

REPORT CHIEF OF POLICE

Halifax, N. S., September 1st, 1918.

*His Worship the Mayor and Members of Board of
Control, Halifax, N.S.*

Gentlemen:—I have the honor and pleasure to submit herewith my first annual report as Chief of Police of the City of Halifax, being that for the civic year ending 30th day of April, 1918.

Since my appointment, events of an unusual nature have happened, which have taxed the capacity and strength of the totally inadequate force under my command. During the period of the never-to-be-forgotten explosion of last December, the Police force of the City was taxed to its limit and many of the regular patrolmen were obliged for days to go without rest and to perform extremely long hours of service. During this period, a number of specials were recruited from citizens of all ranks and this force assisted materially the members of the regular department in the discharge of their arduous duties during the period referred to. I think I can accurately report that, notwithstanding such an unusual time as that of the appalling disaster referred to, the public peace and good order were thoroughly maintained and no serious crime was committed. In fact, I think that, during the most acute stages of the disaster period, the offences committed were of the most trivial nature.

I have already made a report to your department in respect to the riot of last May, fully giving you my views in respect thereto. During the year, I have received loyal co-operation on the part of my subordinates and I must particularly mention the unselfish and intelligent service rendered this department and the assistance given me personally by Mr. Clarence Northover, formerly Deputy Chief of Police, who retired recently.

On my promotion to Chief of Police of the City of Halifax, Sergeant Northover was promoted Deputy Chief of Police and Assistant Detective Kennedy to the position of City Detective and Sergeant C. H. Colyer was appointed Assistant Detective.

With the transient population of Halifax ever growing since the beginning of the war, the presence of the military and navy, and also of such an unusually large number of strangers mostly workmen since the explosion, the work of the Detective department has been greatly increased. Detectives Kennedy and Colyer have received considerable assistance in their department from Patrolmen Reyno and Tooke, who, along with the first mentioned officers, have spared no pains nor industry in attempting to detect and punish all violators of the law coming within the immediate jurisdiction of their department.

The following members of the police force received permission during the year to go overseas:—

Policeman Harry Lawlor
“ Charles Alger.
“ James R. Martin.

Annexed to this report will be found the usual statement in respect to the offender and offences.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK HANRAHAN,
Chief of Police.