

pounds towards procuring a fire engine, and it was hoped that the problem was about to be solved.

The Sessions, it seems, did not accede to this request, probably because the town, which would reap all the benefit, was but a small part of the Township. But shortly afterwards, an understanding was arrived at with the military authorities by which the garrison fire engine was donated for the use of the town. The Fire Brigade was then organized, Henry Ingles, who had been largely responsible for its formation, becoming its first Captain. The old military hand engine was kept in use for a long time. It was easily worked and gave a good stream of water. Some years after the formation of the Brigade, William Micheau became its Captain, and during his term another engine was secured. Those who worked it say it was a "man killer," five minutes being the longest shift that men could keep at it.

The old Market House, at the corner of Amelia and Charlotte Streets, became the brigade headquarters, the market bell doing service as a fire alarm. This bell is still preserved, though not in use, at the central fire station. Shortly after Sydney became