FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

OFFICE NO. 8 CITY BUILDING, COURT SQUARE.

Superintendent, JOSEPH B. STEARNS.
(Chosen by concurrent vote in January or February.)

Operators, Adam McAfee, John F. Kennard, Charles A Stearns.
Repairers, George S. Thom, Ezra S. Doe.

A constant watch is kept at the office, Court Square, by the operators. Each operator serves two alternate terms of *four hours* each, as principal, and the same as assistant operator; so that sixteen hours' service at the office in every twenty-four, is required from each operator. No operator is permitted to sleep during his watch, unless expressly relieved by some one else, and by consent of the Superintendent.

Each operator is accountable to the Superintendent for any omissions or mistakes that may occur at the office during his hours of duty.

An accurate account is kept of the time of giving each alarm, and of the District and Station from which it originates, and all other necessary information.

The city is divided into seven alarm districts. Each district is subdivided into stations, at each of which is a signal-box. There are now fifty-two signal-boxes, or stations, the number in a district varying from six to twelve.

Alarms are transmitted to the office from the signal-stations or boxes, by turning the crank in the box. The police officers and one other person resident near each box, have keys to the boxes.

Alarms are usually given in less than a minute from the time the crank is turned in any box.

DIRECTIONS TO THOSE HOLDING SIGNAL KEYS.

1. If a fire is discovered in your vicinity, go to the *nearest box in the District.*
2. Turn the crank *twenty-five times,* rather slowly at first, and increasing gradually to the last. If possible, wait at the box and direct the firemen to the fire.
3. If you hear no reply at the box, or on the bells, turn again. If no reply after the *third* turning, go to another box in the District.
4. The Police, upon hearing the bells, will spring their rattles and call the number of the *District and Station.*

The alarms will be given from the office by striking the number of the District on the bells, and tapping the number of the Station in the boxes.

CAUTIONS.

1. Be sure that the box is locked before leaving it.
2. Never open the box, except in case of fire.
3. Never let the key go out of your possession, unless called for by the Superintendent.

There are fifty-two Signal Stations, distributed in accordance with the following plan: —

MERIDIAN BELLS.

Forty-one bells, at their various locations on churches and school-houses, and in engine houses and police stations, are struck from the Fire Alarm Office *precisely* at noon every day. Care is taken to secure the utmost accuracy in the time, for which purpose a chronometer and transit instrument of the first quality are in use, and observations of the sun are made as often as is necessary.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

DISTRICT No. 1,

Lies East and North of Leverett, Green, Court, and State Streets.

SIGNAL STATION No. 1. On East end of Faneuil Hall. Key at Drovers' Exchange, 45 North Market Street.
" " " 2. On Marshall Street, near Hanover. Key at Marshall House, 10 Marshall Street.
" " " 3. On Richmond Street, near Hanover. Key at G. W. Parmenter's Apothecary Store, Corner Hanover and Richmond Sts.
" " " 4. On Corner Commercial Street and Eastern Avenue. Key at Silas Morse's Eating House, corner Commercial Street and Eastern Avenue.
" " " 5. On Corner Commercial Street and Constitution Wharf. Key at Charles H. Stearns' Grocery Store, 410 Commercial Street.
" " " 6. On Corner Charter Street and Phipps Place. Key at W. H. Fiske's Grocery, Corner Salem and Charter Streets.
" " " 7. On Corner Endicott and Cooper Streets. Key at Ensign S. Wright's Apothecary Store, Cor. Endicott and Cooper Streets.
" " " 8. On Boston and Maine Freight Depot. Key at Boston and Maine Freight Depot, (Counting Room,) Causeway Street.
" " " 9. On Corner Lowell and Causeway Streets. Key at James Gordon's Apothecary Store, Cor. Causeway and Lowell Streets.
" " " 10. On Corner Leverett and Vernon Streets. Key at James Gordon's Apothecary Store, Cor. Leverett and Vernon Streets.
" " " 11. On Corner Sudbury and Hawkins Streets. Key at American Stable, (Counting Room,) Sudbury Street.
" " " 12. On Corner Hull and Snowhill Streets. Key at Office of Gas Works, Cor. Commercial Street and Charlestown Bridge.

ALARM BELL, On Church, in Brattle Square.
" " On Church, in Bowdoin Square.
" " On Church, at Corner Hanover and Clark Streets.
" " On School House in Wall Street.
" " On Church, corner Endicott and Cooper Streets.

SIGNAL GONG, In Engine House No. 6, Wall Street.
" " In Engine House No. 8, North Bennet Street.
" " In Hose House No. 1, Salem Street.
" " In Hook and Ladder House No. 1, Friend Street.
" " In Police Station No. 1, Hanover Street.

ALARM GONG, In Engine House No. 8, North Bennet Street.
" " In Hose House No. 1, Salem Street.
" " In Police Station No. 1, Hanover Street.

ENGINEER, NATHANIEL W. PRATT, 24 Gouch Street.
30 blows are struck for an Alarm in this District. Thus: District 3 times, 15 blows, District 12 times.

DISTRICT No. 2,

Lies West of Leverett, Green, Court, Tremont, and Boylston Streets.

SIGNAL STATION No. 1. On Church, in North Russell Street. Key at T. L. Turner's Apothecary Store, Cor. Cambridge and N. Russell Streets.
" " " 2. On West Cedar, near Cambridge Street. Key at C. W. Munroe's Bakery, 90 West Cedar Street.
" " " 3. On Hose House No. 7, in River Street. Key at H. W. Lincoln's Apothecary Store, Corner Charles and Chestnut Streets.
" " " 4. On Corner Pinckney and Anderson Streets. Key at Nathaniel Bodge's Grocery, Corner Anderson and Myrtle Streets.
" " " 5. On Corner Myrtle and Hancock Streets. Key at Ashel Boyden's Apothecary Store, Corner Joy and Myrtle Streets.
" " " 6. On Corner Bowdoin and Cambridge Streets. Key at H. A. Choate's Apothecary Store, under Revere House.
" " " 7. On Beacon Street, opposite Somerset. Key in hands of Police.
" " " 8. On Corner Poplar and Spring Streets. Key at Samuel C. Goodwin's Grocery, Corner Poplar and Spring Streets.
" " " 9. On Corner Beacon and Beaver Streets. Key at W. Ropes' Dwelling House, 92 Beacon Street.
" " " 10. On Hose House No. 3, in Fruit Street. Key at Office City Stables, North Grove Street.

ALARM BELL, On Church, Corner Charles and River Streets.
" " On School House, Cor. Pinckney and Anderson Streets.
" " On School House, on Wall Street.

SIGNAL GONG, In Police Station No. 3, Joy Street.

ALARM GONG, In Hose House No 3, Fruit Street.
" " In Hose House No. 7, River Street.
" " In Police Station No. 3, Joy Street.

ENGINEER, JOHN S. DAMRELL, 28 Anderson Street.
33 blows are struck for an Alarm in this District. Thus: District 3 times, 15 blows, District 6 times.

DISTRICT No. 3,

Lies between the Water, Beach, Washington, Boylston, Tremont, Court, and State Streets.

SIGNAL STATION No. 1. On Old South Church, Corner Washington and Milk Streets. Key at Palmer's Grocery, 19 School Street.
" " " 2. On Corner India Street and Central Wharf. Key at Knowles & Beals' Counting Room, No. 1 Central Wharf.
" " " 3. On Corner High and Belmont Streets. Key in hands of Police.
" " " 4. On Engine House No. 7, in Purchase Street. Key at P. Morris' Apothecary Store, Cor. Purchase and Federal Streets.
" " " 5. On Corner Lincoln and Summer Streets. Key at P. Morris' Apothecary Store, Corner Purchase and Federal Streets.
" " " 6. On Corner Winter Street and Central Place. Key at O. Tompkins' Apothecary Store, Cor. Washington and Winter Sts.
" " " 7. In Fire Alarm Office, Court Square.
" " " 8. On Corner Broad Street and Rowe's Wharf. Key at W. B. Pierce's Eating House, Cor. Broad Street and Foster's North Wharf.
" " " 9. On Federal Street, opposite Channing. Key at Bayley's Bazaar, 91 Federal Street.
" " " 10. On Bedford Street, near Washington. Key at Smith & Melvin's Apothecary Store, 325 Washington Street.

ALARM BELL. On Old South Church, Corner Washington and Milk Sts.
" " On Mariners' Church, Corner Summer and Federal Sts.
" " On King's Chapel, Corner Tremont and School Streets.
" " On Old Engine House, East Street.

ALARM GONG, In Engine House No. 4, Court Square.
" " In Engine House No. 7, Purchase Street.
" " In Fire Alarm Office, Court Square.
" " In Police Station No. 2, Court Square.

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" " In Police Station No. 2, Court Square.

ENGINEER, DAVID C. MELOON, 90 Carver Street.

36 blows are struck for an Alarm in this District, by striking the number of the District twelve times.

DISTRICT No. 4,

Lies between the Water, Dover, Beach, Washington, and Boylston Streets.

SIGNAL STATION No. 1. On Old Colony Railroad Depot. Key at Baggage Room, Old Colony Railroad Passenger Depot.
" " " 2. On Hose House No. 2, in Hudson Street. Key at I. S. Trafton's Grocery, Corner Harvard and Hudson Streets.
" " " 3. On Corner Harrison Avenue and Seneca Street. Key at W. Stockman's Apothecary Store, Corner Harrison Avenue and Seneca Street.
" " " 4. On Church, in Indiana Place. Key at A. G. Wilbor's Apothecary Store, 745 Washington Street.
" " " 5. On Hose House No. 8, in Warren Street. Key at J. Maynard's Bakery, 91 Warren Street.
" " " 6. On Providence Railroad Depot. Key at Pfaff's Hotel, 155 Pleasant Street.
" " " 7. On Boylston Market, Corner Washington and Boylston Streets. Key at Police Station No 4, Boylston Place.
" " " 8. On Corner Tremont and Dover Streets. Key at H. T. Nye's Grocery, Corner Tremont and Dover Streets.

ALARM BELL, On Church, Corner Washington and Castle Streets.
" " On Church, in Hollis Street.
" " On Church, in Church Street.
" " on Hose House No. 2, Hudson Street.

ALARM GONG, In Hose House No. 8, Warren Street.
" " In Police Station No. 4, Boylston Place.

SIGNAL GONG, In Police Station No. 4, Boylston Place.
" " In Hose House No. 8, Warren Street.

ENGINEER, DAVID CHAMBERLIN, 91 Tyler Street.

40 blows are struck for an Alarm in this District, by striking the number of the District ten times.

DISTRICT No. 5,

South of Dover Street.

SIGNAL STATION No. 1. On Engine House No. 3, Corner Washington and Dover Streets. Key at Church & Choate's Apothecary Store, Corner Washington and Dover Streets.
" " " 2. On Corner Shawmut Avenue and Waltham Street. Key at J. J. Baker's Grocery, Corner Shawmut Av. and Milford St.
" " " 3. On Hose House No. 5, in Shawmut Avenue. Key at Jos. Church's Apothecary Store, Cor. Shawmut Av. and Canton St.

SIGNAL STATION No. 4. On Corner Washington and Northampton Streets. Key at Johnson's Grocery, Corner Washington and Northampton Sts.
" " " 5. On Police Station No. 5, East Dedham Street. Key at Police Station No. 5, East Dedham Street.
" " " 6. On Chickering's Piano Factory, Tremont Street. Key at Chickering's Counting Room.

ALARM BELL, On Church, in Shawmut Avenue, near Canton Street.
" " On Catholic Asylum, Camden Street.
" " On Old Franklin School House, Cor. Washington and Dover Streets.

ALARM GONG, In Hose House No. 4, Northampton Street.
" " In Hook and Ladder House No. 3, Harrison Avenue.
" " In Police Station No. 5, East Dedham Street.

SIGNAL GONG, In Hook and Ladder House No. 3, Harrison Avenue.
" " In Police Station No. 5, East Dedham Street.

ENGINEER, ZENAS E. SMITH, 601 Tremont Street.
40 blows are struck for an Alarm in this District, by striking the number of the District eight times.

DISTRICT No. 6—SOUTH BOSTON.

SIGNAL STATION No. 1. On Cor. Broadway and Dorchester Avenue. Key at A. Simond's Dwelling House, Cor. Broadway and Dorchester Av.
" " " 2. On Police Station No. 6, Broadway, near C Street. Key at Police Station No. 6.
" " " 3. On Lyceum Hall, Corner Broadway and E Street. Key at M. Howe's Apothecary Store, Cor. Broadway and E Street.
" " " 4. On Engine House No. 1, Broadway, near Dorchester Street. Key at J. W. F. Willson's Apothecary Store, Broadway, near Dorchester Street.
" " " 5. On Engine House No. 2, Fourth, near K Street. Key at S. S. Gray's Dwelling House, Fourth St. opposite the Box.
" " " 6. On Hose House No. 10, Washington Village. Key at Johnson's Dwelling House, Cor. Dorchester and Tuckerman Sts.

ALARM BELL, On Phillips Church, Cor. Broadway and Dorchester St.
" " On Lawrence School House, Cor. Third and B Streets.
" " On Lincoln School House, Broadway, near K Street.

ALARM GONG, In Engine House No. 1, Broadway, near Dorchester St.
" " In Engine House No. 2, Fourth, near K Street.
" " In Police Station No. 6, Broadway, near C Street.

SIGNAL GONG, Engine House No. 1, Broadway, near Dorchester Street.
" " Engine House No. 2, Fourth near K Street.
" " Hose House No. 9, B Street, near Broadway.
" " Police Station No. 6, Broadway, near C Street.

ENGINEER, GEORGE BROWN, Silver near D Street.
42 blows are struck for an Alarm in this District, by striking the number of the District seven times.

DISTRICT No. 7—EAST BOSTON.

SIGNAL STATION, On Eastern Railroad Avenue, near East Boston (Old) Ferry. Key at East Boston Ferry Toll House.

ENGINEER, JOSEPH DUNBAR, 83 Princeton Street. 42 blows are struck in the City proper and South Boston for a general Alarm in this District, by striking the number of the District six times. The Telegraph does not extend to this District.

CHIEF ENGINEER of the Boston Fire Department:
GEORGE W. BIRD, 15 Indiana Place.

ENGINEERS AT LARGE:
WILLIAM A. GREEN, 86 Friend Street.
CHARLES C. HENRY, 30 Hawley Street.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS, GEORGE H. ALLEN, Nassau Street, near Harrison Avenue.

In addition to the above, each Police Officer is furnished with a key to the Signal Stations, and in case of fire they are at all times prepared with the facilities for giving an alarm.

The following interesting tables and diagrams, showing the number of alarms which have occurred each hour, day, week, month, and year since the Fire Alarm Telegraph was established, in April, 1852, to January 1, 1862, have been computed by J. B. Stearns, Esq., Superintendent of Fire Alarms.

TABLE 1 — shows the number of alarms in each hour during the twenty-four hours of the day in each year, from April 28, 1852, to January 1, 1862, and the totals for the same period.

TABLE 2 — shows the number of alarms during each month of each year, and the totals from April 28, 1852, to January 1, 1862.

TABLE 3 — shows the number of alarms during each day of the week for each year, and the totals from April 28, 1852, to January 1, 1862, together with the number of blows struck upon the bells during the same year.

TABLE 4 — shows the number of alarms from each District and Station from April 28, 1852, to January 1, 1862.

THE FIRE ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Boston in City Council assembled:

SECTION 1. The fire department shall consist of a chief engineer, nine assistant engineers, and of as many foremen, enginemen, hosemen, and hook and ladder men, and other persons, to be divided into companies, as the number of engines and the number and quantity of other fire apparatus, belonging to the city, shall from time to time require.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

SECT. 2. There shall be chosen annually, by the city council, on the first Monday of January, or within sixty days thereafter, a chief engineer, nine assistant engineers, one at least from each fire district, and a secretary to the board of engineers, who shall receive certificates of appointment, of the form heretofore used; shall hold their offices for one year and until others are chosen in their places; and who shall receive such salaries as the city council shall from time to time determine; and the board of engineers may recommend to the city council a suitable person to fill the office of secretary of engineers. The assistant engineers shall rank according to seniority of service, and all questions relative to such seniority shall be determined by the board of aldermen.

SECT. 3. The city council may, by a concurrent vote, at any time, remove from office the chief engineer, any of the other engineers, or the secretary to the board of engineers.

SECT. 4. The engineers so chosen shall, immediately after their election, meet and organize themselves into a board of engineers. They shall, at such times as they may by their by-laws determine, hold such

TABLE Nº I

TABLE SHOWING ITS NUMBER OF ALARMS GIVEN BY TELEGRAPH DURING EACH HOUR OF THE DAY

From April 28th 1852 to January 1st 1862.

	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	A.M.	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. M	Total
1852.	2	3	5	1	4	0	2	1	3	4	2	4	31		7	3	6	3	4	10	8	6	9	10	9	6	81	112	
1853.	4	8	13	6	2	2	6	7	5	6	7	6	72		8	7	10	7	5	9	7	13	18	21	13	7	125	197	
1854.	15	8	7	8	6	4	4	2	8	4	3	9	78		9	6	2	8	10	9	10	11	12	9	12	10	108	186	
1855.	4	7	8	7	9	1	0	7	5	6	1	5	60		6	4	6	4	2	4	6	12	14	5	10	11	84	144	
1856.	14	10	7	7	6	3	1	3	3	6	3	3	66		3	4	10	9	4	5	12	8	15	11	11	10	102	168	
1857.	10	14	16	10	0	1	1	5	3	7	5	4	76		8	5	2	4	3	8	4	8	12	18	10	16	98	174	
1858.	8	7	8	6	1	2	1	0	7	4	2	5	51		7	6	11	6	4	6	3	9	12	9	11	16	100	151	
1859.	6	10	9	11	5	3	3	5	9	3	6	3	73		5	7	8	4	8	4	3	10	13	10	11	16	99	172	
1860.	8	13	8	6	4	4	3	4	2	4	3	5	64		5	2	4	6	5	6	8	8	12	5	11	10	82	146	
1861.	10	9	4	5	8	8	3	3	2	3	2	7	64		8	5	11	8	11	5	3	8	14	4	17	11	105	169	
Total	81	89	85	67	45	28	24	37	47	47	34	51	635		66	49	70	59	56	66	64	93	131	102	115	113	984	1619	

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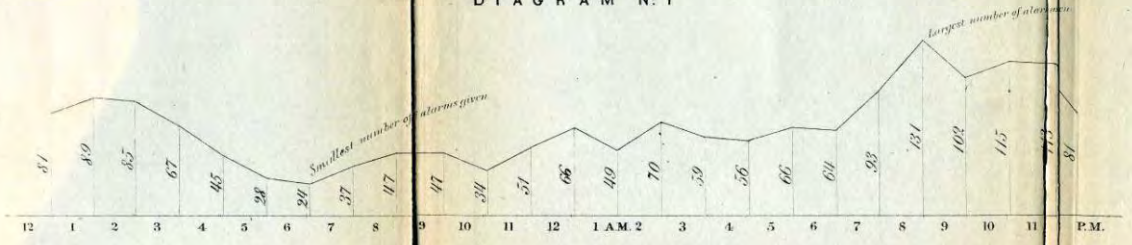

Scale $\frac{1}{10}$ inch to 1 unit.

TABLE Nº 2

TABLE SHOWING THE Nº OF ALARMS GIVEN BY TELEGRAPH IN EACH MONTH

from April 28th 1852 to January 1st 1862.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1852.				1	21	5	18	8	9	15	16	19	112
1853.	10	29	12	21	25	25	10	11	12	17	11	14	197
1854.	15	20	19	10	12	20	16	15	13	14	15	17	186
1855.	8	13	12	13	10	16	13	12	15	7	13	12	144
1856.	16	10	19	29	12	9	16	10	11	9	9	15	168
1857.	15	14	13	11	15	15	17	16	11	22	11	14	174
1858.	11	10	15	10	21	13	9	7	11	11	15	15	151
1859.	9	11	13	11	12	11	20	23	10	21	11	20	172
1860.	11	18	12	7	22	11	10	7	11	12	13	16	146
1861.	11	6	9	9	18	6	32	11	13	20	13	18	169
Total	112	131	124	122	168	131	161	120	112	151	127	160	1619

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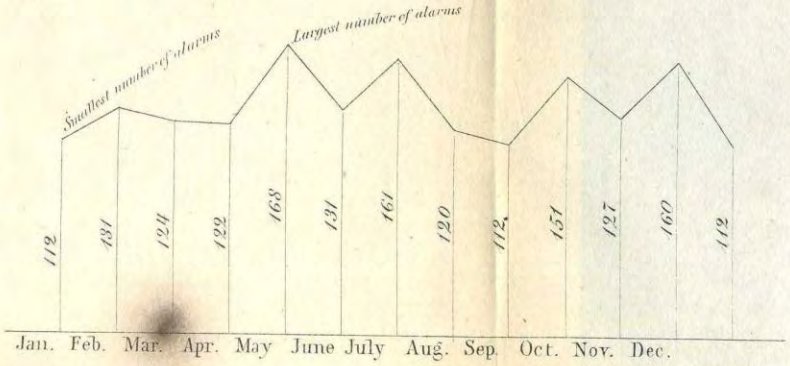


Scale 1/20 inch to a unit.

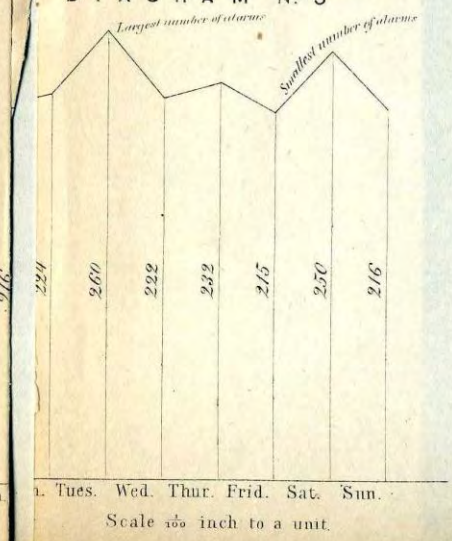
TABLE Nº 3

TABLE SHOWING THE Nº OF ALARMS GIVEN BY TELEGRAPH ON DIFFERENT DAYS OF WEEK

From April 28th 1852 to January 1st 1862.

Year	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Frid.	Sat.		Nº. of Blows
1852.	16	19	16	16	19	11	15	112	Nº of Blows not recorded
1853.	30	26	37	18	27	23	36	197	6305
1854.	27	20	31	31	24	26	27	186	7415
1855.	12	17	24	26	18	20	27	144	6498
1856.	22	20	26	27	27	27	19	168	8649
1857.	22	19	31	29	27	24	24	174	8022
1858.	23	27	30	16	15	16	24	151	6695
1859.	29	33	20	19	16	23	32	172	6838
1860.	18	22	21	20	18	20	27	146	5507
1861.	19	21	24	20	11	25	19	169	6252
Total	216	224	260	222	232	215	250	1619	62181

DIAGRAM Nº 3



Scale 1/100 inch to a unit.

TABLE Nº 4

TABLE SHOWING THE Nº OF ALARMS GIVEN BY TELEGRAPH FOR EACH DISTRICT & STATION,

from April 28th 1852 to January 1st 1862.

Note - The fire Telegraph is not extended to East Boston but alarms are struck for District 7 when assistance is required from the City Proper.

Station	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
1	76	113	63	49	41	11	72	68	52	31	61	9	2	581
2	27	31	23	7	8	19	13	19	3	1				151
3	25	50	23	52	31	23	14	10	3	5				286
4	12	24	31	24	8	21	34	15						199
5	30	3	44	45	10	8								140
6	52	57	29	38	18	8								202
7	60													60
District														1619

meetings as may be necessary for the prompt transaction of all business coming before them, at which the chief engineer or, in his absence, the senior engineer in service present, shall preside. A majority of the whole board of engineers shall be necessary to constitute a quorum; they may make such rules and orders for their government as a board of engineers as they may see fit, subject to the approval of the board of aldermen. They shall be responsible for the discipline, good order, and proper conduct of the whole department, both officers and men, and for the care of all houses, engines, hose-carriages, hook and ladder carriages, horses, furniture, and apparatus thereto belonging. They shall have the superintendence and control of all the engine and other houses used for the purposes of the fire department, and of all the horses, furniture, and apparatus thereto belonging, and of the engines and all other fire apparatus belonging to the city, and over the officers and members of the several companies attached to the fire department, and over all persons present at fires; and they may make such rules and regulations for the better government, discipline, and good order of the department, and for the extinguishment of fires, as they may from time to time think expedient; — such rules and regulations not being repugnant to the laws of this commonwealth, nor to any ordinance of the city, and being subject to the approbation of the board of aldermen, and to alteration or rescission by them at any time. The assistant engineers shall report their absences from fires to the chief engineer, with the reasons therefor, who shall keep a record of the same, and once every three months, and oftener if required make a report thereof, stating all the facts to the city council. In the absence of the chief engineer, the secretary shall make said record and report.

Sect. 5. The secretary to the board of engineers shall perform the ordinary duty of clerk to the board, and such other duties as the board of aldermen or the chief engineer may from time to time direct; and also such other duties as the board of engineers, by their rules and orders, to be approved by the board of aldermen, may from time to time determine. He shall keep an account of the appropriations made by the city council for the use of the fire department, and of the expenditures on account of the same, and shall compare his account monthly with the auditor's books, and see that the expenditures of the fire department do not at any time exceed the amount of the appropriations at their disposal. He shall also keep a separate account of the expenses of each engine, hose-carriage, and hook and ladder carriage, and of the horses, furniture, and apparatus thereto belonging, and all other incidental expenses, and shall present to the city council, in the annual report of the chief engineer, full and detailed statements thereof.

Sect. 6. It shall be the duty of said engineers, whenever a fire shall break out in the city, immediately to repair to the place of such fire, and to carry with them a suitable staff or badge of their office; to take proper measures that the several engines and other apparatus be arranged in the most advantageous situations, and duly worked for the speedy and effectual extinguishment of the fire; to require and compel assistance from all persons, as well members of the fire department as others, in extinguishing the fire, removing furniture, goods, or other merchandise from any building on fire, or in danger thereof, and to appoint guards to secure the same; and also in pulling down or demolishing any house or building if occasion require, and further to suppress all tumults and disorders. It shall also be their duty to cause order to be preserved in going to, working at, or returning from fires, and at all other times when companies attached to the department are on duty.

Sect. 7. Whenever any fire occurs in either of the adjoining cities or towns, it shall be the duty of only such and so many of said engineers to repair thither, as shall have been previously designated for such purpose by the chief engineer.

Sect. 8. The chief engineer shall have the sole command at fires, over all the other engineers, and all officers and members of the fire department, and all other persons who may be present at fires, and shall direct all proper measures for the extinguishment of fires, protection of property, preservation of order, and observance of the laws, ordinances, and regulations respecting fires; and it shall be the duty of said chief engineer to examine into the condition of the engines and all other fire apparatus, and the horses connected therewith, and of the engine and other houses belonging to the city, and used for the purposes of the fire department, and of the companies attached to the said department, as often as circumstances may render it expedient, or whenever directed so to do by the board of aldermen, or by the committee of the board of aldermen, on the fire department. Whenever the engines or other fire apparatus, engine or other houses used by the fire department, require alterations, additions, or repairs, the chief engineer, under the direction

of the board of aldermen or of the committee on the fire department, shall cause the same to be made. It shall also be the duty of the chief engineer to receive and transmit to the board of aldermen all returns of officers, members, and fire apparatus, made by the respective companies. as hereinafter prescribed, and all other communications relating to the affairs of the fire department; to keep fair and exact rolls of the respective companies, specifying the time of admission and discharge, and the age of each member. He shall also critically examine all the bills and accounts against the fire department, and certify, in writing, to the correctness of each item thereof before sending them to the auditor's office for payment. He shall annually, in the month of January, and oftener if thereto requested, report to the city council an account, to be prepared by the secretary to the board of engineers as hereinbefore provided, of the condition of the engine houses, engine, fire apparatus, and other property under his charge; of the income and expenditures of the fire department for the whole of the previous year, specifying particularly the expenditure on each engine, hose carriage, and hook and ladder carriage, and of the horses, furniture, and apparatus connected therewith, as required in section 5, together with the names of the officers and members of the various companies; the number and location of the fire-alarm stations; the number of fires since his last report, and the causes thereof, and the extent of damage as near as can be ascertained; the general description of the buildings and property destroyed or injured since his last report, together with the names of the owners or occupants; the amount of insurance, if any; all accidents by fire which may happen within the city, with such other information or suggestions as may in his opinion be of general use; the same to be published as the city council may direct.

SECT. 9. In case of the absence of the chief engineer, the engineer next in rank who may be present shall execute the duties of his office, with full powers.

SECT. 10. It shall be the duty of the chief engineer, and of the other engineers, to report to the board of aldermen the name of every person, not a member of either of said companies, who shall, contrary to law, refuse or neglect to obey any orders of any engineer, given at any fire.

SECT. 11. Whenever it shall be adjudged at any fire, by any three or more of the engineers present, of whom the chief engineer, if present, shall be one, to be necessary, in order to prevent the further spreading

of the fire, to pull down or otherwise demolish any building, the same may be done by their joint order.

SECT. 12. It shall be the duty of the chief and other engineers, to inquire for and examine into all shops and other places where shavings or other such combustible materials may be collected or deposited, and at all times to be vigilant in taking care of the removal of the same, whenever, in the opinion of any two of them, the same may endanger the security of the city from fires, and to direct the tenant or occupant of said shops or other places to remove the same; and, in case of such tenant's or occupant's neglect or refusal so to do, to cause the same to be removed at the expense of such tenant or occupant, who shall, in addition, be liable to a penalty of not less than two nor more than twenty dollars for such neglect or refusal; and any person who shall obstruct the engineers or any of them in carrying out the provisions of this section, shall also be liable to a penalty of not less than two nor more than twenty dollars. It shall also be the duty of said engineers to take cognizance of all buildings in the city in which any steam-engine shall be used, and of all buildings in the city in process of erection or alteration, and to make a record of such thereof as in their judgment may, from any cause, be dangerous, and report the same to the board of aldermen forthwith. It shall also be the duty of said engineers to cause prosecution to be instituted in all cases of infraction of the laws relative to the erection of wooden buildings, or of any other laws or ordinances in relation to the fire department, or for the prevention of fire within the limits of the city.

SECT. 13. The power of making and establishing rules and regulations for the transportation and keeping of gunpowder within the city of Boston, and of granting licenses for the keeping and sale thereof in the city, according to the provisions of an act entitled "An act further regulating the storage, safe-keeping, and transportation of gunpowder in the city of Boston," and of any other act or acts on the same subject, shall be exercised and performed by the chief and assistant engineers, and the power and duty of seizing any gunpowder kept or being within the city or harbor thereof, contrary to the provisions of the said act or acts, shall be exercised and performed by the said engineers or any of them; and in any case of any seizure being made by any engineer other than the chief, he shall forthwith report to the chief engineer, and the chief engineer shall cause all gunpowder which may have been seized as

aforesaid to be libelled and prosecuted in the manner prescribed in the said acts; and all the other powers and duties granted and enjoined in and by the said act or acts, shall be performed by the said chief or one of the assistant engineers.

SECT. 14. All moneys received for fines, forfeitures, and penalties arising under this ordinance or the laws of this commonwealth, regulating the storage and transportation of gunpowder, or the erection of buildings within the city of Boston, or the prevention and extinguishment of fire, unless by such laws otherwise specially provided, shall be paid into the treasury of the city, to be applied in such way as is provided in the acts of this commonwealth.

GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SECT. 15. No person under twenty-one years of age shall be an officer or member of the fire department; nor shall any person be an officer or member who is not a citizen of the United States, and a legal voter in the city of Boston.

SECT. 16. Every officer and every member of the fire department shall sign the following statement, to be deposited with the board of engineers; "I, A B, having been appointed a member of the Boston fire department, hereby signify my agreement to abide by all the ordinances of the city council, and the rules and regulations of the board of aldermen and the board of engineers relating thereto." And any officer or member who shall neglect or refuse to sign the same, shall not be entitled to any compensation whatsoever.

SECT. 17. It shall be the duty of the board of engineers to report from time to time to the mayor the names of such officers or members, of the department, if any, as in their judgment should be removed or discharged, with their reasons therefor; and whenever, from any cause, a vacancy shall occur in the department which is to be filled by the mayor and aldermen, the board of engineers shall recommend to them for their consideration the name of some proper person to fill the same.

SECT. 18. Any officer or member of the fire department, except the chief and assistant engineers, and the superintendent of fire alarms and his assistants, may at any time by the mayor be removed or dismissed from the department, or deposed from any office that he may hold therein.

SECT. 19. In all cases of removal from the department, the name of the party removed, with a statement of the reasons therefor, shall be entered on the records of the engineers, and a copy of the same shall be transmitted to the board of aldermen before their next regular meeting.

SECT. 20. There shall be paid to each officer and member of the department such sum as the city council may, from time to time, determine; and in case of the temporary absence of any member from the city, or inability to perform his duties, in consequence of sickness, he shall provide a substitute, whose name he shall return to the foreman of the company for approval, failing in which he shall be subject to all deductions which may accrue for his absence.

SECT. 21. Neither the members nor the officers of any of the companies shall assemble in any of the engine or other houses belonging to the department, except *as herein prescribed*, and for taking the engine or other 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.

SECT. 22. Any officer or member of the fire department who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform his duty, or shall be guilty of disorderly conduct or disobedience to his superiors in office, shall for such offence, besides being subject to the penalty hereinafter provided, be dismissed from the department.

SECT. 23. Every person who shall have served according to law in the fire department for seven successive years, shall be entitled to receive a certificate thereof, signed by the mayor of said city; and all persons who shall receive said certificate as aforesaid, shall be entitled to wear the badge of the department, and to do duty therein, when desired so to do by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen, under such organization and management as they may determine.

ENGINE, HOSE, AND HOOK AND LADDER COMPANIES, AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MEN.

SECT. 24. As many engine, hose, and hook and ladder companies shall from time to time be formed by the board of aldermen as they shall deem expedient, and each engine, hose, and hook and ladder company shall consist of as many men as shall be appointed from time to

time by the mayor with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen.

SECT. 25. The officers and members of the fire department shall be paid quarterly; and every officer or member thereof who shall not serve the whole of the quarter, except in case of sickness, death, or removal from the city, or who shall be removed from the department or deposed from his office for cause, shall forfeit any and all compensation that would otherwise have been due to him at the time when such service ceased, or such deposing or removal took place.

SECT. 26. Every engine company shall have an engineman, fireman, and driver, who shall be permanently employed, and who shall, at all times, be in or about the engine house, except when unavoidably absent, or when going to, or remaining at, or returning from fires, and, until otherwise ordered, including the foreman, eight hosemen; and the engineman, fireman, driver, and hosemen shall be appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen.

SECT. 27. Each hose company shall have a driver, who shall at all times, except when unavoidably absent, or when going to, or remaining at, or returning from fires, be in or about the house, and shall, until otherwise ordered, also have, including the foreman, eight hosemen. The driver and hosemen to be appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen.

SECT. 28. Each hook and ladder company shall have three or more each of axemen and rakemen; the axemen and rakemen to be appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen.

SECT. 29. The board of engineers shall make rules and regulations in respect to a driver and steward, either permanent or temporary, of hook and ladder carriages, and define their duties; such rules and regulations however being subject to approval, alteration, or rescission, as provided in the fourth section of this ordinance.

SECT. 30. Every engine, hose, and hook and ladder company shall have a foreman and clerk, and every hook and ladder company an assistant foreman in addition; the foreman and assistant foreman to be nominated, annually at least, or, whenever a vacancy occurs, by the members of the respective companies, from among their own number, and a return of the same made to the board of engineers; and in case of rejection by them, the name of the person so rejected shall be returned

to the company, who shall select another person for approval; and whenever any person so nominated shall be approved by the board of engineers, his name shall be sent to the board of aldermen for approval or rejection, and in case of rejection, another person shall be nominated, as aforesaid, before the next regular meeting of the board of aldermen, and the like proceedings had as before; and these officers, when approved, shall receive certificates of appointment, signed by the mayor, and shall hold their places until removed, or others shall be appointed in their stead. If, upon rejection by the board of engineers or board of aldermen of any person nominated and returned as aforesaid, a suitable person is not nominated and returned by the company as aforesaid, within one week from the date of reception of notice of such rejection, the board of engineers shall themselves send to the board of aldermen, for their approval or rejection, the name of some suitable person for the place, to be selected from the same company. And if any hook and ladder company shall not have a driver, a clerk of such company shall be nominated and selected in the same manner as the foreman.

SECT. 31. The engineman shall, under the direction of the board of engineers, have the sole care of the engine house intrusted to him, and of all the property therein belonging to the city. He shall be held personally responsible for the care and good order of the engine, and shall work and manage the same, and see that it is at all times in condition for immediate use. He shall be accountable for the proper performance of all duties required of the fireman and driver, and in case of any neglect or delinquency on their part, shall report the same to the chief engineer.

SECT. 32. The foreman of each engine shall, at fires, direct the placing of the engine at a suitable place to obtain a supply of water, and have the charge and direction of the hose and hosemen; and the foreman of each hose company or hook and ladder company shall have charge of the apparatus belonging to his company, and the direction thereof, and of the driver and men belonging to his company. And the foreman of every company shall preserve order and discipline, at all times, among the members of the company under him, and require of them and enforce a strict compliance with the city ordinances, the rules and regulations of the department, and the orders of the engineers.

SECT. 33. In the absence of the foreman of any company, the assist-

ant foreman, if there shall be one, otherwise the senior hoseman, or hook and ladder man in service present, as the case may be, connected with the same company, shall perform the duties of the foreman.

SECT. 34. The fireman shall be under the immediate direction of the engineman, and shall perform all the duties that may be required of him by the engineman, on the engine and in the house, including cleaning the house, the engine, and other apparatus belonging to the company, and the snow from the sidewalk.

SECT. 35. The drivers belonging to the respective companies shall take care of, and properly groom the horses belonging to their respective companies, see that the same are at all times ready for immediate use, convey the apparatus to the place of the fire on an alarm being sounded, and perform the duties of and be clerks of their respective companies. And it shall, in addition, be the duty of such of the drivers as shall be connected with hose or hook and ladder companies to see that the hose or other apparatus is ready at all times for immediate use, and to keep such hose and apparatus, and the house and stable neat, clean, and tidy, and clear the snow from the sidewalks of the respective houses, and they shall be under the immediate direction of the foreman of their respective companies. The driver of each engine shall be under the immediate direction of the engineman, and shall besides the duties herein prescribed to be performed by him, assist the fireman in the performance of his duties, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the engineman.

SECT. 36. The clerks of the respective companies shall keep fair and exact rolls, specifying the time of admission, discharge, and age of the respective members of their companies, and shall also keep, in books provided by the city for that purpose, correct and faithful accounts of all city property intrusted to or connected with their respective companies, and of all absences and tardiness of the officers and members thereof, which rolls and record books shall always be subject to the order of the board of engineers, or of the board of aldermen. Said clerks shall also make, or cause to be made to the chief engineer, true and accurate returns, whenever called upon so to do, of all the members, with their ages, and of the apparatus belonging to or connected with their respective companies, and shall also report monthly, at least, to the chief engineer, all absences and tardiness aforesaid.

SECT. 37. The hoseman of each engine company and of each hose company, and the axemen and rakemen and other members of each hook and ladder company, shall perform such duties as shall be required of them by their respective foremen.

SECT. 38. The board of engineers, whenever in their judgment it may be expedient, may employ or permit to stay or sleep in the house, wherein a hose carriage or hook and ladder carriage is kept, one member from the same company in addition to the driver.

SECT. 39. It shall be the duty of the officers and members of the several engine, hose, and hook and ladder companies, whenever a fire shall break out in the city, to repair to the place of the fire with their respective engines, hose, hook and ladder carriages, and other apparatus, in as orderly a manner as may be according to the directions, if any given, of the board of engineers, and exert themselves in the most orderly and efficient manner possible, in working and managing the said engines, hose, hooks and ladders, and other apparatus, and in performing any duty that they may be called upon to do by any engineer; and, upon permission of the chief or other engineer, in an orderly and quiet manner to return said engines, hose, hook and ladder carriages, and other apparatus, to their respective places of deposit. Provided that, in the absence of all the engineers, such direction or permission may be given by the respective foremen.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SECT. 40. Whenever any person shall have received his certificate of appointment to any office under this ordinance, he shall thereby be immediately invested with all the authority conferred, and subject to all the duties imposed by the laws, the city ordinances, and the rules and regulations of the fire department; and whenever a vacancy shall occur in the department, the same shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be.

SECT. 41. The engineers, officers, and members of the several companies regularly appointed shall, when on duty, wear such badges or insignia, as the board of aldermen shall from time to time direct, to be furnished at the expense of the city, and no other person or persons shall be permitted to wear the same, except under such restrictions and regulations as the mayor and board of aldermen may direct.

SECT. 42. No uniform, except such badges and insignia as are prescribed from time to time by the board of aldermen, shall be worn upon

any occasion, as firemen, by either officers or men belonging to the department.

SECT. 43. No company shall have power to appoint or discharge any officer or member.

SECT 44. No company shall leave the city, in case of fire in the neighboring cities and towns, except by the express order of the chief engineer or one of the assistant engineers; and no company shall leave the city on an excursion.

SECT. 45. No associations, or organized societies or clubs of firemen, as such, shall be allowed in the department, except by the express permission of the city council.

SECT. 46. No company shall be allowed to impose fines upon its members. For every absence or tardiness, except in case of sickness, and except those cases in which he shall fail to hear the alarm in the night-time by reason of the omission to give or sound the alarm in the fire district in which he lives, there shall be deducted from the pay of the absent or tardy officer or member the sum of twenty-five cents, which amount so deducted shall be paid over at the end of each quarter to the treasurer of the company to which such officer or member shall belong, to meet the incidental expenses of the company. And if any officer or member shall have been absent or tardy at more than one third of the fires, or alarms of fires occurring during the month, if more than five, except in case of sickness, such absence or tardiness shall be considered good cause for his discharge from the department.

SECT. 47. The board of engineers, notwithstanding the provisions herein contained, may, with the approval of the mayor, grant to any officer or member of the fire department, if they shall think it compatible with the interests of the department, a vacation not exceeding two weeks in any one year upon such terms, if any, as they shall think expedient.

And the mayor, with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen, may, if they see fit, whenever any member or officer of the fire department shall, by reason of such vacation, or sickness, or otherwise, not attend to his duties in the department, select a substitute.

DUTIES OF POLICE IN REGARD TO FIRES.

SECT. 48. Immediately upon an alarm or discovery of fire, it shall be the duty of the members of the police department to communicate

the fact to the central station by means of the signal boxes in the district in which the fire may be, in accordance with the rules and regulations in regard to fire alarms. And it shall be the duty of the policemen in the night-time, immediately upon an alarm of fire being given or sounded upon the bells connected with the fire-alarm apparatus, to give further notice thereof within their respective districts by springing their rattles, crying "fire," (and in East Boston by ringing a bell,) and mentioning the district and box of the district in which the fire exists. And if any policeman shall neglect so to do, he shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than two nor more than twenty dollars for every offence.

SECT. 49. It shall be the duty of such of the police officers of the city as may be selected for that service, to repair with their staves, or such other badges of office as the board of aldermen shall direct, on the alarm of fire, immediately to the place where the fire may be, and there to use their best skill and power, under the direction of the engineers, for the preservation of the public peace, and the prevention of theft and destruction of property, and the removal of all suspected persons.

FIRE ALARMS.

SECT. 50. In the month of January in each year, there shall be appointed a joint committee of the city council, to be called the committee on fire alarms, to consist of two aldermen and three members of the common council.

SECT. 51. The said committee shall have the care and management of the rooms, apparatus, and machinery connected with the system of telegraphic fire alarms, and shall also have the power to appoint, upon the nomination of the superintendent of fire alarms, suitable persons to assist in the management of said system of fire alarms and also to discharge the same, and to establish the compensation of the same, unless the same shall be specially provided by the city council: and the said committee shall have power to determine the persons to whom shall be intrusted keys of the signal-boxes connected with said system of fire alarms, and, generally, shall have charge of said apparatus, and control over the management of the same, subject to any special order of the city council.

SECT. 52. There shall be annually appointed by the city council, on the first Monday of January, or within sixty days thereafter, a suitable

person to be superintendent of fire alarms, who shall have charge of the system of telegraphic fire alarms, under the direction of the committee on fire alarms, and see that the same is kept in good repair and in working condition, and be considered responsible for the same. The said superintendent shall hold his office for one year and until a successor is elected, and he shall be at all times removable by the city council, and he shall receive such compensation as the city council shall determine.

SECT. 53. Alarms of fire shall be given by means of the system of telegraphic fire alarms, in accordance with the rules and directions established by the joint special committee on fire alarms, in the year 1853, and amended May 12, 1855, which are hereby declared to be the rules for giving alarms of fire within the city of Boston.

SECT. 54. The joint committee on fire alarms shall have power from time to time to alter or change said rules and directions, and the same shall be binding upon all persons after said rules and directions, as altered, shall be placed on file in the office of the engineers of the fire department, and with the city clerk. And the same shall then be published in the same manner as ordinances of the city are published; but the city council shall at all times have power to alter, amend, or annul the same.

SECT. 55. No person shall open any of the signal-boxes connected with the telegraphic fire alarms, for the purpose of giving a false alarm, or interfere in any way with said boxes, by breaking, cutting, injuring, or defacing the same, or turn the cranks therein, except in case of fire, or tamper or meddle with said boxes or any part thereof.

SECT. 56. Any person who shall be guilty of a breach of any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars for each offence.

SECT. 57. The present chief engineer and other engineers, and officers and members of the fire department, shall continue in the department and to hold their respective offices therein; subject, however, to the provisions of this ordinance.

REPEALING CLAUSE, ETC.

SECT. 58. The ordinance entitled "An ordinance establishing a fire department, and providing for preventing and extinguishing fires," passed on the eighth day of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty,

and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed; but this repeal shall not revive any ordinance or any part of any ordinance previously repealed.

SECT. 59. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

A true copy of the ordinance as passed August 20, 1861, and amended November 26, 1861.

Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, *City Clerk.*

ESTABLISHMENT OF HAND HOSE COMPANY AT WASHINGTON VILLAGE.

CITY OF BOSTON.
In Board of Aldermen, June 24, 1861.

ORDERED: That the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to procure a Hand Hose Apparatus, to be located at Washington Village, and that a company be organized and established, to consist of a Foreman, Steward, and six Hosemen; the Foreman to receive fifty dollars annually, the Steward fifty dollars annually, and the Hosemen thirty dollars annually.

Approved, June 28, 1861.

A true copy. Attest:

S. F. McCLEARY, *City Clerk.*

RULES

FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE FIRE APPARATUS OF BOSTON.—1861.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JUNE 28, 1861.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Engineers having adopted the following rules for the better distribution of the apparatus, in case of fire, respectfully ask for their approval.

GEORGE W. BIRD, *Chief Engineer.*

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, No. 1.

Located on Broadway, near Dorchester Street, South Boston.

To be taken out on first alarm in District 6.
To be taken out on second alarm in Districts 3, 4, and 5.
To be taken out on third alarm in the entire city.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, No. 2.

Located on Fourth Street, near Old Road, South Boston.

To be taken out on first alarm in District 6.
To be taken out on third alarm in other sections of the city.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, No. 3.

Located on Washington, near Dover Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6, and boxes 1, 2, and 11 of District 1, and boxes 2, 3, 7, and 9 of District 2.
To be taken out on second alarm in all other portions of the city proper.
To be taken out on third alarm to East Boston.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, No. 4.

Located in Court Square, under City Hall.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, and box 1 of District 5.
To be taken out on second alarm to all other sections of Districts 5 and 6.
To be taken out on third alarm from District 7.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, No. 5.

Located on Marion Street, East Boston.

To be taken out on first alarm in District 7.
To be taken out on third alarm in all other sections of the city.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, No. 6.

Located on Wall Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.
To be taken out on second alarm in Districts 5 and 6.
To be taken out on third alarm in all other Districts.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, No. 7.

Located on Purchase Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 1, 3, 4, and 5, and boxes 1, 2, 3, and 4 of District 6, and boxes 4, 5, 6, and 7 of District 2.
To be taken out on second alarm from all other localities of the city.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, No. 8.

Located on North Bennet Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 7.
To be taken out on second alarm from District 4.
To be taken out on third alarm to all other sections of the city.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, No. 9.

Located on Paris Street, East Boston.

To be taken out on first alarm in District 7.
To be taken out on third alarm in all other sections of the city.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

Located on Friend Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.
To be taken to all other Districts on second alarm.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 2.

Located on Paris Street, East Boston.

To be taken out on first alarm in District 7.
To be taken out on third alarm to all other sections of the city.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 3.

Located on Harrison Avenue, near City Stables.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6, and boxes 2, 3, 7, and 9 of District 2, and boxes 1, 2, and 11 in District 1.
To be taken to all other sections on second alarm, except District 7.
To be taken to District 7 on third alarm.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

Located on Salem Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7.
To be taken out on third alarm to all other sections of the city.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

Located on Hudson Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6, and boxes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 11 of District 1, and box 7 of District 2.
To be taken to all other sections except District 7 on second alarm.
To be taken to District 7 on third alarm.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

Located on Fruit Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4.
To be taken out on second alarm in Districts 5 and 7.
To be taken out on third alarm in District 6.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 4.

Located on Northampton Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in District 5, and box 8 of District 4.
To be taken out on second alarm in Districts 3, 4, and 6.
To be taken out on third alarm in all sections of the city.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 5.

Located on Shawmut Avenue.

To be taken out on first alarm to Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6.
To be taken out on second alarm to Districts 1 and 2.
To be taken to any section of the city on third alarm.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 6.

Located on Chelsea Street, East Boston.

To be taken out on first alarm in District 7.
To be taken out on third alarm from any section of the city.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 7.

Located on River, foot of Mount Vernon Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, and box 1 of District 5.
To be taken out on second alarm from Districts 5 and 6.
To be taken out on third alarm from all other sections of the city.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 8.

Located on Warren Street.

To be taken out on first alarm in Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5, and boxes 1, 2, and 11 of District 1, and boxes 1, 2, 3, and 4 of District 6.
To be taken out on second alarm to all other sections of the city, except District 7.
To be taken out on third alarm from District 7.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 9.

Located on B Street, South Boston.

To be taken out on first alarm in District 6.
To be taken out on second alarm to Districts 3, 4, and 5.
To be taken out on third alarm to all other sections of the city.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, July 29, 1861.

Read and approved.
Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, *City Clerk.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Of the Board of Engineers in respect to the Duties of Stewards of Hook and Ladder Companies.

SECTION 1. Every hook and ladder company to which no permanent driver is attached, shall have a steward, who shall be selected in the manner prescribed in Section 30 of the Fire Ordinance for selecting other officers of hook and ladder companies, whenever vacancies shall occur in consequence of removal for cause or resignation.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the stewards of hook and ladder companies to see that the apparatus in charge of the company is at all times ready for immediate use, and the house provided for its storage kept neat, clean, and tidy, and to clean the snow from the sidewalk of the respective houses under the immediate direction of the foremen of their respective companies.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the steward of Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, in addition to the duties prescribed in the preceding section, to drive the horse provided by the city for drawing the apparatus, and he shall be required to sleep in the building where the horse is kept, and to have his employment in the immediate vicinity of the same.

Approved by the Board of Aldermen, December 16, 1861.

Attest: S. F. McCLEARY, *City Clerk.*

EXPENSES OF THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the thirteen municipal years ending December 31, 1861, *viz:*

YEAR ENDING JAN. 1.	TOTAL EXPENSES.	FIRE ALARMS.	BALANCE OF EXPENSES.
1850	68,525 60	00,000 00	68,525 60
1851	62,006 67	00,000 00	62,006 67
1852	76,547 59	12,269 53	64,278 06
1853	72,452 99	9,330 71	63,122 28
1854	85,329 91	8,751 31	76,578 60
1855	88,144 52	9,278 30	78,866 22
1856	100,353 32	7,346 09	93,007 23
1857	86,297 70	7,977 04	78,320 66
1858	117,612 27	8,762 13	108,850 14
1859	101,708 01	7,852 26	93,855 75
1860	136,632 33	7,583 50	129,048 83
1861	124,252 02	8,457 73	115,794 29
1862	83,960 50	5,559 42	78,401 08

The above statement of expenses includes the purchase of engines, horses and equipments, houses and furniture, and all the expenditures of the Department, of whatever character.

FIRES, ALARMS, ETC.,

FROM JANUARY 1, 1861, TO JANUARY 1, 1862.

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861, Jan'ry 1	11.03 P.M.	Estate of W. Coffin,	2 Essex Place.	$ 20		Caused by incendiary.
		Mr. Harris,	"			
		Mr. Kelley,	"			
4	1.01 A.M.	Does & Schoendorff,	12 Eliot Street.	50	$ 50	Caused by incendiary.
		John Flock,	"			
5	5.00 A.M.	Long Wh'f. Corporat'n,	72 Long Wharf.	2,750	2,700	Cause unknown. This building had iron window and door shutters, which were closed, and much time was lost before access could be obtained sufficient to enable the department to work to advantage; this, in connection with the delay of the Police in giving the alarm, caused the large loss of property.
		Van Pragg & Co.,	"	4,500		
		Alpheus Hardy & Co.	"	3,500	3,500	
		Elijah Williams & Co.	"	5,000	5,000	
		Eaton, Cummings, & Co.	73 "	2		
		U. S. Warehouse,	71 "			
11	10.27 P.M.	Atkinson & Felkin,	6 Bedford Street.	900	750	Probably caus'd by incendiary.
		J. A. Johnson,	"	100	100	
		Waterman & Co.	8 "	500	500	
		Bradlee & Bailey, trus.	6 & 8 "	600	600	
12	7.00 P.M.	Presbyterian Church,	Havre St., East Boston.			Defect in furnace.
12	11.32 P.M.	Quincy House,	Cor. Brattle Street and Brattle Square.	25	25	" "

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
Jan'ry 14	10.41 A.M.	G. Howland Shaw,	335 Cambridge Street.	12,000	8,000	Cause unknown. Fire originated in the cellar and followed the funnel to the top of the building, causing its complete destruction Steam Engine No. 9, from East Boston, and No. 1 from South Boston, were present and in service at this fire.
		Mason & Hamlin,	337 "	28,150	20,150	
		Mr. Gould,	Cor. Cambridge St. and North Charles St.			
		Dennis F. Flagg,		200		
		E. B. Richards,		50		
		John Roberts,	333 Cambridge Street.			
		T. H. Stacey,		150		
		Henry Walmsley,	R'r 333 Cambridge St.			
		F. A. Walther,		200	200	
		J. C. Tupper,	331 Cambridge Street.			
		J. B. Whitten,		50		
14	11.10 P.M.					Repeating alarm.
14	12 00 M.					" " at E. Boston.
14	7.30 P.M.	Irish families,	Cor. East Orange and Lehigh Street.			Stove overturned.
15	7.08 A.M.	E. H. Blake & Co.,	5 Blackstone Street.	2,173	1,500	Cause unknown.
		Jona. French,	" "	127	127	
15	8.08 A.M.					Repeated from Cambridge St. fire.
15	2.32 P.M.	Irish families,	Cor. O St. and Broadway.			Caused by stove upset by drunken woman.
16	5.57 A.M.	Estate of W. W. Motley,	Elm Street, cor. Brattle Square.	2,000	2,000	

		Henry Winship & Co.,		7,000		
		J. H. Merriam,		75	75	
		B. Heinman,				
		W. B. Shepard,	20 Brattle Square.			
		R. S. Cambell,	7 " "	300		
16	8.00 A.M.					Alarm in E. B. from above fire.
16	9.30 A.M.					H. & L. Co. No. 2 were pres'nt.
18	12.30 A.M.	Jonathan Peirce,	29 Haverhill Street.			Caused by carelessly leaving the stove.
		Peter T. Homer,	" "	5	5	
20	7.35 P.M.	Simmons,	79 Union Street.			Probable incendiary.
		T. O'Dowd,	81 " "	225	225	
		Col. Readhead,	77 " "	100		
		Edward Ridell,				
		John Rayner,		600	550	
				$71,352	$46,107	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out this month { District One, 6; District Two, 1; District Three, 1; District Four, 3; District Six, 1; District Seven, 4; Repeating Alarms, 2 } 18 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 16 times. Loss, $ 33,778; Insurance, $ 30,478.

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
Feb'ry 1	3.00 A.M.	William Nash,	24 Havre Street.	$ 750	$ 750	
		Irish families,				
2	10.28 P.M.	Mr. Holmes,	P, cor. Second Street.	14	14	Caused by slacking of lime.
3	4.25 P.M.	Est. of Joshua Sears,	9 State Block, or	300	300	Supposed to be caused by the spontaneous combustion of oil and lampblack.
		Samuel Stevens,	205 State Street.			
		Briggs & Robinson,	207 "	1,020	1,020	
5	8.30 P.M.	William Young,	71 Chambers Street.	141	141	Supposed to be caused by bed-clothes in contact with stove.
7	5.30 A.M.	J. W. Fenno,	92 Warren Street.	100	100	Defect in construction of fire-board.
		John McGrath,		100	100	
		Mr. Kohler,				
10	7.20 A.M.	Trus. Tremont Temple,	Tremont Street.	431	431	Woodwork near the boiler.
12	7.15 P.M.	Elizabeth Buel,	Meridian, cr. Havre St.	5		Caused by matches thrown into waste-box.
		Levi Brown,		50		
22	6.00 P.M.	John Havlin,	77 Everett Street.	20	20	Cause unknown.
		M. McMannus,				
		Catharine Devine,		20	20	
25	3.00 P.M.	Brown & Lovell,	East Boston.			Kettle of tar.
25	3.00 P.M.	W. W. Bennett,	160 Princeton St., E B.	10	10	Kettle of pitch on stove.
27	5.03 P.M.	Chas. U. Cotting,	506 Commercial St.	100	100	
		John McLane,		40		
				$ 3,101	$ 3,006	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out this month { District One, 2; District Two, 2; District Four, 1; District Six, 1; District Seven, 5 } 11 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 20 times. Loss, $ 119,600. Insurance, $ 109,450.

March 7	8.12 P.M.	David Grenough,	12 & 14 School Street.	852	852	Caused by incendiary in all probability.
		Thomas R. Holland,	12 School Street.	2,950	2,950	
		Israel M. Rice,	12 "			
		P. H. Barry,	14 "			
7	10.10 P.M.	Hamilton & Co.,	Cr. Was'n & Chap'n Sts.	2,400	1,400	Supposed to have originated from furnace in the cellar.
		Hancock estate.				
18	8 00 P.M.	Mrs. J. H. Bate,	5 Staniford Place.			Fire in closet. Cause unknown.
23	7.53 P.M.	John L. Gardner,	563 Tremont Street.	250		Supposed to have taken from stove in dry room.
		Alfred Newhall & Co.,		1,900	1,900	
		L. M. Wood & Co.,				
23	10.20 P.M.	Mrs. Cowie,	Rear 15 Friend Street.			Stove.
29	7.01 P.M.	Conrad & Co.,	86 North Street.			Probably incendiary.
30	11.40 P.M.	Charles Taylor,	154 Broadway.			" "
31	6.55 A.M.	Geo. W. Titcomb,	407 Broad Street.	1,000	1,000	
		Timson & Titcomb,	407 Broad Street.	9,500	4,500	" "
		D. Chamberlin,	405 Broad Street.	257	200	

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
		Dennis Sullivan,	405 Broad Street.	125	125	
March 31	7.53 A.M.	Donald W. Frazier,	50 Friend Street.	15	15	Cause unknown.
		Solomon Wildes,		50	50	
		George H. Hull,		25	25	
				$19,324	$ 13,017	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out this month { District One, 3; District Two, 1; District Three, 2; District Four, 2; District Six, 1 } 9 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 13 times. Loss, $ 109,300. Insurance, $ 88,250.

April 2	4.10 A.M.	Josiah Quincy, Jr.,	78 Water Street.	150	150	Supposed incendiary.
		J. B. Callender,		1,250	1,250	
		Downer & Co.,				
2	4.10 P.M.	William Young,	71 Chambers Street.	20	20	Furnace.
		T. H. Seavey,				
2	7.37 P.M.	Charles Taylor,	154 Broadway.			Supposed incendiary.
		M. Colby,				
7	7.18 P.M.	Schooner,	North side Union Whf.			Damage slight, from the fire in the galley.

April 7	8.40 P.M.		Drake's Wharf.			Fire in a stove, and room filled with smoke.
9	8.55 P.M.	Nathan Mathews,	292 Commercial St.			
		Lyman Morey,		70	31	
13	4.03 A.M.	Joseph Lincoln,	57 Haverhill Street.			Cause unknown, and no return of loss made by the parties.
		J. Howe,	59 "			
		William Hunter,	" "			
20	2.13 A.M.	Estate of John Rayner,	85, 87, 89 Union St.	422	422	Supposed to have been caused by incendiary.
		H. P. Henson,	85 Union Street.	50	50	
		Wheeler & Townsend,	87 "			
		C. C. Davis,	89 "			
		N. Metcalf,	89½ "			
		Wadsworth&Anderson,	160 Blackstone Street.			
20	10.20 P.M.	G. N. Black,	Suffolk Market.	100	100	Supposed by incendiary.
		E. B. Veits,	Sudbury Street.	500	500	
		M. Lord,	"	25	25	
		J. E. Came & Co.,	"	225	225	
				$ 2,812	$ 2,773	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out { District One, 5; District Two, 1; District Three, 1; District Four, 1; District Six, 1 } 9 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 10 times. Loss, $ 750.00. Insurance, $ 700 00.

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
May 2	1.55 A.M.	Dennis McElroy,	17 Hamburg Street.	$ 266	$ 266	
		Michael McNeigh,	15 "			
		Andrew Hall,	19 "			
		W. D. A. Whitman,	21 "	400	400	
		Patrick Burns,	21 "			
		Patrick Callahan,	27 "			
		Mrs. Ferrens,	23 "			
		Patrick Cunningham,	25 "	400	400	
2	8.57 P.M.	Barnard,	Cr. Gray's Wf & Cm'l St.			Junk Store.
		George Lawton,		12,000	12,000	Supposed incendiary.
	9.20 P.M.					Repeating alarm.
3	11.57 A.M.		67 4th St., So. Boston.			Damage trifling, needless al'm.
6	6.56 A.M.	Long Whf Corporat'n,	233 State Street.	300	300	
		Richards & Co.,	235 "	350	350	Supposed from spontaneous combustion.
		Chase & Fay,	233 "	1,800	1,800	
		A. G. Fay,	233 "			A quantity of powder kept contrary to law was seized at this fire.
8	2.30 P. M.	Houghton,	Cottage St., E. Boston.	60		Bed on fire.
		Richard Houghton est.		20		
12	9.23 A.M.	J. Amory Codman,	19 School Street.	100	100	Cause unknown.
		Morris Hofman,	21 "	500	500	
		Thiery & Serex,	21 "			
		Hugh H. Tuttle,	21 "			
		J. P. & D. R. Palmer,	19 "			
14	14.43 P.M.	Mr. True,	Cor. East and South St.			Slight fire.
15	5.20 A.M.	Wingley & Bugel,	Lincoln Street.			Loss trifling.

16			139 Chelsea St., E. B.			
20	3.20 A.M.	Patrick H. Ducey,	134 Federal Street.	1,000	1,000	
		Susannah Thompson,		500	500	
21	12.54 P.M.	C. F. Burt,	185 Hanover Street.			No damage.
22	1.23 A.M.	John Warren,	Salem, cor. Endicott St.	89	89	Broker shop. Cause unknown.
		C. L. Blood,				
22	7.56 P.M.		Blossom Street.			Smoking of fire in stove, built by drunken woman.
23	12.45 P.M.	Boston Wharf,	Boston Wharf.			Loss small.
24	12.16 A.M.	Evans,	86 Utica Street.			Trifling damage.
		H. Locke,				
24	2.12 A.M.					Unnecessary alarm f'm Dis. 6.
24	5.05 P.M	Francis A. Hirsch,	Central Wharf.	3,500		Cotton on wharf for shipment.
24	9.05 P.M.		Northampton Street.			Box manufactory.
24	10.22 P.M.	E. S. Kent & Co.,	112 Haverhill Street.	1,010	1,010	Junk Store.
		Boston and Maine R. R.				
				$ 22,295	$ 18,715	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out { District One, 4; District Two, 1; District Three, 6; District Four, 1; District Five, 2; District Six, 3; District Seven, 2; Repeating Alarms, 1 } 20 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 23 times. Loss, $ 15,470. Insurance, $ 14,600.

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
June 1	12.30 P.M.	Solomon Wildes,	50 Friend Street.			Loss trifling. Caused by incendiary.
		Andrew J. Morse,		75	75	
11	P.M.		East Boston.			Chimney on fire.
12	8.58 P.M.		North Street.			Slight fire.
16	8.52 P.M.	M. A. Ring,	189 Broad Street.	275	275	Probably incendiary.
17	1.00 P.M.	Schooner Christo,	Foster & Leighton's Wharf, East Boston.			Caused by tar kettle. Loss trifling.
17	3.30 P.M.	Grand Junction Wharf,				Rubbish; fire probably caused by fireworks.
20	5.14 P.M.	A. H. Allen,	Worcester Square.	850	850	Small stable. Probable incendiary.
21	4.47 A.M.	Money & Bean,	39 and 41 North St.			
24	9.00 A.M.	Philip T. Pierce,	63 Bremen Street.	150	150	
27	3.15 P.M.		Second Street.			
				$1,350	$1,350	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out { District One, 3; District Three, 1; District Five, 1; District Six, 1; District Seven, 4 } 10 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 17 times. Loss, $8,950. Insurance, $7,450.

July 2	1.17 A.M.	Downer & Co.,	First Street.	85		Carelessness of operatives.
3	2.46 P.M.	Joshua Bennett,	Rear 134 Leveret St.	35	35	Supposed by fire-crackers.
4	5.10 A.M.	Mr. Carter,	Bennet, cr. Wash'n St.	100	100	Caused by fire-crackers.
		John S. Blair,		20		
	1.18 P.M.	Francis Standish,	131 Albany Street.			This fire was occasioned by the careless use of fire-crackers in the premises of Francis Standish, and it being on the noon of a hot day, it burned with fearful rapidity, destroying some eighteen or twenty houses and parts of houses.
		D. George Derby,	123 and 125 Albany St.	2,000	2,000	
		Robert Watson, trus.,	127 and 129 "			
		William Marshall,				
		James Collins,				
		William Powers,				
		Mr. Lowd,				
		A. Whitney & Co.,	119 Hudson Street.			
		Westboro' Milk Co.,	121 "	200		
		James Quinn,	132 "			
		Isaiah Atkins,	130 & 132 "			
		Mr. Fahey,	132 "			
		Maximilian Bugel,	130 "			
		Robert Nixon,	128 "			
		Joseph Glassbrook,	136 "	1,400	1,400	
		Isaac B. Park,	120 "	1,700	1,400	
		Mrs. Pray,	"			
		W. W. Butman,	118 "	250		
		E. W. W. Hawes,				
		Samuel A. Way,	127 Albany Street.	2,500	2,500	
		George W. Cloud,	127 "			
		Mr. Scott,	134 Hudson Street.			
		J. P. Cummings,	140 "	2,450	2,450	
		Cornelius Quinn,	Curve Street.			

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
July 4		McDonald,				
		M. Scott,				
		W. T. Sisson,				
		James Oakley,				
		Jacob Bacon,	Cor. Albany & Curve St.	1,000		
		Mr. Hutchinson,	132 Hudson Street.	1,700	500	
	1.35 P.M.	B. D. Young,	38 Eliot Street.			Slight fire.
	1.55 P.M.	Pray's Wharf,				Slight fire from cinders from Albany Street fire.
	2.17 P.M.	Nickerson's Wharf,	East Boston.			The cause of this large conflagration was the careless use of fireworks in a locality where a large quantity of combustible material was accumulated. When first discovered, it was near being extinguished with a bucket, but for the breaking of a line when drawing the water. The fire was discovered when all the engines belonging to the City Proper and South Boston were at the fire in Albany and Hudson Streets, and consequently but a small force of the Boston Department could be spared for this emergency. Valuable assistance was rendered us by the departments of Chelsea, Roxbury, Cambridge, Malden, and Charlestown. The loss of property was an inconsiderable matter when compared with the large number of poor people who were turned from their homes and occupations. It will be observed that the losses obtained were but few when compared with the number of sufferers, which is accounted for by the utter impossibility of finding the parties, and in some cases persons object to furnishing the information.
		David Keefe,				
		James Buckley,				
		Martin Carrigan,				
		John Kelly,				
		Benjamin Brimnir,				
		Benjamin Rogers,	New Street.			
		David Kendrick,				
		Nason Robbins,				
		Lynas A. Phillips,				
		William H. Brown,				
		George Emery,				
		Andrew Leach,	13 New Street.			
		M. Lowe,	15 "			
		Joel McCarthy,	15 "			
		D. Covill,	8 "			
		Timothy Gerry,		287		
		George F. Emery,				
		Thomas J. Campbell,				
		Joseph F. Livingston,				
		Atkins Paine,		100		
		David Shaw,				
		Joseph Brown,				
		William Conquest,				
		Ezra L. Hersey,				
		Joseph H. Young,				
		J. M. Doane,	1 Maverick Street.			
		William Jackson,	1 "	750		
		James H. Bowdrop,	1 "	1,750	1,500	
		Aaron Hook,	3 "			
		William Betty,				
		Augustus L. Doe,				
		Charles G. Johnson,	5 "	-		
		Welcome Shaw,				
		John H. Miller,	7 "			
		George Denny,		1,000	1,000	
		Roland Hill,	20 Maverick Street.	1,200	1,200	
		George Wright,				
		James Gwin,				
		George Wright,				
		Patrick Bowen,				
		Samuel Boudrow,				
		William A. Westberg,				
		George Denny,	Rear of Maverick St.			

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
July 4	2.17 P.M.	William Gillen,				
		Fowle & Fletcher,	Cr. Border & Mavr'k St.			
		Thomas Concha,				
		William H. Cobb,				
		Thomas Williams,				
		John McKimley,				
		Scituate Savings Bank,				
		William Waters,	9 Maverick Street.	3,610	600	
		" "	"	1,600	400	
		" "	Border & Maverick Sts.	2,000	1,100	
		Charles Siders,	Border Street.			
		John T Johnson,	Cross Street.			
		Asa H. Josselyn,	"			
		Amasa Nickerson,	"			
		N. T. Gorman,	"			
		John Flynn,	"			
		Timothy Driscoll,	"			
		John Christen,	"			
		Andrew Murray,		1,500	1,000	
		I. C. Stinson,		1,000	1,000	
		John Hickman,				
		Joseph P. Burnham,				
		John S. Weeks,				
		James F. McGuire,				
		Charles Siders,				

		Jacob Jackson,				
		James Carroll,	Liverpool Street.			
		Peter Pemberton,				
		Jacob Smith,				
		William Laher,				
		Christopher Roof,				
		Henry Westman,				
		John Collins,				
		Henry M. Ardel,				
		William J. Sawyer,				
		Thomas B. Love,	2 Liverpool Street.	40		
		John West,				
		Sewell Baker,				
		Mrs. McDermott,	Erin Alley.			
		John Garetty,				
		Mrs. Blake,				
		Peter Flynn,				
		Arthur Gile,				
		John Gile,				
		Philip McGuire,				
		James Doherty,				
		James Hill,				
		Thomas McGuire,				
		Michael Farren,				
		Daniel Prouty,				
		Patrick Gill,				
		John Farmer,				
		William Burns,				

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
July 4.	2.17 P.M.	Patrick Burns,				
		Mrs. Carroll,				
		Thomas O. Simmons,	Liverpool Street.	175		
		Samuel Hall,	"			
		Michael Farren,	"			
		James Bowry,	"			
		John Sullivan,	"			
		John Welch,	"			
		A. C. Lombard,	"	2,300	2,300	
		John Lounds,	Border Street.			
		Thomas Deley,	"			
		John Clifton,	"			
		John Hathaway & Co.,	"	900		
		Clark & Co.,	Suffolk Salt Works.	5,100		
		A. P. Clark,	Aspinwall's Wharf.	2,000		
		Baker & Downes,	Nickerson's Wharf.	7,500		
		East Boston Iron Co.,		31,500	12,500	
		G.P. McLaughlin & Co.		7,200	2,000	
		S. W. Clapp,				
		John Clifton,		26,200	12,200	
		E. Boston Dry Dock Co.		31,000	14,000	
		W. H. Brewster & Son,				
		John Lander,				
		William Grader,				
		John McDermot,	Border Street.	2,600	2,600	

		Mrs. McDermott,				
		Benjamin Lawson,				
		J. Hathaway & Co.,				
		Nelson W. Hahn,	26 Maverick Street.	1,300	1,300	
		Jacob Hahn,	24 "	1,900	1,500	
		Ryder, Crocker, & Co.,	Bark Mystery.	15,000	7,000	
		Jas. H. Arey & others,	Bark Thos. & Edw. Hill.			
		Percival and others,	Sch F. A. Hawkins.			
		George C. Burrage,	Sch. Quindaro.			
			Brig Fanny O. Field.			
		Capt. Blanchard,	Bark Orella.			
		Capt. Turpic,	Sch. Martha A. McNeil.			
			Steamer Governor.			
			Steamer State of Maine.			
		John S. Emery,	Brig Nahant.			
			Brig Charles Miller.			
		Moses Pond & Co.,	At E. B. Iron Foundry.	1,000		
		Hull & Myrick,	Sch. Dashaway.	3,500		
4	2.27 P.M.					Repeating alarms in District 7.
4	2.43 P.M.					Repearing same alarm.
4	2.50 P.M.					Slight fire in a vessel at the north part of the city.
4	3.00 P.M.					Another alarm for East Boston fire.
4	3.51 P.M.					Slight fire in Kneeland Street.
4	4.02 P.M.					Another al'm for E. Boston fire.
4	4.06 P.M.					Repeating of the above alarm.
4	4.45 P.M.					" " "

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
July 4	5.00 P.M.	Horace Jenkins,	Castle Street.			Slight fire; caused by fire-crackers. Damage trifling.
4	8.03 P.M.		872 Washington St.			
4	11.25 P.M.	Benjamin Poland,	54 Hanover Street.			
5	9.22 A.M.	John T. Dingley,	Silver Street.	400		
		A. Goulet,	Near D Street.	760	760	
		Patrick Mahoney,				
		Anthony Conners,				
		Patrick Kerns,				
		John Toole,				
		Patrick White,				
		Peter Burns,		50		
		Patrick Doyle,				
5	4.39 P.M.		Harrison Avenue.			
7	2.58 P.M.	H. J. Anderson,	Mercantile Wharf.	12		Five bales of hay, set on fire by boy for the purpose of getting up a fight with Fort Hill boys.
10	6.46 P.M.	J. H. Abbott,	17 Washington Street.			Needless al'm, caused by burning dross in electrotype rooms.
11	12.50 P.M.	Garnet,	35 High Street.			
		Joseph Buckley,				
14	12.30 A.M.	Geo. L. Stokell,	7 Blossom Street.			
16	1.30 A.M.	Mr. Holliday,	Dorchester.			Unfinished house. Supposed incend'y. Entirely destroyed.
19	3.30 P.M.	John K. Carleton,	Carleton's Wharf, E.B.			
19	8.54 P.M.	Joseph L. Holton,	North Charles Street.			
		W. Wilkins,				
		D. Scott,				
		D. W. Mathews,				
19	10.38 P.M.	Thomas T. Greenwood,	South Boston.			
20	5.20 A.M.	Boston & Maine R. R.	Causeway Street.	2,500	2,000	
21	A.M.	John Gray,	Brooks Street, between Eutaw and Monmouth.	5	5	
22	10.00 P.M.		Goddard Street.			Needless alarm, put out with buckets before arr. of engines.
24	11.00 P.M.	Williams & Everett,	234 Washington St.	11,952	11,952	
		Heirs of Benj. Blaney,	" " "	575	575	
25	11.15 A.M.	Alonzo Dexter,	Castle, cor. Tremont St.			
	11.28 A.M.	John W. Gillespie,				
		Alpheus S. Ripley,				
25	A.M.					Repeating alarm.
				$183.706	$91,877	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out { District One, 6; District Two, 2; District Three, 2; District Four, 8; District Five, 1; District Six, 5; District Seven, 3; Repeating Alarms, 7 } 34 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 12 times. Loss, $ 3,850. Insurance, $ 3,550.

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
Aug. 3	2.43 A.M.	Nathaniel Whiting,	Cor. Green & Pitts Sts.	12,138	12,138	Gore Block. The cause of this
		J. F. Bumstead & Co.,		15,000	10,000	fire is unknown. It originated
		Nicholas Leavitt & Co.,				in the fourth story, and burned
		Edwards & Kershaw,		3,120	3,120	that and the two stories above.
		Samuel N. Ryder,				
		H. P. Kendrick,				
		United S. Roofing Co.,				
		Boston Faucet Co.,				
		Reuben J. Todd,				
		Davis, Atwood, & Co.,		4,500	4,500	
		Geo. H. Dickeman,		9,000	5,000	
3	3.03 A.M.					Repeating alarm.
3	4.00 A.M.					Third alarm.
7	3.47 P.M.	Irish families,	51 Nashua St.			Damage trifling.
8	4.25 A.M.	Joseph D. Roberts,	21 E. Chester Park.	3,000	3,000	Supposed to have been caused by incend'y. House unoccu'd.
20	1.22 A.M.	M. T. Joice,	Fed'l, cor. Williams St.			Supposed to have been set on
		Mortimer T. Downing,		240	240	fire.
20	11.18 P.M.		Washington, opposite Common St.			Slight fire in German clothing store.
28	3.43 P.M.	Suffolk Lead Co.,	Fifth St.			Damage trifling.
30	3.51 P.M.	Banker & Carpenter,	State St.	51,100	43,200	Paint store. The fire originat'd
		L. Saltonstall,		6,000	6,000	from the vapor aris'g from the drawing of shelac varnish in close proximity to a gas light.
30	4.10 P.M.					Repeating above alarm.
30	4.20 P.M.					Third alarm for above fire.
				$ 104,098	$ 87,198	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out this month { District One, 1; District Two, 1; District Three, 2; District Five, 2; District Six, 1; Repeating Alarm, 4 } 11 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 11 times. Loss, $ 5,400. Insurance, $ 3,600.

Sept. 2			225 Sumner St.			East Boston. Damage slight.
4	1.00 A.M.	Amos Cutter,	Grand Junction Whf.	1,000		East Boston.
4	9.06 P.M.	H. S. Kimball & Co.,	65 & 67 Congress St.	7,000	7,000	Caused by carelessness on the
		J. C. Johnson & Co.,	69 & 71 Congress St.			part of persons employed in a clothes pressing room.
5	4.30 P.M.	St. Charles Hotel,	Lincoln St.	200	200	
5	5.52 P.M.		Northampton St.			Dwelling-house. Slight.
6	6.00 P.M.	Samuel Neale,	River St.			Damage trifling.
11		G. W. Hyde,	28 Chambers St.	300	300	
12	7.40 P.M.	Wm. Griffin,	Tremont St.			
		D L. Tyler,	Near R. R. bridge.			
14	11.33 P.M.	Irish families,	Lincoln St.			Chrystal Palace.

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
Sept. 17	4.47 P.M.		Eastern Avenue.			Needless alarm.
18	10.48 P.M.		Moon St.			Bed on fire.
19	10.40 P.M.	Hall & Jones,	67 Sudbury St.			Damage trifling.
23	12.22 A.M.	Codman Buildings,	Hanover St.	1,000	1,000	
		John Mansfield,		500	500	
		Clough & Prescott,		500	500	
		E. B. Hern,				
23	3.39 A.M.					Rekindling of same fire.
30	11.41 P.M.	C. S. Davis & Co.,	17, 19, & 21 Water St.			Coffee burning, slight damage.
				$10,500	$9,500	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out { District One, 5; District Two, 2; District Three, 2; District Four, 3; District Six, 1; District Seven, 2 } 15 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 4 times. Loss, $2,000. Insurance, $1,500.

October 4	3.37 P.M.	Felton's Distillery,	Cor. C and Gold Sts.			Damage trifling.
6			East Boston.			False alarm.
7	2.40 P.M.		Union Park St.	500		Lard oil factory. Unoccupied.
9	11.30 P.M.		East Boston.			False al'm. Fire at Chelsea B'h.
10	8.07 P.M.		Friend St.			Damage trifling.
12	12.03 A.M.	Gibson & Walker,	58 Fulton St.			Loss trifling.
13	4.37 A.M.	O. W. Merriam,	Commercial Block.	3,000	3,000	Fire originated in room of Mr.
		Plymouth Duck Co.,	Commercial St.			Merriam, and was there con-
		N. Boynton & Co.,				fined, damaging the other
		C. B. Manning & Bro.,				stocks considerably by water.
		Blanchard Bro. & Co.,				
		James Fulsom,				
		W. Taylor,				
		Dr. J. W. Stone,		2,000	2,000	
13	5.00 A.M.					Repeating al'm for above fire.
13	8.27 P.M.	Michael Grant,	Ontario St.			Bed burned, South Boston.
		Thomas Phipps,				
20	12.21 A.M.	Thompson & Russell,	12 Water St.	500	500	Supposed incendiary. Con-
						fined the fire to counting-room.
21	10.18 A.M.	Moulton & Tuttle,	Corner Sudbury and Adams Sts.	400		
21	1.36 P.M.	Nathaniel Kingsbury,	69 Causeway St.	500	500	
24	6.51 A.M.		63 Eliot St.			Loss small.
24	10.03 P.M.	Oliver Gregg,	18 West St.	1,200	1,200	Stable destroyed.
		M. Salom,	West, cr. Washing'n St.	200	200	Damaged by water.
25	11.55 P.M.		365 Shawmut Avenue.			Damage slight.
26	1.58 P.M.		Bowd'n, cr. Cam'dge St.			Damage small.
28	1.50 A.M.	W.C. Estabrook & oth.,	378 Shawmut Avenue.	2,500	2,000	Shawmut House.

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
Oct. 29	8.30 A.M.	W. B. D. Simons & Co.,	Cambridge, cr. Charles Street.			No damage; shavings in fire-proof room.
29	12.06 P.M		607 Tremont St.	1,200	1,200	Defective flue.
30	11.51 A.M.	Mercantile Lib. Asso., Grover & Baker,	Summer St., Mercantile Building.	3,500	3,500	Fire from boiler of a steam engine in building.
30	12.02 P.M.					Repeating above alarm.
30	12.30 P.M.		East Boston.			Alarm from above fire.
31	12.29 A.M.	Tuckerman heirs, Bailey, & Co.	Washington, cor. Dover Street.	2,000	1,000	Supposed incendiary.
				$ 17,500	$ 15,100	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out { District One, 5; District Two, 2; District Three, 3; District Four, 1; District Five, 5; District Six, 2; District Seven 3; Repeating Alarms, 2 } 23 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 12 times. Loss, $ 46,000. Insurance, $ 43,000.

Nov. 5	11.28 A.M.		49 Bridge St.			Damage trifling.
6	10.25 P.M.	P. M. Robbins,	Corner N. Market St.	500		
		Mr. Calrow,	and Merchants Row.	200	200	
9	2.11 A.M.		71 Suffolk St.			Damage slight.
10	8.38 P.M.	City of Boston,	Dover St. bridge.	500		Draw-tender office.
12	10.30 P.M.	Geo. K. Goodwin,	Portland St.	10,000	10,000	Supposed incendiary. A large number of wild animals dest'd.
13	1.38 A.M.	Watson & Bisbee,	Cor. Friend & Causeway Sts.	8,000	8,000	Caused by spontaneous combustion.
		Cole & Brown,				
		Geo. W. Berry,		2,000	700	
13	2.05 A.M.					Repeating alarm.
18	10.22 P.M.	J. L. Gardiner, M. Kingsbury, Louis Gergler, Wm. Griffin, Geo. Nowlan & Co., M. Tyler, Wm. E. French, N. P. Colby, M. Murray, M. McBarron,	Tremont St., near R. R. bridge.	8,000	3,000	Seven wooden buildings used for stables and shops were destroyed.
18	10.38 P.M.					Repeating above alarm.
21	5.00 A.M.	J. Jones,	85 & 87 Haverhill St.	800	800	
		Fallan & Dolan,		400	400	
24	11.49 P.M.	Ezra Lincoln, Jr.,	Commonwealth Ave.			Explosion caused by a leak in gas pipe; the concussion badly shattered the new house, and seriously inj'd Mr. and Mrs. L.

Date.	Hour.	Owner or Occupant	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Remarks.
1861.						
Nov. 25	3.15 A.M.	Michael Finlendo, Delia B. Hodgden, Irish families,	123 Cambridge St.	2,500	2,000	
29	9.00 P.M.	Wm. J. Stewart,	64 & 66 Second St.	3,000	2,500	Coppersmith shop.
				$ 35,900	$ 27,600	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out this month { District One, 4; District Two, 3; District Four, 1; District Five, 1; District Six, 2; Repeating Alarms, 2 } 13 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 15 times. Loss, $ 15,627; Insurance, $ 15,525.

Dec. 5	4.12 P.M.	Charles L. Gibson, Mr. Marshall,	1 Indiana St.	50		Defective flue.
9	11.16 A.M.	Baker & Hamblin,	19 Merrimac St.			Damage trifling.
10	12.54 A.M.	Irish families,	34 Billerica St.	100	100	
10	1.19 A.M.	Codman's Building,	78 Sudbury St.			Slight fire in the basement.
13	8.44 P.M.		North Russell St.			Window curtain.
16	3.22 A.M.	Irish families,	Lincoln St.			Damage trifling.
18	12.15 A.M	J. C. Minot,	Charles, cr. Leveret St.	50		Truck load of hay.
18	12.54 P.M.		Tremont, n'r Gard'r St.	100	100	Wooden house.

18	2.37 P.M.	P. O'Donnell,	Gouch St., cor. South Margin St.	300		A horse perished in the build'g before the doors c'ld be opened.
19	4.22 P.M.		119 Cambridge St.			Loss small.
19	9.03 P.M.	Daniel Stone,	104 Sudbury St.	400	400	Eating house.
20	3 09 P.M.	James McGuire, Mr. Russell,	E St.	200		Defective flue.
20	10.54 P.M.	W. B. D. Simmons & Co.	Cambridge, cr. Chas. St			No damage, fire in a fire-proof room for storing shavings.
22	7.08 P.M.	Irish families,	Pearl Place.			Foul Chimney.
24	5.04 A.M.	E. Morse, A. Doten,	998 Washington St.			Defective chimney.
24	6.34 A.M.	Samuel R. Spinney, Andrew P. Dunn,	Ninth, near K St.	600 300	600	
28	11.13 P.M.	Damer & McNamara,	Broadway, near O St.	3,000	2,000	
30	10.36 P.M.	James Cofran, James Mahoney,	Friend, cr. Travers St.	183 700	183	
30		Manson Peterson & Co.,	1 Meridian Place.	50		Caused by chil'n with matches.
				$ 6,033	$ 3,383	

RECAPITULATION.

Department called out this month { District One, 6; District Two, 4; District Three, 2; District Four, 2; District Five, 1; District Six, 3; District Seven, 1 } 19 times.

Department called out last year in corresponding month, 19 times. Loss, $ 145,550. Insurance, $ 81,860.

RECAPITULATION

Of the number of Alarms of Fire, and the Losses and Insurance on the same, from

				Alarm.	Losses.	Insurance.	Populat'n.
September 1st,	1829,	to August 31st,	1830	110	$118,540	$52,750	61,392
" "	1830,	" "	1831	62	23,620	4,320	
" "	1831,	" "	1832	89	68,195	40,975	
" "	1832,	" "	1833	159	74,613	25,713	
" "	1833,	" "	1834	130	69,405	37,925	
" "	1834,	" "	1835	109	107,440	45,970	78,603
" "	1836,	" "	1837	159	130,295	55,125	
" "	1837,	" "	1838	105	32,118	20,238	
" "	1838,	" "	1839	96	140,004	61,191	
" "	1839,	" "	1840	113	77,973	58,632	85,000
" "	1840,	" "	1841	140	102,975	36,920	
" "	1841,	" "	1842	194	102,611	44,533	
" "	1842,	" "	1843	232	128,666	90,086	
" "	1843,	" "	1844	267	164,083	95,252	
" "	1844,	" "	1845	223	234,591	169,440	114,366
" "	1845,	" "	1846	289	226,338	155,205	
" "	1846,	" "	1847	270	172,993	87,159	
" "	1847,	" "	1848	282	222,273	162,085	
" "	1848,	" "	1849	339	300,525	216,992	
" "	1849,	" "	1850	240	123,660	76,197	138,788
" "	1850,	" "	1851	333	386,107	192,937	
" "	1851,	" "	1852	169	492,849	215,315	
" "	1852,	" "	1853	205	515,167	295,056	
" "	1853,	" "	1854	195	150,772	106,880	
" "	1854,	" "	1855	174	537,604	361,047	160,508
" "	1855,	" "	1856	167	409,353	287,832	
" "	1856,	" "	1857	164	258,231	233,787	
" "	1857,	" "	1858	161	390,657	316,207	
" "	1858,	" "	1859	166	761,370	646,210	
" "	1859,	" "	1860	194	521,383	471,853	177,902
" "	1860,	" "	1860	172	617,213	405,928	
" "	1861,	to December "	1861	70	69,933	55,583	