

The Department has added during the year 1928 fifty-four automatic traffic signals, making the total number of street intersections controlled by traffic lights one hundred and ninety-three. The installation of these lights enables the Department to continue to function, without an increase in the number of police officers that, undoubtedly, would have been required but for the use of the above referred to signals.

It is interesting to note that since the adoption of the reports of all happenings in the City, from the year 1922, there is a decrease in the amount of crime committed of 22 per cent and an increase in the number of arrests of over 12½ per cent. The Department has also maintained its high standard of recoveries of automobiles established years ago, viz., 97 per cent.

Taking these statistics and carefully analyzing them it can be readily seen that the Department has been able to maintain the position gained in the apprehension of violators of the law and has also prevented a larger increase of crime.

The record submitted herewith could not have been made without the faithful and efficient work performed by the Commanding Officers of the various districts and divisions, and by their untiring and capable direction of the members of the Department.

In July it was found that the police boat Lannan was in such condition that to repair her was not considered advisable and the Board of Estimates appropriated the money for a new boat and directed that the Lannan be sold. Bids were asked and the Chance Marine Construction Company, of Annapolis, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract and during the early part of November the new boat was delivered. This boat was named the "George G. Henry" and has been in commission since the 21st day of November, 1928.

For the first time in many years, we were not compelled to call on the force for any long period of additional service nor did we have to make any changes in our detail assignment.

Yours very truly,

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