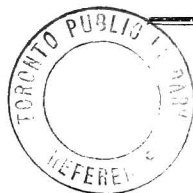


RULES,
ORDERS AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE
FOREMAN, DEPUTY FOREMAN,
AND
WATCHMEN
OF THE
City of Quebec.

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*At a Court of General Quarter Session
of the Peace for the District of Quebec,
holden at the Court House in the City of
Quebec, in the said district, between
Tuesday the Twenty first, and Wednes-
day the Twenty-ninth days of April, in
the year of our Lord 1818, & of His
Majesty's Reign the 58th.*

RULES, ORDERS & REGULATIONS

for the Government of the Foreman,
Deputy Foreman and Watchmen of the
City of Quebec, and for the Lighting
of the said City, made in virtue of and
under the authority of an Act passed
in the 58th year of His Majesty's Reign,
cap II, intituled, an "Act to provide
" more effectually for the Security of
" the Cities of Quebec and Montreal,
" by establishing a Watch and Night
" Lights in the said Cities, and for
" other purposes."

RULES, ORDERS AND REGULATIONS, &c.

ART. 1. **THE** First Foreman, Deputy-Foreman, & Twenty-four Watchmen, & the Person or Persons that may hereafter be required to fill all vacancies which may occur, shall be selected by the Justices of the Peace, in Special Session, from among the Applicants fully qualified and offering, on Public Advertisement, to serve on the lowest terms for one year.

II. The Foreman, Deputy Foreman & Watchmen shall be appointed and sworn as Special Constables, to perform the duties of their Offices as Foreman, Deputy Foreman & Watchman, under the Rules, Orders and Regulations made, or which may hereafter be made, by the Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Session or in any Special Session.

III. Each Watchman shall be furnished with a Watch Coat, a Constable's Staff, a Rattle, and a Lantern, numbered so as to be visible by the light thereof, all of which articles he shall deliver over to his Successor in Office, or otherwise account for.

IV. There shall be established two Watch Houses, viz :—one in the Upper

Town, in a situation overlooking the Lower Town, one in Saint John's Suburbs, in a situation overlooking Saint Roc's Suburbs, & a Watch Box shall be furnished for every Stand, which Watch Houses and their furniture, together with the Watch Boxes, shall be under the Special care and charge of the Foreman of the Watch.

Watchman on duty.

V. The Foreman or the Deputy Foreman and twelve Watchmen shall be on duty every night, and there shall be appointed from among the Watchmen, four head Watchmen, one of which shall serve every night at each Watch House.

Watch sitting.

VI. The Watch shall be set at Ten of the Clock at night, and be dismissed between day light and sun-rise the next morning, by the Foreman or Deputy Foreman serving for the Night. Any other hour of setting and dismissing the Watch may, however, on an extraordinary occasion, be appointed by or order of any Special Session of the Peace.

Stands.

VII. The Head Watchmen shall have their Stands at their respective Watch Houses.

IN THE LOWER TOWN.

One Watchman shall have his Stand at the Cul-de-Sac.

- One Watchman at the Market in view of the Landing Place.

One Watchman at the junction of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Streets.

IN THE UPPER TOWN.

One Watchman near the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

One Watchman at the junction of Palace Street and Saint John Street.

IN ST. JOHN'S SUBURBS.

One Watchman in Saint John Street at its junction with Ste. Geneviève Street.

One Watchman at the junction of Saint Joachim and Richelieu Street.

IN ST. ROC'S SUBURBS.

One Watchman at the junction of St. Valier Street, with Grant Street.

- One Watchman at the foot of St. Nicholas Street.

One Watchman at the east end of St. Joseph Street.

VIII. No Watchman shall have the same Stand twice in succession, and it shall Rotation.

shall be the duty of the Foreman, to establish a regular rotation of Duty and Stands among all the Watchmen, and to assign, as a walk for the Watchmen on Duty at each Stand, an equitable share of the Streets and places the nearest to such Stand.

In Winter.

IX. In the months of December, January, February and March, only six Watchmen shall, excepting on extraordinary occasions, be required to be out at the same time, viz. at stands 1. 2. 4. 6. 8. and 10, but they shall also have the walks assigned to the vacant Stands, and it shall be at the discretion of the Foreman and Deputy, during Fifteen of the most inclement Nights within the period above mentioned, to limit the Duties of the Watchmen, to being present at their respective Watch Houses, and patrolling the different walks once in every two Hours.

Duties.

X. The Foreman or Deputy shall go the rounds and visit every Watch House, and every Stand, at least once in every night, two hours or more after Watch setting. The head Watchman at each Watch House, shall go the rounds of the Stands attached to his Watch, once in every hour, giving the hour of the night
to

to each Watchman, who shall immediately proceed to patrol all the Streets assigned to his Stand, proclaiming as audibly as he can, the time of the Night, and the state of the weather, and he shall carefully observe and try whether the Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Stores, or other Buildings in his walk are safe and well secured, and in case he shall discover and perceive that any Doors, Shutters, Windows, or other parts of any such Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Stores, or other Buildings, shall not be shut or fastened, he shall forthwith give notice thereof to the occupier or other person inhabiting or being therein, and shall give his best assistance towards securing the same, and each of the said Watchmen, and the Foreman and Deputy shall, during his time of Watching and tour of duty, to the utmost of his power, endeavour to prevent as well all mischief happening by fire, as all murders, burglaries, robberies, affrays and other outrages and disorders.

XI. The said Foreman, Deputy Fore- Arrest.
man and Watchmen, and each and every of them, shall arrest, apprehend and take in charge all and every person or persons of the following descriptions, and lodge them in the Watch House, the Common

Gaol, or in some other proper place of safety, till they can be conveniently brought before some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City of Quebec, to be dealt with according to law.

1. All persons breaking the Peace or obstructing the said Foreman, Deputy Foreman or Watchmen in the execution of their duty.
2. All night-walkers, malefactors, rogues and vagabonds, and other loose, idle and disorderly persons, whom they or any of them shall find disturbing the Public Peace, or shall have cause to suspect of any evil designs.
3. All persons lying or loitering in any Square, Street, Court, Lane, Yard, Alley, Passage or Place.
4. All persons against whom hue & cry may be raised, and all persons who may be delivered into their charge by any inhabitant householder of known character and respectability.
- 5 All persons emptying dirt in the streets, and refusing or not giving satisfactory information of their names and residences.

XII. Every Watchman on his Stand or Walk, when he shall judge it necessary to give the alarm, shall spring his Rattle ^{Alarm.} and make outcry, and the nearest Watchman and he shall communicate with each other as speedily as possible, and from thence to the Watch Houses and nearest Guard House ; and each Watchman shall do his utmost in assisting every other Watchman in the execution of the duties of his Office ; and each of them as well as the Foreman and Deputy shall be furnished with a list of all Constables with their residences, within their respective walks, to the end that they may call in their assistance as well as the assistance of every other person when necessary. Every person other than a Watchman, Foreman of the Watch, or Deputy Foreman, springing any Rattle between the hours of Watch setting and the dismissal of the Watch, shall forfeit & pay for each and every offence a sum not exceeding five pounds.

XIII. Every Watchman shall communicate to the Head Watchman of his Division, and also to the Foreman or Deputy as soon as may be, all arrests made by him, with the Hour and Cause of Arrest, the Name and Residence of the Person arrested, ^{Watchmen Report.}

arrested, if he can ascertain the same, together with the Names of Witnesses, and also every other information regarding the execution of his Office and the Peace and Security of the City, which he may think it proper to make, or which he may be instructed to make by the Foreman or Deputy.

Subject to the
Magistrate.

XIV. All Watchmen shall be subject, within the limits of their respective walks, to the Orders of any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City.

Dismissal.

XV. The Foreman or Deputy shall be present at the dismissal of the Watch at each Watch House, between day-light & sun-rise, and he shall receive the reports for the night from the Head Watchmen, or any Watchman having any information to give, and report under his signature to the Police Office, or to some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the City, which said report shall be accompanied with a list of Prisoners, causes of Arrest, names of Witnesses, & mentioning the hour at which he made his rounds, the names of the Watchmen present at Watch Setting on their respective Stands or Walks, when he made his Rounds, and also previous to the Dismissal of the Watch in the morning ; together

gether with such observations or other information regarding the execution of his Office, or the Peace and Security of the City, as he may think proper to make: and to facilitate him in the aforementioned part of his duty, he shall be furnished with printed forms of Blank Reports.

XVI. Any Foreman, Deputy Foreman ^{Bribes.} or Watchman, taking a bribe for the execution of his duty, and for abstaining from the execution thereof, shall incur and pay a penalty of Five Pounds currency for each and every offence, and be dismissed from his situation.

XVII. Any Foreman, deputy Foreman ^{Penalties.} or Watchman, who between the hour of Watch Setting and its Dismissal, shall be absent from his Stand or Walk, otherwise than in the execution of his office, or who shall enter any house within his Walk, otherwise than in the execution of his duty, or who shall be found asleep on his Stand or Walk, or intoxicated, or who shall neglect or refuse to perform any part of his duty, under the present Rules, Orders and Regulations, or disobey the lawful orders of his superior, shall incur and pay a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds currency, for each and every such offence.

XVIII.

Removal
from Office.

XVIII. Every Foreman, Deputy Foreman or Watchman shall be liable to be dismissed by any Session of the Peace, specially called, of which all the Justices of the Peace, acting and resident within the City, shall have been notified in writing left at their respective domiciles.

Off Duty.

XIX. The Foreman of the Watch, the Deputy Foreman and all Watchmen not on duty, shall be liable to be called upon for duty, on any extraordinary occasion ; and in such cases the Foreman shall be allowed per night, the Deputy per night, and each Watchman per night.

LIGHTING THE CITY.

Foreman
to Contract.

XX. The Foreman of the Watch shall contract with the lowest bidder, furnishing sufficient security for such lamps and lamp-irons, as may be approved of by the Justices of the Peace, in any Special Sessions, and also for fixing the same in such a manner, as may be Ordered by such Sessions.

XXI. He shall also contract in the same manner, with the person or persons offering on the lowest terms, furnishing sufficient security to keep the said lamps and lamp-irons in repair, and for furnishing Seal Oil, and every thing necessary for supplying the same, lighting the lamps

and keeping them burning, clean & well trimmed for one year, at so much for each lamp; the said lamps to be lighted and kept clean, burning and well trimmed, every night in the months of October, November and April, and every night during the other months in the year, excepting within ten days after the first quarter of the moon, from one hour after sun-set, till one hour before sun-rise, under a penalty on the contractor not exceeding one shilling per each lamp which may not be so lighted, kept burning, clean, trimmed and in good repair, within the said time.

Time of
Lighting.

XXII. The Foreman, Deputy Foreman & Watchmen, shall report all lamps not lighted, kept burning, clean, trimmed & in good repair during the aforesaid time.

Report on
Lamps.

XXIII. It shall be the duty of the Foreman of the Watch to cause to be repaired or replaced without delay, all lamps maliciously broken or destroyed, and to prosecute the offenders, as well as the contractor or contractors for any neglect or non-fulfilment of their contract, and also all and every watchmen neglecting to report on the state of the lamps, and all and every person or persons as aforesaid, having maliciously broken, injured or destroyed any lamp or lamp-iron belonging to the City, or extinguished the light placed in any lamp so belonging.

Prosecution.