

SIXTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FINANCES

OF THE

TOWN OF DORCHESTER.

FOR THE

Year ending February 1, 1854.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer—JAMES H. UPHAM.

Assistant Engineers.—CHARLES HUNT, SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, GEO. L. FISHER, ROBERT WHITE.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the Selectmen of Dorchester.

GENTLEMEN, — This Fifth Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department is respectfully submitted.

Four companies have been in commission since May 1, 1853, viz. —

FOUNTAIN Co. No. 1.—George S. Esty, Foreman; Henry Crane, Ass't Foreman; Gustavus E. Haynes, Clerk; Edwin A. Smith, Steward.

TORRENT Co. No. 3.—Moses H. Warren, Foreman; Seth D. Durell, Ass't Foreman; George Bridgman, Clerk; David Ripley, Steward.

INDEPENDENCE Co. No. 5.—Joseph C. Robinson, Foreman; Andrew Collins, Ass't Foreman; Dexter C. Curtis, Clerk; Henry Hart, Steward.

TIGER Co. No. 6. — — — Foreman; Andrew Sumner, Ass't Foreman; Charles A. Upham, Clerk; Ralph Ware, Steward.

During the past year the Department has been called out eighteen times, by as many alarms of fire, eight of which were caused by fires out of this town, and at two of which the Engines of this department were used. There have been but two fires in this town, at which the Engines have been used. At those fires, Engines from Roxbury and Quincy were present.

The estimated loss of property in Dorchester by fire the past year, has been \$36,135; on which there was insurance (as nearly as ascertained) of \$18,600.

During the past year, Engine House No. 1 has been shingled, plastered and painted; and repairs have been made in the interior of Engine Houses Nos. 3 and 6. Houses Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6 are now in good repair. Houses Nos. 2 and 4 will need some repairs the coming year. The Chief Engineer, by personal observation, finds that the Engine Houses, Engines, Hose and other apparatus, in care of the several companies, are kept in praiseworthy good order and condition. Two hundred feet of new leading hose has been purchased to supply deficiencies occasioned by unavoidable wear.

The amount of expenditures under the direction of the Board of Engineers for repairs of Engine Houses, Engines, Hose, &c. &c., has been \$882 81.

It is believed that it would be promotive of the welfare of the Department if the town would excuse those persons members of the Department, who might desire it, from serving as jurors, as an inducement for persons to join the companies.

A Table of alarms and fires the past year is subjoined.

Respectfully Yours,

JAMES H. UPHAM.

February 1, 1854.

A Table of the Fires and Alarms from February 1, 1853, to February 1, 1854.

1853.	O'CLOCK.	LOCATION.	OWNER OR OCCUPANT.	LOSS.	INSURANCE.	CAUSES, &c.
Feb. 19.	1 A.M.	House on Church Street.	Shepard & Holmes.	25		Carelessness.
March 11.	10½ P.M.	House on Hancock Street.	Moses Draper.	100		Air-Tight Stove.
" 12.	10½ "	House, Washington Village.	David Keegan.	30,000		Unknown.
" 23.	9½ "	Forge at Commercial Point.	Ramsstead, Dearborn & Co.		15,000	Accidental.
April 12.	7 "	Oil Factory, South Boston.	Henshaw & Co.			Unknown.
" 12.	10 "	Brush, Jamaica Street.				"
May 1.	12 M.	Woods in Newton.				"
" 3.	10 P.M.	Fire in Brighton.	Russell & Baker.			Slanght'r house burnt
" 28.	11 "	Fire in Dedham.	— Mansfield.			Cabinet Shop burnt.
" 31.	11 "	Barn near Grove Hall.				Unknown.
June 9.	6 "	Fire in Boston.				"
" 14.	11½ A.M.	Fire in Cambridge.				"
" 19.	3 P.M.	Brush, at Port Norfolk.				Purposely set on fire.
" 21.	8 "	Hay on Mt. Bowdoin.	P. Curley.			Carelessness.
Aug. 21.	10½ "	Brush, near West Roxbury Line.				Unknown.
Oct. 5.	4 "	False Alarm.				"
Nov. 8.	9 A.M. 6½ P.M.	Planning Mill, Port Norfolk.	A. H. Stearns.			Accidental.
				\$36,135	\$18,600	

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Edward Jones, as chief engineer	60 00
Charles Hunt, assistant	15 00
Samuel J. Capen, "	15 00
George L. Fisher, "	15 00
Sylvester H. Hebard, "	15 00
Fountain Engine Company	100 00
Torrent "	100 00
Independence "	100 00
Tiger "	100 00
Edwin A. Smith, steward	37 50
extra labor	5 00
David Ripley, steward	50 00
William Adams, "	25 00
Henry Hart, "	25 00
Ralph Ware, "	50 00
sawing wood and cleaning engine and room	6 00
E. C. Fruean, taking care of the Protector	25 00
George L. Fisher " " Alert	20 00
Henry Clark, rent of land	12 00
Thomas Baldwin, oil and matches	6 62
refreshments	20 11
A. & J. H. Upham, furniture and oil	7 11
refreshments	10 66
David Clapp, printing	2 25
H. N. Hooper, bells	19 05
Edward Jones, stock and labor on engine house	
No. 6	4 00
William Hall & Co., 18 keys	2 70
Isaac Field & Co., refreshments	13 97
J. E. McIntire, labor and stock, Fountain engine	
house	23 00
Thomas Lyons, use of horse	2 00
J. & A. Pope, labor and stock on Fountain engine	
house	105 28
William Tucker, painting and varnishing Engine	
No. 1	11 00
Elisha Ford, labor and stock, Engine No. 1	9 27
J. P. & C. P. Tolman, labor and stock for	
Torrent engine house	9 50
Samuel Tileston, stock and labor, Fountain	
engine house	13 58
Reuben Glass, stock and labor, Torrent engine	
house	13 41
Paid Asa Davenport, labor and stock, Protector	2 82
engine house	
R. Gleason & Sons, fluid, wicking and chimnies	2 26
refreshments	3 00
E. V. Munroe, setting tire Engine No. 2	4 00
Stephen Gulliver, stock and labor, Engine No. 6	20 00
Jabez Howland, 1 gallon fluid	76
Howland & Harding, refreshments	5 35
Thomas Pearson, 3 gallons oil and carting	3 17
use of horse, 1 00; leather, 60	1 60
James T. Murphy, straps for engine	1 50
E. B. Saunders, oil and crackers	2 71
William A. Gilbert, refreshments	4 50
Charles B. Hill, repairs	3 50
Otis Baird, 2 dozen spoons	1 00
Hunt & Pierce, repairs, 1 26; use of horse, 3 00	4 26
Nathan Holbrook, refreshments	15 00
Thomas W. Capen, hooks and paint	5 79
John C. Hevins, oil and smith work	8 67
Howard & Davis, leather and packing	90
Shelton & Cheever, hose and repairs	175 96
Daniel Spear, refreshments	24 15
Albert D. Swan, freight	52
John Delano, stock and labor	16 50
J. H. Shattuck, rope and splicing	6 45
George Haynes & Son, stock and labor	16 44
Charles F. Preston & Co., wood	3 25
John A. Tucker, repairs	1 75
Brewer & Son, oil, cords and screws	5 25
Henry Crane, smith work	3 87
George Ford, wheelwright work	8 87
	1,402 81
Amount unexpended	107 19
	\$1,510 00

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By 1 pair hose carriage wheels sold	10 00
Appropriation	1,500 00
	\$1,510 00