

II BILL C-83: THE INJUSTICES CONTINUE

There are many injustices inherent in the 'dangerous sexual offender' legislation.

The Canadian Committee on Corrections recognized many of these injustices in its 1969 Report but, as will be seen later, most of its recommendations have been ignored in Bill C-83.

The existing legislation has received widely varying interpretations in different parts of the country. Of the 57 'dangerous sexual offenders' in Canadian penitentiaries as of 26 February 1968, 20 were in Ontario and another 20 were in British Columbia, while there were only four each in Quebec and Alberta.⁴ This geographical disparity should have been a signal to the drafters of Bill C-83 that the legislation is too imprecise and open to subjective interpretation.