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## Portland's Police Under Present Rule Fire Service of Portland

**P**ORTLAND'S police department consists of 85 men of the following rank: Superintendent, 1; captains, 3; sergeants, 3; detectives, 6; special officer, 1; patrolmen, 71.

In his annual report to the police committee of the Executive board, which Superintendent Hunt will submit to the city auditor December 15, a number of pertinent recommendations will be made. Superintendent Hunt pointedly refers to the inadequacy of the present force. More men will be asked for, more money with which to run the department and above all an appropriation will be requested for the rebuilding of the city jail, which is in deplorable condition.

The appropriation for 1904 amounted to only \$15,000, and while Superintendent Hunt does not know what his estimate for next year will be it is probable that considerably more than \$100,000 will be asked for.

"I will recommend more men," said the head of the department. "With the approach of the 1905 fair there will be a great deal of police work. We must get ready for it. This cannot be done in an instant. The demands upon this department will greatly increase in the next two years."

The report also points out that in the not distant future more police stations and equipment will be needed. There is at present but one jail and one patrol wagon. More patrol wagons and other stations will soon be demanded by the growth of the city.

During the present year the department has been increased by the addition of a number of officers. The inauguration of the civil service in the department resulted in many changes and the infusion of some new blood. Last year there were but 49 patrolmen. Now there are 71 but there are not yet enough to properly protect the large area which Portland covers.

In the number of arrests the present year far exceeds the past few years. Figures in the report show that in 1901 there were 3,667 arrests, in 1902, 3,402. During the first 11 months of this year the number was approximately 6,500, while for the entire year the total will be nearly 8,000.

The large increase in the number of arrests is accounted for by Superintendent Hunt by the greater vigilance of his men, the cleaning out of the riff-raff class and the more strict enforcement of many of the city ordinances. The

head of the department points with pride to the fact that for the first 11 months of the year approximately 140,000 was turned into the city treasury through the police.

The amount required to remodel the city jail in a substantial and durable manner, according to the report, will be not less than \$15,000. The awful conditions existing at present in this building are well known to Superintendent Hunt who is very anxious to have the necessary repairs made. He is of the opinion that the entire structure should be practically rebuilt if the improvement is to be for any length of time.

Portland's policemen are paid \$75 a month, captains \$90, while the sergeants get the same pay as the rank and file. Detectives draw the same wages as captains. The superintendent gets an annual salary of \$2,400. For November the pay roll amounted to but \$6,530. Compared with other cities with metropolitan aspirations the salaries in Portland are very low. The officers have been talking for some time of asking for higher pay but nothing definite has yet been done. During the coming year it is possible that steps will be taken looking towards this end.

Superintendent Hunt took his office January 24, last. Since then he has devoted much of his time toward alleviating to some extent the disgusting conditions existing in the tendorino. One change for the better upon which he has insisted is the moving of the women in the cribs from the ground floor to the second stories. This rule has been strictly enforced by the department. By this regulation the north end has lost much of the brazen aspect which it assumed not a few months ago.

Another change of the past year has been the re-establishing of the mounted patrol. Years ago Portland had mounted officers but the service was discontinued. At present there are but six men on horseback patrolling the suburban districts but Superintendent Hunt hopes to increase this force in the near future. These officers have been able to render good service to the outlying districts and they have made many arrests of persons who have violated the city ordinances.

At the present time many new patrol boxes are being installed for the department. Most of these have been placed in East Portland, where at present the officers have no direct communi-

cation with headquarters. The new system will be ready shortly after the first of the year and it will be found a great help.

While Portland's police force is far from what it should be the coming year gives promise of better things to come in the way of more men, better quarters and better equipment.

During the past 12 months the present system of permitting gambling houses to run under a system of monthly fines has been started and it has resulted in a great deal of money reverting to the city treasury through forfeited bail. Another innovation in the way of police uniform has been the adoption of the military caps for the winter season with which all the officers are now provided.

In a criminal way Portland has had its share of thieving, robbery and tragedies. Several murders have been committed but not more than is usual in a city of this size. Several epidemics of holdups have started the city and kept the officers on the qui vive. Possibly the most sensational crimes were committed by a gang of street car highwaymen who operated here last summer. During the past few months only the usual routine of crimes has occupied the attention of the force.

The fact that Portland is a seaport town accounts in some measure for the large number of arrests. With a large floating population the number of transients taken into custody for drunkenness, vagrancy and petty crimes is very great.

**W**HILE Portland's fire department is far from being metropolitan the coming year will see great advance made in this important branch of the public service.

Portland is unique, for a city of its size, in having only a partly paid department a majority of the members being extra or call men. But steps are now being taken looking towards the establishing of full paid companies, and there is every prospect that this will be done within a short time.

Although seriously handicapped in many ways the local firemen have made a good record for themselves. While the figures have not yet been compiled for 1903, it will show the highest fire loss of any year since the records have been kept. This has resulted from a series of disastrous conflagrations, many of them due to the work of an incendiary.

In making his report to the fire committee of the executive board Chief Engineer David Campbell has submitted estimates of the cost of placing the department on a full paid basis and of running it under present methods. While the figures have not been made public it is well known that the change is in favor and there is every reason to believe that this city will have a metropolitan system within a few months.

The growth of the city and the demand for better protection has resulted in one new engine company being provided for and during the coming year other new stations will undoubtedly be placed. Should the call system continue for another year additional members will be required as the present force is inadequate.

At the present time the various stations, which had lapsed into a state of absolute decay, are being repaired. The deplorable condition of the houses where the men and stock are quartered was first exposed by The Journal. The showing was so disgraceful that it was not long before the authorities appropriated \$12,000 for repairs and this is now being spent to good advantage.

The coming year will see another notable improvement in Portland's fire service, when the new fireboat goes into commission. It is now in the yards undergoing construction. The craft will be completed in about three months and it will fill a long-felt want. Portland's waterfront is extremely haz-

ardous and past experience has shown the need of protection along the river. A company of regular men will man the fireboat.


For 1904 Chief Campbell would like to have, among other things, for his department: Installation of all full paid companies; new apparatus, a new engine company near the Union depot, another truck company in East Portland, repairs to some of the houses, repainting and repairing of apparatus, new stock.

Other new stations will be needed in the near future and a general increase of wages before long is hoped for, but if the department is placed upon a permanent basis for 1904 the other improvements and additions are expected to follow. For its size Portland has been more parsimonious with its fire ladders than any other city in the country. From the chief engineer to the rank and file the scale of wages is disgracefully low, but the men hope for recognition soon.


At the present time there are 52 paid men, including the chief, his assistants and the headquarter's staff, and 58 extra men in the local service. Should the department be made permanent it will require as great a total as there is now. If the call system is not abolished the number of firefighters must be materially increased. The appropriation for 1903 was but \$105,000, while for the coming year it will take about \$160,000 for a paid service and nearly as much if present conditions continue.

Portland's department consists of seven engine companies, five hose companies, four chemical, four truck companies, besides the chief, one assistant, two battalion chiefs, chief of alarm services and hydrantmen. The addition of the fireboat and other new companies will enlarge the force considerably within a short time.

The year 1903 goes out with the heaviest fire loss on record in Portland. The figures are far from complete, but estimates place the year's loss at close to \$1,000,000. In 1902 it was \$91,870.99. The largest previous loss was in 1894, when the figures footed up to \$88,528.94. The lowest loss for any year since 1883, when the official records began, was in 1899, when the total was but \$37,750.23. In 1902 there were 430 alarms. The number for this year will be about 625, there having been 463 up to and including December 22. While the number is



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not larger many of the fires caused greater losses thus accounting for the increased total loss.

The year which is rapidly drawing to a close has seen some expensive conflagrations in this city. The Eastern and Western Lumber company's sawmill was totally destroyed last May. Fire in the top floors of the Dekum building resulted in a heavy loss which footed up in the thousands. The Victoria dock was expensive while the destruction of the plant of the Standard Box factory in November helped to swell the total. There were other big blazes in this city, many of them the work of an incendiary who worked assiduously especially during March, when there were 61 alarms and many big blazes. June was the banner month, there being but 24 alarms and a light loss. In 1903 only 17 fires are down as supposed incendiary, but there are many more of suspicious origin during the past 12 months.

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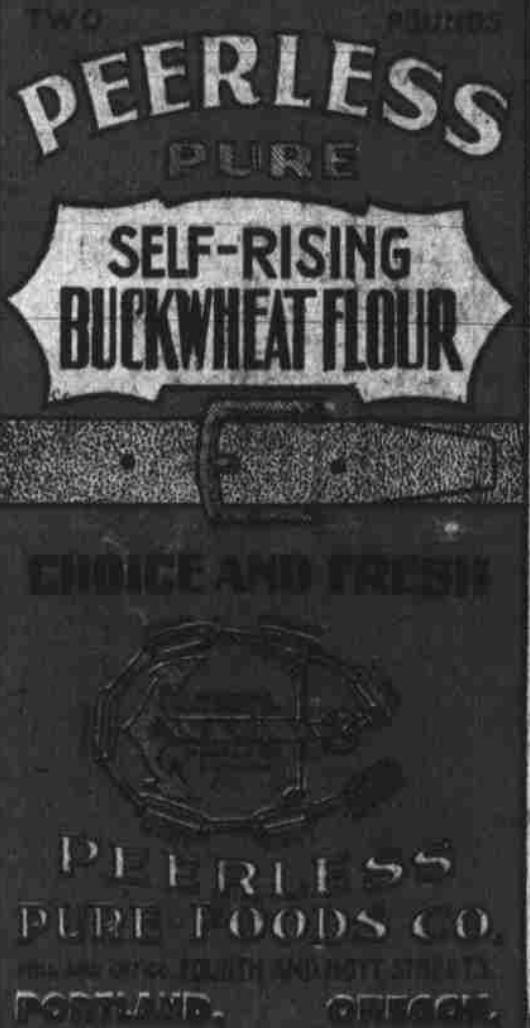
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