

City Document—No. 8.

THE
NINTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

1855 Committee on Accounts.

ON THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

CITY OF ROXBURY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1855.

ROXBURY:
PRINTED FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.
1855.

REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ROXBURY, FEB. 1, 1855.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen, and Common Council.

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity to the requirements of the Fire Ordinance, I herewith present my Annual Report of the condition of the Engine-houses, Engines and Apparatus, with a list of the officers and members attached to the Fire Department, with their ages and residences; the number of Reservoirs, their location and condition. Also the number of Fires and Alarms within the City from February 1st, 1854, to February 1st, 1855, with the amount of Loss and Insurance.

The Engine-houses, Engines and Apparatus generally, are in good condition. The Department consists of 5 Engineers and 177 Firemen; there are 5 Engines and 6 Hose Carriages, 1 Hook and Ladder Carriage, 142 feet of Suction Hose, 3,600 feet of Leading Hose.

The Department has been called out the past year from fires within the City, 50 times; false alarms, 15 times; burning of chimneys, 7 times; striking of clock, 1 time; bursting of a camphene lamp, 1 time; bursting of a still, 1 time; ringing of factory

bells, 5 times; burning of a brick kiln, 1 time; alarms originating out of the City, 31 times; making a total of 112 alarms. The Loss by Fire amounts to \$27,485; the Insurance on the same to \$16,000.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. PARKER, *Chief Engineer.*

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, FEB. 19, 1855.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts, with instructions to cause such parts to be printed in the Annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures as they deem expedient.

Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, *City Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, FEB. 19, 1855.

Concurred.

JOSHUA SEAVER, *Clerk.*

ENGINES, HOSE CARRIAGES, &c.

Location.	No. of Men.	Suction Hose.	Leading Hose.		Sundries.	Condition.
			Good.	Bad.		
No. 1, Dudley, corner of Warren Street . . .	33	28	Feet. 400	Feet. 300	1 Hose Carriage, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 2, Centre Street	40	28	700		1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 3, Centre, near Perkins Street		24	250		1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hook, 1 Ladder, 2 Buckets	Good.
No. 6, Eustis Street	40	36	400	300	1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hook, 1 Ladder, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 7, Ruggles Street	40	26	300	350	1 Hose Carriage, 1 Ladder, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
Hook and Ladder, Dudley Street	12				9 Ladders, 4 Fire Hooks, 4 Crotch-poles, 4 Axes, 28 Buckets, Guy Ropes, &c.	Not very Good.
Cochituate Hose Co., Washington Street	12		550		1 Hose Carriage	Not very Good.
Total	177	142	2,600	950		

NOTE.—Engine, No. 1. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine, No. 2. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine, No. 6. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine, No. 7. The condition of the house is good.
 Hook and Ladder Co. The condition of the house is good. Ladder Carriage and Ladders not very good.
 Hose Co. house good.

RESERVOIRS,

AND SOURCES OF OBTAINING WATER.

No.	Location.	No. of Gallons.	Condition.
1	Eliot Square	25,000	Good.
2	Warren, near Washington Street	30,000	Good.
3	Corner of Washington and Eustis Streets	16,000	Good.
4	Dudley Street	24,000	Good.
5	Short Street	24,000	Good.
6	Chestnut Street, Mount Pleasant	15,000	Good.
7	Near Webber's Ropewalk	15,000	Good.
8	Cedar Street	15,000	Good.
9	Sidewalk, opposite No. 2 Engine-house	1,300	Good.
10	Washington, near Ruggles Street	18,000	Good.
11	Vernon, near Auburn Street	18,000	Good.
12	Dudley, near Kenilworth Street	18,000	Good.
13	Dudley, near Warren Street	18,000	Good.
14	Dudley, near Greenville Street	18,000	Good.
15	Eaton, near Yeoman Street	18,000	Good.
16	Centre Street	18,000	Good.
17	Porter Street	18,000	Good.
18	Elm Street, Mount Pleasant	18,000	Good.
19	Walnut Street	18,000	Good.
20	Pearl Street	18,000	Good.
21	Eustis, corner of East Street	18,000	Good.
22	Copeland Square	18,000	Good.
23	Well, corner of East and Davis Streets		Good.
24	Corner of Davis and Eustis Streets		Good.
25	Corner of Ruggles and Cabot Streets	17,000	Good.
26	Regent Street, near St. James Street	15,000	Good.
27	Adams Street	17,000	Good.
28	Davis Street	16,500	Good.
29	Oak Street	18,000	Good.
30	Norfolk Street	16,000	Good.

HYDRANTS,

FROM MOUNT WARREN AND COCHITUATE PIPES.

No.	Location.	Condition.
1	St. James Street	Good.
2	Alpine Street	Good.
3	Near Alpine Street	Good.
4	Near St. James Street	Good.
5	Dale Street	Good.
6	Tremont Street, corner of Franklin Place	Good.
7	Tremont Street, opposite Carpet Factory	Good.
8	Washington, corner of Phillips Street	Good.
9	Washington Street, opposite Isaac Davis's	Good.

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Cause, &c.
1854.					
Nov. 20	Samuel Emmes	South Boston			
" 20	Mr. Lyons	Tremont Street	\$100 00	\$100 00	Barn. Incendiary.
" 29	Ephraim Downes	" "	100 00	100 00	
Dec. 5		Dudley Street	25 00		Dwelling. Defect in chimney.
" 7		Warren Street			Burning chimney.
" 16	Unknown	Brighton			Burning of a Car house.
" 25		Washington Street			Trifling damage. Put out with buckets.
		Pine Island			Burning chimney.
1855.					
Jan. 11		Dorchester			Burning of Cotton factories.
" 11	Hugh McTighe	Belmont Street	100 00		Dwelling. Defect in chimney.
" 26		Tremont Street			Burning chimney.

RECAPITULATION.

Engineers, 5; Firemen, 177; Engines, 5; Hose Carriages, 6; No. of feet of Suction Hose, 142; No. of feet of Lending Hose, 3,600; Hook and Ladder Carriages, 1; Ladders, 12; Crotch-poles, 4; Firehooks, 6; Buckets, 48; Axes, 12; Reservoirs, 30; Hydrants, 9.
 Number of Fires in the City, 50; False Alarms, 15; Burning Chimneys, 7; Striking of Clock, 1; Bursting of Camphene Lamp, 1; Bursting of a Still, 1; Ringing of Factory Bells, 5; Burning of a Brick-kiln, 1; Alarms originating out of the City, 31; Total Number of Alarms, 112. Loss by Fire, \$27,435. Insurance on the same, \$18,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance undrawn, Feb. 1, 1854	1,770 07	
Transfer from Contingent Expenses of 1854 and 1855	500 00	
APPROPRIATION	8,160 00	
		\$10,430 07

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to ENGINEERS—

To Abraham G. Parker, Chief Engineer	200 00	
" J. C. Pratt, Assistant Engineer	40 00	
" Daniel E. Page, "	40 00	
" John L. Stanton, "	10 00	
" Gilbert S. May, "	43 75	
" Samuel F. Train, " and Secretary	41 25	
		\$375 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$375 00

Amount brought forward, **\$375 00**

Paid to FIREMEN—

To Officers and members Engine No. 1	1,182 50	
" Officers and members Engine No. 2	987 93	
" Officers and members Engine No. 6	1,182 50	
" Officers and members Engine No. 7	1,090 84	
" Steward of Engine No. 3	22 50	
" Officers and members Hook and Ladder Co.	463 75	
" Officers and members Hose Co. No. 1	395 00	
		\$5,325 02

Paid for SUNDRIES to several Companies—

ENGINE, No. 1.

To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel	5 96	
" Augustus Parker & Co., fuel	26 25	
" Lydston & Holland, carpenter's work	7 72	
" Hunneman & Co., hose and repairs	123 56	
" Howard & Davis, repairs	88 30	
" J. C. Pratt, blacksmith's work	19 26	
" H. Learned & Co., "	10 00	
" John A. Scott, "	27 54	
" John D. Pierce, repairs	6 00	
" Robert C. Campbell, repairs	10 72	
" Boston Belting Co., hose	72 50	
" John A. Foley, repairs	6 00	
" F. P. Pierce, "	5 00	
" E. A. Hovey, "	7 40	
" Nathaniel Adams, repairs	1 50	
		\$417 71

ENGINE, No. 2.

To Augustus Parker & Co., fuel	20 21	
" Hunneman & Co., new hose and repairs	343 72	
" Dunning & Parshley, oil, &c.	46 54	
" Reuben Hunting, oil, &c.	20 26	
" Samuel S. Chase, lock, keys, &c.	18 04	
" Henry A. Drake, badges	12 00	
" Weeks & Brock, blacksmith's work	22 50	
" Frederick A. Stone, carpenter's work	6 25	
" Solomon Sanborn, mason's work	9 00	
" John J. Brooks, "	6 00	
" B. F. & G. H. Wiggin, painting	10 55	
" Charles G. Bird, rope, &c.	7 04	
" John Kelley, repairs	10 08	
" H. Carleton, "	5 04	
" Wm. Welch, "	8 25	
" Whiton, Train & Co., rope	1 49	
" Charles Marsh, lantern	1 25	
		\$548 22
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$5,665 95

Amount brought forward,

\$5,665 95

ENGINE, No. 6.

To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel	9 82
" Augustus Parker & Co., fuel	29 42
" Hunneman & Co., new hose and repairs	290 02
" Charles W. Newell, oil, &c.	35 68
" Mrs. Lavey, cleaning house	3 00
" Charles Erskine, painting	23 10
" William Dove, oil, &c.	16 58
" Samuel S. Chase, repairs	8 82
" Kent & Lord, stove work	35 75
" Solomon Sanborn, mason's work	2 50
" Hiram Carleton, spanner straps, &c.	7 70
" Ebenezer Chamberlin, bell wheel	6 00
" Reuben Howard, repairing pump	2 50
" Charles Marsh, hardware	5 29
" David E. Handley, mason's work	7 50

\$483 68

ENGINE, No. 7.

To Augustus Parker & Co., fuel	20 00
" J. I. Caldwell, fuel	7 37
" Hunneman & Co., new hose and repairs	191 25
" James Davenport, painting Engine, &c.	61 00
" R. L. Hodsdon & Co., oil, &c.	30 56
" Joseph W. Sweat, repairs	22 75
" William Weymouth, carpenter's work	33 86
" John C. Ross, mason's work	17 37
" Uriah T. Brownell, painting	21 03

\$405 19

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

To Hunneman & Co., repairs	31 80
" Robert C. Campbell, pump, &c.	24 72
" Samuel S. Chase, carpenter's work	4 65
" Trowbridge & Ayres, oil, &c.	5 05
" D. H. Basford, fluid	2 24
" Calvin Bird, oil can	2 58
" E. A. Hovey, badges	5 67
" John A. Scott, blacksmith's work	7 18
" William N. Hastings, keys, &c.	7 42
" John M. Way, horse hire	2 00
" H. R. Wetherbee, "	4 00

\$97 31

HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

To Augustus Parker & Co., fuel	23 68
" Hunneman & Co., repairs of hose	48 47
" Calvin B. Faunce, oil, &c.	13 83
" Reuben Hunting, oil, &c.	8 40
" R. H. Boothby, repairs	7 71
" George S. Head, mason's work	5 00

\$107 09

Paid for SUNDRIES not otherwise enumerated—

To Shelton & Cheever, caps	69 17
" James L. Callender, cleaning snow from re- servoirs	52 50
" Joseph W. Sweat, care of hydrants	42 00
" Benjamin Clark, filling reservoirs	10 00
" John A. Foley, "	32 00
" Warren Engine, No. 1, "	23 00
" A. S. Parker, paid for "	25 00
" Ivory Harmon, repairing reservoirs	221 05
" Lydston & Holland, "	13 64
" Samuel Felton, "	28 25
" John A. Scott, "	6 86
" William Weymouth, "	16 07
" Colburn & Clement, refreshments for out of town Companies	3 47
" Engine Co., No. 6, do. do. do.	8 00
" Engine Co., No. 7, do. do. do.	8 00
" Thomas Laha, do. do. do.	15 00
" Hook and Ladder Co., do. do. do.	6 00
" Silas Dole, do. do. do.	3 50
" William Clark, carting hose	71 75
" Oliver P. Payne, "	10 00
" Thomas H. Murphy, carting hose	10 13
" B. F. Cobb, "	16 88
" James Munroe, "	10 50
" Edward Dennon, "	5 00
" Weatherbee & Scott, "	2 37
" J. B. Childs, "	3 62
" Hunneman & Co., new hose	96 48
" John I. Hastings, ringing bell	24 00
" Francis Freeman, "	24 00
" Reuben Howard, repairs	8 00
" Henry Pratt, repairing locks, &c.	5 20
" E. S. Harrington, lamps	10 63
" J. G. Blake, desk	6 50
" Samuel F. Train, stationery, &c.	7 75
" J. T. Bicknell & Co., "	12 61
" E. W. Murray, lighting Engineers' room	3 00
" Wm. N. Hastings, " "	6 00
" J. B. Young, repairing window	3 19
" Norfolk County Journal, printing	1 50

\$922 62

Total Expenditures

\$8,681 84

Transfer to Contingent Appropriation 1854 & 1855

192 30

\$8,874 14

Balance undrawn February 1, 1855, \$1,555 93.

REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY.

The City Hall (of brick) and land	\$12,000 00
The Almshouse (of brick) and land, about 11 acres	30,000 00
The Munroe Land, between Walnut and Warren Streets,	20,000 00
The City Wharf at Point	15,000 00
Dwelling-house and land on Washington Street	2,500 00
Land on Warren Place, 28,341 feet	7,000 00
The Brook Farm and Almshouse, situated in West Roxbury, 202 acres	35,000 00
Land, corner of Washington and Heath Streets, 8 3-4 acres	14,263 70
Stony Brook Lands	25,000 00
Land, Centre Street, near Hog Bridge	400 00
Dudley School-house (of stone) and land, Kenilworth Street	} 14,000 00
Dudley School-house (of brick) and land Bartlett Street	
Washington School-house (of brick) and land, Washington Street	14,000 00
Dearborn School-house (of brick) and land, 23,000 feet, near Davis Street	20,000 00
Unfinished School-house (of brick) and land, 20,000 feet, Gore Avenue	15,165 50
School-house and land, 15,000 feet, Sudbury Street	10,000 00
School-house and land, Yeoman Street, Nos. 1 and 2	4,000 00
School-house and land, Eustis Street, Nos. 3 and 4	4,000 00
School-house and land, Sumner Street, Nos. 5 and 6	1,000 00
School-house and land, Vernon Street, Nos. 7 and 8	5,000 00
Land in Oxford Street	1,000 00
School-house and land, Avon Place, Nos. 11 and 12	3,500 00
School-house, Mill Dam, No. 13	600 00
School-house and land, Smith Street, Nos. 14 and 15	3,000 00
School-house and land, Orange Street, Nos. 16 and 17	2,600 00
School-house and land, Centre Street, Nos. 18 and 19	1,400 00
School-house and land, Centre Street, No. 20	800 00
School-house and land, Edinboro' Street, Nos. 21 and 22	3,000 00
School-house and land, Elm Street, Nos. 23 and 24	3,000 00
School-house and land, Monroe Street, No. 25	3,500 00
School-house and land, Francis Street, No. 26	3,800 00
Engine-house and land, No. 1, Dudley Street	1,000 00
Engine-house and land, (brick,) No. 2, Centre Street	2,000 00
Engine-house and land, No. 3, Centre, near Perkins Street, connected with No. 20 Primary School—valued in School No. 20	
Engine-house, No. 6, Eustis Street	800 00
Engine-house, (no land,) No. 7, Ruggles Street	500 00
Engine-house and land for Hose Co., near Wait's Mill	700 00
Forest Hills Cemetery, (situated in West Roxbury,) about 104 acres—not valued	
Cemetery on Eustis Street—not valued	
Cemetery on Warren Street—not valued	
The Flats, 72 acres and one quarter, in the dry basin—not valued	
	\$279,529 20

NOTE.—The City Lands in the dry basin of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation were not valued by the Committee on Public Property. There are 72 acres and one quarter. The valuation of the Real Estate belonging to the City is a nominal one.

PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY.*

The Furniture in the City Hall, Mayor and Aldermen's Room, Common Council Room, City Clerk's and City Treasurer's Offices; in the several School-houses and Watch-houses.

In charge of the Chief Engineer—

- 5 Fire Engines,
- 6 Hose Carriages,
- 3,650 Feet of Leading Hose,
- 169 Feet of Suction Hose,
- 9 Ladders,
- 1 Ladder Carriage,
- 6 Fire Hooks,
- 48 Buckets,
- 12 Axes and other Apparatus, and Furniture,
- 30 Reservoirs,
- 6 Hydrants on Mount Warren,
- 4 Hydrants along line Cochituate water pipes.