

PROUD RECORD AS A FIREMAN.

District Chief Peter F. McDonough Has Had Many Narrow Escapes From Death.

District Chief Peter F. McDonough of the fourth district has gained all of his promotions solely on his merits as a fireman and a commander of men. During his department career of 19 years he has performed enough service to last for a lifetime. He was on duty at the big

Since the day of his appointment to the department McDonough has served with hard-working companies, and has always proven himself a competent and reliable man. In the fire department circles he is extremely popular and every man who has served with him speaks of him in the highest terms.

The fourth district, of which he is in charge, is one of the the busiest in the department, and is composed of engines 4, 6 and 10, chemical 1, tower 1, ladder 1 and combination ladder 8.

District Chief McDonough is a North End boy and was born in that section Aug 7, 1866. He was graduated from the old Mayhew school, on Hawkins st.

He became affiliated with the fire department on July 1, 1883, as a call man and was assigned to ladder company 8, Fort Hill sq. On Sept 23 of the same year he was given permanent appointment, but remained a member of the Fort Hill ladder company until Jan 7, 1884, when he was shifted to ladder company 1. He continued to serve as a member of ladder company 1 until Aug 16, 1887, when his services won recognition and he was promoted to the grade of lieutenant and was transferred to engine company 26, Mason st. While on duty with the Mason-st engine heshowed his ability as an officer, and on Aug 31, 1888, was promoted to the rank of captain and was transferred to engine 10, River st, West End.

On Jan 25, 1889, he received a transfer to engine company 8, Salem st, and remained there until Sept 16, 1890, when he was placed in command of engine company 4, Bulfinch st.

When the fire department districts were rearranged in the spring of 1894 and the board of commissioners found it necessary to create several new district chiefs, they showed their appreciation for the work rendered by McDonough by bestowing upon him one of the white hats. He was placed in charge of district 1, East Boston, on June 11, 1894 and remained there more than three years. While in East Boston he won the respect and confidence of the citizens, and his departure was regretted. He received his transfer to district 4 in November, 1897, and on his departure was presented with a beautiful clock by the firemen who had served under him in the district. During his five years of service at the West End his good work has continued and his popularity grows.

The chief's son Edward, who served him as driver for seven years, recently received his appointment to the department and is located at engines 38-33. Chief McDonough's home is in the Bunker Hill district.



PETER F. McDONOUGH,

Chief of the Fourth Fire District, West End.

Thanksgiving day fire of 1883, the Hecht building fire and the Lincoln-st fire of 1893. He received injuries on several occasions and has had many narrow escapes from death. His brother fire fighters say he was born under a lucky star. He figured in a hot-air explosion at a fire on Arch st, Aug 26, 1898, and was bruised badly. At the North-st fire of 1899 he was buried in the debris and had a very close call. He was injured at a big fire on Elliot st the same year.