

TWENTY-FOURTH

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, 1862.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TO THE SELECTMEN OF DORCHESTER.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present the Thirteenth 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 31st, 1862; 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 FOBES,
 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 Charles F. Hall, is steward.

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

TORRENT, No. 3, in care of Henry Fobes, steward.

ALERT, No. 4, in care of a volunteer company, (six persons of whom are paid) of which company, Benjamin Bowen, is steward.

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

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

MATTAPAN, Hook and Ladder Carriage, in care of two persons, Samuel Bridget, being steward.

The Engine house at Mattapan, occupied by Alert, No. 4, has been painted.

There being no bell in the immediate vicinity, and the bell on the engine house being too small, the engineers upon the petition of inhabitants in the neighborhood, substituted a steel bell at a cost of \$191 75. The old bell is placed upon Protector Engine House.

There have been twenty-four fires and alarms the past year, nineteen of which were in this town.

The amount expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers, for repairs, &c. has been \$967 42.

Total expenditures on account of the Fire Department the past year, \$2,182 10.

A Table of the Fires and Alarms, from February 1, 1861, to February 1, 1862, is annexed.

Respectfully, Yours,

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Dorchester, February 1, 1862.

Table of Fires and Alarms from February 1, 1861, to February 1, 1862.

1861.	Time.	LOCATION.	Owner or Occupant.	LOSS.	Insurance.	CAUSE.
Feb. 18	7 1/2 P. M.	House on Cottage St.	Francis Vose	\$1,000		
" 23	8 1/2 "	Roxbury				
March 15	12 1/2 "	House on Cedar St.	Thomas Campbell	25		Accident.
April 11	7 1/2 "	Brighton				False Alarm.
" 14	9 "	Roxbury				
May 8	12 1/2 A. M.	House on Dorchester Avenue	Dr. White	150	125	Unknown.
" 21	10 1/2 P. M.	" at Hyde Park	Rinaldo Williams	400		"
June 17	2 A. M.	Shop on Washington St.	E. H. R. Ruggles	Small.		Accident.
" 27	11 1/2 "	House on Bowdoin St.	B. F. Brown			Accident.
July 5	7 1/2 P. M.	Oil Works at Neponset	Putnam & Co.			Accident.
" 11	2 1/2 P. M.	House on Dorchester Avenue	Isaac H. Pickering			Incendiary.
" 16	10 A. M.	Barn on Commercial St.	Alexander Glover			"
" 21	9 P. M.	" "	"			"
" 22	10 A. M.	House on Green St.	Warren Richards			Accidental.
Sept. 4	9 1/2 P. M.	House in Milton	McQuirk			"
" 7	1 1/2 A. M.	R. R. Depot Hyde Park	Wm. Bragg	8,000	2,000	Unknown.
" 9	9 1/2 "	Old Factory River St.	T. & H. Liveridge	Small.		Incendiary.
" 11	11 1/2 "	Barn, Adams St.	J. G. Pierce	800		"
" 14	11 1/2 "	Harvard St.	Faxon's Hair	500	200	"
Oct. 22	4 1/2 P. M.	House and Store Dorchester Av.	Alexander Glover	500	450	"
Nov. 15	1 1/2 "	Rubber Works, Milton	Alfred Hale			"
" 20	6 1/2 "	Soap Works Neponset	A. S. Mansfield	12,000	12,550	Unknown.
Jan. 1862. 16	12 1/2 "	House on River St.	Mrs. Young	Small.		"

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FOUNTAIN ENGINE, No. 1.

Paid C. F. Hall, for services as steward,	\$62 50
" " " " of firemen	112 50
J. C. Read, for refreshments,	2 25
J. C. Talbot, alcohol, oil and matches,	2 35
Charles Tileston, fluid and oil,	1 96
C. F. Hall, repairs on engine,	3 50
J. A. Tucker " " "	3 50
E. H. R. Ruggles " " "	1 00
J. W. Sloan, " " "	3 75
Shelton & Cheever, repairs on hose,	6 83
Henry Crane, fire-hooks and forks,	1 75
" " blacksmith work,	9 75
" " use of horses on engine,	48 75
Samuel Tileston, glazing,	2 40
Whall's Express, expressage,	50
Edward Preston, coal and bark,	7 75
	\$271 07

PROTECTOR ENGINE, No. 2.

Paid E. C. Fruean, for services as steward,	\$62 50
" " " " of firemen,	67 50
F. Farrington & Co., refreshments,	46 56
" " " broom, fluid and oil,	6 38
Ira Foster, refreshments,	15 49
" " sponge, oil and clothes line,	1 43
John Sargent, milk,	30
E. C. Fruean, oil,	8 87
N. H. Bird, milk,	35
" " painting, glazing, &c.	4 84
Joel Gay, repairs,	7 50
James McIntosh, repairs,	2 00
C. A. Upham, wheelwright work,	6 25
Oliver Davenport, blacksmith work,	2 87
J. N. Berry, repairs on engine,	5 22
William Hendry, milk,	24
" " use of horses on engine,	22 00
	\$260 30

TIGER ENGINE, No. 3.

Paid Henry Fobes, services as steward,	\$62 50
" " " " watch at Harvard st. fire,	1 00
J. C. Talbot, oil,	2 70
R. Gleason & Sons, fluid,	80
T. W. Capen, sponge,	20
Samuel W. Haley, blacksmith work,	2 42
George Holmes, repairs on engine house,	10 00
H. Fobes, labor and stock on house,	11 28
" " use of horse,	1 00
	\$91 90

ALERT ENGINE, No. 4.

Paid Peter Cook, for services as steward,	\$29 17
Benjamin Bowen " " "	29 17
Nelson Brown, " " "	4 16
G. L. Fisher, services of firemen,	112 50
Cox & Tavener, sponge, oil and fluid,	20 76
Shelton & Cheever, suction hose and repairs,	38 88
G. L. Fisher, repairs,	7 50
" " carting hose to and from Boston,	1 50
G. Haynes & Son, register,	4 75
Peter Cook, fitting runners,	1 00
Naylor & Co., bell,	191 75
Cox & Tavener, use of horses on engine,	19 00
E. E. Whall, use of horse,	2 75
Henry Crane " " "	3 00
Tileston & Hollingsworth, coal,	4 22
J. H. Burt, carpenter work and stock, repairing house,	18 22
George Curtis, painting engine house,	28 00
Charles Tileston, cylinder stove,	4 54
" " lanterns and repairs,	4 38
Edward Preston, coal and bark,	8 50
	\$533 75

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE, No. 5.

Paid G. G. Dennison, for services as steward,	50 00
George Long, " " "	12 50
	\$62 50

Amount brought forward,

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Paid E. W. Harding, for services of firemen,	112 50
C. A. Southworth, refreshments,	10 33
John Spear, " "	3 75
Howland & Harding, " "	44 88
" " axe, lantern, fluid and oil,	15 76
Andrew Collins, two dozen spoons,	1 00
G. G. Dennison, glazing and painting signal lantern,	5 15
J. C. Robinson, repairs,	2 25
J. Pratt, use of horses to draw engine,	46 00
" " use of water,	6 00
J. Q. A. Spear, repairing roof of engine house,	4 99
	\$315 11

TIGER ENGINE, No. 6.

Paid Theodore Hersey, for services as steward,	62 50
" " " " of firemen,	105 00
J. H. Upham & Co., refreshments, oil and fluid,	6 95
Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose, &c.	12 62
James Boyd & Sons, patent hose,	90 90
T. Hersey, glazing,	25
" " digging trench for lead pipe,	1 25
J. E. Lake, repairs on pump and pipe,	5 00
Royce's Express, carting,	5 52
" " use of horses to draw engines,	14 00
Harding Rich, use of horses,	2 00
Thomas Payson, use of horse,	4 00
Oliver Davenport, blacksmith work,	50
	\$310 49

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

Paid S. Bridget, for services as steward,	\$8 33
" " " " firemen,	6 25
J. W. Sloan, " " "	6 25
Charles Tileston, lantern, oil and fluid,	3 07
William Tucker, shafts and whippetree,	5 00
J. C. Doane, carpenter work and stock,	3 45
Henry Crane, blacksmith work,	16 88
" " use of horses,	4 00
	\$53 23

GENERAL EXPENSES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid S. H. Hebard, for services as chief engineer,	\$100 00
G. L. Fisher, " " assistant "	25 00
Alfred Clapp, " " " "	25 00
Andrew Collins, " " " "	18 75
E. C. Fruean, " " " "	25 00
Henry Fobes, " " " "	25 00
William G. Swan, " " " "	15 00
John Spear, refreshments furnished firemen,	15 50
Francis Freeman, " " Roxbury Com'y	8 00
E. E. Blake, refreshments furnished firemen at a fire at Hyde Park,	6 00
W. Truck, refreshments furnished firemen at a fire in Cottage st.	8 00
Hannah Pierce, rent of land for Engine House No. 5,	20 00
Mary Tolman, rent of barn for Hook and Ladder Company,	20 00
E. J. Baker, rent of land for Engine House, No. 1,	10 00
Henry Clark, rent of land for Engine House, No. 3,	25 00
	\$346 25

RECAPITULATION.

Fountain Engine, No. 1,	\$271 07
Protector " " 2,	260 30
Torrent " " 3,	91 90
Alert " " 4,	533 75
Independence " " 5,	315 11
Tiger " " 6,	310 49
Hook and Ladder Company,	53 23
General Expenses of Fire Department,	346 25
	\$2,182 10
Unexpended,	329 90
	\$2,512 00

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By appropriation,	\$2,500 00
cash for old junk from Engine No. 5,	90
" of Shelton & Cheever, for old hose and brass,	11 10
	\$2,512 00

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

Paid Volunteer Company, Engine No. 4 for services in 1860,	\$100 00
Volunteer Company, Engine No. 5 for services in 1860,	100 00
	\$200 00

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By appropriation,	\$200 00
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fires and alarms of fire have not been so frequent the past year as in preceding ones. We do not know how to account for the fact except that those persons who were the instruments in causing so much distress and loss of property to the community, have had their attention directed to some useful occupation.