

THE FIRE COMMITTEE

CONSIDERED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHIEF

With Regard to New Plant—The Chief Wants 1,000 Feet of New Hose, a Ladder Truck Sleigh, Alarm Boxes, Etc.

At the meeting of the Fire and Light committee in the city buildings on Thursday afternoon, Chief James Armstrong submitted an estimate of expenditure for the fire department for the year 1914, as well as a statement showing amounts expended for similar items last year.

In the items of new plant required and recommended by the chief were: 500 feet of hose (\$1.10 per foot), \$550; four alarm boxes (three of which are already ordered), \$300; one ladder truck sleigh (to replace the present antiquated one), \$350; one Eastman Deluge Set, \$225; twelve tarpaulins (to protect household effects in smaller fires) \$195; search light for night work at fires and wire trouble, \$65; one pair of poles for 51-foot ladder (ordered), \$30; one new fly section for 40-foot ladder, \$60; closet at Ontario street station, \$60; 14 pairs of double windows and one pair of large doors on the north hall of the Ontario street station, \$100.

The estimate for the keep of horses, \$1,337.40, was passed by the committee. It provided for an increase of \$21.28 over 1913. For uniform clothing the figure, \$449.40, was a reduction from last year, not including the clothing for the additional four men recently added to the brigade, \$217.90. Other estimates passed on by the committee were: Bed room and toilet supplies, \$113.85; rubber goods, \$125.90; 38 tons of coal, telephone service, gas and electric light, coal oil, \$484.70; printing, stationery, books, \$59; fire alarm telegraph (including a manual transmitter, \$282.50), \$826.76; supplies and sundries, \$570.25.

The valuation of the fire department property up to date is figured at \$34,755. The supplies for the four additional men the chief estimated at \$281.85, with salaries standing at \$2,220.80.

It was last year that the men received an increase in salaries. The total salaries for the department for 1914 were set forth at \$13,249.20. The total increase for salaries, including the increase according to schedule salaries of the new men, is \$2,387.04.

The report contained the following explanatory remarks by the chief:

Keep of Horses.—A small increase is noted under this head and in addition an item of \$300 for exchange of horses, which will be needed on the advice of the veterinary surgeon.

Fire Alarm Telegraph.—The in-

crease in this connection is caused by inserting an amount for the purchase of a manual transmitter. When a call is received at the present time over the telephone or by word of mouth, two blows are struck on all the gongs attached to the system and members at home for meals or leave of absence have no means of knowing in what direction the fire may be. On several occasions I have gone to the station only to find that the fire was to the north or east of my home and this has entailed a delay in my arrival at the fire, and the same thing applies to every member of the department. With the manual transmitter the number of the alarm box nearest to the fire is struck on all the gongs and there is no delay in responding.

Wheels.—A new set of wheels for exercise wagon No. 2 will have to be supplied this year, the present ones being too light and badly shaken up. This is the most used wagon in the department, three teams being exercised each day in it, and the wagon has been entirely rebuilt during the past few years with the exception of the wheels.

Convention.—The convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers will this year be held in the city of New Orleans, La., U.S.A., and I would respectfully request that provision be made for the chief of the fire department attending the same.

New Plant
Hose.—We have at the present time 4,700 feet of hose, 300 feet of which is unit for fire service and only used for flushing work. We require at least 5,000 feet of hose in the department, and I would ask that as far as possible the shortage should be made up this year.

Alarm Boxes.—These are required for locations between the G.T.R. station and Rideau and Montreal streets, near Johnson and Victoria



MISS MARIA FISHER



HENRY JONES
UXBRIDGE FARMER

FIRST CASE OF ITS KIND IN CANADA

Jury awards verdict of five hundred dollars damages against Ontario farmer who married a second time when his wife was living. Miss Maria Fisher and Henry Jones, pictured above, were the principals in a peculiar case at the Toronto assizes. Jones, who is a prosperous farmer, was married 26 years ago, but according to his own statements had not seen her for twenty-six years and had received an anonymous telegram some years ago that she was dead. In February, 1912, Miss Fisher answered Jones' advertisement for a housekeeper, and after a short courtship they went through a form of marriage and lived together for nearly a year. Then the first wife turned up and Jones was arrested for bigamy, but acquitted by a jury. Miss Fisher sued for ten thousand dollars damages for loss of character and social standing, and was given five hundred dollars. The presiding judge said it was the first case of its kind in Canada.

streets, near Pine and Cherry streets, and at Union and Division streets. Ladder Sleigh.—Present winter

service for the ladders is decidedly unsatisfactory, and exceedingly hard on the horses.

Eastman Deluge Set.—This equipment will save the cost of itself in one fire where it may be used. A set sent here last year for the fire chiefs' convention, has been offered to the city at a reduced price of \$225 free of all charges for freight and duty. The regular price would be over \$300 laid down in Kingston.

Search Light.—This article is urgently needed in the department, so as to locate breaks occurring in the alarm service after sundown. A case in point occurred on January 23rd, when a break occurred in the lines at 3.25 p.m., and was not repaired until 8.30 the following morning, the break being found less than 100 feet from the fire station after daylight. This break resulted in the part of the city lying south of Princess street being left for twelve hours without any of the alarm boxes being in working order. Had we been possessed of a search light the break could have been located and the wire repaired so as to be of service in a short time. It will also

be of value while working at night fires, as well as being used as a headlight on one of the hose wagons.

Storage Battery.—The present system of battery cells for fire alarm telegraph requires an expenditure this year of \$212.76, while a storage system would cost for maintenance about \$35, and for renewals on a six-year basis, about \$39, as well as giving a more satisfactory service in every respect.

It is likely that the committee will have to ask for a special appropriation for the procuring of a new boiler, new wheels and axles and repairs to the "Chatham" steamer. A. E. Milne has submitted his report on its condition and the chief has recommended the work. The cost is estimated at \$1,250, and another special item is the storage battery for the fire alarm telegraph system, at \$1,500.

Some of the committee feel that this matter of the boiler, etc., for the "Chatham" must be attended to this year. Mr. Milne has reported. He says in part: "I have examined and tested the engine and boiler of the steamer

known as the Chatham or Ronald engine. The boiler firstly steamed, then by cold water test, then by personal examination in every part possible. I find the engine in some parts in good condition and with some slight repairs will practically be as good as new. I find the boiler in several places leaking badly, other places so badly eaten away by rust and leakages that I consider the boiler unit for heavy fire duty, and would recommend that a new boiler be secured at an early date to replace the present one, but in no case with less heating surface than the present one, rather more if possible, should you desire to do these repairs as recommended, the engine would be good for fifteen or twenty years, with reasonable care."

The chief says: "The condition of this steamer is well known to the members of the City Council, and is liable to cause trouble should it be required to do heavy fire duty, as should more than ordinary work be required of it, it will probably (in its present condition) fail to respond."

Chief Armstrong explained to the committee, in writing, regarding the accident to the hose sleigh from No. 1 station, when it overturned last Saturday when responding to a call at A. E. Knapp's residence. After investigation he declared it to have been purely an accident with no blame attached to anyone.

The chief added: "In presenting for your consideration the estimates of the fire department for this year, I have endeavored to keep them as low as possible, having in view the requirements of the department. I have not included in the estimates the amount charged against your appropriation for water, as this item is beyond my control and fixed by Finance Committee, as well as the street lighting account."

"Another item that should be provided for this year (but not out of fire and light committee appropriation) is the purchase of a pulmotor. The saving of one life would more than repay any amount the city may pay for such a machine. This machine cannot be regarded as part of the equipment of the fire department, and while urging the purchase, I must at the same time object to it being charged against your appropriation."

"The Fire and Light committee on Sept. 22nd last, recommended to Council, to consider the advisability of purchasing a pulmotor, and the report containing that clause was adopted by council. But somewhere between Council, Finance Committee and the Board of Health, the matter has become side tracked, and the intention of the City Council to purchase a machine has failed of accomplishment."

"For the purpose of again bringing it before Council, I would recommend that a pulmotor be purchased by the city and placed in the care

of the police department, and that the apparatus of the fire department be used whenever available, to respond to calls for the machine, until such times as the police department have been supplied with a vehicle of their own, and that the members of the police and fire departments be instructed in its use. The cost of the machine not to be charged to the fire and light committee."

The matter of providing for the attendance of the chief at the convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers at New Orleans, La., was left over.

Japanese Mobs Use Violence
Tokio, Feb. 13.—Serious disturbances have occurred in connection with the agitation against the ministry at Osaka. Mobs stoned the tram cars and the revenue building. The disturbances are in part the outcome of the agitation for lower taxes.

Segregation Barred
Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 13.—The police commissioners have passed a resolution that under no circumstances would a restricted district be allowed any more in this city.

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