

LAST VETERAN OF '72 PENSIONED

Engineer Bickford a Fireman 42 Years.

Only Present Member on Force at Time of Great Fire.

Deputy Chief McDonough's Son Senior Hoseman.

Fire Commissioner Cole has ordered the retirement today of engineer John Bickford of Engine 5, Marion st, East Boston, the only member of the present force who was on the department roster at the time of the great fire that started Nov 9, 1872. Bickford applied for a pension. He has been a fireman more than 42 years.

From the early 70s until 1905 he was attached to Engine 11. He drove for that company 20 years. In 1895 he was made assistant engineer and Jan' 21, 1905, he was promoted engineer and assigned to Engine 40, East Boston. A few years ago he was shifted to Engine 5, East Boston.

Assistant Engineer Thomas F. Roache of Engines 26-35, Mason st, will be promoted today to engineer. Roache has seen 14 years of service, having been on duty at Engines 25, 6, 38-39 and 26-35. Oct 9, 1903, he was made an assistant engineer. He will remain on duty at Mason st, succeeding as engineer of the horse-drawn engine, William H. Abbott, who will be transferred today to Engine 16, Temple st, Dorchester Lower Mills.

Hoseman Albert F. H. Outerbridge of Engine 23 is promoted to assistant engineer and ordered to Engine 3, Harrison av, in place of Assistant Engineer Valentine B. Nolan, who has been shifted to Engines 26-35, Mason st.

James E. Nolan has been reinstated by Commissioner Cole and assigned to Engine 23, Northampton st. He resigned several months ago after nearly 20 years of service.

The following firemen will be transferred today: Patrick J. Smith, Ladder 5, East 4th st, South Boston, to Engine 45, Washington and Poplar sts, Roslindale; Otto T. Faul, Engines 38-39, Congress st, to Ladder 17, Harrison av; John A. Bittman, Engine 16, Temple st, Dorchester, to Ladder 5; Henry F. Brady, Ladder 7, East st, Meeting House Hill, to Chemical 14, Hyde Park; John A. Allen, Chemical 14, to Ladder 7.

The following were appointed members of the force on probation. Dennis V. Driscoll, Engine 1, Dorchester st, South Boston; Joseph H. Sullivan, Chemical 6, Harvard av, Allston; Edward J. Barrett, Engine 16, Michael J. Travers, Chemical 14, Paul J. Howard, Engines 38-39.

Edward McDonough, a son of Deputy Chief Peter F. McDonough, has been appointed senior hoseman of Engine 27, Elm st, Charlestown.

Chief Mullen and Deputy Byington, the latter superintendent of repairs, have been detailed to attend the convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers in New York city next week.