

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS'  
FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON AND THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,  
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR  
1867-68.

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MAY 1, 1867, TO APRIL 30, 1868.  
(BOTH INCLUDED.)  
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HOSE HOUSE No. 1. The new accommodations for Hose 1 have been completed upon a lot admirably suited to the purpose, from the fact of its being of sufficient width to admit of a side entrance to the stable, which is in the rear of the hose-

carriage house, an important point also as regards the admission of light and air to the building, its whole depth. The original lot was insufficient for carrying out the building in a satisfactory manner, and additional land was obtained in the rear, which renders the site one of the best in the city. The building is of brick, ornamented with granite dressings, and surmounted with a Mansard roof. It consists of a basement, — principal floor for hose-carriage and stable, second story for parlor, chambers, bathroom and hay-loft, and an upper story left unfinished for storage, etc. A hose tower, some sixty-five feet in height, extends upward from the basement, for drying and oiling the long lines of hose after use. In the basement is a trough of about an equal length, for washing the hose. An air-tight cemented brick cistern or manure pit, with ventilator extending to the roof, occupies the basement under the stable. The principal story is finished throughout with varnished matched sheathing. The floor of matched hard-wood plank. The stable is fitted with all the most modern appliances in the way of hay racks, mangers, etc., for the comfort of its tenant. A ventilator, three feet square, extends from the ceiling to the roof, insuring a thorough change of air at all times. The second story contains a spacious parlor for the use of the hosemen, three well-lighted chambers, together with bowls, water closet, bathing room and every convenience. The building has been designed upon the most approved plan, with a special regard to the comfort and convenience of its occupants, and to the effectiveness and despatch so indispensable in manipulating the varied paraphernalia at a sudden alarm of fire. Thus far, every requirement has been found to have been anticipated. Architect, WILLIAM G. PRESTON, and the contractors for the building were Messrs. MORTON & CHESLEY. Cost of land, \$4,300; building, \$18,246.46; furniture, \$55; total, \$22,601.46.