

DEATH OF CAPT BLANCHARD.

Veteran Fireman Succumbs to Injuries Received Last Winter While in the Line of Duty.

Capt William G. Blanchard of engine 20, Neponset, one of the veterans of the department, died yesterday afternoon from the effects of injuries received at the First church fire in that district last winter.

At that time Capt Blanchard was severely injured by falling a considerable distance while directing the work of his men. He was taken home and seemed to make some progress toward recovery, and although it was then announced that his injuries were of a probably permanent nature, he was not retired, but his command, which he has held for nearly a score of years, was held open, awaiting his possible return.

This summer Capt Blanchard was at Onset, but a fortnight ago, it being apparent that the end was near, he was brought to his home, 2 Oakman, st, Neponset.

Capt Blanchard's service as a fire fighter dates back to 1855, and during his connection of over 40 years, with the old Dorchester department and with Boston's service since annexation, his record has been one of which any man might well feel proud.

Capt Blanchard was born in Dorchester, Jan 10, 1838. When but 18 years of age, May 19, 1855, he entered the department as a member of the old Independence engine company.

In 1860 he resigned from the company, but returned within 18 months, the later portion of 1862 seeing him again in harness as a member of the same company. Here he successively served as call fireman, clerk and treasurer.

After annexation, as a member of engine 20, he was senior hoseman in 1870, call foreman from May, 1872, and Capt since Nov 16, 1881.

Capt Blanchard leaves a wife and one child, a married daughter.

The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon at 2, and will be attended by members of various organizations, of which he was a member.