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Boston, April 25, 1911.

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald,

Mayor of the City of Boston:

Sir,—I have the honor to submit herewith the report of this department for the year February 1,

1910, to February 1, 1911.

During this period there have been three heads of this department: February 1 to May 27, 1910, Commissioner Samuel D. Parker; from May 27 to September 16, 1910, Temporary Commissioner Francis M. Carroll; from September 16, 1910, to February 1, 1911, Commissioner Charles D. Daly.

The loss has been heavy, exceeding \$3,000,000. This may be partly due to the growth of the city and the increase in valuation. You will notice that the number of alarms has increased from 3,784 to 4,063.

#### FIRE-FIGHTING FORCE.

I beg to call attention to the necessity of increasing the fire-fighting force of the city. It is no uncommon sight to see the most important pieces of apparatus in the city attending fires badly undermanned. With

#### BUILDING INSPECTION.

The system of building inspection has been extended and developed. During the few months in which it has been carried on over seven thousand buildings have been inspected. The inspection has covered various special risks, such as garages, printing plants, factories, tenements, hotels, hay and grain sheds, lumber yards, mercantile houses, schoolhouses, theaters, moving picture houses, public assembly halls and buildings for the storage

of explosives, etc.

When dangerous conditions are found they are reported to the owner, the Building Commissioner and the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters. The complete investigation of these various buildings tends to eliminate dangerous conditions, as has been shown by the ready response of owners in correcting those of a fire menace character. Many buildings in a state of collapse have been razed. Others with windows out and doors removed have been boarded up, thus eliminating the danger of fire from within by intruders. Much attention has been paid to buildings in which rubbish and litter of all kinds have been allowed to collect, and where benzine, naphtha, gasolene and other inflammables have been stored for use in a careless manner. In garages danger arising from escaping gasolene vapor has been minimized by the segregation of heaters and boilers from the main building. The regulation governing the storage of gasolene and the burying of tanks underground is being enforced, thus reducing the danger from explosions.

Great care has been exercised by the explosive detail in the inspection of high explosives. Enforcement of the new regulations, issued by the state police, has been rigid. Buildings and structures containing high explosives, such as dynamite, blasting powder, detonators or blasting caps, fixed ammunition, soluble or negative cotton, fireworks and firecrackers and inflammable fluids of all kinds, have been frequently

inspected.

These inspections have been the means of bringing to the attention of the Building Department insufficient means of egress, defective buildings, etc., which would be a source of great danger in case of fire. It has also the additional advantage of acquainting the district chiefs with their territory. Adequate building inspection can only result in far reaching benefit to the community.

#### HIGH PRESSURE SERVICE.

A bill providing for the installation of a high pressure service through the business district of Boston has been submitted to the Legislature, and indications are that it will become a law. If this bill is accepted by the City Council, the city will have made a material step toward modern fire protection. The benefits resulting from this system are inestimable.

#### THE SUBURBS.

Fire protection in the suburbs should be developed. I have gathered statistics showing the growth of the suburbs in population and valuation. These statistics show that there has been practically no increase in the fire protection of these districts during a period in which population and valuation have increased 30 per cent.

#### MUTUAL AID.

The problem of receiving assistance from adjoining cities and towns in case of large fires has been investigated. A Board, consisting of Deputy Chief Grady, Chief Perkins and Assistant Superintendent Fire Alarms Donahue, have prepared careful plans for the orderly and proper handling of metropolitan aid. The extension of the tapper service to adjoining towns is being pushed. This office has in mind proper cooperation throughout the immediate metropolitan district.

#### NATIONAL BOARD INVESTIGATION.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters, during the past six months, has investigated in detail all aspects of this department. This report, just published, speaks of the department in favorable terms.

The characteristic high grade of the Boston Fire Service has been maintained throughout the year, due to a strict attention of officers and men to their duties.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES D. DALY, Fire Commissioner.

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FIRE DISTRICTS.

The city is divided into fourteen fire districts as follows:

District 1.

All that part of Boston known as East Boston.

District 2.

All that part of Boston known as Charlestown.

#### District 3.

The territory bounded on the north by State street, on the east by the water front to B street, on the southeast by B street, on the south by West First street, across Dorchester avenue and Cove Street Bridge to Atlantic avenue, and on the west by Atlantic avenue, Dewey square, Summer street, Church Green and Devonshire street.

#### District 4.

The territory bounded on the north and east by the water front, on the south by State, Devonshire, Water, Washington, School and Beacon streets, and on the west by Charles and Pinckney streets and the Charles river.

#### District 5.

The territory bounded on the north by Water, Washington, School, Beacon, Charles and Pinckney streets, on the west by the Charles river, Otter, Beacon, Arlington, Boylston (Short), Church and Providence streets, Park square, Columbus avenue, Church and Tremont streets, on the south by Pleasant street and Broadway extension to bridge across Fort Point channel to Dor-chester avenue, and on the east by a line from Dorchester avenue across Cove Street Bridge, Atlantic avenue, Dewey square, Summer street, Church Green and Devonshire street.

#### District 6.

The territory bounded on the north by Broadway extension across Fort Point channel, and Dorchester avenue to First street, through First street to B street, on the west by B street to harbor line, by harbor line to Locust street, on the south by Locust and Dorset streets to the South bay, and on the west by South bay to Broadway Extension Bridge.

#### District 7.

The territory bounded on the west by the Charles river; on the north by Otter, Beacon, Arlington, Bóylston (Short), Church and Providence streets, Park square, Columbus avenue, Church, Tremont and Pleasant streets and Broadway extension to bridge, on the east by Fort Point channel and South bay, and on the south by Massachusetts avenue and the Charles river.

#### District 8.

The territory bounded on the north by the Charlesriver and Massachusetts avenue, on the east by Washington street, on the south by Atherton and Mozart streets, Chestnut avenue, Sheridan and Centre streets, Hyde square, Perkins street, South Huntington avenue and Castleton street, across Jamaicaway to the Brookline line, and on the west by the Brookline line to Cottage Farm Bridge.

#### District 9.

The territory bounded on the north by Massachusetts avenue, South bay, Dorset and Locust streets, on the east by Dorchester bay, on the south by Evandale terrace, Savin Hill avenue north, Pleasant and Stoughton streets, Columbia road, Geneva and Blue Hill avenues, Seaver street and Columbus avenue, and on the west by Washington street.

#### District 10.

The territory bounded on the north by Geneva avenue, Columbia road, Stoughton and Pleasant streets, Savin Hill avenue north, Evandale terrace to water front, on the east by Dorchester bay and Neponset river, on the south by marsh land to Minot street, through Adams and Centre streets, Talbot avenue and Angell street, on the west by Canterbury street and Blue Hill avenue.

#### District 11.

All that part of Boston known as Brighton, and extending east as far as Cottage Farm Bridge.

#### District 12.

All that part of Boston known as West Roxbury, bounded on the north by a line from the Brookline line across Jamaicaway to Castleton street, through Castleton street, South Huntington avenue, Perkins street, Hyde square, Centre and Sheridan streets, Chestnut avenue, Mozart and Atherton streets, Columbus avenue and Seaver street, on the east by Blue Hill avenue, Canterbury, Morton and Harvard streets, on the south by the Hyde Park and Dedham lines, and on the west by the Newton and Brookline lines.

#### MARINE DISTRICT.

All buildings or other property, including wharfs, bridges, etc., bordering on the water front, beginning

at a point on the northerly side of the reserved channel at L Street Bridge, South Boston, thence westerly along the harbor line of South Boston to Fort Point channel, thence southerly to Dorchester Avenue Bridge, thence northerly by the way of Fort Point channel, thence along and around the city proper harbor line to the Charlestown Bridge, thence northerly along the water front around the Charlestown district to Mystic river, thence westerly along the Mystic river (south side) to Malden Bridge, or Alford street. Also, beginning at Jeffries Point at the head of Marginal street, thence northerly and westerly along the East Boston water front to Chelsea creek, thence easterly along said creek (south side) to the Grand Junction Railroad Bridge, and to include all property on the islands in Boston Harbor.

Note. - The lines of Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are affected by the Marine District.

#### District 14.

The territory bounded on the north by Angell street, Talbot avenue, Centre and Adams streets, to Minot street, across marsh land to Neponset river, on the east by Neponset river, on the south by Neponset river and Hyde Park line, on the west by Harvard, Morton and Canterbury streets.

#### ASSIGNMENT OF DISTRICTS.

Each district is placed under the charge of a district chief, as follows:

		COMPA	NIES IN D	ISTRICTS.	
DISTRICT.	Chief in Command.	Engines.	Chemical Engines.	Ladder Trucks.	Water Towers.
1	John W. Godbold C. H. W. Pope John O. Taber Henry A. Fox Daniel F. Sennott Edwin A. Fork Berkins Stephen J. Ryder Michael J. Kennedy John W. Murphy John E. Madison Michael J. Mulligan Robert A. Ritchie Maurice Heffernan	5, 9, 11, 40 27, 32, 36 25, 38, 39 * 4, 6, 8 7, 10, * 26, 33 * 1, 2, 15, 43 3, * 22, 33 * 12, 21, 23, 24 17, * 18, 20 29, 34, * 41 * 28, 30, 42, 45 * 44, * 47 16, 19, * 46	3,9 1 2 8 4 12 10 5,13	*2, 21 *9, 22 8, 14,* 18 1, 24 1, 17 5, 19, 20 3, 13, 15 * 12, 26 4 7, 23, 27 11 10, 16, 25	

<sup>\*</sup> Headquarters of District Chief.

The following property is in charge of the Fire Commissioner:

	Houses		
Location.	Number of Feet in Lot.	Assessed Valuation.	Occupied by
Dorchester and Fourth streets	8,167	\$25,800	Engine 1 and Ladder House 5 on this lot.
Corner of O and Fourth streets	4,000	16,200	Engine 2.
Bristol street and Harrison avenue	4,000	30,000	Engine 3 and Ladder 3.
Bulfinch street	6,098	96,000	Engine 4, Chemical 1 and Tower 1.
Marion street, East Boston	1,647	9,000	Engine 5.
Leverett street	2,269	40,000	Engine 6.
East street	1,893	36,400	Engine 7.
Salem street	2,568	24,000	Engine 8.
Paris street, East Boston	4,720	29,700	Engine 9 and Ladder 2.
River street	1,886	20,500	Engine 10.
Saratoga and Byron sts., East Boston,	10,000	39,500	Engine 11 and Ladder 21.
Dudley street	7,320	25,000	Engine 12.
Cabot street	4,832	16,000	Engine 13.
Centre street	5,713	14,600	Engine 14.
Dorchester avenue	2,803	18,600	Engine 15.
Corner River and Temple streets	12,736	19,200	Engine 16 and Ladder 6.
Meeting House Hill, Dorchester	9,450	17,300	Engine 17 and Ladde House 7 on this lot.
Harvard street, Dorchester	9,440	18,800	Engine 18.
Norfolk street, Dorchester	7,683	14,200	Engine 19.
Walnut street, Dorchester	9,000	17,300	Engine 20 and Ladder 27.
Columbia road, Dorchester	10,341	17,100	Engine 21.
Warren avenue	7,500	62,500	Engine 22 and Ladder 13.
Northampton street	3,445	11,200	Engine 23.
Corner Warren and Quincy streets	4,186	18,100	Engine 24.
Fort Hill square	4,175	100,600	Engine 25, Ladder 8 an Ladder 14.
Mason street	5,623	175,000	Engines 26 and 35.
Elm street, Charlestown	2,600	18,000	Engine 27.
Centre street, Jamaica Plain	10,377	28,300	Engine 28 and Ladder 10
Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton	14,358	37,200	Engine 29 and Ladder 11
Centre street, West Roxbury	12,251	25,000	Engine 30 and Ladder 25
Bunker Hill street, Charlestown	8,188	26,200	Engine 32.
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Corner Boylston and Hereford streets,

Western avenue, Brighton.....

Corner Longwood and Brookline aves.,

Monument street, Charlestown.....

Engine 33 and Ladder 15.

Engine 36 and Ladder 22.

Engine 34.

14,300 Engine 37 and Ladder 26.

#### Houses.—Concluded.

Location.	Number of Feet in Lot.	Assessed Valuation.	Occupied by
Congress street	4,000	\$37,000	Engines 38 and 39.
Sumner street, East Boston	4,010	18,000	Engine 40.
Harvard avenue, near Cambridge street, Brighton	6,112	25,500	Engine 41 and Chemical 6
Washington street, at Egleston square,	3,848	22,900	Engine 42 and Chemical 5
Andrew square	5,133	19,600	Engine 43 and Ladder 20.
Washington street, corner Poplar street, Roslindale	14,729	22,400	Engine 45 and Ladder 16.
Dorchester avenue, Ashmont	4,875	22,900	Engine 46.
Church street	3,412	23,600	Chemical Engine 2.
Winthrop street	5,230	15,700	Chemical 3.
Shawmut avenue	889	4,300	Chemical Engine 4.
Saratoga street, East Boston	9,300	40,600	Chemical Engine 7.
B street	1,804	7,800	Chemical Engine 8.
Eustis street	1,790	8,000	Chemical Engine 10.
Corner Callender and Lyons streets	7,200	13,964	Chemical 11.
Corner Walk Hill and Wenham streets,	11,169	35,446	Chemical 13.
Friend street	1,676	37,200	Ladder 1.
Dudley street	3,923	26,000	Ladder 4.
Main street, Charlestown	4,290	16,400	Ladder 9 and Chemical 9.
Tremont street	4,311	25,600	Ladder 12 and Chemical 1:
Harrison avenue	2,134	23,500	Ladder 17.
Pittsburgh street, South Boston	8,964	35,400	Ladder 18 and Tower 3.
Fourth street	3,101	10,700	Ladder 19.
Washington street, Dorchester	6,875	21,400	Ladder 23.
North Grove street	3,918	19,800	Ladder 24.

Assess	ed Valuation.
Fuel house, Dorchester street, 1,610 feet of land.	\$3,100
Fuel house, Salem street, 417 feet of land	4,000
Fuel house, Main street, Charlestown, 2,430 feet	4,000
of land	7,000
Headquarters Building, corner of Albany and	
Bristol streets, 23,679 feet of land	125,000
Water Tower No. 2 and wrecking wagon are in	120,000
Headquarters Building.	
Veterinary Hospital, Atkinson street, 64,442 feet	
of land	68,300
Fuel house, Washington, near Dover street, 1,007	00,000
feet of land	10,500
11,500 feet of land adjoining the South Ferry,	10,500
East Boston, quarters of Engine Company 47,	10 000
Building not assessed	16,300

Engine Companies.

Steam Fire Engines.—Forty-four in service. Firehoars.— Two in service. Horse Hose Wagons.—Forty-four.

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CHEMICAL ENGINES.—Twelve in service.

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	Bulfinch street	American La France Company	Doc 1910	Gai
	Church street	American La France Company.	April 25, 1874	160
	Shawmut avenue	Rebuilt by Hinman in 1886, re-	April 29, 1898	
	Washington street, at Egleston square	built at repair shop, B. F. D., Altered by Hinman.	April, 1906 Sept. 21, 1876	160
	Harvard ave., near Cambridge st., Brighton	Altered by Hinman	May 1, 1876	10
	B street, South Boston.	Altered by Hinman	Oct. 27, 1887	16
	Main street, Charlestown	Altered by Hinman	July 17, 1889	10
	Fushs street	Altered by Hinman	Sept. 13, 1889	01
	Tremont street.	Babcock Mfg. Co	March, 1892 Oct., 1890	10
	Walk Hill and Wenham streets	Knox Auto Company	July, 1910	3

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Ladder Companies.

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Laber Trucks.— Twenty-seven in service, including five extension ladder trucks.

NOMBER.	Location.	Builders.	Put in Service.	Numb
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		Extensio		Put in Service	Dec. 18, 189 May 17, 189 Nov. 2, 190
erve:	Builders.	Fire Department Repair Shop. Fire Department Repair Shop. Fire Department Repair Shop. Finemena & Co., rebuilt as combination in 1900. Hunneman & Co. Hunneman & Co. International Fire Engine Company, Oct., 1902.	owers.	Builders.	Kansas City Fire Department Supply Company, Dec. 18, 188 Kansas City Fire Department Supply Company, May 17, 188 International Fire Engine Company
III Keselve.		Fire Department Repair Shop. Fire Department Repair Shop. Humenan & Co., rebuilt as combination in 190 Fire Extinguisher Mandfacturing Company Humenan & Co. Humenan & Co. International Fire Engine Company, Oct., 1902.	Water Towers.	Location.	reet. street.
			e in service.		Bulfinch street Bristol street Pittsburgh street.
	DESCRIPTION.	Relief A. Reiter D, old 8. Former Ladder 11  " " 14  " " 16  " " 16  " " 18  " " 18	WATER TOWERS.— Three in service.	NUMBER.	130

Wacoss.—Thirty-nine for fuel, six for repairs, two for supplies, three for manure and one caravan. Twenty for chief of department and district chiefs (lifteen in service and five in reserve), also one buggy for superintendent of fire alarms.

Pouss.—Porty-fee: Thirty-nine for carrying hose, two for jobbing and four for fire-alarm branch.

Pouss Axo Macurers rate in Repair Shore—In the repair shop one 25 horse power steam engine, cylinder 9 by 31 inches, Putnam Tootas Axo Macurers rate in Repair Shore table 12-foot bed; two 14-inch swing engine lathes, 6-foot bed; one 26-inch swing engine lathe, 10-foot bed; one No. 2 upright drill; five blacksmiths forges, one furnace for heating tires; one 28-inch swing engine lathe, 10-foot bed; one No. 2 upright drill; five blacksmiths forges, one furnace for heating tires; one 28-inch swing machine; one hose expanding machine; who being machine; one buse obte cutter, one combination machine electric swwing machine; one buse expanding machine; two boring machine; one buse of the dynamic and any all the alarm, together with numerous smaller tooks and appliances, and also tools for repairing hose and harness, and one power hammer. PORTABLE EXTINGUISHERS.— Carried on ladder trucks, hose wagons, chemical engines, water towers, and located in the department

NEW APPARATUS PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR. 85 feet aerial trucks.

First-size Metropolitan steam fire engine.
Second-size Amoskeag steam fire engine.
Combination chemical engine and ladder truck. \$\mathcal{L}\$ 23

Chemical engine.
District chief's wagon.

Sleigh.

1 Sleigh.
1 Buick roadster.
Built at Fire Department repair shop:
1 Hose wagon.
1 Ladder truck rebuilt, and destroyed in repair shop fire.
1 Chemical engine rebuilt, and destroyed in repair shop fire.

Amount of hose purchased and condemned during the

			Purchased.	Condemned.
Leading cotton			13,300 feet	9,400 feet
Leading rubber	12		2,500 "	800 "
Chemical .			 1,000 "	1,350 "
Deck			300 "	100 "
Rubber suction			312 "	195 "
Flexible suction			200 "	150 "
Deluge .			200 "	48 "
			17,812 feet	12,043 feet

Amount of hose destroyed in repair shop fire, August

Amount of hose in use and in store February 1, 1911:

			In Use.		In Ste	ore.
Leading cotton			100,414 f	eet	4,010	feet
Leading rubber	- 33		7,600	u	2,750	"
Chemical .			11,950	u	200	"
Deck			600	"	300	"
Rubber suction			956	"	$124\frac{1}{2}$	"
Flexible suction			525	"	871	"
Deluge .	100	M	816	"	1871	"
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122,861	feet.	7,6591	feet
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		H	ORS	ES.				
Purchased during th	he ye	ear						52
Sold or exchanged								27
Killed for cause				1	211			11
Killed in service								3
Died								100
Number in the depart	artm	ent		;				408

Brought forward	\$60,123	278	1,517,054	31
Repairs and alterations	2,665	94	the state of the state of	1.00
Telephone service	1,014			360
Use of duct in East Boston Tun-	1,011			1,0
	450	26	HE L	36
nel	420		13	1
Electric light for clocks .	248		60	7/
			14	17
Car fares and traveling expenses,	187		1	4
Electric power	144		1	0
Repairs of clocks	82	10		
		-	65,336	05
		S	1,582,390	36
	and the last	-	7 7	
Fire Station, Lauriat Av	enue Dist	rict.		
Payments on account:				
Contractors, McGahey & O'Conno	r		\$12,075	
Architects, Moller & Smith			603	00
Printing	September 1	101	82	98
Advertising		1	2	50
			\$12,764	24
Fire Station, Oak Square and	Fanouil	Sant	ion	
	Lancaci	Deci	con.	
Payments on account: Advertising			\$4	00
House, Land and Apparate	. Forest	H:I	70	
	is, rorest	nu	<i>ts.</i>	
Balance of payments:				
Contractor, Martin Flynn			\$16,355	
Architects, Moller & Smith			625	
Fire-alarm cable			591	
Conduit			519	70
Oil tank, etc.			96	
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			\$18,188	15
	00.000			
	\$3,966	45		
Cost of building	28,979	97		
	202.010	-		
	\$32,946	42		
New Fireboat No	31			
Continuation of payments:				
	Engineer			
Contractors, Bertelsen & Petersen	Engineer	ing	040 0==	00
Architect, Arthur Binney			\$40,875	
Architect, Arthur Binney			1,362	
Inspector of hull			747	00
Carried forward			249 024	50
Carried forward			\$42,984	00

Brought forward Nozzles, pipes, hose, etc. Consulting engineer Launching Advertising  New Quarters for Fireboat Crew, I Payments on account: Engineering  Recapitulation.  Fire Department New fireboat No. 31 House, land and apparatus, Forest Hills Fire station, Lauriat avenue district New quarters for fireboat crew, Boston side Fire station, Oak square and Faneuil section	Bosto		\$44,294	20 00 15 60 45 00
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			18,188 12,764 75 4 ,657,716	15 24 00 00
Income.		10		7.5
Permits for keeping explosives Rent Permits for keeping fireworks Sale of manure Sale of old material Bath Department, steam for Dover Street House	Ba	ıth	32 77	04

			Fin	E EXTIN	GUISHED	BY		
1910-11.	Extinguishers.	Buckets of Water.	Chemical Engines.	Hydrant Stream.	Steamer,	Miscellaneous,	Citizens.	Sprinklers.
1910.								1337
February	43	26	54	3	39	18	26	
March	81	27	83	61	36	92	36	2
April	50	27	59	40	30	41	39	
May	66	25	38	18	29	18	30	
June	51	23	51	32	25	17	40	1
July	94	46	76	67	32	22	65	1
August	55	23	53	53	30	20	38	2
September	44	23	29	16	28	10	26	
October	74	39	66	65	33	44	38	
November	47	23	45	24	31	27	29	1
December	79	28	55	8	43	23	44	
1911.					100			-
January	87	38	71	20	36	56	22	
Totals	771	348	680	407	392	388	433	7

# BOX ALARMS BY DISTRICTS.

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#### BOSTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

From September 1, 1909, to September 1, 1910, INCLUSIVE.

The Fire Commissioner, as president of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, acknowledges the following contributions; these sums were accompanied by letters expressing appreciation for services rendered by the department:

Gov. Eben S. Draper			\$100 00
Mrs. Gardner Blanchard Perry			25 00
Estate of Florence Lyman			3,877 10
Lewis Wharf Company			100 00
			Ø4.100.10

The receipts from the annual department ball and contributions constitute the fund from which sick benefits and doctors' bills are paid. Destitute members of deceased firmen's families are also given assistance from this fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BOSTON FIREMEN'S Relief Fund September 1, 1909, to September 1, 1910, INCLUSIVE.

			Re	ceipt	s.			y Ti
Balance, Septeml						-	\$7,845	25
Net proceeds of b		Febru	ary,	191	0		14,566	76
Interest on bonds							7,912	50
Interest on depos							191	88
American Trust (	Con	pany		. 8			1,000	00
Check canceled				. 10				00
Donations .							4,102	10
Total receipts							\$35,621	49
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Benefits pa Massachus		· ·	i I			\$15,261	32
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Carried forward		1				\$15,461	32	\$35,621	49	
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				\$35,621	49
Carney Hospital, free bed .		200	00		
City of Boston bond		14,357	28		
Salaries	100	500	00		
Running expenses		130	95		
		-	-	30,649	55
Balance, September 1, 1910				\$4,971	94
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Assets, September 1, 1910.

\$117,000 00 City of Boston bonds at 3½ per cent. 94,000 00 City of Boston bonds at 4 per cent. 8,000 00 C. B. & Q. R. R. bonds at 4 per cent. 4,971 94 cash on deposit.

Total, \$223,971 94

#### FIRE-ALARM BRANCH.

From February 1, 1910, to February 1, 1911, 2,128 first alarms, 50 second, 17 third, 6 fourth, 2 fifth and 1 sixth (general) alarms were received and transmitted

to the department.

For 131 alarms the same box was received one or more times and for 184 alarms one or more adjacent boxes were received for the same fire; 25 alarms received in March for grass fires were treated as "still" alarms, one or two pieces of apparatus being notified to respond to the box location; together these make a total of 340 box signals received but not struck out to the department.

From 292 boxes no alarm was received; eight boxes show a record of 20 or more alarms; box 705 has the record for the year with 51 alarms; from eight boxes (702 to 709, inclusive) 145 first and 2 second alarms were

Department companies reported to the operating office 1,069 "still" alarms to which they had responded; 638 telephone reports of fire were received from citizens and 187 from the Police Department, making a total of 825 telephone reports to the operating office for fire. For 98 of these reports department box alarms were received.

Reports of 197 automatic alarms were received, 148 from the Boston Automatic Company, 43 from the American District Telegraph Company, and 6 from local automatic service; for 11 of the Boston and for 24 of the American District Telegraph Company alarms, depart-

ment box alarms were given.

Eliminating the "stills" and automatics for which department box alarms were transmitted, there were 162 automatic and 1,769 "still" alarms, and these added to the box alarms make a grand total of 4,162 alarms received from all sources and passing through the operating office during the year.

During the year the department has added 7 public boxes to the system; 10 schoolhouse boxes and 1 private box were also added, making 746 boxes in service, and

6,142 box tests and inspections were made.

Six more public telephone lines have been added to our telephone system and connected to our switch board, 5 from the Tremont Exchange, making a total of 7 from that exchange, and 1 from the Oxford Exchange, so that if any cause cuts off service from Tremont Exchange we still have an avenue open for the public to communicate with this headquarters. One private line has been established between this office and police headquarters, thus establishing direct communication between these two departments of public safety.

The gong service to Milton, Newton and Somerville has been abandoned and tapper service established in place; the tapper service has also been extended to Brookline and Cambridge so that all alarms and "allout" signals are now transmitted to the departments of these cities and towns. Cambridge has extended its tapper service to Engine 41 house, Brookline has its service to Engine 37; Somerville is connected with Engine 32, and Milton has connections with Engines 16 and 19.

Arrangements are now under way to substitute tapper service, in place of present gong service, with Chelsea; Newton is to connect its service at Engine 29. These connections will give opportunity for the extension of

mutual aid plans.

The Brighton gong circuit has been extended to the Water Department Pumping Station at Chestnut Hill, and a gong installed there so that they may receive alarms and be able to regulate the water pressure in

case of large fires.

The removal of overhead wires, within the district prescribed by Wire Commissioner, for 1910 (Dorchester avenue, from Fort Point channel to Romsey street), and the necessary underground construction for the same, has been completed. Overhead wires have been removed and underground construction has been further extended in Dorchester avenue, as far as Park street, Dorchester.

Considerable other underground construction has been done during the year and cable used as follows: Northampton street, near Engine House 23; Fourth street, at Dover Street Bridge, for repairs; Hanover street, for new lamp-post Box 709; Chelsea and Gray streets, for new lamp-post Box 422; Hyde Park avenue and Walk Hill street, for new house of Chemical 13.

The storm of December 25, 1909, caused much damage to overhead construction, compelled extensive repairs, and in several places new construction was necessary; this work was principally in the following territory: Massachusetts avenue, from Southampton street to Columbia road; Dorchester avenue, from Andrew square to Field's Corner; Adams street and Neponset avenue, from Dorchester avenue to Engine House 20; Rutherford avenue, Chapman street to Sullivan square; Academy Hill road, from Washington street to Engine House 29; First street, E street and Congress street, from A street to Box 117; Freeport street, from Dorchester avenue to Mills street.

to Mills street.

The equipping of and connecting in service the new house of Chemical 11 made necessary new construction on poles on Lauriat avenue and Lyons street, cable being used.

A new cable of about 7,000 feet has been run on poles in East Boston, on Maverick, Jeffries, Marginal, Cottage and Lamson streets, to take the place of overhead wires running on same poles with wires of high voltage and makes for the betterment of the service.

The gong installed at the pumping station at Chestnut Hill necessitated extensive construction, the circuit being extended from the house of Engine 29.

The work of installing circuit test switches in department houses has been continued and all of the houses in West Roxbury have been equipped, and also several of the houses in East Boston, Charlestown and South Boston.

The substitution of tapper service for gong service in Milton, Newton and Somerville and the extension of the tapper service to Cambridge made necessary much overhead construction.

The house of Engines 29 and 34 have been wired and equipped for electric lighting and extensive alterations and repairs have been done in other department houses.

The care of thirty-one public clocks and the repairs on department clocks has caused much work along that line.

SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION WORK DURING		
New wire used Old wire taken down Overhead cable construction Overhead cable removed Conductors in cable construction	90.675	fee
Old wire taken down	217,005	"
Overhead cable construction	37.830	"
Overhead cable removed	5.133	"
Conductors in cable construction	187,037	"
Conductors in cable removed	37,130	"
Conductors in cable removed	0.,100	
New England Telephone and Telegraph Com-		
	17,669	"
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Underground cable used in fire-alarm ducts, service connections, etc. (new construction).  Total underground cable used	3,971	"
Total underground cable used	21,640	"
Conductors in same	348 650	"
Cable used for repairs	2.635	"
Conductors in same	57 559	"
Conductors in same Cable used for repairs Conductors in same Conductors in same Conductors in same Conduits built by this department Ducts laid by this department Manholes built Fire Department boxes built over Schoolhouse Department boxes built over Total number of boxes built over	3.070	"
Ducts leid by this department.	3 757	"
Manholes built	1	
Fire Department hoves built over	31	
Schoolhouse Department boxes built over	- 26	
Total number of boxes built over	57	
New public boxes established	10	
New schoolhouse boxes established	1	
New private boxes established		
Schoolhouse hoves equipped with keyless doors	37	
Total number of boxes established Schoolhouse boxes equipped with keyless doors New public boxes placed on lamp-posts	3	
New public boxes placed on lamp-posts Public boxes changed from poles to lamp-posts	3 7	
Public boxes knocked down and reset	6	
Public boxes knocked down and reset Total boxes placed on lamp-posts	16	
	406	
Cross-arms used	59	
Department clocks repaired	75	
Number of how circuits	44	
Number of boxes in same	746	
Number of boxes in same	10	
Number of tapper circuits	121	
Number of box circuits Number of boxes in same Number of tapper circuits Number of tappers in same Number of registers in same	3	
Number of relaxe in same	1	
Number of readys in same	13	
Number of relays in same Number of gong circuits Number of gongs, 124 and 1 bell in same Number of telephone circuits in service	125	
Number of telephone circuits in service	40	
Number of public telephone lines to switch board,	40	
Number of private lines from switch board		
Number of telephones connected in department	2	
circuits	128	
High pressure signalling circuit	120	
Miles of box circuits underground	395	
withos of box circuits underground	0002	

Miles of box circuits overhead	239
Miles of gong circuits underground	111
Miles of gong circuits overhead	40
Miles of tapper circuits underground	86
Miles of tapper circuits overhead	41
Miles of telephone circuits underground	215
Miles of telephone circuits overhead	52
Miles of high pressure circuit underground .	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Miles of wire in use underground	598
Miles of wire in use overhead	320
Number of boxes owned by the Fire Department .	513
Number of boxes on lamp-posts	184
Number of boxes on poles	293
Number of boxes on fences	1
Number of boxes on trees	î
Number of boxes on buildings	5
Number of boxes on buildings with lanterns	29
Number of schoolhouse boxes with keyless doors,	37
Number of schoolhouse boxes with keyless doors,	88
Number of auxiliary boxes on poles	4
	1
Number of auxiliary boxes on posts	7
Number of auxiliary boxes on buildings	46
Number of auxiliary boxes in buildings	
Number of private boxes with keyless doors	4
Number of private boxes with key doors	50

The following boxes are private property: 113, 115, 117, 119, 149, 152, 161, 163, 166, 212, 228, 244, 271, 277, 279, 283, 297, 299, 328, 342, 358, 359, 434, 442, 443, 448, 449, 466, 467, 468, 469, 475, 495, 511, 533, 616, 617, 619, 626, 629, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 755, 758, 759, 762, 766, 767, 773, 776, 778, 779, 781, 782, 788, 789, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 798, 828, 838, 841, 842, 864, 865, 875, 919, 927, 967, 969, 971, 974, 2236. 967, 969, 971, 974, 2236.

#### ALARM BELLS.

The fire-alarm telegraph is connected with the following bell:

Faneuil Hall, steel, 5,816 pounds, owned by the city. Bells owned by the city, which have been disconnected from service, are located as follows:

Berkeley Temple, composition, 2,941 pounds. Formerly used on Quincy Schoolhouse. City Hall, Charlestown, composition, 3,600 pounds.

Engine House No. 1, Dorchester street, South Boston, composition, 2,911 pounds.

Engine House No. 16, Temple street, Dorchester, composition, 4,149 pounds.

Engine House No. 17, composition, 4,000 pounds. Removed and stored at Engine House No. 33.

Engine House No. 18, composition, 3,184 pounds.
Removed and stored at Engine House No. 33.

Engine House No. 19, Mattapan, Dorchester, composition, 2,927 pounds.

Engine House No. 20, Walnut street, Dorchester, composition, 3,061 pounds.

Engine House No. 21, Columbia road, Dorchester, composition, 3,026 pounds.

Engine House No. 28, West Roxbury, composition,

4,000 pounds. Engine House No. 29, Brighton, composition, 1,535 pounds.

Old Engine House No. 30, West Roxbury, steel, 1,000

Engine House No. 34, Brighton, composition, 1,501 pounds.

Engine House No. 41, Allston, composition, 800 pounds. Engine House No. 45, Roslindale, composition, 1,059 pounds.

Ladder House No. 4, Dudley street, Roxbury, composition, 3,509 pounds.

Saratoga street M. E. Church, East Boston, steel, 1,968 pounds.

Trinity Church, Trenton street, East Boston, composition, 1,760 pounds. Formerly used on Castle Street

Van Nostrand's Brewery, Charlestown, composition, 818 pounds. Formerly used on Old Franklin Schoolhouse. Bells formerly in service, located on schoolhouses, have been turned over to the Schoolhouse Department.

#### PUBLIC CLOCKS.

The following public clocks are cared for by this department:

City Proper.

Charles Street Church. Christ Church, Salem street, owned by city. Commercial Wharf. Odd Fellow's Hall, Tremont street, owned by city. Old South Church, owned by city.
Old State House, owned by city.
Suffolk County Jail, owned by city.
St. Stephen's Church, Hanover street, owned by city.
Shawmut Avenue Church.
Tremont M. E. Church, owned by city.
Young Men's Christian Union, owned by city.

#### South Boston.

Gaston Schoolhouse, owned by city.
Lincoln Schoolhouse, owned by city.
Phillips Church, owned by city.
St. Augustine's Church, Dorchester street, owned by city.

#### East Boston.

London Street Church, owned by city. Lyceum Hall, owned by city. Trinity Church, owned by city. Orient Heights Church, owned by city.

#### Roxbury.

Winthrop Street Church, owned by city.
Boston Elevated Railway car house, Columbus avenue,
owned by city.

#### Dorchester.

Baker Memorial (Upham's Corner), owned by city. Neponset Church. Tileston School (Mattapan), owned by city. Unitarian Church (Milton Lower Mills).

#### Charlestown.

St. Francis de Sales Church. City Hall, owned by city.

#### West Roxbury.

Dr. Strong's Church (South Evangelical), owned by city. Unitarian Church, Jamaica Plain, owned by city. Congregational Church (Roslindale), owned by city.

#### Brighton.

Bennett Schoolhouse, owned by city.

