

this article points out, no definite legal ruling appears to exist on this point, but the inference is made that a traffic Constable is not liable in the civil courts for a mistake on his part which results in a vehicular mishap. Regarded from a certain angle this is undoubtedly a reasonable viewpoint, although the question would also appear to hinge on the degree of contributory negligence present on the part of the Constable and on the question as to whether the accident would have occurred had it not been for such contributory negligence. The point, however, is one which is open to discussion to a large degree and it is probable that conflicting rulings might be handed down according to the local attitude taken on the subject. While on the one hand the Policeman's lot might be one of increased difficulty, if the view is taken that he is civilly responsible in such cases, on the other hand there is no doubt but that the public are entitled to a definite degree of protection in such matters, and the fact remains that they should not be financially penalized for damages incurred by reason of undue lack of efficiency or contributory negligence on the part of the traffic officer. This, however, is a purely personal viewpoint.

We will look forward to receiving further editions of the Quarterly Magazine of the Jamaica Constabulary for, as Constable D. S. Pinnock very correctly remarks in the "Correspondence Section", when dealing with the value of a literary education, "Information stored up is knowledge" and information in regard to local conditions in Jamaica is both of great interest and is also most valuable from the standpoint of knowledge of conditions in a locality and climate far removed from Canadian conditions.

It is interesting to note that the Jamaica Constabulary Force was first organized in 1868, approximately five years prior to our own organization.

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The Police Chronicle and Constabulary World

Published weekly in England, the Police Chronicle has now reached No. 80 of its New Series, or No. 2222 Old Series. If antiquity of origin can be regarded as any criterion of experience, it must necessarily follow that the Police Chronicle is the most experienced of all Police publications. This contention is certainly supported by the quality of the editorial comment under the heading "Views and News of the Week", which is always very much to the point and exceedingly sound in its discussion.

Among other items of informative value contained in the issue of May 22, 1936, are extracts from the Annual Report of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Philip Game. Of interest to those of us who live in more sparsely settled countries than England, and are consequently not concerned to the same extent with the question of handling very large crowds at public functions, such as the Jubilee Celebrations, is the method by which great convergences of traffic and humanity are managed without accident or damage to the component units. Space does not permit of the method employed being given in detail, but this, in brief, has to do with the use of loud speakers mounted on vans to shepherd pedestrians and vehicles so as to minimize congestion and the risk of accidents. Arrangements are also made whereby Scotland Yard receives periodical telephonic notification of prevailing conditions at a series of fixed points and thus, by means of a map situated at Headquarters, is in a position to keep a close check on the distribution and density of crowds over the whole area, thereby facilitating immediate disposition of blockages of traffic and foot passengers which appear imminent.

"The Police Chronicle and Constabulary World" provides twenty pages of information regarding matters pertaining to Police circles each week. For some time past the magazine has been including a series of articles on "Ju Jitsu for the Police" by Constable J. McCormack. These are very interesting and well worth the study of all instructors who have to deal with this subject when training recruits.

The Police Chronicle also appears to be unique insofar as it contains a "Mrs. Policeman's Corner" where various recipes of a culinary nature are given each week which our respective wives would undoubtedly do well to study!—R-C