

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, 1863.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF DORCHESTER :

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with custom, I herewith present the fourteenth report, embracing a list of the Engineers and members of the Fire Department, who have the charge of the buildings, engines, hose carriages, and hook and ladder carriages, belonging to the town, with a list of the fires, losses and insurance; also the amount of expenditures of the Fire Department for the year ending January 31st, 1863.

The Fire Department is organized as follows:—

SYLVESTER H HEBARD, Chief Engineer,
ALFRED CLAPP,
NATHANIEL WITHINGTON, } Assistant Engineers.
EDMUND C. FRUEAN,
HENRY FOBES,
GEORGE G. DENNISON,

ENGINE, No. 1, Fountain, is in the care of six persons, Charles F. Hall, is Steward.

ENGINE No. 2, Protector, is in the care of six persons, Sargent Fruean, is Steward.

ENGINE, No. 3, Torrent, is in the care of six persons, Michael Merrick, is Steward.

ENGINE No. 4, Alert, is under the care of a volunteer company, (six persons of whom are paid,) Benjamin Bowen, is Steward.

ENGINE No. 5, Independence, is under the care of a volunteer company, (six persons of whom are paid,) Geo. Baird, is Steward.

ENGINE, No. 6, Tiger, is in the care of six persons, Theodore Hersey, is steward.

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

I am happy to state that we have not had any great conflagrations the past year. The engines, hook and ladder carriage, and hose carriages are kept in good repair and ready for use.

The number five engine house has been removed on to a piece of land purchased by the town, on Walnut street, nearly opposite the Washington school house. Since its removal, an addition has been built to said house, at a cost of \$155.47.

An addition has been built to engine house number one, sufficiently large for the deposit of the hook and ladder carriage, which has been removed to said building. The cost of the addition was \$111.51.

There has been seven fires in this town the past year, and the department have been called out several times by false alarms and for fires in other places.

I would suggest that there should be several reservoirs built in different parts of the town where a scarcity of water now exists. There are several localities within the town which are now dependent upon the tide for water to extinguish a fire, and should one occur at an unfavorable time of the tide, those persons having the charge of the engines and apparatus, would be compelled to look on, unable to extinguish it.

The amount expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers for repairs, &c. has been \$527.68. Total expenditures on account of the Fire Department the past year, has been \$1,705.18.

A table of the fires from February 1st, 1862, to February 1st, 1863, is annexed.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Dorchester, February 1, 1863.

Table of Fires and Alarms from February 1, 1862 to February 1, 1863.

1862	Time.	LOCATION.	Owner or Occupant.	LOSS.	Insurance	CAUSE.
March 6	7 P. M.	Paper Mill at Lower Mills.....	W. Baker & Co.....	Small		Accident
April 24	8 P. M.	House on Adams street.....	George Barry & others.....	\$ 600	\$ 800	Accident
May 13	9 P. M.	House on River street.....	Joseph Ober.....	Small		Accident
May 15		Blacksmith shop on Washington st.	J. C. Hewins.....	Small		Accident
May 22	8 P. M.	House on Bowdoin street.....	Mrs. Vincent.....	Small		Accident
November 4	4 A. M.	Soap Factory.....	Charles Hunt.....	\$ 150		Incendiary
November 20	3 A. M.	House at Hyde Park.....	Foster & Taylor.....	1500		Incendiary

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FOUNTAIN ENGINE No. 1.

Paid C. F. Hall, for services as steward,	\$50 00
“ “ “ of firemen,	90 00
J. C. Talbot, alcohol,	50
Charles Tileston, stove work,	2 90
G. Haynes & Son, iron, tin and stove work,	25 94
Shelton & Cheever, sponge, and repairing hose,	5 33
C. E. Whall, washers,	25
Henry Crane, use of horses on engine,	24 00
William Spargo, repairs on house,	1 50
	<u>\$200 42</u>

PROTECTOR ENGINE, No. 2.

Paid E. C. Fruean, for services as steward,	\$50 00
“ “ “ of firemen,	90 00
F. Farrington & Co., oil, fluid and broom,	4 24
J. H. Upham & Co., lamps,	3 62
C. J. Sumner, lamps, and repairing stove,	2 64
Shelton & Cheever, rubber pipe and handles,	9 00
N. H. Bird, curtains,	1 25
“ “ spout,	1 25
“ “ painting, and hanging bell,	4 75
B. C. Bird, bell rope,	1 00
William Hendry, use of horses on engine,	4 00
Burnham Royce, “ “ “	5 00
Hartford Davenport, carpenter work,	12 06
J. Archer, mason work,	1 00
J. D. Robinson, coal,	9 20
	<u>\$199 01</u>

TORRENT ENGINE, No. 3.

Paid Henry Fobes, for services as steward,	\$25 00
“ “ “ of firemen,	82 50
G. L. Pitman, “ as steward,	12 50
S. W. Haley, “ “	12 50
R. Gleason & Sons, oil and fluid,	1 78
C. P. Tolman, lamps, lantern and oil,	8 24
S. W. Haley, neats foot oil,	6 00
“ “ handles to hose carriage,	3 00
G. L. Pitman, oil and wash leather,	85
“ “ repairs on engine,	5 00
George Dodge, labor on house,	5 50
S. W. Haley, blacksmith work,	6 97
	<u>\$169 84</u>

ALERT ENGINE No. 4.

Paid Benjamin Bowen, services as steward,	\$50 00
“ “ “ of firemen,	90 00
“ “ lamps, oil and fluid,	5 74
“ “ housing coal,	25
Amount carried forward,	<u>\$145 99</u>

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Amount brought forward, \$145 99

Paid Benjamin Bowen, repairs on hose,	1 50
“ “ repairs on house,	2 25
“ “ expressage,	50
W. H. Cox, oil and chimney,	1 90
Charles Tileston, repairing lamp,	12
Calvin Young, stuffing for leather,	4 48
G. L. Fisher, spanners, and repairing engine,	7 25
James Hersey, repairs on engine,	3 35
R. M. Todd, coal,	4 50
	<u>\$171 84</u>

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE, No. 5.

Paid G. G. Dennison, for services as steward,	\$50 00
“ “ “ of firemen,	90 00
Howland & Harding, crackers,	1 50
“ “ fluid, soap and broom,	3 13
“ “ axes and wrench,	4 12
John Spear, refreshments,	4 58
A. C. Southworth, alcohol,	56
Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose,	1 66
J. T. Murphy, spanner sockets,	1 75
H. W. Blanchard, soap stone and register,	2 50
G. G. Dennison, rope and handle to pole,	1 09
“ “ painting and glazing,	40 77
E. A. Perkins, building addition on house,	123 00
“ “ tables,	5 50
J. C. Robinson, blacksmith work,	5 75
J. Jefferson Pratt, use of horses,	4 00
Edward Preston, coal,	4 50
	<u>\$344 38</u>

TIGER ENGINE, No. 6.

Paid Theodore Hersey, for services as steward,	\$50 00
“ “ “ of firemen,	90 00
Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose,	1 00
Charles Tileston, repairing pump,	2 13
J. H. Bird, glazing,	1 50
	<u>\$144 63</u>

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

Paid S. Bridget, for services as steward,	\$20 00
“ “ as fireman,	15 00
Henry Crane, “ “	15 00
J. C. Talbot, oil,	55
J. & A. Pope, lumber and building addition to engine house, for the use of H. & L. Company,	101 14
R. L. Chapman, painting house,	6 00
Henry Crane iron work for house,	4 37
“ “ use of horses,	2 00
	<u>\$164 06</u>

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid S. H. Hebard, for services as Chief Engineer,	\$100 00
G. L. Fisher, “ “ assistant “	25 00
Alfred Clapp, “ “ “ “	25 00
Andrew Collins, “ “ “ “	37 50
E. C. Fruean, “ “ “ “	25 00
Henry Fobes, “ “ “ “	25 00
Roxbury Engine Company, refreshments after fire at Train's house,	8 00
Roxbury Engine Company, refreshments after fire in Cottage street,	8 00
Henry Clark, for rent of land for engine house No. 3,	25 00
Hannah Pierce, for rent of land for engine house No. 5,	12 50
Mary Tolman, rent of barn for Hook and Ladder Company,	20 00
	<u>\$311 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Fountain Engine, No. 1,	\$200 42
Protector “ No. 2,	199 01
Torrent, “ No. 3,	169 84
Alert, “ No. 4,	171 84
Independence “ No. 5,	344 38
Tiger “ No. 6,	144 63
Hook and Ladder Company,	164 06
General Expenses of Fire Department,	311 00
	<u>\$1,705 18</u>
Unexpended,	94 82
	<u>\$1,800 00</u>

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By appropriation, \$1800 00

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

Paid Volunteer Company, Engine No. 4, for services in 1861,	\$100 00
Volunteer Company, Engine No. 5, for services in 1861,	100 00
	<u>\$200 00</u>
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By appropriation,	\$200 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In consequence of the travelled part of the Neponset Avenue having been widened it became necessary to remove the Engine House at Neponset. Some difficulty was found in obtaining a piece of land that would be satisfactory to the different portions of the neighborhood. A lot of land nearly opposite the Washington School House, containing fourteen hundred and seventy-six feet was offered us, for \$140 which we purchased, and removed the Engine house upon it.

The Engineers of the Fire Department have since caused an addition to be built to said house. The whole expense for land, removing, repairing and building the addition was \$383.54.

The Engineers have also made an addition to Engine House No. 1, at the Lower Mills, for the accommodation of the Hook and Ladder Company at an expense of \$111.51.

We rely on the efficiency of the Fire Department to render us all the assistance in their power in case our buildings should be enveloped in flames, but are happy to state that we have not been obliged to call for their services, but a very few times during the year.