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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

New Jersey State  
Colony For Feeble Minded Males

AT

NEW LISBON, N. J.

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For the Fiscal Year Ending

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NEW LISBON, N. J. JULY 8TH, 1921.

TO THE STATE BOARD OF INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES,  
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

It is with pleasure we bring to your attention the detailed annual reports of the Superintendent of the Colony at New Lisbon and the Approval Officer of Woodbine Colony.

Though the population of these two colonies is but a small fraction of New Jersey's feeble minded males, we feel the standard of service achieved by Mr. Macomber and Mr. Thorn to be a happy augury for the solution of New Jersey's problem of adequate care for her feeble minded.

Mr. and Mrs. Macomber and their assistants are especially successful in developing the health and happiness of their charges through training in necessary institutional work. This tends to economy of administration. Their Chief Clerk, Miss Riley, is deserving special mention and commendation. Her devotion, tact and experience were chiefly responsible for the successful administration of the New Lisbon Colony for three months while Mr. and Mrs. Macomber were absent on a well earned vacation.

Mr. Thorn and the other members of the committee in charge of reconstructing Woodbine Colony have done the work with careful thought for the future and yet in a manner to utilize rapidly and economically this valuable gift to the State from the Baron De Hirsch Trustees. We look forward with satisfaction to the growth of a Colony so auspiciously started.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE STATE  
COLONIES FOR FEEBLE MINDED MALES.

WILLIAM E. BENNET,  
*President.*

HENRY B. COLES,  
*Vice President.*

ELIZABETH C. WHITE,  
*Secretary.*

WM. J. STRANDWITZ.

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NEW LISBON, June 30, 1921.

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS,  
STATE COLONY FOR FEEBLE MINDED MALES,  
NEW LISBON, NEW JERSEY.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

To merely house, care for and train a certain number of children should be only a part of the duty of an institution. We are interested in persons and things in proportion to our knowledge to them and for the good of all humanity we should tell what is being done as we go along.

The motto of this institution "Home and Happiness" has prompted us during the past year to inspire for bigger and greater things and since the mightiest persuasive power of to-day is educational training it is plainly seen that training along the lines of discipline is the strongest argument for the child we have to care for. Many of the boys coming to us are fearless and obstinate and lack the knowledge of obedience. It is quite pleasing to realize and observe how readily the boys fall into line and become familiar with the routine of requirements so soon after being admitted.

During the year there have been admitted eighteen new cases which bring the population to a number of 102. There has been discharged three and paroled one. Since the Woodbine Colony has opened three of the lowest grade boys have been transferred there and one to Skillman which better classifies them and made room for other institutions to transfer to this one.

The dining room and kitchen additions have been finished and in use since the first of the Calendar year. The building for platform scale has been erected and scales installed. The dormitory building cellar walls are completed and carpenters are working on the building; 8,000 cement blocks have been

made for the building thus far. The ice house has been stuccoed and adds to the appearance as well as the service of the building. Fencing has been put around the Gifford tract and the truck garden which has eliminated the deer from destroying the crops. Two cows have been added to the herd which affords an ample supply of milk. The room which is used for assemblage purposes has been equipped with chairs and adds to the comfort and convenience of all here.

There has not been any serious illness during the year, in fact the health of the inmates has been exceptionally good. They have kept busy and have added materially to the development of the institution in every way. Much attention has been given to the inmates teeth. A number of examinations showed the necessity of dental surgery and the results in each case has been of much benefit both in health and disposition, of the individual.

Since the beginning of Jan. 1, a brass band has been started and the boys are doing fine and will soon be able to give concerts. This was made possible by friends of the Colony and your Board.

The State Department of Agriculture is running an experiment for soil and fertilizer comparisons, on a portion of the farm, which should be of value to us. The improved road which will be of unlimited value to this institution as well as the entire community, is now under construction and promises to be completed by fall.

The appropriations for the past year have not been exceeded and on account of reductions in the cost and circumstances not requiring some of the items we are glad to lapse \$1823.76; of this amount \$1515.40 is for salaries and wages and \$200.86 for medical and surgical fees.

It is with the greatest of pleasure and satisfaction I commend the employees who have faithfully performed their duties the past year. Your Board has been a comfort and pleasure in aiding and directing the Superintendent and his assistants and with the close of the fifth year I most respectfully submit this my annual report.

Respectfully submitted,  
**J. FRANK MACOMBER**  
*Superintendent.*

## STATISTICAL REPORT.

Number of patients admitted since opening institution.....	128
Number of admissions for the year.....	18
Number of escapes.....	4
Number of deaths.....	None
Number discharged.....	3
Number paroled.....	1
Number transferred.....	4
Number present June 30.....	102
Average daily number of patients.....	96

## COUNTIES REPRESENTED IN POPULATION.

Atlantic.....	5
Burlington.....	15
Bergen.....	2
Camden.....	5
Cape May.....	2
Cumberland.....	2
Essex.....	18
Gloucester.....	2
Hudson.....	21
Hunterdon.....	1
Middlesex.....	4
Mercer.....	5
Monmouth.....	1
Morris.....	5
Ocean.....	1
Passaic.....	1
Salem.....	1
Somerset.....	3
Sussex.....	1
Union.....	6
Warren.....	1
	<u>102</u>

## HEALTH REPORT.

Inmates confined to bed with minor illness.....	92	days
Inmates treated at Burlington Co. Hospital.....	12	days
Surgical dressings.....	343	
Dental treatment—extractions—fillings—etc.....	179	

# FINANCIAL REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on special appropriation July 1-1920	\$7,003.95
Maintenance appropriation	46,610.00
Special appropriations	89,560.00
Payments from Counties and individuals	6,183.49
	<u>\$149,357.44</u>

## EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	\$15,744.60
Food	8,500.00
Clothing	3,742.78
Fuel, Light and Power	3,749.77
Household Supplies	1,600.00
Farm, Stable & Grounds	6,799.71
Industrial shops	1,000.00
Medical and Surgical Supplies	550.00
Printing and office Supplies	299.37
School	300.00
Sundry Supplies	300.00
Current Repairs	900.00
Traveling Expenses	549.85
Telephone and Telegraph	116.84
Medical & Surgical Fees	449.14
Postage	184.30
Total expenditure for maintenance	\$44,786.36

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

Electric Feed Line to barn	\$450.00
Platform scales	900.00
Play Apparatus	300.00
New Entrance and porch	299.98
Seats for Assembly room	250.00
Covering and Finishing ice house	360.00
Piano for assembly room	400.00
Automobile	950.00
Fencing	650.00
Dormitory	10,236.34
Farm Land	5,000.00
Addition to Service Building	5,853.85
Building for platform scales	250.00
Refrigerator	900.00
Total expenditures on special approp.	\$26,800.17
Transfer to Highway Commission of road approp.	20,000.00
Payments to State Treasurer	6,183.49
Lapses on Special approp.	.12
Lapses on Maintenance approp.	1,823.64
Balance on Dormitory Approp.	49,763.66
	<u>\$149,357.44</u>

# FARM REPORT.

## PRODUCTION

186 bunches	Asparagus	\$85.45
347 baskets	Apples	265.19
26 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> baskets	Lima beans	25.03
85 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> baskets	String beans	64.99
131 baskets	Beets	68.27
36 quarts	Blackberries	9.21
92 bbls.	Cabbage	114.74
89 quarts	Cherries	17.80
245 dozen	Corn-Sweet	77.18
3 bushels	Corn-pop	15.00
23 baskets	Cucumbers	12.33
31 baskets	Egg Plant	15.64
7 quarts	Gooseberries	1.54
76 baskets	Grapes	103.97
297 heads	Lettuce	29.67
965	Musk Melons	58.90
175	Watermelons	55.74
90 baskets	Onions	88.45
86 baskets	Pears	69.45
9 baskets	Peppers	4.27
70 baskets	Peas	66.10
3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> baskets	Plums	3.63
568 baskets	Potatoes-white	814.86
213 baskets	Potatoes-sweet	158.77
185 bunches	Rhubarb	15.99
323 bunches	Radishes	22.07
72 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub> bbls.	Rutabaga	126.70
90 lbs.	Pumpkin	1.80
175 pints	Raspberries	32.01
227 quarts	Strawberries	48.45
13 baskets	Spinach	5.95
92 baskets	Squash	43.05
199 baskets	Tomatoes	100.11
162 baskets	Turnips	79.79
1,765 lbs.	Chicken	692.51
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1,724 lbs.	Pork	277.37
55,778 lbs.	Milk	2,833.30
421 bushels	Corn	484.15
3,000 bundles	Fodder	90.00
7.5 tons	Cow Pea Hay	187.50
30.51 tons	Green feed	282.00
4.3 tons	Mangelwurzels	68.80
71 loads	Manure	71.00
		<u>\$8,807.14</u>

## EXPENDITURES

Labor	1,074.27
Seeds-Fertilizers-etc.	1,115.71
Feed	3,850.57
Miscellaneous items	300.21
Equipment	729.80
	<u>7,070.56</u>
Profit over cost of production	<u>1,736.58</u>

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES CANNED

String Beans	qts.....	288
Huckleberries	qts.....	500
Cherries	qts.....	50
Grapes	.....	192
Rhubarb	.....	30
Tomatoes	.....	100
Tomatoes-Preserved	.....	45
Peaches	.....	117
Pears	.....	56
Kraut	bbl.....	5
Eggs-Preserved	.....	3,000