

PART V.—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.: 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, 1948, the average daily population of these institutions was 3,851 and the total net cash outlay for the year was \$4,247,884 or \$3.09 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, 1948, numbered 74 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 as the turnover, the turnover in the fiscal year 1947-48 was: in penitentiaries, 46 p.c.; in reformatories and training schools, 266 p.c.; and in gaols, no less than 1,626 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) 1947 and 1948

Year and Type of Institution	In Custody Beginning of Year	Admitted During Year	Discharged During Year	In Custody End of Year
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1947				
Penitentiaries.....	3,362	1,908	1,518	3,752
Reformatories and training schools.....	4,483	10,950	10,852	4,581
Gaols.....	4,185	66,133	66,158	4,160
Totals, 1947.....	12,030	78,991	78,528	12,493
1948				
Penitentiaries.....	3,752	1,867	1,768	3,851
Reformatories and training schools.....	4,659	13,870	13,471	5,058
Gaols.....	4,171	70,086	69,734	4,523
Totals, 1948.....	12,582	85,823	84,973	13,432