

The Cost.

The growth and cost of the department are best illustrated by the fiscal exhibits of each year since the present organization of the board, which the following table shows: .

Fiscal year ending	
1882, Sept. 14.....	\$ 23,911.00
1883, Sept. 15.....	29,725.79
1884, Sept. 11.....	34,847.13
1885, Sept. 15.....	36,796.57
1886, Sept. 15.....	44,965.97
1887, Sept. 15.....	48,851.54
1888, Sept. 15.....	56,861.37
1889, Sept. 15.....	58,433.03
1890, Sept. 15.....	65,737.98
1891, Sept. 15.....	68,717.10
1892, Sept. 15.....	85,440.71
1893, Sept. 15.....	85,613.11
1894, Sept. 15.....	87,056.67
1895, Sept. 15.....	101,880.99
1896, Aug. 1.....	87,971.32
1897, Aug. 1.....	98,070.39
1898, Aug. 1.....	90,146.07
1899, July 1.....	83,289.80
1900, July 1.....	85,494.11
1901, July 1.....	85,563.15
1902, July 1.....	86,814.47
1903, July 1.....	84,890.56
1904, July 1.....	84,790.96
1905, July 1.....	97,403.97

The first death in the department was that of Michael Murphy, who died February 10th, 1884. On August 22d, 1895, George Powers, a detective from the department, was shot dead in attempting to arrest some suspected train robbers on a G. R. & I. R. R. train at the Grand Trunk crossing in the city. The murderer escaped but is supposed to have been killed a few days afterwards at McBain in Missaukee County by a Deputy Sheriff of Wexford County while again resisting arrest and attempting to escape.

The department has a Relief and Benefit Association organized in 1886 for assisting disabled members. Its officers are as follows: President, Carl A. Atwood; Vice-President, Nicholas J.