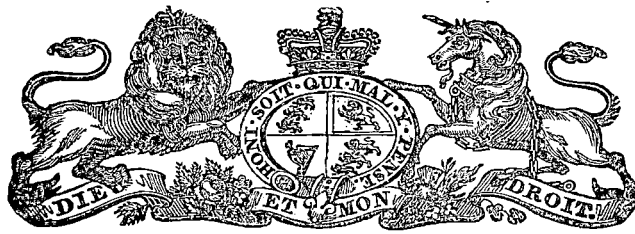


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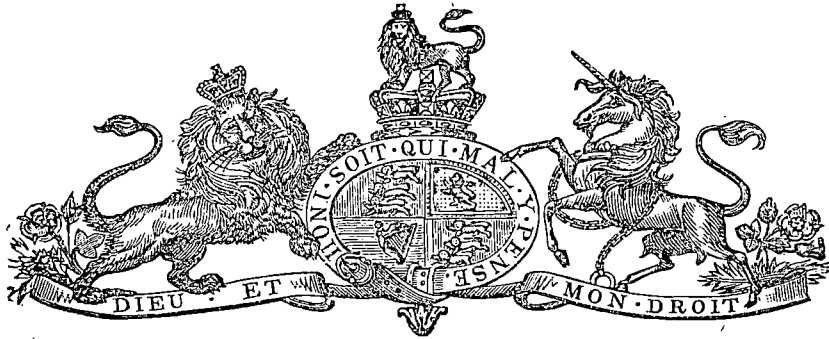
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

HOBART FIRE BRIGADE:

REPORT FOR 1889.

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



REPORT of the FIRE BRIGADE BOARD for the City of HOBART for the Year ending 31st December, 1889, made pursuant to Clause 13 of "The Fire Brigades Act, 1883."

DURING the year 1889 the services of the Brigade have been required at 14 fires, and the Board have to report that the men composing the Brigade have performed their duties in a satisfactory manner.

The balance of expenditure during the same period, after the deduction of the amounts recovered for services rendered on uninsured premises, for the sale of unserviceable hose, and sums unclaimed for assistance rendered, amounts to £552 18s. 6d., which has been equally divided between the Government, the Corporation, and the Insurance Companies.

An account of the Receipts and Expenditure is attached to this Report.

During the year telephonic communication has been established between the fire-bell station and the various city and suburban telephone stations, and arrangements have been made by the Superintendent of Telegraphs whereby the fire-bell station is always in direct communication with these stations from the time the Exchange closes until it re-opens.

On the recommendation of the Board, the Municipal Council of this City have decided to put down extra fire-plugs in the suburbs of New Town and Sandy Bay: this work is promised to be proceeded with with as little delay as possible. These plugs are greatly needed, and when placed down will add to the safety from fire to the buildings in these suburbs.

A watchman has been appointed, who is always on duty during the night, at the fire-bell tower.

The Superintendent reports that the plant and appliances of the Brigade are in good order.

There have been 23 meetings of the Board during the year.

C. M. MAXWELL, *Chairman.*
B. TRAVERS SOLLY.
ALFRED CRISP.
WM. SMITH.
JOHN ROBERTS.

THE HOBART FIRE BRIGADE BOARD.

RECEIPTS and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1889.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Tasmanian Government	184	6	2	Salaries—Superintendent, £120; Secretary, £26	146	0	0
Hobart Corporation	184	6	2	Monthly practices and wages of the Brigade	128	15	0
Insurance Companies.....	184	6	2	Night watchman.....	52	0	0
Expenses recovered on uninsured properties	12	16	0	Expenses of Brigade, attendance at fires and alarms	198	12	6
Amounts unclaimed for assistance rendered.	1	5	0	Repairs to reel, hose, &c.	12	14	3
Amount for sale of old hose.....	21	0	0	Stationery, printing, and stamps	5	3	0
				Telephones	21	0	0
				Miscellaneous and incidental expenses	77	4	9
				Coroners' Inquests	6	10	0
	<u>£587</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£587</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>

C. M. MAXWELL, *Chairman.*

E. & O.E.

T. M. EVANS, *Secretary.*
31st January, 1890.

Examined and found correct.

W. LOVETT, *Auditor-General.*
4th February, 1890.

DETAILED STATEMENT of Fires attended by the Fire Brigade for the City of Hobart for the Year ending 31st December, 1889.

Date.	Time.	Locality.	Trade used as	Occupied by	Construction.	Extent of Damage.	How Insured.		Result of Inquest, if any held.	Origin and General Remarks.
							Buildings.	Contents.		
1889.										
Jan. 5	9.45 P.M.	Frances-street, Sandy Bay	Gardener's Cottage	Cresswell	Weatherboards	Total	Uninsured	...	Open verdict	Unknown
11	12.20 P.M.	Murray-street	Dwelling	Reid & Vallentine	Wood & brick	Slight	Uninsured	...	None held	
17	8.20 P.M.	Risdon Road	Tanner	S. H. Burrows	Wood and iron	Slight	Mutual Union	Mutual Union	...	
24	11.30 A.M.	New Wharf	Engineers	Kennedy & Son	Stone	Slight	Mutual Union	Com. Union	Open verdict	
28	5.30 P.M.	Murray-street	Baker	Wheelan	Wood	Slight	Mutual Union	...	...
Mar. 4	11.55 P.M.	Gladstone-street	Bark Merchant	Bond	Stone building & bark in yard	Considerable	Com. Union, and Derwent and Tamar	Com. Union, and Mutual Union	Open verdict	Unknown
April 15	10.10 P.M.	Melville-street	Kitchen	Rev. Withrington	Wood	Slight	Derwent and Tamar	...	...
May 25	8.45 P.M.	Argyle-street	Fruiterer's shop	Elmore	Brick	None	Derwent and Tamar	...	...	Chimney on fire
July 9	4 P.M.	Harrington-st.	Dwelling	Thornton	Brick	Slight	Com. Union	...	...	Sparks from chimney
12	4 P.M.	Collins-street	Dwelling	Marsh	Brick	Slight	Mutual Co.	...	...	Chimney on fire
13	Midnight.	Sandy Bay	Dwelling	Fry	Wood	Considerable	Com. Union	...	Open verdict	Probably boy smoking
Oct. 25	9 A.M.	Market Place, New Wharf	Hay store	Fryer & Co.	Wood	Total	Uninsured	Uninsured	...	
27	7 P.M.	Union-street	Dwelling	Kirk	Wood	Slight	Com. Union	Com. Union	Open verdict	
Dec. 18	8.10 P.M.	Dunn-street	Butcher	Pregnell	Brick	Considerable	New Zealand	New Zealand	...	Unknown

E. MAHER, *Superintendent.*