

FEARLESS BOSTON FIREMEN

Who Take All Kinds of Chances

A SERIES OF PERSONAL STORIES,

DANIEL F. SENNOTT, JUNIOR DEPUTY CHIEF

"What I consider my most thrilling experience—my closest rub with death—occurred at the great Thanksgiving Day fire of 1889. I had been in charge of Engine 14, Center st, Roxbury, only a short time when this happened. My company reported to that fire on the third alarm and we were ordered into the Brown Durrell Building on Kingston st.

"We tried to make the stairway, but it was impossible, and firebrands were dropping from above. Finally we were obliged to haul our line back from an elevator well to which we had advanced and had barely done this before orders were received to vacate the building quickly.

"No sooner had we reached a refuge than a collapse occurred. Four firemen attached to other companies lost their lives."

Deputy Chief Sennott is 55 years old and has been connected with the department 34 years. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1887, captain 1889, district chief 1905 and junior deputy chief



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in August, 1915. For a number of years he was in command of the mercantile, hotel and theatre districts and made his headquarters at the double company house on Mason st.