

within a few miles of Kingston; the Federal Training Centre and the Leclerc Institution are close to St. Vincent de Paul; and the two other institutions are located at Matsqui, B.C., and Cowansville, Que.

Eight minimum security correctional camps are operated as extensions of a main institution in their respective areas. These are located at William Head and Agassiz, B.C.; Beaver Creek and Landry Crossing near Bracebridge and Petawawa, Ont.; Gatineau (Gatineau Park) and Valleyfield, Que.; Blue Mountain near Gagetown, N.B.; and Springhill, N.S. Six minimum security farm annexes operate as extensions of the penitentiaries at Dorchester, St. Vincent de Paul, Collins Bay, Joyceville, Stony Mountain and Prince Albert, respectively. There is also a minimum security industrial satellite at St. Vincent de Paul.

The Prison for Women at Kingston, Ont., receives inmates transferred upon committal to penitentiary in any part of Canada.

The special security Prison Camp for Freedomites who have been sentenced to imprisonment in penitentiary is located near Agassiz, B.C., and is called Mountain Prison. When the sentences of the female Doukhobor prisoners were completed, part of Mountain Prison was converted to an institution for older recidivists.

Five new institutions were in various stages of construction during 1966-67: one maximum security institution at Ste. Anne des Plaines, Que., medium security institutions at Springhill, N.S., Warkworth, Ont., and Drumheller, Alta., and a Special Correctional Unit at St. Vincent de Paul, Que.

Three Correctional Staff Colleges—one at Kingston, one at St. Vincent de Paul and one at New Westminster—are operated for the training of recruits and for the advanced training of penitentiary officers. The Kingston College serves English-speaking or bilingual officers, the St. Vincent de Paul College is primarily for French-speaking officers from all parts of Canada, and the Western Staff College trains the recruits for the institutions in the Western Region. These Staff Colleges provide excellent facilities for Service-wide conferences of institutional heads and other special groups of officers.

The Headquarters of the Service is located in Ottawa. Regional directorates have been established at New Westminster, B.C., Kingston, Ont., and St. Vincent de Paul, Que., for the Western, Ontario and Quebec areas, respectively.

Subsection 3.—The National Parole System*

Parole is a means by which an inmate in any correctional institution in Canada, if he gives definite indication of his intention to reform, can be released from prison. The purpose of parole is the protection of society through the rehabilitation of the inmate. It is essential for the public to understand that the true purpose of punishment should be the reformation of the offender and not just vengeance or retribution but, since the Parole Board is as much concerned with the protection of society as with the reformation of the inmate, it recognizes that the welfare of an individual inmate must not be allowed to impair the success of the parole system or the public safety.

It is the function of the Parole Board to select those inmates who show some sincere intention to reform and to assist them in doing so by granting parole. The inmate then is allowed to serve the remainder of his sentence in society, but under supervision. He is subject to restrictions and conditions as to his conduct and behaviour, designed for his welfare and the protection of others. The Board is not a reviewing authority and is not concerned with the propriety of the conviction or the length of the sentence but only with the problem of deciding in each case whether or not there is chance of reformation. Parole is not a matter of clemency and is not granted on compassionate or humanitarian grounds but only if there appears to be at least a reasonable chance that the inmate will lead a law-abiding life. The treatment and training program in the institution is a vital part of the

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