

GROWTH OF DEPARTMENT.

The following return shows the growth of the Department, the continued increase of the population, and the total number of offences (irrespective of by-law offences) reported, and in which arrests or summonses resulted, each year since 1877, prior to which date each province in the Dominion had its own Police Force, and reliable data are not available :—

Year.	Officers.	Non-commissioned Officers.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabitant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Arrests for Drunkenness (included in "Offences reported").
1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944	Not obtainable	432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1879	25	84	16	364	489	1 to 948		463,572	16,374	14,696	6,794
1880	25	86	21	379	511	1 to 949		484,939	17,837	16,723	6,484
1881	13	73	18	337	441	1 to 1,136		500,976	16,635	15,212	5,587
1882	13	72	19	343	447	1 to 1,158		517,626	18,613	17,470	6,860
1883	13	72	20	356	461	1 to 1,173		540,753	18,775	17,727	7,572
1884	13	70	17	365	465	1 to 1,263		587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	20	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293		613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266		625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69	18	395	502	1 to 1,265		635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328	3/2½	646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1889	13	65	17	389	484	1 to 1,347	2/10¾	652,125	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	12	66	13	403	494	1 to 1,346	2/10¾	664,855	13,115	12,177	5,866
1891	7	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,375	2/11½	668,353	12,674	11,748	5,416
1892	7	60	14	401	483	1 to 1,401	2/9	675,775	13,153	12,187	5,360
1893	7	53	14	407	481	1 to 1,439	2/8½	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	2/7½	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495	2/6¾	728,121	14,010	12,435	4,636
1896	6	51	13	414	484	1 to 1,530	2/7½	740,699	14,673	13,171	5,005
1897	7	45	12	453	517	1 to 1,461	2/7½	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,204
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	2/8	768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,414	2/9½	783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289
1900	11	56	20	499	586	1 to 1,359	2/10¾	796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299
1901	11	56	20	504	591	1 to 1,381	2/10½	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	20	514	604	1 to 1,375	2/10½	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388	2/10½	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,398	2/10½	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	2/10½	900,682	20,249	19,251	8,707
1906	14	71	25	557	667	1 to 1,387	2/10½	925,605	21,160	20,241	9,210
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375	3/0	961,604	23,204	22,244	10,203
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	3/2½	977,215	23,510	22,484	10,343
1909	16	87	35	633	771	1 to 1,308	3/4½	1,008,373	23,930	22,880	10,657
1910	16	86	34	639	775	1 to 1,330	3/3½	1,030,657	25,106	23,949	11,718
1911	15	87	38	648	788	1 to 1,333	3/4½	1,050,410	24,999	23,492	11,699
1912	15	89	39	692	835	1 to 1,287	3/5	1,075,250	25,981	24,837	11,884
1913	17	93	41	695	846	1 to 1,303	3/8	1,102,389	25,415	24,364	11,707
1914	17	94	40	719	870	1 to 1,304	3/9	1,134,506	27,563	26,494	13,189
1915	19	100	37	755	911	1 to 1,257	4/1	1,145,840

In addition to the strength of the Force as shown above, there were 14 district constables, 7 Native constables, 4 police surgeons (one in each city), and 4 matrons (one in each city).

GENERAL.

The conduct of the members of the Force during the past year has, with very few exceptions, been exemplary.

The recruits called up for training were of a really good type, and with experience in their work they should develop into useful members of the Force.

The annual examinations for members of the Force desiring to qualify for promotion were held in September, and out of a total of 60 non-commissioned officers and constables who sat for examination 39 passed. Whilst the percentage of passes was not quite as high as in the previous year, the results obtained are very satisfactory. That some very creditable work was done is shown by the fact that 18 candidates gained over 70 per cent. of the maximum marks obtainable.

Since the outbreak of the war the registration and supervision of enemy subjects and making various inquiries on behalf of the military authorities have given the police much additional work. Many members of the Force made application for permission to join the Expeditionary Forces. While appreciating the patriotic spirit which prompted these men in their desire to go to the front the Department was reluctantly compelled to decline the applications, as there is necessity for keeping