

# The Globe

## LATEST

### 7:30 O'CLOCK

## 44 YEARS IN FIRE RANKS

### Supt Hawkins Retires On a Pension.

### Capt Alfred J. Porter Gets Place in Repair Shop.

### E. M. Byington Supervisor of Engines.

This forenoon Fire Commissioner Wells announced the changes in the personnel of the fire alarm branch of the service, which have been expected for some time, and incidentally granted a pension to Supt Henry M. Hawkins, who has been a member of the fire department for more than 44 years and head of the repair shop since May 22,

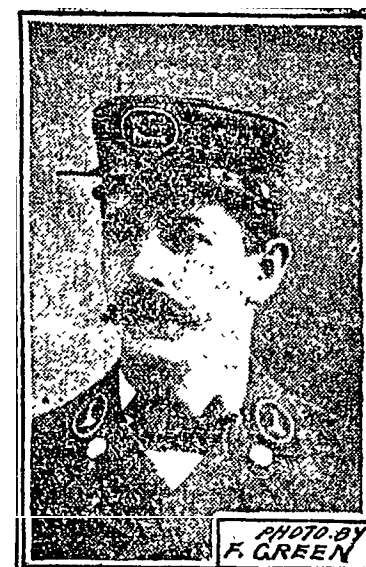


ENGINEER FRANCIS DOLAN.  
Who Will Have Charge of New Engine at  
Fort Hill Sq.

1896. A few days ago the commissioner conferred with Mayor Fitzgerald and matters were arranged so Hawkins could sever his connection with the department as an active member at roll-call next Friday morning.

It was expected that the position thus vacated would divert to Eugene M. Byington, the department engine expert, who for nearly nine years has been the assistant to Hawkins at the department shop, but the fire commissioner surprised everybody by announcing the promotion of Byington to the newly created post of supervisor of fire engines, which duties he will enter upon Friday.

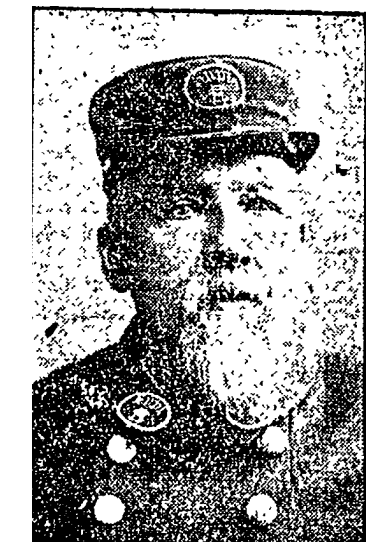
Hawkins will be succeeded by Capt Alfred J. Porter of water tower company 2, Bristol st, who for many years has been department drillmaster. At present the appointment of Capt Porter is temporary, but it is thought that he will be a fixture at the shop, and will also continue to discharge his old duties. The repair shop is only across the headquarters' yard and within 50 feet of tower 2, where Capt Porter has been stationed for nearly eight years.



CAPT ALFRED J. PORTER.  
New Superintendent of Repair Shop.

Supt Hawkins received the following order this forenoon from the fire commissioner: "I have to advise you that your request for retirement is granted and your pension paper dating from Feb 16 is approved by the mayor. You are granted two weeks' vacation from Friday, Feb 2, and you will then turn over all books, papers and charge of the repair shop to Capt A. J. Porter, who will be detailed to that service. I extend my compliments for your 44 years of valuable service in the department."

In promoting Asst Supt Byington, the commissioner addresses him as follows: "Henry M. Hawkins, superintendent of the repair shop, retires from active duty Friday, Feb 2, and I have detailed Capt A. J. Porter to that service. I hereby



HENRY M. HAWKINS  
Superintendent of Fire Alarm Branch of Fire  
Department, Pensioned After 44 Years of  
Service.

assign you to the duty of supervisor of fire engines, and you will give your entire attention to that work. This I consider in the nature of a promotion, and the department will have the advantage of your recognized skill in this branch of the service to its full limit."

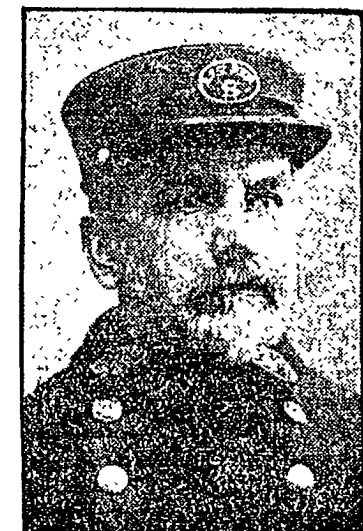
Capt Porter received the following communication: "You are hereby detailed to take charge of the repair shop, vice Henry M. Hawkins, superintendent, retired on pension. You will confer with me at once in regard to this work. Supt Hawkins will turn over to you

all books, papers and charge of the shop."

The fire commissioner thinks that the newly created position of engine supervisor to which he has assigned Byington will be a boon to the department. The duties will keep him moving all the time, and the past excellent record which the local engines have made will be bettered, it is expected, by the new arrangement.

Supt Henry M. Hawkins who is retiring on a pension of \$1000 a year, at his own request, joined the fire department, Sept 1, 1861. He was born in Dover, N. H., Oct 20, 1846. Engine 3 was his first assignment and he was constantly on duty there until transferred to the repair shop branch, March 1, 1885. He was then created an assistant engineer and on May 1, 1873, he was advanced to the grade of engineer. In 1890, he was shifted to the repair shop and on Jan 24, 1895, became assistant superintendent. May 22, 1896, he was named

Asst Supt Byington is regarded as one



EUGENE M. BYINGTON,  
Assistant Superintendent Repair Branch of Fire  
Department.

of the cleverest mechanics in the fire department. He was born in Ashburnham, Sept 14, 1848, and was with engine 23 as a hoseman from November, 1873, until September, 1874. From then on until April 1, 1890, he was a "float" engineer, filling in whenever the occasion demanded it. Jan 24, 1895, he was

made second assistant superintendent of the shop and May 22, 1896, became assistant to Hawkins. For years he has devoted nearly all of his time to the perfection of fire engines and no test ever held was considered complete without his presence and advice.

Capt Alfred J. Porter, the expert on drilling and discipline, joined the department May 2, 1891, and went to engine 25, Fort Hill sq; then to engine 6, Leverett st, Sept 30, 1892; promoted to lieutenant March 12, 1897, and shifted to engine 10, River st, West End; Feb 11, 1898, at water tower 2, Bristol st, and named as the department drillmaster; Jan 4, 1904, raised to captaincy. He has a good record in the service.

The new fire engine, which is a facsimile of steamer 15 at South Boston, has been thoroughly tried out and will be placed in the house of engine 25, Fort Hill sq, in a few days. Engineer Francis Dolan of 25 will be the first person to place it in service. He is on record as being one of the best men turned out of the department engine school. He joined the force in 1892 and was first assigned to engineer service in 1895.

The following members of the fire department who passed the drill school have been recommended for appointment to the permanent force and will become full-fledged members at roll call Friday morning: Fred L. Carroll of engine 6, Harrison av; James F. Sheehan of engine 13, Cabot st, Roxbury; Charles H. Ames of ladder company 2, Paris st, East Boston; Frederick G. Menghu of water tower 2, Bristol st.

Lieut Cornelius J. Hickey of ladder company 5, West 4th st, South Boston, has received a letter of commendation for responding to box 161 while on a day off