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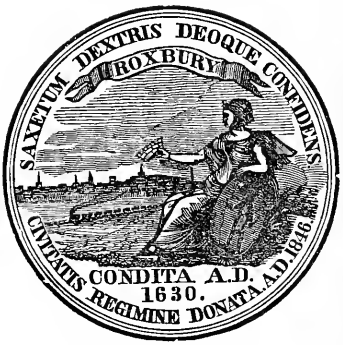

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JOSEPH W. TUCKER, *City Clerk.*

REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Roxbury:

GENTLEMEN, — I herewith submit the following in relation to the Police Department, and its labors, during the year 1860, viz.:

There have been 1486 arrests in all. 62 of these were for offences committed without the city, leaving 1424 arrests in the city alone; being an increase over the previous year of 306.

The 1486 arrests were disposed of as follows, viz:

Discharged without complaint,	755
Fined and paid,	214
Sentenced to the House of Correction,	155
Committed for non-payment of fine,	89
Discharged by Court,	86
Put on probation,	39
Fined and put under bonds,	34
Bound over to a higher court,	32
Sentenced to the Truant School,	26
Committed for want of bail,	16
Appealed,	12
Sentence postponed,	12
Put under bonds to keep the peace,	6
Examination postponed,	4
Placed on file,	2
Allowed to leave the State,	2
Committed to the Almshouse,	2
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The causes of arrest were as follows, viz.:

Drunkenness,	614
Assault and battery,	237
Disturbing the peace,	109
Larceny,	101
Common drunkenness,	98
Fruit pilfering,	50
Vagrancy,	39
Truancy,	34
Violation of the Sunday law,	31
Violation of City ordinances,	29
Breaking and entering,	21
Malicious mischief,	21
Threatening bodily harm,	14
Assault on officers,	10
Stubbornness,	9
Stealing a ride,	8
Incendiarism,	7
Violation of the liquor law,	5
Insanity,	4
Fornication,	3
Disturbing public schools,	3
Night walking,	3
Fugitives from justice,	3
Common brawling,	2
Setting bonfires,	2
Indecent assault,	2
Indecent exposure,	2
Raising a false alarm of fire,	2
Receiving stolen goods,	2
Obstructing horse cars,	2
Suspicious persons,	1
Obtaining goods by false pretences,	1
Contempt of Court,	1
Card playing,	1
Adultery,	1
Begging,	1
Escaped convict,	1
Assault with intent to kill,	1
Discharging fire-crackers,	1
Violation of Saturday night law,	1
Carried forward,	1477

Brought forward,	1477
Assault with intent to commit a rape,	1
Abduction,	1
Shop breaking,	1
Assault with a dog,	1
Horse stealing,	1
Manslaughter,	1
Common nuisance,	1
Cruelty to a horse,	1
Fast driving,	1
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Of the 1486 arrests, 1151 were foreign born; and of the remainder, 108 were born in Roxbury. 255 were minors; 1262 were males, and 224 were females.

1039 persons have been provided during the past year with lodgings in the Lock-up. Of these, 775 were foreigners; 966 were males, 73 females.

The expenses of the Police Department for the year 1860, have been about $16,962.19; being an increase over the year previous of $639.37.

About $1313 have been expended for Sunday Police, for extra services of the Regular Police, and for Special Police.

I have received for services and fees $107.10; and paid out for services rendered in arresting and securing prisoners, conveyance of prisoners, &c., $153.91.

Owing to a change in the law in relation to fees of Officers, and the law in relation to Drunkenness, the fees will fall much short of the year previous; that of Drunkenness alone will make a deduction of $555.

The evils of intemperance still exist in our city, and it is very much to be regretted that some more practical means than the present Liquor Law may not be devised to meet them.

The past year in our city has been comparatively free from burglaries and incendiary fires, while all around us they have been of frequent occurrence; upwards of 170 fires outside of the city have been seen by the Watchmen.

578 cases of Truancy have been reported to the Police Office, by the several teachers in whose schools truancy exists. The number of truant cases, does not mean the number of truant boys; for one boy may be a truant many times, and each time that he is reported by the teacher is recorded as a single case of truancy. But that there are many boys in our city, who, according to the language of the Statute in relation to truancy, "are growing up in ignorance," is a melancholy fact, which cannot escape the observation of those who are at all conversant of what is going on around us. Wisdom, justice and humanity, each and all, demand that our city shall avail itself of all proper means within its reach, to remedy this evil as far as possible.

The burying of dogs, and other animals, comes under the direction of the Police; — and it gives me great pleasure to say, that the *Canine Undertaker* "still lives," though he has often had *both* feet in the grave —— of many a luckless dog. And to their final resting place, he has committed the remains of 724 dogs, 869 cats, 63 hogs, 14 goats, and 2 skunks; making 1672 bodies in all.

The labors of the Police during the past year have very much increased, without a corresponding increase of expense. A fact which goes to show an increased efficiency in the Department, which was never in better working order than at the present time; — the men being prompt, energetic, and faithful and gentlemanly in their behavior towards all citizens; and, as far as I am able to judge, in all the qualities which constitute good Policemen, they are second to none.

My thanks are due to them for their faithfulness and willingness in aiding me in the discharge of my own duties. So, also, would I thank all with whom I have been officially connected, who have given me their confidence, or extended their courtesy.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJ. MERIAM, *City Marshal.*

Roxbury, Jan., 1861.