

Payment for Fires

Fireman F. W. Wright raised the question of the payment of the Firemen for attendance at Fires.

It was explained that payment was made on the old scale viz: $5\frac{1}{2}$ per hour for Officers & Engineers (other than the Officer in charge) and $5\frac{1}{2}$ for the 1st hour & $3\frac{1}{6}$ for each hour after for the Firemen. The charges made for attending Fires were on the following scale viz: For Officers Engineers & Firemen (other than the Officer in charge) $5\frac{1}{2}$ for turn out limited to 12 men $3\frac{1}{6}$ per hour up to 5 hours & $2\frac{1}{6}$ after 5 hours.

It was pointed out that whereas the charges for short time fires more than covered the old scale charges this was not the case where fires necessitated a prolonged attendance of the men and the Second Officer had established a small fund to enable him to balance the payments for short time fires as against extended fires so that full payment could be made on the old scale in all cases.

The Second Officer stated he had between £6 & £7. balance in hand on this fund as there had been a considerable number of short fires.

After discussion it was resolved (the voting being taken by ballot) That in future all the Officers Engineers & Firemen be paid in accordance with the amounts actually charged and received for their services respectively.

Second Officer's Fund

As regards this fund mentioned above it was decided that the following payments be made from same viz:

One half the cost of making Presentations to Ex Firemen J. Baker & W. Horsnell in recognition of their services.

Also $2\frac{1}{6}$ per head of the Firemen towards meeting the expense of the annual supper which was held in February.

The question of the disposal of the balance of the fund after making these payments was left over for further