

THE  
THIRTEENTH  
PRINTED REPORT  
OF  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

IN THE  
TOWN OF DORCHESTER.

BEING A

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN

FROM

February 1, 1850, to February 1, 1851.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

*To the Selectmen of Dorchester.*

GENTLEMEN,—The following report, of the condition of the Fire Department, is presented for your consideration.

The expenses from Feb. 1, 1850, to Feb. 1, 1851, have been seven hundred and sixty dollars and eighty-six cents, exclusive of the compensation to Engineers and the amount of poll taxes refunded to Engine-men of 1849, as will appear by the Treasurer's account. The Department, during the same time, has been called out sixteen times—nine of which have been from fires out of town. Engines have been used at five fires in the town, one in Roxbury, and one in South Boston.

The amount of loss, as near as has been ascertained, is \$1,200, and the insurance \$125; making a decrease from the previous year, of loss \$7,150, and insurance \$5,500.

The Engines, Hose Carriages, and other apparatus, are in good order and ready for use whenever occasion may require.

Since the last report, the Engine Houses have been thoroughly painted, and are otherwise in good repair.

On the morning of Oct. 25th, the Fountain Engine House was discovered to be on fire, by which considerable damage was done to the building, and a large quantity of leading hose, &c., destroyed.

The companies at the present time are, Fountain Co. No. 1, at the Lower Mills; Independence Co. No. 5, at Neponset Village; and Tiger Co. No. 6, near the Five Corners.

A table of fires, alarms, &c. is herewith presented.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD JONES,

*Chief Engineer Dorchester Fire Department.*

DORCHESTER, FEB. 24, 1851.

*Fires, Alarms, &c. from February 1, 1850, to February 1, 1851.*

1850.	O'CLOCK.	OWNER OR OCCUPANT.	SITUATION.	LOSS.	INSURANCE.	CAUSE, ETC.
Feb. 21.	7½ P.M.		Roxbury.			Barn burnt.
" 24.	1 P.M.		Upper Mills.			Fire in the woods.
March 10.	11¼ A.M.	Noah Brooks.	Cottage Street.	50	50	From a defect in chimney.
" 14.	8 P.M.		Weymouth.			2 barns burnt—struck by lightning.
" 15.	7 P.M.	— Capen.	South Boston.			Barn burnt—incendiary.
" 22.	2 P.M.		Neponset.			Fire in the woods on "Pine Neck."
April 21.	1½ P.M.		Milton.			Burning of brush.
" 25.	10½ P.M.		Canton.			
May 16.	11 P.M.		Newton.			Cotton Factory, &c. burnt.
Aug. 30.	11¼ A.M.		South Boston.			Turpentine works burnt.
Oct. 25.	5 A.M.	Joshua Pierce.	Lower Mills.	250	75	Barn burnt—incendiary.
" 25.	5½ A.M.	Town of Dorchester.	" "	150		Engine House "
" 28.	8½ P.M.	— Plunket.	Roxbury.			Dwelling house "
" 28.	10½ P.M.	George G. Dow.	Commercial St.	250		Cabinet shop "
Nov. 1.	9½ P.M.		South Boston.			
Dec. 10.	6½ P.M.	Wm. Worthington.	Turnpike Street.	500		Barn stored with hay, burnt.
				1,200	125	

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Edw. Jones, for services as Chief Engineer 1 yr.	60 00
Robert Richardson, for " as Assist. "	1 " 15 00
Charles Hunt, for " " "	1 " 15 00
Samuel J. Capen, for " " "	1 " 15 00
George L. Fisher, for " " "	1 " 15 00
James Pope, Jr., for " " "	1 " 15 00
For repairs of engines and various articles for the department, as per bills approved by the chief engineer, and examined and allowed by the selectmen	760 86
Amount of poll taxes refunded to engine men for the year 1849	65 00
	960 86
Balance unexpended	539 14
	\$1,500 00
Appropriation	\$1,500 00