

### Fire Department.

Old lads will have a dim recollection of the fire drills of 1889-90, when they used to scowl a bit at being called out of bed at some unseasonable hour to rush swiftly to their respective stations to find they had been hoaxed by a false alarm; but will bear in mind how fortunate it was that such practice had been followed up, when, upon that memorable morning in February, the brigade turned out to find that there was no hoax indeed in that particular call, as a dangerous fire was well under way, and only through the perfect discipline, arising from the many practices, was the Home building saved from destruction.

Since the days mentioned, the stations have been somewhat altered and the system for lifting water to the upper roof tanks improved, and when the ominous bugle sounds, we find, in a very few seconds, Mr. St. Lawrence, with his assistant, Henry Hughes, at Station No. 1 in the attic, ready to release the valves and let water into the stand pipes.

On No. 2 Station (hose pipe, upper hall) John Wright, John Gray and Arthur Johnson stand ready to do their duty.

On No. 3, John Barker and William Naylor are ready to handle their fire buckets, while Bygraves and Webber take charge of the buckets at Station No. 4 in the Hospital, and Turner, accompanied by Graham, stand to attention near the office door, where is situated Bucket Station No. 5.

Stanley Cooper, with a lively crew consisting of Gavillet, Bracey and Lockerby, on the call, set their pipes and begin pumping into the lower tank, from which the water is again lifted from a small force pump in the back hall, manned, in case of fire, by Cashmore and Raban, their station being No. 7.

At No. 8 Station, John Marshall and James Hodgson handle the hose while the fire ladders are manned at two stations, Nos. 9 and

10, by Alex. Ness, William Owens, John Myson and John Foley at No. 9, Samuel Chapman, Edward Tutte, Wilkinson, and John Hughes being held responsible for the operating of Station No. 10.

It is pleasing to note that the members of the present fire department appear to take an interest in their duties, and the writer believes that, in case of an emergency, each man would do his level best to save from destruction the roof which covers his head.

### Left the Hive.

The first lad to leave us in July was John Parker, who was sent out, on the 2nd, to a situation with Mr. Alexander Delmage, a very worthy farmer of Minnedosa. So far, good reports of John's progress have been received, and we trust a satisfactory record may go with him to the end.

On July 11th the lads at the Farm Home were called on to say good-bye to the very popular young man, David Magee, who was despatched with the best of wishes from the management to a post on the farm of Elijah Johnson, Manitou, Manitoba.

Ernest Galloway, having finished an engagement near Moosomin, returned to the Home on June 23rd and was found employment with Mr. Joseph Trott, of Rapid City, on July 11th.

On July 13th, George Smith left to enter the employ of Mr. W. O. Ashton, of Wapella, and on the same day Charles Trout was sent to an excellent situation with Mr. T. D. Cavanagh, proprietor of the leading hotel of Moosomin—the "Queen's."

The writer is of the opinion that the General Farm Foreman did not thank him to any great extent when it was decided that Samuel Qborn, who for so many months served faithfully on the estate, should go to Wawanesa, Manitoba, to accept a flattering offer of employment made by a thrifty farmer in the district mentioned—Mr. F. Noble.