

# O'LALOR RETIRES AS DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF

## Leaves Department Next Friday With \$1750 Pension

One of the greatest surprises in the Boston Fire Department in months was the announcement yesterday afternoon of the retirement on half-pay of Fitzgerald M. O'Lalor, who since Jan 2, 1920, has been chief of the East Boston district of the department.



FITZGERALD M. O'LALOR,  
District Chief, Who Is to Retire From  
Fire Department.

The retirement is being made at the request of Chief O'Lalor who applied under the law which allows any officer or private to retire after 25 years of service, and upon reaching the age of 55 years. The retirement, which carries with it a pension of \$1750 a year, will become effective next Friday at 9 a. m.

Chief O'Lalor is one of the best known fire fighters in the State. He was born on June 11, 1862. He was appointed to the department Dec 14, 1888, and was assigned to Engine 15, South Boston. On Nov 12, 1897, he went to Ladder 15, Back Bay, with the rank of lieutenant.

On March 2, 1906 he was promoted to the rank of captain and sent to Engine 22, Warren av, where he acted as chief of the 7th District until March 10, 1916, when he went to Engine 18, Harvard st, Dorchester, to be near his home, 376 Park st, in that district. He acted as district chief while stationed with this company.

Jan 2, 1920, he was promoted to the rank of district chief and assigned to the East Boston district where he is still doing duty.

The pensioning of Chief O'Lalor came with such suddenness that no arrangements had been made by Commissioner Glynn or Chief Tabor for the promoting of a captain to fill the vacancy. It is expected that the new district chief, captain and lieutenant will be made known the first of the week.