

the authority of this Act; and the convictions in such proceedings may be in the form of convictions for breach of city or town by-laws. 1896, c. 37, s. 223.

228. The Police Force in cities and towns shall consist of a chief of police and as many constables and other officers and assistants as the Council may from time to time think necessary, such number not being less than that which the Board of Commissioners of Police may report to be absolutely required, and all the members of such police force shall be appointed by and hold their office at the pleasure of the Board. 1896, c. 37, s. 224.

229. The Board shall from time to time make such regulations as they may deem expedient for the government of the force, and for preventing neglect or abuse, and for rendering the force efficient in the discharge of its duties. 1896, c. 37, s. 225.

230. The chief of police and all constables shall obey the lawful directions and be subject to the government of the Board, and shall be charged with the special duties of preventing infractions of the by-laws of the municipality, preserving the peace, preventing crime and apprehending offenders, and shall have, generally, all the powers and privileges, and be liable to all the duties and responsibilities which belong by law to constables. 1896, c. 37, s. 226.

231. The Board shall fix the remuneration of the police, and the Council shall, subject to an appeal to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, pay such remuneration and shall provide all such clothing, accoutrements and other necessities as may from time to time be deemed requisite for the accommodation and use of the force. 1897, c. 30, s. 23.

232. It is hereby declared to be the duty of all municipalities to maintain or provide for a sufficient permanent or special police force, and to bear the expense of policing the municipality and enforcing not only the municipal by-laws, but also the criminal law and the general laws of the Province, and of generally maintaining within the limits of the municipality law and order, and of administering justice therein, including the prosecution of offenders triable summarily, and also of offenders triable upon indictment up to committal for trial and delivery of the accused to the common gaol of the county. In order to carry out such duty, each city municipality shall provide a lock-up, and rural municipality shall either singly provide a lock-up, or two or more may unite to build and maintain a common lock-up and enter into all necessary agreements for sharing the cost of building and maintaining the same, or make arrangements for obtaining the use of a lock-up when required. A copy of any such agreement shall be filed with the Attorney-General. The Attorney-General, on behalf of the Province, may enter into an agreement with any municipality whereby any of above police duties of a municipality may be