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THE
TENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Roxbury, Mass. Committee on Accounts

ON THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

CITY OF ROXBURY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1856.

ROXBURY:
PRINTED FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.
1856.

REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ROXBURY, FEB. 1, 1856.

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

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the requirements of Section 6th of the Fire Ordinance, I herewith present the Annual Report of the names, ages and residences of the Officers and Members of the Roxbury Fire Department; the condition of the Engines and other fire apparatus; the location and condition of the Reservoirs, Hydrants, and other sources for obtaining water in case of fire; also the number of Fires and Alarms within the City during the year ending January 31st, 1856, together with the amount of Loss and Insurance, as far as could be ascertained.

The Department has been called out the past year from fires within the City, 46 times; false alarms, 13 times; burning chimneys, 5 times; burning brush, 2 times; bursting of boiler, 1 time; burning grass, 1 time; ringing of factory bells, 6 times; re-kindling of ruins, 1 time; fire from foundry chimney, 1 time; alarms originating out of the City, 36 times; making a total of 112 alarms.

The amount of loss by fire, as far as can be ascertained, was \$30,900. Insurance, \$20,632.

The Department consists of 5 Engineers and 186 Firemen; there are 5 Engines and 7 Hose Carriages, 1 Hook and Ladder Carriage, 142 feet of Suction Hose, and 3,900 feet of Leading Hose. The several Engine-houses are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. STANTON,

Chief Engineer.

ENGINES, HOSE CARRIAGES, &c.

Location.	No. of Men.	Suction Hose.	Leading Hose		Sundries.	Condition.
			Good.	Bad.		
No. 1, Dudley, corner of Warren Street . .	39	28	700	Feet.	2 Hose Carriages, 2 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 2, Centre Street	40	28	650	Feet.	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 3, Relief		24			1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hook, 1 Ladder, 2 Buckets . . .	Good.
No. 6, Eustis Street	40	36	700		1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 7, Ruggles Street	35	26	750		1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
Hook and Ladder, Dudley Street	20				13 Ladders, 4 Fire Hooks, 4 Crotch-poles, 2 Axes, 3 Rakes, 2 Forks, 16 Buckets, Guy Ropes, &c.	Good.
Cochituate Hose Co., Washington Street .	12		400	700	1 Hose Carriage	Good.
Total	186	142	3,200	700		

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, but not suitable for carriage. Ladder Carriage and Ladders 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	Corner of Fellows and Hunneman Streets	15,000	Good.
8	Cedar Street	15,000	Good.
9	Sidewalk, opposite No. 2 Engine-house	1,300	Good.
10	Corner of Washington and Ruggles Streets	18,000	Good.
11	Corner of Vernon and Auburn Streets	18,000	Good.
12	Corner of Dudley and Kenilworth Streets	18,000	Good.
13	Dudley, near Warren Street	18,000	Good.
14	Corner of Dudley and Greenville Streets	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	Well, corner of Davis and Eustis Streets		Good.
25	Corner of Ruggles and Cabot Streets	17,000	Good.
26	Regent, near St. James Street	15,000	Good.
27	Adams, near Eustis Street	17,000	Good.
28	Davis Street	16,500	Good.
29	Oak Street	18,000	Good.
30	Norfolk Street	16,000	Good.
31	Corner of Greenville and Winthrop Streets		Unfinish'd.
32	Smith, near Parker Street		Unfinish'd.

**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 FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1855, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1856.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1855.					
Feb. 7	Samuel A. Way	Parker Street			Bursting of boiler.
" 10		Boston			
" 16	Francis Gardner	Washington Street			Burning of some rags.
" 24		Brookline			
March 3		Cambridge			
" 5		West Roxbury			Burning of a barn.
" 13	David Hall	Washington Street	\$400 00		Sparks from lamp.
" 30	Heirs of John A. Webber	Ruggles Street			Defect in chimney.
" 31					False alarm.
April 9		Rockingham Place			Burning of shavings.
" 16					False alarm.
" 17					False alarm.
" 17		Milldam			Burning of grass.
" 18		Northampton Street			Ringling of factory bell.
" 21		Northampton Street			Ringling of factory bell.
" 22	Roxbury Land Co.	Mount Warren	50 00		Building over Reservoir. Incendiary.
" 27		Boston			
May 1	Samuel Emmes	Tremont Street	50 00	50 00	House. Incendiary.
" 2		Ruggles Street			Smoke from bake-house chimney.
" 5		Cambridge			
" 9	Samuel Emmes	Tremont Street			House. No. loss. Incendiary.
" 10	Elijah Morse	Walnut Street	1,400 00		Barn. Incendiary.
" 10	Franklin Proctor	Eustis Street			House. Trifling Damage.
" 10		Cambridge			
" 12		Vernon Street	325 00	325 00	House. Defect in chimney.
" 15	Whiton & Train	Norfolk Avenue	10,000 00	8,000 00	Oakum Factory. Took from friction of machinery.
" 19		Dorchester			
" 20		Belmont Street			Burning chimney.

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1855.				
May 26		Boston		
" 29				False alarm.
June 2		South Boston		
" 6	Joseph Morrill	Davis Street	8,000 00	5,500 00 Soap Factory. Supposed from steam boiler.
" 6	Mr. Dorr	Davis Street	1,000 00	1,000 00 House, adjoining factory.
" 7		Clay Street		House. Damage slight. Defect in chimney.
" 9				False alarm.
" 13		Boston		False alarm.
" 19		South Boston		
" 19		Gore Avenue		School-house. Trifling damage. Incendiary.
" 22		Norfolk House		Burning of window curtain.
" 27		Charlestown		
" 28		Tremont Street		Burning of chimney.
July 4		Easton		
" 4		Dorchester		
" 4	Nathan Haynes	Vernon Street		Slight damage to house by fire crackers.
" 4		Eustis Street		" " "
" 4		Vernon Street		Slight damage to shop, " "
" 4		Parker Street		" " house, " "
" 5				Ringling of factory bell.
" 10		Boston		
" 18	John Fussell	Cross Street	300 00	300 00 House. Origin of fire unknown.
" 20	Patrick Rogers	Smith Street		House. Put out with buckets.
" 23		Milldam		Blaze from foundry chimney.
" 27		Washington Street, near White's Mills		Barn. Put out with buckets.
" 27				False alarm.

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1855.					
July 28	L. B. Comins & Co.	Williams Place			Patent Leather Works. Trifling damage.
" 30	William Gill	Washington Street			Burning of straw in cellar.
Aug. 3		Cambridge			
" 3		Bradford Place			Burning of brush.
" 10	L. B. Comins & Co.	Williams Place			Slight fire on roof of Patent Leather Works.
" 19					False alarm.
" 22	Mr. Noyes	Parker Street	\$1,200 00	600 00	Stable.
" 24	Unknown	Cabot Street	100 00		Small barn.
" 25					False alarm.
" 29	Messrs. Parker & Pike	Davis Street	200 00		Barn.
" 30		Brookline			
Sept. 2					False alarm.
" 5		West Roxbury			Burning of a barn.
" 6		Tremont Street			Burning chimney.
" 6		Milton			
" 9		South Boston			
" 16	Thomas Thatcher	Parker Steet	200 00		Barn.
" 22		Harrison Avenue			Ringling of Carpet Factory bell.
" 25	Mr. Tirrel	Parker Street			Large hen-coop attached to a barn. Trifling damage.
" 25		Parker Street			Incendiary.
" 26		Cambridge			Burning of brush.
Oct. 3	Samuel Emmes	Tremont St., near White's Mills	3,500 00	2,200 00	Barn and house. Incendiary.
" 3	Heirs of Richard White	Tremont Street			House adjoining above.
" 6		Boston			Rekindling of ruins.
" 10		Dorchester			Burning of Laundry.
					Burning of barn.

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1855.				
Oct. 12	Tremont Street			Trifling fire in blacksmith's shop.
" 18				False alarm.
" 22	John Hill			Fire set in wood shed.
" 22	Jamaica Plains			Burning of house.
" 22	Roxbury Rubber Co.			Fire discovered in building. Damage trifling.
" 27	Boston			
Nov. 1	Texas Avenue			Slight fire in dwelling-house.
" 1				Ringling of factory bell.
" 5	Dudley Street	\$400 00	300 00	Engine-house. Set on fire in two places.
" 11	Joseph Morrill	High Street		Trifling damage to Soap Factory.
" 17		Dorchester		Burning of barn.
" 17		Washington Street		Burning of box of shavings in a cellar of Warren Block. Slight damage.
" 21		Texas Avenue		Fire in attic of house. Cause unknown.
" 21		Boston		Partial burning of Tenny's Cotton Drying Works.
" 22		Boston		
" 26		Centre Street	75 00	Engine-house, No. 2. Cause unknown.
" 27		Cambridge		
" 29		Brookline		Burning of Catholic Church.
" 30				False alarm.
Dec. 1				False alarm.
" 2				
" 6				Ringling of factory bell.
" 14	John Fussell	Cross Street	300 00	Building used for boiling swill.
" 21	David Simpson	Bartlett Street	1,800 00	1,157 00 Carpenter's shop. Incendiary.
1856.				
Jan. 1	Boston, Plymouth Street			Burning of small shoemaker's shop.
" 2	Belmont Street			Burning chimney.

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1856.					
Jan. 5	Michael O'Conner . . .	Edinboro' Street . . .	\$1,200 00	1,200 00	Green-house. Incendiary.
" 5		Boston, Tremont Street, .			
" 5		Boston, cor. Camden Place			Burning of clothes in closet.
" 5	Daniel Mahan	Tremont Street	400 00		Burning of barn.
" 21		Cambridge			
" 21	Parker & Lamb	Dudley Street			Slight fire on roof of shop. Caught from stove-pipe.
" 29					False alarm.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Fires in the City, 46; False Alarms, 13; Burning Chimneys, 5; Burning Brush, 2; Bursting of Boiler, 1; Ringing of Factory Bells, 6; Rekindling of Ruins, 1; Fire from Foundry Chimney, 1; Burning of Grass, 1; Alarms originating out of the City, 36. Making a total of 112 Alarms. Loss by Fire \$30,900. Insurance on same, \$20,632.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, FEBRUARY 11, 1856.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts, with instructions to cause such parts of the same to be printed with the Report of Receipts and Expenditures, as they shall deem expedient.
Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH. W. TUCKER, *City Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 18, 1856.

Concurred.

JOSHUA SEAVER, *Clerk.*

The expenses of the Fire Department correspond nearly to those of the preceding year, except the increase of about \$1,400 for new Hook and Ladder apparatus, outlay on Relief Engine, and new hose. The pay of firemen, which was \$25, has been increased to \$30 per year. The report of the Chief Engineer, showing the condition of the department, with details of service, is appended.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance undrawn Feb. 1, 1855.....	1,555 93	
Transfer from alterations, High School, April, 1855	176 60	
Received from Town of Brookline, for Hook and Ladder apparatus	200 00	
APPROPRIATION	9,190 00	
" additional.....	2,000 00	
		<u>\$13,122 53</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to ENGINEERS—

To Abraham S. Parker, Chief Engineer.....	50 00	
" John L. Stanton, "	150 00	
" J. C. Pratt, Assistant Engineer	40 00	
" Gilbert S. May "	40 00	
" Daniel E. Page, "	10 00	
" James Munroc, "	30 00	
" Samel F. Train, " and Secretary	13 75	
" Amory F. Sherman, " "	41 25	
		<u>\$375 00</u>

Paid to FIREMEN—

To Officers and members, Engine No. 1.....	1,238 34	
" Officers and members, Engine No. 2.....	1,293 50	
" Officers and members, Engine No. 6.....	1,263 50	
" Officers and members, Engine No. 7.....	1,063 36	
" Steward, Engine No. 3	13 50	
" Officers and members, Hook and Ladder Co.	597 50	
" Officers and members, Hose Co. No. 1.....	407 50	
		<u>\$5,877 20</u>

Amount carried forward,

\$6,252 20

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$47 37	\$7,212 88
To J. M. Marston & Co., carpenter's work.....	13 44	
" Samuel S. Chase, ".....	5 07	
" Samuel Felton, mason's work.....	2 00	
" J. C. Pratt, blacksmith's work.....	6 50	
" Gay & Allen, copper work.....	3 75	
" Hiram Carlton, spanner belts.....	20 25	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	145 89	
" Charles W. Newell, oil.....	35 46	
" Kent & Lord, stove work.....	2 00	
" John Dove, painting.....	105 82	
" Charles Erskine, glazing.....	2 40	
	<hr/>	\$389 95

ENGINE, No. 7.

To Augustus Parker & Co., fuel.....	5 62	
" J. I. Caldwell, ".....	32 30	
" Ward A. Wheeler, carpenter's work.....	16 36	
" Thomas P. Sweat, ".....	29 80	
" J. M. Marston & Co., ".....	2 25	
" Samuel Felton, mason's work.....	14 00	
" John C. Ross, ".....	22 03	
" James Mellen, raising building.....	13 00	
" Enoch Adams, stove work.....	31 41	
" Joseph W. Sweat, repairs.....	37 50	
" J. J. Merrill & Co., lumber.....	13 51	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	118 11	
" R. L. Hodsdon & Co., oil, &c.....	46 44	
" H. Carlton, spanner belts.....	6 25	
" Boston Belting Co., hose pipe.....	3 00	
" John W. Lord, lamps.....	1 75	
" B. F. & G. H. Wiggin, glazing.....	1 00	
" U. T. Brownell, ".....	2 84	
	<hr/>	\$397 17

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

To Samuel S. Chase, carpenter's work.....	31 98	
" A. R. Mathes, horse hire.....	156 00	
" George B. Faunce, fluid.....	11 39	
" Hiscock, Field & Co., fluid.....	4 09	
" John A. Scott, blacksmith's work.....	5 81	
" John W. Lord, lanterns.....	1 25	
" Charles A. Adams, cleaning.....	16 00	
" R. C. Campbell, repairs on pump.....	10 02	
" Calvin Bird, sundries.....	1 70	
" Hunneman & Co., bell.....	29 00	
" Joseph Polechio, painting sign.....	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$279 24

HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

To J. I. Caldwell, fuel.....	15 34	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	25 65	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$40 99	\$8,279 24

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$40 99	\$8,279 24
To Calvin B. Faunce, oil	11 47	
" Gay & Allen, repairs	6 77	
" John W. Lord, tin ware	5 93	
" J. H. Hawes, hardware	2 55	
	<hr/>	\$67 71

Paid for SUNDRIES not otherwise enumerated—

To Hunneman & Co., Hook and Ladder apparatus	750 00	
" " " new hose	632 58	
" " " repairs on Relief Engine	242 77	
" Windship & Roulstone, caps and badges	103 34	
" E. E. Tupper, filling reservoirs	30 00	
" Engine Co., No. 1, "	15 00	
" James Munroe, "	24 00	
" George S. Head, "	16 00	
" Gay & Allen, "	12 00	
" Wm. Rumrill & Co., paid for filling reservoirs	5 00	
" James L. Callender, clearing snow from reservoirs	26 25	
" Lydston & Holland, repairing reservoirs	13 24	
" John A. Scott, "	3 75	
" Samuel Felton, "	20 66	
" F. P. Pierce, "	14 37	
" Ebenezer Chamberlin, "	6 00	
" Michael Deffley, cleaning reservoirs	3 00	
" Engine Co., No. 7, of Boston, paid for refreshments	10 00	
" Benjamin Wright, refreshments for out of town Companies	5 00	
" Engine Co., No. 1, do. do. do.	8 00	
" Engine Co., No. 6, do. do. do.	24 00	
" Engine Co., No. 1, Dorchester, do. do.	7 00	
" Engine Co., No. 7, do. do.	16 00	
" C. T. Brackett, do. do.	6 00	
" John I. Hastings, ringing bell	28 00	
" Francis Freeman, "	18 00	
" W. E. Hicks, "	23 00	
" Tobias Stiles, watching fire	1 50	
" John Fay, "	1 50	
" David Goodwin, "	2 50	
" B. F. Cobb, carting	13 00	
" William Clark, "	75 35	
" George R. Matthews, carting	75	
" H. Morey & Co., "	6 75	
" Calvin B. Faunce, "	3 00	
" Joseph W. Sweat, care of hydrants	30 00	
" John A. Foley, repairs	1 50	
" John Backup, stationery	5 23	
" James T. Bicknell, "	5 81	
" Norfolk County Journal, printing	3 25	
" Boston Hand Stamp Co., stamp	6 00	
" Kent & Lord, signal lanterns	49 50	
" J. & M. H. Webber, rope	3 06	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,271 66	\$8,346 95

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,271 66	\$8,346 95
To Wm. D. Adams, hydrant lock	75	
" H. Pratt, repairing locks and keys	11 64	
" M. P. Berry, rubber coat	4 00	
" H. G. Simpson, repairing fence	2 08	
" Edward W. Murray, care of rooms	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,308 13
Total Expenditure		\$10,655 08
Transfer to Reservoirs	408 00	
" " Contingent Expenses, 1855 & 56	41 50	
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		\$11,104 58

Balance undrawn February 1, 1856, \$2,017 95.