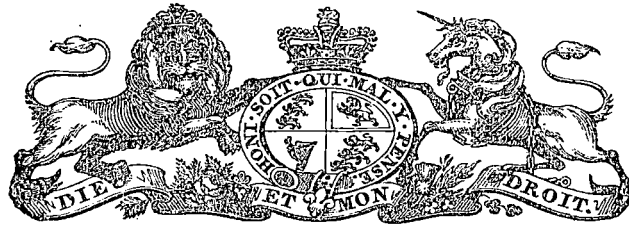


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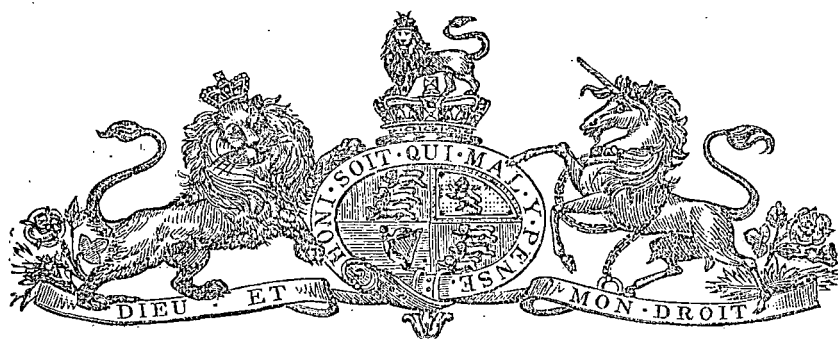
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REPORT FOR 1896.

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REPORT of Launceston Fire Brigade Board for Year ending 31st December, 1896.

To the Right Honorable Viscount GORMANSTON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony 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 as follows:—

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 good order and condition.
3. The number of fires and alarms attended by the Brigade during the year was thirty-five, as per annexed Report.
4. The Expenditure for the year was £735 19s. 5d., less amounts unclaimed and expenses paid by owners and occupiers of uninsured property, £7 8s. 1d., leaving the net expenditure £728 11s. 4d.
5. There have been eleven meetings of the Board during the year.

H. WEEDON, *Chairman.*

REPORT of Fires and Alarms attended by Launceston Fire Brigade for Year ending December, 1896.

| 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. | | |
| 1896. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 30 | 1.30 P.M. | St. John-street | Baking, &c. | G. B. Dean | Brick | Great | Cornwall | Stock partly in- | ... | Unknown. Bakery and one |
| Feb. 7 | 1 A.M. | Gleadow-street | Stack of hay | M. Hogan | ... | Totally destroyed | Alliance | ... [sured | ... | Unknown. [building gutted. |
| 8 | 3 P.M. | Bathurst-street | Dwelling-house | Mr. Fox | Wood | Very slight | Liverpool, London, & Globe | ... | ... | Sparks from rubbish fire in gaol. [blind. |
| 13 | 9 P.M. | Wellington-street | ditto | Mr. Thompson | Brick | Window curtains, &c. | Lond. & Lancashire | Furniture | ... | Only candle ignited window |
| 18 | 3 P.M. | Brisbane-street | ditto | Mr. Sutton and Mr. Cunningham | Brick & wood | Slight | Mutual | ... | ... | Sparks from rubbish fire. |
| 18 | 9.30 P.M. | Melbourne-street | ditto | Mr. Floyd | Wood | Slight, curtain catching | Mutual | Uninsured | ... | Curtain catching fire. |
| 23 | 4.15 P.M. | Middle-street | ditto | Mrs. Biston | ditto | Almost destroyed | Mutual | ... | ... | Unknown. |
| Mar. 18 | 7.45 P.M. | York-street | ditto | Unoccupied | Brick | Very slight | Uninsured | Nil | ... | Ditto. |
| 18 | 9.30 P.M. | Wharf | Steam yacht | Mr. Miller | Steam yacht | Great | ... | Uninsured | ... | Ditto. |
| 22 | 11.40 A.M. | Wellington-street | Dwelling-house | Mr. Oliver | Brick | Window blinds, bedding, &c., destroyed | Insured | ... | ... | Children playing with matches. |
| Apr. 27 | 10 A.M. | Erina-street | ditto | Mr. Cresswell | ditto | Very slight | Mutual | ... | ... | Unknown. |
| 29 | 8 P.M. | Balfour-street | ditto | Unoccupied | Wood | ditto | Uninsured | Nil | ... | Ditto. |
| May 9 | 2.55 A.M. | ditto | ditto | ditto | ... | ditto | ... | Nil | ... | Ditto. |
| 28 | 2 A.M. | York & Babington streets | Fence | Mr. Allan | Wood | Slight | Mutual | ... | ... | Ashes thrown against fence. [alarm was given |
| June 8 | 2 A.M. | Elizabeth-street | Soap & candle fac- ^{[tory} | Miller & Co. | ditto | Great | Norwich Union | ... | ... | Unknown; great hold before |
| July 26 | 12.20 P.M. | Charles-street | Dwelling-house | Mr. Gye | ditto | Very slight | Mutual | Furniture | ... | Unknown. |
| Aug. 10 | 6.30 P.M. | George-street | Hotel | Mr. J. Solley | ... | ditto | Uninsured | Alliance Ass. | ... | Chimney |
| 18 | 11 A.M. | Brisbane-street | Dwelling-house | Mr. Courtenay | ... | ditto | Derwent & Tamar and Victoria | Uninsured | ... | Child setting fire to blind. |
| 22 | 11 P.M. | Charles-street | Shop | J. Green | Brick | Nil | Liverpool, London, & Globe | Insured | ... | Unknown. |
| Sept. 26 | 1.40 A.M. | St. John-street | Dwelling-house | Unoccupied | ... | Very slight | Lond. & Lancashire | ... | ... | Ditto. |
| Nov. 5 | 4.30 P.M. | ditto | ditto | A. Price | Brick | ditto | Commercial Union | Mutual | ... | Clothes catching fire. |
| 19 | 5.10 P.M. | Wellington-street | ditto | H. Townsends | ditto | ditto | Derwent & Tamar | Uninsured | ... | Spark from chimney caught |
| 23 | 12.10 P.M. | Inveresk | ditto | Unoccupied | Wood | Roofs damaged | Mutual & Commercial Union | Nil | ... | Unknown. [roof |
| 24 | 10 A.M. | Elizabeth-street | ditto | Mr. Holingworth | Brick & wood | Slight | Derwent & Tamar | Uninsured | ... | Through defective chimney. |
| 28 | 7 P.M. | Patterson-street | ditto | Mr. Pagan | ditto | ditto | Insured | ... | ... | Supposed spark from chimney. |
| Dec. 3 | 5.40 P.M. | Charles-street | Shop, &c. | Mr. Issell | Brick | Nil | Alliance Assurance | Insured | ... | Unknown. |
| 7 | 3 P.M. | Margaret-street | Dwelling-house | J. Hammond | Wood | Only bedding | Derwent & Tamar | Uninsured | ... | Ditto. |
| 8 | 2.10 A.M. | Charles-street | Shop and house | Mr. Batten | ditto | Slight | Alliance | ... | ... | Ditto. |
| 9 | 12.40 P.M. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | False alarm. |
| 10 | 3.40 A.M. | St. John-street | Dwelling | Unoccupied | ... | ... | Lond. & Lancashire | ... | ... | Unknown. |
| 11 | 9.10 P.M. | Wellington-street | ditto | Mr. Brown | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Candle setting light to blind, &c. |
| 12 | 10.15 P.M. | Invermay | Soap and candle works | Mr. Upton | ... | Great | Derwent & Tamar & Coml. Union | Lond. & Lanc. | ... | Unknown. Great hold before alarm. |
| 16 | 2 A.M. | Bathurst-street | Dwelling | Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Penefather | Wood | Stable only | Mutual | Uninsured | ... | Unknown. |
| 16 | 1.15 P.M. | Invermay | ditto | | ditto | Outhouse destroyed | Commercial Union | ... | ... | Unknown. Outhouse destroyed and back of house slightly. |
| 21 | 2.15 P.M. | Charles-street | ditto | Unoccupied | Brick | Slight | ... | ... | ... | Unknown. No damage done. |
| 24 | 10.30 P.M. | ... | Fruit-shop | C. Wathen | Wood | Nil | Mutual | ... | ... | Decorations set on fire. |

ROBERT BENNELL, *Superintendent Launceston Fire Brigade.*