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other than domestic or building purposes, is 1s. 6d. per thousand gallons.		No. 2, Hindley Street West, J. A. Whitfield's foundry.	
No water shall be used for other than domestic or building purposes (except under a special agreement with the Commissioner), under a penalty as provided.		„ 3, King William Street South, Mr. Morris's, wheelwright.	
		„ 7, Rundle Street (private reel), Wills and Co.'s, Fisher Place.	
		NORTH ADELAIDE.	
		No. 4, Archer Street, G. Harris, Government turncock.	
		PORT ADELAIDE.	
		No. 1, Timpson Street, Captain Simpson's stables.	
		„ 2, Government Waterworks Yard	
		„ 3, Railway Station.	

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ADELAIDE, PORT, AND SUBURBAN WATERWORKS.		
(Office — Government Buildings, Victoria Square.)		
Commissioner of Waterworks—The Hon. Commissioner of Public Works.		
ENGINEERING DIVISION.		
Engineer of Waterworks—The Engineer-in-Chief.		
Clerk to Engineer of Waterworks—G. E. Harris.		
Reservoir Keeper—C. Sanders.		
Storekeeper—C. Seymour.		
Meter Keeper—D. Perryman, Lombard St., North Adelaide.		
Turncocks — Chas. Seymour, Valve-house, East Park Lands ; George Harris, Archer Street, North Adelaide ; S. Boddington, Chancery Lane, Wakefield Street ; T. Wright, corner of Brown and Gouger Streets ; T. Sanders, Waterworks Yard, Port Adelaide.		

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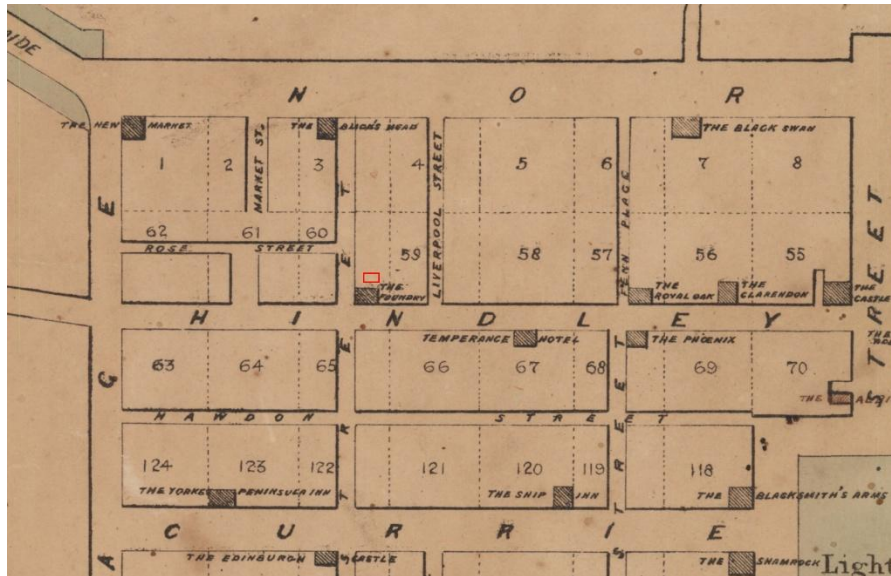
Government Turncocks:

Chas Seymour, at the Valve House in the East Parklands. Corner of Hackney Road and North Terrace.

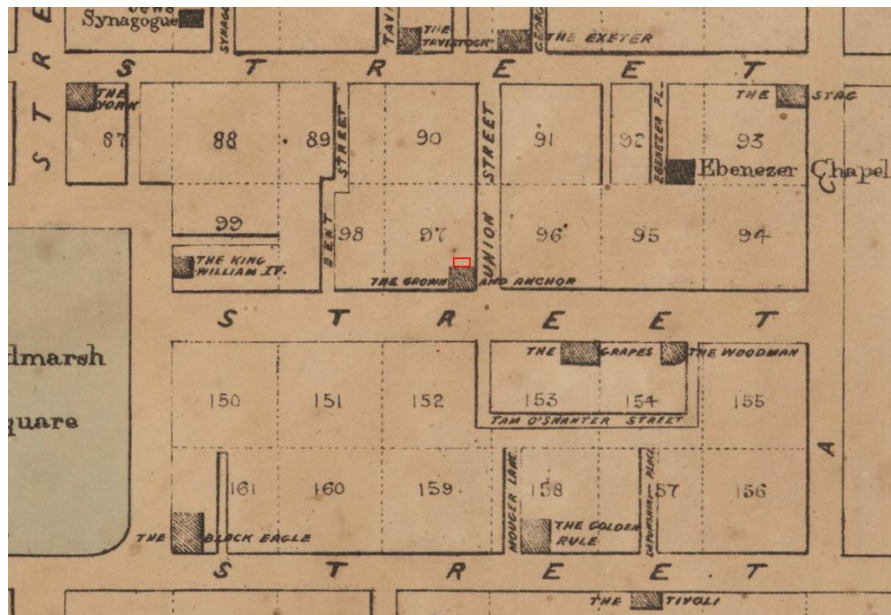
George Harris, in Archer Street, North Adelaide

S Boddington, in Chancery Lane, off Wakefield Street.

T Saunders, based in the Waterworks Yard in Port Adelaide.



1872 No1 Adelaide Reel location



1872 No2 Adelaide Reel location

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Monday 11 March 1872, page 3

FIRES IN ADELAIDE.

GRENFELL-STREET.

Shortly after 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, March 9, the premises known as the Adelaide Paper Bag Factory, and conducted by Messrs. R. Mason & Co., were discovered to be on fire. An alarm was immediately given, and a large number of people speedily assembled. Nearly half an hour elapsed before the first reel (No. 1, Mr. J. Ellery's) arrived, and during the interim the flames secured a strong hold upon the premises. On the arrival of the reel the hose-pipes were quickly attached to a fireplug, and a copious supply of water directed on to the building. No. 7 reel (Messrs. W. & A. Hendry) was the next to arrive. It was, however, only provided with a couple of lengths of hosepipe, and, after being attached to the nearest

fire-plug on the opposite side of the street, it was found that the firemen were unable, with any effect, to play upon the flames. They accordingly removed the hose to Wyatt-street on the eastern, side of the burning premises, and played upon the back of the building. With the two reels a great volume of water was thrown upon the flames, which had, however, extended to the buildings on either side of the factory, in the occupation of Messrs. Syme & Sison, brewers, and Messrs. Christen & Co., grocers. No. 2 reel (Mr. W. Benbow's) having arrived about a quarter of an hour after No. 7, at once rendered assistance. The fire, caught the roofs of the adjoining buildings, but being of corrugated iron, and of semicircular construction, the flames made little headway. The damage done by the fire in Messrs. Syme & Sison's store was very trifling, but great damage was done by the water to a large quantity of barley and other grain. In Messrs. Christen's store a large quantity of wheat suffered considerably from the water, and damage was also done by the fire. About 10 o'clock the fire was completely extinguished. The stock in the bag factory, which consisted chiefly of paper, was completely destroyed, either by fire or water, and the firm's business books not being protected, were also lost. The factory had been executing a large contract for the supply of envelopes for the various departments of the Civil Service ; and about eight or ten thousand of these were destroyed. Up to about 7 o'clock on Saturday evening the persons engaged in the factory had been assisting in taking stock, and shortly after 7 o'clock Mr. Walter Samson, a member of the firm, together with the Manager and lad, left the premises in safety. The stock was insured in the Liverpool and London Office for £800, but we are informed that amount will not cover the loss. The building, which was not very seriously injured, is insured in the Equitable Office. The adjoining buildings and stock are also insured. Mr. A. J. Baker, Superintendent of Fire Brigades, arrived shortly after the alarm, and directed the firemen. Sergeant Major Saunders, with several troopers and policemen, were also present assisting and maintaining order.

Adelaide Observer (SA : 1843 - 1904), Saturday 15 June 1872, page 10

FIRE IN GAWLER-PLACE.

On Saturday, shortly after 5 a.m., a fire on the premises of Mr. W. C. Sims, printer, Gawler-place, destroyed a large amount of valuable property. Mr. Sims, we are informed, left the premises at about 5 o'clock, in company with two lads belonging to the establishment, and the fire, the origin of which is unknown so far as we are able to learn, must have begun soon after. Mr. A. J. Baker, the Superintendent of Brigades, was promptly on the scene, and No. 7 reel, Hendry's, arrived on the ground early. The men connected with it extinguished the flames, and the services of No. 1 reel, which was not far behind, were not needed. Inspectors Searcy and Bee, with Sergeant-Major Saunders, and a number of foot police also rendered help. The lower room, in which there were a machine and four presses, also contained the most costly portion of the type, which is almost all destroyed, as, is believed, is some of the fine work of the smaller machines. The books were consumed. A quantity of newspaper type was in a room upstairs, and this, the least valuable part of the stock, is uninjured. The shop, which belongs to Mr. Alexander Dowie, is insured for £250 jointly in the Adelaide Marine and Royal Insurance Companies. This sum will be sufficient for the restoration of the building. The adjoining one, owned by the same gentle man, and occupied by Mr. Polhill, is slightly damaged, the plateglass windows being broken. The plant is insured by Mr. Sims for £1,000, of which £700 was in the South Australian office, and £300 with the Northern Insurance Company. This amount will probably cover the actual value of the goods,

but there will be a serious loss of time. Mr. Sims holds the premises on a lease of four years, a large portion of which term is unexpired.

The Inquest.

Mr. T. Ward, J.P., held an enquiry at the Hamburg Hotel, Rundle-street, on Monday, June 10, into the cause of the fire which took place at Mr. W. C. Sims's printing establishment on Saturday morning last. Mr. Muirhead was chosen Foreman. Messrs. J. T. Turnbull, R. Tapley, and C. L. Meyer, jun., were present on behalf of the Insurance Companies. Mr. A. J. Baker, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, was also present. The first witness examined was Herbert Dunk, porter at Messrs. P. Falk & Co.'s, who said he was going home about 5.25 a.m. on Saturday, when he observed a light burning in about the middle of Mr. Sims's printing shop. As soon as he had made sure there was a fire he gave the alarm, and informed Mr. Hendry, of No.7 Reel. Came up with the reel and rendered assistance. By the Foreman— Could see over the shutters of the shop, as they were only half shutters. By the Coroner— Saw no one about. Police-constable Arthur Burchell said that whilst on duty in Grenfell-street about 5.30 a.m. on Saturday he noticed a light in Mr. Sims's establishment, Gawler-place. Thinking the light too bright for working purposes, he went down to the shop, and saw flames in the centre of it. Heard a boy calling out fire. By the Foreman— Did not try to get in at the back of the premises. Found the front door secured.

Walter Cousins Sims said he was the proprietor of the printing establishment which was burned on Saturday last, between 5 and 6 a.m. Left the premises about 4.40 that morning in company with two of his assistants. Previous to that time had been doing the ordinary Saturday work, printing the Irish Harp. Had no idea in what part of the building the fire commenced. Before leaving he put out all the lights but one, which he saw put up by James Lewin, one of his assistants. Was insured in the South Australian Company for £700, and in the Northern Company for £300. By the Foreman— Used candles that night. Had no kerosine on the premises, but kept about half a pint of turpentine under one of the presses. Did not keep lucifer matches of any quantity in the establishment. His stock-book was on the premises. The original cost of his plant was between £1,300 and £1,400. By the Jury— A candle was used that night after the gas was put out for the purpose of lighting the boy through the office. Saw the lad put it out. Did not turn the gas off at the meter. Did not know where the candle was placed after being blown out. By Mr. Turnbull — The steam-engine was at work that night, but the fire was not put out when he left. On his leaving there was only one paper hanging up in the shop drying.

James Lewin, assistant, in the employ of Mr. Sims, said he left the printing office about 4.40 a.m. on Saturday with his employer and the apprentice, Orlando Hughes. The lights were all put out before they left. The gas was put out by Mr. Sims, and the candle by witness. Did not smoke. Had no idea as to the cause of the fire. Used boiled linseed-oil and salad-oil in the office. It was sometimes kept in the fireplace and sometimes under the presses. Placed the candle on one of the presses opposite the front door when he blew it out. Could not say where the fire commenced. It was usual to secure the back-door, but it was not done on the morning of the fire, as Mr. Sims and one of the hands expected to be at work at 3 o'clock. The back gate was also left unlocked.

Orlando Hughes, apprentice to Mr. W. C. Sims, corroborated the evidence of the last witness. W. C. Sims, recalled, said he had not discharged any of his men lately, and he had

no reason to think that any one bore him any ill will. Had no notion as to where the fire occurred.

The Jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict to the effect that there was no evidence to show how the fire originated, and added a rider recommending that in the future the gas should be invariably turned off at the meter.

Express and Telegraph Saturday 8 July 1871 page 1

<p>NOTICE. - ADELAIDE FIRE BRIGADE.</p> <p>From the 1st July, and until further notice, the Reels of this Fire Brigade will be stationed at the undermentioned places, under the care of duly appointed Firemen. The Public are requested not to interfere with the Fire-Reels, either at the Stations or at Fires.</p> <p>REEL STATIONS.</p> <p>No. 1, at Mr. J. A. Ellery's, Crown and Anchor, Grenfell-street east.</p> <p>No. 2, at Mr. J. A. Whitfield's Foundry Yard, Hindley-street west.</p> <p>No. 3, at Mr. Morris's, Wheelwright, King William-street south.</p> <p>No. 4, at Mr. G. Harris's, Government Turn-cock, Archer-street, North Adelaide.</p> <p>No. 7, Private Reel, at Messrs. Wills & Co.'s, Fisher-place, off Rundle-street.</p> <p>For Scale of Charges for use of Fire Brigade Reels, the Wages for Labor, &c., &c., see Schedule to Act No. 9 of 1867.</p> <p>REWARDS.</p> <p>A Reward of Ten Shillings and Sixpence will be paid to the person giving the first notice of a Fire to the Superintendent at his residence, corner of Wakefield-street and East-terrace.</p> <p>Also, Three Rewards—viz, Five Shillings, Three Shillings, and Two Shillings—for notice of a Fire at either of the above Fire-Reel Stations; these Rewards will be paid by the Firemen of the Reels that obtain the First, Second, and Third Prizes.</p> <p>N.B.—Only one Reel will be paid for attending at a Chimney Fire, unless specially engaged.</p> <p>ARTHUR JNO. BAKER, Supt. of Fire Brigades.</p> <p>tths3</p>
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ADELAIDE AND PORT ADELAIDE FIRE BRIGADE.

Until further notice the Reels will be stationed at the undermentioned places, viz: —

ADELAIDE.

No. 1, at the Crown and Anchor Hotel Yard, Grenfell-street East

No. 2, at the Phoenix Foundry Yard, Hind-ley-street West.

No. 3, at Mr. Morris's, Wheelwright, King William-street South.

No. 4, at Mr. G. Harris's, Government Turn-cock, Archer-street, North Adelaide.

No. 7, at Messrs. Wills & Co.'s, Fisher-place, off Rundle-street.

PORT ADELAIDE.

No. 1, at Captain Simpson's Stables, Timpson-street.

No. 2, at the Government Waterworks Yard, Commercial-road.

No. 3, at the Port Adelaide Railway Station,