

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 390.

The following Report on the Government Fire Brigade, for the year 1901, is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th June, 1902.

FIRE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT,  
HONGKONG, 22nd March, 1902.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the following report on the Government Fire Brigade for the year 1901.

2. There were fifty-eight Fires and eighty-four Incipient Fires during the year. Details regarding each are attached. The Brigade turned out fifty-seven times during the year.

The estimated damages caused by the Fires was \$630,381 and by the Incipient Fires \$212.50.

3. A list is attached showing the number of Fires that have occurred during each of the last ten years with the estimated value of property destroyed in each case.

4. The water in the mains was turned off from 11th November last, since which date the steam engines and sea water were used, and the work of extinguishing Fires was rendered less prompt and considerably more arduous.

5. One large Fire occurred in a warehouse after that date, fortunately quite close to the sea-wall.

6. One Fire occurred in the Harbour during the year.

7. A new telescopic fire-escape, capable of reaching a height of 60 feet, was received from England on the 5th November. The men were drilled in handling it, but it was never called into actual use at a Fire.

8. I attach a list of places where Fire Despatch Boxes are kept, and copy of report by the Engineer on the state of the Fire Engines, which are all in good order. (Since the report was written No. 3 Engine has been repaired.)

9. The conduct of the Brigade has been good.

10. I acted as Superintendent of the Brigade, and Mr. MACKIE as Assistant Superintendent from the 5th September, when Mr. MAY left the Colony on leave of absence.

11. An additional Assistant Superintendent was added to the Brigade from the 15th July, the post being filled by Inspector KEMP.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. J. BADELEY,  
*Acting Superintendent of Fire Brigade.*

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

&c., &c., &c.

*List of Places where Fire Brigade Despatch Boxes are kept.*

1 Box.	No. 1 Police Station.	2 Boxes.	No. 7 Police Station.
3 Boxes.	Engine House at No. 2 Police Station.	1 Box.	Bonham Strand West, at West End.
1 Box.	Naval Dock Yard.	1 "	Gas House, West Point.
1 "	Clock Tower.	1 "	Fat Hing Street, at Queen's Road West.
1 "	Government Offices.	1 "	Ko Shing Theatre.
1 "	Government House.	1 "	Government Lunatic Asylum.
1 "	No. 7, Queen's Garden, Engineers' Mess.	2 Boxes.	Nam Pak Hong Fire Station.
1 "	Central Police Station.	1 Box.	Man Mo Temple.
1 "	Wellington Street at Lyndhurst Terrace.	2 Boxes.	No. 5 Police Station.
1 "	Government Civil Hospital.	1 Box.	Kennedy Town Hospital.
1 "	Staunton Street at Sing Wong Street.	1 "	Collinson Street.
1 "	Water Lane at Queen's Road Central.	1 "	No. 463, Queen's Road West.

*List of Telephones to which the Police can have access to communicate with Central Station in the event of a Fire breaking out.*

Hongkong and China Gas Company, East and West Point, from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M.  
Tung Wa Hospital, Po Yan Street.  
Man On Insurance Office, Queen's Road West.

Hongkong Hotel, Praya Central.  
Royal Naval Yard, Queen's Road East.  
Mr. J. KENNEDY'S Causeway Bay.  
Electric Light Company, Queen's Road East.

HONGKONG, 19th February, 1902.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward the Annual Report on the state of the Government Fire Engines, for the year ending 31st December, 1901.

STEAMER No. 1.

(Floating Fire Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been 4 years in service, was docked and over-hauled in June, 1901, and the Hull, Engines, Boiler and Pumps are now in good order and condition.

STEAMER No. 2.

(Land Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been 23 years in service (Boiler 4 years) it has been regularly tested at Drill for Drivers and is now in good order and condition.

STEAMER No. 3.

(Land Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been 22 years in service and has been regularly tested at Drill for Drivers. At the last two Drills great difficulty was experienced in getting the Pump to catch the water, and on examination I found the Valve Seats badly corroded thus preventing a Vacuum being formed in the Chamber.

STEAMER No. 4.

(Land Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been 20 years in service and has been regularly tested at Drill and is now in good order and condition.

STEAMER No. 5.

(Land Engine by Shand & Mason.)

This Engine has been 15 years in service, it was over-hauled in 1900, and has been regularly tested at Drill and is now in good order and condition.

All the Manual Engines and gear, Hose, Reels, Ladders and Supply Carts have been kept in good repair and are now in good order and condition.

Owing to the extra work the Engines have recently done at fires and considering the long time that has elapsed since they were over-hauled, I consider that it will be necessary during the present year to examine and over-haul each of the Engines; but with the exception of No. 3 Engine, this can be left till the water from the mains can be used for fires.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

D. MACDONALD,  
Engineer, Fire Brigade.

F. J. BADELEY, Esquire,  
Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.

FIRES, 1891.

No.	DATE.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.
			Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January 8	Nos. 170 and 172, Third Street, .....	5	...	\$ 3,000
2	February 8	No. 353, Queen's Road West, .....	1	2	700
3	April 5	No. 41, Hillier Street, .....	1	...	1,500
4	" 7	The Hongkong and China Bakery, Morrison Hill Road, East Point, .....	...	1	1,000
5	May 5	No. 331, Queen's Road Central, .....	2	...	11,500
6	" 6	No. 280, Queen's Road Central, .....	2	...	12,000
7	July 11	No. 72, Station Street, Yaumati, .....	1	...	1,800
8	December 19	No. 57A, Wanchai Road, .....	1	...	600
TOTAL,.....\$					32,100

## FIRES, 1892.

No.	DATE.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.
			Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January	10 No. 9, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	\$ 40,000
2	"	13 Bonham Strand, .....	...	3	8,000
3	"	16 No. 528, Queen's Road West, .....	1	...	6,000
4	"	21 No. 81, High Street, .....	...	1	100
5	April	1 No. 26, Sai Wo Lane, .....	...	1	1,000
6	"	10 No. 17, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	400
7	"	11 No. 104, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	1,500
8	May	22 No. 17, Tank Lane, .....	1	...	250
9	June	21 No. 29, Centre Street, .....	...	1	100
10	July	3 No. 91, Wing Lok Street, .....	...	1	5,000
11	August	18 No. 49, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	300
12	"	21 No. 48, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	3,000
13	September	15 No. 80, Queen's Road West, .....	4	2	4,000
14	December	8 No. 333, Queen's Road Central, .....	1	2	5,000
15	"	20 No. 14, Jubilee Street, .....	...	1	300
16	"	22 No. 16, East Street, .....	1	1	600
TOTAL,.....\$					75,550

## FIRES, 1893.

No.	DATE.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.
			Wholly.	Partly.	
1	January	7 No. 73, Hollywood Road, .....	...	1	\$ 800
2	"	11 No. 79, Nullah Lane, .....	1	...	300
3	"	18 No. 2, Square Street, .....	...	1	10
4	February	11 No. 68, Jervois Street, .....	2	1	10,000
5	"	13 No. 101, Wing Lok Street, .....	...	1	6,000
6	March	22 No. 22, Holland Street, .....	1	1	40,000
7	"	26 No. 301, Queen's Road West, .....	1	2	8,000
8	April	13 No. 87, Jervois Street, .....	...	1	2,000
9	"	25 No. 15, West Street, .....	...	1	800
10	"	27 No. 1, In On Lane, .....	2	1	19,000
11	May	13 No. 344, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	2,000
12	June	16 No. 406, Queen's Road West, .....	1	...	2,000
13	"	16 No. 28, Tsz Mi Lane, .....	...	1	700
14	July	3 No. 191, Hollywood Road, .....	1	1	1,500
15	"	14 No. 19, Gough Street, .....	...	...	150
16	"	19 No. 280, Queen's Road West, .....	1	1	1,000
17	"	20 No. 12, Tung Loi Lane, .....	...	4	20,000
18	August	16 No. 337, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	300
19	"	17 No. 32, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	2,800
20	"	25 No. 155, Second Street, .....	1	...	20,000
21	September	5 No. 7, Ezra Lane, .....	1	...	400
22	"	18 No. 248, Hollywood Road, .....	1	...	4,000
23	"	30 No. 127, Bonham Strand, .....	1	...	5,000
24	October	12 No. 14, Li Shing Street, .....	...	1	5,500
25	November	11 No. 115, Praya West, .....	3	1	20,000
26	"	11 No. 58, Square Street, .....	2	1	3,000
27	"	16 No. 5, Pan Kwai Lane, .....	...	1	1,000
28	"	21 No. 9, Tamery Lane, .....	...	1	40
29	"	23 No. 314A, Queen's Road Central, .....	1	...	8,000
30	"	26 No. 22, Tsz Mi Lane, .....	1	1	5,500
31	December	4 No. 31, Wing Fung Street, .....	...	1	10
32	"	5 No. 131, Bonham Strand, .....	...	2	2,000
33	"	9 No. 11, Bonham Strand, .....	2	...	5,000
34	"	10 No. 240, Queen's Road West, .....	1	...	9,000
35	"	13 No. 99, Praya West, .....	...	1	400
36	"	25 No. 100, Queen's Road West, .....	1	1	2,000
TOTAL,.....\$					208,210

FIRES, 1894.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	
				Wholly.	Partly.		
1	January	9	12.30 p.m.	No. 56, First Street, .....	...	1	\$ 800
2	"	14	8.45 p.m.	No. 13, U Lok Lane, .....	1	...	400
3	"	16	1.25 a.m.	No. 273, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	1,200
4	February	1	7.55 a.m.	No. 26, Market Street, .....	2	...	2,500
5	"	6	1.40 p.m.	No. 57, Queen's Road West, .....	1	2	4,000
6	"	14	4.50 p.m.	No. 28, Upper Station Street, .....	...	1	300
7	"	25	7 p.m.	No. 86, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	50
8	March	3	7.30 a.m.	No. 17, Salt Fish Street, .....	...	2	1,500
9	"	28	9.25 a.m.	No. 17, Upper Lascar Row, .....	1	1	5,000
10	April	4	9.20 p.m.	No. 136, Bonham Strand, .....	6	1	150,000
11	"	17	10.30 a.m.	No. 211, Hollywood Road, .....	1	1	2,000
12	"	28	9 a.m.	No. 63, Wanchai Road, .....	...	1	1,500
13	"	30	2 a.m.	No. 122, Queen's Road Central, .....	3	2	55,000
14	May	1	7 p.m.	No. 116, Queen's Road Central, .....	1	1	18,000
15	"	15	3 a.m.	No. 137, Queen's Road West, .....	1	2	4,500
16	June	3	3 a.m.	No. 15, Jervois Street, .....	...	1	2,500
17	"	3	3.10 a.m.	No. 228, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	2	20,000
18	July	1	10.25 p.m.	No. 123, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	3,000
19	August	14	10.30 a.m.	No. 59, Square Street, .....	1	...	500
20	"	21	3.45 a.m.	No. 68, Jervois Street, .....	1	1	18,000
21	October	2	2 a.m.	No. 9, Sai On Lane, .....	...	1	200
22	"	3	11.30 p.m.	No. 21, West Street, .....	1	...	800
23	"	11	6.20 p.m.	No. 2, Ship Street, .....	...	1	200
24	"	24	12.10 a.m.	No. 127, Queen's Road West, .....	1	...	15,000
25	"	31	10 p.m.	No. 115, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	3	4,600
26	November	30	7.40 p.m.	No. 32, Bonham Strand, .....	...	1	2,000
27	December	1	10 p.m.	No. 207, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	8,000
28	"	1	11.20 p.m.	No. 183, Hollywood Road, .....	1	1	2,000
29	"	13	5.30 p.m.	No. 22, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	100
TOTAL, .....						\$	323,650

FIRES, 1895.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	
				Wholly.	Partly.		
1	January	6	7.45 p.m.	House No. 230, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	\$ 6,000
2	"	12	9.30 p.m.	House No. 4, Wellington Street, .....	...	1	4,000
3	"	18	5.45 p.m.	House No. 189, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	2,000
4	"	18	6.45 p.m.	House No. 15, Mercer Street, .....	...	1	9,000
5	"	21	9 p.m.	House No. 337, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	1,000
6	February	6	9.15 p.m.	House No. 73, Bonham Strand, .....	1	...	6,000
7	"	10	1 a.m.	House No. 149, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	30
8	"	20	1.20 p.m.	House No. 3, Wai Tak Lane, .....	...	1	200
9	March	2	6.40 p.m.	House No. 228, Queen's Road West, .....	2	3	12,000
10	"	3	7 p.m.	House No. 7, Li Shing Street, .....	1	...	3,000
11	"	24	8 p.m.	House No. 95, Bonham Strand, .....	1	3	Unknown.
12	"	26	8.30 p.m.	House No. 212, Queen's Road West, .....	1	...	3,000
13	"	30	2.50 a.m.	House No. 352, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	2	5,000
14	April	6	3.25 a.m.	House No. 1, Queen's Street, .....	...	1	5,000
15	"	11	12 Noon.	House No. 144, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	3,000
16	"	18	7 p.m.	House No. 34, Bonham Strand, .....	...	1	1,000
17	"	24	10.15 p.m.	House No. 19, Jervois Street, .....	1	...	12,000
18	June	14	3.05 a.m.	House No. 76, Jervois Street, .....	1	...	Not known.
19	July	29	4.50 a.m.	House No. 34, Wing Lok Street, .....	...	2	5,000
20	"	29	12.30 a.m.	House No. 3, Station Street, .....	1	1	800
21	August	5	1 a.m.	House No. 70, Jervois Street, .....	...	2	22,000
22	September	6	3.45 a.m.	House No. 4, Praya Central, premises of Messrs. Wieler & Co, .....	...	1	100
23	"	6	8.30 a.m.	House No. 12, Nullah Terrace, Quarry Bay, .....	1	...	700
24	October	5	12.50 a.m.	House No. 169, Hollywood Road, .....	1	1	3,000
25	"	6	8.20 a.m.	Matshed at Quarry Bay, .....	1	...	500
26	"	15	11.15 p.m.	House No. 149, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	100
27	"	30	12.45 a.m.	American ship <i>Wandering Jew</i> , Victoria Harbour, .....	...	...	150,000
28	November	21	7.35 p.m.	House No. 111, Praya West, .....	1	...	6,000
29	December	13	11.15 p.m.	A matshed at Kun Chung, .....	1	...	200
30	"	13	4.30 p.m.	A squatter's hut on the Hillside at the back of Shaukiwan Station, .....	1	...	25
31	"	16	1 a.m.	House No. 110, Praya West, .....	1	...	8,000
32	"	17	1 a.m.	House No. 247, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	1	15,000
33	"	23	1.35 a.m.	House No. 285, Queen's Road Central, ...	3	2	4,000
34	"	24	6 p.m.	House No. 347 & 349, Queen's Road West, .....	...	2	5,325
35	"	30	1.10 a.m.	House No. 40, Queen's Road West, .....	2	2	5,000
TOTAL, .....							297,980

## FIRES, 1896.

No.	DATE.		TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	
					Wholly.	Partly.		
1	January	15	7.45 p.m.	House No. 30, Wing Lok Street, .....	2	2	\$ 9,000	
2	"	16	8.20 p.m.	House No. 63, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	...	30	
3	"	25	10.30 p.m.	House No. 205, Queen's Road West, .....	1	...	1,000	
4	February	1	12.30 a.m.	House No. 302, Queen's Road West, .....	1	...	2,600	
5	"	6	1 a.m.	House No. 56, Jervois Street, .....	1	1	6,000	
6	"	6	2.45 a.m.	House No. 57, Queen's Road West, .....	3	2	16,000	
7	"	8	11.05 p.m.	House No. 133, Praya West, .....	2	1	6,000	
8	"	26	4.25 a.m.	House No. 309, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	1	5,000	
9	March	9	4 a.m.	House No. 367, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	...	3,000	
10	April	1	5.10 a.m.	House No. 3, Wing Lok Street, .....	1	...	8,000	
11	"	1	4.45 a.m.	House No. 288, Queen's Road West, .....	1	...	4,000	
12	"	6	4.20 a.m.	House No. 21, Salt Fish Street, .....	1	...	8,700	
13	"	8	4.15 a.m.	House No. 13, Wing Wo Street, .....	...	1	2,000	
14	"	22	1.15 a.m.	House No. 48, Praya West, .....	...	1	3,000	
15	"	24	3.15 a.m.	House No. 13, Cochrane Street, .....	...	1	600	
16	"	26	8.45 a.m.	House No. 31, Belcher's St., Kennedy Town, .....	1	...	3,500	
17	"	27	10.15 a.m.	House No. 238, Hollywood Road, .....	...	1	2,000	
18	"	29	9.50 p.m.	House No. 115, Praya West, .....	...	1	2,300	
19	May	9	1.10 a.m.	House No. 12, Sutherland Street, .....	...	1	50	
20	"	14	10 15 p.m.	House No. 73, Jervois Street, .....	...	2	6,000	
21	June	5	9.20 p.m.	House No. 3, Tsz Mi Lane, .....	...	1	1,290	
22	"	15	7.30 a.m.	Licensed Cargo Boat No. 69, .....	...	...	4,500	
23	"	29	3.30 p.m.	On Board the British barque <i>Glen Caladh</i> , .....	...	...	Unknown.	
24	August	14	3.10 p.m.	House No. 10, Ship Street, .....	...	1	600	
25	October	28	2.10 p.m.	House No. 137, Wing Lok Street, .....	1	...	7,000	
26	November	5	12.40 a.m.	House No. 109, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	25	
27	"	21	3.20 a.m.	House No. 138, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	200	
28	December	8	8.30 p.m.	House No. 18, New Street, .....	...	1	1,000	
29	"	10	1 a.m.	House No. 10, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	200	
30	"	21	.....	House No. 63, Bonham Strand, .....	...	...	Trifling.	
TOTAL,.....							\$	105,595

## FIRES, 1897.

No.	DATE.		TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	
					Wholly.	Partly.		
1	January	12	10.30 p.m.	On board the S.S. <i>Fausang</i> , .....	...	...	\$ 500	
2	"	18	10.15 p.m.	House No. 138, Jervois Street, .....	1	...	25,000	
3	February	3	4.20 a.m.	House No. 213, Praya West, .....	1	...	17,000	
4	"	11	1.20 p.m.	House No. 24, Cross Street, .....	...	1	300	
5	"	15	9.15 a.m.	Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, ...	...	...	200	
6	"	28	1.35 a.m.	House No. 124, Jervois Street, .....	1	1	20,000	
7	April	1	1.20 a.m.	House No. 14, Cross Street, .....	1	1	4,000	
8	"	3	12.30 a.m.	House No. 128, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	200	
9	"	11	2.24 a.m.	House No. 351, Queen's Road Central, ...	2	...	24,000	
10	"	21	5.25 a.m.	House No. 90, Jervois Street, .....	...	1	3,000	
11	"	21	10.15 p.m.	On S.S. <i>Belgie</i> , .....	...	...	3,000	
12	"	25	1.55 a.m.	House No. 95, Wing Lok Street, .....	...	1	5,000	
13	May	1	7.40 p.m.	House No. 8, Cross Street, .....	...	1	700	
14	"	20	1.45 a.m.	House No. 71, Jervois Street, .....	...	2	13,050	
15	June	15	2.30 a.m.	House No. 114, Jervois Street, .....	...	3	34,000	
16	July	23	10 p.m.	Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	300	
17	"	27	11.55 p.m.	House No. 248, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	300	
18	August	3	4.15 p.m.	House No. 15, Praya, Fuk Tsun Heung, ...	4	...	7,000	
19	"	22	2.05 a.m.	House No. 213, Queen's Road West, .....	...	2	600	
20	September	4	1.15 p.m.	House No. 16, Tung Loi Street, .....	...	3	6,900	
21	"	18	7.15 a.m.	House No. 49, Quarry Bay, .....	1	...	600	
22	"	19	12.20 p.m.	House No. 5, "Wild Dell," .....	...	1	300	
23	November	24	11.35 p.m.	House No. 64, Third Street, .....	1	...	1,200	
24	"	24	7 p.m.	House No. 53, Stanley Village, .....	5	...	3,000	
25	"	28	7.10 a.m.	House No. 122, Second Street, .....	...	1	5,000	
26	December	22	1.15 p.m.	H. M. Naval Yard, .....	...	1	2,000	
TOTAL,.....							\$	177,150

## FIRES, 1898.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	
				Wholly.	Partly.		
1	January 22	3.55 p.m.	House No. 21, Lyndhurst Terrace, .....	...	1	\$ 500.00	
2	" 26	4.40 p.m.	Government Asylum, Eastern Street, .....	...	1	150.00	
3	February 5	3.10 a.m.	House No. 46, Praya Central, .....	...	1	200.00	
4	" 11	9 p.m.	House No. 125, Wanchai Road, .....	...	1	4,000.00	
5	" 25	3.35 p.m.	Matshed at British Kowloon, .....	...	...	Unknown.	
6	March 12	12.40 a.m.	House No. 2, Graham Street, .....	...	1	1,000.00	
7	April 11	3 a.m.	House No. 288, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	600.00	
8	May 10	11.10 p.m.	House No. 295, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	700.00	
9	June 1	7.05 p.m.	House No. 67, Praya Central, .....	...	...	100.00	
10	August 10	3 p.m.	House No. 22, Belchers Street, .....	...	1	7,000.00	
11	September 10	2 p.m.	Matshed at the Peak, .....	7	...	200.00	
12	October 10	5.30 p.m.	House No. 2, West Street, .....	...	2	11,628.74	
13	November 18	7.30 a.m.	House No. 76, Praya East, .....	...	1	200.00	
14	December 9	5.50 p.m.	House No. 56, Jardine's Bazaar, .....	1	1	2,500.00	
15	" 12	6.15 p.m.	House No. 136, Queen's Road East, .....	1	1	800.00	
16	" 13	10 a.m.	Hut at Shaunkiwan, .....	5	1	5,423.00	
TOTAL, .....						\$	35,001.74

## FIRES, 1899.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	
				Wholly.	Partly.		
1	January 7	3.40 p.m.	House No. 33, Wing Wo Lane, .....	...	1	\$ 1,000	
2	" 13	10.30 p.m.	House No. 35, Wongneichung, .....	...	...	100	
3	" 20	10.30 p.m.	House No. 234, Hollywood Road, .....	...	1	1,500	
4	" 29	2 p.m.	House No. 28, Nullah Terrace, Quarry Bay, .....	1	2	1,500	
5	February 10	9.45 p.m.	House No. 143, Wanchai Road, .....	...	1	50	
6	March 17	2.30 a.m.	House No. 3, Wai Sun Lane, .....	...	3	3,000	
7	" 18	7.30 p.m.	House No. 226, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	3	30,000	
8	" 19	12.30 p.m.	Hunghom West, .....	1 mat-shed	...	160	
9	April 19	1.25 a.m.	House No. 61, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	200	
10	May 2	7.15 a.m.	On board German Steamer <i>Sabine Rickmers</i> , Tai-Kok Tsui Wharf, .....	...	1	40	
11	" 10	11.05 p.m.	House No. 118, Hollywood Road, .....	1	2	3,000	
12	" 23	8.25 p.m.	House No. 100, Wellington Street, .....	...	1	300	
13	June 10	11.50 a.m.	On board the British Steamer <i>Amara</i> , Wanchai Anchorage, .....	...	1	27,500	
14	" 16	4.30 a.m.	Nos. 24 and 25, Praya, Kennedy Town, ...	...	1	150,000	
15	" 21	7.35 p.m.	House No. 205, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	2,500	
16	July 18	Midnight.	Praya, Kennedy Town, near Chater Street, ...	1 mat-shed	...	200	
17	August 8	3 a.m.	House No. 65, Queen's Road West, .....	1	...	2,880	
18	" 10	8 p.m.	No. 2 Store, Kowloon Dock, .....	...	1	1,500	
19	" 11	1 a.m.	House No. 83, Station Street, Yaumati, ...	3	...	600	
20	" 12	12.15 a.m.	House No. 373, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	2	19,000	
21	September 10	6.15 a.m.	McDonald Road, .....	1 mat-shed	...	Unknown.	
22	October 5	6.15 p.m.	House No. 256, Des Vaux Road, .....	1	1	2,500	
23	" 5	9.50 p.m.	House No. 235, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	1	6,500	
24	" 11	9.20 p.m.	House No. 28, Praya West, .....	1	...	12,000	
25	November 8	8.30 p.m.	House No. 1, Duddell Street, .....	...	1	150	
26	" 9	6 a.m.	On board S.S. <i>Poseidon</i> in Victoria Harbour, .....	...	...	40,000	
27	December 1	6.35 p.m.	Lam Lo Mi Village, Kowloon City, .....	2	...	154	
28	" 2	6.30 a.m.	Nga Chin Loong Village, Kowloon City, .....	13 huts	...	180	
29	" 13	6.20 a.m.	House No. 76, Jervois Street, .....	1	...	23,000	
30	" 22	8.50 p.m.	Godowns next to Hing Lung Lane, .....	3	...	500,000	
31	" 26	8.30 p.m.	House No. 1, Ship Street, .....	1	1	300	
TOTAL, .....						\$	829,814

## FIRES, 1900.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE,	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	
				Wholly.	Partly.		
1	January	1	12 Noon.	House No. 29, Praya, Kennedy Town, ...	...	1	\$ 265.00
2	"	6	7.15 a.m.	House No. 25, West Street, .....	...	1	300.00
3	"	8	8.15 p.m.	House No. 22, Western Street, .....	...	...	100.00
4	"	13	5.30 a.m.	Fishing Boats at Kau Pai Kang Village,	6 boats	...	40.00
5	"	13	5.45 p.m.	Matshed at East Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, ...	1 mat-shed	...	3,000.00
6	"	16	2.15 p.m.	Matshed of Dairy Farm at Pokfulam, .....	1 mat-shed	...	3,000.00
7	"	19	2.30 p.m.	House No. 22, Ma Tao Kok, .....	...	1	40.00
8	"	20	7.00 p.m.	Shed at Sha Po Village, Kowloon City, ...	7 mat-sheds	...	30.00
9	"	25	3.15 a.m.	Caretaker's Matshed at Coffee Plantation Cemetery, .....	1 mat-shed	...	Unknown
10	"	29	2.10 a.m.	House No. 335, Queen's Road Central, ...	1	...	7,500.00
11	"	30	11.19 a.m.	House No. 18, Cochrane Street, .....	...	1	2,000.00
12	"	31	8.10 a.m.	House No. 10, High Street, .....	...	1	200.00
13	February	2	7.10 p.m.	House No. 11, Shing Hing Lane, West Point, .....	...	2	3,300.00
14	"	4	10.30 p.m.	House at Ma On Kong Village, Pat Heung, ...	...	1	15.00
15	"	10	2.25 p.m.	Matshed opposite Harbour Office, .....	1 mat-shed	...	100.00
16	"	16	5.15 p.m.	Carpenters' Matshed at Hung Hom Cement Works, .....	5 mat-sheds	...	1,100.00
17	"	22	2.00 a.m.	House No. 25, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	1,700.00
18	March	1	11.40 p.m.	House No. 11, Hollywood Road, .....	...	1	50.00
19	"	9	3.00 p.m.	House No. 77, Wellington Street, .....	...	1	800.00
20	"	11	7.50 p.m.	House No. 128, Winglok Street, .....	...	1	1,000.00
21	"	20	12.15 a.m.	House No. 324, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	1,500.00
22	"	28	1.00 a.m.	House No. 287, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	30.00
23	"	31	5.00 p.m.	House No. 7, Wild Dell Buildings, .....	...	1	15.00
24	April	1	9.15 p.m.	"Bluff," Plantation Road, Peak, .....	1	...	Unknown
25	"	12	2.30 p.m.	House No. 230, To Kwa Wan, .....	1	...	300.00
26	"	16	3.00 p.m.	Hung Hom Docks, .....	1 mat-shed	...	Unknown
27	"	21	.....	An unoccupied House in Ha *Mi Lane, Ping Shan, .....	1	...	80.00
28	"	29	7.30 p.m.	A Stack of breaming grass on the Aberdeen Road, .....	...	...	220.00
29	May	4	9.00 p.m.	A Stack of grass at Hung Hom West, ...	...	...	30.00
30	"	29	7.30 a.m.	House No. 36, Upper Lascar Row, .....	...	1	400.00
31	June	21	12.40 a.m.	House No. 237, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	200.00
32	July	3	8.50 p.m.	House No. 240, Des Vœux Road West, ...	...	1	150.00
33	"	13	7.30 p.m.	House No. 1A, Connaught Road, .....	...	1	60.00
34	"	16	2.35 a.m.	House No. 11, Tai Wong Lane, .....	...	1	43.00
35	"	21	3.45 a.m.	House No. 274, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	8,000.00
36	August	29	6.00 p.m.	Cargo Boat No. 374, .....	1 cargo boat	...	1,679.73
37	September	13	10.00 p.m.	Cargo Boat No. 61, .....	1 cargo boat	...	3,950.00
38	"	16	11.45 a.m.	Squatter's Matshed at Tai Hang Village, near Yau Ma Ti, .....	17 mat-sheds	...	937.00
39	"	19	9.45 p.m.	Matshed at Yau Ma Ti Village, .....	4 mat-sheds	...	200.00
40	"	25	.....	Matshed at Sai Kung, .....	1 mat-shed	...	100.00
41	"	28	10.15 p.m.	Boat-building Matshed, Mong Kok Tsui, .....	32 mat-sheds	...	30,000.00
42	"	29	7.30 a.m.	Matshed at Robinson Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, .....	3 mat-sheds	...	1,000.00
43	October	13	2.00 a.m.	House No. 58, Jervois Street, .....	...	1	8,700.00
44	November	13	3.50 a.m.	House No. 122, Jervois Street, .....	...	1	19,000.00
45	"	16	8.40 p.m.	House No. 26, Sai Woo Lane, .....	...	...	1,500.00
46	"	27	8.30 a.m.	House No. 93, Market Street, Hung Hom, ...	1	...	800.00
47	December	2	2.44 a.m.	House No. 275, Queen's Road Central, ...	...	1	2,500.00
48	"	9	6.50 p.m.	House No. 9, Beaconsfield Arcade, .....	...	1	4,000.00
49	"	10	.....	Matshed at Valley Road, .....	1 mat-shed	...	400.00
50	"	15	9.20 p.m.	Matshed at Yau Ma Ti, .....	7 mat-sheds	...	265.00
51	"	20	1.50 a.m.	House No. 235, Queen's Road West, .....	2	1	20,000.00
TOTAL, .....						\$	130,599.73

FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1901.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
				Wholly.	Partly.			
1	Jan. 2	7.00 p.m.	Tai Koo Sugar Works, .....	70	...	\$ 18,000	Unknown.....	No insurance effected.
2	" 2	9.30 p.m.	Tai O Harbour, .....	12 wooden store and wooden house.	...	7,000	Do. ....	Do.
3	" 9	12.50 a.m.	House No. 39, Wing Lok Street, .....	1	...	20,000	Exploding of a kerosine lamp. ....	Covered by insurance.
4	" 13	1.50 a.m.	House No. 29, Jervois Street, .....	...	1	18,000	Falling of a kerosine lamp.....	Do.
5	" 20	8.40 p.m.	No. 13, Beaconsfield Arcade, .....	...	...	80	Unknown.....	Not covered by insurance.
6	Feb. 3	2.30 a.m.	Matched, at Hung Hom West, .....	...	...	280	Do. ....	No insurance effected.
7	" 3	6.15 a.m.	House No. 201, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	1,200	Supposed to have been caused by burn- ing joss paper or crackers.	The mistress of the house, a servant girl and a boy were burnt to death.
8	" 4	7.00 a.m.	A house at Shan Wau Village, .....	...	1	Unknown.	Some straw accidentally caught fire. ...	No insurance effected.
9	" 5	9.30 a.m.	Matched (Boat-building Yard) at Tam Shui Hang Village in Sheung Sha Wau, .....	5 mat- shed, and 1 small twin screw steamer.	...	50,000	Sparks from the cook-house setting fire to the matting.	Damage not covered by insurance.
10	" 5	12.48 a.m.	House No. 289, Queen's Road West, .....	2	...	17,600	Supposed to have been caused by a charcoal stove igniting the show case.	Covered by insurance.
11	" 6	11.45 p.m.	House No. 25, New Street, .....	...	1	100	Joss sticks setting fire to a partition. ...	No insurance effected.
12	" 7	5.30 a.m.	No. 1, Lam Loi Street, Kowloon City, .....	2	...	1,000	Unknown. ....	Do.
13	" 11	10.30 p.m.	No. 203, Queen's Road West, .....	...	1	70	Do. ....	Do.
14	" 12	12.50 a.m.	House No. 119, Third Street, .....	...	1	340	Supposed to have been caused by over- heating of sandalwood powder.	Do.
15	" 13	12.45 p.m.	House No. 7, Kwai Wa Lane, .....	...	1	1,600	Supposed to have been caused by firing crackers.	Covered by insurance.
16	" 13	.....	Matched adjoining with a coolie quarters at the Peak Terminus, .....	...	...	Unknown.	Unknown. ....	No insurance effected.
17	" 19	10.50 a.m.	House No. 468, Queen's Road West, .....	...	...	200	Caused by firing crackers.....	Do.
18	" 27	5.17 a.m.	House No. 3, East Street, .....	...	1	700	Carelessness by dropping a burning match on some paper.	Covered by insurance.
19	March 2	6.14 a.m.	House No. 164, Wing Lok Street, .....	...	1	11,000	Supposed to have been caused by kero- sine lamp igniting a partition.	Do.
20	" 16	12.30 p.m.	A Kerosine Oil Tank in the Engine-room of S.S. "Colonies" in Victoria Harbour, .....	...	...	103,000	Unknown.....	Considerable damage was done to the Engine-room and machinery.
21	" 26	10.43 p.m.	House No. 12, Kwai Wa Lane, .....	...	1	4,200	Unknown.....	Covered by insurance.
22	" 31	9.30 a.m.	House No. 185, Queen's Road Central, .....	...	1	10,000	Supposed to have been caused by smok- ing.	Do.
23	April 7	9.10 p.m.	House No. 120, Second Street, .....	...	2	10,000	Unknown.....	\$6,000 covered by Tung On Insurance Company.
						274,370		
							Carried forward,.....\$	



## FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1901,—Continued.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	NO. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
				Wholly.	Partly.			
24	April 15	3.00 p.m.	<i>Brought forward</i> , Matshed on the Road between Lok Lo Ha and Ma Ngui Shui.	1	...	\$274,370 250	Caused by throwing a lighted match on floor.	No insurance effected.
25	May 1	11.55 p.m.	House No. 19, East Street.	...	...	400	Over-heating of tobacco drying racks.	Covered by insurance.
26	" 15	4.00 a.m.	Matshed near Tin Hau Temple, Tai Hang Village.	4 mat-sheds	...	75	Unknown.	No insurance effected.
27	" 21	9.50 p.m.	No. 9, Beaconsfield Arcade.	...	1	29,000	Do.	Insured in the Union Insurance Company for \$25,000.
28	June 8	9.50 p.m.	No. 292, Queen's Road Central.	1	...	21,000	Do.	Covered by insurance.
29	" 13	12.40 p.m.	No. 31, Peel Street.	...	1	50	Do.	No insurance effected.
30	" 20	2.40 a.m.	No. 7, Queen Victoria Street.	1	1	15,000	Do.	Covered by insurance. Six persons were burnt to death.
31	" 25	9.00 p.m.	Shaft Funnel of S.S. "Arethusa" in Hung Hom Dock.	...	...	.....	Do.	Two men were burnt to death and five men were severely burnt and died subsequently.
32	" 28	10.00 a.m.	In a House at To Shek Village.	...	...	45	Supposed to have been caused by sparks from cook-house.	No insurance effected.
33	July 5	8.30 p.m.	A Matshed at Valley Road, Wong Nei Chung.	1 mat-shed.	...	50	Caused by a lamp hanging near the shed.	Do.
34	Aug. 28	1.50 a.m.	House No. 136, Queen's Road Central.	...	1	35,844	Unknown.	Covered by insurance.
35	Sept. 3	9.55 a.m.	A Government Matshed, Praya East, used as Public Bath-house.	1 mat-shed	...	75	Supposed to be from sparks from a boiler.	No insurance effected.
36	" 10	10.40 p.m.	House No. 4, Upper Lascar Row.	1	...	500	Accidentally upsetting of a kerosine lamp.	Covered by insurance.
37	" 17	7.00 p.m.	A small Matshed in Barker Road.	1 mat-shed.	...	10	Unknown.	No insurance effected.
38	" 19	6.20 p.m.	A Matshed in Peak Road near Tram Terminus.	2 mat-sheds	...	Unknown.	Do.	Do.
39	" 22	7.00 p.m.	House No. 369, Queen's Road Central.	...	1	150	Do.	Covered by insurance.
40	" 25	11.00 p.m.	An old and disused house at Kun Chung, Tsim Sha Tsui.	1	...	50	Supposed to have been caused by a kerosine lamp.	No insurance effected.
41	Oct. 5	1.40 p.m.	A small Matshed on the Reclamation Ground near Canton Wharf.	1	...	15	Unknown.	Do.
42	" 6	7.50 p.m.	House No. 116, Queen's Road Central.	...	1	2,700	Upsetting of a kerosine lamp.	Covered by insurance.
43	" 6	7.15 p.m.	House No. 16, Praya, Shan Ki Wan West.	1	...	3,000	Do.	No insurance effected.
44	" 20	2.20 a.m.	House No. 249, Queen's Road Central.	1	...	9,500	Unknown.	Covered by insurance.
45	" 26	7.35 p.m.	House No. 25, Caine Road.	...	1	200	Latb partition accidentally caught fire.	No insurance effected.
46	" 28	6.00 a.m.	A Grass-stack at Hung Hom West.	...	30	30	Unknown.	Do.
47	Nov. 6	7.15 a.m.	In an unnumbered Hut at Cheung Chow.	10 huts.	...	382	Do.	Do.
48	" 17	5.30 a.m.	No. 540, Des Vaux Road West.	2	...	203,000	Do.	Covered by insurance for \$155,000.
49	Dec. 1	5.35 p.m.	House No. 189, Queen's Road West.	1	2	22,000	Supposed to have been caused by over-heating of a medicine drying stove.	Covered by insurance.
50	" 8	2.30 a.m.	House No. 22, Chinese Street.	...	1	100	Unknown.	No insurance effected.
						617,796		
							<i>Carried forward</i> ,.....\$	

FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1901,—Continued.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	No. OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED.		ESTIMATED DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
				Wholly.	Partly.			
			<i>Brought forward,</i>			\$617,796		
51	Dec. 10	3.00 a.m.	House No. 279, Queen's Road Central,	1	...	2,000	Unknown	Covered by insurance.
52	"	8.15 a.m.	A Rice Store, No. 78, Tung Tau Village,	1	...	40	By sparks from crackers	No insurance effected.
53	"	6.30 p.m.	House No. 21, Lo Wai Village,	...	1	20	Supposed to have been caused by burning joss sticks.	Do.
54	"	9.00 p.m.	Cheuk I-Fu, Sai Kung,	2	mat. sheets.	50	Unknown	Do.
55	"	3.30 a.m.	Matshed at Lung Chau Cheung Village,	...	...	25	Do.	Do.
56	"	4.30 p.m.	Ap Liu Village in Cheung Sha Wan,	78	mat. sheets. 2 hours.	8,000	Do.	Do.
57	"	3.00 p.m.	House No. 101, Wanchai Road,	...	1	800	Upsetting of a kerosine kettle.	Covered by insurance.
58	"	6.45 p.m.	House No. 67, Ngau Chi Wan,	1	1	1,650	Accidentally set fire with a candle by an Excise Officer while executing an opium warrant.	No insurance effected.
			TOTAL,			630,381		

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## INCIPIENT FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1901.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
1	Jan. 1	1.45 a.m.	House No. 292, Queen's Road West, .....	\$2	Attempted arson. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
2	" 2	3.45 a.m.	House No. 76, Hollywood Road, .....	Trifling.	Over-heating of a stove set fire to a beam.	Extinguished by inmates and Police.
3	" 17	1.25 a.m.	House No. 60, Hollywood Road, .....	\$15	Attempted arson. ....	Extinguished by a servant boy.
4	" 18	6.00 p.m.	A house in San Tin Village, .....	..	Falling of lighted joss candle on some dry grass. ....	Extinguished by Police.
5	" 19	2.30 a.m.	House No. 42, Upper Lascar Row, .....	..	Chimney on fire. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
6	" 20	6.24 p.m.	Queen's Road West, .....	..	A jar of chinese spirit accidentally caught fire from a lighted lamp while being conveyed in a trunk. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
7	" 22	12.30 a.m.	House No. 72, Bonham Strand, .....	..	Chimney on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police.
8	" 27	8.15 p.m.	House No. 3, Aberbeen Street, .....	..	Mosquito curtain accidentally caught fire. ....	Extinguished by Brigade.
9	" 29	12.20 p.m.	House No. 1, Shelly Street, .....	\$10	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
10	Feb. 2	5.00 p.m.	Hillside between Deep Water Bay and Repulse Bay, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by the Brigade.
11	" 5	6.00 p.m.	House No. 24, Stanley Village, .....	\$3	Accident. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies from Aberdeen.
12	" 5	12.00 Noon.	Hillside above the Aberdeen Reservoir, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by villagers.
13	" 6	3.00 p.m.	Hillside above Bowen Road, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies.
14	" 6	2.30 p.m.	Hillside at Shek O, .....	..	Do. ....	Do.
15	" 7	5.30 p.m.	Sai Kung Village, .....	\$30	Accident. Some dried grass set on fire. ....	Put out by Police assisted by villagers.
16	" 11	10.30 p.m.	House No. 240, Hollywood Road, .....	..	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
17	" 13	10.00 p.m.	House No. 308, Queen's Road Central, .....	Trifling.	Some matting caught fire. ....	Extinguished by Police assisted by a blue-jacket.
18	" 16	4.00 p.m.	House No. 41, West Street, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
19	" 19	7.00 p.m.	House No. 37, Shankiwan, .....	..	Some mats caught fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
20	" 19	7.00 p.m.	On the Hill near No. 3 Bridge, Pokfulam Road, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies.
21	" 21	1.45 a.m.	House No. 8, West Street, .....	..	Chimney on fire. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
22	" 24	7.00 p.m.	Hillside near Cape Collison, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies.
23	" 27	5.30 p.m.	Hillside above Pokfulam Road, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies.
24	Mar. 1	7.00 a.m.	House No. 295, Des Vœux Road, .....	..	Accident. Some clothing caught fire. ....	Extinguished by Firemen and hired coolies.
25	" 4	..	Hillside at Aplichan, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Put out by Police and hired coolies.
26	" 7	..	Hillside at Mount Kellet, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police.
27	" 10	4.00 p.m.	Praya Central, .....	..	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by a Despatch-box from the Man On Insurance Company.
28	" 11	2.00 p.m.	Hillside of Pokfulam Road, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police.
29	" 12	2.10 a.m.	House No. 17, Tai Wong Lane, .....	..	Some baskets caught fire. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
30	" 17	2.00 a.m.	Cargo-boat No. 241, Victoria Harbour, .....	..	Accident. ....	Put out by Police and boatmen.
31	" 20	6.50 p.m.	An Out-house at Pak Kong Village, .....	\$15	Do. ....	Put out by Police and villagers.
32	" 23	6.30 a.m.	In a shop at Sai Kong Village, .....	\$30	Do. ....	Do.
33	" 25	4.57 a.m.	House No. 61, Aberdeen Street, .....	..	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by Firemen.
34	" 27	2.30 p.m.	North end of Wong Ma Kok Hill, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Put out by Police and hired coolies.
35	" 28	7.30 p.m.	Hillside above Shek O, .....	..	Do. ....	Do.
36	" 31	Noon.	Hillside at Aplichan, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and hired coolies. About 200 young fir trees were scorched.

Carried forward, .....

INCIPIENT FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1901,—Continued.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
37	Mar. 31	1.30 p.m.	Hillside above Kennedy Town Hospital, .....	\$105	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police.
38	Apr. 4	12.40 p.m.	Hillside, Pokfulam Dairy Farm, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies from the Dairy Farm. About 700 young fir trees were scorched and one old matshed burnt.
39	" 5	10.00 a.m.	Hillside, Deep Water Bay, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies. Several thousands fir trees damaged.
40	" 5	..	Hillside, Shun Wau, .....	..	Do. ....	Put out by Police and coolies. 1,500 fir trees damaged.
41	" 5	..	Hillside, Wong Chuk Hang, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies. 3,000 fir trees damaged.
42	" 5	5.00 p.m.	Hillside, Little Hongkong, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies. 100 fir trees damaged.
43	" 18	11.30 p.m.	Some bamboo carrying-poles on Praya Central, .....	..	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by Police.
44	May 1	8.07 a.m.	House No. 10, West Street, .....	..	Chimney on fire. ....	Extinguished by Brigade.
45	" 4	5.40 p.m.	House No. 97, Wanchai Road, .....	\$5	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by Police.
46	" 11	7.00 p.m.	House No. 2, Station Street, Yaumati, .....	\$4	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
47	" 11	10.15 p.m.	House No. 38, Queen's Road West, .....	..	Upsetting of a kerosine lamp. ....	Extinguished by Police and Police.
48	" 21	10.30 p.m.	House No. 19, Gough Street, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
49	" 26	3.00 a.m.	House No. 473, Queen's Road West, .....	\$15	Falling of a kerosine lamp. ....	Put out by Police and watchmen.
50	" 26	12.30 p.m.	Shed at Fenwick & Co.'s Iron Works, .....	\$25	Accident. ....	Extinguished by Firemen from No. 2 Station.
51	" 27	6.30 p.m.	House No. 8, Tai Wo Street, .....	\$2	Chimney on fire. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
52	June 20	6.45 p.m.	House No. 19, Belcher Street, .....	Trifling.	Upsetting of a kerosine lamp. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
53	July 2	2.45 p.m.	House No. 15, Triangle Street, .....	\$20	Chimney on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
54	" 17	2.45 a.m.	House No. 207, Queen's Road East, .....	\$1	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
55	" 20	12.15 p.m.	House No. 80, Kramer Street, Taikoktsui, .....	\$5	Attempted arson. ....	Extinguished by an inmate.
56	" 31	1.00 a.m.	House No. 48, Queen's Road Central, .....	\$5	Over-heating of a stove flue. ....	Extinguished by Brigade.
57	Aug. 15	11.00 p.m.	House Nos. 30, 32 & 34, Cochrane Street, .....	..	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by Brigade.
58	Sept. 5	10.00 a.m.	House No. 44, Wellington Street, .....	\$20	Children playing with fire. ....	Extinguished by inmates and Police.
59	" 8	10.35 p.m.	House No. 40, Jardine Bazaar, .....	\$2	Falling of some lighted joss sticks into some oil. ....	Extinguished by Police.
60	" 12	9.00 p.m.	Partly built houses in Des Vœux Road West, .....	..	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by Firemen.
61	" 29	2.15 a.m.	House No. 68A, Third Street, .....	50 cents.	Mosquito curtain accidentally caught fire. ....	Extinguished by the inmates.
62	Oct. 1	7.30 p.m.	House No. 12, Sau Wah Fong, .....	..	Sparks from chimney set fire to curtains. ....	Extinguished by occupants.
63	" 20	11.35 a.m.	Hillside at Pokfulam, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police.
64	" 22	1.00 p.m.	Hillside near Tai Tam Tank, .....	..	Do. ....	Extinguished by Police and hired coolies.
65	" 26	11.45 p.m.	House No. 251, Queen's Road West, .....	\$2	Upsetting of a lamp. ....	Extinguished by District Watchmen and occupants.
66	" 27	8.30 p.m.	Matshed on Praya Reclamation opposite Gilman St., .....	..	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by coolies.
67	" 30	11.05 p.m.	House No. 223, Queen's Road West, .....	..	Accident. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
68	Nov. 1	4.30 p.m.	On a piece of land at the corner of Western Street and Third Street, .....	..	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Firemen.
69	" 4	7.00 p.m.	A stack of Coal on the Reclamation Ground, Yaumati, .....	Unknown.	Spontaneous combustion. ....	Do.
70	" 6	7.00 p.m.	Des Vœux Road, P. & O. Office, .....	..	Chimney on fire. ....	Do.
<i>Carried forward, .....</i>				\$206.50		

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No.	DATE.	TIME.	SITUATION OF FIRE.	DAMAGE.	CAUSE.	REMARKS.
71	Nov., 10	3.50 p.m.	<i>Brought forward,</i> ..... House No. 1, Wing Shing Street, .....	\$ 206.50	Accident while jossing. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
72	" 12	8 10 p.m.	House No. 23, East Street, .....	...	Unknown. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
73	" 16	11.05 p.m.	House No. 55, Wellington Street, .....	None.	Do. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
74	" 20	10.00 a.m.	Hillside at Little Hongkong, .....	...	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and hired coolies. Over 4,000 fir trees were damaged.
75	" 22	6.30 a.m.	House No. 39, Stanley Street,.....	...	Chimney on fire. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
76	" 25	9.00 p.m.	House No. 216, Hollywood Road, .....	...	Accident. ....	Do.
77	" 26	6.00 p.m.	Hillside at Tai Tam Tuk, .....	...	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and workmen.
78	" 30	10.45 p.m.	House No. 53, Praya, Yaumati,.....	\$6	Over-heating of chimney. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
79	Dec. 8	.....	Hillside above Shek O, .....	...	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies.
80	" 8	2.00 a.m.	House No. 277, Des Vœux Road, .....	Trifling.	Falling of a kerosine lamp. ....	Extinguished by Police and inmates.
81	" 9	11.00 a.m.	On the hill between Chaiwan and Shek O, .....	...	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and coolies.
82	" 16	5.10 p.m.	House No. 22, Pottinger Street,.....	...	Chimney on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police.
83	" 17	7.45 p.m.	House No. 12, Hollywood Road, .....	...	Do. ....	Extinguished by inmates.
84	" 30	.....	Hillside above Aberdeen Road, .....	...	Grass on fire. ....	Extinguished by Police and hired coolies. About 300 pine trees were destroyed.
				\$ 212.50		

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