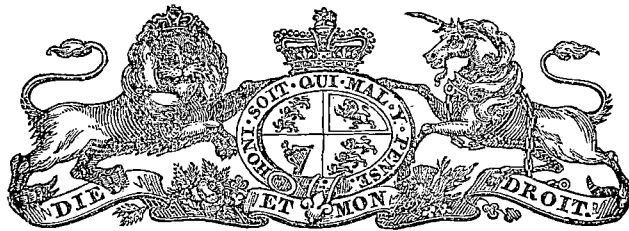


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LAUNCESTON FIRE BRIGADE BOARD :

REPORT FOR 1885.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



REPORT OF THE LAUNCESTON FIRE BRIGADE BOARD FOR THE
YEAR 1885.

To His Excellency Major SIR GEORGE CUMINE STRAHAN, R.A., K.C.M.G.,
Governor of the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

IN pursuance of "The Fire Brigades Act," 47 Vict. No. 21, this Board has the honor to report as follows:—

Brigade Staff.

1. The Brigade Staff has maintained its complement of officers and men, consisting of Superintendent, Deputy, and twenty-six effective Firemen, who have attended fires, alarms, and practices as required, and have exhibited fair efficiency in the duties demanded of them.

Plant.

2. The Superintendent reports the Plant now in use to be in serviceable condition, and to form a fair equipment.

Buildings.

3. Fire Tower.—The Board regrets that the Government have not seen fit to adopt the recommendation contained in paragraph 4 of Report of last year to purchase this building, as it appears to be in every respect essential to the completion of the appliances and proper working of brigade machinery. The new reel station at Inveresk being now complete, increases the fire preventative means of that portion of the district.

Fires.

4. The number of fires and alarms attended by the Brigade during the year were 8 fires and 18 alarms, as per report annexed.

Expenditure.

5. The expenditure for the year has been £752 3s. 8d., less amount unclaimed and expenses paid by owners and occupiers of uninsured property, £38 13s. 6d., leaving the net expenditure £713 10s. 2d.

Meetings.

6. Thirteen general and two committee meetings have been attended by the Board.

F. BELSTEAD, *Chairman.*

DETAILED Statement of Fires attended by the Launceston Fire Brigade for the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

Date.	Time.	Locality.	Trade used as.	Occupant.	Owner.	Construction.	Extent of Damage.	How insured.		Result of Inquest.	General Remarks.
								Building.	Contents.		
1885.											
Jan. 5	3:20 P.M.	Fire Tower, Brisbane-street	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	An accident by two visitors in touching the bell.
8	9:42 A.M.	Charles-street	General stores	Edginton & Co.	Read's estate	Wooden build- ^[ing]	Considerable	South British & Royal	Royal Insurance Co.	Open verdict	Unknown.
13	11:20 A.M.	Corner Charles and Cameron streets	Boarding-house	Mr. Gibbins	ditto	Brick	Slight	Uninsured	Uninsured	None held	Chimney on fire.
14	10:30 P.M.	Corner George and Frankland streets	Stables	Mr. Green	Mr. Perrin	Wooden	ditto	South British & Royal	..	ditto	Unknown.
Mar. 7	9:15 P.M.	Ann-street	Gorse hedge	..	..	..	..	..	..	ditto	..
10	6:30 P.M.	Corner Wellington and Howick-sts.	Dwelling-house & shop	Mrs. C. Donnell	J. Elms	Iron	Very slight	Derwent & Tamar	..	ditto	Heat from stove-pipe.
12	—	Elizabeth-street	Vacant allotment	Mr. Humphreys	..	Rubbish	Slight	..	..	ditto	Unknown.
23	3:7 P.M.	Cameron-street	Carpenters	Adams, Griffiths, & Dudley	Adams, Griffiths, & Dudley	Wooden	ditto	Cornwall & Mutual	..	ditto	ditto.
28	7:30 P.M.	Percy-street	Dwelling-house	Mr. Tunks	Mr. Arnold	ditto	ditto	Liverpool, London, & Globe	..	ditto	Chimney on fire.
April 2	8:30 P.M.	Brisbane-street	ditto	Mrs. Bricknell	Matthews & Williamson	Brick	ditto	Uninsured	..	ditto	Chimney.
7	8:30 P.M.	Cataract Hill	ditto	Mrs. Davis	Mrs. Davis	Wooden	ditto	London & Lancashire	London & Lancashire	Open verdict	Gas igniting
17	3 P.M.	Sandhill	Gorse bushes	..	..	..	..	..	..	None held	..
May 5	11 A.M.	Charles-street	Dwelling-house	Dr. Stewart	Dr. Stewart	Brick	Slight	Mutual	..	ditto	Negligence in turning off gas-taps.
June 1	7:45 P.M.	Quadrant	Jeweller's shop	Mr. Davey	..	..	Slight	..	..	ditto	Unknown.
20	1:40 P.M.	Cimitiere-street	Timber-yard workshop	Mr. Archibald	..	Wooden	ditto	Not insured	..	ditto	..
20	7 P.M.	George-street	Grocer's shop	Mr. Peters	..	Brick	ditto	Derwent & Tamar	Liverpool, London, & South British	ditto	..
July 2	9:5 P.M.	Brisbane-street	Hay & corn store	G. Scott	G. Scott	Brick and iron	Considerable	Not insured	..	ditto	Unknown.
11	6:30 P.M.	Elizabeth-street	Dwelling-house	Jas. Munnings	Mrs. H. Reading	Brick	Slight	Liverpool, London, & Globe	..	ditto	..
17	4:30 P.M.	Brisbane-street	Tinsmith's shop	A. Goodwin	A. Goodwin	ditto	ditto	ditto	Liverpool, London, & Globe	ditto	Unknown.
27	7:45 P.M.	Sandhill	Private property	Mr. Edgell	..	Gorse	ditto	..	..	..	..
20	5 P.M.	Wellington-street	Bootmaker's shop	Mr. Johnson	..	..	..	..	..	ditto	No cause for an alarm.
Dec. 7	12:10 A.M.	Corner Frankland & Upper George sts.	Gorse	..	..	..	Slight	..	..	ditto	..
9	6:10 P.M.	Cimitiere-street	General stores	Edginton & Co.	Read's estate	Wooden	ditto	Derwent & Tamar	Derwent & Tamar, New Zealand, and other companies	ditto	From engine.
23	3 P.M.	Cameron-street	ditto	ditto	ditto	Brick	..	Mutual		ditto	ditto.
23	11:15 P.M.	St. John-street	New buildings— [streets Assurance offices]	..	..	..	..	..	..	ditto	Lime damped by rain.
28	12:30 A.M.	Charles & Elizabeth	General brokers	Mr. Kirk	..	Brick	Slight	Mutual	..	ditto	..

C. G. CROFT, *Superintendent.*

THE LAUNCESTON FIRE BRIGADE BOARD.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Total Expenditure for 1885 .....	...	752	3	8		
Less amount paid by owners and occupiers of uninsured premises	35	11	0			
Amounts unclaimed, 1885.....	3	2	6			
				38	13	6
				<u>£718 10 2</u>		
Divided as follows :-						
H.M. Government.....	237	16	10			
Municipal Council	237	16	8			
Insurance Companies.....	237	16	8			
				718	10	2
				<u>718 10 2</u>		

F. LITTLE, *Secretary.*F. BELSTEAD, *Chairman.*