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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOLEDO POLICE BOARD.

To the Honorable, the City Council of the City of Toledo :

In compliance with Section 11, of an Act passed May 5, 1868, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Organization, Regulation and more efficient Government of the Police in Cities of the First Class, which have been advanced to that Grade between Decennial Periods," the Police Board of the City of Toledo respectfully submit the following report for the year commencing May 16, 1868, and ending February 28, 1869 :

ORGANIZATION

The Toledo Police Board was organized on the 16th day of May, 1868, and is composed of the following members :

Hon. C. A. KING, Mayor, <i>ex officio</i> member and President of the Board.		
W. H. SMITH,	1st District,	} Members of Police Board.
JOHN P. FREEMAN,	2d "	
J. J. BARKER,	3d "	
GEORGE MEISSNER,	4th "	
PATRICK MURRAY,	5th "	
HORACE B. OLDS,	6th "	
B. H. HITCHCOCK,	7th "	
EDWARD MALONE	8th "	
J. T. GREER, Secretary.		

OFFICE OF BOARD.

The public office of the Board is over the Police Station, on Monroe street, between St. Clair and Superior streets.

The Board holds its regular meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The most reliable mode of determining the vigilance, efficiency and true value of Police governments is by the actual absence or prevalence of crime within the limits and jurisdiction of such Police government, and an examination and comparison of the Police reports of other cities will show that for the last ten months the amount of crime committed in the city of Toledo has not been great. Integrity, vigilance and earnestness on the part of policemen in the discharge of their duties, are powerful preventives of crime, and the only successful means by which offenders are brought to justice. It is but justice to say that the Police force of Toledo has been uniformly faithful and vigilant, and very successful in bringing offenders to justice, as it is a fact worthy of special mention that scarcely a crime has been committed wherein the offender has escaped detection, arrest and punishment.

POLICE FORCE.

The Police force consists at present of one Captain, two Sergeants, two Detectives, one Turnkey and nineteen Patrolemen, being composed of the following named persons, to-wit: Captain, W. P. Scott; Sergeants, Patrick Horan and Henry Stricker; Detectives, Elijah S. Hanks and Gideon W. Weed; Turnkey, George W. Kirk; Patrolmen, L. B. Van Hoosen, Jno. A. Jackson, John D. Nicely, E. U. Wilkison, Robert W. Boone, Richard U. Mayne, Michael Nary, Michael Nally, James C. Leahy, James Gafney, Edward Barrett, Edward McCarty, Jacob Rudolph, John T. Mason, Daniel Richards, Constantine Boshart, J. Jacob Nohl, Gustavus Duden and Joseph A. Parker.

Station House Janitor, Henry Wilson.

On the 16th day of September, 1868, a special police force, consisting of fifty patrolmen, were appointed to serve during the week of the State Fair which was held in Toledo.

There was also a special force of sixteen patrolmen appointed to serve on the day of the last Presidential election.

RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSALS.

The resignation of two patrolmen have been accepted, and one patrolman has been dismissed, since the organization of the Toledo Police, under the act passed May 5th 1868.

PRECINCT AND STATION-HOUSE.

There is but one precinct, and one station-house, situated on Monroe street, between St. Clair and Superior streets, where the members of the force assemble to receive directions and instructions. From this point they proceed to their several posts of duty and here they report as soon as relieved from duty. The Lock-up, where prisoners are detained, is in the rear of the Police Station-office. Of the Station-house it may here be said that it is poor and inconvenient in all respects, and wholly inadequate and unfit for the purposes for which it is used.

ROUTINE OF PATROL DUTY.

Each day patrolmen are on active duty from 7 o'clock A. M., until 9½ o'clock P. M. The night patrol are on duty from 7 o'clock in the evening until 5 o'clock in the morning; and nearly all night patrol are about the station-house, afterwards ready for the performance of duty when a necessity presents itself for their services.

DISCIPLINE.

A strict discipline of the force has been maintained. The health of the force has been uniformly good, and the time lost by sickness would not exceed thirty days, and this was the result of exposure while in the discharge of police duty.

CRIME AND ARRESTS.

The number of arrests for all grades of offences within the city and its vicinity between the 16th of May, 1868, and March 1st, 1869, were 1,582, of which 1,411 were males, and 171 females; 1,533 were white, and 29 colored.

RECAPITULATION.

Drunkenness, 551; Disturbing peace, 229; Assault and battery, 253; vagrancy, 68; Abusing family, 5; Insulting females, 8; Carrying concealed weapons, 8; Assault, 4; Fast driving, 5; Driving on draw-bridge, 1; Driving over sidewalk, 3; Reckless driving, 1; Keeping house of ill-fame, 24; Visiting house of ill-fame, 45; Residing in house of ill-fame, 23; Prostitution, 9; Adultery, 1; Harboring prostitutes, 1; Renting house for prostitution, 2; Females dressing in male attire, 4; Male dressing in female attire, 1; Rape, 4; Attempt to commit rape, 2; Peace warrant, 5; Search warrant, 4; Obtaining money by false pretences, 1; Obtaining property by false pretences, 7; Buying stolen property, 1; Receiving

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stolen property, 8; Receiving stolen money, 1; Unlawful bathing, 2; Personating Police officer, 1; Resisting officers, 2; Peddling without license, 3; Violating fire ordinance, 3; Grand larceny, 39; Petit larceny, 110; Selling liquor, 13; Burglary, 20; Attempt to influence witness, 1; Attachment for contempt, as witness, 1; Embezzlement, 4; Fighting at fisticuffs, 4; Obstructing street, 2; Reputed burglar, 1; Reputed thief, 1; Leaving horse untied, 1; Hitching horse to lamp-post, 1; Cruelty to animals, 2; Butchering in city limits, 1; Violating game law, 6; Overcharge hack hire, 21; Aiding prisoners to escape, 1; Giving liquor to prisoners, 5; Keeping gambling house, 1; Gambling, 10; Indecent exposure, 1; Nuisance, 7; Noise and outcry, 1; Malicious trespass, 1; Destroying property, 7; Fugitives from justice, 4; Pickpockets, 10; Assault with intent to wound, 1; Assault with intent to rob, 2; Assault with intent to kill, 2; Robbery, 4; Forgery, 3; Perjury, 1; Driving over bridge faster than a walk, 1; Stealing fruit, 1; Mock auction, 1; Illegal voting, 7; Indecent language, 1; Passing vessel through bridge without tug, 1; Cutting fire telegraph wire, 1; Placing obstructions on railroad track, 3; Selling unwholesome meat, 2; Depositing filth in street, 1; Selling uninspected oil, 3; Provoking breach of peace, 11. Total, 1,582.

HOW DISPOSED OF.

Of the above arrested persons, 234 were discharged; 118 banished from the city; 59 bound over to Court of Common Pleas; 2 sent to reform school, and 7,220 days labor performed on the chain gang by parties unable to pay their fines.

FINES ASSESSED AND COLLECTED.

Total amount of fines and costs assessed in city cases, \$12,521 45. Total amount collected, \$8,047 55—this amount being paid into the General Fund of the City.

NATIVITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

Americans, 610; Ireland, 605; Germany, 283; France, 38; England, 6; Scotland, 9; Indians, 2; colored, 29.

AGES OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

Between 15 and 25 years of age, 630; between 25 and 35 years of age, 511; between 35 and 45 years of age, 293; over 45 years of age, 98; under 15 years of age, 50.

LODGERS.

One thousand five hundred and six persons have been provided with temporary lodgings from May 16th, 1868, until March 1st, 1869, and three hundred and ninety-seven meals have been furnished to the poor, at a total expense to the City of only \$79.50, and \$3 75 for transportation and medicines furnished to the poor, making a total expense to the City of only \$83 25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Stray horses returned to owners, 22; stray horses attached to vehicles and returned to owners, 9; doors of stores found open, 4; doors of bank found open, 1; lost children found and returned to their parents, 13.

POUND REPORT.

Commencing June 15th, 1868, and ending March 1st, 1869.

Number of hogs received in pound.....	31
“ “ geese “ “ “	192
Paid boys for driving hogs and geese	\$ 36 52
Received from owners	28 05
Cost to the City.....	\$ 8 47

STOLEN PROPERTY.

From May 16th, 1868, to March 1st, 1869.

Reported stolen	\$ 3,235 50
Recovered and returned to owners.....	2,030 50

FINANCE.

The balance passed to the credit of the Police Board from taxes collected on duplicate of June, 1858, after paying outstanding orders issued by the Board of Metropolitan Police, was

.....	\$ 6,353 65
Amount collected on Tax duplicate of December, 1868.....	13,431 15
Total amount of receipts.....	\$ 19,784 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

The total amount of expenditures, including pay of the force for the entire month of May, 1868, and being from the 1st of May, 1868, until the 1st of March, 1869, for all purposes, was.....

.....	\$ 17,279 50
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RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of receipts.....	\$ 19,784 75
“ “ “ expenditures	17,279 50
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 2,505 40

The last named amount is the actual balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the Police Board, after paying all expenses incurred prior to March 1st, 1869.

LIFE AND REALTY FUND.

This fund has accumulated to the amount of \$294 88. This fund is deposited in the "Bank for the People," where it draws interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. This fund arises from extra services performed by policemen, and by a per centage that is deducted from rewards that police officers may obtain; and it also may be proper to state that this fund is accumulated and kept for the purpose of affording relief to disabled policemen, who may become disabled while in the actual discharge of police duty, and to be paid at the discretion of the Police Board.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES A. KING,
President of Police Board.

J. T. GREER, Secretary.

NOTE.—The Police Board herewith enclose the rules and regulations adopted by Police Board for the government of Police in detail.