

The Vermont State Prison

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Windsor, Vermont.

*To the General Assembly of the State of Vermont and the
Director of State Institutions:*

GENTLEMEN:

In order that the extensions and improvements made in the institution during the two years past may be clearly understood, it is necessary to preface the report with a brief summary of what has been done in the preceding four years.

The windows in the East Hall, which is the original prison building, have been enlarged. They are now of the same dimensions as those in the West Hall, the wing of later construction. This alteration, besides greatly improving the appearance of the prison buildings from the street, increases the amount of light and air in the cell-blocks.

The walls of both halls and the inside surfaces of the cells have been painted.

The dining-room and assembly-hall have been lengthened by a fifty-foot extension of the building.

A fully equipped stage has been built in the assembly-hall and the hall has been furnished with folding chairs. It thus fulfills a twofold purpose, as a chapel and as an auditorium.

The dining-room has been remodelled and painted.

The engine room and machinery have been painted and repaired.

Part of the building outside the wall has been made a repair and paint shop. The work-room where the women inmates are employed is now also in this building.

The vegetable gardens have been enlarged by one acre. The store-house has been repaired, so that it will now protect all the vegetables needed for the winter.

Within the last year, the kitchen has been remodelled and painted, and new ovens and a new cooking range have been installed.

When the state legislature decided two years ago to increase the farm acreage of the prison property, a farm of three hundred acres was bought. This new farm is conveniently located two and a half miles from the institution and has seventy-five acres of tillable land. One hundred more acres may be put under cultivation with inmate help. A farm of one hundred ten acres adjoining has also been bought. The combined acreage of this makes a farm of sufficient size to require the most improved equipment. At present there is great need for