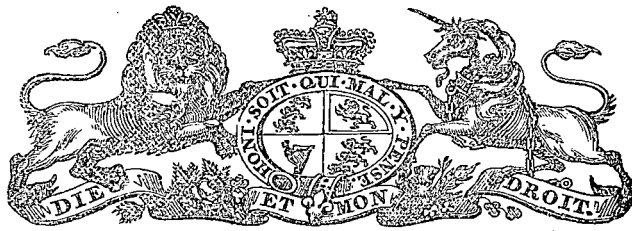


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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

FIRE BRIGADE BOARD, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1884.

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



REPORT OF THE LAUNCESTON FIRE BRIGADE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1884.

*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:—

Constitution of Board.

1. The Board was constituted in accordance with the Act on the 18th February, 1884, and framed and passed Rules and Regulations, which have been duly approved and published.

Brigade.

2. In due course the Board selected officers and men (in great part from a Volunteer Brigade then in existence) as a Brigade, which comprises Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and twenty-eight (28) effective Firemen.

Plant.

3. On assuming office the Board found that the previous maintenance of Brigade matters in this Town had fallen almost entirely upon certain Insurance offices, from whom the Board have to acknowledge the receipt of the entire and valuable plant then in use, and, in addition, the Liverpool and London and Globe Company presented the costly engine and material their private property. These appliances have been supplemented to some extent from the funds of the Board, and the Brigade may be deemed to be fairly equipped.

Fire Tower.

4. A Fire Tower and premises having been erected in a central position in the Town by the Launceston United Fire Brigade, the Board deemed it essential that these buildings should be acquired by the Government, and recommended them to purchase the same, charging the Board interest upon the purchase money. Pending the settlement of this matter the Board have entered into a temporary arrangement for the rental, at the rate of £100 per annum, of a portion of the premises.

Fires.

5. The number of fires and alarms attended by the Brigade during the year were 14 fires and 22 alarms.

Expenditure.

6. The amount expended during the same period has been £925 3s. 3d.

Meetings.

7. Eighteen general and sundry committee meetings have been attended by members of the Board.

F. BELSTEAD, *Chairman.*

Launceston, 13th February, 1885.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Year ending 31st December, 1884.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To advance from Government ...	250	0	0				By Salaries and wages	314	3	1
Contributions from Municipal Council	216	18	3				Labour with reels.....	95	2	6
Ditto from Insurance Companies	211	0	1				Allowance to United Fire Brigade for assistance to June 30	81	12	6
Cash from owners and occupiers uninsured premises	19	9	0				New hose	70	7	0
				697	7	4	Rent of towers	57	10	0
Balance due Bank Tasmania	248	13	2				Keeping reels	31	5	0
Less cash in hand	20	17	3				Rent of engine-house	27	10	0
				227	15	11	Hydrants and shields.....	39	8	0
							New reel.....	35	0	0
							Repairs to plant and stores.....	43	3	9
							Repairing tower	24	12	0
							Horse hire	20	5	0
							Printing, advertising, and stationery.....	21	3	11
							Medical attendance	17	6	6
							General expenses	17	12	0
							Hose-drying platform	16	12	0
							Assessors' fees	6	6	0
							New ladders	4	0	0
							Interest Bank of Tasmania.....	2	4	0
				<u>£925</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£925</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Net Expenditure.....	905	14	3							
Less amounts unclaimed and placed to credit of Board	1	5	10							
				<u>904</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>				
Divided as follows—										
Government.....	301	9	6							
Municipal Council	301	9	5							
Insurance Companies.....	301	9	6							
				<u>904</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>				

F. BELSTEAD, *Chairman.*

DETAILED Statement of Fires attended by the Launceston Fire Brigade for the Year ending 31st December, 1884.

Date.	Time.	Locality.	Trade used as.	Occupant.	Owner.	Construction.	Extent of Damage.	How insured.		Result of Inquest.	General Remarks.
								Building.	Contents.		
1884.											
Jan. 1	NOON	William-street	Dwelling	Mrs. Allen	— Callaghan	Weatherboard	Slight	No record	..	None held	Chimney on fire.
	5 P.M.	Swamp	Private house	Mrs. Callagan		ditto	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	Hay-stack. [to death
Feb. 23	11 A.M.	Charles-street	Chemist	John Lay	Wm. Atkinson	Wooden shed	Considerable	ditto	..	ditto	Shed, 3 children burnt
24	3 A.M.	St. John-street	Hotel	J. Huston	Alex. Corrie	Wood stable	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	Unknown—stable.
28	1 P.M.	Patterson-street	Private house	Mrs. Marsh	J. T. Glenwright	Wood	Slight	ditto	..	ditto	Chimney on fire.
Mar. 3	3 P.M.	Cameron-street	Hotel	Mrs. Fahey	Mrs. Fahey	Brick	Considerable	ditto	..	ditto	Supposed to be from stable.
-3	6 P.M.	Cleveland-street	Private	Rev. — Robinson	Mrs. Wilson	ditto	Slight	ditto	..	ditto	Bedding on fire.
11	8 P.M.	Charles-street	Builder	H. J. Ferrall	H. J. Ferrall	Weatherboard	Considerable	ditto	..	ditto	Unknown.
16	4 P.M.	ditto	Merchant	R. Green	R. Green's estate	Wood fence	Slight	ditto	..	ditto	ditto.
22	MIDNIGHT	ditto	Ironmonger	W. Hart & Sons	W. Hart	Yard	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	Rubbish caught fire.
April 7	1 P.M.	Wellington-street	Private	Mr. Dido		Brick	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	Chimney on fire.
17	7:30 P.M.	George-street	ditto	Mr. Simpson	Mrs. Palmer	Weatherboard	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	Curtains on fire.
May 3	4 P.M.	York-street	ditto	Mr. Andrews		Brick	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	Chimney on fire. [flue
3	3 P.M.	St. John-street	Flour-mill	David Ritchie	D. Ritchie	ditto	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	Chaff caught fire from
4	9 P.M.	Elizabeth-street	Boot shop	Mrs. Boyd	Mrs. Boyd	ditto	ditto	ditto	..	None held	Wood on fire.
20	8:45 P.M.	Brisbane-street	Draper	John Dunning	John Dunning	ditto	Considerable	ditto	..	Open verdict	Unknown.
20	8:45 P.M.	ditto	ditto	A. Nichols	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	ditto.
24	3 A.M.	York-street	Stable	W. Conroy	W. Conroy	Weatherboard	ditto	ditto	..	None held	ditto.
25	6:30 P.M.	York & Bathurst-sts.	Private	Mr. Johnstone	Solomon's estate	Brick	Slight	ditto	..	ditto	Chimney on fire.
June 8	9 P.M.	Brisbane-street	Tobacconist shop	R. D. Burls	C. J. Upton	Weatherboard	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	Unknown.
July 1	9 P.M.	Patterson-street	Dwelling-house	J. T. Glenwright	E. H. Reading	Wood	Considerable	Not insured	Not insured	ditto	ditto.
4	6:10 A.M.	Brisbane-street	Grocer's shop	Irvine & M'Eachern	T. Corbett	Brick	ditto	Cornwall, Derwent & Tamar	Royal and Derwent & Tamar	ditto	Supposed from matches under counter.
9	8 A.M.	William-street	Bark store	W. H. Fletcher	W. H. Fletcher	Weatherboard	Slight	Not insured	Uninsured	ditto	Unknown.
15	11:45 P.M.	Charles-street	Hardware shop	A. Macdonald	W. Turner	Brick	ditto	Mutual of Tasmania	Derwent and Tamar	ditto	From fire top story.
28	4 A.M.	Elizabeth-street	Hotel	Mrs. Edwards	J. Reading	ditto	ditto	Uninsured	Uninsured	ditto	Fire in yard.
Aug. 1	5 P.M.	ditto	Chemist's shop	Mr. Richardson	C. Galvin	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	ditto	Chimney on fire.
8	5 P.M.	York-street	Dwelling-house	Mrs. Macdonald	W. Field	Weatherboard	ditto	..	ditto	ditto	ditto.
9	6:30 A.M.	Canning-street	ditto	G. Green	G. Green	Wood	ditto	..	ditto	ditto	ditto.
11	9 P.M.	Balfour-street	ditto	Mrs. Young	Mrs. M'Rudden	Brick	ditto	Mutual of Tasmania	..	ditto	ditto. [chimney
23	7:50 P.M.	Elizabeth-street	ditto	Mrs. M'Lean	W. B. Tregurtha	ditto	ditto	Derwent and Tamar	..	ditto	Roof caught rom
Sept. 7	11:45 A.M.	Brisbane-street	<i>Launceston Hotel</i>	E. H. Pantou	Adye Douglas, as trustee	ditto	ditto	Cornwall	..	ditto	ditto.
7	6:45 P.M.	Cameron-street	Dwelling-house	— Woodworth		ditto	ditto	Uninsured	Uninsured	ditto	Chimney on fire.
Oct. 6	12:15 P.M.	Inveresk	ditto	Mrs. Shepherd		Weatherboard	ditto	ditto	..	ditto	ditto.
Dec. 22	8 P.M.	Charles-street	Draper's shop	Overell & Co.		Brick and wood	Considerable	South British & Royal, Liverpool & London, & Commercial Union	..	ditto	Gas lighting in window.
31	11 P.M.	Windmill Hill	Gorse fire								
27	10:45 A.M.	Charles-street	Dwelling-house	J. Graul	Solomon's estate	Brick	Slight	Uninsured	Uninsured	ditto	Chimney on fire.

C. G. CROFT, *Superintendent.*