

INSPECTOR KENNEDY QUILTS: SUCCESSOR NOT CHOSEN

Dr. Sprague, Medical Officer for Police, Also Resigns—Mrs. L. A. Hamilton Urges Women Street Patrols

Inspector of Detectives George Kennedy tendered his resignation to the Board of Police Commissioners yesterday afternoon. Inspector Kennedy has completed 31 years of service on the force and will retire at the end of the month on pension. He will be given three months' holiday, with salary until April 1, at which time his pension will become effective. Mr. Kennedy was appointed to the head of the detective force six years ago, succeeding Inspector Duncan, who resigned following an investigation. Previous to this appointment Inspector Kennedy had charge of the Morality Department for three years. Before being made an Inspector Mr. Kennedy was for five years a detective. He started as a third-class constable in 1887, patrolling the beat for fifteen years, after which time he was made a plainclothesman. He was only one year a plainclothesman until he was promoted to acting detective. His ability as a police officer warranted further promotion and one year later he was promoted to the rank of full detective.

Inspector Kennedy's services will be greatly missed not only by the citizens, the Commissioners and the men of his department, but by prisoners, for the fair and friendly manner in which he dealt with them. His resignation from the department was a secret which the Inspector kept close to himself until yesterday. He was a firm believer that when a man reached the head of a department and had served his time entitling him to retirement on pension he should retire and allow the younger man to step up.

Three Possible Successors.

The board have not yet chosen Inspector Kennedy's successor, but it is not at all unlikely that Sergeant of Detectives George Guthrie will be named to take charge of the department. Guthrie has been in the police department for 21 years, 15 of which service being in the capacity of a detective. Along with a number of others, Guthrie was made Sergeant of Detectives on November 1 last, when the Commissioners made a number of appointments and changes on the force.

Two other men on the department whose names have been mentioned as successors to Inspector Kennedy are Detective William Wallace and Inspector David McKinney of the Morality Department. Detective Wallace has for some months been on special work for the Dominion Government in connection with enemy alien cases. He is expected

to return to his regular position with the Central Office shortly.

Inspector McKinney is conducting the Morality Department, along with Inspector R. Gregory. He was recently made an Inspector.

Inspector Alex. Mackie of Markham street division was Sergeant of Detectives until last November, when he was promoted and given charge of No. 11 Division. He was well liked and administered the detective department during the absence of Inspector Kennedy. It is hardly likely that Inspector Mackie will be brought back to the City Hall, although his name is frequently mentioned around the corridors as being the next Inspector of Detectives.

Dr. Sprague Resigns.

Dr. E. Sprague, for the past fifteen years Medical Officer for the police department, resigned yesterday. Dr. Sprague asked to be relieved of further duty owing to ill-health.

Mayor Church was re-elected Chairman of the board for 1919. A proposal was laid before the Commissioners by Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, asking that women patrols, officered by women, be placed on duty in Toronto at a weekly salary. The scheme, according to Mrs. Hamilton, would cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000 per annum. The Commissioners will discuss the proposal with Mrs. Hamilton in the near future.

Police Save \$6,000.

A rough draft of the police estimates were presented by Chief Grasett, showing that during the past year the police expended \$6,000 less of their appropriation granted by the City Council, notwithstanding the occurrence during the year of a police strike, Street Railway strike and the August riots, all of which Col. Grasett stated, involved extra expenditures. Judge Winchester and the Chief will go over the estimates before presenting them to the City Treasurer.

Eight former constables were instructed that they would be reinstated on the force on condition that they could pass the medical examination. Seven of these men have been in the army.

Following is a list of the applicants who were granted permission to rejoin the force: J. W. Humphries, Samuel Third, W. J. Medhurst, J. K. Martin, T. M. Mitchell, J. Craig, James Lee, R. M. Neil. Constable Wilbey resigned to go on pension after 30 years' service as an officer. Constables Campbell, Gillen and McIntosh were each awarded merit marks.