

MINING COMPANIES.

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display no hesitancy in coming to a conclusion over the matter. As far as the residents of this province are concerned, they are virtually unanimous in the belief that the wisest course that the government could pursue would be to build the road as a government undertaking, and in that opinion they are found question supported by popular sentiment in Manitoba and the Northwest.

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CHIEF AND FIREMEN

City Council Spend Three Hours Listening to the Firemen's Grievances.

Mayor Redfern Requests the Chief and Men to Sift Personal Feelings.

Three full hours were spent by the city council last evening in the rather unpleasant task of listening to the differences between the men and the chief of the fire department and attempting to remove the same. When the meeting opened there were present the mayor, all the members of the council with the exception of Wilson, and Chief Deasy, and shortly afterwards these were augmented by eighteen members of the fire department.

The proceedings opened by Mayor Redfern reading the following statement of grievances from thirteen of the men: We, the undersigned members of the fire department, humbly petition your honorable body to grant us relief in the following particulars: We have been taken from the proper officers (viz. the foremen of their respective companies), and placed in the hands of the drivers, thereby ignoring the proper officers of the different companies who are responsible for their efficiency of their respective companies.

Also there are a great number of alarms that reach the fire hall by telephone which these men are obliged to answer, and can get to the fire hall and catch the apparatus as well as the ten permanent men, making twenty men all told. The other men speak the scene of the day there are ten call men working within two blocks of the fire hall, and they can catch the apparatus when an alarm comes in.

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street, and the distance from Douglas street to either door is the same. Three of the firemen living in the neighborhood consider it quicker to run to the Pandora entrance.

Telephone Alarms—When a telephone alarm is received it is the duty of the driver in No. 1 fire hall to immediately pull box 64. This has always been done, and the apparatus in that house is always taken out by the driver, who pulls the box before he hitches his horse. A telephone message is received at the same time in No. 2 and No. 3, in which halls the drivers immediately commence to hitch up their horses. At fire hall telephones are on the same house as the telephone message is received in if boxes were located in all the fire halls and all boxes were pulled at the same time.

Under the present system call men may come to the fire halls and answer the second roll call without attending the fire hall, and no penalty is imposed. There is no fine for missing first roll call. This often happens, and to show a case in point I will refer to the recent fire at Spratt & Gray's. The fire occurred at 10:30 p.m. and the hose carriage returned one hour after.

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be considered such. He must be up-rolled when he carries out the rules and regulations, and any member of the department who does not comply with those regulations must be discharged.

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last year he was not anxious to roll. Chief Deasy suggested that the duty could be overcome by allowing foremen to call the roll every month, however, that he declined to return to the hall after the meeting.

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