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STATE DEPARTMENT, MICHIGAN, }
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
Lansing, February 10th, 1873. }

Hon. JOHN J. BAGLEY,

Governor of the State of Michigan:

SIR—In compliance with law, I have the honor to submit herewith my Annual Abstract of the reports of the several Boards of County Superintendents of the Poor for the year ending September 30th, A. D. 1873.

The reports are very noticeably improved over those of last year as to execution, accuracy, and completeness, and the superintendents have uniformly manifested a willingness to make them as full and complete as possible. Their written statements in a majority of cases give evidence that the business of caring for the poor has been committed to men of ability.

The law now requires the reports to be made before the annual meeting of the board of supervisors; and as it is customary, and seems to be advisable, for the superintendents to wait until said meeting to get from the supervisors certain statistics required to be reported, I recommend that the law be so amended that they shall be required to make their report annually on or before the fifteenth day of October, for the year ending on the 30th day of September. What now seems to be a necessary violation of the law with regard to the time of making the report, will thereby be avoided, and the only valid excuse for want of promptness removed. With the like promptness on the part of all the superintendents which now characterizes a part of them, the abstract could be submitted at least a month earlier than is now possible.

A lack of uniformity in the reports detracts considerably

from the value of the abstract. I respectfully suggest that a law providing for uniform records by county superintendents of the poor is desirable.

Through the courtesy of the county clerks in those counties where there were no superintendents of the poor, I am enabled to present information of some kind from all the organized counties.

For the sake of convenience, I have arranged the abstract in seven tables, with one exhibit marked "A," following Table III, and two schedules marked "A" and "B," respectively.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL STRIKER,

Secretary of State.

ABSTRACT.

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TABLE I.

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COUNTIES.	PAUPERS.			Number of persons temporarily relieved outside the Poorhouses.	Cost of maintaining the Poorhouses exclusive of interest on Capital invested and value of Paupers' labor, as suited by Superintendents.	Cost per week of maintaining each Pauper in the Poorhouses, exclusive of interest on Capital invested.*	Amount expended for temporary relief outside the Poorhouses.	Whole amount paid from the Poor Fund.
	Whole number received.	Average number maintained.	Number under 16 years of age.					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Alcona ¹				9			\$ 364 13	\$ 569 13
Allegan.....	76	40.	12	479	\$2,815 94	\$1 11	2,924 74	8,303 13
Alpena ²				38			* 2,100 00	2,640 00
Antrim ²				13				883 00
Barry.....	25	14.	4	130	689 95	95	909 54	8,043 65
Bay.....	61	5.83	11	320	1,301 93	3 96	2,312 58	4,401 33
Benzie ¹				47				1,607 55
Berrien.....	123	41.	31	708	4,412 72	2 07	4,892 66	12,270 76
Branch.....	22	15.	3	133	1,423 37	1 88	725 02	8,074 34
Calhoun.....	90	38.	15	518	8,441 07	2 80	5,636 55	15,256 17
Cass.....	40	20.	16	75	1,500 00	1 73	774 00	5,800 00
Charlevoix ¹				5			170 97	194 97
Cheboygan ¹				21			376 37	454 37

* Computed from columns two and five.

¹ No poorhouse or farm.

² Poorhouse just erected, but has not been occupied.

³ Includes \$100 00 funeral expenses.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE POOR.

TABLE I.—CONTINUED.

COUNTIES.	PAUPERS.			Number of persons temporarily re- ceived outside the Poorhouses.	Cost of maintaining the Poorhouses exclusive of interest on in- vested and value of Paupers' labor, as stated by Superintendents.	Cost per week of maintaining each Pauper in the Poorhouses, exclu- sive of interest on Capital Invested.	Amount expended for temporary re- lief outside the Poorhouses.	Whole amount paid from the Poor Fund.
	Whole number received.	Average number maintained.	Number under 16 years of age.					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chippewa ¹	* 9	* 9.	....	10	^b \$ 956 18	\$2 04	.....	\$1,341 08
Clare ¹.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	\$ 876 95	222 00
Clinton.....	36	30.	10	94	2,096 90	1 31	341 25	3,389 86
Delta ¹	* 19	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	300 00 ^c	.....
Eaton.....	36	22.	....	78	8,479 00	3 04	720 81	4,372 11
Genesee.....	69	35.	15	512	4,573 45	2 51	5,214 54	11,908 46
Grand Traverse.....	18	3.	4	49	957 21	6 33	788 89	1,891 80
Gratiot.....	10	7.	....	58	1,241 98	3 41	220 60	1,607 02
Hillsdale.....	75	41.	11	^d.....	.....	.....	1,000 00	3,524 00
Houghton.....	59	41.25	23	.....	4,684 41	2 18	6,716 75	11,609 68
Huron ¹.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	224 15	227 15
Ingham.....	42	35.	7	397	3,875 24	2 13	868 66	6,133 74
Ionia.....	40	23.75	11	* 100	2,200 00	1 78	300 00	3,395 73
Iosco.....	15	.....	8	33	^f 1,844 14	.....	345 69	1,844 14
Isabella.....	9	€ 4.66	2	48	.....	.....	544 25	2,926 00
Jackson.....	109	42.50	17	440	4,420 00	2 00	968 75	7,401 16
Kalamazoo.....	59	32.	14	605	3,564 07	1 54	2,122 95	7,099 00
Kalkaska ¹.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	40 00	45 00
Kent.....	115	46.	14	165	1,361 27	78	1,640 56	6,759 64

* Computed from columns two and five.

¹ No poorhouse or farm.

² These were regular paupers, but there being no poorhouse, they were boarded out.

³ Expense of maintaining nine regular paupers by boarding (there being no poorhouse), and for temporary relief.

⁴ No poor fund. Superintendents report that the "county board is paying and auditing the bills; therefore we have no knowledge what the expenses are per year."

⁵ Not reported by supervisors.

⁶ Estimated.

⁷ Probably erroneous, as the whole amount paid from the poor fund is stated to be the same.

⁸ Probable average,—report not clear.