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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Brighton,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 31st, 1867.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS
OF THE
BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THE Department, as at present organized, consists of three Engineers, two Engine Companies, and one Hose Company. Butcher Boy No. 1 has forty-one members ; Charles River No. 2 has fifty members ; Wilson Hose Company has sixteen members. The Engines are in good order, but a part of the hose is rather old, and must be constantly repaired.

The Engineers have, at many of the fires, borrowed hose from out of town Hose Companies ; but at a Town meeting held November 16, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated for the purchase of a hose carriage and hose. The Engineers have purchased of the New York Fire Department a hose carriage ; have also purchased of Messrs. Boyd & Sons, of Boston, five hundred feet of hose, and have fitted up a room for the same under the Town Hall.

There have been eight fires within the limits of the Town during the last year. June 22, fire at N. & S. Jackson's ; September 1, fire at W. F. Porter's ; September 6, fire at Royal Gilpatrick's ; October 8, fire at G. H. Brooks' ; October 17, fire at Mrs. E. Rice's ; November 19, fire at E. Walker's ; Dec. 15, fire at Mrs. Gordon's ; December 25, fire at Rockland House ; Sept. 2, the Engines attended the fire at Watertown Arsenal, where Butcher Boy No. 1 lost fifty feet of hose and a pipe, at a loss to the Town of one hundred and twenty-five dollars. They have been at other fires out of town, rendering efficient aid. The well that supplies the house of No. 2 with water, also the

school-house, has failed, and has been fixed a number of times ; but as it was built of brick, it cannot be dug deeper, and as it is now, is of no use. The Engineers would suggest that a reservoir or cistern be built, large enough to supply both engine-house and school-house, taking the water from both buildings, so that it could be used in case of fire, to supply the Engines with water. There has been considerable talk by some of the citizens, in favor of a Steam Fire-Engine, and the Engineers would be in favor of one also ; but with the present means of supplying one with water at a fire, it would be useless.

There is much need of hydrants being put in, through the centre of the Town, at least.

Respectfully submitted.

G. H. PECK,
G. A. FULLER,
W. P. HOLLIS,

Engineers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

APPROPRIATION . . \$1,200 00

Charles White	\$1 63
N. F. Kendall, carting engine	12 00
Engine Company No. 1, one year's services	400 00
Daniels & Cutter, painting engine-house No. 2	65 00
H. H. Marshall, repairs on engine-house No. 1	14 25
Engine Company No. 2, one year's services	400 00
Asa Hunting, pump	31 37
W. Hall, lock and keys	20 40
Refreshments to Brookline Engine Company	14 12
G. Fuller & Son, lumber	17 86
Daniels & Cutter, painting at No. 2	25 00
G. W. Wentworth, whitewashing No. 2	7 00
G. H. Peck	8 00
Thomas Ring, carting gravel, No. 2	10 00
Hunneman & Co., repairs on No. 2	62 65
Refreshments to Engine Company No. 1	25 00
Refreshments to Engine Company No. 2	30 00
Engine Company No. 2, two day-keys	6 60
G. H. Peck, work on engine-house No. 2	5 00
G. W. Caldwell, work at No. 1	2 00
G. W. Wentworth, sign for No. 2	25 00
J. A. Sinclair, stove for No. 2	38 38
Refreshments to Engine Company No. 1	10 00
H. Smith, hose-carriage No. 1	450 00
Refreshments to Brookline Engine Company	3 00
" " Engine Company No. 2	6 50
" " Engine Company No. 3	10 00
" to Newton Engine Company	10 00
Hunneman & Co.	19 75
J. B. Boyd & Son, for hose	1,068 80
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J. A. Sinclair, stove, &c., for hose-room	34 01
H. Cushman, freight of engine and hose	13 00
J. C. Wadleigh, work on hose-room	17 02
G. Fuller & Son, lumber for hose-room	32 59
J. O. Tubbs, painting hose-room	27 70
E. G. Sawyer, gas pipe, labor, &c.	18 17
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	\$2,970 62
Amount carried forward	<hr/>
	\$23,577 60

Many incendiary fires have occurred during the last year, and much valuable property has been destroyed. Rewards have been offered for the apprehension of the incendiaries; the Police have been vigilant, and Detectives have been put on, but as yet without effect. Two night-policemen should be employed.