

At a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Fredericton, holden on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1849, the following Bye Laws were read and enacted :—

A LAW

To establish a Fire Department, and prevent and extinguish Fires in the City of Fredericton.

I. **B**E it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fredericton, That the Fire Department therein shall consist of a General Committee of Superintendence of Fires, to be appointed of and from the City Council, of ten Firewards ; four Engine Companies ; one Hook, Ladder, and Axe Company ; one Hose Company ; and one Fire Protection Company.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Committee of Superintendence of Fires shall consist of such and so many Councillors as shall from time to time be named to that duty, and be charged with the general supervision of the Fire Department on occasions of fire, and at other times ; and to be the medium of communication between the Council and the Department.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Firewards shall be appointed by the said City Council, annually, at the first Quarterly meeting after the City Elections, by Warrant under the Common Seal ; but in case such appointments are not then made, the Council may make them at any subsequent meeting ; and in the meantime, the Firewards appointed before, and then in office, shall continue and fulfil and enjoy all the functions and privileges of their offices until other appointments shall be made : and such Firewards shall, within one month after the date of their appointments, meet together, and by the voice of the majority of them, elect from their own body one chief Fireward and such subordinate officers as they may deem necessary, and establish such rules of order and precedence as shall seem advisable, and adopt and designate such badges and insignia as shall be worn and used by themselves and officers ; and within the same time shall be empowered and required to make such general rules as may be necessary to secure concert and efficiency in the operations of the said respective Companies herein named, but a report of their proceedings in these respects shall immediately thereafter be submitted to the City Council, and these powers shall only be exercised subject to the approval of the City Council.

IV. And be it enacted, That the several Companies above named, shall be organized under the sanction of the City Council, that is to say : four Engine Companies, the first to be known as No. 1 Engine Company, and to have the care and management of No. 1 Engine, and to consist of not more than thirty men ; the second to be known as No. 2 Engine Company, to have the like care and management of No. 2 Engine, and to consist of not more than thirty men ; the third to be known as No. 3 Engine Company, to have the like care and management of No. 3 Engine, and to consist of not more than twenty men ; and the fourth to be known as No. 4 Engine Company, to have the like care and management of No. 4 Engine, and to consist of not more than twenty men ; each of the said Companies to be empowered and required as soon as may be after their formation, and at all times thereafter as occasion shall arise, to elect from their own body a Captain and a Lieutenant, and to make such rules as to badges and costumes to be worn at fires, and for the efficient government and conduct of such Companies respectively, as may seem necessary ; but the election of such officers and the making of such rules shall not take effect until submitted to and sanctioned by the City Council : one Hook, Ladder and Axe Company, to consist of not more than ten men ; and one Hose Company, to consist of the like number, to be raised under the direction and placed under the command of officers to be appointed by the City Council ; one Fire Protection Company, to consist of not

more than thirty men, to be organized under the like sanctions, invested with the same privileges as to election of officers, and making of bye laws for their own government, and subject to the same approval of the Council as is hereinbefore provided with respect to the Engine Company.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Chief Fireward to command the whole Fire Department of the City ; to examine from time to time, and semi-annually to report to the city Council the condition of the Fire Department, apparatus and implements, and such alterations or repairs as may be required therein ; to specify particularly the amount and manner of the expenditures of money in connexion with the Fire Department, during the then preceding half-year ; to keep (in a book to be provided for that purpose) a correct list of the officers and members composing the Fire Department and Companies, and to produce said book for inspection by the City Council when required ; and to procure and receive the several returns from the respective Companies.

VI. And be it enacted, That on all occasions of fire within the City, it shall be the duty of the said chief Fireward and the other Firewards forthwith to repair to the place of such fire, and under the direction of such chief Fireward, or in his absence, of other officers for that purpose appointed, to take all needful measures to extinguish the fire, prevent the spreading thereof, and to save and remove property exposed to danger thereby, by placing the Engine and other fire apparatus in the most advantageous positions, and having the same duly worked by directing the operations of the other Companies, and by requiring and compelling the assistance of all persons, as well members of the Fire Department as others.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Engine Companies to keep the Engines entrusted to them ready for immediate use, by night or day, and on every alarm of fire instantly to repair with such their Engine and apparatus to the scene of such fire, and under the direction of the chief Fireward, or officer in charge at such fire, diligently to work their said Engine, and to remain at or near the said fire until dismissed by such officer, and then to return their Engine and apparatus carefully and in proper order to its Engine House.

VIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Hook, Ladder and Axe Company to take care of and keep in good order and to attend at fires with the several implements committed to their management and use, and employ the same on occasions of fire, according to the direction of the chief Fireward, or other officer in command at such fire.

IX. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Hose Company to take care of and keep in good order and attend at fires with the Hose, Hose Carriage and other implements entrusted to them, and to remain in the situation in which they may be placed at fires until permitted to depart by the officer in charge ; and one Hoseman shall at all times during a fire remain with each Hose Cart, with wrenches and other implements to attach and separate Hose, or to remove the same if necessary.

X. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Fire Protection Company to give prompt attendance at all Fires within the City, by night or day, clothed in the costume and with the utensils and implements to be chosen and approved of, and to obey such directions as shall be given by the chief Fireward or officer in charge for removing goods, furniture or chattels from any building on fire, or in danger of it, and remove the same to a place of safety, and guard the same when removed ; and otherwise to obey such orders as may be communicated to them for saving property exposed to damage by fire, and remain at such fire until dismissed by the officer in charge.

XI. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of