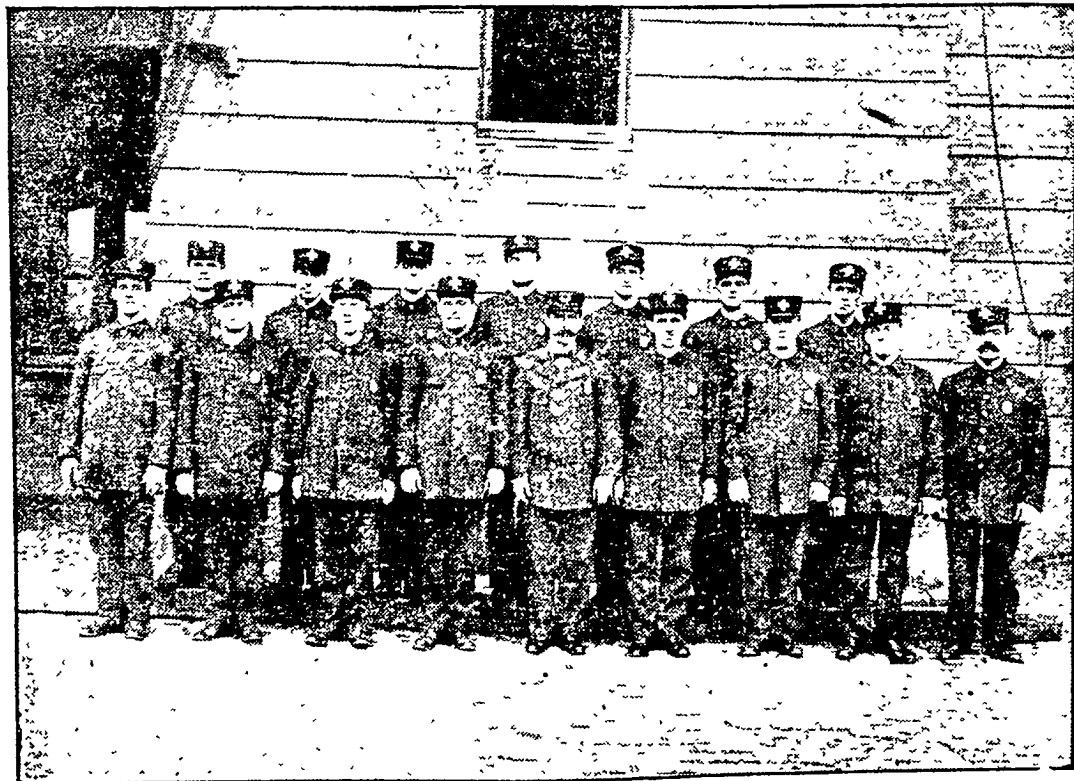


FIREMEN SHOW THEIR SKILL AND SPEED.

Visiting Delegates Well Entertained at Headquarters and In Company 22's House.



First row, left to right—T. F. Roche, M. A. Kinnally, D. F. Daly, J. A. Webber, Lieut A. J. Porter, L. J. Howard, J. E. Trainor, G. W. Darling, Walter Davey.
Second row, left to right—F. L. Lyons, J. P. Hanton, T. H. Downey, D. J. O'Brien, J. Hippenberg, D. Hurley, W. J. Walsh.
DRILLMASTER PORTER'S "CADETS."

The delegates to the convention of the Massachusetts state firemen's association, which is being held in this city, through the courtesy of Fire Commissioner Henry S. Russell were yesterday treated to a drill by 15 members of the department and were conducted through engine company 22's Warren-av house.

The delegates headed by Pres Lynch met at 8:30 in the yard of fire headquarters, Bristol st. At the same time Lieut Alfred J. Porter of water tower company 2, Bristol st, the department drillmaster, called his men to order and the drill was begun.

First came the ladder drill and the rapid and thorough manner in which the 85-foot ladder was raised and placed against the headquarters building aroused lusty cheering from the delegates. The hose drill was next and again the rapidity with which the men worked, connecting the hose to hydrants and putting a stream on the building, was commended. The deluge sets and cellar pipes were the next fire fighting implements to be used. The visiting firemen, some of whom never saw such contrivances before, were deeply interested in their workings.

Wall-scaling provided a splendid opportunity for an exhibition of the fearlessness and coolness characteristic of Boston firemen. Eight ladders were used, and when linked reached to the

top of the headquarters building. Although the ladders looked very light to some of the visitors, they weigh 45 pounds each and a fireman has to practice before he can handle one readily.

Lifesaving was next exemplified by the firemen, and they were loudly cheered as the mock rescues were being made. A thrilling spectacle was the men sliding down the single and double lifelines.

The last exercise was the life-net drill. The net was held by 14 men, while the 15th jumped from the third story of the headquarters building.

The visitors were then conducted to the fire alarm office in the headquarters building. There a most interesting description of the workings of the alarm system was given by Supt Brown S. Flanders.

The model fire house of engine 22, Warren av, was next visited. This is one of the finest in the country, and the delegates were shown through every room, after which they were treated to a collation in the spacious hall.

Then every one received orders to adjourn to the street to witness an exhibition of speed by the three pieces of apparatus located in the house and an exhibition by the aerial truck.

Capt Mulligan pulled the lever on the patrol desk, allowing the horses their freedom, and the delegates were treated to a lightning hitch, after which the doors of the house were thrown open, and the three pieces of apparatus rushed out and passed through Warren av to Montgomery st in very quick time. The

exhibition by the aerial truck was under the direction of Lieut Charles Conway.

Fire Commissioner Russell, Chief Cheswell, Dist Chief John Grady, Capt Michael J. Mullin, Lieut Charles Conway and the members of both the engine and ladder companies came in for thanks from the delegates. Drillmaster Alfred J. Porter and his 15 skilful cadets who did so much toward entertaining the visitors also came in for thanks.

The 15 men were picked from the various houses in the department, and among them are two fire department heroes, Joseph P. Hanton of ladder company 17, Harrison av, and Martin A. Kinnally of engine company 7, East st, who risked their lives to save others and wear medals as a result.

Others participating in the drill were Joseph A. Webber, son of the former chief and driver of the present chief, who belongs to engine company 26; George Darling of engine company 3, Harrison av; T. F. Roche of engine company 6, Leverett st; Thomas J. Downey of engine company 8, Salem st; John Kippenberg of engine company 22, Warren av; Daniel O'Brien of engine company 26, Mason st; Frank L. Lyons of engines 35-39, Congress st; William J. Walsh of ladder company 7, East st; Meeting House Hill; Walter Davey of ladder company 8, Fort Hill sq; Daniel Hurley of ladder company 12, Tremont st, Roxbury; J. F. Trainor of chemical engine company 1, Bulfinch st; L. J. Howard of combination ladder company 4, East Boston, and Dennis F. Daly of combination 11, Walnut st, Neponset.