

# FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## FINANCES

OF THE

### TOWN OF DORCHESTER.

FOR THE

**Year ending February 1, 1852.**

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*Chief Engineer.*—EDWARD JONES.

*Assistants.*—ROBERT RICHARDSON, CHARLES HUNT, SAMUEL J. CAPEN, SYLVESTER W. HEBARD, GEO. L. FISHER.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

*To the Selectmen of Dorchester.*

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

From February 1, 1851, to February 1, 1852, there were eight alarms from fires in the town, and seven from fires out of town. Engines were used at five fires; two were extinguished with buckets, and one had so nearly consumed the building before it was discovered (a barn belonging to Stephen Liversidge, Esq.), that no efforts were made to extinguish it.

The Boston Fire Department has rendered valuable assistance at three fires at Washington Village.

The estimated amount of loss has been \$5,740, and insurance \$3,320—an increase over the preceding year of loss, \$4,540; and insurance, \$2,195.

The general expenses, exclusively under the Board of Engineers, have been \$767 82.

Two of the Engines have been new painted, and all of them, with their apparatus, are in good order and ready for use. One hundred and seventy-five feet of leading, and twenty-three feet of suction hose have been purchased.

There are three Companies at the present time, viz.

Fountain, No. 1.—Joseph W. Sloan, *Foreman*; Geo. S. Esty, *Assistant Foreman*; Gustavus E. Haynes, *Clerk*; E. A. Smith, *Steward*.

Independence, No. 5.—James B. Hill, *Foreman*; Andrew Collins, *Assistant Foreman*; Noah D. Allen, *Clerk*; James W. Dickey, *Steward*.

Tiger, No. 6.—James H. Upham, *Foreman*; Andrew Sumner, *Assistant Foreman*; Charles A. Upham, *Clerk*; Ralph Ware, *Steward*.

The other Engines are in the care of competent and faithful men, who keep them in good working order.

The usual table of fires, &c. is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD JONES.

*Fires, Alarms, &c. from February 1, 1851, to February 1, 1852.*

1851.	O'CLOCK.	OWNER OR OCCUPANT.	SITUATION.	LOSS.	INSUR- ANCE.	CAUSES, ETC.
Feb. 3.	9 A.M.	Samuel Hood.	Columbia st.	\$1,000	\$600	Ropewalk burnt. Accidental.
" 25.	9½ A.M.	L. Drew, E. Walliston	Washingt. Vil.	2,500	1,500	House burnt. Defect in chimney.
" 25.	"	H. P. Abbott.	" "	75	75	House damaged, adjoining above.
Mar. 28.	12¼ A.M.	Levi Drew.	" "	200	200	Stable burnt. Incendiary.
" 28.	"	H. P. Abbott.	" "	70	70	Stable damaged, adjoining above.
" 31.	6½ A.M.	— Smith.	" "	50		House. Defect in chimney.
Apr. 10.	12¼ A.M.	Stephen Liversidge.	River street.	650	200	Barn burnt. Incendiary.
" 10.	"	Aaron D. Capen.	" "	150	75	Hay, &c. stored as above.
May 28.	10¼ P.M.		Charlestown.			Planing Mill burnt.
June 15.	1½ P.M.	Webber & Son.	Roxbury.			Ropewalk partially burnt.
" 17.	4 A.M.	Heirs of A. Glover.	Commercial st.	20		Drug Mill. Defect in chimney.
Aug. 6.	1½ P.M.	Jonathan Beals.	Milton.			Barn burnt. Incendiary.
" 16.	11¼ A.M.		Roxbury.			House and barn burnt.
" 25.	9 A.M.	Josiah W. Gibbs.	Washingt. Vil.	1,000	600	Block of 4 houses partially b'rt. Ac-
" 25.	9 P.M.		Brookline.			[cidental.
Oct. 25.	8½ P.M.	Abiel S. Lewis.	Roxbury.			Barn burnt. Incendiary.
Nov. 18.	12½ A.M.	William Ames.	Washington st.	25		Unoccupied house. Incendiary.
" 23.	8 P.M.	Franklin Weld.	Roxbury.			Barn burnt. Incendiary.
				\$5,740	\$3,320	

## EXPENDITURES.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Edward Jones, for services as Chief Engineer	60 00
Robert Richardson, for " as Assistant "	15 00
Charles Hunt, for " " "	15 00
Samuel J. Capen, for " " "	15 00
George L. Fisher, for " " "	15 00
Sylvester H. Hebard, " " "	15 00
Fountain Engine Company, for services 1 year	100 00
Independence Engine Company, for do. do.	100 00
Tiger " " "	100 00
Edmund J. Baker, for rent of land for Fountain Engine House, 3 years	30 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	767 82
	1,232 82
Balance unexpended	267 18
Appropriation	\$1,500 00
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