



## Ladders

**Hook Ladders:** These came in three different types all with similar uses.

**Home Office:** Wooden ladder as illustrated used mainly for drills to inspire confidence in working aloft and to scale buildings from the top of the 50ft Escape or the 100ft Turntable Ladder. The bill was used to break the window and allow the hook to rest on the window frame to support the ladder, thus allowing any building with windows to be scaled. Carried on a mounting on Pump Escapes.

**Aluminium:** Similar to above but lightweight, the Aluminium type was usually carried fitted to the main ladder of the Turntable Ladder.

**Aluminium Folding:** This was used mainly in tenement property where it could be carried up the main staircase and used from any suitable window of a house. It was also used as a roof ladder when stripping slates or cutting away roof timbers. If a request to enter lockfast premises was received this could often be achieved by operating the ladder from the flat above and entering the house usually from a kitchen or bedroom window, thus causing the minimum amount of damage.

Carried on the roof of a Pump Ladder, they were all used extensively at Drill displays on Open Days both at Lauriston Place and McDonald Road.

