ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1858.

port of the Fire Department.

Lorenzo Gurney, Steward.

Nath'l Bird, Steward.

Withington, Steward.

Warren, Steward.

nison, Steward.

Hersey, Steward.

for various causes.

The department is organized as follows:

TOWN OF DORCHESTER,

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TO THE SELECTMEN OF DORCHESTER. Gentlemen: I herewith present the Ninth Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department of this Town, with an account of the fires and alarms, the year ending January 31, 1858; also the amount of loss and insurance as far as has been ascertained, and also the amount of expenditures under the direction of the Board of Engineers for the sup-

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

ALFRED CLAPP, WILLIAM G. SWAN, GEORGE L. FISHER, Edmund C. Fruean, and Cyrus Savage, Assistant Engineers. There are now seven Companies, in commission, viz: FOUNTAIN Co. No. 1.—Dean M. Swift, Foreman; John Preston, Assistant Foreman; Thomas F. Temple, Clerk;

PROTECTOR Co. No. 2.—Samuel F. White, Foreman; Oliver Glover, 2d, Ass't Foreman; L. H. Collyer, Clerk;

Torrent Co. No. 3.—Henry Forbes, Foreman; G. M. Blake, Ass't Foreman; N. W. Garland, Clerk; M. H.

ALERT Co. No. 4.—Isaac Williams, Foreman; George F. Fenno, Ass't Foreman; Benjamin F. Willey, Clerk; Nath'l

Independence Co. No. 5.—G. A. Spear, Foreman; N. W. Holt, Ass't Foreman; E. W. Harding, Clerk; G. W. Den-

Tiger Co. No. 6.—John E. Jones, Foreman; J. H. Upham, Ass't Foreman; Daniel W. Baker, Clerk; Theodore

MATTAPAN HOOK AND LADDER Co.-Henry Crane, Foreman; Leonard, Everett, Jr., Ass't Foreman; Walter Pres-

The department has been called out 36 times the past year, by alarms of fire; 13 times by fires in this town, 16 times by fires out of this town, and 7 times by false alarms

The members of the Fire Department, have since May last, been paid for their services, twenty-five cents per hour,

each, for the time occupied in attending at fires and alarms; with the exception of Engine Co. No. 6, which has been under the management of a volunteer company, who have taken charge of the same without compensation, except the payment of the steward. That company certainly deserves the thanks of the town. It is the opinion of the Chief Engineer, that the payment of a certain sum per year to each member of the Department, is far preferable to the

Owing to the fact, that from the appropriation made by the town for the support of this Department for the present year, it has been necessary to pay for the services of the members for the last past year, as well as for the present year, the expenditures have somewhat exceeded the appro-

There has been a considerable amount expended in furnishing apparatus and fixtures for the New Engine, No. 2, and the house for the Company, not provided for in the special appropriation made by the Town for the purchase of

A Company has been formed the past year, to take charge of, and manage the Hook and Ladder Carriage, with the Apparatus, and will be of great benefit to the department. The several Engines and other Apparatus, with the Engine

The amount of expenditures under the direction of the Board of Engineers, for Repairs, Hose, Fixtures, &c., has been \$2,282 73. Total expenditures on account of Fire

Annexed is a Table of the Fires and Alarms, from Feb-

A Table of the Fires and Alarms, from February 1, 1857, to February 1, 1858.

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Owner or Occupant.

Mather, Adams & Co.

Town of Dorchester Mrs. Campbell

Tileston & Hollingsworth

Tileston & Hollingsworth

Thomas Russell A. T. Stearns

John M. Forbes

Crehore's heirs Richard Wall

Owner or Occupant.

Tuble of the Fires and Alarms from February 1, 1857 to February 1, 1858—continued.

Aaron Nixon

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Charles White

Rowe heirs

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Paid Engine Co. for services up to May 1st, 1857,

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Amount brought forward,

Lorenzo Gurney, repairs and shoveling snow

William White, printing by-laws for Fountain

Fiske & Crane, horses to draw engine to fires and

Engine No. 2.

" by the hour,

oil, fluid and candles,

spoons, lamps, cans, &c.,

Amount carried forward,

Amount brought forward,

Paid Engine Co. for services up to May 1st, 1857,

" stuffing, milk, &c.,

C. J. Sumner, stoves and pipe, and repairs,

Paid Shelton & Cheever, repairs and screws,

Thomas R. Cooper, painting sign, and figuring

E. Dodge, removing remains of old house,

Macomber & Purinton, coal and bark,

Oliver Hall, storage of engine and apparatus,

Engine No. 3.

Paid Engine Co. for services up to May 1st, 1857, \$100 00 by the hour,

Shelton & Cheever, hose and repairs,
Hunneman & Co., painting and repairs,
104 88
177 47
F. Ockershausen, double spanner

R. Gleason & Son, refreshments, oil and fluid, " re-gilding and repairs,

Thomas Baldwin, brooms, fluid and oil,

Joseph Marshall, 2d., mason work and stock,

66

Engine No. 4.

Paid Engine Co. for services up to May 1st, 1857, \$100 00 " " " by the hour, 259 25

Nathaniel Withington, "preparing wood,

G. L. Fisher, hemp, lead and axe handle,

I. W. Hart, carting, and use of horse to draw

repairing hose,

Engine No. 5.

Paid Engine Co., for services up to May 1, 1857, \$100 00 by the hour, 204 50

Howland & Harding, refreshments, fluid and oil, 10 85

" whitewashing and plastering,

Amount carried forward,

Engine No. 6.

J. H. Upham, & Brother, lamps, fluid and oil,

Amount brought forward,

" copper suction,
" repairs and stock,

badges,

Joseph Marshall, 2d, mason work and stock,

William G. Swan, new pole and repairs,

Paid S. E. Pratt, water privilege,

B. F. Hebard, use of horse,

Johnson's Express, carting, E. N. Darling, "

May 1, 1857,

Hunneman & Co.,

A. C. Clapp,

Edward Preston, wood and coal,

Paid Engine Company, for services up to

Theodore Hersey, services as steward,

Alfred Clapp, for refreshments,

A. & J. H. Upham, sperm oil,

C. J. Sumner, stove and pipe,

J. P. Silsby, labor and lead pipe,

George Ford, wheelwright work,

J. H. Bird, glazing, John Field, Jr., repairs on house,

E. H. Brainard, labor on runners,

Theodore Hersey, housing coal,

R. Harrison, services as steward,

William White, printing by-laws,

Walter Preston, record book,

William G. Swan, repairs and painting,

Abel Hocking, labor and stock on house,

" new poles and rope, Gordon & Bailey, painting carriage, &c.

J. T. Murphy, repairing and oiling harness,

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid S. H. Hebard, services as chief engineer, \$ 100 00

David Clapp, printing rules and regulations, etc. 12 63

Torrent Engine Co. refreshm'ts for 2 Roxbury Co's. 14 00

W. O. Churchill, refresh'ts for Wash'n H. & L. Co.

Hannah Pierce, rent land 2 years Engine No. 5,

Engine No. 1

Hook and Ladder Company,

By Appropriation,

Thomas Farrety,

Andrew Coyle,

John Kelley,

Ira Foster,

By appropriation,

J. P. Silsby, old iron,

66

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General expenses of Fire Department,

Paid Samuel H. Drew, for building house,

Jacob Davis, mason work and stock,

Jonathan Collyer, labor on cellar,

Michael Quigley, blasting rocks,

Jonathan Whorf, powder and fuse,

C. A. Upham, repairing wheelbarrow,

C. F. Preston, cement, lime and sand,

Thomas Payson, drawing stone,

John Keating, for gravel,

Shelton & Cheever, hose, etc.

Henry L. Nichols, plans and specifications,

Patrick Collins, cellar wall and stone work,

John Haggerty, sharpening drills and picks,

Hunneman & Co. iron, etc. from old house,

Hunneman & Co. engine, hose, carriage and ap., 1,089 00

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Expended over appropriation,

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" Milton & Quincy "

RECAPITULATION.

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Engine House, Engine and Apparatus, for Company No. 2.

Expended over appropriation,

W. G. Swan, fitting shoes, chains, etc., on the

Fulton Iron Foundry, spanners, shoes, etc.

Torrent Six of Roxbury, for refreshments,

T. W. Capen, police at Newhall's fire,

several engines,

Protector

G. Haynes & Son, one lantern,

Henry Clark, " 1 year

Paid Shelton & Cheever, for badges,

Hunneman & Co. axes with picks,

John A. Tucker,

G. Haynes & Son, lanterns,

G. A. Spear, splicing ropes,

Fiske & Crane, use of horses,

H. Crane, iron work,

Cox's Express, carting,

J. C. Robinson,

Daniel Spear,

G. G. Dennison, painting signs,

Hartford Davenport, use of horse,

H. & R. Rich, relaying wall under house,

Paid company for services, by the hour,

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

Amount carried forward,

Amount brought forward, \$116 73

Oliver Davenport, iron work,

Royce's Express, carting,

Shelton & Cheever, repairs,

" " pails, oil, fluid, &c.,

Wm. A. Webster, services as steward,

N. H. Bird, services as steward,

Jonathan Whorf, refreshments,

" copper boiler,

sinks,

R. Gleason & Son, side lamps,

S. T. White, mahogany table,

C. H. Dewey, for glazing,

C. A. Upham, wheel jack,

N. H. Bird, hose rope,

L. H. Collyer, labor and stock,

Hartford Davenport, use of horse,

Lyceum Hall Co., rent of a room,

M. H. Warren, services as steward,

" extra work,

Royce's Express, neats foot oil, G. Haynes & Son, lanterns,

T. R. Cooper, figuring lanterns,

F. Ockershausen, double spanner,

J. C. Rich, painting inside of house,

S. J. Willis, removing snow,

Royce's Express, carting, S. Gleason, "

Peter Cook, services as steward,

Cox & Taverner, refreshments,

I. W. Hart, closets and oil cans,

Peter Cook, packing cylinders,

Enoch Fenno, repairs on house,

Edward Preston, coal and wood,

Isaac Fish, services as steward,

E. A. G. Roulstone, hose caps, Shelton & Cheever, new hose,

Charles Hunt, neats foot oil,

J. C. Robinson, iron work,

Thomas Russell, crackers,

labor,

Shelton & Cheever, badges,

James Hersey, repairs,

engine to fires,

G. G. Dennison, "

Wm. G. Swan, carting,

I. C. Robinson, iron work,

William Withington, oil,

J. C. Robinson, iron work,

S. W. Haley,

J. C. Hewins, E. Dodge,

E. Dodge,

G. Haynes & Son, lanterns,

Shelton & Cheever, badges,

E. C. Fruean,

lanterns,

L. H. Bird, account book,

Isaac Field, refreshments,

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Lorenzo Gurney, services as steward,

oil,

G. Haynes & Son, lanterns,

Thomas Strangman, repairs,

Charles Tileston, repairs and fluid,

Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose,

George Baynton, machinist work,

William Wendemuth, repairs and stock,

H. Durell, refreshments,

J. A. Tucker, repairs,

H. S. Needham,

D. H. Gilbert,

William Tucker,

J. C. Robinson, "

from reservoir,

Fire Association, Stacy's Express, carting,

H. Crane,

E. H. R. Ruggles, rollers,

E. W. Knight, iron work,

E. Breck, painting engine,

Samuel Tileston, painting,

use of horse and chaise,

Edward Preston, coal and wood,

William Spargo, repairing door,

J. & A. Pope, carpenter work,

Lewis Bowman,

R. F. Tolman,

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Engine No. 1.

by the hour,

stock and labor on engine,

and stock,

Amount carried forward,

Cheever Newhall

Mrs. Simmons

Respectfully, Yours,

Loss.

\$ 20,000

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200

\$ 200

1,500

300

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer

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\$ 200

1,000

Insurance.

\$ 8,500

CAUSES, &c.

Accidental

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Mischief Unknown

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CAUSES, &c.

department the past year, have been \$4,371 11.

ton, Clerk; Albert S. Packard, Steward.

present system of payment.

the Engine, and building the house.

Houses, are in good condition.

ruary 1, 1857 to February 1, 1858.

LOCATION, &c.

Dwelling House, Ashmont street Barn, Washington street Rosin Oil Works, Roxbury

Rosin Oil Works, Roxbury
Burning shavings, Fairmount
False alarm, West Roxbury
Norfolk School House
Alarm, Cedar street
Bake House, Norfolk street
Rekindling of above
Planing Mill, Neponset
False alarm, Milton
Store House, "
Barn, Braintree
East street, Roxbury
West Roxbary
Rekindling fire 10th inst.
Paper Mill, Milton
Barn on Milton Hill

Barn on Milton Hill

Fire in Newton Dedham

False alarm

Barn on Centre street Rekindling of the above

False alarm, Cambridge

Barn at Harrison square

Barn in Milton
Brush, Turnpike street
Barn in Brighton
Barn on River street

Barn on River street

Tar barrels at Port Norfolk

False alarm
Brush, West Roxbury
Barn on the Crehore estate
Barn, Washington street

LOCATION, &c.

Dorchester, Feb. 1, 1858.

1857

March

May

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June

July

Sept.

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October

October 10 10 P. M.

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" 12 6½ P. M.

" 13 1 A. M.

" 19 7½ P. M.

" 29 9 P. M.

Nov. 1 6 A. M.

" 4 8¾ P. M.

" 12 11 P. M.

" 13 7 P. M.

" 13 7 P. M.

" 28 3¼ P. M.

Dec. 6 6 P. M.

" 21 12½ P. M.

" 25 7½ P. M.

O'Clock.

OF THE

FINANCES