



City of Cambridge

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN April 25, 1911.

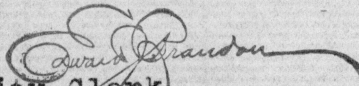
ORDERED:

That so much of the Mayor's Inaugural Address as relates to the Police Department be referred to the Standing Committee on Police.

Concurred, May 2nd, 1911.

A true copy.

Att est:


City Clerk.

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Committee & Police.

April 25. 1911

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Adopted:

Sent to the Common Council for concurrence.

Attest:

City Clerk.

CONCURRED

ATTEST

IN COMMON COUNCIL

May 2, 1911

CLERK.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

In proportion to its population and area, Cambridge, with the exception of Boston, has the largest police force in New England, if not in the country.

The department, by an order passed by the Board of Aldermen, March 15, 1911, will consist of one chief, four captains, one chief inspector ranking as captain, eight lieutenants, three inspectors with the rank of lieutenants, twelve sergeants, one hundred and two patrolmen, twenty-two reserve patrolmen, eight drivers of patrol wagons and ambulances, thirteen pensioners and two matrons. The cost of running the department last year was \$170,556.75 and owing to the recent establishment of the fourth station in North Cambridge the appropriation this year will have to be increased by between \$12,000 and \$14,000.

Our citizens are entitled to and expect high-class service from this department. Its efficiency in the last analysis depends upon the men themselves; they are carefully selected and, as individuals, will compare favorably with those of any city in the United States, but strict discipline is necessary for the organized effort of any set of men doing the important work that devolves upon the police. In addition to this every man must scrupulously observe the highest standard of personal conduct for the very nature of his work exposes him, his department, and his city to severe criticism for any deterioration from that standard, and the general excellence of the many is lost sight of in the mistakes of the few. I assume that the members of this department appreciate this and intend to deal with them on that assumption. No man need fear that he will not receive a square deal, but every man must realize that the citizens also must receive a square deal and that violations of duty shall be treated with strict justice.

It would be strange, indeed, if there was not room for improvement in a department as large as this and I expect to have certain recommendations to take up with the Board of Aldermen in due time.

Order

Reference of as much
of the Mayor's inaugural
address as relates to the
Police Department, - to
the Committee on Police

April 25. 1911

No action necessary

This department has shown distinct progress within the past few years. The five members who constitute the Board of Overseers are able, conscientious men, men who have broad sympathies and keen discretion as to the merits and needs of the poor. The City Home during the past year cared for an average of one hundred and fifty-one inmates and at the present time one hundred and seventy-one are enjoying its hospitality — the largest in the history of our city. The cost of maintaining the City Home for the year 1910 was \$22,200 or about \$2.83 per capita. The receipts from the sale of offal for the year were \$15,800 or about 40 per cent. of the total cost of collection, which was \$39,500. The Superintendent of the City Home reports

City of Cambridge

In Board of Aldermen,

May 23, 1911.

The Committee on P O L I C E , to which was referred so much of the Mayor's Inaugural address as relates to the Police Department,

Reports

No action necessary.

For the Committee,

James F. Black

Report received, and
recommendation ADOPTED.

Attest:

Charles J. Pearson
City Clerk.

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