

Adjoining the Public Market is the principal Fire Station. There are eight stations and seventy-three firemen, whose uniforms differ from the English in the helmets being made of black lacquered leather, which of course have not the effective appearance of the English bright metal ones, but are said to be more serviceable and less affected by heat. Though mostly motors there are a few three-horse fire escapes. Some of the ladders are raised by steam compressors, which by turning a wheel a child could work, others by hydraulic and electrical appliances. The ladders are 65 and 75 feet, and with hook ladder connections suffice for the highest buildings here which are fortunately limited to ten stories, or a height of about 120 feet, but are seldom more than seven to nine stories and are fitted with outside iron escape staircases. The white fire engines are very large and imposing.

Between Mears and Courtney streets, facing Quadra, is the old-time Burial ground which has been transformed