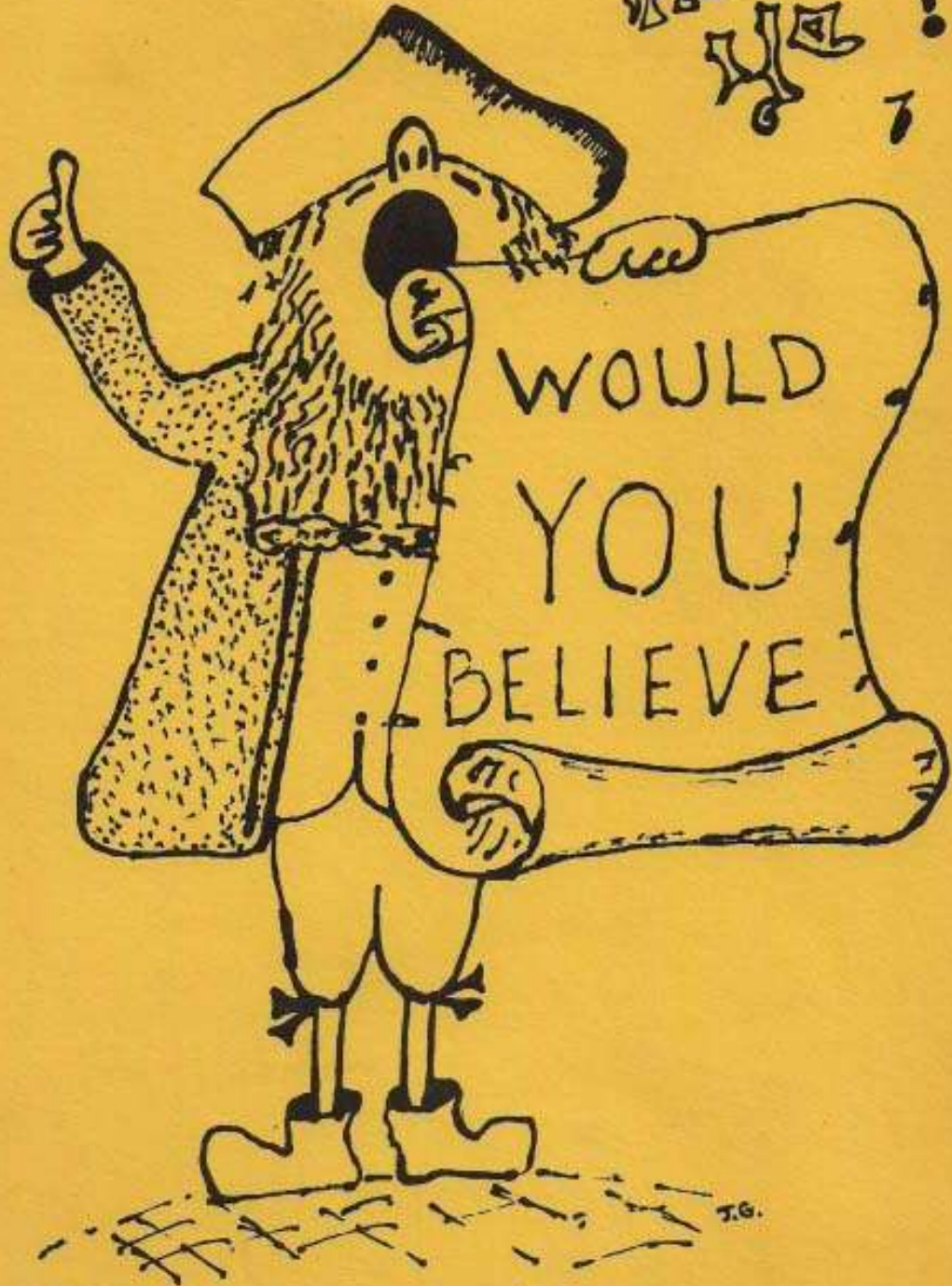


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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO EACH AND EVERY
MAN THAT HAS SERVED AS A FIREFIGHTER AND
RELATED FIELDS, IN HAMILTON.

THE FIRST PART, DEALING WITH THE EIGHTEEN
HUNDREDS, IS WRITTEN AS IT WAS RECORDED.

SPELLING AND WORDING IS OF THAT DATE.

TIME 1843 – 1846

With clanging bell
Men did respond
And it did clang from tower tall,
At 55 King William Fire Hall
This was the call in Hamilton Town
During 1843.
With rope and line men pulled the rig
And leather buckets held.
They fought the fire with courage great
For proud they were as men.
Then came horses,
With pounding hoofs,
As through the streets they blazed
With eyes and nostrils wide
And smoke from steam pumps belched,
All these things may seem passé,
But would you believe?
The horses didn't leave us
Until after 1925,
Now came days of just brave men
As bell and siren screamed and red lights flashed,
Motors roaring loud and clear
And horses whinnying at the side,
Not fire ones, that's for sure.
Soon even these horses disappeared,
That pulled our milk and bread.
We wound up with more great monsters
That roared, screamed, banged and cluttered our roads.
We lost the bells that quickened the heart
We got sirens, whoopers, welps with P.A. and do da, do da.
No need they say, for bells clanging,
Sirens wailing.
These noises are so much guff.
Now, show them our diesels
That rattle and roar and have a yellow glow.
With soft little siren?
And whoopers?
When this doesn't work
Give them a blast of the great air horn.
Will this clear the traffic?
If not
Ah well
At least they will think that they are in hell.
Then more just men will wait in traffic
And arrive to their dispatch,
With hearts a pounding
As in the past,
All in the hope of saving some fair lass.
We are Firefighters, one and all, be proud.
Our profession,
Is one of the two oldest in the world.
The other,
Also has a symbol of a red light.

Where does one start to tell a story of an organization and the men who made it?

Let us go back in time to early days in Hamilton. This is not a history of the Fire Department but a look into the men who made it.

This book is intended to bring the humor and sincerity that has prevailed through the years. History cannot be rewritten. You must read it as it was. Firefighters have given a lot to this proud city of ours.

Let us digress to the early beginning of Hamilton.

In 1812, when war broke out between Great Britain and the United States, George Hamilton, with his Wife and Child, moved here from Niagara. He purchased 300 acres of land, which is now known as the heart of the business district. The following year he laid out his farm in town lots. For deeding the piece of property on which the Court House stands and tract of land known as Gore Park, the name of the settlement, which was known as Gore District, was changed to Hamilton.

It received its present name on March 22, 1816 and incorporated as a Town in 1833.

In 1832 we had our first great fire when the principal part of Town was laid to ashes but was soon rebuilt.

The Bucket Brigade was organized after this.

In 1833 the first Central Fire Station was built at 44 Hughson Street North.

One of the first By-Laws, specifically # 5, of Hamilton had to do with Fire Fighting and reads as follows:

By-Law # 5
Town of Hamilton
March 18, 1833

Each and every tenant or occupant of a dwelling in the Town of Hamilton shall provide one or more good suitable leathern buckets, holding not less than 3 gallons each, with the owners name marked thereon, which shall be kept in readiness to assist in extinguishing fires under a penalty of not less than five or more than thirty shillings.

It was further stated by the Town:

Each householder was required to have a permanently fixed ladder to the roof and another to each chimney that rose more than 4 feet above the roof.

All chimneys and stoves in regular use had to be cleaned monthly. A Town Sweep was employed and a charge of 7 ½ pence for cleaning a chimney and 1 shilling for cleaning stove pipes was imposed.

In 1834 a piece of land on the North side of King William Street was donated by a prominent citizen on condition that it always be used for an engine house or some other related purpose of the Fire Department. This is the piece of land designated as 55 King William Street. The original building was erected on this site in 1836. In the basement of this building were walls over two feet thick and two cells where prisoners were kemp. It served as a morgue, City Clerks office and a Fire Hall. The citizen was John Stinson.

In 1843 when John Fisher, who was a newcomer to Hamilton, started a foundry on the corner of James and Merrick Streets, he concluded, for his own protection as well as the protection of the other 3000 people, that the Town needed a fire engine. John Fisher built one at his own expense and tendered its use to the Bucket Brigade that then organized. This 1843 pump is still in existence under the care of the Fire Department.

The organized volunteers expanded in succeeding years, operating out of six stations within the Town boundary. Holding their meetings at 44 Hughson Street North.

Let us pick up some of their meetings, as recorded, dating from October 28, 1848.

Special meeting of the Hamilton Hook and Ladder Company, held at the engine house Houghson Street October 28, 1848. Captain Hill in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Moved by T.N. Best seconded by T. Evans.

That the proceedings of the officers in presenting a donation of 10 pounds to the committee of the C.F.D. be approved.

Copy of a letter to the Committee of Citizens Fire Department:

October 28, 1848

To the committee appointed by the citizens at a public meeting to further the organization of a fire department.

The subscribers newly appointed officers of a Hook and Ladder Company consisting of forty five members beg your acceptance of a donation of ten pounds from the company.

They respectfully request at the same time to be furnished with the necessary apparatus as soon as possible, that belonging to the City is now lying useless and the subscribers are of the opinion that on appreciation to the council they would allocate the same to the committee with the view of forwarding the charge deputed to them by the citizens in public meeting assembled.

Signed:

Capt. A.H. Hill
1st Lieut. T. Bain
2nd Lieut. H.B. Bull
3rd Lieut. J. Robinson

Secretary – D.E. Murphy

Monthly meeting of the Independent Hook and Ladder Company held at City Hall November 3, 1848

Committee appointed to revise By Laws not ready to report.

Moved by H. Bull seconded by Wm. Dickson:

That they be given a week to report.

Moved by H. Bull and seconded by Charles Sims:

That the company shall assemble at the old station and use the old implements in case a fire should occur.

Carried

Moved by Chas. Sims seconded by T. Evens that the officers be empowered to appoint a member of the company to keep the apparatus in order until the By Laws are adopted

Special meeting of the I.H. & L. company held at the engine house Friday, November 18, 1848.

The committee on drafting By Laws beg leave to report the following is the Constitution and By Laws. Which is respectfully submitted.

Moved as an amendment by Thomas Bain and seconded by E. Murphy that the name of the company shall be the UNION.

Carried

the alterations can be made for 1 shilling and sixpence.

The following Constitution and By Laws were then read and adopted.

Moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn until next Friday when the election of Forman shall take place

D.E. Murphy, Secretary

The Constitution and By Laws as written in 1848 follows:

CONSTITUTION

- ART. 1 The Union Hook and Ladder C. Shall consist of a Capt. First second and third Lieuts three foreman an engineer, bugler, two stewards a secretary treasurer and not exceeding sixty private members. Individuals retiring from the company or other persons who may have rendered themselves useful to the company may be admitted as honorary members their election to be proceeded with as in the
- ART. 2 admission of ordinary members. Save the admission fee.
- ART. 3 The company shall be divided into three sections to be numbered 1st 2nd 3rd each to be under the immediate command of a Lieut or in his absence the foreman to have command.
- ART. 4 It shall be the duty of the Capt to authorize and preside at all meetings of the company. Also at fires, drills and general turnout to command the company in chief.
- ART. 5 It shall be the duty of the Lieuts to aid the Capt in his discharge of his duties and in his absence to command the company in order of their seniority and perform all the duties consequent thereon.
- ART. 6 It shall be the duty of the foreman to keep correct role of the men composing there section to keep them together at fires. To see that the orders of the officers in command are promptly obeyd and it shall be their duty also in the absence of the proceeding officers to command the company in order of their number 1 to 3
- ART. 7 It shall be the duty of the bugler to sound the assembly in case of fires and when on duty to be in constant attendance on the officers in command to fulfill the duties attendant on his office.
- ART. 8 It shall be the duty of the secretary to call the roll at all meetings and note the proceedings of the same to keep a correct journal of all fires to issue notices of all business meetings, drills etc. at least 12 hours previous to the time specified also to notify each newly elected member of his election and furnish him with a copy of the rules of the company.
- ART 9 It shall be the duty of the treasurer to collect all fines to receive and disburse all moneys under the sanction of the company officers for the time being.

ART. 10	It shall be the duty of the engineer to have charge of the carriage and all its implements and to see that they are at all times in good order.
ART. 11	It shall be duty of the Stewarts to provide refreshments for the company when directed by the commanding officer they shall also take the ballot of the company when it is done in writing.
ART. 12	That each member on his admission shall pay a fee of five shilling each and a further sum of 7 ½ quarterly. (Any member paying the sum of five shillings and sixpence quarterly shall be exempt from fines for nonattendance at meetings of the company) The foregoing fees to go to the company general fund.
ART. 13	General business meetings of the company shall be held in the first Friday in every month the first Friday in December to be the annual meeting when all the officers shall be elected by written ballot. The secretary shall also produce his books and a report of the years proceedings and the treasurers books shall be examined.
ART. 14	That twelve members including (officers) the Capt or a Lieut be a quorum and competent t transact business.

BYE LAWS

ART. 1	<p>Sect. 1 No member shall absent himself from any meeting of the company without a sufficient excuse under a penalty not exceeding 1/3 charge and the officers in all cases to be double.</p> <p>Sect. 2 Any member so absenting himself from three successive meetings shall be expelled the vote to be taken by ballot.</p>
ART. 2	No member shall retire from any meeting of the company until regularly dismissed by the officer in command or without his special permission under a penalty not exceeding one shilling and three pence.
ART. 3	No member shall turn out from his own residence and appear at any meeting except he be in uniform under a penalty not exceeding one shilling and three pence.
ART. 4	In order to insure punctuality at the meetings of the company the roll shall be called precisely fifteen minutes after the ringing of the town bell at the hour appointed for meeting and all members arriving subsequently shall be liable to a penalty of 7 ½ each the roll to be called at the close of the meeting also.
ART. 5	No member being in arrear in consequence of fines & C imposed on him shall be permitted to vote at any meeting such arrear are paid up.
ART. 6	Sect. 1 Persons desirous of joining the company must be present when proposed at any meeting of the company and balloted for at any meeting of the company and balloted for at a succeeding one. Ten black balls shall reject the candidate. No person shall be admitted under eighteen or over forty five years of age.

ART 6	Sect. 2 No person shall propose a person without having first made him acquainted with the constitution and bye laws if he be therewith satisfied he may be proposed.
ART. 7	That any member of the company introducing Political subjects or any alluding to Pstigism at meeting shall be expelled. Sect. 2 That any member of this company by intoxication Swearing using abusive language or otherwise behaving himself improperly at any meeting toward the members or officers of the company shall be expelled.
ART. 8	That each person on admission to this company shall provide himself with the uniform of the company.
ART. 9	The foregoing articles of the constitution & Bye Laws may be altered or amended at a general business meeting. (Notice having been given at a previous meeting) by a vote of not less than three fourths of the members present.

November 1848

Capt. Hills in the chair - - - It was moved and seconded that the company appear in full uniform of the company & escort the new Engine from the wharf to town.

Moved and seconded that the company ware the sow western hats on the occasion.

Moved by N. Goretts that each member shall pay 1/3 each to defray expenses.

James Evens Secretary

November 17, 1848

E. Murphy tendered his resignation of the office of secretary.

Moved that Thomas Gray be foreman of the second division – carried

Moved that Jas Evens seconded W. Dixon that Joseph Robinson Innkeeper be steward - - carried

A meeting of the Union H & L company held in the City Hall on the second Friday in December 1848.

Hamilton 12th January 1849

Moved by Lt. Bain seconded by J. Lavis that the Bye Laws of the Co. be placed in the hands of Joseph Robinson for disposal & that each member to pay 7 ½ shillings for ever member.

Proposed by Mr. T.N. Best seconded by Mr. Jas Robinson that Mr. Tomas Bain be Captain of the company.

Moved in amendment by James Evens seconded by George Evens that H.B. Bull be Captain of the Company.

Ballot taken for the amendment & lost.

Mr Bain elected captain by acclimation.

Moved by Jos. Gavis sec by George Evens that Mr Bull be first Lieut. Moved in amendment by Mr best sec by Mr Reid that G.W. Baker be first lieut.

Hamilton February 18th 1849

A fire broke out in one of the out houses of Young's Hotel about one o'clock noon which consumed the interior of the building. But was prevented from doing any more damage by the prompt & efficient service of the Hook and Ladder Engine Companies.

Hamilton Feb. 16 1849

An alarm of fire on James Street opposite Mr. Davidson's Hotel about seven o'clock in the evening on the alarm of the company at the place it turned out to be nothing but a chimney on fire.

February 16 1849 A special meeting was called for the purpose of drill

February 17 1849

A fire broke out in a stable between Vine & York Streets in the rear of Norms Elm about two o'clock in the morning which was believed to be the work of incendiary on the company's arrival at the fire it was found to be too far advanced to be got under, it consumed the entire frame together with three horses and one cow. But was happily confined to the stable by the exertions of the UH&L Company for which the Chief Engineer treated the company and said we were the only company he could depend upon. The roll was called and thirty two members answered to their name.

February 17 1849

A fire broke out in the dwelling house of John Watt Esq. about seven o'clock in the morning by one of the flews taking fire from the stove pipe which ignited to the frame and consumed the entire building together with parts of the furniture. By the exertions of the UH&L company the greater parts of the furniture & all the officers houses was saved for which his Honour the Mayor was pleased to testify approval by treating the company to refreshments. The roll was called and the following answered to their names. See roll. Thirty seven men. John Phatt Esq. gave the company three pounds for their service at the above fire.

Monthly Meeting March 2 1849

Moved by Lt. Bull seconded by James Evens that Lewis Cook be allowed Four Pounds a year for keeping the Hook and Ladder apparatus in good order. Carried.

Moved by James Evens seconded by James Reid that a vote of thanks be given to the owner of each of the public bells for ringing them so promptly at the alarm of fire. It being the means of bringing the companies together sooner than by the ringing of the City bells alone. Carried.

General meeting March 12 1849

Moved by N. David Buchanan seconded by Jessie Partridge that the Fire Department do not go to the theatre as a body. Carried.

City Hall April 13 1849 Monthly meeting

The following members was balloted for and carried. John Evens, John Amort, Hezicah Brake & Peter Warren.

Report of committee on carriage and apparatus.

Carriage and wheels in good order

4 small hand hooks and poles

4 Large hand hooks with chains and ropes

2 Extra large with chains & ropes no poles

9 Axes 2 Roof Ladders 6 Long Ladders 1 Large splicing ladder

2 Whippletrees 1 Double Tree 98 Buckets 2 Broke 2 Crow bars

1 Standard with cross ladders 2 Flags 1 Oil lamp 1 Oil can

1 Match safe 1 Speaking trumpet 2 Ladders broken 6 Saws

The back part of station open and exposed.

Carriage should have 2 oil lamps and lanterns attached with lighters.

Hamilton May 11 1849

Committee on Apparatus
Joseph Lavis
James Evens
Charles Foster

Joseph Robinson Sect.

Special meeting May 11, 1849 Held in City Hall

Moved by G. Evens seconded by J. F. Carter that the company appear in their present regalia Senior Officers White Coats White Pantaloons Red sash & Drale cap. Men Red coats White Pantaloons Drale caps and Black belts. Carried

Monthly meeting held in the City Hall on Friday the 6th of July 1849

Moved by Wm. Robinson seconded by Lt. Reid that the company meet at the City Hall on Monday evening at 6 ½ o'clock to go to Dundas. Carried

Richard Murton J. Carter & Joseph Robinson was appointed a committee to engage carriages to convey the company to Dundas.

Fire on the second of October 1849

An alarm of fire was given about two o'clock noon when it was ascertained that a small frame cottage on the commons near the foot of Park Street was in flames from the distance & high winds our service could not be brought to bear in time to be of any service the fire began in an ash house.

The building was the property of Mr Robertson, carpenter. A considerable amount of money was also destroyed. After which the Hook & Ladder Company proceeded to Mulberry Street & pulled down two frame buildings for Mr. Thomas Gillespy.

Special meeting August 7th 1849

Moved by T.N. Bath seconded by G. Evens that the officers of the Co. be a Committee to get a Pic Nic with power to add to their number. Carried.

Proposed by G. McCormick Second by Lt. Reid that the young men of the Company pay the expences of the band. Carried.

Young members each paid 5 shillings

Monthly meeting held in Engine house October 5th 1849

A letter was read from the High Bailiff stating that he had distributed the fragments that was left at the H&L Pic Nic amongst the Widows and orphans of the destitute emigrants.

A fire on 15th December 1849

4 ½ of AM Alarm of fire on Mac Nab Street at Slattery's Hotel on the arrival of the Company at the fire it was discovered to be to late to save the Hotel from entire destruction but by the exertion of the company the adjoining dwellings were prevented from taking fire the building was insured. Twenty nine members answered to their names.

James Carter Sect.

An alarm of fire about 9 o'clock at the house occupied by a Frenchman as a eating house which originated from ashes in a barrel, in a back house adjoining the dwelling but by the prompt exertions of a few of the Union members and other individuals the dam fire was immediately put out.

January 4th 1850

A fire broke out about 12 o'clock in the premises of Mr. A. Smith on King street supposed to have originated from the stove in the Ball Room which had been previously occupied by a dancing class. The exertions of the Hook and Ladder Company were greatly appreciated by all parties present in preventing the destruction Mr. Freeman & Jones & Moores premises - who forwarded the day after the sum of 12 pounds to the president of the brigade about 3 ½ o'clock the fire was entirely got under. The Ball and dining rooms were completely destroyed.

City Hall January 22nd 1850

At a meeting of the Brigade the resignation of Samuel Carr as Chief Engineer was received and Alexander Carpenter was unanimously elected Chief Engineer of the Hamilton Fire Brigade the ensuing year. Mr. James Robinson was elected first assistant and David Buchanan second. assistant for the ensuing year.

February 2nd 1850 About 10 ½ o'clock a Fire broke out on Catherine St in the Temperance Hotel better known as the Promenade House supposed to have originated from an incendiary. After 2 hours exertion by the Brigade the fire was put out. The house was much damaged from the fire being mostly between the partitions the company after adjourned to Mr. Robinsons.

February 17th 1850 At 3 o'clock AM a fire broke out in a frame house on James Street and adjoining the St Georges Hotel the fire was supposed to have originated from the shed occupied by a carpenter or from an ash barrel joining the kitchen not withstanding the rapidity of the fire the Brigade with great exertions saved the adjoining houses.

February 26th 1850 A fire broke out about 3 o'clock AM on King St in a partially frame and brick house occupied by Mr S.A. Luther, boot and shoe maker. On the arrival of the company the fire was mostly confined to the upper story when the company received orders to pull down the front and east end as the most effectual way of stopping the progress of the flames.

Proceeds of a meeting held in the Police Office March 1st 1850

T.N. Best gave notice of motion that at the next monthly meeting he would move for a new article to be added to the constitution To admit apprentices without paying entrance fee.

March 2nd 18.50

A fire broke out about 3 o'clock AM in the Red Jacket Saloon King Street which was completely destroyed, together with Mr Bastido Nash and Fletche stores adjoining the property the progress of the flames were stopped by partly pulling down Mr Sunlley's store and a supply of water poured on Mr Martins store saved the remainder of the block of frame houses • 33 men were present the company took refreshments at R. Aitkin's Hotel.

March 17 18.50

A fire broke out about 4 ½ o'clock AM on King William Street in a house unoccupied adjoining Robert Fosters house which was much damaged 3 frame house were also much damaged, at 7 o'clock the fire was got under the role was called and 23 members were present. The company partook of refreshments at Joseph Robinsons Hotel.

March 18th 1850

Moved by C.H. Webster seconded by A. Jarvis that the company meet at the city hall on Friday the 22nd inst. at 6 o'clock for the purpose of joining the brigade to present NO.2 Engine to Capt. Hamilton and welcome them to the Brigade.
Carried.

Moved by T.N. Best seconded by Joseph Robinson that Apprentices consider old enough be accepted and admitted members of the U.H. & L. company by the usual mode of balloting without payment of one dollar producing a certificate from their employers that they consent to their joining the company.

Carried.

April 8th 1850

A fire broke out between 4 & 5 o'clock in the rough cast block of buildings on King street East, east of Doc cases residence. The brigade succeeded in saving 2 of the houses the property belongs to Mr. Philips. The company partook refreshments at Joseph Levis's Hotel.

Fire April 22nd 1850

About 6 o'clock AM a fire broke out in the rear of the Police Office in a stable on the arrival of the company the Hooks were immediately in pulling down the stable from the adjoining dwelling which were prevented from taking fire. 32 members were present.

City Hall May 3rd 1850

The committee for getting up the new carriage reported that a contract had been made with Mr. John Amor to make a carriage for the sum of 20 pounds costs without ladders to be accepted if approved by the committee.

The secretary read a communication from A.E. Kennedy assignee of the bankrupt stock of Mr. F. Murray for a settlement if a balance of 5 Pound six shillings for coats got by members of the old Hose former Hook and Ladder company. C.H. Webster and the secretary received instructions to inform Mr. Kennedy that this company are not answerable for any debts contracted by the old company.

May 12th 18.50

A fire broke out about 2! o'clock AM in a stable belonging to Mr. Kirkind situated on Bay street the fire was supposed to be incendiary. Two fine horses and a. cow were burnt.

City Hall July 5th 1850

Moved by R. Aitkin seconded by H. Jarvis that on the sounding of the call at fires each member shall repair to the carriage take his place in his division to await the orders of the officer in command.

Carried.

C.H. Webster gave notice of motion that at the next of the company he would move a new article to be added into the Bye Laws. That any member of the company found drunk with his fire clothes on shall be fined 5 shillings currency for the first offence second offence dismissed from the company.

August 1850

The company turned out this day to welcome the Toronto Fire Companies visit to Hamilton.

The company rendezvous at the station and then proceeded with other Hamilton Fire Companies to the warfe to receive the Toronto Firemen who with the Hamilton Firemen made a procession through the principal streets and afterward partook refreshments in the City Hall.

Secretary
James Carter

December 11, 1850

Fire broke out in Knox'es Church James Street at 12 o'clock P.M. the company were promptly on hand but the fire was out before they reached it. 19 members present.

R. Murton Sect.

Dec. 21 1850

A special meeting was to take place on 20th at 8 o'clock only 9 members present. See roll. Fines for non attendance recorded.

Hamilton 26th Jan 1851

Fire broke out at half past five o'clock in the stable of the North American Hotel John Street occupied by Mr Tomas Robinson and owned by a A. Carpenter Esq. the brigade were promptly on hand and through there action and active exertions stopped the fire without any further damage.

January 30 1851

Fire broke out in a vacant building situated in the Court House Square Hughson Street belonging to Mr. McKillop the brigade were soon on the spot but too late to render any assistance to the building in which it commenced. but stopped it from doing further damage.

January 31 1851

The brigade all turned. out at 8 o'clock PM in honour of the gas lighter they met at the city hall and then proceeded to the Gas Workes and through the principal Streets and then returned to Youngs Hotel and took supper.

Feb. 7th 1851

The sense of the meeting was taken our requesting the City Council give a premium to the first apparatus at the fire. It was the opinion of the company it would rather tend to create dissention between the companies.

Joseph Robinson Secretary. Protem

Letter to the brigade dated February 14 1851

As I am about to leave the City for some time I request the Company to accept my resignation together with my sincerist good wish for its Unity & Prosperity & may it ever be as it has been a Leader in all things.

Joseph Robinson

Hamilton 14 May 1851

A fire broke out about 2 O'clock this morning in the Theatre Royal which was destroyed. before any assistance could be given the brigade was on hand and prevented the fire from doing further damage.

Hamilton May 24 1851

The brigade -turned out this day to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday they mustered. At the station and then proceeded to the Court House Square from thence to the bay and after an excursion around the bay returned to the Court House Square and then returned. to their several stations. In the evening they went to protect the fire works.

July 1851

Proposed by T.N. Best seconded by James Lavis that the Company have a Pic-Nic to Oakville. Proposed. by T. Gray seconded by H. Bull that they have athletic games & prizes for each game.

Carried.

A committee of the officers of the company were then appointed. to make further arraignments the secretary was requested to write the Chief & Captain of the H & L company Toronto inviting them to join us at Oakville.

August 14 1851

An excursion took place this day to Oakville where a great many of Toronto brigade joined and commenced the athletic games at 11 O'clock their being only a few from company from Hamilton those of Toronto took the most prizes. The day went off to the general satisfaction of all present. The amount of profit by this excursion is two pounds three shillings and 9 pence.

Special meeting held at the station of the U.H.&L Company on the 12 of August 1852 adjourned for want of a quorum.

R.S. Beasley Sect.

August 16th 1852

Moved by Robinson seconded by Sylvester that a vote of thanks be registered in the

minutes of the book to Wm. Ferguson Bugler. re-elected.

September 9 1852

A general turn out of the company for the purpose of testing one of Harris fire Annihilations against the Engines which turned in favour of the engines after the fire was out proceeded to the Arcade Saloon.

October 1st 1852

Moved by Baker seconded by Amor that the thanks of the U.H. & L company be sent to Mr. Milner for his gift of 6 axes.

Meeting of the committee of the Fire Brigade held at Beasley's Arcade Saloon 28 James Street for making arrangements for a Firemen's Ball 27th January 1853.

Moved by F. Smith seconded by Capt Taynor that the firemen have a ball on Tuesday, 8th of February at the City Hall tickets 7/6 firemen to appear in uniform. Carried.

Moved by R. Beasley seconded by Capt Smith that Y Brannigan's tender be accepted for refreshments at the ball at 3/9 each gents ticket. Carried.

Bain reports having engaged Hallet's Quadrille Band consisting of seven performers at 6 pounds.

Monthly meeting at Beasley's Saloon 28 James Street North 4th of March 1853 adjourned to the elocution meeting in Engine House # 3 William St. Held by the members of the hose Company being a free invitation to the Fire Brigade. R.S. Beasley Sect.

May 27th 1853

A fire broke out in a barn belonging to the Britannia Hotel James Street and was consumed, the Hook and Ladder Company were 2nd in the ground and by their exertions it was pulled down and the fire extended no further.

Monthly meeting June 3rd 1853

Moved by R.P. Beasley seconded by A. Hunt that if a member refuses to take hold and draw the ladders that he be fined and any member neglecting to attend 3 meetings be expelled. Carried.

July 9th 1853

An alarm of fire was given the whole brigade turned out and proceeded to the lake and it proved to be the Queen of the West but the firemen were of no use in trying to save her. But saved Browns wharves Queen was burned to the waters.

7th August

An alarm of fire was given at t past 12 O'clock Sunday morning in a building owned by George Irvine in Cork Town building burned, Nelligan's Hotel was located on Locomotive Street.

September 9 1853

Moved by Baker seconded by Amor that the chairman give an order on some person to make coats for members lately joined the company and that each person receiving one shall pay 1/3 per month toward paying for them until paid for. Carried.

Dues at this time were 1 shilling 3 pence per month.

Many trials and tribulations were to beset the various companies in the years ahead, as the papers of the day proclaimed. Hamilton at this time had four newspapers, namely: Hamilton Spectator, Hamilton Bee, Hamilton Free Press and. the Hamilton Dally Times. The six companies. in the City had about 300 volunteers in 1854.

As was the custom of the volunteers, each year they selected their leaders of the companies by vote. In the year of 1858 City Council decided that they would pick the leaders of the various companies, much to the consternation of the men.

HEADLINE - - - JANUARY, 1859

"HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL INTERFERED WITH RIGHTS OF MEN TO SELECT OWN LEADERS FOR FIRE FIGHTING".

Early in the morning of that January day in 1859 the organized men took the equipment from the various stations, pulled it all to the City Hall on James Street North, and refused to man it. The equipment was left there. All the men refused Liberal payment to return same to various stations.

TO-DAY THEY WOULD CALL THIS A STRIKE.

This was the start of a paid, organized Fire Department in Hamilton. By 1879 there were 9 paid men and 24 call men. In 1881 the call men were dispensed with and more paid full-time men added.

The men during these trying times remained organized, staying together, always asking for better working conditions and shorter hours from the Chief of the Department. Then it was 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. But remember, they did get time off to go home for one meal per day, if they could do it in one hour and a quarter. They managed.

Before the turn of the Century, in 1896, Hamilton Firemen, after much letter writing and investigation, received a Charter from the Trades Congress of Canada. Hamilton became the first Firefighters in Canada, and perhaps North America, to hold a Union Charter. Hamilton Firefighters became "Federal Union #11".

At the turn of the Century, men like Steve Launders, Jim Gordon, D. McCarthy, Charlie Parker, Jim McHendrie, Bert McSweeney and H. Walsh, the recording Secretary, were steering the union through difficult times. It is interesting to note that meetings at this time were being held on King Street, just west of Mary Street on the north side, in the recreation room of the Bricklayers, over a pool hall. They later moved to the Bricklayers' Hall on Mary Street, just north of where the Century Theatre now stands. Federal Union # 11 were also members of the Trades and Labour Council who were formed in 1888.

In 1910, with the fine work of A. B. Ten Eyk, the Hamilton Firemen's Benefit Fund was started. This Fund was to provide pensions for men as they retired from the Department. The sole contributions to the Fund came from the men.

The first Charter of the Hamilton Firemen's Benefit Fund was signed on December 14, 1910. The Officers of the Fund at that time were H. T. James, President and Robert Aitchison, Secretary.

After the war of 1914 - 1918, with many of the Firefighters serving overseas, the push was on for shorter hours. The ground work for this had been going on for several years by many groups of organized Firefighters in the Province.

The two Platoon System, which designated a day shift of 10 hours and a nightshift of 14 hours, was being hard pressed by Federal Union # 11. This system was passed by Provincial Legislation for Cities with 100,000 population or over in 1918. Hamilton by now was a growing city of over 114,700. Hamilton City Council adopted this on the 23rd. of December, 1918, and it went into effect January 1st, 1919. It was necessary to hire an additional 38 men. Federal Union # 11 and the Hamilton Fire Department had the distinction of being the first City in Canada to adopt the two Platoon System. This still meant, seven days a week but only an average of 84 hours per week. The beginning of the 1920's saw the formation of the "Provincial Federation of Ontario Fire Fighters". Hamilton Firefighters joined this Organization, following

Toronto and Ottawa, and became Branch # 3. At this time Hamilton had 125 men on the Department and the Police, 113.

Later in the early twenties, the Provincial Government passed an Act giving Firefighters 1 day off per week. During the roaring twenties, with notables such as Gerry McAllister, Charles Parker, Dan Reid, Jim Fenton, Gord. King, Willard Pottinger, Jack Shea, Jim Mc Hendrie, Ninny Mc Carthy, J. Boisclair, Dave Pltkeathley and W. Hull, Branch # 3 pushed on. The new Labour Temple was built at 110 Catherine Street North, and at its completion in 1922, Branch # 3 started holding their meetings at this location. There was much more to do dealing with many and various communications from the Provincial re: the 8 hour day three Platoon System. At a Convention in Toronto, June 1928, the thirty-nine Branches that composed the Provincial, passed unanimously to vigorously seek the 3 Platoon 8 hour day. There was also correspondence from the "International Association of Firefighters" in Washington, D.C., as Branch # 3 was considering becoming a member. At a meeting on the 5th of June 1928, a motion was made to enter the International and an application was sent forthwith.

Our Charter from the "International Association of Firefighters" is dated February 13, 1929. It was later in that year that Fred Baer, the International President and a Vice President, visited Hamilton to present the Charter, designating that we were Local # 288 of the International Association of Firefighters". It was Dan Reid as President and Dave Pltkeathley as Recording Secretary that signed the Charter, with Charles Parker, William Walsh, James Gordon, Percy Connelly and William C. Williams on behalf of Local # 288. I have great respect for these men, who, under trying times, never lost their sense of humour.

The Officers of Local # 288 pressed on, asking that Pay Day be every other Friday, the sum of \$ 67.50. Dues were 50 Cents a month with the right to call for an assessment as required. This was the start of the depression and pay cuts in the 1930's were to follow.

GOOD OLD DAYS? NO WAY!

The Local requested Dues check off and a change in the holiday draw. Holidays at this time were selected by drawing names out of a hat in the Chief's Office. In 1934 the alarm operators were accepted into the Local and the Union Label put on clothing purchased for Firefighters. By 1935 Local # 288 had 174 members with 24 men still not Unionized. The Executive Officers of those days, Bill Kirkaldy, Jim Henniker, Gord. King and Ed. Farr, were still pursuing the 8 hour day. In 1936 George Newcombe took over as President, with the Local still battling for the Sunday off when your day off for one week was Saturday and Monday your day off for the following week. They succeeded. On April 6, 1936, the Sunday was given off, thus ending a split shift and establishing a 72 hour week, giving the men a 3 day weekend on the progressive day off system. July 15, 1937 was also a memorable day, for on this date full salary was restored, gaining back the previous cuts that had taken place during the depression. 1938 saw the start of the Pensioners' Banquet, 1939 the start of the War. Again men of the Hamilton Fire Department rallied to the Flag.

Talk continued on a Hospitalization Plan and a system of rotating holidays. London, England, was being bombed and Local # 288 sent more than \$ 2,000.00 during the War years to aid London Firefighters and their Families. The struggle for pay dates every other Friday continued with the City Council finally passing same. Local # 288 rejected it at this time as it would have required holding back two days pay to start it. In 1942 Ed. Farr resigned as President and Reg. Swanborough took over the chair February 3rd.

The 8 hour day 3 Platoon system became the pressing objective. Men like Walter Haynes, Roy Adams, Bob Gilbert and Jim Crooks, along with the President, were preparing

Briefs and circulars to obtain the support of the Citizens. These were days of Radio broadcasts, speaking to Union Groups and handing out pamphlets at factory gates throughout the City. 1945 saw the signing of the first Working Agreement with the full backing of the Hamilton District Trades and Labour. A plebiscite was held in December, 1945, and the Citizens of Hamilton voted to grant the Firefighters the 8 hours day 3 Platoon system. Each man was assessed Thirteen Dollars to cover expenses for this once-in-a-lifetime venture.

In February, 1946, the first group of returned servicemen were hired to replace the temporary men taken on during the War years. In the months to follow, starting in April 1946, further groups of twenty men were hired and trained. One by one the Stations in the City went on the 8 hour day, requiring a total of 90 men who were all Veterans. December 1946 saw the entire Department on 8 hours a day, 48 hours a week. This System was truly a forty-six and two thirds work week. The schedule consisted of a Tuesday off, followed the next week with Wednesday, then a Thursday and three Fridays before getting a weekend of Saturday, Sunday and Monday every seven weeks. So Hamilton Firefighters never worked a 48 hour week. This did require working a 16 hour Sunday.

Moving into the 50's with Seniority problems and pursuing the 40 hour week. 1950 saw the formation of Box 43 on September 12th, with Glen Crawford as President. Many names to-day will be familiar such as Kelly Thompson, Jim Crooks, Bob. Gilbert, Mel Mills, Roy Adams, George Sheppard, Len Saltmarsh, Jim Gemmell, George Ireland, George Rowe, Charlie Waterman and Jack Quinn. These men carried on the business of the Local during the up and down years of struggle for Hospitalization, increases in pay and pensions. In the early Fifties First Class pay was \$ 59.74 per week with a cost of living bonus of 50 Cents for every point it rose.

In March, 1951, at a meeting in the Labour Temple, a request by the City for Firefighters to go from the 48 hour 3 Platoon System to a 56 hour 2 Platoon System was voted on. This vote was conducted by the City Clerk's office. Gord. Bone reported after the count that 233 votes had been cast with only one vote for the 56 hours. It was reported. on this date that 47% of Fire Departments in Canada worked 48 hours or less.

1957 saw the famous "Certioari" brought against Local #288 over an Arbitration Award. The Deputy Chief requested removal from the Working Agreement. The Hamilton Firemen's Benefit Fund ceased. \$ 2,036,000.00 was turned over to the Hamilton Municipal Employees Pension Fund. In 1958 Professional was added to our name as this was passed at the Provincial Convention.

In the 1960's, with Lloyd Bell, George Ireland and Jim Gemmell as Executive Officers, we were still submitting for the 40 hour week. The pay for acting in rank was established. Through an Arbitration Board in 1962, we were successful in obtaining shorter hours --- not the 40 we had requested, but another step forward, this time 42 hours. In 1963, City Council, through negotiations, granted the Local the 40 hour week. The Officers at that time were Lloyd. Bell, Cord, Bone and Jim Graham. The City also agreed to pay .50% of Hospitalization and Medical Plan premiums, which was P.S.I. Our Band was formed in 1961 and have won many Awards throughout North America for their performances. Wages continued to increase and the 1% method for Union Dues was adopted. Jim Graham took over as President in 1967 supported by Al. McArthur and Peter Bell. The following year saw more changes in our Executive --- Jack Hargrove became President, Ron Bowman, Secretary and Gord Bone as Treasurer.

By the 1970's, we were dealing with the same problems --- pensions, promotional problems --- and holidays. 100% medical and hospitalization was established. The cost of living continued to climb. New pay rates were gained along with longer holidays. Ron Bowman became President and Don Wishart, Secretary. In 1975 our Executive were Ron Bowman, Peter Bell and Ron Reid.

To-day we operate out of 9 stations with 430 men.

TO-day's wages and working conditions are on record. We look ahead.

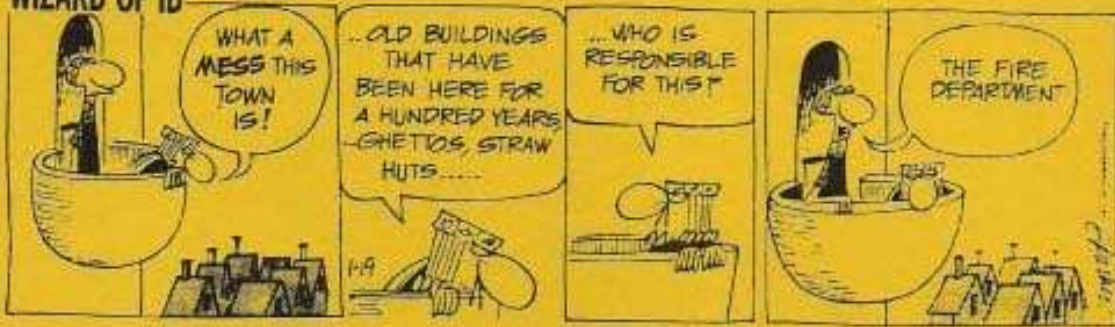
I recommend to all members to serve. You learn that men do not change, it is only times that do.

STATIONS 1976

# 1	35 - 43	John Street North	Opened 1913
# 3	647	Upper James Street	Opened 1954
#4	930	Queensdale Ave. East	Opened 1954
# 6	165 - 171	Sanford Ave. North	Opened 1909
# 8	400	Melvin at Sumach	Opened 1957
# 9	125	Kenilworth Ave. North .	Opened 1952
# 10	1455	Main Street West	Opened 1953
#11	24	Ray Street North	Opened 1959
# 12	779	Upper Wentworth Street	Opened. 1961
Airport Station		Hamilton Civic Airport Mount Hope	
Administration		55 King William Street	



WIZARD OF ID



SECTION NO. 2

In 1932 a motion was put on the floor, at a regular meeting of Local # 288, and passed, to destroy all previous records, records of Federal Union # 11 and Branch # 3.

What you shall read now may be considered the humour that came out of our meetings. We know that many things are said that cause laughs but are not recorded.

History, from our charter, records we became Local # 288 on February 13, 1929. Our records date back to December, 1920, when we were still Branch # 3, leaving us a look into that part of our past history. These minutes were preserved because they were contained in a journal from the start of Local # 288.

I invite you to attend your Union meetings from that point in 1920.

I ask your indulgence where names are used. It is not my intention to embarrass anyone.

I am sure you will take what is printed in the same spirit in which it was said at the time.

December 7, 1920

A Committee of D. McCarthy & J. Hotrum reported that in their interview with the Chief re day off a week, the Chief said "he had no authority for sending a petition".

January 4, 1921

Moved by H. Walsh seconded by K. Cassels that any member elected in more than one office should take highest office.

Moved amendment to motion by W. Voelker seconded by A. Aitchison that Candidate elected to more than one office be given his choice.

Amendment passed 23 - 4.

Moved by J. Metrella seconded by W. Voelker that hall committee be communicated with regarding condition of meeting room, also to see that wood and coal is provided, that room should be cleaned and heated.

Passed 29 - 0.

February 1, 1921

A gold watch was presented to Captain H. Walsh by members of Federal Union # 11 in appreciation of services rendered as Secretary-Treasurer for past 21 years. 1899 - 1920.

Moved by W. MacDougal seconded by J. McHendrie that a committee composed of members from each Platoon be appointed to interview the Chief in regards to shift of Platoon from Sunday to Monday for men and from Wednesday to Thursday for Officers.

Defeated 23 - 8.

November 1, 1921

No meeting of # 2 Platoon. Lack of attendance.

January 3, 1922

Moved by G. Hay seconded by G. Gimblett that the Committee see the Chief about Summer holidays seeing he had 6 new men.

Passed 16 - 0

May 2, 1922

Moved by J. Becker seconded by J. Shadwell that a flower fund be kept for providing flowers for sick members, by voluntary subscription.

Passed 41 - 2.

Collected by # 1 Platoon \$ 2.05 for flower fund.

Moved by R. Malcolmson seconded by J. Becker that members using obscene language while Union is in session be fined. at the discretion of the Chairman. Money to be used as flower fund.

Defeated 9 - 6.

June 6, 1922

Moved by A. Aitchison seconded by J. O'Connor that the Committee go ahead with the moonlight on July 14th.

Passed 22 - 0.

December 5, 1922

L. Launderers moved that the bill of .50¢ to A.J. Somerville for cleaning and removing charter be paid.

Passed 17 - 0.

January 6, 1923

2 Platoon did not hold a meeting.

April 3, 1923

Moved by G. Bunce seconded by R. Robertson that a social evening be arranged for Firemen's wives and sweethearts to take place in near future, a real get together and more harmony and socialism amongst the members.

Passed 9 - 0.

November 6, 1923

Moved by C. McCarthy seconded by R. Malcolmson that a 60mmittee be appointed to draw up a schedule for a meal hour on Sunday.

Passed 27 - 0.

Moved by G. Bunce seconded by H. Hope that holidays be given in seniority.

Defeated 6 - 7.

December 4, 1923

Moved by W. Hull seconded by W. Trotman that \$ 10.00 be allowed for two TACHY CASES for recording secretary and treasurer.

Passed 13 - 0

Moved by W. Hull seconded by W. Trotman that C. Parker and J. Metrella be appointed to buy same.

Passed 33 - 0 both Platoons.

December 10, 1923

Moved by H. Thompson seconded by J. Crawford that the salary Committee see that the increase be to the amount of \$ 200.00 for all grades and ranks.

Amendment to motion by T. Fahey and G. Newcombe. Be changed to a 15% increase for all grades and ranks. Amendment carried.

January 8, 1924

Moved by E. Nixon seconded by J. Crawford that Firemen withdraw from Euchre contest.

Carried 26 - 2.

February 5, 1924

Moved by G. McAllister seconded by T. Fahey that a Committee of two interview the Chief in regards to the badge being used at the arena.

Passed 15 - 0.

Owing to lack of attendance there was not meeting of # 2 Platoon.

March 4, 1924

Progress reported on salary and meal hour on Sunday Committee.

Moved by J. Gordon seconded by R. Malcolmson that the Secretary-Treasurer be given permission to purchase a moderately priced typewriter for his use while in office.

Passed 23 - 1.

J. Gordon seconded by H. Hope that the flower fund Committee interview the Treasurer of the Department Athletic Committee for the purpose of suggesting that \$ 25.00 be sent to the Brackenborough Fund.

Passed 24 - 0.

No meeting of # 2 Platoon owing to lack of attendance. J. McHendrie.

April 1, 1924

Moved by J. Gordon seconded by C. McCarthy that communications re compensation act be received and filed.

Carried.

Moved by C. McCarthy seconded by J. Henniker that a member in future will have to belong to the Local for a period of five years, and in good standing, before he will receive any present from the Local at the time he retires.

Carried 27 - 0.

May 6, 1924

No meeting of # 2 Platoon owing to lack of attendance.

G. McAllister reports progress on salary committee.

C. McCarthy reports progress on lunch hour on Sunday.

June 3, 1924

Moved by C. Parker seconded by W. Trotman that when a new member is initiated into our Local that he be supplied with a Federation button free of cost.

Carried 10 - 0.

Amendment to motion

Moved by J. Gordon seconded by G. Newcombe that buttons be charged for in usual manner at the cost of .25¢ and money to be refunded if member resigns Local.

October 7, 1924

Moved by C. Parker seconded by W. Hull that a Committee be appointed to interview

the Chief in regards to having holidays run in eight months of the year or a change of the 1925 holidays to summer weather.

November 4, 1924

C. McCarthy made a complete explanation in regards to the Trades & Labour Council making a complaint to City Council re Firemen working on outside work.

Moved by C. McCarthy seconded by A. Fenton that each member try to make our Local 100% strong by new year. Passed 11 - 0.

Moved by J. Gordon seconded by W. Pottinger that the entertainment Committee make a drawing card for next meeting by way of having a Euchre contest. Passed 11 - 0.

December 2, 1924

W. Walsh makes a suggestion that on the first of the new year we form a Committee to work out a plan where by our Local could hold their meetings in one of the Fire Halls, making a saving of Hall rent.

C. McCarthy moved that the motion that was passed two years ago in regards to members that have fallen in arrears and would be reinstated for the sum of one dollar would be struck from the books. Passed 11 - 0

Moved by C. Simpson seconded by C. Rattenbury that the suggestion of H. Walsh in regards to changing Union meetings be not entertained. Passed 5 - 2.

Moved by G. McAllister seconded by C. Rattenbury that a Committee be appointed to interview the Chief regarding a 13 call notifying the members of the Union meeting a day previous. Passed 7 - 0.

Report of Committee. G. McAllister reported that the City Council has laid the question over for two months re appointing two men to take care of holiday question,

February 3, 1925

Moved by W. Hull seconded by H. McDonald that a Committee interview the Chief in regards to 10 men being placed in the ice arena by the Chief's orders and that arrangements be made for the Fire Department to be allowed in the arena on their badge and if arrangements cannot be made to that effect that all Firemen refrain from attending arena in uniform.

Owing to lack of attendance no meeting of # 2 Platoon.

March 3, 1925

H. McDonald reported on his interview with Mr. Thompson of the arena stating that the Fireman's badge will not be recognized.

G. McAllister reported that our Chief gives the Secretary the privilege of using a 13 call for announcing meetings to the members of the Union.

No meeting of # 2 Platoon. Lack of attendance.

September 1, 1925

Moved by H. Walsh seconded by D. Reid that the Executive in the near future interview the Chief, also the Street Railway Committee of the City Council, in regards to the new franchise being drawn up for the Street Railway of this City. For the purpose of obtaining free transportation to and from work. Carried 11 - 0

November 3, 1925

C. McCarthy reported progress re Street Railway.

Moved by G. McAllister seconded by D. Reid that the Secretary locates the gavel that was presented to our Local at our last Convention and that he has it on hand for our next meeting. Carried. 8 - 0.

No meeting for # 2 Platoon. Lack of attendance.

December 1, 1925

Moved by L. Launders seconded by R. Holder that we form a Grievance Committee of three members.
Carried 30 - 0.

April 6, 1926

Moved by J. Shea seconded by J. Gordon that each station steward be notified to notify the Secretary-Treasurer when a member is sick.
Carried 19 - 1.

May 4, 1926

Bro. McAllister reported success of Street Railway Committee also progress of salary Committee.

No meeting of # 2 Platoon, Lack of attendance.

Special Meeting May 12, 1926

G. McAllister reported on Street Railway Committee stating that in the near future our request would be granted.

Moved by T. O'Connor seconded by D. Bishop that the Local's death Benefit of \$ 75.06 be left as it is now.
Passed 30 - 0.

Moved by H. Thompson seconded by T. Bullock that a Committee be formed to interview the Chief re meal hour on Sunday.

June 1, 1926

Moved by H. Thompson seconded by G. Newcombe that we layover the communication from Mr. Armstrong re Flexible Axle endorsement until the next meeting.
Passed 10 - 0.

Owing to lack of attendance no meeting of # 2 Platoon.

July 6, 1926

G. McAllister reported progress re Sunday meal hour.

Moved by H. Thompson seconded by G. Sharpe that the proposition re Flexible Axle be thrown out.
Carried. 8 - 0.

Special August 6, 1926

Moved. by D. Reid seconded. by J. Gordon that the Salary Committee try for 15% raise.

November 3, 1926

Moved by J. Gordon seconded by R. Holder that an open cheque be given the Salary Committee, up to \$ 5.00.
Carried 12 - 0.

December 2, 1926

Moved. by H. Walsh seconded by Jack Robertson that any brother that comes for initiation and it happens there is not meeting owing to lack of attendance, that he be initiated in one of the stations. Carried 14 - 0

Speacial December 21, 1926

Moved by R. Holder seconded. by H. Thompson that J. Shea and a few of the Committee interview Mr. Hicks in regard to the pullover sweater that was lost in the cloak room of the Alexander Academy by a lady that was attending our dance, and use their discretion in replacing it.
Passed 15 - 0.

January 4, 1927

Moved. by Greenlee seconded by J. Gordon that W. Hull and J. Shea act as a Committee of two in regards to a small dance being run out of town for the pleasure of the Firemen.
Carried 15 - 0. Also endorsed. by # 2 Platoon 6 - 0.

Moved by G. Newcombe seconded by D. Reid that the Executive use their discretion in buying cigars for meetings.
Passed 6 - 0.

February 1, 1927

Moved by G. McAllister seconded by Galloway that a box of cigars be bought for meeting.
Passed 27 - 0

Moved by J. Shea seconded by W. Walsh that minutes be accepted. Passed 26 - 0.

Reason for 26 votes. One man had left to buy cigars. There was a discussion to-day regarding the Executive of the Fire Fighters Association applying to the Provincial Government regarding putting through Legislation for 3 shifts, 8 hours each, in all Municipal Fire Departments. This left in the hands of G. McAllister to report.
Passed 27 - 0.

March 1, 1927

Moved by G. McAllister seconded by Higham that bill of .48¢ be paid for telegram to Toronto,
Passed 40 - 0.

Moved by G. McAllister seconded by J. Shea that \$ 5.00 be donated to the Trades and Labour Council for a Banquet and presentation for Alderman Sam Lawrence. Passed 40 - 0.

April 5, 1927

No meeting of # 2 Platoon, Lack of attendance.

Moved by H. Thompson seconded by G. McAllister that this Local has went on record and is opposed to men wearing their uniform when off duty.
Passed 13 - 0.

Moved by W. Pottinger seconded by Greenlee that this discussion regarding uniforms be dropped. Defeated 8 - 5.

No meeting of # 2 Platoon. Lack of attendance.

June 7, 1927

No meeting of # 2 Platoon. Lack of attendance.

Statement was read by G. King for first Annual Picnic. Total expenses \$ 223.50

January 3, 1928

No meeting of # 2 Platoon.

February 7, 1928

Vote was taken to change long day on Sunday to some other day in the week, Defeated 6 - 9.

Moved by A. Fenton seconded by G. King that any member desiring to join the Y.M.C.A. for the sum of \$ 2.00 for the year 1928 can do so giving them a total year's fee. The entertainment fund will pay the balance of \$ 3.00. The \$ 2.00 to be given back at the end of the term to each member that joins. The object being to form a class on both Platoons if they can be get together. Good physical benefit can be derived therefore. Carried.

March 6, 1928

Moved by D. Reid seconded by S. Utter that we remain in Labour Temple. Passed 30 - 0

Moved by H. Cunliffe seconded by W. Hull that C. Parker and D. Reid look into matter in regard to getting Charter back from Trades & Labour' Congress, Federal Union # 11. Passed 30 - 0.

Moved by Jack Robertson seconded by J. Moos that a vote be taken in regards to Meal hour or long day on. Meal hour 12 - 0. Long day on 0 - 12.

April 3, 1928

Humphrey Mitchell spoke to meeting regarding Charter and its benefits.

Moved by D. Reid seconded by R. Stewart that a certified cheque for full amount due on old Charter be sent to Ottawa.
Passed 12 - 0.

Special April 12, 1928

Moved by G. McAllister seconded by J. McCall that the Secretary-Treasurer write Mr. Draper at Ottawa in regards to getting our Charter back. Providing that there is no affiliation with the International Firefighters Association.
Passed 6 - 0.

Moved by D. Pitkeathley seconded by W. Williams that cards be printed and sent out to each member the day before a meeting informing him of such a meeting. The idea being to try and get the members out.
Passed 25 - 0.

May 18, 1928

W. Pottinger reported. on interview with Chief re meal hour on Sunday. Chief said "That he was fighting for the men in regards to the City trying to stop our pay for being off through sickness and he did not think we should ask such a thing. He would see what he could do about it".

June 5, 1928

W. Pottinger reported on talk with Chief regarding meal hour on Sunday. The Chief said "That if he gave us the meal hour that it would be bad for him when he asked for more men".

Moved by F. Woods seconded by W. Hull that this Local make application for an International Charter without delay.
Passed 13 - 1.

October 2, 1928

No meeting # 1 Platoon. Lack of attendance.

December 4, 1928

The vote of # 1 Platoon for Charter was 2 - 6.

Moved by A. Walker seconded by J. Flynn that we have refreshments at the next meeting. Carried.

February 5, 1929

Moved by W. Murdock seconded by W. Hull that application for International Charter be signed and sent without delay.
Passed. 33 - 0.

March 5, 1929

Moved by G. Newcombe seconded. by N. Baskett that the bill for \$ 2.00 be paid for Charter frame.
Passed 31 - 0.

Moved by W. Hull seconded by W. Gorman that the Secretary write G. Richardson in regards to having the International Fire Fighter sent out to each member.
Passed
20 - 0.

Moved by W. Kirkaldy seconded by N. Baskett that a Committee be formed to interview the Chief in regards to meal hour on Sunday and also see about getting paid every second Friday. Passed 20 - 0.

April 9, 1929

G~ King reports progress in meal hour question. W. Kirkaldy reports progress on Sunday meal hour.

Special meeting August 22, 1929

Moved by J. Hutton seconded by W. Hull that we hold an open meeting with smoker and refreshments when the President and Vice President of the International visit Hamilton. The date to be announced later.
Passed 20 - 0.

It must be noted that when our Charter was presented no record was made of the presentation in the Union records.

October 1, 1929

Moved by W. Hull seconded by T. Fahey that a Committee be formed to interview the Police in regard to being paid every second Friday at the rate of \$ 67.81. Carried 32 - 0.

October 8, 1929

Moved by A. Greene seconded by W. Williams that a Committee be formed to interview Tiger Executive in regards to using our badge into rugby games. Passed 19 - 0.

November 5, 1929

Report from President Reid of interview with Police regard salary increase is that they will not co-operate with the Firemen in going after a wage increase.

Bill for entertainment of visiting International Officers of parent body, cigars & cigarettes, tobacco amounted to \$ 29.06. Moved that these bills be paid. Carried.

November 12, 1929

Moved by F. Woods seconded by G. Newcombe that the Local buy the chances on a radio. The tickets being sent from a Local in the States. There are ten tickets at .10¢ each. Passed 11 - 0.

December 3, 1929

Moved by J. Crawford seconded by Bro. Craven that the Local go after a 15% increase in pay. Passed 75 - 5.

February 4, 1930

Moved by Jack Robertson seconded. by H. Moore that the sum of \$ 50.00 be expended for two typewriters. Money to come out of entertainment fund. Passed 31 - 0.

Moved by J. Henniker seconded by W. Pottinger that a letter be sent the Hon. W.H. Price and the Hamilton Firemen's Benefit Fund re more Firemen on the Committee be adopted.

March 3, 1930

W. Williams objected to adopting the minutes of the last meeting. The reason given that they had not been entered in this book and it was not legal to have them on a loose leaf. Passed.

April 1. 1930

Moved by D. Reid seconded by D. Pitkeathley that the Secretary write a letter to Directors of Labour Temple asking that they see to it that this room is kept in better shape. Passed 11 - 0.

December 9, 1930

Vote on increase in Dues from .50¢ to .75¢. Against 102 For 31

Assessment re death benefit .50¢. For 109 Against 31

Special meeting December 11, 1930

Moved by J. Gordon seconded by R. Holder that there be another election held and all offices thrown open for nominations on account of the previous election being illegal. Passed 40 - 3.

April 7. 1931

Co'rd , King reported that the 3 weeks holidays was approved by the Board of Control. Expenses \$ 66.35.

Moved by D. Reid seconded by p. Connelly that bill for \$ 1.50 for dress damage at dance be paid. Passed. 12 - 0.

Moved by W. Williams seconded by W. Pottinger that a letter be sent to station C.F.C.A. in appreciation for broadcasting the hockey games. Passed 26 - 0.

April 30, 1931

Recommend that the operators application into the Local not be accepted. Passed 10 - 0.

No meeting of Platoon # 1.

October 6, 1931

Moved by D. Reid seconded by J. Gordon that we interview the Chief in regards to getting a vest every year. Carried.

November 3, 1931

Moved by B. Baker seconded by H. Clayton that the Executive interview the Chief in regards to transportation for Mountain Firemen on the Incline Railway. Carried.

Moved by J. Gordon seconded by R. Boyce that business meeting be suspended until a short talk has been given to the members by Sam Lawrence, H. Mitchell & T. Reed. Carried.

December 1, 1931

Moved by R. Boyd seconded by H. Clayton that the Executive interview the Chief about gloves for this year. Passed 10 - 0.

Moved by G. Kindness seconded by G. King that we run an Annual Ball immediately. Passed 21 - 0.

February 2, 1932

Moved by D. Pitkeathly seconded by D. Reid that a list of suspended members be read out at each meeting of this Local and that all members be warned that this list of suspended members is to be read at each meeting. Carried 24 - 0.

Executive meeting February 5, 1932

The Executive meeting was called for the purpose of deciding what to do in regards to station Stewards. it was decided to give each station Steward some small present. therefore the Executive purchased 13 bill folds at a cost of one dollar each (or \$ 13.00 dollars) less 25% off. The net cost of the bill folds was \$ 9.75.

Carried. at meeting 22 - 0.

February 9, 1932

Moved by H. Walker seconded by H. Clayton that a letter be sent to all I.A.F.F. in Canada in reference to a reduction of per capita tax to I.A.F.F. Passed 10 - 0

Moved by W. Pottinger seconded by R. Baker that Caretaker be notified when meetings are to be held and see that the meeting room be heated properly. Passed 23 - 0.

Executive meeting February 24, 1932

It was decided that the Executive Officers of Hamilton Local # 288 interview the Executive Officers of the Toronto Local # 113 re getting a state charter from the I.A.F.F. which would cost \$ 10.00 per year instead of the 20% per capita tax as we are paying now. Thereby saving this Local some hundreds of dollars per year if we can get this state charter.

March 1, 1932

Moved by D. Pitkeathley seconded by Bill Eydt that this meeting go on record as concurring in the action of the Executive re state charter. Passed 45 - 0.

March 8, 1932

Moved by D. Pitkeathley seconded by N. Baskett that this meeting go on record as being

vigorously opposed to any cut in our present salary.

Passed 27 – 0.

May10, 1932

Bro. Hull, chairman of entertainment committee, reports that there will be no picnic this year.

There was a discussion re the three members of Local # 288 being retired. J. Henniker and G. King were appointed a committee to see the Fire and Jail Committee re the three members being pensioned off the Department.

October 4, 1932

Moved by N. Baskett seconded by F. Woods that C. Parker interview the management of the Wentworth Arms Hotel re \$ 10.00 bill for cleaning the two rooms.

Bro. G. King and J. Henniker to interview the Chief re 5% salary cut or one day's pay per month.

November8, 1932

Moved by W. Hull seconded. by H. Clayton that 100 bow ties be purchased by this Local to be used for any parade of Firemen. Money to be taken from entertainment fund.

Amended by D. Reid seconded. by P, Woods that a bow tie be purchased for every member of this Local.

Passed 48 - 7.

Executive meeting November 2, 1932

150 bow ties were purchased for parade to the Cenotaph and a further supply will be ordered so each member will have one.

December 6. 1932

Moved by C. Parker seconded by J. Benzie that any Non-Union member who received a bow tie be asked to return it or pay for it.

Carried 36 - 3.

December 6, 1932

Moved by G. King seconded by P. Connelly that a committee interview the Chief regards making it an order that black bow ties be worn in all parades.

Carried 18 - 0.

JANUARY3, 1933

MOVED BY BRO. D. REID SECONDED BY BRO. W. HOOKER THAT WE DESTROY ALL RECORDS UP TO THE TIME OF ENTERING THE I.A.F.F.

CARRIED14 - 0.

All records of Federal Union # 11 and Branch # 3 were destroyed as ordered.

THE ONLY REASON WE HAVE RECORDS DATING TO DECEMBER 1920 IS THAT ONE BOOK CONTAINED RECORDS FOR 1929.

January 10, 1933

Moved by J. Gordon seconded by p. Connelly that the salary commit tee try to get 71% cut instead of 5 & 15%. Carried.

Moved by D. Pltkeathley seconded by P. Woods that a copy of 84 facts be sent to each station.

Passed 41 - 0.

Movedby D. Reid seconded by C. Rattenberry that a copy of 84 facts be given each Council member.

Passed 41 - 0.

Bro. G. King reported re bow ties and union made clothing; orders will be issued that black bow ties are to be worn on parade: no union label in our clothing.

February 7, 1933

Bro. King gave a report on salary committee, also reported having seen the Chief re: Police duties being opposed by the men. The Chief said "That a bill would be presented to the Police Department with permission of the Fire and Jail committee for the time put in by the men".

City Firemen put in 3529 hours as special police in 1932.

Moved by J. Gordon seconded. by W. Hull. That if the Fire and Jail passed. Same bill and is turned down by Board of Control, that the association bill the City for \$3.00 a day for each man for every day turned out, with permission of Chief. Carried 17 - 0.

March 14, 1933

Moved and seconded. That J. O'Hanley be granted the privilege of the floor to speak on the report of committee of D. L. Reid, A. Roughhead and J. O'Hanley to discuss organization of all civic employees. Carried.

Moved by W. Hull seconded. by J. Crawford. That the executive interview the Chief re collars be put on shirts. Passed 18 - 0.

May 3, 19'33

G. King interviewed the Chief re calling day off men in to ladder drill. Fixed O. K**

January 9, 1934

Moved by B. Baker seconded by R. Holder. That the executive see the Chief in regards to having the stripe taken off our uniform pants. Defeated 29 - 7.

Bro. Pottinger reported:

A deputation of the Trades Congress, waited on the Provincial Government asking for various laws governing various trades. Dave Lamb, asked on behalf of Provincial Fire Firefighters for the 8 hour day. Humphrey Mitchell said, "That that would not be possible until there was a Labour Government in the Provincial House".

Re suggestions for holidays:

1. Each station run their own holiday sheet
2. Seniority
3. To remain as they are
4. Holiday schedule by Bro. G. King
5. That names will not be drawn out of the hat, the shift of holidays will be of the same each year, only dropping back 5 shifts each year.

P.S. On the holiday question, there was no nay vote recorded.

February 1), 1934

A member of the garment workers union, asked us to request the Union Label in our uniform. President J. Henniker, G. King and D. L. Reid, went to Firths after the meeting to request that Labels be put in our uniforms. This will be done and the new uniforms will have the Union Label in them.

March 6, 1934

G. King reported on uniforms stating that the stripe would be taken out of the pants and a lighter cloth would be used in the coats.

April 1934

Moved by J. Gordon seconded by D. Boyd. That the executive write to the President Fred Baer and ask him to send George Richardson to Hamilton to explain what he meant when he told the Toronto Local" That Hamilton was the cheapest Local in the International". Carried.

June 6, 1934

Communication from George Richardson filed.

October 2, 1934

Moved by Ed. Farr seconded by W. Kirkaldy. That the executive interview our Chief about the playing of cards in the Fire Halls on Sunday, providing the men play their cards where they cannot be seen. Passed 14 - 6.

November 6, 1934

Moved by Bro. Reid seconded by G. Wilson. That a committee interview the Chief regarding Bro. N. King's holidays and find out why they were not drawn from the hat, the same as any other fireman's holidays.

Carried 20 - 0.

Some suggestions from the members under good and welfare.

1. Interview Chief about playing Dominos on Sunday.
2. Cutting night shift watch to 11.00 p.m.
3. Having gym open on Sunday at Central.
4. A meal hour on Sunday.

November 13, 1934

The committee had seen the Chief regarding playing cards on Sunday and he is opposed to it.

December 4, 1934

Moved by D. Reid seconded by T. McNichol. That Bro. G. King be reimbursed for the bad money that was given to him, while collecting dues. Amount \$1.00.

Carried.

January 8, 1935

Bro. Pottinger reports that the committee for the Civic Federation dance, show a loss of four dollars and that each affiliated Local be assessed one dollar. Auditors recommend that check off system be looked into.

January 15, 1935. The auditors notice of motion was read. The members were advised by Bro. G. King that permission from the Chief and Board of Control, would be necessary should affirmative action be taken.

Good and Welfare.

Bro. Chapman was not quite sure of his duties and powers as Entertainment Chairman and was agreeably enlightened.

Bro. Pitkeathly made the suggestion that if a member did not attend at least one meeting a year, that he be suspended. Bro. Swanborough thought that a fine would be more persuasive

February 5, 1935

Bro. Parker, reported on a letter from Bro. Dave Lamb re move for 8 hour day.

February 12, 1935

A letter was received from the Shirt, Overall and Work Pants Local, asking our moral aid in their strike. Letters received from Local 173 - Waterloo and Local # 04 - Toronto, informing us that both Kuntz Brewery Employees and Dominion Brewery Employees, are organized.

March 5, 1935

Moved by G. King seconded by Bro. Baker. That a check off system be put into effect beginning July 1, 1935.

March 12, 1935

Moved by W. Hull seconded by G. King. That Bro. G. Chapman and two members of the executive, interview the Chief regarding the possibility of having another social at the same time, explaining to him that there was no disorder at the dance.

April 2, 1935

Bro. Henniker reported regarding his Committee's visit to the Chief to request permission to have another dance. The answer was emphatically NO.

April 9, 1935

Bro. Williams, Pitkeathley and Newcombe took part in a discussion relative to the 7% salary contribution to the Benefit Fund. It was felt that if this was a contribution by the City, it should not be included in our salaries, and that if it was a deduction from our Salaries, some ways and means should be found to enlighten the public in this regard. It was stated that at the time this Fund was started the men received a 10% raise, 7% of which was to be paid to the Benefit Fund.

June 11, 1935 ~

Bro. Pottinger reported on the business taken up at the Trades and Labour meeting being as follows Main Theatre - non union: salaries being paid in industry at the present time. Men working 52 hours for \$ 5.20, 85 hours, two weeks, \$ 11.20. Men reduced from .45¢ per hour to \$ 10.00 per week. New law will create minimum level. The Manufacturers' Association are against this Act.

October 1, 1935

Bro. G. King presented the following report

Members	174	Non Union members	24	Total men	198
V.D.B.F.	157	Honorary	17		

Bro. Parker spoke of having an annual get together for Ex-Firemen.

November 5, 1935

Moved by D. Pitkeathley and seconded by Bro. Shadwell. That a letter be written to the Secretary of the Federation asking that this body press for a full restoration of salary cuts and in the event that this is impossible, that we are willing to compromise on half. Carried 18 - 0.

For the benefit of those present the information was given that the Firemen's "Glee Club" was putting on a charity benefit for those on relief in Barton Township.

January 7, 1936

Bro. Henniker reported on the mast meeting of the Trades and Labour Council, saying that our Local came in for much adverse criticism about the work done by Firemen at the Mountain Station.

Good and Welfare

It was recommended that the caretaker of the building be asked to have the room heated a little better for our meetings.

January 14, 1936

Bro. Clayton reported that the dance will be held in the Connaught Hotel February 19, 1936. He has arranged this at a price of \$ 75.00, which is \$ 25.00 cheaper than anyone else can get it.

Bro. Williams spoke regarding the seriousness of the oath of office and the realization of those taking it. Those at the meeting were in favour of Bro. Williams drawing up a-new oath of office and submitting it for endorsement.

March 3, 1936

The committee reported that the Chief would not consider the proposed eleven o'clock watch. Regarding the order to turn in old overcoats, the Chief told the committee that it came from the Board of Control and that it would be for this

year only, so any further controversy would be unwise. Regarding hats if any man wants a Winter hat, he should call the Chief who will see that he gets one. The split week Sunday off, was declared out all together.

IvJay5, 1936.

A telegram had been received from London, placing the products of Labatt's Brewery on the banned list as the employees of that establishment had disaffiliated with the International.

October 6, 1936

Letter received from British Columbia Provincial Association of Firefighters re the formation of a Dominion Association. Moved by Pitkeathly, seconded by W. Staples that we advise the writer that we think the present affiliations are sufficient. Carried.

Good and Welfare:

It was asked at the meeting whether the shortage in supplies was permanent or temporary. Moved. by Bro. Reid, seconded. by Bro. Patterson, that the executive in a body, interview the Chief regarding supplies and parades. Carried.

November 3, 1936

There was considerable discussion re the proposed formation of a Fireman's and Policeman's Social Club. Nothing definite was decided.

Bro. Marshall asked. if executive would try and have a holiday sheet put up in each station, so that the men would not have to go to Central to see original.

Bro. Reid asked if the executive had seen the Chief regarding the shortage of supplies and was informed that this had not been done as yet.

Bro. King asked that a letter be sent to the Federation asking that body to press for immediate restoration, that is that salary restoration should begin January 1st, if at all possible.

December 1, 1936

Bro. Newcombe reported that the Deputy Chief had been interviewed regarding a holiday sheet in each station, but had received no satisfaction.

January 12, 1937

Treasurers report.

171 Members	21 Non-Union members	19 Honorary	152 in V.D.B.F.
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February 2, 1937

Bro. Newcombe reported on the meeting held for the purpose of having representatives from the ball team explain the situation to the Chief. Meeting in favour if Chief will surrender Charter. Newcombe, King and Staples, saw Chief. Bro. Kirkpatrick will interview the Chief and would be sponsor and report to executive.

February 9, 1937

There was some discussion regarding the split week end and members were advised to wait a short while for definite information.

March 2, 1937

Farr, Pitkeathly and Newcombe, reported on the action taken by this committee in regards to the proposed new week end off.

April 6, 1937

Bro. Pitkeathly and Farr, reported on the action taken by the executive in regards to the operators salary and the split week day off. The Fire and Jail Committee recommended that the Sunday off be given to the men for the remainder of the year and that the Chief, report to the Fire and Jail Committee in December, regarding

the number of men on duty.

October 12, 1937

The meeting was honoured by the presence of Bro. Thoas. Vyles, International Vice President, although it was reported that it was regrettable that an unauthorized message pertaining to supposed trouble in our Local Assoc. had been the cause of Bro. Vyles rushing to Hamilton.

January 4, 1938

Bro. Williams told the meeting that he had the new Oath of Office ready to use for the swearing in of the 1938 Executive.

March 2, 1938

Moved by Bro. Hill seconded by Bro. McKay that this Local go on record being in favour of seniority.
Passed 13 - 6.

May 10, 1938

Bro. C. Parker moved seconded by G. King that instead of having a presentation and giving a cheque to retiring members that a re-union be held and the presentation be made then.

November 1, 1938

Bro. Woods spoke regarding the long Sunday on Christmas and New Years and moved a motion seconded by Bro. Farr that the Chief be asked to get the feeling of the men toward having the long Sunday on for both of these weeks moved ahead to Monday.
Defeated 15 - 14.

January 10, 1939

Moved by Attwood seconded by Galloway that the Executive see the Chief regards to flags for stations during visit of their Majesties this year.
Carried.

February 7, 1939

Bro. Farr spoke on seeing the Chief about flags. The amount of the Dept. appropriations will determine whether flags can be bought.

March 7, 1939

There was some discussion on the one stroke on the gongs. Some members favoured the three strokes. Thought it was up to the Chief.

May 2, 1939

Motion by D. Reid seconded by Bro. Connor: A proposed resolution was drawn up. That the Fire Department be given the sole right to use the colour red on the apparatus.
Passed 29 - 0.

October 10, 1939

Bro. Farr stated that at the last Council meeting the By-Law regarding promotions was passed namely "Seniority of Service with Ability",

October 10, 1939 Executive Meeting

It was decided to hold the Re-Union at Greens Hotel on Main Street West at .50¢ per member. The Local to make up the other .50¢ to cover the \$ 1.00 banquet. This being done so that both Platoons are given same consideration. # 2 Platoon paying .50¢ in the 1938 Re-Union.

November 7, 1939 New Business

Motion by H. Walker seconded by James. That the meeting called by the Chief for November 8 goes on record as being opposed to his recommendation of carrying on the basket fund as the Local was not in a position to finance it.
Carried.

December 5, 1939

The letter from the I.A.F.F. was read stating that any member who enlists in His

Majesties Service are to be kept on the books and in good standing of their respective Local and that no per capita tax is to be paid on them until they return to the Fire Service.

A communication from Dave Lamb of the P.F.F.A. also stated no per capita tax was to be paid on enlisted men but that their names be submitted to him.

Recommendation to Pension Fund:

Retiring allowance be increased from 50% to 60%.

30 years service non compulsory - present 60 years old compulsory.

Widows pension for retired members. Not to exceed \$ 400.00 a year.

Age limit to get on the job, 21 - 26 instead of 21 - 29, which would eliminate liberties.

Bro. W. Staples reported he was not getting co-operation of Station Stewards in regards to reporting members who are off sick.

February 6, 1940

Bro. Connors asked why men of the Eastern stations were the only ones called to do duty at the arena where pay was given them while other men do other assignments gratis.

Executive meeting. A discussion took place regarding firemen being paid to attend the arena. The Chief to be interviewed on this matter to rotate the men attending.

June 14, 1940 Special meeting.

Are you in favour of the rotating holiday system?

Platoon # 1 22 for Platoon # 2 22 for

After this cards and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

July 12, 1940 Cost June 14, \$ 35.03 June 21, \$ 33.11 Total \$ 68.14

October 18, 1940 Executive meeting

Recommendation that a request from one of our members for a loan be not considered.

October 18, 1940 Executive meeting

Local # 288 go on record as being opposed to an extension of time for those that are about to be retired, unless they as Officers revert to the rank of Fireman.

November 5, 1940 The above recommendation carried at this meeting.

November 13, 1940 Executive meeting

Recommendation that this Local send JOO cigarettes per man plus a suitable card to enlisted members.

December 3, 1940

Motion by Bro. Parker seconded by H. Cunliffe that 100 cigarettes with a suitable card be sent to members who have enlisted. Carried 44 - O.

Bro. Farr reported on an interview with the Chief regarding gloves. The Chief stated he could only secure gloves for half the Department, the other half will be purchased from next year's appropriations.

The Chief requested as many men as possible attend the fire at Knox Church and a great many members left --- a quorum still present.

Motion by Bro. Pitkeathley seconded. by J. Gordon that the regular order of business be suspended on account of the fire. Carried unanimously.

There was much discussion on the following which will be dealt with at the next Executive meeting.

The wearing of good. clothes around the station.
Making beds for Officers.

Senior men not being put in charge of the station when the Officer is off.
Compulsory parades on day off.

February 4, 1941

Unfinished business. Bro. Farr reported meeting Chief.

Rubber boots --- Longer ones to be ordered.

Parades --- Legitimate excuse all that necessary.

Senior --- Up to Chief to operate Department.

Bed making --- It is the Officers jurisdiction to order his bed to be made for him.

Good clothes --- The Chief said he thought we were the best dressed Department in Ontario.

He also told the Committee that they had no right to try to dictate when the Chief or other Officers should retire.

Moved by D. Reid seconded by W. Eydtt that a bill for \$ 12.50 for three months hall rent be paid.

A letter of reply received from Ontario Medical Association re Hospitalization scheme.

Bo. King spoke on the amalgamation of the Benefit Fund.

Motion by D. Reid Committee seconded by G. King that a letter be sent to the Benefit Fund Committee stating that the members of this local are not in favour of amalgamating the assets of the Benefit Fund with the proposed Civic pension scheme. Carried 21 – 0.

February 4, 1941 Good and Welfare

It was asked that the Secretary have a list of members with cars so that they could called in case of funerals, etc.

May 7, 1941 Good and Welfare

Bro. Farr emphatically denied any rumour that the Executive was working for the promotion of a non local member.

June 3, 1941

The question was asked if there was any possibility of obtaining the two shirts taken from us during the depression.

Cost of Re-Union 1941 \$ 81.73

November 4, 1941 Good and Welfare

It was asked about the rumour of a Fireman's Wife scabbing at a local cotton mill strike.

December 2, 1941

It was reported progress was being made on the question of being paid every other Friday. The City Treasurer said it would save the City considerable money.

A letter has been received from the Treasurer of the Labour Temple advising us that hall rent will be raised 15% commencing January, 1942.

February 3, 1942

Bro. Shea asked if liquor should be purchased for the dance.

March 13, 1942

Pres. Swanborough informed the meeting that Union Labels would be put in our uniforms and that the prospect of being paid every other Friday looked very good.

The Treasurer gave a list of members in arrears in dues. Moved by F. Woods seconded by R. Gilbert that they be contacted be telephone and advised on their position before any action taken. Passed 34 - 0.

April 7, 1942

It was reported that pay day every other Friday would commence July 1st if passed by the City General Staff.

Moved by Bro. Newcombe seconded by Bro. Hull that we send a letter of protest to the Milk Board voicing our opposition of the scheme whereby all milk must be paid for on delivery. Passed 14 - 6.

June 2, 1942

Report by Pres. Swanborough re arrangements for pay day every other Friday stating that the City Treasurer was presenting a request to the Board of Control to hold two days pay of civic employees.

Moved by Bro. Mathews seconded by Bro. Clayton that if two days pay held back we abandon the question.
Passed 41 24.

November 3, 1942

Bor. T. Patterson reported that the cribbage players had to contribute .05¢ every night they played. He wondered if the Local would look after this matter.

February 2, 1943

Moved by J. Dunn seconded by G. Kindness that a letter of protest be sent to Ottawa re the 10% cut in production of beer. Passed 18 - 3.

Bro. G. King asked the members to refrain from boarding street cars by the rear door and smoking on the cars.

October 5, 1943

Bro. G. King brought up the question of having a Working Agreement with the City.

Moved by Bro. King seconded by J. Millar that we try to secure pay day every other Friday in conjunction with the salary increase.
Defeated. 17 - 8.

Moved by R. Gilbert seconded by M. Mills that we contact the Projectionists' Union regarding the installation of a ventilating fan for room #4 at the Labour Temple. Our cost not to exceed \$ 10.24. Passed 26 - 2.

November 2, 1943

A letter has been received. from the Projectionists" Local advising us that the project of a ventilating fan for room # 4 had been dropped.

December 15, 194) Executive recommendation.

That the Re-Union be held on January 20, 1944 at Fishers Hotel, York Street. The price to be \$ 1.00 including refreshments.

April 4, 1944

Pres. Gilbert reported for the Salary Committee.

The City Council had passed. the increase of \$ 150.00 for Firefighters and \$ 200.00 to Alarm Operators effective July 1st.

Moved by Bro. King seconded by H. Walker that the Executive take action in getting pay day every second Friday.
Defeated 18 - 15.

May 2, 1944

Moved by W. Kirkaldy seconded. by G. Newcombe concurring with the Executive recommendation that this Local send a letter to the Workmen's Compensation Board stating we do not wish to be covered under the Act. Carried 36 - 0.

June 6, 1944

Moved by Bro. Kirkaldy seconded by H. Walker a minute silence be held in respect to the men taking part in the invasion of France. Silence held.

First Working Agreement 1944.

November 7. 1944 Good and Welfare

Bro. Swanborough suggested the Executive interview the Chief for the privilege of changing the long week end when it occurs while on holidays.

December 5. 1944

Pres. Gilbert reported the Chief was in favour of letting the men exchange long week ends when it occurred while on holidays.

December 5. 1944

Re notice of motion from G. King and R. Swanborough dated November 7. 1944 re raising dues -- .50¢ to .75¢ per month.
This motion carried 74 - 10.

Bro. Swanborough suggested the Executive interview the Chief regarding a better holiday system.

June 14, 1945

Mayor Lawrence spoke strongly in favour of the 48 hour week and thought the question should be submitted to the Electors now. He also pointed out there were many promises made at every election and thought that more than usual were made in this last one.

December 4, 1945

Bro. Swanborough for the 48 hour week Committee reported a favourable vote by the people.
23,022 in favour 18,461 opposed.

Bro. Malcolmson handed a donation of \$ 1.00 to the Treasurer stating a citizen, Mr. A. Highwood, had stopped him on the street to hand in his bit to help finance the 48 hour campaign.

February 5, 1946

Bert. McSweeney served continuously on the Pension Fund from 1911 until the end of 1945.

March 5, 1946

Bro. King warned against friction between the 2 Platoons.

April 5, 1946

The President reported that the Fire and Jail Committee voted 5 - 1 to take the beds out. This still has to go to the Board of Control and the City Council.

New Business: It was stated by Bro. Swan borough that the new members could not take advantage of the V.L.A. due to the By-Law compelling them to live within the City Limits.

Bro. Kirkaldy spoke of uniforms and the answer is "No Cloth".

Total expenses for 48 hour week. \$ 2,477.77

April 10, 1946 Executive Meeting

Moved by Swanborough seconded by Malcolmson that the Bargaining Committee call for a Board of Arbitration on the "Union shop clause".
Carried.

May 2, 1946

Bro. Swan borough read a letter from Bro. G. Richardson re beds. showing in no instance were beds taken out in any Department in the U.S.A. when the 48 hour system had been adopted.

June 6. 1946

That a Sports Committee be set up governed by a Committee and that a fee of \$ 1.00 be charged all members.
Carried both meetings.

Moved by D. Pitkeathley seconded by Swanborough that a Resolution re amber lights on the nearest light standard. to hydrants be sent to P.A.O.F.F. Convention and that a

copy be sent to the Fire and Jail Committee.

Passed.

Bro. G. Kindness reported a District Chief will not allow men on different shifts to change days off.

Moved. by ~, Kindness seconded. by Swanborough that 2 dozen pair of white gloves be purchased for use in the Centennial parade. Carried.

Special meeting June 14, 1946

Bro. Bert Gibb reported. on the Athletic Association. They hope to have softball, track, gym and eventually maybe basketball. All this of course depends on the support of the members.

The balance of the evening was spent in entertainment and refreshment.

Executive meeting August 1, 1946

Moved. by W. Pottinger seconded by W. Staples that the Chief be asked to issue an order that laundry be not carried. home by Firemen in an unwrapped condition.

Executive meeting August 2), 1946

The President reported on meeting the Chief re assistant mechanic stating it was useless to hold a meeting as proposed due to the Chief's attitude.

Bro. Gilbert stated the Chief suggested that the Station Stewards be notified to warn the men about carrying unwrapped laundry.

Moved by G. Newcombe seconded. by R. Malcolmson that this suggestion be complied with and that the Secretary also ask the Stewards to speak to the men about using seats on the street cars, passing comments and pushing in.

Thursday, October), 1946

The question of new men getting holidays this year was also taken up. Those with over six months service will get holidays this year. Bro. Swan borough stated the Chief was resenting so much of these matters being taken up by the Union.

Bro. Haynes at this point asked if the Executive by their action on painting, etc. had not jeopardised the chances of keeping the beds.

Reported no meeting of the Pension Fund. There is some talk of amalgamating the Fire, Police and Civic Employees Pension Fund.

Moved by A. Thompson seconded by Bro. Reid that the Executive get authorization to circulate a petition protesting junior men being promoted. Carried both meetings.

Some discussion took place re men selling holidays under the seniority system. Bro. A. Thompson thought this should be forbidden.

The President suggested a letter of thanks be sent the Chief and Chairman Dillon for the concession of keeping beds during the time the furnace was being repaired in Central Station. carried with 3 nays.

Good and Welfare. Uniforms are promised any time now.

November 7, t946

Bro. J. Crooks reported on the forming of a Labour Management Committee.

Bro. Kindness spoke of having a more uniform system of going off duty at midnight. Bro. Malcolmson pointed out these conditions, such as having to wait until the last minute, etc., was really the men's' own fault. It was suggested arrangements be made to allow men living in West Hamilton to leave in time to catch the 12 o'clock bus.

Executive meeting December 2, 1946

Moved by G. King seconded by G. Newcombe that the plan for payment of salaries every

second Friday be endorsed.

Moved by G. King seconded by G. Newcombe that we request a clause in the new Working Agreement calling for the posting of a list of suggested promotions ten days previous to the time of recommending same to the Fire and Jail Committee. Carried.

Thursday December 5, 1946

Bro. G. Bone, for the Athletic Committee, reported a successful meeting forming 1947 Committee. Hockey had been called by someone other than a member of the Committee.

Bro. R. Swanborough thought the one word "gratification" would cover the report on the beds.

Moved by Bro. T. Cowman seconded by T. Simpson that a new referendum vote be taken of allotting holidays. Either seniority of service by choice or the 17 year alternating system by a secret ballot, from Captain down but excluding the Alarm Operators. Carried 45 - 22.

Bro. J. Blunt suggested someone change their holidays with Bro. Saltmarsh who was off through injury. It was felt men should not lose any part of their holidays through injury.

Thursday January 9, 1947

Bro. Swanborough reported they expect to start the pay every other Friday about March 1st, if the Board of Control agrees.

Bro. Swanborough announced that the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada will hold a Convention in this City in September and he thought the Local should make some arrangements to entertain visiting Firemen. Bro. C. Parker advised care in their arrangements as the last time the Local just about entertained the whole Convention.

February 6, 1947

Bro. Mills stated that the Bank of Commerce demanded a letter authorizing him to sign sugar ration cheques. Moved by W. Haynes seconded by F. Spittles that the letter be sent. Carried.

Bro. Gilbert asked that the Committee in bargaining for new Working Agreement be authorized to ask for elimination of rank of Lieutenant.

Moved by M. Mills seconded by D. Reid that the names of any member of Local # 288 that served in any capacity in the last war be added to the Honour Roll in Central Station. This to include new men and if necessary a new roll be secured. Carried.

Cost to purchase one journal. \$ 2.00.

Thursday April), 1947

Re Dances Bro. R. Holder stated it seemed unfair that much should be spent for entertaining the Guests when a member and his wife had to pay .10¢ a glass for pop.

Mrs. Conway of 39 King William Street and the Right House supplied coffee to the men working at the Woolworth fire.

Thursday, May 1, 1947

Moved by M. Mills seconded by T. Patterson that the June meeting be held as two stags and that no charge be made. Carried.

Bro. Mills stated some Station Stewards would not leave their punch, etc. while away on vacation, etc.

Executive meeting May 27. 1947

It was agreed after some discussion that a list of the members attending the stag on

June 3rd be kept and any wanting to also attend on June 10th be assessed \$ 1.00 each.

Special meeting June 3, 1947 Re Athletic Committee.

Bro. Bone stated there was absolutely no truth in the rumour that the ball team was just a clique because even though 12 men are signed any member turning out that shows more than any of the regulars will replace the man he can better.
E. Greenhalgh objected.

Executive meeting June 30, 1947

Bro. Kirkaldy reported that the two stags cost a total of \$ 124.42 leaving .58¢ from the \$ 125.00 allowed the Committee. It was pointed out in the report that four members attended both stags, three paid the dollar and one refused to pay.

In view of recent losses to the Local Bro. Gilbert moved seconded by Bro. Newcombe that cards be secured authorizing the dues be deducted from the member's salary.
Men not signing the card will have to pay direct to the Treasurer.

Thursday, October 2, 1947

Chief Murdock was admitted and spoke to the meeting about complaints that he had received that men were visiting hotels in uniform drinking, etc. That some were loaning their badge to friends that they might be admitted to games and that some men were still taking part in work other than Department duties. The Chief spoke as a member of the Local and as one of the men more than the Chief, Bro. Crooks pointed. Bro. Crooks moved seconded by H. Walker a hearty vote of thanks. The Chief left the meeting with all the members on their feet giving him a real ovation.

It was also reported that the Deputy had agreed that Lieu Days could be added to either end of the long week end, if the strength of your station permitted, and the Captains are to have charge of granting Lieu Days.

After much discussion Bro. Sheppard moved seconded by Bro. Gemmell that men with less than 10 years service get 14 days holidays plus 6 Lieu Days as 21 days straight holiday vacation. The balance of Lieu Days to be taken as granted.
Passed 77 - 9.

Executive meeting October 27, 1947

Changes to By-Laws re Fire Department.

Suggested retiring age 60. Age limit for starting 26.

Re wages: That we request \$ 400.00 a year increase for all ranks.

A suggestion for an honorarium for the flag bearer in parades was brought up. Moved. by Swanborough seconded by W. Moore that this be brought up at the general meeting.

February 5, 1948

Moved by W. Kirkaldy seconded by R. Holder that a letter go to the Labour Temple Association about the lack of heat in the meeting room in the morning.
Carried 37 - 13.

The phone number of the Local is 7-4823

March 8, 1948

The President explained the clothing proposal and stated the Chief favoured a vest every three years with no summer coat but a Burberry to be issued every six years. Moved by W. MacDonald seconded by McKinney that we agree with the Chief's suggestion.
Carried with 1 nay vote.

The Chief asked that the men be cautioned about visiting beverage rooms in uniform or part uniform as he was still getting complaints from citizens.

October 7. 1948

Bro. Gilbert reported the Trades and Labour Council had set up a Committee to look over Candidates for City Council and also stated there is now a "Club" in the building.

December 2, 1948

The Civic Federation is trying to have Boxing Day declared. a holiday. If it is granted it will mean one more Lieu Day.

The President spoke of hockey practise being held on the day the Local meets. Bro. McFadden claimed the Athletic Committee had no control over this group.

January 5, 1949

New proposed fee for Hospital Fund to take effect May 1, 1949.

Male \$ 5.00 Female \$ 5.00 Total Family \$ 15.00

Hospital 3 weeks use of operating room, x-rays and penicillin.

Up to \$ 25.00 Lab fee.

Female 3 weeks hospital and operating room, x-ray and penicillin. Maternity only up to ten days, only after mother and father have been members for 10 months.

Executive meeting September 8, 1949

It was explained that Board of Control proposed to set up ten acting Lieutenants at \$ 3.00 per week over first class pay. This is only temporary as it was understood 4 relieving Captains and 2 District Chiefs would be made in 1950.

November 3, 1949

The President read the proposed requests for the 1950 Agreement.

Equality with the Police in salary.

Cost of living bonus.

Elevation of all Lieutenants to rank of Captain.

Moved by G. Chapman seconded by J. Job that the Saturday 4 - 12 shift continue until 8 A.M. Sunday and that be made the change over.

Moved by Bro. Thornewell seconded by B. Carrigan that the motion be tabled.

Executive meeting November 30. 1949

It is recommended that we accept the room set aside in Central Station by the Deputy for the use of the Local.

Moved by Bro. Swanborough seconded by G. Ross that prices be procured for proper furniture and floor covering and the Executive be authorized to make suitable purchases and their action in installing a phone (3-4447) listed in the Local's name be concurred in.

December 1. 1949

Recommend that the first twenty to sign the book at each session of the December meeting be taken through Peller's on their invitation.

December 1, 1949

Motion re long Sunday and change over.

Defeated 80 - 0.

Bro. Gemmell spoke re a Charter for a Veterans' Club and is to report back at the next meeting with full details.

In reply to a question by Bro. Huffman it was stated the rule forbidding card playing on Sunday was now deleted. The President cautioned that the Officers still have the authority to forbid playing.

January 5, 1950

Bro. Gilbert reported that the Civic Federation had decided to ask the City to pay 50% of the cost of Hospitalization and Medical care for each employee's entire family.

Bro. Quinn reported Mr. A. Smees had informed him that the United Council of Veterans was not overly anxious to have more members.

Bro. Gemmell reported progress in getting information re a Charter.

It was reported someone, certainly without authority, had called Mayor Jackson during the election campaign promising to deliver 500 votes if he promised the Firemen equality with the Police.

Moved by Bro. Holder seconded by Bro. Gilbert that the Executive look into the idea of having two Chaplains added to the Department. Carried.

Bro. Staples spoke strongly of the attendance and the continued policy of our members just sitting back with the idea that someone else would look after things for them.

Bro. Kirkaldy spoke on Lieu Days and pointed out some districts get them when others are told they are cancelled.

January- 17, 1950

Bro. Gemmell reported meeting Mr. Smees re a Veterans' Club. Mr. Smees thought the Firemen should be in the United Council of Veterans. No Charter was required, just a regular set up. President, Secretary, etc.

Moved by Bro. Murphy seconded by M. Manson that Bro. Gemmell be given authorization to form the Organization. Carried.

Thursday, April 20, 1950 Executive meeting.

The action of the Fire and Jail Committee in recommending the closing of Robert Street Station was fully discussed.

May 4, 1950

Bro. Gemmell reported the new Veterans' Association had been accepted into the United Council of Veterans.

He thought objection should be raised re the hiring of a non veteran and agreed to take the matter up.

Moved by G. Chapman seconded by McKinney that a television set be procured for each station. The Local to pay 59% of the cost and the men the balance. Referred to the Executive.

May 17, 1950 Executive meeting.

Recommend that no action be taken on proposed plan to purchase T.V. sets as it would cost the Local at least \$ 2,400.00.

June 5, 1950

The President stated that Mr. Robinette, Q.C. had been retained to present our case in the Arbitration and assured the meeting that "We would not hang".

July 13, 1950 Executive meeting

Local dealers are complaining that T.V. sets from outside the City are being considered. The fact that Bro. Kirkpatrick is reported as sponsoring the creation of A.R.P. Volunteer Firefighters again was discussed and the feeling was that any money to be spent should be spent on improving the permanent force.

July 17, 1950 Special meeting.

This meeting called by the Executive to discuss and get the feeling of members on the system of promotion.

Bro. Swanborough stated that the statement of Ald. Cline re efficiency and discipline was vilifying the late Chief Murdock and pointed out that the present gold braid Officers were all in office at the time of this so called inefficiency and lack of discipline.

Bro. D. Crooks stated: "He had heard a lot about efficiency and discipline but not one word about morale". He thought as far as putting out fires Our Department was as efficient as any in the country but there just was no morale. The ordinary man should be given some credit for having some brains and ideas that are workable also.

September 12, 1950 Executive meeting.

The Secretary read the reply to his letter re percentage of wage increases to City Employees since 1939 showing the Fire Department the lowest.

The following -were elected to a grievance committee as held in the stations.

Crosthwaite	A. Johnston	Balmoral -	Roy Adams	Sanford -	A. Thompson
Victoria -	G Belanger	23rd St. -	R. Thornewell	John St -	T. Bogue
Bay St. -	G. Chapman	Napier -	J. Murphy	Central -	F. Hickey
Dundurn	D. Crooks	Alarm Rm -	J. Crooks	Strathcona -	G. Sheppard

Rent \$ 13.00

October 5, 1950

Good and Welfare: Bro. Saltmarsh, that: the Local buy two Thermos Jugs for those fighting dump fires.

It was agreed to support the November 11 parade. The Veterans Association and the Executive should arrange this. It was also agreed that refreshments be served after the parade, two tickets to be given to each man. Bro. Gemmell to look after this.

November 10, 1950 Executive meeting.

Notion re new Agreement: Moved by Kirkaldy and seconded by R. Adams that we ask for \$ 5.00 per week and the 40 hour five day week. Carried.

December 7, 1950 The Chief requested men for Cherry Beach. Moved by M. Manson seconded by W. Staples that the ballots be prepared and the vote taken. The President accepted this motion as it was an emergency. As the returning officer was not present after the vote had been taken and cast the box was broken into and the ballots counted.

The vote was for President and Secretary-Treasurer. Running for President was A.E. Thompson and J. Gemmell.

December 7, 1950

Bro. Foss asked if the office has the authority to deprive a man of his long Sunday off. After much discussion during which it was pointed out that the Chief stated there were 32 late last month.

M. Manson suggested a sick committee.

January 4, 1951

The Arbitration Award for 1950 was read. \$ 52.00 per year. It was stated that we want the increase applied to 1950 for Income Tax.

February 1, 1951

Bro. Gemmell for the Veterans Association stated a Constitution had been adopted and that he, Bro. Saltmarsh and King had visited the Toronto Vets Association.

Re late penalty: The Chief stated something about what penalty would result for instance if the man were in the Navy. Bro. Kindree stated that in his experience rules, etc. of the Fire Department were much more strict than in the Navy. Bro Kindree stated that in his experience rules, etc. of the Fire Department were much more strict than in the Navy.

February 26, 1951 Executive Meeting

That dues be increased to \$1.50 per month

Bro. D. Murdock reported that Bro. Saltmarsh had. been fined. a Lieu Day for not reporting to the proper Officer that he was off on sick leave.

Special meeting March 8, 1951 re going back to 56 hour week. Bro. G. Bone reported the vote conducted by the City Clerks Office. 233 votes cast --- only one vote for 56 hours 2 Platoon.

June 7, 1951

The Secretary pointed out that minor natural illness might be used to retire men unliked by high Officers.

October 4, 1951

Bro. Bowditch asked. if it was not compulsory for the Department to let men off to attend camp, etc. if they are members of Reserve Units. The answer given was that the Board of Control exempted the Police and Fire Departments from the rule.

Special meeting October 17, 1951

The Executive recommended that we request that men acting in a rank higher than that for which they are paid, be paid the rate of the rank in which they act. Carried with one nay vote.

November 8, 1951

Bro. rt. Holder spoke of dirty lights and general condition of our meeting room in the Labour Temple.

March 6, 1952

It was explained that several City groups had already signed with Blue Cross and A.M.S. If the City will not accept our own fund to keep it sound we should agree to Blue Cross and A.M.S.

Carried .54 - 46.

March 6, 1952

Bro. F. Davies reported for the Pension Fund that the Actuary had a plan to make the 30 year service idea and a widow's fund sound without any further contributions from anyone, but so far his report has not been received.

March 26, 1952 Executive Meeting.

Moved. by A. Thompson seconded. by M. Manson that the Local purchase a flag with the Local's crest emblazoned thereon and the same be presented to the Veterans Association.

March 31, 1952 Special meeting.

The Secretary pointed. out that the good done by the Local in taking promotions out of Politics was being undone by City Hall and that it was reverting back to "Not what you knew but who you knew",

April 3, 1952

Bro. Gemmell reported that the Veterans Association is arranging to hold a stag for any member retiring, if the member agrees. Expenses to be met by the Veterans Association. Bro. Roach protested Bro. R. Sheppard having summer holidays when men much senior to him could not.

Good and Welfare.

Bro. T. Cowman suggested something be done to help out Kenilworth syndicate now that so many drills and crews from the dump eat there.

Bro. A. Connor stated that only cold water was being sent to the dump in the thermos.

April 9, 1952

Moved by M. Mills and seconded by G. Chapman that the Local pay up to \$ 10.00 per year for hot coffee for the thermos to go to the dump, with the proviso it be filled only once for each shift.

May 1, 1952

Bro. H. Booker was obligated by the International President, J. Redmond. The first member of Local # 288 to have this honour.

The matter of having the Department come under a Commission is still being checked.

May 22, 1952

It was reported that Al. Smith was injured coming down the pole to answer an alarm in Sanford Avenue, Wednesday night, May 21, 1952.

Executive meeting June 12, 1952

Mr. Jim Blunt appeared on the question of hospitalization coverage. He was covered by our Association until he resigned about the middle of February. He claims he tried to pay into our Association about April 28 and he told Bro. Murdock that "His Wife might be pregnant •••"

Thursday, September 4, 1952

Moved by J. Crooks seconded by G. Sheppard that the menu for the Pensioners' banquet consist of desiccated steaks if possible and if not ham to be the main dish. Carried.

President - J. Gemmell

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Treasurer - G. King

Secretary - L. Saltmarsh

THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL

E. Wren
W. Gill
F. Johnson
G. Johnson
T. Simpson
A. Wheat
T. Hoyle
H. Glennie
F.. Hickey
E. Wilson
F. Holk
A. Passmore
E. Kocza
R. Simpson
W. Farquhar
L. Travale
K. Braid
D. Jehan
G. Cowles
E. Sherring
C. Boyle
J. Inglis
C. Grant
A. King
R. Morris
J. Attwood
G. Chapman
E. Gilby
W. Carey
W. Moore
L. Michor

W. Eyd
L. Bogue
M. Manson
N. King
S. Wilnonis
J. Farquhar

DUNDURN STREET

T. Snelling
W. Preston
C. Waterman
J. Allingham
J. Hinchliffe
D. Crooks
H. Brewer
R. McDermott
H. Walker
R. Duncan
J. Edwards
G. Reeves
J. Borsellino

KENILWORTH AVE

C. Hill
W. McFadden
J. Bowland
K. Green
H. Grosvenor
S. Britton
J. Howcroft
A. Barrett

W. Gibb.
J. McEntee
M. Heddle
S. Arbour
M. Lowry
M. Kindree
F. Patterson
W. Smith
H. Douglas
S. McCullough
W. Hart
R. Webster
J. Shea
T. Cowman
W. Bowman
E. Cox
T. Santucci

NAPIER STREET

G. Ireland
D. Murdock
G. Stickles
G. Marshall
J. Gemmell
N. Baskett
T. Hardman
P. Clarke
W. West
J. Todd
C. Nichols
S. Earl

STRATHCONA AVE

G. McKay
W. Truesdale
W. Staples
L. Saltmarsh
R. Johnson
G. Potter
J. Clancy

SANFORD AVE

S. Jones
H. Booker
G. King
G. Kindness
I. Rusnak
T. Shutt
L. Henderson
J. Quinn
E. Greenhalgh
H. Harris
T. Doan
G. Ross
L. Hutton
J. Fisher
E. Bryson
R. Hill
R. Hesp
H. Richardson
R. McIntyre
G. Sheppard

VICTORIA AVE.

T. Bullock
D. Burgess
G. Prelipp
A. Kirkham
G. McAllister
G.. Belanger
S, Moses
A. Plank
W. Cooper
J. Bishop
B. Baker

Gord. Kindness
J. Callan
R. Allen
T. Kearney
W. Waines
H. Thomas
D. Pollington
T. Marlino
C. Alexander

V. Hayes
J. Murphy
F. Davt es
J. Moos
J. Henderson
H. Shaw
W. Lewis
A. Ashmore
E. Bevin

T. Patterson
H. Crolly
A. Cooper
D. Pitkeathley
C. Vance
M. Roach

BALMORAL AVE.

A. Gravis
L. Johnston
F. Englebrecht
J. Murray

EAST 23RD ST.

G. Abel
B. Malek
J. Wilson
G. Meek
R. Boyd
R. Dell

BAY STREET

T. Hutton
G. K. Bone
G. Rowe
J. Spurgeon
L. Tillotson
M. McDonald

JOHN STREET

W. Arnold
T. Sullivan
D. Morgan
G. Hooker
J. Loomes
R. Aldridge
W. Connely
J. Kavanaugh
N. Gordon
R. Cully
G. Crandall

HONORARY MEMBERS:

J. Robertson; J. Gordon; R. Graham; P. Woods; W. Kirkaldy;
C. Simpson; R. Baker; I. Walker; A. Fenton

October 2, 1952

Bro. Saltmarsh spoke of men being left at the dump all night. The President explained the Mayor had called. The Chief insisting that action be taken during the night re relief.

Bro. Callan asked about men having to get under leaky rigs.

Executive Meeting October 17, 1952

Re night work at dumps:

Deputy Chief O'Connor has issued orders that there will be no more fighting dump fires after dark.

November 6, 1952

Bro. Roach asked why no beer was available to members before dinner when the bar was open to Council and Guests.

Special Meeting November 24, 1952

Request for 1953 \$ 80.00 per week.

December 6, 1952

Bro. Mills told the members present that Bro. L. Rutherford was selling Christmas Trees on Kenilworth Ave. at the Pipe Line and was asking members support.

Bro. Hickey, for the Veterans Association, stated Brading's Brewery would give our membership a stag free, including refreshments and food, with us to provide a hall. In return solicit our Christmas business.

Bro. Saltmarsh spoke on eating meals at the dump, also if dump time is being paid back.

January 8, 1953

Bro. Rankin explained the Normal School fire set up regarding Strathcona Avenue Station.

February 5, 1953

Nr. C. Dubin stressed. and advised. against the system of examinations. His opinion,

seniority with qualifications.

Special Meeting March 23, 1953

To discuss the offer of the City Council of \$ 3.00 per week increase continuing on 48 hour week.
Moved by the Secretary and seconded by Bro. Hudson that the Bargaining Committee recommendation of acceptance be adopted. Passed 108 - 43

April J, 1953

The Secretary was instructed to notify all stations that the dues of Local .# 288, effective April, will be \$ 3.00 per month, payable by voluntary check off system.

May 7, 1953

First Budget Committee elected: J. Gemmell; G. King; D. Crooks.

Men now being paid for acting.

November 5, 1953

Re uniforms: Wear black socks, shoulder flashes on uniform; Officers shirts to be silver; melton cloth overcoats for all ranks.

Moved by J. Quinn and seconded by J. Murphy that the Bargaining Committee investigate the possibility of being issued with leather mitts in place of gloves.

Special meeting November 20, 1953

The Chief stated it would not be possible to allow 24 men on vacation at anyone time.

May 6, 1954

Moved by J. Quinn seconded by M. Manson Concurrence in the Executive sending a letter to the Board of Control asking to clarify the new promotional policy.

The Secretary brought to the members attention a violation of the Fire Departments Act with respect to calling Off-Duty men to attend lectures and drill periods and read a prepared letter of our Solicitor with respect to this question.

Executive meeting May 31, 1954

Correspondence from the Plumbers Local # 67 re proper ventilation for room ,# 3 of the Labour Temple was read and the Secretary was instructed to contact the writer and offer our support in purchasing an exhaust fan for this room providing the other Locals using this room are willing to support this purchase on an equal basis.

Executive meeting June 30, 1954

New Agreement: \$ 11.00 per week
15% differential between ranks
Alarm Operators same as first class
Chauffeurs \$ 208.00 a year trades pay.
Service pay .15¢ for every day
Pension 30 years service minimum half pay
40 hour week
Chief Drill Instructor Rank of District Chief.

Executive August 7, 1954

Bro. Gemmell reported. he had contacted a Mr. Byron Jackson to act as Auditor for Local # 288 for a cost of approximately \$ 75.00. This approved by the Executive.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Chief that Local # 288 no longer required the use of the Union Room in Central Station and offer for sale the Office furniture consisting of desk, 5 chairs, waste basket and paper receptacle for \$ 225.00

Executive meeting September 1, 1954-
Acting Pay for Deputy Chief and Captains was discussed.

It was agreed that we should seek a straight seniority draw for holidays with larger groups and abolish the months of January, February and part of March except by choice. Bro. Gemmell, Saltmarsh and Chapman to meet the Deputy Chief on this matter.

October 7, 1954-
That Mr. Byron Jackson be appointed Auditor for Local # 288. Carried.

The Secretary informed the members of the Muscular Dystrophy campaign concerning Local # 288 and was instructed to appear at all stations enlisting volunteers for the campaign. This was a door to door campaign leaving envelopes and returning to pick up same.

October 4, 1954-
Moved by M. Manson and seconded by C. Waterman that we inform the Chief we no longer wish to act as uniformed policemen at Civic Elections at polling booths due to the unemployment situation. Carried.

The question of the location of the radio and fan bought for sick members was brought up on the floor. J. Gemmell, the Treasurer, replied the radio was at his home in need of repair due to careless handling while out on loan and the fan was in the Alarm Room.

December 1, 1954-
L. Saltmarsh, Secretary, reported the importance of reporting all occupational injuries

Bro Hickey reported the Executive of the Veterans' Association had resigned and called for a study of the Veterans' Association.

October 1, 1957
Bro. Quinn reported that the J% wage increase asked for had met stiff opposition from the Board of Control and was defeated at City Council.

Reported that the attempt to get a drinking fountain for the ground floor of Central Station had been unsuccessful. The President also spoke about men being bitten by dogs While doing house inspections.

Bro. Waterman spoke on some younger men on the Department who intended to finish their education on the Company's time while they are preventing men who would stay on the Department from permanent employment. Bro. Sheppard added that the Fire Department was becoming a part time for school boys rather than a Profession.

December 16, 1957
Bro. Quinn reported the Benefit Fund had ceased operation and \$ 2,036,000.00 had been turned over to the Civic Pension Fund.

Letter received from the Deputy Chief requesting that his position be removed from the working Agreement.

The Trades and Labour Council have asked the City to send a Delegation to Ottawa on the very serious unemployment situation in this City. 18,031 this year as against 9,186 a year ago.

March 4, 1958
Professional added to our name.

January 19, 1959
Letter read from the O.P.F.F. re the 42 hour week for Ontario Firefighters wherein

it stated "When requesting the 42 hour week make sure you state on a 2 Platoon System. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of protest and to demand a retraction for the above statement.

March 23, 1959 New Business:

The possibility of having the holiday system changed was discussed.

It was pointed out that examinations within the Department were being held on the day of our Union meeting.

The President reported that he had brought this to the attention of the Director of Training who would not do anything to alter the situation.

Bro. Barr asked if anything could be done about the penalty against him (two days pay) for the broken glass on an office desk. He would like restoration.

Bro. Barr received 2 days pay back. He was fined one Lieu Day.

July 28, 1959 Executive Meeting:

The presentation of an engraved cigarette lighter and box from Local # 288 was made to Gord. King for his long and faithful service to this Organization. Bro. King replied with many thanks. He told of the growth of the Organization from its inception and stressed the need for the men to take an interest in their Organization and the need for the men to back their Executive.

October 1, 1960 Executive Meeting:

That \$ 100.00 be allotted for the issuing of free beer at the Pensioners' Banquet if needed. This was carried at the general meeting.

December 6, 1960

A letter was read from Steve Launder thanking everyone for the good time shown him at the last Pensioners' Banquet.

February 7, 1961

Bros. Gemmell, Bell and Rowe to gather information pertaining to this Local with the intent of having our story published in the International Firefighters monthly.

October 11, 1962

Bro. Scott asked the question if new members of the Local riding the local transportation system without uniform, to and from duty, without paying could be arranged or looked into.

October 30, 1962 Executive Meetings

That an attempt should be made during our 1963 contract to have something put into the Working Agreement to protect our members that may be found unfit to carry on as active Firefighters as a result of our annual medical.
Carried.

November 6, 1962

Moved by Bro. Staunton and seconded by Bro. G. Hooker that any overtime requested by Management be compensated for in a satisfactory manner.
Defeated 46 - 27.

Moved by Bro. Gemmell and seconded by E. Greenhalgh that we negotiate to have the City pay one half of any increase in P.S, 1.
Carried.

December 4, 1962

Bro. R. Hesp and F. Batterson commented on the article in the local press regarding the Chief requesting that the Deputy Chief and Platoon Chiefs be taken out of the Bargaining Unit. Our stand on this was fully reaffirmed.

Bro. G. Sheppard spoke in thanks of services rendered this Association over the years by Bro. J. Gemmell and Bro. G. Ireland. Bro. Gemmell and Bro. Ireland are both stepping down from office and are not seeking re-election for 1963.

Bro. Gemmell and Bro. Ireland thanked the members for affording them the opportunity of working for them over the years.

May 7, 1963

Moved by Bro. I. Rusnak and seconded by W. Arnold that a Committee of three from the Executive be formed to look into the possibility of a 30 year optional service pension on the Department. Carried.

November 6, 1963

There was a great deal of discussion in regards to setting up a Sick Committee, else the removal of a gas dryer from Station # 7.

A vote of thanks given to President Bell for the donation. of an American Flag to Local # 288.

December 3, 1963

Bro. Bell spoke on the shooting that took place at Reesor Siding.

January 4, 1966

Bro. L. Bell asked that he be excluded from all Committees for 1966.

The following agreed to run for Finance Committee

Bros. Bell, Carnegie, Peters and Sterne.

Cost of new Record Journal for past few years \$ 3.90.

Special Meeting April 18, 1967

The Negotiating Committee recommends the following:

New contract offer: 9% January 2, 1967; 4% July 31, 1967 and 5.5% February 12, 1968, plus 50% to 66 2/3% of medical cost. Carried.

September 5, 1967

The body was informed the Bargaining Committee will be holding a meeting with the Chief in the near future to attempt to negotiate a new promotional policy.

January 2, 1968

Bro. Bone stated that the new rate for Union Dues would be \$ 5.80.

Soap and towel dispensers may be installed in all stations.

February 4, 1969

The following subjects were discussed: sideburns, acting cheques and drill periods.

March 4, 1969

Plans to tear down Station # 2 were discussed.

The Committee supported Chief Swanborough in his attempt to change legislation to allow apparatus to proceed through red lights.

March 17, 1969 Executive Meeting:

Discussion held with Chief Swanborough and Controller McDonald regarding the situation pertaining to Fire Prevention personnel in the City Hall cafeteria.

May 6, 1969

Good and Welfare: That a Committee be struck to investigate the practicability of forming a Firefighters Club.

May 21, 1969 Special meeting called to discuss negotiations.

Moved by w. Mitchell and seconded by K. Braid that all Off-duty members of Local # 288 be instructed to participate in an orderly demonstration in front of City Hall in order to publicize our discontent with Board of Control in regards to current and past negotiations.

October 9, 1969

It was decided. that an attempt would be made to prepare a history of Local # 288.

March 3, 1970

Bro. Bone reported he had been contacted by the Business agent for the Caretakers' Union who reported. that Firemen and Policemen working for some Companies were attempting to obtain contracts for cleaning forcing caretakers out of work.

April 17, 1970 Special Meeting:

Re offer of the City: |

A two year agreement: 7% for 1970 and 5% for 1971. \$ 25.00 for cleaning of clothes
or

a one year agreement of 7.5% and \$ 25.00 for cleaning of clothes. The Negotiating Committee recommended
rejection. Carried.

April 25, 1970

After much discussion re wage offer the Executive recommended it be accepted.

May 5, 1970

Bro. Bone reported the new Union Dues would be \$ 7.70.

October 6, 1970

The closing of Station # 7 was discussed.

Moved by W. Peters and seconded by J. Sterne that a letter be sent to the I.A.F. F. expressing our dissatisfaction re the drawing of the new Union Building as shown in the August issue of the Firefighters book. Lack of a Canadian flag flying in the picture.
Defeated.

April 20, 1972 Executive Meeting:

There was some discussion re long hair.

December 5, 1972

Moved by Jacklin and seconded. by Lynch that the Executive investigate the feasibility of a 2 Platoon System and report back to the floor at the June meeting.
Defeated.

March 6, 1973

Moved by Jacklin and seconded by Unelli that the Executive investigate the feasibility of a 2 Platoon System and report back to the floor by the end of the year.
Carried

June 5, 1973

Bro. G. Ireland informed the members that he and Mrs. Ireland had been invited to meet Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip in Toronto on June 26th. He attributed this invitation to his association with the Provincial Firefighters of Ontario,

October 2, 1973

Moved by A. McArthur and seconded by R. Aldridge that the Committee to investigate a 2 Platoon System be disbanded with thanks to the Committee members. President Bowman refused to accept the motion.

Moved by Bartlett and seconded by Rankin that the ruling of the chair in refusing to accept the previous motion be challenged.
The challenge was defeated.

January 7, 1975

It was suggested that we look into finding a new meeting place. The President read a letter from the Labour Temple regarding increases in room rent.

February 4, 1975

Bro. W. Peters asked that consideration be given in the stations by those who smoke to those who do not.

March 4, 1975

Unfinished Business:

Moved and seconded that the next regular meeting be held elsewhere. The time and place to be decided by the Executive Committee and this be spelled out in the next month's meeting notice. Carried.

April 1, 1975

Regular meeting for the month held at the Teamsters' Hall. It was reported that all future meetings this year would be held at the Textile Hall, Main Street East.

May 6, 1975

The President reported that the Executive have not as yet had the opportunity to ask the Chief about the option of wearing uniforms back and forth to work.

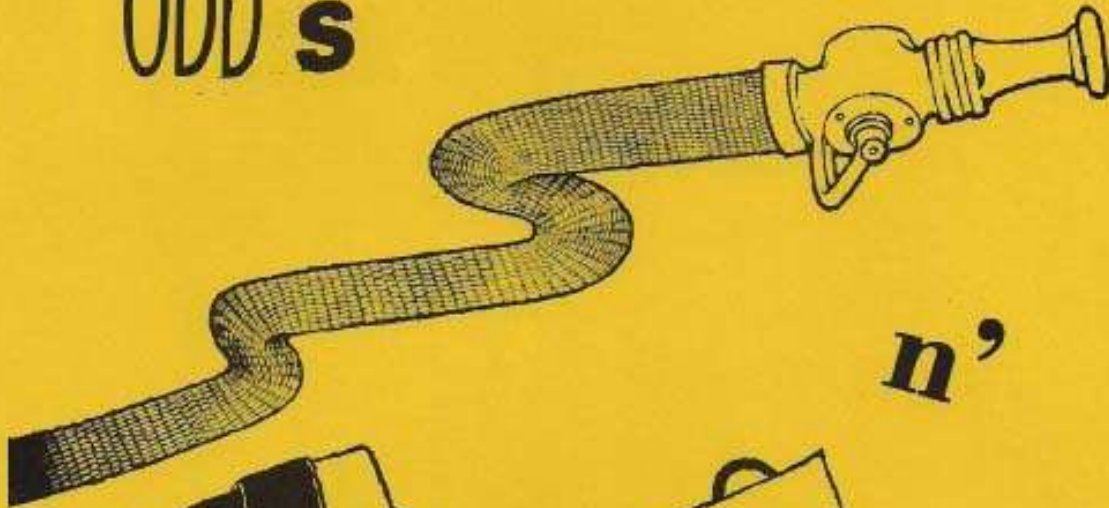
December 2, 1975

Moved by D. Wishart and seconded by W. Cooke to investigate the feasibility of amending the present working schedule by working days, afternoons and nights. The Committee to bring the results of the investigation to the floor with a recommendation at the regular meeting in April, 1976.

April 13, 1976

Moved by Bro. p. Bell and seconded by Bro.W. Aitken that the reference to the motion made December 2, 1975, regarding 16 hour change over, that no further action be taken at this time.

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CHIEFS OF THE HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

JAMES ARMOR 1869 – 1878

First paid Chief but only part time. James Armor was an Undertaker by Profession, his business being located on John Street North, between King and King William Streets, on the east side.

ALEXANDER W. AITCHISON 1879 - 1905

ARTHUR B. TEN EYCK 1905 - 1923

WALLACE T. JAMES 1923 - 1933

ROBERT AITCHISON 1933 - 1938

KENNETH CASSELL 1938 - 1942

WILLIAM MURDOCK 1942 - 1949

EDMUND J. NIXON 1949 - 1955

REGINALD F. SWANBOROUGH 1955 - 1972

LEONARD SALTMARSH 1972

ROLL OF HONOUR

LAWRENCE BOWERS WILLIAM WOOD

1855

LAWRENCE BOWERS WILLIAM WOOD

Killed by falling walls. Mc Queston Foundry Company, James Street North and Merrick Street.

1897 - May 28th

THOMAS WILSON

Fell into a moulding pit at Gartshore and Thompson Foundry, Hess Street North. Alarm received by telephone at 91)8 P.I". on May 27th, 1897.

1905 - April 5th

CHIEF ALEXANDER AITCHISON

King and John Streets. An accident between Chemical Engine # J and Department buggy. He was thrown into the Sir John A. Mac Donald monument while going to a grass fire at 110 West Avenue South.

1908 - January 20th

ROY GREEN

Accidently killed by a falling wall at a fire which occurred in the Street Railway car barns at the corner of Herkimer and Locke Streets at about 8:20 A.M.

1919 - June 22nd

ARCHIE MC INTYRE

Lost his life fro~ the effects of burns received when the roof of a building collapsed at 284 - 288 King Street East, which carried him down into the flames. This building was a carriage shop and garage. John Crawford, who was at the fire manning a line on King Street with Chris. Boyle, told me that Archie went up on the roof of the burning building to release pigeons that were trapped in their cages. With an axe he broke open the cages and on his return the roof collapsed carrying him down into the fire. He was rescued by fellow Firefighters but was badly burned.

ROLL OF HONOUR

HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

F. RISSIDORE
W. WARWICK
Killed in action
Killed in action
J. FLETCHER
A. GIBBS
J. ROBERTSON
J. METRELLA
R. WHEATON
GEO. SMITH
C. BOYLE
T. O'CONNOR
F. BURGOYNE
O. GOWER
J. GORDON
J. HENNIKER
W. SWEETING
J. MAC KENZIE
G. GUIBLETT
L. LAUNDER
H. THOMPSON
E. WHITE
H. MC DONALD
S. MAY
W. ROSSEAUX
J. D. BISHOP
F. SCOTT
S. OLMSTEAD
W. NICHOLSON
G. HENDERSHOT
T. AGTON

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

In the Convention of the American Federation of Labour held in Buffalo, New York, November 12th to 24th, 1917, a resolution was passed authorizing President Compers to form an International Union of Firefighters, the same to be formed of the City Firemen's Unions then chartered under the American Federation of Labour. In compliance with this resolution, President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labour, issued a call to all City Firemen's Unions to have Delegates at the Convention to be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning, February 25th, 1918, at the A.F. of L. Building, Ninth and Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., for the purpose of organizing an International Union of Fire Fighters. Thirty-six Delegates were present at the appointed hour and place. At 10 A.M. the first Convention of the International Association of Fire Fighters was opened by Mr. Frank Morrison, Secretary of the American Federation of Labour, who explained the purpose of the Convention and the work to come before it.

Out of this Convention came our first International President - Mr. Fred Spellacy.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – ADMINISTRATION PYRAMID

CHIEF:

Leaps tall buildings at a single bound
Is more powerful than a locomotive
Is faster than a speeding bullet
Walks on water
Gives policy to God.

DEPUTY CHIEF:

Leaps short buildings at a single bound
Is more powerful than a switch engine
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet
walks on water if the sea is calm
Talks to God.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF:

Leaps short buildings with a running start
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine
Is faster than a speeding BB
Walks on water if it is in a swimming pool
Talks with God if a special request is approved.

DIVISION CHIEF:

Barely clears a quonset hut
Loses tug of war with a locomotive
Can fire a speeding bullet, if someone loads the gun
Swims well with an inflatable duck
Is occasionally addressed by God.

DISTRICT CHIEF:

Makes high marks on wall when trying to leap buildings
Is run over by a locomotive
Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting serious self-injury
Dog paddles
Talks to animals.

CAPTAIN:

Runs into buildings
Recognizes locomotive 2 out of 10 times
Is NOT issued ammunition
Can stay afloat 1 out of 10 times
Talks to walls.

LIEUTENANT:

Falls over door-steps when entering building
Says look at the Choo~Choo
Wets himself with the water pistol
Plays in mud puddles
Mumbles to himself.

FIREFIGHTER:

Lifts buildings and walks under them
Kicks locomotive off the track
Catches bullets in his teeth and eats them
Freezes water with a single glance
IS GOD.

Author Unknown.

1823 Construction of Burlington Canal started. Opened in 1834

1843 Charley Smith, was born in New York City and as a lad came to Hamilton. While still in his teens he was elected Captain of number one company, which was organized to take charge of the John Fisher Engine. This engine passed from company to company as new equipment was obtained. In 1856 it passed to number four company, with its station at the James Street bridge.

This company was composed of young Orangemen solely, a wild lot of hoys, but always on hand when the fire bells rang out, day or night.

The boys of number three company were a convivial set and often indulged in crackers, cheese and beer, especially after a fire. At one meeting Edward Bethune presented a bill for seventeen shillings and sixpence for beer that had cheered the hearts of the boys since the last business meeting. It caused considerable discussion but finally Bethune was ordered to pay it. Charley Smith was Captain of the company at the time and being a teetotaler in his habits, it worried the old boy some to think that his company had such an appetite for beer.

Charley Smith was the first man elected by his brother Officers to take charge of all the apparatus, at a salary of \$ 400.00 dollars a year, which in those days was considered quite a liberal sum. Charley was the proprietor of a second hand store on King William Street, which was in the vicinity of the engine house located on Hughson Street and he was always on hand to answer the alarm bells.

For years he held this job and in the course of time was promoted to the office of City Messenger at an increase in salary.

1845 Taken from Hamilton Bee, one of the newspapers of the day.
It is a reflection upon the character of our Town that as miserable as that piece of machinery is, called Engine #2, that no better person can be found to manage it than that "BAFFOON" Bill Moran".

1849 The Department consisted of the following Companies:

Union Hook and Ladder

Hose Company

Ontario # 1 Engine Company

Burlington # 2 Engine Company

Phoenix # 4 Engine Company

- 1854 Railway came to Hamilton
- 1854 Ben Harte was an Assistant Engineer of the Volunteers. Ben was an artist on the Banjo. He would cheer the boys at the various stations with his playing. It was a time of gloom in Hamilton, during the Cholera Epidemic. Ben would get the boys singing and dancing and then drop on his knees in reverent prayer. This was not an act for he was very serious.
- 1855 Thomas Gray who became Chief of the Volunteers, but could not organize, and was the break up of the Department and the start of a paid Department, was known as "Dodger". On parade he would wear his Brass Mail, Red. Coat, White Pantaloons and carry his official Staff.
- 1859 The death penalty was imposed for eleven crimes in Canada. Arson being one of them.
- 1868 D'Arcy McGee, one of the Fathers of Confederation, was shot. First Canadian assassination.
- 1873 Through the efforts of the Nine Hour League in Hamilton, the Toronto Trades Assembly and the Ottawa Trades Council, the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada was formed.
- 1875 Barton Street jail was built from stone quarried on the mountain.
- 1878 Hamilton Fire Department was one of the first in Canada to adopt the Swinging Harness and the sliding pole.
- 1872 Prior to 1872 Unions were illegal bodies in Canada. In 1872 Parliament passed a Trade Union Act which recognized Unions as legal bodies.
- 1881 First house, Streets and Businesses lighted by gas in our fair City of Hamilton. Hamilton was the home of the first Locomotive Works in Canada, located on Wentworth Street North in the old Essex Packers building.
- 1881 First Sleeping Railroad Car was invented and built in Hamilton. The first cloth covered caskets, wagons, saws, plows and threshing machines were built in Hamilton as early as 1840.
- 1894 Labour Day - First Monday in September. This Act passed by Federal Government.
- 1882 The following Fire Stations were in Hamilton /
 44 Hughson Street North
 55 Victoria Avenue North
 51 Walnut Street (near Jackson Street)
 67 Bay Street South
 Locke Street (at the old Fair Grounds)
 391 James Street North
 11 Napier Street
 Foot of John Street North (old House of Refuge)
 57 King William street
- 1878 First Telephone Exchange in the British Empire opened on Main Street in Hamilton, just east of James Street on the south side.

Tuesday,
 March
 20, 1883

Alderman Mason of the Finance Committee and McKay of the Market, Fire and Police Committee

have not returned from New York, but it is said they have purchased for this City a Clapp & Jones Steamer # 2. This Engine is considered by The New York Fire Department to be the best engine that is made.

Friday, May 2, 1884

The members of the Hamilton Police and Fire Departments are revelling in unwanted luxury just now, an enterprising Montreal Tobacco Manufacturer having presented each man with a couple of sample plugs.

Friday, May 30, 1884

The members of the Fire Department have donned their new summer uniforms. They are neat in appearance, similar to the old uniforms, except they are made of darker cloth and the coats are a little shorter.

August 26, 1884

The Bay Street contingent of the Fire Department knocked all previous records higher than the bell tower yesterday, according to Alex Dunn's stop watch. For some Toronto visitors the boys got down the pole, got hitched up and on the street in six seconds. It took them just two and three quarter seconds make the hitch.

August 30, 1884

Bay Street Station: The choir of Erskine Church was there and favoured the Firemen with a number of choice selections of vocal music and the boys in return gave the Choir an exhibition of quick hitching.

June 13, 1885

Fire at F. W. Fearman's Pork Packing establishment, Rebecca Street. Loss \$ 52,365.00. When the alarm was given for this fire the Department was working at a fire in A. Swayzie's Flour and Feed Store, 172 King Street East. When the alarm was rung for A. Swayzie's store, the Firemen and Policemen were holding a united picnic in Dundurn Park and it was abruptly broken up and the Firemen have never taken part in a picnic since.

May), 1893

Fire at Grant Lottridge Brewing Company, corner of Bay & Mulberry Streets. Loss \$ 40,779.00.

June 28, 1881

Central Fire Station, 44 Hughson Street North A peculiar incident happened in connection with this fire. Shortly before the fire occurred, a water main burst on King William Street and the Department was without water for about twenty minutes and it was feared that the building would be a total loss. However the Department managed to confine the fire to the hayloft. A spark from the Watchman's pipe, while taking horses from the stalls, is supposed to have been the cause. Loss \$ 15,000.00.

March 29, 1898

Martin John off sick 8 days, 9 hours and 54 minutes.
Reasons Struck with a stable broom by J. Cole.

1900

Fire at Fire Station, 44 Hughson Street North. Cigar stub.
Chief and one man. Hose Company # 3. No damage.

Sears Robuck Catalogue – 1895

Journals	.20¢	Dozen	\$ 2.00
Suspenders.	.40 ¢	Dozen	\$ 4.50
Four in hand ties	.05 ¢	Dozen	\$.55¢
Firemen's regulation navy blue cloth cap	\$ 1.00	Dozen	\$10.80
With wire frame	\$ 1.25	Dozen	\$13.50

Fancy Shirt	.95¢		
Double hack or spring wagon harness, without collars		32 Lb	\$ 16.00
Collars	\$ 2.15		
Wips	.54¢		
Hoof picks	.35¢		
Tooth rasp	\$ 1.20		
Curry combs	.15¢	Dozen	\$ 1.62
Driving bits	.10¢	Dozen	\$ 1.08
Axes	.69¢		
Handles	.10¢	Dozen	\$ 1.00
Whiffletree bolts	.04¢	Dozen	.42¢
Keg of horseshoes - 100 to a keg	\$ 4.50		
Brass cuspidors	.95¢	Dozen	\$ 10.26
Fifth wheel - 14 to 16 inch - 1 ¼ inch iron	\$ 2.50		

1909 - Thursday, May 27

The Chief of the Fire Department intends to weed the Booze Firefighters out of his force. That's right. No man can be a Firefighter and a Firewater Fighter at one and the same time.

1895

James Street incline opened. Closed 1931.

1899

Wentworth Street incline opened. Closed August 15, 1936.

Both inclines were equipped with two cars run by cable. The cars passed, going in opposite directions, so there was always a car at the top and one at the bottom. In addition to cars and horse drawn wagons, each car could take 30 to 40 passengers. The incline was steam driven until 1915 when they were converted to electric power. Cost of this transportation was five cents a ride or eight for a quarter tickets. People living on the mountain paid two cents a ride and children one cent.

1897 42 men 1 steam engine
2 hand engines
6 chemical extinguishers
2 combination hose wagons and chemical
1 hook and ladder truck
4 hose and supply wagons
1 seventy foot extension ladder on wheels
17 horses

1900 Horse feed \$ 1,267.56
Gasoline .20¢
Barton and Stoney \$ 5.00
Creek road tolls

1905 57 men 44 Hughson Street North
312 John Street North

55 Victoria Avenue North

67 Bay Street South
55 King William Street
39 Sophia Street
Central Annex

1907 Aerial truck put in commission
The conduct of the Department has been very good for
the past year with a few exceptions.
Intoxication - 5

1907 Failing to respond with company on alarm 1
Fighting 2
Insolence to superior officer 2
Late for work 14
A.W.L. 2

61 Men

1908 Asleep on watch 2
Insubordination 1
Late for duty 22
Under influence of liquor 5
Sleeping in on alarm 1

64 Men

Three extra men hired to allow members every 6th day off duty instead of four times a month.

February 11th - Capt. W. A. Gilbert kicked by a horse while hitching up

February 18th - Fireman J. Woods bitten by a horse while cleaning him.

1912 McLaughlin Buick, 40 H.P., five passenger motor car purchased for the Chief.
Cost \$ 2,550.00.

1913 New Central Station in course of erection on John Street North. Also a new station on Balmoral Avenue.

88 men

1913 A.W.L. 5
Asleep on watch 1
Insolence 3
Insubordination 4
Late for duty 52
Under influence of liquor 9
Neglect of duty 2
Sleeping in during alarm 1

44 Hughson Street North
55 King William Street
39 Sophia Street
312 John Street North
165 Sanford Avenue North
55 Victoria Avenue North
67 Bay Street South
Barton and Ottawa Streets (Jockey Club)

July 15th - Fireman J. Marshall broke his foot. Horse fell on him.
November 10th - Capt. T. Glover injured his back when he fell out of the hay 10ft at Sanford Avenue Station.

Even the horse had names. Here are a few.

- Howdy
- Rowdy - injured at Lowes Theatre and destroyed, 1920.
- Bill
- Tom
- Dick
- Charlie
- Broken Tail

Duke
Sam
Don
Prince
King

1970 Horse blankets \$ 1.37 per pair. On sale at the Right House.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 1937 - ROYAL CONNAUGHT HOTEL

Hamilton Firefighters Association Annual Ball

President - George Newcombe

Listen to the music that was played that night as the smoothies drifted around the floor.
Music by Morgan Thomas and his Orchestra.

1. A Chapel in the Moonlight
2. Did You Mean It.
3. For Sentimental Reasons
4. The Night is Young
5. Talking Through "my Heart
6. La Galan Dreens
7. Mr. Ghost goes to Town
8. The Boston Tea Party
9. When my Dream Boat Comes home.
10. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
11. One Two Button your Shoe
12. The Waltz you Saved for Me.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN
Dave Pitkeathley

D. Pitkeathley

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T. Patterson

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W. Pottinger
J. Marshall

W. G. King
W. Staples
W. Galloway
D•Reid
J. Gordon

H. L. Clayton
R. Swanborough
W. Kirkaldy
G. Kindness

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF LOCAL # 288 SINCE ORGANIZED
Federal Union # 11 1898 – 1920

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Branch # 3 1920 - 1929

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(3 months)
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Jack Hargrove
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Ron Bowman
Don Wishart
Larry Staples

TREASURER
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Roy Adams
Reg. Swanborough
Robert Gilbert
A.E. Thompson
James Gemmell
Gordon K. Bone
Al. McArthur
Peter Bell
Ron Reid

Steve Launders During many conversations with Steve over the years at Pensioners' Banquets, etc. his philosophy was simple and conveyed this message: "No man should seek to be a Firefighter or even entertain to spend his life time fighting fires unless he has a good sense of humour. Ill tempered or spoiled men could not live together. It was a man's job, not for boys. Trust, honesty and a belief in your fellow man is desirable. A Fire Department will not be a good Fire Department without these things --- but we'll never have them".

George Newcombe Seniority of promotion is the answer to a good Fire Department. There is no substitute for experience. Those not capable or able will eliminate themselves. I am not talking straight Seniority. We all know through time who are capable. Do not destroy good men

Reg. Swanborough Pensioners' Banquet 1975 - We must be proud to be Firefighters and act like Professional men if we intend to get our position in the Community that we so rightly deserve. No one can demand it, we must earn it. We shall earn it.

Bob Gilbert I think of the time spent to reduce our hours and the fellowship. Fighting for an eight hour day and the three Platoon System to get away from the ten and fourteen. This was achieved in 1946. Don't let the eight hour day slip away. To serve as an Executive Officer is an experience never forgotten.

Mel Mills July 1976 - Times were difficult but we managed to make average gains, not our desires. There are many stories of Local # 288. Some that can be told, others not. I enjoyed every minute of the job.

George Sheppard Being President of the Hamilton Firefighters Union, Local # 288, is an experience I am glad I had. In my opinion it is an honour bestowed upon a person to be elected to this high office by your fellow workers. Although the remuneration was practically nil in those days, the satisfaction of winning a good settlement or a condition of employment was most gratifying. I was fortunate in having a good Executive behind me during my term of Office. Jim Gemmell was Treasurer and Len Saltmarsh was Secretary. He had some good problems to solve in those days. Norm. King's pension: Jim Eyd't's pension: coming under the Workmen's Compensation Act, just to name a few. I look back on those days with a great deal of pride and pleasure. I would like to wish all future Presidents and their Executives good wisdom and success in their deliberations.

TAKEN FROM THE SPECTATOR 1955

January, 1955, Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario Provincial Federation of Labour Convention.

FIREFIGHTERS ATTACKED FOR TWO JOBS.

Len Saltmarsh took the mike and said "I will admit and concede some of our members do take part time employment but as a Union we are whole hearted in the belief of 'one man one job'. We have always believed so in Hamilton. Unfortunately the City Council has given the Civic Employees the right to have two jobs".

It was later reported in the Spectator that the Mayor, L. D. Jackson, did not like the above remarks made while he was on holidays.

1955 Board of Control's majority counter offer to the Firefighters wage request - NOTHING.

1955 Chief Nixon opposed the granting of permission of ten Firemen to take outside employment. Chief's letter to Board of Controls "In constancy I must adopt a negative attitude to these requests because of vulnerability to accompanying fatigue, sickness and accident, which in many respects is manifested by the individual when he assumes his primary employment"

Mayor Jackson commented

"This letter sounded as if it came from a Professor of English".

1955 Captain J. Flynn retires

Said "Life on the Fire Department was a rat race. Blamed this on interference from City Hall. As for the job of Fire Chief, I wouldn't touch it with a ten foot pole. The advertisements for the position appearing in the newspapers were just routine procedure. They know right now who the Chief will be but admitted there will be a lot of daggers in for smaller jobs like Lieutenant".

1964 December 15
Our new Canadian Flag was adopted

AIR RESCUE

Snooze came down to Station # 6
Stanley said "don't try any tricks".
Booze said "stuff I learned at sea
Is what this course is going to be".
They sent Pappy down to Station # 8
For him the course had come too late.
Booze says "boys, this course is new
And may come hard for most of you".
The film grinds on, the lights are low
Snooze says "boys, here comes the show".
With rapt attention they watch the thing
In case a Blue Tail lost it's wing.
Al. Metham says "I love this stuff
I hardly think we get enough".
Mitchell cried "now pay attention
Booze may get an honourable mention".
They say the airport is going to grow
and Jumbo Jets will fly in low.
Some gazed at the film with rapture deep
Just a few were fast asleep.
Says Snooze to Booze "the time is right
To show them how the fires we'll fight".
Along the tarmac Pump # 3 will run,
To put into action things learned at home
But where in Hell will we get the FOAM?

(THE PHANTOM)

Harold Grosvenor

We think of what has gone on in time. Here is a list of names, you place them. I'm sure there are more and some may be duplicated.

1854 Dodger Baffoon

1900 and on:

Low Ball
Jim .Jam
Jedo
Chirp
Shit Face
Scotty
Jocko

Deacon
Huskey
Bull
Monkey
Dinny
Dapper
Swindler

Pecker
Two Head
Slim
Buttsey
Hose Nose
Sudden
Duck

Bozo
Speed
Pick Axe
Goo Goo

Lefty
Pipe Neck
Puggy
Bunker
Ape

Hair Breath
Mickey
Wall Eye
Slaggo
Dubby

Things changed after 1946

Ma White
Pretty Boy
Spare Chief
Smoothy
Mr. Clean
Oden
Teddy Bear
Worms
Pidgeon
Shakey
Buggsy
Chrome Dome
Sneaky
Bottles
Slop Chops
Sway Back
Humpy
Mr. Fog
Gold Dust Twins
Quarter to Three
Buck
Moon
Palladin
Bingo
Pappy
Dog Balls
Polish Prince
Flukey
Taxi
Yard Bird
Knees and Knuckles
Arab
Ed. Z
Rats
Magilla
Rivets
Disco Duck
Galvanized Canadian
Lucy
Preacher
Noodles
Homer
Chumley
Mole
Y. A. Turtle
Split End
Dead End

Diplomat
Kernel Corn
Commander
Curley Tail
Horse Face
Trapper
Snooze
Booze
Top Wop
Swoop
Lurch
Hawk
Stretch
Hoss
Wabbit
Sanford & Son
Man from Glad
Lovable
Big Stoop
Jinxer
Cash
Pumpkin Head
Root Bear
Go Go
Crash
Sowse
Bomber
Pop Eye
Sweet Ass
Tioght Lips
Mr. Wonderful
Ugly Puss
Jaws
Leggs
Ace
Big As from the City
Captain Cham
Snork Dork
Bermuda Beast
Hump Head
Three Mop
Ann Landers
The Zoo Keeper
Lumpy
Suit Case
Goose
Cement Head

Bam Bam
Bubbles
Weiner
Gravy Front
Wimpy
Mr. Everything
Weasel
Snake
Top Cat
Billy Burn Out
Charcoal Charlie
Barney Barn Burner
Chatty Cathy
Tommy Topit
Flip
Jitters
Digger
Basher
Tiger
Rip
Chummy
Bo Bo
High Pockets
Thumper
Odd Couple
Bananas
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Roger The Dodger
Loon
The Nef
Doomer
Fink
Rabbit
Big Bag
Ding Dong
Bull Shit
Howard Huge
Moose
Howdy
Whitey
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Rocky
Dolt
Dr. Brake
Insul Brick
Plaster Hook
Ikkey
Hondo
Grab Bag
Dew Drop
Rose Nose
Mother Nature
Gubber
Wet Back
Sock Eye
Cossy
Bear Cat
Gore Park Pete

Pin Head
Spider
Granny
Jet Stream
Hitch Hiker
Gomaz
Lofty
Old Koot
No Hair
Mr. Sarcastic
Olly
Huk
Gal Din
Mr. Ripley
Mums Mabley
Blinkey
Wart Hog
Mud Cat
Pillsbury Dough Boy
Night Train

Have you ever heard of the "KEYSTONE COPS"?
Fred Englebrecht; Jack Spurgeon; Ed. Gilby; Jim Gemmell.

Look these up in your Funk and Wagnall. Feel free to add your own.

FAMOUS SAYINGS

In the first World War we had them KELLY Trucks.

Get them cartoons over here.

Anybody want a loose day?

Jimminy Christmas

Who'se the driver of this pump.

Envelope the building, use them there fogs, keep the damage to the maximum.

Oh Ya = Oh Ya! Oh No!

Want a box to stand on Chief?

Kenilworth Station has all the latest things. Indecent lighting and radium heat.

Don't wait for me Chief, go ahead and open the Station.

Look at all the Kids wearing Gunga Dinns.

Just a G. D. Cotton Picking Minute.

When you pass the Cenograph don't forget to salute.

I'll squeeze your head.

I was stuck in a corn field.

You know what I mean.

We're not hiring right now Sonny.

Want to see a 10 Peso Note.

Look, the couplings are leaking, don't let "HIM" see them.

Wait till we get the 10 and 14.

Oh I forgot the radishes.

Ya But.

Look at the Kook Balls.

1976 My how we do complain about the price of GASOLINE.

THINK:

Gasoline	.80	A gallon	
Rim, Rye, etc.	43.00	A gallon	
Vinegar	1.75	A gallon	
Coke, Pepsi	4.00	A gallon	(tins)
Wine	9.00	A gallon	
Tomato Juice	1.60	A gallon	(or more)
Milk	1.60	A gallon	(or more)
Tomato Ketchup	5.60	A gallon	
Windshield Washer	2.00	A gallon	
Beer	3.60	A gallon	

1925 IAN DEANS Ian left the Fire Department in 1967 after being elected as an M.L.A. He still holds office. "We are proud of you".

STATIONS

- Central
- #1 Victoria Ave North
- #2 Bay Street South
- #3 King William Street
- #4 John Street
- #5 Strathcona Ave North
- #6 Sanford Ave North
- #7 Balmoral Ave South
- #8 Beach Road

1925

In Reserve

Steamer Pump #2 at Central
Steamer Pump #1 at Sanford Avenue

Police – 147 Men

Fire - 168 Men

1950

STATIONS

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Central | Victoria Ave North |
| Dundurn Street South | Balmoral Avenue North |
| Crosthwaite Avenue | East 23 rd Street |
| Napier Street | Bay Street South |
| Strathcona Avenue South | John Street North |
| Sanford Avenue North | Robert Street |

Note: At this period the Stations were not numbered or neglected to be so.

OLD FIRE STATIONS

44	Hughson Street North	Opened 1833	Closed 1913
55	Victoria Avenue North	Opened 1882	Closed 1956
67	Bay Street South	Opened 1982	Closed 1953
39	Strathcona Ave. North at Head Street	Opened 1886	Closed 1959
	Balmoral Avenue North	Opened 1913	Closed 1970
11	Napier Street	Opened 1930	Closed 1969
	Robert Street	Opened 1931	Closed 1950
312	John Street North	Opened 1885	Closed 1956
	Dundurn Street South	Opened 1929	Closed 1959
	Crosthwaite Avenue	Opened 1927	Closed 1952
	23 rd Street	Opened 1930	Closed 1954
55	King William Street	Opened 1836	Closed 1969

ADVICE TO RECRUITS

Firefighting is an odd and rewarding occupation, I leave this message to all new Recruits.

If you continue to put the same effort into Firefighting as you put into the theory to pass your Probation examination, you'll succeed.

Passing your six months examination is only the beginning.

To be a successful Firefighter you must fight a fire until it hurts. If you never hurt you are not learning or fighting.

Experience is the answer to firefighting. This cannot come from a book, it takes intestinal fortitude.

Listen to the Old Timers, follow them, take their advice.

Do not forget --- you to shall become an Old Timer.

Jim Gemmell

I would like a story to tell that has not been told before.
All about the opening of the renovated Central Fire Hall.

RECONSTRUCTED CENTRAL FIRE STATION
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND COMMUNICATION CENTRE
OFFICIAL OPENING JULY 13. 1976

The air was light
The sky was bright
19:00 hours, a beautiful sight.
Our Band played "Walk Hand in Hand With Me".
The trumpets silver toned
Responded to the notes.
The Dignitaries all were there.
The Chief - full of delight,
This was his big night.
To officially open Central,
What a sight.
The old building served us well,

At 19:20 hours to the Public's delight
They saw all the rigs go out that night,
To answer a fire alarm.
We'll have to wait,
For their return.

It's 19:30 hours as cameras click
And introductions made,
Words are said, in it's praise.
Some Chiefs said,
There will come a time
others tried in vain.

But past Chief Swanborough
And Chief Saltmarsh
Kept it up, all the time,
And never did relent
We have it, here, to-day.

Mr. Vince Agro
Our Acting Mayor,
Took silver axe in hand
And with a mighty stroke,
He tried the ribbon to fell.

Alas he thought-
This axe is dull,
In a Fire Hall?

It can smash doors, break glass,
But not a ribbon cut.
He swung again, down it came
The ribbon was parted clean.
The band it played,
To everyone's delight.

Central now, as all enthal
Was officially open, that night.

Lets take a tour
And overlook,
The Scene

From the mezzanine.

Pump, Truck, R.U, and Car
All aligned,

Ready to respond,
On the first alert
They'll be gone,
As doors go up

From buttons pushed,
On the mezzanine.

Go up the stairs,
To Kitchen bright

And locker room supreme,
Lecture room, seats all in a row,
What a show,
If your legs hold out
Go right to the top,

A gymnasium
You will view.
Hand ball, volley ball,
Who can tell.
We hope they use it well.
Down the stairs,
To the new Admin.
You'll be greeted here, as you open the door.
It's hard to believe,
The building you're in.
A few more steps you must climb.
It's Fire Prevention,
This time.
Bright and clean.
Desks, all new,
The view, not Been before.
No confusion anymore.
Walk down again,
To the new Dispatch.
With tapes,
Viewers, phones
And buttons galore.
No need to chase about,
As before.
Down in the basement,
Just a few steps,
Storage rooms,
Photo rooms,
Who would e're believe.
We've reached a pinnacle,
This eve.
Let's sing it's praises,
And hope to raise
More changes 'ere to be.
It's not every year,
That we shall be,
To the opening,
Of a new Central Fire Station, per see

James Gemmell

Hamilton, from it's early history, seemed to be a Town and later a City of Taverns. One would almost believe and would be correct, that the first building erected was a Tavern including a Trading Post. As the City grew so did the number of Taverns in the early eighteen hundreds, in the centre portion of the City. James Street and King Street were the focal points and they could be found side by side, all flourishing. But alas, Prohibition hit us in 1916 and drinking legally became a thing of the past.

The dry spell lasted for eighteen years.

Prohibition was lifted in 1934 and beverage rooms opened.

Dining Lounges were permitted to serve liquor in 1947.

Liquor was permitted in beverage rooms in 1971 and the age lowered from 21 to 18.

Since 1934 we have again seen the growth of these fine outlets.

Here are a few old locations:

Srsmith's Tavern, North West corner of King and Wellington Streets - 1800.

Promenade, King and James Streets.

Anglo Canadian where the Royal Connaught now stands.

Red Jacket Saloon on King Street East.

82 - 3 - 94 King Street West.

19 Hughson Street.

John and King William Streets.

31 King William Street.

59 McNab Street North.

43 York Street was a Liquor Store.

Bay and Colbourne Streets.

Hotel Royal, James and Merrick Streets.

Beasley's on James Street North. Now Eaton's.

Strange as this may seem, one must look at the past to see the present. Names have a habit of telling a story. Firefighters are no exception. Look at this list of men who served as Volunteers in the early eighteen hundreds until, in 1859 a paid Department was started including Volunteers. This is but a few.

A.H. Hill	George Baker	George McDonald
Tom Bain	T. Gaves	John Patterson
H. B. Bull	R. H. Burton	A. Brown
James Robinson	David Buchanan	C. H. Webster
E. Murphy	R. Aitken	Sam Carr
L.N. Best	F. Ferguson	Alexander Carpenter
Jas. Evens	Richard Murton	James McAllister
J. Dickinson	H. Cummings	Chas. Stewart
Chas. Sime	H. Farris	John Dodsworth
Chas. Foster	J. F. Carter	John Blachford
G. Sootheran	A. Murray	John Dowkin
G. Clark	John Aymer	Robert Service
P. Patton	Hizicah Brake	Wm Pearson
Geo. Benedict	Tom Christie	A. Copp
H. Garvis	Jessie Partridge	Robert Henry
F. Ferguson	N. Dodsworth	Thomas Blachford
Jacob Pastedo	John Amor	Lewis Cook
Thomas Grisley	John Evens	E. R. Sullivan
J. Lavis	Peter Warren	Thomas Gray
Joseph Robinson	Alen McLeans	R. S. Beasley
George Clark	J. D. Bishop	James Dryner
R. Murton	Henry Jarvis	John Pearson
G. Sanders	Tom Webber	James Kendall
Rob. Ecolleston	A. King	G. Ross
Jas. Reid	Robert Robertson	John Cummings

John McKay	Henry Fitzpatrick	John Patterson
Ernest Kraft	Robert Quiggin	David Buchanan
John Bell	Jacob Bishop	Chas. Barrett
Alex Anderson	Wm. Savage	Rod Cameron
William O'Brien	E. Rings	Joseph Gerrard
Sam Cook	T. Ackworth	Adam Johnston
Alex Hunt	F. Smith	John Tuckett
James Eastmore	Robert Land	R. Buscombe
John Casey	Wm. Passmore	A. McInnis
John Field	James Gordon	M. W. Attwood
James Amor	J. McCabe	Wm. Hammond

Writing this history has been a real experience for me, rewarding to say the least.

Before departing from the book, I must explain one thing.

The horses were still around on the Department as late as 1928, but, we never did get rid of the

