

No. 15.

RETURN showing Movements of Convicts at the British Columbia Penitentiary, from 1st July, 1882, to 30th June, 1883.

Distribution.	Prisoners.	Total.	Remarks.
Remained at midnight, 30th June, 1882....	52	91	
Received since.....	39		
Discharged by expiration of sentence.....	12	17	
Pardoned	2		
Escaped.....	1		
Died.....	2		
Remaining at midnight, 30th June, 1883....		74	

No. 16.

REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PENITENTIARY, 2nd August, 1883.

SIR,—In presenting my Annual Report of the Penitentiary for the past year, I have nothing of special importance to mention concerning its general management, as everything was done, as far as I know, in a satisfactory manner. I am glad, however, to have this opportunity of mentioning that the reports circulated last year concerning the Penitentiary, and some of the officers, were proved in the investigation held last December, to be not only without foundation, but to be entirely false. Those reports were made by evil disposed persons who were altogether ignorant of what they pretended to know.

The health of the convicts during the past year was good. Of those under my charge two died; both were Indians.

The Warden sent me \$50 last June to purchase some books for the use of the Catholic convicts. This aid, though long, long expected, was thankfully received, but it is not sufficient to supply the want. I hope therefore that a liberal donation or grant will be made next Session of Parliament for the benefit of the Catholic library. A supply of good books would contribute much towards reforming the morals of the convicts.

Number of convicts remaining 30th June, 1882.....	33
do do received during the year.....	12
do do exchanged from Protestant Church....	4
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Number discharged by expiration of sentence.....	8
do do by pardon.....	1
do died during the year.....	2
do exchanged to the Protestant Church.....	2
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Number remaining, 30th June, 1883.....	36
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I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient, humble servant,

EDWARD M. J. HARRIS, O.M.I.,

Catholic Chaplain.

J. G. MOYLAN, Esq.,
Inspector of Penitentiaries.