

tures to be made also. From the year of 1886 the receipts from the fines and costs imposed by the magistrates have declined until at present these receipts are not sufficient to pay the retired officers the one-third authorized by law, the average monthly receipts therefrom being less than \$2,000, while as above referred to, the amount of the monthly roll is about \$3,200, and the list of retired officers must necessarily grow somewhat.

For several years when the receipts were better and the list of retired officers smaller, the Board was enabled to accumulate in the Special Fund a surplus which it invested in city securities. From which, however, the Board has been obliged in latter years to draw from time to time to meet the falling off in the station house receipts until now it is about exhausted.

The Board respectfully recommends that some provision be made by which the revenue of the Special Fund may be enlarged, either by diverting thereto some portion of license fees or by other means, so that it will be able to continue to pay these retired officers the amount authorized by law.

LIQUOR LICENSE LAW.

The Board feels constrained to repeat its conviction, expressed in its two previous reports to the Legislature, that if the liquor license law were so amended as to require screens to be removed from the windows of licensed premises during Sundays, election days and prohibited hours, and that a light be kept burning therein on Sundays, election days and between the hours of 12 o'clock, midnight, and 5 A. M., on ordinary weeks days, violations of the provisions of that law against the sale of intoxicating liquor on those days and between the prohibited hours, would be infrequent, if not entirely stopped, and detection more certain, as then police officers as well as citizens passing would have an opportunity to discover whether the law was being violated or not. The Board