

TWENTY-SIXTH 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, 1864.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF DORCHESTER:

GENTLEMEN.—In making the fifteenth annual report of the condition of the Fire Department of Dorchester, the Chief Engineer has great pleasure in congratulating your Board and the citizens of the Town, upon the remarkable infrequency of fires and alarms the past year, and also upon the small amount of expense which has been necessary to keep the Department in good and efficient condition. There have been but five fires in Dorchester the past year, all of which are supposed to have been caused by accident or by carelessness.

The members of the two volunteer companies, and persons in charge of Engines and other apparatus, as well as those citizens who have so kindly and acceptably assisted the Department at all times when assistance was needed, are deserving of the gratitude of the Town, as they have the thanks of the Board of Engineers.

The several Engines and the Hook and Ladder Carriage are in good condition for service, well taken care of, and are always ready for use.

Engine House No. 4 has been newly shingled the past year, at an expense of about eighty-four dollars, and Engine No. 4 has been supplied with one hundred feet of new leading hose, at a cost of one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Engine House No. Two (2) should be newly painted, and Engine House No. Six (6) newly shingled the coming season. With the two last named houses excepted, the Engine Houses are in good repair.

The amount of expenditures under the direction of the

Board of Engineers, for necessary repairs and the maintenance of the Department the past year, has been \$484.60. Total amount of expenditures on account of Fire Department, \$1,632.11.

The Department is organized as follows, viz:

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

ALFRED CLAPP,
NATHANIEL WITHINGTON,
EDMUND C. FRUEAN,
HENRY FOBES,
GEORGE G. DENNISON, } Assistant Engineers.

Engine No. 1, Fountain, is under the charge of six persons, Charles F. Hall, being Steward.

Engine No. 2, Protector, is under the charge of six persons, Sargent Fruean being Steward.

Engine No. 3, Torrent, is under the charge of six persons, John Heurtson being Steward.

Engine No. 4, Alert, is under the care of a Volunteer Company, (six persons of whom are paid,) Nelson Brown being Steward.

Engine No. 5, Independence, is under the care of a Volunteer Company, (six persons of whom are paid,) N. W. Holt being Steward.

Engine No. 6, Tiger, is under the charge of six persons, Theodore Hersey being Steward.

Mattapan Hook and Ladder Carriage is under the charge of two persons, Samuel Bridget being Steward.

A Table of the Fires from February 1, 1863, to February 1, 1864, is annexed.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Dorchester, February 1st, 1864.

Table of Fires and Alarms from February 1, 1863, to February 1, 1864.

1863.	Time.	LOCATION.	OWNER.	LOSS.	Insurance.
February 15	1 P. M.	Dorchester Avenue; house.....	William Morrow.....	\$100	None.
July 6	11 P. M.	Dorchester Avenue; barn.....	Mr. Fitzgerald.....	300	\$300
November 2	1 1/4 P. M.	Field's Corner; stores and house.	J. H. Robinson.....	8000	6000
November 16	11 A. M.	Bowdoin street; house.....	Mr. Reinhard.....	300	300
1864.					
January 12	9 P. M.	Port Norfolk; K. Oil Works.....	Neponset Oil Company.	Unknown	Unknown.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FOUNTAIN ENGINE, No. 1.

Paid C. F. Hall, for services of firemen,	\$90 00
" " " as steward,	50 00
Moses Pond & Co., boiler,	13 00
J. C. Talbot, alcohol,	1 43
Amount carried forward,	\$154 43

Amount brought forward, \$154 43

Charles Tileston, fluid and tin work, 3 76

J. A. Tucker, bolts and straps, 1 50

E. B. Bennette, repairs, 3 58

Samuel Tileston, glazing, 1 25

Henry Crane, blacksmith's work, 5 13

 " " use of horses, 6 38

\$175 83

PROTECTOR ENGINE, No. 2.

Paid J. T. Oliver, for services of firemen,	\$90 00
S. Fruean, " as steward,	50 00
F. Farrington & Co., refreshments, fluid and oil,	39 50
Jones & Hinkley, bracket and shovel,	86
A. F. Lake, locks,	1 37
J. McIntosh, straps for engine,	2 25
Hunneman & Co., repairs,	12 53
J. W. Howe, glazing,	1 12
J. D. Robinson, coal,	6 50
	\$204 13

TORRENT ENGINE, No. 3.

Paid Henry Fobes, for services of firemen,	\$90 00
" " " as steward,	25 00
Michael Merrick, Jr., " " "	25 00
R. Gleason & Sons, oil and fluid,	3 49
" " " repairs on pump,	2 43
C. P. Tolman, lamps, cups and pans,	11 29
Hunneman & Co., brass outlet cap,	2 50
Reuben Homer, lock and labor,	5 62
Shelton & Cheever, repairs,	2 25
John Heurtson, glazing,	87
J. D. Robinson, wood and coal,	10 75
	\$179 20

ALERT ENGINE, No. 4.

Paid J. H. McKendry, for services of firemen,	\$90 00
Benjamin Bowen, " as steward,	45 84
Nelson Brown, " " "	4 17
Benjamin Bowen, housing wood and sundries,	3 23
E. B. Willard, oil,	5 10
Shelton & Cheever, new hose and repairs,	129 08
Estate of G. L. Fisher, repairs,	10 00
G. H. Bird, " " "	5 00
Charles Tileston, lantern,	5 00
J. H. Burt & Co., carpenter's work and stock,	83 99
H. R. Wetherbee, expressage,	75
Barney Connor, " " "	1 16
	\$383 32

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE, No. 5.

Paid G. G. Dennison, for services of firemen,	\$90 00
G. O. Baird, " as steward,	12 50
N. W. Holt, " " "	37 50
Southworth & Hayden, refreshments,	4 65
Otis Baird, tin ware,	4 17
Howland & Harding, fluid, spoons and pail,	2 74
A. C. Southworth, alcohol,	80
Dorchester Gas Light Co., pipe, metre and gas,	13 15
G. Haynes & Son, gas fixtures,	25 64
E. W. Ruggles, expressage,	1 13
G. G. Dennison, glazing,	25
Shelton & Cheever, repairs,	4 25
J. C. Robinson, iron work,	2 50
Jefferson Pratt, use of horses,	6 00
Edward Preston, wood,	1 50
	\$206 78

TIGER ENGINE, No. 6.

Paid Theodore Hersey, for services of firemen,	\$90 00
" " " as steward,	50 00
J. H. Upham & Co., oil and lanterns,	7 72
Hunneman & Co., repairs on engine,	12 53
N. M. Cobb, repairing water pipe,	75
Holden & Williams, use of horses,	2 00
Burnham & Royce, " " "	2 00
	\$165 00

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

Paid Henry Crane, for services as fireman,	\$15 00
S. Bridgett, " " "	15 00
" " " as steward,	20 00
J. C. Talbot, soap, sponges and broom,	1 73
J. A. Tucker, repairing straps,	2 00
E. B. Bennette, fire poles,	4 00
Henry Crane, use of horses,	2 62
	\$60 35

GENERAL EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid S. H. Hebard, services as Chief Engineer,	\$100 00
G. L. Fisher, " as assistant " "	9 40
Nathaniel Withington, " " "	15 60
Alfred Clapp, " " "	25 00
G. G. Dennison,	12 50
E. C. Fruean,	25 00
Henry Fobes,	25 00
Henry Clark, rent of land for engine house No. 3,	25 00
E. J. Baker " " " No. 1,	20 00
	\$257 50

RECAPITULATION.

Fountain Engine, No. 1,	\$175 83
Protector " " 2,	204 13
Torrent " " 3,	179 20
Alert " " 4,	383 32
Independence " " 5,	206 78
Tiger " " 6,	165 00
Hook and Ladder Company,	60 35
General Expenses of Fire Department,	257 50
	\$1,632 11
Unexpended,	167 89
	\$1,800 00

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By appropriation, \$1,800 00

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

Paid Volunteer Company, Engine No. 4, for services in 1862,	\$100 00
Volunteer Company, Engine No. 5, for services in 1862,	100 00
	\$200 00
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By appropriation,	\$200 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

There are two organized Engine Companies in the Town, with full ranks—one at Mattapan and one at Neponset—who are always ready for duty when needed; also four other companies partially organized, who keep their machines in order ready for work, and with the assistance of the citizens do a great amount of good.

We would be thankful to the Great Ruler of events that we have met with so few losses by fire the past year.