
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF CONSTABLE
OF THE
CITY OF TORONTO
FOR
THE YEAR 1879.

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To His Worship the Mayor of Toronto :

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith, by the instructions of the Board of Police Commissioners, my Annual Report for the year 1879.

Your obedient servant,

FRANK C. DRAPER,

Chief Constable.

A perusal of the accompanying statistical tables will show that there have been apprehended or summoned during the past year 6,554 offenders, as against 6,484 for the year previous, an increase of 70.

A comparison with the Report for 1878 shows the following variation in the number of cases under the following specific heads :

Assaults.—A decrease of seventy-eight cases.

Assaulting Police.—A decrease of nine cases.

Burglary.—An increase of thirteen cases. By reference to another table it will be seen that of the total number of burglaries reported, thirty-four, there were seven cases in which the value of the property was *nil*, four cases in which the value was under \$3, sixteen cases in which the value was under \$60, and four cases where between \$75 and \$250 was taken. It may therefore be reasonably inferred that burglars have not infested the City to any extent during the past year.

Breach of City By-laws.—This shows a large increase, the result of the number of snow cases which were upon the calendar in 1879.

Breach of License Act.—Four hundred and sixteen cases, as against four hundred and thirty six, a decrease of twenty cases. This Statute would be far more efficacious if the Police were enabled to confiscate all liquour found in unlicensed houses forthwith ; and, also, if one conviction against the holder of a license would of necessity annul the license for that year.

Cutting and Wounding.—Shews an increase of ten cases.

Cruelty to Animals.—Shews an increase of one case.

Carrying Revolvers.—Shews a decrease of two cases, their being twenty this year.

Drunk or Disorderly.—Two thousand eight hundred and thirty-six cases, as against three thousand and fifty-seven last year, a decrease of two hundred and twenty-one.

Fraud.—Forty-seven cases, as against seventy-six last year.

Gambling.—Two warrants executed and seventeen persons arrested, against sixteen arrests last year.

Highway Robbery.—Fourteen cases, as against ten last year.

Horse Stealing.—Six cases, as against four last year.

Keeping Houses of Ill-Fame.—One hundred and sixty-five persons arrested, as against one hundred and twenty-eight last year. The Police have made descents upon twenty-four houses, arresting the keepers and inmates; and whenever it appeared that evidence to guarantee a conviction was forthcoming against these parties, warrants were issued invariably, and descents and arrests followed. The exaggerated statements which appeared in a leading daily paper of this city upon this subject, during my absence on leave last autumn, were followed by enquiries and reports from this Department for the information of the Board, and more particularly of His Worship the Mayor, as representing the City Council and the citizens at large, and it was found that the allegations made by that paper would not bear investigation, but were, for the most part, without foundation; and, it is worthy of note, that the proprietor, upon being applied to by this Department for information, which he had offered to furnish, in his columns, declined to do so, but replied by saying, "that inasmuch as the police had reported fifty of these establishments in the City—when they had wiped out that number, the names of fifty more would be furnished."

Larceny.—A decrease of forty-seven cases.

Rape.—Five cases, as against two last year.

Receiving Stolen Property.—Eighteen cases, as against twenty-seven last year.

Threatening.—One hundred and five cases, as against eighty-eight last year.

Vagrancy.—A decrease of forty-nine cases since last year.

Benefit Fund.—I venture once more to bring this subject under the notice of the Board, and to solicit, on behalf of the Force their serious and favourable consideration. It does not seem fair to ask men to devote the best period of their lives to this service without taking steps to secure for them a provision in their declining years, etc. The details of the scheme are already prepared, and can be very easily arranged for adoption by the Board whenever it is desired so to do.

Public Urinals.—These conveniences are much needed in a city of the present size of Toronto, and their absence leads frequently to cases of indecent exposure, in which the Police cannot see their way clear towards interfering.

Fires.—There were one hundred and four alarms of fire attended by the Police during the past year.

Changes in the Force.—These have been very few and unimportant. Eleven new men were appointed, one was dismissed, and eight resigned.

Detectives.—This Department has done some good work during the year, and no less than \$19,618 has been recovered. Several important arrests were made, prominent among which was that of Durand and Ballard, *alias* Piano Charley, who are both now in Kingston Penitentiary.

Discharged Prisoners.—A monthly return is now furnished to this Department, both from the Central Prison and the Provincial Penitentiary at Kingston, giving the names of all prisoners about to be discharged during the following month, and the dates, offences, etc. Three hundred and sixty-two convicted felons have been liberated since February last at the Central Prison, many of whom at once commenced their old operations in this City. If they were all shipped back to their former residences it would doubtless make a difference in the records of crime committed in Toronto; but this, I find, is only done where the prisoner's conduct has been uniformly good during confinement, and where he has not been confined a second time, unless he has funds of his own that can be applied to that purpose.

Pistol Practice.—The result of this practice has been to develop many very good shots in the Force, with the Regulation pistol, and bulls' eyes at fifty yards' range are by no means uncommon.

Discipline.—The offences against discipline this year have been few and unimportant, with one or two exceptions, which I cannot but regret did not receive the punishment which I recommended at the time. Any relaxing of the strict rules of discipline has a most injurious effect upon the whole Force, and offenders are only encouraged to a repetition of their conduct. Applicants for positions on the Force are very numerous, and the Board may well be particular in their selections.

Drill.—The Force has been regularly drilled during the past year. I consider them to be fairly proficient in company drill, and also in the use of the revolver, and reliable as a military body for service in case of riots or serious tumults. The presence of a few mounted men would add materially to the present efficiency of the Force, and enable me to furnish patrols in the suburbs. The expenses of a dozen sets of saddlery would not be felt, and the keep of the horses could very easily be arranged for at the Fire Halls, where stabling accommodation is already provided. There are plenty of men in the Force now who are qualified to be mounted, having served in cavalry regiments, and I had a capital opportunity of judging of their capabilities during the procession on the occasion of the visit of His Excellency the Governor-General and H. R. H. the Princess Louise, in September last, as I had a sergeant and six men mounted to assist me in my duties.

Visit to St. Louis and Cincinnati.—In the spring of the year I was sent to St. Louis and Cincinnati to inspect the Police Forces of those cities, and was made the recipient of much courtesy and attention in both places, and afforded much information upon all subjects to which my enquiries were directed. Visits of this nature are always productive of beneficial results, and the differences in Police systems afford an opportunity for improvement in all. That in vogue here in the summer months enables me to throw a larger proportion of men on the streets at one time, when they are most wanted, than any other system I have so far met with.

Doors, &c., Found Open.—There were two hundred and thirty-two cases of open or insecure premises reported by the Police during the year.

Horses and Vehicles Found.—In all one hundred and eighteen.

Children Found.—There were one hundred and fourteen lost children found by the Police, and returned to their parents.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK C. DRAPER,

Chief Constable.

January 21st, 1880.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CRIMES, &c., COMMITTED IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.

SHEWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENDERS APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED BY THE CITY POLICE, AND HOW THEY WERE DISPOSED OF, FROM THE 1st OF JANUARY TO THE 31st DECEMBER, 1879.

OFFENCES.	Males.	Females.	Total.	HOW THE OFFENDERS WERE DISPOSED OF.			NATIVE COUNTRIES OF THE OFFENDERS.			AGES OF THE OFFENDERS.				
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Male.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Assault	368	81	449	248	60	308	England	1094	155	1249	From 10 to 15 years	288	13	301
Assaulting Police	31	...	31	12	...	12	Ireland	1421	578	1999	From 15 to 20 years	135	14	149
Arson	1	...	1	11	1	12	Canada	2045	342	2387	From 20 to 30 years	1789	435	2224
Attempt at Murder	1	...	1	7	...	7	Scotland	371	51	422	From 30 to 40 years	1210	299	1509
Burglary	34	...	34	1	...	1	America	199	72	271	From 40 to 50 years	1045	318	1363
Breach of City By-law	906	51	957	1	...	1	Germany	59	24	83	From 50 to 60 years	560	104	664
Breach of Marine Law	4	...	4	2033	591	2624	Coloured	63	14	77	From 60 to 70 years	245	52	297
Breaking Jail	2	...	2	69	15	84	Other Countries	53	13	66	From 70 to 80 years	28	12	40
Breach of Militia Act	3	...	3	93	12	105				From 80 to 90 years	4	2	6	
Breach of Pharmacy Act	2	...	2	24	14	38				From 90 to 100 years	1	...	1	
Breach of Revenue Law	1	...	1	2806	556	3362								
Breach of Medical Act	4	...	5											
Breach of Liquor License Act, &c.	298	118	416											
Cutting and Wounding	11	2	13											
Cruelty to Animals	10	...	10											
Carrying Revolvers	20	...	20											
Child Desertion	1	1	2											
Deserting Employment	7	...	7											
Desecration of the Sabbath	4	...	4											
Drunk and Disorderly	2281	555	2836											
Embezzlement	9	...	9											
Forgery	6	...	6											
Fraud	39	8	47											
Gambling	17	...	17											
Highway Robbery	14	...	14											
Horse and Cattle Stealing	6	...	6											
Insulting Language	86	59	145											
Insanity	28	18	46											
Indecent Exposure	1	...	1											
Kidnapping	2	...	2											
Keeping House of Ill-fame and found therein	81	84	165											
Larceny, or Suspicion of	535	126	661											
Manslaughter	1	...	1											
Non payment of Wages	41	3	44											
Neglecting to Maintain Family	16	...	16											
Perjury	4	2	6											
Rape	5	...	5											
Receiving Stolen Property	13	5	18											
Suicide, or Attempt at	1	...	1											
Shooting with Intent	5	...	5											
Subornation of Perjury	1	...	1											
Threatening	90	15	105											
Trespass	156	24	180											
Vagrancy	159	96	255											
Totals	5305	1249	6554											

OFFENDERS APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED IN EACH DIVISION.

No. 1 Division	2,484
No. 2 " "	1,928
No. 3 " "	1,254
No. 4 " "	888
Total for 1879	6,554
Total for 1878	6,484
Increase for past year	70

OFFENDERS, MARRIED AND SINGLE.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Married	2,491	627	3,118
Unmarried	2,814	622	3,436
Totals	5,305	1,249	6,554

NUMBER OF TIMES BEFORE THE COURT.

Of the offenders	658	were up twice.
"	246	" three times.
"	101	" four times.
"	53	" five times.
"	37	" six times.
"	20	" seven times.
"	15	" eight times.
"	4	" nine times.
"	3	" ten times.
"	2	" eleven times.
"	1	" twelve times.

BURGLARIES, 1879.

I. TABLE.

Classified according to value.

Valuable. \$75 to \$250.	Moderate Value \$4 to \$60.	Trifling. \$3 and under.	Nothing Taken	Total.
4	16	4	7	31

II. TABLE.

Thief Arrested. Property Found.	Thief Arrested. Property not Found.	Property Found, but no Arrests.	Property not Found.	Total.
4	4	3	20	31

SUMMARY.

	Aggregate.
Total number sheltered in No. 2.....	761
“ “ “ “ 3.....	381
“ “ “ “ 4.....	432
Aggregate.	1,574

RETURN OF CORONERS' INQUESTS FOR 1879 :

Number of inquests held in the City during 1879..... 50.
 Police services have been rendered at such inquests in summoning juries,
 subpoenaing witnesses, and other duties relating thereto.

SUMMARY.

	Aggregate.
Warrants of Arrest (ordinary).....	810
“ “ Distress.....	284
“ “ Commitment.....	199
	1,293

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Difference.
Total number of Warrants for 1879.....	1,293
“ “ “ 1878.....	1,346
	53
Total number of (ordinary) Warrants executed for 1879... 770	
“ “ “ “ “ 1878... 909	
	139
Total number of (ordinary) Warrants unexecuted for 1879 40	
“ “ “ “ “ 1878 37	
	3
Number of occurrences reported during 1879.....	2,087
“ “ “ “ 1878.....	1,966
	121

RETURN OF WAIFS PROVIDED WITH SHELTER AT No. 4 STATION,
From 1st of January to 31st December, 1879.

MONTH.	Married.		Single.		Religion.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	P.	R.C.	
January.....	12	1	63	0	48	28	76
February.....	5	0	36	0	29	12	41
March.....	11	0	118	0	93	36	129
April.....	8	0	49	0	34	23	57
May.....	5	1	25	0	22	9	31
June.....	1	0	11	0	7	5	12
July.....	2	1	7	1	8	3	11
August.....	1	0	10	4	12	3	15
September.....	0	0	8	2	5	5	10
October.....	0	0	10	0	5	5	10
November.....	1	1	5	2	6	3	9
December.....	4	0	26	1	20	11	31
Totals.....	50	4	368	10	289	143	432

RETURN OF WAIFS PROVIDED WITH SHELTER AT No. 3 STATION,
From 1st of January to 31st December, 1879.

MONTH.	Married.		Single.		Religion.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	P.	R.C.	
January.....	9	1	44	0	32	22	54
February.....	1	0	54	1	38	18	56
March.....	8	0	66	1	54	21	75
April.....	2	1	57	0	32	28	60
May.....	1	0	15	0	10	6	16
June.....	0	2	6	1	4	5	9
July.....	0	0	8	2	6	4	10
August.....	2	2	12	2	12	6	18
September.....	1	2	9	0	8	4	12
October.....	3	0	9	0	8	4	12
November.....	2	3	23	0	12	16	28
December.....	3	2	25	1	23	8	31
Totals.....	32	13	328	8	239	142	381

RETURN OF WAIFS PROVIDED WITH SHELTER AT No. 2 STATION,
From 1st of January to 31st December, 1879.

MONTH.	Married.		Single.		Religion.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	P.	R.C.	
January.....	21	3	90	1	80	35	115
February.....	16	2	50	1	50	19	69
March.....	10	1	129	1	103	38	141
April.....	5	3	109	1	81	37	118
May.....	6	1	48	0	29	26	55
June.....	0	4	38	4	22	24	46
July.....	2	0	10	0	11	1	12
August.....	4	4	14	3	10	15	25
September.....	5	0	32	0	19	18	37
October.....	5	0	27	0	20	12	32
November.....	10	1	37	1	32	17	49
December.....	2	2	57	1	29	33	62
Totals.....	86	21	641	13	486	275	761

RETURN OF WARRANTS OF DISTRESS RECEIVED DURING 1879.

When Issued.	Returned, no Goods.	Amount Paid	Not Executed.	Total.
January	32	10	.....	42
February	20	2	.....	22
March	7	2	.....	9
April	7	4	.....	11
May	17	6	.....	23
June	5	6	.....	11
July.....	21	9	.....	30
August	7	2	.....	9
September.....	18	7	.....	25
October	15	6	.....	21
November	28	21	1	50
December	19	8	4	31
Total.....	196	83	5	284

RETURN OF WARRANTS OF COMMITMENT RECEIVED DURING 1879.

When Issued.	Paid.	Committed in Default.	Not Executed.	Total.	Remarks.
January	2	24	8	34	Issued against persons for the non payment of fines and costs for want of dis- tress.
February	7	10	4	21	
March	2	5	3	10	
April	0	11	2	13	
May	2	9	0	11	
June	2	4	1	7	
July.....	1	10	4	15	
August	1	2	1	4	
September.....	2	15	3	20	
October	2	10	2	14	
November	2	7	2	11	
December.....	7	10	22	39	
Warrants of former years .	0	5	0	5	
Totals....	30	122	52	204	

VALUE OF STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED BY THE POLICE AND
RESTORED TO THE OWNERS DURING 1879.

January	Value recovered.....	\$1,989 25
February.....	“	2,156 15
March.....	“	1,104 20
April.....	“	1,895 25
May	“	846 60
June.....	“	883 25
July	“	1,781 50
August.....	“	1,933 05
September	“	1,965 25
October.....	“	1,393 00
November.....	“	1,299 00
December.....	“	2,372 00
Total for 1879.....		\$19,618 50

R E T U R N

Of stores found open and insecure by the Police in the City of Toronto, and
horses and vehicles found straying and returned to the owners, for the year
ending the 31st of December, 1879.

MONTH.	Stores Found Open.	Stray Horses and Vehicles.
January	47	10
February	41	14
March	34	4
April.....	19	5
May	14	7
June	17	7
July	12	20
August	6	19
September	6	12
October	6	8
November	18	6
December	12	6
• Total.....	232	118

RETURN OF OCCURRENCES REPORTED DURING 1879.

Month.	City of Toronto.	Province of Ontario.	Province of Quebec.	United States.	Great Britain.	Total.	Number acted upon finally.	Not final.	Total.
January	141	22	1	9	...	173	63	110	173
February	158	21	0	5	...	184	57	127	184
March	138	10	1	2	...	151	53	98	151
April	126	17	0	2	...	145	41	104	145
May	127	16	0	8	...	151	54	97	151
June	133	19	0	7	...	159	41	118	159
July	159	19	1	8	...	187	59	128	187
August	146	22	1	16	...	185	53	132	185
September	196	19	2	11	...	228	61	167	228
October	162	22	0	13	...	197	57	140	197
November	157	11	1	4	...	173	58	115	173
December	132	14	0	8	...	154	39	115	154
Totals.....	1775	212	7	93	...	2087	636	1451	2087

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Taking the aggregate number of occurrences, 2,087, and deduct 636, the number finally acted upon, the difference is 1,451, or 30·4 per cent. finally acted upon.

It will be seen that the occurrences reported from other places amount in the aggregate to 312, which leaves 1,775 for the City of Toronto. To make a fair comparison the number has to be confined to the City, which deduct 636 from 1,775 makes a difference of 1,139, or about 35·8 per cent. of occurrences finally acted upon.

WARRANTS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

CRIMES.	Assault.	Aggravated Assault.	Assaulting Police.	Abduction.	Attempted Rape.	Burglary.	Breaking Jail.	Cruelty to Animals.	Deserting Employment.	Drunk and Disorderly.	Embezzlement.	Forgery.	Fraud.	Gambling.	Habitual Frequenters of Bawdy Houses.	Highway Robbery.	Horse and Cattle Stealing.	Having an Illicit Still.	Insanity.	Insulting Language.	Indecent Assault.	Inmates of Bawdy Houses.	Illegal Pawning.	Keepers of Bawdy Houses.	Keeping Gambling House.	Kidnapping.	Larceny.	Malicious Injury.	Material Witness.	Neglecting to Support Family.	Obstructing Harbour.	Perjury.	Receiving Stolen Property	Search Warrants.	Stabbing.	Shooting with Intent.	Selling Liquor without License.	Threatening.	Trespass.	Taking Forcible Possession	Vagrancy.	Total.
January	6	1	::	::	::	::	::	1	::	2	::	::	2	::	::	::	::	::	1	::	1	2	::	3	::	16	::	::	2	::	1	15	::	::	::	::	8	::	::	::	61	
February	17	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	2	1	1	1	::	::	::	::	::	1	::	2	3	1	::	16	::	7	::	5	9	1	17	::	::	7	::	::	2	58			
March	5	::	::	::	1	4	::	::	::	2	1	1	2	::	::	::	::	1	2	::	1	4	1	::	11	::	11	::	3	5	17	3	7	11	3	49						
April	13	6	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	3	1	1	6	::	::	::	::	1	4	::	1	4	1	1	10	3	10	1	3	5	5	5	7	69								
May	10	6	2	::	::	::	::	::	::	1	1	1	1	::	4	::	::	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	12	7	10	3	3	6	6	5	7	52								
June	16	5	::	::	::	::	::	::	2	2	1	1	5	::	4	::	::	1	1	1	1	2	5	5	7	7	7	4	2	6	6	17	9	17	75							
July	21	4	2	::	::	::	::	::	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	3	3	18	18	18	4	1	6	6	9	7	80								
August	11	1	2	1	::	::	2	::	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	18	18	18	1	1	6	6	7	7	80								
September	3	13	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	27	27	1	1	8	8	14	4	14	92							
October	4	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	21	21	21	1	1	8	8	11	2	11	82							
November	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	22	22	1	1	8	8	4	11	1	82							
December	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	2	1	1	1	1	4	5	1	1	56						
Totals.....	123	58	4	1	1	4	2	1	2	17	13	6	29	1	4	1	2	1	18	1	3	14	2	24	1	2	185	14	11	7	1	4	4	122	1	1	8	103	2	5	7	810