

Or 138l. per boy.] The total cost of the Establishment at Shotley, including hospital, amounted to 196,000l., the Training Establishment costing 170,000l. and the Hospital 26,000l. The land (about 71 acres) on which the Establishment stands was made over to the Admiralty by the War Office free of charge, but it was found necessary later to buy a field of 14 acres for recreation purposes and some foreshore at a cost of 4,000l., which increased the total cost of the Establishment to 200,000l. The Barracks were originally designed to accommodate 1,600 Boys, but it has since been decided that, for hygienic reasons, not more than 1,200 are to be received. On this basis the cost per boy is 166l. There is, however, ample sleeping accommodation for some 1,500 boys, and if the covered accommodation for day use, recreations, &c., were increased to admit of this number being received, the average cost per boy, excluding the Hospital, would be considerably less, probably not more than 140l. per boy. It would not be necessary to provide Sick Quarters on so extensive a scale if the Establishment were located near a large Naval Hospital, and the cost per boy, for purposes of comparison, may therefore be taken to be 140l.