

City Document—No. 2.

THE
EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Committee on Accounts
ON THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
CITY OF ROXBURY,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1864.



ROXBURY:
JOHN M. HEWES, PRINTER.
1864.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance undrawn February 1, 1863	2,660 57	
Cash received from Jas. Munroe, for old hose, &c.	185 00	
“ “ “ Owen Nawn, manure	24 00	
Transfer from Contingent Appropriat'n April, 1863	471 03	
“ “ “ “ “ 1863-64	1,000 00	
APPROPRIATION	13,912 00	\$18,252 60

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to ENGINEERS—

To James Munroe, Chief Engineer	\$400 00	
“ Robert Simpson, Assistant Engineer	80 00	
“ John Culligin, “ and Sec.	95 00	
“ Phineas D. Allen, “	80 00	
“ John J. Brooks, “	80 00	
	<u>375 00</u>	\$735 00

Paid to FIREMEN—

To Officers and Members of Engine Co. No. 1 ...	\$1,239 00	
“ “ “ “ “ 6 ...	1,641 75	
“ “ “ “ “ 7 ...	1,652 00	
“ “ “ Hook and Ladder Co.	907 00	
“ “ “ Hose Co. No. 1	594 00	
“ “ “ Steam Fire Engine	2,729 00	
	<u>8,762 75</u>	\$8,762 75

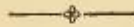
Paid for SUNDRIES for the several Companies—

To Hunneman & Co., for hose and repairs	\$1,347 37	
“ Campbell, Whittier & Co., repairs	151 00	
“ Joseph W. Sweat, repairs	11 75	
“ Benj. M. Williams, “	166 78	
“ Boston Belting Company, hose	82 85	
“ Moses Emerson, horses	450 00	
“ Charles W. Titcomb, horse hire	212 50	
“ E. T. Northend, “	56 25	
“ I. A. Rogers, “	2 00	
“ D. T. & W. M. Mallard, “	6 50	
“ Owen Nawn, “	68 00	
“ Wm. J. Mathes, “	1 00	
“ Wm. Saunders, veterinary services	13 00	
“ Joseph Houghton, grain and hay	377 19	
“ Samuel Dudley, hay	25 53	
“ E. A. Hovey, repairing harness	83	
“ Hiram Carleton, “	63 59	
“ William Clark, coal	233 53	
“ J. E. Adams & Co., coal	4 00	
“ John L. Batchelder, “	95 28	
“ William Morse, Steward of Relief Engine	125 00	
“ Francis Freeman, ringing bell	50 00	
“ Joseph Hastings, “	50 00	
“ Bradford P. Cook, “	50 00	
“ Josiah P. Hall, “	50 00	
“ John A. Scott, “	25 00	
“ John Baratio, “	50 00	
“ Frank W. Munroe, “	25 00	
“ Frank W. Munroe, filling reservoirs	67 00	
“ Francis Swilt, “	18 50	
“ Charles Glover, “	10 00	
“ Wm. Morse, carpenter's work	207 74	
“ Thomas P. Sweat, “	33 77	
“ Henry C. Allen, “	3 75	
“ Charles G. Green, “	11 99	
“ Solomon Sanborn, mason's work	152 75	
“ Patrick Lally, iron work	9 08	
“ Wm. Brock, blacksmith's work	61 83	
“ Michael Wrin, stove work	7 95	
“ Geo. O. Fillebrown, “	42 50	
“ John Allen, “	6 00	

Amount carried forward, \$4,426 81 \$9,497 75

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,426 81	\$9,497 75
To J. T. Barrow & Co., hardware		4 85	
" F. W. Fuller, "		1 00	
" L. D. Robbins, "		7 39	
" Mrs. George D. Worcester, washing		46 46	
" Michael W. Dolan, bark		10 00	
" Joseph Ham, "		4 13	
" Chauncy Woodward, wood		20 05	
" Horatio Bills, carting		15 00	
" Matthews & Co., "		2 00	
" Thompson & Titcomb, cotton waste		16 00	
" Frank Freeman, oil, &c.		46 19	
" N. Ward & Co., "		51 87	
" Wm. Seaver, "		173 74	
" P. D. Allen, coppersmith's work		38 51	
" Jos. W. Winslow, grease		10 85	
" Roxbury Gas Light Company, gas		133 50	
" Norfolk Co. Journal Office, printing		10 62	
" McIntosh & Son, labor		75 00	
" Thomas Jennings, "		28 00	
" A. D. Williams, rent		50 00	
" Owen Nawn, gravel		68 87	
" I. T. Cole, fire hat		4 00	
" Henry W. Smith, painting		58 25	
" James Munroe, paid for repairs		13 06	
" Samuel Lord, labor,		8 50	
" Charles D. Sampson, "		6 50	
" Andrew McLean, "		3 50	
" Josiah P. Hall, "		3 50	
" Wm. F. Booker, "		4 00	
" Charles W. Smith, labor,		4 00	
" James Ball, watching		14 00	
" George R. Slader, gas fixtures		10 52	
" Alexander Stuart, stationery		13 44	
" Lawrence & Co., rubber coats		20 00	
" Hose Co. No. 5, refreshments		12 00	
" Cummings House, "		7 00	
" B. F. & G. H. Wiggin, glazing, &c.		23 07	
" John Culligin, advertising		1 65	
" Charles Erskine, glazing		1 00	
" W. & A. Bacon, blankets		25 00	
" Wm. N. Felton, notices		5 00	
" E. M. Stodder & Co., ice		10 00	
" George K. Saville, refreshments		6 00	
" C. W. Newell & Co., oil, &c.		16 36	
" Protection Engine Co., refreshments		9 25	
" George H. Welsh, "		2 69	
" Swain & Craft, sponges		2 00	
" Sewall, Day & Co., rope		60	
" E. G. Cobb, splicing rope		1 00	
" E. W. Noyes, mugs		6 07	
" Henry Pratt, repairing locks		3 09	
" H. R. Taylor, repairs		75	
	<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$5,536 64	\$9,497 75

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,536 64	\$9,497 75
To Charles H. Guild, carting.....		1 00	
" George Curtis, lumber.....		16 76	
" Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Company, water.....		15 00	
		<hr/>	\$5,569 40
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			\$15,067 15
Balance undrawn February 1, 1864, \$3,185 45.			



RESERVOIRS.

Balance undrawn February 1, 1863.....	842 52	
APPROPRIATION.....	2,500 00	
Transferred from Contingent Appropriation, 1863-64.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$3,592 52

EXPENDITURES.

To Jas. H. Collins, building reservoir, (balance)	600 00	
" George Leonard, " " "	68 00	
" Solomon Sanborn, mason's work.....	738 48	
" Henry F. Mason, ".....	860 25	
" Seth Whittier & Son, bricks and cement....	913 77	
" George Curtis, lumber.....	103 01	
" John J. McNutt, planing.....	9 84	
" Wm. Pope & Sons, lumber.....	45 22	
" L. D. Davenport, covers to reservoirs.....	3 25	
" Thomas Dolan, labor.....	9 00	
" Owen Nawn, ".....	5 88	
" Draper & Vaughn, driving piles.....	144 75	
" John J. Lyon, stone curb.....	32 00	
" Wm. R. Huston, carpenter's work.....	7 00	
" Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Company, water...	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,560 45
Balance undrawn February 1, 1864, \$32 07.		

REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY.

Engine-house, (of brick,) No. 1, and land, corner Warren and Dudley Sts.	6,000 00
Engine-house, (of brick,) No. 2, and land, Centre Street	3,500 00
Engine-house, (of brick,) No. 6, and land, Eastis Street	2,500 00
Engine-house, (of wood,) No. 7, on lease land, Ruggles Street	600 00

R E P O R T

OF THE

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

ROXBURY, FEB. 1, 1864.

To the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit my Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department of the City of Roxbury.

There has been no increase of Hand Engines since last report, the number in active use being the same as last year.

We have also one Steam Fire Engine, one Hose Carriage and one Hook and Ladder Carriage, which, with three Hand Engines, constitute the whole force of the apparatus now in service.

During the past year there have been quite a number of destructive fires, the most serious one being at the Lead Works on Swett Street. On that occasion great assistance was rendered by the Boston Fire Department, which is always prompt and ready in time of need to come to our relief.

The Hand Engines, Hose and Hook and Ladder Carriages are all in good repair. The hand engine companies are full and the discipline good.

The Steamer has worked admirably the past year, and never has failed to render the most efficient service when required.

The experience of the past year has confirmed me in the opinion I then expressed in favor of Steam Fire Engines, and the Board of Engineers unite in recommending that two more Steam Fire Engines may be purchased by the City. If this be done the hand engines can be dispensed with, and we shall then be better prepared for a serious conflagration, which is liable to break out among the various manufacturing establishments, the number of which are continually being increased.

The Engine Houses are in good repair except that of No. Seven, which is in a very bad condition, and I recommend that a new house be built.

Two Reservoirs have been built the past year, and I recommend the same number this year.

I would call the attention of the City Government to the practicability of having the Boston Telegraph Fire Alarm extended to our City. I am of the opinion that the City Council of Boston, should you request it, would readily consent to the extension. The expense of the wire and its erection in our limits, to be borne by this City, and for a moderate compensation per annum to the operator at Boston, we could have all the advantages of the system. Believing this to be practicable and capable of much service to the Fire Department of this city, I urge it upon your favorable consideration.

The number of fires and alarms have been the lowest for twelve years past.

Whole number of alarms the past year, . . .	34
Actual fires,	29
Alarm out of city,	1
" ringing bell for meeting,	1
" setting clothes on fire,	1
" burning of chimney,	1
False alarm,	1
	— 34

Total amount of loss, \$78,340. Insurance, \$60,370.

To my associates of the Board of Engineers, I am under renewed obligation for their cordial co-operation and their devotion to the interests of the city.

The accompanying documents give a full report of the members of the Fire Department, condition of the Engines and Apparatus, list of Hydrants and Reservoirs, and the general condition of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MUNROE, *Chief Engineer.*

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, FEB. 29, 1864.

Read and ordered to be printed with the Receipts and Expenditures of the City.

Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, *City Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, FEB. 29, 1864.

Passed in concurrence.

FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*

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	Chestnut Street, Mount Pleasant	15,000	Good.
5	Corner of Fellows and Hunneman Streets	15,000	Good.
6	Cedar Street	15,000	Good.
7	Corner of Washington and Ruggles Streets	18,000	Good.
8	Corner of Vernon and Auburn Streets	18,000	Good.
9	Corner of Dudley and Kenilworth Streets	18,000	Good.
10	Dudley, near Warren Street	18,000	Good.
11	Corner of Dudley and Greenville Streets	18,000	Good.
12	Eaton, near Yeoman Street	18,000	Good.
13	Centre Street	18,000	Good.
14	Porter Street	18,000	Good.
15	Elm Street, Mount Pleasant	18,000	Good.
16	Walnut Street, junction of Warren	18,000	Good.
17	Pearl Street	18,000	Good.
18	Eustis, corner of East Street	18,000	Good.
19	Copeland Square	18,000	Good.
20	Well, corner of Davis and Eustis Streets		Not Good.
21	Regent, near St. James Street	15,000	Good.
22	Corner of Ruggles and Cabot Streets	17,000	Good.
23	Adams, near Eustis Street	17,000	Good.
24	Davis Street	16,500	Good.
25	Oak Street	18,000	Good.
26	Norfolk Street	16,000	Good.
27	Corner of Greenville and Winthrop Streets	19,500	Good.
28	Smith Street, near Parker Street	18,500	Good.
29	Corner of Warren and Waverly Streets	23,000	Good.
30	Corner of Parker and Alleghany Streets	26,000	Good.
31	East Street, opposite Norfolk Avenue	26,000	Good.
32	Washington Street, opposite City Hotel,	26,000	Good.
33	Sweet Street, near Lead Factory,	30,000	Good.
34	Shawmut Avenue,		Good.
35	Walnut Street,	30,000	Good.
36	Well in G. A. Simmons's yard, Highland Street		Good.
37	Well in Samuel Guild's yard, near Bartlett Street		Good.
38	Well in Patent Leather Works yard, Water Street		Good.
39	Reservoir corner of Highland and Cedar Street	45,000	Good.
40	Reservoir corner of Grove Hall Avenue & Winthrop St.	45,000	Good.
41	Reservoir, Winslow Street, near Union St.	40,000	Good.
42	Reservoir, corner of Vernon and Belmont Streets,	55,000	Good.

HYDRANTS,

FROM MOUNT WARREN, COCHITUATE AND 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 the late Catholic Church	J. Pond.	Good.
13	Vernon Street, corner of Belmont Street	"	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.
18	Swett Street, near Curtis & Blake's Mill,	"	Good.
19	Corner of Orchard and Eustis Streets,	"	Good.
19	Orchard Street, corner of Eustis,	"	Good.
20	Washington Street, opposite Bacon's Block,	"	Good.
21	Ruggles Street, corner of Parker St.	"	Good.
22	Western Avenue, near Francis Street	Cochit.	Good.
23	Western Avenue, Appleton Place,	"	Good.
24	Tremont Street, corner of Beaton,	"	Good.
25	" " " Coventry,	"	Good.
26	Circuit " near Catholic Church,	Mt. W.	Good.
27	" " " Shawmut avenue,	"	Good.
28	Corner of Hunneman st. and Harrison avenue,	Cochit.	Good.
29	Harrison avenue, opposite Webber,	"	Good.
30	" " " corner of Eustis,	"	Good.

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

Location.	No. of Men.	Suction Hose.	Leading Hose	Sundries.	Condition.
		Feet	Feet.		
Dearborn Steam Fire Engine, Centre St.,	14	23	2200	1 Hose Carriage, 3 Horses, Harnesses, &c.	Good.
No. 1, Dudley, corner of Warren Street	40	32	900	1 Hose Carriage, 2 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 2, East Street		27	200	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes,	Good.
No. 6, Eustis Street	40	36	1000	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 7, Ruggles Street	40	28	900	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
Hook and Ladder, Dudley Street	20			15 Ladders, 4 Fire Hooks, 4 Crotch-poles, 4 Axes, 3 Plaster Hooks, 6 Forks, Buckets, Gny Ropes, Saws, &c.	Good.
Hose Company, Culvert Street,	12		1600	1 Hose Carriage, 2 Buckets, 2 Axes,	Good.
Total	166	170	6800*		

NOTE.—Dearborn Steam Fire Engine. House in good condition.
 Engine House, No. 1. In good condition
 Engine House, No. 6. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine House, No. 7. The house is too small and out of repair.
 Hook and Ladder House, No. 1. In good condition and every way convenient.
 Hose House, No. 1. House very poor indeed.
 100 feet Hose at McIntosh's Factory, Orange Street.

* 1000 feet of the above Hose is ordinary.

FIRES AND ALARMS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1863, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1864.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1863.					
Feb. 21	Patrick T. Kenney, . . .	Brooks Street,	\$100 00	\$100 00	Barn. Incendiary.
" 24	John Rosselle,	Lowell Street,			Store house. Damage slight.
Mar. 27	John Mullin,	Grove Hall Avenue, . . .	1200 00	900 00	Dwelling-house. Two children burnt to death.
April 12					False alarm.
" 19	John Rosselle,	Washington Street, . . .	1500 00	5000 00	Brewery. Caused by heating flues.
" 27	Martin Madin,	Webber Street,	150 00	1000 00	Dwelling-house. Incendiary.
June 7	Roger Drury,	Parker Street,	100 00	500 00	Unoccupied dwelling-house. Incendiary.
July 4		Plymouth Street,			Dwelling-house. Fire crackers.
" 4					Dwelling-house. Damage slight. Fire crackers.
" 4	John White,	Russell Court,	40 00		Dwelling-house. Damage slight. Fire crackers.
" 12					Alarm caused by children setting fire to a barrel of shavings.
" 22	Mr. Colby,	Washington Street, . . .	500 00		Store-house for second-hand furniture.
Aug. 6	P. T. Kenney,	Charles Street,	50 00		Dwelling-house. Incendiary.
" 7	Campbell, Whittier & Co.	Orange Street,	7000 00	10,270 00	Machine shop. Incendiary.
" 20	Boston Lead Co.	Cor. of Swett & East St.,	50,000 00	20,000 00	Lead works. Incendiary.
" 20	Robert Clouston,	" " " "	600 00	2800 00	Dwelling-house.
" 30					Alarm from Boston.
Sept. 5	Mrs. Crook,	Berlin Street,	300 00	600 00	Dwelling-house. Children playing with matches.
" 25	B. & A. Foley,	Park Street,			Caused by defect in boiler flue.
" 25	John Hoskins,	" " " "	4700 00	8800 00	Patent Leather works. House and barn.
Oct. 30	George Doherty,	Cor. of Ruggles & Belmont Street,	400 00	2000 00	Unoccupied dwelling-house. Incendiary.
" 31	William Tomey,	Berlin Street,	600 00	800 00	Unoccupied dwelling-house. Incendiary.
Nov. 3	John Ollis,	Cabot Street,	150 00	300 00	Dwelling-house.
" 6	James Scully,	Cabot Place,	800 00		Dwelling-house. Cause unknown.
" 11					Alarm caused by chimney taking fire.
" 12	Mrs. Fay,	Avon Place,	800 00	1000 00	Dwelling-house. Cause unknown.
" 18					Alarm caused by fire-board taking fire.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
Nov. 27					Alarm caused by oil boiling over.
Dec. 3	Bates and Thayer, . . .	Suffolk Place,	150 00		Stable. Incendiary.
" 10					Alarm caused by ringing bell for war meeting.
" 21					Alarm caused by a woman's clothes taking fire.
1864.					
Jan. 4	Heirs of Nahum Ward, . .	Parker Street,	8000 00	3000 00	Tallow works. Caught from stove.
" 11	Michael McGowan, . . .	Tremont Street,	1100 00	2600 00	Dwelling-house and store. Defect in chimney.
" 11	Mo. Nickerson,	Heath Street,	400 00	300 00	Barn. Incendiary.
" 26	John Post,	Berlin Street,	150 00	400 00	Unoccupied dwelling-house. Incendiary.