

with a steamer or boat. Crimping has been very effectually repressed, under the operations of the Act 36 Vic., Cap. 129, and but few breaches of the law have occurred during the past season. Owing to the existing commercial depression, the fleet visiting Quebec during the season was unusually small, and the duties of the Police were in consequence lighter than usual. 334 persons were arrested during the season by the Police, for various offences, and a statement of the offences, and of the nationality of the parties offending, will be found appended to the Report of the Chief Constable.

The total amount expended at Quebec, in connection with this service for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, was \$23,498.06, while the dues collected for the same period amounted to \$21,258.00, showing a deficiency of \$2,240.06 in receipts as compared with expenditure.

A detailed statement of the expenditure of the River Police Force, showing the amount disbursed for pay and clothing, maintenance of the police steamers and contingencies, will be found in Appendix No.

The Water Police Force at Montreal, during the past season, consisted of the Inspector, one Chief Constable, four sergeants and nineteen constables, numbering twenty-five in all. The Chief Constable received at the rate of \$3.00 per diem, the Inspector \$2.50, the sergeants \$1.90, and the constables \$1.50 per diem. Chief Constable John McLaughlin, who had filled the position very efficiently for a number of years, died on the 8th Dec., 1877, and Mr. George Murphy was appointed to the position by Order in Council of the 10th of April, 1878, at a salary of \$3.00 per diem.

The report of Mr. H. S. A. Ormond, Inspector of the Force, for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, will be found in Supplement No. 2, together with a statement of the arrests, 234 in number, made during the year, and also a statement of the casualties on the wharves and in the harbour, that occurred during the year. During the past season the force maintained its usual efficiency and gave satisfaction.

The total expenditure on account of the Montreal Water Police for the past fiscal year, as will be seen by reference to Appendix No. 21, was \$14,062.08, while the amount of Harbour Police dues collected at Montreal during the same period was \$5,444.43, showing an excess of expenditure over receipts of \$8,617.65. The expenditure for this force during the preceding fiscal year was \$13,524.29, and the receipts amounted to \$5,085.90.

The total amount expended at Quebec and Montreal, on account of River Police Service for the past fiscal year, was \$37,570.14, and the amount voted for the service was \$37,590. The total amount collected at Quebec and Montreal during the year ended 30th June last, was \$26,702.43, being \$1,895.67 less than the amount collected the preceding year, and the excess of expenditure over receipts amounted to \$10,857.71.