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"WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU HARRISON - YOU'VE BEEN PAROLED."

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Editor's Comment

Thanks to our many contributors, this third issue of "Insight" has one and a half times more content than before. Should this trend continue we will have to do some real editing to keep it from becoming a magazine!

We are getting more and more requests for "Insight" which should please us all. As we mentioned in the last issue, it is now being sent not only to our own Parole staff across Canada but those agencies which support us. They include of course the John Howard and Elizabeth Fry Societies, Salvation Army, and probation offices. Public libraries, law and university libraries are also requesting copies to keep with their reference material concerning parole. This too is another step forward, or a break for us, in keeping the work of our parole staff before the public.

A concerned public can help us in many ways in promoting the effectiveness of parole in Canadian communities. Not only do people become aware of what we are doing but they become more alert to the proposed changes in legislation which will benefit the inmates.

By learning about us, they become anxious to support us, and it is this support by a concerned public which helps our work to be effective.

Walford D. Reeves

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Abbotsford	- <i>May Rheaume</i>
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*May we introduce our new Solicitor General
and new Deputy Solicitor General*

**THE HONOURABLE GEORGE JAMES
McILRAITH, P.C., Q.C.
SOLICITOR GENERAL**



Born in the Ottawa Valley community of Lanark, George James McIlraith, at the age of 17, came to Ottawa where he worked in order to obtain the necessary education for his chosen profession.

On graduation he entered law practice in Ottawa with his elder brother, in the firm of McIlraith and McIlraith and practised until his appointment to the Cabinet in 1963. He was appointed Queen's Counsel on May 5th, 1955.

His political career began early, with activities in Liberal clubs during his university days. He had become President of the Ottawa Liberal Association by the time of his first election to the Federal Parliament in 1940, at 31 years of age. Mr. McIlraith has been re-elected in ten successive general elections. He represented the constituency of Ottawa West until redistribution in 1968 and now represents Ottawa Centre.

During the war years, he was also a Captain and Company Commander of the Governor General's Foot Guards reserve unit.

He was Parliamentary Assistant to the Right Honourable C.D. Howe from 1945 to 1953.

As a member of the official Opposition from 1957 to 1963, Mr. McIlraith served as a senior front bench trade expert. When Mr. Pearson became Prime Minister early in 1963, Mr. McIlraith was appointed Member of the Privy Council and Minister of Transport.

En février 1964, il fut nommé président du Conseil privé et chargé de la mise en oeuvre des recommandations de la Commission royale d'enquête sur l'organisation du gouvernement. Il fut également nommé vice-président du Conseil du Trésor.

En 1964, M. McIlraith se voyait confier une autre attribution, celle de leader du gouvernement aux Communes. Dans ce rôle, il réussit à faire adopter par la Chambre des communes les nouveaux règlements sur la procédure des débats.

M. McIlraith fut nommé ministre des Travaux publics en 1965. Il résigna ses fonctions de leader de la Chambre en 1967 pour consacrer plus de temps à son ministère.

Au temps où il était ministre des Travaux publics, M. McIlraith était également responsable de la Commission de la capitale nationale. Son intérêt et son enthousiasme à l'égard de la région de la capitale nationale et l'attachement qu'il lui portait l'ont poussé à se dévouer toute sa vie à cette cause, comme il l'a démontré maintes fois au Parlement, à titre de représentant de sa circonscription d'Ottawa, et comme membre des comités du Sénat et des Communes qui s'intéressent à la capitale nationale.

Following the General Election in June 1968, he was appointed on July 6th Solicitor General for Canada.

He is now, by virtue of being Solicitor General, an Ex-Officio Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. With his new appointment Mr. McIlraith became, together with the Minister of Justice, one of the two "Law Officers of the Crown".

Mr. McIlraith's experience on parliamentary committees includes chairmanship of the Commons special committees on research and atomic energy in 1949, 1953 and 1956, and long-term membership on the Commons banking and commerce committees.

Mr. McIlraith's club activities include membership in the Rideau Club, the Royal Ottawa Golf Club and the Canadian Club of Ottawa. He has for many years served as an elder of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa.

ERNEST ADOLPHE CÔTÉ, MBE, B.Sc., LL.B.
Deputy Solicitor General



Mr. Côté earned his B.Sc. degree from Laval University in 1931 and, four years later entered the University of Alberta from which he graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1938. He was called to the Alberta Bar in 1939.

He was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Royal 22nd Régiment and proceeded overseas. During the next four years he held various staff appointments and landed in France on D-Day, with the 3rd Division HQ as a lieutenant-colonel. He was discharged on August 18, 1945 with the rank of colonel.

In recognition of his services he was awarded the MBE in 1943.

Mr. Cote joined the Department of External Affairs in July 1945 serving in various capacities until 1952 when he became head of the American Division.

En 1955, M. Côté est nommé sous-ministre adjoint au ministère du Nord canadien et des Ressources nationales.

M. Côté devient sous-ministre à ce ministère, le 1^{er} juillet 1963. Il retient son poste lors de la création du Ministère des Affaires indiennes et du Nord canadien, le 1^{er} octobre 1966. Il avait été également nommé président de la Commission d'énergie du Nord canadien et membre du conseil d'administration de la Commission du centenaire.

Le 1^{er} mars 1968, M. Côté est nommé sous-ministre des Affaires des anciens combattants.

He is a Director of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, a Member of the Board of Regents of the University of Sudbury, a Member of the Board of Governors of the University of Ottawa, a Director of the Ontario French-Canadian Association of Education and a Member of l'Amicale du Royal 22e Régiment.

He was appointed Deputy Solicitor General on December 14, 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Côté have two boys and two girls.

A PAROLE ANALYST "SEES" THE FUTURE

I have read in a week-end magazine, satirical comments on the 1968 statistics of the declining population of our federal institutions. It expressed sympathy for the Commissioner of Penitentiaries, Mr. Allan MacLeod, who would find himself with brand new and modern but empty prisons should the diminishing trend keep at the present rate. While it was anticipated to house over 8,000 prisoners, 1,000 more than the previous year, the 1968 figures show that the inmate population was reduced to the 6,000 figure.

After reading this article, I imagined a Walt Disney type of futuristic view of the Canada of tomorrow where our prisons are empty, our guidance over parolees is 100% successful and criminals have turned to honest citizens.

Then, I came to realize the consequences of such a model country. Our whole economy would be at stake since all those individuals presently employed in the field of criminology would be forced to seek other employment.

We would witness a line-up at the door of the Manpower Department, members of our police forces – municipal, provincial and federal; judges and lawyers; teachers in the faculties of Law and Criminology; Ministers of Justice; the Solicitor General; Attorney Generals; Chairmen of Parole Boards and all of their staff. It would include also reformatory and penitentiary guards, parole and probation officers and all social workers in the numerous agencies across the country.

I was awakened to reality by a member of the registry staff who came into my office with the daily heavy load of cases to be reviewed.

A Parole Analyst

NEWSY BITS



T. George Street, Q.C.

HEADQUARTERS

Our Chairman, Mr. George Street was re-appointed in January for another 10 year term. Since Mr. Street has been with this Service for 10 years many of us know his background, but as the Service is ever increasing there are new employees who will be interested I am sure, to learn of his years before the National Parole Board.

Mr. Street graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1939 and practised law in Welland from 1939 to 1941. From 1941 to 1945 he went with the Canadian Army overseas.

He served with the Saskatoon Light Infantry in Sicily and Italy; he served as Air Liaison Officer in Yugoslavia, Greece and Corsica; he came back to Canada in 1945 with the 48th Highlanders and was discharged with the rank of Captain. 1946 to 1947 saw him practise law again in Welland and from 1948 to 1959 he was the Magistrate for the City of Welland.

In April of 1956 he was also appointed Deputy Judge of the Juvenile and Family Court for the City of Welland.

On January 1, 1959 he was appointed Chairman of the National Parole Board and on November 17, 1960 he was appointed Queen's Council. Mr. Street has taken a great interest in learning the French language and now is bilingual.

We wish to thank Mr. Street for all the good work he has done in the past for the Parole Service.

Wedding bells are working overtime – they have already pealed for Miss Claudette Helie on August 10 and now she is Mrs. LaCasse – soon after, Miss Evelyn Davidson received her engagement ring and plans to be married this spring – and Miss Louise Villeneuve received her ring at Christmas, she and her fiance set the date for June 14th.

We have two new Parole Analysts at Headquarters. Mrs. J. Gardner joined us on October 15. Before coming to Ottawa she was the Executive Secretary of the Elizabeth Fry Society in Kingston.

Mr. J.L. Paulhus came to work with us on August 26, who previous to this was Deputy Director of Careers, Land and Logistics/Security Men.

Mrs. Marg Lalonde spent two wonderful weeks in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Pasadena where she had a roadside view of the colourful Rosebowl Parade.

On December 12 the Bowling League had their Annual Christmas Party and Mrs. Judy Elichuk was kind enough to offer her home for the occasion. The Bowling League invited, along with Mr. Street, Mr. Miller and Mr. Leroux, our Miss National Parole Board – Louise McSorley. All had such a good time that we thought we would take a few pictures to remember it by.



Sing Along With Fem –
Left to Right, Lynda Firth, Yoland LaCasse, Pierrette Cloutier, Ola Melnyczenko, Ron Richer, Doreen Shouldice, Ron Facette, Evelyn Davidson, Stan MacDonald and playing those ivory keys, Fern Albert.

HEADQUARTERS



Miss National Parole Board, *Miss Louise McSorley.*

"You'll never believe this, but we have Miss National Parole Board in our audience tonight," said Diamond Lil at the Skyline Hotel recently. Our own Louise McSorley had to take a bow.

"I thought someone was putting me on at first," Diamond Lil (Sylvia Thorne) said.

As you can see Headquarters never has a dull moment around this time of year.

Lynda Firth

Much to our regret Judy Elichuk of the Steno pool is leaving us for a new position in the Department of Justice. At present she is recuperating in the hospital from an illness. As a result, I am taking over her duties as the Headquarters' representative for Insight.

We all were surprised to see Elaine Wilson, a former co-worker at Headquarters who now is working in our Vancouver office. She just happened (?) to arrive just as we were about to have our Christmas lunch and joined in with us helping to finish the fried chicken. We hope she enjoyed herself as much as we did.

Many officers across the country are taking Education Leave. At Headquarters, John Townsend, Parole Analyst is taking a University course in Masters of Correctional Administration at the Ottawa University.

There have been a few changes in positions as Miss Cecile Schryburt originally from the pool is now Mr. Leroux's secretary and Mrs. Terry Rose originally Mr. Leroux's secretary is now Supervisor of the Pool.

Despite the joy of the season many of the staff were taken ill. John Mowry, Case Investigation Supervisor, David Johnston, Parole Analyst and Gerard Genest, Chief, Parole Supervision are welcomed back and are wished good health in the future. Donald Renaud, Assistant to Mr. Genest, is still not back with us and we hope that he will be back in the near future.



Up To His Old Tricks –
Left to Right, Mrs. Judy Elichuk (our hostess), Mrs. Jean Lett, Mr. Hector Leroux, Mrs. Terry Bourne and Miss Ola Melnyczenko.



We Could Have Danced All Night –
Left to Right, Mrs. Marg Watt and Mr. Frank Miller.



Having An Informal Pow-Wow!!! —
 Left to Right, Mr. Les England and Mr. George Street.

FAREWELL



On December 31, 1968 all members of Headquarters staff assembled to say farewell to Mr. Edmison who was with the Board for 10 years. Mr. Miller presented Mr. Edmison with a leather briefcase. Mr. Edmison was pleased to receive the many telegrams sent to him by friends and from Field Offices. Mr. Miller expressed, on behalf of all the staff, their gratitude for Mr. Edmison's many dedicated years of service.

APPOINTMENT



This year we welcome a new Board Member, Dr. Ralph Dent who was appointed to the National Parole Board December 17, 1968. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a B.A. and M.A. in Psychology.

Dr. Dent was active in numerous activities; he was formerly with the John Howard Society; he founded Convicts Anonymous in Toronto, an organization for prisoner rehabilitation which runs along the same lines as Alcoholics Anonymous; and he was Professor at Acadia University and the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph.

In 1966, Dr. Dent moved to Peru. Here he was in charge of a graduate program in Communications at La Molina University until 1968. Since then he has been an industrial consultant with Westinghouse of Hamilton and the American Telephone and Telegraph, New York City.

We hope that Dr. Dent will find his stay here with the Parole Board pleasant, interesting and fulfilling.

NEW BRANCH

While "Insight" is primarily for "internal news of the National Parole Service", sometimes our distance from field offices prompts us to define "internal" as what occurs within our building. Recently, we have noted a growing group of new neighbours and colleagues whose time seems to be engaged in plotting plans and meeting with federal, provincial and private correctional authorities across Canada.

A certain air of mystery has developed around these personalities as they are neither members of the Parole nor Penitentiary Services but seem

interested in both. While they are federal employees, they seem to spend much time in the company of provincial and private correctional personnel.

In order to dispense with the enigma created by their presence, we wish to identify them and give some indication of their mission.

JOHN W. BRAITHWAITE

DIRECTOR OF CORRECTIONAL PLANNING



John is a former Warden of the Haney Correctional Institution and a former consultant to the Canadian Committee on Corrections. He left his native British Columbia, in body if not in soul, in May, 1967, to establish the Correctional Planning Branch of the Departmental Headquarters.

He is responsible for the development of federal correctional policies and programs and cooperates with provincial and private correctional officials in developing new approaches to the correction of offenders. Some of the more recent projects in which he has been associated include the implementation of recommendations contained in the Report of the Department of Justice Committee on Juvenile Delinquency; the development of a new system of providing funds to private after-care agencies; a project to make bonding opportunities more available to ex-inmates and an endeavour to implement certain recommendations contained in the Report "Indians and the Law".

In addition, John helped represent Canada at the United Nations Conference on Social Defence held in Geneva in August, 1968.

While he is interested in helping to improve programs within correctional institutions, he is a firm believer in citizen participation, community involvement and community-based correctional programs.

DONALD R. McCOMB
*CHIEF, CORRECTIONAL CONSULTATION
CENTRE*



Don joined the Correctional Planning Branch in September, 1968, also coming from British Columbia, where he had extensive experience in delinquency prevention and community work with the Y.M.C.A. and the Boys' Clubs of Canada. Don has a Master's Degree in Social Work and was a part-time faculty member in the group work and community organization sections of the School of Social Work at U.B.C. In Vancouver, Don helped pioneer detached worker programs working with alienated or hostile youth.

The Correctional Consultation Centre was originally recommended by the Department of Justice Committee on Juvenile Delinquency as a Youth and Delinquency Research and Advisory Council. However, the proposed services appeared to be sufficiently worthwhile to expand the program to cover all phases of corrections, either adult or juvenile. Thus, the Correctional Consultation Centre or CCC which some people have interpreted to mean Cool, Calm and Collected!

Very briefly, the services that are being offered to provincial and private organizations are to collect and distribute information of interest to the field; to provide the consultative services of specialists to various organizations on a short-term basis; helping solve program problems and the support of demonstration or action research projects designed to innovate and evaluate new developments in the prevention, treatment and control of crime and delinquency.

At the present time, Don is travelling across Canada meeting with provincial and private correctional organizations and he may very well be visiting your office to enlist your support.

DR. JUSTIN CIALE
CHIEF OF CORRECTIONAL RESEARCH



Dr. Ciale joined the staff of the Correctional Planning Branch in January, 1969, coming from the University of Montreal where he not only taught but was responsible for the direction of research in the Department of Criminology. He was also Psychological Consultant to the Société d'Orientation et Réhabilitation Sociale and responsible for the diagnosis of cases selected by that agency. In this way he helped in the selection of candidates for parole. In addition, from 1955 to 1960, Dr. Ciale was employed as the Senior Psychologist at St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary. As a result, he has an appreciation gained from experience in the operation of the National Parole Service and the Canadian Penitentiary Service.

Dr. Ciale was a Consultant to the Canadian Committee on Corrections and in that capacity acted as Chairman of the Work Group on Parole.

At the present time Dr. Ciale is developing a policy for research within the Department of the Solicitor General. He will be responsible for coordinating all research projects that are carried on within the Department as well as projects that are carried on by universities, private organizations or centres of criminology. Much of his work will dovetail with that of Mr. McComb in preparing the research designs for demonstration projects made possible through the Correctional Consultation Centre.

As a result of combining responsibilities of planning innovation and evaluation within one unit, it is hoped that the rate of development of correctional change in Canada will be accelerated.

MRS. FREDA HARRIS
LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Harris joined the department in January of this year and, like her male colleagues, is the first incumbent in this new position.

Mrs. Harris was formerly Librarian-Editor for the Canadian Council for Research and Education. As she was responsible for producing a quarterly index of all articles and publications of matters pertaining to education, it is her hope that once she has established a departmental library and related services that she might develop a similar index for all staff for the field of corrections.

Mrs. Harris has had previous work experience with the World Health Organization in Geneva. She has also travelled extensively while employed with the Department of External Affairs and she served in the Canadian Embassies in Dublin and Rome.

While the departmental library will be located in Ottawa, it is felt that services may be provided to all regional offices of the Parole Service in the not too distant future. Such services would include selected reading lists, consultative services on staff development programs, and assistance in solving problems of finding materials on specific subjects of interest to the field.

(A note of friendly warning – Mrs. Harris has the assurance of R.C.M.P. support in tracking down those who are tardy in returning books!).

It is our opinion that these additional new services of providing information, evaluation and innovation will be of assistance to all who work with parolees. At the same time, all of these new members of the Headquarters family have indicated that the achievement of their individual and collective goals will be easier to achieve with the assistance of Parole staff and they earnestly seek your support and cooperation.

One final comment, Messrs. Braithwaite, McComb and Ciale, all being newcomers to Ottawa, found themselves residents of a new subdivision known as Beacon Hill. As a result, they have had to suffer the inappropriate collective nickname of "The Beacon Hill Mafia". We assure you their endeavours are directed towards much more positive goals.

WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Regional Office Staff has almost recovered from the seasonal festivities. The staff members and their dates were royally entertained with a majestic feast and the angelic voices of the Begieneman family. The gallant men demonstrated their appreciation of the secretarial staff by treating them to an exquisitely prepared meal at the Fort Garry Hotel. Dave Rempel attended a Christmas Mass at the Manitoba Penitentiary and enjoyed a dinner with the employees of the Catholic Welfare Bureau. Our office also received invitations from the R.C.M. Police and the Manitoba Probation Service to attend their Christmas parties. The Manitoba Penitentiary inmates contributed to the spirit of the season by presenting a Christmas concert which included a humorous skit on the National Parole Service where only quinquagenarians were accepted for parole. We greatly appreciated the Christmas Greetings received from the Parole Service offices across Canada. Thank you.

We were very fortunate to have received visits during the past few months from Mr. Street, Mr. Leroux, and a pleasant unexpected visit from Mr. Reeves. As a result of the meetings of the Interdepartmental Work Group on Indians and the Law, we had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Braithwaite on several occasions. Despite the tight schedule followed by Mr. Street and Mr. Leroux, the staff was very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with them socially. We are very sure that Mr. Leroux particularly enjoyed the noon hour entertainment in Winnipeg.

The members of our office have been very industrious in the past few months. The birth of Natasha on August 14th, 1968 to the Hamblin's had a dual effect of making David Rempel a spiritual father and Gary Hamblin a father for the second time. Gary has seemed a little uneasy since Dave now considers Joy Hamblin to be his spiritual wife! The Begieneman's recently increased their number of daughters to four with the delightful addition of Mary Jane and on April 15th at 2:00 p.m. expect to have a fifth addition. Dave Rempel was pleased to gain a son-in-law, (Butch) Issacs, through the marriage of his daughter Eleanor. Opposed to this trend, Margaret Scott has experienced a decrease in her family since her son decided to explore Europe.

Unfortunately for us our summer student placement, Laverne Lewycky, has returned to university. However, we were greatly surprised when just before Christmas, Santa Claus bounced gingling

into the office distributing candy canes with a Ho! Ho! Ho! that greatly resembled Laverne's laughter.

We regret the departure of Dorothea Desormeaux to the Postal Department following seven years of dedicated service. Always anxious to assist others, she will be greatly missed by all of us. A farewell dinner was held by the Rempel's for Dorothea which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are also sorry to have lost our "office doll", Lynn Clark, whose services were shown appreciation by a farewell party given by the Phelps's.

We are pleased to welcome to our staff two attractive and efficient new secretaries, Gay Campbell and Florence Stewart. Florence is formerly of the Department of Veterans Affairs while Gay recently completed high school.

James A. Phelps

Gay Campbell



Left to right we have James Phelps, Gay Campbell, Rein Begieneman, Dave Rempel, Florence Stewart, Gary Hamblin. Seated at her desk is Margaret Scott.

GROANS FROM "FORT" EDMONTON

Since the first edition of "Insight" which contained the last contribution of the Northern Alberta Polar Bear Club as represented by the Edmonton Regional office the hand of time having writ moved on—but like some writers of "Cum Sums" in this venerable organization "my God he writ a lot".

The enfeebled organization was bolstered by the arrival from Calgary in May 1968 of Ron H. Kur (not with a C) who came to the National Parole Service from the Alberta Probation Service in March. Ron is a graduate social worker from

UBC and so newly married that he still believes in the equality of the sexes.

On the first of August there was a detectable change in the pulse of the Regional engine which was co-incidental with the arrival of "Bob" Gillies as Regional Representative. Things were soon rolling along in high gear and Bob is living up to the reputation which preceded him – a great deal of seemingly inexhaustable energy confined in a somewhat small sized container.

Mrs. Wendy Wolanski resigned in September to devote her energies to the homemaking tasks and her departure was quickly followed by Miss Dianne Carmichael who is now Mrs. Richard Criss, living in Alsask, Saskatchewan where her husband is serving with the RCAF.

As we say farewell to these ladies we bid welcome to their capable and charming replacements, Miss Anne McCarthy who comes to us from the Department of National Health and Welfare in Ottawa and takes over the ST4 position.

We also welcome Miss Lucille Rioux who hails from St. Boniface, Manitoba. Mademoiselle Rioux worked for the Public Service Commission in Winnipeg before seeing the wisdom of taking the Polar Route.

Still with us is our quietly efficient and indispensable Mrs. Lynne Jordan whose pleasant personality does much to enrich the atmosphere in our small organization.

Before making a rather rapid closure to ensure meeting the deadline we would like to acknowledge with appreciation the visits received during the year from Messieurs Street, Miller, Leroux and Miss Vining. Hopefully more frequent and longer visits from representatives of the "high cathedral" to the frontier outposts will occur in the forthcoming year.

James W. Maclean

THERE'S THE WONDERFUL LOVE OF A
BEAUTIFUL MAID,
AND THE LOVE OF A STAUNCH, TRUE MAN,
THE LOVE OF A BABY UNAFRAID
HAS EXISTED SINCE TIME BEGAN,
BUT THE GREATEST LOVE – THE LOVE OF
LOVES
GREATER THAN THE LOVE OF A MOTHER,
IS THE TENDER, PASSIONATE, INFINITE LOVE
OF ONE DRUNKEN BUM FOR ANOTHER.

OUR HISTORICAL CORNER

You may not recognize this nonchalant group at the time the picture was taken. They were, from left to right:

W.F. Carabine, *Assistant Classification Officer
Kingston Penitentiary.*

J.A. Edmison, *Assistant to the Principal,
Queen's University.*

C.A.M. Edwards, *Classification Officer,
Collins Bay Penitentiary.*

F.P. Miller, *Classification Officer,
Kingston Penitentiary.*



Their latest positions:

W.F. Carabine, *Chief, Case Preparation,
National Parole Service
Headquarters.*

J.A. Edmison, *Q.C. (recently retired Board Member,
National Parole Board) Now Profes-
sor of Criminology, Ottawa University.*

C.A.M. Edwards, *Regional Representative,
National Parole Service,
Kingston, Ontario.*

F.P. Miller, *Executive Director,
National Parole Service Headquarters.*

MONTRÉAL

Les élections annuelles à notre Comité social ont eu lieu à l'automne. Réal Daoust et Denis Trottier ont été confirmés dans leurs postes respectifs alors que Lisette Clermont était élue secrétaire pour remplacer Géraldine La Ramée qui a occupé ce poste depuis la formation de ce comité; la diversité des tâches de Mlle La Ramée l'a obligée cette fois à décliner de s'occuper de ce comité, à son regret. Mlle Clermont est donc

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OUR HYSTERICAL CORNER



"AREN'T THEY CARRYING THIS REHABILITATION THING A LITTLE FAR."

MONTREAL

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maintenant fiduciaire de tous nos fonds et se promène régulièrement avec sa petite caisse de métal. Personne ne sait où elle cache la clef.

Réal Daoust et Lisette Clermont ont organisé de façon magistrale notre party de Noël du 20 décembre. Il faut dire ici que Réal Daoust, lorsqu'il était à l'emploi du Service des pénitenciers, organisait des fêtes pour des centaines de détenus et employés. Il aime cela et, d'ailleurs, son sens d'organisation, dans tout ce qu'il fait, est reconnu de tous ceux qui le connaissent. Notre party a eu lieu le 20 décembre. La mangeaille était excellente et a disparu en un clin d'oeil. La liquidation du liquide a été plus laborieuse, mais nous en sommes venus à bout.

Comme à tous les ans, notre vieil ami John Netcoff nous a visités à l'occasion de Noël apportant les plus belles cartes que nous ayons reçues au bureau.

Les trois derniers mois de l'année ont été témoins d'un va-et-vient continuuel entre Montréal et Laval, ce qui a permis à tous les agents de se mieux connaître et d'apprécier le travail accompli par chacun.

Le 6 janvier, Mme Léveillé a donné à notre Yves, un deuxième garçon. Il suit en cela une longue tradition du bureau de Montréal où personne n'a encore pu apprendre à faire des filles. Nous n'avons pu déterminer s'il s'agit d'un complexe ou d'une allergie.

Mlle Géraldine La Ramée a complété, le 9 décembre 1967, 25 ans de service au gouvernement fédéral, et l'épingle qui symbolise cet accomplissement lui sera décernée lors d'une fête organisée par notre Comité social.

Les gens riches qui vont dans le Sud, cette année, sont Rollande Filion, Lisette Clermont et Claude Perron. Deux d'entre eux poussent l'outrecuidance, en cet hiver rigoureux, jusqu'à s'aventurer au Mexique. Pourquoi la Terre s'est-elle permise de pencher sur son axe, il y a quelques milliards d'années, nous serions, aujourd'hui, dans un climat tropical au Canada.

André Therrien

PRINCE ALBERT

Br... it's cold outside, but now that we are at full staff again and comfortably settled down

into the regular routines of work once more, the weather such as it is, is of little consequence.

Our new Officer In Charge, Ed Carleton, comes to us from the John Howard Society. He is a native of Saskatoon, served in the Air Force for three years during World War II, and received his B.S.W. from the School of Social Work at the University of B.C. Prior to his becoming Executive Secretary of the John Howard Society here in Prince Albert and in Saskatoon, he was Assistant Director of the Saskatoon Social Aid Office for a number of years. As we have already discovered, he is quite capable of steering our office through the sometimes stormy periods of parole work.

As well, we have a new Parole Service Officer in the person of Jim Coflin who also comes to us from the John Howard Society. He is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan. Jim joined our group the day after Labor Day, and what a laborious beginning he had! His wife presented him with an eight pound (plus) daughter on Labor Day, so the fact is that he had two jobs to begin, one here as a PSO and one at home as a father. Which of the two he found more trying is a secret, but would you believe that he's not having a tough time doing either? A note of interest is that Jim worked under Ed with the John Howard Society in Saskatoon. It appears as though they are following each other around the province and just can't bear to be apart! However, they are both very welcome additions to our office.

In November, during the long Remembrance Day weekend, our Mr. Rowe was as busy as a bee at the hospital helping (?) his wife have a baby girl! His daughter is a bit smaller than Jim's, but as they say, size doesn't count! Next time, Art and Jim are arranging for boys, but who knows when? (We don't!).

The official opening of the Saskatoon District Office under Mr. Hart Caslor (formerly from our office) was held in December. Many members of our organization were present and a very enjoyable time was had by all who were fortunate enough to attend! (What do you say girls?).

The male members of our staff, Ed, Jim and Art attended the Penitentiary Christmas party. From comments heard around the office, a great time was had dining, drinking and dancing!

There is, of course, no change in the female section of our office, and as always, the girls work! work! work! Until next time, so long everybody!

Miss Doreen Delorme

Mr. Jim Coflin.

GOODBYE MR. PENNELL



The staff held a farewell reception for Solicitor General Lawrence (Larry) Pennell on the occasion of his appointment to the Supreme Court of Ontario. From left to right; T. George Street, Chairman, National Parole Board, who made the presentation; Gordon Brown, Director, Organization and Personnel, Solicitor General; Miss Pauline Sprague, Legal Officer, Solicitor General; Norman Pope, Director, Organization and Administration, Bernie Benoit, Director, Financial Services, Canadian Penitentiary Service and Solicitor General; Mrs. Marcel Tremblay, secretary; Mrs. William Ashcroft (formerly Betty Ann Trottier,) secretary; Miss Francine Shier, secretary, all Solicitor General's Department; Mr. Pennell; Miss M.L. Lynch, Member, National Parole Board; Gerard Genest, Chief, Parole Supervision and Paul Hart, Director, Administration and Personnel, National Parole Board.



From Left to Right:

*Mr. G. Genest, Chief, Parole Supervision, National Parole Board; Mr. Larry Pennell, Solicitor General
Colonel J.R. Stone, Deputy Commissioner of Penitentiaries; Mr. T.G. Street, Chairman, National
Parole Board.*

SASKATOON

Greetings from the entire staff at the latest (but by no means the least) of the Parole offices. The blessed event took place on October 1st, after the inevitable but minor difficulties and delays. The chosen site in the Financial Building was not available until some time in November, but the local office of the Department of Public Works were kind enough to arrange temporary space for us in the Federal Building, where the staff made us very comfortable and welcome until we moved on November 14th. On that date we got word about 2.00 p.m. that our new office was ready, and that a truck would be at our door in half an hour to move our supplies and equipment. But we were ready (almost) when they arrived, which, needless to say, makes it one of the fastest moves in history.

Our official opening on December 5th was a pleasant and memorable occasion, well attended by lay people, as well as representatives of the police, judiciary and agencies, both government and private. Several came from as far away as Prince Albert and Regina, and personally, I got a real lift from the fact that they were sufficiently interested in our work to travel many miles to grace the occasion.

We were thrilled with the presence of several people from Ottawa. Hon. Otto Lang, Minister without portfolio, represented the Solicitor General, and following the presentation of the key to myself, declared the office officially open. Mr. Street, who acted as Chairman, spoke briefly of the plans, projections and problems of the Parole Service, and his presence gave the gathering an added touch of importance and prestige. Mrs. LeBleu contributed a great deal to the occasion and we were so glad that she was able to attend.



Hon. Otto Lang, MP., presenting key to Hart Caslor, marking official opening of office in Saskatoon.

Mr. Reeves was also present. He came on the scene two days early, and, besides handling many of the important last minute details, managed to disrupt both staff and equipment. P.S. It is not true that he was personally responsible for the fact that our previously reliable Xerox suddenly refused to function. P.S.S. It is a fact, however, that it has worked like a charm since his departure.



Left to Right

F.K. Wright, H.K. Caslor, T.G. Street, Hon. Otto Lang, Sid Shoom, Program Consultant on Corrections, Provincial Dept. of Welfare. Fred Gunn, Supervisor, Saskatoon Office, Provincial Dept. of Welfare. Vern Dallin, President, Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. M. LeBleu (Secretary to the Chairman).



F.K. Wright.

Dan Rooney, Asst. Deputy Warden, I/T Sask. Penitentiary (Hidden behind Mr. Jacobson)
Mrs. Jacobson, Leif Jacobson, Superintendent, Sask. Penitentiary Farm Annex.
Rev. D.J.H. Cook, Past President, Saskatoon Council, John Howard Society of Sask.
Most Rev. J.P. Mahoney, R.C. Bishop of Saskatoon. Walford D. Reeves.



Left to right
T. George Street; Hon. Otto Lang, M.P.;
Mayor S.L. Buchwold, Saskatoon.



Left to right
Stewart Vickers, Executive Secretary, Saskatoon
Council, John Howard Society of Sask.
Rev. D.J.H. Cook, Past President, Saskatoon
Council, John Howard Society of Sask.
T.G. Street, Cliff Everson, President, John
Howard Society Sask.
Larry Jaeger, Case Worker, Saskatoon Council,
John Howard Society of Sask.



Left to right
Hart Caslor, Saskatoon; F. Keight Wright, Regina;
T. George Street, Ottawa; Ed Carleton, Prince
Albert.

It is no secret that the manner in which an office functions depends largely on the work of its secretarial staff. This office is extremely fortunate in having the guiding hand of Miss Gladys Ellard, who having had considerable experience in office mechanics and management, was able to undertake the difficult task of setting up a filing system, despite the sudden changes in Head Office thinking and direction. More recently with Department of Indian Affairs and Department of Veterans Affairs, she also brought with her considerable knowledge and acquaintance with penitentiary matters. I hasten to add that it was not as an inmate but as Secretary to the Assistant Commissioner of Penitentiaries in Ottawa. At a meeting of our staff early this year, she was chosen to be our official correspondent for INSIGHT.

H. K. Caslor

OTTAWA-HULL

Chers lecteurs d'Insight:

On ne nous a pas lu dans la dernière édition: loin de tous la pensée que nous avons perdu notre dynamisme, au contraire, notre production de "décisions réservées" en fait foi ... (mille excuses à qui de droit!)

Un point culminant à l'approche des Fêtes:—

—"Il est né le divin enfant!" Karl, le digne premier fils de Marie-France et de Jean-Paul (Lupien); 9 livres - 10 onces. Lui y connaît ça! "It's a nice case of water!" C'est un beau cas d'eau (cadeau). À OTTAWA-HULL, nous sommes aussi florissants de B&B. (bébés).

Quant aux commérages locaux, n'allez pas penser que notre proximité du Quartier général nous rend particulièrement intéressants: nous sommes ordinairement les derniers à tout apprendre. Consultez plutôt Kyle et Vince. Ainsi, vous éviterez plusieurs codifications et décodifications de messages. Cette dernière phrase est probablement influencée par le vent de l'heure: la venue récente du Dr. Dent, expert en communications.

A propos, si quelqu'un entendait parler d'augmentation possible à notre personnel, n'hésitez pas à nous le communiquer car notre devise est devenue: "Une secrétaire pour tous... Tous pour deux secrétaires."

Gilles Bédard

OTTAWA-HULL

Greetings Insighters:—

- “Il est né le divin enfant”
- Jean-Paul Lupien’s baby just had a wife...!

Lo! and behold! indeed, we have an heir. Our first “baby parole” “baby bonus” arrived exceptionally well December 11th, 1968. The little fella’s name is Karl Lupien, 9 pounds - 10 ounces of T.hereafter N.ightwalk and T.alcum. He becomes the first son of a proud pair of parents — Jean-Paul & Marie-France Lupien.

Confucius say:— Happy marriage like game of poker,
You start with pair and end up with full house.

Alas, folks! it must be realized at this point, that significant staff announcements from here can only be few and distanced. As much as we would like to accommodate our wonderful INSIGHT with gobs of gossip, you see, we are only three — one secretary for all, but...all for two secretaries.

Of course, all we say is true “deau”.

Pierrette Cloutier



“I guess this is harder on you. You’re the out-door type.”

ST. JOHN’S

First of all congratulations to the Editor on an excellent job with Edition No. 2 of “Insight”. The abundance of photographs add to the excellence of this edition and it is most interesting to see staff pictures. We can understand now why Walford is so interested in the pictorial presentations and proffer our gratitude for sharing with us his collection of “Beauties”.

Since our last submission was completed in June past, our present notes cover a six month

period. We look back with disappointment over the past summer and its unfavourable holiday weather. Mrs. MacDonald, our stenographer, managed to use up what little sunshine we had in July and my family had to visit Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to see the sun. Upon our return we met the rain at Port aux Basques and were forced to head for home without spending a night under canvas.

Justin Sullivan visited us from Moncton office this past fall. He was here on a quick, one-day trip to interview staff applicants. We enjoyed his short visit but have mixed feelings about its results. Patrick Wood, who was our main and very valuable contact at the Canada Manpower Center, has now moved to our Hamilton office as a Parole Officer. Hamilton’s gain is a St. John’s loss!

Shortly after Justin’s visit to St. John’s a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Provinces Corrections Association was held in Moncton. The writer and three other directors from Newfoundland attended this meeting where we discussed the plans for the 1969 Annual Conference to be held here in St. John’s. Justin was kind enough to arrange tours of the Springhill Medium Institution and the Dorchester Penitentiary for us. He was also kind enough to give us our first taste of winter weather as we were forced to drive through a raging snowstorm through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Don McComb of the Correctional Consultation Center at Ottawa spent two days in our area in early December and we enjoyed meeting another West Coaster. They appear to be a fine breed over there on the other side of our fair land and we look forward to meeting more of them!

Much to our surprise on Sunday, 5 January, during the reshewing on CBC television of the Ecumenical Service sponsored through the Canadian Penitentiaries Service, we were pleased to spot Mr. Miller as he appeared, resplendent in white beard, and looking very serene. For a while we doubted, until his name flashed on the screen. Of course we enjoyed the remainder of the Service also!

As a final note, we are pleased to hear that our friends to the West were “enjoying” real winter storms while we at St. John’s were basking in balmy, spring-like weather. Our first real snowfall was on 5 January after a green, and thus unusual, Christmas for us Easterners. May you continue to keep our snow up there!

M. Roy Evans

HALIFAX

First of all, we would like to apologize to the staff and editor of "Insight" for not submitting any news briefs for the last edition.

Since our initial contribution, there have been some changes in staff in the Halifax Office. Miss Dianne Dube, who was our ST-4, left us in October to return to her home in Windsor, Ontario. Miss Florence Keeley, who came to us from Saint John, New Brunswick, joined us in December. Mr. David Moore, our new bearded Parole Officer, worked with Family Court in Sydney before joining our staff.

The Unroes and the Lavers' have also had additions. Mr. and Mrs. Unroe have a new daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lavers were blessed with a son.

We have been kept reasonably busy here in the Halifax Office. We have not had time for any "correctional sleepins". It has been implied that we claim the first Day Parole in the Maritimes. We certainly feel that Day Parole has been so successful here, we are now pushing for Night Paroles to further ease "inmates' frustations."

The staff of the Halifax Office pass on our congratulations to Dr. R.W. Dent on his appointment as a member of the National Parole Board.

While expressing congratulations to Dr. Dent, we express sympathy to the staff of the Moncton Office - can you imagine two "J. Sullivans" in one office!

Julie Magee

VICTORIA

Sooner or later it had to happen. One widely publicized, nationally acclaimed, heretofore untarnished record for being the land of sunshine

and flowers, has been broken. During the holiday period between Christmas and New Year, Victoria had a snow storm such as not been since eighteenth-century, with temperatures to match. And it would be useless to suggest that this unusual event was staged as a tourist attraction, because no one, not even visitors from Winnipeg and points, East, was able to navigate in the white stuff - Victoria just isn't equipped with snowplows you see old boy - never need 'em!!

As a consequence, the Victoria Regional Office remained closed on December 31st. Even had we been willing (which we were of course!) to dig, shovel or plow our way down to work on this New Year's eve, we thought it best to heed the warnings and requests of local police forces to stay off the streets. After all, if the Parole Service gets stuck, who is left to bail them out - nobody - it's the end of the line.

Now, from all sides, Victoria is receiving the tongue-in-cheek type of sympathy exemplified by the following memorandum received from Mr. Leroux:

"Re: Office closed on December 31, 1968 - Although I am sorry to learn of the snow storm which made all the roads impassable in the Victoria area on the above date, it is somewhat reassuring for us winter hardened Easterners to discover that Victoria is occasionally subjected to some of our hardships. We are so accustomed to considering the lower part of Vancouver Island as the land of Eternal Spring that our compassion will be tempered by this evidence that you really are part of Canada. I have passed your memorandum to Miss Vining but I am sure that like myself she will not give this 'event' any undue publicity."

N.B. We've always *felt* we were part of Canada, but perhaps this snow storm will put us on the map now!

Suzanne Fowler



ABBOTSFORD

From Mr. J.A. Phillips, District Officer:

"I was preparing to distribute a clever New Year's card (bi-lingual, of course) depicting this office basking in the Banana Belt of Canada, but then we were hit by sub-zero temperatures and two feet of snow. We are still trying to dig out. We are not really prepared for this sort of thing as the rest of Canada probably is. On my Ranch we have been hauling water in buckets from the creek for the past three weeks, ever since the pump froze. Lots of snow is no problem if you have a jeep and three teen-age boys to wield the shovels. By the way, can we charge 26¢ a mile when we are in 4-wheel drive?"

From Mr. T.A. Stott, Field Parole Officer:

"Our family just recently emigrated from Edmonton, Alberta in the hopes that 'this land of the pale blue snow, with its 99° below' would remain some 808 miles (as per Travel Claim) behind us. However, judging by the seven-and-one-half-foot snow drift beside the barn—we are country folks out here—it is obvious that we have brought this frosty delight with us for the pleasure of the Natives in darkest British Columbia. While this feat would not come as a surprise to other Albertans who have in the past been enticed from Ernie's Country to this under-developed, tax-ridden part of Canada, this "Act of God" was certainly overdone. However, never fear, the Town Crier has just posted a proclamation which indicates that this period of 40 days and 40 nights (natch) of lackasunshine is fast drawing to a close. Hereafter, the Monsoon Season is destined to set in a week earlier this year and should prove some obstacle to the rice farmers. As if the rationing of rubber boots wasn't enough in this area, a fellow by the name of Noah is urging everyone to pair up and build that boat now . . . ducks and penguins never had it so good.

Be-that-as-it-may, I am very happy to be employed with the Parole Service in an area where a double garage is not a status symbol but rather a double seater is the indicator of a social position."

From Mr. P.A. Dueck, Field Parole Officer:

On Getting Adjusted to my new Job with the National Parole Service

The process of getting accustomed to any new job, the National Parole Service not excluded, is both frustrating and interesting. Upon my arrival at the Davy Crockett Building in Abbotsford, the staff there gave me that "Yes-Parolee-may-we-help-you" look since they had not been

informed of my coming and also because I had a rather "then" scruffy quarter-inch beard.

I had more luck with my new landlord who substantially reduced my rent when he discovered that I was born on the best possible day (from a horoscopic point of view, that is). However, for the first few weeks, not even this bit of good fortune was enough to convince my wife that basically there is little difference between Abbotsford and Vancouver.

When it was finally confirmed on the basis of an "interim allowance" cheque stub that I was in the right job at the right place and the correct time, I was floored to find that my pay cheque was at the mercy of those electronically speedy computers who have difficulty or are unwilling to program new employees.

The local bank manager, however, had become familiar with such problems over the last few years. But not so the girl who completed my loan form on which she wrote "Employer: National Payroll Service!"

And, of course, there were other small difficulties such as finding a proficient and honest VW mechanic and the problem of overeating at the Institution smorgsbord. The job itself? — no problems and just great!

From the Stenographers:

May Rheaume was seen the other morning standing on the corner of Walnut and Maple patiently waiting for her ride to work with a local librarian who unknown to Mrs. Rheaume was that very morning stranded in Vancouver.

Dorothy Avery has decided to give up the doubtful advantages of a partment living to return home. She recently purchased a 1968 Viva and is finding much pleasure in making trips around the Valley and across the Border.

May Rheaume



"Indictment, life sentence, parole! Indictment, life sentence, parole! I tell ya, I'm in a rut!"

CALGARY

There is very little news to report from the Calgary Regional Office.

Miss Edie Edwards became the bride of Greg Voszler on September 28, 1968. Our best wishes go to Greg and Edie. About the end of October Greg was transferred to Lethbridge, Alberta and, for some reason, Edie decided to leave us. We were very fortunate in obtaining as a replacement Mrs. Eleanor Woods, whose husband was transferred to Calgary from Saskatoon, Sask.

Mr. Jackson is attending the School of Social Welfare at the University of Calgary on a full-time basis and, from all reports, is doing extremely well. Mr. Harshman is taking two credit courses at the University of Calgary and he, too, is doing very well.

Mr. Harshman's wife, Shari, has just completed her nurse's training and was a member of the first graduating class from the new Foothills Hospital. Congratulations, Shari! Hope the "R.N.'s" weren't too stiff.

We have two student placements in our office; Mr. R. Rechner from the School of Social Welfare at the University of Calgary, and Mr. R. LaHaye from the Community Services Career Program at Mount Royal Junior College.

The Christmas and New Year holidays were duly celebrated by "get-togethers" at the Spiro and Whidden homes. Despite several severe cases of the 'Flu (Asian, Hong Kong, or what have you), we managed to survive the holiday season.

The weather has been very cold with a lot of snow. Brain's frozen; fingers are numb; and until whoever stole our Chinooks sends one back, that's it for this time.

Happy 1969 to all!

Mrs. Norma Whidden.

VANCOUVER

Looking back at 1968 the Vancouver office has had a busy year, both in our Parole Work and social activities. In August *Kyle Stevenson*, our Regional Representative, married *Joan McCandless*, a Classification Officer at the B.C. Penitentiary, thereby creating a "closer liaison" with that

Institution. In August also, we bade farewell to one of our Officers, *Colin Sheppard* who left for Peterborough to be District Officer in Charge of that newly opened office. A farewell party for Colin was held at the home of *Al. Byman*, our Assistant Regional Representative. *Al.* has a home that lends itself to parties with swimming pool and all.

In September many of our staff members diligently registered for night school courses. *Jacque Marlor* registered for classes in First Year University, English and fencing. *Elaine Wilson* who transferred to the Vancouver office from Headquarters in September registered for a course in Yoga. *Marian Yaremy* began taking Guitar lessons. *Rollie Bishop*, one of our Officers who specializes with drug addicts on parole registered at Simon Fraser University in the Behavioural Sciences. His course is leading to an M.A. Degree. *Rollie* is still working part time in the office.

In March, *Frank Mullally* transferred to the Vancouver office from the Calgary office. Frank and his wife Fran. welcomed a new daughter into their home on December 9, 1968.

John Parker, formerly a Counsellor at Haney Correctional Institution joined the National Parole Service in December and spent the last two weeks of December in the Vancouver office before joining the Hamilton Staff.

December is always a busy month in any Parole office, what with Christmas releases and activities of the holiday season. The Vancouver office was no exception. The Christmas staff party was held at the home of *Al. Byman*. The highlight of our Christmas party was roast suckling pig which was suggested and prepared under the capable supervision of *Dragan Cernetic*, Parole Service Officer in the Vancouver office.

The Vancouver offices are located in the Department of Veterans Affairs building. Every year the D.V.A. staff send us an invitation to the Christmas party. This year our staff attended in full force and enjoyed many free drinks, an excellent smorgasbord and dancing to a live orchestra.

All of our staff have commented on the excellent publication "INSIGHT". The pictures are particularly interesting and we hope to provide pictures of interest to the staff of other Offices in future publications.

D.L.G. Dryden

GUELPH

At the Guelph Parole office,
Now we are three –
Soon will be four –
To care for the O.R.G.
And five provincial goals more.
In community assessments
and parole supervision,
and cumulative summaries
We're very efficient.
In the morning it's coffee,
In the afternoon tea
That keeps us alive
To get the work done
And go home by five.

– Mrs. E. Wagner

Mrs. Wagner, our Steno 3, came on staff in November and may have been inspired to write the above after Irving Layton arrived at the University of Guelph earlier this month to become Resident Poet. In any event, we're glad she's here after leaving her former employment with Biltmore Hats Limited. Mrs. Wagner has seven children and is active in church affairs and Community Concerts. As a resident in Guelph for some years, she is, of course, very knowledgeable about local situations. Yet you could hardly label her "parochial" as she has travelled extensively in Europe, the British Isles and to Russia, where she purchased a rather attractive winter fur hat and if, for some reason, we are not feeling well, Mrs. Wagner, more than likely, will prescribe a home remedy which she learned during her Bible College training days in preparation for work in the mission field.

Bruce Black, his wife and three children, with his German Shepherd dog "Rex", joined us in early December. From all reports they have been able to adjust comfortably after leaving the rarefied air of Ottawa. The family will be moving into a newly constructed home in March in Guelph.

We have had other visitors – the Chairman for our Opening Day in October, with Walford Reeves; Hector Leroux on our very first day along with the Bell Telephone; furniture movers and a French-speaking couple who had driven all the way from Quebec to this city to get parole for their son in order to take him back to school, and Roger Beames from Toronto. Incidentally, in the event that you do not hear of it in this issue of *INSIGHT*, all the staff in the Toronto office are alive and well. Lou Hunt "the Swinging Grampa" dropped in for two weeks in October to look after

the store while I was in Ottawa for a week, being orientated amongst other things. This visit to Ottawa will remain as one of my highlights in the National Parole Service. The hospitality at headquarters was most appreciated. Might I suggest to any other bachelors in the service who have never been to headquarters, try to arrange a trip there, even if you have to use your vacation to do so! Exercise some self-control because it may turn out to be the week that never was.

John H. Lawrence

UN SYSTÈME ÉCONOMIQUE BIEN BALANCÉ

Je suis demeuré longtemps perplexe à la lecture d'un article satyrique dans une revue hebdomadaire qui commentait la diminution du nombre de prisonniers dans nos pénitenciers fédéraux durant l'année 1968. L'on sympathisait avec monsieur Allan MacLeod, Commissaire des Pénitenciers, devant l'inutilité flagrante de son programme de construction progressive de donjons additionnels si dans moins de dix ans, nos pénitenciers étaient vides.

Qu'advierait-il en effet si tous nos libérés conditionnels emboîtaient le pas et n'avaient plus maille à partir avec le loi et si tous nos citoyens étaient honnêtes.

Ce serait, j'en suis convaincu, une débandade générale. Les emplois de toutes les personnes mêlées de près ou de loin à ce domaine particulier qu'est la criminologie seraient dangereusement compromis.

Nous verrions aux portes du ministère de la Main d'œuvres tous les policiers municipaux, provinciaux et fédéraux, nos juges et nos avocats, nos professeurs de facultés de criminologie et de droit, les ministres de la justice, les procureurs généraux, les solliciteurs généraux, le président des Commissions des libérations conditionnelles et tous les membres de leur personnel, y inclus les gardes de prisons et de pénitenciers, les officiers de probation et de services connexes, de même que nos travailleurs sociaux dans les nombreuses agences réparties dans le pays.

En un mot, c'est l'économie du pays qui en souffrira.

Excusez-moi, on frappe à ma porte. Je re-trousse mes manches et commence ma journée puisque l'on m'apporte, comme à tous les jours, ces nombreux dossiers qui me mettent en face de la réalité.

Analyste

In Days of Old

The following rules and regulations which were issued by the proprietor of a business firm in Sydney, Australia in 1852 for the guidance of his employees, recently came to light. It will be seen that labour conditions have improved considerably since "the good old days".

1. Godliness cleanliness and punctuality are the necessities of good business.
2. On the recommendation of the Governor of this Colony, this firm has reduced the hours of work, and the clerical staff will now only have to be present between the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on week days.
3. Daily prayers will be held each morning in the main office. The clerical staff will be present.
4. Clothing must be of a sober nature. The clerical staff will not disport themselves in raiment of bright colours nor will they wear hose, unless in good repair.
5. Overshoes and top-coats may not be worn in the office, but neck scarves and headwear may be worn in inclement weather.
6. A stove is provided for the benefit of the clerical staff. Coal and wood must be kept in locker. It is recommended that each member of the clerical staff bring 4 pounds of coal, each day, during cold weather.
7. No member of the clerical staff may leave the room without permission from Mr. Rogers. The calls of nature are permitted, and the clerical staff may use the garden below the second gate. This area must be kept in good order.
8. No talking is allowed during business hours.
9. Craving for tobacco, wines, or spirits is a human weakness, and as such, is forbidden to all members of the clerical staff.
10. Now that the hours of business have been drastically reduced, the partaking of food is allowed between 11:30 a.m. and noon, but work will not, on any account cease.
11. Members of the clerical staff will provide their own pens. A new sharpener is available on application to Mr. Rogers.
12. Mr. Rogers will nominate a senior clerk to be responsible for the cleanliness of the main office, and the private office, and all boys and juniors will report to him 40 minutes before prayers, and will remain after closing hours for similar work. Brushes, brooms, scrubbers, and soap are provided by the owners.

13. The new increased weekly wages are as hereunder detailed:

Junior Boys (to 11 years).....	1/4d.
Boys (to 14 years).....	2/1d.
Juniors.....	4/8d.
Juniors clerks	8/7d.
Clerks.....	10/9d.
Seniors clerks (after 15 years with the Owners.....	21½d.

The owners hereby recognize the generosity of the new labour laws but will expect a great rise in output of work to compensate for these near Utopian conditions.

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WE GET LETTERS

Reverend Paul W. Alvin

The Holy Ghost Temperance Society,
Charlotte and Rideau Streets,
Ottawa 2, Ontario

Dear Mr. Reeves;

Perhaps you have heard of me and my nation wide campaign in the cause of temperance. Each year, for the past fourteen years, I have made a tour of the Provinces of Canada and delivered a series of lectures on the **EVILS OF DRINKING**.

On these tours, I have been accompanied by my friend and assistant, Roger Forsythe. Roger was a pathetic case—a young man of good family and excellent background, whose life was ruled, and also ruined, because of excessive indulgence in whiskey, gin and rum. How much better it would have been had he turned to the Lord.

Roger would appear with me on my lectures and sit on the platform, drooling at the mouth and staring at the audience through bleary, bloodshot eyes, while I pointed him out as an example of what drink would do.

Last summer, unfortunately, poor Roger died. A mutual friend has given me your name, and I wonder if you would care to accompany me on my fall tour and take poor Roger's place.

Yours in good Faith and Spirit,

Reverend Paul W. Alvin.

**A Summary of some of the Ecumenical Services
Held in Ottawa and Institutions Across the
Country as a Means of Highlighting
Citizen Participation**

Headquarters

Sunday, December 8, a national Ecumenical Service of Justice and Mercy, sponsored by the Solicitor General, The Hon. George J. McIlraith, took place at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, in the presence of their Excellencies the Governor General and Mrs. Michener. Twenty-five inmates from Joyceville, 12 inmates from Leclerc and 15 R.C.M.P. joined with the Cathedral Choir, directed by S/Inspector W. Bramwell Smith, Supervisor of Music, R.C.M.P.. Dr. Ernest Gordon, Dean of the Chapel, Princeton University and author of "Through the Valley of the Kwai", where he was a prisoner of war of the Japanese, gave the address.

The lessons were read by Harvey Blackstock, an ex-inmate of Kingston Penitentiary and E.A. Côté, the newly appointed Deputy Solicitor General.



Harvey Blackstock, an ex-inmate of Kingston Penitentiary and author of the book, Bitter Humour, who read a Lesson.



Left to right, Deputy Solicitor General Ernest A Cote (who read a Lesson), Solicitor General McIlraith and Mrs. McIlraith.

Mr. McIlraith; A.J. MacLeod, Commissioner of Penitentiaries; M.F.A. Lindsay, Commissioner of the R.C.M.P.; T. George Street, Chairman, National Parole Board were in attendance with their wives.

Others taking part in the Service were The Very Rev. Dean Gartrell, The Most Rev. J.R. Windle, Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa, The President of the Ottawa Council of Churches. The Rt. Rev. E.S. Reed, Anglican Bishop of Ottawa gave the blessing.



The prayers were said by: (left to right) Lt. Col. W. Poulton, Salvation Army; Mr. W. Sherk, Probation Service (Ottawa); Mr. Frank Miller, Parole Service; Father Neil Libby, St. Leonard's House, Windsor; Mr. R. Ramsay, John Howard Society (Ottawa); Miss Phyllis Haslam, Elizabeth Fry Society (Toronto); Rev. Jean Paul Regimbal, President Canadian Correctional Chaplains Association; Rev. Dr. Maurice Flint, Senior Chaplin, Ontario Department of Correctional Service; Rev. John A. Nickels, Assistant Director, Social Education, Canadian Penitentiary Service.

An overflow congregation of 1,243 persons attended, including members of the Canadian Penitentiary Service, Parole Board, R.C.M.P. and inmates, ex-inmates and families, members of Social Agencies and the general public took part in the Service.

Five hundred people attended a reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Service. A collection of \$506.31 was sent to the Vanier Institute of the Family.

The Service received a one hour national television broadcast on both French and English CBC networks, CTV news coverage, radio and press. The working committee was comprised of the Rev. John A. Nickels, Social Education, Canadian Penitentiaries Service; Mr. J.R.G. Surprenant, Director of Liaison, Canadian

Penitentiaries Service; Cpl. Garth Hampson, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and Mr. Walford D. Reeves, Information Officer, National Parole Board.



Overall view of Christ Church Cathedral with Dr. Ernest Gordon in pulpit.



A section of the Special choir composed of inmates from Joyceville and Leclerc institutions, R.C.M.P. choiristers, men and boys of Christ Church Cathedral.



Governor-General Roland Michener accepting an autographed copy of Dr. Ernest Gordon's best-seller, "Through the Valley of the Kwai," from Dr. Gordon. Mrs. Michener is on their right.



Left to right, Dr. Ernest Gordon, Solicitor General J. McIlraith and Mrs. McIlraith. (Mrs. Michener is in the background.)



Madame Vanier, left, speaking with Miss Phyllis Haslam, Exec. Director, Elizabeth Fry Society, Toronto Branch.



This view shows a part of the 1,000 or more people who remained for the informal coffee reception in the Cathedral hall. Those attending rubbed shoulders with a great cross-section of persons, including those involved in the work of corrections, R.C.M.P., inmates of our institutions, high ranking officers of church and country and members of the public concerned about community involvement in our prison programs.

TAKEN FROM HANSARD DATED
FEBRUARY 13, 1969

*Quoted during debates on second reading of C-150
the Omnibus Criminal Code bill.*

MR. HAROLD E. WINCH (VANCOUVER EAST)

This is a very important bill, Mr. Speaker. It goes beyond the Criminal Code because, as hon. members have undoubtedly noted, it will also amend the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act and the Prisons and Reformatories Act. I would like to deal for a moment with the matter of probation and parole, I am glad that we are moving forward, but I am sorry that the understanding and the viewpoint of the Department of Justice are so far behind the philosophy of modern penology. We are already years behind what is taking place in other countries with respect to probation and parole on a rehabilitation basis. Even with the suggested amendments we are still going to be years behind. Unfortunately, it would appear that this matter has been tackled, by whoever it was who made the study, in a slipshod and haphazard manner. No recognition was given of a fact which I think all penologists recognize, as well as organizations interested in penology. We need one completely comprehensive act in respect of probation and parole rather than a scattered or almost piecemeal approach.

We are all happy that in recent years there have been more people let out of reformatories and penitentiaries on parole. I think it is significant that, according to the commissioner of the parole board here in Ottawa, in the last ten years, 23,943 prisoners have been released on parole. Conclusive proof that this system of parole under proper supervision is successful is the fact that of the 23,943 only 2,675 were returned to the penitentiaries. Of those, only 1,347 were returned because they had again taken up a life of crime. The others apparently had broken some of the conditions of parole. These conditions state that a paroled prisoner cannot go into a beer parlour, cannot move from town without permission, cannot change his job without permission, cannot buy a car without permission and other things of this nature. Some of these prisoners were returned for these reasons but of the 23,943 approximately 1,500 did return to a life of crime. This fact should indicate that we should enlarge or increase our parole system. I hope that in the not too distant future we begin to catch up with the federal policy in the United States.

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MR ANDREW BREWIN (GREENWOOD)

I was particularly pleased to read the proposals in the bill for the expansion of the National Parole Board. I do not want to deal with this at length because it can be dealt with in detail at a later stage. I do want to emphasize that this system has worked and worked well. It has rehabilitated many people. But those responsible in this bill have worked with inadequate facilities and without a sufficient number of trained people to carry out the functions of supervisory parole. No arguments of economy should stop us from expanding this service which has been shown to be beneficial and, incidentally, a matter of sound economy as well. We create a sort of false economy when we cut down services of that sort. We condemn people to jail for long terms at great loss to their lives and great expense to the public. If we are to extend this system of parole we must also increase the funds available to those who are doing the actual job of supervising in the field.



*"I've got good news. Mother's term on the
parole board expires next week."*



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