

HUNTER STREET THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 1904

LOSSES BY FIRE

The Glasgow Herald, Friday 25 November, 1904

GAS EXPLOSION IN GLASGOW – FIREMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

Yesterday morning at twenty five minutes past seven o'clock the Glasgow Brigade were summoned by the ringing of a street alarm to a fire which had broken out in the oil gas producing works of the North British Railway Company, situated at the company's mineral terminus in Hunter Street.

Unfortunately, one of the tanks or cylinders connected with the process exploded and seriously injured Branchman William Rae, of the chief station in Ingram Street.

The tank, which was made of iron, and of boiler shape, was about 20ft in length, and the explosion caused a rent in the side of about 2ft. Rae, who was standing with the branch immediately in front, received the full rush of flame, which singed all the hair off his face and head and burned him from the shoulders upwards. He was at once conveyed in an ambulance wagon to the Royal Infirmary. Luckily his eyesight is uninjured.

The damage caused by the fire is principally to the gas storage portion of the works. Another tank exploded about ten minutes after that which caused Rae's injuries, but the firemen had kept clear of danger.

The Glasgow Herald, Monday 28 November, 1904

A GLASGOW FIREMAN

William Rae, a member of the Glasgow Fire Brigade, died yesterday evening in the Royal Infirmary from the effects of burning injuries received on Thursday last at a fire in the oil gas producing work situated at the North British Railway Company's terminus in Hunter Street.

Rae, who was a merit class fireman, and was a joiner to trade, entered the brigade in November 1891, and rose through the various grades, being in charge of the joiner's shop at the chief station during the past seven years. He leaves a widow and four of a family (the eldest being 10 years of age) to mourn his loss.

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DEATH NOTICE

RAE – At the Royal Infirmary, on 27th inst., William Rae, aged 35 years, Chief Station, Glasgow Fire Brigade; the result of injuries received by explosion at fire, Oil Gas Works, Hunter Street, on 24th November.

