

losses reported has been maintained, all of which in the face of an enlarged population, is very gratifying.

During last year 503 automobiles were reported stolen more than in 1924. While this is true, the percentage of recoveries remains at the high average of 97%. It might be well to remember in this connection that in very many instances of reported thefts of automobiles, the fact is the machines were not actually stolen but used unauthorizèdly.

In 1925 there were 133 cases of manslaughter, as against 104 in 1924. The charge of manslaughter represents, in a large measure, cases of persons struck by automobiles through lack of precaution on the part of the driver or the victim, or as a result of unavoidable accidents. Despite all safety regulations and diligence in their enforcement, these unfortunate cases continue. The fact that of 149 persons arrested on this charge in 1925, all but 17 were dismissed at the Station-Houses, indicates that these deaths were, for the most part, accidental.

Fifty-seven murders were reported in 1925—one more than in 1924. Of these cases,

31—resulted from shooting (4 of which were domestic cases)—
12 white—19 colored.

19—were cases of stabbing (2 of which were domestic cases)—
1 white—18 colored.

7—were the outcome of assaults by hammer, bricks, etc. (1 of
which was a domestic case)—5 white—2 colored.

Of the persons arrested, four were convicted of murder in the first degree; six of murder in the second degree; sixteen were convicted of manslaughter; three were dismissed by the Grand Jury; two were exonerated by the Coroner, and seven were acquitted; two cases were abated by death; in one case the accused committed suicide; seven are awaiting trial; in nine cases no arrests have as yet been made, although in eight of them the perpetrators of the crime, or suspects, are known, and the department's efforts are still being exerted to apprehend those upon whom the guilt rests.

The total number of arrests, for all offenses, was 94,521, as against 88,307 in 1924—an increase of 6,214. It will be seen from the comparative table of arrests that this increase is accounted for, to a large extent, by violations of the Traffic Regulations.

As will be seen from the tables herein and comments above, the general crime situation in the City, for the past year, shows a very satisfactory condition. For the first time in a number