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FIRE BRIGADE BOARD, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1886.

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



REPORT of the Launceston Fire Brigade Board for the Year 1886.

*To His Excellency the Honorable SIR WILLIAM LAMBERT DOBSON,
Knight, Administrator of the Government of Tasmania.*

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:—

Brigade Staff.

1. The Brigade Staff, which consists of Superintendent, Deputy, and twenty-five Firemen, has shown commendable activity when called upon. The necessity for reducing the expense having been made known, the Staff voluntarily suggested a course which enabled the Board to retain their services in full at a lessened cost.

Plant.

2. This is reported by the Superintendent to be in good working order, and efficient for ordinary emergencies. No important additions have been made to it during the past year.

Building.

3. The Board desire to repeat the regret previously expressed, that the Government has not seen fit to introduce to Parliament the question of purchasing the Fire Tower,—a measure which, from the inception of the Board, they were led to expect would be brought forward.

Fires.

4. The Brigade has attended during the year 13 fires and 14 alarms, particulars in regard to which appear in the accompanying Report.

Expenditure.

5. The past year's net expenditure has amounted to £560 4s. 2d., being a reduction of £153 6s. on that for the previous year.

Meetings.

6. The Board has met in ordinary and Committee meetings twelve times.

H. WEEDON, *Chairman.*

Launceston, 1st February, 1887.

STATEMENT of Fires attended by the Launceston Fire Brigade for the Year ending 31st December, 1886.

Date.	Time.	Locality.	Trade used as	Occupant.	Owner.	Con- struction.	Extent of Damage.	How insured.		Result of Inquest.	General Remarks.
								Building.	Contents.		
1886.											
Jan. 13	8-30 P.M.	Elizabeth-st.	Gunsmith's shop	R. Patterson	Jas. Reading	Wooden	Slight	Tasmanian	Uninsured	None held	Window-blinds
24	3 P.M.	Erina-st.	Dwelling-house	Mr. Creswell	Mr. Creswell	ditto	Considerable	L. & L. & Globe	ditto	"	Unknown
Feb. 6	5-30 A.M.	Charles-st.	ditto	Miss Bricknell	Mr. Henry	Brick	Slight	ditto	ditto	"	Chimney on fire
9	8-30 P.M.	ditto	Vacant allotment	...	Mr. Field	...	ditto	...	...	"	Unknown
27	7-45 P.M.	Wellington road	Dwelling-house	W. Hoyle	J. H. Barrett	Brick	ditto	Mutual	ditto	"	Gas explosion
Mar. 10	9 P.M.	Brisbane-st.	ditto	J. Williams	Solomon's estate	ditto	ditto	L. & L. & Globe	ditto	"	Window-blinds and bedding
31	9 A.M.	Tamar-st.	Butcher's shop	W. Lane	W. Lane	Shed	ditto	...	...	"	Straw and shed
31	9-30 A.M.	George-st.	Grocer's shop	Mr. M. Quinn	Mr. Waldron	Brick	Considerable	Uninsured	L. & L. & Globe	"	Unknown
April 13	4 A.M.	Lytleton-st.	Cow-shed	Rev. Hales	Rev. Hales	Wooden	Slight	...	...	"	ditto
June 1	4 P.M.	Charles-st.	Hospital	Government	Government	Brick	ditto	...	...	"	Chimney on fire
7	6 P.M.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	...	...	"	ditto
26	6-30 P.M.	Elizabeth-st.	Grocer's shop	Jas. M'Loughlin	J. M'Loughlin	ditto	ditto	...	...	"	ditto
30	6 P.M.	Inveresk	Dwelling-house	Mr. Long	A. L. Davey	Wooden	Considerable	Mutual	...	"	Chimney and roof on fire
July 6	6 A.M.	Brisbane-st.	Timber-yard	J. & T. Gunn	J. & T. Gunn	Brick	Slight	ditto	...	"	Lime damped by rain
24	12-15 A.M.	Tamar-st.	Boarding-house	Mrs. Harrison	Mrs. Fisher	ditto	ditto	Cornwall	Uninsured	"	Wood falling out of fire on floor
Aug. 8	1 A.M.	George-st.	ditto	G. Roles	David Scott	ditto	ditto	Mutual	ditto	"	Window-blinds & window-frame
21	7-30 P.M.	Brisbane-st.	Shop	M'Phail & Weymouth	T. Corbett	ditto	ditto	Cornwall	ditto	"	Pots, with fire in, to heat the shop
Sept. 3	4-15 A.M.	Invermay	Dwelling-house	Hy. Latham	Hy. Latham	Wooden	Considerable	ditto	Victoria	"	Unknown
4	10-30 A.M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	False alarm
12	5-15 P.M.	Invermay	Dwelling-house	Mr. Ikin	L. Davey	Wooden	Slight	Mutual	Uninsured	"	Chimney
Oct. 9	3-15 P.M.	Howick-st.	ditto	Mrs. Malcolm	R. W. Roe	Brick	ditto	...	...	"	Straw in stable on fire
14	7-15 P.M.	Frankland-st.	Paddock	Mr. Marling	...	...	...	...	...	"	Burning rubbish
12	6-45 A.M.	Elizabeth-st.	Boot-shop	Mrs. Boyd	Mrs. Boyd	Brick	Considerable	Cornwall	...	"	Stock, boots, and flooring
Nov. 6	8-10 P.M.	George-st.	Barber's shop	Mr. Tait	H. Dean	ditto	Slight	Derwent & Tamar	L. & L. & Globe	"	Window-blinds on fire
12	6 P.M.	Brisbane-st.	Shed	Mr. Wade	E. H. Reading	Wooden	ditto	ditto	...	"	Unknown
25	11-30 P.M.	Charles-st.	Broker's shop	Mrs. Kirk	Swan's estate	Brick	Considerable	L. & L. & Globe	Mutual	"	Supposed children playing with matches
Dec. 14	9-15 P.M.	Frederick & George-st.	...	Grammar School	...	...	...	...	...	"	Burning rubbish

C. G. CROFT, *Superintendent.*