

engaged in Mercantile business their Interest would suffer in their absence were more than half of the whole of these present called on.

Captain of Militia

Endorsed: Detroit June 7th 1791 Return of Capt^t
Askins Company of Militia
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REPORT ON FIRE PROTECTION³⁵

Report, of Housekeepers, dwelling in the Town of Detroit who are defecient of Buckets, Ladders, Bags &c August 1st 1791

Names		Buckets Wanting	Bags Wanting	Ladders Wanting	
Possessors	-1				
Proprietors	-2				
Jacque Baby	-2	"	"	"	Mr Babys, (answer) not ready for visit ^g
Holmes ³⁶	-1	2	1	"	
G. McGregor	-2	0	1	1	Mr McGregor, will have everything
Rev ^d Frechet ³⁷	-2	"	1	"	ready in the course of this week.

³⁵ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

³⁶ William Holmes, surgeon of the Fifth Regiment, with commission dating from March 31, 1787. In 1800 a Dr. Holmes, probably the same man, was surgeon of the forces at Quebec, with oversight, apparently, of the western posts. See British army list for 1787 and *Mich. Pio. Collr.*, XXIII, 594.

³⁷ Pierre Frechette was born at Quebec, Feb. 2, 1751, his parents being Etienne Frechette and Marie Anne Dupéré. He was ordained a priest on Dec. 18, 1784, and in the autumn of 1785 came to Sandwich as parish priest. The following year when Father François Xavier Dufaux came to Detroit to take charge of Ste. Anne's Church, Frechette prevailed on him to exchange parishes. Frechette continued to serve Ste. Anne's for ten years, leaving Detroit shortly prior to the American occupation in July, 1796. From this time until his death on January 3, 1816, he served as parish priest of Beloeil and Saint Hilaire, Canada. He was characterized by Father Payet, in a letter written from Detroit in 1786, as "a zealous and pious priest, but a man of superlative tranquility." Information supplied by Father J. C. Plomer, professor at the Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit.