

other officer or person is appointed by the municipal council as aforesaid. 56 V. c. 45, s. 4 (2-3.)

25.—(1) If it appears to any Police Magistrate, or to any two Justices of the Peace, on information made before him or them on oath by any person who, in the opinion of the Magistrate or Justices, is *bona fide* acting in the interest of any child, that there is reasonable cause to suspect that such child, being a boy under the age of fourteen years, or a girl under the age of sixteen years, has been or is being ill-treated or neglected in any place within the jurisdiction of such Magistrate or Justices in a manner likely to cause the child unnecessary suffering, or to be injurious to its health, such Magistrate or Justices may issue a warrant authorizing any person named therein to search for such child, and if it is found to have been or to be ill-treated or neglected in manner aforesaid, to take it to and detain it in a place of safety until it can be brought before a Judge, and the Judge before whom the child is brought may cause it to be dealt with in the manner provided by section 27;

Power of search.

(2) The powers hereinbefore conferred on any two Justices may be exercised, by any one Justice, if upon the information the case appears to him to be one of urgency.

(3) The Magistrate or Justices or Justice issuing such warrant may by the same warrant cause any person accused of any offence in respect of the child to be apprehended and brought before a Judge, and proceedings to be taken for punishing such person according to law.

Issuing warrant for arrest in addition to said warrant.

(4) Any person authorized by warrant under this section to search for any child, and to take it to and detain it in a place of safety may enter (if need be, by force) any house, building or other place specified in the warrant, and may remove the child therefrom.

Power to enter and remove child.

(5) Where there is no superior officer of police, the warrant may be addressed to and executed by any policeman or constable approved of for that purpose by the head of the municipality or by any such society as mentioned in the first section of this Act.

Warrants, who may execute.

(6) It shall not be necessary in any information or warrant for the purpose of this section to specify any particular child.

Not necessary to specify child.

26.—(1) Any constable may take into custody without warrant any person who, within view of such constable, commits an offence under section 22 of this Act, where the name and residence of such person are unknown to and cannot be ascertained by such constable; and any constable may take to a place of safety any child in respect of whom an offence under section 22 or clause (a) of subsection 1 of section 24 of

Powers of constable as to arresting without warrant or removing child.