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ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF SLEMIN AS PRESENTED TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS GIVES RECORD FOR YEAR 1915

Table of Interesting Schedules Show Workings of the Force—Brantford Police Force Shown to Be Very Efficient and Capable and Doing Good Work in Keeping the Municipality Free From Crime.

The annual report of Chas. Slemin, chief constable for Brantford, was laid before the Board of Police Commissioners at its annual meeting yesterday. The report, in part, follows: To the Chairman and the Board of Police Commissioners, Brantford: Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit this, my tenth annual report upon the Police Department for the year 1915, together with Statistical information for the same period. Schedule "A" contains a list of all the offences with which persons were charged during the year and shows how the cases were disposed of. Schedule "B" shows the names and comparative ages of persons tried during the year.

Schedule "C" shows amount paid to the department in fines, costs, damages, witness fees, etc., during the year, with the amount handed over to the corporation or disbursed to witnesses and others.

Schedule "D" shows the amount of lost or stolen property recovered and approximate value of the property recovered.

Schedule "E" shows occurrences reported during the year, classified, and who disposition was made thereof.

Schedule "F" shows the offences with which foreigners were charged during the year, classified.

Schedule "G" shows the foreign population of the City of Brantford.

Schedule "H" shows the names and date of appointment of each member of the force.

Schedule "I" shows the Honor Roll of the Department since the war broke out.

Schedule "J" is a comparison between the actual expenditure of the Department in 1915, and the amount in cash of stolen property, etc., recovered.

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SECOND-HAND STORES AND JUNK SHOPS.

There are six second-hand stores, three junk shops and one pawnshop in the city, the license fees amounting to \$75. There were no convictions for breach of the by-law during 1915.

POOL ROOMS, ETC.

There are six pool rooms in the city. I have had no complaints against any of these places, which speaks well for the owners.

BOWLING ALLEYS.

There is one Bowling Alley in the city. I have had no complaints regarding same.

HOTELS AND LICENSED SHOPS.

There are nine licensed hotels in the city of Brantford. There have been no charges preferred against the above places in 1915.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

There were twelve cases of breach of the above act during 1915. Four convictions resulted, against twenty-one cases for 1914, of which thirteen convictions resulted, seven were dismissed and one withdrawn, which shows a marked decrease for 1915.

SUPPLYING PROHIBITED PERSON.

There were 11 cases of the above for 1915. Of these seven were convicted, three were dismissed and one withdrawn.

PROHIBITED PERSON DRUNK.

There were thirty-five cases of the above for 1915. Of these twenty-nine were convicted and six were dismissed.

PROHIBITED PERSON OBTAINING LIQUOR.

There were twelve cases of the above for 1915. Of these eleven were convicted and one was dismissed.

CIGARETTE BY-LAW.

There were no cases of selling cigarettes to minors for 1915. While I have had one or two complaints of minors being seen with cigarettes, we hope that the license holders will be particular to see that their sales are made to boys of tender years, which will assist the authorities in enforcing this by-law.

CARTERS BY-LAW.

During 1915 there were 35 Carters licensed, representing 16 tags and \$308 in fees; also five liveries, two of which are cartage and liveries.

DOORS FOUND OPEN.

There were 327 doors found open during 1915, an increase of 18 over the previous year. The lights found out in banks and stores were 72, an increase of four over 1914. Although several warnings have been given to owners of buildings, it seems that carelessness of this kind is on the increase rather than the decrease, thus leaving opportunities for thieves and burglars to enter their premises. Owing to existing conditions more precautions should be taken by owners of business places.

HOUSES OF ILL-FAME.

There were four cases of keeping disorderly houses in 1915. Two were convicted and two dismissed. We have no established bawdy houses in the city, such places being contrary to law, as set forth in Criminal Code, Section 223.

GAMBLING.

There was one case of keeping a gambling house during 1915, which was dismissed. Owing to the vigilance of the police, these places have been kept under control.

LORDS DAY ACT.

There were no breaches of the Lord's Day Act during 1915, as against 15 cases in 1914.

DOG BY-LAW.

There were four breaches of this by-law during 1915. One was allowed to go, and three were dismissed.

VAGRANCY.

There were sixty-nine vagrants arrested in 1915 against 84 for 1914, four of whom were committed to gaol and fifty-five allowed to go. The majority of the above were from outside places.

TRANSIENT LODGERS.

There were 326 transient lodgers, accommodated with a night's lodging, against 447 for 1914. Almost all of these were from outside Brantford.

FOREIGNERS.

The foreign population of Brantford in 1915 was 1751. Schedule "F" gives the classification of same; 275 of these are married and have families here. The number of cases in the Police Court against foreigners, as shown in Schedule "F", was 175 for 1915, against 430 for 1914. This goes to show that there is an improvement in the behavior of these people, who are observing much better the laws of the country, so far as this city is concerned. The want and need of these people is entirely dispelled.

SALVATION ARMY.

Adjutant Osbourn and his staff have been very energetic in their work in this city. During the winter they have rendered very valuable service to the poor and needy. At Christmas, forty baskets were sent out and New Year's one hundred children were given a dinner. They visited the various institutions of the city and Sunday schools, and have been very active in assisting in recruiting and overseas service from their ranks. They have also assisted this Department very materially in dealing with cases which were very difficult for us to handle. I wish them every success in their good work for the coming year.

HYDRO LIGHTS OUT.

The number of Hydro lights reported out by the police, was 278. There seems to be a slight increase in this respect for 1915. The number of lights reported broken by the police was 22. I wish them every success in their good work for the coming year.

FIRES.

During the year 1915 there were 73 fires, against 102 for 1914. The police patrol paged 27 times for fires, while in 1914 there were 31 calls. The fire department is to be congratulated on the manner in which they control the fires of the city. Had it not been for their efforts more serious damage might have occurred.

AN ACT TO REGULATE HALLS.

There was one case of allowing juveniles to enter the city hall during 1915. The case was dismissed. The police are to be congratulated on the manner in which they control the fires of the city. Had it not been for their efforts more serious damage might have occurred.

STREET TRAFFIC BY-LAW.

There were thirty-two cases for breach of this By-law during 1915, against ten cases and five convictions for 1914. There was one conviction, four allowed to go, twenty-one dismissed, and six withdrawn. I hope that the drivers of vehicles will be more careful, particularly in the congested parts of the city, where the traffic is heavy. I would suggest that drivers of heavy vehicles keep as close as possible to the curb, thus complying with the by-law.

MOTOR VEHICLES ACT.

There were twenty-six cases and seven convictions under this Act during 1915, against 38 for 1914. The majority of these were from outside the city, and were drivers of automobiles. There is still room for improvement in the drivers of motor vehicles.

TRUANT OFFICERS REPORT.

The following is Truant Officer Boylan's report for 1915. No. of pupils of all ages enrolled in the Public Schools 3819; No. of pupils of all ages enrolled in the Separate Schools 416.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

About six years ago, our then worthy secretary, the late S. M. Thomson, felt that owing to being called away from the city, that Brantford was not receiving the attention

Schools 416. Total number of pupils of all ages for the whole city, 1915.—4235. Total number of pupils of all ages for the whole city, 1914.—4187. Number of Absentees, Truants and Visits paid to each school:

Schools	Absentees	Truants	Visits Paid
Central School	227	0	10
Alexandra School	85	0	6
Victoria School	37	0	0
King Edward	98	0	0
Ryerson School	241	0	6
Dufferin School	153	0	8
King George School	99	0	0
St. Basil's School	33	0	0
St. Joseph's School	33	0	0
Total for 1915	1067	0	32
Total for 1914	898	0	26

Number of absentees homes visited 1067; number of parents and children warned about truancy, 40; number of notices served, 45; number of cases before the magistrate, 7; number of convictions, 0; number of cases reported by ratepayers, 8; number of children under age employed during school hours, 10; number of children under age working in factories, 0; number of children under age working in stores, 0; number of children under age employed during school hours, 10; number of children under age working in factories, 0; number of children under age working in stores, 0.

Truant Officer Boylan and the police department have had a large share of this work to do, and we were very pleased to be able to render what assistance we possibly could. Seventy-five per cent. of complaints about children and families come to this office, which requires immediate attention.

Though we have had numerous complaints of all kinds, I am pleased to say that we have been no children committed to the industrial schools.

W. C. Livingston, Esq., Police Magistrate, is most sympathetic in dealing with these cases, and it shows his good judgment in arranging matters satisfactory to all concerned, thus effecting a very great economic saving to the city of Brantford.

Under the new President, Mr. E. Sweet, to consider the advisability of having our secretary in Brantford the greater part, at least, of his time.

PATROL SERVICE.

Report of Patrol Driver for the year 1915: There were 338 prisoners arrested and brought to the station in 1915 by the patrol wagon, against 453 for 1914. The number of prisoners conveyed to the jail was 383, against 294 for 1914. There is a marked decrease in the arrests made in the city during 1915 as compared with previous years. There were 331 phone calls for the patrol wagon during 1915. Fire alarm calls responded to were thirty-two. Miles travelled, 657, against 706 for 1914. Five sick and injured persons were conveyed to the hospital on stretcher equipment for that purpose. Total number of persons carried for 1915 was 990, against 1,071 for 1914.

P. C. Rutherford and P. C. Barr are station duty men, looking after prisoners and taking reports from the public, and attending to the police court; they also drive the patrol wagon when calls come in both day and night alternately. These officers have been careful and reliable in the execution of their duties.

CHIEF CONSTABLES ASSOC. OF CANADA.

The above association affords every opportunity to exchange views and ideas relative to police departments, which has proved very valuable to the municipality to which it belongs. The improvements in police departments is very noticeable throughout the whole Dominion in connection with the attention given to cases affecting the police in the different cities and towns in the Dominion by the co-operation of each department in detecting and preventing crime and arresting criminals.

This being the case we are glad to notice that the Police Commissioners and police committee of the Dominion of Canada have appreciated our humble services by allowing the chiefs of police to attend the annual conventions, and we hope that there will be still more in attendance at these conventions in the future.

THE CANADIAN POLICE BULLETIN.

We are glad to know that the Canadian police Bulletin, which has done so much for the police departments of the Dominion, has been authorized to be continued at our last convention held in Toronto. The appointment of our worthy friend, Mr. Banks, as editor of the Toronto Globe, and also Chief Inspector McClelland, who was appointed Secretary-Treasurer, place of the late Deputy Chief, Wm. Stark, both painstaking officers, no doubt will render valuable assistance to the different police departments in the Dominion through its columns.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

There were seven Austrians and one Hungarian arrested as prisoners of war and interned during 1915. There were also 34 Austrians, 30 Hungarians and 2 Germans on parole during 1915, who report at my office once a month. Some of these have left the

city for employment in other cities, but were duly reported to the chiefs of police and to Col. Sherwood, C.M.G., etc., Ottawa. We have about 200 alien enemies of different nationalities who have not been paroled, as they have been quiet and peaceable, and attending to their different occupations. A close watch is being kept on all these as to their movements, etc.

PATROL BOXES.

Six patrol boxes have been installed for the use of the department in different parts of the city. These boxes have proven most valuable to the efficiency of the force, not only in keeping track of the movements of the men, but also in dispatching valuable information to outlying districts and rendering better service in the above localities. In order to meet the urgent demands I would recommend that two more boxes be added to the above this year.

REQUIREMENTS.

I would recommend to the Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the City Council that the general office be kalsomined, that the guard room be also kalsomined and painted, and that the cells be painted and whitewashed, thus leaving the same in a sanitary condition. We are very much hampered for room at present, and I would recommend that a reading-room or parade-room be provided for the members of the force.

SCHEDULE "B".

Showing the various nationalities of persons arrested and summoned during 1915:

Canada 998, England 203, Scotland 33, Ireland 45, Wales 1, United States 31, Colored 13, Indian 47, Hungary 20, Russia 56, Poland 10, Armenia 49, Turkey 5, Italy 18, China 4, Galicia 1, Germany 2, Roumania 1, Palestine 2, Newfoundland 1, New Zealand 2, total, 1,547.

Comparative Ages. Under 20 years of age, 152; between 20 and 30 years, 436; between 30 and 40 years, 394; between 40 and 50 years, 317; over 50 years of age, 248; total, 1,547.

COMPLAINTS FROM CITIZENS NOT VENTILATED IN THE POLICE COURT.

There were 543 minor reports from citizens during 1915, against 379 for 1914. The above have been investigated by the police and arranged satisfactorily to all concerned without ventilating the same in the Police Court.

TELEPHONE CALLS.

Telephone calls to the office from city and outside places duly attended to by the police for 1915, were 44,774, against 46,671 for 1914.

BRANT HUMANE SOCIETY.

There were thirteen cases of cruelty to animals, including the city and the county, disposed of in the police court. Eight were convicted, three dismissed, and two withdrawn. I desire to thank all the citizens who have taken an interest in this work, action at the Battle of Ypres.

HONOR ROLL OF THE BRANTFORD POLICE FORCE.

Constable John Blanchard, reservist, Feb. 29th, 1912. Reported for active service Aug. 17, 1914. Killed in action at the Battle of Ypres. Constable John Cobden, Reservist, Oct. 30, 1912. Reported for Active Service Aug. 17, 1914. Wounded in action at the Battle of Ypres. Constable Stephen Carr, Aug. 4, 1906. Enlisted for Active Service, Aug. 29, 1914. Constable Christopher Roberts. Enlisted for Active Service Aug. 10, 1915. Police Court Clerk John Buskard, March 9, 1915. Constable Thomas Tyrrell, Nov. 9, 1911. Enlisted for Active Service Jan. 27, 1916. Constable Harry Stanley, Apr. 30, 1912. Enlisted for Active Service Jan. 30, 1916.

YOUR CHANCE.

The West is Calling. Homeseekers excursions to Western Canada at low fares via Canadian Pacific, each Tuesday, March 7th to October 31st inclusive. Particulars from any Canadian Pacific Agent, or W. B. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

The Rev. Father J. J. Lyons, pastor of St. Raphael's Church of Medford, Mass., was crushed to death beneath his automobile.

Miss Ethel Croker, youngest daughter of Richard Croker, was secretly married to Thomas White, wealthy Cedarhurst, L.I., man, it was learned yesterday.

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