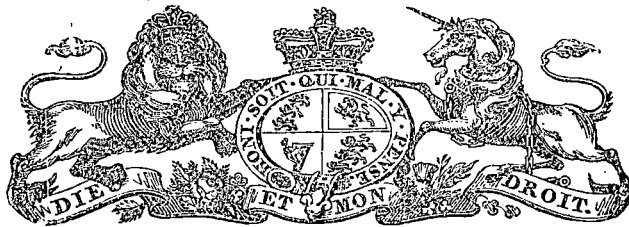


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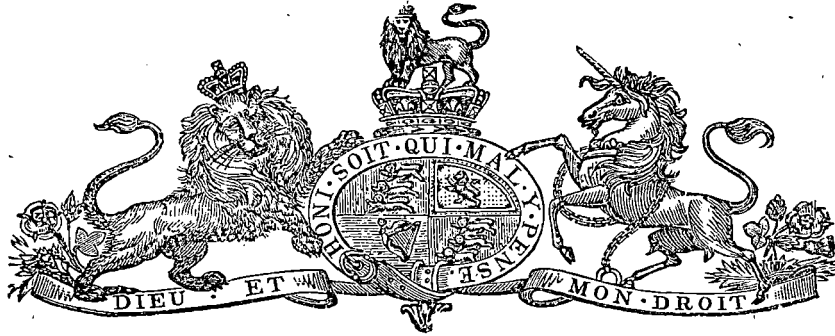
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REPORT FOR 1897.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup>  
DECEMBER, 1897.

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*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 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 honour 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 a serviceable condition.

3. The number of fires and alarms attended by the Brigade during the year was thirty-one, as per annexed Report.

4. The Expenditure for the year was £731 0s. 5d., less amounts unclaimed £1 2s. 6d., and expenses paid by the owners and occupiers of uninsured property £32 17s. 0d., leaving the net expenditure £697 0s. 11d.

5. There have been twelve meetings of the Board during the year.

H. WEEDON, *Chairman.*

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## LAUNCESTON FIRE BRIGADE BOARD.

*STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 31st December, 1897.*

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
To Contribution Account, 1896 :								By Balance.....	...				264	13	11				
Municipal Council .....	74	11	9					Salaries—											
Insurance Companies.....	74	11	8					Superintendent .....	100	0	0								
Government of Tasmania ...	115	10	6					Deputy .....	20	0	0								
							264	13	11										
Contribution Account, 1897 :								Secretary .....	52	0	0			172	0	0			
Government of Tasmania ...	109	3	10					Wages—											
Municipal Council .....	168	0	4					Firemen and Watchmen ...	133	0	0								
Insurance Companies .....	168	0	5				445	4	7						291	8	6		
								Assistance with reels ..	...							113	15	0	
Uninsured properties.....	32	17	0					Rent—											
Unclaimed amounts .....	1	2	6					Premises, Brisbane-street..	...							75	0	0	
							33	19	6							23	0	0	
Balance .....							251	16	4							19	11	0	
																	15	10	0
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KEITH RITCHIE, *Secretary.*  
Launceston, 14th February, 1898.H. WEEDON, *Chairman.*

REPORT of Fires and Alarms attended by Launceston Fire Brigade for Year ending December 31st, 1897.

Date.	Time.	Locality.	Trade used as	Occupied by	Construction.	Extent of Damage.	How insured.		Result of Inquest, if any held.	Origin and Remarks.
							Building.	Contents.		
1897.										
Jan. 16	4 A.M.	Elizabeth-street	Dwelling	— O'Brien	Wood	Great	Mutual office	Insured	...	Cottage very much damaged.
19	2·15 P.M.	Brisbane-street	ditto	Mrs. Dowd	ditto	Slight	Uninsured	...	...	Spark from chimney.
Feb. 9	11 P.M.	High-street	ditto	Unoccupied	ditto	Great	ditto	...	...	Cottage totally destroyed.
11	12 A.M.	Invermay	ditto	D. Room	ditto	ditto	Mutual office	Nil	...	Stable destroyed.
Apr. 3	10 A.M.	Brisbane-street	ditto	Mr. Langeley	ditto	Nil	Derwent & Tamar office	...	...	Unknown.
4	3·30 A.M.	Charles-street	ditto	Ross & Shillington	ditto	Great	Uninsured	Nil	...	Building totally destroyed.
4	7·80 P.M.	ditto	Timber-yard	Mr. Robson	ditto	Nil	ditto	...	...	Unknown.
29	3 A.M.	Frankland-street	Dwelling	Mrs. Hargraves	ditto	Great.	Mutual office	...	...	Cottage totally destroyed.
May 15	4 P.M.	Brisbane-street	Iron-worker	J. Brandwood	...	Nil	Uninsured	...	...	Roach lime on fire.
18	3·25 A.M.	Corner Brisbane & Bourke streets	Dwelling	Unoccupied	Wood	Slight	ditto	Nil	...	Unknown. Slight damage.
26	7·45 P.M.	Wellington-street	Foundry	W. Knight	Iron	ditto	Mutual office	...	...	Spark from casting.
June 4	2·10 A.M.	Invermay	Dwelling	Unoccupied	Wood & brick	Great	Derwent & Tamar office	...	...	Totally destroyed.
July 4	9 P.M.	Cameron-street	Hotel	Mrs. Fahey	Brick	Slight	ditto	Commercial Union	...	Clothes in press destroyed.
11	7·30 P.M.	...	...	...	...	Nil	...	...	...	Gorse on fire; no occasion for Bells to ring.
12	7·30 P.M.	Wellington Road	Corn-store	F. Simpson	Brick & iron	Great	Mutual office	...	Inquest, result nil.	Very much damaged.
19	6·15 P.M.	Tamar-street	Albert Hall	Corporation	Brick	Slight	...	...	...	Charcoal pot.
Aug. 7	2 P.M.	Patterson-street	Dwelling	Mr. Denton	ditto	ditto	Uninsured	...	...	Sparks from chimney.
Sept. 6	2·40 A.M.	Laura-street	ditto	Mr. Waller	Wood	Great	Liverpool, London, & Globe	Commercial Union	Inquest, result nil.	Cottage completely destroyed.
10	10 P.M.	Balfour-street	ditto	Unoccupied	ditto	ditto	Mutual office	Nil	...	ditto
11	2·20 A.M.	Canning-street	ditto	N. Haywood	Brick & wood	Slight	Lond. & Lancashire	South British Company	...	Verandah destroyed.
Oct. 17	11 P.M.	Wharf	Store	G. Shields	Iron & wood	Great	Mutual office	South British	Inquest, result nil.	Building and contents destroyed; fire had great hold before alarm.
26	8·45 P.M.	William-street	Dwelling	Unoccupied	ditto	Slight	Derwent & Tamar	Nil	...	Roof very much damaged.
Nov. 25	7·21 A.M.	Patterson-street	Public baths	Mr. Mahon	Wood	ditto	Uninsured	...	...	Slight damage.
Dec. 11	11 P.M.	George-street	Shop and dwelling	G. Brieley	ditto	ditto	South British	Uninsured	...	Candle caught blind.
12	3 A.M.	ditto	ditto	Unoccupied	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	Slight damage.
19	2·30 A.M.	Inveresk	Stable	J. M. Mahon	ditto	ditto	Mutual office	...	...	Roof of stable destroyed.
25	4 A.M.	High-street	Dairy	Mr. Sutor	ditto	Great	Liverpool, London, & Globe	...	...	Totally destroyed.
26	11·45 A.M.	Portsmouth Square	...	...	...	Nil	...	...	...	Grass and fence.
30	12·45 A.M.	St. John-street	Store	R. Gardner	Wood	Slight	...	...	Inquest, result nil.	Unknown.
31	8·30 A.M.	Brisbane-street	Cabinet-maker's shop	W. Coogan	ditto	Great	Uninsured	Phoenix office	...	Shop and contents destroyed.
31	11·40 P.M.	Tamar-street	Study	Rev. Wright	ditto	ditto	ditto	Books & Furniture, Cornwall office	...	Very much damaged.