

TWO BRAVE LADDERMEN.

Hanton and Teehan of Company 17 Praised by Superiors
for Gallant Rescue.

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MICHAEL J. TEEHAN.



JOSEPH P. HANTON.

Since Saturday afternoon, when he rescued a woman from certain death at a fire on Tremont st, ladderman Joseph P. Hanton of ladder company 17, Harrison av, has been receiving congratulations from all sides. Ladderman M. J. Teehan of the same company is also given much praise for assisting Hanton.

When seen at ladder company 17, this forenoon, the brave laddermen had but little to say. Hanton referred the reporter to Capt Adams, saying, "if there's anything worth saying about the rescue the captain will tell you about it."

Capt Adams spoke highly of both men, saying: "With the rest of the company, they had more than once performed brave deeds, but Saturday was the first time they tried rescuing on their own hook, and, indeed, their work deserves the recognition it is getting."

Hanton was the recipient of a compliment direct from Chief Cheswell on Saturday afternoon, who described the

rescue as "a great deed," adding that he was proud of the ladderman.

Joseph P. Hanton was born in East Boston Sept 4, 1873, and joined the fire department on Feb 10, 1899, three years ago today, when he was assigned to ladder company 10, Center st, Jamaica Plain. Within a month his efficient work warranted a transfer to a busler company, so he was sent to engine company 21, Columbia road. Two months later he was transferred to ladder company 17, which today is one of the city's busiest trucks.

Michael J. Teehan was born in Ireland May 20, 1871, and was employed as a carriageman until his appointment to the fire department, April 17, 1896, when he was assigned to chemical engine company 2, Church st, as a permanent substitute. He remained at the chemical company nearly a year, when he was transferred to the Harrison-av ladder company. He was appointed a permanent man on Aug 30, 1897.