TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

RESPECTING THE

PRISONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER,

1888

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REPORT.

VICTORIA, B. C., 31st October, 1888.

To the Honourable
The Attorney-General, Victoria.

SIR:

I have the honour to submit the Prisons Report for the year ending 31st October, 1888.

The discipline and condition of the various gaols has been good.

When the various improvements are made in the Victoria Gaol, as I am informed will be done next year, that institution will be as near perfection as could be desired for a prison.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. B. ROYCRAFT,

Provincial Superintendent of Police,
and Warden of Gaols.

VICTORIA GAOL.

VICTORIA GAOL, 31st October, 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my report, with the necessary returns, of the Victoria Gaol for the year ending 31st October, 1888.

During the year 219 prisoners were committed to this gaol for the following offences:—Larceny, 33; infraction of the Indian Liquor Act, 32; vagrancy, 31; breach of Merchant Shipping Act, 22; breach of Naval Discipline Act, 20; assault, 16; possession of intoxicants and disorderly, 14; safe keeping, 10; receiving stolen property, 3; in possession of stolen property, 3; evading Chinese Restriction Act, 3; obstructing railway, 3; false pretences, 1; seduction, 1; necessary witnesses, 3; debtors, 4; manslaughter, 3; indecent exposure, 2; deserting, 1; carrying concealed weapon, 1; conspiracy, 2; contempt of Court, 2; embezzlement, 1; forgery, 1; procuring, 1; attempt to poison, 1; murder, 1; arson, 1; unlawful entry, 1; housebreaking, 2.

Nationalities—England, 44; Ireland, 4; Scotland, 2; British Columbia, 50; Canada, 11; United States, 26; China, 52; Germany, 7; France, 4; Norway and Sweden, 5; other countries, 14.

No. of prisoners in custody November 1st, 1887	89	
Received during the year ending October 31st, 1888	219	
		308
Discharged from gaol during the year ending October 31st, 1888		274
In custody October 31st, 1888		34

Both the gaol yards have been improved during the past month, making it much better for committed prisoners and others who have occasion to use the yards to walk on.

The drainage from the gaol has been greatly improved during the past summer, vitrified drain-pipes having been extended a considerable distance, and the cesspool, which was such an abominable nuisance, covered in. It is only proper to remark that the outlet of the drain causes no annoyance (nor is there any likelihood of its doing so) to any of the neighbouring residents.

The balcony for the inside guard has been extended so as to overlook the eastern yard, and is found to be a great convenience to the guard on duty, as from it the guard commands a view of the yard below, whilst prisoners are out, and also of the entrance door leading to the gaol corridors.

The water supply is not what it should be, the supply being very irregular and causing much inconvenience; there is scarcely any hot water for bathing or cleaning purposes, for the reason that the water does not run into the tanks during the day time when the fires are going. The only remedy for this would be a larger supply pipe. As the cleanliness and health of prisoners depends, to a great extent, on a sufficiency of good water, I trust that a larger supply pipe will be laid to the gaol early in the coming year.

If the gaol was furnished with a hot air furnace the building would be much better heated and the temperature kept more even than by stoves, besides, there would be a considerable saving in fuel.

Gas is now used for lighting purposes; it is, perhaps, more expensive than the old system of coal oil and lamps, but more convenient and safer, as a number of lamps have exploded in this prison since its construction.

A considerable amount of work has been done during the year by the chain-gang in improving government grounds and repairing roads in the vicinity of the gaol, besides work done in the gaol garden, which will, I hope, in the coming year supply the institution with all the vegetables required.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. F. JOHN,
Warden.

To H. B. Roycraft, Esq.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

Warden	R. F. John.
1st Gaoler	P. Woollacott.
2nd Gaoler	Wm. Muldoon.
3rd Gaoler	Thos. Dougherty.
Senior Convict Guard	P. Ferrall.
2nd Convict Guard	C. H. F. Blake.
3rd Convict Guard	A. Workman.
4th Convict Guard	Jas. Parsons.
Medical Officer	Dr. J. S. Helmcken.

STATEMENT A.

Number of Prisoners received in Provincial Gaol, Victoria, for the year ending 31st October, 1888 219

STATEMENT B.

A Return of the names, ages, callings, and crimes of Prisoners who died in the Provincial Gaol, Victoria, during the year ending 31st October, 1888.

Name.	Age.	Country.	Calling.	Residence.	Crime.	Date of Death.
Ah Fat	40	China	Trader	Victoria, B. C.	Murder	Executed 30th Jan'y, 1888.
Klar-guos-kum.	35	B. C.	.....	Salmon River	Murder	Died March 29th, 1888.

STATEMENT C.

Number of Prisoners liberated during year ending October 31st, 1888 274

STATEMENT D.

Number of offenders pardoned during the year ending 31st October, 1888 2

STATEMENT E.

Daily average for the year		55
Number in confinement 1st November, 1887	89	
Number received during the year	219	
		308
Number discharged during the year ending 31st October, 1888		274
Number in confinement 31st October, 1888		34

STATEMENT F—Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1888.

Bread	$868 74	
Meat and vegetables	665 92	
Fish	30 40	
Groceries, including coal oil	768 87	
Clothing and repairing material	424 92	
		$2,758 85
Water		300 00
Light, gas from 1st March to 31st October		264 40
Household and kitchen utensils, including numerous repairs		191 65
Medicine for sick		91 30
Lime, paint, tar, and oil		61 25
Fuel—Coal and wood		633 00
Total		$4,300 45

Food expenditure per day for keep of each prisoner, 11 cents.

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

Clothing	A Gilmore & Co.
Meat and vegetables	John Parker.
Bread	John J. Wilson.
Groceries	Henry Saunders.
Coal	Victoria Coal Co.

STATEMENT H.—Value of Property, Victoria Gaol.

Real Estate and Buildings	$50,000 00
Stores, &c	3,000 00
Total	$53,000 00

R. F. JOHN,
Warden.

31st October, 1888.

NEW WESTMINSTER GAOL.

STATEMENT A.

Number of Prisoners remaining in New Westminster Gaol, October 31st, 1888..... 57

STATEMENT B.

Thomas Morris (Insane), aged 43, a Canadian, died in New Westminster Gaol 29th Oct., 1888.

STATEMENT C.

Number of Prisoners liberated from New Westminster Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1888..... 137

STATEMENT D.

Number of Offenders pardoned, New Westminster Gaol, during the year ending 31st October, 1888..... 10

STATEMENT E.

Showing the average number of Prisoners confined in New Westminster Gaol for the year ending October 31st 1888; also the number discharged during that period.

Average number of Prisoners daily	51½
Number discharged from Gaol	137
Number in confinement on 31st October, 1888	57

STATEMENT F.

Return of expenditure of the New Westminster Gaol for the year ending 31st October, 1888.

Food	$1,589 56
Bedding	150 00
Clothing	426 22
Hospital supplies	202 58
Fuel and light	1,348 62
Salaries of Officers and Special Guards in Gaol	5,126 00
Repairs to buildings and fences	1,065 87
Miscellaneous supplies	323 45
Total	$10,232 30

STATEMENT G.

Showing the amount of property and valuation; cost of keep of each prisoner daily; and tenders for supplies for New Westminster Gaol for the year ending 31st October, 1888.

Gaol and ground	$70,000 00
Stores, &c	2,400 00
Total	$72,400 00

Tenders for Supplies accepted for 1888.

Groceries and clothing	C. McDonough.
Bread	Mrs. Harvey.
Meat and vegetables	Van Volkenburgh Bros.
Fuel	H. Elliott.

Keep of prisoners per day, 8 1/16 cents.

NANAIMO GAOL

STATEMENT A.

Number of Prisoners remaining in Nanaimo Gaol, 31st October, 1888..... 18

STATEMENT B.

Return of Prisoners who died in Nanaimo Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1888.

Name.	Age.	Country.	Calling.	Crime.	Sentence.	Date of death.
John Baldwin .	68	United States	Trader....	Forgery	18 months h. l.	2nd June, 1888.
Quamlet	29	Salmon River	Labourer..	Murder	Not tried	9th July, 1888.

STATEMENT C.

Number of Prisoners liberated from Nanaimo Gaol during the year ending 31st October, 1888 566

STATEMENT D.

Number of offenders pardoned during the year ending 31st October, 1888.—*Nil*,

STATEMENT E.

Showing the average number of Prisoners confined in Nanaimo Gaol for the year ending 31st October, 1888; also the number discharged during the same period.

Average number of prisoners daily..... 23⅓
Number discharged from gaol..... 566
Number in confinement on 31st October, 1888..... 18

STATEMENT F.

Expenditure of Nanaimo Gaol for the year ending 31st October, 1888.

Bread	$503 98
Beef and vegetables	356 95
Groceries	118 00
Clothing, &c.	179 00
Bedding	29 70
Fuel and light	165 68
Water	70 00
Salaries	3,680 00
Sundries	432 63
Total	$5,535 94

Keep of Prisoners, for food and clothing, per day, $25^1/_{10}$ cents.

STATEMENT G.

Value of Property, Nanaimo Gaol.

Real Estate	$4,000 00
Gaol Buildings	3,000 00
Court House, &c	3,600 00
Furniture, Stores, &c	1,438 00
	$12,038 00

OFFICAL STAFF, NANAIMO GAOL.

William Stewart	Constable and Gaoler.
Samuel Drake	Constable and Assistant Gaoler.
William Beveridge	Convict Guard.
Archibald Hamilton	Constable and Assistant Guard.
Louis T. Davis	Medical Officer.

TENDERS ACCEPTED FOR SUPPLIES.

Bread	C. Karst.
Meat and vegetables	E. Quennell.
Groceries	Hirst Bros.

W. STEWART,
Constable and Gaoler.

Nanaimo, B. C.,
31st October, 1888.

KAMLOOPS GAOL

STATEMENT A.

Number of Prisoners confined in Kamloops Gaol, between 1st November, 1887, and 31st October, 1888 151

TENDERS ACCEPTED FOR SUPPLIES.

Bread	G. B. Scintto & Co.
Meat	Hull, Trounce & Co.
Groceries	J. L. Brown.
Clothing, &c	Hudson's Bay Co.

E. F. W. PEARSE,
Gaoler.

LYTTON GAOL.

Number of Prisoners confined in Lytton Gaol, between 1st November, 1887 and 31st October 1888 35

WM. DODD,
Gaoler.

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