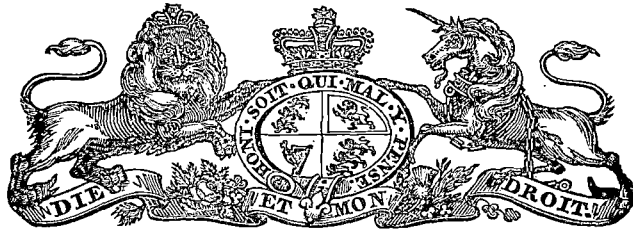


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LAUNCESTON FIRE BRIGADE BOARD :

REPORT FOR 1888.

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



REPORT of the Launceston Fire Brigade Board for the Year 1888.

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 Fires Brigades Act," 47 Vict. No. 21, this Board has the honor to report as follows:—

Brigade Staff.

The average attendance of Firemen at fires, alarms, and practices has been satisfactory. The Staff now consists of Superintendent, Deputy, and 22 Firemen; but in view of the rapid extension of the City, the question of increasing the number of Firemen will have to be considered during the ensuing year.

Plant.

A quantity of new hose has been purchased, and the plant at the different Stations is now as follows:—

Brisbane-street Bell Station.—1 hose reel with 1456 feet hose and couplings, hydrant, and other appliances.

Sandhill Bell Station.—1 hose reel with 378 feet hose, hydrant, couplings, &c.

Inveresk Station.—1 hose reel with 587 feet hose, couplings, hydrant, &c.

Superintendent's House, Patterson-street.—1 hose reel with 254 feet hose, couplings, and hydrant.

Engine House, Quadrant.—1 engine and appliances.

Inveresk and the suburbs of Invermay having largely increased, it is proposed to erect a Bell Tower at the present site of Reel-house at Inveresk, and the matter will be considered by the Board during the ensuing year.

Fires.

The Brigade has attended 20 fires and alarms during the year, particulars of which are given in the accompanying Report of the Superintendent.

Expenditure.

The net expenditure for the year has been £602 15s. 5d., divided between the Government, Municipal Council, and 18 Insurance Companies doing business in Launceston.

Meetings.

Ten meetings of the Board have been held during the year; Mr. Edgell, representing the Insurance Companies, and Mr. Alderman Farrelly, representative of the Municipal Council, were re-elected Members of the Board, which is now composed as follows:—

Mr. F. J. Boothman, representing the Government.

Mr. H. Edgell, representing the Insurance Companies.

Mr. H. Weedon, ditto.

Mr. B. P. Farrelly, representing Municipal Council.

Mr. S. J. Sutton, ditto.

H. WEEDON, *Chairman.*

Launceston, 31st December, 1888.

STATEMENT of Fires &c. attended by the Launceston Fire Brigade for the Year ending 31st December, 1888.

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.		
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Jan. 4	10:50 A.M.	Elizabeth-street	Cabinet Maker	Day, J. Cadman, and Rawson	Wood	Considerable	Mutual. Portion only	Set on fire by a child
10	2 P.M.	Windmill Hill	Dwelling	— Sullivan	Wood fences	Slight	...	...	...	Grass set on fire
17	4:15 P.M.	Charles-street	Dwelling	A. Gladman	Wood	Considerable	Mutual	...	...	Unknown
21	4:50 P.M.	Charles-street	Dwelling	T. Baker	Brick	Slight	Insured	...	...	Chimney on fire
24	6 P.M.	Wellington-street	Dwelling	P. James	Brick	Slight	Cornwall, London, & Lancashire	...	...	Unknown
Mar. 20	4:30 A.M.	Adelaide-street	Dwelling	J. C. Genders	Wood	Considerable	Liverpool and London and Globe	...	...	Unknown
24	12:45 P.M.	Glen Dhu	Dwelling	Mrs. Hume	Brick	Total	...	...	...	Unknown
29	7:30 P.M.	Charles & Elizabeth-streets	Draper's shop	G. D. Auld	Brick	Slight	Insured	Insured	...	Gas
April 21	5 P.M.	William-street	Smelting Works	Mount Bischoff Co.	Brick	Slight	...	...	...	Rafters caught fire
26	6 P.M.	Patterson-street	Publican	W. S. Monks	Brick	None	...	...	...	Chimney
July 29	10:30 P.M.	Cimitiere-street	Dwelling	— Brimble	Brick	None	Derwent and Tamar	...	...	Chimney
31	3:30 P.M.	Elizabeth and St. John-streets	Dwelling	J. Fullerton	Brick	None	...	...	...	Chimney
Aug. 7	6:10 P.M.	Brisbane-street	Confectioner	W. Wade	Brick	None	Liverpool and London and Globe	...	...	Chimney
Sept. 13	9 P.M.	Wellington and Frederick-sts.	Bootmaker	J. White	Brick & wood	Considerable	Derwent and Tamar	Derwent and Tamar	Open verdict	Unknown
23	10 A.M.	Charles-street	Lime-shed	J. T. Farmilo	Wood	None	...	...	...	Lime caught fire
Oct. 28	7 P.M.	Lower Charles-street	Dwelling	Gurr, Green, Maloney	Wood & brick	Total	Mutual and South British	South British	Open verdict	Unknown
Nov. 26	10 P.M.	Maitland-street	Bone-mill	Ditcham Bros.	Brick	Considerable	Cornwall	Mutual Union	...	Unknown
Dec. 6	8:20 A.M.	Charles-street	Butcher	W. Ferrall	Wood	Slight	Liverpool and London and Globe	...	...	Unknown
10	8:20 A.M.	George-street	Dwelling	— Morton	Brick	Slight	Mutual	...	...	Chimney
13	2 A.M.	William-street	Brewery	Fawns & Abbott	Brick	Slight	Mutual	Mutual	...	Unknown

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C. G. CROFT, *Superintendent.*

WILLIAM THOMAS STRUTT,
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