

Clerk of the Recorder's Court, or his assistant acts as clerk of this board and the documents relating to it are kept in the archives of the Recorder's court.

Statement of the number of complaints laid before the Board:

1910-1911.....	119
1911-1912.....	266
1912-1913.....	348
1913-1914.....	168
1914-1915.....	183
1915-1916.....	124

In 1912, at the pressing request of the religious authorities, catholics as well as protestants, and of a large number of citizens, the City appointed special agents to look after public morality. Detective Bussi res was first appointed, in January 1912, but as he had too much to do with a city of 90,000 souls, detectives Arthur Paquet and Joseph Beaudoin were also appointed.

In March 1913, the old by-law concerning houses of prostitution or ill-famed, being considered by far too tolerant, was repealed and replaced by a much stricter one. This new by-law has again been amended in order to increase the punishment by the Recorder's Court of all defenders against the by-law. Offenders are now liable to a fine of one hundred dollars, besides the costs, or in default of payment, to six months of imprisonment at hard labour,—or six months of imprisonment without the option of paying a fine,—or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. In virtue of the last named by-law, the Recorder has condemned and imprisoned three of those unfortunate offenders of the worst character. They were condemned upon evidence gathered by the agents of public morality, who must be complimented on their vigilance which is not sufficiently appreciated by the public.

In their humble sphere, these agents have a most difficult and unpleasant task to perform. Now that houses of prostitution have been driven out of the limits of the City,