

187 idle men at 75 cents per day, or \$40,075 per annum, would amount in 10 years to.....	\$420,750
Saving of, say 15 cents per day in vegetables for 700 Prisoners for 10 years.....	413,250
Estimated value of the old Penitentiary Building, if sold.....	200,000
Estimated increased value of the new property in 10 years.....	30,000
Total.....	\$1,064,000

The above estimate, your Committee believes is an entirely correct and reliable one, it will therefore be seen at a glance that the investment by the State, would not be a *losing*, but a *paying* one, and in ten years would more than pay for itself. In addition to the above *saving* as calculated, there could be another, much larger saving in the employment of the convicts, in the erection of the New Building, as their labor could be procured at an average of 75 cents per diem, which it is believed would reduce the cost of the building from the above estimate very materially.

In conclusion we would urge upon you the absolute necessity of making an immediate appropriation, to place the present building in proper condition, until permanent quarters can be assigned the inmates.

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