

## UPSET COMING AT VERGENNES

### Investigators Recommend Drastic Changes in Administration

#### HANSON, 3 AIDS TO LOSE POSITIONS

Samuel Pollard, George Lawrence and Gardener Cuisson Slated for Removal From Industrial School Staff --Fewer Inmates Urged.

RUTLAND, Aug. 16.—Recommendations for the separation from the staff of certain individuals and indicating in general Vermont's treatment of dependent and delinquent children, the report of the commission appointed to study charges of abuse of inmates and mismanagement at the Vermont Industrial school, Vergennes, was made public here yesterday by Gov. Charles M. Smith.

The report, as given to the press by the governor, does not name the individuals recommended for removal by the commission, but it was learned in informed quarters that the following would be removed:

Superintendent Howard N. Hanson, who has complete charge of the school. (Says he resigned about June 5.)

Bandmaster Samuel E. Pollard, who is also a cottage-master.

Farmer George E. Lawrence, who is in charge of work details.

Gardener Cuisson, against whom sensational charges were made in testimony.

Dr. E. A. Tobin of Bennington, chairman of the investigating committee, arose yesterday in defense of Dr. J. H. Parker, assistant superintendent, to quell rumors circulating in Vergennes that he was to be removed. Dr. Tobin denied that the committee had recommended Dr. Parker's removal. On the contrary, he said, the committee found Dr. Parker a valuable aid in making its

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probe. Dr. Tobin declared that the assistant superintendent is "a fine-upstanding man."

During hearings held by the investigating body in June, charges were made that certain inmates had been beaten with rubber hose, that boys were forced to carry 25-pound cannon balls and that some inmates had been locked in a cellar as punishment.

Rev. H. P. Edwards, former cottage master at the school, made the charges which resulted in the investigation.

A greater discrimination by committing authorities, no commitments for dependency, neglect or mental deficiency and the development of a preventative program through family rehabilitation were among the many recommendations offered by the investigating group.

Others included suggestions of substitution, where possible, of foster home placements for detention in the institution; development of educational and vocational work; increase in hours devoted to school work; the framing of a clear policy of discipline and punishment and the more effective control of punishment by the superintendent and chief matron; adequate provision for religious instruction and addition of at least one and preferably two field workers.

The committee also recommended the establishment of a psychiatric clinic or at least provision for services of a psychiatrist or competent psychologist; establishment of a visiting committee of three; avoidance of transfer of young boys to the state prison; provision for routine physical examinations and a study of problems due to lack of facilities between the Industrial school and the House of Correction for handling the older juvenile delinquents and the so-called incorrigibles.

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