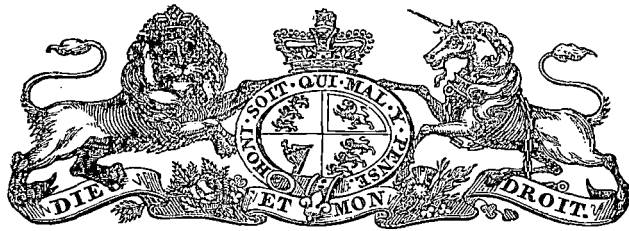


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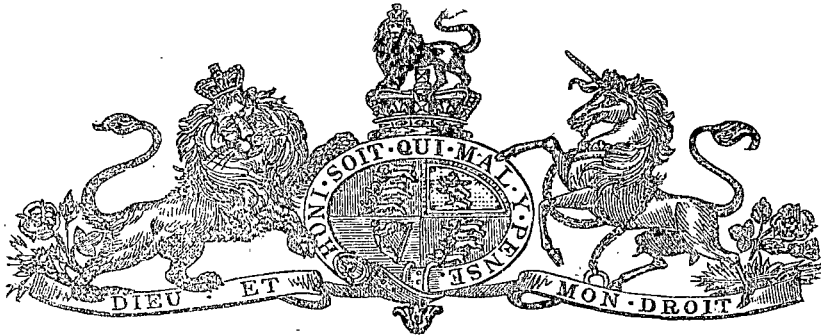
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON FIRE BRIGADE BOARD :

REPORT FOR 1893.

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



REPORT of LAUNCESTON FIRE BRIGADE BOARD for Year ending 31st December, 1893.

To the Right Honorable Viscount GORMANSTON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. 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 :—

During the year the Brigade attended at twenty-nine alarms and fires, and performed their duty in a satisfactory manner.

The total expenditure for the year, after deducting the amounts recovered on uninsured property and unclaimed amounts, is £845 Is. 5d., divided equally between the Government, Municipal Council, and Insurance Companies.

There have been eleven meetings of the Board during the year.

The Fire Escape mentioned in our previous Reports has arrived, and gives satisfaction.

In view of the rapid growth of Trevallyn it was decided in April last to establish a Reel-station in that suburb. The reel for same was locally constructed, and the complete plant is considered a great protection to the District.

HENRY EDGELL, *Chairman.*

Launceston, 7th March, 1894.

STATEMENT of Fires, &c. attended by the Launceston Fire Brigade for the Year ending 31st December, 1893.

Date.	Time.	Locality.	Trade used as	Occupied by	Construction.	Extent of Damage.	How insured.		Result of Inquest, if any held.	Origin and Remarks.
							Buildings.	Contents.		
1893.										
Jan. 16	2 P.M.	Edmund-street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gorse on fire
Feb. 13	7 A.M.	Invermay	Dwelling	W. Griffiths	Wood	Half de- stroyed	D. & Tamar & New Zealand	Uninsured	...	Unknown
15	2.50 P.M.	Hampden Vale	Dwelling	W. Cinnamon	Brick	Totally de- stroyed	Mutual	Ditto	...	Unknown
20	8.30 P.M.	Wellington-street	Dwelling	W. Jones	Brick	Slight	Cornwall	Ditto	...	Spark from chimney
Mar. 2	2.30 P.M.	Margaret-street	Dwelling	Foots	Wood	Slight	Mutual	...	...	Spark from burning rubbish
23	4.50 P.M.	Windmill Hill	Dwelling	Bond	Wood	Out-houses & w.c.'s de- stroyed	Mutual	Nil	...	Unknown
April 4	2 A.M.	Charles-street	...	Unoccupied	Wood & iron	No damage	L. & L. & Globe	Ditto	...	Unknown
9	7.30 P.M.	Elphin Road	Dwelling	Rev. Webster	Brick	Slight	Uninsured	Furniture	...	Unknown
20	7.10 P.M.	Lyttleton-street	Dwelling	Archdeacon Hales	...	Slight	L. & L. & Globe	Commercial Union	...	Chimney
23	6 P.M.	Cataract	Dwelling	D. Ritchie	Brick	Slight	Commercial Union	Uninsured	...	Gas explosion
May 5	1 A.M.	Marchington	Farm	C. B. Grubb	...	...	L. & L. & Globe	...	...	Unknown
June 21	8 P.M.	High-street	Dwelling	Mrs. Lakin	Wood	...	Mutual	Mutual	...	Boiling tar
July 14	1 A.M.	Brisbane-street	Dwelling and shop	Mrs. Kerr	Wood	Considerable	D. & Tamar	Victoria	...	Unknown
24	4.30 P.M.	Elphin Road	Dwelling	J. House	Wood	Considerable	L. & L. & Globe	L. & L. & Globe	...	Unknown
25	1 A.M.	Wharf	Dwelling and shop	J. Hardesty	Wood & brick	Considerable	Mutual	Cornwall	...	Unknown
26	11 A.M.	Canning-street	Dwelling and shop	C. Ingles	Wood	Very slight	Cornwall	Uninsured	...	Unknown
31	3.50 P.M.	King-street	Dwelling and shop	Mrs. Pratt	Wood	Very slight	Cornwall	...	...	Chimney
Aug. 6	1 P.M.	Cataract	Baths	...	Wood	No damage	Cornwall	Uninsured	...	Drying the rooms
8	6.30 P.M.	St. John-street	Shops	T. Sey	Wood	Considerable	Cornwall	Cornwall	...	Unknown
30	5.55 P.M.	Invermay	Dwelling	Ah Shan	Wood	Completely destroyed	Cornwall	Uninsured	...	Clothes caught fire
Sept. 22	2.50 P.M.	Invermay	Dwelling	Craze	Wood	Slight	D. & Tamar	Ditto	...	Unknown
25	8 P.M.	Sparrow's Lane	Dwelling	Williams	Wood	Slight	Mutual	Ditto	...	Unknown
29	3.30 P.M.	George-street	Shop	Warner	Brick	No damage	D. & Tamar	Ditto	...	Sugar boiled over
Oct. 20	8.30 P.M.	George Town Road	Dwelling	C. Gaunt	Wood	False alarm	Cornwall	Ditto	...	...
Nov. 1	1.30 A.M.	Charles-street	Bakery	Porter	Wood & iron	Considerable	New Zealand	Ditto	...	Unknown
6	9 P.M.	Windmill Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Grass and rubbish
Dec. 10	8 P.M.	Wellington-street	Dwelling	J. Brookes	Wood	Considerable	Cornwall	Ditto	...	Child set alight to curtains
11	2 P.M.	Elizabeth-street	Boot factory	R. Gardner, J. Dyson	Brick	No damage	Mutual	Ditto	...	Wax ignited
18	10 P.M.	Hampden	Dwelling	Unoccupied	Wood	Completely destroyed	Uninsured	Nil	...	Unknown

ROBERT BENNELL, *Superintendent Launceston Fire Brigade.*