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REPORTS

OF THE

WARDEN AND INSPECTORS

OF THE

MAINE STATE PRISON,

AND OF THE

COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ON

PARDONS AND STATE PRISON AFFAIRS.

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REPORT

OF THE

WARDEN OF THE STATE PRISON.

For the Year 1853.

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# R E P O R T.

*To his Excellency the Governor, and the  
Honorable Council of the State of Maine:*

THE Warden of the Maine State Prison submits the following Report, to show the operations of the prison from December 1st 1852, to December 1st, 1853.

December 1st, 1852, found us with 73 convicts. Since that time, 21 have been received. The number discharged by expiration of sentence, is 19—and by pardon, 6. Remaining December 1st, 1853, 69. They have been employed during the season, as follows, viz :

Lime Quarry, . . . . . 9	Tailors, . . . . . 1
Shoemaking on contract, 28	Cooks, . . . . . 2
In Solitary, . . . . . 1	Basket-making, . . . . . 1
Washers, . . . . . 2	Lumpers, . . . . . 1
Waiters, . . . . . 1	
In Smith Shop, . . . . . 9	Total, . . . . . 69
Wheelwrights, . . . . . 14	

It will be seen that our number has decreased four, since my last report, and eighteen, since April 1, 1851. The general health of the prisoners has been good. There have been no deaths, and but one serious accident. This was a fall from the upper flooring, while passing through a scuttle, of a convict by the name of Larrabee, falling some thirty feet on to the stone flagging, and breaking both arms just above the wrists. This occurred in the month of June last, but by the best of medical care he has recovered, so as to be able to do light work now, and probably soon will be able to labor and support himself when he shall have been sent out upon the world again.

It will be seen that the number of convicts falls short since my last report four, and eighteen since April, 1851. This shows a great decrease, which every one should rejoice at, although it operates against the profits of the prison, as it takes the same number to oversee and guard them that it would were there one hundred, and about the same number of cooks, washers and waiters, leaving us with quite a small number to carry on all the branches of our business, only about sixty available men, and taking into consideration that a part of these are very inefficient; yet I think, however, that the affairs of the prison during the last year will compare favorably with any former year since the prison went into operation. It gives me great pleasure to say, that the conduct of the prisoners has been remarkably good. They have attended to their various duties with cheerfulness and faithfulness, as the results will show; while the punishments have greatly fallen off in comparison with former years. There have been fifty days spent in solitary as punishment during the last year.

I have been obliged to resort to corporal punishment in two instances, not however until I had spent two years in exerting all other means in my power to bring them to a sense of their duty; and I am happy to say, that all I have to regret is, that I did not commence with them at an earlier day. On taking charge of this prison nearly four years since, I was determined to pursue a mild and gentle course with the convicts, and believe that the under officers generally have been of the same mind, but there are some men who find their way into our prisons, whom you cannot reach through persuasion and kindness. I am willing to admit, however, that the number is small, and that corporeal punishment should be a last resort.

There has been no material change in the business operations since my last report. The various departments have been quite successful, and about all the work has been disposed of to good advantage. The net earnings of the wheelwrights amount to two thousand and ten dollars and two cents. The earnings of the blacksmiths, one thousand six hundred and



thirty-two dollars and twenty-five cents; of the shoemakers, two thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars and twenty cents; of the basket making, six hundred and twenty-seven dollars and one cent; of the quarry, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty cents; and fees from visitors, two hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty-four cents; making in all eight thousand eight hundred and eighty-six dollars and ninety-two cents.

The expenses of the prison, exclusive of officers' salaries and building and repairs, have been as follows, viz: subsistence, thirty-three hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety-two cents; for fuel and lights, eight hundred and fifty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents; for convicts discharged, three hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty-two cents; for team, three hundred and thirty-five dollars; for expense account, fourteen hundred and twenty-eight dollars and twenty-three cents; for clothing, four hundred and ninety-six dollars and sixty-two cents; making six thousand eight hundred and ten dollars and ninety-eight cents, which leaves a balance of two thousand and seventy-five dollars and ninety-four cents over and above the expenses. With this balance we have paid on old debts the sum of eight hundred and fifteen dollars and forty-seven cents, and the remainder we have used in finishing the wall which was commenced three years since, and which has been continued through the past season.

We have built six hundred feet of wall on an average of twelve feet high and three feet thick, with a wooden breast-work on top four feet high, making the whole height of the fence on the inside sixteen feet. The top of the wall is floored over and with an outside railing makes a very safe walk for the guards to pass around the yard. We have also built a new guard house. There has been expended in constructing the wall and other building and repairs about the prison, the sum of thirty-nine hundred dollars and fifteen cents. We have received from the state treasurer the sum of two thousand dollars, the amount of the appropriation. There remains now

about three hundred feet of wall to be erected, and one new guard house, to complete the enclosure of the entire yard; and we have about all the lumber on hand and the rock quarried to finish the whole, consequently shall need no farther appropriation from the State, and the prison will be able to support itself with the exception of officers' salaries.

Since my last report, one convict by the name of John Merrill escaped from the prison, but was retaken and returned, where he now remains.

I would here call your attention to the fact, that the engine belonging to the State is worthless. I had it taken to Boston the past season, and on examination found it was not worth repairing. There is a large amount of property belonging to the State in jeopardy, and past experience shows that we should have a good engine or some force pumps. Could we have had either, the fire which burned the prison three years since, might have been prevented. There should also be a new blacksmith's shop built next season; and for means to purchase an engine and build the shop, some land belonging to the State attached to the prison, and not needed for any of our operations, might be sold and the proceeds taken for this object. It will, however, require an act of the Legislature authorizing the warden to give a deed, should they think it advisable to dispose of it.

A knowledge of the religious and moral condition of the prisoners may be found in the report of the Rev. Oliver J. Fernald, chaplain of the prison, whose unremitting efforts to improve the morals and promote the happiness and welfare of the convicts, are worthy of the highest praise.

The warden here expresses his obligations to the committee of the council, the Hon. William Buxton, and to the board of inspectors, the Hon. George Thorndike and Hon. Jonathan Spear, for the support they have uniformly given him in his efforts to improve the general condition of the prison and its inmates.

I should not do justice to my own feelings, were I to close

this report without speaking of the subordinate officers connected with the prison, for their constant desire to conduct the institution with a spirit of kindness rather than severity. And to the clerk of the prison I would return my thanks for his untiring devotion to, and fidelity in, the discharge of the duties connected with his office. The physician has been not less attentive in his department, but has been remarkably successful in arresting disease and preserving a large degree of health.

The inspectors have visited the prison the present month and taken an account of stock, and will make a full report upon the general affairs and of the finances, &c. I would refer you to their report.

WILLIAM BENNETT, *Warden.*

Thomaston, Nov. 30th, 1853.

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

1852.			1853.		
Nov. 30.	For stock and tools on hand, . . . . .	\$10,537 08	Nov. 30.	By stock and tools on hand, . . . . .	\$10,338 59
	For bal. of convicts discharged account,	316 32		By fees from visitors,	217 24
	For balance of officers' salaries account,	4,874 75		By balance of shoe-making account,	2,540 45
	For balance of fuel and lights account,	807 51		By bal. blacksmithing account,	1,726 42
	For balance of building and repairs acct.,	763 80		By bal. basket-making account,	518 64
	For balance of construction account,	3,379 25		By bal. wheelwrights accounts,	2,463 68
	For balance of team account,	143 25		By balance lime quarry account,	1,553 70
	For balance of subsistence account,	3,383 96		By bal. against prison,	6,697 96
	For balance of clothing account,	398 75			
	For balance of expense account,	1,452 01			
		<hr/> 26,056 68			<hr/> \$26,056 68

WILLIAM BENNETT, *Warden.*

LINCOLN, SS.—

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

Before me,

BEDER FALES, *Justice of the Peace.*

**CONVICTS.**

Number of convicts November 30, 1852, . . . . .	73	Whole number received since July 2, 1824, . . . . .	1,079
Received since, . . . . .	21	Discharged on expiration of sentence, . . . . .	790
	94	Discharged on writ of error, . . . . .	1
		Pardoned, . . . . .	179
Discharged on expiration of sentence, 19		Died, . . . . .	28
Pardoned, . . . . .	6	Escaped and not retaken, . . . . .	8
Remaining November 30, 1853, . . . . .	69	Removed to Insane Hospital, . . . . .	4
	94	Present number Nov. 30, 1853, . . . . .	69
			1,079

**CRIMES.**

Larceny, . . . . .	45	Rape, . . . . .	2
Arson, . . . . .	2	Adultery, . . . . .	2
Burglary, . . . . .	2	Assault, with intent to ravish, . . . . .	3
Forgery, . . . . .	1	Robbery, . . . . .	1
Murder, . . . . .	1	Shopbreaking and larceny, . . . . .	3
Murder—sentence commuted, . . . . .	1		—
Murder—second degree, . . . . .	1	Aggregate, . . . . .	69
Manslaughter, . . . . .	5		

Convicts in the State Prison November 30, 1853.

County.	Names.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When committed.	Place of Birth.	Age.	No. com.
Kennebec	Allen, Elisha T.,	6 years,	Arson,	Oct. 29, 1850,	Fairfield,	21	1
Cumberland,	Boyle, Enoch,	6 do.	Larceny,	Oct. 29, 1852,	Richmond,	17	1
Kennebec,	Bryant, John,	2 do.	do.	Jan. 1, 1852,	Canton,	23	1
Hancock,	Beckett, Robert,	5 do.	do.	Feb. 1, 1853,	Ireland,	28	2
Penobscot,	Canny, Ezra,	Life,	Murder—second degree,	Nov. 13, 1846,	Tuftenborough,	42	1
Somerset,	Clark, Stephen,	3 years,	Larceny,	Nov. 4, 1851,	Bingham,	21	1
Waldo,	Conners, Samuel,	5 do.	Adultery,	Dec. 30, 1851,	Cherryfield,	37	1
Lincoln,	Carpenter, George W.,	7 do.	Larceny,	Mar. 16, 1852,	Phippsburg,	22	1
Penobscot,	Cilley, Elias,	5 do.	do.	Dec. 18, 1852,	Atkinson,	21	2
Kennebec,	Dearborn, Leonard,	3 do.	do.	April 22, 1851,	Mount Vernon,	21	1
York,	Delay, Morris,	10 do.	Manslaughter,	Oct. 7, 1851,	Lebanon,	43	1
Cumberland,	Dudly, Francis,	2 do.	Larceny,	Aug. 21, 1852,	Ireland,	20	1
Hancock,	Dodge, Freeman,	3 do.	do.	Feb. 1, 1853,	Burnham,	24	1
Kennebec,	Egan, John,	1½ do.	do.	Oct. 4, 1853,	Ireland,	26	1
do.	Fellows, Russell S.,	10 do.	Assault to ravish,	Oct. 29, 1851,	Winthrop,	25	2
do.	Fielding, Jeremiah,	4 do.	do.	May 29, 1851,	Ireland,	30	1
do.	Freeman, William,	3 do.	Larceny,	Sept. 4, 1852,	Portland,	22	1
Penobscot,	Gamage, Samuel,	4 do.	do.	Feb. 14, 1850,	Boston,	24	1
Lincoln,	Gorman, Robert,	4 do.	do.	Mar. 16, 1852,	Ireland,	26	1
Cumberland,	Getchell, Benjamin,	Life,	Robbery,	Dec. 22, 1852,	Wiscasset,	43	2
Oxford,	Garland, Gilman,	1 year,	Larceny,	Mar. 17, 1853,	Andover,	22	1
Penobscot,	Griffin, Thomas,	1 do.	do.	July 2, 1853,	Ireland,	39	1
Cumberland,	Harlow, Lucius,	7 do.	do.	April 2, 1850,	Minot,	21	1
Oxford,	Higgins, Edmund,	Life,	Rape,	June 6, 1850,	Denmark,	40	2
Kennebec,	Howes, George,	2 years,	Larceny,	Jan. 1, 1852,	Boothbay,	21	1
do.	Hall, John B.,	3 do.	do.	Sept. 4, 1852,	Portland,	22	1
Cumberland,	Hickey, Charles,	6 do.	do.	Dec. 22, 1852,	E. Machias,	35	2
York,	Haskell, William E.,	17 do.	do.	Oct. 26, 1853,	Unity,	19	2
Waldo,	Hardy, John,	5 do.	do.	Jan. 20, 1853,	Nova Scotia,	22	1
Oxford,	Johnson, Levi W.,	4 do.	do.	Dec. 4, 1850,	Vermont,	28	1
Waldo,	Jewell, John J.,	7 do.	Manslaughter,	July, 30, 1851,	Castine,	43	1
Lincoln,	Kenza, Charles,	10 do.	Burglary,	Sept. 26, 1846,	New York,	30	4
Cumberland,	Leighton Timothy,	5 do.	Larceny,	April 2, 1850,	Falmouth,	45	2
Waldo,	Larrabee, Rufus A.,	7 do.	Manslaughter,	Dec. 30, 1851,	Monroe,	22	1
York,	Livingston, George,	2 do.	Larceny,	Oct. 26, 1853,	England,	25	1

Kennebec,	Morse, Manness,	5 years,	Larceny,	Dec. 26, 1848,	Ireland,	22	1
Penobscot,	Mitchell, Joseph,	7 do.	Manslaughter,	Dec. 3, 1849,	Oldtown,	28	1
Somerset,	Merrill, John,	6 do.	Larceny,	Jan. 30, 1850,	Newport,	21	1
Penobscot,	McGuire, Michael,	4 do.	do.	Feb. 14, 1850,	Ireland,	34	1
do.	Mains, Charles W.,	8 do.	do.	Nov. 14, 1850,	Dexter,	23	1
Oxford,	Monk, Elijah,	6 do.	do.	Sept. 4, 1852,	Buckfield,	40	1
Lincoln,	Murray, Alexander,	5 do.	do.	Dec. 8, 1852,	England,	30	2
Cumberland,	Marshall, William,	2 do.	do.	Dec. 22, 1852,	Portland,	24	2
Penobscot,	McClure, John W.,	2 do.	do.	Mar. 16, 1853,	Thorndike,	29	2
Cumberland,	McKenney, Wallis,	2 do.	Forgery,	Aug. 3, 1853,	Hollis,	37	2
Penobscot,	Nagle, Richard,	1 do.	Larceny,	Dec. 18, 1852,	N. Brunswick,	27	1
Cumberland,	Owen, Thomas,	5 do.	do.	July 5, 1851,	Portland,	24	2
do.	Ploughman, George,	Life,	Murder—sen. commuted,	Jan. 11, 1850,	England,	59	1
Penobscot,	Potter, Marshall,	3 years,	Larceny,	Feb. 13, 1851,	Litchfield,	30	1
Cumberland,	Potter, Geo. T., colored,	4 do.	do.	July 5, 1851,	Portland,	14	1
do.	Richardson, Oliver D.,	12 do.	do.	July 1, 1843,	Otisfield,	37	5
Washington,	Ramsdell, Aaron,	4 do.	Adultery,	Aug. 3, 1850,	Lubec,	29	1
Penobscot,	Rollins, Benjamin,	Life,	Rape,	Nov. 28, 1851,	New Sharon,	45	1
Lincoln,	Richards, Nathan,	15 years,	Shopbreaking & larceny,	Aug. 18, 1852,	Wayne,	36	4
do.	Resseim, Nelson,	3 do.	Larceny,	Dec. 8, 1852,	France,	34	1
Kennebec,	Shaw, John, jr.,	10 do.	Arson,	May 25, 1850,	Augusta,	38	1
Cumberland,	Soule, Isaac,	4 do.	Larceny,	Mar. 29, 1851,	Freeport,	51	1
Lincoln,	Stowell, Henry S.,	12 do.	Shopbreaking & larceny,	Aug. 18, 1852,	Norwich,	22	2
Oxford,	Smith, William,	10 do.	Assault to ravish,	Sept. 4, 1852,	Cabot,	16	1
Washington,	Smith, David,	6 do.	do.	Oct. 14, 1852,	Ireland,	19	1
Waldo,	Smith, Franklin A.,	2 do.	Manslaughter,	Oct. 20, 1853,	Lisbon,	29	1
Cumberland,	Thorn, Thomas,	To be hanged,	Murder,	May 17, 1843,	Long Island,	24	1
Penobscot,	Tibbetts, Samuel H.,	2 years,	Larceny,	Dec. 18, 1852,	Exeter,	24	1
Cumberland,	Van Antwerp, Charles,	4 do.	do.	Dec. 22, 1852,	Brooklin,	19	1
Hancock,	Vance, John,	5 do.	do.	Feb. 1, 1853,	Boston,	18	1
Cumberland,	Williams, John D.,	7 do.	do.	Mar. 22, 1848,	Vienna,	24	1
Penobscot,	Woodbine, Henry,	Life,	Burglary,	Nov. 14, 1850,	Indiana,	30	1
Lincoln,	Worthing, Ensign,	15 years,	Shopbreaking & larceny,	Aug. 18, 1852,	Corinth,	17	2
Penobscot,	Patten, Charles W.,	1 do.	Larceny,	Mar. 16, 1853,	Durham,	32	1







**REPORT**

OF THE

**INSPECTORS OF THE STATE PRISON.**

For the Year 1853.





# REPORT.

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*To the Governor and Council  
of the State of Maine :*

The Inspectors of the Maine State Prison submit the following report, for the year ending December 1, 1853 :

We learn from the warden, that his annual report will give the number of prisoners now in prison, and the number employed in the different departments of the same, and therefore deem it unnecessary to go into details upon these points, as it would be but a repetition of that portion of his report.

We find the physical condition of the prisoners as favorable as can be expected where a strict prison discipline is enforced. They are well supplied with plain but wholesome food, and are well clad with comfortable though cheap clothing, and each cell occupied by a prisoner is well furnished with comfortable bedding. That part of the prison in which the convicts are lodged is well ventilated, and is warmed with four stoves, so that all appears to be done, to promote their personal comfort, that can be done, consistent with prison regulations.

From the record of punishment, we learn that but fifty-five days have been passed in solitary confinement by convicts the past year, showing a decided decrease of punishment when compared with former years, while the increased profits of the different departments, shows that the diminution is not the result of any remissness or laxity on the part of officers of the prison ; but is evidence of the improvement in the conduct of prisoners, generally induced, we believe, by the hope that this

improvement will be their recommendation to executive favor. And in connection with this subject we would say, that we believe the free exercise of the pardoning power to have a beneficial influence upon the conduct of convicts; for all are anxious to be relieved from some portion of their sentences, and in no other way can they effect so much in accomplishing this (to them) desirable object, as they can by faithfully performing their tasks, strictly obeying the orders of their overseers, and at all times regarding the rules and regulations of the prison.

While these advantages are obtained from the convict when in prison, we believe that a healthy moral influence is exerted upon him after he has left this institution; for if not lost to every feeling of humanity, it will awaken a sense of gratitude, that will prompt him to pursue such a course in life as would prove himself worthy of the confidence thus reposed in him. We do not wish to be understood to say that we believe such would be the result in all cases; but such would be the result in most cases, where the convict was judged by the executive upon the merits of his conduct in prison, in connection with his previous course and habits of life.

We believe severity of punishment often defeats its own purpose, by irritating its victim, and often engendering the worst of passions, revenge; particularly so, when the victim believes that he is pursued in vindictiveness, and the last ounce of the "pound of flesh" has been exacted, whether that belief is well founded or not.

The prison appears very neat and clean in all parts, and all things seem to be in their appropriate places—and the property of the State in all the departments appeared to be well cared for by the able and efficient overseers in charge of them, and the most untiring industry appeared to prevail at all times, in the different departments of business in this institution.

While the prison and all the buildings attached to it are in a good state of repair and most of them well adapted to the business for which they were designed when erected, we think the

blacksmith's shop quite inadequate for the comfort or convenience of the number of men employed, the amount of business done, or labor performed, in that department of the prison. We are of the opinion that a much larger building is required for that branch of business. This improvement, and a small expenditure to complete the wall enclosing the prison yard, is all that will be required to put the prison in excellent order, and this we understood the warden to say could be done without further appropriation from the State treasury.

The prison has been, since June last, without a fire engine; the old engine belonging to it having been sent to Boston at that time for repairs; on examination it was found not to be worth repairing. The warden is of the opinion that if authorized to sell a lot of land belonging to the State, outside the prison yard, which is of no value to the State as it now is, that he could raise a sum sufficient to purchase a new and suitable engine that would effectually protect the property of the State in this institution from fire. We would recommend the Legislature to authorize the warden to make the sale and purchase aforesaid as soon as possible, for we feel that the property of the State, as well as the lives of the prisoners, to be in some peril as now situated.

By the annexed table, it will be seen that the aggregate profits of the different departments exceeds all expenses of the same, exclusive of officers' salaries, for the past year, two thousand seventy-five dollars and ninety-four cents, which is a slight increase over the average earnings of the prison for the nineteen months preceding December 1, 1852. The tables also exhibit the profits of each separate department for the last year, and that the liabilities of the prison exceed sums due by one thousand four hundred two dollars and six cents. We believe the financial affairs of the prison to be conducted with marked ability by the warden, and we most cheerfully bear testimony to the able and efficient manner in which all departments of this institution have been conducted, which reflects great credit, not only upon the warden, but on all the

subordinate officers of the same, showing conclusively that the confidence reposed in them was not misplaced.

Which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE THORNDIKE,  
JONATHAN SPEAR.

January 2, 1854.

**Statement of Net Profits and Expenditures in the different Departments from December 1, 1852, to December 1, 1853.**

<i>Wheelwrights.</i>		
<i>Cr.</i>	By balance of account, . . . . .	\$2,463 68
<i>Dr.</i>	For stock reduced, . . . . .	453 66
	Net gain, . . . . .	2,010 02
—		
<i>Shoemaking.</i>		
<i>Cr.</i>	By balance of account, . . . . .	2,540 45
<i>Dr.</i>	For stock reduced, . . . . .	6 25
	Net gain, . . . . .	2,534 20
—		
<i>Blacksmithing.</i>		
<i>Cr.</i>	By balance of account, . . . . .	1,726 42
<i>Dr.</i>	For stock reduced, . . . . .	94 17
	Net gain, . . . . .	1,632 25
—		
<i>Lime Quarry.</i>		
<i>Cr.</i>	By balance of accounts, . . . . .	1,553 70
"	By stock increased, . . . . .	312 50
●	Net gain, . . . . .	1,866 20
—		
<i>Basket-making.</i>		
<i>Cr.</i>	By balance of account, . . . . .	518 64
"	By stock increased, . . . . .	109 37
	Net gain, . . . . .	628 01
—		
<i>Fees from Visitors.</i>		
<i>Cr.</i>	By balance of account. Net gain, . . . . .	217 24
—		
<i>Fuel and Lights.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account, . . . . .	807 51
"	For stock reduced, . . . . .	51 38
	Amount expended, . . . . .	858 89
—		
<i>Convicts Discharged.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account. Amount expended, . . . . .	\$316 32

**Statement of Net Profits, Expenditures, &c., (Continued.)**

<i>Team.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account,	\$143 25
"	For stock reduced,	191 75
	Amount expended,	335 00
—		
<i>Expense Account.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account,	1,452 01
<i>Cr.</i>	By stock increased,	23 78
	Amount expended,	1,428 23
—		
<i>Subsistence.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account,	3,383 96
<i>Cr.</i>	By stock increased,	8 04
	Amount expended,	3,375 92
—		
<i>Building and Repairs.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account,	763 80
"	For stock reduced,	49 40
	Amount expended,	813 20
—		
<i>Construction Account.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account,	3,379 25
<i>Cr.</i>	By stock increased,	292 30
	Amount expended,	3,086 95
—		
<i>Clothing.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>	For balance of account,	398 75
"	For stock reduced,	97 87
	Amount expended,	\$496 62



**Dr. Recapitulation of Profits and Expenditures of different Cr.  
Departments, exclusive of Officers' salaries.**

Fuel and lights, . . . . .	\$558 89	Wheelwright, . . . . .	\$2,010 02
Convicts discharged, . . . . .	316 32	Shoemaking, . . . . .	2,534 20
Loss on team, . . . . .	335 00	Blacksmithing, . . . . .	1,632 25
Expense account, . . . . .	1,428 23	Basket-making, . . . . .	627 01
Subsistence, . . . . .	3,375 92	Lime quarry, . . . . .	1,866 20
Clothing, . . . . .	496 62	Fees from visitors, . . . . .	217 24
Balance in favor of prison, . . . . .	2,075 94		
	<u>\$8,886 92</u>		<u>\$8,886 92</u>

**Recapitulation of Stock and Tools on hand.**

Amount in clothing department, . . . . .	\$1,141 34
“ “ wheelwright department, . . . . .	2,569 04
“ “ lime quarry department, . . . . .	1,501 00
“ “ fuel and light department, . . . . .	274 39
“ “ team department, . . . . .	366 75
“ “ blacksmith department, . . . . .	1,622 08
“ “ shoemaking department, . . . . .	238 65
“ “ expense account department, . . . . .	845 44
“ “ basket department, . . . . .	542 81
“ “ subsistence department, . . . . .	944 79
“ “ construction account, . . . . .	292 30
	<u>\$10,338 59</u>

**Expenditures not included in foregoing Tables.**

To balance of officers' salaries, . . . . .	\$4,874 75
“ against building and repair department, . . . . .	813 20
“ against construction account, . . . . .	3,086 95
	<u>\$8,774 90</u>

**Statement of Notes and Accounts.**

Due sundry individuals on notes, . . . . .	\$2,271 61	
Due sundry individuals on books, . . . . .	3,206 40	
		5,478 01
Due from sundry individuals on notes, . . . . .	606 18	
Due from sundry individuals on books, . . . . .	3,469 77	
		4,075 95
Prison owes this amount over the debts due, . . . . .		\$1,402 06



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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ON PARDONS AND STATE PRISON AFFAIRS.

For the Year 1853.

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# REPORT.

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*To the Governor and Council:*

THE committee appointed by the Governor under the act of the Legislature, approved April 1, 1853, on State Prison Affairs, respectfully submit the following Report for the past year.

As it is the duty of the Inspectors of the State Prison to present annually a full account of the financial affairs of the same, reference is made to said report on that subject. Also, to that of the warden for the discharge of the duties incumbent on him as warden.

In the management of the business of the several departments of the prison, great care has been taken in the order and cleanliness of the convicts; a kind, efficient and humane discipline has been adopted and enforced, much to the credit of the different officers of the prison.

In carrying on much of the mechanical labor, larger rooms would be preferred, and be a source of profit to the State.

The buildings are in good repair, and a wall of a substantial grade has been quite completed round the yard the present year, to finish which, one thousand dollars should be appropriated by the Legislature.

Care has been taken for the moral and religious condition of the convicts, and for a more full statement, reference is made to the reports of the chaplain and physician relative to these important subjects.

As many of the convicts are capable and inclined to read, a larger library ought to be provided and placed within their

reach; and it is suggested that the warden, with the aid of the chaplain, be authorized to expend one hundred dollars in the purchasing of useful and proper books for the prison.

The contract with Messrs. Carr & O'Brien, for the labor of a certain portion of the convicts, will expire during the present year, and as the manufacturing of leather, wood and other articles is carried on extensively in the State, it is suggested, that in case the present contract is not continued with the above named persons, the warden, with the inspectors, be authorized to take such measures as to any future contracts as they may deem for the interest of the State.

The want of an engine has been felt, and it is suggested that provision be made for the purchase of one for the prison.

On reflecting upon the varied and complicated duties of the warden, it is with no small degree of pleasure, the committee would express his entire satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. Bennett, the present warden, has discharged all the duties of the office.

Which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM BUXTON, *Committee.*

JANUARY 1, 1854.