

PROTECTIVE COMPANY NO. 3.

House Warming at Roxbury Attended by Large Number—Running Card for Members Long One.

The new house of the Boston protective department, on Roxbury st. Roxbury, was officially opened yesterday and the new company, to be known as No. 3, went into commission. The house is one of the finest in the city and is, without doubt, the best equipped fire-house in the state. Everything that will add to the comfort of the men and assist in getting to fires quickly has been secured. As a result the South end and Highland district sections of this city will be well covered hereafter in cases of fires.

The location of the house is an easy one, and gives easy access to all parts of the district, inasmuch as it is but a short distance from Elliot sq. It is built of brick, three stories in height. On the first floor is the apparatus. Two wagons have been installed. One is the regular heavy wagon of the department, designed for short runs, and the other is a light-running vehicle that will be used to answer alarms in the outlying sections.

Lieut. H. E. Thompson is in charge, James T. Fitzgerald second lieutenant, and there are six privates, making a company of eight men. When an alarm rings but half this number will respond. The remainder will be held in readiness in case of a second alarm.

The appointments are perfect for securing a quick hitch. At one corner of the room is a desk, where alarms will be received. Upon the sounding of an alarm, the man at the desk will pull a lever, thus releasing the horses, at the same time lighting the gas in the upper portion of the house and also lifting the covers of the holes where the sliding poles run to the lower floor. The object of these covers, which are of wood, is to prevent drafts in cold weather. There are three sliding poles, two running direct to the floor and the third directly above the large wagon, thereby allowing the men to drop directly on the wagon from the second floor.

On the second floor is the officers' room and dormitory, bathroom and lavatory. On the third floor is a large recreation room and also a place for the washing and drying of covers and the supply room. In the basement is a storage room for grain and the steam heating apparatus.

The new company will answer all alarms as far in town as Massachusetts av and will go as far as Fields Corner. Forest Hills will be covered, and the Aberdeen district in Brighton. The running card is a long one. The members of the new company expect to be kept on the jump.