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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 9.]

[SENATE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WARDEN OF THE STATE PRISON.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of
Representatives in Legislature assembled :*

AGREEABLY to the law of the state, I herewith submit the following as the annual report of the State Prison of Maine, for the year ending April 30th, 1849.

At the close of last year there were 67 convicts—received since that time, 19—discharged by expiration of sentence, 16—pardoned 3—remaining, 67. They are employed as follows, to wit:

In the Shoe-shop,	30	Lumpers,	5
Tailoring,	5	Waiters,	2
Washing,	2	In Solitary,	2
Cooks,	2	Sick in the Hospital,	1
Blacksmithing,	7		—
Wheelrights,	11	Aggregate,	67

Thus the number is the same at the close as at the beginning of the year. The general health of the prisoners has been good. At the close of last year three convicts were in solitary confinement ;

now we have but one—one having been discharged, and the other having had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life, leaving as before stated, but one in solitary.

The building to be erected by order of the last legislature, for a hospital and solitary cells for labor, has been commenced, so far as to contract for materials and labor, and will undoubtedly be completed during this season. The appropriation made for its erection and completion, I think quite too small.

The warden and inspectors made an estimate last year and stated to the committee of the legislature, that about \$4,700, would be needed from the state, besides the resources of the prison, to complete the same. I am now of the same opinion.

The prison, I think, will be taken care of as usual, by the state paying the officers' salaries for the next year. It is unnecessary for me to make a lengthy report, having given my views so often and so freely to the legislature, touching the affairs of the prison. I hope however, to be permitted to say that I congratulate the citizens of the state, that all the anticipations formerly entertained, are realized in the new prison, and will undoubtedly be, in the hospital which is now under way for completion. I shall have the pleasure when I leave the prison, to believe, that during my stay there, many improvements have been for the comfort and convenience of the prisoners. I am aware however, that these accommodations have cost money, but I trust no one will find fault with that, provided they are satisfied the money has been judiciously expended.

The standing of the prison in its financial affairs, is as good as it has been in former years.

The tables will show that we have more stock on hand, have more debts due the prison, and owe less than last year. Therefore the prison has paid all its expenses during the last year, except salary of officers, and thus leaving a balance towards paying officers' salaries and other expenses of \$1,598.69.

The legislature will undoubtedly understand that in so large an amount of outstanding debts, many of them will prove to be entirely worthless, when finally settled. Therefore the debts due the prison

cannot all be considered good; yet I think they will compare in value with other trading establishments for the same number of persons and amounts. The question will very naturally arise, shall we not put a stop to this multiplicity of accounts at the prison, whereby so many balances are due, and so many losses happen to the state? In answer, I will ask leave to give it as my opinion, that it is decidedly for the interest of the state to continue this barter trade, even if losses occasionally happen. Though I am quite sure it makes three times the labor for the warden, yet he is supposed to be paid for his services, and if faithful, can make the prison pay its expenses, or much nearer than he could if confined to an entire cash trade.

During the nine years I have been at the prison, no appropriation has been called for, except to help make improvements in the buildings, and but a small part of that has been asked for. The state has every year paid the officers' salaries and probably will have to pay them for years to come. Owing to the large amount of stock on hand and balances due from individuals, the prison will be able to pay all other expenses and do much towards improvements.

The general conduct of the prisoners during the past year has been good, but few punishments inflicted, and those it will be perceived of a mild character.

I am happy to be able to say we are blessed with as good a set of subordinate officers as ever were at the prison. All seem to take an interest in its welfare and assist the warden much in the discipline of the prison. This enables the warden to spend more of his time out of the prison.

The inspectors I presume, will as usual, go more fully into detail and give a minute account of all our affairs. To their report I would more particularly refer you.

The chaplain's report will inform you of the moral and religious condition of the convicts.

I have the honor gentlemen, to remain your ob't serv't,

BENJAMIN CARR, *Warden.*

Thomaston, April 30, 1849.

Dr. The State Prison in account with the State of Maine, Cr.

1849.			1849.		
April 30.	For stock and tools on hand		April 30.	By stock and tools on hand,	17,042 63
	April 30, 1848,	16,678 21		By cash from visitors,	164 35
	For officers's salaries,	4,676 65		By clothing,	139 07
	For clothing,	615 84		By sundries from expense	
	For sundry expenses, trans-			account,	72 63
	porting convicts, &c.,	1,657 48		By shoemaking,	4,567 38
	For fuel and lights,	1,273 83		By building and repairs,	1 20
	For shoemaking,	2,654 18		By wheelrights,	3,300 95
	For building and repairs,	416 56		By team,	882 58
	For wheelrights,	2,375 49		By lime quarry,	1,710 94
	For team,	802 17		By subsistence,	307 47
	For lime quarry,	852 33		By blacksmithing,	1,938 96
	For subsistence,	2,260 15		By cash bro't into prison by	
	For blacksmithing,	775 75		convicts,	11 32
	For convicts discharged,	201 60		By balance against,	5,100 81
		<u>\$25,240 93</u>			<u>\$25,240 28</u>

LINCOLN, ss.—May, 1849.

Personally appeared, Benjamin Carr, and made oath that the above account by him subscribed, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

BEFORE ME,

GEORGE A. STARR,

Justice of the Peace.

Examined and compared with vouchers and found correct.

BENJAMIN F. BUXTON, }
 GEORGE A. STARR, } *Inspectors.*
 STEPHEN BARROWS, }

Convicts.

Number of convicts, April 30th, 1848,	67	Whole number received since July 2d, 1824,	950
Number received since,	19	Discharged on expiration of sentence,	703
	—	Pardoned,	144
	86	Died,	27
Discharged on expiration of sentence,	16	Escaped and not retaken,	7
Pardoned,	3	Removed to Insane Hospital,	2
Remaining April 30th, 1849,	67—	Present number April 30th, 1849,	67—
	86		950

Crimes.

Rape,	1	Adultery,	2
Incest,	1	Passing counterfeit money,	1
Assault with intent to kill,	1	Murder awaiting sentence of death,	1
Assault with intent to ravish,	1	Murder, sentence commuted,	2
Assault with intent to rob,	1	Murder second degree,	2
Larceny,	41	Forgery,	2
Arson,	4		—
Breaking and entering a bank and larceny,	1	Aggregate,	67
Burglary,	6		

Convicts in the State Prison, April 30, 1849.

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County.	Names.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When Committed.	Place of Birth.	Age.	No. com.
Lincoln,	Akers, Nathaniel	Life.	Arson.	Sept. 24, 1841.	Gorham.	30	3
do.	Alexander, James	5 years.	Larceny.	October 29, 1844.	Northport.	40	2
do.	Ball, Benjamin	4 years.	do.	March 9, 1847.	Boston.	44	5
Washington,	Bannick, William	Life.	Burglary.	August 1, 1842.	Ireland.	28	1
do.	Beckett, Robert	5 years.	Burglary and larceny.	March 14, 1847.	Ireland.	22	1
Penobscot,	Boyd, Wilmot H.	3 years.	Forgery.	July 15, 1846.	Virginia.	29	1
Cumberland,	Barnes, Samuel L. J.	15 years.	Larceny.	July 6, 1847.	Portland.	20	1
do.	Brown, Henry	2 years.	do.	October 21, 1847.	Wareham.	18	1
do.	Brown, George	1 year.	Adultery.	Dec. 12, 1848.	Portland.	28	2
Washington,	Browning, Jno.	5 years.	Attempt to poison.	July 21, 1847.	Nova Scotia.	51	1
York,	Bell, William	2 years.	Larceny.	March 1, 1848.	Portland.	33	1
Cumberland,	Bouck, John	3 years.	do.	March 27, 1849.	Ireland.	23	1
York,	Bean, James	2 years.	do.	October 26, 1848.	Waterborough.	18	1
Penobscot,	Buxton, George	1 year.	do.	June 19, 1848.	Woodstock.	18	1
Lincoln,	Creemer, Israel	10 years.	Arson.	Sept. 25, 1843.	Waldoborough.	35	1
York,	Cole, Elisha	5 years.	Passing counterfeit money.	October 11, 1845.	Buxton.	41	1
Penobscot,	Canney, Ezra	Life.	Murder—second degree.	Nov. 13, 1846.	Tuftenboro'.	42	1
York,	Corlett, Thomas	3 years.	Larceny.	Nov. 5, 1846.	England.	40	1
Oxford,	Clement, William P.	2 years.	do.	Nov. 20, 1847.	Lancaster.	23	1
Kennebec,	Coolidge, V. P.	Life.	Murder—commuted.	March 28, 1848.	Canton.	27	1
Cumberland,	Dyer, Martha Ann	10 years.	Larceny.	October 17, 1839.	Pittsfield.	38	1
do.	Davis, James	5 years.	do.	June 29, 1844.	Portland.	18	3
do.	Davis, Thomas	4 years.	do.	July 6, 1847.	Massachusetts.	24	1
Penobscot,	Douglass, William S.	7 years.	Incest.	July 21, 1847.	Scotland.	48	1
York,	Chadwick, Jonathan	3 years.	Assault to rob.	October 14, 1848.	Berwick.	23	1
Cumberland,	Frost, James	7 years.	Larceny.	October 21, 1847.	Portland.	18	1
do.	Gould, Selden	5 years.	do.	October 22, 1846.	Wilton.	29	3
Waldo,	Green, Henry	6 years.	Larceny and arson.	April 1, 1844.	Ireland.	19	1
Lincoln,	Getchell, Benjamin	4 years.	Larceny.	July 17, 1848.	Wiscasset.	39	1
Somerset,	Hill, John	Life.	Arson.	June 25, 1842.	England.	53	1
Cumberland,	Hamblet, Reuben B.	5 years.	Larceny.	July 6, 1847.	N. Hampshire.	20	1
do.	Hodgkins, Edward H.	2 years.	do.	October 26, 1848.	Portland.	37	1
York,	Holland, John	2 years.	do.	October 26, 1848.	Salem.	28	1
Cumberland,	Johnson, Joseph H.	2 years.	do.	October 21, 1847.	Portland.	17	1
Lincoln,	Kenza, Charles	10 years.	Burglary.	Sept. 26, 1846.	New York.	30	4
Cumberland,	Kenney, George F.	5 years.	Larceny.	October 22, 1846.	Halifax.	24	1
Kennebec,	Lander, Joseph T.	3 years.	do.	January 2, 1847.	Andover.	43	1
Penobscot,	Leighton, Timothy	1 year.	do.	October 26, 1848.	Falmouth.	44	2
York,	Littlefield, Rufus	4 years.	Assault to ravish.	October 14, 1848.	Kennebunk.	25	1
Cumberland,	Martin, Edward A.	Life.	Rape.	Nov. 27, 1846.	Standish.	24	1
do.	Murray, James	5 years.	Larceny.	March 29, 1846.	Ireland.	23	1

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York,	Moore, George	2 years.	Larceny.	Dec. 19, 1843.	Topsham.	38	1
Kennebec,	Morse, Manness	5 years.	do.	Dec. 26, 1848.	Ireland.	22	1
Cumberland,	Owen, Thomas, jr.	5 years.	do.	May 26, 1846.	Portland.	19	1
do.	Richardson, Oliver D.	12 years.	do.	July 1, 1843.	Otisfield.	37	5
Lincoln,	Richardson, Columbus	Life.	do.	Sept. 26, 1846.	Litchfield.	30	2
Franklin,	Oaks, John	1 year.	Arson.	April 17, 1849.	Chesterville.	48	1
Penobscot,	Spencer, Isaac	Life.	Murder—commuted.	Feb. 21, 1836.	Orono.	21	1
Washington,	Sharkey, Thomas	Life.	Burglary.	August 1, 1842.	Ireland.	22	1
Lincoln,	Smith, Robert	5 years.	Adultery.	August 9, 1744.	Ireland.	23	1
Penobscot,	Sawyer, Henry	5 years.	Larceny.	Feb. 19, 1846.	Saco.	38	2
York,	Simons, Calvin	2 years.	do.	Dec. 19, 1848.	N. Hampshire.	27	1
Cumberland,	Storer, William H.	6 years.	do.	October 22, 1846.	New Sharon.	26	1
do.	Thorn, Thomas	To be hanged.	Murder.	May 17, 1843.	Long Island.	24	1
do.	Thompson, Nathaniel R.	15 years.	Larceny.	July 6, 1847.	New York.	25	1
Kennebec,	Turner, Alexander G.	4 years.	do.	January 2, 1847.	Scotland.	20	1
York,	Todd, Joseph	3 years.	Assault to kill.	October 14, 1848.	Portsmouth.	23	1
do.	Trenholm, John Q. A.	5 years.	Larceny.	October 26, 1848.	Elizabethtown.	26	1
Oxford,	Willis, Isaiah	4 years.	Forgery.	May 31, 1845.	Middleboro'.	67	1
Cumberland,	White, Lewis	5 years.	Larceny.	June 29, 1844.	Portland.	17	2
do.	Worthing, Ensign	4 years.	do.	October 21, 1847.	Corinth.	12	1
do.	Williams, John D.	7 years.	do.	March 22, 1848.	Vienna.	24	1
Kennebec,	Wingate, Frederick A.	8 years.	Breaking & entering a Bank.	April 21, 1849.	Charlestown.	21	1
Cumberland,	Ward, Allen	3 years.	Larceny.	March 27, 1849.	Brunswick.	19	1
Penobscot,	Varney, Richard	Life.	Murder—second degree.	Dec. 20, 1845.	Kennebec.	27	1
York,	Young, Jno. W.	5 years.	Larceny.	October 26, 1843.	Portland.	37	2
Lincoln,	Richards, Nathan	7 years.	Burglary.	Sept. 25, 1843.	Wayne.	27	3

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IN SENATE, June 7, 1849.

ORDERED, That 1,000 copies of the foregoing Report be printed for the use of the Legislature, 500 copies for the use of the Senate, and 50 copies for the use of the Warden.

ATTEST: DANIEL T. PIKE, *Secretary.*