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## Confirmed as Head of Fire Department of Boston.

### Civil Service Board Sends Word to Mayor Fitzgerald.



CHARLES D. DALY.

## Acting Commissioner Carroll Will Leave Bristol St This Morning.

Charles Dudley Daly, the ex-Harvard football captain and army officer, was yesterday confirmed as fire commissioner by the civil service commission, to whom his name was sent by Mayor Fitzgerald on Aug 18.

Mr Daly will fill the place left vacant by the retirement of Brig Gen Samuel D. Parker. The salary is \$6000 a year. The civil service commissioners previously turned down the mayor's appointment of Jeremiah J. McCarthy to the position, and since that time Francis M. Carroll, a member of the board

of bath trustees, has been acting fire commissioner.

"Charley" Daly was widely known as the captain of the Harvard football

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team of 1900, and both then and later at West Point was considered the most phenomenal football player of the country.

Born in Boston, the son of Timothy Daly, he studied for college at the Boston Latin school, and there first won attention as an all-round athlete and natural leader. In the fall of 1896 at the age of 16 he entered Harvard college, to become its star athlete.

He played quarterback on his freshman team and the following year made the varsity without trouble. He captained the 1900 team, and in addition was one of the intercollegiate athletic team which competed against Oxford and Cambridge in 1899 in London. On this occasion he won the broad jump, and he also won the high jump in the Harvard-Yale meets of 1898 and 1899.

He was at the same time one of the most popular men in the college, a member of the principal clubs and for two years editor of the Harvard Crimson. In November, 1900, on the eve of the Yale game, he received word of his appointment to West Point by John F. Fitzgerald, then congressman from the district.

## Resigned Commission in Army.

At the military academy he won new athletic laurels, and at the same time was a diligent student. In 1905 he was graduated with the rank of 2d lieutenant, but a year later he resigned from the army and returned to Boston to engage in business. Of recent years he has assisted each fall in coaching the Harvard football teams. His home is at 107 Academy Hill rd, Brighton.

Acting Fire Commissioner Carroll will meet his successor at the headquarters building, Bristol st, this morning. It will be their first meeting. The acting commissioner will show his successor over the headquarters building and put him in touch with department conditions.

Mr Carroll is not being forced out of office, he says. May 23, when he took command of the fire department, he did not know where Bristol st was, he said. Since, he declared, the street has become very familiar to him and it now holds a very dear place in his heart.

"I have grown attached to the position," said Mr Carroll yesterday. "The work has been a revelation to me. The men are of the finest I have ever met. They have all supported me, every one of them from the chief down, and the clerical force, employes of the fire alarm and repair branches, have all contributed toward making my brief administration a successful one. That is what will make the parting hard.

"I have tried to treat everybody fairly and squarely. The men knew the rules were in the book and that they had to obey them or suffer the consequences."

The acting commissioner reviewed his administration, recalling the lumber district fire and other large fires that have occurred since he took charge. Again he took occasion to thank the men of the department for their work at those fires.

"Why, I had only been the head of the fire department a couple of hours when there was a dock fire at Charlestown and a friend pulled me out of bed long before daylight and told me it was my duty to attend it. That early morning spin from Dorchester to Charlestown in a taxi cost me about \$9.50, and when I reached the fire nobody knew who Carroll was. I just watched the fire from the rear party of the gallery."

Charles D. Daly, whose appointment as fire commissioner has been approved by the civil service commissioners, had very little to say.

When asked for a statement at his home in Brighton last evening he said: "I am naturally very much pleased over the action of the civil service commission. Beyond that I have nothing to say."