

Senator Goldenberg: Is "lady prisoners" the women's lib term?

The Deputy Chairman: It is a courteous gentleman's term.

Senator Fergusson: Does this cover both federal and provincial cases?

Mr. Street: Yes, it does.

Senator Fergusson: I was just thinking of the federal cases really, when I was asking the question, but I am glad to have the information.

Senator Hastings: Further to Senator Buckwold's question to Mr. Street, to your knowledge, do you employ any former inmates, or Métis, or native Canadians on your staff, in the parole service?

Mr. Street: We have four Indians or Métis. I do not think we have an ex-inmate.

Mr. Miller: We do not have any ex-inmates on our staff now. We have had ex-inmates and they are ones that we have attempted to take who are actually qualified but who feel they would rather do something else. We have ex-inmates on our staff who are able to act as good parole officers. There are ex-inmates employed by several of the organizations that assist us. We have had ex-inmates involved in supervision in that way as a full-time staff on bodies like the John Howard Society. Also, we have had ex-inmates as volunteers and we have had a seminar of volunteers who assist our parole officers in the supervision. We had an excellent and sensible presentation of what is involved in parole supervision, done by an alcoholic ex-inmate. He had in his care another alcoholic.

Senator Hastings: What is your experience with the ex-inmates?

Mr. Miller: People of this type are very definitely helpful.

Senator Hastings: You say you had four Métis?

Mr. Street: Yes, two of them are on educational leave; two resigned. Those two who are on educational leave are still there, and we will get these two back.

Senator Hastings: Where are they employed?

Mr. Street: Perhaps Mr. Leroux can answer that.

Mr. J. H. Leroux, Assistant Executive Director, Parole Service Administration, National Parole Board: There are two employed on the staff in the Vancouver office; two on the staff of the Brandon office; two in Winnipeg; and one on educational leave from the Regina office.

Senator Hastings: What are they employed as?

Mr. Street: They are employed as parole assistants. They are really parole officers, but they do not have all the qualifications for parole officers, so they are given a special grade so that we can hire them. Their rank is called "parole assistant"

Senator Hastings: Do you have any limit as to the number of parole assistants you can hire?

Mr. Street: Other than a budgetary limit, no. I do not think so. As a matter of interest to Senator Fergusson, we have 19 lady parole officers as well.

Senator Fergusson: Mr. Street, not that I want to have the answer now, but can you tell me how many of those paroles were granted to women from the Prison for Women at Kingston, and how many of those who received their parole broke their parole and had to be returned to prison?

The Deputy Chairman: Mr. Street will get that information for you, senator.

Honourable senators, it is now ten minutes after twelve. Perhaps this would be a convenient time to adjourn.

Mr. Street has given me some figures on the contacts they have with the voluntary organizations. I believe this would form a useful part of the record.

Senator Fergusson: Seeing that I asked the question in the first place, I would move that it be part of the record.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(See Appendix "C")

The Deputy Chairman: We have just got the inmate before the Parole Board. We have not even got him paroled yet. Obviously, we are going to have to do some more work on this matter. I think all of us are resigned to the fact that we will have to hold another meeting later on.

The committee adjourned.