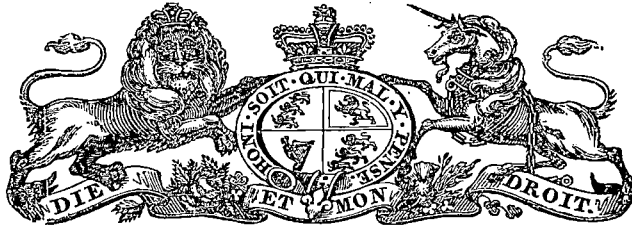


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REPORT FOR 1898.

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REPORT of the Board for the Year ending 31st December, 1898.

To the Right Honourable Viscount GORMANSTON, Knight Grand Cross 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 honour to report as follows :—

1. During the past year the strength of the Brigade has been increased from 25 to 30 men, including officers, who have attended fires, alarms, and practices as required, and have exhibited the usual efficiency.
2. The plant has been increased, and is in good condition.
3. A Reel-station has been established on the Elphin Road.
4. The number of fires and alarms attended by the Brigade during the year was thirty-four, as per Annual Report of the Superintendent herewith.
5. The Expenditure for the year amounted to £958 13s. 11d., less unclaimed amounts, £2 2s. 6d., and expenses paid by the owners and occupiers of uninsured property, £4; leaving the net expenditure £952 11s. 5d.
6. There have been thirteen meetings of the Board during the year.

H. WEEDON, *Chairman.*

REPORT of Fires and Alarms attended by Launceston Fire Brigade, for Year ending December, 1898.

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.		
Jan. 4	5.30 P.M.	Wharf	Wharf Decking	Marine Board	Wood	Very slight	...	...	...	Unknown.
9	12 Noon	Portsmouth Square	Reserve	Corporation.	Fences	Slight	...	...	...	Set on fire.
Feb. 6	11.30 A.M.	Glen Dhu	Catholic Cemetery	...	...	Tombs & fences destroyed	...	...	...	Unknown.
10	9 P.M.	George-street	Dwelling	Mr. J. Martin	Brick	Slight	Mutual Office	Uninsured	...	Candle igniting blind.
12	11.55 P.M.	Elphin Farm	ditto	Mr. A. Fry	Wood	Destroyed	Uninsured	ditto	...	Unknown.
28	4.30 A.M.	Margaret-street	ditto	Mr. Dennis	...	Slight	Mutual Office	ditto	...	From fireplace igniting floor.
Mar. 8	1.45 A.M.	Balfour-street	ditto	Mrs. Harrison	...	Outhouse destroyed	Commercial Union	Derwent &	...	Unknown.
16	7.45 P.M.	Mowbray	Farm	Mr. Lette	...	Gorse hedge	...	... [Tamar	...	Set on fire. [on fire.
17	7 A.M.	Brisbane-street	Dwelling	Mrs. Avery	Wood	Very slight	Royal Office	Uninsured	...	Sparks from chimney set roof
20	11.30 A.M.	Wellington-street	ditto	Mr. Johnston	...	Slight	Mutual Office	ditto	...	Chimney on fire caught the roof.
Apr. 23	3.50 A.M.	Cimitiere-street	Railway Station	Tas. Government	...	Part of Goods Shed, and three trucks loaded with straw	Uninsured	...	...	Unknown.
May 7	1.45 A.M.	Elizabeth-street	Ironmonger's store	Mr. G. Castley	...	Store destroyed	[Union Offices Royal & Commercial	Uninsured	...	ditto.
10	9.50 P.M.	Brisbane-street	Draper's shop	Pepper & Perrin	Brick	Roof of buildings destroyed	Derwent & Tamar, Northern, Com- mercial Union	Northern, Der- went & Tamar, Coml. Union, Mutual Office	...	ditto.
16	10 P.M.	Edward-street	...	...	...	Gorse and fences	...	...	...	Set on fire.
28	8 P.M.	Inveresk	Dwelling	Mr. Appleby	Wood	Cottage very much damaged	Liverpool, London, & Globe	Uninsured	...	Unknown.
June 1	5.50 P.M.	ditto	ditto	Mr. Hutchinson	...	...	ditto	ditto	...	Chimney on fire.
13	1.40 P.M.	Charles-street	Hospital	Government	Brick	Very slight	Uninsured	ditto	...	Clothes caught fire in drying-
21	8.15 P.M.	Wellington-street	Dwelling	Mr. Austin	Wood	Slight	ditto	ditto	...	From hot ashes. [room.
July 17	9.15 P.M.	Charles-street	Boat shop [shop	Mr. Blundell	Brick	Nil	Mutual Office	ditto	...	Chimney on fire endangering
17	10 P.M.	Inveresk	Railway tinsmith's	Tas. Government	Wood & iron	Destroyed	Uninsured	ditto	...	Unknown. [roof.
Aug. 9	3.30 A.M.	Corner York and St. John streets	Grocer's shop	Rawson & Crab-tree	Brick	Roof & building partially destroyed	Cornwall Office	London & Lanc., S. British Of.	Nil	ditto. [fire.
13	3 P.M.	Charles-street	Dwelling	Vacant	Wood	Great	Mutual Office	Nil	...	Supposed to have been set on
Sept. 16	8 P.M.	George-street	ditto	Miss Tracey	Brick	Nil	Derwent & Tamar	Uninsured	...	Chimney on fire; no occasion for alarm.
Oct. 17	8 P.M.	Erina-street	ditto	Mr. J. Manning	Wood	Destroyed	South British	ditto	...	Sparks from chimney set roof.
17	9.30 P.M.	Bathurst-street	Stable	Mr. Rusden	ditto	ditto	Uninsured	Nil	...	Unknown.
30	8.15 P.M.	York-street	Dwelling	Mrs. Reily	Brick	Very slight	Commercial Union	Uninsured	...	ditto. [given
31	7.45 P.M.	Inveresk	...	Mr. Rigney	...	Rubbish only	...	...	...	Alarm should not have been
Nov. 5	1 P.M.	ditto	Dwelling	Mr. Jeffries	Wood	Roof only damaged	Cornwall Office	Uninsured	...	Sparks from chimney set roof.
Dec. 3	11.30 P.M.	Wellington street	ditto	Mrs. Townsend	Brick	Slight	Derwent & Tamar	ditto	...	ditto.
4	9.15 P.M.	Windmill Hill	ditto	Vacant	Wood	Very slight	Uninsured	Nil	...	Set on fire.
19	3.45 P.M.	Lord street	ditto	Mr. Richard	ditto	Destroyed	Liverpool, London,	Uninsured	...	Sparks from gorse hedge.
19	8 A.M.	Wellington street	Shed	Mr. Rusden	ditto	Very slight	Uninsured [& Globe	Nil	...	Unknown.
20	8 A.M.	Brisbane-street	Rubbish	Mr. Williamson	...	Nil	.. [Office	...	...	[roof alight.
21	11.40 A.M.	St. John-street	Dwelling	Mrs. Claxton	Wood	Very much damaged	Commercial Union	Uninsured	...	Sparks from fire in yard set

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