

# POLICE MATTERS.

## The Annual Report of Superintendent Kennedy.

### Statement of the Number and Condition of the Police Force.

### An Epitome of a Year's Crime.

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon. There were present Commissioners Brown, Gund, and Sheridan. Commissioner Brown presided.

The case of Sergeant Johnson, accused before the Board of Police of drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer, has been appealed to the Circuit Court. Attached to the appeal bond are the following signatures:

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SARAH M. BARNES,  
Mark  
THOMAS RALEIGH.

In explanation of the above, it may be mentioned that Thomas Raleigh ceased to be a member of the police force for using insulting language to Sergeant Johnson and striking Captain Miller.

The resignation of James Madden as a member of the Police Department was accepted.

The resignation of A. N. Wilson, driver of the A. C. Coventry engine, was accepted.

The resignation of H. W. Bagenbush, as policeman, was also accepted.

The attention of Superintendent Kennedy, of the police, was called to boys throwing stones and other missiles, and playing ball on the streets; also, the enforcement of the ordinance requiring the closing of saloons on Sunday, and the ordinance against fast driving on North Dearborn street, and other thoroughfares.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of Superintendent Kennedy, ten days late, was submitted, which, grammatically amended, is as follows:

The General Superintendent of Police presents this his third annual report, for the year ending March 31, 1871, with a tabular statement of the value of stolen property recovered, value of property reported stolen, number of arrests, and amount of fines assessed.

The force consists of 1 General Superintendent, 1 Deputy Superintendent, 2 Captains, 20 Sergeants, and 425 patrolmen, detailed and stationed as follows:

#### CENTRAL POLICE STATION.

One General Superintendent, 1 Deputy Superintendent, 2 Sergeants, and 61 patrolmen on duty as follows:

Detectives.....	4
Station-keepers.....	2
Constables.....	1
Bridges, depots, tunnels, and street-crossings.....	51
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>61</b>

#### FIRST PRECINCT.

At the First Precinct Station, the Armory, there are 1 Captain, 2 Sergeants, and 70 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Lock-up-keepers.....	2
Police-men for patrol duty.....	64
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>70</b>

As there was an appropriation of \$25,000 made during the present fiscal year for the erection of a new building in some more suitable locality, which appropriation remains unexpended on account of the city having failed to provide a lot on which to build, it is to be earnestly hoped that the city will provide, by purchase or otherwise, a lot in some convenient location for the erection of a building far better adapted to the requirements than the present one.

At the First Precinct Sub-station, on Twenty-second street, there are 24 Sergeants and 24 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Police-men for patrol duty.....	22
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>24</b>

There have been made several improvements in this station during the last year, which will render it sufficiently commodious and convenient for the requirements of that section of the city.

At the First Precinct Sub-station, on Cottage Grove avenue, there are 1 Sergeant and 23 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Roundsmen.....	1
Police-men for patrol duty.....	20
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>23</b>

This station house building is too small for the number of men stationed there and the increasing wants of that vicinity, and I would recommend that it be enlarged as soon as possible, and that estimates for that purpose be made to the Common Council.

At the First Precinct Sub-station, corner of Archer avenue and Deering street, there are 1 Sergeant and 16 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Roundsmen.....	1
Police-men for patrol duty.....	13
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>16</b>

#### SECOND PRECINCT.

At the Second Precinct station, on the corner of Madison and Union streets, there are 1 Captain, 2 Sergeants, and 54 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Detectives.....	1
Police-men for patrol duty.....	51
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>54</b>

This station house is in good condition, and will require no more than ordinary incidental repairs.

At the Second Precinct Sub-station, on the corner of Twelfth and Johnson streets, there are 2 Sergeants and 23 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Roundsmen.....	1
Police-men for patrol duty.....	20
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>23</b>

In my previous annual report, I recommended the enlargement of the station house, but the Common Council failed to make an appropriation for that purpose. For want of proper accommodations we cannot station as many men there as the important interests of that section require. I would again recommend that estimates be made for the enlargement of this station.

At the Second Precinct Sub-station on West Lake street, there are 1 Sergeant and 19 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Roundsmen.....	1
Police-men for patrol duty.....	16
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>19</b>

This station, like the Twelfth Street Station, is too small, but its immediate enlargement is not so imperative as in the case of the latter.

At the Second Precinct Sub-station on Chicago avenue, there are 1 Sergeant and 20 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Roundsmen.....	1
Police-men for patrol duty.....	17
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>20</b>

This station is in good repair and well adapted for the uses for which it was designed.

At the Second Precinct Sub-station on the North Branch there are 1 Sergeant and 10 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Police-men on patrol duty.....	8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>10</b>

#### THIRD PRECINCT.

At the Third Precinct Station, on Huron street, there are 1 Captain, 2 Sergeants, and 53 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Detective.....	1
Police-men on patrol duty.....	50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>53</b>

This station is in good condition, and will require but a small amount for incidental repairs.

At the Third Precinct Sub-station, corner of Larrabee street and North avenue, there are 2 Sergeants and 23 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Police-men for patrol duty.....	20
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>22</b>

This station is in good repair.

At the Third Precinct Sub-station, on Webster avenue there are 1 Sergeant and 19 patrolmen on duty, as follows:

Station-keepers.....	2
Roundsmen.....	1
Police-men for patrol duty.....	16
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>19</b>

This station house, having been but lately constructed and completed, is in good condition, and fully adapted to the requirements of that section.

An increase of at least fifty men to the police force is necessary to meet the urgent demands for more men in the different branches of the police service. About twenty-five additional men for bridges, street crossings, and tunnels will soon have to be taken from the present force in the different precincts, to meet these details, which cannot be avoided, and to fill the vacancies thus created, and to give a proper addition to the force in the outside stations will require at least fifty additional men.

I would recommend that all regular patrolmen receive the maximum salary as fixed by the charter.

It will be seen that, in comparison with the previous year, there is a considerable decrease in the amount of property reported stolen, which may be attributed to two causes: namely, the increase of the force, enabling us to traverse a larger amount of territory, and the greater certainty of punishment after conviction: there having been but few released by pardons during the year from the Penitentiary.

Probably two-thirds of the larcenies are committed by juveniles of both sexes ranging in age from 8 to 15 years. They hang around, and are ready, if opportunity offers, to steal a store or dwelling, or, if nothing better, to enter any trifling article that may be left in their way. The incentive to this species of theft, or rather, as we may say, the educators of this class of thieves are mainly junk and second-hand dealers. There are, however, some honorable exceptions, parties who are known to the police force as endeavoring to do a legitimate and honest business; but, as a general thing, junk and second-hand dealers are always ready and willing to purchase anything offered, no matter what, or from whom, and as the city ordinances do not require them to retain all property purchased a specified time, as in the case of pawnbrokers, not infrequently the disappearance from their establishment of property purchased is almost simultaneous with its reception.

As these establishments are scattered all over the city, and, in many cases, in the most remote localities, it is practically impossible for the police force to keep a continual surveillance over them. It would be of great benefit to the force if these parties were required to keep all articles they may purchase, with the exception of rags and waste, under a specified time, the same as pawnbrokers are.

Another difficulty we labor under is the want of a better vagrancy law than the one we now have. Other cities contiguous to us have more stringent laws, and their police force have greater power to force known or suspected thieves to leave their respective cities. It is to be trusted that a more stringent vagrancy law will be enacted by the Legislature now in session. With a more effective law, with power to inflict a greater punishment than at present, we could effect a vast amount more of good, ridding the city of this class of persons with the same strength of police force, than is possible under existing circumstances.

In conclusion, I desire to bear testimony to the cordial co-operation and efficiency of all branches of the service, and to the general good discipline maintained in the department, and to you, especially, gentlemen, for your counsel and influence in the promotion of the interests and efficiency of the department. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. KENNEDY,  
General Superintendent.

Statement showing the value of property reported stolen, value of stolen property recovered, amount of fines, number of arrests, charges, nationalities, &c.:

Total value of property reported stolen.....	\$112,448
Total value of property recovered.....	70,656
Total amount of fines.....	17,220
Total number of arrests.....	28,471
Males.....	20,737
Females.....	7,734
Married.....	2,273
Single.....	18,464
Number of lost children.....	1,171
Number of lodgers.....	369

#### AGES.

The ages were as follows: Under 10 years of age, 192; between 10 and 20, 3,791; between 20 and 30, 10,537; between 30 and 40, 6,973; between 40 and 50, 3,949; between 50 and 60, 904; between 60 and 70, 107; between 70 and 80, 10.

#### HOW DISPOSED OF.

Number discharged in Police Court, 3,469; number sent to Reform School, 19; number sent to County Agent, 191; number sent to the Home of the Friendless, 21; number sent to the Roman Catholic Asylum, 161; number sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd, 3; number held on criminal charges, 1,012; number bound over to keep the peace, 122; number fined in Police Court, 27,222.

#### NATIONALITIES.

Americans, 8,839; Americans, colored, 930; Bohemians, 169; Canadians, 173; Danes, 44; English, 764; French, 298; Germans, 3,726; Italians, 181; Irish, 9,075; Norwegians, 290; Poles, 91; Spaniards, 14; Scotch, 243; Swedes, 434; Welsh, 2.

#### OCCUPATIONS.

Attorneys, 21; actresses, 2; artists, 3; arcuators, 4; bakers, 26; agents, 181; auctioneers, 15; brewers, 21; butchers, 74; butchers, 199; blacksmiths, 163; barbers, 60; bartenders, 77; bootblacks, 9; bill-posters, 8; book-binders, 2; bookkeepers, 49; brass-makers, 2; broom-makers, 11; brick-makers, 19; boiler-makers, 18; brush-makers, 2; basket-makers, 1; box-makers, 5; bridge-builders, 1; bankers, 8; bridge-builders, 3; askers, 6; carpenters, 439; confounders, 21; clairvoyants, 2; clairvoyants, 1; curriers, 13; cobblers, 24; clerks, 474; copper-smiths, 4; carriage makers, 10; cabinet makers, 16; cigar makers, 47; contractors, 6; cooper, 10; cooks, 20; carvers, 8; druggists, 18; draymen, 26; drovers, 19; distillers, 3; engineers, 70; expressmen, 210; engravers, 16; organ, 1; farmers, 84; fortune-tellers, 6; fire wardens, 1; furriers, 2; fishermen, 3; firemen, 5; glaziers, 4; grocers, 67; gardeners, 19; gambler, 479; glass-blowers, 1; gliders, 2; gunsmiths, 4; hostlers, 61; hackmen, 163; housekeepers, 1,694; harness makers, 27; house movers, 8; hatters, 2; hotel keepers, 12; junk dealers, 20; janitors, 5; jewelers, 4; locksmiths, 2; lathers, 19; lithographers, 2; laborers, 8,004; livery keepers, 5; midwives, 1; masons, 125; molders, 111; merchants, 262; machinists, 176; match makers, 1; marble cutters, 8; musicians, 29; mill drivers, 1; milkmen, 17; milliners, 2; millers, 10; merchant police, 10; miners, 2; none, 7,329; nail makers, 1; nabobs, 2; organ grinders, 10; organ builders, 1; pedlers, 202; painters, 259; prostitutes, 2,897; porters, 49; plumbers, 65; pattern makers, 2; paper hangers, 8; policemen, 4; printers, 103; physicians, 21; piano makers, 2; pawn brokers, 11; plasterers, 65; paper carriers, 2; roofers, 14; railroad employes, 159; rope makers, 2; runners, 55; rag pickers, 16; reporters, 12; saloon keepers, 6; surveyors, 1; sewer builders, 12; saloon cutters, 44; second dealers, 13; shoe-makers, 170; scythes, 17; servants, 243; sailors, 736; silver leaf cutters, 13; stone-cutters, 247; soapmaker, 1; seamstresses, 4; stewards, 5; soldiers, 24; saddlers, 4; silversmiths, 7; shoemakers, 2; shoemakers, 1; schoolteachers, 9; showmen, 2; sailmaker, 1; steamers, 630; trunkmakers, 11; tanners, 24; tin-smiths, 27; tailors, 213; telegraph operators, 5; turners, 2; tobacconists, 18; umbrella-makers, 1; upholsterers, 12; veterinary surgeons, 6; varnishers, 4; wagonmakers, 16; whitewashers, 21; waiters, 100; whipmakers, 3; weavers, 5; watchmen, 10; watchmakers, 8.

#### CHARGES.

Assault, 49; assault, 20; assault, 13; assault on officer, 33; assault with intent to commit rape, 10; assault with intent to commit larceny, 11; assault with intent to commit robbery, 6; assault with intent to kill, 215; assault with intent to do bodily injury, 183; assault with a deadly weapon, 190; accessory to larceny, 2; attempt to commit larceny, 15; bastardy, 50; burglary, 273; bigamy, 13; bathing in city limits, 3; cheating, 16; conspiracy, 1; contempt of court, 6; crime against nature, 3; cruelty to animals, 42; conspiracy to reduce to prostitution, 1; drunk, 4,517; drunk and disorderly, 4,343; disorderly, 8,108; destitute, 181; embezzlement, 9; exposing person, 25; forgery, 27; fast driving, 120; fornication, 2; interference from justice, 3; highway robbery, 5; interfering with an officer, 106; inmates of house of ill-fame, 1,072; inmate of disorderly house, 220; inmate of gaming house, 459; insane, 8; incest, 1; keeping disorderly house, 116; keeping house of ill-fame, 273; keeping gaming house, 51; keeping place for fortune-telling, 4; larceny, 1,525; murder, 2; mayhem, 10; mutilating public records, 1; obtaining money on false pretenses, 51; obtaining goods on false pretenses, 9; peddling without a license, 76; perjury, 23; rape, 14; riot, 69; robbery, 143; representing himself as an officer, 15; refusing to assist an officer, 8; receiving stolen property, 61; selling lottery tickets, 3; swindling, 3; shooting in city limits, 26; threats, 120; vagrancy, 1,312; violation of express ordinance, 16; violation of city railway ordinance, 43; violation of bridge ordinance, 127; violation of depot ordinance, 22; violation of liquor ordinance, 19; violation of health ordinance, 32; violation of back ordinance, 2; violation of alms ordinance, 16; violation of harbor ordinance, 1; violation of fire ordinance, 6; violation of gas-lamp ordinance, 71; violation of street ordinance, 54; violation of scavenger ordinance, 12; violation of park ordinance, 71; violation of market ordinance, 1; violation of saloon ordinance, 162; ordinance concerning vehicles, 223; ordinance concerning porters and runners, 12; ordinance concerning junk-dealers, 11; ordinance concerning concerts, 1; ordinance concerning pawnbrokers, 7; ordinance concerning fire alarm telegraph, 1; ordinance concerning trees, 9; ordinance concerning begging, 6; ordinance concerning dogs, 6; ordinance concerning pounds, 10; wearing male attire, 2; wearing female attire, 1. Total 28,443.

The report was placed on file. Officer James Buckley, for intoxication, was fined 15 days' pay. The board then adjourned.