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Governor's Message.

TO THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY.

It is especially incumbent upon all who are engaged in public affairs to acknowledge their dependence upon the favor of All God, and to supplicate His favor and blessing. Let us, therefore, in proceeding to the discharge of the highly responsible trusts which have been committed to us, invoke His divine aid that He will crown with success all the efforts that shall be made in any department of the government for the material, intellectual and religious improvement of the people.

Confirming my action to a resolution of my written Constitution, I now proceed to communicate to the Legislature the condition of the state, and to recommend the adoption of such measures as I deem expedient.

The total debt of the State now amounts to \$2,100,000.00, of which \$1,000,000.00 is in the canal debt, and \$1,100,000.00 is in the State debt.

The canal debt, paying interest, is as follows:

1. The debt incurred in 1847, in pursuance of the Constitution, Section 20, and the act of April 18, 1847, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
2. The debt incurred in 1848, in pursuance of the act of April 18, 1848, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
3. The debt incurred in 1849, in pursuance of the act of April 18, 1849, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
4. The debt incurred in 1850, in pursuance of the act of April 18, 1850, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
5. The debt incurred in 1851, in pursuance of the act of April 18, 1851, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
6. The debt incurred in 1852, in pursuance of the act of April 18, 1852, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
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11. The debt incurred in 1857, in pursuance of the act of April 18, 1857, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
12. The debt incurred in 1858, in pursuance of the act of April 18, 1858, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
13. The debt incurred in 1859, in pursuance of the act of April 18, 1859, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
14. The debt incurred in 1860, in pursuance of the act of April 18, 1860, for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00

of navigation the present year. It is urged that this be done, even if it should be necessary to delay the opening for the passage of boats a few days longer than ordinary.

The amount of interest on the debt which the legislature has annually to provide is as follows:

On the canal debt, \$1,000,000.00, at 6 per cent, \$60,000.00
On the State debt, \$1,100,000.00, at 6 per cent, \$66,000.00
On the debt for the purchase of the canal, \$1,000,000.00, at 6 per cent, \$60,000.00
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for the employment in other branches of the State of all the convicts that the State can furnish at that point. It is provided further that the constantly increasing number of convicts now in the State prisons should be enlarged to a new prison constructed within a short time.

Under the act of April 18, 1859, about fifty acres of the farm connected with the prison at Sing Sing have been sold for the sum of thirty-three thousand and three hundred dollars, and the proceeds of the sale have been paid into the treasury, but by the law authorizing the sale it can be used only for the purchase of land for the prison.

The portion of the farm sold through the Croton Aqueduct process was, by request of the Agent and Warden, held from sale that some arrangement might be made in reference to it.

The Asylum for Insane Convicts at Auburn is now substantially completed and in full operation. Five hundred convicts have been received during the year ending October 31, 1859, and six hundred and thirty-five were discharged. The expenses for the year ending October 31, 1859, were seventeen thousand and eight hundred and fifty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents, of which five thousand three hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty-one cents were for buildings, repairs and miscellaneous items not likely to occur again. The Asylum has room for sixty-four inmates. The establishment of a separate institution for insane convicts is a certain extent an experiment, but there is reason to believe it will prove successful. The experience and commendation of the Board of Prison Commissioners in the support of its immediate source of considerably increased expense.

The commissioners named by the act of April 18, 1859, to settle the account of Jacob D. Kingland against the Clinton prison, met to enter upon their duties assigned them, supposing that the claim was of a nature and amount to be finally adjusted. They, as well as the agent and warden of the prison, were surprised to find that a claim was presented for one hundred and thirty-seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars and thirty-seven cents, and that the amount was not properly examined in the period then allowed by law. Under these circumstances the agent and warden, acting under the advice of the Attorney General, very properly revoked the submission entered into for the settlement of the claim.

Business Cards.

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No. 116 Duane Street.

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No. 116 Duane Street.

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No. 116 Duane Street.

The tolls were reduced in the winter of 1852 to meet the railway competition anticipated from the release of the tolls on the canal as they were in 1851, the tolls were reduced to four million dollars. The canal tonnage has never been less than that of 1851, except in 1857, when it was three million, six hundred and forty thousand, six hundred and thirty-eight dollars, or two hundred and thirty-eight dollars less. In 1853 the tonnage was four million, two hundred and forty-seven thousand, eight hundred and fifty-three, and the tolls were three million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, one hundred and ninety dollars on the reduced rates of 1852. At the rate of 1851 the tolls on the tonnage would have been four million five hundred and two thousand, eight hundred and sixteen dollars.

The interest on the canal debt is provided for by the surplus revenues of the canal, but under the Constitution, what remains of the revenues after paying the interest goes to the sinking fund and for the redemption of the principal. The law under which the recent loan of two millions five hundred thousand dollars was raised, provides for the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the interest and the contribution to the sinking fund to reduce the principal.

There is thus needed:

For the completion of the canal, \$1,000,000.00
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The average number of convicts per day in each prison during the past year was as follows:

Sing Sing, 1520
Auburn, 1000
Clinton, 800
Total, 3320

Insurance.

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The premium obtained on the loan which is an average of 5 1/8 per cent for a six month term, and one hundred and twenty thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty cents, will be sufficient, if applied, to pay the excess of indebtedness over the two million five hundred thousand dollars, and thus to extinguish entirely the floating indebtedness of the State.

The theory advanced by those who favor the reduction is, that upon the canal and the State debt, the interest on the canal debt is provided for by the surplus revenues of the canal, but under the Constitution, what remains of the revenues after paying the interest goes to the sinking fund and for the redemption of the principal.

The average cost of maintenance of each convict per month, including everything but building and repairs, is, at Sing Sing, eight dollars and thirty-one cents; at Auburn, seven dollars and eighty cents; at Clinton, thirteen dollars and eighty-six cents. It affords me satisfaction to say that there is a marked improvement in the management of the prisons, the effect of which will be even more obviously seen during the fiscal year commencing October 1, 1859. Indeed there is reason to believe that the time is not distant when the prisons will be so managed, that a drain upon the treasury will be a thing of the past.

Insurance.

Fire and Life Insurance,
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