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FIRE PROTECTION HISTORY-PART 46: 1912 (THE NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS)

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The National Board of Fire Underwriters (NBFU) held its 46th annual meeting at the Woldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on Thursday, May 23rd, 1912. The Proceedings published for that meeting include the roster of the Officers and the Executive Committee of the NBFU for 1912-1913.

"National Board of Fire Underwriters, 135 William Street, New York.

OFFICERS FOR 1912-1913.

President:

GEO. W. BABB, of the Northern Assurance Company of London.

Vice-President:

W. N. KREMER, of the German American Insurance Company, New York.

Treasurer:

C. J. HOLMAN, of the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London.

Secretary:

E. W. WEST, of the Glens Falls Insurance Company, Glens Falls, New York.

General Agent:

W. E. MALLALIEU, 135 William Street, New York.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

E. G. RICHARDS, Chairman, New York.

E. WINCHESTER, Boston. E. D. JENSION, Albany, N. Y. E. L. ELLISON, Philadelphia. CHAS. R. PECK, Philadelphia. E. H. A. CORREA, New York. EDW. MILLIGAN, Hartford. H. A. SMITH, Hartford. J. A. KELSEY, New York. GEO. B. EDWARDS, New York. W. J. DUTTON, San Francisco, Cal."

Although the names of the Officers and the Executive Committee of the National Board of Fire Underwriters are not familiar to those in the fire protection field today, what is of interest is the cities where these men are from. With the exception of Mr. Dutton, all of the other members of the Executive Committee of the National Board are from New York, New England or Philadelphia. Clearly, the National Board of Fire Underwriters was an organization with its roots in the northeastern United States.

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