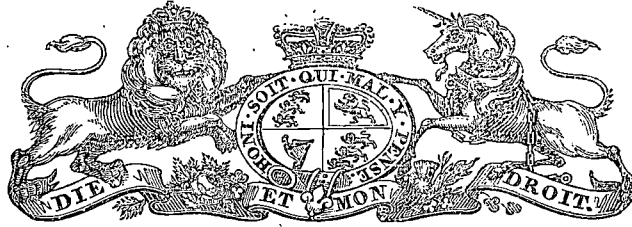


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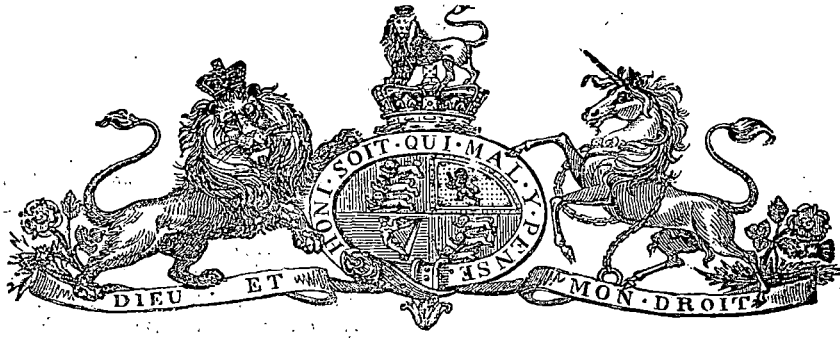
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

HOBART FIRE BRIGADE BOARD :

REPORT FOR 1891.

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, 1891, made pursuant to Clause 13 of "The Fire Brigades Act, 1883."

DURING the Year 1891 the Brigade attended 17 fires, being a decrease of 2 fires as compared with the previous year. The Board have to report that the conduct of the men composing the Brigade has been satisfactory, and that they have performed their duties in an efficient manner.

The balance of expenditure during the same period, after the deduction of the amounts recovered for services rendered on uninsured premises, sums unclaimed for services rendered, and amounts received on sale of old hose, amounts to £595 4s. 3d., 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.

The Board have considered it advisable to order from England one of Shand, Mason, & Co's. best Lattice Girder Fire Escapes, 60 feet in length, (fitted with a canvas shoot and jumping sheet), as well as a Smoke Jacket and appliances. These articles are expected to arrive in the Colony in about a month's time. As the Board had no place in which to put this Escape on arrival, they made application to the Government to grant them a piece of ground at the angle of Argyle and Melville streets. They have the pleasure to report that the Government met the wishes of the Board in a most liberal spirit, and granted them a lease for 99 years of the land mentioned. The situation is a good one for the erection of a Fire Brigade Station, with Look-out Tower, and may eventually be used for that purpose. At present it will be used as a place for keeping the Fire Escape and some other appliances.

A Volunteer Fire Brigade has been formed at Lansdowne Crescent, which works under Regulations made by this Board. The Board have granted the use of a reel with hose, and have had one of the officers of the Hobart Fire Brigade to instruct the members in their duties as firemen. They have made good progress under his instruction. The reel is placed in a shed at the Reservoir in that locality. This shed has been willingly granted for the purpose by the Corporation of this City.

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

Nineteen meetings of the Board have been held during the year.

C. M. MAXWELL, *Chairman.*
B. TRAVERS SOLLY.
T. A. REYNOLDS.
ALFRED CRISP.
JOHN ROBERTS.

DETAILED STATEMENT of Fires attended by the Fire Brigade for the City of Hobart for the Year ending 31st December, 1891.

Date.	Time.	Locality.	Trade used as.	Occupied by	Construc- tion.	Extent of Damage.	How Insured.		Result of Inquest, if any held.	Origin and General Remarks.
							Buildings.	Contents.		
1891.										
Jan. 5	2:40 A.M.	Elizabeth-street	Jeweller	Schapke	Brick	Considerable	Mutual Union	London & Lancashire Union of N. Z.	Open ver- dict	Unknown
Feb. 5	2:10 P.M.	Salamanca Place	Hay Merchant	Fryer & Co.	Stone	Considerable	...	...	Open ver- dict	Unknown
Mar. 4	6:10 P.M.	Patrick-street	Dwelling	Dawson	Brick	Slight	Tasmanian	...	...	Unknown
10	5:45 P.M.	Railway	Workshop	Railway	Wood	Slight	...	...	...	Unknown
26	11:15 P.M.	Barrack-street	Dwelling	M'Gregor	Wood	None	...	...	...	Alarm
May 2	1:15 A.M.	Franklin Wharf	Str. <i>Monarch</i>	F. H. Wise	Wood	Slight	...	...	...	Unknown
3	7:45 P.M.	Lansdowne Crescent	Dwelling	Griffith	Wood	None	Commercial Union Co.	...	...	Chimney on fire
15	2:45 A.M.	Liverpool-street	...	Railway	...	...	...	...	...	Burning rubbish
25	8:36 P.M.	Mount Stuart Road	Dwelling	Strange	Wood	Total	Mutual Union, Mutual of Tasmania	...	...	Unknown
June 3	2:45 A.M.	Collins-street	Offices	Liberty	Brick	Slight	Derwent & Tamar	...	...	Unknown
Aug. 11	9 A.M.	Melville-street	Dwelling	Rider	Wood	Slight	Derwent & Tamar, Liverpool & Lon- don & Globe	...	...	Unknown
Oct. 7	8 P.M.	New Wharf	Barque <i>Har- riet M'Gregor</i>	...	Wood	Slight	...	...	...	Upsetting of kerosene lamp in cabin
10	2:10 A.M.	South Glen- orchy	Dwelling	Lord	Wood	Total	Uninsured	...	...	Unknown
24	7:45 P.M.	Liverpool-street	Dwelling	Russell	Brick	Slight	Cornwall Co.	...	...	...
30	10:30 A.M.	Collins-street	Auctioneers	Westbrook & Abbott	...	None	...	...	...	Explosion of chemi- cals in dust-bin
Nov. 8	2:45 P.M.	Warwick-street	Dwelling	Smith & others	Brick	Slight	Derwent & Tamar	...	...	Sparks from chimney
12	11 P.M.	Murray-street	Stable	Jones	Wood	Slight	Uninsured	...	...	...

E. MAHER, Superintendent.