

OFFICIAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIGHTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1873.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

FEBRUARY 1ST, 1873.

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Two hand-engines, one hose carriage, six ladders, 1,500 feet of hose, constitute all the fire apparatus belonging to the town. Engine No. 1 is stationed in the centre of the town, in the rear of the town house. Engine No. 2 is stationed at the north part of the town. The hose carriage, together with the fire ladders, are kept in the basement of the town house. The houses are in good repair, the engines and all the apparatus belonging are in good order (with the exception of a portion of the hose) and ready for immediate use.

CHARLES RIVER ENGINE, No. 2, has an efficient and well organized company of forty men, with the following officers:—

Foreman, John Nolan.
1st Assistant, J. H. Rowe.
2d Assistant, N. J. Roche.
Clerk, P. McNamara.
Steward, M. Stanford.

WILSON HOSE CARRIAGE, No. 1, has an efficient company of twelve men, with the following officers:—

Foreman, E. F. Martin.
Assistant, G. E. Ring.
Clerk, M. J. Featherson.
Steward, F. H. Marshall.

BUTCHER BOY ENGINE, No. 1, for some months past, has been without an organized company; a competent man being employed to take charge of and keep the engine and apparatus in order ready for use, the engineers depending upon the citizens to work it in case of fire within the limits of the town. Recently a company has been formed for this engine with the following officers:—

Foreman, John H. Lee.
1st Assistant, John Griffin.
2d Assistant, Peter Murphy.
Clerk, D. Ring.

The department has been called out to fires and alarms six times the past year, — to two fires within the limits of the town. Several alarms, caused from fires out of town, have called out the department. At the fire in Newton (burning of the large mill), the whole department was present, and rendered good service. Members of Charles River Engine No. 2, and of Wilson Hose Carriage No. 1, were present at the great fire in Boston, and did good service in relieving and assisting the Boston firemen in the performance of their arduous duties.

While a most disastrous fire has laid waste a large business portion of our neighboring city, causing the loss of property and treasure amounting to millions of dollars, with the sacrifice of many valuable lives, and while our neighboring towns have suffered the past year, to some considerable extent, from fires, we have again been spared; and when we consider our condition, our limited means, wholly without the necessary appliances to successfully meet and battle the devouring flames, we cannot but feel that a kind Providence has constantly watched over us to protect and save.

In accordance with the vote of the town authorizing the purchase of a steam fire engine, building house, etc., a large and commodious engine house is now in process of erection (of which an extended account will be given in the selectmen's report). With the completion of this house, containing the steamer, hook and ladder truck, hose carriage, with all the necessary apparatus, with well organized, well disciplined, and well paid companies, our citizens will feel comparatively safe, and the Brighton fire department rank second to none in the State. The expenses of the department the ensuing year must necessarily be much larger than that of our present hand system; the keeping of horses, pay of engineer and driver, who must be kept permanent, with the compensation to members, fuel for steamer, etc., etc., will make it necessary for an appropriation of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars to be made for the fire department the year ensuing. One pair of horses, and driver for the steamer, will be under the permanent control of the fire department, and used only by the department, except in cases where they can work together, on watering carts in watering the

streets, or in some such capacity, where they will be near the engine house, and not be separated. Arrangements will be made with the selectmen, or highway surveyors, to provide horses and drivers for the hook and ladder truck, and hose carriage, when needed. When the engine house is finished, and ready to receive the steamer, hook and ladder truck, hose carriage, and all the apparatus, and the department is in successful operation, the engineers would recommend that engine house No. 1, and one of the hand engines, be sold; that engine house No. 2, with one hand engine, and the Wilson hose carriage be kept for at least one year, to provide for any emergency. They would also recommend the building of a sufficient number of reservoirs in the most exposed parts of the town.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. B. PRATT,
CHARLES CURRIER,
MICHAEL A. BROWN,
RICHARD B. SMART,

Engineers of the town of Brighton.

BRIGHTON, Feb. 1, 1873.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1873.

EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$1,800.	
Expenditure,	\$1,320 50.	
Engine Co. No. 2, services,	\$500 00	
“ “ 1, “	184 38	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$684 38
<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$684 38	
Wilson Hose Co., services,	75 00	
Joseph I. Bates, repairing and miscellaneous articles,	58 05	
James Boyd & Sons, repairing, etc.	46 58	
Holmes & Rugg, fuel,	38 50	
M. A. Maynard, fuel,	18 70	
D. O. Sanger, miscellaneous articles,	37 57	
Hunneman & Co. repairing hose,	38 50	
James A. Cogswell, straps, badges, letter and repairing,	33 60	
Cash paid stewards of companies,	143 50	
“ “ sundry persons, articles furnished,	146 12	
		<u>\$1,320 50</u>

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

John L. B. Pratt, Charles G. Crockett, M.	
A. Brown, Charles Currier, and Geo.	
H. Peck, engineers, 1871-72,	300 00

STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND BUILDINGS.

Appropriation,	\$45,000 00
Expenditure,	11,844 47
George A. Wilson & B. F. Ricker, land,	\$7,403 00
Gilcreas & Chisholm, building shed and tool house,	1,775 20
Bergen & Grace, on account of cellar and materials furnished,	800 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$9,978 20</u>
<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$9,978 20
J. W. & G. W. Wentworth, brick work,	600 00
H. M. Wightman, surveying, making plans, giving grades, etc.	38 50
S. F. Carrier, plumbing, and articles fur- nished,	48 66
Cash paid sundry persons for labor and teams, and miscellaneous articles, as per vouchers,	1,179 11
	<u>————— \$11,844 47</u>