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PENAL PROSECUTIONS.

1.—Of persons arrested on view of the commission of offences by Constables of the City of Montreal, and tried by Information or Complaint, the said offences consisting primarily of drunkenness, and secondarily of infraction of the public peace or public order, brought under Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada, chapter 102, and of 23 Victoria, chapter 72, during the year 1864.....6,602
 Of whom were convicted.....5,566
 Were committed.....2,865
 Were discharged..... 989

THE WHOLE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER :

	CONVICTED.	COMMITTED.	DISCHARGED
January	308	163	40
February.....	420	225	73
March.....	384	183	78
April.....	488	261	73
May.....	515	269	87
June	494	260	81
July	466	200	83
August	556	270	113
September.....	505	265	100
October	515	254	112
November	490	265	104
December	425	250	45
Total	5566	2865	989

Number of persons not proceeded against after complaint.....	47
2.—Of persons tried by Summons or Informa- tion, or arrested by Warrant, for Infrac- tion of City By-Laws or Statutes, and for divers special offences.....	2,050

BEING FOR THE MOST PART FOR THE FOLLOWING
OFFENCES, TO WIT :

Aggravated Assault and Battery.....	5
Common Assault and Battery.....	412
Assaults on or Resisting Police.....	122
Taverns and Dram-shops open on the Lord's Day, or after hours.....	153
Selling or purchasing Liquor on Lord's Day....	51
Selling Liquor without License.....	16
Drinking Liquor on Lord's Day in Taverns....	5
Gambling in Taverns.....	8
Carters, Traders and others driving vehicles without license or numbers.....	242
Carters concealing numbers.....	1
Carters refusing to exhibit numbers.....	1
Carters refusing employment.....	1
Carters absent from their vehicles, loitering about, or being off the stands unemployed.....	180
Carters and others driving faster than a moder- ate trot, or carelessly or recklessly.....	142
Persons driving round a corner faster than a walk	1
Persons ill-using horses, cattle, &c.....	18
Carters using false numbers.....	20
Carters exacting more than their tariff.....	4
Persons refusing to pay carters their fares.....	22
Persons using trains.....	8

Driving without bells	24
Persons guilty of disorderly conduct on markets	27
Persons selling or exposing for sale fresh provisions, vegetables, &c., off public markets	15
Hucksters exposing for sale tainted poultry ...	2
Hucksters buying provisions before the hour on public markets.....	4
Butchers exposing cut beef off stalls.....	1
Persons selling or purchasing cattle off markets.	4
Persons encumbering streets	66
Sliding on streets	2
Excavating streets	6
Throwing snow on streets	4
Neglecting to construct drains to premises	37
Neglecting to fence vacant lots	6
Persons neglecting to cut down snow and ice on sidewalks	50
Injuring sidewalks.....	1
Committing nuisances or permitting such.....	272
Using hand-hose without permission.....	5
Persons allowing cattle to go at large.....	2
Persons bathing opposite city limits.....	1
Persons keeping Wood-yards without having the same inspected by Fire Inspector.....	1
Wood-dealers illegally measuring firewood.....	1
Constructing wooden buildings	2
Erecting buildings without taking limits.....	4
Neglecting to have or to repair spouts.....	3
Having no ladders to premises.....	1
Discharging firearms in city limits	6
Placing straw uncovered in a yard.....	1
Setting fire to straw, &c.....	3
Destroying flowers in gardens.....	2

Furnishing or obtaining water from Montreal Water Works without permission.....	2
Wasting water of Montreal Water Works.....	6
Illegally placing signs.....	5
Having awnings too low.....	1
Suspending goods more than 30 inches towards street.....	1
Persons keeping houses of ill-fame.....	4
Persons being inmates of same.....	12
Frequenters of same.....	5
Apprentices deserting, &c.....	14
Insane persons committed.....	2
Of whom were convicted.....	1406
Were committed.....	209
Were discharged.....	411
Complaints settled, discontinued or not proceeded with.....	233

THE WHOLE DISPOSED OF IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER :

	CONVICTED.	COMMITTED.	DISCHARGED.
January	119	17	49
February.....	136	21	37
March.....	77	14	32
April	88	9	13
May	128	6	21
June	100	20	20
July	159	23	43
August	179	34	45
September.....	112	12	40
October	123	23	40
November	90	15	44
December	95	15	27
Total	<u>1406</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>411</u>

Total of Prosecutions under 1st and 2nd heads	8,652
“ of Convictions.....	6,972
“ of Committals.....	3,074
“ of Discharges.....	1,400

CIVIL PROSECUTIONS.

Number of Prosecutions against persons for non-payment of assessments, duties, taxes, or water rates.....	3,646
Number of persons proceeded against by execution.....	2,225
Total of Prosecutions, civil and penal.....	12,298
Number of persons summoned under Section 54 of 27 and 28 Victoria, chapter 60, for wages of servants.....	15
Total of Prosecutions, civil and penal, during 1855 (first Report compiled).....	7,026
Amount of fines and costs received on convictions for offences.....	£2,604 17 11½
Amount of Costs received by City Treasurer on Judgments for Assessments,&c	81 9 4
Costs received by Clerk of Water Works Department on actions for Water Rates ..	179 9 6

Total income of Recorder's Court... £2,865 16 9½
 Exclusive of fines remitted, and of the large proportion of costs on assessments, &c., likewise remitted.

(Certified,)

H. J. IBBOTSON,
 Clerk of Recorder's Court.

RECORDER'S COURT—CRIMINAL SIDE.

RETURN OF RECEIPTS for the years 1856,-'7,-'8,-'9,-60, part of 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1864:

MONTH.	Hon. JOSEPH BOURRET, <i>Recorder.</i>			J. P. SEXTON, Esq., <i>Recorder.</i>					
	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
				The Hon. Mr. Bourrett died in the early part of this year, and after some lapse of time the Court was re-opened by his successor on the 11th April.					
JANUARY	£ 33 18 9	£ 39 16 7	£ 26 15 0	£ 40 16 7	£ 90 4 1	£ 98 0 6½	£ 75 0 1	£ 131 3 6½	£ 176 14 0
FEBRUARY	36 11 4	24 0 3	26 2 9	91 3 9	84 10 0	98 10 1	87 9 2½	92 6 10½	170 19 5½
MARCH	67 5 0	44 4 3	39 19 8	120 11 10	75 5 10	79 1 4	93 15 6	161 11 5½	150 3 9
APRIL	36 11 11	37 12 0	46 9 0	165 3 8	79 1 1	120 13 0½	60 16 11	164 5 7½	188 9 9½
MAY	91 4 0	32 18 3	37 17 5	137 15 6½	140 16 0	159 6 2½	85 5 0½	170 11 3	132 6 1
JUNE	59 19 10	66 8 11	81 13 2	158 8 5	150 9 2	137 13 2½	178 16 10	153 18 6	202 13 3
JULY	86 0 4	80 4 5	69 4 8	160 7 1	165 3 8	158 8 5	144 5 8	255 19 6	325 11 7½
AUGUST	126 13 11½	142 18 4½	92 9 2	146 6 7	190 0 1	187 11 5	163 16 11½	256 12 9	208 19 1
SEPTEMBER	76 13 7	62 17 5	73 9 0	156 2 5	146 6 7	150 15 10½	155 17 9½	168 10 8	243 12 7
OCTOBER	76 6 0	40 4 10	33 9 6	96 16 4	161 4 6	155 16 2½	185 3 2	236 10 4	186 10 4
NOVEMBER	47 19 11	40 6 2	36 0 6	106 7 7½	173 2 2½	159 14 8	142 8 3	211 9 6½	205 4 9
DECEMBER	58 6 7	23 8 6	104 6 10	79 2 1	126 2 4	116 13 1½	126 12 6½	141 6 7	174 3 3
Supplementary Return of Gaoler	41 2 6	49 17 0	48 10 3	129 13 1½	204 3 11	166 4 9	216 2 11	240 5 0	59 10 0
TOTAL	£841 13 8½	£684 16 11½	£716 7 0	£1,136 8 8	£1,772 17 2	£1,788 8 10½	£1,715 10 10½	£2,384 1 7½	£2,604 17 11½

(Certified.)

January, 1865.

H. J. IBBOTSON,

Clerk of Recorder's Court.