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Canada (conferences with leading prison administrators and investigation of foreign prisons); appointed inspector and auditor of penitentiaries, July 13, 1938; Canadian civil service employment 15 years.

8. This involves a question of policy.

Mr. MAYHEW:

Which, if any, of the recommendations of the royal commission on the penal system of Canada in its report of April, 1938, have already been, or are about to be, acted upon?

Mr. ST. LAURENT:

1. (a) A convict at present earns remission as from the date of admission instead of the seventh month of sentence as was the case previously.

(b) Remission is now allowed for holidays and also for periods of sickness.

(c) For purposes of remission, overlapping terms are considered as one.

2. A thorough inspection of penitentiary industries has been made.

3. Shaving and bathing of convicts have been made more frequent.

4. In each case recommended by wardens, convicts who are to be rearrested on discharge, or deported, have been allowed their remuneration earned during their sentences.

5. Arrangements are being made to have some penitentiary farm vegetables canned commercially for own use.

6. Wardens are now more fully consulted with regard to the advisability of improvements in connection with their work.

7. More liberal visiting and writing privileges have been accorded to deserving convicts.

8. Improved cell lighting has been installed wherever possible.

9. Kitchens have been renovated and special ranges installed in practically every institution. Cleanliness and preparation of food are receiving careful attention.

10. Contributions of convicts to the radio entertainment fund have been discontinued.

11. In several penitentiaries, young convicts are now trained in the motor mechanic trade, notwithstanding that they are still segregated from adult class. In one institution, a new shoe shop has been opened and young convicts only are employed therein.

12. Practically all vegetables required in the penitentiary service are now produced on the penitentiary farms. Surpluses of over one million pounds were diverted to army and other government departments in 1941.

13. A dairy herd has been established in one of the penitentiaries not previously so equipped.

14. Wardens were authorized to use waste material for demonstrational purposes in convict training.

15. Many more officers have been made permanent within the limitations placed by the treasury board:

	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	Total
Kingston.....	30	20	Nil	Nil	50
St. Vincent de Paul.....	39	15	Nil	Nil	54
Dorchester.....	26	11	Nil	Nil	37
Manitoba.....	15	15	Nil	Nil	30
British Columbia.....	27	13	Nil	Nil	40
Saskatchewan.....	10	20	Nil	Nil	30
Collin's Bay.....	24	15	Nil	Nil	39
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16. Certain officers were selected to proceed to the training school, Wakefield, England, for a course of instruction. The first draft proceeded in 1939, but subsequent drafts were cancelled in September of the same year on account of the war.

17. Poultry raising has been started in one penitentiary.

18. Convicts are provided with lighters; convicts pay for flints only.

19. More convicts are being employed in industrial labour.

20. Officers' private cars now may be repaired by convict labour.

[Mr. St. Laurent.]

21. More schooling is provided for young convicts at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

22. Recommendations regarding the keeping of stores have been followed as far as possible and are the general practice to be observed in the future.

23. Authority for expenditures by wardens has been increased, thereby reducing the number of requests and correspondence for minor expenditures of maintenance and other routine matters.

24. In several penitentiaries, showers have been installed in the cell blocks.

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INCOME WAR TAX ACT—APPEALS

Mr. STOKES:

1. How many appeals from assessment under the Income War Tax Act were made (a) by corporations, (b) by individuals, during each of the fiscal years ending March 31, 1939, 1940 and 1941?

2. How many of such appeals were determined personally by the Minister of National Revenue?

3. How many of such appeals were determined by the commissioner of income tax or by other official pursuant to authority purported to be vested in such official by the minister?

4. How many of such appeals are still pending?

5. How many of such appeals were determined in favour of (a) the appellant, (b) the crown?

6. In how many cases did the appellant serve notice of dissatisfaction with the decision and appeal to the exchequer court?

7. How many of such cases were determined by the exchequer court in favour of (a) the appellant, (b) the crown?

Mr. GIBSON:

1. (a) 1939, 163; 1940, 176; 1941, 137. (b) 1939, 175; 1940, 146; 1941, 149.

2. No records available.

3. No records available.

4. (a) 1939, 7; 1940, 18; 1941, 43. (b) 1939, 15; 1940, 15; 1941, 49.

5. (a) Corporations: 1939, 65; 1940, 43; 1941, 26. Individuals: 1939, 70; 1940, 40; 1941, 31. (b) Corporations: 1939, 91; 1940, 115; 1941, 68. Individuals: 1939, 90; 1940, 91; 1941, 69.

6. Corporations: 1939, 5.

7. (a) 1; (b) 4.

DEFENCE OF CANADA REGULATIONS—INTERMENTS

Mr. STOKES:

1. How many advisory committees have been appointed under regulation 22 of the defence of Canada regulations?

2. What are the names of the members of each such committee?

3. When was each such committee appointed?

4. How many objections to interment have been heard by each such committee?

5. In how many cases has each committee recommended (a) the release of an internee, (b) the continued detention of an internee?

Mr. ST. LAURENT:

1. Under regulation 22 of the defence of Canada regulations (consolidation), 1941—two.

2. (1) Daniel O'Connell, K.C., former county court judge; Robert Taschereau, K.C., William M. Dickson.

(2) His Honour Judge J. C. A. Cameron, Arthur Gagne, K.C., Robert Forsyth, K.C.

3. (1) June 26, 1941. (2) July 14, 1941.

4. (1) 83. (2) 136.

5. (1) (a) 43 releases; (b) 40 continued detention.

(2) (a) 76 releases; (b) 60 continued detention.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION—TOURIST AND TRAVEL BUREAUX

Mr. ISNOR:

1. What salary, remuneration or allowance do members of the tourist development committee receive from any department of the government?

2. What members of the tourist development committee, bureau of public information or Canadian travel bureau hail from the maritime provinces?

3. What is the scope of authority of the bureau of public information?

4. Does the said bureau deal with naval and military matters?

5. If so, in what manner?

6. How does the bureau distribute its material?

Mr. THORSON:

1. None.

2. (a) None; largely an interdepartmental committee. We have no record of the birthplace of members of the committee; representation thereon is not on a geographical basis.

(b) Miss Muriel Ann Mosley, secretary to the director of public information; Mr. E. A. Corbett, speakers' division, public information.

(c) Mr. D. Leo Dolan, chief, Canadian travel bureau. Mr. H. A. McCallum, assistant chief, Canadian travel bureau.

3. To collect and disseminate to the public, information concerning the various phases of the war effort of the Canadian people and the activities of the government in relation thereto, and generally to coordinate the existing public information services of the government and originate or employ other means in order that the same may be used in the most efficient way for the obtaining of the utmost aid from the people of Canada in the national emergency which has arisen.

4. Only to the extent of distributing material provided by those departments and the printing of booklets and posters specifically requested by them.

5. See answer to No. 4.

6. Through the news services; photographic services; press gallery; by direct mail; through clubs, societies and other organizations; members of parliament; by radio and on the motion picture screen. Poster material is distributed through factories, firms, government offices and individuals, et cetera.

*LANCASTER MILITARY HOSPITAL—WEST ST. JOHN

Mr. HATFIELD:

1. What were the names of all employees, including medical and clerical staff, of Lancaster hospital, West Saint John, from the year 1919 to the year 1941?

2. What were their salaries per year and what were their pensions per year from 1919 to 1941?