

The operating revenue for the month of December, 1930, as compared with the month of December, 1929, reflects a decline of \$468,774.67 or 22.55 per cent.

During the month of December, 1930, 28,070,575 passengers were carried on the rail lines and 3,305,159 on the coach lines, a total of 31,375,734, as compared with a total of 39,891,688 carried during the month of December, 1929, divided 35,766,740 rail lines and 4,124,948 coach lines. The month of December, 1930, when compared with the month of December, 1929, shows a decrease in passengers carried of 8,515,954 or 21.35 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. NOLAN,
General Auditor.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Department of Police

October 1st, 1930.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We contemplate the completion of our new 6th Precinct Station about November 1st. This station is located on McGraw Avenue, between Braden Avenue and the alley east. To enable us to get our automotive equipment out of the garage, it will be essential that Braden Avenue be paved from McGraw Avenue north to Pittsburgh Avenue, a distance of one block, the entire block being occupied by the police station, on the east side of the street.

The alley immediately east of the station and west of the adjoining fire station is not used as a public alley to any great extent; and if this alley is closed, it will enable us to beautify both the adjoining fire station and our station by putting a grass plot and shrubbery in this space, as well as to prevent any one from attempting to pass objects into our cell blocks, the cell blocks of this station facing this alley.

We would therefore at this time respectfully request your Honorable Body to force the paving of Braden Avenue between McGraw and Pittsburgh Avenues; also that permission be given to close the alley east of the station proper, south of the intersecting alley, to McGraw Avenue.

I am enclosing herewith a blueprint, showing the diagram of the alley in question.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS C. WILCOX,
Commissioner.

City Plan Commission

January 9, 1931.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith the communication from the Commissioner of Police, requesting

that a portion of the north and south alley be vacated in the block north of McGraw Avenue and east of Braden Avenue.

The Department of Police is the owner of all of the property in the block north of McGraw Ave. and on the east side of Braden Ave., while the Board of Fire Commissioners is the owner of the adjacent property east of the alley proposed to be vacated on the north side of McGraw Avenue. There are at present two alleys in the block leading to McGraw Avenue serving only a limited number of lots. It is the opinion of the Commission that all of these lots will be adequately served if only the easterly north and south alley remains open.

We have communicated with the owner of three parcels of property, which lie adjacent to a portion of the north and south alley proposed to be vacated, asking that he advise if he has any objection to the closing of a portion of this alley. That letter was mailed on October 10, 1930. No objection has been filed since that time.

The Board of Fire Commissioners and the Department of Police desire to close the alley in order that they may control any approach to the cell blocks, and in order that the property may be uniformly landscaped.

We are of the opinion that all of the property in the block will be adequately served through the existing alley, and we therefore recommend that the petition be granted.

All of the above is outlined on the attached blueprint, Plan No. 310-297.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. BLUCHER,
Secretary.

By Councilman Kronk:

Resolved, That "all of public alley, 18 ft. wide, adjoining the westerly line of the northerly 108.25 ft. of lot 77 of Larkin's Martin Avenue Subdivision No. 1 of lots 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Plat of Edward Martin's Estate of P. C. 719 as recorded in Liber 38, page 70 of Plats of Wayne County Records, being that part of said alley lying between the northerly line of McGraw ave. (86 ft. wide), and the southerly line of alley lying first northerly thereof," be and the same is hereby vacated to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property.

Provided, That by reason of the vacation of the above described alley the City of Detroit does not waive any right in the lateral sewers located therein, and shall at all times have the right to enter upon the premises if found necessary on account of said sewers to repair same, and provided further, that the Department of Police shall not build over the above described alley without first securing the approval of the City Engineer and Board of Health.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Callahan, Castator, Dingeman, Ewald, Hall, Kronk, Walters and the President—9.
Nays—None.

From the Department of Police

January 15, 1931.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Herewith please find the Annual Report of this Department for the year ending December 31st, 1930, as prepared by the officers then in charge of operations.

Crime is classified in strict conformance to the Uniform Crime Reporting System as adopted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The various tables submitted set forth statistics relating to crimes committed and the activity, through arrests and prosecutions, of the various branches of this Department.

Early in the year a Holdup Squad was organized, the members of which are charged with the prosecution of robbery cases. All robberies are reported to this Squad, and through the correlation of data very definite results have been achieved in the apprehension and conviction of those of the criminal class addicted to a type of crime which has become all too prevalent in our larger cities.

On March 2nd, the Violation Bureau, to that time a branch of this Department, was taken over by the Traffic Division of the Recorder's Court, and continues its activities under the jurisdiction of that Court.

Your Honorable Body granted an increase of 25 Sergeants and 75 Patrolmen, effective July 1st, enabling the Department to man radio equipped automobiles and to effect assignments of personnel where required.

The new Sixth Precinct Station was opened at McGraw and Braden Avenues on December 2nd. Constructed at a cost of \$95,000.00 it will be found to be modern and complete, fulfilling the requirements of present day needs. The site used for this purpose involved an outlay of \$19,395.87.

On October 1st, the Police Department Quick Relief Association was organized, to provide relief for the needy in emergency cases. Funds for this purpose are contributed by all members of the Department, assessments being levied monthly. To the end of the year we had expended \$12,229.85 in food and fuel, thus providing food in 5,012 instances, supplied clothing in 1,417 cases, and furnished fuel to 2,428 homes.

The Motor Division, which had been assigned as required among the various precincts, was, on June 23rd, re-established under one head in its former quarters in the Motor Transportation Garage. The assignment of motorcyclist men by precinct com-

manders was found to be impractical and greater efficiency is assured as now constituted.

Your Honorable Body authorized the expenditure of \$61,000.00 for the construction of a new addition to the Dog Pound and remodeling of the old quarters. Construction is now completed and changes are still under way in the older quarters. The new building with its equipment is representative of the best of its kind in the country being modern in every respect. The installation of a death chamber, wherein dogs may be destroyed by means of gas, has afforded further opportunity for humane and considerate treatment.

You have authorized the construction of a combined Precinct Station and Horse Barn, to be constructed at the northwest corner of Vermont and Marantette Avenues. When completed this building will house the personnel of our Second Precinct, in addition to the personnel and horses of the Mounted Division.

Our plans for the coming year include further progressive endeavor in law enforcement activity and crime preventive work; increase in the scope and range of our Training School thereby assuring better selection and additional training of incoming personnel; and such reorganization in the department as may be deemed necessary to ensure productive results. Traffic problems will continue to receive our close attention to the end that greater freedom of traffic commensurate with public safety may result.

Under the various sub-heads which follow may be found the activities of each branch of the service.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES K. WATKINS,

Commissioner.

For Report see file of Common Council proceedings of this date.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Board of Assessors

January 20, 1931.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We respectfully request your Honorable Body to approve the reduction of General City Tax Assessment for the year 1930, in accordance with resolution hereinafter submitted; said action being taken on account of erroneous assessment on the property named in the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. SCHULTE,

President.

By Councilman Kronk:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to accept the sum of \$89.48 Value \$4,440, from Mrs. A. Winter-