

We are satisfied that it ought to be extended, as is the case in Chicago and other large cities, over the whole city, but especially over the Eastern and Southern Districts. In limiting the number of additional men asked for the Force to fifty it was with the expectation that this system of Alarm-Telephone and Patrol-Wagon-Service would, at no distant day, be so extended.

THE CONDITION OF THE FORCE.

The members of the Force are commissioned by the Board, according to the requirements of the Act of Assembly, for the term of four years, at the expiration of which period, if they have proved efficient and are in good physical condition, they are recommissioned for another four years, and so on, as long as they come up to the requirements of the Board.

Under this system there are members of the Force who have served four and even five terms, and it sometimes happens that as they advance in life they break down, during a term of four years and become incapable of performing the full measure of active duty. This proved to be the case with some seventeen officers last spring whose only fault was physical incapacity after long and faithful service. The Board requested their resignations, and upon receiving the same, paid each one out of the Special Fund sums ranging from \$150 to \$400, according to the length of their service. The suggestion of the Marshal in his Report, that some mode of pensioning the members of the Force, after a long period of continuous faithful service, has caused us to examine thoroughly into the present age, length of continuous service and physical condition of the Force, and we find that there are :

2 Members of the Force over 70 years of age.								
13	"	"	"	between 60 and 70 years.				
39	"	"	"	"	55	"	60	"
65	"	"	"	"	50	"	55	"
76	"	"	"	"	45	"	50	"
100	"	"	"	"	40	"	45	"
134	"	"	"	"	35	"	40	"
127	"	"	"	"	30	"	35	"
74	"	"	"	under 30 years.				