

## Questions

corrections were consulted by the committee when its report was being prepared.

\*SITE FOR PENITENTIARY, ST. PIE DE BAGOT, QUE.

Question No. 894—Mr. Ricard:

For what purpose will the government use the four farms which were purchased in the Grand Rang St. François in the parish of St. Pie de Bagot, Quebec, on which the treasury board had authorized the construction of a penitentiary?

Mr. Macdonald: This property will be used for the construction of a medium security institution when another institution of that type is required in the province of Quebec.

## FEDERAL PRISONS, QUEBEC

Question No. 895—Mr. Latulippe:

1. What is the number of federal prisons in the province of Quebec?

2. During the past year, what was the number of inmates in each, and how many employees were working therein?

3. In each of those prisons, what was the number of psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers trained in correctional work?

4. Do the guards in those prisons receive any training for their duties?

5. Has the construction of new federal prisons been undertaken in the province of Quebec during the past year and, if so, where, and what will be the cost of each?

6. For what reasons was the site of each prison chosen?

7. What is the cost of each?

8. How many men and women were transferred from Quebec prisons to prisons in other provinces during the past year and (a) where is each prison situated (b) how many inmates were transferred to each?

[Translation]

Answer: 1. Seven (7).

2.

Maximum security institution	Inmates	Employees
St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary	888	401
Medium security institutions		
Leclerc Institution	455	206
Federal Training Centre	421	232
Penitentiary's Industrial Annex	190	60
Minimum security institutions		
Gatineau Correction Camp	42	20
Valleyfield Institution	88	32
Penitentiary's Farm Annex	76	14
Total	2,160	965

3. Maximum security institution: St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary: two psychiatrists, one psychologist and eight classification officers.

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Medium security institutions: Leclerc institution: one psychologist and three classification officers.

Federal training centre: one psychologist and three classification officers.

Penitentiary's industrial annex: one classification officer.

Minimum security institutions: Gatineau correction camp: one classification officer. Valleyfield institution: one classification officer.

Penitentiary's farm annex: one classification officer.

4. Each new member of the guard's service is required to complete a recruits training course of three months period. After that course, the new employee is submitted to a three months probation period. Besides, every member of the guard's service must follow every year a training period designed to teach him the new penology systems.

5. The construction of a medium security institution was undertaken at Cowansville, province of Quebec, at the cost of approximately \$6 million.

6. That site was chosen for the following reasons:

(a) The site is far enough from Montreal to provide the required security and close enough to permit easy access to professional, medical and social resources.

(b) The site chosen is located, near Cowansville, in a region where no housing development is anticipated for a period of 50 to 75 years, because Cowansville is developing rather in the direction of Dunham, province of Quebec.

(c) Public utility services are provided in adequate quantity.

(d) The road system and transportation leading to the site are adequate to facilitate visits for the inmates' families.

(e) Six (6) neighbouring municipalities, situated within 15 miles of the chosen site, total a population of 50,873 (1961). Those conditions ensure a source of continuous manpower for custodial services as well as administration. The services of professionals, such as physicians, dentists, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, teachers and chaplains are available or can be obtained from adjacent centres.

(f) The city of Cowansville has elementary schools and high schools, hospitals, Roman Catholic and Protestant churches and all civic facilities which make possible the development of family life. That factor becomes important if it is wanted to get the continuous services of a qualified staff.