

success has been due largely to the intelligent and sympathetic supervision of the officer in charge.

The granting of petty privileges and perquisites to convicts as a bribe to induce good behaviour is inconsistent with the object for which prisons are established, and is puerile and ineffective as an inducement to permanent reformation. When a man is given the implement of remission by which he can curtail his sentence, and the key to liberty provided by the prospect of parole, he has every inducement to reform that he requires or expects.

The policy followed by those who have been charged with the administration of Canadian penitentiaries has been to avoid theoretical and impractical experiments, and to carry out such improvements as experience and common sense have dictated, and the result as shown by actual facts invites comparison with the results effected by other systems and policies in any other country. Much of this success is due to the loyalty and intelligence of the successive wardens, whose general devotion to duty is worthy of the highest praise.

The statistics of penitentiaries given in Tables 37-40 are compiled from the annual reports to the Minister of Justice of the Inspectors of Penitentiaries. The report for the fiscal year 1916-17, in reference to the parole system, states that the total number of paroles granted during an eighteen years' operation is 10,214. A total of 8,711 men have completed their probation on parole and occupy positions in good citizenship to-day, and 869 prisoners are now reporting and have in prospect the completion of their probation on parole. The total delinquency for non-compliance with conditions of license is 374, or 3.66 p.c., and for subsequent conviction 260, or 2.53 p.c., making a total delinquency of 6.19 p.c.

### 37.—Movement of Convicts, 1912-1917.

Schedule.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
In custody at beginning of fiscal year	1,865	1,895	1,968	2,003	2,064	2,118
Received—						
By forfeiture of parole.....	9	10	26	12	11	11
Paroles revoked.....	6	7	10	4	4	31
Recaptured.....	3	7	6	2	1	1
By transfer.....	55	21	16	18	24	10
From goal, etc.....	801	888	870	991	900	630
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>2,739</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>3,004</b>	<b>2,891</b>
Released by—						
Death.....	20	23	16	24	11	12
Escape.....	9	6	10	2	1	3
Expiry of sentence.....	322	282	274	293	304	408
Order of the court.....	—	2	4	6	9	4
Pardon.....	17	3	5	6	4	65
Parole.....	380	445	480	495	423	526
Transfer.....	55	21	15	24	24	9
Deportation.....	40	73	84	114	101	76
Sent to Reformatory.....	—	—	1	1	1	—
Returned—insane.....	1	5	4	—	8	—
Sent to Hospital.....	—	—	—	1	—	—
Returned to Provincial Authorities.....	—	—	—	—	—	4
In custody at end of fiscal year.....	1,895	1,968	2,003	2,064	2,118	1,694