

# McDONOUGH IS CHIEF, TABER SENIOR DEPUTY

## Pope Appointed Junior, to Command Roxbury Division.



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DEPUTY CHIEF C. H. W. POPE



DEPUTY CHIEF JOHN D. TABER

## Commissioner Grady on His First Day Also Plans to Redistrict City.

John Grady became Fire Commissioner of Boston at 9:30 yesterday morning. Less than 10 minutes after he assumed office he appointed Junior Deputy Chief Peter F. McDonough to succeed him as chief, and later in the day appointed Dist Chief John O. Taber as senior deputy and Dist Chief Charles H. W. Pope junior deputy.

That McDonough would be named as chief was expected, but the other promotions surprised the rank and file, particularly that of Taber. He was put over the heads of Dist Chiefs Pope and Daniel F. Sennott, his seniors in the service.

The promotion of Pope was unexpected, in view of the fact that twice within four months he declined when offered an opportunity to go to Grove Hall as acting deputy chief of the 3d Division. He said he preferred to spend the remainder of his days in the service in the Charlestown district.

### Mayor to Approve Today.

Today, Mayor Curley, will approve Grady's selections and it is expected the Civil Service Commission will qualify the men.

Taber commanded the 3d District, with headquarters at Ladder 18, Pittsburg st, but has been acting deputy at Fort Hill and will not have to move. Pope will take the place vacated by McDonough at Warren av. He was on a day off yesterday.

Commissioner Grady announced his intention to abolish the third division, over which Dist Chief Michael J. Kennedy is now acting deputy chief. Grady plans to restrict the department into two divisions and put part of the Jamaica Plain-West Roxbury District into some other district.

After qualifying at City Hall yesterday Commissioner Grady went to Fire Headquarters with John M. Minton. Mrs Grady and several friends greeted the new commissioner and his desk was banked with floral offerings.

Chief McDonough reported at Bristol st and in the evening moved into the chief's headquarters at Mason st. The promotions of Taber and Pope took effect at 4 o'clock.

McDonough will receive \$4000 a year as chief, while both the deputies will be paid \$3000. They were receiving such compensation as district chiefs until the reductions were ordered by Mayor Curley last week, when their salaries were put back to \$2300.

### Pope May Seek Retirement.

Last night it was said Deputy Chief Pope might seek retirement at any time. He is 66 years old and has been talking of retiring for some time.

Chief McDonough entered the service in 1883, was advanced to lieutenant in 1887, captain in 1888, district chief in 1895 and deputy chief in 1906.

Deputy Chief Taber is 50 years old and has been in the service since Jan 4, 1888. He was assigned to Ladder 8, where, as deputy chief, he will have his headquarters. He drove that company several years. June 28, 1895, he was advanced to lieutenant and saw service at Engine 3 and Ladder 13. March 23, 1900, he was raised to a captaincy and sent to Engine 27. Later he went to Engine 15. March 9, 1906, he became a district chief, and after four years' service at Harvard st, Dorchester, was sent to Pittsburg st.

Deputy Chief Pope served as a volunteer on the Charlestown force from 1869 to 1872. In the latter year he was made assistant foreman of Massachusetts Ladder 1 of the city of Charlestown. He was the foreman when Charlestown became a part of Boston and the commissioners left him in charge of the truck, which then became known as Ladder 9. May 3, 1890, he was promoted to district chief. He has always been assigned to Charlestown and has handled some big fires.