

NOTED BOSTON FIREMAN GONE

District Chief Ryan Dies at Brighton.

Advancement in the Service Remarkably Rapid.

Worked for 30 Years in the Department.

District Chief John F. Ryan of Brighton, one of the best-known firemen in the country, died at his home, 27 Bennett st, Brighton, early yesterday morning, after a long illness. The funeral will be held from his residence at 8:30 tomorrow. A solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St Columbkille's church, Market st, at 9 o'clock.

He was a Boston fireman for 30 years, was known and admired everywhere that firemen assembled and among his superiors his judgment was final. His advancement in the fire service of the city was remarkable, rising from the ranks to district chief with 15 years, after doing duty in some of the busiest companies in the city.

He was 53 years old, was born in the old South Cove district and after attending the old Quincy school learned the steamfitters' trade. He was appointed to the fire department on May 6, 1880, and assigned to engine 7 on East st, remaining there until Jan 2, 1883, when he was transferred to engine 26, Mason st. A little more than a year later he was made lieutenant and assigned to engine 6, Leverett st.

On reaching the rank of captain he was sent to engine 33, Boylston st, on Feb 16, 1888, being the day the engine was placed in commission. He was sent back to engine 6 as captain on Aug 31 of the same year and remained there until May 18, 1891, when he was placed in charge of engine 25 1/2, Congress st, the first day the house was opened. He

went back to the Mason st house Feb 10, 1893, in charge of the double company and following the disastrous fire at the South End ball grounds was made an acting chief on June 14, 1894. On Feb 8, 1895, he was confirmed as a battalion chief and assigned to the Mason st house.



DIST CHIEF JOHN F. RYAN.

His transfer to the Brighton district came on March 12, 1897, but in the following November, he was again transferred, this time to East Boston, where he remained until July 12, 1907, when he was returned to Brighton.

His illness, which was a complication of diseases, first made itself apparent early in September last and he submitted to an operation for appendicitis. He returned to duty late in the autumn, but was forced to give up again last January, and upon advice of his physician, Dr Henry Rowen of Brighton, he made a trip to Bermuda. Early in the spring he suffered another relapse and he never fully recovered.

He was a member of Brighton council, K of C, fourth degree, Mystic Nobles of Granada, Boston lodge of Elks, the Charitable Irish society, the relief and charitable association of the fire department and other social and fraternal orders. He is survived by a wife.

Twelve Hurt, One Probably Fatally.

CLEVELAND, July 27—Twelve persons were injured, one probably fatally, when a St Clair av street car was struck by an outward bound Pennsylvania train at the 5th st grade crossing this evening.

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