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# RETIREMENT IS SUGGESTED BY MADDEN

Sergeants Maguire and Maxwell Are Named by Royal Commissioner

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Sweeping Changes in Administration of Reformatory Recommended

Immediate retirement of two senior guards at the Guelph Reformatory and the laying of thirty-four criminal charges against certain inmates are recommended in the report of the Royal Commission which investigated the riots of Jan. 17, and tabled in the Legislature at 11 o'clock last night by Hon. Harry Nixon.

The "dismal failure and unanswerable neglect of duty" on the part of the two guards was "undoubtedly the immediate cause of the riot," according to the report. The guards named were Senior Sergeant Alfred Maguire and Sergeant William Maxwell.

Wide, sweeping reforms in the conduct and administration of the reformatory, including the arming of outside guards with shotguns and revolvers, the storage of tear gas and the adding of twenty guards to the staff, are contained in the 10,000-word report prepared by Judge James Madden, the Royal Commissioner.

#### Heaslip Is Praised.

Dr. J. D. Heaslip, the Superintendent of the reformatory, was recommended as "a very desirable type of man—a good disciplinarian, fair but firm." The Commissioner urged he be given a "very free hand to continue to improve and develop existing conditions."

"Rotten food" was blamed by most of the 121 prisoners examined as the cause of the riot. But the Commissioner found the food wholesome, and that 80 per cent. of the prisoners gained weight in the prison.

#### Judge's Recommendations.

The report of Judge Madden recommended:

Consideration of instituting proper and necessary criminal proceedings against the twenty-two inmates who were alleged to have escaped from the reformatory; against three inmates on charges of arson, and against nine inmates under Sections 87, 88, 97 and Subsection E of Section 510 of the Criminal Code, dealing with unlawful assembly, riotous injury and damage to buildings.

Abolition of the dormitories in the prison and the building of individual cells. The Commissioner

found the dormitories were "schools of crime" where "gangland methods" dominated. He recommended prison labor in the building of the cells to cut down costs.

Compulsory education for all illiterates, near-illiterates and the younger inmates who have not passed their entrance. Refusal to attend school, or apply themselves reasonably, should be punished in various manners, the most serious of which should be the strap. Education should be the dominating factor in the reformatory.

#### Segregation Suggested.

The older and younger prisoners should be separated as far as possible, those up to 21 years being kept apart from those between 21 and 25; repeaters from first offenders.

Close study and careful consideration to the education, training and ability of each inmate upon entering, with a view to allocating him to whatever work or occupation most fitting.

Abolition of the five-man Board of Parole. Appointment of one person from the legal profession who has had criminal law practice experience and who might be eligible for elevation to the Bench, to devote his entire time to parole.

Erection of a high, woven-wire fence around the central grounds, topped by barbed wire.

Arming of outside pickets and guards with shotguns and revolvers. Storage of a reasonable supply of additional firearms and gas bombs in the building for emergencies. Training of a select number of custodial officers in the use of firearms.

Increase of the custodial staff by twenty men as soon as practicable.

Engagement of an assistant chef. Changes in the personnel of the present staff where necessary and as early as possible.

Appointment immediately of full-time Protestant and Roman Catholic chaplains whose personality adapts them to institutional work.

Appointment of an Assistant Superintendent to aid the present head of the reformatory.

#### More Recreation Urged.

Greater recreation. Loudspeakers should be installed in the dormitories and cell blocks, and radio programs chosen and controlled by officials. Suitable seasonable games or sports, such as baseball, softball and basketball, should be introduced on a competitive scale under strict supervision.

Curtailment of visiting time and the number of visitors.

Establishment of a regular system of changing blankets; supply of mattresses and sheets, the latter to be changed weekly.

A psychopathic examination of every prisoner by Department of Health appointees before release.

An amendment to the Criminal Code to provide whipping for those found guilty of theft. On Jan. 16 there were 428 prisoners between 15 and 25 years charged with breaking, entering, theft, etc., the Commissioner found and suggested whipping as a deterrent to crime.