

## The Fire Brigade An Inquiry to be Held

At a meeting of the Watch Committee yesterday, Mr. Hamer Chalmer in the chair, the Fire Brigade sub-committee reported that they had made preliminary inquiries regarding the disastrous fire which broke out upon the premises of Messrs. Hovey and Sons on the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., and extended to and seriously damaged other properties on both sides of Castle street and Angel street. The Sub-committee are of the opinion that an exhaustive inquiry is necessary, in reference to the organisation and equipment of the brigade and the facilities for obtaining water for the extinction of fire within the city. When the investigation has been completed the Sub-committee will report fully to the Watch Committee. The inquiry will be made as early as possible.