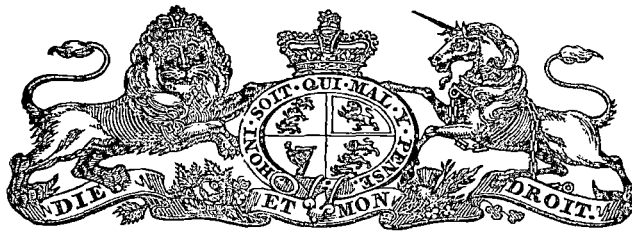


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FIRE BRIGADE BOARD, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1887.

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



REPORT of the Launceston Fire Brigade Board for the Year 1887.

*To His Excellency SIR ROBERT GEORGE CROOKSHANK HAMILTON,
K.C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Tasmania.*

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.

The Brigade Staff, which consists of Superintendent, Deputy, and twenty-three Firemen, have shown their usual activity when called upon for duty. The average attendance at fires and practices has been satisfactory.

Plant.

This is reported to be in fair working order; but it is proposed, during the current year, to add to it by the purchase of a quantity of new hose.

Fires.

The Brigade has attended during the year 13 fires and 16 alarms, particulars of which, as usual, are given in the accompanying Report of the Superintendent. In addition to their ordinary duties, several members of the Brigade, with the Deputy Superintendent, rendered valuable assistance in extinguishing a fire which occurred on board the T. S. N. Company's s.s. *Flinders*, at George Town, which was suitably recognised by the Directors of that Company.

Expenditure.

The expenditure for the year has been £545 14s. 9d.

Meetings and General.

Eleven meetings of the Board have been held during the year. Mr. Weedon, representing the Insurance Companies in Launceston, and Mr. Alderman Sutton, representative of the Municipal Council, were re-elected members of the Board.

H. WEEDON, *Chairman.*

Launceston, 1st March, 1888.

RECEIPTS.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To contributions on account of								
1886—								
Government	124	1	0					
Municipal Council.....	85	9	1					
Insurance Companies	41	17	1					
Unclaimed amount	0	2	6					
				251	9	8		
To contributions on account of								
1887—								
Insurance Companies	138	3	9					
Municipal Council.....	138	12	10					
Government	95	12	7					
Unclaimed amounts	0	7	6					
				372	16	8		
Balance			174	5	9		
				£798	12	1		

EXPENDITURE.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from 1886.....								
Salaries—								
Superintendent	100	0	0					
Deputy Superintendent.....	26	0	0					
Secretary and Treasurer ...	52	0	0					
				178	0	0		
Wages—								
Firemen	108	0	0					
Attendance at Fires	71	17	6					
				179	17	6		
Rent—								
Tower	75	0	0					
Engine House.....	4	0	0					
				79	0	0		
Assistance with Reels at alarms								
and Fires.....	...			51	5	6		
Horse Hire			12	13	6		
Repairs to Plant.....	...			9	12	6		
Municipal Rates.....	...			13	16	10		
General Charges—								
Assessors' Fees			8	17	6		
Telephone			6	0	0		
Printing and Advertising...	...			2	8	9		
Interest			5	0	2		
				£798	12	1		

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*
24th February, 1888.

H. WEEDON, *Chairman.*

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STATEMENT of Fires attended by the Launceston Fire Brigade for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.

Date.	Time.	Locality.	Trade used as	Occupant.	Owner.	Con- struction.	Extent of Damage.	How insured.		Result of Inquest.	General Remarks.
								Building.	Contents..		
1887.											
Jan. 7	2.10 A.M.	High-st.	Dwelling-house	Mr. Price	Mr. Price	Wooden	...	Derwent & Tamar	Derwent & Tamar	None held	Unknown
7	3 P.M.	Wellington road	Baker's shop	Mr. Laws	Mr. Laws	Brick	Slight	ditto	Supposed from Mr. Farthing's stove-pipe
11	2.50 A.M.	Brisbane-st.	Tobacconists and Drapers	Atkinson & Rob- inson	Hutchinson's estate	Wooden	Considerable	Mutual & New Zealand	New Zealand	...	Unknown
19	3.10 P.M.	Eardley-st. [sts.	Dwelling-house	T. Prosser	T. Prosser	ditto	ditto	...	Uninsured	...	—
Feb. 4	1 A.M.	York & Arnott-	ditto	Mr. Smith	Mr. Smith	...	Slight	Children set fire to fence
5	2.50 P.M.	Rear of Hospital	ditto	Dr. Thompson	ditto	Men smoking
11	...	Near Magazine	No damage	Men clearing the road set fire to gorse
Mar. 2	2.30 P.M.	Cameron & Wel- lington-sts.	ditto	Mr. Powell	Mr. Powell	Brick	Slight	New Zealand Co.	Chimney
6	4 A.M.	Wellington-st.	ditto	Mr. Stott	Mr. Gardner	Wooden	ditto	South British Co.	Unknown
12	5 A.M.	St. John-st.	Barber's shop	Mr. Smith	...	ditto	ditto	Uninsured	L. & L. & Globe	...	ditto
20	1.25 A.M.	Esplanade	Engineers	Salisbury & Co.	...	Brick	Considerable	Mutual	Mutual	...	Front of blacksmith's shop, and tools
April 2	2.15 A.M.	Brisbane-st.	Timber-yard	J. & T. Gunn	J. & T. Gunn	...	Slight	ditto	ditto	...	Lime-shed
15	3.40 A.M.	York-st.	Butchers	Fry & Co.	Mr. Wigney	Wooden	Considerable	Victoria & Mutual	Victoria	...	Putting lime against stable
15	4.15 A.M.	St. John-st.	Lime-shed	Barclay's build- ings	Mr. Barclay	...	Slight	Victoria	Lime caught fire from rain
May 28	6.15 P.M.	Upton-st.	Dwelling-house	Bethune, Con- ners, & Ritchie	Mr. Thompson	Brick & wood	Considerable	Cornwall	Uninsured	...	Unknown
...	7 P.M.	Charles-st.	Dressmaker	Mrs. Wathen	Mr. Wathen	Wooden	Slight	Mutual	Fire falling from grate
...	5.15 A.M.	Earl-st.	Dwelling-house	Mr. Robinson	Capt. Barwood	Brick	Considerable	Derwent & Tamar	Unknown
...	2 P.M.	Brisbane-st.	ditto	Mr. Brandwood	Mr. Stevenson	ditto	Slight	Mutual	From chimney
...	9.45 P.M.	Dry-st.	ditto	Mrs. M'Donald	Mrs. Wade	Wooden	ditto	Cornwall	Window-blinds, carelessness
Sept. 18	11.20 P.M.	Brisbane-st.	Shop & dwelling	K. Beston	K. Beston	ditto	Considerable	Tasmanian	D. & T.—Tasm ^a	Supposed to be set on fire
...	2.15 P.M.	Elphin road	Dwelling	Mr. F. Littler	Mr. Ferguson	Brick	Slight	Mutual	London & Lan- cashire	...	Chimney
Oct. 16	...	Charles-st.	Stable	Mr. Glenwright	Mr. Glenwright	ditto	ditto	New Zealand Co.	Uninsured	..	Sparks from chimney
...	10.30 A.M.	Brisbane-st.	Dwelling-house	Messrs. Field	Messrs. Field	ditto	ditto	Derwent & Tamar	Chimney
27	2.45 P.M.	Lyttleton-st.	ditto	Mr. J. Thompson	Mr. J. Thompson	Wooden	ditto	Mutual	Spark falling on roof
Dec. 8	2 P.M.	George-st.	ditto	Mrs. Savage	Solomon's estate	Brick	ditto	L. & L. & Globe	Unknown
15	11.30 P.M.	Race-course, Newnham	T. Turf Club	T. Turf Club	W. C. Grubb	Wooden	Considerable	Uninsured	ditto
21	10 A.M.	Frederick-st., West	Dwelling-house	Mr. Stimpkin	Mr. Lewis	ditto	Slight	Chimney
23	4 A.M.	Frederick-st.	Condemned	Unoccupied	Local Board of Health	ditto	Burnt down	} Burnt by request of Govern- ment and Local Board of Health
23	...	St. John-st.	Smallpox Hos- pital	...	Central Board of Health	ditto	

C. G. CROFT, *Superintendent.*