

City Document—No. 8.

THE
ELEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
Committee on Accounts
ON THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE
CITY OF ROXBURY,

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1857.



ROXBURY:
PRINTED FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.
1857.

By an order of the City Council, the pay of the officers and members of the Fire Department has been increased, which accounts for the excess of expenditure over the preceding year. The contingent expenses of the Department, however, show a reduction for the same time.

The cost of Reservoirs for the year, was \$258 56. This expenditure was entirely for repairs. Should the pipes of the Aqueduct Company be laid through our streets the coming season, an opportunity will be offered to obtain a better supply of water from Hydrants, which will obviate the necessity of constructing any more Reservoirs, except in such localities as can be supplied in no other manner.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance undrawn Feb. 1, 1856	2,017 95	
Additional Appropriation, April, 1856	200 00	
APPROPRIATION	11,235 00	
Transfer from Reservoirs	900 00	
		\$14,352 95

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to ENGINEERS—

To John L. Stanton, Chief Engineer	50 00	
“ Samuel F. Train, “ and Sec’y	180 00	
“ J. C. Pratt, Assistant Engineer	10 00	
“ Gilbert S. May, “	55 00	
“ James Munroe, “	10 00	
“ Amory F. Sherman, “ and Sec’y	13 75	
“ Jonas Fillebrown, “	45 00	
“ Daniel E. Page, “	30 00	
“ John Withers, “	45 00	
“ Reuben Weekes, “	15 00	
		\$453 75

Paid to FIREMEN—

To Officers and members, Engine No. 1	1,561 00	
“ Officers and members, Engine No. 2	1,559 25	
“ Officers and members, Engine No. 6	1,570 00	
“ Officers and members, Engine No. 7	1,521 00	
“ Officers and members, Hook and Ladder Co.	800 25	
“ Officers and members, Hose Co. No. 1	526 25	
		\$7,537 75

Paid for SUNDRIES for several Companies—

ENGINE, No. 1.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal	28 01	
“ Allen Putnam & Co., wood	4 75	
“ Reuben Hunting, oil	14 38	
“ Francis Freeman, “	39 02	
“ L. Button & Co., repairs of engine	214 75	
		\$300 91
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$300 91	\$7,991 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$300 91	\$7,991 50
To Samuel F. Train, paid for freight.....	18 75	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	99 34	
" John A. Scott, blacksmith's work.....	24 55	
" Pratt & Smith, ".....	4 34	
" Benjamin Hobbs, ".....	7 50	
" A. W. Folsom, carpenter's work.....	5 29	
" Lydston & Holland, ".....	15 11	
" John D. Pierce, wheelwright's work.....	1 17	
" James Davenport, painting.....	42 50	
" E. W. Noyes, lantern and lamps.....	5 12	
" C. G. Bird, lamps.....	17 73	
" Sanborn & Cobb, mason's work.....	22 00	
" Train & Phipps, rope.....	1 05	
" Boston Belting Co., pipe.....	3 00	
" E. A. Hovey, spanner straps.....	9 79	
" H. R. Taylor, repairs.....	5 00	
" Calvin B. Faunce, hauling engine.....	1 50	
" B. F. Cobb, carting hose.....	9 88	
" Humphris & Silsby, repairing pump.....	13 55	
" W. A. M. Fillebrown, painting.....	8 00	
" B. F. Wiggin, glazing.....	7 03	
" Henry Pratt, keys.....	4 20	
" John W. Lord, repairing lantern.....	2 50	
" James Boyd & Sons, badges and caps.....	28 00	
" Swain & Craft, wash leather.....	2 17	
" Joseph Studley, leather preservative.....	4 52	
	<hr/>	\$664 50

ENGINE, No. 2.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal.....	35 80	
" Augustus Parker & Co., wood.....	5 00	
" William Rumrill & Co., carpenter's work.....	19 51	
" H. G. Simpson, ".....	2 46	
" William Brock, blacksmith's work.....	2 87	
" Reuben Weekes, ".....	21 25	
" Gay & Allen, copper work.....	2 00	
" John D. Pierce, wheelwright's work.....	1 25	
" Humphris & Silsby, repairing pump.....	21 02	
" I. & H. M. Harmon, mason's work.....	17 12	
" Warren Marsh, ".....	5 00	
" Calvin B. Faunce, oil.....	24 00	
" Dunning & Parshley, oil.....	30 46	
" E. A. Hovey, spanner straps.....	12 16	
" Henry Pratt, keys.....	4 70	
" John W. Lord, agent, crockery.....	14 92	
" John W. Lord, " fender.....	8 92	
" Joseph White, stove work.....	1 75	
" James Boyd & Sons, badges.....	13 25	
" Thomas S. Seaver, carting.....	1 50	
" F. F. Morey, ".....	19 14	
" B. F. Wiggin, painting and glazing.....	14 85	
" Ozias Field, cloth.....	92	
	<hr/>	\$279 85
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$8,656 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$279 85	\$8,656 00
To Joseph Studley, leather preservative.....	4 52	
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs	194 69	
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ENGINE, No. 6.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal	23 92	
“ Allen Putnam & Co., wood	4 75	
“ A. W. Folsom, carpenter's work	116 95	
“ William Dove, painting	1 33	
“ Charles W. Newell, oil	7 27	
“ James Nason, “	21 11	
“ George Onion, sponge	1 00	
“ Swain & Craft, wash leather	67	
“ James B. Childs, carting hose	2 12	
“ John J. Merrill, “	4 00	
“ John W. Lord, stove work	5 75	
“ Gay & Allen, badges	8 67	
“ Joseph Studley, leather preservative	4 53	
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs	441 76	
	<hr/>	\$643 83

ENGINE, No. 7.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal	20 85	
“ J. M. Marston & Co., carpenter's work	1 50	
“ T. P. Sweat, “	14 78	
“ A. W. Folsom, “	52 09	
“ R. L. Hodsdon & Co., oil	24 44	
“ William Seaver, oil	55 28	
“ W. A. M. Fillebrown, painting sign	8 00	
“ James Davenport, painting engine	47 50	
“ Josiah J. Munroe, painting house	33 69	
“ B. F. Wiggin, glazing	1 25	
“ U. T. Brownell, “	2 41	
“ Gay & Allen, repairing pump	13 89	
“ Charles G. Bird, tin ware	15 53	
“ James Graham, rope	2 13	
“ Sewall, Day & Co., rope	6 50	
“ William Clark, carting	42 25	
“ John W. Lord, repairing lantern and stove work	11 00	
“ James Boyd & Sons, badges	9 37	
“ Joseph Studley, leather preservative	4 53	
“ Henry Pratt, keys	11 02	
“ James W. Sweat, repairs	27 75	
“ Hunneman & Co., “	198 05	
	<hr/>	\$603 81

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal	6 12	
“ John A. Scott, blacksmith's work	6 42	
“ Sanborn & Cobb, mason's work	20 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$32 54	\$10,382 70

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$32 54	\$10,382 70
To Humphris & Silsby, repairing pump.....	3 25	
" F. P. Pierce, repairing ladders.....	3 25	
" E. A. Hovey, repairs.....	10 21	
" Swain & Craft, sponge.....	1 00	
" J. P. Brown, hardware.....	10 39	
" Charles G. Bird, tin ware.....	6 61	
" Hescoek, Field & Co., fluid.....	11 69	
" Charles A. Adams, keys.....	5 15	
" Nathaniel Adams, table.....	4 00	
" Thomas S. Hodge, painting.....	19 00	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	22 84	
" A. R. Mathes, horse hire.....	106 00	
" E. T. Northend, ".....	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$287 93

HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal.....	9 19	
" Lydston & Holland, carpenter's work.....	16 82	
" Nathaniel W. Crossman, ".....	1 00	
" George S. Head, mason's work.....	15 00	
" B. F. Wiggin, glazing.....	58	
" James Davenport, varnishing.....	25 00	
" Joseph White, stove work.....	4 50	
" John W. Lord, tin can.....	1 75	
" George Onion, sponge.....	2 00	
" W. A. M. Fillebrown, painting sign.....	8 00	
" F. F. Morey, carting hose.....	1 25	
" C. H. & C. Nichols, ".....	2 00	
" Henry Pratt, keys.....	50	
" Boston Belting Co., pipe.....	3 00	
" Joseph Studley, leather preservative.....	4 52	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	78 68	
	<hr/>	\$173 79

Paid for SUNDRIES not otherwise enumerated—

To Hunneman & Co., repairs, Relief Engine....	107 53	
" James Boyd & Sons, new hose and caps....	241 64	
" City of Boston, repairs on hydrants.....	234 39	
" Joseph W. Sweat, care of hydrants.....	59 75	
" C. H. Morse, clearing snow from reservoirs..	54 00	
" Joseph W. Sweat, ".....	33 00	
" Joseph W. Sweat, filling reservoirs.....	22 50	
" C. M. Gay, ".....	10 00	
" Roger Drury, ".....	35 00	
" E. E. Tupper, ".....	45 00	
" John A. Foley, ".....	25 50	
" Frederick A. Stone, ".....	14 00	
" Samuel F. Train, paid for filling reservoirs..	10 00	
" James L. Callender, labor on reservoirs.....	3 00	
" Lydston & Holland, repairs.....	62 40	
" Gay & Allen, use of pump.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$960 71
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$960 71	\$10,844 42

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$960 71	\$10,844 42
To Engine Co., No. 1, refreshment for out of town Companies	21 00	
“ Peabody & Willams, [refreshments for out of town Companies.....	10 00	
“ Samuel Guild, rent of room.....	25 00	
“ Francis Freeman, ringing bell.....	61 00	
“ William E. Hicks, “	34 00	
“ John Backup, stationery	13 24	
“ James T. Bicknell, stationery.....	6 89	
“ Amory F. Sherman, paid for stationery.....	4 61	
“ John L. Stanton, “ “	3 00	
“ Norfolk County Journal, printing	28 67	
“ Joseph G. Torrey, “	21 50	
“ William H. Brown, watching fires	12 00	
“ Charles A. Adams, “	6 00	
“ Charles T. Trask, “	14 00	
“ C. R. M. Pratt, “	4 50	
“ E. W. Murray, care of Engineers' room.....	22 50	
“ J. P. Brown, brush.....	1 25	
“ James Munroe, cleaning Relief Engine.....	3 50	
“ William D. Adams, reservoir covers	2 36	
“ B. F. Wiggin, painting.....	2 00	
“ A. W. Folsom, carpenter's work.....	11 67	
“ William H. Harlow, rubber coats.....	24 00	
“ Roalston & Syfferman, cap	7 00	
“ W. A. M. Fillebrown, painting.....	1 50	
“ Blake, Bernard & Co., frock.....	1 75	
“ William H. Wilkins, damage to fence.....	5 00	
“ H. S. Lawrence, rubber coat.....	5 00	
“ Benjamin Hobbs, repairing Relief Engine... ..	20 25	
“ James Mulry, labor.....	9 00	
“ Samuel S. Chase, repairs.....	3 92	
“ Benjamin F. Cobb, carting.....	6 64	
“ William Everett, frames.....	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,358 71
Total Expenditure		\$12,203 13
Transfer to Contingent Expenses, 1856 & 57		7 49
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		\$12,210 62

Balance undrawn February 1, 1857, \$2,142 33.

RESERVOIRS.

Balance undrawn Feb. 1, 1856.....	14 51	
APPROPRIATION.....	1,200 00	
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EXPENDITURES.

To I. & H. M. Harmon, repairs.....	239 87	
“ A. W. Folsom, “	10 69	
“ Nelson Curtis, “	8 00	
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Total Expenditure		\$258 56
Transfer to Contingent Expenses, 1856 & 57.....		14 51
“ “ “ Fire Departm't		900 00
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		\$1,173 07

Balance undrawn February 1, 1857, \$41 44.

REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY.

Engine-house, (of wood,) No. 1, and land, corner Warren and Dudley Sts.	2,000 00
Engine-house, (of brick,) No. 2, and land, Centre Street	2,000 00
Engine-house, (of wood,) No. 6, Eustis Street	800 00
Engine-house, (of wood,) No. 7, on lease land, Ruggles Street	600 00
House and land for Hose Company, near Wait's Mills	700 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY.*

In charge of the Chief Engineer—

5 Fire Engines, 1 Hook and Ladder Carriage, 7 Hose Carriages, 3,300 Feet of Leading Hose, 134 Feet of Suction Hose, 13 Ladders, 4 Hooks,		4 Crotch Poles, 3 Rakes, 3 Forks, 40 Buckets, 14 Axes, 34 Reservoirs, 10 Hydrants.
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R E P O R T

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.



ROXBURY, FEBRUARY 2, 1857.

To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council :

The sixth section of Ordinance No. 34, regulating the Fire Department, requires the Chief Engineer to transmit annually, and oftener if required, to your Honorable Body, a correct statement of the condition of the Fire Department.

In accordance with the provisions of the ordinance, I submit to you my Annual Report, from February 1, 1856 to February 1, 1857, showing the number of Fires and Alarms in each month, with the loss and insurance on the same,—names of the Board of Engineers,—Members of the Department, with their ages and residence,—pay of the same,—condition of Houses and Apparatus,—list of Reservoirs and Hydrants, as also the Rules and Regulations of the Department.

The Department have been called out the past year,

From actual fires within the city	33 times.
“ false alarms	26 “
“ fires out of the city	19 “
Total	78 “

From May 1, 1856, to January 31, 1857 :

From actual fires within the city	26 times.
“ false alarms	14 “
“ fires and alarms out of the city	8 “
	48 “

Loss by fire, \$35,785 00. Insurance, \$16,446 00.

Last year, from May 1 to January 31 :

From actual fires within the city	49 times.
“ false alarms	16 “
“ fires and alarms out of the city	30 “
	95 “

In consequence of the large number of alarms of fire out of the city, the Board of Engineers, immediately on their organization, passed a vote that no bell on any engine house should be rung for an alarm of fire out of the city, unless by order of an engineer. Every precaution was used by the Board, as well as by the City Marshal and his officers, to enforce this order. One person, a member of the Department, was discharged for violating the above regulation. When the services of the Department are required by any of our neighbors, they are always rendered, and the members of the Department rally as promptly to render our neighbors assistance as they do our city. The result of the enforcement of this rule respecting alarms of fire out of the city, is highly satisfactory. Last year, from May 1 to January 31, the Department was called out *thirty* times for fires and alarms out of the city ; while this year, in the same time, they have been called out but *eight* times, and at *three* of those alarms the Department were sent for.

On assuming the duties of Chief Engineer in May last, I was impressed with the belief that the ordinary expenses for the year would be small—or at least would be kept within the limits of the appropriation ; but the result has been otherwise. The several Engine, Hose, and Hook and Ladder Carriages have been thoroughly repaired, and painted when found necessary. One bill of repairs, amounting to some four hundred dollars, contracted previous to my entering upon the duties of this office, is charged, in the expenses of the Department, the present year.

The details of repairs and expenses briefly have been as follows:

Engine No. 1, was sent to Waterford, New York, and new brakes substituted for the old ones, (which render the engine more portable and much lighter,) agreeably to the recommendation of a former Board of Engineers, and with the consent of the Committee on the Fire Department ; at the same time all necessary repairs were made to the engine. No repairs have been made upon the house.

Engine No. 2, maliciously damaged by a person not connected with the Department, has been thoroughly repaired and painted. The house is in good order, and no repairs were required.

Engine No. 3, kept as a relief engine, has had new Suction Hose, and is in good order.

Engine No. 6, has been thoroughly repaired and painted, and is in good order. These repairs were ordered by my predecessor. The house has been partly new silled, and new floors have been laid in the lower story. This story has been painted. A new Hose Tower has been erected the past year; and a new floor in the Steward's room is required.

Engine No. 7 has been thoroughly repaired, and partially painted. The interior of the house has been painted. A Hose Tower has been added to the house.

Hydrant Carriage has been repaired and painted.

Hook and Ladder Carriage has also been repaired, as also the ladders, axes, &c. belonging to the same. Some slight repairs have been made to the house.

Two hundred feet of new Leading Hose have been purchased for the use of the Department.

Two Reservoirs, built under the direction of a former City Government,—one on Smith Street, and one at the corner of Greenville and Winthrop Streets,—at an expense of some \$1,600, were found to be defective and of no service. They have since been repaired and filled, at an expense of \$300, and are now in good order.

The Engines and Apparatus of the Department are now all in good order; and unless some unforeseen accident should occur, the bills for repairs the coming year will, doubtless, be comparatively small. The houses of Engines Nos. 1 and 7, Hook and Ladder house, with the house of the Hydrant Co., require painting outside. The house of Engine No. 1, and Hook and Ladder Co., will require new floors and other repairs the coming Spring.

The house occupied by the Hook and Ladder Co. is entirely unfitted for the deposit of the carriage, it being too short, and in every way inconvenient, and requiring double labor of the Steward to take the proper care of the same. I would most respectfully recommend that a one-story building be erected for the proper accommodation of this important part of our apparatus.

The house occupied by Hydrant Co., No. 1, from its being situated over the water, is very damp and cold, and unfitted for the purpose for which it is used.

Two Reservoirs were recommended to be built by the Board of Engineers the past year,—one at or near Sudbury Street, and one on the Point, in the vicinity of Curtis's planing mill; but, owing to the ground not being adapted for that purpose, in one case, and the demands of owners and abutters in the other, neither of them has been built.

Application was made to the Water Board of the City of Boston, by a committee of the Board of Aldermen, for permission to insert one or more hydrants on Tremont Street, between Franklin Place and Ruggles Street; but the request was not granted. They were willing, however, to lay a service pipe from Franklin Place to Ruggles Street—a distance of about six hundred feet—sufficient for two hydrants, which would be of much more service to the city than reservoirs. I would recommend your early attention to this source of obtaining water in that locality. One new hydrant has been inserted (of great capacity) on Tremont Street, at the corner of Texas Avenue, and is of much importance in that vicinity.

The large number of wooden buildings erected, and being erected yearly, in our city, increases the danger of fire. There are some localities where a scarcity of water exists, and where, if a fire should occur, the efforts of the Department would be of little avail. The importance of having a better supply of water, either in reservoirs or from hydrants, cannot be over estimated. Our present number of reservoirs and hydrants is, in my judgment, inadequate to the wants of the city.

It is understood that the Jamaica Pond, situated within the limits of West Roxbury, with the rights and franchise of the Aqueduct Company, has been purchased by some of our citizens, for the purpose of supplying the lower part of the city with pure water. I would respectfully direct your attention to the importance of locating a large number of hydrants along the line of the pipes in the several streets through which they may be laid. The proprietors of the Pond, I am informed, have expressed a willingness to meet the city in a liberal spirit, for furnishing an ample supply of water for the extinguishment of fires. The expense of inserting hydrants is trifling, compared with the cost of the construction of reservoirs, and their superiority over them in affording an ever-ready supply, is so clear to the minds of every one, that it needs no demonstration. The proprietors kindly offered the use of the pipes for the Department, until the Spring, free of charge; but as it is earnestly hoped that some permanent arrangement will be made with them as soon as possible, I deemed it unnecessary to communicate their offer, or to recommend any action on the subject.

The condition of the Department was never better than at the present time. Harmony prevails among all its members, good order, a prompt response to every call of the bell, and a cheerful compliance with all the rules and regulations of the Department. They very justly merit the approbation of the Government and of the citizens.

I have now presented every thing to your consideration, that I regard of importance to the welfare of the Department, as well as such suggestions as, in my judgment, will tend to afford a greater security from fire to our city. If, by the constant devotion of my best endeavors to discharge my duties, I have merited your approbation, I shall feel that the labor, time, and sacrifice of personal comfort it has caused me, have not been thrown away. You entrusted me with responsible duties, and my proudest boast will be, to know that I have not disappointed your expectations, or suffered a trust, involving great responsibilities and of such importance to the future welfare of our city, to have failed in my hands. To the Committee on the Fire Department, who have sustained me in the discharge of my duties and promptly acted upon my communications, I would tender my thanks. To the City Marshal and his assistants, who have always been prompt in the discharge of their duties while acting as Fire Police, I would also tender my thanks. To the Board of Engineers, who have been with me on all occasions, I would express my obligations to them, and am proud to be able in this public manner, to bear testimony to the faithful and efficient manner in which they have performed their duties. During the term of office yet remaining to me, no effort of mine shall be wanting to make the Department worthy the confidence the public repose in it.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL F. TRAIN,
Chief Engineer.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, FEB. 2, 1857.

Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, *City Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, FEB. 2, 1857.

Concurred.

JOSHUA SEAVER, *Clerk.*

ENGINES, HOSE AND HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGES, &c.

Location.	No. of Men.	Suction Hose.	Leading Hose.	Sundries.	Condition.
No. 1, Dudley, corner of Warren Street . .	40	28	Feet. 700	1 Hose Carriage, 2 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 2, Centre Street	40	28	700	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 3, Relief, at Gun-house,		24		1 Hose Carriage, 2 Buckets, 2 Axes,	Good.
No. 6, Eustis Street	40	28*	700	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 7, Ruggles Street	40	26	750	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
Hook and Ladder, Dudley Street	20			13 Ladders, 4 Fire Hooks, 4 Crotch-poles, 4 Axes, 3 Rakes, 3 Forks, 16 Buckets, Guy Ropes, &c.	Good.
Hydrant Co. No. 1, near Railroad Crossing, } Washington Street }	12		500	2 Hose Carriages, 2 Buckets,	Good.
Total	192	134	3,300		

NOTE.—Engine, No. 1. The house requires painting and repairs.
 Engine, No. 2. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine, No. 6. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine, No. 7. The house requires painting.
 Hook and Ladder Co. The house not suitable for the apparatus, and requires painting.
 Hose Carriage. The house requires painting.

☐ The Apparatus belonging to the Department is all in good order, and will require but little repairing the present year.
 The old Hose of the Department has been sold—it not being worth repairing.

* Two joints Copper Suction not in use.

FIRES AND ALARMS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1856, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1857.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1856.					
Feb. 2					False alarm.
" 6					False alarm.
" 12	J. Adams, J. J. Crawford, and G. W. Houghton	Myrtle Street	\$2,200 00	900 00	Barn and shop. Incendiary.
" 14	Oliver Blake	Water Street	100 00	50 00	House. Caught from lamp.
" 21					Alarm from Boston.
" 22					False alarm.
" 25					False alarm.
" 27					Alarm from Dorchester.
March 3					Alarm from South Boston.
" 7					Alarm from South Boston.
" 8					Alarm from Boston.
" 12					False alarm.
" 15	J. F. Callahan	Washington Street			Shop. Sparks from chimney.
" 15					Alarm from Cambridge.
" 22					Alarm from Boston.
" 27					False alarm.
" 27					False alarm.
" 29					Alarm from Dorchester.
April 8					False alarm.
" 12					Gerrish Market, Boston.
" 16					Grass on Milldam.
" 19					False alarm.
" 20					Chimney.
" 26					False alarm.
" 26					False alarm.
" 27					False alarm.
" 29					Alarm from Boston.
May 1					Alarm from Dorchester. Department sent for.
" 7					Alarm from South Boston.

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1856.					
May 7					False alarm.
" 18					Chimney.
" 18					Alarm from Dorchester.
" 19					Partial alarm. False.
" 24					West Roxbury. Department sent for.
" 24	Childs & Connoran . . .	Russell Court	\$600 00	300 00	Shed and house. Incendiary.
" 25					Alarm from Boston.
June 2					Cordage Factory, Northampton Street.
" 12	Barton	Tremont Street	125 00	125 00	House. Defect in chimney.
" 22					False alarm.
" 30		Union Street			House. Fire crackers.
July 3	Hunneman & Co.	Doggett's yard			Shop. Sparks from chimney.
" 5	Harrington & Conoran . .	Tremont Street	2,100 00	800 00	Rag store. Spontaneous combustion. Several firemen badly injured by falling of one side of building.
" 23	A. D. Williams, Coe & Co., J. Morrill	Yeoman Street	4,700 00	2,000 00	Bone Factory, &c. Took from around boiler.
" 26	Lewis & Richardson, Bird & Co.	Warren and Sumner St's. .	25 00	25 00	Store. Took from hot solder.
" 27	A. D. Williams, S. Bowman and others	East and Davis Streets, .	1,625 00	500 00	Store. Took from defect in chimney.
" 28		Roxbury Point			Varnish kettle.
Aug. 6		Roxbury Point			Varnish shed.
" 13	Crosby, Dolan and others .	Rear of East Street	650 00		Stable and house. Incendiary.
" 14	Mr. Dolan	East Street			House. Incendiary.
" 22	Leonard Hall and Nute . .	East Street	3,500 00	400 00	Shop. Incendiary.
" 22					False alarm.
Sept. 2					False alarm.
" 3					False alarm.
" 5					False alarm.
" 5	Leonard Hall	East Street			Shed. Incendiary.

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1856.					
Sept. 16					False alarm.
" 17					False alarm.
" 19					False alarm.
" 26		West Roxbury			Church. Department sent for.
" 27					False alarm.
Oct. 3	N. Ward, McCue and Gil- liken	Parker Street	2,175 00	896 00	House and stables. Incendiary.
" 11					False alarm.
" 17	J. P. Sexton, P. Harkins .	Water and Ruggles Streets	1,500 00	3,200 00	Store and house. Incendiary.
" 20	M. M. Taylor	Oxford Street	10 00		Shed. Set by boys.
" 21					False alarm.
" 28	N. E. Cordage Co.	Plymouth Street	12,000 00	5,000 00	Ropewalk. Incendiary.
" 29	" " "	Plymouth Street			Rekindling of ruins.
Nov. 9		Dorchester			Barn.
" 20					False alarm.
" 26	G. A. Simmons	Highland Street	1,200 00	1,200 00	Barn and shed. Incendiary.
Dec. 9	City of Roxbury	Munroe Street	2,500 00	1,800 00	School-house. Incendiary.
" 18	S. P. Blake and others . .	Plymouth Street	200 00		Japan Leather Works. Incendiary.
" 24	Guild & White	Lowell Street			Light from Chimney.
1857.					
Jan. 16	J. Nickerson and Morse & Ryder	Fellows Street	200 00		Shop. Incendiary
" 19	John Dove and Mr. Mellus	Winthrop Place	300 00		Shop. Incendiary.
" 20	Boston Iron Co.	Milldam	25 00		House. Accidental.
" 31		Boston			House.
" 31	City of Roxbury	Eustis Street	50 00	50 00	School house. Incendiary.

☞ Total number of Alarms of Fire for the Year ending January 31, 1857, 78, viz. :—From actual Fires in the City, 33; False Alarms in the City, 26; Alarms out of the City, 19. Loss by Fire, \$35,785 00; Insurance on same, \$16,446 00.

**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	19,500	Good.
32	Smith, near Parker Street	18,500	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.
10	Sidewalk, Texas Avenue,	Good.

City Document.—No. 8.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDATORY OF AN ORDINANCE

REGULATING THE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

OF THE

City of Roxbury.



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A N O R D I N A N C E

AMENDATORY OF "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF ROXBURY."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Roxbury, as follows :

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 47 be and hereby is repealed.

SECT. 2. The members of the several companies shall not assemble in the houses entrusted to their care, except for the purpose of taking the engine or apparatus, on an alarm of fire, and of returning the same to the house, and taking the necessary care of said apparatus after its return; and excepting for the business meetings of the companies. And any member violating this regulation herein made, shall be liable to be discharged from the Department by the Mayor and Aldermen. This regulation shall not apply to the officers and stewards of the several companies.

SECT. 3. No person not connected with the Department shall enter the different engine houses in the city, for any other purpose than to render assistance in taking or returning the engine or engines, or apparatus, on an alarm of fire. And any person so offending shall forfeit the sum of five dollars, to be recovered on complaint made to the Presiding Justice of the Police Court of said city.

SECT. 4. This Ordinance shall go into effect on and after its passage.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 2, 1857.

Passed to be enrolled. Sent down.

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, *City Clerk.*