

City Document—No. 6.

THE
TWELFTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Committee on Accounts
ON THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
CITY OF ROXBURY,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1858.



ROXBURY:
JOHN M. HEWES, PRINTER.
1858.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance undrawn February 1, 1858.....	2,142 33	
Appropriation, (additional,) April, 1857.....	550 00	
APPROPRIATION	12,435 00	
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid to ENGINEERS—

To Samuel F. Train, Chief Engineer, and Sec...	240 00	
“ Gibert S. May, Assistant “	75 00	
“ Jonas Fillebrown, “ “	75 00	
“ John Withers, “ “	75 00	
“ Reuben Weekes, “ “	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$540 00

Paid to FIREMEN—

To Officers and members of Engine No. 1.....	1,609 00	
“ Officers and members of Engine No. 2.....	1,609 00	
“ Officers and members of Engine No. 6.....	1,618 00	
“ Officers and members of Engine No. 7.....	1,630 00	
“ Officers and members of Hook & Ladder Co.	858 00	
“ Officers and members of Hose Co. No. 1.....	545 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,869 00

Paid for SUNDRIES for several Companies—

ENGINE, No. 1.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal.....	10 00	
“ C. G. Bird, stove work.....	24 33	
“ Francis Freeman, oil and fluid.....	33 66	
“ Samuel S. Chase, carpenter's work	3 08	
“ William Holland, “	11 52	
“ Lydston & Holland, “	8 53	
“ William Morse, “	16 75	
“ Alfred H. Lydston, “	16 72	
“ J. P. Silsby, repairs	10 35	
“ John A. Foley, “	24 00	
“ John D. Pierce, “	12 92	
“ Edwin Humphrey, repairs.....	15 00	
“ E. A. Hovey, “	1 62	
“ John A. Scott, blacksmith's work	41 59	
“ Charles Erskine, painting house.....	29 69	
“ James Davenport, painting settees.....	14 87	
“ E. B. Scott, repairs on pump.....	1 88	
“ Joseph White, lamps.....	1 35	
“ James Boyd & Son, badges.....	20 25	
“ George R. Matthews, carting hose.....	1 75	
“ B. F. Cobb, “	4 13	
“ J. T. Bicknell, stationery.....	1 94	
“ Joseph Studley, leather preservative.....	1 50	
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Amount carried forward,	307 43	\$8,409 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	307 43	\$8,409 00
To Abner D. Smith, painting engine.....	40 00	
" Hunneman & Co., hose and repairs.....	152 12	
	<hr/>	\$499 55

ENGINE, No. 2.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal.....	34 30	
" Samuel S. Chase, carpenter's work.....	4 82	
" F. A. Stone, ".....	25 75	
" Joseph White, stove work.....	12 30	
" C. G. Bird, ".....	3 25	
" I. & H. M. Harmon, mason's work.....	19 50	
" N. Mack, blacksmith's work.....	17 50	
" Mark Doherty, wheelwright's work.....	20 50	
" Wm. Clark, carting.....	4 00	
" B. F. Cobb, ".....	1 51	
" E. B. Scott, repairs on pump.....	14 81	
" Francis Freeman, oil and fluid.....	13 61	
" Roxbury Gas Light Co., fixtures and gas.....	20 74	
" J. F. Richardson, fitting gas pipe.....	24 00	
" James Boyd & Sons, sponge.....	1 00	
" J. W. Lord, wire netting for windows.....	46 36	
" B. F. & G. H. Wiggin, painting.....	30 36	
" J. P. Silsby, repairs.....	9 58	
" George B. Faunce, oil, &c.....	17 64	
" Joseph Studley, leather preservative.....	1 50	
" Boston Belting Co., hose.....	4 00	
" J. T. Bicknell & Co., stationery.....	4 77	
" John Backup, ".....	3 00	
" Joseph G. Torrey, printing.....	9 50	
" Hunneman & Co., hose and repairs.....	166 30	
	<hr/>	\$510 60

ENGINE, No. 6.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal.....	28 23	
" E. G. Cobb, carpenter's work.....	13 75	
" William Morse, ".....	10 00	
" J. W. Lord, stove repairs.....	11 00	
" C. G. Bird, ".....	2 12	
" Joseph White, lanterns.....	81	
" Henry N. Hooper, bell wheel.....	5 50	
" T. S. Hodge, painting.....	1 00	
" Charles Erskine, glazing.....	2 40	
" John Dove, ".....	7 00	
" E. W. Noyes, lamps.....	7 50	
" E. R. Wood, hose straps.....	4 74	
" J. P. Silsby, carting.....	2 00	
" John Allen, chairs.....	8 00	
" Joseph Studley, leather preservative.....	1 50	
" Hiram Carlton, repairs.....	1 67	
" James Nason, fluid &c.....	24 89	
" James Boyd & Sons, badges.....	15 75	
" J. H. Hawes, lock and keys.....	16 50	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	164 36	\$9,419 15

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	164 36	\$9,419 19
To John Backup, stationery.....	2 96	
" Refreshments for out of town companies.....	22 97	
" Hunneman & Co., hose and repairs.....	316 59	
	<hr/>	\$506 88

ENGINE, No. 7

To J. I. Caldwell, coal.....	49 40	
" C. G. Bird, stove work.....	13 25	
" Gladstone & Cunningham, stove work.....	3 50	
" William Weymouth, carpenter's work.....	125 09	
" Nathan Stone, Jr., painting house.....	86 60	
" Nathaniel Adams, varnishing.....	5 00	
" James Davenport, painting settees.....	12 50	
" Charles A. Beal, chairs.....	8 00	
" Wilder Beal, fluid.....	4 16	
" Joseph White, lanterns.....	1 62	
" James Boyd & Sons, sponge.....	1 00	
" U. T. Brownell, glazing.....	1 00	
" Joseph Studley, leather preservative.....	1 50	
" William Clark, carting.....	44 00	
" Joseph W. Sweat, repairs.....	30 87	
" Boston Belting Co., hose.....	4 00	
" Hunneman & Co., hose and repairs.....	199 40	
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HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal.....	25 12	
" William Holland, carpenter's work.....	4 58	
" A. H. Lydston, ".....	9 86	
" J. A. Scott, stove work.....	3 00	
" C. G. Bird, ".....	18 30	
" Fillebrown & Holbrook, lanterns.....	7 82	
" Joseph White, ".....	1 85	
" Mark Doherty, wheelwright's work.....	20 50	
" N. Mack, blacksmith's work.....	17 50	
" E. T. Northend, horse hire.....	144 00	
" B. F. Farrington, cleaning harness.....	7 00	
" Charles Erskine, painting house.....	29 69	
" R. H. Wiswall, painting ladders.....	25 00	
" Abner G. Smith, painting.....	3 50	
" B. F. & G. H. Wiggin, ".....	9 00	
" B. F. Cobb, carting.....	3 00	
" William Clark, ".....	4 00	
" Z. C. & G. Field, fluid.....	5 86	
" J. P. Silsby, repairs.....	6 00	
" E. B. Scott, repairs on pump.....	4 75	
" E. A. Hovey, harness and repairs.....	18 86	
" J. P. Brown, hardware.....	3 50	
" F. W. Fuller, ".....	2 25	
" E. A. Roulstone, caps.....	5 00	
" H. L. Lawrence, rubber coat.....	8 00	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	96 50	
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Amount carried forward,

\$10,940 86

Amount brought forward,

\$10,940 86

HOSE COMPANY No. 1.

To J. I. Caldwell, coal.....	39 51
" William Weymouth, carpenter's work.....	18 03
" William Holland, ".....	2 70
" C. G. Bird, stove work.....	75
" Joseph White, lamps.....	1 31
" Fillebrown & Holbrook, lamps.....	7 18
" George S. Head, cleaning extra hose.....	16 00
" Calvin B. Faunce, neats foot oil.....	8 75
" Francis Freeman, fluid.....	3 74
" Reuben Weekes, blacksmith's work.....	18 49
" John Marshal, ".....	1 00
" F. W. Fuller, hardware.....	2 17
" Calvin Bird & Co., duster.....	1 75
" J. P. Silsby, repairs.....	18 16
" Hilliard Nichols, carting.....	1 96
" Joseph Studley, leather preservative.....	1 50
" E. A. G. Roulstone, caps.....	10 00
" James Boyd & Son, ".....	6 50
" Boston Belting Co., hose pipe.....	3 50
" Hunneman & Co., hose and repairs.....	53 02

\$216 62

Paid for SUNDRIES not otherwise enumerated—

To James Boyd & Sons, hose and repairs.....	537 92
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	18 37
" Joseph W. Sweat, care of hydrants.....	46 87
" " " clearing snow from reservoirs.....	20 00
" Chester H. Morse, ".....	24 75
" E. Tupper, filling reservoirs.....	15 92
" Geo. S. Head, ".....	15 00
" Engine, No. 6, ".....	35 50
" Roger Drury, ".....	63 00
" Joseph W. Sweat, filling reservoirs.....	8 00
" Samuel F. Train, paid for ".....	4 12
" Chester M. Gay, ".....	14 00
" William E. Hicks, ringing bell.....	50 00
" Francis Freeman, ".....	50 00
" Thomas Conn, ".....	39 00
" N. Y. Culbertson, refreshments for out of town Companies.....	7 00
" Francis Freeman, for do. do.	11 12
" Warren Engine Co., do. do.	35 00
" Henry S. Gilman, do. do.	11 50
" Engine Co., No. 6, do. do.	118 03
" Phineas Drew, do. do.	6 00
" Hook and Ladder, do. do.	6 00
" I. & H. M. Harmon, repairs.....	9 02
" Alfred H. Lydston, carpenter's work.....	11 55
" George W. Robinson, ".....	25 75
" Alison & Richards, repairs on hydrants.....	8 65
" E. T. Northend, horse hire.....	7 00

Amount carried forward,

1,199 07

\$11,157 48

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	1,199 07	\$11,157 48
To B. Franklin, horse hire.....	2 00	
“ Wm. J. Mathes, “	17 50	
“ F. F. Morey, carting	18 28	
“ Saville & Co., “	2 00	
“ Morey & Cook, “	4 75	
“ John Bere, “	1 75	
“ James Mulrey, cutting stone.....	5 50	
“ Albert Batchelder, lumber.....	1 12	
“ J. M. Keenan, cleaning Relief Engine.....	3 00	
“ E. A. G. Roulstone, caps.....	5 65	
“ Abner G. Smith, painting	6 00	
“ John J. Munroe, paint and varnish	9 06	
“ Henry C. Waters, watching fires.....	2 00	
“ Edward McCann, “	2 00	
“ George W. Marsh, “	6 00	
“ James Munroe, “	3 00	
“ John Bowdlear, removing bell	3 50	
“ Henry Pratt, locks and keys.....	19 25	
“ John R. Hall, plan of Engine-house.....	75 00	
“ Edward W. Murray, lighting Engineer's room	12 00	
“ John Backup, stationery	8 98	
“ Eayres & Fairbanks, stationery	1 00	
“ Norfolk County Journal Office, printing.....	20 50	
“ Joseph G. Torrey, “	6 25	
“ William N. Felton, notifying.....	5 00	
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Total Expenditure		\$12,597 64
Transfer to Contingent Appropriation, 1857 & 58		48 01
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		\$12,645 65
Balance undrawn February 1, 1858, \$2,481 68.		

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RESERVOIRS AND HYDRANTS.

Balance undrawn February 1, 1857.....	41 44	
APPROPRIATION	2,000 00	
Transfer from Contingent Appropriation 1857		
and 58	1,034 95	
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EXPENDITURES.		
To City of Boston, hydrants	777 17	
“ Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Co., hydrants.....	395 03	
“ Nelson Curtis, building reservoirs.....	1,842 00	
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Total Expenditure		\$3,014 20
Transfer to Contingent Appropriation, 1857 & 58		41 44
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		\$3,055 64
Balance undrawn February 1, 1858, \$20 75.		

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, and land, Eustis Street	800 00
Engine-house, (of wood,) No. 7, on lease land, Ruggles Street	600 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY.*

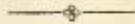
In charge of the Chief Engineer—

5 Fire Engines,	4 Crotch Poles,
1 Hook and Ladder Carriage,	3 Rakes,
7 Hose Carriages,	6 Forks,
4,100 Feet of Leading Hose,	40 Buckets,
142 Feet of Suction Hose,	13 Axes,
13 Ladders,	38 Reservoirs,
4 Hooks,	17 Hydrants.

REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.



ROXBURY, FEBRUARY 1, 1858.

To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council :

In accordance with section six of Ordinance No. 34, regulating the Fire Department, I submit to you my Annual Report, from February 1, 1857 to February 1, 1858.

The Department is full in point of numbers and the members are prompt and energetic in the discharge of their duties, and cheerfully comply with all the rules and regulations. The apparatus is in good order.

I regret that a new house was not built for the better accommodation of Engine No. 1, and Hook and Ladder No. 1. The favorable offers made to the Committee on the Fire Department, the last year, will probably not be again renewed. The present building is old, leaky, and wanting in every convenience required for the proper storing and care of the apparatus now kept in it. The remarks in my report of last year fully apply to this building this year. I would recommend that a new building of brick be erected this year on the same site as the old one; and agreeably to the plans submitted to the Committee last year.

The house occupied by Hydrant Co. No. 1, near "Waitt's Mills," is also deserving of your early attention. The present locality is not the proper one. The house stands over a running stream of water, which keeps the hose very damp, and it is almost impossible to properly dry and oil the same in cold weather. The house has been painted the past year.

Engine House No. 7 stands on land belonging to the Providence Railroad Company, and last season it was thought the City would

be required to remove the building; when it is done, I would recommend that an addition be made to the house, for at present, it is not long enough for the apparatus. This house has been painted the past year.

Six hundred feet of new hose have been purchased for the Department. Of the forty-one hundred feet now on hand, a portion is old, and not worth repairing.

Three new Reservoirs have been built the past year of large capacity; one at the corner of Parker and Alleghany Streets, one at the corner of Warren and Waverly Streets, and one on East Street, opposite Norfolk Avenue. I would recommend that in future when reservoirs are built, they should be made to contain at least 30,000 gallons of water.

Eight Hydrants have been constructed the past season, viz., two from the Cochituate Pipes on Tremont Road, one at the corner of Tremont and Sudbury Streets, and one at the corner of Tremont and Ruggles Streets, six from the Jamaica Pond Pipes, viz., one in Ruggles Street, opposite the Catholic Church, one at the corner of Vernon and Belmont Streets, one at the corner of Vernon and Washington Streets, one at the corner of Davis and Webber Streets, one at the corner of Davis and East Streets, and one on East Street, opposite "Stubbs' shop." When the pipes of the Company are laid over a greater extent of territory, I would recommend the insertion of more hydrants. By the provisions of the act of incorporation of the Company, the City were allowed to insert ten, six of which have been inserted, the remaining four have been paid for. The head or source of supply from Jamaica Pond is not as great as I could wish, still they will be of great service to the Department.

Our Department is smaller than any in this vicinity. Nearly every town around us possesses a larger Department than Roxbury; as wooden buildings increase in our city, (and more than two hundred have been erected the past year) the danger of fire is increased, and I would recommend that an additional Engine be placed on East Street, at or near Eustis Street.

In all the expenditures for the Fire Department, a due regard has been had to economy, and nothing has been purchased but what was absolutely required for the use of the Department. The amount expended for Reservoirs and Hydrants has been large, but will prove of more benefit to the City than a like sum expended in any other way.

During the term of office yet remaining to me, it shall be my earnest endeavor to make the Department worthy the confidence of the City.

The accompanying documents show the number of fire alarms

during the year, with the loss and insurance as far as could be ascertained; names of members of Board of Engineers; members of the Department, age and place of residence, pay of members, condition of houses and apparatus, list of hydrants and reservoirs and the rules and regulations.

The Department have been called out the past year 59 times, viz:—

From actual fires within the City	27 times.
“ false alarms	22 “
“ fires out of the City	10 “
Loss by fire, \$28,025 00. Insurance, \$17,100 00.		

Last year the Department was called out 78 times, viz:—

From actual fires within the City	33 times.
“ false alarms	“ “	26 “
“ alarms from out of	“	19 “
Loss by fire \$35,785 00. Insurance, \$16,446 00.		

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL F. TRAIN,
Chief Engineer.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, FEBRUARY 1, 1858.

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

Read and sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, *City Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 1, 1858.

Passed in concurrence.

FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, *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	Feet. 28	Feet. 900	1 Hose Carriage, 2 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 2, Centre Street	40	28	750	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes, set Hub Runners	Good.
No. 3, Gun-house,		24		1 Hose Carriage, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes,	Good.
No. 6, Eustis Street	40	36†	300	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 7, Ruggles Street	40	26	300	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, 6 Forks, 16 Buckets, Guy Ropes, Hatchets, Saws, Augers, &c., 1 set Hub Runners	Good.
Hydrant Company, near Railroad Crossing, } Washington Street }	12		350	2 Hose Carriages, 2 Buckets, 2 Axes,	Good.
Total	192	142	4,100*		

NOTE.—Engine House, No. 1. In bad condition.
 Engine House, No. 2. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine House, No. 6. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine House, No. 7. The condition of the house is good.
 Hook and Ladder House, No. 1. In bad condition and every way inconvenient.
 Hydrant House, No. 1. Badly situated, being damp, &c.

150 feet of Hose at Bowman's distillery, Davis Street, for the use of the Department in case of fire.
 1 Copper Goose Neck at Water Works, Dale Street.

* 550 feet of the above Hose is ordinary.
 † Two joints Copper Suction.

FIRES AND ALARMS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1857, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1858.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1857.					
Feb. 11		Plymouth Street			Shed. Caused by a dog being saturated with camphene, and set fire to.
" 13	F. T. Kelley	Washington Street			Plumber's shop. Incendiary.
March 1	Charles T. Appleton	Walnut Street	100 00		Shed. Hot ashes.
" 7	Reuben Winslow	Eustis Street			Bark house. Accidental.
" 9	Fuller	Prentice Street			Pile of lumber. Incendiary.
" 10	Nahum Ward	Ward Street	900 00	600 00	Stables. Incendiary.
" 18					False alarm.
" 30					False alarm. Dorchester.
April 2	T. Severance, J. P. Robinson	Cedar Street	1,300 00	1,000 00	Dwelling-house. Hot ashes.
" 23					False alarm.
" 28	A. R. Mathes, T. Adams	Pine Island	200 00	200 00	Pitch shed of Boston Oilworks. Unknown.
May 5	A. D. Williams	East and Davis Streets			Bursting of camphene lamp.
" 8					False alarm. Boston.
" 8					Improper ringing of Catholic bell.
" 9					False alarm.
June 5	Bridget Bannon	Tremont Street			Bed. Discovered on fire by the Police, in which were Mrs. Bannon and two children. No alarm.
" 7		Orange Court			Chimney.
" 10					False alarm.
" 11	Samuel Emmes	Tinker's Alley	10 00	10 00	Bed. Discovered on fire, and two children of Mrs. O'Hara burnt to death. Aged 5 and 2 years.
" 17					False alarm. Brookline.
" 19					False alarm.
July 7	Sewall, Day & Co.	Parker Street	50 00	50 00	Boiler house. Accidental.
Aug. 7	A. R. Mathes, T. Adams	Pine Island	5,000 00	2,500 00	Oil Works of Boston Oil Co. Took from bursting of a still.
" 8					Brookline. Assistance being wanted, Engine No. 2 proceeded to the fire.

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1857.					
Aug. 9	Mr. Daniels	Sumner Street			Shed. Set by boys. No alarm.
" 21					False alarm.
" 30	George Curtis and others .	Roxbury Point			Lime on board schooner "Sisters."
Sept. 8	Peterson & Day	Williams Court	50 00	50 00	Tin and Tassel Factory. Accidental.
" 12		Northampton Street . . .			Head house of N. E. Cordage Factory. Boston.
" 12					False alarm.
" 13	Cheever, Hall, Nate and others	East Street	7,000 00	3,000 00	Brick shop, wooden dwellings, sheds and stables. Incendiary.
" 15	L. B. Comins & Co.	Water Street	2,000 00	1,000 00	Patent Leather Works. Two persons badly burnt, one of whom died. Accidental.
" 15	Hunneman & Co., James Weld & Co., J. McElroy, Pierce and others .	Hunneman and Washington Streets	10,000 00	8,425 00	Brick block, stable and sheds. Incendiary.
" 26	Boston Lead Works	East Street			Shed. Accidental.
" 27		Prentice Street			Steam from a dinner, cooking.
Oct. 6	Thomas Martin	Plymouth Street			Closet. Unknown.
" 10	Samuel Walker	Grove Hall Avenue			Barn. Incendiary.
" 12					False alarm. Dorchester.
" 19					False alarm. Cambridge.
" 24					Partial alarm from Sewall, Day & Co's. bell.
Nov. 7	F. Donnelan, J. Malone . . .	Milldam	1,000 00		Part of dwelling-house, several small barns, sheds, &c. Incendiary.
" 8					Rekindling of above fire.
" 12					False alarm.
" 13	Sewall Day & Co.	Parker Street			Hemp. Accidental.
" 13					False alarm.
" 17	John Ross	Mechanic Street			Shed. Incendiary.
" 19					False alarm.
" 23					False alarm. Factory bell.
" 26	John Conovan	Mechanic Street	25 00		Barn. Incendiary.

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1857.					
Nov. 26					False alarm. Cambridge.
Dec. 1					False alarm.
" 6					False alarm. Brighton.
" 6					False alarm. Boston.
" 11		Plymouth Street			False alarm. Chimney.
" 30	John Goode	Mechanic Street			Slight burning of an out-house. Incendiary.
1858.					
Jan. 2	J. B. Kettell and Leonard .	Bartlett Street	15 00	15 00	Burning of part of a floor in dwelling-house. Caused by boys playing with matches.
" 5					False alarm. Row in Bicknell's Auction Room.
" 8	Peter Kivalhan	Lowell Street			Slight burning of a room. Carelessness in leaving a lamp. No alarm.
" 22	Lewis & Richardson, J. M. Marston & Co.	Ruggles Court	275 00	150 00	Barn. Incendiary.
" 24					False alarm.
" 25					False alarm. From bell on steam engine on Providence Railroad.
" 29	Sewall, Day & Co.	Parker Street	100 00	100 00	Burning of hemp. Incendiary.

☞ Whole number of Alarms of Fire for the Year ending January 31, 1857, 59, from the following causes, viz. :—From Actual Fires, 27; False Alarms, 22; Alarms out of the City, 10. Loss by Fire, \$28,025 00; Insurance on same, \$17,100 00.

RESERVOIRS, AND OTHER 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	25,000	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	Regent, near St. James Street	15,000	Good.
26	Corner of Ruggles and Cabot Streets	17,000	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 Street, near Parker Street	18,500	Good.
33	Corner of Warren and Waverly Streets	28,000	Good.
34	Corner of Parker and Alleghany Streets	26,000	Good.
35	East Street, opposite Norfolk Avenue	26,000	Good.
	Well in G. A. Simmons's yard, Highland Street		Good.
	Well in Samuel Guild's yard, near Bartlett Street		Good.
	Well in Patent Leather Works yard, Water Street		Good.

HYDRANTS, FROM MT. WARREN, COCHITUATE & JAMAICA POND PIPES.

No.	Location.	Source.	Condition.
1	St. James Street	Mt. W.	Good.
2	Alpine Street	"	Good.
3	Near St. James Street	"	Good.
4	Dale Street	"	Good.
5	Tremont Street, corner of Franklin Place	Cochit.	Good.
6	Tremont Street, corner of Sudbury Street	"	Good.
7	Tremont Street, corner of Ruggles Street	"	Good.
8	Tremont Street, opposite Carpet Works	"	Good.
9	Sidewalk, Texas Avenue,	"	Good.
10	Washington Street, corner of Phillips Place	"	Good.
11	Washington Street, opposite Isaac Davis's	"	Good.
12	Ruggles Street, opposite Catholic Church	J. Pond.	Good.
13	Vernon Street, corner of Belmont Place	"	Good.
14	Vernon Street, corner of Washington Street	"	Good.
15	Davis Street, corner of Webber Street	"	Good.
16	East Street, opposite Stubb's shop	"	Good.
17	East Street, corner of Davis Street	"	Good.

City Document.—No. 6.

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
ON THE PART OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
ON THE
Address of His Honor the Mayor,
TO THE
CITY COUNCIL,
ON THE 15TH OF MARCH, 1858.



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City of Roxbury.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 19, 1858.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the part of this Board, in relation to the communication of His Honor the Mayor, addressed to the City Council, on the 15th of March last, submit this additional

REPORT:

THE Committee, while they believe that a majority of the members of the Department are good firemen, are satisfied that those evils referred to in the Communication, and others not mentioned, exist to a greater or less extent in all the Companies. The prominent evils are these:

Disorderly members, frequently of intemperate habits, and sometimes of bad character;

Violation of rules and regulations;

The volunteer system;

The arrangement by which the pay of the Firemen is drawn by the Clerks of the Companies, and used as a common fund, for purposes other than useful.

YOUR Committee, in common with the other members of this Board, and of the citizens generally, entertain great respect for the useful members of the Department. Their arduous services are worthy of all praise, and are fully appreciated by the Committee. It is wrong that such men should be obliged to associate with men of an inferior stamp, and it is equally wrong that good men should be

prevented from joining the Fire Companies, through fear of being associated with vicious, intemperate or disorderly members. Each fireman should have the privilege of using his pay in his family, or for his support, without being surrounded by associates who will ridicule him for so doing.

Temperate habits and good character should be made prominent qualifications for membership. Men with these qualifications can be obtained, and it is the right of the citizens that none but such men should occupy a place in the Department.

Your Committee believe that sufficient attention has not been given to these essentials. They also believe that an explicit avowal to the Board of Engineers, as to the wish and expectation of this Board on this subject, will cause greater care to be taken in the future, and by the exercise of that care, the character and standing of the Department will be elevated, and other beneficial results will surely follow.

The Firemen are paid for their services, not a large compensation, it is true, but enough to distinguish our system from a volunteer system. And yet some of the worst evils of the latter exist; and if we must have these, would it not be better to return to that system at once, and save the large amount annually expended for compensation of members. The Engine Companies consist of forty members, a force often subjected to very hard work, especially at large fires. The members are assisted by volunteers, and the services rendered are often valuable; but the system is very objectionable, for reasons suggested by the Mayor, and also for others.

The character of the volunteers is determined pretty accurately by the character of the members. Dissolute young men, hanging about an engine house, "equally ready for a run with the engine, a drunken frolic, or a row," indicate with considerable certainty the general character of the Company.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Companies should be held responsible for those who visit their houses habitually, as they can decide who shall be admitted, and who not.

The regulations of the Board of Engineers prohibiting the members from taking their engine out of town, should be fully explained to the Firemen, and then rigidly enforced. Your Committee are aware that the temptation to cross the lines to neighboring towns, when a fire is in sight, is a hard one for firemen to resist; and the zeal that urges men to rush to save from destruction the property of the inhabitants of such towns, would be commendable, did it not involve the total neglect of the property of our own citizens, which the Firemen are paid to protect. The importance of this matter is not overstated.

At the fire on the Bussey estate, on the 3d instant, in West Roxbury, all the Roxbury engines were present.

In view of these existing evils, the important question is, What is the remedy?

The Committee believe it to be with the Aldermen. It is this:

Disband those Companies in which these evils are most prominent, and organize new Companies, readmitting such of the old members as possess the requisite qualifications, and supplying the place of the others with men of the right stamp. No good Fireman can fairly object to this course, and the objections of others are of no consequence.

The practice of singling out members now and then and discharging them from the Department for disorderly conduct, when others just as bad remain, is objectionable. It necessarily produces irritation amongst the Firemen, and is regarded as partial.

The Committee believe the true way, when the evils are great and numerous, is to abolish this practice, and dis-

charge by Companies, without censure of individuals; to reinstate the valuable members, and supply the place of others by better men.

Your Committee recommend that Warren Engine Co. No. 1 be disbanded, and that, when it shall be deemed advisable to organize a new Company, that the Board of Engineers be instructed to select members possessing the qualifications herein before mentioned. The Committee also recommend that henceforth the Firemen draw their pay directly from the City Treasurer, who has expressed his willingness to perform the service of paying them separately.

And, in conclusion, your Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

W. S. LELAND,
SAM'L PEARSON,
U. T. BROWNELL.

City of Roxbury.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 19, 1858.

ORDERED 1st, That Warren Engine Company No. 1 be disbanded, and the members discharged.

ORDERED 2d, That the Chief Engineer take charge of the Engine and apparatus forthwith.

ORDERED 3d, That the pay of the members be continued to May 1st next.

Report accepted, and Order adopted by a unanimous vote, as follows, to wit: Ald. LELAND, CLAPP, LEWIS, PEARSON, NOYES, BROWNELL, SHURTLEFF, and HARMON voting in the affirmative.

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, City Clerk.