

to draw from ten to forty of the Policemen from their posts, which during their absence were left entirely unguarded at night as well as during the day. It is evident that the number of ~~hours~~ of duty, and the consequent exposure and exertion, were too severe and exacting upon the policemen to enable them to render continuously efficient service. Under that system the number of posts to be patrolled by the Day Force was 163, and by the Night Force 312.

Under the midwinter arrangement the Day Force was on continuous duty eleven hours, and consisted of 127 Policemen on post. The Night Force consisted of two divisions, the first division of 210 Policemen was on active duty from 6 P. M., till 2 A. M.,—eight hours. The second division of 140 Policemen was on active duty from 1.30 A. M., till 7 A. M.,—5½ hours. During these hours of night-service there was a Reserve Force of not less than three nor more than eight Policemen in each of the stations who attended all fires in their several Districts, in conjunction with Policemen on active duty on Posts adjacent to such fires. Under this midwinter system the territory of each Post was largely increased and therefore insufficiently guarded. The inequality of the hours of duty between the day and entire night Force, and also between the two divisions of the night Force itself, is too obvious for comment. It is believed that the introduction of the system now in operation, which provides for 122 Posts for day and 244 Posts for night duty, 14 on special Post duty and a reserve of 122 Policemen and 16 Sergeants, (which reserve is distributed to the several Stations,) will largely remedy many of the defects above alluded to, and greatly add to the comfort, health and efficiency of the entire Force.

Under the present system each Policeman performs in rotation active day and night duty, and reserve duty alike, and at no time more than six hours continuous active duty, nor is any Policeman taken from his Post to attend fires, or ordinary disturbances. This duty is