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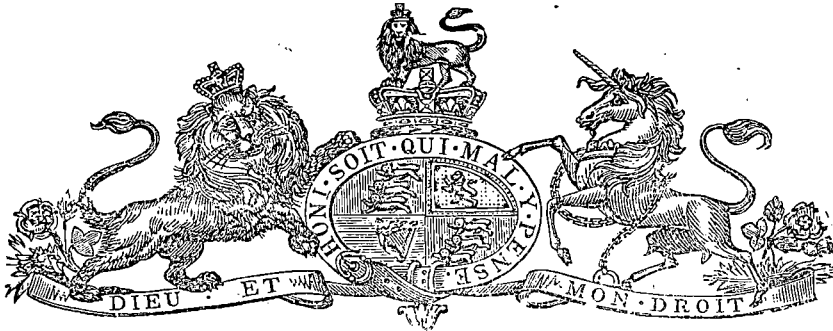
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON FIRE BRIGADE BOARD:

REPORT FOR 1899.

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REPORT of the Board for the Year ending 31st December, 1899.

To the Right Honourable Viscount GORMANSTON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

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

1. The Brigade has maintained its full complement of officers and men, who have attended fires, alarms, and practices as required, and have exhibited the usual efficiency in the duties demanded of them.
2. The Superintendent reports that the plant now in use is in a serviceable condition.
3. The number of fires and alarms attended by the Brigade during the year was eighteen, as per annexed Report.
4. The Expenditure for the year was £737 9s. 3d., less amounts unclaimed, 17s 6d., and expenses paid by the owners and occupiers of uninsured property, £10 15s. 0d., leaving the net expenditure £725 16s. 9d.
5. There have been fourteen meetings of the Board during the year.

H. WEEDON, *Chairman*

REPORT of Fires and Alarms attended by Launceston Fire Brigade for Year ended December 31st, 1899.

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.		
1899.										
Jan. 1	12.1 P.M.	Laurence-street.	Store	W. Sidebottom	Wood	Destroyed	Commercial Union	New Zealand	None held	Unknown.
24	1.45 A.M.	Brisbane-street	Tobacconist	A. Ritchie	Brick	Slight	Derwent & Tamar	ditto	Open verdict	ditto
Feb. 9	1.40 A.M.	Elizabeth-street	Bacon-curer	W. Bender	Iron	Nil	...	Uninsured	...	Alarm, only smoke from shaft.
12	12.45 A.M.	Leslie-street	Dairy	Mr. Nichols	Wood	Hay-stack destroyed	Uninsured	ditto	None held	Supposed to be set on fire.
20	3.45 P.M.	French-street	Paddock	Mr. Thurstun	...	Nil	...	ditto	...	Grass on fire.
Mar. 1	4.30 P.M.	York-street	Shop & dwelling	Mr. Herrington	Brick	Slight	Uninsured	ditto	...	Fire rolled out of fire-place on to floor.
Apr. 6	12.15 P.M.	George-street	Butcher's shop	Mr. Harris	ditto	Nil	Phoenix office	ditto	...	Shed took light from copper fire.
25	12.30 P.M.	Invermay	Dwelling	Unoccupied	Wood	Partially destroyed	Commercial Union office	ditto	...	Supposed to have been set on fire.
May 11	6.30 P.M.	Wellington-street	Stable	Mr. J. Kennedy	ditto	Destroyed	Alliance office	ditto	...	Unknown.
12	1.20 A.M.	Brisbane-street	Fire station	Fire Brigade Board	Brick	Slight	Cornwall office	ditto	...	ditto
June 24	9.45 P.M.	William-street	Foundry	Bogle & Clarke	Iron	ditto	South British	Unknown.	...	From drying stove.
July 11	8.30 P.M.	York-street	Shop & dwelling	Mr. Kilby	Brick	Nil	Mutual office	ditto	...	Chimney on fire.
Sept. 9	8.40 P.M.	George-street	Cordial factory	Mr. Milsom	...	...	Commercial Union office	ditto	...	Van on fire.
13	7 P.M.	Earle-street	Dwelling	Mrs. Durhan	Wood	Nil	ditto	ditto	...	Window blinds and curtain ignited from candle.
Oct. 1	1.15 A.M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Alarm only.
13	5.45 P.M.	York-street	Cabinet-maker	Fulton & Taylor	Brick	Slight	Uninsured	Uninsured	...	Unknown.
Nov. 20	9.30 P.M.	Charles-street	Waterproof factory	Mr. Helwitz	ditto	Stock destroyed	ditto	Norwich Union & Manchester Coys.	...	ditto
Dec. 7	1.15 P.M.	Patterson-street	Dwelling	Mr. W. Croft	ditto	Slight	Commercial Union	London & Lancashire Co.	...	Sparks from chimney.

ROBERT BENNELL, *Superintendent.*

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