

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF DORCHESTER,

WITH

REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1860.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER TO THE SELECTMEN OF DORCHESTER.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present the Eleventh Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department of this Town, with an account of the fires and alarms the year ending January 31st, 1860; 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 support of the Fire Department.

The Department is organized as follows:—

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer,
 GEORGE L. FISHER,
 ALFRED CLAPP,
 WILLIAM G. SWAN,
 EDMUND C. FRUEAN,
 HENRY FOBES, } Assistant Engineers.

Belonging to the Town, and under the charge of the Board of Engineers, are six Engines and one Hook and Ladder Carriage, viz:—

FOUNTAIN ENGINE, No. 1, under the care of C. F. Hall, steward.

PROTECTOR, No. 2, under the care of W. A. Webster, steward.

TORRENT, No. 3, under the care of Henry Fobes, steward.

ALERT, No. 4, in care of six persons, of whom John Wheeler, is steward.

INDEPENDENCE, No. 5, in care of a volunteer company, six persons of whom are paid, and of whom G. G. Dennison, is steward.

TIGER, No. 6, in care of six persons, of whom Theodore Hersey, is steward.

MATTAPAN, Hook and Ladder Carriage, in the care of the Chief Engineer.

After the disbandment of the several companies of the Department, by a vote of the Town, at the Town Meeting, April last, by advice of your Board, the Engineers endeavored to ob-

tain the services of six men to be attached to each engine as a company, to see, in case of fire, that the engine and apparatus are conveyed to the spot and properly adjusted, but have been only partially successful in their efforts. The eighteen men who have had charge of the engines Nos. 4, 5, and 6, are to be paid at the rate of fifteen dollars each per year for their services; and the stewards fifty dollars each in addition.

Those gentlemen who so generously have performed duty as a volunteer company, attached to engine No. 5, deserve honorable mention.

The several Engines, and the Hook and Ladder Carriage, with their appurtenances, are in good condition, and are kept ready for immediate service.

There has been thirteen fires and alarms the past year, twelve of which were in this town.

The amount of expenditures under the direction of the Board of Engineers, for repairs, &c. has been \$975 15. Total expenditures on account of the Fire Department the past year, have been \$2,031 28.

Annexed is a Table of the Fires and Alarms, from February 1, 1859, to February 1, 1860.

Respectfully, Yours,

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Dorchester, February 1, 1860.

Table of Fires and Alarms, from February 1, 1859, to February 1, 1860.

| 1859. | Time. | LOCATION. | OWNER. | LOSS. | Insurance. | CAUSE. |
|-------------|----------|---|-------------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| February 16 | 11 A. M. | House in Willow Court..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Unknown. |
| " 24 | 9 P. M. | House and Barn on Myrtle street... Roxbury..... | Wm. Curtis's heirs..... | \$3,500 | \$3,000 | " |
| July 31 | 8 P. M. | ..... | Glesson..... | ..... | ..... | " |
| August 20 | 10 A. M. | Barn on Harvard street..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | " |
| " 24 | 2 A. M. | Planing Mill, Port Norfolk..... | A. T. Stearns..... | 10,000 | 4,000 | Accidental. |
| " 24 | 10 A. M. | Shop on Washington street..... | Delano..... | 500 | ..... | Unknown. |
| October 6 | 7 P. M. | House on Minot street..... | John Spent..... | ..... | ..... | " |
| " 20 | 2 A. M. | House and Barn, School street..... | Pitman..... | 1,000 | 1,000 | Accidental. |
| " 22 | 4 A. M. | Oakum Factory, Franklin street..... | Tibbals..... | 2,500 | 1,500 | " |
| November 16 | 9 P. M. | Shop on Washington street..... | Voss, of Boston..... | 600 | ..... | Incendiary. |
| " 23 | 11 P. M. | The Shop on River st., Hyde Park..... | O. B. Ruggles..... | 3,000 | 1,000 | " |
| December 23 | 2 A. M. | Store on River street..... | A. Hollisworth..... | 2,500 | ..... | " |
| " 27 | 5 P. M. | Barn on Meeting House hill..... | E. P. Robinson..... | 2,000 | ..... | Accident. |

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FOUNTAIN ENGINE, No. 1.

Paid Engine Company, for services to April, 1859, \$79 50
 Lorenzo Gurney, " as steward, 25 00

Amount carried forward, \$104 50

Amount brought forward, \$104 50
 Paid Lorenzo Gurney, for extra labor, 1 50
 Charles F. Hall, services as steward, 37 50
 William Crehore, repairing and painting lanterns, 4 24
 Charles Tileston, lantern, fluid and oil, 3 57
 G. Haynes & Son, lamps, paint, &c., 7 47
 George Baynton, repairs, 1 62
 J. A. Tucker, " 3 90
 Wm. Hall & Son, repairing lock and keys, 2 48
 Shelton & Cheever, officers badges, 4 50
 J. W. Sloan, labor on engine, 3 00
 Samuel Tileston, glazing, 75
 R. F. Tolman, oil, 50
 Henry Crane, blacksmith work, 9 88
 Whall's express, carting, 75
 Fiske & Crane, horses for engine, 25 00
 E. Preston & Co. coal, 6 00

\$217 16

PROTECTOR ENGINE, No. 2.

Paid Engine Company, for services, to April, 1859, \$87 60
 George H. Barnes, services as steward, 12 50
 " " coal and bark, 75
 W. A. Webster, services as steward, 25 00
 " " chain, 1 50
 F. Farrington, oil, fluid, &c. 7 07
 C. J. Sumner, coal hod, and globe to lantern, 2 00
 T. R. Cooper, painting, 2 00
 E. C. Fruean, repairing lock and keys, 1 00
 Davis, Polsey & Co. repairs on engine, 42 00
 H. Davenport & Co. blacksmith work, 16 81
 O. Davenport & Co. blacksmith work, 4 26
 Edwin Dodge, carting, 3 89
 Royce's express, carting, 5 25
 Spear & Purinton, coal and bark, 7 00

\$218 63

TORRENT ENGINE, No. 3.

Paid Engine Co. for services, to April, 1859, \$100 50
 M. H. Warren, services as steward, 37 50
 Shelton & Cheever, suction hose, 45 50
 Consider Glass, paint and painting house, 30 50
 L. Daigneau, glazing, 75
 R. Gleaneau & Sons, fluid and oil, 2 48
 E. C. Fruean, neats foot oil, 3 00
 A. J. Wilkinson, screw wrench, 1 25
 Edwin Dodge, carting, 1 26
 B. Royce, carting, 5 50
 E. Preston, coal and wood, 12 75

\$235 99

ALERT ENGINE, No. 4.

Paid Engine Company, for services to April, 1859, \$25 20
 G. F. Fenno, services as steward, 12 50
 " " wheelwright work, 3 00
 John Wheeler, services as steward, 25 00
 " " " " freman, 7 50
 Peter Cook, " " " " 7 50
 Luther Knox, " " " " 7 50
 Frank Sumner, " " " " 3 75
 Nicholas McLaughlin, services as fireman, 7 50
 Caleb S. Pond, " " " " 7 50
 G. Haynes & Son, duster, waterpot and repairs on stove, 10 58
 G. L. Fisher, repairs on engine, 4 24
 W. G. Swan, pipe, 15 00
 Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose, 6 75
 J. H. Burt & Co. " house, 87 24
 F. H. Trow, painting, 75
 Henry Crane, iron work, 20 13
 J. Deane, carting gravel into yard, 3 75
 " " horses drawing engines to fires, 6 00
 Isaac Williams, labor, 1 50
 E. Preston & Co. coal, 6 25

\$269 14

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE, No. 5.

Paid Engine Co., for services to May 1, 1859, \$111 60
 G. G. Dennison, services as steward, 37 50
 " " " " fireman, 3 75
 A. Collins, " " " " 3 75
 N. W. Holt, " " " " 3 75
 E. W. Harding, " " " " 3 75
 A. Phillips, " " " " 3 75
 W. Williams, " " " " 3 75
 E. W. Harding, services of six men one quarter, 22 50
 Howland & Harding, broom, oil and fluid, 12 50
 Otis Baird, stove, water pot and repairs, 3 90
 Shelton & Cheever, repairs, 22 50
 Hunneman & Co. set of brasses, 9 00
 Wm. G. Swan, repairs on engine and house, 23 00
 " " " " pump and lantern, 2 38
 J. T. Murphy, repairs, 50
 G. G. Dennison, painting, 2 00
 J. C. Robinson, iron work, 11 25
 J. Myers, " " " " 15 00
 Ruggles' Express, carting, 4 25
 Jefferson Pratt, horses for engine, 27 75
 E. Preston & Co. coal and wood, 12 25

\$345 67

TIGER ENGINE, No. 6.

Paid Engine Company for services to April, 1859, \$66 00
 F. A. Sumner, for services as steward, 12 50
 Theodore Hersey, " " " " 25 00
 " " " " as fireman, 3 75
 J. N. Berry, " " " " 3 75
 Ralph Ware, " " " " 3 75
 Harding Rich, " " " " 3 75
 J. P. Silsby, " " " " 3 75
 B. Royce, " " " " 3 75
 J. H. Upham & Bro. fluid, oil, &c. 14 51
 C. J. Sumner, pump box and repairs, 2 35
 F. A. Sumner, repairs on pump, 4 00
 J. E. Lake, " " " " 7 56
 H. Davenport, putting up shelves, 10 50
 J. H. Bird, paints, 2 00

Amount carried forward, \$166 92

Amount brought forward, \$166 92
 James B. Graham, painting house, 42 00
 Oliver Davenport & Co. iron work, 23 27
 Shelton & Cheever, repairs, 9 50
 B. Royce, carting, 12 75
 " " horses for engine, 2 00

\$256 44

HOOK & LADDER COMPANY.

Paid Company for services to April, 1859, \$32 40
 A. S. Packard, services as steward, 3 33
 J. C. Talbot, sperm oil, 43
 R. F. Tolman, matches, 25
 H. Crane, repairs, 2 50
 Fiske & Crane, use of horse, 3 75

\$42 66

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid S. H. Hebard, services as chief engineer, \$100 00
 E. C. Fruean, " as Assistant Engineer, 25 00
 Cyrus Savage, " " " " 20 83
 G. L. Fisher, " " " " 25 00
 William G. Swan, " " " " 25 00
 Alfred Clapp, " " " " 25 00
 N. W. Garland, " " " " 14 42
 Francis Freeman, refreshments for Roxbury Co. 47 92
 Engine Co. No. 1, and H. & L. Co. Roxbury, for refreshments, 14 00
 Engine No. 6, Roxbury, for refreshments, 10 00
 Howland & Harding, refreshments furnished Co. No. 5, and Milot Engine Co., 24 11
 J. H. Upham & Bro. refreshments, 6 55
 W. Stanley, cash paid sundry persons as watch at fire of E. P. Robinson's, 4 00
 Wm. G. Swan, use of engine as relief, 50 00
 Hannah Pierce, rent of land for engine house No. 5, two years, 40 00
 Mary Tolman, rent of barn for H. & L. Co., 20 00
 Fiske & Crane, use of horse and chaise, 5 25

\$457 08

RECAPITULATION.

Engine Company No. 1 \$217 16
 " " 2 218 63
 " " 3 235 99
 " " 4 269 14
 " " 5 345 67
 " " 6 256 44
 Hook and Ladder Company, 42 66
 General expenses of Fire Department, 457 08

\$2042 77

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By appropriation, \$2000 00
 cash of Shelton & Cheever, old hose and copper, 11 49

\$2011 49

Exceeds appropriation, 31 28

\$2042 77

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

We congratulate you on having escaped in so remarkable a degree, severe losses by fire the past year. To prevent the spreading of fire, individuals on Washington street have built a reservoir, without calling upon the town to contribute towards the expense. There are two at the Lower Mills Village, also built by individual liberality. Many more are required in the town.