

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 18th June, 1964

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INQUIRIES

No. 1.

By the Honourable Senator Croll:

5th March—That he will inquire of the Government:

What specific action, if any, has been taken in implementation of each of the following principal recommendations contained in the Report of the Royal Commission on the Penal System ("Archambault Report") presented on April 4th, 1938, namely:

1. The Canadian penal system should be centralized under the control of the Government of Canada, with the federal authorities taking charge of all the prisons in Canada, the provinces retaining only a sufficient number to provide for offenders against provincial statutes, prisoners on remand, and those serving short sentences.
2. An immediate conference between the federal and provincial authorities should be held with a view to obtaining the full cooperation of the provincial authorities in putting the recommendations of the Commission into effect.
3. There should be a complete reorganization of the headquarters administration of Canadian penitentiaries to include giving effect to the recommendations in this report as to the retirement of certain officers.
4. A Prison Commission, composed of three members removable only for cause, should be appointed with full authority over the management of penitentiaries, empowered to appoint staff, and to act as a central parole board. The Commission should be responsible directly to the Minister of Justice and to Parliament.