

CHARLESTOWN NOW FULLY MOTORIZED

New Ladder 9 Replaces Horse-Drawn Fire Truck

Tested on Steep Hills There— Aerial Ladder Demonstrated

Charlestown's fire fighting apparatus was 100 percent motorized yesterday by the addition of a powerful motor-driven ladder truck, which has been named Ladder 9, replacing the old horse drawn truck which has been in fire fighting work for 40 years, for the past eight years located at Ladder 9 house on Main st, Charlestown.

Yesterday afternoon the new motor fire truck arrived at its quarters and was the object of admiration for hundreds of people who gathered to witness the formal transfer of apparatus, the old one leaving for a department's repair shop. The new truck is fully equipped and ready for a bell alarm.

Much of the equipment on the old truck was transferred to the new one under the direction of Lieut Florence Sullivan, acting captain of Ladder 9 company during Capt Maurice Galvin's vacation.

Fire Chief John O. Tabor watched the work of the firemen and, following a test run by the powerful new apparatus up some of the steepest hills of Charlestown, directed the work of the firemen in the use of the aerial ladder. Commissioner Theodore A. Glynn ar-

rived about 3 p m and watched the exhibition of the men of Ladder 9. He was well pleased with their work.

When the new truck was backed into its quarters, Commissioner Glynn in the presence of Chief Taber, District Chief William McCorkle of the Bureau of Supplies and Repair, District Chief John P. Murray, in command of the Charlestown branch of the Fire Department; Henry T. Brennan, instructor of motor apparatus; Acting Capt Florence Sullivan, and James J. Ryan, engineer of motor apparatus, gave a short talk to the men of Ladder 9. Instructor Brennan has taught approximately 100 members of the Fire Department in the operation of motor apparatus.

In the test of the new apparatus, Commissioner Glynn sat beside driver Fred Russell and Chief Taber stood at his left. James J. Ryan was tiller man.

The test included a trip along Main st, up the steep grade of Green st to High st, along High to Elm, along Medford to Bunker Hill and up the long climb on Bunker Hill st to the top of the hill, thence to Elm, High, Sullivan and Main sts, to Hancock sq, where the demonstration in the use of the aerial ladder was given.

Just before the test of the new apparatus the three horses, Tom, Jerry and Major, were led to their places, the harness was snapped on and the old ladder truck was drawn to the street for the last time.

Commissioner Glynn stated that tomorrow at 3 p m, motor apparatus is to replace the Ladder 24 truck on North Grove st, Boston, making complete the motorization of the city's Fire Department.