REPORT

OF

THE CHIEF CONSTABLE,

ON

Crime, &c.,

IN THE CITY OF TORONTO,

FOR 1850.

READ MAY 26, 1851.

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Statistical Statement of Crime in the City of Toronto,

FOR THE YEAR 1850.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Toronto,

In Common Council Assembled:

The Chief Constable would beg leave respectfully to present the following Statistical Statement of Crime in the City of Toronto, for the year 1850,—showing the number of Offenders apprehended by the City Police during that period; for what particular Offence they had been brought up; whether male or female; what punishment had been awarded to each; to what country they severally belonged; and also, how many different times each offender had been before the Magistrates during the same period; together with a table showing the increase and decrease of Crime. And further, exhibiting the probable value of the Property which came into possession of the Chief Constable, together with the probable value of what has been delivered to the respective owners during the same time, and also the probable value of what still remains in his possession:—

OFFENCES FOR WHICH THE VARIOUS PARTIES WERE APPREHENDED IN THE YEAR 1850.

Date. 1850. Months.	Forgery. Males.	Horse Stealing. Males.	Receiving Stolen Goods. Males.	Receiving Stolen Goods. Females.	Drunk and Disorderly. Males.	Drunk and Disorderly. Females.	Drunk and Fighting. Males.	Drunk in the Streets. Males.	Drunk in the Streets. Females.	Disorderly House. Males.	Disorderly House. Females.	Disorderly Characters. Males.	Disorderly Characters. Females.	Disorderly Characters. Boys.	Larceny. Males.	Larceny. Females.	Larceny. Boys.	Assaults. Males.	Assaults. Females.	Assaults. Boys.
January	1	1	...	1	3	..	2	6	7	...	1	...	5	1	7	6	...	10	2	3
February	1	1	...	...	2	..	...	11	4	1	...	6	6	1	1	3	1	9	1	...
March	...	...	...	...	2	..	...	19	4	...	...	7	19	1	6	4	...	15	6	2
April	1	...	...	1	2	1	...	18	10	...	4	4	16	1	2	2	...	24	6	4
May	...	1	...	...	3	..	2	33	5	...	...	5	25	4	15	7	...	25	3	4
June	5	...	...	...	2	2	...	27	2	4	7	16	21	13	6	5	...	18	4	1
July	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	23	2	6	7	12	30	2	2	4	5	25	11	...
August	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	33	7	...	3	7	23	6	5	4	...	10	5	1
September	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	38	6	1	...	12	30	...	2	3	...	28	3	1
October	...	...	...	...	5	1	4	25	3	2	7	2	16	...	6	8	...	20	6	1
November	...	...	...	...	2	..	...	42	8	1	...	10	12	2	3	5	3	17	2	...
December	1	...	...	2	2	2	3	22	6	...	...	3	21	1	5	1	3	19	1	1
Total	9	3	1	4	28	8	11	297	64	15	29	84	224	32	60	52	12	229	50	18
Increase	3	1	...	...	8	..	...	58	12	5	6	37	...	12	...	...	4	33	16	7
Decrease	...	...	1	2	...	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	18	7	...	...	...	...

Months.	Trespass. Males.	Trespass. Females.	Threatening. Males.	Threatening. Females.	Deserting Employ as Apprentices or Servants. Males.	Deserting Employ as Apprentices or Servants. Females.	Breaches of Market Laws. Males.	Breaches of Market Laws. Females.	Lunatics. Males.	Lunatics. Females.	Non-payment of Wages. Males.	Non-payment of Wages. Females.	Selling Spirits without license. Males.	Selling Spirits without license. Females.	Not removing Snow. Males.	Not removing Snow. Females.	Nuisance. Males.	Nuisance. Females.	Surrendered by bail. Males.	Surrendered by bail. Females.	Obtaining Goods on false pret. Males.	Obtaining Goods on false pret. Females.	Obstructing Streets. Males.	Obstructing Streets. Females.
January	9	1	5	4	2	...	1	...	1	..	6	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
February	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	2	...	...	1	12	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
March	3	...	5	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
April	3	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	..	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
May	5	1	7	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
June	14	...	13	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
July	7	...	7	12	2	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	3	...
August	5	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	3	..	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September	3	...	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
October	2	...	4	3	2	1	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	2	...
November	3	1	5	...	1	1	5	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
December	2	...	3	5	...	...	9	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	58	4	62	43	12	2	16	1	2	3	28	2	4	5	21	1	15	...	2	1	..	2	12	2
Increase	...	...	...	15	...	...	13	1	1	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
Decrease	9	6	16	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	7	4	2	...	2	...	3	...

Months.	Obstructing Constables. Males.	Non-payment of Taxes. Males.	Contempt of Court. Females.	Keeping dangerous Dogs. Males.	Perjury. Males.	Ill-treating Apprentices. Males.	Assault with intent. Males.	Breach of Cab-law. Males.	Rape. Males.	Furious Driving. Males.	Carting without license. Males.	Indecent exposure. Males.	Uttering Counterfeit Money. Males.	Burglary and Robbery. Males.	Deserters. Males.	Cruelty to animals. Males.	Deserting Child. Females.	Selling under weight. Males.	Overcharge for Carting. Males.	Keeping unlicensed bil'rd table. Males.	Distilling without license. Males.	Erecting Furnace—no license. Males.	Fraud. Males	Total. Males.	Total. Females.	Total. Total.
January	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	27	86
February	...	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	58	18	76
March	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	69	41	110
April	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	1	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	77	43	120
May	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	5	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	122	44	166
June	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	128	45	173
July	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	4	1	...	...	2	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	115	70	185
August	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	91	46	137
September	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	112	48	160
October	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	3	...	1	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	47	130
November	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	1	..	1	..	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	107	32	139
December	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	1	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	1	1	..	88	38	126
Total	2	2	1	8	2	2	2	24	3	3	7	2	5	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	1109	499	1608
Increase	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	18	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	2	..	1	1	69	29	102
Decrease	20	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			

NUMBER OF TIMES EACH OFFENDER HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP.

Once. Males.	Once. Females.	Twice. Males.	Twice. Females.	Thrice. Males.	Thrice. Females.	Four Times. Males.	Four Times. Females.	Five Times. Males.	Five Times. Females.	Six Times. Males.	Six Times. Females.	Seven Times. Males.	Seven Times. Females.	Eight Times. Males.	Eight Times. Females.	Nine Times. Males.	Nine Times. Females.	Ten Times. Males.	Ten Times. Females.	Total. Males.	Total. Females.	Total. Total.
877	252	139	101	44	59	21	35	16	22	5	15	2	8	1	4	2	2	1	1	1109	499	1608

PUNISHMENTS AWARDED TO THE SEVERAL OFFENDERS.

Date. 1850. Months.	Committed to Jail for 1 month, and over fifteen days. Males.	Committed to Jail for 1 month, and over fifteen days. Females.	Committed to Jail for 1 month, and over fifteen days. Boys.	Committed for fifteen days, and under. Males.	Committed for fifteen days, and under. Females.	Punished by fine or impris'nt. Males.	Punished by fine or impris'nt. Females.	Summarily punished by fine. Males.	Summarily punished by fine. Females.	Summarily punished by fine. Boys.	Committed for trial. Males.	Committed for trial. Females.	Committed for trial. Boys.	Committed for bail. Males.	Committed for bail. Females.	Bound to keep the Peace. Males.	Bound to keep the Peace. Females.	Complaints withdrawn. Males.	Complaints withdrawn. Females.	Complaints withdrawn. Boys.	Reprimanded and discharged. Males.	Reprimanded and discharged. Females.	Reprimanded and discharged. Boys.	Dismissed. Males.	Dismissed. Females.	Dismissed. Boys.	Bailed for trial. Males.	Bailed for trial. Females.	Lunatics sent to the Asylum, or discharged. Males.	Lunatics sent to the Asylum, or discharged. Females.	Total. Males.	Total. Females.
January	3	5	2	1	...	4	...	11	...	1	7	4	...	2	2	3	2	8	2	..	3	8	1	10	4	2	..	..	1	..	59	27
February	8	7	1	1	1	4	...	11	2	...	2	2	1	1	2	...	..	6	..	..	10	2	..	11	2	..	2	..	..	..	58	18
March	11	17	1	1	...	13	1	5	3	...	5	4	...	1	2	5	1	8	2	..	12	7	..	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	69	41
April	7	23	1	2	...	7	2	8	1	...	3	2	...	..	..	3	2	15	3	..	13	7	1	12	3	4	..	..	1	..	77	43
May	16	27	5	2	...	17	2	14	...	...	5	4	...	1	1	4	2	11	2	..	22	3	..	23	3	2	..	..	..	..	122	44
June	21	17	12	4	1	7	2	8	2	...	6	3	1	4	3	7	2	12	1	..	25	10	1	20	4	..	..	..	..	..	128	45
July	18	26	6	1	1	7	2	12	4	...	...	...	1	5	3	6	9	11	4	..	20	9	1	23	10	4	..	..	..	2	115	70
August	11	22	...	3	1	6	...	6	1	...	4	2	...	..	2	2	..	14	7	..	22	6	6	17	5	..	..	..	..	..	91	46
September	11	21	...	4	6	14	2	16	1	1	3	2	...	2	...	4	3	13	2	..	30	8	..	14	3	..	..	..	..	..	112	48
October	8	16	...	2	...	11	3	8	1	1	5	5	...	1	..	2	2	12	4	..	20	4	1	7	11	..	5	1	..	..	83	47
November	24	16	1	...	...	9	...	10	1	...	3	4	3	4	...	3	..	5	1	..	30	5	2	13	5	...	..	..	..	..	107	32
December	13	25	1	1	...	9	...	19	...	...	8	3	..	1	2	3	3	8	1	..	17	3	..	7	1	..	1	..	..	..	88	38
Total	151	222	30	22	10	108	14	128	16	3	51	35	6	22	17	42	26	123	29	..	224	72	13	164	55	12	8	1	2	2	1109	499

COUNTRIES TO WHICH THEY SEVERALLY BELONGED.

Months.	Ireland. Males.	Ireland. Females.	England. Males.	England. Females.	Scotland. Males.	Scotland. Females.	Canada West. Males.	Canada West. Females.	Canada East. Males.	Canada East. Females	United States. Males.	United States. Females.	Coloured. Males.	Coloured. Females.	Indians. Males.	New Brunswick. Males.	Germany. Males.	France. Males.	Wales. Males.	Nova Scotia. Males.	Jews. Males.	Total. Males.	Total. Females.	Total. Total.
January	30	20	11	5	3	.....	6	1	......	......	1	1	3	..	1	3	1	......	......	......	......	59	27	86
February	30	14	13	3	5	......	6	......	1	......	1	1	1	..	......	......	1	......	......	......	......	58	18	76
March	40	30	12	6	10	1	4	1	1	......	......	2	2	1	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	69	41	110
April	51	31	12	2	2	1	7	3	.....	2	......	1	3	3	......	......	......	......	1	1	......	77	43	120
May	80	35	14	2	17	2	7	3	......	......	1	1	2	1	1	......	......	......	......	......	......	122	44	166
June	74	36	15	2	15	4	10	3	4	......	2	......	4	..	......	......	1	1	1	1	......	128	45	173
July	77	56	11	3	10	4	10	4	.....	......	......	1	5	2	......	......	......	1	......	......	1	115	70	185
August	63	35	6	3	8	3	8	4	2	......	2	1	2	..	......	......	......	......	.....	......	......	91	46	137
September	76	37	17	4	8	3	7	3	3	......	......	1	1	..	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	112	48	100
October	45	40	12	4	10	1	8	1	2	1	......	...	4	..	......	......	1	......	......	......	1	83	47	130
November	58	19	13	4	10	1	13	7	1	......	1	1	10	..	......	......	1	......	......	......	......	107	32	139
December	42	29	17	4	14	......	6	3	1	2	......	......	2	..	......	1	5	......	......	......	......	88	38	126
Total	666	382	153	42	112	20	92	33	15	5	8	10	39	7	2	4	10	2	2	2	2	1109	499	1608

	£	s.	d.
Probable value of Property which came into possession of the Chief Constable, during the year 1850	£578	16	8
Probable value of Property delivered to the respective owners, for the same period	571	7	3½
Probable value of what still remains in his hands, during the same time	7	9	4½

In addition to the foregoing, the Chief Constable would beg leave respectfully to state, that there have been *thirty-six* Coroner's Inquests held within the city limits during the past year, exhibiting a *decrease* of *eight*, as compared with the return for the previous year, and a still further *decrease* of *seventeen*, when compared with the return for the year 1848.

All which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. ALLEN,

Chief Constable, City of Toronto.

Chief Constable's Office,
Toronto, February 1, 1851.