
APPENDIX K.

REPORT OF QUEBEC WATER POLICE, DOMINION OF CANADA.

QUEBEC, 8th December, 1869.

SIR,—My police report of the Quebec River Police, for the fiscal year of 1868, will, I trust, meet with the approbation of the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and yourself.

It is the first I have been called on to make. The pay lists and all other expenses of the Quebec River Police have always been made up for the seven months of the season of navigation for which they were employed.

The performance of the river police duties in the harbor of Quebec has been considerably changed by the introduction of a small steam boat, which enables the police to perform their duties with credit to the force and to the satisfaction of ship masters, ship owners and merchants, and in one half the time it required the five six oar'd boats to perform the same duties.

The harbor master has also been furnished with a police boat, or the police steamer, whenever he required one in the performance of his duty.

The police steamer has been safely hauled up on the ship at the River Police Station, and is close at hand for whatever repairs she may require.

A larger screw, it is supposed, would increase her speed, without increasing the expense of fuel.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,)

R. H. RUSSELL,

Chief Constable, River Police.

WILLIAM SMITH, Esq.,

Deputy of Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Report of the Chief Constable of the Quebec River Police, for the fiscal year of 1868, commencing on 1st July, 1868, and ending on 30th June, 1869.

The Quebec River Police was employed and sworn in on 1st May, 1868, to do duty during the season of navigation, seven months, and were discharged on the 30th November, 1868, as heretofore.

They consisted of:—

1 chief constable, whose pay is \$600 per annum. 5 coxswains, one of whom had \$1.80 per day, the other four, \$1.50 per day each. 32 men at \$1.20 per day each, two of whom were told off for duty in the shipping master's office.

There were 5 six oar'd boats, each with a crew of one coxswain and six men.

Each man of the force was furnished with the following articles of clothing:—

1 blue cloth jacket, 1 pair of blue cloth trousers, 1 blue cloth vest, 2 cotton shirts, 1 oil skin hat. The coxswains had cloth caps with covers, 1 pair of shoes, 2 red flannel shirts, to last 3 years; worn only in the months of May, October and November, 1 blue pilot cloth pea jacket, to last three summers.

The river police were again employed and sworn in on the 2nd May, 1869, and discharged on the 30th November, 1869, as usual.