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RESPECTING THE

POLICE, PRISONS AND REFORMATORIES

OF

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FOR THE

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REPORT.

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Provincial Police Department,
Superintendent's Office,
Victoria, B. C., February 25th, 1898.

To The Honourable
The Attorney-General, Victoria.

Sir,—I have the honour to hand you herewith my Annual Report upon the Police, Prisons and Reformatories for the year ending 31st October, 1897.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
F. S. HUSSEY,
Superintendent.

REPORT.

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Since the presentation of my last Annual Report, many changes have taken place. The Province has progressed by leaps and bounds into a position of great prominence, owing to the development of its vast mineral resources, and the recent rich discoveries of gold in the Omineca, Cassiar, and Yukon Districts. The latter district has attracted the greatest attention, and thousands of persons from all parts of the world have come and are coming to our coast on their way to the various mining camps.

It is gratifying to note that, notwithstanding this enormous addition to the floating population, including as it does a large percentage of an undesirable class, there has been but a very small increase of crime during the past twelve months, and no increase in the number of serious offences. During the year ending October 31st, 1896, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine persons were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in the common gaols and lock-ups of the Province, while for the same period ending October 31st, 1897, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight were convicted, showing an increase of thirty-nine convictions. This increase consists almost entirely of offences against the by-laws of the various cities, as will be seen by referring to the table contained in this Report.

Owing to the tremendous influx, which is increasing daily, of miners, prospectors, and others into the Cassiar District, and the construction of railroads through that portion of the Province, it will be necessary to materially increase the police force. To provide for this increase, and also for any emergencies which may arise, and in order that isolated districts may be afforded proper and adequate police protection, I would respectfully urge that an appropriation of $80,000.00 be made for the salaries of police constables for the year ending June 30th, 1899.

THE FORCE.

The force now consists of the Superintendent, one Sergeant, and ninety-eight constables, besides a number of special police who are employed in various parts of the Province from time to time as they may be required. The conduct of the men during the past year has, with a few exceptions, been very creditable. No fines for any infraction of the Regulations have been imposed. One investigation has been held, resulting in the resignation of the officer against whom the complaint was made.

During the past summer, in August last, a detachment of Provincial constables was sent to Tagish Lake, in the North-West Territories, to assist in establishing a Dominion Customs House at that point, and to protect the Customs officers in the discharge of their duties of collecting revenue on dutiable goods going into the North-West Territories, until the arrival of the North-West Mounted Police, who would relieve them. I am pleased to be able to state that, notwithstanding the threats of many, especially of those from the United States, that they would forcibly resist any attempt to collect duties, the police, without causing any friction between themselves and the owners of such goods, were mainly instrumental in collecting for the Dominion Government revenues to the amount of about $25,000.00. The Sub-Collector of Customs at Tagish Lake, Mr. John Godson, expressed in the highest terms his appreciation of the services and conduct of the men while under his control. This in itself is worthy of note, as shewing the respect in which the police of this Province are held.

It has already been found necessary to establish police posts in the northern part of the Province, and the number of posts will doubtless have to be largely augmented in the near future.

Two officers have been stationed at Lake Bennett under the supervision of Captain W. J. Rant, who has recently been appointed Gold Commissioner and Stipendiary Magistrate for that District.

This is an important post, and will require additional assistance, owing to its close proximity to the lawless element now congregated in the towns of Skagway and Dyea, in the disputed territory, and to the strict surveillance which will have to be exercised over the movements of this class during the coming summer.

Six officers, in charge of Mr. W. H. Bullock-Webster, formerly Chief Constable of the New Westminster District, have been placed on the Stickine River—two at Glenora, two at Telegraph Creek, and two at Teslin Lake.

This number will likewise have to be increased, as it is absolutely necessary that police posts be maintained at regular intervals of not more than fifty miles over this, which will in all probability be the most travelled, route to the Yukon gold-fields.

In consequence of the high wages paid in this northern part of the Province, and the difficulty in obtaining supplies, the salaries of these officers are higher than in other Districts, viz., $100.00 per month. This accounts for the large increase required for the payment of salaries.

A mounted constable, at a salary of $100.00 per month, has been appointed for the Chilcotin District, with his headquarters at or near Alexis Creek, in the County of Cariboo. This appointment was made at the request of numerous residents of that District, who have complained for some time past of the lawlessness of Indians, culminating recently in a murder committed in the vicinity of Tatla Lake. It is thought that the presence of an energetic officer, who will establish a regular patrol throughout the District, will very soon have the effect of reducing the Indians to a more law-abiding condition.

At Stewart Lake, on the trail from Quesnelle to Omineca, a police post will probably have to be established, as the Indians in the neighbourhood have been causing considerable trouble. In a recent case of aggravated assault of a very serious character, committed by a halfbreed, the Government was put to considerable expense in bringing the offender to justice, owing to the absence of a resident constable in the locality.

In the Kootenay District, consequent upon the increasing development of its mineral resources and the construction of railroads, additional police have been appointed and a thoroukh patrol system is now being carried on. This patrol extends throughout the southern portions of the Yale and East and West Kootenay Districts.

THE GAOLS.

In the past twelve months there have been built two new gaols, as recommended in my last report.

At Kamloops a building capable of accommodating eighty-six prisoners, with officers' quarters attached, has been erected to take the place of the old gaol, which was quite inadequate for the growing requirements of the Yale-Cariboo District. The old gaol has been handed over to the city authorities for municipal purposes.

At Nelson a new gaol has been established, built from the same plans as the new gaol at Kamloops. This gaol supplies a long-felt want, as prisoners from all parts of the Kootenay Districts were formerly taken to Kamloops, and in many cases during the past two years, on account of the overcrowded state of that gaol, had to be transferred to the Provincial Gaol at New Westminster, at a great expense to the Government. The staffs of these gaols will be found in the reports of the Provincial gaols embodied with this report.

It has been suggested, and I would respectfully urge that the matter be favourably considered, that the officials in the Provincial gaols be supplied with uniforms. It would be advantageous in many ways, chiefly in making the officers more conspicuous while in charge of prisoners. It is also a well-known fact that a uniformed staff is much more respected by the usual class of criminals.

The cost of these uniforms, including cap and buttons, would be about $55.00 per man for two suits per year. There are at present five gaols in establishment, whose officers are about thirty-six in number, making the yearly cost of this step about $1,980.00.

JUVENILE REFORMATORY, VICTORIA.

The increase of crime amongst juvenile offenders has necessitated the re-opening of this Institution.

In the coast cities especially it became apparent that a check must be put upon a certain class of boys who prowl around the streets by day and night, disturbing and annoying passers-by and wilfully and maliciously destroying property, and thus eventually becoming involved in more serious crimes. I feel compelled to remark that this lamentable state of affairs has, in many cases, been brought about by the laxity of parents or guardians, who, in allowing their children to thus frequent the streets and drift into criminal courses, are themselves, in a great measure, guilty of crime, and are equally in need of punishment.

On the 16th of December last the Reformatory was re-opened under the supervision of Mr. R. E. Hanson, Acting Superintendent, whose report is annexed. Twelve boys, whose sentences vary from one to twelve months, have been received in the Institution. Their time is fully occupied in various ways, and the discipline well maintained.

I would respectfully suggest that the regulation now in force in the Provincial Gaols, as to the remission of five days in each month of a prisoner's sentence for good conduct, be extended to the Reformatory. This would be an incentive to good behaviour and, in the hands of the Superintendent, would be of great assistance in maintaining discipline.

"JUVENILE REFORMATORY, VICTORIA, Feb. 19th, 1898.

"SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith my report upon this Institution, covering the period from the 16th December last, the date upon which it was re-opened, up to this date. I have annexed to this report a schedule, from which it will be seen that during the period mentioned twelve boys have been received at this Reformatory, with sentences varying from one to twelve months, and that six of these have been discharged on the dates mentioned, their sentences having expired. It will further be seen that, at the present time, there are still six boys in my charge, whose sentences will expire on the dates given. The rules and regulations of the Reformatory may be considered to be based on those in force in the adjoining Provincial Gaol, but modified to suit the dissimilar conditions, such as the youthfulness and unformed moral characters of the prisoners. My efforts have been directed towards exercising a sound moral influence over the boys, as well as to the profitable employment of their time in the elementary school studies. Due regard has also been paid to the necessity of daily exercise and recreation in the open air.

"A reference to the Conduct Book shows that the general behaviour in the Reformatory has been satisfactory, and that the hours devoted to study have been spent with the exercise of attention and care. The marked interest taken in the arithmetic class, and the progress made, demonstrates that the boys are possessed of no mean abilities. The improvement in spelling, writing and dictation has also been very gratifying.

"Parents or guardians are permitted to visit the Reformatory each Sunday between the hours of 1:30 and 4 o'clock p.m., and this privilege has been fully taken advantage of by the parents of boys locally committed.

"It has been deemed advisable to debar any of the former 'chums' or companions of the boys undergoing sentences access to the Reformatory, and a notice outside the door of the Institution states that only parents or guardians will be admitted, the intention being to shield the inmates from harmful influences, and, whilst they are confined with a view to their reformation, to encourage visits only of those who take an interest in their moral welfare.

"Some of the boys have been insufficiently supplied with clothing, especially underwear, and it has been necessary to provide extra garments so as to ensure a weekly change of underclothing for each boy, who has also his regular weekly hot bath.

"Divine service on Sundays is attended by the boys, services being conducted in the adjoining Gaol Chapel on alternate Sunday mornings by the Church of England and the Salvation Army.

"Rules and regulations have been drawn up for the guidance of each inmate of the Reformatory, and the first task set each prisoner on his arrival is the learning of these rules, so that thereafter he cannot plead ignorance.

"The Conduct Book, in which marks are entered against each boy's name every day, and the hope of obtaining some diminution of sentence as a reward for exemplary conduct, act as powerful deterrents to insubordination, and the punishment of confinement to cells, or the harsher measure of confinement to dark cells in the gaol building have only twice had to be resorted to.

"I am of the opinion that the system now in vogue in the Provincial Gaols of allowing five days in each month to be deducted from sentences, where good conduct justifies such allowance, could be advantageously applied to the Reformatory, and would be an incentive to general good behaviour.

"I therefore respectfully beg to submit this suggestion for your consideration.

"I have, etc.,

"REG. E. HANSON,

"*Acting Superintendent.*

"*F. S. Hussey, Esq., Supt. of Provincial Police*
"*and Warden of Gaols, Victoria, B. C.*"

STATEMENT SHEWING THE OFFENCES FOR WHICH JUVENILES WERE COMMITTED TO THE REFORMATORY, AND SENTENCE AWARDED.

No.	Age.	District.	Offence.	Sentence.
1	15 years	Nanaimo	Burglary	12 months
2	17 "	Victoria	Possession of stolen property	1 "
3	15 "	"	"	1 "
4	16 "	"	Burglary	2 "
5	16 "	"	Burglary	2 "
6	13 "	"	Burglary	1 "
7	11 "	"	Burglary	1 "
8	13 "	"	Stealing	6 "
9	15 "	"	Stealing	6 "
10	14 "	Vancouver	Attempted theft	3 "
11	14 "	"	Stealing	3 "
12	10 "	"	Stealing	3 "

"PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICE,
"NANAIMO, B. C., 1st November, 1897.

"SIR,—I have the honour to report on the state of the Provincial Police of the North and South Nanaimo Districts for the year ending October 31st, 1897.

"I am pleased to be able to report that the past year has been free from any serious crime throughout the District.

"The following changes have taken place on the force:—

"On the 24th April, Constable D. McKinnon of Wellington resigned, and Mr. Charles W. Young was appointed to the position; on the 27th July, Constable A. W. McLeod resigned his position, which is being temporarily filled by Constable M. H. McIndoo.

"The officers throughout the district appear to be alive to their duties, and no complaints have been made against any of them during the year.

"I have, etc.,
"W. STEWART, *Chief Constable.*"

LIST OF CONSTABLES TO WHOM LEAVE OF ABSENCE WAS GRANTED DURING THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31ST, 1897.

Name.	Duration.	Date of Application.
Burns, L. G	10 days	October 29th, 1897.
Batchelor, O. S	7 "	July 29th, "
Do.	14 "	June 11th, "
Cox, D. G	3 "	October 18th, "
Colbick, G. A	6 weeks	February 24th, "
Drummond, A. D	2 days	" 8th, "
Do.	6 "	September 19th, "
Drake, S	3 "	February 12th, "
Fauquier, F. G	3 "	March 10th, "
Gillie, J. D	14 "	October 28th, "
Hunter, Hugh	7 "	September 4th, "
Hutchison, J. W	4 "	April 1st, "
Hooson, J. E	4 "	February 24th, "
Lister, R. B	6 "	September 29th, "
Langley, J. M	14 "	July 13th, "
Lowe, R. R	14 "	June 16th, "
Maitland-Dougall, J	14 "	September 11th, "
Marquette, J. B	14 "	July 5th, "
McIndoo, M. H	6 months	April 8th, "
Seeley, J. H	10 days	January 3rd, "
Do.	10 "	July 1st, "
Stewart, W	3 "	June 10th, "
Scharschmidt, P. F	12 "	April 22nd, "
Stephenson, D	1 month	February 26th, "
Vickers, W. H	6 days	April 5th, "

LIST OF PROVINCIAL CONSTABLES, WITH STATIONS.

No.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DISTRICT.	MONTHLY SALARY.	REMARKS.
	Hussey, Fred'k S	**Victoria**		$150 00	**Superintendent.**
	Langley, John M.	"		102 00	**Sergeant.**
1	Cox, C. A	Alberni	Alberni	60 00	Constable.
2	Seeley, James	Kyuquot	"	60 00	"
3	Spain, F. S	Clayoquot	"	60 00	"
4	Bullock-Webster, W. H	Glenora	Cassiar	130 00	Stipendiary Magistrate and Chief Constable,
5	McKenna, J. J	Lake Bennett	"	100 00	Constable. [Cassiar District.
6	Little, Clifford	"	"	100 00	"
7	McLean, Malcolm	Glenora	"	100 00	"
8	Greaves, H. B	"	"	100 00	"
9	Cameron, Colin	Telegraph Creek	"	100 00	"
10	Jackson, S. H	"	"	100 00	"
11	Drummond, A. D	Teslin Lake	"	100 00	"
12	Morten, H. D	"	"	100 00	"
13	Jones, H. F. M	Echo Cove	"	65 00	"
14	Flewin, John	Fort Simpson	"	95 00	"
15	Kirby, James	Port Essington	"	60 00	"
16	Anderson, D. H	Quesnellemouth	Cariboo	73 00	Constable.
17	Bain, Jas. G	Quesnelle	"	73 00	"
18	Pyper, Robert	Alexis Creek	"	100 00	Mounted Constable.
19	Stage Guard	Ashcroft	"	116 00	Special (5 months).
20	Hance, O. T	Chilcotin	"	50 00	Constable.
21	McKen, James	Barkerville	"	85 00	Collector and Constable.
22	Rose, Fred	150-Mile Post	"	50 00	Constable.
23	Stephenson, Wm	Quesnelle Forks	"	120 00	Covernment Agent and Constable.
24	Maitland-Dougall, Jas	Duncans	Cowichan	68 00	Chief Constable.
25	(Special Acting)	Chemainus	"	60 00	Constable.
26	Shaw, E. W	Thetis Island	"	60 00	"
27	Campbell, D	Esquimalt	Esquimalt	60 00	Constable.
28	Barnes, H. W	Fort Steele	East Kootenay	68 00	Constable.
29	Edwards, C. M	"	"	95 00	Chief Constable and Recorder.
30	Lang, F. C	Golden	"	85 50	" "
31	Cox, D. G	"	"	68 00	Constable.
32	Sterritt, Jas. S	Donald	"	85 50	Collector, Constable, and Recorder.
33	Redgrave, Stephen	"	"	40 00	Gaoler.
34	Mountain, F. A. R	Nelson	West Kootenay	90 00	Chief Constable, West Kootenay.
35	Devitt, Wm. J	Trail	"	68 00	Constable.
36	Fauquier, F. G	Nakusp	"	73 00	" and Recorder.
37	Sibbald, John D	Revelstoke	"	102 00	Government Agent and Constable.
38	Paxton, W. G	"	"	75 00	Recorder and Constable.
39	Shaw, John	"	"	20 00	Nightwatchman (additional to citizens' allow-
40	Hooson, J. E	Rossland	"	73 00	Constable. [ance.)
41	Kirkup, John	"	"	102 00	Chief Constable and Recorder.
42	(Special Acting)	Three Forks	"	73 00	Constable.
43	Sproat, Alexander	New Denver	"	100 00	" and Recorder.
44	MacRae, Alex	Revelstoke	"	60 00	Constable.
45	Page, Wm. R	Trout Lake	"	60 00	"
46	Jarvis, Colborne D	Goat River	"	65 00	"
47	Christie, H. P	Slocan City	"	85 00	Recorder and Constable.
48	Forrester, Wm. C	Ymir	"	65 00	Constable.
49	Smith, Jas. W	Ainsworth	"	65 00	"
50	Ince, Robert	Nelson	"	65 00	Convict Guard and Constable.
51	Forbes, L. R	Silverton	"	65 00	Constable.
52	Burns, L. G	Lillooet	Lillooet	65 00	Constable.
53	Mitchell, George	Clinton	"	60 00	"
54	Stewart, William	Nanaimo	Nanaimo	95 00	Chief Constable and Gaoler.
55	Anderson, W. B	Union	"	95 00	Assessor, Collector, and Constable.
56	Belyea, John	Nanoose	"	30 00	Special Constable.
57	Kirkham, Wm	Nanaimo	"	60 00	2nd Gaoler and Constable.
58	Stewart, Vernon W	"	"	58 50	3rd " "
59	Cassidy, George	Oyster Harbour	"	30 00	Special Constable.
60	Drake, Samuel	Nanaimo	"	76 00	Assistant Gaoler and Constable.
61	Baird, John	Union	"	60 00	Constable.
62	Thomson, John	"	"	60 00	"
63	Young, C. W	Wellington	"	60 60	"
64	McIndoo, M. H	Northfield	"	60 00	"
65	Stephenson, David	Wellington	"	76 00	"
66	Woollacott, Phil	Alert Bay	"	76 00	"
67	Lister, R. B	New Westminster	New Westminster	90 00	Acting Chief Constable.
68	Marquette, J. B	Mission City	"	68 00	Constable.
69	*(Special Acting)*	*Thurlow Island*	"	*60 00*	" *and Collector.*
70	Campbell, C. S	Vancouver	"	68 00	"

LIST OF PROVINCIAL CONSTABLES, WITH STATIONS.—*Concluded.*

No.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DISTRICT.	MONTHLY SALARY.	REMARKS.
71	(Special Acting)	Plumper Pass	Victoria	60 00	Constable.
72	Ego, A. M	Sydney	"	58 50	"
73	Heal, F. G	Lake District	"	58 50	"
74	Atkins, W. R	Victoria	"	60 00	Clerk and Constable.
75	Murray, Frank	"	"	60 00	2nd Constable.
76	(Special Acting)	"	"	60 00	3rd "
77	Poole, Walter	Metchosin	"	60 00	Constable.
78	Prout, William	Victoria	"	58 50	Nightwatchman, Government Buildings.
79	Dinsmore, J. A	Grand Forks	Yale	65 00	Constable.
80	Vickers, John	Kamloops	"	100 00	Gaol Warden.
81	Beattie, Martin	"	"	95 00	Assessor, Collector, and Constable.
82	McLaren, James	"	"	70 00	Gonvict Guard and Constable.
83	McLean, Hugh	"	"	70 00	Gaoler and Constable.
84	Norfolk, W. J	"	"	70 00	" "
85	Cancellor, H	North Bend	"	60 00	Constable.
86	Deans, R. W	Osoyoos	"	65 00	"
87	Gillie, J. D	Nicola Lake	"	60 00	"
88	Gardom, Reg	Midway	"	60 00	"
89	Hunter, Hugh	Granite Creek	"	90 00	Collector and Constable.
90	Lowe, R. R	Kelowna	"	60 00	Constable.
91	Sutherland, D	Lytton	"	60 00	"
92	Simmons, E. C	Vernon	"	60 00	"
93	Elkins, Fred	Fairview	"	63 50	"
94	Burr, Jos. W	Ashcroft	"	85 00	Collector and Constable.
95	Dodd, Wm	Yale	"	102 00	Government Agent and Constable.
96	McMynn, W. G	Midway	"	100 00	Assessor, Collector, and Constable.
97	Tunstall, J. C	Vernon	"	85 50	" " "
98	Lawder, A. H	Greenwood City	"	60 00	Constable.

New Lock-ups Required.

COWICHAN DISTRICT.

Duncans.

The present lock-up at this post has been found too small to meet the increasing demands of the district. Two additional cells are needed, and in order to erect these in a suitable place adjoining the existing building, the purchase of a small piece of land next to the gaol is necessary. The ground referred to can be purchased for $40. A total sum of $250 will suffice for the purchase of the land and the construction of extra cells.

CASSIAR DISTRICT.

Glenora.

A lock-up at this point, consisting of four cells, a police office, and three bedrooms for the use of constables and gaoler, is needed here. If the Government Agent of the district is to be stationed at Glenora, a better building will, of course, be required.

Telegraph Creek.

I am informed that a small lock-up was constructed at this point about seven years ago, and is in good order. The accommodation, however, will be insufficient to meet the requirements of the coming season. I would therefore suggest that a sum of $250 be granted for the purpose of securing additional accommodation for constables and prisoners.

Lake Bennett.

Captain Rant, recently appointed a Gold Commissioner and Stipendiary Magistrate, and two Provincial constables left Victoria on the 25th of January for this post. As it was necessary that they should have quarters provided as quickly as possible, on account of the severity of the climate at this season, Mr. Michael King, who owns and operates a saw-mill at Lake Bennett, was instructed to erect a suitable log building and send the account to the Government. The expense of this building will be, I am informed, under $800.

Teslin Lake.

A lock-up containing four cells, a police office, and three bedrooms, will be required by the police. I have been informed that the Government intends to establish a Mining Record Office at this point.

Omineca.

A lock-up, consisting of say three cells and a police office, is likely to be needed here in the near future, and I think should be constructed in the vicinity of Tom Creek, where the Mining Recorder, Mr. Wells, is stationed.

CARIBOO DISTRICT.

Chilcotin.

A small lock-up, consisting of say two or three cells, and a police office and kitchen, will be required in the neighbourhood of Alexis Creek. A log building would probably be the most suitable to erect in this district.

WEST KOOTENAY.

Revelstoke.

The present lock-up at Revelstoke consists of four small and badly ventilated cells, a kitchen and police room. The present cells should be enlarged and properly ventilated. A sum of $200 will suffice to do what is necessary to provide adequate lock-up accommodation at this point.

Goat River.

A small lock-up will most probably be needed at Goat River. The Government are at present renting premises for the local constable stationed there. I would suggest that a sum of say $500 be placed on the estimates for a lock-up. The amount need not be expended unless it is found that a permanent building is likely to be required at this post.

Ymir.

This is a mining town, situated about eighteen miles from Nelson, on the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway. Population, about 400. A constable is stationed at this point, and a small lock-up, consisting of about three cells and a police office or guard-room, is required. A suitable building may be erected at Ymir for about $600. The Government is at present paying rent for a very inferior class of building.

YALE DISTRICT.

Fairview.

A lock-up will be needed at this town, which is the centre of a prosperous mining district. The local Government Agent, Mr. Norris, informs me that he has written to the Department of Lands and Works regarding the advisability of erecting at Fairview a Mining Record Office and lock-up, to cost about $2,500. I quite agree with Mr. Norris in this respect, and think that the Record Office should be removed from Osoyoos to Fairview. The office and lock-up at Osoyoos, where the Gold Commissioner, Mr. Lambly, resides, is an old building, and is altogether too small for present requirements.

Penticton.

This is a stopping-place for constables with prisoners *en route* to Kamloops gaol from the southern part of the district. Officers are usually detained at this place over night, and have no safe place to keep their prisoners. In addition to this, a lock-up is often needed to meet the local demands of Penticton, which is the terminus of navigation on Lake Okanagan. Mr. Norris is of the opinion that a building containing two cells and a guard-room can be built for $400. I would recommend that this sum be provided for in the Estimates.

Rules and Regulations.

The following rules for prison discipline are in force throughout the Province, and have been found sufficient for the order and good conduct of prisons and lock-ups:—

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PROVINCIAL GAOLS AND LOCK-UPS IN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

1. The Warden shall have full charge at all times of the Gaol and prisoners, and he shall be responsible for the custody and general care of the prisoners, and for the state and condition of every part of the Gaol and its surroundings, and for the general administration of its affairs.

2. The Warden shall conform to the Rules and Regulations himself, and shall see that they are strictly observed by the prisoners and by the officers employed in or about the Gaol.

3. The Assistant Gaolers and Guards, while inside the Gaol, shall be under the orders of the Warden, or, in the event of his absence, of the officer in charge of the Gaol at the time. And when the chain-gang is on the outside of the Gaol, the Senior Guard shall have control of the Guards and prisoners.

4. Where there is no Warden, these Rules and Regulations shall apply to the officer in charge of the Gaol or lock-up, excepting as to punishment.

5. Upon the admission of a prisoner to the Gaol, he must be thoroughly searched in the presence of a constable, and a list of all articles found on him entered into the Prisoner's Effects Book, and all prisoners must be searched every evening before being locked up in their cells, and the cells and beds must also be searched.

6. No visitors shall be allowed in the Gaol, or to speak to prisoners at any time, except by permission of the officer in charge, and a gaol official must be present at all interviews, unless otherwise ordered.

7. The cells in use must be scrubbed and whitewashed every week, and the cell buckets every day, and all other parts of the Gaol must at all times be kept in a perfectly clean condition. Prisoners shall have clean underclothing and a bath whenever required, and not less than once a week. All male prisoners while undergoing sentence shall have their hair cut as close as may be necessary for the purposes of health and cleanliness.

8. The Gaoler may allow such prisoners as he thinks fit to be out in the goal-yard an hour and a-half in the morning and the same time in the afternoon. On Sundays and holidays all prisoners, except those in solitary confinement, are to be allowed this privilege. Prisoners shall not be allowed to promenade in the Gaol corridors without permission, and then only on condition that strict silence be observed.

9. The Warden, or, if there be no Warden, the officer in charge of any prisoner, other than a debtor, may place such irons on the prisoner as he may deem necessary for the prevention of escape. And the Senior Guard may refuse to allow any prisoner to go out in the chain-gang unless he is ironed to his satisfaction. Prisoners' irons must be carefully examined daily ; those of the chain-gang on leaving for work by the Senior Guard, and on return by the officer in charge of the Gaol at the time.

10. Any person who, in any way, interferes with the discipline of the Gaol shall be excluded from the Gaol as a visitor.

11. The prisoners shall rise at 6:30 a.m., from April 1st to September 30th, and at 7 o'clock a. m. from October 1st to March 31st, and will be allowed half an hour to wash and dress themselves. In Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo Gaols, a Guard must be on the balcony before the cells are opened. The prisoners shall leave the Gaol for work at 7:30 a. m. in the summer-time, returning at 5:30 p. m., and in the winter-time at 8 o'clock a. m., returning before dark. One hour shall be allowed at noon for dinner.

12. Strict silence must be observed in the cells, and in all parts of the Gaol. No conversation between prisoners is allowed, except by special permission of the officer under whose charge they are. Prisoners shall not be permitted to visit from one cell to another. No marking or scratching the walls nor spitting upon the floor shall be allowed, and no lights shall be allowed in any of the cells.

13. All prisoners before leaving their cells must fold their bedding, and leave the same in a tidy condition. Prisoners attending service in the Gaol chapel shall do so in an orderly manner. Spitting on the floor, shuffling the feet, or any unnecessary noise is strictly forbidden.

14. Under no condition whatever are prisoners to use oakum, rags, or other material liable to choke closet or drain pipes; nothing but paper regularly supplied will be allowed.

15. Prisoners not under sentence must in no way interfere with, or otherwise attract the attention of prisoners under sentence from their work within the Goal.

16. All prisoners must obey the orders of any of the Gaol officers; those in the chain-gang, while outside the Gaol, must obey the orders of any of the guards.

17. Every prisoner will find it to his interest at all times to conform to the Rules and Regulations, and to carefully read them over; but if a prisoner is unable to read, they must be read over or explained by an officer to him, on application at a reasonable time.

18. No punishments or deprivations shall be awarded to any prisoner except by the Superintendent of Provincial Police, or in his absence by the Warden of the Gaol, or by a Justice of the Peace, who shall have power to order deprivations for the following offences, viz. :—

(1.) Disobedience of any of the Rules and Regulations of the Gaol:
(2.) Common assault on one prisoner by another:
(3.) Cursing or using profane language:
(4.) Indecent behaviour or language towards another prisoner or any officer of the Gaol, or towards a visitor:
(5.) Idleness or negligence at work on the part of a prisoner sentenced to hard labour:
(6.) Refusing or neglect to keep himself or his cell in order:
(7.) Wilfully destroying or defacing the Gaol property:
(8.) Insubordination of any sort.

19. The punishment to be inflicted upon prisoners for any of the foregoing offences shall not be other than the following :—

(1.) Solitary confinement in dark cells, with or without bedding, not to exceed six days for any one offence, nor three days at any one time:
(2.) Bread and water diet, full or half rations, combined or not with number one:
(3.) Cold water punishment, with the approval of the visiting physician.

20. The gaoler or officer in charge of the Gaol shall have authority summarily to confine any prisoner for misconduct in a solitary cell, or to place irons upon his hands and feet should he find it necessary, such restraint not to extend over a longer period than is necessary to bring the matter before the Superintendent of Provincial Police or the Warden of the Gaol, or, in the event of their absence, before any Justice of the Peace.

21. There shall be kept at the Victoria Gaol, and at New Westminster, Nanaimo, and Kamloops Gaols, a conduct book, in which shall be kept a daily record of the conduct and industry of every convicted prisoner confined therein, with the view to determining the amount of remission of sentence to which such convicted prisoner may be entitled for good conduct at the end of every month.

22. Every convicted prisoner sentenced to any of the above-named gaols may earn a remission of a portion of the time for which he is sentenced to be confined, viz.: five days for every month during which he is exemplary in behaviour, industry, and faithfulness, and does not violate any of the prison rules.

23. Every such prisoner who commits any breach of the above Regulations shall, besides any other penalty to which he is liable, be liable to forfeit the whole or any part of any remission which he has earned under Rule 22 of these Regulations.

Prison's Regulations Act.

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SCALE OF DIETARIES FOR USE IN PROVINCIAL GAOLS.

1. No beer or wine, or fermented or spirituous liquors of any kind shall be allowed to prisoners, or permitted within the Gaol, unless specially ordered by the Gaol Surgeon, such order to be recorded in his Journal, together with the name of the prisoner for whom the article is ordered.

2. No smoking shall be allowed, nor shall any tobacco be permitted in the Gaol, except by the order of the Gaol Surgeon, such order to be recorded in his Journal, together with the name of the prisoner to whom the privilege is allowed.

3. No food of any kind shall be sold by any Gaol Officer to a prisoner, or by one prisoner to another; nor shall any Gaol Officer have any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any food, clothing or other articles supplied to the prisoners; nor shall any Gaol Officer, or any member of his family, use any of the Gaol stores except for heating, lighting or cleaning the house or quarters allotted to them.

4. The Gaol dietaries shall be divided into two scales, viz:—

1. For prisoners awaiting trial, or under sentence with hard labour for a term of thirty days or under, where the labour is done in ordinary Gaol work;
2. For prisoners sentenced with hard labour for a term of over thirty days, and the labour consists of cutting wood, breaking stones or is extra-mural.

5. The dietary under the foregoing scale shall be as follows:—

SCALE No. 1.

Breakfast.

One pint of gruel (made from oatmeal or Indian corn meal), and eight ounces of bread every morning.

Dinner.

Five ounces of cooked meat (without bone), eight ounces of bread and eight ounces of potatoes on three days of the week. Eight ounces of bread, one pound of potatoes and one pint of gruel on two days of the week. One pint of soup and eight ounces of bread on two days in the week.

Supper.

One pint of gruel and eight ounces of bread every night.

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SCALE No. 2.

Breakfast.

One pint of gruel, eight ounces of bread, and one pint of pea coffee, sweetened with molasses or brown sugar, every morning.

Dinner.

Six ounces of cooked meat (without bone), eight ounces of bread and eight ounces of potatoes on each day that hard labour is performed; otherwise Scale No. 1 to be followed.

Supper.

One pint of gruel and eight ounces of bread every night.

6. The oatmeal gruel shall contain two ounces of oatmeal to every pint of water, and the Indian cornmeal gruel two and a-quarter ounces to the pint; the soup shall contain three ounces of cooked meat to the pint, and the usual quantity of vegetables, with pepper and salt. Pork may be used once a week instead of beef, but one ounce less in weight must be given than is named in the different scales; fish may also be substituted for beef once a week, in

which case four ounces more must be given than is named in the different scales; and all prisoners shall be allowed at their meals as much good water and salt as they desire.

7. Prisoners under the care of the Gaol Surgeon shall be allowed such diet as he may direct, his instructions in this respect to be entered in his Journal for the guidance of the Gaoler.

8. The food supplies shall be carefully weighed or measured when delivered out for use, and the Gaoler shall enter the weight or quantity in the Account Book, and he shall exercise the greatest care, so as to insure that all food supplied to the prisoners shall be of good quality and of the proper weight or measure.

9. The Gaoler shall receive and examine all articles of food and other supplies, and shall carefully weigh or measure the same, and enter the weight or measurement and the price in the Account Book.

10. The cooking of the food and the washing of clothes and bedding shall be done by a prisoner or prisoners, under the supervision of the Gaoler.

Regulations Regarding Visitors.

1. Visitors may be allowed to see prisoners under sentence on Saturdays, between the hours of 1 and 4:30 p.m.

2. On Sundays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

3. Visitors may be allowed to see prisoners awaiting "trial" at any hour between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (excepting on Sundays, when rule 2 must be followed), provided that the business to be transacted is of such importance.

4. No visitor shall be allowed in the Gaol or to speak with prisoners at any time except by permission of the officer in charge, and a Gaol official must be present at all interviews unless otherwise ordered.

5. No visitor shall be allowed to enter or remain in the Gaol at any other hours than those specified without the written permission of the Warden of the Gaol or the Superintendent of Provincial Police.

6. All visitors are requested to make their visits as brief as possible.

STATEMENT

SHOWING the offences for which prisoners were sentenced to terms of imprisonment in Provincial Gaols during the years 1894-5-6 and 7, each year ending 31st October.

OFFENCES.	VICTORIA.				NEW WESTMINSTER.				NANAIMO.				KAMLOOPS.			
	1894	1895	1896	1897	1894	1895	1896	1897	1894	1895	1896	1897	1894	1895	1896	1897
Abduction and rape	....	...	....	....	....	. .	3	....	....	...	1	....	....	....	1	....
Abusive and obscene language	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	.	....	...	....	. .	....
Arson	3	1	2	1	....	1	3	...	....	...	2	..	....	....	....	....
Aiding prisoners to escape	..	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Assaults	16	15	10	6	7	14	3	10	8	3	8	1	1	7	14	16
Assaults, felonious	6	7	1	5	3	1	1	2	1	...	....	5	...	. ..	...	2
Breaches of Merchant Shipping Act	10	5	8	13	....	....	2	1	8	1	....	6	....	....	....	....
" Militia Act	1	....	....	....	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....
" Naval Discipline Act	20	31	26	27	23	....	....	...	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	...
" Prison Rules	....	1	....	.	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....
" Game Laws	5	1	..	....	....	....	....	...	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	...
Bigamy	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....
Burglary	4	4	2	3	5	4	2	3	....	..	....	..	..	. .	....	1
Carrying unlawful weapons	...	2	....	....	....	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	1	....
Conspiracy	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	..	....
Contempt of Court	6	7	6	...	2	1	..	1	2	...	....	4	3	....	....	.. .
Counterfeit money, passing of	....	.. .	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	..	....
Cruelty to animals	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	....
Cutting, wounding and attempts	1	....	3	1	...	....	1	3	2	....	2	1	...	....	....	....
Debtors	4	1	2	3	3	....	....	...	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	....
Deserting employment	..	.. .	...	1	...	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	.	...
Destroying and injuring property	4	2	3	4	6	1	....	2	...	...	...	2	....	..	....	2
Drunk and disorderly	8	....	13	7	5	13	6	6	92	27	26	16	31	29	37	42
Embezzlement	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Escaping from and obstructing constables	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	3
Escaping from prison	....	....	....	1	...	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	2	..	2	1
Forgery	...	..	...	2	....	1	2	4	....	...	..	....	....	...	1	1
Fraud, or obtaining money and goods by false pretences	3	3	4	1	2	9	....	5	....	1	1	...	1	1	3	....
Gambling	....	10	....	1	....	.	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	....	....	..
Highway robbery	....	...	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Horse, cattle and sheep stealing	4	....	1	....	...	3	4	2	....	....	....	....	1	3	3	3
Housebreaking	2	3	1	5	4	8	2	4	...	....	1	....	3	....	1	4
Indecent assault and exposure	....	1	6	4	2	1	1	1	2	....	2	....	....	....	1	...
Infraction of Indian Act	67	79	27	21	28	30	24	20	40	57	45	55	42	30	17	51
Inmates and frequenters of houses of ill-fame	....	....	...	1	4	...	....	1	1	..	....	....	....	....	..	....
Larceny	60	45	37	48	59	77	69	40	23	10	7	9	11	27	22	33
Manslaughter	....	...	2	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Murder	1	....	....	....	2	2	...	1	1	...	....	....	1	...	...	....
Murder, attempt to commit	....	....	....	2	2	4	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	4
Perjury	....	....	....	....	...	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Possession of stolen property	13	12	5	3	3	5	8	13	1	....	1	2	2	....	2	....
Robbery	3	2	....	....	6	....	6	3	....	4	1	...	....	....	2	4
Selling liquor without licence	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Sodomy	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.	...
Suicide, attempted	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Threatening and seditious language	1	4	2	2	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Unsound mind	15	6	12	4	21	21	15	....	3	1	8	3	3	8	2	....
Vagrancy	6	2	10	10	11	5	10	14	12	15	8	8	8	12	6	21
Other offences	29	20	3	....	13	22	18	5	3	2	1	....	6	5	6	4
	294	264	188	178	218	229	189	151	202	132	117	114	116	123	127	195

The Cities of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster are each provided with a city lock-up, which is maintained by the Municipal Government, and during the above years a large number of prisoners sentenced to short terms of imprisonment for drunkenness or non-payment of fines served their terms of imprisonment in the lock-ups. The above statement does *not* include such prisoners. The Cities of Nanaimo and Kamloops do not use a lock-up for such purposes, but send all their prisoners to the County Gaol as soon as they have been convicted.

STATEMENT

SHOWING the offences for which prisoners were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in the City Lock-ups during the years 1896 and 1897, each year ending October 31st.

Offences.	Victoria.		Vancouver.		New Westminster.		Nanaimo.		Wellington.	
	1896	1897	1896	1897	1896	1897	1896	1897	1896	1897
Assaults	30	26	41	55	12	15	9	5	7	4
Breach of City By-Laws	89	75	50	153	7	8	.....	10	2	1
" Game Act	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	1	.....
" Indian Act	25	39	91	90	8	16	4	1	6	5
" Licences Act	7	4	12	5	2	.....	2	6	.....	.....
" Merchant Shipping	.....	.....	29	15	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
" Public Morals By-Law.	12	17	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
" Revenue Tax Act	9	4	19	2	8	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carrying concealed weapon	3	1	6	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Contempt of Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cruelty to animals	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Destroying and injuring property	4	8	1	4	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....
Drunk and disorderly	202	160	174	221	18	17	27	14	6	2
Fraud or false pretences	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frequenters, inmates and keepers of houses of ill-fame	3	1	57	27	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....
Furious driving	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gambling	5	2	14	24	5	18	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indecent assault and exposure	1	1	4	1	.....	.....	2	1	2	.....
Larceny	7	7	37	.....	9	3	2	2	1	.....
Obstructing Constables	2	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pointing revolver unlawfully	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Possession of stolen property	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Smuggling	.....	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Threatening & seditious language.	5	1	4	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Unsound mind	9	11	5	1	9	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Vagarancy	5	4	53	80	12	6	.....	2	2	3
Other offences	9	3	12	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2
	433	365	620	704	93	122	51	42	31	17

STATEMENT

SHOWING the offences for which prisoners were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in the Provincial Gaols and City Lock-ups during the year ending October 31st, 1897.

Offences.	Victoria.		Vancouver	New West'r.		Nanaimo.		Kamloops.	Wellingt'n	Totals
	Provincial Gaol.	City Lock-up.	City Lock-up.	Provincial Gaol.	City Lock-up.	Provincial Gaol.	City Lock-up.	Provincial Gaol.	City Lock-up.	Totals of each offence.
Arson	1	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	1
Assault	6	26	55	10	15	1	5	18	4	140
Assault on constable	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
" aggravated and felonious	3	....	....	2	....	5	....	.....	.....	10
Breach of City By-Laws	....	75	153	....	8	....	10	.....	1	247
" Medical and Dentistry Acts	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
" Game Act	....	....	.....	....	2	....	....	.....	.....	2
" Indian Act	21	39	90	20	16	55	1	51	5	298
" Licences Act	....	4	5	5	....	....	6	2	.....	22
" Merchant Shipping Act	13	....	15	1	....	6	....	.....	.....	35
" Naval Discipline Act	27	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	27
" Post Office Act	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
" Prison Rules	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
" Public Morals By-Law	....	17	7	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	24
" Revenue Tax Act	....	4	2	....	3	....	....	.....	.....	9
Burglary	3	....	.....	3	....	....	....	1	.....	7
Carrying concealed weapons	....	1	5	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	6
Contempt of Court	....	....	.....	1	....	4	....	.....	.....	5
Counterfeit money, passing	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....
Cruelty to animals	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	.....	....	2
Cutting, wounding, and attempts	1	....	.....	3	....	1	....	.....	.....	5
Debtors	3	....	.....	....	....	1	....	.....	.....	4
Destroying and injuring property	4	8	4	2	2	2	....	2	.....	24
Drunk and disorderly	7	160	221	6	17	16	14	42	2	485
Escape from prison and attempts	1	....	.....	3	....	....	....	4	.....	8
Forgery [tences	2	....	....	4	....	....	....	1	.....	7
Fraud, obtaining money or goods by false pre-	1	....	.....	5	....	....	....	.....	.....	6
Frequenters, etc., of houses of ill-fame	1	1	27	1	29	....	....	.....	.....	59
Furious driving	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Gambling	1	2	24	....	18	....	....	.....	.....	45
Highway robbery	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	1	.....	1
Horse, cattle, and sheep stealing	....	....	.....	2	....	....	....	3	.....	5
House breaking	5	....	.....	4	....	....	....	4	.....	13
Indecent assault and exposure	6	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	.....	10
Larceny	48	7	.....	40	3	9	2	33	.....	142
Murder	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	.....	.....	1
" attempted	2	....	.....	1	....	....	....	4	.....	7
Manslaughter	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	.....	.....	1
Obstructing constables	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	.....	.....	3
Pointing revolver	....	1	.....	....	....	....	....	.. ..	.....	1
Possession of stolen property	3	....	.....	13	....	2	....	.....	.....	18
Rape	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Receiving stolen property	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Robbery and attempts	....	....	.....	3	....	....	....	4	.....	7
Smuggling	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	3
Threatening and seditious language	2	1	1	....	1	....	1	.....	.... ..	6
Unsound mind	4	11	1	....	....	3	....	....	.....	19
Vagrancy	10	4	80	14	6	8	2	21	3	148
Other offences	3	3	7	5	1	....	....	4	2	25
	178	365	704	151	122	114	42	195	17	1888

The movements of prisoners in the Gaols of the Province during the year ending October 31st, 1897, is summarised as follows:—

	Victoria.	New Westminster.	Nanaimo.	Kamloops.
Prisoners confined, October 31st, 1896	43	47	19	25
" received, " "	178	231	125	275
	221	278	144	300
Discharged since " " ...	180	215	122	273
Executions	.....	1	.....	.....
	41	62	22	27

The increase in the number of prisoners on 31st October, 1897, as compared with the number registered 31st October, 1896, was eighteen.

VICTORIA GAOL.

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Report of the Warden.

VICTORIA, B. C., November 26th, 1897.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith the annual statistical report of the Victoria Gaol for the prison year ending 31st October, 1897. During the year 178 prisoners were brought to Gaol, as follows:—

From the City Police Court	103
From Her Majesty's ships	27
By the Provincial Police	45
By the Sheriff	3
	178

The discipline of the Gaol has been well maintained, and the conduct of prisoners generally has been good. One prisoner escaped from the chain-gang, but was recaptured several weeks afterwards, and an additional sentence of six months' imprisonment was awarded him.

The Gaol building is kept in a good state of repair, but the front of the building is very much in need of a coat of paint. All prisoners sentenced to hard labour have been kept well employed in blasting and breaking rock, gardening, and other work to be done. There is a large quantity of well-broken rock on hand for road making. One gang of prisoners has been employed improving Government House grounds and such other work as required.

The health of the prisoners generally has been good, no deaths having occurred.

Religious services have been held on each Sunday throughout the year by the Rev. Canon Paddon, the Salvation Army, and by members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The prisoners have been supplied with magazines and other reading matter by Miss Goward and others who take an interest in their welfare.

I have, etc.,
R. F. JOHN,
Warden.

F. S. Hussey, Esq.,
Superintendent of Provincial Police, etc., Victoria.

PROVINCIAL GAOL AT VICTORIA, B. C.

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Report for the Year ending 31st October, 1897.

1.—OFFICIAL STAFF.

OFFICE.	NAME.	SALARY PER ANNUM.
Warden	R. F. John	$1,224 00
1st Gaoler	E. J. Parsons	912 00
2nd Gaoler	Robert Liddell	816 00
3rd Gaoler	James Hunter	816 00
1st Guard	Almond Thomas	912 00
2nd Guard	Joseph Mellon	816 00
3rd Guard	J. H. Mason	762 00
Gaol Surgeon	Hon. J. S. Helmcken, M. D	400 00

2.—STATEMENT "A."

Number of prisoners remaining in custody 31st October, 1896	43
" " received during the year	178
Total	221

3.—STATEMENT "B."

A return of the names, ages, callings, and crimes of prisoners who died in the Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1897.—*Nil.*

4.—STATEMENT "C."

A return of offenders pardoned during the year—one, Peter Sayers.

5.—STATEMENT "D."

Discharged from prison on expiration of sentence	155
" " Supreme Court	1
" " Provincial Police Court, no conviction	3
" " on payment of fine	8
" conviction quashed	1
" by pardon	1
" temporarily insane	4
Transferred to B. C. Penitentiary	6
" Insane Asylum	1
Remaining in custody October 31st, 1897	41

6.—STATEMENT "E."

Number of prisoners in custody October 31st, 1896	43
" " 1897	41
" received during the year	178
Daily average number of prisoners	32⅓
Cost of keep of each prisoner, food and clothing per diem	12 cents.
" " including salaries and all expenses, per diem	79 cents.
Number of cells in the Gaol, 75, and solitary cells, 5.	
Number of prisoners Gaol can accommodate	127
Greatest number of prisoners confined in Gaol on any one day during the year	50
Lowest number	13

7.—STATEMENT "F."—Tenders accepted for supplies.

Bread	L. Dickinson.
Meat	John Parker.
Groceries, soap, brooms and brushes	Erskine, Wall & Co.
Clothing, shoes and blankets	Gilmore & McCandless.
Coal	Walter Walker.

8.—STATEMENT "G."—Receipts and expenditures.

Receipts.

Amount received for keep of prisoners, Victoria City	$1,230 60
" Naval	994 75
" Provincial	96 50
Credit for 290 yards broken stone for district roads	507 50
Total receipts	$2,829 35
Provincial fines collected and paid to Supt. Hussey	$ 150 00
City Police Court fines collected and paid to clerk C. P. C	63 00

Expenditure.

Bread	$ 425 09
Meat	362 69
Groceries, soap, brooms and brushes	355 56
Clothing and shoes	287 15
Fuel	369 80
Light (gas)	275 20
Water	111 25
Lumber, lime, paint, oil and repairs	164 60
Powder, fuse and tools	104 74
Miscellaneous accounts	216 34
	$2,672 42
Salaries	6,738 00
	$9,410 42

9.—STATEMENT "H."

Real estate and buildings, estimated value of	$60,000 00
Stores, tools, etc	1,500 00

Crimes.

Arson	1	Forgery	2
Assault	6	Frequenting houses of ill-fame	1
" aggravated	3	Gambling	1
" indecent	1	House-breaking	5
Attempted murder	2	Indecent exposure	3
Attempted rape	1	Infraction Indian Act	21
Attempted sodomy	1	Larceny	48
Attempted suicide	2	Obtaining goods by false pretences	1
Breach Merchant Shipping Act	13	Possession of stolen property	3
" Naval Discipline Act	27	Threatening to do bodily harm	2
Breaking gaol	1	Unsound mind	4
Burglary	3	Vagrancy	10
Debtors	3	Wounding	1
Deserting	1		
Destroying and injuring property	4	Total	178
Drunk and disorderly	7		

Occupations.

Agent	1	Miner	3
Bartender	1	No occupation	9
Blacksmith	1	Painter	1
Bricklayer	1	Peddler	1
Butcher	2	Porter	1
Carpenter	5	Plumber	1
Caulker	1	Printer	3
Clerk	2	Prostitute	2
Cook	5	Sealer	4
Deckhand	2	Seamen, A. B. and O	39
Domestic	5	Sailmaker	1
Expressman	1	Signalman	1
Farmer	2	Shop-keeper	1
Farm-hand	3	Steward	1
Fisherman	11	Stoker	6
Labourer	48	Tailor	1
Longshoreman	2	Teamster	1
Lumberman	1	Waiter	1
Machinist	1		
Marine, L. I	6	Total	178

Nationalities.

British Columbia, Whites	6	United States	23
" Coloured	1	China	20
" Half-breed	5	Norway and Sweden	5
" Indian	15	Dutch	5
England	46	Italy	2
Ireland	10	Other countries	8
Scotland	15		
Wales	5	Total	178
Canada	12		

Religious Denominations.

Church of England	52	Methodists	16
Presbyterian	23	Baptists	2
Lutheran	9	Greek Church	1
Mohammedan	1	Religion not defined	30
Protestant	7		
Roman Catholics	37	Total	178

Educational.

Read and write	126
Read only	6
No education	46
Total	178

Social Conditions.

Married	38
Single	135
Widowers	5
Total	178

Habits.

Temperate	37
Intemperate	141
Total	178

Ages.

From 12 to 20 years	23	From 50 to 60 years	9
" 20 to 30 "	80	" 60 to 70 "	3
" 30 to 40 "	39		
" 40 to 50 "	24	Total	178

Return showing the period of sentence passed on the convicted prisoners received in the Victoria Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1897.

One month and under	46
Over one month and under two months	9
Two months and under three months	31
3 months	38
4 "	5
6 "	11
9 "	2
12 "	6
18 "	4
2 years, transferred to B. C. Penitentiary	3
3 " "	2
4 " "	2
6 " "	1

Return showing the remission time earned by prisoners in Victoria Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1897.

29	prisoners earned	5 days each.
27	"	10 "
24	"	15 "
5	"	20 "
1	"	25 "
5	"	30 "
2	"	40 "
1	"	45 "
3	"	60 "
3	"	No remission.

Return showing the town or place from which prisoners were recevied.

Victoria City	103	The Islands	5
H. M. Ships	27	West Coast, V.I.	2
Sea-going vessels	14	Cowichan	1
Victoria District	10	Comox	1
Esquimalt District	9	Cassiar District	6

Certified correct,

R. F. JOHN, *Warden.*

NEW WESTMINSTER GAOL.

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Report of the Warden.

PROVINCIAL GAOL, NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.,
November 17th, 1897.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith the annual statistical report of the New Westminster Gaol for the prison year ending October 31st, 1897, giving an itemized account of all expenditures, together with a record of the number of prisoners received into the Gaol, and of what disposition was made of them; also showing how prisoners were employed during the year.

We received during the year two hundred and thirty-one prisoners from the following places:—

From Vancouver	64
New Westminster	61
Yale	20
Kootenay	35
Cariboo	16
Kamloops	30
Chilliwhack	2
Victoria	3

Two prisoners escaped during the year, one from the Gaol-yard and one from the Warden's residence. Neither were re-captured. The Gaol and other buildings are in a good state of repair. The sanitary conditions are good, and are carefully looked after at all times. The general health of the prisoners has been very good, no deaths having occurred during the year. All prisoners sentenced to hard labour have been kept actively employed breaking stone and doing such other work in and about the Gaol and grounds as was necessary. One gang has been continuously employed doing necessary work upon Government grounds. This year they were employed much of the time at the Asylum, where they excavated and moved 3,469 cubic yards of hard-pan, such material having been taken out in order to construct the foundation of the new addition to the Asylum. The average cost of removing such would be 60 cents per yard, making a total of $2,081.40. There was also 2,000 feet of ditching for water pipe, averaging four feet in depth and two feet in width, done in order to remove old pipes and lay new mains in their stead.

Religious services have been held once each week and twice upon each Sunday during the year, conducted by Mrs. Robinson and different clergy for the Protestant portion, and the Rev. Father Fayard for the Roman Catholics, all of whom I desire to thank on behalf of the prisoners, not only for the sacred services but also for the magazines, religious papers, and other good reading matter, all of which doubtless have done much good.

This report, when compared with those of previous years, will, I feel sure, be found to represent an administration of economy in all outlays, and a deep interest in the management.

All contracts for food, clothing, and general supplies have been filled to entire satisfaction.

I have, etc.,
W. G. ARMSTRONG,
Warden.

F. S. Hussey, Esq.,
Superintendent of Provincial Police, etc.,
Victoria.

PROVINCIAL GAOL AT NEW WESTMINSTER.

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Report for the year ending October 31st, 1897.

1.—OFFICIAL STAFF.

OFFICE.	NAME.	SALARY PER ANNUM.
Warden	W. G. Armstrong	$1,140 00
1st Gaoler	G. A. Calbick	912 00
2nd "	M. Lavell	816 00
3rd "	B. Marshall	762 00
1st Convict Guard	Joseph Burr	912 00
2nd "	A. O'Connor	762 00
Matron	Mrs. Beattie	240 00
Surgeon	R. G. Walker, M.D	400 00

2.—STATEMENT "A."

Number of prisoners remaining in custody 31st October, 1896	47
" received during the year	231

3.—STATEMENT "B."

A return of the names, ages, callings, and crimes of prisoners who died in Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1897.—*None.*

4.—STATEMENT "C."

Discharged from prison on expiration of sentence	107
" " Supreme Court	19
" " County Court Judge's Criminal Court	14
" " Provincial Police Court	15
" on payment of fine, 3; on bail, 5	8
Escaped	2
Transferred to Penitentiary	33
" Lunatic Asylum	14
" Old Men's Home, Kamloops	1
Temporarily insane, 2; hanged, 1	3
Remaining in custody 31st October, 1897	62

5.—STATEMENT "D."

Offenders pardoned during the year (W. H. Falding)	1

6.—STATEMENT "E."

Average number of prisoners per month	61
" " " day	51¼
Number of prisoners confined on October, 1896	47
" " " " 1897	62
Total number received during the year	231

7.—STATEMENT "F."

Receipts.

Amount received for keep of prisoners, New Westminster	$437 50
Amount of fines, forfeitures and cash received, paid to Chief Constable Bullock-Webster, and Chief of Police	375 00
Cash on hand, 31st October, 1897	*Nil.*
	$ 812 50

Expenditure.

Food	$1,563 31
Water	65 87
Clothing	232 33
Hospital stores	100 89
Salaries of officers	5,784 00
Fuel and light	910 71
For the erection of new buildings and repairs	310 13
Miscellaneous accounts	76 43
Total	$9,043 67

Keep of each prisoner for food and clothing per day	11⅝ cents.
" " including salaries and all expenses	50¾ "

Return shewing how prisoners have been employed during the year:—The chain-gangs have been employed in filling in the cribbing in front of the Gaol building, and in general work about the grounds and gaol, and in excavating for the foundations of the new addition to the Provincial Asylum.

8.—STATEMENT "G."—Tenders accepted for supplies.

Clothing	J. Phillips.
Livery	Highland & Devoy.
Coal, wood and lime	Gillie & Rodgers.
Funerals	D. Murchie.
Drugs	Curtis & Co.
Fish	Western Fish Company.
Meat	Reichenback & Co.
Milk	J. A. Fliger.
Boots and shoes	William Johnson.
Bread	Lavery.
Groceries	E. J. Rae.

9.—STATEMENT "H."—Value of Prison property.

Real estate and building	$50,000 00
Stores, tools, etc.	500 00

Certified correct.

W. G. ARMSTRONG,
Warden.

NANAIMO GAOL.

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Report of Gaoler.

PROVINCIAL GAOL, NANAIMO,
1st November, 1897.

SIR,—I have the honour to report on the Provincial Gaol at Nanaimo for the year ending 31st October, 1897. During the year twenty-two prisoners were received from Cowichan; nine, including two insane, from Comox; four from Wellington; two, including one temporarily insane, from Alberni; one from Thurlow Island; five from Alert Bay; nineteen from Nanaimo City, two transient; and sixty one from the District. The conduct of the prisoners, with a few exceptions, has been good. The principal work done by the prisoners during the year was on the Gaol property, such as preparing ground, planting crops, harvesting, stumping and clearing land, and also removing and repairing house for constables' residence. The ground in front of the Court House has also been graded. The crops, particularly the hay and potatoes, turned out well. Divine service was held every Sunday morning, when all prisoners who so desired had the opportunity of attending. The Young Men's Christian Association kindly furnished the prisoners (weekly) with a supply of literature. The officers have attended to their duties faithfully and to my satisfaction.

I have, etc.,
W. STEWART,
Chief Constable and Gaoler.

F. S. Hussey, Esq.,
Superintendent Provincial Police, Victoria.

PROVINCIAL GAOL AT NANAIMO.

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Report for the Year ending October 31st, 1897.

1.—OFFICIAL STAFF.

OFFICE.	NAME.	SALARY PER ANNUM.
Chief Constable and Gaoler	William Stewart	$1,140 00
Constable and Assistant Gaoler	Samuel Drake	912 00
Constable and 3rd Gaoler	William Kirkham	702 00
1st Convict Guard	Archibald Hamilton	762 00
2nd Convict Guard	Moses H. McIndoo	762 00
Medical Officer	L. T. Davis, M.D.	393 33

2.—STATEMENT "A."

Number of prisoners remaining in custody, 31st October, 1896 19
" " received during the year 125

3.—STATEMENT "B."

A return of the names, ages, callings, and crimes of prisoners who died during the year ending October, 31st, 1897.—*Nil.*

4.—STATEMENT "C."

Discharged from prison on expiration of sentence 56
" " Supreme Court 4
" " County Court Judges Criminal Court 2
" " Provincial Police Court 10
" on payment of fine 34
" temporarily insane 10
Transferred to Penitentiary 3
" Lunatic Asylum 3
Remaining in custody 31st October, 1897 22

5.—STATEMENT "D."

Offenders pardoned during the year ..... None.

6.—STATEMENT "E."

Average number of prisoners per month 29
" " day ..... $11\frac{4}{5}$
Number of prisoners confined 31st October, 1896 19
" " 1897 22
Total number received during the year 125

7.—STATEMENT "F."—Receipts and expenditure.

Receipts.

Amount received for keep of prisoners	$ 34 50
Amount of fines, forfeitures and cash received (paid to Government Agent)	369 50
Cash on hand 31st October, 1897	*Nil.*

Expenditure.

Food	$ 449 63
Bedding	
Clothing	78 00
Water	67 43
Hospital stores	12 25
Sundries	106 12
Salaries of officers	4,147 82
Fuel and light	210 02
Tools and repairs	45 95
For the erection of new buildings and repairs	21 50
	$5,138 72

Keep of each prisoner for food and clothing, per day	$ 12¼
" including salaries and all expenses	1 19⅓

Return showing how prisoners have been employed.

The prisoners have been employed working in the garden, stumping and clearing land, cutting firewood, and grading Court House grounds.

8.—STATEMENT "G."—Tenders accepted for supplies.

Bread	J. C. Thompson.
Beef	Hemans & Walmsley.
Groceries	A. R. Johnstone & Co.
Boots and shoes	Hughes.
Dry Goods	James Hirst.
Coal	Thompson & Scovile.
Teaming, per day	Joseph Ganner.

9.—STATEMENT "H."—Value of Prison property.

Real estate and building	$22,000 00
Stores and tools	1,400 00

Certified correct,
WILLIAM STEWART,
Chief Constable and Gaoler.

PROVINCIAL GAOL AT KAMLOOPS.

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Report for the Year ending 31st October, 1897.

1.—OFFICIAL STAFF.

Office.	Name.	Salary per Annum.
Gaoler	O. S. Batchelor	$816 00
Assistant Gaoler	W. J. Norfolk	762 00
3rd Gaoler	H. McLean	702 00
1st Convict Guard	J. C. McLaren	762 00
2nd Convict Guard	A. G. Brown	762 00
Medical Officer	E. Furrer, M.D	240 00

2.—STATEMENT "A."

Number of prisoners remaining in custody October 31st, 1896	25
" " received during the year	275

3.—STATEMENT "B."

A return of the names, ages, callings and crimes of prisoners who died in gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1897 ..... None.

4.—STATEMENT "C."

Discharged from prison on expiration of sentence	152
" " Supreme Court	2
" " County Court Judges' Criminal Court	1
" " Provincial Police Court	12
" on payment of fines	22
" temporarily insane	2
Transferred to Penitentiary	7
" Lunatic Asylum	1
" New Westminster Gaol	74
Remaining in custody, 31st October, 1897	27

5.—STATEMENT "D."

Offenders pardoned during the year ..... None.

6.—STATEMENT "E."

Average number of prisoners per month	$46\frac{2}{3}$
" " " day	24
Number of prisoners confined 31st October, 1896	25
" " " " 1897	27
Total number received during the year	275

7.—STATEMENT "F."—Receipts and Expenditures.

Amount received for keep of prisoners	*Nil.*
Amount of fines, forfeitures, and cash received (paid to Government Agent)	$385 00
Cash on hand on 31st October, 1897	*Nil.*

Expenditure.

Food	$1,415 11
Clothing	428 13
Hospital stores	106 05
Salaries of officers	2,616 00
Fuel and light	461 80
For the erection of new buildings and repairs	171 96
Total	$5,199 05

Keep of each prisoner for food and clothing, per day	21 cents.
" including salaries and all expenses	59¼ "

Return showing how prisoners have been employed during the year ending 31st October, 1897 :—The prisoners have been chiefly employed at work on the Government grounds, around the Provincial Home, making necessary improvements, grading, etc., and in putting in and cultivating crops. They have also been employed in cutting wood for the Gaol, the Government and Registry Offices, and School.

8.—STATEMENT "G."—Tenders accepted for Supplies.

Clothing	Hudson's Bay Co.
Meat	Hull & Co.
Groceries	J. S. Smith.
Vegetables	A. Noble.
Fuel	T. Hornby.
Bread	McLughan & Johnson.
Drugs	R. G. McPherson.

9.—STATEMENT "H."—Value of Prison Property.

Real estate and building	$4,500 00
Stores, tools, etc	480 00

Certified correct.

W. J. NORFOLK, *Acting Gaoler.*

PROVINCIAL GAOL AT NELSON.

This Gaol was opened at the beginning of the present year, as previously mentioned in the Report. The staff at present is as follows. As the necessity arises, the two additional guards, not yet appointed, will have to be engaged.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

OFFICE.	NAME.	SALARY PER MONTH.
Warden	Napoleon Fitzstubbs	$1,200 00
1st Gaoler	Robert Liddell	960 00
2nd "	George Partridge	840 00
3rd "	John McLaren	840 00
1st Convict Guard	Robert Ince	840 00
2nd "	Not yet appointed	780 00
3rd Inner Guard	"	780 00

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