

and 8 a.m., and 2s. per hour between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- (3.) The sum of £1 per annum (payable half-yearly on the 30th June and 31st December in each year) may be paid as boot allowance to the members who have been at least six months in the brigade, and who have attended at least two-thirds of the musters during each half-yearly period.

By order of the New Plymouth Fire Board.

F. P. CORKILL, Chairman.  
JNO. PATON.

THOS. L. BUXTON (per M. Arthur), Secretary.  
New Plymouth, 24th September, 1915.

#### BY-LAWS.

BY-LAWS of the New Plymouth Fire Board, made in pursuance of the powers and provisions contained in the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, and in pursuance of all and every power in that behalf contained in any other Act enabling the said Board in that behalf.

#### Interpretation.

1. In these by-laws, if not inconsistent with the context, "the Superintendent" shall mean the Superintendent of the fire brigade in the Borough of New Plymouth; "Board" shall mean the New Plymouth Fire Board; "station" shall mean any building in which any of the plant or property of the Board shall be kept; "brigade" shall mean New Plymouth Volunteer Fire Brigade.

#### Penalties.

2. Every person guilty of a breach of any of the provisions of any of these by-laws shall on conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20.

#### PART I.

##### *In respect of Fires outside the Borough of New Plymouth.*

3. The Superintendent may, by his own discretion, render any assistance he deems necessary at any fire taking place outside the borough, provided always that he can do so without endangering the safety of the New Plymouth Fire District. If any portion of the New Plymouth Fire Brigade established and maintained by the Board attends and performs any services at a fire outside the Borough of New Plymouth at the request of the owner or occupier of such property, then such owner or occupier of such property shall pay to the Board for such attendance and services at the undermentioned rates:—

Superintendent or officer in charge of brigade—	£	s.	d.
First hour .. .. .	0	10	0
Each succeeding hour .. .. .	0	7	6
Each fireman—			
First hour .. .. .	0	4	0
Each succeeding hour .. .. .	0	3	0
Each fire appliance, per hour .. .. .	1	10	0

The cost of transporting men and appliances to be borne by the owner or occupier. The times to be computed from the time of leaving the station until the return to the station.

##### *In respect of Fires on Board any Ship or Vessel.*

4. If any brigade, or any portion of any brigade, established and maintained by the Board attends and performs any services at a fire taking place on board any ship or vessel, then the owner of such ship or vessel shall pay to the Board for such attendance and service the undermentioned rates as fixed by the Board, not exceeding—

Superintendent or officer in charge of brigade—	£	s.	d.
First hour .. .. .	1	1	0
Each succeeding hour .. .. .	0	10	6
Each fireman—			
First hour .. .. .	0	5	0
Each succeeding hour .. .. .	0	2	6
Each fire appliance, per attendance .. .. .	2	10	0

The said charges to be reckoned as from the time the brigade leaves the station until it returns to the station.

##### *Inspection of Public Buildings.*

5. The fee to be paid by the owner or occupier of any building for the inspection of such building, under the provisions of section 51 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, shall be according to the following scale:—

	£	s.	d.
Buildings to seat not more than 200 persons .. .. .	0	5	0
Buildings to seat more than 200, but not more than 300 people .. .. .	0	7	6
Buildings to seat more than 300 people .. .. .	0	10	0

The owner and occupier of any such building shall be severally liable for the payment of the proper fee according to the above scale.

##### *Electric Fire-alarm Circuits.*

6. The Board may establish or contract with any person, corporation, or Government Department for the establishment of an electric fire-alarm system, or any part thereof, and may from time to time extend such system and provide for the connection therewith of street alarms and public and private buildings and premises. All connections of alarms installed in public or private buildings or premises, and alterations to the same, shall be carried out to the approval of the Board at the cost of the owner of the property to be connected, and the cost of maintenance and of the periodical examination and testing of such connections shall be borne by the owner of the property connected, and all such connections shall be efficiently maintained to the satisfaction of the Board or the officer appointed by the Board for that purpose. With the consent of the owner such cost may be commuted to the payment of such annual sum as may be agreed on between the Board and the owner.

##### *In respect of the Storage of Inflammable Substances.*

7. In this part of these by-laws, and for the purposes thereof, the term of "Inspecting Officer" means and includes the Superintendent of the New Plymouth Fire Brigade or any other officer for the time being appointed by the Board to carry out the office or duty of inspection, control, and superintendence under this part of these by-laws, and includes every such person as may from time to time be appointed by the Board to carry out, perform, exercise, or use the office or duties of such Superintendent or other officer; and the words "inflammable packings" shall mean all materials of an inflammable or combustible nature as may be used in the packing of goods and merchandise, and shall include paper, shavings, sawdust, chips of wood, grass, straw, fibre, kapoc, empty packing-cases, boxes, crates, casks, bags, and bales.

No person shall upon or in any other land or premises place, store, or keep, or permit or suffer to be placed, stored, or kept, any inflammable packings in such quantities or in such manner as to create or cause a risk of fire upon such or any adjoining land or premises.

If any inflammable packings are placed, stored, or kept, or suffered to remain, in or upon any land or buildings in such quantities or in such manner as to create or cause a risk of fire, the Superintendent shall, by notice in writing duly served upon the occupier of such land or premises, and in case there is no occupier of such land or premises upon the owner thereof, direct the occupier or owner thereof, within a time to be specified in the notice, to remove the whole or any part of such inflammable packings therefrom, or may direct the said occupier or owner to place or store the same in a manner to the satisfaction of the said Superintendent; and every occupier or owner who fails to perform or comply with the directions contained in such notice shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20, and in the case of a continuance of the offence to a further penalty not exceeding £2 for every day after the expiration of the time specified in such notice.

It shall not be lawful to make or place, or keep stored, or to suffer to remain, in any premises within the Borough of New Plymouth any stack of hay, corn, straw, or other agricultural produce belonging to the class of cereals, or cover such stack with any inflammable material, in the open air at a distance of less than 30 ft. from any building, or 30 ft. from any fence, street, private street, or public place, or adjacent land.

It shall not be lawful to make or place, or keep stored, any such stack as aforesaid in any building within the Borough of New Plymouth attached to, or at a less distance than 20 ft. from, any other building, unless the roof of such first-mentioned building is covered with 22-gauge corrugated iron or best-quality slates, and its walls are constructed wholly of brick, stone, or concrete, or of any combination of such materials: Provided always that this clause shall in no case apply to the case of any such agricultural produce required for the keeping of horses, and stored in any building used only for the *bona fide* purpose of, or in connection with, a stable the storing-capacity of which shall not exceed 3,000 ft. (cubic).

No occupier of any premises shall deposit or keep, or suffer to be deposited or kept, any inflammable or combustible material within 100 ft. of any building, or 30 ft. of any fence, street, public place, or adjacent land.

No person shall deposit or keep, or suffer to be deposited or kept, any wood shavings in any building whatever situated at a less distance than 20 ft. from any adjoining land, street, private street, public place, or building.

No empty or partially empty case, crate, or package, no sawdust, shavings, hay, straw, or other inflammable substance, shall be placed, stored, or suffered to remain in the open air on any street, lane, or public place, or in any public or private right-of-way, or on any land in the borough at a distance of