

*City Document.—No. 6.*

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THE  
FIFTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS  
ON THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
CITY OF ROXBURY:  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1851.

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ROXBURY:  
NORFOLK COUNTY JOURNAL PRESS.  
1851.

The ordinary expenditures of the Fire Department fall below those of last year, in consequence of the resignation of the members of several companies in May last. The report of the Chief Engineer on the state and condition of the Department, with details of service and other subjects connected, is appended.

Three reservoirs have been built during the year: one in Lamartine street, (Ward 6); one corner East and Eustis street; and one on Copeland street, (near Rev. Mr. Huntington's.) The amount expended for reservoirs is \$912 44.

Beyond the ordinary expenditures, there has been but little outlay for permanent improvements the past year,—amounting to \$7,028 46,—such as:

For new Engine House, (for No. 2),	\$1,455 47
“ new School House and land, Avon Place,	3,660 55
“ Reservoirs,	912 44
“ Widening Tremont Street,	1,000 00
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Amounting to	\$7,028 46

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance undrawn Feb. 1, 1850.....	\$ 1,298 55	
Transfer from Contingent Appro'ns, 1849-50,	200 00	
APPROPRIATION.....	5,947 00	
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		7,445 55
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid to ENGINEERS—		
To Abraham G. Parker, Chief Engineer....	100 00	
“ Jerahmel C. Pratt, Assistant Engineer ..	20 00	
“ Joseph H. Billings, “ “ ..	20 00	
“ Alexander Dickson, “ “ ..	20 00	
“ Samuel S. Chase, Assistant Engineer and Secretary.....	35 00	
“ Daniel E. Page, Assistant Engineer....	20 00	
“ Hiram Hall, “ “ .....	5 00	
“ Gilbert S. May, “ “ .....	15 00	
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		235 00
Paid to FIREMEN—		
To Officers and members of Engine No. 1....	587 50	
“ Officers and members of “ No. 2....	353 75	
“ Officers and members of “ No. 3....	76 25	
“ Officers and members of “ No. 4....	132 75	
“ Officers and members of “ No. 5....	121 00	
“ Officers and members of “ No. 6....	597 50	
“ Officers and members of “ No. 7....	178 75	
“ Officers and members of Hook & Ladder,	220 00	
“ Officers and members of Hose Company..	165 00	
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		2,432 50
Paid for SUNDRIES to several Companies, viz. :—		
ENGINE No. 1.		
To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	13 65	
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	18 50	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$32 15	<hr/>
		\$2,667 50

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$32 15	\$2,667 50
To Howard & Davis, repairs.....	26 65	
“ John A. Foley, “.....	16 67	
“ Weeks & Brock, blacksmiths' work.....	10 79	
“ J. C. Pratt, “.....	18 42	
“ Isaac S. Burrell, wheelwrights' work,...	1 50	
“ E. A. Hovey, repairs.....	6 45	
“ Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose.....	14 26	
“ William Curtis, “.....	2 37	
“ Albert Brewer, oil, &c.....	34 57	
“ William Seaver, oil.....	10 00	
“ Charles Marsh, lamps.....	13 67	
“ Oliver P. Payne, carting hose.....	50	
“ Benj. F. Cobb, “.....	4 75	
“ Kent & Lord, stove work.....	7 32	
“ H. & F. Stimpson, stove pot.....	2 40	
“ Henry Pratt, keys.....	7 20	
“ George B. Davis, glazing.....	67	
“ Solomon Sanborn, mason work.....	2 00	
“ J. P. Brown, winch.....	1 63	
“ Joseph G. Torrey,.....	4 45	
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ENGINE No. 2.		
To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	13 65	
“ J. J. Caldwell, “.....	7 00	
“ William Weymouth, repairs.....	22 26	
“ Howard & Davis, “.....	69 25	
“ Hunneman & Co., “.....	5 62	
“ Elijah R. Wood, “.....	4 40	
“ J. C. Pratt, blacksmiths' work.....	1 49	
“ A. Davenport & Co., wheelwrights' work.....	4 50	
“ Isaac S. Burrell, “.....	3 50	
“ William Fillebrown, signal lantern.....	6 00	
“ Calvin B. Faunce, oil.....	1 42	
“ Weeks & Brock, blacksmiths' work.....	1 50	
“ William Seaver, oil, &c.....	36 26	
“ Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose.....	15 75	
“ William Clark, carting hose.....	3 50	
“ Coverly & Murphy, “.....	5 57	
“ Joseph W. Sweat, repairs.....	29 00	
“ Owen B. & S. Littlefield, stove funnel...	9 48	
“ Reuben Hunting, brooms.....	58	
“ Jonathan Moulton, moving furniture.....	1 00	
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ENGINE No. 3.		
To Isaac Curtis, oil.....	15 38	
“ Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	5 25	
“ Garland & Mack, blacksmiths' work.....	3 67	
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	6 75	
“ Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose.....	4 88	
“ Russell Stiles, carting.....	1 25	
“ Charles Leroy, repairs.....	4 25	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$3,169 07

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$3,169 07
ENGINE No. 4.		
To Asa Wyman, fuel.....	9 65	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	13 62	
" L. H. Varney, ".....	8 23	
" Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose.....	4 50	
" Russell Stiles, carting.....	2 25	
" Robert Seaver, oil, &c.....	17 70	
" J. H. Tolman, tin ware.....	4 62	
" Jos. W. Sweat, labor.....	75	
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ENGINE No. 5.		
To Chauncy Jordan, fuel.....	6 50	
" Huunneman & Co., repairs.....	16 82	
" Edward Richards, oil, &c.....	7 14	
" Kent & Lord, stove and funnel.....	18 96	
" Jacob Wentworth, drawing engine.....	3 25	
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ENGINE No. 6.		
To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	23 95	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	70 15	
" Elijah R. Wood, ".....	1 67	
" Harford Morse, ".....	2 75	
" Isaac S. Bunell, wheelwrights' work....	4 25	
" William Curtis, repairs.....	5 00	
" Shelton & Cheever, repairs on hose.....	12 63	
" Oliver P. Payne, carting.....	1 00	
" James N. Wright, oil, &c.....	61 79	
" Charles Marsh, wicks and hardware.....	6 14	
" Edward Kirk, stove work.....	87	
" Calvin Bird, " ".....	1 00	
" Samuel Felton, mason work.....	6 66	
" James T. Bicknell & Co., stationery....	3 17	
" John Dove, glazing, and carting hose....	6 23	
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ENGINE No. 7.		
To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	13 65	
" J. J. Caldwell, ".....	10 37	
" Joseph W. Sweat, repairs.....	30 00	
" Stephen W. Nudd, ".....	1 50	
" William Weymouth, ".....	3 12	
" F. R. Wood, ".....	1 88	
" Howard & Davis, buckets.....	4 50	
" William Seaver, oil, &c.....	33 27	
" J. C. Pratt, blacksmith work.....	4 53	
" William Fillebrown, signal lantern.....	5 50	
" Edward Kirk, stove work.....	4 17	
" Churchill & Hodgdon, carting.....	1 50	
" Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose.....	2 00	
" John Bowdlear, repairing pump.....	3 25	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$3,609 56

Amount brought forward, . . . . . \$3,609 56

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	1 50	
" Henry Basford, oil, &c.....	4 98	
" Elisha R. Wood, repairs.....	5 72	
" Isaac S. Burrell, ".....	16 25	
" Robert C Campbell, ".....	3 60	
" Calvin Bird, lantern.....	2 63	
" Charles Marsh, wicks.....	25	
		34 93

HOSE COMPANY.

To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	3 75	
" Reuben Hunting, oil.....	10 95	
" Calvin B. Faunce, ".....	1 54	
" William Seaver, ".....	1 65	
" Charles Marsh, wicks.....	1 84	
" James T. Bicknell & Co., stationery...	2 46	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	35	
		22 54

Paid for SUNDRIES not otherwise enumerated—

To Andrew W. Newman, iron work.....	6 50	
" Isaac S Burrell, repairs on reservoirs...	1 50	
" Engine Company No. 1, filling reservoirs	37 00	
" J. L. Callender, cleaning snow from ".....	40 50	
" John J. Hastings, ringing bell.....	12 00	
" Russell Rogers, ".....	10 00	
" Hankey, Stiles & Co., work on hydrant,	1 25	
" Luke Jewett, police.....	4 00	
" Manly O. Butler, ".....	5 00	
" Francis A. Ford, refreshments, out-of-		
town companies.....	7 92	
" L. N. Willis, refreshments, ".....	3 00	
" William S. Keith, ".....	14 76	
" Shelton & Cheever, two caps.....	12 00	
" James Davenport, painting.....	10 50	
" Abraham G. Parker, storing engine....	12 00	
" James Ward, repairs of gate.....	2 00	
" William Weymouth, repairs of hydrant.	6 25	
" Joseph W. Sweat, repairs on engine....	1 50	
" I. S. Burrell, ladders on Jamaica Plain..	43 00	
" Journal Office, printing.....	4 25	
" J. C. Pratt, work on hydrant.....	87	
" Coverly & Murphy, carting.....	3 63	
" Jonathan Moulton, filling reservoir.....	10 25	
" Thomas Derby, watching fires.....	1 00	
" William Seaver, repairs.....	33 58	
" Joseph Seaver, horse hire.....	1 00	

Total for Fire Department..... \$3,952 29

Transfer to General Appropriation, 1850-51, 246 02

\$4,198 31

Balance undrawn Feb. 1, 1851, \$3,247 24.

## NEW ENGINE HOUSE, No. 2.

Transfer from General Contingent Appropriation, 1850-51.....	\$855 47	
Received from Norfolk Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	600 00	
	\$1,455 47	
EXPENDITURES.		
To George Curtis, contract.....	1,403 80	
“ “ “ carpenters' work.....	33 90	
“ Samuel Felton, mason work.....	17 77	
	\$1,455 47	
Balance undrawn Feb. 1, 1851, nothing.		

## RESERVOIRS.

APPROPRIATION.....		\$1600 00
EXPENDITURES.		
To Samuel Felton, contract.....	900 00	
“ John Moore, removing earth.....	9 25	
“ Samuel Champion, “ “ .....	3 19	
	912 44	
Balance undrawn Feb. 1, 1851, \$687 56.		

## REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY.

Engine House and land, No. 1, Dudley street.....		1,000 00
Engine House and land, No. 2, Centre street.....		1,500 00
Engine House and land, No. 3, Centre, near Perkins' street, connected with No. 5 Primary School—valued in School No. 5.....		
Engine House (brick) and land, No. 4, Centre street, Jamaica Plain.	1,500 00	
Engine House (and land) No. 5, Centre street, West Roxbury.....	600 00	
Engine House No. 6, Eustis street.....	800 00	
Engine House (no land) No. 7, Ruggles street.....	500 00	
Engine House for Hose Company, near Wait's Mill.....	310 00	

## 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—

- 8 Fire Engines,
- 9 Hose Carriages,
- 4,300 Feet of Leading Hose,
- 208 Feet of Suction Hose,
- 1 Ladder Carriage,
- 18 Ladders,
- 10 Fire Hooks,
- 58 Buckets,
- Axes and other apparatus and furniture,
- 31 Reservoirs,
- 6 Hydrants, on Mount Warren,
- 4 Hydrants along line Cochituate water pipes.

REPORT  
OF THE  
CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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FEBRUARY 1st, 1851.

*To the City Council of the City of Roxbury.*

GENTLEMEN :

Agreeable to the requirements of Section 5th of the Ordinance regulating the Fire Department, I respectfully present the annexed Report of the condition of the Engine Houses, Engines, and Apparatus belonging to the City ; the number of Reservoirs and Hydrants, with their location and condition ; also the number of Fires and alarms within the City from February 1st, 1850, to February 1st, 1851, with the amount of loss and insurance.

The Engine Houses, Engines, and Apparatus generally are in good condition. The Department consists of 7 Engineers and 152 Firemen. There are 8 Engines, 9 Hose Carriages, 208 feet of Suction, 4300 feet of Leading Hose, 1 Hook and Ladder Carriage, carrying 4 Fire Hooks and 9 Ladders ; 31 Reservoirs and 9 Hydrants, in good condition.

The Department has been called out during the past year from Fires 30 times, false alarms 6 times, buring chimneys 3 times, alarms originating out of the City, 16 times ; total number of times called out 55. The loss by fire amounts to \$26,725 ; the insurance on the same to \$14,355.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. PARKER,  
*Chief Engineer.*

ENGINES, HOSE CARRIAGES, &c.

Location.	No. of Men.	Suction Hose. Feet.	Leading Hose. Feet.	Sundries, &c.	Condition.
No. 1, Dudley, corner of Warren street,.....	50	24	550	1 Hose Carriage, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes,.....	Good.
No. 2, Centre street,.....		25	650	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets,.....	Good.
No. 3, Centre, near Perkins street,.....		24	600	1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hook, 1 Ladder, 4 Buckets,.....	Good.
No. 4, Centre street, Jamaica Plain,.....		28	450	1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hook, 4 Ladders, 4 Buckets,.....	Good.
No. 5, West Roxbury,.....	17	29	500	1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hook, 2 Ladders, 4 Buckets,.....	Good.
No. 6, Eastis, near Washington street,.....	50	25	700	1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hook, 1 Ladder, 4 Buckets,.....	Good.
No. 7, Ruggles street,.....		28	550	1 Hose Carriage, 2 Ladders, 4 Buckets,.....	Good.
Relief Engine Washington street,.....		25		1 Hose Carriage,.....	Good.
Hook and Ladder, Dudley street,.....	25			9 Ladders, 4 Fire Hooks, 4 Crotch-poles, 4 Axes, 28 Buckets, Guy ropes, &c.....	Good.
City Hose Co., Washington street,.....	10		300	1 Hose Carriage,.....	Good.
<b>Total,.....</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>4300</b>		



## RESERVOIRS,

## AND SOURCES OF OBTAINING WATER.

No.	Location.	Gallons of Water contained.	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, fills from Brook,.....		
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	Centre, near Perkins street, Jamaica Plain,.....	15,000	Good.
11	Centre, near Green street, Jamaica Plain,.....	15,000	Good.
12	Washington, near Ruggles street,.....	18,000	Good.
13	Vernon street, near Auburn street,.....	18,000	Good.
14	Dudley, corner of Kenilworth street,.....	18,000	Good.
15	Dudley, near Warren street,.....	18,000	Good.
16	Dudley, near Greenville street,.....	18,000	Good.
17	Eaton, corner of Yeoman street,.....	18,000	Good.
18	Centre street, opposite Dr. Stewart's,.....	18,000	Good.
19	Porter street,.....	18,600	Good.
20	Elm street, Mount Pleasant.....	18,000	Good.
21	Walnut, corner of Walnut street,.....	18,000	Good.
22	Pearl street,.....	18,000	Good.
23	Centre street, Jamaica Plain,.....	18,000	Good.
24	Spring street, West Roxbury,.....	18,000	Good.
25	Well, opposite No. 4 Engine House,.....		Good.
26	Well, corner East and Davis streets,.....		Good.
27	Well, Corner Davis and Eustis streets,.....		Good.
28	Well, Eliot street, Jamaica Plain,.....		Good.
29	Well, Eliot street, Jamaica Plain,.....		Good.
30	Well, Burroughs street, Jamaica Plain,.....		Good.
31	Well, Burroughs street, Jamaica Plain,.....		Good.

## HYDRANTS,

## FROM MOUNT WARREN AND COCHITUATE PIPES.

No.	Location.	Condition.
1	St. James street, supply from Reservoir on Mount Warren,.....	Good.
2	Alpine street, " " ".....	Good.
3	Near Alpine street, " " ".....	Good.
4	Near St. James street, " " ".....	Good.
5	Dale street, " " ".....	Good.
6	Tremont street, Franklin Place, supplied from Cochituate Pipes,....	Good.
7	Tremont street, opposite Carpet Factory, " " ".....	Good.
8	Washington, corner of Phillips street, " " ".....	Good.
9	Washington street, opposite Hon. Isaac. Davis', " " ".....	Good.

## FIRES AND ALARMS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1850, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1851.

Date.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Cause, &c.
1850.					
Feb. 2		Boston.			
5	Not known.....	Cambridge.			Burning of a chimney.
10	Mr. Wilkins.....	Medford.			Barn. Trifling. Incendiary.
18	Unknown.....	Clay street.....			Burning of a bed.
19	Unknown.....	Perkins street.....			Burning of several buildings.
21	David Williams.....	Davis street.....	\$300	250	Out-buildings. Set fire. No damage.
22	Joseph Johnson.....	Cambridge.....			Barn. Incendiary.
23	William Childs.....	Warren street.....	400	400	Dwelling. Sparks from chimney.
27	George Goldsmith.....	Walnut street.....			Dwelling. Incendiary.
March 6	Nahum Ward.....	Ruggles street.....	400	100	Burning of a barn.
7	Joseph Seaver.....	Near Ruggles street.....	100	100	" basket of clothes.
9	Robert Seaver.....	Brookline.....	100		} Stable. Incendiary.
10	William Wellington.....	Parker street.....	100		} False alarm.
13		Centre street, Jamaica Plains.....			} Burning of several buildings.
15		East Boston.....			
18		Dorchester.			
19	Mr. Thacker.....	Charlestown.			Burning of a barn.
20	Mr. Low.....	South Boston.....	25		Dwelling. Incendiary.
April 1		Sudbury street.....			Partial burning of Tremont House.
6		Boston.....			Dwelling. Trifling damage.
20	Charles A. White.....	Highland street.....	8000	4900	False alarm.
May 2		Jamaica Plain.....			Dwelling. Supposed incendiary.
4		Somerville.....			Alarm, from rising of the moon.
20	Sewell, Day & Co.....	Parker street.....	4200	3100	Barn.
June 5	Mr. Lowder.....	Centre street.....	800	800	Spinning Factory. Friction of machinery.
12	Sewell, Day & Co.....	Parker street.....	1200	900	Barn. Incendiary.
18	City of Roxbury.....	Centre street.....	900	600	Spinning Factory. Sparks from furnace.
22	Mr. Bradley.....	Mechanic street.....	300	300	Engine House No. 2. Incendiary.
July 4					Unoccupied house. Incendiary.

July 8	Michael Collins.....	Tremont street.....		Alarm.
17		Somerville.....		No damage. Defect in chimney.
23		Davis street.....	800	Burning of a barn.
27	T. Parsons .....	Pond street.....	400	Burning of a chimney.
August 3	Mr. Mills.....	" " .....		Barn. Incendiary.
25				From the above.
31	John Webber .....	South Boston.....	400	Alarm.
October 6	Mr. Thayer.....	West Roxbury .....	500	Burning of Turpentine Works.
		" " .....	600	Barn. Incendiary.
8	William Breed.....	Newton.....		From the above.
23	Mr. White .....	East street.....	600	No alarm. Dwelling set fire.
24		Warren street.....		Dwelling.
28	Mr. Plunkett.....	Parker street.....	400	Unfinished building. Set fire.
		Washington street.....		Burning of a chimney.
Nov. 10	Ebenezer Francis.....	East street.....	400	Dwelling. Incendiary.
18	Samuel Hazlewood.....	Washington street.....	2000	Dwelling. Sparks from chimney.
19		Spring street, West Roxbury.....	1500	Dwelling. Defect in chimney.
Dec. 4		Roxbury Point.....		Burning of a stack of hay.
10	Mr. Moffit.....	Needham.....		
9	Glidden & Eaton.....	Dorchester.....	200	Burning of a barn.
22	" " .....	Centre street.....		Dwelling. Incendiary.
23	" " .....	Roxbury Point.....		Chemical Works. From furnace.
1851.		" " .....		Same.
Jan. 12	Heirs of Mrs. Burnham.....	Washington street.....	2000	Bakery. Defect in furnace.
	Mr. Ropes.....	" " .....	1000	" " .....
			\$26,725	
			\$14,355	

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Engineers, 7; number of Firemen, 152; number of Hose Carriages, 9; feet of Suction Hose, 208; feet of Leading Hose, 4,300; Hook and Ladder Carriage, 1; Ladders, 19; Fire Hooks, 9; Buckets, 58; Reservoirs, 31; Hydrants, 9. Number of Fires, 30; false alarms, 6; alarms from burning chimneys, 3; alarms originating out of the City, 16; total number of alarms, 55. Amount of Loss by Fire, \$26,725. Amount of Insurance, \$14,355.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts, with instructions to print the same with the Annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the City.  
*In Board of Aldermen, February 10, 1851.*

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, City Clerk.  
*In Common Council, February 17, 1851.*

JOSHUA SEAVER, Clerk.  
 Referred in concurrence.