

Ever wonder what a cop's job looked like 200 years ago?

There will be no meals eaten during the shift, but you can keep a snack in your top hat...

I WANT YOU FOR PEEEL'S Police (1839)

- You must be aged between 23 and 40 years of age.
- You will be paid the following rates:

CONSTABLE: 17s (shillings) per week

SERGEANT: £1.1s (pounds sterling) per week

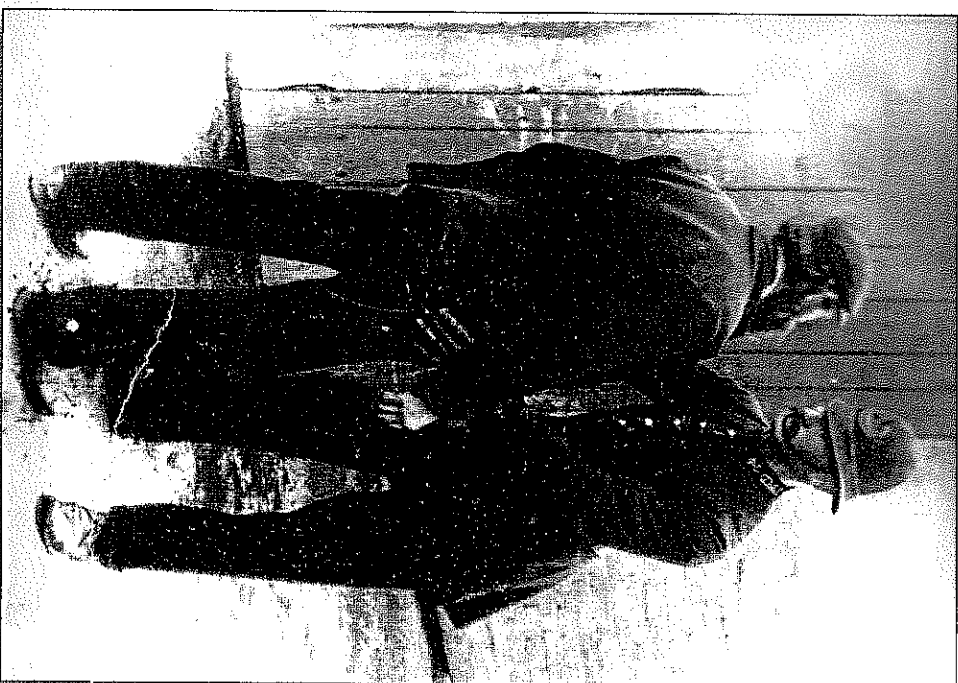
SUPERINTENDENT: £3.10s per week

CHIEF CONSTABLE: £13.19s per week

- Your working hours will be eight, ten or twelve hour shifts, seven days a week. Every encouragement will be given to officers to grow beards as shaving is regarded as unhealthy. However, beards must not exceed two inches in length.

- Uniform will be worn all the time, to prevent accusations of spying on the public, whilst in ordinary clothes.
- A duty band will be worn to indicate whether you are on-duty or not.
- You are NOT allowed to vote in elections.

- You must not gossip with the public. In particular, avoid conversations with female servants or other women on duty. Do not walk or converse with your comrades, merely exchange a word and pass on.



- You will walk about 20 miles per shift.
- No rest days are allowed and only one week holiday per annum (year) unpaid.
- No meal breaks are allowed. The top hat may be used to hold a snack. You must inform the Superintendent before you associate, eat or drink with any civilians.
- Before attending for medical examination and interview to join the police, it is advisable to have a bath.
- You are NOT allowed to sit down in public houses at any time.
- You must expect a hostile reception from all sections of the public and be prepared to be assaulted, stoned or stabbed in the course of your duties.