

of contented wardens there if you did supply a bus. I did not press for it during the war; but, now that the war is over I would ask the minister to give this matter further consideration.

Mr. ILSLEY: I shall do that.

Mr. BRYCE: What has been done about the hours of labour? They have repeatedly asked that they get a forty-four hour week. We have other people all over the country asking for a forty-hour week and these people are still working at the old hours; their hours of labour are far from satisfactory, having in mind keeping good men on the job.

Mr. ILSLEY: It is forty-eight hours a week, anyway.

Mr. BRYCE: Is there not any hope of a reduction to at least forty-four hours?

Mr. HOMUTH: The fellows inside have no special hours.

Mr. BRYCE: I never knew that the hon. member had that experience.

Has the department inaugurated any new system in advertising the various positions in the penitentiary service? What I meant by that is this. If you have a good promising man at Kingston, for instance, has he an opportunity of seeing an advertisement of a position in British Columbia, or do you still keep him within the circle of one penitentiary?

Mr. ILSLEY: Normally there is no demand or wish to move from one penitentiary to another. I am informed that occasionally, for some special position, a man is moved; but ordinarily that is not done.

Mr. BRYCE: I think it would be a good thing if those positions were advertised, so that these men could have that opportunity.

Has the minister ever considered the advisability of setting up a school for penitentiary officers?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes.

Mr. BRYCE: Is it in operation?

Mr. ILSLEY: No.

Mr. BRYCE: When will it start?

Mr. ILSLEY: Very soon. If the hon. gentleman will refer to the report which I tabled in February, he will see that definite plans are being made for officers, guards and so on, in penitentiaries.

Mr. BRYCE: Are all these people to be included in the civil service after the reorganization?

Mr. ILSLEY: That is the question the hon. member for Lake Centre asked me to consider. They were taken out of the civil service in 1933, and now it is said they ought to be put back in again. I do not know what should be done. I suppose either system would have some advantages.

An hon. MEMBER: In again, out again.

Mr. ILSLEY: It does not follow that whatever is, is wrong.

Mr. KNOWLES: That is a fairly safe assumption.

Mr. BRYCE: I would not say that. With regard to these men who gave service to their country and have returned to their jobs; will the time they served overseas be added to their service for superannuation purposes?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes. If they were allowed leave of absence, naturally it is.

Mr. BRYCE: That time counts?

Mr. ILSLEY: Yes.

Mr. JAENICKE: I should like to ask the minister to make a statement in connection with the appointments of the two assistant commissioners, who are to be appointed by virtue of the recent amendment to the Penitentiary Act. Have these assistant commissioners been appointed? If not, are they soon to be appointed? When they are appointed or are about to be appointed, will the minister give consideration to their qualifications? I think that at least one should be an alienist, a psychiatrist, or an expert of that kind. I point out that this is especially important in view of the revolutionary amendment to the criminal code which is, I presume, to come before parliament in a few days. Would the minister make a statement in that respect?

Mr. ILSLEY: Two or three times before during this session I have said that it is the government's intention to appoint as one of the deputy commissioners a psychiatrist, or a medical man with some knowledge of psychiatry. I hope we shall be able to get one. There are not many psychiatrists in the country. The qualifications of the other deputy commissioner are set out in General Gibson's report. Our plans are definite about these appointments. I think that was all the hon. gentleman asked me, was it not? He asked me whether appointments had been made. I believe the act received royal assent only on Friday last, and nothing has as yet been done under the act.

Mr. JAENICKE: The minister has not as yet anyone in mind?