
REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ROYAL HOSPITAL, AND GAOL.

To the Hon. the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee appointed to visit the Public Schools, Royal Hospital and Gaol, would most respectfully report :—

That on inspection of Public Schools, your Committee found the main building in tolerable order and cleanliness. There, however, should be some alterations in the position of the blackboards. The teachers find them very inconvenient as they are now situated. The desks also, in one or two rooms, require re-adjustment.

Your Committee would also recommend that a large room, now used for hats, might be utilized for a reception room, as recommended by the Trustees, who accompanied your Committee on their inspection ; also repairs to the roofs, and better drainage from the High School building. In a sanitary point it is highly necessary, and should be attended to immediately.

Your Committee would further draw the attention of the Government to the fact that the Government provide \$650 for incidental expenses, which should, in our opinion, be sufficient to adjust the blackboards and make any alterations that may be required within the different school-rooms.

Further your Committee would recommend that it is highly expedient that tuition fees should be charged for pupils of the High School, with a view of making that institution self-supporting.

We would further advise that the Government place the superintendence of the adjacent lands to the buildings under the Trustees of Schools.

In regard to the Royal Hospital, your Committee in visiting this institution found everything in good order and cleanliness.

We would recommend that in consideration of the large sum allotted to the above Hospital by the Government, they should have at least an equal representation in the Board of Directors.

Your Committee further consider it highly expedient, and would recommend to the Government the advisability of urging upon the Directors that tenders should always be called for all supplies for the said institution.

Your Committee would further report that in visiting the gaol they were pleased to find everything in good order and cleanliness so far as the premises will permit.

JAMES S. DRUMMOND,
Chairman.
