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STATEMENT
OF THE
RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, &c.
OF THE
CITY OF CHARLESTOWN,
FOR THE
Financial Year ending February 28, 1857,

AND THE
Annual Report of the Chief Engineer.



CHARLESTOWN:
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1857.

EXPENDITURES

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1857.

Salaries of City Officers.

Timothy T. Sawyer, Mayor,	800 00	
George H. Jacobs, Treasurer and Collector,	1000 00	
Charles Poole, City Clerk,	1000 00	
Gustavus V. Hall, Clerk of Com. Council,	150 00	
Abram Chamberlin { City Marshal, 400 Health Officer, 100 Supt. of Burials, 100 }	600 00	
Henry A. Rice, Superintendent of Streets,	800 00	
Abijah Blanchard, City Messenger,	400 00	
Thomas Greenleaf, } Caleb Rand, } Assessors, Rufus Mason, }	1000 00	
Henry P. Gardner, Chief Engineer 3 mos.	50 00	
James C. Poor, do. 9 months,	150 00	
" " Assistant do. 3 months,	12 50	
James M. Gardner, do. 3 months,	12 50	
John Howard, do. 3 months,	12 50	
David S. Tucker, do. 12 months,	50 00	
Edward A. Costigan, do. 9 months,	37 50	
Henry A. Davis, do. 9 months,	37 50	
John N. Devereux, do. 9 months,	37 50	6150 00
Amount Appropriated,	6150 00	
Amount Expended,	6150 00	
Amount carried forward,		6150 00

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

City of Charlestown, April 30, 1857.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

In conformity with Section 5th of the Fire Ordinance approved by the Town May 4, 1840, I herewith lay before your honorable board a list of Officers and Members attached to the Charlestown Fire Department; also the Apparatus under their charge, and its condition; the number of Fires the past year; the Reservoirs, Hydrants and other resources from which water can be obtained in case of fire; also the expenses of the year ending April 30, 1857.

JAMES C. POOR, CHIEF ENGINEER.

DAVID S. TUCKER,	} Asst. Engineers.
EDWARD A. COSTIGAN,	
HENRY A. DAVIS,	
JNO. N. DEVEREUX,	

Report of Chief Engineer.

HANCOCK ENGINE CO., No. 1.

House No. 335 Main Street.

MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
S. R. Brintnall, <i>Foreman</i> ,	37	Lewis Kimball,	36
Dan'l R. Beckford, <i>1st Asst.</i>	27	Ira A. Worth,	29
Samuel O. Weston, <i>2d Asst.</i>	26	Nathaniel W. Jefferson,	40
James M. Simpson, <i>Clerk</i> ,	29	Atwood D. Holbrook,	26
William L. Bond,	29	Frank D. Wright,	40
Sabura S. Stocking,	28	T. Miller Turner,	26
James P. Ingalls,	29	Hiram T. Fisk,	23
John W. Wilson,	26	Linus E. Pearson,	21
William B. Daniels,	28	George Upton,	22
William C. Simonds,	34	Stephen L. Heywood,	27
John McLoud,	34	Phineas Brownson,	31
George W. Sanderson,	22	Walter Wetherbee,	28
Augustus Wilson,	28	Henry C. Wells,	27
George T. Fowler,	44	George W. Davis,	21
Warren Barnard,	24	George W. Russell,	23
Robert B. Kitchen,	24	George L. Call,	31
Joseph Dickson,	35	John H. Sanderson,	26
John A. Melvin,	24	Edward Larkin,	23
Oscar Murdock,	28	Luther W. Davis,	24
George W. Kelley,	29	Russell Smith,	30
John W. Holt,	29	James Monroe,	37
W. Henry Simonds,	28	Ira B. Aldrich,	34
Joseph Reed,	30	Solomon Harley,	25
Amos G. Osgood,	23	Lawton A. Brown,	23
Henry L. Page,	21	Benjamin F. Crocker,	21
Augustus Stover,	22	Edward Johnson,	22
John Noland,	30	John H. Tarlton,	21
George W. Bass,	22	Total,	55

CONDITION OF HOUSE AND APPARATUS.

Engine built by Hunneman & Co., Roxbury; condition, good. 24 feet of Suction Hose; 500 feet Leading Hose good, 200 ordinary; 1 Hose Carriage; 6 Buckets; 4 Pipes; 6 Fire Caps; 2 Axes; Spanners; Belts; Wrenches; Badges and Keys; Settees; Chairs; Gas Fixtures; Stoves; Alarm Bell on House, &c. all in good condition. Also, 1 set of Hub Runners. House in good condition.

BUNKER-HILL ENGINE CO., No. 2.*House on Main Street, on the Neck.*

MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
Joseph Swan, Jr. <i>Foreman</i> ,	33	Ebenezer R. Cook,	34
William Fernald, <i>1st Asst.</i>	32	Joshua L. Taylor,	42
Edward L. Ward, <i>2d Asst.</i>	21	Henry W. Higgins,	24
John Gardner, <i>Clerk</i> ,	42	Aaron Edminster,	30
Joseph W. Davis,	30	Samuel Girard,	28
John G. Abbott,	43	Asa M. Cook,	30
Franklin Larkin,	37	Augustus W. Kimball,	35
Edward Richardson,	32	Oliver Dickson, jr.	25
George W. Kimball,	34	Charles H. Tufts,	22
Benjamin Getchell,	33	Charles H. Watts,	25
Joseph H. Brown,	32	John F. Howard,	21
Hugh Daily,	30	William Coleman,	21
Abel Locke,	40	Moses Griffin,	35
Philip Magoun,	28	Christopher C. Rinds,	28
Russell Lufkin,	34	William E. Story,	27
Edwin E. Wright,	39	Tobias Peck,	22
Abram Larkin,	35	Edmund N. Lewis,	25
Valentine M. Dunin,	28	Lewis Osgood,	22
Edward T. Rand,	30	Charles H. Leighton,	25
John W. Walker, Jr.	25	James S. Boynton,	21
Philip Wachter,	32	Frederick A. Walter,	22
Kilby J. Paine,	35	William C. Kimball,	23
Judson W. Oliver,	25	Nathaniel W. Robinson,	42
George E. Tyler,	25	Octavius R. Barry,	30
Joseph Bennett,	23	Charles L. Lord,	28
Benjamin Hutchins,	21	Franklin H. Whittier,	28
Augustus A. Lawrence,	23	Abram R. T. Wells,	30
Isaac F. Phillips,	32	Total,	55

CONDITION OF HOUSE AND APPARATUS.

Engine built by Hunneman & Co., Roxbury ; condition, good. 26 feet of Suction Hose ; 300 feet Leading Hose good, 400 feet ordinary ; 1 Hose Carriage ; 6 Buckets ; 3 Pipes ; 2 Axes ; 6 Fire Caps ; Spanners ; Belts ; Wrenches ; Badges and Keys ; Lantern ; Torches ; Settees ; Chairs ; Gas Fixtures ; 1 set of Hub Runners ; Bell on House, &c., all in good condition. Hose Tower and Chimney ought to be built higher.

HOWARD ENGINE Co., No. 3.*House on Elm Street.*

MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
Ashbell W. Copps, <i>Foreman</i> ,	28	J. Mason Mills, <i>Clerk</i> ,	25
Augustus Frost, <i>1st. Asst.</i>	24	George W. Hammond,	30
James S. Johnston, <i>2d. Asst.</i>	26	John Berry,	24

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MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
Lee Melcher,	33	Sanford Fisher,	32
Henry Mayers,	34	Oshea Lincoln,	32
John Battiste,	26	Edward Morse,	26
William T. Hobill,	24	Francis Enslin,	28
William C. Homer,	30	Charles Witham,	21
John Glasebrooke,	23	Samuel Ells,	25
Augustus O. N. Cutter,	21	George W. Reed,	24
Charles H. Elms,	31	Leonard E. Lawton,	25
William T. Bryant,	39	Harrey Baldwin,	30
Samuel C. Hunt, jr.	31	Reuben Church,	22
Benjamin W. Hatch,	28	John M. Tilden,	21
Marcellus Carpenter,	38	Alfred Johnston,	21
Ebenezer Averill,	35	Benjamin Dean,	28
William H. Hall,	28	Joseph H. Fernald,	24
Henry B. Clay,	22	Daniel H. Dearborn,	21
Freeman Tilden,	21	George Donevan,	23
Seth H. Savage,	37	John H. Smith,	32
Benjamin F. Story,	25	Nathaniel E. Story,	22
George W. Haskins,	28	George Woodard,	25
Total,	-	-	44.

CONDITION OF HOUSE AND APPARATUS.

Engine built by Hunneman & Co., Roxbury; since altered to a Thayer Engine; condition, good. 25 feet Suction Hose; one piece indifferent; 700 feet Leading Hose good, 200 feet ordinary; 1 Hose Carriage; 6 Buckets; 3 Pipes; 2 Axes; 3 Fire Caps; Spanners; Belts; Wrenches; Badges and Keys; Chairs; Settees; Stoves; Gas Fixtures; Alarm Bell on House; 1 set of Hub Runners. House in good condition. Apparatus generally in good condition. Hose Tower needs building higher.

WARREN ENGINE Co., No. 4.

House on Common Street.

MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
Geo. W. Prescott, <i>Foreman</i> ,	32	Edward E. Winslow,	25
Geo. O. Wiley, <i>1st. Asst.</i>	26	Charles Mellen,	24
Geo. C. Thompson, <i>2d. Asst.</i>	27	Ephraim W. Bean,	28
William E. Delano, <i>Clerk</i> ,	24	James B. Hatch,	29
Andrew Jackson,	35	James E. Wright,	26
Richard R. Raymond,	29	Seth Sawyer, jr.	27
Benjamin Williams,	29	George Ware,	31
Benjamin W. Foster,	34	John H. Pool,	25
Stephen H. Stone,	39	Henry Beckford,	27
Charles B. Hall,	28	John Breed,	36

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MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
Edward W. Dearborn,	25	Francis Burgess,	28
Andrew Bartlett,	29	Stillman H. Young,	23
Isaac Brackett,	22	Charles T. Bean,	21
Ebenezer Field,	23	Collins Chisholm,	24
William T. Gardner,	25	Benjamin F. Whipple,	25
William Marsh,	25	Osmond Hartwell,	25
Samuel F. Upton,	24	Lewis Goodwin,	28
Charles Abrams,	23	David C. Chase,	23
Edmund Goodwin,	23	Henry Page,	24
George Johnson,	25	John H. Brazier,	24
Andrew J. Martin,	31	Andrew J. Fickett,	23
Charles Williams,	22	Robert A. Cooper,	28
Augustus G. Baxter,	23	Orrison Little,	22
Walter B. Sampson,	26	John Spurr,	40
Christopher Mann,	26	Samuel A. Macallister,	27
Charles F. Harding,	23	Laban Turner,	21
Amos Porter,	28	Sumner Winslow,	25
John Hall,	22	Total,	55

CONDITION OF HOUSE AND APPARATUS.

Engine built by Hunneman & Co., Roxbury; now repairing. 28 feet of Suction Hose; 1 piece indifferent; 550 feet of Leading Hose good, 300 feet bad; 1 Hose Carriage; 10 Buckets; 5 Pipes; 2 Axes; 6 Fire Caps; Badges and Keys; Spanners; Belts; Lantern; Wrenches; Stoves; Chairs; Settees; Gas Fixtures; 1 set Hub Runners; Alarm Bell on House. Apparatus generally in good condition. House needs some slight repairs.

WASHINGTON ENGINE Co., No. 5.

House on Harvard Street.

MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
Geo. E. Rogers, <i>Foreman</i> ,	26	William R. P. Andrews,	22
Benj. F. Gardner, <i>1st. Asst.</i>	27	Charles F. Poor,	27
Albert Chandler, <i>2d. Asst.</i>	37	William F. Rowe,	25
Joseph H. Bryant, <i>Clerk</i> ,	23	Joseph E. N. Davis,	35
Elias Crafts, jr.	51	Henry Clay,	22
Benjamin Brintnall,	28	William Dennis,	39
Moses F. Webster,	39	George H. Mabery,	29
Joseph Libbey,	26	James Geezer,	24
Edward J. Simmons,	25	Nathan E. Abbot,	23
John Louer,	23	Stephen F. Grover,	24
Thomas E. Smith,	22	Charles H. Smith,	34
Barrent V. Dennis,	36	John C. Robbins,	27
Domingo M. Fiol,	36	Ferdinand J. Pierre,	24

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MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS,	AGE.
Francis D. Adams,	22	Warren F. Smith,	25
John D. Cram,	22	James Eccles,	26
George H. Gardner,	21	Joseph H. Till,	32
George M. Kimball,	22	Hiram Branch,	25
John W. Schultz,	25	Jackson H. Shaw,	29
John Mullett,	40	Albert Shaw,	30
Marcellus P. Smith,	26	Charles D. W. Lane,	24
Benjamin Gardner,	22	True W. Seaver,	45
Edward P. Tourtellot,	24	Total,	43

CONDITION OF HOUSE AND APPARATUS.

Engine built by Hunneman & Co., Roxbury; condition, good. 26 feet of Suction Hose; 800 feet of Leading Hose, all good; 1 Hose Carriage; 6 Buckets; 3 Pipes; 2 Axes; 6 Fire Caps; Badges and Keys; Spanners and Belts; 2 Stoves; Settees; Gas Fixtures; 1 set Hub Runners; Alarm Bell on House; 1 Force Pump, with 25 feet of hose for the same. House in good condition. Apparatus in good order generally.

FRANKLIN ENGINE Co., No. 7.

House on Bunker-Hill Street.

MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
Thomas Brintnall, <i>Foreman</i> ,	40	Stephen Doyle,	25
Henry P. Goodwin, <i>1st Asst.</i>	32	James R. Wisner,	24
James F. Wilson, <i>2d Asst.</i>	25	John McLoud,	24
H. Nelson Clapp, <i>Clerk</i> ,	23	John Griffin,	23
John F. Powers,	37	Charles Pickett,	22
Daniel B. Gardner,	39	Frank A. Nichols,	24
Francis J. Almeader,	39	James Pooley,	28
Joseph S. Bibrim,	46	John Dunniels,	41
Morton Clausen,	41	Samuel Dwight,	22
Warren Ferrin,	29	Thomas Green,	22
Laurence Hamilton,	37	Larkin T. Gardner,	28
John Williams,	33	Thomas J. Berry,	26
Jacob Cook,	32	George Cottle,	22
William Green,	29	Benjamin F. Small,	36
John Kelly,	26	George W. Bartlett,	26
Alonzo Southwick,	30	James Quarbert,	25
John F. Caldwell,	22	Mathew Welch,	22
Elias Abbott,	40	William O. Lane,	23
James J. Morey,	32	Richard Bettinson,	22
Samuel Williams, jr.	23	John Trumbull,	25
William Mc Laughlin,	23	Henry P. Gardner,	38
Thomas W. Morey,	30	Harry Moore,	30

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MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
George Riley,	22	William Stollery,	26
John Bartlett,	30	Mathew P. Sanborn,	36
Thomas Ward,	24	Samuel A. Wright,	27
James Green,	23	James Penney,	36
Daniel Anderson,	22	Gustavus A. Norton,	22
Total,	-	-	54.

CONDITION OF HOUSE AND APPARATUS.

Engine built by Stephen Thayer, Boston; condition, good. 26 feet of Suction Hose; 400 feet of Leading Hose, good; 300 feet indifferent; 1 Hose Carriage; 6 Buckets; 3 Pipes; 2 Axes; 6 Fire Caps; Spanners; Belts; Badges and Keys; Wrenches; Chairs; Stove; 1 set Hub Runners; Alarm Bell on House. Apparatus in good condition. House needs a new lower floor, and Hose Tower built higher.

RED JACKET HOSE Co.

House on Winthrop Street.

MEMBERS.	AGE.	MEMBERS.	AGE.
Edw. F. Barstow, <i>Foreman</i> ,	30	George W. French,	22
Amos B. Morss, <i>1st Asst.</i>	26	Joseph E. Chapman,	24
John J. Edmands, <i>Clerk</i> ,	25	Henry P. Jewett,	22
Dennison McFarland,	32	M. Wilder Rice,	22
Joseph W. Welsh,	36	Isaac N. Burroughs,	23
Thomas B. Harley,	37	John B. Cilley,	27
Allen Putnam,	46	Nathaniel Story,	22
Charles H. Mann,	22	John H. Brower,	26
Samuel T. Vaughn,	22	Timothy C. Edminster,	28
William H. Powers,	22	Thomas Harding,	31
Total,	-	-	20.

CONDITION OF HOUSE AND APPARATUS.

2 Hose Carriages, built by Hittinger & Cook, of Charlestown. 1000 feet of Hose in good order; 400 feet indifferent; 200 feet in bad order; 20 Fire Caps; 2 Buckets; 2 Pipes; Spanners; Belts, Wrenches; Lanterns; 1 Axe; Badges and Keys; Stoves; Settees; Table, &c.; 1 pair of Hub Runners. House and apparatus in good repair.

HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGE.*House on Winthrop Street.*

No Company.

CONDITION OF HOUSE AND APPARATUS.

Carriage built by William Hodgkins, of Charlestown. 17 Ladders; 3 Large Hooks; 2 Hand Hooks; 3 Rakes; 2 Forks; 6 Axes; 20 Fire Caps; Ropes; Chains; Badges and Keys; Wrenches; Settees; Chairs; Stoves; 1 set of Runners, &c. House in good condition. A new carriage has been recommended.

RELIEF ENGINE.*House on Common Street.*

At present in charge of Engine Co., No. 4. Engine built by Stephen Thayer, of Boston. Has 24 feet of Suction Hose, 1 piece bad; 1 Pipe; 2 Axes; 1 Hose Carriage. Engine needs a thorough repairing.

Location of Reservoirs, Wells and Hydrants, in the City of Charlestown.

RESERVOIRS.

- 1, Harvard Street, filled from Church.
- 2, Junction of Henley and Warren Streets.
- 3, Union Street, front of Nos. 35 and 37.
- 4, Main Street, junction of Austin and Main Streets, Spring.
- 5, High Street, junction of School and High Streets.
- 6, Common Street, south-east corner of Winthrop Sqr., Spring.
- 7, Junction of Bartlett and Green Streets.
- 8, Gray Street, north-east side.
- 9, Walker Street, junction of Bartlett Street, Spring.
- 10, Junction of Lexington and Tremont Streets, Spring.
- 11, Sullivan Street, near Main Street.
- 12, Russell Street, near Pearl Street, Spring.
- 13, Mead Street, near Crystal Place.
- 14, Square, near Foss' Distillery.
- 15, Junction of Summer and Elm Streets.
- 16, Main Street, at the Neck, near Albee's Store.
- 17, City Square, near Bunker Hall Bank.
- 18, Chesnut Street, Front of No. 42.
- 19, Bunker-Hill Street, between Linden and Walnut Streets.

- 20, Junction of Bunker-Hill and Elm Streets.
- 21, do. do. Cook Streets.
- 22, Bunker-Hill Street, front of No. 254.
- 23, Junction of Bunker-Hill and Decatur Streets.
- 24, do. Bow and Richmond Streets.
- 25, Warren Street, opposite Carleton's Coal Yard.
- 26, Junction of Austin and First Streets.
- 27, do. do. Lawrence Streets.
- 28, Concord Street, 150 feet from Bunker-Hill Street.
- 29, Junction of High and Pleasant Streets.
- 30, Main Street, near Albion Court.
- 31, Junction of Main and Mill Streets.
- 32, do. Bainbridge and Moulton Streets.
- 33, Main Street, opposite Phipps Street.
- 34, Junction of Lynde and Fifth Street.
- 35, Corner of Ferrin Street.
- 36, Warren Avenue, between Front Street and Toll House.
- 37, do. do. do.

WELLS.

- 1, Warren Avenue, west side, near the Square.
- 2, City Square, front of Mansion House.
- 3, Junction of Chelsea Street and Henley Place.
- 4, do. Front and Second Streets.
- 5, do. Washington and Arrow Streets.
- 6, Second Street, front of No. 13.
- 7, Court, rear of Seminary Boarding House.
- 8, Chapman Street, near Main Street.
- 9, Main Street, opposite No. 255, near Salem Street.
- 10, Pearl Street, opposite Russell Street.
- 11, Elm Street, between Bunker-Hill and Medford Streets.
- 12, Main Street, north side of Albion Court, 75 feet.
- 13, do. opposite Charles Street.
- 14, do. front of Brown's Blacksmith Shop, at the Neck.
- 15, do. rear of Bunker-Hill Engine House.
- 16, Bunker-Hill Street, near junction of Bunker-Hill and Medford Street.
- 17, Main Street, near Hall's Dye House.
- 18, Oak Street, front of No. 21.
- 19, Bartlett Street, rear of Roulstone's House.
- 20, Union Street, front of Foster & Lawrence Shop.

HYDRANTS.

- 1, Corner of Warren Avenue and Water Street.
- 2, do. do. City Square.
- 3, do. Chelsea Street and do.

- 4, Corner of Chelsea and Joiner Streets.
- 5, do. do. Henley do.
- 6, do. do. Chesnut do.
- 7, do. do. Adams do.
- 8, do. do. Bunker-Hill do.
- 9, do. do. Vine, do.
- 10, do. do. Bainbridge do.
- 11, Chelsea Street, near Chelsea Bridge.

**List of Fires and Alarms, from May 1st, 1856, to
May 1st, 1857.**

FIRES.

May 17.—Some hay in a shed in the rear of 119 Bunker-Hill St., owned by J. B. Tamplin. Damage slight—Cause, incendiary.

May 25.—Burning of a stable on Medford St. adjoining Grant's Bacon Works, together with two other small buildings and the main building partially. Owned by Hastings, of Medford. Damage \$1,500—Insured. Supposed incendiary.

June 11.—Burning of Ice Houses on Devens' Wharf, owned and occupied by Mr. Tudor. Damage \$700—No insurance. Cause not ascertained.

June 13.—Dwelling House corner of Richmond and Austin Streets, caused by burning of a window curtain. Damage trifling—Cause, carelessness.

June 14.—Planing Mill on Medford Street. Building and machinery owned by Charles Locke, occupied by Libbey & Coffin. Loss about \$4,000—Insured. Cause, incendiary.

June 17.—Barn on Charles River Avenue, occupied by S. & E. Knight for storing Hay. Loss \$800, insured for \$700.—Incendiary.

June 19.—Slight burning of Furbush's Sausage Factory, on Canal Street. Damage slight—cause not ascertained.

June 24.—Stable on Pleasant Street, owned by Francis B. Austin, occupied by H. V. V. Blanchard and R. B. Bettinson. Loss \$150, no insurance.—Incendiary.

July 17.—Dwelling House No. 33 Linden Street, owned by Mr. Sutherland, of Malden, occupied by James Duffy as a Boarding House. Loss \$1000—insured. Accidental.

July 31.—Milliner's Shop corner of Henley and Main Streets. Damage trifling—cause, accidental.

Aug. 11.—Bundle on hay in Stable on Tufts Street. Damage trifling—cause, incendiary.

Aug. 18.—Slight burning of house No. 6 Lexington Street, owned by R. B. Bettinson. Damage trifling—cause, incendiary.

Oct. 10.—Straw bed in house corner of Princeton and Tufts Streets. Damage slight—cause, carelessness.

Oct. 24.—Building in rear of Main Street, owned and occupied by Furbush as a smoke house. Damage trifling—carelessness.

Nov. 20.—Slight fire in house No. 25 Warren Avenue, owned by the heirs of Mr. Dutton, and occupied by Mr. Shugarman. Damage \$15—cause carelessness.

Nov. 22.—Dwelling house on Chelsea St. Damage trifling—cause, defect in chimney.

Nov. 24.—Slacking of lime on board of a schooner lying at Tufts' Wharf. Damage not ascertained—cause, accidental.

Nov. 25.—Slight fire in a shed in rear of Charlestown Bank Building. Damage trifling—cause, supposed incendiary.

Dec. 1.—Slight burning of a Dwelling house on Princeton St., owned by John Sanborn. Damage trifling—cause, unknown.

Dec. 6.—Slight fire in building corner of Alford and Main St. owned by J. Gardner. Cause, defect in chimney—damage trifling.

Dec. 16.—Burning of E. Grant & Co's Lard and Bacon works on Medford Street, and a house owned by Mr. Girard, of Boston. Grant's loss, \$1000; Girard's, \$500—insured. Accidental.

Dec 28.—Burning of a stable on Polk Street, owned by the heirs of Charles Brown, and occupied by John Meserve. Loss \$200, insured \$75—cause, incendiary.

Dec. 31.—Burning of an old building in rear of Water Street, owned and occupied by F. R. R. Co. Damage \$25, insured—cause, accidental.

Jan. 7. Slight fire in a building on Union Street, occupied by Forster & Lawrence for storage. Damage slight—incendiary.

Jan. 7. Burning of a building in rear of Lawrence Street, owned and occupied by J. S. Hart as a stable. Damage \$25—cause, incendiary.

Jan. 8.—Burning of Boston & Maine R. R. Bridge. Damage trifling—cause accidental.

Jan. 9.—Dwelling house on Lyndeboro Street, owned by Chas. C. Smith, occupied by two families. Damage on house \$200, on furniture \$100,—insured. Cause, carelessness.

Jan. 17.—Slight fire in Corey & Goodwin's store, on Bunker-Hill Street. Damage trifling—cause accidental.

Jan. 31.—Burning of a building on Medford Street, formerly a Turpentine Factory, owned by Mr. Draper. Damage \$500—no insurance. Cause, incendiary.

March 8.—Burning of a building at the corner of Joiner and Water Streets, owned by J. B. Tamplin. Damage \$150—insured. Cause, incendiary.

March 25.—Slight fire in a building in Call Street Place, owned by Nathaniel Heath, occupied by Charles Givens. Damage \$15—cause, incendiary.

March 28.—Slight fire in house on Water Street, occupied by James McConnor. Damage trifling—cause, accidental.

April 1.—Building on Prison Point Bridge partially destroyed, owned by the Fitchburg R. R. Co., occupied as a Dwelling house & Depot. Damage \$300, ins.—cause, sparks from engine.

April 1.—Slight fire on roof of Dwelling house No. 2 Irving Place. Damage trifling, cause accidental.

April 4.—Slight fire in building owned by J. B. Tamplin, corner of Vine and Decatur Streets. Damage trifling—incendiary.

April 4.—Slight fire in a shed in the rear of Main Street. Damage trifling—cause not ascertained.

Number of Fires, 36; loss, \$11,180; insured, \$9,450.

Cause of Fires—Incendiary,	15	Not ascertained,	4
Accidental,	9	Defect in chimney,	2
Carelessness,	5	Sparks from Locomotive,	1
Total,	- - - -	-	36.

A L A R M S.

May 7, So. Boston,	Aug. 10, Malden,
14, Cambridge,	15, Glass House Bell,
18, " "	15, False,
18, False,	16, Cambridge,
20, Chelsea,	17, Somerville,
22, Tar Barrel,	24, Cambridge,
27, Cambridge,	27, Glass House Bell,
31, False,	28, Chelsea,
June 2, Cambridge,	28, Dedham,
4, Chelsea,	Sep. 2, Chelsea,
11, False,	5, Malden,
14, Chelsea,	6, False,
15, Somerville,	7, Somerville,
17, False,	9, Chimney,
25, " "	10, Lowell,
26, Navy Yard,	11, Chelsea,
30, False,	13, Winchester,
July 1, Cambridge,	17, Somerville,
3, Boston,	19, Cambridge,
3, Cambridge,	22, Boston,
4, Chelsea,	27, Cambridge,
5, " "	29, False,
5, " "	Oct. 6, Cambridge,
6, Somerville,	7, " "
6, Cambridge,	12, Somerville,
8, False,	15, Boston,
12, Chelsea,	16, Somerville,
15, False,	16, False,
19, Cambridge,	30, Chelsea,
20, Somerville,	31, Cambridge,
21, Chelsea,	Nov. 1, Boston,
23, Somerville,	1, Chelsea,
25, False,	3, 104 Water Street,
28, Cambridge,	3, 67 Chapman Street,
29, Boston,	3, Lexington,
30, " "	3, Chelsea,
Aug. 8, Chimney,	4, Glass House Bell,

Nov. 8, Cambridge,	Jan. 24, Chelsea,
10, Boston,	26, "
13, Cambridge,	26, False,
16, False,	26, Waltham,
20, Cambridge,	31, Boston,
20, False,	Feb. 1, Chelsea,
21, Chelsea,	3, Cambridgeport,
23, Chimney,	7, Chimney,
23, Somerville,	7, Cambridge,
24, Boston,	7, "
Dec. 11, Cambridge,	14, Glass House Bell,
13, False,	14, Chelsea,
18, "	18, False,
19, "	19, Chelsea,
19, "	21, Cambridge,
20, Malden,	24, "
21, Cambridge,	Mar. 1, Chelsea,
25, False,	2, "
29, "	10, "
31, Shavings,	11, Cambridge,
Jan. 2, Malden,	15, Lynn,
6, False,	22, Chelsea,
10, "	29, Cambridge,
11, "	31, Chelsea,
12, "	Apr. 5, Cambridge,
13, Glass House Bell,	14, False,
17, False,	15, Shavings,
17, "	16, Chelsea,
17, Cambridge,	18, False,
18, False,	28, Boston.

Number of Alarms, 137—from Fires out of the city, 93—from Alarms in the city and False Alarms, 44.—Total, 173.

Since May 1, 1856, ten separate drafts on the City Treasurer have been drawn by the Board of Engineers, amounting to seven thousand four hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-seven cents. Of the above amount, three thousand five hundred and twenty-six dollars and ninety-nine cents has been expended for services of the members of the several companies, and for fuel and oil as allowed by the city. The balance has been expended as per bills rendered.

EXPENDED, \$7,484 77.

RECAPITULATION.

Engineers.....5	Axes.....20
Members.....326	Reservoirs.....37
Engines.....7	Wells.....20
Feet of Leading Hose.....6250	Hydrants.....11
Feet of Suction Hose.....179	Fires and Alarms.....173
Hose Carriages.....9	Fire Caps.....73
Hook and Ladder Carriage.....1	Amount of Loss.....\$11,180
Hooks.....5	Amount Insured.....\$9,450
Ladders.....17	Expended.....\$7,484 77

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. POOR, CHIEF ENGINEER.