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for the Year

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and

Inspector of Gaols

for the Year ended

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Colonel the Honourable CLARENCE WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The undersigned has the honour to submit the reports of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the year ended December 31st, 1949, and the Inspector of Gaols for the year ended March 31st, 1950.

G. S. WISMER, K.C.,
Attorney-General.

Attorney-General's Department,
Victoria, B.C., December 9th, 1950.

VICTORIA, B.C., December 1st, 1950.

The Honourable G. S. Wismer, K.C.,
Attorney-General for British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year ended December 31st, 1949.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. SHIRRAS,
Commissioner of Provincial Police.

VICTORIA, B.C., December 1st, 1950.

The Honourable G. S. Wismer, K.C.,
Attorney-General for British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report on the Provincial Gaols for the year ended March 31st, 1950.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R. PEACHEY,
Inspector of Gaols.

Report of the Commissioner of Provincial Police, 1949

STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION

As at midnight, December 31st, 1949, the strength of the Force consisted of 18 officers, 502 non-commissioned officers and men, and 26 stenographers.

STATEMENT OF STRENGTH AS AT MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 31ST, 1949

	Headquarters	Victoria District	Nanaimo District	Vancouver District	Chilliwack District	Ashcroft District	Kamloops District	Penticton District	Nelson District	Cranbrook District	Prince Rupert District	Cariboo-Fort George District	Peace River District	Total
Commissioner	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Deputy Commissioner	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Inspectors	3	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Sub-Inspectors	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	1	9
Staff-Sergeants	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	7
Sergeants	4	3	3	7	—	1	6	2	2	1	4	1	—	34
Corporals	6	1	3	12	5	—	2	2	2	2	2	—	1	38
First-class Constables	6	15	17	35	14	7	22	15	20	8	15	18	9	201
Second-class Constables	—	2	8	13	4	1	3	2	2	3	3	—	—	41
Third-class Constables	—	3	8	19	4	—	9	10	13	5	9	9	3	92
Probationer Constables	—	4	5	17	1	1	5	2	6	2	1	2	—	46
Special Constables	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
Chief Mechanical Supervisor	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Mechanical Supervisor	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Assistant Mechanical Supervisors	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Mechanic	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Second-class Skipper	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Third-class Skippers	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	6
First-class Engineer	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Second-class Engineer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Third-class Engineer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Radio Supervisor	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chief Radio Operators	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Chief Radio Technician	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Senior Radio Operators	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	5
First-class Radio Operators	3	—	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	12
Second-class Radio Operators	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
Third-class Radio Operator	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Stenographers	25	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Totals	58	30	54	113	30	11	52	36	49	22	43	33	15	546

ENGAGEMENTS, DISCHARGES, AND PROMOTIONS

Engagements		48
Discharges—		
By purchase	21	
By invaliding	1	
By expiration of agreement	2	
By transfer to another branch of Government service	2	
By death	1	
Unsuitable	2	
By superannuation	4	
By dismissal	4	
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Promotions—

Sub-Inspector	1
Staff-Sergeant	2
Detective-Sergeant	1
Sergeant	9
Acting-Sergeant	1
Detective-Corporal	1
Corporal	15
First-class Constable	43
Second-class Constable	44

The gross strength of the Force increased by forty-seven over 1948. Ex-service personnel were given preference where they met with the necessary qualifications.

COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS

Forty-three members were commended in General Orders for outstanding work and devotion to duty. Cash awards from the Police Reward Fund were given in eight instances.

DISCIPLINE

Nineteen non-commissioned officers and men were reprimanded. Two men were reduced in rank and two in seniority within their rank; six were fined; and nine were assessed damages toward repairs to Departmental vehicles.

POLICING OF MUNICIPALITIES

Under agreement the Provincial Police have supervision over forty-three municipalities, and also four areas.

Six municipalities requested and received extra policing personnel during the year.

Municipal contracts were reviewed in 1949 as a result of increased costs of policing. New contracts will take effect in January, 1950.

POLICE TRAINING-SCHOOL

Sub-Inspector C. Ledoux, in charge, reports:—

" Four basic-training classes, one traffic school, and one traffic refresher course were held in 1949. Greater Victoria municipalities sent constables to all these classes except the refresher course.

"A total of eighty-nine men attended these classes, and of this number, thirteen were from municipal forces.

" Promotional examinations for the rank of sergeant and corporal were held. Twenty-two constables and twelve corporals sat for the examinations.

" Field training courses were instituted with the dual purpose of instructing junior members and refreshing the memory of older ones. So far, it is intended to continue this series."

ACCOUNTS BRANCH AND QUARTERMASTER STORES

Inspector D. D. Moses, in charge, reports:—

" The report for the calendar year 1949 on Police and Quartermaster Stores Accounts shows 22,134 expense vouchers, totalling $2,240,720.74, as being checked, recorded, and passed through the Accounts Branch.

" Collections for police services from cities and municipalities and other branches of the Government amounted to $531,585.36.

" The Quartermaster Stores received and filled 1939 requisitions consisting of 9,261 articles. This was a decrease of 246 requisitions over 1948.

" The policing of the City of Trail was taken over by the Provincial Police under contract on February 1st, 1949."

TRAFFIC BRANCH

Sergeant J. G. M. Lock reports:—

" In 1949 there were 7,407 reported motor-vehicle accidents in areas policed by this Force. Of this figure, 103 were fatal, 1,511 personal injury, and 5,793 property damage. Accident reports were filed according to location and spot-maps were maintained.

" Warning devices submitted for use pursuant to the " Highway Act " were examined and tested, and recommendations in this respect submitted to the Minister of Public Works.

" Surveys of individual areas were conducted on request from other departments, municipalities, and our own commanding officers.

"Assistance was rendered five separate municipalities in the formation of traffic by-laws. Effort was made toward uniformity in such by-laws.

" Life-saving equipment in the form of mercy-sleds were ordered for service at Hope and Princeton Detachments.

" Eight additional highway-patrol cars were added to the traffic detail during the year. They were centred at various points in the Province.

"A study was made of traffic control in the vicinity of outdoor theatres with the co-operation of the Regional Planning Board, Department of Municipal Affairs. As these theatres are increasing in number throughout the Province, this information is already proving of considerable value."

TRANSPORT BRANCH

Chief Mechanical Supervisor J. F. McNaught reports:—

" MILEAGE

Districts	Railway	Cars		Launches		Horse	Foot	Aeroplane	Miscellaneous	Total
		Police	Other	Police	Other					
Headquarters	15,047	96,334	18,989	454	25	.....	3,202	17,639	14,942	166,632
Victoria	1,180	238,443	4,212	4,629	1,137	.....	22,439	2,922	32,130	307,092
Nanaimo	1,094	256,414	8,606	17,260	3,136	.....	63,647	2,914	17,617	370,688
Nelson	38,088	338,008	11,127	1,003	772	61	48,192	20,128	11,456	468,835
Cranbrook	36,057	118,215	.....	.....	.....	.....	67,476	21,780	16,573	260,101
Penticton	49,517	238,981	6,371	.....	.....	.....	49,951	2,207	23,079	370,106
Kamloops	99,838	297,939	7,641	256	.....	42	66,016	255	6,199	478,186
Ashcroft	25,745	96,043	9,042	.....	145	116	7,733	4,300	2,779	145,903
Cariboo-Fort George	15,909	161,526	10,497	1,605	388	1,657	41,720	60,180	12,393	305,875
Prince Rupert	11,543	115,590	5,471	18,232	2,548	1,499	45,801	18,700	59,798	279,182
Peace River	862	90,564	2,956	80	65	58	12,716	25,285	1,027	133,613
Vancouver	6,446	839,852	15,625	5,852	2,118	.....	66,523	15,781	77,537	1,029,734
Chilliwack	378	292,608	7,014	.....	271	45	30,375	120	735	331,546
Totals	301,704	3,180,517	107,551	49,371	10,605	3,478	525,791	192,211	276,265	4,647,493

" COMPARATIVE MILEAGE

	1948	1949	More	Less
Railways	249,160	301,704	52,544	.....
Police cars	2,801,916	3,180,517	378,601	.....
Other cars	107,789	107,551	.....	238
Police launches	50,105	49,371	.....	734
Other launches	23,556	10,605	.....	12,951
Horse	4,434	3,478	.....	956
Foot	472,832	525,791	52,959	.....
Aeroplane	121,340	192,211	70,871	.....
Miscellaneous	289,866	276,265	.....	13,601
Totals	4,120,998	4,647,493*	554,975	28,480

* An increase of 526,495 miles over 1948.

" Comparative Mileage by Divisions, 1948, and Districts, 1949

Divisions	1948	Districts	1949	More	Less
Headquarters	158,527	Headquarters	166,632	8,105	.....
" A " Division	648,307	Victoria Nanaimo	677,780	29,473	.....
" B " Division " C " Division Fort George	1,618,785	Nelson Cranbrook Penticton Kamloops Cariboo-Fort George	2,029,006	410,221	.....
" D " Division	283,851	Prince Rupert	279,182	.....	4,669
Peace River	137,795	Peace River	133,613	.....	4,182
" E "Division	1,273,733	Vancouver Chilliwack	1,361,280	87,547	.....
Totals	4,120,998		4,647,493*	535,346	8,851

* An increase of 526,495 miles over 1948.

" Comparative Mileage, Police Motor-vehicles

Divisions	1948	Districts	1949	More	Less	Number of Cars Additional
Headquarters	82,837	Headquarters	96,334	13,497	.....	2
"A" Division	459,784	Victoria Nanaimo	494,857	35,073	.....	2
" B " Division " C " Division Fort George	993,605	Nelson Cranbrook Penticton Kamloops Ashcroft Cariboo-Fort George	1,250,712	257,107	.....	11
" D " Division	120,492	Prince Rupert	115,590	.....	4,902	.....
Peace River	92,544	Peace River	90,564	.....	1,980	.....
" E " Division	1,052,654	Vancouver Chilliwack	1,132,460	79,806	.....	5
Totals	2,801,916		3,180,517*	385,483	6,882	20

* An increase of 378,601 miles over 1948.

" Due to the change over from divisions to districts during the calendar year 1949 it has been found necessary to amalgamate mileages, in some instances, for comparative basis only.

" From the foregoing statements it will be seen that the total mileage travelled in 1949 increased 526,495 miles; of this increase, 378,601 miles were accounted for by departmental motor-vehicles. In Nelson District, police cars travelled 88,826 miles, and R.C.M.P. cars temporarily in charge of Provincial Police travelled 7,427 miles on Doukhobor patrols. An additional nineteen cars were added to our fleet, as well as one being transferred to Headquarters.

"There were 190 pieces of equipment in operation during 1949, being allotted as follows:—

	Cars	Motor-cycles	Jeeps	Total
Headquarters	10	----	----	10
Victoria District	13	1	----	14
Nanaimo District	16	----	----	16
Nelson District	26	----	----	26
Cranbrook District	7	----	----	7
Penticton District	12	----	----	12
Kamloops District	18	----	----	18
Ashcroft District	6	----	----	6
Cariboo-Fort George District	12	----	----	12
Prince Rupert District	10	----	----	10
Peace River District	6	----	----	6
Vancouver District	31	4	2	37
Chilliwack District	15	1	----	16
Totals	182	6	2	190

"During the year fifty-eight new motor-vehicles were purchased, which included replacements and new operations, the latter being for highway patrol, Radio Branch, and for areas lacking sufficient transportation.

"Makes of motor-vehicles on charge to this Department are:—

Jeeps	2
Ford	43
Chevrolet	37
Dodge	36
Plymouth	24
Pontiac	22
Mercury	9
Meteor	6
G.M.C.	2
Buick	1
Fargo	1
Monarch	1
Harley-Davidson	6
Total	190

"NUMBER OF INSPECTION REPORTS WRITTEN DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1949

Mechanical Supervisor	District	Police Cars	Game Cars	School Buses	Miscellaneous	Total
J. F. McNaught, Victoria	Headquarters Victoria Nanaimo Prince Rupert	43	9	42	----	94
T. Scales, Nelson	Nelson Cranbrook Penticton	144	35	214	2	395
T. A. Fiander, Kamloops	Kamloops Ashcroft Penticton Cariboo-Fort George Prince Rupert	126	21	74	11	232
H. D. Macdonald, Vancouver	Peace River Vancouver Chilliwack	150	5	115	20	290
E. E. Cave, Vancouver	Chilliwack Vancouver	142	----	5	----	147
Totals		605	70	450	33	1,158

"In addition to the above, in many instances repairs are recommended and completed but no inspection report written. The responsibility of the Mechanical Supervisors is to see the work necessary is carried out satisfactorily, costs of operation kept as low as possible, and all accounts connected with the cars he is concerned with are approved prior to payment.

"When the present staff of Mechanical Supervisors was inaugurated in 1937, our fleet consisted of 123 motor-vehicles; in 1949 the fleet numbered 190, an increase of 67 police cars or 54.47 per cent. During the same period the police car mileage rose from 1,757,641 to 3,180,517—that is, 1,422,876 miles or 81 per cent.

"During the year 1949, working in conjunction with the Radio Branch, 39 Leece Neville high-output generators were installed, 10 being transferred from old to new vehicles and 29 for new two-way radio operation. In all, we now have 66 vehicles so equipped. In addition to the installation of generators, considerable work is required to maintain these special units.

"With reference to school buses, the Mechanical Supervisors must approve all applications for permits prior to their being issued by the Superintendent of Motor-vehicles, and must follow through on his inspections to be sure the instructions are carried out and the vehicles kept up to standards as laid down in regulations. Assistance is rendered the School Boards dealing with proposed new equipment and replacing of present contractors' worn-out units. During 1949 there were 69 of these new buses put in service.

"MARINE SECTION

Name	Station
*P.G.D. 1	Alert Bay.
*P.G.D. 2	Powell River.
*P.G.D. 3	Vancouver.
P.M.L. 6	Ganges.
P.M.L. 9	Campbell River.
P.M.L. 10	Port Alice.
P.M.L. 11	Kootenay Lake (Kaslo).
P.M.L. 15	Prince Rupert.
P.M.L. 16	Port Alberni.
P.M.L. 17	Ocean Falls.
*R-8, riverboat	McDame Creek.
R-13, rowboat and inboard	Lake Cowichan.
R-14, riverboat and outboards (2)	Fort St. James.
R-15, rowboat and inboard	Atlin.
R-16, rowboat and outboard	Prince George.
R-17, rowboat and inboard, with trailer	Kamloops.
R-18, lifeboat and inboard	Ucluelet.
Outboard motor only	Fort St. John.
Outboard motor only	Stewart.
Outboard motor only	Terrace.

* Dual operation, Police and Game Departments.

"As advised in my 1948 Annual Report, the P.M.L. 17 was officially launched on December 7th, 1948. This vessel was commissioned on February 12th, 1949, and replaced the P.M.L. 7 at Ocean Falls. The latter was sold by public tender for $7,500 on February 21st, 1949.

"Installation of the new engine in the P.M.L. 16 of Port Alberni was completed in Vancouver, and the boat returned to service on the West Coast, March 23rd, 1949.

"During the year the P.M.L. 6, Ganges; P.M.L. 9, Campbell River; and P.G.D. 2, Powell River, were in Vancouver for annual overhauls. The P.M.L. 10, Port Alice,

and P.M.L. 15, Prince Rupert, were overhauled at their home ports. A new engine was installed at Vancouver in the P.G.D. 1 of Alert Bay. All aforementioned launch repairs, etc., were supervised by the Chief Mechanical Supervisor.

"The annual overhaul of the P.M.L. 11 of Kootenay Lake was supervised by Assistant Mechanical Supervisor Scales of Nelson. Inspections of the small boats and outboards in Kamloops, Cariboo-Fort George, and Prince Rupert Districts were made by Assistant Mechanical Supervisor Fiander of Kamloops.

"DE HAVILAND BEAVER SEAPLANE

"In March, 1949, the purchase of a De Haviland Beaver seaplane was recommended, but delivery of same was not obtained until October 27th. Owing to the late delivery date, the full potentiality of its use has not been realized owing to unfavourable flying weather. Several patrols were made, and on December 18th an emergency flight was made from Port Alice to Vancouver with a very ill patient requiring an immediate operation. This flight was credited with having saved a life. To the end of the year, 77 hours and 55 minutes were flown, covering a distance of 7,960 miles. It is anticipated that 600 hours will be flown during 1950 on police and game patrols in areas not readily accessible by normal means of transportation and which would require long, arduous trips by our marine section of transport."

RADIO BRANCH

Radio Supervisor Conlan reports:—

"The network consists of some twenty-three stations and seven boats and handled approximately one million words of official numbered traffic. This does not include emergency traffic handled for other departments when normal means of communications failed; chief among these were the railroads, who called on our help several times during the year in providing communication until their own facilities were repaired.

"There were numerous power failures due to icing conditions, and our emergency power plants operated for considerable periods, enabling us to provide communication during all emergencies.

"A technical staff of one Chief Technician and two Technicians was established in 1949 to cope with the necessary design, construction, and installation of equipment.

"Main stations were established at Port Alberni, Prince Rupert, Kelowna, and Penticton. A total of sixty-one vehicles and eleven main stations are now operated with three-way radio communication.

"An automatic repeater station was established on Copper Mountain, near Princeton, which provides the Penticton station with communication to vehicles in a westerly direction of over 100 miles across intervening mountain ranges of 6,000 feet altitude.

"Four portable units, each weighing 7 pounds, were obtained for use in bush searches."

ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Our assistance to the many Federal departments and their branches increased steadily during the year. The Provincial Police have undertaken many investigations for Federal Government departments.

Assistance has been willingly rendered when requested, and on many occasions appreciation has been expressed for the effort.

YOUTH AND POLICE

Members of the British Columbia Provincial Police may well be proud of another successful year in their dealings with the youth of our Province; notwithstanding their increased duties, Constables and N.C.O.'s found time in their off-duty hours to organize clubs and sports and to coach and lecture.

Juvenile delinquency, as a result of their faithful and purely voluntary efforts, has in many areas rapidly declined and in some cases disappeared entirely. Our fine adult organizations, too, have gone out of their way to supply recreational facilities, sporting equipment, and other youthful activities with which to battle delinquency on the part of our young people.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH

Inspector R. Harvey, in charge, reports as follows:—

" I respectfully submit the annual report covering operations of the combined sections of the Criminal Investigation Branch, British Columbia Provincial Police, for the year ending December 31st, 1949.

" *Crime.*—There were 24,832 cases, comprising indictable and summary offences, tabulated during the year, which resulted in 23,885 convictions. Much of the investigation work in connection therewith was directed from this branch of the police service. Statistics indicate a continued increase in violations of the various Statutes, as they disclose 3,883 more cases entered over that of the previous year's total of 20,949.

" Quite a percentage of the crime index is composed of breaches of Dominion and Provincial enactments, such as the ' Indian Act ' and ' Motor-vehicle Act,' infractions of the latter Statute and regulations accounting for 3,819 prosecutions, apart from those instituted under that part of the Criminal Code respecting the operation of motor-vehicles, a definite indication that this type of law enforcement now requires special attention.

" Despite the fact that a great deal of police time and consideration are devoted to juvenile delinquency and juvenile groups, proceedings under the ' Juvenile Delinquents Act ' resulted in 1,212 cases being dealt with, an increase of 170 charges over those of the year 1948.

" Our files disclose a total of fourteen homicide cases, with six convictions, two acquittals, and six awaiting trial. Seven of these crimes were investigated by this Force, with an additional one still unsolved.

" The grand total of 24,832 prosecutions embraces all offences under the Dominion and Provincial Statutes, city and municipal by-laws, complete details of which are listed in Appendix I.

" *Finger-print and Photographic Section.*—The number of finger-prints received for classification and filing during the year totalled 4,373. Of this number, 1,182 were identified as persons previously recorded with our Identification Bureau. In the majority of cases of identification, criminal records were mailed or otherwise transmitted to our various police districts.

" Certified criminal records prepared for Court use numbered 680.

" The Warden, Oakalla Prison Farm, was furnished with 192 records, and also the F.B.I. at Washington, D.C.

"As an interexchange of identification data and records is maintained with other police departments, we supplied information and prints as follows: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa, 2,325; Vancouver City Police, 1,957; Calgary City Police, 1,957; and New Westminster Police, 1,957.

" In addition, the Identification Section, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa, was forwarded 220 sets of single finger-prints, while a similar number was added to our own files.

" For immigration purposes, 1,300 prints were checked, seven being identified, and certificates for visas issued to persons making application. In addition to this 231 prints of prospective applicants for enlistment in the Force were classified.

"At the close of the year the number of persons with criminal records registered at this Section totalled 37,882, an increase of 957 over the previous year's total.

" *Finger-print Exhibits.* — Some fifty-two miscellaneous articles were received throughout the year for examination as to latent prints. As a result, evidence identifying

the culprits in four serious charges was developed and brought about successful prosecutions and convictions. Other findings served to eliminate several suspects and proved of value in avoiding useless investigations.

"*Photographs.*—There were 20,162 photographs of convicted persons processed during the year, a large number of which were furnished to police departments with whom we exchange finger-print records and to the Provincial gaols of this Province. Included in these were photographs of 471 discharged prisoners, these being sent out to our police circuit. This service required 29 photos of each individual, making a total of 13,659. Miscellaneous photographs prepared for Police Court registrars and other Government departments amounted to 1,992 and included enlargements in all sizes up to 8 by 10 inches.

"*Scientific Examinations.* — Chemical and physical examinations connected with C.I.B. duties made by the Department of Mines laboratory during 1949 consisted of 62 cases, involving 194 exhibits, as follows: Motor-vehicle accidents and resultant manslaughter cases, 12; breaking, entering, and theft, 10; toxicology (human, animal, foods), 16; and other investigations of indictable offences, 24.

"Evidence was given in thirteen Court cases, necessitating the appearance of the senior analyst on sixteen occasions as a witness.

"In addition, other requests requiring evidence by certificate as to alcohol content and marker dyes in gasoline, etc., were complied with by the issuance of analytical findings.

"Other exhibits of a medico-legal nature were handled by Dr. R. B. D. McNeeley, director of pathology, Royal Jubilee Hospital.

"*Ballistics.*—Under this heading, examinations and tests were carried out in eleven cases involving murder, robbery with violence, and cattle-killing. Of this number, seven were successfully concluded, three probable identifications were made, and one eliminated. Sub-Inspector Young carries out this work in addition to his other duties.

"*Firearms Registration Section.*—During the year 1949 this Section issued permits with respect to traffic in concealable weapons as follows: Weapon permits (Form 76), 645; vendors' permits (Form 76C), 652; permits to purchase for resale (Form 76D), 25; permits to purchase (Form 76E), 867; and alien permits in Form 76B for non-residents and residents, 313.

"Complete co-operation was maintained with other law-enforcement agencies, our records being available to city and municipal forces.

"*Accidents.* — Investigations of 516 accidental deaths were carried out. These resulted from various causes, such as: Drownings, 182; logging, 70; mining, 12; automobile, 101; miscellaneous, 151. Other sudden deaths inquired into totalled 339, the findings attributing these to natural causes.

"*Missing Persons.*—During the year the police were required to conduct inquiries as to the whereabouts and welfare of 3,499 persons. These inquiries resulted in locating 1,788. In most instances, in the balance of the inquiries, useful information was passed to the agencies or relatives soliciting this form of police assistance.

"Outstanding Cases

"Space does not permit writing the history of many of the criminal cases in this category. To solve criminal offences, considerable investigation work must be done and scientific aids employed. Quite a proportion of crimes solved often have outstanding points; however, it is only possible to summarize a few of the cases considered of a serious criminal nature.

"*Rex vs. Joseph Arthur Oullette (Murder).*—This case involved the shotgun slaying of two aged Chinese farmers in their little farm-house near Vernon in November by their own employee, who robbed them and then stole their truck and drove to Vernon, where the truck broke down. He then made his way to Chase, where he overtook his juvenile

Indian girl companion, who had also been employed by the Chinamen but had left a short time before the killing. Oullette and his companion went on to Kamloops, where they stayed for a short while. They then proceeded to Vancouver, where they registered at a hotel in Chinatown.

" The bodies of the Chinese were not found for two days, and by the time the local detachment was advised, Oullette had reached Vancouver.

" Investigations carried out in the Vernon area pointed to Oullette, and sufficient evidence was soon obtained to charge him with murder, and a warrant for his arrest was issued. Shortly after, Oullette was taken into custody in Vancouver, and the Indian girl was held as a material witness.

" The preliminary hearing was held at Vernon, and on December 9th Oullette was committed to stand trial at the 1950 Vernon Spring Assize.

" Rex vs. Norman W. Patterson, Clare R. Hamilton, Robert J. Norton, and John P. Ericksson (Rape).—This was a case of four youths in their late teens prowling as a disorderly group in a motor-vehicle in the early morning of October 16th, 1949. A small-built woman, a " displaced person," who had been in this country but a short time, was walking along the Island Highway. The woman, in good faith, accepted the invitation of these men for a ride to her home in Victoria. Instead of taking her there, they proceeded to an isolated location, and there committed a planned and brutal criminal assault on their victim, who suffered internal and external injuries. All four were arrested and charged with rape. On appearance in Court of Assize each changed a " not guilty " plea to one of " guilty," placing themselves on the mercy of the Court. Each was sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary.

" Rex vs. Einar Sveinssen (Rape).—This arose out of a complaint of an alleged criminal assault on a 12-year-old Mennonite girl of Black Creek, north of Courtenay. After exhaustive police investigation, the accused was arrested and identified as the girl's assailant. Evidence was carefully gathered, and resulted in Sveinssen being committed for trial on a charge of rape. The case came up for hearing in the Court of Assize, Nanaimo. The jury disagreed. On a new trial the prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to five years.

" Rex vs. George Krestnick and Ronald E. Robertson (Shop-breaking).—At 8.15 a.m., September 22nd, 1949, J. C. Douglas, proprietor of the Imperial Garage and Service Station, Chemainus, reported his premises entered overnight and a quantity of merchandise stolen. An intensive investigation by local detachment constables, in co-operation with other detachments at points farther north on the Island, resulted in the arrest of the above-named men, who, on October 8th, pleaded guilty to eight charges of breaking and entering, the additional offences having been committed at Westholme, Ladysmith, Chase River, and Nanaimo. Both accused elected summary trial. Krestnick was sentenced to three years in the Penitentiary and Robertson to one year definite and two years less one day indefinite at New Haven Borstal Institution. Over $1,000 worth of stolen property was recovered.

" Rex vs. Woodrow Lambert and Patrick Frakes (Armed Robbery).—On the late afternoon of August 9th, 1949, while travelling from Westbridge to Rock Creek, Grant Dudley, a travelling salesman from Penticton, met a car on the narrow highway and, after passing the car, noticed, through his rear-vision mirror, the car go over the bank. He stopped and rendered assistance, and found the car little damaged and the occupants uninjured. He offered to drive them to a near-by sawmill for assistance to get their car back on the road. Arriving at the road leading into the sawmill, one of the men produced a pistol and ordered Dudley to drive back the way they had come. Arriving at a side-road, they turned up this and ordered Dudley out of the car. While one kept him covered with the gun, the other took Dudley's car to Westbridge and filled it with gas. Returning, the two men remained with Dudley until darkness, then robbed him of over $400 and left with his car. Dudley walked to Westbridge and reported the robbery to the police.

" Patrols were immediately thrown around the entire area and the American authorities contacted, as the scene of the robbery was only 8 miles from the American Border. However, there are many roads leading across the Border at this point, and the hold-up men had at least three hours' start and managed to escape the police net.

" The men were later identified as Woodrow Lambert and Patrick Frakes. A number of business cards from Dudley's car were later found on a side-road across the Border in the United States. The Mercury coupe the two men were driving at the time of the accident was stolen from Spokane, Wash.; the American licence-plates had been removed and a set of British Columbia licence-plates was found on the car.

" On August 22nd Dudley's Dodge sedan was found abandoned in Edmonton, Alta. The search now centred there and in the Peace River District, where Frakes had relatives living. On the night of August 31st the Hudson's Bay store at Grand Prairie, Alta., was forcibly entered and considerable merchandise stolen, including guns and ammunition.

" On September 2nd a Pontiac sedan bearing Washington licence-plates was checked on the north-west highway system near White Horse, Y.T., by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the occupants were identified as Lambert and Frakes. The stolen merchandise from the Hudson's Bay store was found in their car.

" Corporal F. E. Nelson and Constable D. G. Rogers left by aeroplane for White Horse to return these men for trial, but while in Vancouver they learned Lambert was ill in hospital with pneumonia, and the escort was delayed to September 21st, when the men were returned to Grand Forks.

" On September 26th, before L. A. Dodd, Stipendiary Magistrate at Greenwood, they were committed for trial on a charge of armed robbery, and the following day before His Honour Judge M. M. Colquhoun, County Court at Grand Forks, they elected speedy trial and pleaded guilty to a charge of armed robbery. Lambert was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary, and Frakes received eighteen months' hard labour in Oakalla Prison Farm.

" Thus a chase of some thousands of miles through several States and Provinces ended with the apprehension of these men in the Far North.

" *Rex vs. Jimmy Louie (Murder).*—The accused, a young Indian, lived with his aged, blind mother and his stepfather, William Dennis, 70 years of age, whom he is alleged to have killed by stabbing. Their home was at Bear Lake, located about 230 air miles north-west of Prince George.

" The offence occurred on the night of April 5th during a family drinking bout, when, according to the accused, his drunken stepfather was beating his mother and he interceded and stabbed him.

" The fighting was overheard by Alec Bob, another Indian, who reported to Carl Hanniwald, the local white trader. Hanniwald investigated and found William Dennis lying dead on the floor of his cabin with stab wounds in his back. He removed the body to the local church after searching the cabin and finding a blood-covered hunting-knife.

" Hanniwald is an amateur radio operator and held fortnightly schedules with Lorne Usher of Fort St. James. His next contact was scheduled for April 14th, and he thought he would then be able to get word relayed to the police. However, when the time came, he was unable to make contact and made repeated unsuccessful attempts for the next two days. He advised the Indian chief, Charlie Nicholas, to delay the burial until he made further attempts at contacting the outside world. The Indians by this time were becoming impatient and insisted on burying the body. Hanniwald called every fifteen minutes for nine days, between 5 and 7.30 p.m., but was unable to make contact. He then attempted to send a messenger out on foot, but the Indians refused without remuneration. Finally the Indians buried the body of William Dennis.

" It was not until June 13th, sixty-nine days after the murder, that Jimmie Thomas, a Bear Lake Indian, reached the police office at Prince George to report the killing.

"An aeroplane was chartered, and the various witnesses, together with the exhumed body, were taken to Prince George, where an autopsy was held, followed by a Coroner's inquest.

" Louie was charged with murder and the preliminary hearing was heard at Prince George, but because the scene of the murder was in the County of Prince Rupert, it was necessary to hold the trial at that point. The case was heard at the Prince Rupert Fall Assize and resulted in the jury returning a verdict of ' not guilty.' "

CONCLUSION

At this time may I express my deep appreciation to the Honourable the Attorney-General for the confidence he placed in me and for the support and kindness extended to me during my term of office. My appreciation is also extended to the many departments, branches, and members of the Provincial Government, and if I may particularly mention Deputy Attorney-General Colonel Pepler, K.C., who has so willingly co-operated with us during the past year.

To all members of the Force and particularly to Deputy Commissioner R. Peachey, M.C., during this time of heavy and onerous duties, I tender my thanks for their excellent service and whole-hearted co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. SHIRRAS,

Commissioner of Provincial Police.

APPENDIX

DETAILS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES DEALT WITH DURING 1949

Crime	Ashcroft District				Cariboo-Fort George District				Chilliwack District				Cranbrook District				Kamloops District				Nanaimo District				Nelson District			
	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial
Offences against Public Order																												
Unlawful assemblies, riots, affrays, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Explosive substances	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Offensive weapons	2	2	—	—	11	9	2	—	6	6	—	—	8	7	1	—	4	1	3	—	3	3	—	—	6	6	—	—
Sedition, piracy, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Offences against Administration of Law and Justice																												
Corruption, bribery, and disobedience	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Obstruction, personating Peace Officer	3	3	—	—	5	3	2	—	3	3	—	—	6	6	—	—	8	8	—	—	12	11	1	—	3	3	—	—
Perjury, misleading Justice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Escapes, etc.	4	2	—	2	2	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Offences against Religion, Morals, Public Convenience																												
Offences against religion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morality	6	5	1	—	5	3	2	—	1	1	—	—	8	8	—	—	5	5	—	—	9	6	3	—	2	2	—	—
Nuisances	66	64	2	—	100	97	3	—	63	60	3	—	197	194	3	—	92	92	—	—	72	71	1	—	93	89	4	—
Disorderly houses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—
Betting and lotteries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vagrancy	11	11	—	—	17	17	—	—	31	31	—	—	30	30	—	—	86	80	6	—	23	20	3	—	29	23	6	—
Offences against Person and Reputation																												
Non-support and preservation of life	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
Murder	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manslaughter	2	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	6	1	4	1	3	1	2	—	4	2	1	1	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	1
Suicide	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	—
Bodily injuries, acts and omissions causing danger to the person	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wounding, grievous bodily harm	—	—	—	—	7	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	1	—	1	1	—	—
Automobiles, traffic, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Failing to stop after accident	1	1	—	—	5	5	—	—	3	2	1	—	3	3	—	—	6	6	—	—	12	11	1	—	7	7	—	—
Taking car without consent	2	2	—	—	5	5	—	—	12	12	—	—	6	5	1	—	10	9	1	—	15	12	3	—	10	8	2	—
Driving while intoxicated	7	7	—	—	6	5	1	—	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	8	—	—	9	9	—	—	5	5	—	—
Reckless driving	19	18	1	—	23	17	6	—	107	99	8	—	73	67	6	—	57	52	3	—	104	99	5	—	114	109	5	—
Driving while disqualified	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	7	7	—	—	2	2	—	—	6	6	—	—	4	4	—	—	6	6	—	—
Common assault	12	12	—	—	26	19	7	—	21	17	4	—	11	9	2	—	32	24	8	—	50	32	18	—	34	30	4	—
Indecent assault	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	—	4	4	—	—	2	2	—	—	4	4	—	—	3	3	—	—
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	4	4	—	—	15	10	5	—	8	7	1	—	4	4	—	—	9	8	1	—	22	13	9	—	8	6	2	—
Aggravated assault and assaulting Peace Officer	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—
Rape and carnal knowledge	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Abortion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bigamy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Abduction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Defamatory libel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Offences against Rights of Property, Rights Arising Out of Contracts, Offences Connected with Trade																												
Theft by agent or servant	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—
Theft of mail, documents, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Theft of birds, animals, trees, plants, ores, etc.	1	—	1	—	4	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	3	1	2	—	13	13	—	—	3	2	1	—	3	3	—	—
Theft of automobile	6	2	—	4	5	4	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	—	—	16	14	2	—	1	1	—	—
Theft from the person	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	8	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Theft from dwelling-house	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—
Theft from vessel, railway, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Theft by taking	20	19	—	1	35	30	5	—	54	50	4	—	21	17	4	—	117	109	8	—	73	64	9	—	46	44	2	—
Offences resembling theft	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Receiving, possession of stolen property	8	8	—	—	12	6	6	—	2	2	—	—	8	8	—	—	25	23	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Obtaining money, goods, etc., by false pretences	4	2	2	—	15	14	1	—	15	13	2	—	22	20	2	—	30	29	1	—	10	9	1	—	20	15	5	—
Obtaining food and lodging by fraud	6	6	—	—	9	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	12	10	2	—	2	2	—	—	8	4	4	—
Fraudulent dealing in property	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robbery and extortion	—	—	—	—	4	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	7	7	—	—	4	4	—	—
Burglary, house and shop breaking	3	3	—	—	5	4	1	—	8	5	2	1	8	8	—	—	27	26	1	—	19	18	1	—	9	9	—	—
Forgery, uttering, offences resembling forgery	2	—	—	2	7	7	—	—	10	9	1	—	1	—	—	1	13	12	—	1	9	9	—	—	1	1	—	—
Intimidation	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	1	—
Wilful and Forbidden Acts																												
Mischief	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	—
Arson	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	—
Damage to property	3	3	—	—	15	15	—	—	9	9	—	—	10	6	4	—	9	9	—	—	20	19	1	—	5	4	1	—
Damage to vessels, public property, buildings, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Damage to animals	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cruelty to animals	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	8	2	6	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Attempts, Conspiracies, Accessories																												
Conspiracies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common-law Offences																												
Offences	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
Dominion Statutes																												
Aeronautics Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canada Shipping Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Customs and Excise Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—
Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act (regulations pursuant to)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Family Allowance Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign Exchange Control Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Government Harbours and Piers Act (regulations pursuant to)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indian Act	245	239	6	—	303	296	7	—	244	241	3	—	131	127	4	—	584	573	11	—	189	186	3	—	26	26	—	—
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Juvenile Delinquents Act	14	14	—	—	40	38	2	—	124	114	10	—	44	42	2	—	127	126	1	—	88	86	2	—	84	84	—	—
Lord's Day Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Post Office Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Railway Act	3	3	—	—	37	36	1	—	1	1	—	—	22	22	—	—	103	103	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	—
Radio Act	—	—	—	—	9	9	—	—	47	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	10	2	—	19	19	—	—	16	16	—	—
Tobacco Restraint Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unemployment Insurance Act	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	2	2	—	—
War orders and regulations	3	3	—	—	6	6	—	—	15	14	1	—	5	5	—	—	17	16	1	—	8	7	1	—	12	12	—	—
Provincial Statutes																												
Animals Act	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
Annual Holiday Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barbers Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brands Act	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	—	—
Children, Protection of, Act	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	3	—	—
Children of Unmarried Parents Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—
Coal-mines Regulation Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coloured Gasoline Act	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dentistry Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act	3	2	1	—	4	4	—	—	10	10	—	—	8	7	1	—	12	10	2	—	24	16	7	1	14	7	7	—
Employment of Children Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fire Marshal Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Forest Act	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	8	8	—	—	6	5	1	—	7	6	1	—
Game Act	5	5	—	—	5	5	—	—	2	2	—	—	4	4	—	—	7	7	—	—	11	11	—	—	9	9	—	—
Government Liquor Act	48	48	—	—	342	338	4	—	361	349	9	3	221	214	7	—	762	757	5	—	413	404	9	—	199	193	6	—
Grazing Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
Health Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	1	1	—
Highway Act	17	17	—	—	18	18	—	—	209	208	1	—	40	37	3	—	88	87	1	—	87	85	2	—	85	85	—	—
Hospital Insurance Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hotel Guest Registration Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hours of Work Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Minimum Wage Act	70	70	—	—	368	364	4	—	574	561	10	3	266	256	10	—	865	859	6	—	517	505	12	—	301	294	7	—
Motor Carrier Act and Regulations	2	2	—	—	12	12	—	—	47	47	—	—	7	7	—	—	42	42	—	—	19	19	—	—	43	43	—	—
Motor-vehicle Act and Regulations	38	37	1	—	93	90	3	—	494	484	10	—	193	191	2	—	281	276	5	—	443	436	7	—	204	201	3	—
Natural Products Marketing (B.C.) Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
Pattullo Bridge Regulations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pool-rooms Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Public Schools Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—
Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act	—	—	—	—	17	17	—	—	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	7	7	—	—
Sheep Protection Act	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	10	—	—	7	7	—	—	6	5	1	—
Town Planning Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trade Licences Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trespass Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Venereal Disease Suppression Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vital Statistics Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Water Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Municipal By-laws																												
Offences	1	1	—	—	54	53	1	—	433	428	5	—	90	89	1	—	499	499	—	—	1,391	1,389	2	—	462	457	5	—
Totals	590	561	18	11	1,281	1,214	65	1	2,422	2,336	79	7	1,223	1,172	50	1	3,186	3,104	78	4	3,279	3,175	103	1	1,648	1,587	60	1

Crime	Peace River District				Penticton District				Prince Rupert District				Vancouver District				Victoria District				Totals			
	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial	Cases Entered	Convictions	Dismissals and Withdrawals	Awaiting Trial
Offences against Public Order																								
Unlawful assemblies, riots, affrays, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	12	35	—	—	—	—	—	47	12	35	—
Explosive substances	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
Offensive weapons	3	3	—	—	9	8	1	—	4	4	—	—	17	14	3	—	2	2	—	—	75	65	10	—
Sedition, piracy, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Offences against Administration of Law and Justice																								
Corruption, bribery, and disobedience	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—
Obstruction, personating Peace Officer	1	1	—	—	15	15	—	—	13	12	1	—	20	19	1	—	3	2	1	—	92	86	6	—
Perjury, misleading Justice	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Escapes, etc.	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	38	1	—	—	—	—	—	50	46	1	3
Offences against Religion, Morals, Public Convenience																								
Offences against religion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	—	—
Morality	2	2	—	—	8	7	1	—	3	3	—	—	10	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	52	7	—
Nuisances	31	31	—	—	82	82	—	—	108	108	—	—	108	108	—	—	22	22	—	—	1,034	1,018	16	—
Disorderly houses	72	72	—	—	42	42	—	—	33	33	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	—	—	168	168	—	—
Betting and lotteries	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	12	—	—
Vagrancy	14	12	2	—	52	43	9	—	97	89	8	—	19	18	1	—	9	9	—	—	418	383	35	—
Offences against Person and Reputation																								
Non-support and preservation of life	1	—	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	15	10	4	1
Murder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	5	3	2	—	4	2	—	2	14	6	2	6
Manslaughter	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	3	2	1	6	2	4	—	32	10	16	6
Suicide	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	3	—	—	12	10	2	—
Bodily injuries, acts and omissions causing danger to the person	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Wounding, grievous bodily harm	1	1	—	—	4	3	1	—	2	2	—	—	9	6	3	—	1	1	—	—	29	23	5	1
Automobiles, traffic, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—
Failing to stop after accident	5	5	—	—	13	13	—	—	1	1	—	—	26	24	2	—	5	5	—	—	82	78	4	—
Taking car without consent	5	5	—	—	11	11	—	—	4	4	—	—	18	18	—	—	3	3	—	—	101	94	7	—
Driving while intoxicated	4	4	—	—	19	18	1	—	14	12	2	—	16	16	—	—	16	15	1	—	111	106	5	—
Reckless driving	14	13	1	—	83	83	—	—	20	16	4	—	207	197	10	—	71	67	4	—	892	839	53	—
Driving while disqualified	2	2	—	—	5	5	—	—	2	2	—	—	18	18	—	—	3	3	—	—	57	57	—	—
Common assault	11	11	—	—	33	25	8	—	32	25	7	—	101	74	26	1	15	13	2	—	378	291	86	1
Indecent assault	1	1	—	—	4	4	—	—	6	4	2	—	6	4	2	—	4	3	1	—	41	36	5	—
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	5	5	—	—	13	12	1	—	16	14	2	—	32	24	7	1	5	4	1	—	141	111	29	1
Aggravated assault and assaulting Peace Officer	1	1	—	—	10	8	2	—	8	6	2	—	9	9	—	—	1	1	—	—	39	35	4	—
Rape and carnal knowledge	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	11	3	7	1	8	6	2	—	28	12	15	1
Abortion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	8	4	4	—
Bigamy	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	3	—	—
Abduction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Defamatory libel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Offences against Rights of Property, Rights Arising Out of Contracts, Offences Connected with Trade																								
Theft by agent or servant	2	2	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	12	9	3	—
Theft of mail, documents, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Theft of birds, animals, trees, plants, ores, etc.	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	3	2	1	1	1	1	—	—	34	26	7	1
Theft of automobile	—	—	—	—	5	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	4	2	—	8	8	—	—	55	45	5	5
Theft from the person	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	14	10	4	—
Theft from dwelling-house	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9	—	—
Theft from vessel, railway, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—
Theft by taking	10	6	4	—	63	55	7	—	34	30	2	2	98	79	11	8	21	12	5	4	592	515	61	16
Offences resembling theft	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	3	1	1	2
Receiving, possession of stolen property	2	2	—	—	11	8	3	—	7	6	—	1	41	30	10	1	2	1	1	—	119	95	22	2
Obtaining money, goods, etc., by false pretences	4	3	1	—	45	40	5	—	8	—	8	—	47	42	4	1	9	9	—	—	229	204	24	1
Obtaining food and lodging by fraud	1	1	—	—	9	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	2	—	—	51	42	8	1
Fraudulent dealing in property	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	2	2	15	8	5	2
Robbery and extortion	—	—	—	—	5	3	2	—	3	3	—	—	7	7	—	—	2	2	—	—	34	31	3	—
Burglary, house and shop breaking	1	—	1	—	40	40	—	—	29	25	—	4	48	44	4	—	8	8	—	—	205	191	9	5
Forgery, uttering, offences resembling forgery	—	—	—	—	8	7	1	—	4	4	—	—	9	9	—	—	8	7	1	—	72	65	3	4
Intimidation	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	13	9	4	—
Wilful and Forbidden Acts																								
Mischief	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	1	—
Arson	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	1	—	—	—	—

Report of the Inspector of Gaols, 1949-50

The Honourable G. S. Wismer, K.C.,
Attorney-General, Victoria, B.C.

Sir,—I have the honour to submit my annual report on the four Provincial gaols for the year ended March 31st, 1950.

OAKALLA PRISON FARM

Report of Warden J. Millman:—

" The statements of revenue and expenditure, together with the summarization of the bursar, indicate that we have again suffered an over-all loss on farm operations for the year under review, although the picture is brighter than the previous year and some departments have shown a marked improvement.

" The Quonset huts referred to last year have been completed in so far as heating and wiring are concerned and one is being utilized to accommodate a very much enlarged carpenter-shop and the Star Class workshop, but owing to various difficulties, such as the installation of overhead cranes and paint-drying ovens, etc., the sheet-metal plant has not as yet been moved to its new quarters in the other hut. Other new construction has consisted of the erection of a much improved machine and blacksmith shop and the usual extensive maintenance work required to our buildings, roads, etc.

" The new block unit is progressing very slowly and many delays occurred due to inclement weather, difficulty in obtaining the steel grills, alterations in plans, etc., but assurance has been given that it will be pushed to completion as soon as possible.

" Two new hot-water storage-tanks have been installed in the institution with the result that our hot-water supply is now adequate to supply all our needs and a decided improvement over the previous unsatisfactory conditions.

" Roads, buildings (both interior and exterior), and grounds have been well maintained and are the subject of many favourable comments from varied sources.

" The library statistics speak for themselves and the ever-increasing circulation in all three branches of the library bear mute evidence to the satisfaction and enjoyment derived by the inmates from this source of education and pleasure.

" General behaviour of all inmates, male and female, has improved despite the overall increase in population. Health of inmates has in general continued normal. Escapes have been held to a minimum as compared to previous years and reflect our improved custodial measures emanating from staff increases.

" The male population has once again increased materially, with an all-time high of over 900 inmates during March, but the female population has decreased slightly, although it has still been found necessary to transfer several contingents to the Prince George Women's Gaol. It is yearly becoming more and more evident that serious consideration will have to be given to the expansion of the gaol accommodation in the Province in the very near future.

" The report of the matron covering the women's gaol presents a very favourable picture, and I feel that the female staff as a whole is doing an excellent job there considering the material with which they have to deal.

" The activities of the Star Class, with the exception of the workshop, have unfortunately dwindled in scope, due to lack of accommodation and facilities. It is to be hoped, however, that a more favourable picture can be presented next year, by which time our young offenders will be housed in the new unit."

WOMEN'S SECTION

Miss E. Hill, R.N., acting matron in charge, reports:—

" The female population shows a daily average of 52.111, a slight increase over the previous year in numbers but not in length of stay. A total of 57,228 meals were served during the year.

"Approximately 142 quarts, mainly pickles, were canned during the year.

" The sewing-room reports some 26,943 articles of apparel for the men's gaol were repaired, and for the women's gaol 465 articles of wearing apparel and equipment made from new material and 1,408 articles made from old material. Repairs were also made to 1,489 miscellaneous articles and nine rugs and fourteen blankets (patchwork) were made during the year.

" The laundry reports some 23,440 articles were laundered.

" Health: The general health of inmates was excellent. Regular visits were made by the gaol surgeon and weekly visits were also made by a doctor and nurse from the Provincial Venereal Disease Clinic, Vancouver.

" Recreation: The Elizabeth Fry Society provided a handicraft worker, who paid regular visits, teaching the girls knitting, crocheting, etc., which was much enjoyed by the inmates.

" The W.C.T.U. has been giving a movie show once a month and is much appreciated."

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

Senior Guard T. A. Camm reports as follows:—

" Treatment of young offenders at Oakalla during the past year has been limited by the curtailed facilities available due to overcrowding and consequent lack of space. A full quota of twenty lads has been maintained with two officers under my direction.

"After a temporary dislocation of shop activities due to organizational changes, work was again continued in one of the Quonset huts, under the direction of Guard P. Berkey. Here, furniture is renovated and upholstered for various Provincial institutions. An outside working-party has been usefully employed about the prison grounds, under the guidance of Guard R. Wilson.

" Pro-Rec instruction and gym training has been discontinued owing to lack of facilities, but the lads have made use of the prison exercise yard for baseball games.

" Educational work has been carried on, not only for members of the Star Class but for the general gaol population. Courses range from third and fourth grade elementary studies to university entrance. Other courses taken by prison students are geology and mineralogy, steam and diesel engineering, art, book-keeping, building construction, glove-making, and shorthand.

" We have continued to maintain contact with the probation staff, under the direction of E. G. B. Stevens, and assistance has been given by taking the lads on discharge and placing them where possible."

NELSON GAOL

Warden R. S. Nelson reports:—

"During the past year the number of prisoners has increased, due to the Doukhobor situation, the daily average being 34.7 as against 28.2 for the preceding year.

" Prisoners are employed in the garden, wood-shed, and on various chores in and around the building.

"A library is maintained, consisting of various types of literature, which is available at all times to the inmates. A radio programme is also provided and is under the direction of the guard on duty.

" The Salvation Army continues to hold a service every Sunday morning, and occasionally the Pentecostal Assembly also visits the institution, and attendance on the whole

is very good. The Roman Catholic Church has also been holding a service every Sunday morning.

" Health of the prisoners during the year has been very good with no hospital cases to report. Dr. F. M. Auld, the gaol surgeon, has regularly attended the gaol and is on call at all times.

" During the month of March, the former motor-vehicle building, situated in the same block as the gaol and Court-house, was changed into a gaol annex to hold the rapid increase in the population, which was brought about by the Doukhobor situation.

" Discipline was very good throughout the year."

KAMLOOPS GAOL

Warden H. H. Mansell reports:—

" Conditions respecting the operation and administration generally of affairs in connection with the gaol during the past year have been satisfactory.

" Gaol rules and regulations, supplemented by orders to govern local conditions, were strictly adhered to. It was not necessary to reprimand any prisoner during the year.

"All inmates, except those awaiting trial, have been regularly employed with janitor work and other services required in the police offices, quarters, gaol, garden, around the heating plant, and ground in the surrounding area owned by the Provincial Government.

"All prison clothing has been kept clean and in proper repair. There has been no complaint from prisoners with regard to food supplied from the gaol kitchen.

" Constable W. T. Teal, employed as gaoler, has carried out his duties in a most satisfactory and praiseworthy manner, especially in view of the continued increase in the number of prisoners incarcerated in the gaol during the past year. The increase has been 240 over the number who were admitted to the gaol in 1948.

" The previous police experience of Special Constable J. D. H. Stewart, referred to in my 1949 report, has been invaluable, and as assistant to Gaoler Teal he has carried out his work in a satisfactory manner."

PRINCE GEORGE GAOL

Men's Gaol

Warden G. H. Clark reports:—

" Conditions in the men's gaol have been satisfactory during the past year. The number of inmates continues to increase, no doubt due to the influx of newcomers into the district.

" Health of prisoners has been satisfactory throughout the year and all inmates have been usefully employed in and around the premises."

Women's Gaol

Miss D. Stewart, R.N., matron in charge, reports:—

" For the past year co-operation with rules and regulations has been generally good. The few exceptions have lost days of remission, but most of these days were re-earned.

" The matrons supervising the Prince George Gaol are trained to maintain a smooth-running service that does not overstep the rights of the prisoners. Between matrons and prisoners, good feeling seems well established.

" Dr. J. G. McKenzie, the gaol surgeon, visits the clinic weekly, and with Miss Stewart, R.N., the matron in charge, all tests ordered by the Division of Venereal Disease Control, Vancouver, are carried out. All venereal disease follow-up work is done here and any necessary treatments administered. All new admissions are checked and the lists sent to Vancouver. Dr. McKenzie also attends and prescribes for any inmates on the sick-list.

" Representatives of the Salvation Army, the United Church, and Roman Catholic Church hold services at regular intervals. The attendance at church services is very small, and cannot be forced because of differences in religious belief, if any.

" Recreation

" During the year the following were enjoyed:—

Three visits from the International Film Board with educational films.

Three visits from the Shantymen's Mission with lantern-slides of Canadian scenery.

A fine Easter song service by the choir of the local United Church.

The inmates have a radio and record-player.

" In September, 1949, a display of work done by inmates was given space at the fall fair. The display of finely preserved fruits and vegetables, the knitting, sewing, and exquisite shellwork were seen and admired by thousands of visitors. We expect the showing from the prison in 1950 to be even better.

" Several patchwork quilts were made for the Red Cross Society. Many new articles have been made for the Prince George Hospital. Clothes made by the inmates from their own material. Canning and preserving (381 quarts) by the kitchen staff, under supervision.

" The crowning achievement has been the painting of the interior of the building, except cells, by the inmates. They have done a most satisfactory work that changed the former drab interior to something bright and colourful. It was slow action for inexperienced hands and took over two months of real labour to finish. The painting includes matrons' and inmates' dining-rooms, matrons' quarters, three bathrooms, large kitchen, laundry, pantry, refrigeration room, sewing and linen rooms, four hallways and two front offices.

"All members of the staff have been loyal and are commended for their alertness and interest in their duties. Since the forty-four-hour week has been in operation, the interest has been more alive, if possible. The extra break in contact with the inmates has proved beneficial.

" Since the outbreak of a fire in the basement in July, 1949, a new system of electrical wiring was considered necessary. This is nearing completion. The outside of the building, except the roof, has been doubly shingled, increasing warmth within.

" The roof of the root-cellar has been insulated, ensuring better storage for foodstuffs.

" Water-pipes throughout have been covered with lagging.

" Several other improvements have been made in the interior of the building to save time and increase efficiency, such as new cupboards, doors, shelves, etc.

" It cannot be overlooked this building was not originally constructed for a women's gaol. There are so many features that interfere with direct control of all parts at all times, and many further improvements are needed to bring the institution up to modern standards."

LIBRARIES

The librarian at Oakalla Prison reports:—

" Some 55,334 books were circulated throughout the gaol during the year, an increase of 10,136 over the preceding year.

" Regular weekly visits have been made to the library at New Haven for the purpose of cataloguing the books there and advising on the purchase of new books.

" Subscriptions to magazines have been arranged for the Provincial Gaol at Prince George, and regulations have been carried on with the Extension Department of the University of British Columbia and the Film Department of the Vancouver Public Library for the showing of films at the Prince George Provincial Gaol.

"A number of books, particularly technical and foreign language books for specific needs, have been borrowed from other libraries. Of these, 340 were obtained from the Vancouver Public Library, seven from the Provincial Library and Archives, six from the Public Library Commission, one from the University of Washington Library, and one from the John Crerar Library, Chicago. The Provincial Library and Archives, through United States membership in the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Centre, University of Washington, has made it possible for the library to call upon the resources of all the major libraries of the continent for inter-library loans.

" Besides the aforementioned libraries, the thanks of the library are extended to the following individuals for information and assistance: Miss Helen T. Greer, Librarian, American Library Association, Chicago; Miss Jessie McAfee, Cataloguing Department, Vancouver Public Library; Theodore Cutler, Librarian, Leavenworth Penitentiary; and Stuart M. Boland, one-time Librarian at San Quentin Penitentiary.

" The Public Library Commission at Prince George has sent a new consignment of books every three months to the Prince George Gaol, a service which is very much appreciated.

"At the Nelson Provincial Gaol a library is maintained and well supplied with reading material suitable for the needs of the inmates.

" The Kamloops Gaol also keeps on hand suitable reading material for those interested."

CONCLUSION

Statistical report covering the movement of population, commitments, sex, educational status, habits as to use of intoxicants and drugs, occupation of prisoners, racial and civil status, ages, creeds, duration of sentences, previous convictions, offences for which prisoners were committed and sentenced, employment of prisoners, number of officers and employees, statement of revenue and expenditure, covering the four Provincial gaols in the Province, are attached hereto.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity to commend the following who have devoted their time and efforts toward the betterment, both socially and spiritually, of the inmates in our large institution at Oakalla: The Salvation Army, the Church of England ministry, the Roman Catholic chaplain, the John Howard Society, the Elizabeth Fry Society, and the Alcoholics Anonymous group.

To those organizations who have interested themselves in our smaller gaols in the Interior, I also express thanks.

To the Warden at Oakalla, as well as the Wardens at our smaller institutions, the matrons, and guards, it is my privilege and pleasure to commend for carrying out their multifarious duties so loyally and for their interest and efforts toward improving conditions in our custodial institutions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. PEACHEY,

Inspector of Gaols.

APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT ON GAOLS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1950

	Oakalla	Nelson	Kamloops	Prince George	Totals
1. Total number of county gaols in B.C.	1	1	1	1	4
2. Total expenditure for gaol maintenance in B.C.—					
Year ended March 31st, 1950	$647,065.15	$29,974.85	$11,922.65	$56,539.30	$745,501.95
Year ended March 31st, 1949	589,035.98	26,842.92	7,103.36	45,338.97	668,321.23
3. Average total maintenance cost per day per prisoner—					
Year ended March 31st, 1950	$2.23	$2.42	$1.64	$3.82	$2.52
Year ended March 31st, 1949	2.25	2.67	1.22	3.44	2.39
Average dietary cost per day per prisoner—					
Year ended March 31st, 1950	$0.47	$0.72	$0.49	$0.70	$0.59
Year ended March 31st, 1949	.44	.64	.52	.70	.55
4. Number of prisoners committed—					
Year ended March 31st, 1950	4,279	244	752	825	6,100
Year ended March 31st, 1949	3,678	203	463	747	5,091

I. Movement of Population, Year Ended March 31st, 1950

	Oakalla	Nelson	Kamloops	Prince George	Total
On register, April 1st, 1949	838	36	12	40	926
Received—					
From gaols and lockups	4,279	183	89	64	4,615
By transfer	22	16	------	103	141
By recapture	4	------	------	3	7
By revocation of licence	2	------	------	------	2
By forfeiture of ticket-of-leave	1	------	------	------	1
By internal movements	720	------	663	660	2,043
Insane	------	------	------	------	------
Juveniles	------	6	------	------	6
Deportation	------	------	------	------	------
From bail	127	------	------	------	127
Committed for trial	------	51	------	------	51
Sentenced	------	81	------	------	81
	5,993	373	764	870	8,000
Discharged—					
By expiry of sentence	3,413	197	371	242	4,223
By ticket-of-leave	39	------	1	------	40
By deportation	17	------	------	------	17
By pardon	15	------	------	------	15
By escape	4	------	------	------	4
By death	8	------	1	2	11
By payment of fines	154	13	184	336	687
By release of Court order (including bail)	501	14	22	87	624
By transfer	269	63	141	146	619
By internal movements	720	1	29	21	771
To asylum	------	14	------	------	14
	5,140	302	749	834	7,025
On register, March 31st, 1950	853	71	15	36	975

II. Commitments

	1948–49	1949–50	Decrease	Increase
Murder	14	13	1	.....
Manslaughter	9	7	2	.....
Crimes—				
Against the person	243	244	.....	1
Against property	1,294	1,533	.....	239
Against public morals and decency	152	122	30	.....
Against public order and peace	3,181	3,712	.....	531
Other offences not enumerated above	442	564	.....	122
Insanity	26	30	.....	4
Number of prisoners sentenced	4,989	6,028	.....	1,039
Number of days' stay of prisoners	286,811	325,732	.....	38,921
Average number of prisoners per month	23,275	32,467	.....	9,192
Average number of prisoners per day	778	846	.....	68
Escapes	18	4	14	.....
Escapes and recaptured	18	4	.....	.....
Deaths in gaol	2	11	.....	9

III. Sex

	Oakalla	Nelson	Kamloops	Prince George	Total
Male	3,890	235	677	711	5,513
Female	389	9	75	114	587
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

IV. Educational Status

Illiterate	212	54	114	135	515
Elementary	2,783	97	525	528	3,933
High school	1,194	91	108	158	1,551
College or university	90	2	5	4	101
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

V. Nationality
(Place of Birth)

British—					
Canada (including Indians)	3,233	198	673	610	4,714
Great Britain and Ireland	483	16	18	69	586
Other British countries	16	5	.....	1	22
Totals	3,732	219	691	680	5,322
Foreign—					
United States	171	9	12	32	224
Europeans	341	5	43	113	502
Orientals	5	1	6	.....	12
Other foreign countries	30	10	.....	.....	40
Grand totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

VI. Habits as to Use of Intoxicants

Abstainers	315	.....	25	24	364
Temperate	1,262	57	23	110	1,452
Intemperate	2,702	187	704	691	4,284
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

VII. Habits as to Use of Drugs

Abstainers	3,924	244	748	784	5,700
Addicts	355	.....	4	41	400
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

VIII. Occupations

	Oakalla	Nelson	Kamloops	Prince George	Total
Agricultural	199	61	122	72	454
Commercial	231	2	124	354	711
Domestic	400	22	45	80	547
Labourers	1,940	128	446	251	2,765
Mechanics	550	30	7	16	603
Professional	46	1	8	16	71
No occupation	112	------	------	36	148
Student	------	------	------	------	------
Loggers	801	------	------	------	801
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

IX. Racial

White	3,752	229	544	688	5,213
Coloured	42	------	3	1	46
Indian	429	14	199	136	778
Mongolian	26	1	3	------	30
East Indian	30	------	3	------	33
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

X. Civil State

Single	2,677	150	489	481	3,797
Married	744	84	125	261	1,214
Widowed	148	4	65	20	237
Separated	710	6	73	63	852
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

XI. Ages

Under 21 years	503	26	62	56	647
21 to 25	558	26	89	132	805
25 to 30	532	66	95	153	846
30 to 40	883	35	177	121	1,216
40 to 50	921	47	183	319	1,470
50 to 60	583	25	107	44	759
Over 60	299	19	39	------	357
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

XII. Creeds

Baptist	132	7	15	5	159
Buddhist	2	------	5	------	7
Church of England	725	18	88	104	935
Doukhobor	11	71	------	------	82
Greek Catholic	59	------	32	------	91
Hebrew	3	------	------	------	3
Jehovah's Witnesses	------	------	------	------	------
Lutheran	329	15	49	10	403
Methodist	43	10	8	20	81
Presbyterian	615	31	76	32	754
Roman Catholic	1,519	62	441	459	2,481
United Church	496	20	38	46	600
Other Christian creeds	58	------	------	128	186
Others	47	10	------	21	78
No religion	240	------	------	------	240
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

XIII. Duration of Sentences

	Oakalla	Nelson	Kamloops	Prince George	Total
Under one month	1,967	91	228	524	2,810
1 month and under 2 months	336	35	182	131	684
2 months and under 3 months	261	14	73	70	418
3 months and under 6 months	475	35	------	32	542
6 months and under 12 months	519	6	47	52	624
12 months and under 18 months	199	------	15	13	227
18 months and under 24 months	60	------	3	------	63
Sentenced to penitentiary	140	1	------	------	141
Acquitted	79	------	1	3	83
Suspended sentence	32	------	11	------	43
Indefinite sentence	12	------	------	------	12
Sentenced to insane asylum	------	------	------	------	------
Released on payment of fine	------	------	184	------	184
Released on bail	------	------	------	------	------
Awaiting trial	177	62	7	------	246
Transferred	------	------	------	------	------
To hang	5	------	------	------	5
Stay of proceedings	17	------	------	------	17
Ticket-of-leave	------	------	1	------	1
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100

XIV. Previous Convictions

None	1,590	177	431	584	2,782
1	602	32	90	115	839
2	366	15	44	57	482
3	294	6	34	15	349
4	188	4	29	23	244
5	156	2	25	11	194
6	125	2	15	5	147
7	95	2	6	8	111
8	68	------	12	------	80
9	52	------	11	3	66
10	53	2	6	2	63
11	36	1	6	1	44
12	33	------	4	------	37
13	32	------	5	------	37
14	39	------	2	------	41
15	24	------	3	------	27
16	22	------	3	------	25
17	28	------	4	1	33
18 and 19	63	1	4	------	68
20 to 29	281	------	18	------	299
30 to 39	------	------	------	------	------
40 to 49	64	------	------	------	64
50 to 59	68	------	------	------	68
60 to 69	------	------	------	------	------
70 to 79	------	------	------	------	------
80 to 99	------	------	------	------	------
Over 100	------	------	------	------	------
Totals	4,279	244	752	825	6,100
Per cent of recidivists	62.841	27.46	57.31	30.50	------

XV. Offences for Which Prisoners Were Committed and Sentenced during the Year

	Commitments			Sentences		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
(*a*) Crimes against the person—						
Oakalla	199	3	202	187	6	193
Nelson	11	------	11	8	------	8
Kamloops	9	------	9	6	------	6
Prince George	3	1	4	20	1	21
Totals	222	4	226	221	7	228
(*b*) Crimes against property—						
Oakalla	1,174	48	1,222	1,611	75	1,686
Nelson	144	2	146	84	2	86
Kamloops	80	2	82	76	2	78
Prince George	9	11	20	63	11	74
Totals	1,407	63	1,470	1,834	90	1,924
(*c*) Crimes against public morals and decency—						
Oakalla	88	2	90	94	4	98
Nelson	6	------	6	6	------	6
Kamloops	12	2	14	11	2	13
Prince George	------	1	1	8	4	12
Totals	106	5	111	119	10	129
(*d*) Crimes against public order and peace—						
Oakalla	2,187	327	2,514	2,256	337	2,593
Nelson	132	13	145	122	7	129
Kamloops	536	71	607	501	54	555
Prince George	6	101	107	338	116	454
Totals	2,861	512	3,373	3,217	514	3,731
(*e*) Other offences not enumerated above	312	10	322	554	58	612
Grand totals (totals of (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), and (*e*))	4,908	594	5,502	5,945	679	6,624

XVI. Employment of Prisoners
(Per Cent of Population)

	Oakalla	Nelson	Kamloops	Prince George
Clerical	.873	------	------	------
General maintenance	30.668	26.0	35.0	80.5
Sick	1.264	------	3.0	2.0
Bush operations	.664	------	------	2.5
Industrial	5.812	------	------	------
Farm and garden	12.848	24.0	47.0	2.5
Land and road improvement	2.358	------	5.0	------
Unemployed	45.513	50.0	10.0	------
Cutting wood	------	------	------	12.5
	100.000	100.0	100.0	100.0

XVII. Number of Officers and Employees on March 31st, 1950

	Oakalla	Nelson	Kamloops	Prince George
Warden	1	1	1	1
Gaol Surgeon	1	1	1	1
Deputy Warden	1	----	----	----
Bursar	1	----	----	----
Chief Gaolers or Senior Guards	1	1	----	----
Assistant Chief Gaolers	6	----	----	----
Chief Clerk	----	----	----	----
Storekeeper	----	----	----	----
Clerks and stenographers	6	----	----	----
Chief Engineer	1	----	----	----
Assistant Engineers	3	----	----	3
Farm and Industrial Guards	9	----	----	----
Instructor Guards	1	----	----	----
Disciplinary Guards	71	5	2	----
Kitchen Chef	----	----	----	----
Kitchen Guards	1	----	----	----
Medical Attendants	1	----	----	----
Hospital Orderlies	3	----	----	----
Matrons	----	1	1	11
Temporary Specials (Death Watch, etc.)	10	----	----	----
Librarian	1	----	----	----
Totals	118	9	5	16

XVIII. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for Year Ended March 31st, 1950

	Oakalla	Nelson	Kamloops	Prince George	Total
Expenditure					
Library	$1,871.70	----	----	----	$1,871.70
Salaries	310,246.11	$15,262.00	$6,661.97	$29,218.61	361,388.69
Office supplies	3,779.58	462.20	94.65	497.95	4,834.38
Travelling expenses	10,056.88	31.28	----	1,660.88	11,749.04
Uniforms and clothing	37,366.50	1,117.55	702.81	1,417.92	40,604.78
Janitors' supplies	7,231.16	499.06	159.30	1,053.63	8,943.15
Farm operations	34,016.97	149.18	----	----	34,166.15
Upkeep of grounds	568.49	----	----	177.26	745.75
General equipment	12,019.86	686.05	112.72	298.76	13,117.39
Laundry operations	10,171.47	----	----	----	10,171.47
Fuel, water, and light	49,613.71	2,886.32	1,327.31	5,143.75	58,971.09
Provisions (upkeep of prisoners)	137,506.45	8,321.07	3,577.24	13,110.44	162,515.20
Medical attendance and hospital supplies	25,590.42	670.47	311.95	3,079.11	29,651.95
Good Conduct Fund	16,086.30	471.10	408.55	746.10	17,712.05
Sheet-metal plant	24,695.56	----	----	----	24,695.56
Incidentals and contingencies	832.61	189.68	31.12	134.89	1,188.30
Cost-of-living bonus	----	----	----	----	----
Totals	$681,653.77	$30,745.96	$13,387.62	$56,539.30	$782,326.65
Public Works expenditures	47,168.06	167.39	760.03	----	48,095.48
Gross expenditure	$728,821.83	$30,913.35	$14,147.65	$56,539.30	$830,422.13
Revenue					
Rental of quarters, etc., and maintenance of prisoners	$81,756.68	$938.50	$2,225.00	----	$84,920.18
Sales and salary refunds	----	----	----	----	----
Fines and costs paid	----	----	----	----	----
Totals	$647,065.15	$29,974.85	$11,922.65	$56,539.30	$745,501.95

XVIII. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for Year Ended March 31st, 1950—*Continued*

	Total Gross Expenditure		Total Revenue	
	1949	1950	1949	1950
Oakalla	$665,434.58	$728,821.83	$76,398.60	$81,756.68
Nelson	27,214.42	30,913.35	371.50	938.50
Kamloops	8,854.36	14,147.65	1,751.00	2,225.00
Prince George	45,439.44	56,539.30	100.47	.....
Totals	$746,942.80	$830,422.13	$78,621.57	$84,920.18
Less revenue	78,621.57	84,920.18		
Net expenditure	$668,321.23	$745,501.95		

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