

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report of Chief Engineer Lipsett.

BRIGADE RESPONDED TO SIXTY-SEVEN ALARMS.

Loss of Property Small—Some Recommendations.

Chief Engineer Lipsett of the fire department, in his annual report submitted last night to the city council says that the firemen were called out by 67 alarms during the past year, and the most threatening and destructive were those at the drill hall, Chestnut & Sons new building, and the Globe Laundry. He makes mention of the militia department's appreciation of the work the fireman did at the drill hall conflagration, and the receipt in acknowledgement thereof of a check for \$50.

Continuing the Chief says:

"The present system of fighting fires so lately introduced, has worked well and satisfactorily and without the slightest hitch in any way. At no time during the year has the department been handicapped, which will be a source of satisfaction to your honorable body, as well as to the property holders and citizens.

"The hose was given an unusually severe test, and of the 3,300 feet tested only two joints showed any signs of weakness. Since that time 500 feet of new hose has been added, thus giving the department 3,600 feet of hose to meet any emergency that may arise. At Nos. 1, 4 and 5 stations, there is kept in readiness 1,350 feet, and the balance, 2,250 feet, is at the Central Station.

The chief recommends a fire alarm box on the easterly corner of Queen and York street for the better protection of the city hall, normal school and adjacent mercantile houses, and the institution of more effective system for crossing the lower end of the city in case of fire.

After a reference to the improvement at the central station for the convenience of the men, and to the duties he performed as fire inspector, the chief gives details of the fire alarms for 1903 as follows:

"The following are the 'calls' answered by the department and the losses sustained during the past year:

January.

1st, Box 26, 7.30 p m, bonfire.
11th, Box 34, 10.30 p m, fire at Drill Hall. Estimated damage between \$1,000 and \$1,250.
12th, Box 38, 11.30 p m, burning chimney.
17th, Box 16, 10.50 p m, false alarm.
20th, Box 36, 8.15 a m, burning chimney.
21st, Box 16, 6.40 a m, fire at residence of J. DeLong, Brunswick street. Damage slight.
29th, Box 16, 9.15 p m, burning chimney.

February.

18th, Box 24, 3 a m, fire at Estey's mill. Damage slight.
20th, Box 16, 7.30 p m, fire at residence of W. S. Hooper. Damage to building \$120.50, and to household effects \$72.88. Insured.
21st, Box 24, 9 a m, fire on roof of Estey's mill. No damage.
23rd, Box 17, 7 p m, burning chimney.
23rd, Box 38, 1.30 a m, fire at blue shanty, Regent street.

March.

1st, Box 17, 8 p m, burning chimney.
2nd, Box 16, 7.30 p m, fire at residence of J. Valentine, corner Northumberland and Saunders streets. Damage slight.
15th, Box 34, 3.20 p m, false alarm.
24th, Box 37, 9.30 a m, defective chimney at residence of Harry Braithwaite, Regent street. No damage.
29th, Box 27, 10.15 a m, fire in Chestnut building on Queen street. Damage to building, \$1,950; R T Mack, \$794.16; Dr W J Irvine, \$185; T A Wilson, \$75; and A R Slipp, \$25. All the above were insured. Kerner & Co had no insurance and lost heavily.
30th, Box 44, 5.15 p m, an unnecessary alarm.

April.

3rd, Box 46, 12.15 a m, false alarm.
5th, Box 23, 6.50 p m, burning chimney.
10th, Box 53, 9.45 p m, false alarm.

12th, Box 37, 1.10 a m, false alarm.
12th, Box 55, 2.15 a m, false alarm.
16th, Still alarm for grass in Queen's Park.
17th, Box 16, 11.20 a m, burning straw.
17th, Box 24, 12.15 p m, roof fire at N J Smith's residence. Damage \$25. Insured.
18th, Box 17, 5.00 a m, slight fire in Ald. Stockford's barn.
19th, Box 17, 12.30 a m, fire in Ald Stockford's barn. Damage slight.
22nd, Still alarm for grass fire at base ball grounds.
24th, Box 38, 12.40 a m, fire in blue shanty.
24th, Box 46, 5.00 p m, burning grass in Scully's grove.
24th, Box 38, 11.40 p m, fire in blue shanty.
29th, Box 24, 6.20 a m, roof fire at residence of J. Machum. Damage slight.

May.

1st, Box 38, 3.20 a m, fire in wood pile at Waverly hotel. No damage.
2nd, Box 23, 11.30 a m, fire on roof of Mrs. McManus' residence, George street. Damage slight.
3rd, Box 17, 12.05 p m, fire on roof of residence of F. J. Todd. Damage slight.
9th, Box 38, 12 noon, fire on roof of old Bowling Alley. Damage slight.
12th, Box 45, 12.10 p m, burning chimney at jail.
23rd, Box 44, 9 a m, fire on roof of outbuilding of N. J. Sutherland's residence. Damage \$10.
29th, Box 34, 7 p m, fire on passenger bridge. No damage.
30th, Box 37, 6.30 p m, fire at residence of Mrs. Knox, George street. No damage.

June.

5th, Box 27, 8.15 p m, fire at A H Woods' shop, King street. Damage \$70. Insured.

July.

7th, Box 27, 5.45 p m, fire on roof of outbuilding at residence of Dr Crockett. Damage slight.
8th, Box 44, 12.45 a m, fire at Globe Laundry. Damage to building, \$1,100, and to machinery, \$184. Insured.
18th, Box 36, 3.30 p m, slight fire on outbuilding of residence of Thomas Feeney, Charlotte street. Damage slight.

August.

9th, Box 34, 4.30 p m, fire on passenger bridge.
9th, Box 14, 11.30 p m, burning chimney at Victoria Hospital.
14th, Box 27, 11.00 a m, burning damp pile in rear of city hall.
24th, Box 44, 3.10 p m, fire on roof of Mrs. Segee's building, Queen street. Damage slight.

September.

4th, Still alarm, 1.05 p m, fire on roof of N B Foundry.
6th, Box 17, 8.10 a m, fire at shop of Edwin Segee, King street.
6th, Box 23, 11.50 a m, fire on roof of outbuilding at residence of M S Hall. Damage slight.
22nd, Box 38, 1.15 p m, fire on roof of outbuilding at residence of H Woods, King street. No damage.
26th, Box 34, 8 p m, fire at Barker House caused by lamp exploding. Damage slight.
28th, Box 54, 3 p m, burning chimney at N B University.
29th, Box 46, 12.15 a m, false alarm.

October.

10th, still alarm for fire at Morgan & Co's paint shop. Damage slight.
21st, Box 27, 1.40 p m, burning tar at F. B. Cooper's carriage factory. No damage.
24th, Box 34, 4.30 p m, fire on Passenger bridge.

November.

3rd, Box 38, 2.00 a m, fire in the William J. Edgecombe tenement on King street. Damage to building \$90 and to adjoining property owned by D. Lenihan, \$95. Insured.
6th, Box 36, 5.25 p m, overheated furnace pipe at residence of Rev. Joseph McLeod. No damage.
25th, Box 54, 8.00 a m, boiler exploded and wrecked cooking stove at residence of Judge Gregory.
25th, Box 25, 4.25 p m, burning chimney.

December.

4th, Box 36, 6.05 p m, burning chimney.
29th, Box 23, 5.30 p m, burning chimney.

Hockey Notes.

The Trojans will meet at the rink for practice this evening, instead of tomorrow evening, as previously decided upon. The team is to leave for St. John on Friday morning to play the Neptunes. The match between the Trojans and Maryeville next Monday evening is being looked forward to with great interest. An effort is being made to bring the Ramblers of Amherst here to play the Trojans in the near future. There is some talk of a match between the Crescents and Trojans at the Arctic rink here next Thursday evening.

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STABBED TO DEATH

Foul Murder Over a Game of Cards in Cape Breton.

VICTIM AND HIS ASSAILANT BOTH ITALIANS.

The Murderer Neatly Captured.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Sydney, C. B., Feb. 3.—A quarrel over cards at Glace Bay last night resulted in the murder of Alexandero Serpelo at the hands of another Italian named Ferdinando do Matterio. The murder took place in a shack where these men lived. The quarrel began with an interchange of words, when Matterio became enraged, and whipping out his stiletto, stabbed Galletto five times in quick succession. One of the wounds pierced the man's heart, another went through the lung, while a third imbedded itself in the kidney. The man almost died at the point of his assailant's knife. The murderer fled.

Glace Bay, N. S., Feb. 3.—Fridenakie Matterio, the murderer of Alexandero Serpelo, was captured last night about 12 o'clock at Dominion No 1, by police officers Percy Morris of the Glace Bay police force assisted by his brother, J. Harry Morris.

After the murderer had walked a distance of three miles he appeared at the house of a German named Oscar Grachen and asked for supper. He appeared nervous, and finally told them of the fight in which a man was wounded.

Shortly after he enquired if any steamers or vessels were leaving port, as he had to get out of the country.

Grachen professed to be willing to assist him. Finally he got Grachen and a neighbor named Moritz to go down to No. 2 to see if Serpelo still lived. They came down but brought back with them Officer Morris and his brother.

The Italian made an ineffectual break for liberty. This morning he came up and was remanded till tomorrow, a number of Italians being held as witnesses.

Early this morning the prisoner broke down completely, but later braced up and will plead not guilty.

The wounded man had bled to death before medical assistance could be secured.

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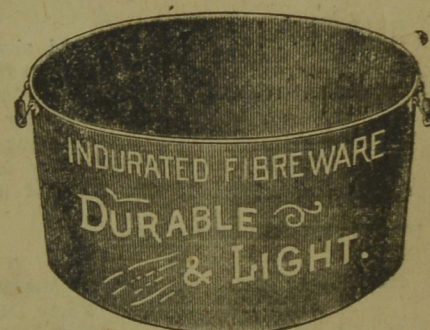
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