

*Bolshevo : A Russian Labour Colony for Criminals.* (*The Howard Journal*, vol. iii, p. 78, 1933.) Pritt, D. N.

The colony lies about 20 miles from Moscow. It was established for and is largely inhabited by thrice convicted criminals. Those who are qualified may apply for admission to the colony, and may be transferred there from prison. There are about 2,000 of such inmates, 500 of their wives and 300 children. They live in almost complete freedom, and the colony is managed by an executive committee elected by the inmates. There is a factory, which is occupied in the manufacture of sports goods; the making of articles to be used for purposes of pleasure is regarded as having a good psychological effect. Wages are paid in a coinage which is only current within the colony. The inmates are free to leave at any time, but satisfactory life in the colony for a certain period is required before they can be restored to full Russian citizenship. Those who leave voluntarily are not readmitted. Many of those whose citizenship has been regained elect to remain in the colony. The demand for admission exceeds the accommodation, and similar institutions are being set up in other parts of the country. The percentage of failures is stated to be quite small.

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