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LANSDOWNE'S TOWN HALL DEDICATED WITH ECLAT – Home and Visiting Firemen March along Gaily Decorated Streets, Then House and Fire Apparatus in the New Quarters amid Great Applause – Hon. Fred Taylor Pusey the Orator

The new Town Hall and Fire House in the beautiful borough of Lansdowne was dedicated yesterday with imposing ceremonies. The borough presented a real holiday appearance, as nearly every house was handsomely decorated with American flags and bunting, and the old borough never looked prettier, while every person seemed to be in a happy mood.

The visiting fire companies arrived as early as 11 o'clock, and were at once taken care of by the committee of the home company. Promptly at 2 o'clock the parade started, marshalled by Hon. Fred Taylor Pusey. The various companies were stationed in divisions on different streets by the parade committee consisting of George A. Nitsky, Lewis J. Engle, and William F. Shaffer.

THE PARADE – The parade started from Lansdowne Avenue, headed by the chief marshal, with a corps of mounted aides and was as follows:

Division No. 1 – Aids. Dr. W.L. Rhoads; Veterans Association, engine and band; Chief Burgess W. Frank English; Councilmen and members of School Board in carriages

Division No. 2 – Aide. H.M. Davis; Philadelphia Fire Department, Clifton Heights Fire Protective Association, chemical engine; ambulance, George Huber Band; Bala Fire Company

Division No.3 – Aide. William Worrell; Darby Fire Company and hose wagon; Good Will of West Chester; Franklin Fire Company of Chester with band

Division No. 4 – Aide. E.E. Bartleson; William Penn Fire Company of Cramer Hill, N.J.; Clifton Heights Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, Hook and Ladder Fire and Drum Corps Yeadon Fire Company; Woodbury Fire Company of New Jersey

Division No. 5 – Aide. John Hilbert, Colwyn Fire Company; Merion Fire Company, Hook and Ladder combination wagon and band

Division No. 6 – President of LANSDOWNE Fire Company; Visiting Chiefs; Aide. Benjamin Lewis; Juvenile Hook and Ladder Company of Lansdowne; Aide. R. Shoemaker, Lansdowne Fire Company; Spring Mills Band; Darkson Band.

THE DECORATION CEREMONIES – After the Companies had moved over the principal streets of the borough, the parade halted in front of the new Town Hall, where the housing of the apparatus took place. This ceremony was performed by the Clifton Heights Fire Protective Association, No. 1 in charge of President John Spear and Foreman George B. Frankfield. The Clifton fire ladies performed their part of this ceremony well, and were cheered by the Lansdowne Company and the visiting firemen.

Following the housing, Dr. John A. McKenna, member of Council and chairman of the general committee mounted the stand and, with a few appropriate remarks, presented the fire house in behalf of the Borough Council to President B.H. Archer, of the Lansdowne Fire Company, who made a neat speech of acceptance, in which he praised Council for its hearty cooperation to secure for the firemen a new home. Addresses were then made by Burgess W. Frank English, K. Feirson, president of Councils and Captain Robert Crawford.

Hon. Fred Taylor Pusey was the orator of the day, and spoke in glowing terms of the good work of the fire company in Lansdowne, and also of fire companies in other towns and cities.

At the conclusion of Mr. Pusey's oration the visiting fire companies and their friends were taken into the assembly room where they were served with lunch.

THE NEW HALL – The new Town Hall and Fire House is a pretty two-story brick structure, 7 x 440 feet. In the basement is the borough lockup, and wash room, where the fire house can be washed. The first floor is used for the fire apparatus, while in the rear is also a meeting room for the firemen. On the second floor is a large assembly room for the firemen, a private office for the Burgess Chief of the Fire Company and other borough officials and a large room for the Council Chamber. The building is up-to-date in every respect, lighted with electric light and heated by steam. Lansdowne can be justly proud of its new Hall and Fire House, as it is an ornament to the town.

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