

BRIGADE NOTES.

Parkdale.—Fire Alarm System is being erected in this village. There are six boxes, which together with wires, &c., cost \$500.

Chief Ardagh of the Toronto Fire Brigade received a donation of \$20 from Mrs. Schmidt and of \$50 from Mr. James Walsh for the Firemen's Benevolent Fund for services rendered in saving their premises from destruction by fire.

Chief Patton, of the Montreal Fire Brigade, has received a cheque for \$125 from Mr. Chas. S. Watson, President of the Montreal Rolling Mills, in recognition of the valuable services rendered at the fire at their works on the 4th inst. He also received \$25 from Mr. Yuile of the Excelsior Glass works for services rendered in saving his works from destruction on the 8th inst.

Montreal Fire Escape Case.—The case of the City vs. Madame Paquet, for not erecting a fire escape upon a building fronting on St. Lawrence Main street, the upper flats of which are used by Messrs. Fogarty Bros. as a boot and shoe Manufactory, was yesterday decided by the Recorder, who fined the defendant \$5 and costs.

A good story is told of a ward fireman in relation to his efforts to ring the alarm on the occasion of the Hancock-street fire. He rushed to where the key was kept and hastened to the box. Opening it he thrust his head into the box and yelled with all his might: "Fire! Fire! in George Connor's house!" Three times he called, until a passer-by came to his rescue and, pulling the lever, rang in the alarm. "Durn it," remarked the discomfited individual, "I thought the papers said we had a telephone fire alarm but the thing don't work that way," and away he sped to the burning building to do better execution.—*Lawrence (Mass.) American.*

Chatham.—A souvenir of the old days of the Fire Company is to be seen in the fire hall. It is the record of the meeting of the three engine companies and the hook and ladder company, on second Wednesday of Dec., 1848. There were 53 members in No. 1, 10 in No. 2, and 5 in No. 3, and 13 in the Hook & Ladder Co. Israel Evans was foreman of the H. & L., and John Chrysler 1st assistant. Perhaps two-thirds of the members on the then rolls of these four companies are dead or gone, but among those yet in our midst are W. Craddock, W. Oldershaw, Isaac Oldershaw, Henry Verral, Kenneth Urquhart, Cyrus Merriam, John Davis, John Baxter, R. O. Smith, Jno. McKeough, Wm. McKeough, John Adams, Israel Evans, Wm. Ryan. Among the list of excuses was that of William Craddock, "forgot the day," fine remitted, and another member got his fine remitted with the endorsement, "drunk by his own confession."

Chatham Fire Record for 1882.—Chief White brings in the first annual Report of the Fire Department, which is from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1882, and is very minute and elaborate. We learn that the losses on buildings amounted to \$1869; on stock, \$1652.75; total loss, \$3521.75; amount of insurance, \$22,900; total value of property endangered, \$42,887. Chief White recommends the passing of a by-law to regulate chimney cleaning and storage of combustibles, and the appointment of an inspector to carry out these regulations. He advises placing of a foot-gong on the fire engine to prevent accidents. The Chief winds up by acknowledging the services of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, and the good conduct of the men of the Department.

This is the least amount of property destroyed by fire in any one year during the last twenty years, which speaks well for our new Paid Fire Department.—*Chatham Planet.*

The Montreal Fire Alarm Department.—The annual report of the Fire Alarm Department for 1882 is more than usually interesting, as it includes tables of statistics showing the working of the department since its organization, twenty-years ago. During the first seven or eight years, when the shops closed at 11 o'clock at night, it was noticed that the most alarms were given from twelve to two o'clock in the morning. Since then the shops have been mostly closed at 6 o'clock p.m., and accordingly the most alarms have been given between seven and nine o'clock at night. This would seem to indicate that the greater proportion of fires occurring during these two hours was the result of carelessness in leaving the shops or offices. Another feature of the report is that it shows that there were more fires in the month of July than any other month, during the entire twenty years, March coming second on the list and December third, the lowest number of alarms being given in the month of September. During the same period there were more alarms on Wednesday than any other day of the week, Thursday standing second on the list, and Friday third, the number of alarms on Sunday being the lowest. Coming to the year, 1875 shows the highest number of alarms, and 1874 the next highest. These, it might be remarked, were the two years in which there were the greatest number of failures in business during the period of depression.

During the past year the greatest number of alarms were in the month of May, June coming next, the lowest number being in September. There were more alarms on Saturdays than any other day of the week, Wednesday coming next. The total number of alarms during 1882 was 289, and during the twenty years 4,360, the following table giving more details:—

1882.

MONTH.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wednes.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Totals.
January	2	2	5	2	2	1	1	15
February	—	2	2	4	1	4	8	21
March	2	4	1	4	4	5	7	27
April	7	4	1	5	3	1	6	27
May	3	8	5	8	2	4	5	35
June	2	2	2	9	2	11	6	34
July	3	6	2	2	2	2	5	22
August	1	1	7	3	4	1	4	21
September	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	14
October	2	5	4	4	6	5	4	30
November	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	23
December	6	2	3	2	3	2	2	20
Totals	32	41	38	49	33	40	56	289

Year.	No. of alarms.	Year.	No. of alarms.
1863	137	1873	221
1864	148	1874	300
1865	151	1875	333
1866	140	1876	283
1867	148	1877	248
1868	209	1878	236
1869	131	1879	244
1870	212	1880	217
1871	189	1881	272
1872	252	1882	289

There are four officers, besides a line repairer, in this department as follows:—Superintendent, Mr. F. H. Badger; first operator, Mr. F. X. Gauthier; second operator, Mr. James Ferns; third operator, Mr. James Wills; repairer, Mr. Abraham Courville.

Toronto Fire Escapes.—The necessity of having fire escapes at large factories and at public institutions such as the Boys' and Girls' Homes has been agitated again and