

There are ten of the inmates that stay at the Farm all the time, and others are sent there from the Prison each day when there is work for them to do.

I would at this time call attention to the work at the Road Camp in Sherburne and Bridgewater, where an average of forty-five men have worked the past two seasons, and much credit is due the foreman, as well as the large number of different men who have worked there, for the amount that has been accomplished in the building of State roads. With very few exceptions every man has made good, or has tried to do the best he knew how. There has been a small number of men who have not appreciated the opportunity to earn money, or the confidence placed in them, and have made their escape from camp, but in nearly every case they have been apprehended and returned to Prison to serve their maximum sentence, but the road work as a whole has proven a success, and with the larger number of men committed here the past two years, had it not been for this work it would have been very difficult to find employment for them. These men are given one third of their earnings, and this money in many cases is sent to their families where it is much needed.

The health of the Inmates has been, on the whole, remarkably good, very little serious illness, and no deaths during the period.

School for the illiterates has been maintained by the Chaplain, with good results, but as stated elsewhere in this report, this work has had to be temporarily given up because of the crowded conditions, and the fact that the only room we have for this work had to be given over for sleeping quarters, but it is hoped that this condition may be overcome in some way, so that the school work may be resumed.

We have had many visitors the past two years, some coming from mere curiosity, others with a genuine interest to see what we are trying to do for those so unfortunate as to be sent here. Many cooperate with the administration in trying to do the things that are helpful. We receive from them many books and magazines for the library and many times they seek to find employment for the men when they are released. To all these people we feel deeply grateful, and I am very sure their thoughtfulness is appreciated by a large percent of the men.

Since January 1st, 1921, every man committed has had his finger prints taken, and this work has proven of great value many times in giving us a man's previous history, thus enabling us to better understand how to handle each individual case. It has also proven of value in locating men wanted elsewhere for crimes committed before coming to this Institution.

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