

the class. As the trainees graduate from the formal syllabus, they perform maintenance and construction work in the institutions to gain further experience, and their subsequent progress is reported upon and they are credited with the hours spent at their trades towards the credits for final journeymen's rating. We have had encouraging indications from the Directors of Apprenticeship in most of the Provinces that as this training proves its worth our graduates will be eligible for trade testing and certification under their Apprenticeship Regulations.

I should perhaps mention that the institution of this training has had a marked effect upon the prisoners themselves. When the initial courses were being organized, it was necessary to urge the convicts to take the courses to obtain a full complement per instructor. For the past few months we have had a waiting list greater than we can accommodate. There is a noticeable earnestness on the part of those assigned to vocational work and they carry out their tasks with definite interest and attention. Already we have had several cases where "tickets of leave" have been declined because the prisoner wished to complete his training. While we are not optimistic enough to expect 100 per cent recovery, I think we can say that this type of training is producing positive results and is providing many young men with the incentive and ability to attain economic security which were not previously available to them. It is too early yet to produce definite statistics but such information as is available indicates that a high percentage of the trainees so far released who have obtained employment are still gainfully employed.

During the past two years a planned programme of improvement of our industrial shops, of replacing obsolete machinery and equipment and of providing the necessary modern facilities to make our shops comparable to those in outside industry has been pushed forward vigorously. Our expenditure for machinery, tools and equipment of all kinds in the fiscal year which ended March 31st last was \$435,000. as compared with an amount of \$191,000 for the same period two years previously. These changes have had a noticeable effect upon the morale and attitude of many of the convicts employed in the shops and have contributed to a more purposeful approach to the work to be done.

Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Gendreau improvements have been made in the hospital facilities at our institutions and a considerably increased amount of corrective surgery has been undertaken. The Psychiatric Ward at Kingston Penitentiary has been in operation for some months under Dr. Crawford's supervision and at other institutions the services of outside psychiatrists have been utilized in a considerable number of problem cases, in addition to the many interviews which Dr. Gendreau has carried out in the course of his visits to the penitentiaries.

And now I should like to refer to the outstanding developments that have taken place in the field of placement and after care of prisoners upon discharge. The expansion and development of the activities of the various John Howard Societies and other prisoners' aid organizations across the country have been most heartening to all of us who appreciate the importance of this work in making effective whatever efforts may have been undertaken to rehabilitate the prisoner during his period of imprisonment. Great credit is due to