

liquor, Inspector McKenney made the suggestion that all convictions against such persons should be registered upon their license, so that when a fresh offence was being considered by a judge he would have before him a record of past misdeeds, enabling him to punish according to deserts.

Chief Belanger, of Montreal, spoke on "Police Duties in Relation with Courts of Justice"; Chief Newton, of Winnipeg, on "Police Co-operation"; Deputy Chief Geddes, of Toronto, on "An Efficient Police Force as a First Class Insurance"; Dr. Chas. Hodgetts, Ottawa, on "First Aid by Police Officers"; Inspector Wallace, of Toronto, on "Transient Thieves"; Chief Baker, of Outremont, on "Superannuation Funds"; Chief Morbey, of Iroquois Falls, on "Criticism of the Movies"; Dr. A. E. Lavell, Ontario Parole Officer, on "The Parole System"; Inspector McKenney, of Toronto, on "Domestic Difficulties."

Interesting addresses were given by three magistrates: Col. Lloyd, of Coburg; Recorder Semple, of Montreal, and Judge F. F. Prigg, Kansas City, and at the banquet, given by the city, important speeches were given by Chief Belanger, who presided; Commissioner Marcil, ex-speaker of the House of Commons; Col. Gaudet, C.M.G., Director of Public Ser-

vice; Chief Whatley, Ald. Rubenstein, who represented the Mayor, and the new President, Chief Thompson, of Windsor, who epitomized the feeling of the gathering when he said that "it was only by united action, by cultivating a broad and generous spirit among each other, by mutual consideration, that we can look for the endorsement of a discriminating public."

On one of the afternoons the delegates were entertained with a parade of the Police Force and the Fire Brigade followed by a demonstration given by the firemen, and on another afternoon the visitors had an opportunity of seeing the beauties of the Island of Montreal in automobiles loaned by the many friends of the Montreal police.

The business of the convention was completed with the election of officers for the coming year, the new executive being as follows: Chief Thompson, Windsor, Ont., President; Chief Belanger, Montreal, and Chief Newton, Winnipeg, first and second Vice-Presidents, respectively; Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Slein, Brantford; Executive, Chief Whatley, Hamilton; Chief Bruton, Regina; Colonel Rattray, Winnipeg; Superintendent Bryan, Calgary; Chief Trudel, Quebec; Chief Hutchison, Moncton; Chief Hanrahan, Halifax; Chief Fry, Victoria.

"The Responsible Policeman, his Arduous Duties and Superannuation Allowance"

(C. B. Baker, Chief of Police, Outremont.)

The immense power entrusted to the police forces of Canada is rarely abused. As a body they possess the qualities necessary for the proper discharge of their duties with a due sense of responsibilities and the tact to temper authority with discretion. Brought into immediate contact with a not always considerate public, they are expected to be prepared for any and every emergency, and to display a promptness in decision, and a fertility of resource scarcely compatible with the remuneration received.

Our streets are patrolled by a stalwart army of intelligent men who are as capable of quelling a Saturday night's disturbance as of regulating the street traffic, and in many cases, their judiciously administered advice has restored concord without the expensive intervention of the Magistrate. The recruit, on joining, must learn to be judge and jury, pugilist, and everything else rolled into one man.

Judges can make mistakes and appeals can be taken from one court to another, but, woe to poor "Robert" should he at any time make a blunder. He has to turn out in all weathers to do his duty. He gets his share of luxuries in the shape of colds on which to wreck the fine constitution he had on joining. A number die, while others, and not a few, get cast off as a result of the exposure. He must at all times have a perfect command of temper and, when struck violently in the face, must not give way to natural instinct and return the compliment, but is expected to calmly tell the offender that he will be taken in custody resulting in a fine of ten dollars and the soothing remark from His Worship,

"The police must be protected". He must answer civilly any absurd question, enter the dirtiest hovel to quell a disturbance, attend to accidents of every description, remove dead bodies found on land or water, secure any raving lunatic, and face the burglars' firearms without considering wife or little ones. Those are only a few of the policeman's many duties that must be carried out at all times.

The superannuation question, or pension scheme, has been long on the boards in one form or another, and in my mind, it is a very important one. A number of us find ourselves surrounded by a new generation of police officers, causing us to think we are getting on towards the end of our police career, and by and by to be looking forward to the provisions which have been made for those who have served for years in the police.

We may all congratulate ourselves that the police of today are a very different kind of men to the great bulk of those who joined at the time I entered the service, thirty-three years ago. In those days, the beginners in the Montreal force, now so ably commanded by Chief Belanger, started at \$8.00 a week, and there was no pension then, nor for many years afterwards.

The duties and responsibilities of the police have been increasing year by year, and along with this increase there has been a steady improvement in the class of men engaged, and by the way their duties have been honorably discharged. This improvement has gradually forced, more or less, upon the