

ANNUAL POLICE REPORT.

Statement of the Strength and Distribution of the Police Force—Arrests During the Past Twelve Months—Results and Classification.

The following is a summary of the Annual Report of the General Superintendent of Police for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1867.

The force consists of a General Superintendent, 1 Deputy Superintendent, 3 Captains, 11 Sergeants, and 2000 Patrolmen, 160 of whom are on regular patrol duty, and the remaining 40 are on special duty.

The report then specifies the condition of things in each precinct. In the First Precinct repairs are said to be needed on the Armory Building to the amount of \$1,500, to render it inhabitable. In this District a sub-station has been completed. The building devoted to the use of the Second Precinct is characterized as being unsuited for the purpose. Here a new building is asked, and a second is recommended to be erected for a sub-station near the intersection of Chicago and Milwaukee avenues.

There are on duty in the several precincts as follows:

	Capt.	Sergt.	Patrols.
First Precinct—			
Armory.....	1	9	57
Sub-station.....	—	1	15
Second Precinct—			
Union street.....	1	9	33
Sub station.....	—	1	16
Second do.....	—	1	16
Third Precinct—			
North market.....	1	9	34
Sub-station.....	—	1	9

A large increase of business in the department will be seen by comparing the number of arrests made during the last year with the number made during the year previous, there being 21,921 made during the last year against 15,035 during the previous year, showing 6,886 more for the last year than for the year previous.

The men have improved greatly in the drill exercise. This matter has been under the immediate charge of a policeman as instructor, but it is thought that the effect upon the men would be much better, and the moral influence upon the force more wholesome, if the man having charge of the drill, were to be made a sergeant.

The Superintendent deems it necessary to add fifty men to the patrol force, with four additional sergeants, and recommends that the pay of the policeman be \$1,000 a year, the sum of \$100 annually to be retained to be expended in the purchase of uniforms.

It is recommended that the plan of receiving members of the force on probation be continued.

ARRESTS, &c.

The following is a statement showing the value of the property stolen, value of stolen property recovered, amount of fines, number of arrests, charges and nationalities, with a recapitulation of the same for the preceding year:

	1865-66.	1866-67.
Total value of property reported stolen.....	\$157,677.12	\$171,231.88
Total value of stolen property recovered ..	729,960.85	145,763.21
Total amount of fines.....	105,210.00	112,218.00
Total number of arrests.....	15,025	21,921
Males arrested.....	11,716	17,402
Females arrested.....	3,309	4,463
Married.....	6,195	8,635
Single.....	8,640	13,266
Number of lost children...	329	1,539
Number of lodgers.....	3,151	2,213

AGES.

The following statement shows the ages of those arrested for 1865-6 and 1866-7:

	1865-6.	1866-7.
Under 10.....	83	169
Between 10 and 20.....	2,013	2,679
Between 20 and 30.....	6,086	9,941
Between 30 and 40.....	4,877	6,491
Between 40 and 50.....	1,553	2,060
Between 50 and 60.....	324	496
Between 60 and 70.....	74	89
Between 70 and 80.....	1	6
Total.....	15,035	21,621

HOW DISPOSED OF.

These cases were disposed of as follows: Discharged in the Police Court, 2,997; discharged on payment of costs, 243; sent to Reform School, 89; sent to County Agent, 67; sent to Home for the Friendless, 42; sent to Reform Catholic Asylum, 134; held on criminal charges, 2,441; given over to military authorities, 2; bound over to keep the peace, 152; fined in the Police Court, 15,645; escaped, 0; Madalen Asylum, 0; United States Commissioners, 2; appealed, 7; Total, 21,921. Total last year, 15,035.

NATIONALITIES.

Americans, 6,183; Africans, 650; Bohemians, 103; Brazilians, 0; Belgians, 9; Canadians, 219; Danes, 81; English, 634; French, 27; Germans, 7,270; Hungarians, 6; Irish, 10,506; Indians, 5; Italians, 67; Mexicans, 1; Norwegians, 373; Poles, 18; Scotch, 323; Swedes, 227; Spaniards, 3; Welsh, 37; Unknown, 0. Total, 21,921.

Among the parties arrested we note as prominent: Actors and actresses, 9; professional men, 61; clergymen, 2; gamblers, 70; merchants' police, 7; prostitutes, 2,814; special policeman, 4. There were the usual proportion of practicers in all trades, and 5,123 persons who could not conjure up ability to aver that they had employment, or who really and most probably had none.

The charges included nearly every crime known to the criminal code. There were the following arrests, among others: For arson, 61; assaults of all grades, being felonies, 336; adultery, 26; abusing dumb animals, 10; bastardy, 8; burglary, 134; contempt of court, 2; disorderlies of all grades, 5,163; drunks of all grades, 8,111; destitute, 155; disintering dead bodies, 1; exposing person, 17; escaped from Bridge well, 2; escaped from Reform School 6; forgery, 84; fornication, 1; fast driving, 127; false imprisonment, 3; highway robbery, 25; homicide, 1; interfering with officer in discharge of duty, 112; inmate of a house of ill-fame, 56; inmate of a disorderly house, 2,241; inmate of a gaming house, 158; inmate of a place for the sale of lottery tickets, 12; kidnaping, 1; keeping disorderly house, 539; keeping gaming house, 5; keeping lewd house, 16; keeping a slaughter house in the city, 1; keeping house of ill-fame, 48; keeping shooting gallery without license, 3; keeping place for the sale of lottery tickets, 14; larceny, 1,942; mayhem, 13; threats, 16; misdemeanor, 10; murder, 8; obtaining goods, &c., under false pretences, 74; overcharging, 10; peddling without a license, 99; perjury, 12; passing counterfeit money, 13; resisting an officer in the discharge of duty, 59; receiving stolen property, 30; robbery, 102; riot, 196; rape, 18; representing himself as an officer, 24; refusing to assist an officer, 5; renting disorderly house, 3; selling lottery tickets, 1; shooting in city limits, 62; soliciting passengers without a badge, 1; threats, 117; vagrancy, 937; violation of city ordinances, 1,062.