

THE
FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FINANCES
OF THE
TOWN OF DORCHESTER.
FOR THE
Year ending February 1, 1853.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer.—EDWARD JONES.

Assistants.—CHARLES HUNT, SAMUEL J. CAPEN, SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, GEO. L. FISHER.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the Selectmen of Dorchester.

GENTLEMEN,—The fourth annual report of the condition of the Fire Department is respectfully submitted to your consideration.

During the year ending Jan. 31, 1853, the Department was called out by alarms of fire ten times,—five of which were out of town. Of the others, two were extinguished with buckets, and four required the use of engines. The services of four of the Roxbury Engine Companies at one fire, were of appreciated value. Assistance upon one occasion was rendered the Boston Fire Department.

The estimated loss for the year was \$1,700; and the insurance, as far as ascertained, \$500.

The houses are in good repair, except the one occupied by the Fountain Company, which will need shingling the present year.

The several companies of the Department are deserving of commendation for promptness in the discharge of duty, and for faithfulness in keeping the Engines, the apparatus, and other property entrusted to their care, in good condition.

The Engineers have expended for new hose, repairs, furniture, &c., the sum of \$609 35.

Four companies have been in commission since May 1, 1852, as follows:

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

Torrent Co., No. 3.—*Foreman*, Moses H. Warren. *1st Asst. Foreman*, Seth D. Durell. *2d Asst. do.*, Nath'l Dennett. *Clerk*, Geo. Bridgham. *Steward*, David Ripley.

Independence Co., No. 5.—*Foreman*, Joseph C. Robinson. *Asst. Foreman*, Andrew Collins. *Clerk*, David F. Patch. *Steward*, Wm. Adams.

Tiger Co., No. 6.—*Foreman*, James H. Upham. *Asst. do.*, Andrew Sumner. *Clerk*, Charles A. Upham. *Steward*, Ralph Ware.

1852.	O'CLOCK.	OWNER OR OCCUPANT.	SITUATION.	LOSS.	INSUR-ANCE.	CAUSES, ETC.
July 4.	12 M.	Webber & Sons.	Roxbury.	600	400	Two houses burnt.
" 20.	11 1/4 P.M.	John Tolman.	Roxbury.	25		Partial burning of Ropewalks.
" 22.	9 1/4 P.M.	Susannah Hall.	Somerville.	25		Meeting House burnt.
Sept. 18.	11 1/2 A.M.	Gibson School.	Near Harvard st.	800		Fire in peat meadow.
Oct. 25.	1 P.M.	William Curtis.	Washington st.	25		House burnt. From a "Yankee baker."
Nov. 25.	1 1/4 P.M.	Charles Lyon.	School st.	100	100	Caught from furnace. Exting'd with buckets.
Dec. 23.	12 1/4 P.M.	Horace King.	Myrtle st.	800		House. Defect in chimney.
" 24.	1 1/2 A.M.	Flagg & Estabrook.	Hancock st.	150		House. Defect in chimney.
" 29.	9 1/2 P.M.	Patrick F. Shane.	Stoughton st.			Mount Pleasant Omnibus Stable. Supposed Incendiary.
			South Boston.	\$1,700	\$500	Glass Works.

Fires, Alarms, &c. from February 1, 1852, to February 1, 1853.

The Foremen of the several Engine Companies are required to return to the Chief Engineer, in the month of April, "an inventory of all the property entrusted to their care and belonging to the Town."

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD JONES.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Edward Jones, as chief engineer	60 00
Robert Richardson, assistant "	15 00
Charles Hunt, " "	15 00
Samuel J. Capen, " "	15 00
George L. Fisher, " "	15 00
S. H. Hebard, " "	15 00
Henry Clark, for rent of land	12 00
Independence Engine Company, 1 year service	100 00
Fountain " " 1 "	100 00
Tiger " " 1 "	100 00
Edwin A. Smith, steward 12 months	50 00
David Ripley, " 6 "	25 00
William Adams, " 6 "	25 00
Ralph Ware, " 12 "	50 00
Paid James W. Dickey, steward 6 months	25 00
John C. Hewins, rent and repairs of Torrent Engine	21 36
Joshua H. Wilder, stock and labor	29 04
Shelton & Cheever, hose and repairs	67 25
George L. Fisher, taking care of the Alert	25 00
E. C. Fruenan, " " Protector	20 00
Thomas W. Capen, " " Torrent	11 85
Thos. R. Cooper, painting and varnishing No. 3	15 50
Preston & Curtis, coal and bark	23 75
A. & J. H. Upham, lanterns, oil, &c.	12 57
George W. Berry, repairs	7 00
Edward Jones, rope and keys	6 36
Charles Hunt, lamps, oil, &c.	7 30
B. F. Hebard, carting hose	2 50
Robert Hall, lumber and labor	4 02
William Hall & Co. for keys	1 80
S. B. & W. C. Henley, white-washing	50
Whiton, Train & Co., rope, thimbles, &c.	1 54
Thos. Pearson, carting	2 08
Edwin B. Bennette, pole for fire-hook	1 50
Henry Crane, repairing	55
Wm. Broad, carting	50
Howard & Davis, repairing	4 75
F. Williams, expenses at fire Dec. 24, 1852	10 00
A. D. Swan, carting hose, &c.	2 77
R. Gleason & Sons, lamps and fixtures	12 06
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, stove work	34 88
J. W. Blanchard, furniture	29 60
L. G. Hersey, oil and wicking	3 23
Hunt & Pierce, carting engine	3 00
William Adams, repairing	3 50
James Murphy, oil and repairs	2 17
E. B. Saunders do.	70
Thomas Baldwin, oil and soap	5 63
Charles J. Sumner, stove work	6 73
John Delano, repairs	75
J. H. Upham, furniture, stoves, &c.	51 77
D. Brewer & Son, oil	84
	\$1,056 35
Balance unexpended	443 65
	\$1,500 00
Appropriation	\$1,500 00

BUILDING ENGINE HOUSE NO. 3.

Paid Joshua H. Wilder,	574 38
William Hall & Co., for locks	3 90
	\$578 28
Appropriation	575 00
Expended over	3 28
	\$578 28

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

A new Engine House for Engine No. 3, has been erected, near the residence of Capt. Thomas Baldwin, on land belonging to Mr. Henry Clark, a lease of which is on file at the Selectmen's Room.