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City Document—No. 4.

THE
SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Committee on Accounts
ON THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
CITY OF ROXBURY,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31ST, 1853.



ROXBURY:
THOMAS PRINCE, CITY PRINTER.
1853.

REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ROXBURY, FEB. 1, 1853.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the Annual Report of the condition of the Engine-houses, Engines and Apparatus; the number of Reservoirs and their location; with a list of the officers and members attached to the Fire Department, with their ages and residences; also the number of Fires and Alarms from February 1st, 1852, to February 1st, 1853, with the amount of Loss and Insurance.

The Department has been called out from Fires the past year 23 times; false alarm, 1 time; bursting of camphene lamps, 3 times; burning of chimneys, 2 times; ringing of factory bells, 3 times; alarms originating out of the city, 10 times; making a total of 42 alarms. The loss by Fire amounts to \$24,825; Insurance on the same to \$14,100.

The Department consists of 5 Engines and 190 Firemen. There are 6 Engines and 7 Hose Carriages, 1 Hook and Ladder Carriage, carrying 4 Fire Hooks and 9 Ladders, 151 feet of Suction Hose, and 3,200 feet of Leading Hose.

The Engine-houses, Engines and Apparatus, generally, are in good condition, with the exception of the Hook and Ladder Carriage, which has been in use for many years, and requires to be replaced with a new carriage and suitable ladders.

Respectfully submitted.

A. S. PARKER, *Chief Engineer.*

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, FEBRUARY 7, 1853.

Report read, accepted and referred to Committee on Accounts, with instructions to print the same.
JOSEPH W. TUCKER, *City Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 7, 1853.

Concurred.

JOSHUA SEAVER, *Clerk.*

ENGINES, HOSE CARRIAGES, &c.

Location.	No. of Men.	Suction Hose.	Leading Hose.		Sundries.	Condition.
			Good.	Bad.		
No. 1, Dudley, corner of Warren street . . .	40	24	450	150	1 Hose Carriage, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 2, Centre street	40	25	600		1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 3, Centre, near Perkins street		24	300		1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hook, 1 Ladder, 4 Buckets	Good.
No. 6, Eustis street	40	26	500	100	1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hook, 1 Ladder, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
No. 7, Ruggles street	38	28	600		1 Hose Carriage, 1 Ladder, 4 Buckets, 2 Axes	Good.
Relief Engine, old Alms-house		25				
Hook and Ladder, Dudley street	20				9 Ladders, 4 Fire Hooks, 4 Crotch-poles, 4 Axes, 23 Buckets, Guy Ropes, &c.	Not good.
Cochituate Hose Co., Washington street	12		500		1 Hose Carriage	
Total	190	152	2,950	250		

NOTE.—Engine, No. 1. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine, No. 2. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine, No. 6. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine, No. 7. The condition of the house is good.
 Hook and Ladder Co. The condition of the house is good. Ladder Carriage and Ladders not very good.
 Hose Co. house good. Two hundred feet of Hose indifferent.

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	Near Webber's Ropewalk	15,000	Good.
8	Cedar street	15,000	Good.
9	Sidewalk, opposite No. 2 Engine-house	1,300	Good.
10	Washington, near Ruggles street	18,000	Good.
11	Vernon, near Auburn street	18,000	Good.
12	Dudley, near Kenilworth street	18,000	Good.
13	Dudley, near Warren street	18,000	Good.
14	Dudley, near Grenville street	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	Corner of Davis and Eustis streets		Good.
25	Corner of Ruggles and Cabot streets	17,000	Good.
26	Regent street, near St. James street		Unfinish'd.

HYDRANTS,

FROM MOUNT WARREN AND COCHITUATE PIPES.

No.	Location.	Condition.
1	St. James street	Good.
2	Alpine street	Good.
3	Near Alpine street	Good.
4	Near St. James street	Good.
5	Dale street	Good.
6	Tremont street, corner of Franklin place	Good.
7	Tremont street, opposite Carpet Factory	Good.
8	Washington, corner of Phillips street	Good.
9	Washington street, opposite Isaac Davis's	Good.

FIRES AND ALARMS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1852, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1853.

Date.	Owner or Occupant.	Location.	Loss.	Insurance.	Cause, &c.
1852.					
Feb. 7	Nahum Ward	Tremont Street	\$400 00	\$400 00	Dwelling. Defect in chimney.
" 11	Patrick Monihan	Smith Street	400 00	400 00	Incendiary.
" 24		Davis Street			Bursting of camphene lamp.
March 14		South Boston			Burning of several buildings.
April 16	John W. Parker	Washington Street	450 00	450 00	Paint shop. Defect in stove pipe.
" 27	Heirs of George Blake	Pearl Street	300 00	300 00	Defect in stove flue.
May 2		Cambridge			Burning of stock of a lumber yard.
" 11					Ringling of Webber's bell.
" 22		Plymouth Street			Trifling damage to dwelling.
" 22					Alarm.
" 30					Burning of several buildings.
June 29	Richardson & Jackson	Water Street	75 00	75 00	Sheds. Incendiary.
" 29	U. T. Brownell	" "	150 00	150 00	Paint shop—from the above.
" 29	L. B. Comins	" "			No damage.
July 4	Doct. Mathews	Dale Street	6,000 00		Dwelling. Origin not known.
" 4	Mr. Merriam	" "	4,000 00	4,000 00	
" 10		Somerville			
" 10		Boston			Burning of several buildings on Fort Hill.
" 10		"			From the same.
" 20		"			
Aug. 23	John Stanton	Coventry Street	200 00		Barn. Incendiary.
" 24	Nahum Ward	Tremont Street	300 00	800 00	Dwelling. Defect in chimney.
" 26	Mr. Green	Water Street			Putting ashes in wooden vessel.
" 27	Not known	Coventry Street			No damage.
Sept. 13	M. McEntosh & Son	Tremont Street	900 00	900 00	Sparks from furnace.
" 22	Patrick Flynn	Parker Street	300 00	300 00	Defect in chimney.
" 27		Washington Street			Bursting of camphene lamp.
Oct. 6	Joseph W. Torrey	Eustis Street	50 00	50 00	Dwelling. Ashes in wooden vessel.
" 22					Ringling of factory bell.
" 26	Benjamin Burlingame	Tremont Street	5,500 00	4,200 00	[See next page.]

FIRES AND ALARMS—CONTINUED.

Date.	Owner or Occupant.	Location.	Loss.	Insurance.	Cause, &c.
1852.					
Oct. 26	Mrs. Fuller	Tremont Street	\$75 00	\$75 00	The fire took in the stable of the Union Hotel, which was consumed, together with the Hotel and School-house, and partially destroying six other buildings.
" 26	Nahum Ward	Oxford Street	400 00	400 00	
" 26	Heirs of H. J. Oliver	" "	100 00	100 00	
" 26	Patrick Mahan	" "	1,500 00	1,500 00	
" 26	City of Roxbury	" "	1,500 00		
" 26	Mrs. Sanderson	Tremont Street	500 00		
" 26	Mr. Denison	Cabot Street	1,000 00		Dwelling. Incendiary.
" 28	Not known	Warren Street	100 00		
" 31		Eustis Street			
Nov. 15		Mechanic Street			Bursting of camphene lamp.
" 25		Clay Street			Burning of a chimney.
" 26					" "
Dec. 2		Boston			Ringling of factory bell.
" 22	Mr. Autman	Tremont Street	25 00		Burning of Chickering's building.
" 24	Horace King	Dorchester			Defect in chimney.
" 27	Jeremiah Sweat	Near Ruggles Street			Burning of hourly stables.
1853.					Defect in chimney.
Jan. 11	Mr. Bradley	Oxford Street			No damage. Incendiary.
" 12	" "	" "			" " " "
" 18	John Webber	Plymouth Street			" " " "
" 31	Nelson Curtis	Mt. Vernon Place			" " " "
" 31		Boston			" " " "

RECAPITULATION.

Engineers, 5; Firemen, 190; Engines, 6; Hose Carriages, 7; No. of feet of Suction Hose, 151; Leading Hose, 3,200; Hook and Ladder Carriages, 1; Ladders, 13; Crotch-poles, 4; Firehooks, 6; Buckets, 43; Reservoirs, 26; Hydrants, 9; Axes, 12.
 No. of Fires, 25; False Alarms, 1; Bursting of Camphene lamps, 3; Burning Chimneys, 2; Ringing Factory Bell, 3; Alarms originating out of the City 10. Loss by Fire, \$24,825; Insurance on same, \$14,100.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance undrawn, Feb. 1, 1852.....	2,132 90
Transfer from Support of Poor, 1851 and 1852..	100 00
APPROPRIATION	6,860 00
Transfer from Contingent Appropriation, 1852 and 1853	500 00
Transfer from Reservoirs	100 00
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	\$ 9,692 90

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to ENGINEERS—	
To Abraham S. Parker, Chief Engineer.....	200 00
" Jerahmeel C. Pratt, Assistant Engineer.....	40 00
" Daniel E. Page, " "	40 00
" John L. Stanton, " "	30 00
" Samuel S. Chase, " " and Secretary	55 00
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	\$ 365 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$ 365 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$ 365 00
Paid to FIREMEN—		
To Officers and members Engine No. 1.....	1,103 42	
“ Officers and members Engine No. 2.....	1,076 25	
“ Steward for Engine No. 3.....	42 50	
“ Officers and members Engine No. 6.....	1,095 00	
“ Officers and members Engine No. 7.....	1,048 98	
“ Officers and members Hook and Ladder Co. . .	577 50	
“ Officers and members Hose Co., No. 1.....	365 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,308 65

Paid for SUNDRIES to several Companies—

ENGINE, No. 1.		
To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	19 40	
“ Howard & Davis, repairs.....	45 12	
“ John A. Foley, “.....	12 69	
“ E. A. Hovey, “.....	9 48	
“ R. C. Campbell, “.....	7 63	
“ True Russell, “ on house.....	93 32	
“ Jos. D. Brown, “ “.....	7 00	
“ George B. Davis, painting.....	13 06	
“ Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose.....	17 38	
“ Henry Pratt, keys.....	3 60	
“ R. L. Hodsdon & Co., oil.....	15 00	
“ Henry Basford, “.....	20 15	
“ Charles Marsh, hardware.....	4 42	
“ Kent & Lord, stove work.....	11 85	
“ John A. Scott, blacksmith work.....	3 99	
“ George W. Downes, carting hose.....	6 77	
“ Benjamin F. Cobb, “.....	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 294 61

ENGINE, No. 2.		
To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	15 38	
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	88 17	
“ Frederick A. Stone, “.....	75	
“ E. A. Hovey, “.....	8 00	
“ Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose.....	21 52	
“ Weeks & Brock, blacksmith work.....	16 25	
“ Henry Pratt, keys.....	3 00	
“ Joseph G. Torrey, printing.....	7 26	
“ William Seaver, oil.....	15 05	
“ Reuben Hunting, “.....	23 09	
“ Kent & Lord, stove.....	11 50	
“ Blake, Ware & Co., settees.....	6 25	
“ B. F. Wiggin, glazing.....	13 18	
“ S. & G. B. Faunce, sundries.....	7 81	
“ Ivory Harmon, mason work.....	106 78	
“ William Weymouth, carpenter’s work.....	128 89	
“ John Kenney, stove work.....	54 12	
“ H. G. Simpson, carpenter’s work.....	72 94	
“ James Davenport, painting.....	7 00	

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$ 606 94	\$ 5,968 26
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$ 606 94	\$ 5,968 26
To U. T. Brownell, painting.....	3 80	
“ R. C. Campbell, pump, &c.....	25 42	
“ T. D. Mulrey, freestone.....	5 00	
“ William Canavan, cleaning reservoir.....	2 50	
“ T. H. Murphy, carting.....	12 98	
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ENGINE, No. 6.

To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	29 55	
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	95 47	
“ E. R. Wood, “.....	9 73	
“ James N. Wright, oil.....	4 43	
“ Gay & Allen, sundries.....	2 25	
“ John A. Dyer, “.....	1 00	
“ John Watkins, keys.....	3 00	
“ James Nason, oil.....	25 78	
“ Sewall, Day & Co., rope.....	5 35	
“ Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose.....	18 00	
“ Charles Marsh, sundries.....	5 98	
“ Kent & Lord, stove work.....	1 50	
“ James Munroe, rope hook.....	1 67	
“ George B. Davis, painting.....	1 75	
“ John Dove, glazing.....	2 75	
“ George W. Downes, carting.....	1 00	
“ George Everett, “.....	4 00	
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ENGINE, No. 7.

To Asa Wyman & Son, fuel.....	15 14	
“ J. I. Caldwell, “.....	7 00	
“ Howard & Davis, repairs.....	3 75	
“ Jos. W. Sweat, “.....	8 25	
“ Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose.....	23 46	
“ Sewall, Day & Co., rope.....	83	
“ Kent & Lord, stove.....	8 50	
“ C. S. Farmer, stove work.....	13 20	
“ John Jones, badges and keys.....	6 95	
“ R. C. Campbell, repairs.....	2 93	
“ William Seaver, oil, &c.....	43 94	
“ R. L. Hodsdon & Co., oil, &c.....	10 82	
“ U. T. Brownell, glazing.....	1 00	
“ George W. Downes, carting.....	50	
“ William Clark, “.....	9 00	
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HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

To Isaac S. Burrell, repairs.....	10 05	
“ True Russell, “.....	10 00	
“ John A. Scott, blacksmith's work.....	5 00	
“ Charles Marsh, lamps.....	6 16	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$ 31 21	\$ 6,993 38

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$ 31 21	\$ 6,993 38
To E. A. Hovey, sundries	3 87	
“ Henry Basford, oil, &c.	13 17	
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HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

To Howard & Davis, repairs	85 00	
“ Calvin B. Faunce, oil, &c.	18 37	
“ R. L. Hodsdon & Co., iron wrench	3 25	
“ Jonathan Moulton, digging well	9 50	
“ Gay & Allen, pump and fixtures	21 37	
“ Sewall, Day & Co., ropes	5 48	
“ Shelton & Cheever, badges	2 75	
“ U. T. Brownell, painting	6 92	
“ Asa Wyman & Son, fuel	14 20	
	<hr/>	\$ 166 84

Paid for SUNDRIES not otherwise enumerated—

To J. A. Guild, refreshments for out of Town Companies	10 87	
“ Hook and Ladder Co., do. do. do.	22 00	
“ Engine Co., No. 1, do. do. do.	16 00	
“ Engine Co., No. 6, do. do. do.	16 00	
“ Engine Co., No. 7, do. do. do.	10 00	
“ Jonathan Moulton, filling reservoirs	68 75	
“ John A. Foley, “ “	7 50	
“ Hose Company, “ “	5 00	
“ Isaac S. Burrell, repairs	13 43	
“ James L. Callender, clearing snow from re- servoirs	41 25	
“ Jos. W. Sweat, repairs on hydrants	43 00	
“ Wm. Weymouth, “ “	1 75	
“ Thaddeus Wheeler, “ “	13 00	
“ John J. Hastings, ringing bell	12 00	
“ Francis Freeman, “ “	14 00	
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs on hydrants and relief engine	38 87	
“ Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose, relief engine	2 87	
“ Gera Farnham, repairs on well	6 00	
“ John Bowdlear, repairs on pump	4 50	
“ William Seaver, horse hire	7 00	
“ John Jones, engineer's badges	2 50	
“ O. B. & S. Littlefield, stove	6 74	
“ William Clark, carting	21 37	
“ Oliver P. Payne, “	75	
“ T. H. Murphy, “	6 88	
“ Hiram Shepherdson, storage	1 00	
“ Charles Leroy, glazing	1 00	
“ Thomas Prince, printing	2 75	
“ J. T. Bicknell & Co., stationery	7 90	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$ 404 68	\$ 7,208 47

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$ 404 68	\$ 7,208 47
To Dudley Williams, frame	7 00	
“ Ivory Harmon, sundries	14 39	
	<hr/>	\$ 426 07
Total for Fire Department		\$ 7,634 54
Transfer to Highways, 1851 and 1852	500 00	
“ to Contingent Expenses, 1852 and 1853	120 16	
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		\$ 8,254 70

Balance undrawn February 1, 1853, \$ 1,438 20.

REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY.

The City Hall (of brick) and land	\$12,000 00
The Almshouse (of brick) and land, about 11 acres	30,000 00
The Munroe Land, between Walnut and Warren streets,	20,000 00
The City Wharf at Point	8,000 00
Dwelling-house and land on Washington street	2,500 00
Land on Warren Place, 28,341 feet	5,300 00
The Brook Farm and Almshouse, situated in West Roxbury, 202 acres	35,000 00
Land, corner of Washington and Heath streets, 8 3-4 acres	14,263 70
Stony Brook Lands (cost of land and filling)	74,000 00
Dudley School-house (of stone) and land, Kenilworth street	} 14,000 00
Dudley School-house (of brick) and land, Bartlett street	
Washington School-house (of brick) and land, Washington street	14,000 00
Dearborn School-house (of brick) and land, 23,000 feet, near Davis street,	20,000 00
School-house and land, Yeoman street, Nos. 1 and 2	2,600 00
School-house and land, Eustis street, Nos. 3 and 4	4,000 00
School-house and land, Sumner street, Nos. 5 and 6	1,000 00
School-house and land, Vernon street, Nos. 7 and 8	5,000 00
Land in Oxford street,	800 00
School-house and land, Avon place, Nos. 11 and 12	3,500 00
School-house and land, Mill Dam, No. 13	600 00
School-house and land, Smith street, Nos. 14 and 15	3,000 00
School-house and land, Orange street, Nos. 16 and 17	2,600 00
School-house and land, Centre street, Nos. 18 and 19	1,400 00
School-house and land, Centre street, No. 20	800 00
School-house and land, Edinboro' street, Nos. 21 and 22	3,000 00
School-house and land, Elm street, Nos. 23 and 24	3,000 00
School-house and land, Munroe street, No. 25	3,500 00
Engine-house and land, No. 1, Dudley street	1,000 00
Engine-house and land, (brick,) No. 2, Centre street	2,000 00
Engine-house and land, No. 3, Centre, near Perkins street, connected with No. 5 Primary School—valued in School No. 20	800 00
Engine-house, No 6, Eustis street	500 00
Engine-house, (no land,) No. 7, Ruggles street	700 00
Engine-house and land for Hose Co., near Wait's Mill	700 00
Forest Hills Cemetery, (situated in West Roxbury,) about 104 acres—not valued	
Cemetery on Eustis street—not valued	
Cemetery on Warren street—not valued	
The Flats, 72 acres and one quarter, in the dry basin—not valued	

\$288,863 70

NOTE.—The City Lands in the dry basin of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation were not valued by the Committee on Public Property. There are 72 acres and one quarter. The valuation of the Real Estate belonging to the City is a nominal one.

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—

- 6 Fire Engines,
- 7 Hose Carriages,
- 3,200 Feet of Leading Hose,
- 151 Feet of Suction Hose,
- 13 Ladders,
- 1 Ladder Carriage,
- 6 Fire Hooks,
- 48 Buckets
- Axes and other Apparatus, and Furniture,
- 26 Reservoirs,
- 6 Hydrants on Mount Warren,
- 4 Hydrants along line Cochituate water pipes.