

# ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF SIMPSON SHOWS GOOD WORK DONE BY THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Drunkenness and Juvenile Offenses Show An Increase During 1916— Little Serious Crime in the City—Police Force Too Small for Requirements— Handling of Rapidly Increasing Motor and Vehicular Traffic Becoming a Problem—Work of Police Matron and Bread Inspector Also Referred to.

Chief Constable D. W. Simpson of the city police force, has submitted an annual report to the Commissioner of Public Safety on the work of the police department for the year ending December 31st, together with some valuable statistical information for the same period. The report takes up many pages and is most complete in every detail.

The report shows the strength of the force as follows: One chief constable, two detectives, 36 police constables, one bread inspector and one matron, making a total of 46. Compared with the previous year the force remains at the same strength.

The report further shows that the estimated population of the city, according to the railway company's statistics is 60,000, with 21 square miles of streets. The effective working strength of the department is only 47 men, which gives the very low percentage of one man to each 1,276 of the population. No increase of men has been added to the department for many years and with the advance in the growth of the city, in commerce and population, during the last couple of years, the force is left numerically weak.

The last census of 1911 gives the population 42,511, and a police department of 44 effective. This shows one man to each 955 of population. At that time only some 14 automobiles were licensed for the city and county of St. John, as against some 2,000 today, and other vehicular traffic has been increased and requires more police attention. Three men are constantly on traffic duty at the present time and more men are required to be stationed at the most dangerous intersections.

Over three hundred aliens have been reporting to the chief twice each month, and he reports that they have been generally well behaved and in steady employment. In the early part of 1916 it was necessary to intern a number of them, which apparently had good effect upon the others. In a great many cases the police have had to co-operate with the naval and military authorities and the relations with all government authorities have been most harmonious.

The chief thanks the citizens for their friendly feelings during the past year and the influence of the public press, the influence of which is often felt to have good results.

**The Detectives.** The detectives have had a very busy year but have been handicapped on many occasions in not being provided with proper transportation at night when street cars and ferry stop. An auto is most desirable for rush calls.

**Police Recall to Colors.** Several ex-members of the force are serving in the military forces and the chief speaks of one, Fred Storm, who has been wounded. He wishes him a speedy recovery.

**Criminal Statistics.** The following is a list of offences for which persons were charged during the year 1916.

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April	121	25	41	24
May	157	56	58	43
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July	107	55	28	24
August	163	69	55	39
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**Violations of Liquor Law.** Dealer—selling more than two quarts to one person. License—keeping liquor for sale without license. Selling liquor without license. Beer selling—no license. Selling liquor on premises only licensed for beer. Supplying liquor to Indian. Selling and supplying liquor to drunken man. Selling liquor to minor. Selling liquor in prohibited hours. Selling to deaf mute. Selling beer on Sunday.

**Stolen Property.** Value of lost and stolen property recovered and approximate value of property not recovered: During the twelve months the value of property recovered amounted to \$10,113.60, while the value of the property not recovered amounted to \$3,423.45. While the work is done under the supervision of Chief Simpson, the results show the untiring activity of Detectives Thomas Barrett and George Briggs. The latter resigned from the force a couple of months ago, and his place is being filled by Detective William Duncan.

It might be here stated that the value of completed occurrences show a completed total of \$10,113.60, with an incomplete total of \$1,423.45. The work of the detective department is to be highly complimented on.

**Foreigners Charged With Offences.** A list of offences for which foreigners are charged for the year shows that there were 186 foreigners charged, 165 were convicted and 21 discharged.

**The Force.** The names and a descriptive roster of the force is given by the chief constable, David W. Simpson, late captain of detectives, Edmonton, Alberta. It shows the average height to be six feet and a half inch, and the average weight 195 pounds.

Six vacancies were reported at the end of the year, generally accounted for by the low wages paid.

**Matron's Report.** M. Christine Ross, the police matron, submits a lengthy report, showing the disposal of cases of all females during the year. The total number of females dealt with was 156, of these 96 were convicted, 59 were discharged, 5 were committed for trial, 28 were allowed out on suspended sentence, 30 went to the goal, 22 to the Home of the Good Shepherd, 2 to the Evangeline Home, 19 to the juvenile court, and 17 to the Children's Aid Society.

The work of the matron has been greatly increased during the past year on account of cases being cared for by the Children's Aid Society, as well as being stenographer and secretary to the chief. The matron has given indispensable services.

**Bread Inspector's Report.** Inspector John O'Neill reports that he makes frequent visits to the bake shops in the city and finds that the bread by-law is being well carried out. All places but one have been found clean and well kept and the one mentioned was on the inspector's recommendation closed. The inspector

Market by-law violations. Public Health—premises filthy condition. Hackney carriage violations. Park violations. Violations of Factory Act. Motor vehicle violations. No building permit. Carrying concealed weapons. Cruelty to animals. Carnal knowledge of girl under 14 years. Drunk. Disorderly conduct on ship. Disorderly conduct on street. Deserters from vessels. Deserters from the military. Defilement of girls under 16 years—allowing premises to be used. Disorderly house keepers. Disorderly house inmates. Escaping from lawful custody. Forgery. Obtaining credit and money on false pretences. Furious driving. Fighting. Gaming—keeper of house. Inmates of gaming house. Interfering with police. Indecency. In possession of immoral pictures. Violations of Liquor Law. Dealer—selling more than two quarts to one person. License—keeping liquor for sale without license. Selling liquor without license. Beer selling—no license. Selling liquor on premises only licensed for beer. Supplying liquor to Indian. Selling and supplying liquor to drunken man. Selling liquor to minor. Selling liquor in prohibited hours. Selling to deaf mute. Selling beer on Sunday.

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**Nationality.** Canada, 1,775; England, 111; Scotland, 54; Ireland, 66; Wales, 1; West Indies, 7; Switzerland, 1; Austria, 29; Belgium, 3; China, 19; Bulgaria, 2; Denmark, 1; Denmark, 12; France, 5; Germany, 7; Greece, 2; Japan, 3; Holland, 2; Italy, 16; Norway, 18; Roumania, 1; Russia, 30; Syria, 4; Sweden, 13; U. S. A., 37; Portugal, 1; Spain, 11; Finland, 9; Australia, 2; making a grand total of 2,291.

**Amount of Fines.** The following shows amount paid to the department in fines, etc. during the year, with the amount handed over to the city, and the amount of fines struck, but allowed to stand unpaid, and where no imprisonment imposed.

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disposed of as shown in above schedule. Transient Lodgers at Police Station. One hundred and five were given protection for the night, one hundred and three males and two females.

**Lights Out.** The number of lights out shows a loss to extent of 9,100 hours lighting to the city.

**Fires.** One hundred and twenty-nine were reported by the police during the year 1916.

**Theatres.** There are 11 theatres and 7 moving picture houses. One conviction against one of the moving picture houses and a case pending against the theatre, both for obstruction in aisles.

**Street Traffic By-Law.** Two hundred and eight were proceeded against for violations—ninety-one convictions were secured and one hundred and fifteen dismissed and two pending.

**Motor Vehicle Act.** One hundred and nine were reported, forty-seven convicted and sixty-two dismissed on promising to comply with regulations.

**Prisoners of War.** There are three hundred and seventy-three prisoners of war paroled and some three hundred still reporting to the chief twice monthly. Fifteen were captured and interned and three were allowed their freedom.

**Detective Department.** During the past year the detectives arrested 398 persons, the constables arrested 1,955, making a total of 2,353. Arrests for Other Cities. Fredericton, 1; Moncton, 1; Sussex, 3; Halifax, 2; Woodstock, 1; Campbellton, 1; Albert, Albert county, 1; county, 5; Winnipeg, 1; making a total of 16.



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There has been some comment that crime is increasing in St. John, but the chief points out that it is not so, and says that there is a distinction between crime and offences, and the only increase is shown in the juvenile

offences. Among the crimes committed, thefts appeared most frequently, 109 were arrested, being an average of eight over last year, of these 76 convictions are recorded, 38 were allowed to go on suspended sentence.

**Second-hand Dealers.** The second-hand dealers should make out and deliver reports of their transactions. This would be a great advantage to the police in the event of robberies or stolen property being purchased by second-hand dealers.

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**Juvenile Offenders.** Number of young offenders arrested and sent before juvenile court 109.

**Summary Cases Before Court.** Recapitulation of summary cases before the court and convictions made in the city of St. John from 1st January to December 31st, 1916, show that 2,830 cases were entered, there were 2,007 convictions, while 895 cases were dismissed or withdrawn and 27 are awaiting trial. A total of 2,007 convictions are recorded, 63 of which were allowed to go on suspended sen-

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Capital Paid-Up, \$6,500,000 Reserve Fund, \$12,000,000

PROFIT AND LOSS	
Balance Dec. 31st, 1915	\$396,114.99
Net profits for year, losses by bad debts estimated and provided for	1,252,038.95
	\$1,648,153.94
Dividends for year at 14%	\$910,000.00
War Tax on Circulation to December 30th, 1916	65,000.00
Contributions to Canadian Patriotic, British Red Cross, and Sailor's Relief Funds	38,500.00
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Reserve Fund	12,000,000.00
Balance of Profits, as per Profit and Loss Account	54,653.95
Notes declared and unpaid	228,399.59
	\$19,822,953.54
ASSETS	
Current Coin	\$2,187,031.00
Dominion Notes	10,323,947.25
Notes of other Banks	1,225,083.00
Cheques on other Banks	5,440,061.87
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom, and sterling Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom	3,556,659.59
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Deposits in the Central Gold Reserves	31,013,838.45
Dominion and Provincial Government securities not exceeding market value	2,000,000.00
Canadian municipal securities and British, Foreign and Colonial public securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	3,110,743.20
Railway and other bonds, debentures and stocks, not exceeding market value	10,559,067.35
Demand loans in Canada, secured by grain and other staple commodities	4,767,081.57
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Deposits with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the circulation fund	4,519,455.72
Loans to governments and municipalities	350,867.09
Other current loans and discounts in Canada (less reserve of interest)	103,543.41
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Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra	5,999,811.01
Overdue debts, estimated loss provided for	539,888.39
Bank Premises at net more than cost, less amount written off	103,089.44
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	3,637,305.66
Other assets not included in the foregoing	326,250.00
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