

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF CLARK.

He Asks For a Larger Appropriation and More Men on the Police Force--Interesting Facts and Figures.

Saint John, January 9th 1905. To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Common Council.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor as Chief of Police of the City of St. John, to submit this my Annual Report of the transactions of the Police Department for the year ending December 31st, 1904.

The force at present is composed of—one chief of police, one dep. chief of police, five sergeants, one supernumerary sergeant, court duty, one supernumerary sergeant, patrol duty, one detective, one janitor on police duty, at station; twenty-nine patrolmen, one janitor outside lockups.

Total 41. During the year one sergeant and four patrolmen were suspended. Department supplied with 41 white and 41 black helmets and 37 winter caps.

In submitting this report I would earnestly call special consideration to the need of increased appropriation for the police department. The requirements are much too great for the present force to adequately handle.

The work of the department is composed of many different duties which are continually increasing. The very multiplicity of work required, especially at headquarters, demands intelligence, attention and almost continuous presence of those on whom rest the authority and responsibility for its management.

As a matter of better police service I would recommend a sufficient increase of the force to enable me to divide some of the beats that now are too large to be properly patrolled and place two officers on each beat by night and one by day; two extra officers at central station by night to go out answering telephone calls, or a complete system of police telegraph and patrol wagon with all the improvements up to date, with eight hour system for patrolmen. The time for roll call for each relief fixed as follows:—For patrolmen going on duty 7.30 a. m., 3.30 p. m., 11 p. m. For Patrolmen going off duty 7.30 a. m., 3.30 p. m., and 11.30 p. m.

This change of hours for the patrolmen would be a humane act, for the reason that when due consideration is given to what a patrolman must endure patrolling a beat eleven or twelve consecutive hours in the winter season in all kinds of weather, the only conclusion can be that he will neglect his duties more or less, while a patrolman on duty eight hours can be more active and watchful and fresh to respond to call for extra duty. I can safely state that under this system the city would be better patrolled and protected than under the present regime.

Furthermore the patrolmen would have time to prepare their cases, secure witnesses and attend court. And in cases of arrests the beats would always be covered by patrolmen. This system would go away with the outside lock-ups, fuel, gas and janitor of the same.

The change made by order of the Common Council June 14th 1901, doing away with the captains, I find by experience has not benefited the force, especially in the northern division, where Sergeant A. Hastings and Sergeant H. Kilpatrick take week about in charge of that division—a duty that from 7 a. m. until 7 p. m. Now supposing we have important case in that section, it is given over to the day sergeant in charge, he is responsible and is working on the case, then comes change day, Saturday at 2 p. m. then the work is handed over to the day sergeant, who is not as well up in the case, because the sergeant of the day has received reports from the officers on the case through the week.

We have then two officers responsible where one would be more effective, he as captain having charge of the division and responsible at all times day and night with hours of duty from 7 a. m. until 10 p. m., and all reporting at central station in the morning how the work progresses. This is what we had in previous years to 1901, and I find by experience that the shifting of the responsibility each week is not conducive to good discipline of the department.

I have a collection of photographs of criminals, 96 in number, arrested in the city, together with a large number from other cities. In connection with the photographs I have a book giving a description of said criminals, with measurements; also a gallery for same placed in central station with the photographs at my own expense. I would respectfully ask that the council pay for same and allow me, at the expense of the city, to have all criminals coming before our courts photographed and placed in the gallery.

In submitting this report I would earnestly ask your consideration of the need of a superannuation fund, which could be started by a deduction of \$1.00 per month from patrolmen, \$1.50 from sergeants and detective, \$2.00 from dep. chief and \$3.00 from chief of police, lapsed salaries during suspensions, extra police services at shows, meetings, entertainments and donations, also a yearly grant from the common council. The mayor and chief of police for the time being shall be trustees of the fund and the city chamberlain shall be treasurer of the fund, and the accounts in reference to the same shall be kept separate from the city's money and accounts, but shall be audited by city auditor as city account, and shall be subject to the control of the common council.

In addition to the criminal work there have been several features that demanded police service at times through the year—on the occasion of the tercentenary celebration, international exhibition, and dominion election, more particularly the tercentenary celebration, when the department acquitted itself well.

Before closing this report I may refer to urgent need of a desk telephone for my office and the publication of pocket manual for the police such as is used in all well governed police departments in Canada, with a brief summary of all police laws, city by-laws, rules and regulations for the government and guidance of the department.

In conclusion, the general discipline of the police force, with few exceptions, is good, and the members thereof have performed their duties in a satisfactory manner.

OFFENCES COMMITTED FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE ARRESTED.

Table listing various offenses such as Drunk, Stealing, Breaking and entering, Common assault, Assault causing actual bodily harm, etc., with corresponding counts.

Table titled 'AGES OF PERSONS ARRESTED' showing counts for different age groups from 10 to 80 years.

Table titled 'PERSONS NOW ARRESTED' with columns for Male and Female, listing counts for various charges.

Table titled 'PROTECTIONISTS' with columns for Male and Female, listing counts for various offenses.

Table titled 'NATIONALITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED' listing counts for various nationalities such as New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, etc.

Table titled 'NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED MONTHLY' listing counts for each month from January to December.

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COTTON MERGER.

Circulars have been sent out to the shareholders of the Dominion Cotton Company, which it is proposed shall form a part of the new Dominion Textile Company, which will include the above mentioned company, the Merchants' Cotton Company, the Montgomery Cotton Mills Company, and the Colonial Bleaching and Printing Company.

The offer made to the Dominion Cotton Company is briefly as follows: The Trust company offers to buy shares of the Dominion Cotton Mills Company at fifty per cent. of their par value, and agree to pay for them as follows: Fifty per cent. of the purchase price in 6 per cent. bonds, and fifty per cent. in 7 per cent. preferred stock of a new company, to be formed. The syndicate will also invest \$500,000 in the common stock of the new company.

Shareholders wishing to avail themselves of the offer are requested to deposit their stocks with the Trust Company on or before January 10th. Interest will be paid as per above plan from that date.

As an earnest of their good faith in carrying out the agreement, the syndicate has deposited with the Trust Company the sum of \$1,000,000. It is understood that the syndicate may withdraw from the purchase of any of the stock deposited should it not be able to acquire a majority of the stock in each of the companies mentioned within thirty days of the date of the circular.

The circular issued to the Merchants' Cotton Company, the trust company offers to purchase the shares in the former at 85 per cent. of their par value, and agree to pay for them as follows: 66 2-3 per cent. of the par value in 6 per cent. bonds, and 18 1-3 per cent. of the par value in 7 per cent. preferred stock of a new company to be formed. The remainder of the circular is similar to that sent to the Dominion Cotton Mills Company.

The offer to the Colonial Bleaching and Printing Company met with the acceptance of the president and directors, who control the major portion of the stock. The syndicate offers to purchase shares of this company at 166 per cent. of their par value, and agrees to pay for them as follows: 100 per cent. of their par value in 6 per cent. bonds, and 66 per cent. of the par value in 7 per cent. preferred stock of the new company.

The syndicate also received a letter from the directors of the Montgomery Cotton Mills Company, assuring the acceptance of the offer of 120 per cent. of the par value of Montgomery stock, 100 per cent. of the par value in 6 per cent. bonds, and 20 per cent. of the par value in 7 per cent. preferred stock, of the same new company.

The entire arrangement will be consummated without any money changing hands. In fact, no stock of the new company will be offered to the public.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING. MINIATURE ALMANAC. 1905. Sun. Rises. Sets. High. Low.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN. Arrived. Sch. Georgia, 291, Longmire, from Boston, J. W. Smith, master.

DOMINION PORTS. HALIFAX, Jan. 7.—Ard star Florence, from London for St. John.

BRITISH PORTS. PORT NATAL, Dec. 18.—Sid star Wandoo, for St. John, N.B.

FOREIGN PORTS. LITTLETON, Jan. 8.—Ard star Pharsalia, from Dundee.

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Table of stock quotations including Amalgamated Copper, Anaconda, Am Sugar Mfrs, etc., with columns for Description, Jan. 9th, and Saturday's Today.

SITUATION WANTED. MONEY TO LOAN. SITUATION WANTED—By a young lady, of several years experience, for general office work.

LOST. LOST—On Sunday, between Wright and Exmouth streets or Brussels and Broad streets, a pocket book with money and papers.

THE STOCK MARKET. (Received by E. E. Beck & Co., Bankers & Brokers, over their private wire.)

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT. May Corn 44 1/2, May Wheat 115 1/2, May Oats 30 1/2.

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS. Dom Coal 61 60, Dom Iron 19 18, Dom Steel 64 63.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET. Jan. Cotton 69 1/2, March Cotton 70 1/2, May Cotton 71 1/2.

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AMUSEMENTS GRAND CONCERT. TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 17th, in the School Room. The Best Local Talent has kindly consented to take part. Tickets, 15cts.

J. V. RUSSELL'S Main Street Store and Brussels St. Store, and SMITH & SKELDON Bakery, 122 Charlotte Street.

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DEATHS. MACDONALD—In this city, on the 7th inst., Rebecca, beloved wife of Angus Macdonald, in the 63rd year of her age, leaving, besides her husband, five daughters, one brother and one grandson.

THE OPERA HOUSE. TONIGHT Charles Erin Verner's English Melodrama. CURRENT CASH. Matinee, Wednesday Change of Bill Thursday Evening Police Sports VICTORIA RINK. Friday, January 13, Under the auspices of the St. John Police Relief Association. Biggest Night of Sport Ever Given in St. John. See the List of Events. Boys' Race One Mile, Boys' Race Half Mile, 220 Yards, One Mile, 440 Yards, Firemen's Race, 880 Yards, Police Races, Street Railway Men's Race, Letter Carriers' Race, Snow Shoe Race, Patrolman's Race. Handsome Prizes given for each event. Entries received by secretary or at office at rink. GEO. R. BAXTER, Pres. F. W. JENKINS, Sec.

QUEENS' SKATING RINK. Season 1904-5. Grand Opening Christmas Day, Bands will be in attendance Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons throughout the winter. Gentlemen's Tickets, 25c, Ladies' Tickets, 15c, Children's Tickets, 10c. F. G. SPENCER, Manager.

THE BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. ESTABLISHED 1836. Capital, £1,000,000. Reserve, £400,000. Branches in St. John: 29 Prince William Street, Corner Union and Sydney Streets. A general banking business transacted and highest current rates paid on deposits. It is proposed to open the Union Street Branch on SATURDAY EVENINGS, from 8 to 10, for the accommodation of customers who find it inconvenient to do their banking during regular hours.

MONTEAL Will Have First Factory in Canada to Employ This System. Montreal is to have the first turbine power plant to be erected in Canada, and it is to be constructed and installed by a Canadian company. The turbine power plant is to operate the various plants of the Canadian Car Company, and the contract for it has been awarded to the Canadian General Electric Company.

TURBINE POWER PLANT. The plans completed for the entire plant will result in an outlay of close to \$1,000,000. The contract for the steel work on the different plants has been awarded to the Dominion Bridge Company and it would take at least 3,000 tons of steel. The contract for the boilers has been given to Babcock and Wilcox, Limited.

RECENT CHARTERS. British schooner Albani, 249 tons from Sydney, C.B., to Martineau, coal, private terms. British schooner J. L. Nelson, 249 tons from New York to Cayenne, general cargo private terms. Sch. W. E. & W. L. Tuck, 375 tons, New York to New York, stone, private terms.

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