

fire brigade, telephoned for, it was fortunately subdued ere any very serious loss had been incurred. The horses and most of the farm implements were early removed, the main damage being to the roof of the building. The total loss, estimated at \$730, was fully covered by insurance. Strict investigation failed to reveal the origin of the fire. To the city fire brigade, under Sub-Chief Beckingham, we beg to tender our warmest thanks. Without their valuable aid the whole building would probably have been destroyed, and the loss thereby entailed much more serious.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

During the year a code of rules and regulations for the government of the hospital employees, with appended fire rules, was prepared, and, after approval by your Honorable Body, printed. The whole formed a neat pamphlet of sixty-four pages, a copy of which was given to each employee.

ORNAMENTAL GROUNDS.

Under the direction of Mr. Smith, landscape gardener, and under the supervision of our farmer, considerable progress was made in underdraining, levelling and the laying out of drives; 2,160 yards of drain tile were laid three feet deep, and 800 yards of new road built. The road bed after excavation was filled in with eight inches of stone, laid by hand, which was then covered with six inches of broken stone. The close of another season will, I trust, see the east half of our front grounds in a fairly presentable condition.

FARM AND GARDEN.

Mr. Alex. Chalmers assumed the position of farmer and gardener on March 15th, and has worked unceasingly to improve the condition of our grounds and make the garden productive. Already he has done much to improve the farm, which was badly run down previous to its purchase by the hospital.

With the exception of our potato crop, which was again a failure owing to wet weather, the yield from farm and garden was excellent. Of our farm stock three cows and seven young pigs were lost by death. Two of our old farm horses were sold and a new span purchased in their stead.

The following special work was done on the farm in the year:—1,800 yards of new ditches made along line fences and across fields under cultivation; 1,250 yards of water furrows opened; 440 yards of drain, 5 feet deep, dug from main building to entrance lodge for water pipes; 200 yards of drain, 5 feet deep, opened to take out old water pipe laid to river; 480 yards wire fence built; 120 tons ice cut and stored; 160 loads of manure hauled from city and 45 loads shale from aqueduct.