

characters who frequently come to this city from across the border ; to be in waiting at the Courts of Queen's Bench and Quarter Sessions, to maintain order in the Court itself, escort prisoners to and from the Gaol, and to attend Coroners inquests when necessary. These latter duties are now performed by officers of the Quebec Government.

On reference to the return annexed, it will be seen that three hundred and twenty-nine persons were arrested during the fiscal year for various offences, and two hundred and nine persons conveyed to the Police Station of this Department, who were found wandering about the wharves and to whom shelter was afforded.

This does not include a large number of seamen who had absented themselves from their vessels, had become partially or wholly intoxicated, and who were by my special instructions conveyed direct to their respective vessels to enable their proceeding to sea the next or same morning.

During the year, a barge took fire in the night, while the crew on board were asleep. It was saved from being entirely consumed, and the crew rescued by the Water Police.

A valuable ship's boat stolen from the barque "Algeria," at Quebec, was restored to its owners by the same body.

Twenty-two persons were drowned during the same period, and twenty-one were saved from drowning by the Water Police and others.

Five persons died from sun-stroke on the wharves.

The total amount of pay and contingent expenses (including rent, gas, water, fuel, clothing, &c.,) as will be seen by the return also annexed, amounted to ten thousand eight hundred and ninety-three dollars and thirty-two cents, for the year ending 30th June, 1869.

The receipts which accrue from fines alone are levied and paid direct in the Police Court to the clerk, and are not credited to this Department.

Though not exactly within the time specified for this report, I would beg to recall to the memory of the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, that at the instance of the general Government, the chief constable (McLaughlin), two sergeants, and fourteen men were ordered to perform duty at Ottawa during the trial of Patrick J. Whelan for the murder of the late Honorable D'Arcy McGee ; Sergeant Donohue being one of the men who arrested Whelan for that crime, and that in the performance of their duty, the chief constable and several of the men testified in the matter.

In conclusion, I would beg respectfully to convey to the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the pleasure I have in attesting to the uniform good conduct and efficiency of the force under his jurisdiction, and over which I have the honor to preside.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed),

C. J. COURSOL,

Commissioner.

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