pursuant to the requirements of law. Six hundred days' labor have been expended in buildings and repairs, of which no account is made, and which reduces the earnings of the convicts the past year. The stock on hand is reduced the present year by the enlargement of the prison yard, the materials for which were purchased in the summer of 1832, and were included in the stock on hand of that year, and which has been expended during the summer past in the enlargement of the prison yard. The Sabbath school for the convicts has continued to receive attention, and has, it is believed, been attended with a favourable influence upon the unfortunate beings committed to my charge; and it thus far fully verifies the anticipations under which it was established.

During the past year, 36 convicts have been received into the prison, and 38 have been discharged, of which number, 26 were discharged upon the expiration of the

terms for which they were respectively sentenced, and 12 by virtue of a pardon by the Governor and Council. On the first day of January last the number of convicts confined in the prison was 89 ; there are now but 75 ; four years since there were 101, since which time the number has been gradually but constantly decreasing. The diminution of crime is peculiarly gratifying to the philanthropist and patriot, arguing as it does, an improving state of morals, propitious to prosperity and happiness, both public and private. This is not perhaps a proper occasion for inquiring into the causes which are producing such results. Yet I cannot refrain from expressing my confidence that it is the effect, in a great measure, of the diminution in the use of ardent spirits, under the influence of which, immediately or remotely, a great proportion of crimes are committed. And may I not add that this consideration justifies the highest anticipations from the success of a cause in which many of the most distinguished citizens of our country have so ardently enlisted. The fact argues not a little in favor of temperance, abstemiousness and industry, whether voluntary or constrained, that there is not in the establishment at this time, one on the sick list, and that the health of all confined here, has been unusually good, and still continues so, notwithstanding the many deprivations they are obliged to undergo. In proportion to the diminished number of convicts will be the diminished profits of their labor ; the same expense for fuel and lights, and the same number of overseers, &c. being required for a greater as for a less number, within certain limits. But none can regret the loss of profits when their increase must depend upon the increase of crime.

JOEL MILLER, *Warden.*

Report of the Warden of the Maine State Prison, showing the number of Convicts, their employment, &c., for the year 1833.

Number of Convicts January 9, 1833, - - - - -	83	Whole number of Convicts committed since July 2, 1824,	482
Received since, - - - - -	36	Discharged on expiration of sentences, - - - - -	335
	125	Pardoned, - - - - -	56
Discharged since, - - - - -	38	Died, - - - - -	12
Pardoned, - - - - -	12	Escaped and not retaken, - - - - -	4
Died, - - - - -	00	Remaining, - - - - -	75
	50		— 482
Remaining, - - - - -	75		

Of the whole number discharged 48 have been returned on a second commitment.

Of the 75 now in Prison, 46 are Americans, 8 Nova-Scotians, 11 Irish, 8 English, 1 French, 1 Portugese Negro.

Crimes for which they were Sentenced.

Larceny, - - - - -	53	Adultery, - - - - -	2	Arson, - - - - -	1
Forgery, - - - - -	3	Assault with intent to ravish, - - - - -	5	Burglary, - - - - -	2
Counterfeiting, - - - - -	4	Assault with intent to kill, - - - - -	3	Manslaughter, - - - - -	2

The Convicts on the 9th day of January were thus employed.

Laborers in the Quarry, - - - - -	9	Blacksmiths, - - - - -	7	Cooks, - - - - -	2
Stone cutting, - - - - -	26	Shoemakers, - - - - -	9	Washers, - - - - -	2
Tailors, - - - - -	6	Wheelwrights, - - - - -	3	Waiters, - - - - -	3
Attending in the Hospital, - - - - -	1	Oakum pickers, - - - - -	2	Woodcutters, - - - - -	3
Invalids, - - - - -	0	Sick in the Hospital, - - - - -	1	Shoebinders, - - - - -	1
	42		22		11

State of **Maine** in account current with **Joel Miller**, Warden of the State Prison.

Dr.

Cr.

1833.				
Oct. 31.	For provisions during the year as per ac't,	3267 87	By received for articles sold during the	
"	" Clothing, including Shoes, - - -	648 92	year as per account, including	
"	" Fuel and Lights, - - -	1305 95	fees from visitors, - - -	11458 83
"	" Transporting Convicts from County		Amount received of State Treasurer	
"	Jails, - - - - -	400 00	for Officers Salaries, - - -	3680 00
"	" Cash and Clothing to Convicts dis-		Amount received on old Notes and Ac-	
"	charged, - - - - -	382 69	counts, - - - - -	55 00
"	" Salaries of officers, exclusive of Warden	4389 54		
"	" Buildings and Repairs, - - -	540 36		15193 83
"	" Physician's Bill, - - -	100 00		
"	" Rough Granite, Raw Materials, Inci-			
"	dental Expenses, &c. - - -	11458 37		
"	" Chaplain's Bill, - - -	147 00	Balance against State,	7446 87
		<u>\$22640 70</u>		<u>\$22640 70</u>

LINCOLN, ss. *January 13, 1834*—Personally appeared the above named Joel Miller, and made oath that the above account is just and true.—Before me,

EDWIN SMITH, *Justice of the Peace.*

Examined and compared with vouchers on file, and found to be duly authenticated, and correctly cast.

EDWIN SMITH, }
HENRY INGRAHAM, } *Inspectors.*

**Statement of the Receipts and Profits, Expenditures and Disbursements and
General Concerns of the State Prison, for the year ending October 31, 1833.**

INCOME DEPARTMENTS.

No. 1.	Dr.	Stone Department.		Cr.
	For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	8822 00	By received and charged for Granite, sold	
	“ “ “ purchased since,	7841 07	during the year, as per account, -	4645 98
	“ One Overseer's Salary, - -	400 00	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,	15905 93
	“ Balance in favor,	3488 84		
		<u>\$20551 91</u>		<u>\$20551 91</u>

No. 2.	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,	2725 00
	“ One Overseer's Salary, - - -	300 00	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,	226 75
	“ Balance in favor, - - - -	1725 21		
		<u>\$2951 75</u>		<u>\$2951 75</u>

No. 3.	<i>Dr.</i>	Shoemaking.	<i>Cr.</i>
For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,		971 45	
“ “ “ purchased since,		1986 06	
“ One Overseer's Salary, - - -		340 00	
“ Balance in favor, - - - -		635 01	
		<u>\$3932 52</u>	
			By received and charged for Shoes and Boots
			during the year, as per account, - -
			2636 64
			By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,
			1295 88
			<u>\$3932 52</u>

No. 4.	<i>Dr.</i>	Wheelwrights' and Carpenters' Department.	<i>Cr.</i>
For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,		1266 69	
“ “ “ purchased since,		974 53	
“ Balance in favor, - - - -		246 58	
		<u>\$2487 80</u>	
			By received and charged for wagons, sleighs,
			&c. sold during the year, as per ac't,
			1383 13
			“ Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,
			1104 67
			<u>\$2487 80</u>

INCOME DEPARTMENTS—CONTINUED.

No. 5.	<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, during the year, per account, - -
			2752 50
			“ Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,
			1327 73
			<u>\$4080 23</u>

No. 6.	<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, during the year, as per account, - - -
			215 62
			“ Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,
			219 12
			<u>\$434 74</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

No. 1. <i>Dr.</i>	Provision Account.	<i>Cr.</i>	
For Provisions on hand, Nov. 1, 1882,	2130 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>

No. 2. <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,	1428 19	" Amount furnished, - - -	1059 29
	<u>\$1815 41</u>		<u>\$1815 41</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS—CONTINUED.

No. 3.	Dr.	Furniture and Fuel Accounts.	Cr.	
	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>

No. 4.	Dr.	Buildings and Repairs, Expense Account, &c.	Cr.	
	For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1832,	540 16	By stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1833,	340 06
	“ “ “ purchased since, in-	1812 80	“ Balance against, - - - -	2012 90
	ding Expense Account, - - -	<u>\$2352 96</u>		<u>\$2352 96</u>

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Estimate of the probable Expenses of the State Prison, for the Year 1834.

Warden, - - - - -	700 00	For Provisions, - - - - -	3150 00
Deputy Warden, - - - - -	340 00	“ Clothing, - - - - -	890 00
Clerk and Commissary, - - - - -	400 00	“ Fuel and Lights, - - - - -	750 00
Overseers, besides those in the Stone Shop, Shoe Shop, and Lime Quarry, - -	2240 00	“ Tools and Furniture, - - - - -	500 00
Chaplains, - - - - -	150 00	“ Bringing Convicts from County Jails,	400 00
Physician, - - - - -	100 00	“ Officers' Salaries, - - - - -	4000 00
		“ Granite and Raw Materials,	5000 00
		“ Buildings and Repairs, - - - - -	200 00
		“ Incidental Expenses, - - - - -	400 00
		“ Chaplain, - - - - -	150 00
		“ Physician, - - - - -	100 00
	<u>\$3930 00</u>		
			<u>\$15540 00</u>

The income will probably amount to \$15,000 00

JOEL MILLER, Warden.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 24, 1834.

ORDERED, That four hundred copies of the Inspectors' Report be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal,]

Attest, WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary.*

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 25, 1834. }

ORDERED, That four hundred copies of the Warden's Report be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest, ASAPH R. NICHOLS. *Clerk.*