

sists of sixteen members, and the full complement has been maintained throughout the year. Practices are held weekly, and the average attendance at same was 80 per cent. Three members of the brigade reside at the fire-station, and are available for service at a moment's notice. The brigade with its present equipment is capable of coping with any outbreak likely to occur in the town.

SALVAGE CORPS.

A Volunteer Salvage Corps was formed during the year, and has rendered valuable assistance in several fires.

Statement of Reserves and Real Property.

Property.	Lessee.	Lease.	Arrears, 1st April, 1907.	Rent payable.	Rent paid.	Arrears, 31st March 1908.
		Years.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Section at Whakarewarewa ..	W. Bright	1	.. ..	2 12 0	2 12 0	.. ..
Section 39, Rotorua Suburb ..	L. D. Nathan and Co. ..	7	18 15 0	12 10 0	25 0 0	6 5 0
Foreshore Section 2 ..	W. Rogers	1	.. ..	10 0 0	.. ..	10 0 0
" ..	Hot Lakes Ferry Company ..	1	.. ..	5 0 0	.. ..	5 0 0
" ..	W. B. Bennett	1	.. ..	2 0 0	2 0 0	.. ..
Boat-shed compartments ..	General Hogg	1	.. ..	5 0 0	5 0 0	.. ..
" ..	Goodson Bros.	1	3 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
" ..	L. H. Darlot	1	3 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
" ..	D. W. Steele	1	3 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
" ..	H. W. Howden	1	3 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
" ..	V. J. Larner	1	.. ..	1 15 0	1 15 0	.. ..
Boat-shed	Rowing Club	1	.. ..	10 0 0	.. ..	10 0 0
Dinghy grid and shed ..	Kusabs, Insley, and Co. ..	1	.. ..	1 0 0	1 0 0	.. ..
" ..	A. J. Iles	1	.. ..	1 0 0	1 0 0	.. ..
" ..	H. Allen	1	.. ..	1 5 0	0 5 0	1 0 0
" ..	J. Watt	1	.. ..	1 5 0	1 5 0	.. ..
" ..	C. M. Phillips	1	.. ..	1 0 0	.. ..	.. ..
" ..	C. W. Grove	1	.. ..	1 0 0	.. ..	1 0 0
" ..	V. J. Larner	1	.. ..	1 0 0	1 0 0	.. ..
" ..	F. G. Lundon	1	.. ..	1 5 0	0 5 0	1 0 0
Section 1, Block 64 ..	Pound-site .. ..	..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Section 8, Block 23 ..	Stables and yard .. ..	..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Section 8, Block 23 ..	Library and municipal buildings ..	..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
			30 15 0	77 12 0	53 0 0	55 5 0

14th May, 1908.

LAWRENCE BIRKS,
Resident Officer.

APPENDIX V.

REPORT ON ROTORUA ACCLIMATISATION DISTRICT.

SIR,—

Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, Rotorua, 26th May, 1908.

The administration of the Rotorua Acclimatisation District has now been in the hands of the Department for thirteen months, having been taken over on the 1st February, 1907, and the year now closing has been one of active and useful work in conserving and developing the interests of the sportsman.

RED DEER (*Cervus elaphus*).

While the sportsman can obtain plenty of opportunities amongst the fish and feathered game in the neighbourhood of Rotorua, there has been hitherto no opportunity of stalking larger game. Mr. Chirnside, of Werribee Park, Victoria, presented the Department with nine red deer, which arrived on the 15th March, 1907. As they were then only three to four months old, they were kept in the Grounds, where they formed an attraction of considerable interest to visitors, until the 23rd May, when six were liberated on the north shore of Lake Rotoiti. The remaining three (one male and two female), not being so strong as the others, were retained until the 15th November, 1907, and were then liberated at the same spot. The country behind this point extending right to the coast is very wild, practically unoccupied, and should form excellent ground for breeding and hunting. The herd have been sighted several times since liberation, and are apparently doing well. In addition, the herd of eleven deer which Mr. Benn liberated at Lake Okareka some three years ago, has been increased during the year by three, also from Mr. Chirnside's estate, and several fawns have been seen in the herd.

SAMBUR DEER (*Cervus aristotelis*).

In addition to red deer, two sambur deer were obtained by the Department from New Caledonia. With his usual keen interest in sport Mr. Benn had also gone to the expense of bringing over six others from the same herd, and undertook the supervision and the expense of the liberation of the whole eight at Galatea, where they should give excellent sport in the course of time.