

connected with your duties by any outside party. Such conduct would in fact constitute a grave offence which the court would have to notice and punish if brought to its knowledge.

Another duty you will be called on to fulfil will be to visit the common jail of the district and the court house and other public buildings, and to report on their condition. If you should find in the jail any prisoner who is not serving out a term of punishment, and against whom no action has been taken, you should draw the attention of the court to his case, so that the court may deal with it as may be proper.

Should it come to your knowledge that any public officer in the district wilfully and corruptly misconducts himself in the execution of his official duties, it will be your duty to mention the fact in your presentment, so as to draw the attention of the authorities to the matter.

The state of all municipal roads, and the proper working of the municipal and common school systems in the district also come under the scope of your observation, and for the general good are all fit subjects for comment and suggestion in your presentment.

I have heard many complaints respecting the office provided by the corporation of the county of Ottawa for the county registry office, and I think it right to direct your attention to this matter. It must not be overlooked that the titles of the freeholders of the county and other important interests may be seriously imperilled by the condition of the registry office, and that matter is therefore one which in the public interest should be inquired into and brought under the notice, if necessary, of the proper authorities.

While on the subject of the public buildings, I take the opportunity to express my satisfaction at the improvements which the city council of Hull have made in the rooms appropriated for the circuit court held in their city.