

BROOKLYN SHAKE-UP RUMORED

Stir In Police Circles Predicted As Result Of Lynching.

A shake-up of the police force of the Fifth district of Anne Arundel county, which includes Brooklyn, Fairfield and Curtis Bay, it is predicted, will be one of the results of the meeting of the County Commissioners at Annapolis Tuesday morning when the term of every member of the force expires.

It has been rumored that dissatisfaction with the entire police force on the part of the Commissioners has resulted from the ease with which King Johnson was taken from the Brooklyn police station and lynched last Monday morning and the fact that the police have unearthed no clues as to the identity of the lynchers.

Last week Rev. Kenneth M. Craig, pastor of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, expressed the opinion that the failure of the police to apprehend the lynchers was due to political conditions in Brooklyn. Patrolman Johnson, who arrested King Johnson the night he killed Schwab, is said to be slated for retirement Tuesday because he differs politically from Justice Potee and Chief Irwin. On the other hand, it is predicted that despite these political differences Johnson will be reappointed to the force.

Commissioner James F. Smith, president of the board, represents the Fifth district. He is said to follow closely the advice of Justice Potee and Chief Irwin in matters local to Brooklyn.

Dr. C. Hill Brooke, physical coroner for Brooklyn, stated yesterday that he would go before the Commissioners and recommend that the police station be thoroughly renovated and a place be provided in which post mortem examinations may be held.

Chief Irwin confines his search for clues to the lynching mainly to questioning negroes in Fairfield and Wagner's Point.