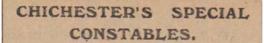


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INSPECTION BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE.

## A COMPLETE LIST OF NAMES.

It will probably come as a surprise to many to know that about 850 special constables have been sworn in for police duty in case of emergency in the Chichester County Petty Sessional Division, including the City of Chichester. Of this number about 250 belong to the Cathedral city alone.

They embrace, in addition to the special constables who are sworn in year after year, practically all the members of the Civil Guard, of which Alderman W. L. Gibbings, J.P., is the Commanding Officer, and also many employees of some of the largest firms in the city,

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The work of swearing in all these men has been going on for some time past, the object being to appoint a sufficient number, who, in case of emergency, would help to preserve the peace, protect the inhabitants and secure the safety of property.

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On Thursday afternoon the majority of the special constables assembled at the Cattle Market and received their badges and armlets from Alderman G. M. Turnbull, J.P., who from the first has carried out the duties of Hon. Secretary to the Civil Guard. He was assisted by Sergeant Gibbons.

The badge of the special constable is in the form of a neat little button to be worn in the lapel of the coat, and the armlet bears the words "West Sussex Constabulary," with the crest of the Constabulary and the wearer's number.

The members of the Civil Guard were not called upon to do more than to receive their badges and armlets on Thursday, but the special constables who have been training at the Police Station Yard, comprising chiefly those who have been appointed from year to year, were drilled by Sergeant Mitchell, and were afterwards inspected by the Chief Constable, Mr. A. S. Williams, who complimented them upon their smartness.

The Chief Constable was accompanied by his Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, K.G., and the Deputy Chief Constable (Superintendent Horace Ellis), who had previously attended a meeting of the Emergency Committee at the Council House.