

cipalities may be authorized by the County Judge to act as constables for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Act and of *The Industrial Schools Act*. 60 V. c. 15, *Sched. B* 304. Rev. Stat. c. (25).

(2) Any constable so appointed or any chief constable or inspector of police may apprehend without warrant and bring before the Judge as neglected any child apparently under the age of fourteen years if a boy, or sixteen years if a girl, who comes within any of the following descriptions, namely:

(a) Who is found begging or receiving alms or thieving in any street, thoroughfare, tavern or place of public resort, or sleeping at night in the open air;

(b) Who is found wandering about at late hours and not having any home or settled place of abode, or proper guardianship;

(c) Who is found associating or dwelling with a thief, drunkard or vagrant, or who by reason of the neglect or drunkenness or other vices of its parents or guardians is suffered to be growing up without salutary parental control and education, or in circumstances exposing such child to an idle and dissolute life;

(d) Who is found in any house of ill-fame, or in company of a reputed prostitute;

(e) Who is found destitute, being an orphan or deserted by its parents or having a surviving parent who is undergoing imprisonment for crime. 56 V. c. 45, s. 13; 58 V. c. 52, s. 7; 60 V. c. 15, *Sched. B* (25).

S.—(1) Any child apprehended under the next preceding section of this Act shall be brought before the Judge for examination within one week after such apprehension, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Judge to investigate the facts of the case and ascertain whether such child is dependent and neglected, its age, and the name and residence of parents, and the said Judge shall have power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and may, in his discretion, request the attendance of the Crown Attorney for such examination, and if requested it shall be the duty of the Crown Attorney to attend accordingly. The parents or person having the actual custody of such child shall be duly notified of such examination, and any friend may appear in behalf of any child, and in his discretion the Judge may request the duly authorized representative of the local children's aid society to appear in behalf of any child; and if on such examination the Judge finds that any child is dependent or neglected within the meaning of the next preceding section or so as to be in a state of habitual vagrancy or mendicancy, or ill treated so as to be in peril of life, health or morality by continued personal injury or by grave misconduct or habitual intemperance of the parents or guardian, he shall

Powers and duty of Judge on apprehension of child.