

PART IV.—PENITENTIARY AND REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS

Section 1.—Penitentiary Statistics*

The Penitentiaries Branch of the Department of Justice is charged with the administration of the various penitentiaries of Canada. Seven institutions are included in the system, the two largest of which are at Portsmouth, Ont., and St. Vincent de Paul, Que., while the other five are at Dorchester, N.B.; Prince Albert, Sask.; Stony Mountain, Man.; New Westminster, B.C.; and Collins Bay, Ont. During the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1946, the average daily population of these institutions was 3,174.5 and the total net cash outlay for the year was \$3,165,042 or \$2.73 per convict per diem, compared with 3,028 average daily population and \$2,689,059 total net cash outlay or \$2.43 per convict per diem for the year 1941.

Female convicts given penitentiary sentences in the different provinces are sent to the penitentiary at Kingston, Ont., where special quarters and staff are maintained for their detention and supervision. Female convicts in custody on Mar. 31, 1946, numbered 52 compared with 43 in 1944 and 46 in 1941.

Movement of Population of Penal Institutions.—Penal institutions may be classified under three headings: (1) penitentiaries, with slow turnover, since prisoners have long sentences; (2) reformatories and training schools, also with rather slow turnover; and (3) common gaols, where the turnover is extremely rapid. If the average population for the year be taken as the average of the figures for inmates at the beginning and at the end of the year, and the number discharged be the turnover, the percentage turnover in fiscal year 1945-46 was: in penitentiaries, 48.1 p.c.; in reformatories and training schools, 164 p.c.; in gaols, no less than 1,728 p.c. In dealing with these figures it must be borne in mind that the common gaol population changes from day to day, and is partly made up of accused persons awaiting trial who may be either liberated or sent to a penitentiary or reformatory.

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1.—Population of Penal Institutions, for Twelve-Month Periods (Circa) 1943-45

Year and Type of Institution	In Custody, Beginning of Year	Admitted During Year	Discharged During Year	In Custody, End of Year
1943				
Penitentiaries.....	3,232	1,299	1,562	2,969
Reformatories and training schools.....	3,863	7,769	6,941	4,691
Gaols.....	3,356	54,006	54,160	3,202
Totals, 1943.....	10,451	63,074	62,663	10,862
1944				
Penitentiaries.....	2,969	1,670	1,561	3,078
Reformatories and training schools.....	4,691	7,973	7,822	4,842
Gaols.....	3,202	56,286	56,196	3,302
Totals, 1944.....	10,862	65,929	65,579	11,222
1945				
Penitentiaries.....	3,078	1,472	1,421	3,129
Reformatories and training schools.....	4,828	7,715	7,898	4,645
Gaols.....	3,299	57,237	56,511	4,025
Totals, 1945.....	11,205	66,424	65,830	11,799