

APPENDIX No 1

By Mr. Nesbitt:

Q. That school or training camp that was spoken of by Mr. Turner being unfit for habitation, what do you say about that?—A. Well, you know, it was the only place we could get from the Public Works Department.

By the Chairman:

Q. I understand that your department merely requisitions the Public Works Department for quarters, and that the Public Works Department are responsible for providing them, and for their fitting up, heating and everything of that character; but as regards the cleanliness of the institution, who are responsible for that?—A. The Public Works are responsible for putting it into proper condition.

Q. Was Mr. Turner referring to the fact that it was not in a proper condition to occupy, or rather that it was not properly taken care of?—A. We have not had a chance to take care of it yet, we only took possession of it recently.

Q. How long have you been in occupation?—A. We have only had people in there four weeks.

Q. At any rate it is in the course of being looked after?—A. Yes, the place itself is not a suitable place, it was four houses, but they were out of habitation for a long time before we went into them.

Q. You have been nearly two years in charge of this work?—A. Yes.

Q. When you consider the size of the problem and the class that you have to deal with, a great variety of cases and the various classes of training that you have provided for giving instructions, equipment, and everything of that kind, do you think you accomplish a great deal in regard to the goal aimed at, or has the work fallen down seriously? Be candid in your answer?—A. Well, I haven't accomplished all I would like to, we have done good, there is no doubt about that, but we have not done all the good we might have done.

Q. Where might your work be improved?—A. The length of the course is one of the chief things, it is not possible to fix any definite length of course at all. Where one man will need say twelve months to complete a course in cabinetmaking another man will need eighteen months, the same applies to a larger extent in any brain work, but we could not give more than nine or ten months unless it is on account of exceptional reasons, and I know that a great many men could not get the work in ten months. Of course the average is not ten months.

Q. You are training men in cabinetmaking here?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you a practical man in charge of that work?—A. Yes.

Q. Who must eventually certify to their training?—A. Yes.

Q. When a man gets that certificate what does it mean?—A. It means nothing except that he has completed his course and that the cabinetmaker cannot see any exceptional reason for extending it.

Q. You say that in some cases in your opinion these men should have at least eighteen months' training?—A. Certainly.

Q. Has he certified any of these men on far less training than that?—A. Certainly.

Q. Do you think he should have done so?—A. He knows they cannot get eighteen months' training; if one of these men has been sick and lost a lot of his course, or has injured himself during his course we can give him a certificate and a recommendation to that effect. But he knows as well as I do that if he were to put in a request for eighteen months I should not pass it on, because he knows also that the policy of the department strikes an average length of course.

Q. As far as your knowledge goes do you know any of these men who have been trained for that shorter period and who have failed afterwards in actual employment?—A. Certainly I do.

[Mr. R. S. Kennedy.]