

extension of the present grounds," in the immediate rear of the present enclosure. We found that a lot of ground bounding on Forrest street, 180 feet, on Eager street, 407 feet, and on Constitution street, 220 feet, might be obtained which would make the present enclosure sufficiently large for new buildings at the following cost:

Ground.....	\$28,200
48 Dwellings now in use.....	72,000
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	\$100,200

If this property were condemned, it is calculated that the actual cost would be \$150,000; as the owners of the property would doubtless take every advantage of the necessities of the State.

Your Committee were however of opinion, that other and more desirable sites might be obtained for much less, in which as will be seen below, they do not err.

COST OF A NEW PENITENTIARY.

Believing it to be more desirable to locate a new building on the suburbs of the city, where a larger space could be advantageously used for garden purposes, &c. We summoned before us, Wm. P. Lightner, an experienced property dealer, in Baltimore, and Mr. William H. Allen, a well known builder, by whose aid we are enabled to estimate the probable cost of a new Institution entirely, among a number of sites examined by your Committee, we were unanimous in favor of one, upon the suburbs of the city, beautifully located, 160 feet above tide water, and easily accessibly from all sections, and only one mile from the centre of the city. The property contains 22½ acres, or in other words, forms a lot 810 x 1120 ft. which would be amply sufficient for all necessary prison buildings, workshops, &c., and still leave sufficient space for a garden, large enough to raise all the vegetables used in the Institution, which in the course of a year, amounts to several thousand dollars:

Estimated cost of property.....	\$25,000
Estimated cost of Building.....	975,000
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	\$1,000,000

At a first glance the above figures would seem very large, but an examination of the facts goes to show that in the purchase of this property, the advantages would in *ten years*, save to the State the entire amount of money, as shown by the following calculation of the present "Labor Lost," by idle convicts, and the saving of vegetables, &c., calculating upon an average number of 700 convicts;