

INITIAL ORGANIZATION
of the
COBOURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

LOT NUMBER SEVENTEEN

LOT NUMBER SIXTEEN

NATHANIEL HERRIMAN

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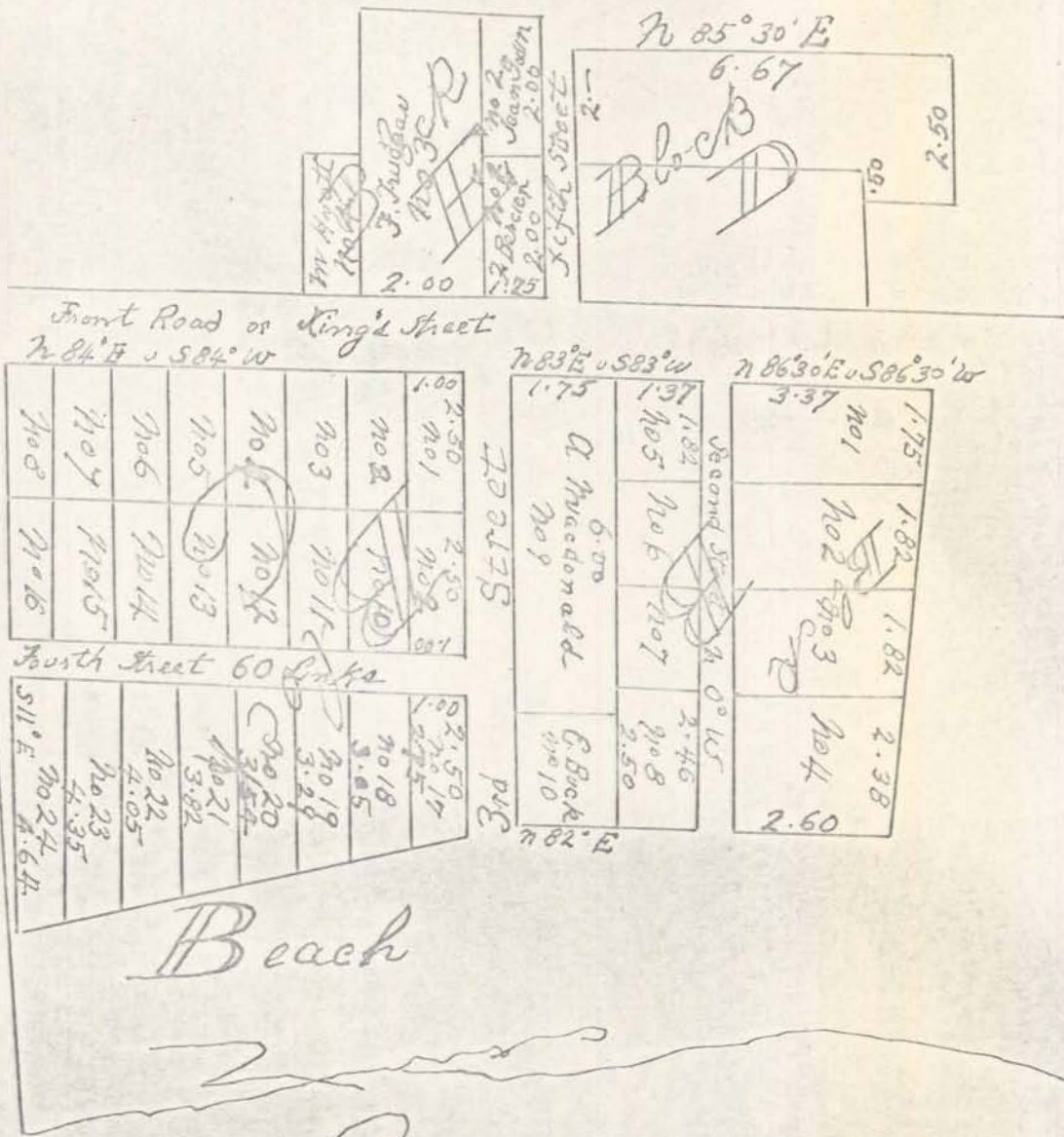
COBOURG
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FACSIMILE of COBOURG'S FIRST PLAN OF SUBDIVISION
Registered the First of October, 1824, as Memorial
No. 1163.

Before 1824, individual parcels of land and lots
had been marked out in what is to-day the business
section of Cobourg.

Cobourg In the Year 1831.

The year 1831 in Cobourg got off to a good start with the publication of the first issue of the COBOURG STAR on January 11th. That Grand Old Lady, now resident on the Factory Hill, has been going strong ever since its initial start in down-town Cobourg.

In the year 1831, Cobourg's built-up area was mostly between Division Street on the east and Spring-Hibernia Streets on the west with a little spread east and west along King Street. The Cobourg Harbour Company, a ^{joint} stock company organized and financed by a few local residents, had made a start in the building of the Cobourg Harbour in 1829, and by 1831 two piers were advancing into the lake. Small boats were already using the wharf for loading and unloading merchandise and products of the farm and forest. In 1831 the local beach was used as a temporary camping ground for incoming settlers.

The young village was growing; only a few short years earlier the village had very few buildings. New arrival merchants were setting up business. The Methodists had selected Cobourg for the Upper Canada Academy, later Victoria College, and construction of facilities had started. The Northumberland Agricultural Society held a large cattle show and ploughing match in Cobourg. The Northumberland Militia held their day of training and encampment in early June. The Canada Company agents were active in Cobourg, directing settlers to lands in the country. The spirit of the day was buoyant and optimistic. That was Cobourg in the year 1831.

Cobourg as a village was part and parcel of Hamilton Township and came under the direction of the Annual Town Meeting, at which the freeholders and householders appointed the Clerk, Assessor, Collector, Pound Keepers, and the Road Overseers or Pathmasters. The Town Meeting had only minor power and the real power for local government was vested in the District Magistrates, appointees of the Central Government, who, meeting in Quarter Sessions, had the final say in local government.

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Percy L. Gleino.

THE COBOURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

Its initial organization

By : Percy L. Climo

Previous to the year 1831, we have no record of fires that may have occurred in the small Village of Cobourg. With the establishment of the COBOURG STAR newspaper in January of 1831, the listing of destructive fires in Cobourg begins.

The Editor of the newspaper, Mr. R.D.CHATTERTON, realizing the extreme danger of fire, especially in wooden buildings, and taking note of the formation of a fire department in the Town of York, in an editorial comment, suggested that Cobourg organize a fire department. This idea was published on August 23, 1831.

No action was taken by the inhabitants of Cobourg!

A few months later the Village had a severe fire. A two storey Hotel, located at the north-west corner of King and Division Streets, and erected about the year 1817, took fire at the north end of the building, with a north-east wind blowing. The story of its destruction follows later, and the fire also consumed a second hotel adjacent on King Street. One man nearly lost his life in the blaze. Others lost heavily. With great effort on the part of village inhabitants, the flames were finally subdued.

Immediately the inhabitants called a meeting. A committee was formed, and the District Magistrates were petitioned to officially set up rules and regulations for fire protection and organize fire wardens.

Through the courtesy of the Archives of Ontario, we record the details of the petition and the list of rules to be applied to the Villages of Cobourg and Amherst.

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TO their Worships the Magistrates of the District of Newcastle in Quarter Sessions assembled.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Village of Cobourg Humbly Sheweth

That the want of efficient Regulations in Cases of fire renders the property of your Petitioners liable to severe losses.

That your Petitioners at a public meeting held for the purpose of concerting measures for the preservation of property from fire have determined that the adoption of the rules and regulations annexed to the Petition would be very beneficial in the object your Petitioners have in view. That by a Provincial Act of Parliament passed in the 32d year of the reign of his late Majesty, King George the third, The Magistrates in each District in Quarter Sessions Assembled are authorized to make such orders and regulations for the prevention of accidental fires as to them shall seem meet.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Worships will be pleased to Confirm the rules and regulations which they submit for your consideration.

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And Your Petitioners will ever pray so.

G.M.BOSWELL, Secretary for the Petitioners.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Cobourg to the Quarter Sessions.
Filed the 13th of January, 1832.

T.WARD, Clerk of the Peace.

RULES & REGULATIONS made by the Magistrates of the Newcastle District in general Quarter Sessions Assembled for Cobourg and Amherst Fire Company January 11, 1832.

ARTICLE 1st.-- Four Fire Wardens shall be chosen annually by a majority of the inhabitant householders on the first Tuesday in the month of January in each and every year, at a meeting to be held in the Village of Cobourg, which meeting shall be convened by the Committee of the Fire Company, who are to give three days public notice thereof. The duty of said Fire Wardens shall be to inspect stove pipes, ovens, fire places Etc., and to order such removals or alterations as safety may render necessary.

2nd. - The Fire Wardens or any two of them are to attend and make inspection on application to that effect, made by two of the householders.

3d. -- The Fire Wardens are to make a quarterly inspection of Stove pipes, etc., Viz : on the first Tuesday in January, April, July, and October in each and every year. A general inspection is to take place forthwith.

4th. - Any person refusing to comply with any order, for removal or alteration, shall, upon complaint made upon Oath by any two of the Fire Wardens, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, be fined in a penalty not exceeding the sum of Ten Shillings of Provincial Currency, for every offence, and the continuance of any such nuisance shall be deemed a separate offence.

5th. - The fines to be collected by warrent and sale of the offender's goods in the same way that taxes are now collected.

6th. - The occupant of every Mill, Store, or Merchant Shop, and each two-story house, shall furnish two good leather fire buckets, each to contain not less than three gallons; the occupants of all other houses, store-houses, distilleries, potasheries, breweries, Mechanics Shops, Printing and other offices, one each.

7th. - A ladder to be furnished by the occupant of every dwelling.

8th. - Any person required by these regulations to furnish ladders and buckets and not complying within three months after public notice given thereof by the Fire Wardens, shall upon complaint made upon Oath by any two of the Fire Wardens, before any one of His Majesty's Justice of the Peace, be fined in a penalty not exceeding the sum of Ten Shillings for each Bucket, and Five Shillings for each ladder, to be collected in the same manner as directed in Rule 5. But the Magistrate before whom the

information is made, shall in his discretion exempt from either of the above named penalties any person who shall make it appear to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that he is unable through poverty to comply with the conditions of this rule.

9th. - That Messers. Church and Conger and any other two persons who may be named by the Committee shall act as Fire Wardens for the present year.

10th. - The Fire "ardens are to act as Treasurers, receive all subscriptions connected with the object of these regulations, and lay an annual statement of the funds they may receive, before a Committee of five persons who are to be designated the COBOURG and AMHERST VILLAGES FIRE COMPANY, who are to have the disposition of said funds.

11th. - That the Committee for the present year shall consist of EBENEZER PERRY; JAMES GRAY BETHUNE; BENJAMIN THROOP; ROBERT HENRY and JAS. RADCLIFFE, Esquires, and that the Committee shall in each and every subsequent year be chosen in the same manner and form as directed for the election of Fire wardens. The Committee and Fire "ardens shall have full power and authority at all fires to order any person present to assist. And any person so ordered and refusing, or neglecting to obey, shall be fined not exceeding the sum of ten shillings, upon information upon oath, made before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, by any one of the said Committee or Fire Wardens.

12th. - That the limits of the Fire Company shall extend from and including the Honorable Zaccheus Burnham's dwelling house, to Elsworth's Bridge below Cobourg, and also includes half a mile on each side of the main road.

13th. - That each Fire Warden and Members of the Committee shall at all fires, wear a white badge tied around the left arm above the elbow.

14th. - No single building to have more than two Buckets and one ladder unless occupied by two or more families.

15th. - A person to be appointed to sweep chimneys and clean stove pipes which shall be performed at each house onee in six weeks .. Committee to fix the price to be paid by the occupants.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COBOURG AND AMHERST FIRE COMPANY.

Filed January 13, 1832. T.WARD, Clerk of the Peace.

W. FALKNER, Chairman.

With the above regulations becoming active the villages of Cobourg and Amherst became what is known as Police Villages, whereby the inhabitants must conform to rules set up by some legal authority, in this case the District Magistrates meeting in Quarter Session. This authority continued until July 1st. 1837, when the new By-Laws of the Incorporated Town of Cobourg came into force. The powers of administration were then transferred from the District Magistrates to the elected Board of Police and the Fire Companies came under the town administration.

January 25, 1831.

FIRE.-- On Sunday afternoon, about four o'clock, an alarming fire was discovered on the premises of MR. GEORGE HART, of this village, which burnt with such fury that in a few minutes, in spite of the most spirited exertions of the neighbours to save it, the entire building was reduced to ashes. It was chiefly composed of dry cedar logs, the heat from which was so intense and the progress of the flames so rapid, that but little of the furniture could be preserved.-- The loss to Mr. Hart, including upwards sixty dollars in cash, must at least amount to a hundred and fifty pounds. We cannot express in too strong language the praiseworthy liberality that has been evidenced by the inhabitants of our village upon this occasion. A subscription already amounting to upwards of Seventy Pounds has been raised, and we have no doubt the entire loss of Mr. Hart will be made up to him.

---- The Cobourg Star, January 25, 1831.

TO THE PEOPLE OF COBOURG.

(FIRE COMPANY SUGGESTED FOR COBOURG)

A meeting has been called in York and resolutions adopted for the immediate formation of a FIRE COMPANY, and the better security of property against fire in that town. This was called forth by a late accident of the kind at the Steam-Boat Hotel, when, but for a providential and unusual supply of water, together with the remarkable calmness of the night in all probability the town would have been minus some dozen or two of its best establishments. Now we respectfully submit for your consideration the wisdom of profiting by the experience of others, in preference to incurring the risk and inconvenience of your own.

---- The Cobourg Star, August 23, 1831.

ALARM OF FIRE. -- Saturday evening last, about six o'clock, our village was again aroused by the appalling cry of "fire", which on enquiry was found to proceed from the premises of Messrs O. & J.O. Strong, inn-keepers. It seems one of the stove pipes of the establishment, had been incautiously conducted, in its passage through the upper floor, rather too near the boards, and the consequence was they took fire, which then communicated itself to the wainscotting, and also a bed standing near. The flames from this latter occasioned its discovery, or in a few minutes perhaps the whole building would have been lost. As it was, we are happy to say, the praiseworthy assistance rendered on all hands, arrested their progress without further damage.

--- The Cobourg Star, November 29, 1831.

DISSOLUTION

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the Subscribers, under the Firm of O. & J.O. STRONG, both in the business of the COBOURG HOTEL and that of the Saddle and Harness making, was on the 17th Instant, by mutual consent, dissolved. O. Strong is duly authorized to collect all notes and accounts in favour of the firm, and will settle the debts of the same.

O. & J.O. STRONG,

Cobourg November 26, 1831.

--- The Cobourg Star, November 29, 1831.

EXTENSIVE FIRE.

It was only last week we had the pleasure of congratulating ourselves and neighbours, upon a very narrow escape from a fire that had broken out in the premises of Messers. Strong, early in the evening of the 20th. ult. but fortunately the flames^o which were arrested in time to avert any serious loss of property. It is now our painful duty to record another, but unhappily more fatal visitation, of this powerful and destructive element. About 3 o'clock, on Sunday morning last, we were awakened by the same terrible cry-- rendered upon this occasion more appalling, by the horrific accompaniment of female shrieks. In three minutes we were on the spot. -- Mr. Carpenter's Inn, where from the door and windows of a sort of underground kitchen, at the northern extremity of the building, the flames were bursting with extraordinary fury. There being at the time, unfortunately, a strong breeze from the north East, it was soon apparent that all hope of saving the building, without the assistance of an engine was idle; and in an incredibly short space of time, the whole mass was enveloped in one vast sheet of flame and smoke-- the latter so dense and suffocating as to render futile the most daring efforts to rescue the furniture, which was accordingly almost entirely lost. The attention of all was now directed to the adjoining premises of Mr. Strong, in the vain hope of their preservation, but so narrow was the communication between the two buildings, and such consequently the intensity of the heat,, that it was found utterly impossible to convey the necessary supply of water. One or two attempted to scale the roof-- thinking there to obtain mastery of the fire; but the melting snow and ice had made it slippery as glass, and they also were compelled to abandon the field, which was immediately occupied by the overwhelming and furious invader.

Sufficient time had however been afforded Mr. Strong to remove the bulk of his property, which we are happy to understand, was accomplished with but little comparative injury. The alarm now became fearfully intense, and the word was passed to pull down the adjoining buildings between the fire and Mr. Bethune's store, as it was apprehended, if the flames once reached there, it would have involved the ruin of every house in that direction of the village. The first thus sacrificed were the stables and sheds belonging to the hotel. These, having their braces and posts cut through on the inner side were thrown bodily over towards the fire-- against which their roofs formed an admirable embankment, as by their assistance, the water from two or three well organized lines, soon established a perfect moat in front of the advancing element, over which its now relaxing vigor vainly endeavoured to leap. Shortly after, the beams and roof of the burning pile fell in, and the danger was past.

We understand that Mr. Buck, the proprietor of Mr. Strong's inn, had insured it, to the amount of 500 pounds, in the Alliance office. Mr. Carpenter's was not insured, and his loss, including almost every article of his furniture and clothing, cannot be estimated at less than between three and four hundred pounds. His two servants, the poor girls who first gave the alarm, had barely time to escape with their lives, being aroused by the fire bursting through the floor beneath their beds. they did not save even a single article of their dress, other than those worn at night, and worse still, the whole of their little stock of money-- their hard earned wages, which had been paid them shortly before, is lost; but some thing will be done for them. We have also heard that Mr. Carpenter's brother, Mr. George M. Sprague, has lost his pocket book, containing notes and cash to the amount of \$144. The escape of this gentleman, who had been ill in bed for nearly a fortnight, is extraordinary. He slept in an upper room in front of the house: the passage to which, led him immediately to the part

COBOURG
HOTEL.

on fire, and was of course full of smoke : on discovering this, with much presence of mind, he threw his bed from the window, a height of 14 to 15 feet jumping upon it, happily got safely to the ground.

The loss to Mr. Strong must indeed be great, as besides being thrown out of an excellent business, in the course of which his unremitting attention and civility, has obtained for him the best wishes of every person in the village, he cannot but have suffered considerably in the injury necessarily incurred by the hasty removal of his furniture.

Before leaving this subject, we would again suggest the necessity for the immediate adoption of measures to prevent the recurrence of such a scene.-- Had our former hint been acted upon, the loss of property in the present instance, would unquestionably been avoided. We are glad to find however, that at last it is likely to meet consideration, as a meeting is called for the purpose to-morrow evening.

--- The Cobourg Star, December 6, 1831.

NOTICE. -- A meeting of the Inhabitants of Cobourg will be held in the District Schoolhouse to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock, to concert measures for the protection of property against fire. Also, for the establishment of a market, and other matters, at which all persons interested are requested to attend.

December 6, 1831.

--- The Cobourg Star, December 6, 1831.

SECURITY AGAINST FIRE.

With very great pleasure we at length have it in our power to congratulate the village upon the attainment of this desirable object. Pursuant to former notice, a meeting of the principal inhabitants of the place was held in the District School-house, on Wednesday evening last, Ebenezer Perry, Esq., in the chair. A Committee was appointed to take the necessary means for the organization of a regular fire Company for the Village, and report the same at an adjourned meeting. This meeting took place last night, and was very fully attended. The proceedings are ordered to be published, we need only now remark, an efficient company has been duly constituted.

--- The Cobourg Star, December 13, 1831.

MARKET

The Committee appointed to receive offers for a site of a Market in Cobourg, request all those persons who intend offering land for the purpose, to furnish plans of the same by the 26th day of December instant, as the Committee intend on that day to commence taking the votes of the inhabitants of Cobourg on the subject, pursuant to a resolution of a public meeting.

D. CAMPBELL, : JAMES YOUNG : L. CHURCH :
J. HELMS, : G.M. BOSWELL.

December 20, 1831.

--- The Cobourg Star, December 20, 1831.

FIRE -- On Sunday last, another notice was given for a meeting of the inhabitants of this Town, to take into consideration the best means of preserving their property from fire, which it was generally thought at the time, but it seems vainly, would have been immediately attended to. About the commencement of the morning service, when most of our inhabitants were engaged in their devotions, flames were discovered bursting from the roof of a small house in the rear of the premises lately occupied by Mr. Hart, on the main street.--- now the property of Mr. Noyes, coach-maker, which in a few minutes spread with such/ⁱⁿconceivable fury, that in spite of very prompt assistance, the whole was reduced to ashes. A smart breeze prevailed at the time, but luckily sufficiently for the flames to escape the adjoining premises of Mr. Calcutt, or the whole of the North side of the town, in all probability, must have been lost.

----- The Cobourg Star, September 26, 1832.

At a public meeting of the inhabitants of Cobourg, held pursuant to notice on Tuesday, January 1st, 1833, for the purpose of choosing fire wardens and a committee, according to the regulations of the Magistrates of this District --- EBENEZER PERRY, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Mr. RUFUS HOLDEN appointed Secretary.

The rules and regulations of the Cobourg and Amherst Fire Company having been read, the following resolutions were put and unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED.-- That the following persons be chosen as Fire Wardens for the present year, viz :-- John Helm, Charles Clark, Rufus Holden, and Lewis stiles.

RESOLVED.--That Messers Ebenezer Perry, James G. Bethune, Robert Henry, B. Throop, and James Radcliffe compose ^{the} a Committee.

RESOLVED.-- That Messers Zebediah Sisson, Thomas Burke, and F.S.Clench be a Committee to take up a subscription for the purpose of defraying the expense of hooks, ladders,, Etc. for the hook and ladder Company.

RESOLVED.--That 150 copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Cobourg and Amherst Fire Company be printed, and circulated immediately.

RESOLVED.-- that the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the Reformer and the Cobourg Star for publication.

E.PERRY, Chairman.

R.HOLDEN, Secretary.

--- The Cobourg Star, January 9, 1833.

FIRE -- We regret to state that a fire took place yesterday on the premises of John C. Boswell, Esq., about two miles from this village, which entirely consumed a building on this valuable tannery, to-gether with a quantity of leather prepared for use. The Cobourg Fire Company and a number of the Inhabitants proceeded to the spot with as little delay as possible and rendered every assistance in their power.

Mr. John C. Boswell begs to return his most sincere thanks to those who so promptly rendered their assistance in endeavoring to save his property from fire which consumed his Tannery on Tuesday Afternoon; particularly to the Cobourg Fire Company, who by their readiness in bringing the Engine, saved a considerable portion of the hides which were in vats.
Cobourg February 11, 1835.

--- The Cobourg Star, Feb. 11, 1835.

November 13, 1833.

Of all the numerous advantages and improvements in Cobourg during the year, we know of none more deserving of notice, or at which we can more heartily congratulate ourselves and neighbours, than the arrival at our wharf, during the past week, of a good FIRE ENGINE, from Rochester -- an article we have too long and too frequently felt the need of. The three spirited gentlemen to whom it was consigned, Messers. Clark, Conger, and Perry, who it may be remembered were appointed a Committee for its purchase and to whose praiseworthy liberality and exertions this important acquisition to our town may be said to be indeed mainly attributable propose, we understand, to call a meeting of the company forthwith, for the purpose of deciding on the immediate erection of an engine house for its reception, an eligible situation for which has been selected near the centre of the town. The Engine has been fully tested, and we believe proves a very good one. we are further told that Hooks and ladders for the other department of the Company are in a state of forwardness, so that altogether, as Uncle Sam might observe, we guess we look forward to the winter with pretty considerable confidential security.

— The Cobourg Star, November 13.
1833.

TAKE NOTICE - The Committee appointed to purchase a FIRE ENGINE for this Village, have been obliged to place the Subscription List in the hands of Mr. A. B. Carpenter for collection, and request all those, whose Subscriptions are unpaid, to arrange with Mr. Carpenter immediately, as all sums remaining unpaid on the 15th of June will be attended with costs.
Cobourg, 26 May, 1834.

--- The Cobourg Star, May 28, 1834.

FIRE - Yesterday morning, between 11 and 12, our inhabitants were alarmed with appalling cry of fire, which was found to proceed from the premises of Dr. Carlisle, whose stable, on arrival of the engine, was completely enveloped in flames. Being filled with dry straw and hay, it was found impossible to prevent its destruction; but we are happy to say, the exertions of Captain Conger and his spirited Company of firemen prevented any further mischief from the destructive element.

--- The Cobourg Star, August 27, 1834

A meeting of the Inhabitants of Cobourg, was called in the Common School House on Tuesday Evening the 25th, Ult. B. Threop was called to the Chair, and J. Beatty appointed Secretary. Mr. W. S. Conger explained that the object of the meeting was, to lay before them the proceedings of the committee appointed last year, to purchase a Fire Engine -- producing the accounts of moneys collected and expended for the Engine and the Hooks and Ladders.

RESOLVED-1st -- That Messers McCarthy, Sisson, and Beatty be a committee to investigate the Accounts -- collect the old subscriptions yet unpaid -- obtain new subscriptions. --- make arrangements with Mr. Conger concerning the Engine House -- and provide a suitable place for the Hooks and Ladders.

RESOLVED-2. -- That this Committee be invested with full powers to collect all subscriptions due on the Engine.

Resolved -3-- That the Committee of the Fire Company shall advertise for a person or persons, who will engage to sweep the chimneys of the Village, the price to be fixed by the Committee.

The meeting proceedings to be published in the papers and another meeting to be held in the First Tuesday of January, 1835.

----- The Cobourg Star, December 3, 1834.

FIRE! FIRE !! FIRE !!!.

Notice is hereby given, that the Committee of the "COBOURG and AMHERST FIRE COMPANY" have engaged a person to sweep the chimneys within the limits of this town and Amherst, at the following rates, to be paid by the occupant when the work is done, viz.

For every chimney with one flue in house of one story-- ninepence.

For every chimney with two or more flues in house of one story- six pence per flue.

For every chimney with one or more flues in house of two story one shilling.

For every chimney with two or more flues in houses of two story- seven pence halfpenny.

For every stove, chimney and pipes -- seven pence half penny.

The person engaged to sweep will attend every six weeks, and give at least six hours notice to the occupants of the houses, in order that they may be in readiness. Any person refusing to have their chimney swept, or pay for the sweeping of them when done, will upon complaint of the Committee, be dealt with as the law directs; and any neglect on the part of the person employed to sweep, will also be punished in like manner.

By Order,

W.S. CONGER, Secretary and Treasurer.

To the Cobourg and Amherst Fire Company.

Cobourg November 23, 1835.

--- The Cobourg Star, December 2, 1835.

FIRE -- Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, a fire broke out in a small frame house to the rear of the Registry Office, which in an incredibly short space of time was reduced to ashes. So rapid was the destruction, that one poor woman in the upper story had barely time to save herself and child by dropping from the window. The house belonged to Thomas James, Hairdresser, and was occupied by one or two coloured families.

---- The Cobourg Star, March 15, 1837.

FIRE.

Early on Saturday morning last, the Bark Windmill of JOHN CREASE BOSWELL Esq., near this place, was accidentally consumed by fire, and most unfortunately it was the only building he had uninsured. By great exertions of his neighbours and numerous friends his valuable distillery adjoining, though several times actually on fire, was preserved.

----The Cobourg Star, April 12, 1837.

FIRE. -- Early on Saturday morning last, a cry of fire was raised in the neighbourhood of King Street in this town, which on enquiry, was found to proceed from the rear of the premises owned by Captain McDonald, and occupied as a store and dwelling by Mr. John Irvine, Merchant. The fire originated we are told, in an outside gallery on the second story, where a cooking stove was used; and is understood to have been communicated from a pan of ashes thoughtlessly left there the previous evening by the servant. When first discovered the floor of the gallery, together with a large portion of the adjoining clap boarding was in flames.... The excellent fire company- whose engine was on the spot in a very few minutes, soon changed the state of affairs and succeeded in preventing any great injury. the extent of damage, we learn, is estimated at twenty pounds, and is covered by insurance.

--- The Cobourg Star, August 30, 1837.

List of Members of the Cobourg Engine Fire Company No. 1. who have not obtained certificates of exemption. -

Names	Date of Admission
John [unclear]	1st [unclear]
✓ Patrick Sweetman	5 Feb. 1838
✓ John Bain	2 April 1838
✓ A. B. Carpenter	4 June 1838
✓ John Noble	4 June 1838
✓ John Russell	4 June 1838
✓ S. H. Mackenzie	2 July 1838

Cobourg, 10th July 1838. -

approved and ordered that the necessary certificates issue

George Ham President of Police. -

witnessed this 10 July 1838

John Stute ch. D. Officers

Sir,

Edinburgh Oct 9th 1837

Enclosed I hand you a list of Colchester Firemen belonging to the Fire Companies established by the Board of Police for this Town. in order-pursuant to Act VII Geo IV. Chap VIII that certificates of exemption from Militia duty in times of peace & from serving as Jurymen or Constables may be granted to them by the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled.

Thomas Ward Esq
Clerk of the Peace & S^{rs}

I am
Sir,
Yours most Obedt^{ly}
James Lambertz
Clerk of Police

drawn? that the names named
in the list be completed
by the Court the
11 Oct 1837

J Ward
Clerk of Police
List given to the Sheriff with
the names now there

A List of the Volunteer Firemen belonging to the
 Cotnam Fire Company established by the Board
 of Police for the Town of Cotnam. Aug^t 16th 1837.

+ Foster Sprague	+ Richard Solomon
+ Peter McCallum	+ Jas ^t B. Fraser
+ Alex ^r . Pringle	+ James M. Garvey
+ J. B. Wilder	30 + James Hay
57 + And ^m Moscraft	+ Thomas Costello
+ Wm Brewer	+ John Whitaker
+ Geo Sutherland	+ Chas Bellwood
+ S. P. Hart	+ Wm McBride
+ Miles Luke	36 + Rob ^t Abernethy
107 + Wm Griff	+ Leb ^t . Stone
+ Wm Carson	+ Benj ^r . Small
+ James McConnell	+ Edw ^d Crane Jr.
+ Geo Thomson	+ John McClellan (McClenham)
+ And ^m Milne	40 + Wm Bradbeer
52 + Geo Stephens	+ Wm MacCallh
+ Lewis Braughall	+ J ^s S. Clend
+ Geo Ellis Winn	+ Bone But
+ Orin W Powell	+ R. D. Chatterton
+ Geo Lodgecomb	45 + Wm Battell
61 + Charles Perry	+ Wm E. Strong
+ Robert Murray	+ Wm Saunders
+ And ^m Sainsden	+ Wm Burnett
+ Joseph Bertram	+ Wm McNight
+ Roswell Holmes	+ George Jennings
+ Wm Carveth	+ Thomas Clench
Matthew Pursu	52 + John McChesney
James H. H. H.	

A correct list

Certified by Ebenezer Purry

It is noted that

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SPECIAL NOTE.

These Firemen's Certificateds , dated November 15, 1837 were still undelivered by early December. The Upper Canada Rebellion had erupted and the Militia were ordered to Toronto. R.D.Chatterton, Rowe Buck and other Cobourg men were on the march to Toronto and served there and in the Niagara fronteer. These certificate copies were retained and finally lodged in the Archives of Ontario.

FIREMAN'S CERTIFICATE.

This will certify, that the Magistrates, in Quarter Sessions, satisfied of the efficiency of *R. D. Chatterton* as Fireman in one of the Volunteer Fire Companies established by the Board of Police for the Town of Cobourg, have accepted his enrolment as such Fireman, which, according to Act 7. Geo. IV. Chap. 8th exempts him and he is hereby exempted, during the period of his enrolment and continuance of actual duty as such Fireman, from Militia duty in time of peace, from serving as a Jurymen, or Constable, and from all other Parish and Town offices.

J. Ward
Clerk of the Peace.

CLERK OF THE PEACE OFFICE.

Nov 15th 1837

FIREMAN'S CERTIFICATE.

This will certify, that the Magistrates, in Quarter Sessions, satisfied of the efficiency of *Rome Buck* as Fireman in one of the Volunteer Fire Companies established by the Board of Police for the Town of Cobourg, have accepted his enrolment as such Fireman, which, according to Act 7. Geo. IV. Chap. 8th exempts him and he is hereby exempted, during the period of his enrolment and continuance of actual duty as such Fireman, from Militia duty in time of peace, from serving as a Jurymen, or Constable, and from all other Parish and Town offices.

J. Ward
Clerk of the Peace.

FIREMAN'S CERTIFICATE.

This will certify, that the Magistrates, in Quarter Sessions, satisfied of the efficiency of *John Mc Chisney* as Fireman in one of the Volunteer Fire Companies established by the Board of Police for the Town of Cobourg, have accepted his enrolment as such Fireman, which, according to Act 7. Geo. IV. Chap. 8th exempts him and he is hereby exempted, during the period of his enrolment and continuance of actual duty as such Fireman, from Militia duty in time of peace, from serving as a Jurymen, or Constable, and from all other Parish and Town offices.

J. Ward

Clerk of the Peace.

CLERK OF THE PEACE OFFICE.

Nov 15 - 1877

John Steel Esq

Dear Sir,

Annexed is a list of the
Colony Fire Company attested by the Secretary of
the Compy. - from which you will see that Mr
Isaac Dobson, who I understand was fined yesterday
for not attending as a Jurymen, is a member of
said Company - and by the Act of Parliament he
is exempt from the duty of serving on Juries &c

I also enclose the Capt. of the Fire Company's
Certificate to the same effect.

I am

Dear Sir

Yours Truly
David Brodie
Ch. B. of Police
Colony 19th Oct. 1839.

of Isaac Dobbs is executed, for the
reason assigned by him in the within

John Steels Esq^r
Edgewood

Chairman of the Quarter Session

do

Since

Peter M. Callum
Capt.

List of Members of the Cobbing Engine Fire Company
No. 1. who have not obtained Certificates of Exemption

Nicholas Rigg
James M. Donald
~~Mr. G. Strong~~
John Bradher
Peter M. Guire
Peter Gobron

Joseph Philp
Thomas Stripp
Alexander Munnay
John Dumble
John Bradley
John Pearce

Cobbing, 5. April 1839.

It is agreed

and that the company will meet on
9 April 1839

John Steele Chas. D. Soper

Columbus 9th Octr 1839

This is to certify that Isaac Hobson is a member of the Columbus Regiment Five Company

As I was admitted a member of said Company the second day of Sept^r 1839 and has performed the duties of a private ever since

Peter M. Callahan

Capt^y

Five company

Columbus

Since

Peter M. Callum
Capt.

List of Members of the Cobourg Engine Fire Company
No. 1. who have not obtained Certificates of Exemption

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~~Am. G. Strong~~
John Bradbeer
Peter M. Guire
Peter Gibson

Joseph Philp
Thomas Stripp
Alexander Munay
John Dumble
John Bradley
John Pearce

and

Cobourg, 8. April 1839.

It above

ordered that this company meet on the 9 April 1839

John Stute Chas. B. Soper

George Dobbs is executed, for the
reason assigned by him in the within

John Shields Esq^r

Chairman of the Quarter Sessions

do

Copy of the Roll of the Cobourg Engine Fire Company No 1
for the years 1839 & 1840

Peter McCallum	Captain	William J Strong
Alex Prugh	1 st Lieut	William Carvill
Joseph Bertram	2 nd Do	Matthew Purser
Andrew Moscrip	1 st Branchman	John Bradley
Chas Perry	2 nd Do	John Dumble
James McConnell	3 rd Do	Peter McGuin
James Hay	Secty & Treasurer	John Bradbeer
Robert Murray		Ephraim Powell
Nicholas Riggs		William Fletcher
Joseph Philp		Isaac Dobson
William Griff		Thomas Pratt
James McDonald		Samuel McLachlin
George Thompson		Joshua Howard
Charles Bellwood		George Workman
Thomas Stripp		
John Baine		
George Ellis Winn		
Corrie Wentworth Powell		

a true list
James Hay Secretary

List of Persons
Regarding Abstracts
and

of Mrs. S. K. Lee - 1845
Company - Henry C. C.
Frederick

13th April 1846
For Joseph M. Jones
Certificates of
those who have
left the company
must be produced

For July 1846.
Certificates of those members that have left
the company must be returned to the
com. in appropriate.

By the Com. 14 April 1846
J. Ward
Secy

The following is a List of names, handed in by the
Secretary of the Cobourg Fire Company, of those members
who have not received Certificates. -

John Holman
John Richardson
James Bigelow
James Lapp
Thos Jones
Ephraim Powell
Thos Pratt

The following have Certificates, but have left the Company
and have not given them up

Joseph Phelps
Anna McDonald
John Bradley
George Hinne-

Cobourg 13th April 1844

Oliver Brown Clerk
Board of Police
B

March 3, 1841.

FIRES.-- On Saturday morning last, at an early hour, flames were discovered issuing from the roof of the beautiful cottage occupied by W.H.Kittson, Esq., near St Peter's Church in this town. The alarm being given, the inhabitants speedily assembled, and the engine was promptly on the spot, but such was the rapidity of the work of destruction that by this time all hope of saving more than the furniture was abandoned. The building which belonged to F.P. Rubidge, Esq., of Peterborough, was totally consumed, and we regret to add it was only partially insured.

Last night another alarm was given, and on enquiry it was found to proceed from the premises occupied by Donald Bethune, Esq., near the Seminary, a shed in the rear of which, used for keeping ashes in, caught fire and was burnt to the ground before assistance could be procured to extinguish it. Fortunately on both these occasions the weather was perfectly calm, or the damage would have been much more serious.

--- The Cobourg Star, March 3, 1841.

FIRE. - On Thursday last, about two o'clock in the day, a most destructive fire broke out in the premises of Mr. John Heard, tavern keeper, near the Court house, which in a short time in spite of every effort to suppress it, entirely consumed the commodious and valuable establishment, together with two adjoining dwelling houses the property of the Commercial Bank, and one of which was occupied by Jacob Corrigal, Esq., whose furniture was saved. Fortunately it being assize week, plenty of assistance was at hand or no doubt the loss of property would have been much greater, as at one time the Court House itself-- though we should say, it is near two hundred feet distant, was on fire. The Fire Company with their engine were on the spot in an incredibly short space of time, considering they had to be sent for, a distance of nearly two miles, and it is due to them further to say that their exertions were beyond all praise upon the occasion and under Providence, the first visible means of arresting the progress of the flames. We regret to understand Mr. Hurd's property was not insured. The other two houses were insured. The fire was first observed in the roof and it is supposed to have originated from a stove pipe.

-- The Cobourg Star, May 5, 1841.

On Sunday evening about half-past six o'clock the inhabitants of Cobourg were aroused by an alarm of fire which was soon found to proceed from the store and dwelling house of Mr. McCarty, on Division Street. Our Fire and Hook and Ladder companies were soon on the spot, and after very great exertions they succeeded in getting under the fire, but not before it had materially injured the building and much damage had been done to the goods by removing them. The exertions of the fire Company are most highly spoken of, particularly of some of the members.

--- The Cobourg Star, December 7, 1842.

Town Hall, 5th December, 1842.

The Board of Police this day met, when the following appointments in the Town were made, viz :--

ENGINEERS, James Lambert, Chief Engineer, P. McCALLUM; THOMAS SCOTT; R.ROBINS; S..E.McKECHNIE.

WARDENS - C.H.MORGAN; R.H.THROOP; F.BURNET, Jr.; THOMAS EYRE; G.M.GOODEVE; L.F.BROOKE; J.E.TREMAIN; W..H.KITTON; H.H.JACKSON.

Also -JOHN MITCHELL, Chimney Sweeper; B.WILCOCKS, Inspector of Chimneys and stove pipes

(Signed)

D.E.BOULTON, President.

D.BRODIE, Clerk of Police.

-- The Cobourg Star, December 7, 1842.

December 7, 1842.

In consequence of the constant alarms of fire, the Board of Police, at the instigation of the Fire Company, have remodded the fire department, and headed a subscription for the purchase of a new Engine, with 50 Pounds; several inhabitants have also subscribed liberally, but the sum necessary to be made up is a large one, and it has been suggested whether it would not be better for the Board of Police to procure one from Town Funds, to do which they are fully authorized by the Act of Incorporation.

--- The Cobourg Star, December 7, 1842.

A CARD

The Subscriber returns his sincere thanks to the Fire and Hook and Ladder Companies, for their unweiried exertions in subdueing the fire on his premises, on Sunday evening last; and to the inhabitants of the town generally who spared no pains in trying to save his property.

JOHN McCARTY

Cobourg, December 7, 1842.

--- The Cobourg Star, December 7, 1842.

FIRE

Yesterday morning, about 2 o'clock, an alarm of fire was given by ringing the bell of the Albion Hotel; the fire had originated in a wheelwright's shop owned by Mr. Small, and communicated thence to a large unfinished frame building and Blacksmith's shop, which were totally destroyed.-- Mr. Small has lost very considerably by this accident, as besides the house and shops, several wagons and sleighs were destroyed and all his tools.

--- The Cobourg Star, February 15, 1843.

On Thursday last, at 2 o'clock, the Grist and Saw Mills and Distillery of J. White, Esq., Cobourg, were totally consumed by fire. The neighbours rendered every assistance in their power, and the Fire Company was on the spot with its usual alacrity,-- their united efforts were unavailing to save any property.

Every fire convinces us of the necessity of some steps being taken to purchase a better Engine for the use of the Town, the firemen complain bitterly of the inefficiency of the present one.

--- The Cobourg Star, August 2, 1843.

Firemen's DINNER.

FIREMEN'S DINNER.

On Monday evening, the Fire engine and Hook and Ladder companies, held their annual dinner at the Albion Hotel. The meeting was very large, including a number of gentlemen who were invited as guests. The Head of the Table was occupied by J. BERTRAM, Jr. Captain of the Engine Company, G. Perry, Captain of the Hook and Ladder Company acting as croupier. The table was laden with all that could gratify the taste, every delicacy having been procured, and neither expense or trouble spared. After the cloth was removed the following toasts were drank, appropriate songs being given after each:--

- 1 - The Queen, God Bless Her-- 9 times 9. etc, etc.
- 10- Firemen's Sweethearts -- Wives and Bairns.

After this several volunteer toasts were given, and some good songs enlivened the remainder of the evening, which was passed with great hilarity and good feeling, reflecting credit on all who were engaged in the arrangements.

The Cobourg Star, August 9, 1843.

November 8, 1843.

At length the Board of police, having so frequently witnessed the great inconvenience to which the Fire Company was put, when with their best exertions they were unable to render themselves efficient through means of the old Engine, have procured a very splendid Engine from Rochester, it is a very elegant piece of workmanship and was selected by WILLIAM WELLER, Esq., President of the Board.

-- The Cobourg Star, November 8, 1843.

On this morning about three o'clock, the dwelling of P. Delahanty, near the Court House, was destroyed by fire.

-- The Cobourg Star, December 27, 1843.

Yesterday morning an unfortunate girl, of very abandoned character, was arrested for having set fire to a log shanty on the property of the late Mr. Ham.

-- The Cobourg Star, June 19, 1844.

Fire. -- On Monday last, after the carpenters who were completing a house lately erected by Mr. Redmond, on William Street, nearly opposite the Roman Catholic Church, had gone to dinner, the building took fire and was totally consumed; this is a heavy loss to Redmond, which we trust some effort may be made to lighten--- he is a school master, a most quiet, deserving and inoffensive man.

--- The Cobourg Star, March 6, 1844.

Monday last being the anniversary of the establishment of our very efficient Fire Brigade, the Members of Company No. 1, and the Hook and Ladder Company celebrated it in the evening by a very appropriate and beautiful procession by torch-light through the town, the effect of which was truly imposing, and the interest of the scene was much heightened by the admirable music of the Cobourg Band. The party afterwards supped together at the Albion Hotel.

--- The Cobourg Star, August 7, 1844.

Some remarks re water supply in case of fire.-- "we again urge on our Board of Police the necessity of making some arrangement by which in case of fire, a sure and sufficient supply of water for one engine should be procured."
 . . . "We therefore beg of the Police, as guardians of public property, to lose no time in remedying this evil, they have often been asked, and yet time has been allowed to slip away and no steps have been taken."

While we were writing the foregoing remarks, an alarm of fire reached us, and we ascertained the cause to be that the woods north of the Town were on fire, with strong west wind rapidly fanning the flame, great fears were felt lest a change in the wind might send the plague upon the Town, and such is the dryness of every thing that not a drop of water could be procured except by carting it from the lake; all hands turned out and never were exertions greater than those made by the Fire Companies and others, for 5 hours did they labour incessantly under a broiling sun and exposed to a suffocating smoke.

--- The Cobourg Star, July 23, 1845.

Feb. 11, 1846.

FIRE --- On Saturday morning,, about 2 O'clock, this town was aroused by an alarm of fire which proceeded from the house occupied by Mr. Cowles, Dentist, west of the Globe Hotel. Notwithstanding the efforts of the two fire companies-- the flames destroyed the houses of Mr. Cowles and Turner Boyd, and in order to arrest their progress it was found necessary to pull down the dwelling of Mr. Cuthbert, shoe maker, this proceeding happily had the desired effect --

We trust this fire will put our Board of police on the alert to adopt some means of procuring a supply of water without trusting to wells. We did hear something of water pipes and reservoirs, but the bruit has sied away and been forgotten, we hope it will be revived and the Police k induced to make some arrangement. The greatest credit is due to the Fire Companies, for doubtless to their exertions the town is indebted for its protection from the spread of a conflagration which at one period, threatened destruction to the entire row of buildings.

--- The Cobourg Star, February 11, 1846.

Another Fire.-- On Saturday evening last about 8o'clock, the quiet of our town was again disturbed by the ringing of alarm bells and the cry of fire. On hastening to the spot it was found to proceed from a stable and warehouse in rear of King Street, pertaining to the dwelling house on occupation of W.H. Kittson, Esq.,. Happily the usual prompt attendance of No. 2 Engine and Company-- the activity of the members of which, upon all occasions where the alarming cry of fire has called for their exertion, has been most conspicuous and efficient, together with the no less praiseworthy assistance and orderly co-operation of the inhabitants generally, was successful in preventing the flames from extending to any of the surrounding buildings, which certainly at one time were in imminent danger. The No. 1 Engine and Company were also in attendance, and did efficient service, though not so early in the field as their junior brethren. We regret to understand that Mr. Kittson has sustained a serious loss by the conflagration in the destruction of a steam engine and quantity of ropes, rigging, etc., belonging to one of his propellers, and which was stored in the building.

--- The Cobourg Star, March 4, 1846.

COBOURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the Cobourg Star.

On Monday last, the 6th inst., being the day appointed for the election of Office Bearers of No. 2 Fire Company for the ensuing year, the following persons were elected :

ROE BUCK	-	-	Captain.
ROBERT SWAYNE	-	-	Lst. Lieut.
WM.. RICHARDSON	{		Branchmen
Wm. Scott			
ROBERT SINCLAIR	{		Secretary.
A.J.Van Ingen			
T.HARVEY	-	-	Treasurer.

Cobourg 8th September, 1847.

--- The Cobourg Star, September 8, 1847.

June 10, 1846.

Firemen

Procession of Firemen . - On Wednesday last, a friendly interchange of civilities took place between a company of Firemen from the now neighbouring City of Rochester (thanks to the regularity and accomodation of the Steam boat America,) and their brethren of this Town, on occasion of a visit paid in transitu by the former, on their way to partake of the hospitalities of the Toronto Firemen, by whom they had been specially invited. The notice given of the intended civility gave little time for preparation. but, notwithstanding, every effort was made by their Cobourg friends to give the strangers a hearty and suitable reception. An elegant luncheon, in Mr. Sinclair's best style, was provided at the Globe Hotel, and shortly before the arrival of the boat, the members of our two Fire Companies, and the Hook and Ladder Company, mustered in full force and fig to marshall them from the wharf. The Rochester Company No. 2 is a remarkable fine body of men, and, decked in their shewy uniforms of McGregor tartan, make an imposing appearance. They were, besides, accompanied on this occasion by an excellent military BAND, also in uniform, so that altogether we really had quite a gala procession; and the day being fortunately a fine one, the whole affair went off well,-- doubtless producing, as it was intended, in the minds of their guests, a very favourable impression of the spirit and hospitality of the Cobourg Firemen.

The Cobourg Star, June 10, 1846.

FIRE COMPANIES -- The Anniversary meeting of the Cobourg Fire Company No. 1, took place in the Town hall, on Monday last, the 3d. Inst. when the following individuals were elected officers of the Company for the ensuing year :--

W. BREWER - Captain.
First Lieut.- Wm. Carveth
Second Lieut - Geo. Edgecombe.
First Branchman - James McCormick.
Second " - Samuel Collins.
third " - Anthony Dale
Secretary - Oliver P. Parsons.
Treasurer - Orrin W. Powell.

We take again occasion of this notice to bear again our cheerful testimony of the great value of the Cobourg Fire Companies, the prompt activity and exertions of which have, upon more occasions than one, within the past twelve months, preserved the Town from impending destruction : thereby entailing upon the community a debt of gratitude that no encouragement can more than repay. At the same time, the privileges secured to the firemen by Law are by no means unimportant in themselves, and require, we should think, to be only more generally known, to secure to the department a constant efficiency in point of numbers : those privileges are three fold, viz, first exemption from all military duty, save in time of war; next, a like freedom from the service on juries; and lastly, By Act of incorporation, a remission to each man, of two days statute labour per annum. We recommend, therefore, all who can come forward at once and make a strong brigade.

--- The Cobourg Star, August 5, 1846.

Meeting of fire Company No. 2, held in the Town Hall, Sept 7th, 1846

Officers -- CAPTAIN --- Roe Buck.
1st. Lieut- Robert Swaine.
2nd Lieut.- Wm. McCarty.
1st Branchman- Charles McCallister.
2nd " - George Hayden.
3d " - William Richardson.
Secretary & Treasurer - Byron Cheney.

Etc

---- The Cobourg Star, Sept. 9, 1846.

--- On Sunday ~~kxkx~~ morning about 11 o'clock, a fire broke out in Victoria College. It was caused by a stove pipe running through a partition in the north-west wing. The fire had got considerable head when first discovered, and had it not been for the bell of the College to sound the alarm through the town, there is no doubt that the fine building would have been seriously injured. As to its being burned, that is quite out of the question, as long as we have "No. 2,". We firmly believe, from what we have seen of their doings, that this Company could put out Vesuvius in full eruption,. They handle the fire as if they were first cousins to the "Salamanders." Could Miss Burdett Coutts see them perform, there is no doubt that she would secure their services at any expense, to put out the flames which for some years have been raging about her money-bags. We would also recommend the Provisional Government of France to employ them to cool the heads of their next Parliament. But before they leave us, we would beseech the Provincialist to shave its head, and expose the dear old thing to the action of the soothing element in which the Company deals with such effect. Owing to most of No. 1 Company being at church, their engine did not get out until the danger was past. The Hook and Ladder Company, however, were, as usual, early on the ground, and acting with effect in their department.

"No. 2 Again.

Yesterday, owing to the high wind, several chimneys were burned out, and, per consequence, two or three alarms of fire given. At the first alarm, No. 2 Engine was out before we could get into the street from our office. If Toronto and Kingston will give 24 hours notice of a fire, we have no doubt that they will be able to get No. 2 to go and put it out. But generally speaking, the Company do not like to take their engine out of the District.

--- The Cobourg Star, April 19, 1848.

FIRE

On Saturday last at 11½ o'clock in the evening, the frame building adjoining the shop of Mr. B. Clark was discovered to be on fire.. The bells were immediately rung, and the Engine Companies, both in efficient order, turned out in an incredibly short space of time, as did also the Hook and Ladder Company. Water was had in abundance, and the Engines worked with a will, till No. 2 unfortunately got a chip in its valve, which stopped its mouth. No. 1, however worked like heroes, and succeeded in confining the fire to the building in which it broke out, -- no easy matter, as any person will believe who looks at the scene of conflagration. Two or three times Mr. Clark's shop was in a blaze up to the eaves, but the fire was obliged to give it up before the convincing arguments of the Hook and Ladder Company and No. 1.

Had Mr. Clark's shop gone, Mr. Hurst's shop, The Star Office, Goodeve & Corrigan's shop, and the Commercial Bank, would have been burned also, as they all form one block. During the fire two or three laughable scenes occurred: In one case the house occupied by Mr. Burrow on the opposite side of the street took fire, but the tenant was unconscious of his situation, and remained comfortably snoring.. Suddenly, however, he was startled by what he imagined to be the lake pouring in at his window. In fact, No. 1, with laudable desire to putting out the fire, sent a cataract through his bedroom window, which in a short time caused his habitation to bear no faint resemblance to Noah's Ark, etc... We are sincerely sorry for the loss of our enterprising townsmen, Messrs. Horton and Pringle to whom the burned building belonged, and on which there was no insurance. (Praise for the Firemen follows)

--- The Cobourg Star, May 10, 1848.

-- The Cobourg Star, May 17, 1848.

About 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'clock on Friday Morning last, a house immediately in the rear of the North American Hotel, and unoccupied, was discovered in flames. The fire-bells immediately rung out, and in about two minutes, No. 2 were at work against their antagonist. Immediately afterward No. 1. came on the scene of action and took up a position half way between the Lake and No. 2, which they supplied with water. The Hook and Ladder men worked well, and although the building that was on fire was attached to the stables of the North American, the flames were confined to the original object of their attack, which they totally destroyed.

The house burned was the property of Mr. O. Powell, and worth about 25 Pounds. The fire, no doubt, was the work of an incendiary.

The Wardens were well pleased with the way in which the Townspeople turned out. One of them remarked to us that in Toronto, Kingston, and other cities, people turned out to look on, but here they assisted in extinguishing fires.

To the Editor of the Cobourg Star
Dear Sir; Will you confer a favour on Rover Fire Company No. 2, by inserting the following in your valuable journal.

"Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to our late and worthy Captain, Roe Buck, on leaving Fire Company No. 2, for his valuable services as Captain for the last two years."

By Order of the Company,

GEO. W. WEBB;

Secretary and Treasurer.

Cobourg May 15th, 1848.

---- The Cobourg Star, May 17, 1848.

INCENDIARISM

Last night the Building next to Mr. Thompson's Inn, was set on fire in two places. It had been used as a shoe shop by Mr. Walker who had \$47. locked up in the till. To rob a poor and industrious young man of this paltry amount, was the object of the fiend, as all the money was gone.

We hope the Board of Police will immediately call a meeting and offer a large reward for the perpetrator of this act. It was altogether owing to the almost superhuman exertions of the Wardens and fire Companies, that a third of the Town was not destroyed.

-- The Cobourg Star, June 28, 1848.

No. 2 FIRE COMPANY.

This gallant Company went over to Rochester last night to partake of the hospitality of their brother firemen in that city. It is truly gratifying to see such good feeling growing up between two countries.

We had the honour of an invitation, but unfortunately and to our great regret, could not accept it.

--- The Cobourg Star, June 28, 1848.

THE FIREMEN'S TRIP TO ROCHESTER

To the editor of the Cobourg Star.

Sir, -- On Tuesday last, all was bustle and stir among the boys of Fire Company, No. 2, preparing for their visit to Rochester, and at 9 o'clock P.M., they embarked on board the American, every heart beating high in anticipation of the fun and frolic which they had hoped to have in that flourishing and friendly city. The night was dark, heavy thunder showers fell almost without intermission, and there was some wind, the passage therefore was not altogether as pleasant as could have been wished. Toward morning the weather cleared up, and the lads of No. 2 were early on deck enjoying the fresh morning air. About 5 o'clock a.m., the Boat passed the last bend of the river, and approached the landing, where the Chief and other Engineers of the Rochester Fire department, were awaiting their arrival. Coaches, omnibuses and cabs, were on the spot, into which the boys were politely handed, and which conveyed them up the hill, a distance of nearly a mile, to where formal reception was to take place, and where a deputation, consisting of some hundreds of Rochester firemen, awaited them together with a splendid band of music. Here they were greeted with three hearty cheers, the band playing God Save the Queen, after which a procession was formed and the word forward given, the band struck up a lively quick-step, and with light hearts the column took the road for Rochester. As we passed along, we could observe from the friendly looks, a kindly greeting of the people whom we met, that we were not only the welcome guests of our Brethren of the Fire brigade, but also of the citizens at large; nor were we wrong in the conjecture, of which we had, ere long, ample proof. We soon reached our quarters at the Mansion House, where an elegant and abundant breakfast was prepared, and which you may supposed was discussed "with a will". The time until dinner was occupied in visiting different parts of the City, under the attentive guidance of the reception committee, who were unceasing in their efforts to make us feel at home.

At 2 o'clock, P.M. we sat down to a most sumptuous dinner, some sixty or seventy gentlemen of Rochester joining us, altogether, making a snug little party of about one hundred and twenty, and here commence the business of the day. The creature comforts were of the best, and were not by any means neglected. The uncorking of champagne I can compare to nothing but brisk dropping fire of a company of light infantry skirmishing, it was, crack, crack, all around the table: a perfect fusillade. In due course the chairman, T.B. Hamilton, Esqr., Chief Engineer of the Rochester Fire Department gave as a toast the Cobourg Fire Company, No. 2, which was most enthusiastically cheered, and for which compliment, and also for the unlimited hospitality of the firemen of Rochester, it my pkeasing duty to return thanks. The next toast was to our beloved Queen, given from the vice chair, a delicate and many compliment which was prefaced by some very happy remarks by the gentleman whoproposed it, but whose name I did not hear. You may easily imagine, sir, how the Cobourg boys felt and acted upon that occasion: upstanding they drank it, and the cheering was both loud and long: from that moment we were at home. By permission of the Chairman, it was with pleasure your humble servant returned the compliment, by giving, "The Chief Magistrate and people of the United States," which was drank with all the honour 's. Other toasts and sentiments followed, but as your space is limited, I shall not

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enter into further detail, but proceed to shew how the remainder of the evening was passed.

The party, upon leaving the dining hall, mustered in front of the Hotel, where Adams' Brass Band was in waiting to cheer us with soul-stirring music on our way to Mount Hope. A canal boat was provided for the occasion, which was tastefully fitted up with evergreens, and provided with an ample supply of refreshments, consisting of fruits, confectionaries, lemonade, Etc. Etc.,, and now "all aboard" was the word. We were not, however, able to proceed the whole way by water, owing to some unexpected impediment in the canal, but it made no difference, Adams' music made the road seem short, and we were all in first rate spirits. The Cobourg boys having taken a survey of the far-famed and romantic cemetery, returned delighted with the excursion.

At 9, P.M., a torch light procession was formed, consisting of about six hundred firemen, torch boys, etc., each carrying a torch. A place was assigned to "Cobourg No.. 2", and we traversed all the principal streets of the City, forming one of the most brilliant spectacles it has ever been my lot to witness. At every corner, and in every quarter of the City through which we passed, we were greeted with hearty cheers, and brilliant displays of fireworks were set off to do us honour. Fully 15,000 people were afoot that night; the windows, house tops, door steps, and balconies were crowded while the streets were literally crammed. At the close of the proceedings some very novel evolutions were performed by the firemen, during which brilliant discharges of fireworks illuminated the sky, and we were then conducted to our quarters, after which the whole body separated for the night; and thus ended our first day in Rochester.

Next day we had another sumptuous dinner like the first, and there were toasts and speeches, and songs, and sentiments, and that "Chief" of good fellows, Hamilton, presided, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." In the afternoon we visited all the Engine-houses, and our boys tried all the engines, and at every Engine-house refreshments were provided, and the boys partook of them too, for how could anyone refuse such hospitality. There were nine companies of them, all were kind; at each of those nine companies' houses we partook of refreshments, but at the hall of No. 6, there was something which deserves a separate notice.

Precisely at 8 o'clock, P.M., a deputation of No. 6 Company waited on us to conduct us to their house : we were soon there and were ushered into the front apartment, the doors of which were then closed. At a given signal folding doors at the back of the room were thrown open, when a most tastefully decorated and brilliantly lighted saloon, in the centre of which stood a table loaded with viands of such quality and odour as would tempt the constancy of an anchorite, met our astonished gaze. Adams and his men were there, on a dias at the upper end, and we were greeted with the well known strains of our national anthem, -- we entered the room, the band playing "God Save the Queen." that room had many ornaments, but among others , in a place of highest distinction, hung a portrait of OUR QUEEN. Can you wonder ,sir, at our feeling grateful for all these kind, these delicate, attentions? Cold indeed must be the heart that responds not to such sentiments as were that evening expressed by the gentleman who presided at the hospitable board of No. 6. He spoke at length, and in the happiest strain,

in which, wit, humour, patriotism and sound philosophy, were so aptly blended that he carried all hearts present as if by storm. In a few words, I returned thanks, and in acknowledgment of the musical compliment called on the band to play "Hail Columbia," which Adams did in his best style. Next came the presentation of a wedding cake, and several bouquets of Flowers to No. 2, which was accompanied by very humorous and happy remarks.. Hamilton, that droll fellow, was there too, and something he said made them all laugh, but I did not hear his speech, so will not attempt to repeat it.

The Public Garden was our next place of destination. This recherche little spot was thrown open for our amusement by its enterprising proprietor, Mr. Palmer, and a magnificent display of fireworks provided for the occasion, one piece of which was specially made in honour of "No. 2." This was really a triumph of pyrotechnic art, I have seen many, but a more beautiful, brilliant and perfect piece of fireworks I never saw before. The words "Cobourg No. 2," seemed to stand out as it were from the heavens, while all around was an ever varying halo of many coloured lights, taking in turn each tint and hue of the rainbow, from the outer edge of which shot in quick succession balls of fire, of all colours, to a distance of a hundred feet, or more, accompanied by a volley as of musquetry. It was a truly splendid affair.

From the garden we were conducted home by our kind friends, and when about to retire to rest, our ears were greeted by the sound of a song. On going to the upper windows we found that there was another treat prepared for us. A glee Club belonging I am informed to No. 8 Company stood below to serenade us, and most beautiful those young men did it. Finer voices I have seldom heard, better drilled harmonists never, there was not a note astray, and the arrangements of the parts was perfect. But all things here below must end, and the sound of music died away, the lamps burned dimly, and the clock in the old church tower told that the time, the old wretch, was still in as great a hurry as ever, so No. 2 went to bed, and thus ended the second day.

Next morning all were awake early, the breakfast was ordered for 7 o'clock. The procession formed at half past seven to conduct us to the landing. We gave our parting cheers and bade farewell to Rochester. Halloway's fine band headed us, and with Engineers Cragie and Charles for our guides, the Company No. 2 of Rochester for our escort, we took the road for the landing. Half way our course was arrested by our friend who had a barrel of ale by the roadside for us, we drank it and passed on. We soon gained the wharf, shook hands with our friends, and were once again on board the "America". As the boat loosed from the shore, the band struck up "God Save the Queen." We gave three cheers and so parted.

And now, sir, having given you a brief sketch, for it is nothing more, of our two days in Rochester, allow me to make a few remarks in conclusion. In the first place I am bound to say, that more hospitality could not be shown to any people, than was shown to us at Rochester, all our bills were paid, it cost us nothing. Had we been the great ones of the Earth, we could not have been treated with more courtesy and attention. Our Queen honoured and our Nationality respected; no discourteous word or act marred the pleasure of the trip, and no accident occurred. The Cobourg boys

conducted themselves with the greatest propriety and order, and the only regret they felt was the utter impossibility of their ever being able to make an adequate return. To Chief Engineer Hamilton, Engineers Cragie, Charles and others, as well as the whole fire brigade of Rochester, our thanks are due, and every Cobourg man, I trust, will endeavour to acknowledge when in his power, the compliment paid to the firemen of Cobourg by the firemen and people of Rochester.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours very truly,
THOMAS EVANS.

Cobourg July 1st, 1848.

--- The Cobourg Star, July 5th, 1848.

FIRE ENGINE FOR SALE

No. 2 Company, of Cobourg, having recently had a large accession to the strength of their fine corps, wish to dispose of the excellent Engine now in use by them, in order that they may purchase another and a larger one. If Oshawa, Colborne, or any other country Town, require a good Engine at a low price, now is the time to apply.

Should No. 2 succeed in finding a purchaser, they will call on the inhabitants of the Town to make up by subscription the sum necessary to get a large Piano Engine. They will cheerfully respond, we are sure.

---- The Cobourg Star, July 12, 1848.

FIRE

On Friday last forenoon we had an alarm of fire. The fire companies, as usual, were immediately on the alert, when it was discovered that the Light-House on the end of the east pier was on fire. There was not much damage done, as the powerful Engine No. 1. soon deluged the little building with water drawn by means of the suction hose, from the lake. No. 2, from some inefficiency in the suction hose, altho' first on the ground, could not be brought to bear on the building in time.. Both Companies, as also the Hook and Ladder, and the Cataract company mustered in full force in an incredibly short space of time.

--- The Cobourg Star, July 19, 1848.

In the July 19, 1848 issue of the Cobourg Star, a copy of a letter written by Mr. Thomas Evans and addressed to Mr. T.B. Hamilton, Esquire, Chief Engineer of the Rochester Fire Department, is published. It expresses the grateful thanks of the Cobourg No. 2 Company for the kind hospitality extended to them on their recent visit to Rochester. An invitation is also given for the Rochester Firemen to visit Cobourg.

For the Star.

Monday being the appointed day for the election of office bearers in the different branches of the Fire Department of this Town. The following persons were elected in Fire Company No. 1. :

Mr. O.W. Powell, Captain; Mr John Russell, 1st Lieut.; Mr. A. Moscrip, 2nd Lieut. ; Mr. J. McCormack, 1st Branchman; Mr. George Duck, 2nd Branchman; Mr. Wm. Jex, 3d Branchman; Mr. J. Richardson, Secretary; Mr. D. Kennedy, Treasurer.

About half past eight o'clock, the company, together with their guests, sat down to a sumptuous dinner at the North American hotel, Captain Powell filling the Chair, and Captain Strong of the Cataract Company occupying the Vice Chair, when the following toasts were given from the chair :

The Queen ---- Cheers.

Prince Albert and the Royal Family - Song from Mr. Nelson.

The Army and Navy of England, -- Sir Henry Woodcock, 85th Reg't, returned thanks.

The Fair of Canada -- "The toast to be dear Woman."

After which several volunteer toasts were given and the party began to branch off at about 11½ o'clock, in good spirits anxiously awaiting the approach of another Fireman's Dinner.

J. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

The Cobourg Star - August 8, 1849.

FIRE IN COBOURG

On Monday night last, about 11 o'clock, a fire broke out in Mr. Terry's cellar kitchen, under his shop. In a very short time the fire companies and the hook and ladder company were on the ground, and used every exertion to get the flames under, but without effect. The whole was soon wrapped in flames which rapidly extended to the right and left, burning till stopped by tearing down Mr. Butler's shop on the East, and Mr. Main's on the West. During the progress of the flames, the exertions of the fire and the hook and ladder companies were almost superhuman. For two hours and a half there was one continued stream of water from the engines, which was supplied from the large well at the four corners. The well then failed and the inhabitants of the Town formed lines to different other private wells and continued the supply of water, so far as they were able, till the flames were got under, which was about four hours after they broke out. the buildings destroyed were not very valuable being built of wood and rather old. Mr. Terry was insured, but we regret to say not in sufficient amount to cover his loss.

The following are the buildings destroyed :-- Mr. Terry's shop and dwelling (same building) insurance 500 Pounds in the Genesee County Municipal Insurance Co. ; Mr. Hooey, Baker (will recommence business again to-day in Mr. McCarty's premises,) Mr. Waddell, Barber, Mr. Butler, Grocer, and Mr. Main's turning shop. Altogether the loss is about 1,000 Pounds.

The failure of the large well shews the necessity of providing a further supply of water. It has been suggested that a pipe be laid from the well to the lake-- we think the suggestion is a good one, and hope it will be acted upon by our Board of Police.

--The Cobourg Star, August 15, 1849.

FIRE- Another fire occurred in this town on Saturday, last. About 11 A.M. the alarm was given that Mr. Pomeroy's House on Division Street was in flames. Within five minutes from the first alarm the fire companies were out, and in an incredibly short space of time reached the house. But it was too far gone to be saved. The different companies, however, preserved all the lumber and furniture, and confined the flames to the building where they originated. No insurance.

--- The Cobourg Star- August 22, 1849.