

which deals with the expulsion of aliens under sec. 3(1) of the Act of 1905. During 1908, so far as convicted or criminal aliens are concerned, 360 recommendations for their expulsion were received by the Secretary of State, and, of these, 344 came from the courts in England and Wales. This total shows an increase of seventy as compared with the 290 recommendations made in 1907, but are less by eighty-eight than the recommendations of 1906. As the inspector points out, the proportion of recommendations to the number of convicted aliens received into prison during 1908 is still remarkably low—namely, 11.11 per cent. for the whole kingdom, or 11.47 per cent. for England and Wales. Taking the provincial courts, recommendations for expulsion were made in the case of but 5.68 per cent. of the aliens convicted and sent to prison, the percentage for 1907 being 4.53. In the metropolitan courts the percentages were 15.50 in 1907 and 17.58 in 1908, from which it will be seen that outside the metropolis the powers conferred on the courts do not seem to have been made use of to the extent that they were in London. There is no doubt, however, that the expulsion provisions might be made use of far more frequently than they have been in the past, for it is difficult to understand the desirability of retaining in the United Kingdom practically 88 per cent. of the convicted aliens. During 1908 the question of expulsion was determined by the Home Office in 335 cases, which included cases recommended in 1906 and 1907 in which the sentences ran on into 1908, as well as cases recommended last year. Expulsion orders were made in 319 cases, and, of these, 229 belonged to the metropolis, eighty-three came from the rest of England and Wales, five from Scotland, and two from Ireland.

As the report points out, sufficient time has now elapsed to enable some judgment to be formed as to the effect of these expulsion provisions on alien crime, and the statistics of convicted prisoners, although by no means an absolute index, yield clear indications that the liability to expulsion is exercising considerable influence on the criminal alien. In 1904 the alien prison