

borne in mind the opportunities police have of finding out how best they can employ themselves, it is easy to understand their accepting more lucrative positions than that which the service holds out to them; and when they look around and see so many ex-members of the force, and probably their companions, who have gone into business and prospered, it is only human to follow the example. Again, there are others who do not suit the force and whom the force does not suit, hence resignations and discharges ensue. But, no doubt, when the members of the force generally have something in the shape of retiring allowances to look forward to, then the inducements here as elsewhere will be such as to retain the services of men so long as they are useful.

I have not thought fit, in this report, to enter into the minute details connected with minor departmental matters, as these from time to time form subjects for special representation. Hence I have only alluded in a general sense to the state of the police of this Island; and in doing so venture to hope that the present arrangements, which are working well, may continue, and also give satisfaction.

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