

## PENITENTIARIES

**Penitentiaries.**—The statistics of penitentiaries are compiled from the Annual Reports to the Minister of Justice of the Inspectors of Penitentiaries. The Report for the fiscal year 1911-12, in reference to the parole system, states that the total number of paroles granted during a thirteen years operation is 4,579 and that of this total only 237 can be regarded as delinquents, making the percentage of failures 5.17 on the whole system. The percentage of those who have been returned by subsequent conviction during the 13 years is reported to be only 2.18. The report for 1911-12 of the Dominion Parole Officer (Mr. W. P. Archibald) states that the recidivist class of criminal is receding in the penitentiaries, and that the number of repeaters is gradually becoming less. "This is," he states, "not so much the result of a firmer treatment of the criminal, but more the result of an auxiliary treatment by the various prison aid societies and the Salvation Army, who not only interest themselves in the prisoner, but meet him and look after his temporal needs by obtaining employment and finding a suitable environment for him, which enables him to redeem himself."

## 20.—Movement of Convicts, 1908-1912.

Schedule.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
In custody at beginning of fiscal year.	1,423	1,476	1,765	1,859	1,865
Received—					
By forfeiture of parole.....	2	8	13	12	9
Paroles revoked.....	—	4	5	7	6
Recaptured.....	—	6	3	1	3
By transfer.....	15	15	20	8	55
From goal, etc.....	632	861	790	810	801
Totals.....	2,072	2,370	2,596	2,697	2,739
Released by—					
Death.....	14	21	24	22	20
Escape.....	6	4	5	2	9
Expiry of sentence.....	302	291	322	394	322
Order of the court.....	3	3	3	5	—
Pardon.....	29	14	17	15	17
Parole.....	215	244	286	334	380
Transfer.....	15	15	20	8	55
Transfer to asylum.....	2	—	—	—	—
Deportation.....	9	13	54	45	40
Sent to reformatory.....	—	—	1	—	—
Returned to provincial authorities.	—	—	—	7	1
Returned—insane.....	—	—	4	—	—
Order of Minister.....	1	—	1	—	—
In custody at end of fiscal year.....	1,476	1,765	1,859	1,865	1,895