

August, to intercept the schooner "Elmira," then on her way from Newfoundland to Quebec, with some whiskey on board, supposed with intent to smuggle. The steamer lay off the west end of Crane Island, about 40 miles below Quebec.

A gale set in at 4 p.m. from the east, which obliged the steersman in charge to run up to Grosse Isle for shelter, and returned to Quebec on 17th at 2 p.m. The "Elmira" arrived at Quebec about a week after.

One hundred and seven seamen were committed to gaol during the season of navigation, seven months of the fiscal year of 1868, and nearly all had to be again taken from gaol by the river police and put on board their ships when ready for sea.

The gaol is nearly 2 miles from the River Police Station. The police on that duty and the time occupied with prisoners at the Police Court, requires three or four men, and sometimes five or six are employed.

The Quebec City Police are furnished with a prison van for the purpose of conveying these prisoner from the Recorder's Court and the Police Court, to and from the gaol.

The quantity of coals for the seven months the police steamer has been employed was only thirty-two chaldrons.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

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*A report shewing the number of seamen, crimps, &c., arrested by the Quebec River Police with their offences and nationality, for fiscal year of 1868, that is, from 1st July 1868, to 30th June, 1869.*

Desertion . . . . .	93
Absence from their ships without leave . . . . .	96
Refusal of duty . . . . .	48
Assaults . . . . .	57
Neglecting to join their ships, having signed articles . . . . .	15
Thefts . . . . .	18
Drunk on the wharves and streets . . . . .	15
Crimps and runners loitering alongside ships enticing seamen to desert . . . . .	15
Assaulted their captains . . . . .	4
Assaulted the chief mates . . . . .	6
Assaults by captains on their men . . . . .	9
Assaults by chief mates on their men . . . . .	4
Seamen drunk on board their ships . . . . .	6
Being found on board without permission . . . . .	4
Detaining effects of a seaman . . . . .	1
Resisting police in the execution of their duty . . . . .	1
Absent from Her Majesty's ship "Constance" . . . . .	7
Absent from the French ship of war "D'Estrees" . . . . .	2
A deserter from Her Majesty's 48th Regiment stationed at Malta . . . . .	1
Total . . . . .	392

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