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A STARTLING INCREASE IN JUVENILE CRIME HERE

Striking Figures From Report of Police Chief Simpson

TOO MUCH LENIENCY SHOWN

Advocate of the Good Old Birch Rod—Would License Bakers—Effects of Prohibition—Good Words for His Men

That the Harry L. Williams murder may be unraveled during the coming year, is one of the outstanding statements made in his annual report by D. W. Simpson, chief of police of this city. Even at the present time there are persons, who he says, might be arrested on suspicion, but this is not a satisfactory method of procedure and a web of evidence is being steadily built up in the case.

Labor troubles, the chief of police points out, have been responsible for a great deal of the unusual cases during the year, and that these difficulties aggravated normal conditions.

Many alien enemies are reporting regularly to the chief of police and he reports that they have conducted themselves in a becoming manner but points out that this is doubtless due in a large measure to the keen surveillance maintained by the police officers.

Prohibition has been one of the bright spots in the conduct of police duties during the past year. Arrests became fewer, disorderly actions in the streets and in public places diminished perceptibly and on the whole the police force basked in the sunshine of better conditions as soon as the new law became operative.

All things considered the city detects have done remarkably good work during the year just closed, according to the opinion of Chief Simpson and although they have not proved to be infallible at all times their batting averages have been satisfactory to him.

Some Interesting Figures.

During the year 3,045 offences are reported, 1,904 males and 1,141 females, of which number there were 1,499 convictions. Arrests for the period are reported to number 1,424. Of these 685 were drunkenness cases.

A rather interesting table in the report is that which shows the number of arrests each month during the year, and the age of the delinquents. It is of interest to note that the largest number of individuals arrested in any one month were between the ages of 21 and 29 years. Liquor cases totalled 74.

Juvenile offenders were prominent in the yearly numbers during the year. Police Chief Simpson holds that there has been too much "coddling" on the part of the authorities, with the result that the same delinquents appear in police court five or six times. Besides his criticism, Chief Simpson suggests what is to his mind the most effective treatment of these cases, and this he designates as the "birch rod." He further claims that the breakers of actual experience and has

posed was \$16,002.55, and the total collected \$5,291.65, and actual fines not collected \$10,710.90. It is estimated in the report that property worth \$6,278.12, lost or stolen was recovered by the police and returned to its rightful owners and \$1,709 which was not recovered, was reported.

The report to the commissioners follows in part:

Bread Inspector's Report.

Inspector O'Neill reports that there are sixteen bakeries, also one in Fairville and one in Milford, all doing business in the city. The bakeries are in much better shape than formerly. Owing to the scarcity of help the bakers were obliged to put in machinery, and the men not being accustomed to the handling of the dough divider had some trouble with the weight of the bread, but everything is working satisfactorily now.

He would again call your attention to the advisability of imposing a small license fee on all bakeries doing business in the city, to be granted after an inspection being made by means of a score card, which would show exactly how the bakeries are kept. The cards could be kept hanging up in the shop, and the public could then judge for themselves the condition of the place. I think this is a matter that should have your favorable consideration as co-operating with the public health laws.

Gambling—Gaming houses raided, fifty-seven convictions.

Lord's Day Act.—Three cases reported, but attorney-general's fiat to bring them before the court refused.

Dog By-law.—Eleven hundred and seventy-two licenses taken out; 179 were summoned to court for violations.

Vagrancy Act.—Sixty-seven were arrested, who were disposed of as shown in Schedule A.

Transient Lodgers at Police Station.—Sixty-seven were given protection for the night; sixty-four males and three females.

Lights Out.—The number of lights out shows a loss to extent of 14,781 hours to the city.

Fires.—One hundred and twenty-seven were reported by the police during the year 1917.

Theatres.—There is one theatre and seven moving picture houses. Three found that this is the most effective way to deal with juvenile offenders.

Street Traffic By-law.—Two hundred and eighty-one were proceeded against for violations, 108 convictions were secured, and 118 dismissed.

Motor Vehicles Act.—Twenty were reported by the police during the year 1917.

Prisoners of War.—There are upwards of 400 prisoners of war paroled and reported to me twice monthly.

Number of Persons Taken During the Year 1917.

Arrested by Detectives.	Constables.	Total.
January	21	184
February	69	188
March	86	147
April	89	137
May	84	175
June	19	27
July	96	88
August	17	47
September	24	38
October	18	36
November	57	86
December	429	989
		1398

Arrests for Other Cities.

St. Andrews	1
Chatham	5
Fredericton	1
Moncton	1
Sussex	8
Halifax	2
Campbellton	1
St. Stephen	1
Minto	1
Sydney Mines	1

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Restigouche	2
Kentville	1
Bathurst	2
Ottawa	1
Total	30

The Year's Record.

Young offenders arrested and sent before the juvenile court	925
Disorderly houses raided	29
Women found in disorderly houses	81
Men found in disorderly houses	8
Street walkers arrested	8
Gaming houses raided	12
Men gaming houses	1
Convictions for selling liquor without a license	4
Convictions for having liquor without a license	4
Opium and gaming joints raided	1
Men found therein	27
Police calls	143
Fires police attended	127
Fire alarms given by police	14
Calls for doctors	407
Men sent to hospital by police	6
Women sent to hospital by police	6
Sudden deaths reported by police	3
Sudden deaths by accident reported by police	3
Sudden death cause unknown	4
Stray children found and returned	58
Stores, etc., found open during night by police	300
Articles found by the police and returned to owners	102
Sidewalks and streets reported in bad condition	97
Articles found by police and returned to owners	97
Runaway horses stopped by police	22
Animals impounded	9
Dead animals reported	40
Animals destroyed by police	40
Males in for protection	64
Females in for protection	24
Windows and glass doors found broken	800
Patrol calls by police	200
Fire boxes found open by police	3
Mail boxes found open by police	21
Glasses found broken in fire boxes	3
Sewers found obstructed by police	2
Persons found in a filthy condition	2
False alarms from banks reported by police	10
Defences were issued as to crowding of buildings	6
Bon fires extinguished by police	37
Persons found in a filthy condition	18
Broken fire hydrants and leakages reported	11
Breaks in water mains reported and notified the department	11
Persons found in a filthy condition	11
Persons found destitute by police	4
Houses reported to board of health for being in a filthy condition	4
Horses and wagons rescued from harbor by police	3
Runaway automobiles stopped by police	3

Recapitulation of summary of cases before the court and convictions made in the city of St. John (N. B.) from Jan. 1, 1917, to Dec. 31, 1917:

Cases entered, 2,909; convictions, 1,499; dismissed or withdrawn, 889; awaiting trial, 7. A total of 1,499 convictions were recorded, 21 of which were allowed to go on suspended sentence.

Thefts Frequent.

There were several cases of serious crime during the year. The most frequent of these were committed by persons found destitute by police. An increase of 28 over last year, of these 28 persons were recorded, and 44 were allowed to go on suspended sentence.

Accounts for 67 offences, decrease of 25 as against last year, of which 45 were convicted and 21 dismissed.

On account of the city going "dry" on May 1, 1917, and the prohibition act coming into force, drunkenness has been considerably diminished within the city.

Drunkenness accounted for 685, being a decrease of 281 over that of last year, of which 297 were convicted and 85 released on suspended sentence; 122 were proceeded against under the liquor license law, as against 71 last year; 50 were convicted and 42 dismissed.

By-laws have again been strictly enforced, as will be noted in the statistical forms, motor cars alone being responsible for 20 violations, and the traffic laws violations amounting to 281, as against 317 last year, being a decrease of 16.

Traffic policemen are on duty at all busy intersections, and their advantage is being noted both by travelers, pedestrians and the public generally.

Also included in the statistical returns are 31 arrests of soldiers, of which 21 number were from outside points, held as deserters or deserters, and were handed over to military escorts.

Juvenile Crime.

The statistics again show that the greater number of thefts, breaking and entering, etc., were committed by juvenile offenders, 225 were arrested for these offences, being an increase of 120 over last year or 100 per cent. This condition is undoubtedly due to the want of punishment when these youthful offenders are brought before the court by the police, since have not proved to be infallible at all times their batting averages have been satisfactory to him.

Amended legislation is necessary so that corporal punishment may be administered to such an extent as to be adequate as a preventative. This "coddling" system has been tried now for a number of years, and found wanting, and it is time to show leniency when the individual himself has come to thoroughly realize his position and know that liberty can only be enjoyed by living an honest life. Corporal punishment has been talked about by clergymen and others representing the Big Brother movement, as also the "probation" system, the talk to the offenders by the juvenile court judges, together with all their other plans for "sparing the rod and spoiling the child," with the result

as expressed by experienced officers, viz.: It has led to the present conditions, not only in St. John, but all over the country, a vast increase in juvenile crime.

It is high time these facts were being realized. This vast increase of youthful offenders is or should be a cause of serious concern to all who are interested in the training of the young, who are in a special sense the hope of the future.

Many causes are attributed to the increase of youthful offenders amongst which the love of adventure may be classed as one inherent in most boys, and the real deterrent, apart from committal to an industrial or reformatory school is what I have always found good is whipping. Give them something to be remembered on their first trip, and in nine cases out of ten you will never see that boy back again. I am speaking from experience, as I have used the birch rod so successfully that I can vouch for its usefulness. We have had cases before the court as often as six, seven or even eight times, and they are again at large praying upon society, and becoming experienced and habitual criminals. I am satisfied the attitude of the public generally, including both judges and police magistrates, is far too sentimental, and has led to the present vast increase in the number of offences against young people.

What I advocate for the city of St. John is a naval training ship for these youthful offenders. Discipline is apparently most necessary in the cases of those usually brought before the bench, and I know of the benefits to be derived from such a training as evidenced from the results obtained by the training ships in the old country. I see no better time than the present when the dominion government is providing funds for shipbuilding, that they be approached to include such a measure as necessary for this in their estimate.

The police naturally look to the bench for support, and I feel that Judge Ritchie of the police court will co-operate in such a step to save these young boys from becoming habitual criminals—give them a chance under proper discipline.

At the present time we have no industrial or reformatory school capable of holding the class of boys we have before the court, and it is time a move was made to exact punishment sufficient to control and prevent a recurrence of the wholesale robberies these young thieves are capable of committing.

Children's Aid Society.

The police have co-operated with the agent of this society throughout the year, bringing to headquarters quite a few destitute, as well as delinquent children, but their work has been greatly handicapped by the want of a suitable home, and in fact has been practically at a standstill, as the conditions in the house with certain infantile diseases made it difficult to place children brought in by the police or their agent, and it was therefore only in cases where it was impossible to leave the children elsewhere and in those of an exceptional order that they were brought in.

A. M. Belding, president of the society, has been working hard to better these conditions, and I am informed that a more suitable home is likely to be obtained in the near future that the destitute and neglected little ones may find rescue.

The Rev. Mr. Scott, the agent of the society, has been at all times accessible and worked harmoniously with the police, but has felt the same incumbrance as we did in placing any children found in a neglected condition.

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