

Separate buildings might well be erected continuous to the training school proper, for this purpose.

(3) *Extension of Special Classes.*—The advisability of providing more special classes for the backward and defectives in the schools of the Province cannot be too strongly urged. The provision of these classes would materially diminish the number of feeble-minded who would otherwise require prolonged institutional care. The system in Vancouver and Victoria should be extended as previously outlined, and provision made for other cities, towns and outlying districts.

The advisability of organizing a Trade School in Vancouver and of securing a Psychiatric Social Worker has previously been mentioned."

As a result of this report the Government has decided to make a definite start; a site has been secured at Port Coquitlam; this has already been cleared; the contract let for five buildings, and work has already started in actual construction.

The necessary Legislation has been enacted. The following Bill having passed this session of the Legislature, is now or will, within the next few days, be the Act, quite broad in its scope, under which it is proposed that the very vital question of the mental defective of this Province may be dealt with along proper lines.

The Bill reads as follows:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SUBNORMAL BOYS' SCHOOL

"His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

SHORT TITLE

1. This Act may be cited as the "Subnormal Boys' School Act."

INTERPRETATION

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, "boy" shall mean a boy who is not over the age of eighteen years at the time of his admission or proposed admission into the Subnormal Boys' School.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL

3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may establish an institution to be known as the "Subnormal Boys' School," the administration of which shall be under the Department of the Provincial Secretary.

4. The Subnormal Boys' School shall have for its object the custody and detention, with a view to their mental health improvement, education, industrial training, and moral reclamation of such boys as are lawfully admitted thereto.