

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE SHOWS FALL OFF IN CRIME

The annual report of Chief Constable Vincent, which was presented to the Police Commission yesterday, shows a falling off in crime in the city. He reports also that one member of the police force has enlisted for service overseas. The report is as follows:

Gentlemen:

I have the honour to submit my fifth annual report upon the Police Department for the year 1915, together with the statistical information for the same period.

List of Offences

Assault	40
Assault causing bodily harm ..	8
Attempt to break goal	1
Attempt to steal	2
Affray	5
Attempt to committ highway robbery	1
Attempt to break and enter	1
Attempt to committ robbery from person	2
Attempt to wound	1
Arson	1
Attempt to commit burglary	2
Attempt to procure abortion	1
Burglary	35
Bicycle bylaw	3
Bigamy	1
Barber's bylaw	1
Cruelty to animals	1
Carrying concealed weapons	4
Disorderly	273
Drunk and incapable	1
Dog bylaw	17
Extortion	1
Early closing bylaw	3
Escape from goal	1
Embezzlement	2
Forgery	1
Giving false receipt	2
Having stolen property	7
Habitual frequenter	9
Housebreaking	1
Intent to defraud	1
Intimidation	5
Inmate of bawdy house	5
Indecent assault	1
Issuing incorrect invoice	2
Keeping bawdy house	7
Liquor License Act	26
Living on avails of prostitution ..	1
Lord's Day Act	3
Motor Vehicles Act	20
Morals Bylaw	3
Making threats	1
Non support	2
Neglected children	1
Obtaining money under false pretenses	15
Obstructing justice	2
Obtaining meal by fraud	1
Obstructing police	10
Obtaining goods by false pretenses	1
Obtaining board by fraud	2
Opium in possession	1
Peddler's Bylaw	3
Procuring	2
Perjury	3
Pound Bylaw	10
Public Health Act	1
Padding account	1
Railway Act	5
Robbery with violence	6
Robbery from person	2
Receiving stolen property	1
Rape	1
Streetwalker	7
Seduction	3
Streets Bylaw	38
Smuggling	1
Secret Commission	2
Theft	69
Theft from person	11
Traucancy	3
Theft by trustee	1
Trespass	8
Tobacco to minors	1
Vagrant	69
Uttering forgery	1
Wages claims	5
Wife desertion	2
Willful damage	4
Wounding	1
Total cases	809

These cases were disposed of by the police magistrate as follows:

Suspended sentence	162
Remanded until called	19
Discharged	111
Committed to Central Prison	18
Fined, with option of going to goal	207
Committed to Mercer Reformatory	8
Handed to military authorities	15
Dismissed	99
Went to goal	81
Withdrawn	3
Committed for trial	38

Wages claims paid	3
Handed over to Children's Aid Society	2
Remanded sine die	4
Deported to U. S. A.	2
Adjourned sine die	13
Allowed to go	11
Bound over to keep peace	9
Committed of House of Refuge	1
Taken to Toronto	1
Taken to Gravenhurst	1
Taken to Cutler	1

Total 809

Amounts paid to Department in fines, etc., with disbursements, and amount paid to city treasurer:

	Rec.	Disbursed	Paid Treas.
Jan.—	\$208.42	\$15.25	\$193.17
Feb.—	310.38	12.70	297.68
Mar.—	339.45	19.60	319.85
Apr.—	226.40	13.30	213.10
May—	364.45	7.10	357.35
Jun.—	124.85	4.50	120.35
July—	554.05	58.75	495.30
Aug.—	425.80	2.00	423.80
Sept.—	144.10	6.75	137.35
Oct.—	88.95	21.00	67.95
Nov.—	283.40	106.00	177.40
Dec.—	498.80	20.70	478.10

\$3,269.05 / \$287.65 = \$2,981.40

Amount of lost and stolen property recovered by this department and returned to owners, with owner's valuation of same:

Lost \$293.65

Stolen 758.69

Tolling license fees were paid into Treasurer's Department:

Sundry \$2,267.00

Pound fees 68.50

Dog taxes 427.00

\$2,762.50

Cash in hand of special service fund \$91.42

Expenditure for 1915 .. . \$14,110.94

Names of members of the Police Department: Sergeant R. Dinsmore,

Sergeant J. Fortune, Constables A. Springer, G. Harbottle, F. Mastin, W. Copeland, J. Grant, J. Sanderson, J. Johnston, R. Walter, Chief R. C. Vincent.

Remarks and suggestions: Since my last report the only change that has taken place in the force has been that Constable J. Mason volunteered and has been accepted for overseas service, and it is likely he will proceed to the front almost immediately. His position is being filled, meanwhile by Constable Walter. The conduct of the men as a whole has been good, and with the exception the cases dealt with by the Board, and a few minor breaches of discipline, there has not been much to complain of.

The relations of this department with the public has during the year been of the most satisfactory character and most gratifying to me as head of the department. The ready co-operation which the department has met with from the citizens is the greater of the causes which in my opinion are responsible for the very successful year through which we have passed. And it has been a successful year. There have been no revolting crimes, and the number of cases brought before the police magistrate will show a decrease of some hundreds against those of last year. Perhaps the war has had something to do with that, or it may be that there is very much less unemployment in the city. Another cause is that quite a considerable number of foreigners have either been interbe-

During the past year seventeen animals were destroyed by this department.

Fifteen paroled convicts reported themselves to me.

One hundred boys obtained licenses for selling newspapers, shoeshining, and for carrying messages.

In conclusion, I wish to extend to your Honourable Board the thanks of every member of the Department for your constant attention to the wants and welfare of us all, and for the many acts of kindness and courtesy shown me during the year just ended.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Your obedient servant,

RALPH C. VINCENT,

Chief Constable

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Jan. 8th, 1915.