EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,

RESPECTING THE

PRISONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1886.

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REPORT.

VICTORIA, B. C., 31st October, 1886.

To the Honourable the Attorney-General,
Victoria.

SIR:

I have the honour to submit the Prisons Report for the year ending 31st October, 1886.

I respectfully recommend that quarters be built on the Gaol grounds for the Convict Guards, viz.: Messrs. Truran, Blake, Workman and Driscoll.

The Gaol is in an isolated place. In case of need no help could reach for some time. If the Guards lived on the grounds their services would be available at all times.

The officers on duty during the night are Mr. Hutchison, Gaoler (who lives on the premises), and an Assistant Gaoler. This force is not sufficient, especially in case of fire, or any outbreak of prisoners. During the confinement of Sproule extra guards were employed at a large expense.

During the last year 110 prisoners at one time have been in confinement; average 80 per day, with the probability of a large increase during the ensuing year.

The guards I have named are married, with families; one receives $80 per month, the others $60; all have been in the Government employ a long while without any increase to their salary. Out of this small amount they clothe themselves, not as the City Police who receive after one year's service $70, and are clothed and shod. I feel deeply that these men deserve more comfort. I earnestly trust my application may be favourably considered.

In conclusion I copy from the report of the Warden of the British Columbia Penitentiary, 30th June, 1886.

Ninety convicts were in confinement; 18 officers on the pay-roll, at a monthly salary of $1,206. This does not include the Doctor and Clergyman. These officials are quartered within the grounds, and receive good clothing, fuel, &c. The Provincial Gaol, which I consider as important to the Province as the Penitentiary, has from 76 to 110 prisoners. The staff consists of—

One Gaoler, per month	$100
Two Assistants, per month	136
One Convict Guard, per month	80
Three Guards do.	180
Total	$496

Comparison is needless.

I also respectfully advise that a woman be appointed, at a small salary, to have charge of the women's department. The female prisoners are of a low class; they cause a great deal of trouble. We have at present six in confinement.

I respectfully recommend Mrs. Hutchison. She would make an excellent appointment.

The discipline and condition of the chief prisons in the Province have been excellent, with the one exception already reported, during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
H. B. ROYCRAFT,
Provincial Superintendent of Police
and Warden of Gaols.

VICTORIA GAOL.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

Superintendent of Police and Warden of Gaols	Henry B. Roycraft.
1st Gaoler	J. W. Hutchison.
2nd Gaoler	J. Muldoon.
3rd Gaoler	D. Driscoll.
Senior Convict Guard	E. Truran.
2nd Convict Guard	A. Workman.
3rd Convict Guard	C. H. F. Blake.
Medical Officer	Dr. J. S. Helmcken.

STATEMENT A.—Number of prisoners remaining in Victoria Gaol, October 31st, 1886—48.

STATEMENT B.

Return of the names, ages, callings, and crimes of prisoners who died in Victoria Gaol during the year 1886.

No.	Name.	Age.	Calling.	Crime.	Place of Residence.	Date of Death.
1	Mead—an unknown man who died after being picked up in the street; supposed name.					
2	Robt. Sproule	52	Miner	Murder	Kootenay	Executed 29th Oct., 1886.

STATEMENT C.

Number of prisoners liberated during year ending 31st October, 1886 643

STATMENT D.—Return of offenders pardoned during the year—*Nil.*

STATEMENT E.

Daily average number of prisoners for the year	$77^2/_3$
Number of prisoners discharged from gaol	642
Number in confinement October 31st, 1886	48

STATEMENT F.—Showing the expenditure for the year at Victoria Gaol.

Bread	$1,145 52	
Meat and Vegetables	780 85	
Groceries and coal oil	837 33	
Milk	72 90	
Clothing and bedding	1,370 52	
		$4,207 12
Water		300 00
Light		358 00
Medicine		114 00
Repairs to tools		630 00
Cleansing closets		60 00
Coal and wood		428 00
Total		$6,097 12

Cost per day of each prisoner, 15 cents.

STATEMENT G.—Tenders accepted for supplies to Victoria Gaol.

Clothing	D. Green.
Groceries	Saunders & Co.
Meat and vegetables	Beak & Co.
Bread	Jordan.
Coal	Englehardt & Co.

STATEMENT H.—Value of property, Victoria Provincial Gaol.

Real estate and buildings	$30,000 00
Furniture, stores, &c	1,500 00
Total	$31,500 00

H. B. ROYCRAFT,
Provincial Superintendent of Police and Warden of Gaols.

Victoria, B. C.,
31st October, 1886.

NEW WESTMINSTER GAOL.

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STATEMENT A.—Number of Prisoners remaining in New Westminster Gaol, October 31st, 1886—46.

STATEMENT B.—A return of the names, ages, callings, and crimes of Prisoners who died in New Westminster Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1886—*Nil.*

STATEMENT C.—Number of Prisoners liberated from New Westminster Gaol during the year ending October 31st, 1886—190.

STATEMENT D.—Number of offenders pardoned, New Westminster Gaol, during the year ending October, 31st, 1886—*Nil.*

STATEMENT E.

Showing the average number of prisoners confined in the New Westminster Gaol for the year ending October 31st, 1886; also the number discharged during that period.

Average number of prisoners daily	51⅝
Number discharged from Gaol	190
Number in confinement on 31st October, 1886	46

STATEMENT F.

Keep of prisoners, food and clothing	$2,450 33
Light and fuel	1,019 83
Bedding	198 00
Hospital stores	254 97
Furnishing and repairs	241 17
Sundries	431 05
Total	$4,595 35

Average cost of prisoner per day for food and clothing 13 cents.

STATEMENT G.

Tenders accepted for supplies to New Westminster Gaol.

Clothing	*Nil.*
Groceries	D. McPhaden.
Meat and vegetables	R. Dickinson.
Bread	Kelly Bros.
Coal and wood	H. Elliott.

Value of property.

Real Estate	$16,000
Building	40,000
Cooking apparatus and utensils	350
Stoves	200
Blankets	230
Clothing and bedding	450
Groceries	50
Tools	150
Organ	100
Total	$57,530

NEW WESTMINSTER GAOL, OFFICIAL STAFF.

Gaoler	W. Moresby.
Assistant Gaoler	J. McNamara.
Do.	J. Burr.
Senior Convict Guard	W. H. Edwards.
Convict Guard	— Monck.
Medical Officer	R. I. Bentley.

NANAIMO GAOL.

STATEMENT A.—Number of prisoners remaining in Nanaimo Gaol, 31st October, 1886—24.

STATEMENT B.—Return of prisoners who died in Nanaimo Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1886.

No.	Received in gaol.	Name.	Age.	Country.	Calling.	Residence.	Crime.	Date of death.	Remarks
1	Nov. 20th, 1885; 4 P.M.	Tataguna or Kaywus.	35	British Columbia.	Labourer.	Salmon River.	Murder.	Feb. 5th, 1886.	Executed according to Law.

STATEMENT C.—Number of prisoners liberated from Nanaimo Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1886—274.

STATEMENT D.—Number of offenders pardoned during the year ending 31st October, 1886—*Nil.*

STATEMENT E.

Showing the average number of prisoners confined in Nanaimo Gaol for the year ending 31st October, 1886; also the number discharged during the same period.

Average number of prisoners daily	$23^4/_5$
Number discharged from gaol	298
Number in confinement on 31st October, 1886	24

STATEMENT F.

Expenditure of Nanaimo Gaol for the year ending 31st October, 1886.

Bread	$ 580 95
Beef and vegetables	472 52
Groceries	131 32
Clothing, &c	263 00
Bedding	62 00
Fuel and light	124 75
Water	48 00
Other expenditure	4,103 65
Total	$5,786 19

Keep of prisoners for food and clothing, per day, 16½ cents.

STATEMENT G.—Value of property, Nanaimo Gaol.

Real Estate	$ 4,000 00
Gaol Buildings	3,000 00
Court House, &c	3,475 00
Furniture, stores, &c	1,723 25
Total	$12,198 25

OFFICIAL STAFF, NANAIMO GAOL.

William Stewart	Constable and Gaoler.
Samuel Drake	Constable and Assistant Gaoler.
William Beveridge	Convict Guard.
Archibald Hamilton	Constable and Asst. Convict Guard.
Daniel Cluness, M.D	Medical Officer.

W. STEWART,
Gaoler.

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