

BIGGER MAINS LINED.

Chief Sullivan's Scathing Report on the City's Lack of Water.

THE LESSON OF THE FIRE.

More Hydrants and Pressure Needed—Spraying Valley to Blame for Big Losses.

At the meeting of the Fire Department Committee of the Board of Supervisors yesterday afternoon the report of Chief D. T. Sullivan was received. It was one of the most sensational documents the committee has yet had offered for its consideration, and it had the indorsement of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Chief Sullivan reviews the big fires in the City from Christmas a year ago, naming the loss in each and laying the blame on the Spring Valley Water Company.

The chief dwells at length on the fire of June 10, which was so destructive to property in the district south of Market street, and suggests the laying of larger mains, not only in that portion of the City, but all through the town, from Presidio to the Fairmount district and from Presidio to the Potrero, including South San Francisco and Ocean View.

The report is a scathing one on the lack of fire-fighting facilities, and so sweeping was that the committee hesitated for a week, and deferred its consideration for a week.

Sullivan's report began with the fire in Francis, Valentine & Co.'s printing office on December 25, 1893. The fire broke out at 11 o'clock, and the sweeping was not begun until 12:30. The loss amounted to \$4,000, most of which was due to lack of water.

On November 3 a second alarm was turned in from box 68. The fire was in a cocoon-fiber factory at 36 Bluxome street, between Forty and Fifty streets.

On November 18, 1894, three alarms were turned in from box 296, and Goldberg, Bowen & Lehenbaum's store was totally destroyed, including the San Francisco Press Club. The fire occurred on Sunday, and therefore the pressure in the mains had been stronger. That it was not, however, was evidenced by the weak streams thrown by the engines. The loss at this fire was \$128,000.

On February 26, 1894, three alarms were turned in from box 48, and the Golden Rule Bazar on Market street, west of Kearny, was completely gutted. It was found that there was water enough for six engines, but the second and third alarms were turned in, the extra engines took all the water from those which were first on the ground. The loss by this fire was \$162,000.

On the second alarm the water pressure was only ninety pounds, and at the time the third alarm was responded to, the pressure had fallen to sixty pounds. The Chief's report reverts to the losses occasioned by other fires where more than one alarm has been turned in, and then it gets down to the last disastrous blaze in which \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 worth of property was lost. In regard to this report says:

This fire started in the rear of Mill or box factory, at the corner of Bryant and Brannan, in a particularly inflammable district and known to have a poor water supply for a fire beyond the building, and the largest fire handled in years. The lack of water was noticeable from the start, and the engines were nearly handicapped for that reason. Engines 4 and 10 responded to the first alarm and both companies went into the water company yard on Bryant street, where the Chief claimed that there are two yard hydrants. The fire showed speed at that time and was advanced rapidly. Both engines are new and have been in use seven months and are of the first size, very powerful and equipped with three-inch hose capable of standing 150 pounds pressure. No. 4 engine got 130 pounds pressure for ten minutes or so, and it then dropped to thirty pounds and did not vary much during the fire. The Chief says that he got more than that pressure at any time while connected to the hydrant in the yard.

It has been estimated that at all fires of any magnitude in any part of the City the water supply and hydrants have been wholly inadequate. There is not a small street in the City (with one exception) with a hydrant in the middle of the block, which the hose would be able to put an engine at a large fire.

Take any part of the City where it would be possible to make twenty engines in a radius of five blocks and it would supply about one-half of them taking the water from the other half. A third alarm, using about sixteen engines, has demonstrated that fact time and again.

In conclusion, Chief Sullivan has submitted a list of districts wherein there is an inadequate supply of water, and a therefore dangerous in case of fire. In the district south of Market street large fires are of most frequent occurrence; east of First street are planing mills and foundries; further west are large four to six story buildings of them built partly of wood; on Rincon Hill is many residences now practically unprotected from fire; on King street, near Third, are oil works and gas works, the former already twice times in flames; on Broadway are warehouses, and on Brannan, Bluxome and Berry streets, between Fourth and Sixth, are large mills; at Fifth and Bryant are mills also, besides large wooden structures, and on the corner of Brannan and Folsom street, between Eleventh and Twelfth, is the Turn Verein Hall, a large frame building in the very heart of the block. At very large fire in this district a scarcity of water has been experienced, proving the entire inefficiency for fire purposes of the large number of 4 and 6 inch mains in the principal streets. In order to remedy this a system of 8 and 12 inch mains should be added, with 16-inch fire mains in Ninth and Brannan streets in addition to those already laid in Howard and Seventh streets. For the purpose of carrying out this plan a 16-inch main should be laid from East to West, from Mission to Steuart; from East to West, from First to Eleventh; from Third to Seventh; Fourth, from Market to Channel; Seventh, from Howard to Market; Howard, from Second to East; Harrison, from Third to Seventh; Jessie, from Second to Third; Third, from Brannan to Berry; Sixth, from Market to Channel.

Eight-inch mains should be laid as follows: East, Mission to Howard; Spear, Market to Mission; Beale, Market to Bryant; Steuart, Mission to Folsom; Main, Market to Bryant; Fremont, Market to Harrison; Second, Brannan to King; Rincon place, Harrison to Bryant; Stanford, Brannan to Second; King, from Second to Mission; Eleventh, Market to Howard; Twelfth, Mission to Harrison; Crocker, from West Mission to Stevenson; to Brady, to Colton; Fifth, from Ninth to Fourteenth; Howard, from Second to East; Harrison, from Third to Seventh; Jessie, from First to Anthony; Mission; Fifth, Folsom to Bryant; Ninth, Howard to Folsom; Eleventh, Folsom to Bryant; West Mission, Twelfth to Thirteenth; Bluxome, Fourth to Sixth; King, Third to Sixth; Jessie, Second to Fifth.

In the district north of Market street the Chief suggests that 12-inch mains be laid in Market street from East to Powell; in all streets from and including Broadway to Oak, east of Gough, and Sansome, from

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