

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

BEING THE

REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

PUBLIC OFFICERS
DEPARTMENTS AND
INSTITUTIONS

FOR THE TWO YEARS

JULY 1, 1932--JUNE 30, 1934

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

George W. Leadbetter.....Commissioner
Dr. H. C. Hanscom.....Director Bureau of Institutional Service

OFFICERS STATE PRISON

R. E. Thurston.....Warden
G. C. Hopkins.....Deputy Warden
Joseph L. Paquin.....Clerk
F. G. Campbell.....Physician
Eugene O'Connell.....Commissary
F. B. Adams.....Superintendent of Farm

MAINE STATE PRISON

Warden's Office, Maine State Prison,
Thomaston, Maine, June 30, 1934,

Dr. H. C. Hanscom, Director,
Bureau of Institutional Service,
Department of Health and Welfare,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:

Attached herewith is the financial and statistical report for the Maine State Prison for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1934.

The year ending June 30th. has been one of steady progress and general improvement both in morale, amount of work done by inmates, and in the physical condition of the properties.

Practically every line of endeavor has been extended, and at the present time every inmate who is physically fit is assigned to some useful task. With employment for everyone the morale of the whole institution has greatly improved, and I write without hesitation that conditions at the Prison are in as fine condition as they ever have been.

Last year was the first year in it's history, that all of the produce used was raised in the Prison gardens. The canning industry started last year has been enlarged, and we are now able to can more than enough for our own needs. Men have been added in practically every industry and the outlook for every department is very encouraging.

All the above has been accomplished notwithstanding the fact that appropriation of the last year was the smallest since the new prison was built. The outlook for the coming year is very bright.

There are several small industries that can be added, but with all of the men employed it would be impossible to make many additions at this time.

PRISON POPULATION

The Average population for the year was 272, this is 11 less than the average of the previous 12 months. This decrease is due to a new law which went into effect in 1933, which allows good time off the minimum sentence. This allowed immediate parole for many with long sentences. If this law had not been passed our population would have

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averaged over 300, which would have been an all time high. It is well to note that our population June 30, 1934 is 282, which too me indicates that during the coming year our population will reach an unprecedented number over 300. In view of the fact that we have only 218 cells, we have at all times, had, 75 or more men who could not be confined under maximum security.

ESCAPES

During the year 50 or more men were used as trustees outside of the walls at all times. There were only three escapes, two from outside the walls and one from the inside, all three were trustees.

DISCIPLINE

Prison discipline has reached a very high state under the Grade and Honor system. There are very few infringements of prison rules, and the men perform their tasks dilligently, many taking a deep interest in their work.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY

Protestant Services are conducted each Sunday under the direction of Miss Bertha Luce who is an exceptionally fine musician. Pastors from local churches alternate each Sunday, this with the fine musical program rendered by Miss Luce, keeps the attendance at Services at a high average. The Salvation Army have charge of one Service each month, and these Services have always been outstanding for their interest and attendance.

Catholic Services are held the third Sunday of each month under the direction of Rev. Father James A. Flynn. Father Flynn has always been outstanding, and his Services attended by Catholic and Protestant alike.

AMUSEMENTS

Baseball has been for many years the outstanding sport at the prison, and is entered into by a large majority of the inmates; football, races and other games are indulged in, but with fewer followers.

A new Talking Picture machine was installed in the Chapel in October 1933, pictures are shown from the first of November until the last of April every Sunday afternoon and Holidays. The men take a great interest in these and look forward to their presentation.

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EDUCATION

Our school system has not reached the state it should under modern prison practices, this is due largely to lack of funds to employ a full time instructor. School up to the seventh or eighth grade has been maintained during the winter under the direction of inmates who have had sufficient education to instruct others. These men have done excellent work, and have given freely of their time, but there is still the lack of a trained head to carry on the work.

INDUSTRIES

All departments have made steady progress both in the number employed as well as the amount of work produced, production as a whole increased nearly 50 per cent during the year, and every able-bodied man is employed at the present time.

The Tailor Shop has been one of the outstanding industries during the year. It is now producing clothing (outside) of all kinds for many institutions in the state and the business is increasing.

The Harness Shop has enjoyed a year of good volume, and with the increase in the number of horses being used, should continue to be one of our main industries for some years.

Work in the Wood Shop has increased steadily during the year. The increase in demand for office furniture by the state in its different departments has furnished us with a great deal of work, and it would appear that this demand should continue for some time.

Automobile painting, body and fender work, as well as engine repairing has increased during the year, and while only a few men are employed in each shop they have all had steady work.

In the Printing Department nearly a million and one-quarter pieces of printed matter have been run during the year. This department should be extended and more of the State work done at the prison.

The benefit derived from small industries becomes more apparent as time goes on. The diversification of industries creates a great deal more interest among the inmates and gives opportunity for training along many lines.

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AGRICULTURAL

During the year the services of an experienced farmer were obtained, more land leased in the vicinity of the prison and the raising of produce greatly extended. This is the first year in the history of the prison that all vegetables consumed were raised in the prison gardens. Besides the fresh vegetables produced and consumed the canning department put up 17,000 cans of Corn, Beans, Peas, Tomatoes, Greens, etc.,

REPAIRS

The inside of the prison has been painted throughout during the year and many repairs and improvements made to the houses and other buildings. Repairs and replacements have been made to the heating system. It is hoped by the end of another year that all the prison property will be in first class condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The pressing need is more cell capacity and more opportunity for segregation. With so many men held in minimum security there is always the possibility of many escapes and I feel that we have been very fortunate in having so few escape with such a lack of maximum security.

There is an uncompleted section of the prison in which 18 cells could be built. I recommend the purchase and installation of these cells at once. A dormitory could be built over the blacksmith shop to hold 30 to 40 men, while this would not afford maximum security the location is such that escape would be difficult.

I also recommend the construction of a barracks building at the prison farm in Warren, to house 30 to 50 men. This would relieve the crowded condition at the prison and allow for more extended operations at the farm.

While our inmates are well employed there are one or two industries that could be extended to the advantage of the State. As mentioned above it is possible to extend printing operations and I believe this could be done at a moderate cost to the State.

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I would recommend the establishment of a numberplate and steel sign industry. Practically every state in the country is now making its own plates and signs and as it appears that this is to be a permanent industry and would furnish steady employment it should be established.

In closing I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and Commissioner George W. Leadbetter, as well as heads of other departments for their advice, assistance and encouragement in promoting the best interests of the Prison and the State.

I also heartily appreciate and wish to thank Deputy Warden Hopkins, and all other employees of the prison for their loyal support, co-operation and devotion to duty.

Respectfully Submitted

R. E. THURSTON

Warden

ANNUAL REPORT OF PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

Dr. H. C. Hanscom, Director,
Bureau of Institutional Service,
Department of Health and Welfare
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

The following report is a brief summary of the Medical and Surgical work at the Maine State Prison during the year ending June 30, 1934.

Medical work consists of, an examination of each inmate as soon as practical after entering the institution. Surgical work consists of minor and major operations that arise in the course of the year.

The state of health among the inmates the past year has been exceptionally good.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL REPORT

MEDICAL REPORT

Eye diseases.....	3
Ear diseases.....	2
Cardiac diseases.....	1
Diabetes.....	1
Appendicitis.....	1
Post-Operation.....	2
Arthritis.....	1
Venereal Diseases	
Syphilis.....	9
Gonorrhea.....	1
Contagious Diseases	
Trench Mouth.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	1
General routine treatment for common colds.	

SURGICAL REPORT

Appendectomy.....	1
Excision, Fatty Tumor.....	1
Removal foreign bodies from Eye.....	2
Tonsillotomy.....	1
Removal, one Testicle.....	1
Removal, Ingrown Toe Nail.....	1
Retention, Catheter operation.....	1
X-Ray of Knee.....	1
X-Ray of Finger.....	1
Hydrocele tapped.....	1
General routine treatment of cuts, bruises and burns.	

Very truly yours
F. G. CAMPBELL
Prison Physician

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Dr. H. C. Hanscom, Director,
Bureau of Institutional Service,
Department of Health and Welfare,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:

During the past year, religious services for Catholic prisoners have been held as in former years. Mass has been celebrated the third Sunday of each month and a weekly visit made to the prison to enable the inmates to consult me on matters of importance to them.

The unemployment problem seems to have been solved thanks to the tireless efforts of the Warden, thus an occasion of untold evils has been eliminated. In my 27 years' connection with the prison, the morale of the institution has never been so satisfactory.

My thanks are due the Warden, Mr. Thurston, and his official staff for their unfailing courtesy and co-operation.

Respectfully Submitted
JAS. A. FLYNN
Attending Priest

Nov. 19, 1934

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1933 — 1934

INMATE POPULATION RECORDS

Number in Institution July 1, 1933	272		
" Admitted from Courts	120	. . . . .	1
" Parole Violators Returned	8		
" Escaped Prisoners Returned	1		
Transferred from: to	0		
Pardoned Inmates Returned	0		
	401		
		1	----- 402
Paroled During Year	69		
Discharged " "	26		
Escaped " "	3		
Pardoned " "	18		
Transferred to: Insane Asylum	1		
Died	2		
Number in Institution June 31, 1934	282		
	401		
		1	----- 402
Daily Average Population	272		
High Daily Count (May 1934)	287		
Low " " (Sept. 1933)	247		

CONVICT EMPLOYMENT JUNE 30, 1934

Kitchen and Dining	17	
Machine and Blacksmith Shop	16	
Tailor Shop	35	
Paint and Upholstery Shops	28	
Clerks	2	
Farm	20	
Laundry and Bathroom	4	
Waiters and Cleaners	7	
Wood Shop	15	
Harness Shop	43	
Cobbler	1	
Gardeners and Outsine	30	
Boiler Room	10	
Hospital Patients		11
Idle		13
Female		1 - 283

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1933 -- 1934

Year Established - 1824	Authority Chapter 142
Year Made State Institution - 1824	R. S. Chapter 236. Res. 1927
Total area of Plant - - - - 426 acres	Produce and Garden Truck - 90
Woods and Uncultivated - 320 ..	Hay and Pasture - - - - - 50
Under Cultivation - - - - 98 ..	Number of Buildings - - - - 50
Buildings and Grounds - - 8 ..	
Gate and Post Houses 6	Total Inmate Capacity - 250

	1933 - 34	1932 - 33
Average Number of Employees- - Male - - -	39	42
.. - Female - - -	1	0
	40	42
Average Number of Inmates - - - Male - - -	271	282
.. - - - Female - - -	1	1
	272	283

1933 — 1933

PLANT STATEMENT

Real Estates:

Administration Bldg., Cell Blocks (east and west wings)	
land about 8 acres.....	\$341,154.09
Carriage Building	178,973.47
Comdination Building (kitchen, dining room and hospital	84,597.54
Harness Building.....	113,891.41
Power House.....	3,299.47
Repository No. 1	2,152.96
Warden's House.....	2,000.00
Deputy's House.....	1,000.00
Chaplain's House	805.74
Adams House	900.00
Morton House.....	1,000.00
Bagley House.....	800.00
Dillingham Farm, Land and Barn.....	1,400.00
Barrett Farm and Buildings	12,476.40
Bucklin Farm Inc., and Buildings.....	11,882.29
Copeland Farm Land.....	100.00
Piggery at Farm.....	2,000.00
Manure Shed at Farm.....	1,000.00
Total Plant	\$759,403.37

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STATEMENT OF PRODUCTION AS PER BILLING 1933 — 1934

Blacksmith Shop.....	104.67	
Car Washing	92.25	
Harness Shop	12,505.13	
Machine Shop.....	1,791.48	
Paint Shop.....	2,680.24	
Tailor Shop.....	5,802.76	
Upholstery Shop.....	2,826.70	
Wood and Kindling.....	806.03	
Wood Shop.....	1,463.18	
Tin Shop.....	519.40	
Farm Sales.....	267.51	
Commissary Sales.....	3,945.17	
Miscellaneous Salss.....	1,020.00	
Total		\$33,880.52
Rents		603.00
Total		<u>34,383.52</u>
Production for this Institution		<u>5,379.24</u>
		39,862.76

PRINTING

Envelopes.....	681,500	
Letterheads.....	466,500	
Miscellaneous.....	11,800	
Total		1,159,800

(Does not include Prison Printing)

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STATEMENT OF FARM PRODUCTION
1933 — 1934

Beans, Dry.....	6,865 lbs	
" String.....		28 1-2 bu.	4,876 cans
Beets.....		70 1-2 "	30 "
Carrots.....		189 "	.....
Corn.....	1,879 doz	.....	[5,176 cans
Cabbage.....	5,555 lbs	.....	140 No. 10]
Cucumbers.....		5,925	
Lettuce.....		172 bu.	
Onions.....	1,720 lbs	24 "	
Parsnips.....		36 "	
Peas.....		106 "	
Greens, Turnip.....		55 "	
" Beet.....		127 "	
" Chard.....		295 "	
" Spinach.....		69 "	
Potatoes.....		1,680 "	
Tomatoes.....		40 1-2 bu	
Squash.....	865 lbs.	.....
Pumpkin.....	374 "	.....
Turnips.....		213 bu.	
Shelled Beans.....		32 "	
Cauliflower.....		135 hds	
Sauerkraut.....		15 bls.	
Radishes.....		14 1-2 bu	
Strawberries.....		378 bskts.	
Fresh Pork.....	5,590 lbs.	.....
Salt Pork.....	3,353 "	
Veal.....	174 "	
Chicken.....	526 "	
Fowl.....	15 "	
Eggs.....		2,760 doz.	
Milk.....		77,452 1-2 qts.
Oats.....	795 bu	

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES & RECEIPTS

110TH FISCAL YEAR 1933 — 1934

July 1st., 1933

Received from Appropriations	\$135,000.00
.. .. Income	32,683.90
To be Accounted for	167,683.90

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages.....	63,073.52
Stamps, Parcel Post and P. O. Box Rent.	724.81
Telephone Service.....	215.22
Telephone Tolls.....	267.09
Telegrams.....	5.68
Freight and Express.....	595.52
Traveling Expenses.....	2,493.00
Optical Services.....	106.75
Transportation of Persons.....	40.27
Storage Livery, Etc.	122.75
Printing.....	3.67
Heat, Light and Power (Electric).....	2,538.25
Water.....	2,500.45
Ice.....	21.44
Repairs to Equipment.....	988.63
Repairs to Buildings.....	1,141.86
Disinfecting and Exterminating Services.	250.97
Entertainment Services.....	689.00
Burials.....	90.00
Office Supplies.....	456.97
Provisions and Supplies (Food).....	18,448.42
Animal Feed and Forage.....	2,765.22
Coal, Coke and Wood.....	8,572.01
Gas, Oil and other Lubricants.....	1,654.35

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Clothing and Dry Goods	4,589.09
Sundry Supplies and Parts	12,228.78
Medical Supplies.....	1,320.00
Agricultural Supplies	1,954.12
Lumber and Wood	3,940.03
Masonry and Road Materials	393.49
Structural Metals	755.29
Paints and Oils and Glass	5,561.06
Fiber and Textile Products.....	11,194.87
Hides, Pelts and Leather	10,714.70
Printing and Binding Material	145.74
Other Materials	91.62
Rent of Land	100.00
Rent of Mach. and Equipment	106.40
Employees Bonds	55.00
Auto Insurance.....	138.75
Periodicals and Subscriptions.....	22.00
Dues to National Association.....	100.00
Criminal Apprehension Rewards.....	100.00
Allowance to Discharged Prisoners.....	1,289.79
Equipment.....	5,307.55
Total Expenditures	167,874.20
June 30, 1933	OVERDRAWN 190.30
Income carried forward to 1934 — 35	\$2,148.05
All bills paid to June 30, 1934.	

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INCOME

Rent of Houses.....	595.00	
Paint Department.....	2,313.67	
Upholstering Department.....	2,536.69	
Sale of Farm Products.....	1,092.03	
Blacksmith, Tinshop and Auto Repairs..	1,670.26	
Woodworking.....	1,463.55	
Sale of Industrial Products.....	1,660.69	
Sale of Barrels,, Green Bones etc.....	1.31	
Carriage (July and August, broken up for balance of year).....	2,049.41	
Sale of Door Mats.....	135.99	
Sale of Wood Products.....	931.27	
Harness Department.....	10,761.05	
Printing.....	3.00	
Tailoring Department.....	6,832.32	
Sale of Gas.....	21.53	
Sundry Receipts.....	579.68	
Refunds - Damage Claims.....	0.59	
Misc.	7.20	
Sundry Receipts (old code).....	14.75	
Cancelled Checks.....	5.00	32,683.90
Carried over to 1934 — 1935		2,148.05
Total Net Income		30,535.85

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THE FOLLOWING IS A RECAPITULATION
OF THE FOREGOING REPORT FROM JAN. 1ST, TO DEC. 31, 1933

Ages At Time of Commitment	
15 to 20 yrs. Inc.....	33
21 to 25 " "	75
26 to 30 " "	49
31 to 35 " "	37
36 to 72 " "	72

Total 266

Military Service.....	41
With Two Or More Convictions.....	134

Length of Sentence

Life.....	35
Maximum 36 years.....	1
" " 30 " "	3
" " 24 " "	4
" " 20 " "	14
" " 18 " "	1
" " 16 " "	6
" " 15 " "	2
" " 14 " "	2
" " 12 " "	5
" " 10 " "	19
" " 8 " "	10
" " 7 " "	2
" " 6 " "	29
" " 5 " "	9
" " 4 " "	65
" " 3 " "	11
" " 2 " "	58

Total 266

Occupations

Laborers.....	128
Farmers.....	19
Painters.....	12
Sailors.....	3
Cooks and Bakers.....	13
Electricians.....	2
Merchants.....	1
Salesmen.....	1
R. R. Employees.....	1
Carpenters.....	3
Barbers.....	2
Bookkeepers.....	1
Auto Mechanics.....	8
Masons.....	1
Clerks.....	4
Shoe Workers.....	8
Mill Employees.....	3
Chauffeurs.....	4
Gardeners.....	1
Other Occupations.....	51

Total 266

Crime

Murder.....	35
Manslaughter.....	14
Assault, Various forms.....	40
B. E. and B. E. and Larceny.....	83
Robbery and Larceny.....	18
Forgery, Uttering and Passing.....	8
Defrauding Insurance.....	1
Receiving Stolen Property.....	2
Accessory After the Fact.....	3
Breaking Jail, Escape.....	3
Conspiracy.....	1
Arson and Accessory To.....	5
Rape and Attempt To Rape.....	17
Polygamy.....	1
Incest.....	2
Carnal Knowledge of Female.....	1
Enticing Females & Trans- For Im. Pur.....	2
Indecent Liberties.....	2
Selling Obscene Literature.....	1
Perjury.....	3
Assault,, Intent to Rob, Intent to Kill.....	24

Total 266

Educational Qualifications

No Education.....	22
Under Sixth Grade.....	33
Sixth and Seventh.....	46
Eighth Grade, Com. Sch. and Grammar.....	93
Incomplete High.....	37
Complete High.....	30
College, University and Special.....	5

Total 266

Nativity - Place of Birth

Maine.....	172
Other States.....	61
Foreign Countries.....	33

Total 266

Religious Beliefs

Protestant.....	152
Catholic.....	112
Hebrew.....	1
Mormon.....	1
	266

Civil Condition

Married With Children.....	66
Married Without Children.....	24
Never Married.....	176

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AVERAGE WEEKLY MENU

SUNDAY

BREAKFAST

Bran Flakes and Milk
Baked Beans
Graham Muffins, Butter
Coffee

DINNER

Baked Beans
Bread and Butter
Coffee

SUPPER

Roast Pork and Dressing
Potatoes and Gravy
Turnips, Carrots, Beets
Bread, Butter, Coffee

MONDAY

Oatmeal and Milk
Corn Fritters and Syrup
Butter, Coffee

Smothered Beef
Bread, Butter, Tea
Pudding

Bologna and Mustard
Potatoes, String Beans
Bread, Butter, Tea, Apples

TUESDAY

Corn Flakes and Milk
Boiled Eggs
Muffins, Bread, Butter
Coffee

Frankfurters and Mustard
Boiled Potatoes
Turnips, Beets, Sauer Kraut
Bread, Butter, Tea

Pea Soup and Johnny Cake
Bread, Butter
Bread Pudding
Tea

WEDNESDAY

Bran Flakes and Milk
Griddle Cakes and Syrup
Butter, Coffee

Meat Pie
String Beans, Beets
Bread, Butter, Tea

Baked Beans
Pickled Beets, Sauer-kraut
Bread, Butter, Coffee

THURSDAY

Oatmeal and Milk
Baked Beans
Bread, Butter, Coffee

Boiled Dinner
Bread, Butter
Tea

Vegetable Hash
Stewed Tomatoes
Bread, Butter, Tea, Cake

FRIDAY

Corn Flakes and Milk
Fried Eggs, Muffins
Bread, Butter, Coffee

Clam Chowder
Bread, Butter, Tea
Pudding

Macaroni and Tomatoes
Bread, Butter, Tea
Apple Pie

SATURDAY

Bran Flakes and Milk
French Toast
Butter, Coffee

Irish Stew
Bread, Butter, Tea
Dessert

Baked Beans
Pickled Beets
Bread, Butter, Coffee