

TWENTY-THIRD 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, 1861.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER TO THE SELECTMEN OF DORCHESTER.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present the Twelfth Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department of this Town, with a list of the fires, alarms, loss and insurance for the year ending with January 31, 1861. 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.*

ALFRED CLAPP,
GEORGE L. FISHER,
EDMUND C. FRUEAN,
HENRY FORBES,
ANDREW COLLINS, } *Assistant Engineers*

Under the charge of the Board of Engineers, belonging to the Town, are six Engines and one Hook and Ladder Carriage, viz. :—

FOUNTAIN ENGINE, No. 1, under the care of six persons, of whom Mr. Charles F. Hall is steward.

PROTECTOR, No. 2, in the care of Edmund C. Fruean, steward.

TORRENT, No. 3, in the care of Henry Forbes, steward.

ALERT, No. 4, in the care of a volunteer company, (six persons of whom are paid,) of which company Mr. Peter Cook is steward.

INDEPENDENCE, No. 5, in the care of a volunteer company, (six persons of whom are paid,) of which company Mr. George Long is steward.

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

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

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

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The amount expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers, for repairs, &c. has been \$1,170 30.

Total expenditures on account of the Fire Department the past year, \$2,169 95.

A table of the Fires and Alarms, from February 1, 1860, to February 1, 1861, is annexed.

Respectfully, yours,

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, *Chief Engineer.*

Dorchester, February 1, 1861.

Table of Fires and Alarms from February 1, 1860, to February 1, 1861.

1860.	Time.	LOCATION.	OWNER.	LOSS.	Insurance.	CAUSE.
March	5	8½ P. M. Neponset Village, Stable.....	Nathan Holbrook.....	\$5,000.	\$2,250	Incendiary.
"	17	11¼ P. M. Milton, a Barn.....	John Forber.....	Small.	Incendiary.
"	27	7¼ P. M. Dorchester Avenue, Barn.....	Worthington Heirs.....	Incendiary.
"	31	7 P. M. Adams street, Barn.....	Mr. Holmes.....	Unknown.
April	21	2 P. M. Washington street, Bleach-House.....	W. Baker.....	200	150	Accident.
July	8	11 P. M. River street, Wheelwright Shop.....	George Fenno.....	200	None.	Incendiary.
August	1	11¼ P. M. Willow Court, Barn.....	Howe & Clapp.....	800	400	Incendiary.
November	9	3 P. M. Myrtle street, Dwelling-house.....	Samuel Train.....	300	300	Accident.
1861.						
January	7	7¼ A. M. West Roxbury, or Hyde Park.....			
"	15	1¼ P. M. Milton, House.....	E. J. Baker.....			

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FOUNTAIN ENGINE, No. 1.

Paid C. F. Hall, for services as steward,	\$50 00
" " " " " of firemen,	45 00
Charles Tileston, lanterns, lamp and oil,	9 03
A. R. Gay, record book,	1 00
William Tucker, painting,	50
E. W. Knight, iron bolt,	25
Shelton & Cheever, repairs on engine,	5 50
C. F. Hall, " " "	3 00
James Boyd & Sons, patent hose,	136 35
Fiske & Crane, use of horses,	15 75
Henry Crane, " " "	3 75
" " repairs on engine,	9 51
	<u>\$279 64</u>

PROTECTOR ENGINE, No. 2.

Paid W. A. Webster, for services as steward,	25 00
E. C. Fruean, " " " "	25 00
F. Farrington & Co., refreshments,	9 31
" " " " fluid and oil,	1 05
James Shepard, crackers,	1 38
C. J. Sumner, repairing lamps and leaning pipe,	1 20
Shelton & Cheever, new hose,	215 50
J. Boyd & Son, repairing hose,	2 25
E. C. Fruean, hose composition,	5 88
" " " " lock for reservoir,	75
" " " repairs,	25
J. W. Howe, glazing,	67
B. Royce, carting,	75
Harvey Greenwood, use of horses,	2 00
Burroughs & Putnam, coal,	3 81
	<u>\$294 80</u>

TORRENT ENGINE, No. 3.

Paid Henry Fobes, for services as steward,	50 00
Shelton & Cheever, new hose,	215 50
" " " repairs,	1 38
S. W. Haley, iron work,	4 38
Henry Fobes, use of horses to draw engine,	1 00
B. Royce, carting,	1 25
	<u>\$273 51</u>

ALERT ENGINE, No. 4.

Paid John Wheeler, for services as steward,	21 50
Peter Cook, " " " "	25 00
G. L. Fisher, " " of firemen,	71 25
Shelton & Cheever, repairs on engine,	26 56
G. Haynes & Son, repairing lantern,	50
G. L. Fisher, lamp, neatfoot and castor oil,	20 26
" " " pails, scissors, sponge, &c.	5 60
" " " repairs,	2 62
James Hersey, repairs,	1 99
Amount carried forward,	<u>\$175 28</u>

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE, No. 5.

Amount brought forward,	\$175 28
Woodward & Curtis, glazing,	97
Peter Cook, leathering valves,	4 33
Wm. Hall & Co., keys,	1 20
Charles Tileston, zinc,	1 17
	<u>\$182 95</u>

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE, No. 5.

Paid G. G. Dennison, for services as steward,	50 00
E. W. Harding, " " of firemen,	90 00
Howland & Harding, refreshments,	36 44
" " " castor oil, fluid, &c.	13 55
J. T. Murphy, castor oil,	1 50
Wm. G. Swan, stove, sieve and lantern,	7 63
" " " repairs on engine,	15 87
Shelton & Cheever, new hose,	215 50
" " " repairs on engine,	16 25
" " " badge,	1 00
G. G. Dennison, glazing,	1 65
C. A. Green, lamps,	7 38
J. C. Robinson, blacksmith work,	6 37
J. Pratt, use of horses,	19 50
E. W. Ruggles, carting,	1 00
Henry Crane, " "	1 50
Edward Preston, wood and coal,	10 50
	<u>\$495 64</u>

TIGER ENGINE, No. 6.

Paid Theodore Hersey, for services as steward,	50 00
B. Royce and others, " " firemen,	86 25
A. F. Poole, pail, scissors, and sweet oil,	1 40
J. H. Upham & Bro., chamois skin, &c.	1 16
C. J. Sumner, stove work,	3 37
C. A. Upham, wheelwright work,	5 50
O. Davenport, blacksmith work,	3 27
Hunneman & Co., repairs,	1 63
B. Royce, storage of engine,	3 00
" " axe handle,	25
Amount carried forward,	<u>\$155 83</u>

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

Paid G. Haynes & Son, for oiler,	0 22
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid S. H. Hebard, for services as chief engineer,	\$100 00
G. L. Fisher, " as assistant engineer,	25 00
Alfred Clapp, " " "	25 00
Wm. G. Swan, " " "	25 00
E. C. Fruean, " " "	25 00
Henry Fobes, " " "	14 58
Roxbury Engine Company, refreshment after fire,	8 00
Carlson & Doble, refreshments for Granite Engine Company,	8 00
Torrent Engine Co. " "	8 00
Nathan Holbrook, " "	13 56
J. H. Upham & Bro. " "	9 22
E. J. Baker, rent of land for Engine house No. 1, two years,	20 00
Mary Tolman, rent of barn for H. and L. Co.,	20 00
Henry Clark, rent of land for Engine house No. 3, for two years,	50 00
Hannah Pierce, rent of land for Engine house No. 5,	20 00
Theo. Hersey, preparing to move Engine No. 6,	5 00
George Holmes, moving house,	18 00
Almshouse establishment, labor of man and team, carting lumber,	14 80
Asa Davenport, carpenter work and stock,	29 16
Patrick Collins, laying wall, &c.	22 86
	<u>\$461 18</u>

* No. 6 Engine House was removed in order to widen Boston street at an expense of \$89 82.

RECAPITULATION.

Fountain Engine, No. 1	\$279 64
Protector " " 2	294 80
Torrent " " 3	273 51
Alert " " 4	182 95
Independence " " 5	495 64
Tiger " " 6	182 01
Hook and Ladder Company,	22
General Expenses of Fire Department,	461 18
	<u>\$2,169 95</u>

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By appropriation,	\$2,000 00
By cash of Shelton & Cheever, for old hose and brass	7 50
	<u>\$2,007 50</u>
Exceeds appropriation,	162 45
	<u>\$2,169 95</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The engines and apparatus are kept in good order and ready for use when required, and are under the immediate charge of the Engineers. There has been two volunteer engine companies during the year; one at Mattapan and one at Neponset, and a large number of citizens have volunteered their services and worked at the fires. Comparatively speaking, but few fires have occurred in the town during the past year.