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PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable John Adrian Louis, Earl of Hopetoun, Viscount Aithrie, and Baron Hope, in the Peerage of Scotland; Baron Hopetoun of Hopetoun, and Baron Niddry of Niddry Castle, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Knight Michael and Saint George; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

IN pursuance of the provisions contained in the *Public Service Act 1890* (54 Vict. No. 1133, Part VI., section 135) and in the *Banks and Currency Act 1890* (54 Vict. No. 1164, Part III., section 20), I, the Governor of Victoria, with the advice of the Executive Council, do by this my Proclamation appoint

THURSDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST INSTANT, to be observed as a Public Holiday throughout the Shire of Kowree;

WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST INSTANT, to be observed as a Bank Holiday at Newlyn.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this third day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.) HOPETOUN.

By His Excellency's Command,  
A. McLEAN,  
Chief Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*Fire Brigades Act 1890.*

COUNTRY FIRE BRIGADES BOARD.—  
REGULATIONS.

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the third day of August, 1891.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Munro	Mr. Davies
Mr. Shiels	Mr. Outtrim
Sir F. T. Sargood	Mr. Turner
Mr. Duffy	Mr. Fraser.
Mr. Wheeler	

WHEREAS by section 39 of the *Fire Brigades Act 1890* (54 Vict. No. 1200) it is enacted that the Governor in Council may, as to the whole or any part of Victoria, make regulations for the purposes therein specified: And whereas by section 40 of the said Act it is further enacted that after the first meeting of the Country Fire Brigades Board all regulations as to any Country Fire District shall be prepared by such Board and submitted to the Minister for approval prior to being made by the Governor in Council: And whereas the Regulations following have been prepared by the Country Fire Brigades Board and submitted to the Minister for approval in the manner provided by the now in part recited Act: Now therefore His

No. 97.—August 4, 1891.—1.

Excellency the Governor of Victoria, acting with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby make the Regulations following, that is to say:—

REGULATIONS.

PRELIMINARY.

These Regulations shall apply to those parts of the colony of Victoria known as the nine Country Fire Districts, as set forth in the First Schedule of the *Fire Brigades Act 1890* and in the Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor published in the *Government Gazette* of 5th June, 1891, whereby certain portions of Country Fire Districts were excised therefrom, and to any part of the colony of Victoria that may hereafter be added to or included in any Country Fire District, and shall apply to all fire brigades so far as the extinguishing of fires and the protection of life and property from fire is concerned.

ACT No. 1200, SECTION 39.

(SUB-SECTION 8.)

*For permitting, when occasion requires, any portion of a Brigade, or any of its Officers or Men, or Engines, Escapes, or other property to proceed or be taken beyond the limits of the Metropolitan or any Fire District for the purpose of attending Fires.*

FIRES OUTSIDE OF FIRE DISTRICTS.

1. Any registered brigade or portion thereof, or any of its officers or members, or engines or other apparatus, on the authority of the senior officer present at any time, may proceed or be taken beyond the limits of any fire district for the purpose of attending fires.

The scale of expenses and charges for such attendance at any fire shall be those mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Act, and such expenses and charges shall be payable to the secretary of the Country Board, and shall be rateably apportioned between the owners or occupiers of the property endangered by such fire.

(SUB-SECTION 9.)

*For dividing the Metropolitan District or any Country District into Sections or Divisions, and for establishing Stations and Companies or Divisions of Brigades.*

DIVISIONS OF BRIGADES.

1. For the purposes of regulating and controlling the various fire brigades and salvage corps in the municipal districts of the city of Ballarat, the town of Ballarat East, the city of Bendigo, the town of Geelong, and the boroughs of Geelong West and Newtown and Chilwell, the Country Board shall divide the aforesaid municipal districts into divisions, and shall comprise and include each and every registered fire brigade and salvage corps within the said municipal districts of the city of Ballarat and the town of Ballarat East into a division to be known as and designated the Ballarat Division of the Central District; and shall comprise and include each and every registered fire brigade and salvage corps in the said municipal district of the city of Bendigo into a division to be known as and designated the Bendigo Division of the Northern District; and shall comprise and include each and every registered fire brigade and salvage corps in the said municipal districts of the town of Geelong and the boroughs of Geelong West and Newtown and Chilwell into a division to be known as and designated the Geelong Division of the Southern District.

**BRIGADES TO HAVE DEFINED DISTRICTS.**

2. Each brigade in the Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong Divisions, on being registered, shall have a certain district assigned to it, to be known as and designated the Brigade District, by the Country Board for its operations, and shall not be permitted to attend to any calls outside the same unless directed to do so by the superintendent of the division or under the regulations, or in cases where the cause of the alarm is just over the boundary of the assigned district, and nearer to the brigade's station than to the station of the adjacent brigade. In all cases when one brigade has arrived at a scene of fire, and can without further help extinguish the fire, the other brigades shall return at once to their respective stations.

**BRIGADE DISTRICT.**

3. Outside of the Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong Divisions, the district within which each registered brigade shall be liable to do duty shall be those portions that are within the boundaries of the municipal district or township in which the brigade is established, and on the rateable property of which the council of the said municipal district is assessed under the Act.

Such municipal district or township, as the case may be, shall be known and designated as the Brigade District, under the name of the said municipal district or township, as the case may be.

**(SUB-SECTION 10.)**

*For ensuring Discipline and Good Conduct amongst Members of Brigades, and for ensuring their Speedy Attendance with Engines, Fire Escapes, and all necessary Apparatus and Implements on the occasion of any alarm of Fire, and generally for the Maintenance of Brigades in a due state of efficiency.*

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

1. No person shall be registered on the effective staff of any fire brigade unless—

- 1st. He is of good health, and sound in body and mind.
- 2nd. He is of good moral character and habits.
- 3rd. He is over the age of 18 years, and not over the age of 40 years. (For exceptions, see Clauses 2 and 3.)

**MAXIMUM AGE OF NEW MEMBERS.**

2. No person shall be enrolled over the age of 40 years unless he has been previously engaged as an active fireman, in which case the limit may be extended to any age the Country Board may determine.

**SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS.**

3. No person over the age of 55 years shall be allowed to remain on the effective working staff of any brigade, unless under special circumstances and with the approval of the Country Board.

**DISMISSED MEMBERS NOT ELIGIBLE.**

4. No person shall be eligible for re-election to any brigade who has been dismissed from any other brigade for cause, unless with the consent of the Country Board.

**PRESENT MEMBERS' PRIORITY.**

5. Persons who, at the time of the publication of these regulations in the *Government Gazette*, are members of any brigade shall, as against persons who are not members of a brigade, have a prior claim to be registered on the roll of a fire brigade.

**MEMBERS TO BE REGISTERED.**

6. No person shall be recognised as a member of any fire brigade until his name has been approved of by the Country Board and registered on the roll of such brigade by authority of the said Board.

**NEW MEMBERS.**

7. In each case of persons joining, after a brigade has been first registered by the Country Board, the candidate must produce a medical certificate to the secretary of the brigade, and if the candidate complies with the requirements set forth in Clause 1, and the brigade approves of him, the name and particulars of such candidate shall be submitted to the said Board, in such form as the said Board may from time to time direct, for approval or otherwise, and no person's name shall be registered on the effective strength of any brigade unless so approved of.

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

8. Every fire brigade shall meet on the first Monday in December, or on such other day within the first week in December as the brigade may determine, in each and every year, and elect by ballot the complement of officers allotted to each brigade under their respective classification. All officers so chosen shall be effective registered members of their respective brigades, and shall hold office for the term of one year from the approval of their election by the Country Board, and until their successors shall be chosen and approved as aforesaid, unless sooner removed from office.

**ELECTIONS TO BE APPROVED BY BOARD.**

9. No election of officers hereafter to be held by any fire brigade shall be valid unless the same is approved by the Country Board, and it shall be the duty of the secretary of each of said brigades to transmit to said Board a certificate of each of said elections hereafter to be held by said brigades respectively, within seven days after every such election shall have taken place, stating the names of the persons elected and the offices to which they have severally been chosen.

**BOARD MAY ANNULL ELECTIONS.**

10. The Country Board shall have power to approve of all elections, or to annul the same, or any part or parts thereof, whenever in their judgment any of the persons chosen shall be incompetent or unfit to discharge the duties of the office to which they have been elected; and the said Board shall cause all such brigades to be notified, in writing, of the action of said Board in relation to each and every such election; and in case the election of any person shall be annulled by said Board it shall be the duty of the brigade whose election has been so annulled, within twenty-one days after such notification, to

select other competent and proper persons to fill the offices thus vacated; and in default of so doing the said Board shall appoint such officers from the members of said brigades respectively for the then ensuing year.

**TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS.**

11. Members may be transferred from one brigade to another, provided the complement of the brigade permits of such transfer, on production of a certificate of discharge from their former brigade, and with the approval of the Country Board. Members desiring to retire from the membership of any brigade will require to send in their resignation, in writing, to the said Board through the brigade, so that their names may be removed from the register.

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

12. The duties of the respective officers of every registered brigade shall be as follow, viz.:

**The Superintendent.**

(1) There shall be a superintendent for each of the divisions of Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong. The superintendent of each division shall have the sole and entire command at all fires and alarms of fire (in the absence of the chief officer), drills, practices, and parades (at which he may be present), over all members of the brigades and salvage corps, and all apparatus and appurtenances and fire stations belonging to or in charge of same in his division. He shall exercise supervision over the brigades and salvage corps, and see that the regulations are faithfully observed. He shall visit the fire stations and reel-houses at least once a week, and oftener if practicable, and report to the Country Board, through the local committee of his district, such suggestions and recommendations as he may deem necessary. He shall be responsible to the said Board for the discipline and good conduct of the brigades and salvage corps within his division at all times, and for the good order and condition of their stations and apparatus. He shall, on the first day of each month, report to the said Board, through the said local committee, the result of his inspections, and on the condition and efficiency of the brigades and salvage corps in his division. He shall report to the said Board, through the said local committee, any officer or member, if any there may be, delinquent in the performance of the duties assigned to them. He shall have power to suspend any officer or member of the brigades or salvage corps in his division for insubordination, disorderly conduct, or neglect of duty, said suspension to continue pending the action of the said Board. He shall be appointed by the said Board under these regulations, and shall receive such allowances or expenses as the said Board shall determine, and the said Board may at any time suspend, remove, or dismiss such superintendent.

**The Captain.**

(2) The captain of each brigade shall see that the fire stations, reel-houses, stables, horses, feed, harness, waggons, fire apparatus, fuel, carts, reels, hose, hydrants, and branches, and all other property belonging to or in charge of the brigade, are kept in good condition and repair, ready for service; shall take command of the brigade at all fires, practices, drills, and parades; shall see that the members or persons employed do their duty faithfully; and shall enforce the rules and regulations. He shall have power to suspend members for disobedience of orders or for delinquency in the performance of their duties.

**The Lieutenant.**

(3) The lieutenant shall aid and assist the captain in the discharge of his duties, and obey promptly all orders he may receive from him, and, in his absence, shall assume command of the brigade, and be vested with every power of the captain, and in all cases his duties shall be the same.

**The Foreman.**

(4) The foreman shall act with and under the direction of the captain and lieutenant, and, in their absence, perform their duties; shall see that all orders issued by them are properly carried out; shall see that the fire stations, engines, reels, and appliances generally are at all times in thorough repair, perfect working order, and in their proper places, and, in the event of there being any defect, to immediately report same to the captain or lieutenant; where a station-keeper is not provided, he shall take charge of engines, reels, hose, hydrants, branches, and other accessories, and see that the same are kept in proper working order; and generally shall be responsible for the cleanliness and good order of the fire station and appliances.

**The Secretary.**

(5) The secretary of each brigade shall attend all meetings of the brigade, and shall enter the minutes of resolutions and proceedings in a minute book to be kept for that purpose. He shall perform, to the satisfaction of the brigade and of the Country Board, all such duties as may be imposed upon him, and shall, subject to the control of the Board, have charge of all books, papers, and other documents of the Board that may be in the custody of the brigade. He shall cause to be kept an accurate record, in convenient form for reference, of all business transacted by the brigade. He shall attend promptly to all communications received from and use despatch in forwarding reports and returns to the secretary of the Country Board and of the local committee. He shall forward a return of the roll of attendances at all fires, drills, and practices of his brigade, countersigned by the captain, on the proper forms, on the first day in each month to the secretary of the Country Board. He shall keep a register of the names of all persons who now are or who may hereafter become members of the brigade. He shall send a return to the secretary of the said Board, on the first day of each month, notifying the removal or resignation of any member of the brigade. He shall do such other things as the said Board or the regulations may require, and shall receive such remuneration as the said Board may determine. He shall be under the general direction of the secretary of the Country Board in all matters relating to office routine and management. He shall be liable to suspension, removal, or dismissal by the said Board.

**DUTIES OF EMPLOYÉS.**

*The Station-keeper.*

13. (1) Where the classification of brigades provides for a station-keeper, it shall be his duty to reside at the head fire station, wherever practicable. He shall attend to and be responsible for the cleanliness, good order, and condition of the fire stations and the various fire-extinguishing appliances and apparatuses belonging to or in charge of the brigade. He shall at all times be under the direction of the senior officer of the brigade present for the time being. He shall receive such remuneration as the Country Board may determine, and shall be liable to suspension, removal, or dismissal by the said Board.

*The Watchman.*

(2) Where the classification of brigades provides for a watchman, it shall be his duty to keep watch in such buildings or places, and at such hours, as the Country Board may from time to time direct. He shall not sleep while on duty, but devote his time to keeping a strict watch for fires. He shall be prompt in giving the alarm in cases of fire. He shall perform such other duties as are consistent with the position and are required by the said Board. He shall at all times be under the direction of the senior officer of the brigade present for the time being. He shall receive such remuneration as the Country Board may determine, and shall be liable to suspension, removal, or dismissal by the said Board.

**DUTIES OF MEMBERS.**

14. The members of each registered brigade shall, upon an alarm of fire, proceed promptly with the fire appliances to the place of the fire in an orderly manner, report to the captain, and perform any duty that may be required of them. They shall remain on duty until relieved by orders, which shall be given only by the officer in command. No member shall be absent from duty for a longer period than one month, except by permission of the captain of the brigade, and approved by the Country Board, or in case of sickness. Members shall reside within easy sound of the alarm bell.

**SUBSTITUTES.**

15. Each registered brigade may have so many substitutes as the Country Board may from time to time permit to take the place of members absent from the brigade district or disabled by sickness. They shall be appointed from the regular applicants on recommendation of the captain of the brigade and approval of the Country Board, and shall receive the same allowance as the principal when filling such position, and may be removed by the said Board. No substitute can be assigned to duty in place of his principal during the time of a fire or an alarm of fire, except by permission of the officer in command.

**ROLL CALL AT FIRES.**

16. Upon returning from a fire, or an alarm of fire, the officer in command shall cause the roll to be called, and record the absence of any member, and a copy of such roll, together with a report of the fire, shall be forwarded by the secretary of the brigade to the secretary of the Country Board within twenty-four hours of the time of such fire.

**DUTIES AT FIRES.**

17. At all fires the first officer of any registered brigade arriving shall, in the absence of the chief officer, superintendent, or captain, and until his arrival, act as in chief command, and be obeyed and respected accordingly; the men are required to move quickly and obey orders promptly and without criticism. Where there are more than one such brigade, the officers in charge of the several brigades shall, immediately on their arrival at a fire, report to the officer in command and remain for orders. No brigade shall leave the fire ground or take the apparatus of which they have charge therefrom without the order or permission of the officer in command.

Any neglect of duty, disobedience of orders, or disrespect to officers shall be reported by the officer in command to the Country Board.

All disputes which may arise between brigades or individual firemen when on duty shall be inquired into by the officer in command, and if not settled shall be referred to the Country Board. Members of brigades that are not in service at fires will not enter the buildings, unless ordered, but remain convenient to the fire, equipped and ready for orders.

The officer in charge of each brigade present at any fire shall cause a report to be forwarded to the secretary of the Country Board, in such form as may be required by the Board, within twenty-four hours of the time of fire, such report to be signed by the officer in charge at the fire and the secretary of the brigade.

No member of a brigade shall be permitted to interfere, or handle, or move any part or portion of any stores or goods contained in any premises on fire, or in danger of fire, unless by order or permission of the officer in command.

**RATES OF ALLOWANCES FOR DUTY AT FIRES.**

18. An allowance will be granted to every duly registered brigade for each effective registered member for work at fires, as under, viz., at the rate of—

	For the First Hour.	For the Second Hour.
Superintendent ...	7 6	6 0
Captain ...	5 0	4 0
Lieutenant ...	4 0	3 0
Foreman ...	2 6	2 0
Secretary ...	2 6	2 0
Firemen ...	2 0	1 6

For fires lasting over the second hour the Country Board will deal with each case as they arise.

An effective registered member shall mean one who has attended at least 50 per cent. of the fires, or alarms of fires, in his district, and is also effective in his attendance at practices.

Any member absent from three consecutive fires without leave or sufficient excuse shall be struck off the register, and his place be declared vacant, and the vacancy may be filled by a substitute, or in any other way the said Board may direct.

No allowance for duty at fires to any brigade shall exceed the amount calculated on the maximum complement allowed by the classification.

**PRACTICES.**

19. The members of each brigade shall be practised in their duties at engine, reel, and other apparatus drill as often as may be practicable, and at least once each calendar month, under the supervision of their officers, and at such other time as the Country Board, chief officer, superintendent, or captain may direct. When called for practice the members shall be notified, in writing, by the secretary of the brigade, stating the time for meeting and when the roll will be called, and any member failing to appear shall be marked the same as for non-attendance at fires.

Each brigade shall have the same system of drill, as far as the different appliances will admit. The system of drill must conform to the direction of the Board.

Each brigade may appoint its own day for practice, provided it does not delay the monthly return being sent in to the Board on the first day of each month.

Any member absent from three consecutive practices without leave or sufficient excuse shall be struck off the register, and his place may be filled by a substitute, or in any other way the said Board may direct.

A recognised practice shall mean a continuous drill at practical work in fire extinction for at least one hour. Wet practices must be the rule where water is available.

**RATES OF ALLOWANCES FOR PRACTICES.**

20. An allowance will be granted to every duly registered brigade for each effective registered member for work at practices, which, for each practice of one hour's duration in the practical drill of extinguishing a fire, shall be—For the captain, 3s.; lieutenant, 2s. 6d.; foreman and secretary, 2s. each; firemen, 1s. 6d. each.

Brigades classed under A and B shall be paid for six practices a year, held each alternate month. All other brigades shall be paid for twelve practices a year, held monthly.

An effective registered member shall mean one who has attended at least 50 per cent. of the aforesaid practices, and is also effective in his attendance at fires.

No allowance for practices to any brigade shall exceed the amount calculated on the maximum complement allowed by the classification.

**BRIGADES TO REQUISITION FOR SUPPLIES, ETC.**

21. All supplies and repairs required for the maintenance of each registered brigade shall be requisitioned for, on forms supplied for that purpose, to the Country Board, through the respective local committees. Requisitions shall be sent in on the authority of a properly constituted meeting of the brigade only, and shall be signed by the captain and secretary of the brigade. Requisitions may be made once a month, and forwarded on the first day of each month to the said Board, through the said local committee, for approval.

The said Board may furnish such supplies or effect such repairs, or authorize the brigade to provide same. All supplies received and repairs effected shall be receipted for to the secretary of the Country Board, and particulars of same entered in a book to be kept for that purpose by the secretary of each brigade. All payments shall be made by the said Board.

**BRIGADES NOT TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES, ETC.**

22. Brigades shall not purchase supplies, incur, accept, or in any way undertake any liability on account of the maintenance of the brigade unless with the consent of the Country Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE, RETURNS, AND REPORTS.**

23. All correspondence on matters connected with the personnel, duties, discipline, and general efficiency of the brigade shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Country Board, unless otherwise directed by the Board.

All correspondence involving expenditure shall be forwarded through the respective local committees for transmission to the Country Board.

If any secretary of any brigade makes default in transmitting any report or return within fourteen days after it shall have become due, or within fourteen days from notice sent by the secretary of the Country Board of the non-receipt of such report or return, such secretary shall be liable to be suspended or removed.

The following is a list of returns, forms, and reports to be furnished to the Country Board and the respective local committees, viz.:

No.	Returns, Forms, and Reports.	To be Furnished by	Date.
A32	* Reports of fires ...	Secretary of Brigade	Within 24 hours of fire
B5	+ Requisitions for supplies	Do.	1st of each month
A33	* Return of attendances of all grades at fires and practices during month	Do.	Do.
A34	* Members' applications for registration	Do.	Do.
A35	* Return of members fined by brigade	Do.	Do.
A36	+ Monthly report of inspections	Superintendent	Do.
A37	* Annual return of appliances, &c.	Secretary of Brigade	1st January
A38	* Annual return of members for registration	Do.	Do.

\* To be sent to the secretary of the Country Board.  
+ To be sent to the secretary of the Local Committee.

## BRIGADE BOOKS.

24. The following is a list of books to be kept by the secretary of each registered brigade:—

All entries to be made therein are to be examined by the captain of the brigade, and produced at all meetings of the brigade, and whenever required by an officer of the Country Board.

1. A book, alphabetically arranged, in which shall be entered, in the following order, the names of every member of the brigade, together with his age, birthplace, occupation, residence, registered number, brigade rank, date of admission, date of leaving, and remarks, and containing the record of attendances at all practices, drills, and parades, showing the name and amount due for practices for each member each month, and the attendances at all fires and alarms of fires, together with particulars of losses, insurance, &c., and showing the amount payable for each member each month for duty at fires; also containing the signatures of all registered members to an agreement to abide by and conform to all the regulations established, or which may be hereafter established, by the Country Board, and the rules of the brigade, and that they will be subject to the penalties therein.
2. A book showing the punishment awarded any member of the brigade for breaches of regulations, the amount of fines imposed on members, how recovered and dealt with; also containing the record of all leave of absence granted.
3. A file of all regulations and general and special circulars issued by the Board, and all inward correspondence.
4. A book containing the minutes of resolutions and proceedings of the brigade.
5. A book containing copies of all letters sent out.
6. A book containing records of the horses, hose, and apparatus of the brigade.
7. Books for requisitions for supplies and repairs for the brigade.

## CONDUCT.

25. Members of brigades are required, in their intercourse with each other, social or official, to observe a courteous demeanour, and officers or men in addressing each other will do so in a respectful manner. While on duty at fires, practices, and parades, the greatest degree of silence, compatible with a proper discharge of duty, will be required.

Any member of a brigade guilty of intoxication, disobedience of orders, insubordination, abusive or obscene language, wanton destruction of property, undue interference with fire plugs and fire appliances, or other unseemly conduct, shall be at once suspended from duty by the officer in charge at any place or time, who shall report particulars of the case to the Country Board for their action, and the said Board shall deal with such member as it thinks fit.

## GENERAL.

26. Each brigade shall have its own printed rules of internal and general working, which must in all cases be subject to the approval of the Country Board. All proposed alterations or additions must be submitted to the said Board for approval or otherwise. No rule must be contrary or antagonistic to the said Board's regulations or to any regulation or action thereunder. The said Board shall demand that all fines and punishments fixed by such rules be strictly enforced, under penalty of deduction from any allowances payable to the brigade such sums as it may appear that the brigade has failed to recover. No member shall be permitted to lend his uniform to any person not a member of his own brigade. All members must wear a badge, mark of distinction, or number, in order that they may be recognised. All such marks, badges, and numbers must be approved by the Country Board before being brought into use. Every officer and member shall conform to the regulations established, or which may be hereafter established, by the Board for the government of the various fire brigades, and shall be subject to the duties, conditions, and penalties named. All allowances and salaries are payable monthly, and shall in all cases be subject to stoppages or absolute forfeiture in the event of wilful violation of the regulations, at the discretion of the Board. The secretary of the Country Board shall be the officer appointed to lay information under these regulations.

## (SUB-SECTION 11.)

*For the Enrolment and Registration of all Permanent Fire Brigades, Volunteer Brigades, Municipal Brigades, Insurance Companies' Brigades, Private Brigades, or Brigades established or formed under any other description whatever, and also for prescribing the various Engines, Apparatus, and Appliances for the Extinguishment of Fire and the Saving of Life at Fires to be kept and maintained by all such Brigades.*

## ENROLMENT OF BRIGADES.

1. Prior to the first registration of any fire brigade already established, the secretary of every such fire brigade shall, within fourteen days of the publication of these regulations in the *Government Gazette*, send a detailed statement of the names in full of each effective working member, with date of enrolment and length of service, present age, occupation, and place of abode to the secretary of the Country Board.

## NON-REGISTERED BRIGADES NOT RECOGNISED.

2. No fire brigade or the members thereof shall be recognised unless registered by the Country Board.

## EFFECTIVE WORKING STRENGTH.

3. The effective working complement of any brigade now established or hereafter to be established and registered shall not be less than ten nor more than thirty active registered members.

## REGISTRATION MAY BE CANCELLED.

4. Whenever and as soon as any registered brigade, by reason of deaths, resignations, or expulsions, shall have reduced its roll to less than its minimum effective complement, the registration of the said brigade shall be suspended, and any allowances or salaries payable thereto, or payable to any members thereof, shall at once be forfeited to the Country Board.

## NOTICE BEFORE DISBANDMENT.

5. If after one month's notice from the Country Board any registered brigade still remains below its effective complement, the said Board may at once cancel the registration of such brigade and declare it disbanded.

## STATIONS NOT TO BE REMOVED.

6. No brigade shall extend its stations or branches, or remove to any other place, city, town, borough, district, ward, or shire without the sanction of the Country Board.

## REGISTRATION OF NEWLY-FORMED BRIGADES.

7. The Country Board may, upon application from the council of any municipal district outside any Country Fire District, place the name of any newly-formed fire brigade on a probationary register, provided that the cost, or such portion thereof as the Board may determine, of suitable fire-extinguishing apparatus has been raised locally. The apparatus to be to the satisfaction of the said Board, and vested in trustees approved of by the said Board for the public benefit. Provided in all cases that an efficient brigade of the proper class be maintained to work the apparatus to the satisfaction of the said Board. After such period of probation as the Country Board may consider necessary, the said Board may proceed under section 4 of the Act, and after proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, may transfer such brigade to the regular register and maintain it under the provisions of the Act.

## CLASSIFICATION OF BRIGADES.

8. For the efficient and economical working of all fire brigades, the Country Board shall place each brigade under such class and grade as the said Board may from time to time determine. For the present, such classification and grade shall be as follows, that is to say:—

(1) The establishment allowed for each brigade shall be as stated below, viz:—

Class A.—A complement of not more than fifteen effective registered members, graded as follows:—One captain, one lieutenant, one foreman, one secretary, and eleven firemen.

Classes B and C.—A complement of not more than twenty effective registered members, graded as follows:—One captain, one lieutenant, one foreman, one secretary, and sixteen firemen.

Classes D and E.—A complement of not more than twenty-five effective registered members, graded as follows:—One captain, one lieutenant, one foreman, one secretary, and twenty-one firemen.

Classes F and G.—A complement of not more than thirty effective registered members, graded as follows:—One captain, one lieutenant, one foreman, one secretary, one station-keeper, and twenty-five firemen.

Classes H, I, and J.—Such complement and grades as the Country Board may from time to time determine for the Geelong, Bendigo, and Ballarat Divisions.

(2) Brigades having members in excess of the complement allowed under the foregoing classification shall not enroll or admit any more members, but shall reduce to the maximum of their class by ordinary means, such as resignations, removals from brigade district, &c. Members in excess of the complement may be registered by the Country Board, and must attend the requisite number of practices and fires to become effective, failing which they may be dealt with as the said Board may determine.

(3) Brigades whose grades of rank differ from the foregoing classification shall alter their list of officers and adopt the grades shown in the said classification with as little delay as possible. Under no circumstances will officers other than those shown in the said classification be recognised or registered as effective members of a brigade.

(4) The allowance paid to any brigade for attendance at practices or fires shall not exceed the amount payable on the maximum complement allowed under the foregoing classification.

## CONTROL OF FIRE STATIONS AND FIRE APPARATUS.

9. The Country Board may require that, before a brigade be registered, the owner or owners of any building used as a fire station or reel-house, and the owner or owners of any apparatus used for extinguishing fires in the possession of or used by any fire brigade, shall place the same at the service of the said Board for fire protection purposes for the public benefit. The said Board may refuse to recognise or register any brigade unless the aforesaid owner or owners agree, in writing, to so place the said buildings, houses, and apparatus under the control of the said Board.

The foregoing Regulations were adopted at a meeting of the Country Fire Brigades Board, held at Melbourne on the 10th July, 1891.

WM. STRATHMORE JUDD, Secretary.  
Melbourne, 11th July, 1891.

And the Honorable Allan McLean, Her Majesty's Chief Secretary for Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

G. WILSON BROWN,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.