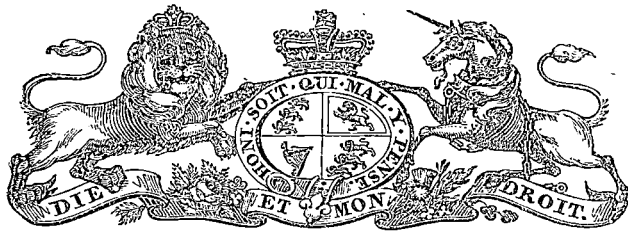


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REPORT of Launceston Fire Brigade Board for Year ending 31st December, 1895.

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 :—

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-nine, as per annexed Report.

4. The Expenditure for the year was £751 16s. 1d., less amounts unclaimed and expenses paid by the owners and occupiers of uninsured property, £20 5s., leaving the net expenditure £731 11s. 1d.

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

H. WEEDON, *Chairman.*

STATEMENT of Fires, &c. attended by Launceston Fire Brigade for the Year ending December 31st, 1895.

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.		
1895.										
Jan. 7	10.50 P.M.	St. John-street	Hotel	Geo. Cooper	Brick	Very slight	Colonial Mutual	Lond. & Lanc. & Coml. Union	...	Window blind.
22	11 P.M.	Cataract	Mill	Dd. Ritchie	...	None	London&Lancashire	...	...	Rubbish burning near Mill.
29	2.30 P.M.	York street	Dwelling	— Conroy	...	...	Derwent & Tamar	Uninsured	...	Fence slightly damaged.
Feb. 5	1.20 A.M.	Inveresk	ditto	M. Hogan	...	...	Hay stacks unin-	...	...	Unknown, hay stacks destroyed.
10	3.20 A.M.	ditto	ditto	Unoccupied	Wood & iron	One room much damaged	Mutual [sured	Nil	...	Unknown. [ged.
14	3.15 P.M.	Bourke-street	ditto	— Braham	...	...	Derwent & Tamar	...	...	Burning rubbish; fence dama-
14	9 P.M.	Garfield-street	ditto	D. Johnson [dle	Wood	Lining of kitchen destroyed	Mutual	Uninsured	...	Unknown.
22	2 A.M.	St. John street	Dwelling and shop	T. Sing & J. Run-	ditto	Partly destroyed	Mutual	Mutual (Union)	...	Ditto.
Mar. 1	9 P.M.	Railway	—	Government	...	Gorse and fences	...	...	...	In close proximity to hay stacks.
3	2.15 P.M.	Clarence st. [sts.	Dwelling	C. H. Smith	Brick	Fence slightly damaged	...	...	...	Unknown. [engine caught roof.
8	10.20 A.M.	Brisbane & Tamar-	Hotel	W. H. Abbott	ditto	Slight	...	...	...	Supposed spark from Traction
18	4.15 P.M.	—	...	...	...	Alarm only	...	...	...	Steamer bell mistaken for cen-
Apr. 1	4 A.M.	Elphin road	Dwelling [mises	Mrs. Malcolm	Wood, iron	Kitchen much damaged	Mutual	Uninsured	...	Unknown. [tral bell
12	2 A.M.	St. John's-street	Contractor's pre-	F. Bushby	Wood	Shed slightly damaged	South British	...	...	Ditto.
12	6.40 P.M.	Invermay	Vacant allotment	Chas. Reid	...	...	...	...	...	Rubbish only.
16	12.30 A.M.	Tamar-street	Dwelling	Mrs. Perham-	...	Very slight	London&Lancashire	...	...	Supposed to be set on fire.
22	7.40 P.M.	Cataract Hill	ditto	J. Westbrook	Wood	Totally destroyed	London&Lancashire	Victoria	...	Fire had great hold when discvd.
22	11.45 P.M.	Quadrant	Assaying	J. Alom	Brick	Nil	...	...	...	No occasion for bells to be rung-
28	3 A.M.	Margaret-street	Dwelling	Unoccupied	Wood	Small stables destroyed	Uninsured	Nil	...	Fire had great hold.
May 27	5.55 P.M.	Charles street	Timber yard	A. & W. Fowler	...	Very slight	Cornwall & Mutual	...	...	From stove.
July 11	8 P.M.	Brisbane-street	Dwelling	W. Gurr	Wood	ditto	Mutual	...	...	Unknown; outhouse caught fire.
26	2.50 A.M.	Elizabeth-street	Shop and dwelling	— Green	...	Smoke-house destroyed	...	...	...	Oil catching light in smoke
Aug. 6	6 P.M.	Inveresk	Dwelling	Mrs. Miller	Wood	Very slight	...	Uninsured	...	Window blind igniting. [house.
Sept. 19	6 P.M.	—	...	False alarm through	...	Peters Bros. trying new	bell cast for Board.	...	...	...
30	7.30 P.M.	Howick-street	Milk-walk	Unoccupied	Wood	Very slight	...	...	...	Unknown.
Oct. 9	10 A.M.	George-street	Vacant allotment	...	...	Nil	...	...	...	Burning gorse.
18	8.30 P.M.	Cameron-street	Baths	Unoccupied	Wood	Slight	...	...	...	Unknown.
20	6.20 P.M.	Garfield-street	Dwelling	A. Shannon	ditto	Roof and ceilings destroyed	Cornwall	Uninsured	...	Ditto.
26	11.15 A.M.	Cameron-street	Invalid Depôt	Benevolt. Society	Stone, shingle	Roof destroyed	...	...	...	Spark from chimney.
Nov. 11	8.45 A.M.	Charles & Balfour-	Dwelling	J. Turner	Wood [roof	Stable on fire, slight	...	...	...	Unknown.
24	12.40 A.M.	York-street [sts.	ditto	— Reily	...	Nil [fire had possession	...	...	...	A query.
24	1.30 A.M.	Patterson-street	Printing Office	— Whittaker	Brick & wood	Slight considering the time	Mutual	Phoenix	...	Unknown.
28	12.15 A.M.	French-street	Paddock and stable	Mrs. Matthews	Wood	Stable destroyed [ted	Uninsured	...	...	Unknown.
Dec. 1	2 A.M.	Frederick-street	Dwelling	Unoccupied	ditto	Condemned building—gut-	Nil	Nil	...	Ditto.
1	2.45 A.M.	Balfour-street	ditto	ditto	ditto	Very slight	...	...	...	Ditto.
1	3 A.M.	Howick-street	ditto	ditto	ditto	Wooden cottage destroyed	...	...	...	Ditto.
10	6.30 P.M.	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Alarm only
23	4.30 P.M.	Windmill Hill	Dwelling	H. E. Feutrell	Wood	Roof slightly damaged	Mutual	Uninsured	...	Spark from chimney.
24	9 P.M.	York-street	ditto	Miss M'Loughlin	...	Very slight	Mutual	Candle ignited curtains.

ROBERT BENNELL, Superintendent.

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