

ing the guards to secrecy, what were the conclusions arrived at by this gentleman? These are the conclusions:

1. Insufficient supervision covering a period of not less than ten years.

Must I defend my good friend the present Minister of Justice and my hon. friend the ex-Minister of Justice on this charge?

2. Insufficient and inefficient inspection covering not less than a period of ten years.

This young gallant from the west, riding through, certainly has some idea of himself.

Mr. DUFF: Young Lochinvar has come out of the west.

Mr. ROSS: Why should guards be dismissed on this account?

3. Inefficient officers being retained on the staff of Kingston penitentiary.

I do not agree with that. Some may be pretty old, and this minister has dismissed some, as did also the late minister.

4. Lack of knowledge of, and familiarity with, penitentiary rules and regulations.

I do not suppose he knew what they were when he wrote this.

5. The desire on the part of certain long term convicts to have less rigorous rules and regulations enforced within the penitentiary.

This is a peach. If any of us were in there would he not endorse that? Just imagine!

6. A plot or scheme on the part of certain convicts to escape from the penitentiary.

Well, I have never known a year when there was not a plot or something of that kind among inmates to escape from this penitentiary.

7. Admission in the Kingston penitentiary during the month of February, 1932, of certain convicts who were especially adept in organizing and inciting disturbances against constituted authority.

Where else would you send such people?

Mr. LAPOINTE: They are bad boys.

Mr. ROSS: The next is:

8. Deprivation of convicts of cigarette papers and fine cut tobacco, pipe tobacco being an authorized issue.

9. The large number of young and irresponsible convicts who are now confined in Kingston penitentiary, many of whom have had experience in reformatories in Canada and elsewhere.

If this is correct, it is one of the most damning things in the whole service, that boys who have been in reformatories have so soon gone to penitentiaries.

10. The monotony of penitentiary confinement.

11. I am also of the opinion that two or three convicts, whose identity has not been disclosed up to the present time, are the principal organizers of the outbreak.

Mr. LAPOINTE: He does not know who they are.

Mr. ROSS: No. If he had gone to any six guards, to any one guard in the penitentiary, he would have been told who the ring-leaders were, without having to spend all this money and take up so much time. Now let us see what the complaints are which were received from these 650 convicts. Here they are:

1. Deprivation of cigarette papers.

If that is one of the causes of the riot, they have been given this article and therefore they were not justified. He refused it and now endeavours to excuse himself by saying that one warden did not agree with that.

2. Close-cropping of hair.

3. Lack of recreation and amusement.

He declares that when he went there he noticed that these convicts were washed out, but he was not there very long before he found that there was more life in them than anyone could imagine.

4. Insufficient open air exercise.

5. Lack of newspapers and magazines.

These fellows did not only want the Globe and the Mail; they wanted their own home papers supplied them.

6. Insufficient lighting in cells.

7. Harsh treatment by officers.

8. Compulsory church attendance.

That must be true, because since the riot there has never been a church parade.

9. Insufficient medical treatment.

10. Insufficient dental treatment.

Who was to blame? He was going to fire both the doctor and the dentist but he found that headquarters had something to do with it.

11. Lack of toilet articles, combs and mirrors—

And cosmetics too, I suppose.

12. Punishments improperly awarded for breach of rules.

13. More frequent letters to and from convicts.

14. Increased number of visits to convicts.

15. Lack of paroles.

16. Objection to steam-cooked food and monotony of prison diet.

Now these things have all been given them, and yet these complaints are set down as leading up to the trouble. Let me now refer to something else. As hon. members know, there is a female prison up there which cost \$750,000. There is a high wall around it, as high as the wall around the other prison, and outside of that there is a formidable wire