

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF OF POLICE
OF THE
CITY OF TAUNTON, MASS.
FOR 1903.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF'S OFFICE.

TAUNTON, MASS., December, 1903.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen :

I have the honor to submit, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance governing the Police Department, the following report of the work of said Department for the year ending November 30th, 1903:—

ROSTER OF THE DEPARTMENT, DECEMBER 1, 1902.

CHIEF OF POLICE,

CHARLES E. DUNBAR.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE,

JAMES CASH.

CAPTAIN OF POLICE,

SAMUEL B. WESTCOAT.

LIEUTENANTS,

HUGH H. McCORMICK,

WILLIAM B. WEBSTER,

JOSEPH EVANS.

PATROLMEN,

Bolton, Clarence E.	Hall, John F.
Briggs, Edgar H.	Hanrahan, Martin J.
Buckley, John.	Keefe, James,
Bunker, Washington F.	Lahar, George D.
Bagge, John J.	Macomber, Henry H.
Caswell, George E.	Macdonald, Augustus J.
Caffrey, Richard.	O'Keefe, John S.
Galligan, Henry P.	Powers, Walter,
Galligan, Peter,	Perra, Richard A.
Galligan, Louis E.	Rankin, Daniel,
Gibbons, Charles A.	Scanlon, Lawrence,
Gaffney, William H.	Toomey, George,
Grady, Joseph F.	Young, Thomas E.

JANITORS,

John Frawley,	James J. Reilly.
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SPECIAL POLICE,

Gilechrist, James F.	Reilly, Thomas F.
McGinn, Richard,	Gammons, Louis W.
Dinneen, Brian J.	Westgate, John E.

WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

WHOLE NUMBER OF ARRESTS.

Male, 1,659 ; Female, 67. Total, 1,726. Residents, 1,057. Non-Residents 669. Number Arraigned for Drunkenness, 1,030. Not Arraigned, 409. Classified as follows :

OFFENCES AGAINST PERSON.

	Number of Arrests.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Assault on officer ...	5		5
Assault and battery	70	1	71

Assault with intent to kill.....	1		1
Manslaughter	1		1
Threats	3		3
Total.....	80	1	81

OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.

	Number of Arrests.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Breaking and entering.....	6		6
Breaking and entering and larceny..	18		18
Evading fare.....	1		1
Fraud, obtaining money false pretense	1		1
Larceny	37	2	39
Larceny, attempt at.....	1		1
Malicious mischief	2	1	3
Trespass (criminal)	2		2
Unlawful taking.....	4		4
Total.....	72	3	75

OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER.

	Number of Arrests.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Adultery.....	2	2	4
Bastardy.....	8		8
City ordinance (violating).....	3		3
Contempt of Court.....	6		6
Cruelty to animals	3		3
Disorderly house, keeping.	2		2
Disturbing the peace.....	13		13
Drunkenness	1384	55	1439
Desertion from U. S. Navy.....	1		1
Escape from prison.....	1		1
Gambling ..	1		1
Forgery	2		2
Fornication.....	1		1

Habitual absentee from school.....	1		1
Idle and disorderly.....	6	3	9
Junking, unlicensed.....	3		3
Insanity.....	9	1	10
Indecent exposure.....	1		1
Lewdness.....	1		1
Non-support.....	14		14
Neglect to secure dangerous dog.....	1		1
Liquor laws, violating.....	1		1
Overdriving horse.....	1		1
Peddling, unlicensed.....	2		2
Refusing to aid Assessor.....	1		1
Resorting to gaming house.....	6		6
Stubbornness.....	4	1	5
Setting fire.....	2		2
Vagrants.....	15		15
Violating (bicycle law).....	4	1	5
Violating terms of probation.....	5		5
Violating butter law.....	2		2
Violating plumbing law.....	1		1
Total.....	1507	63	1570

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Accidents reported.....	57
Ambulance called.....	77
Buildings found open.....	238
Cases investigated.....	1472
Disturbances suppressed.....	10
Defective sidewalks reported.....	46
Defective streets reported.....	26
Defective street lights reported.....	127
Defective water pipes reported.....	18
Fire alarms pulled by police.....	9
Fires extinguished without alarm.....	5
Insane persons committed.....	37

Inebriates committed.....	1
Lost children restored.....	93
Liquor seizures made.....	1
Liquor, search warrants for.....	1
Liquor, notice of seizure served and posted.....	2
Number of lodgers.....	1646
Nuisances reported.....	3
Runaway boys found and returned.....	3
Street obstructions removed.....	10
Stray teams put up.....	27
Search warrants for property.....	3
Search warrants for gaming implements.....	2
Seizure of gaming implements.....	1
Seizure, notice of, served and posted.....	2
Suicides.....	2
Water running to waste.....	2
Value of property reported stolen.....	\$4,125.73
Value of property recovered.....	1,953.53
Value of property reported lost.....	7,121.84
Value of lost property found.....	6,580.45
Money collected and paid to Treasurer for licenses.....	\$ 92.50
Keeping prisoners.....	25.50
Use of telephone.....	13.42
Use of ambulance.....	103.50
All other sources.....	5.50
Total.....	\$240.42

FINANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.....	\$36,000.00
From all other sources.....	2,271.75
	<u>\$38,271.75</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries and maintenance.....	\$38,148.74
Unexpended balance.....	<u>\$123.01</u>

CAUSE OF INCREASE IN ARRESTS.

The large increase in the number of arrests for the year 1902 and 1903 for drunkenness can be accounted for in part: No license in the surrounding towns, and the efficiency of this Department in the maintenance of good order on our streets and public places.

ORGANIZATION.

The Police Force of the City, regularly employed, consists of a Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, three Lieutenants, and twenty-six Patrolmen; three Specials doing regular patrol duty, and two Janitors.

NEW APPOINTEES.

On July 15th, the following named Special Officers were appointed regular police officers of the City of Taunton: John J. Bagge, Charles A. Gibbons, William H. Gaffney, Louis E. Galligan, Joseph F. Grady, George D. Lahar, John S. O'Keefe, Richard A. Perra, Thomas S. Young, Henry H. Macomber.

DEPARTMENT.

We can feel assured that the individual members are striving to uphold the dignity of this Department in every way. We sincerely hope the citizens will

endeavor to appreciate the efforts of these men. They are a highly intelligent body, imbued with the best of motives; and the proof of their efficiency is apparent in the reputation this city has for good order.

MATRON.

The Matron appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, in July, has been of little service to this Department, as the City Government neglected to make any provision for her compensation. Thereupon it is necessary that her recompense be made, and any instruction your Honorable Body may suggest will be welcome in the Department.

RECOMMENDATION.

In my last annual report I recommended a more commodious and modern structure for Police Headquarters, and Police Signal System, in order to facilitate the transaction of the increasing business of this Department. I earnestly repeat my recommendation of last year, and hope that your Honor and the Honorable incoming City Council may see your way clear to give the Police Department a fair chance to do this work in better order, and demonstrate to the citizens of Taunton, and to citizens of other cities and towns, that we are not twenty years behind the times in the matter of police facilities. The public

demand prompt service, and are entitled to the best; yet we are not allowed the system that fully protects us and the people. This Department must have the Police Signal service to make it what it should be, and is entitled to your early consideration.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

I thank the Representatives of the Press for their courtesy, consideration, and fairness of publication of Police matters. The Judge, Clerk, and Probation Officer have each kindly assisted me in matters pertaining to the Courts.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. DUNBAR,

Chief of Police.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

SHOWING ARRESTS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

YEARS.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.
Arrests.....	1,004	1,261	1,308	1,610	1,269	1,321	1,070	1,289	1,525	1,903

TABLE

SHOWING ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

YEARS.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.
Arrests.....	703	974	1,005	1,284	941	988	752	939	1,240	1,439

TABLE

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF LODGERS BY MONTHS FOR PAST TEN YEARS.

YEARS.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.
December.....	324	337	344	354	188	172	174	221	182	189
January.....	334	425	500	491	139	211	166	292	180	160
February.....	354	436	431	432	138	178	191	295	211	218
March.....	455	505	567	653	201	206	271	306	197	170
April.....	313	377	401	502	183	144	156	191	118	120
May.....	320	218	164	372	149	127	94	116	117	101
June.....	398	161	143	457	105	49	76	89	69	104
July.....	80	109	63	64	55	41	30	38	35	37
August.....	161	122	102	54	52	52	46	56	50	77
September.....	254	162	279	117	115	194	80	72	72	113
October.....	412	310	436	159	138	137	135	119	119	143
November.....	397	347	396	144	203	164	182	132	132	214
	3,802	3,508	3,826	3,799	1,716	1,675	1,601	1,927	1,480	1,646