

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF DORCHESTER:

WITH REPORTS OF

THE SELECTMEN, AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1865.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To THE SELECTMEN OF DORCHESTER:—

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the custom of past years, I herewith present the Sixteenth Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department of Dorchester; and in so doing, would renewedly congratulate your Board and the town, that we have been spared the calamity of frequent fires the past year, the Department having been called out to extinguish but seven fires in this town.

There are now four organized companies in the Department, composed of persons who really have the interest of the town, and the protection of the property of our citizens, at heart.

The Engines and Hook and Ladder Carriage are in good and serviceable condition. In consequence of the organization of two new companies, the expenditures have exceeded the appropriation made by the town. Engine house No. 2 has been painted, and engines Nos. 2 and 6 have been repaired.

The amount of expenditures under the direction of the Board of Engineers the past year has been \$ 1,203.57. Total amount of expenditures on account of Fire Department, \$ 1,958.07.

The Department is organized as follows, viz:—

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Assistant Engineers.

GEORGE C. DENNISON, HENRY FOBES,

NATHANIEL WITHINGTON, JAMES T. OLIVER,

JOHN E. JONES.

Engine No. 1, Fountain, is in charge of six persons. Charles F. Hall, steward.

Engine No. 2, Protector, is in charge of a company of volunteers. Franklin Holden, foreman. Nathaniel H. Bird, steward.

Engine No. 3, Torrent, is in charge of six persons. John Foster Hewins, steward.

Engine No. 4, Alert, is in charge of a company of volunteers. John H. Burt, foreman. Robert Tilden, steward.

Engine No. 5, Independence, is in charge of a company of volunteers. John H. Maldt, foreman. George O'Baird, steward.

Engine No. 6, Tiger, is in charge of a company of volunteers. Theodore Hersey, foreman. Oliver Davenport, Jr., steward.

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

A table of fires and alarms from February 1, 1864, to February 1, 1865, is annexed.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

DORCHESTER, February 1, 1865.

TABLE OF FIRES AND ALARMS, FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1864, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1865.

1864.	Time.	Location.	Owner.	Loss.	Insurance.	Cause.
June 23	3½ A.M.	Dorchester Av.	E.V. Monroe and others.....	\$6,890	\$3,375	Incendiary.
July 24	3 P.M.	Woods near Mt. Hope,				
Aug. 18	3 P.M.	Hancock Street..	Mrs. Berthold....	200		Accidental.
Oct. 23	12 P.M.	Stoughton Street	Metropolitan R. R. Comp. and others,	25,200	15,000	"
" 25	9.15 A.M.	Boston Street....	Mrs. Holden.....	500	200	Incendiary.
" "	10 A.M.	Columbia St.	G. Ford.....	Slight.	Accidental.
Nov. 23	8 P.M.	Stoughton Street	Mr. Holland.....	1,500	1,500	Unknown.
Dec. 27	12½ A.M.	Commercial St. . .	Glover & Cotton.	2,200	970	Incendiary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FOUNTAIN ENGINE, NO. 1—LOWER MILLS.

Paid C. F. Hall, for services of firemen	\$90 00
" " " " as steward	50 00
Henry Crane, use of horses	5 00
" " blacksmith work	14 88
E. J. Baker, rent of land	10 00
C. Tileston, matches	60
William Tucker, repairing wheel	1 15
	<u>\$171 63</u>

PROTECTOR ENGINE, NO. 2—MEETING-HOUSE HILL.

Paid B. C. Bird, for services of firemen	\$90 00
S. Fruean, " " as steward	12 50
N. H. Bird, " " " "	37 50
" " repairs	12 39
" " milk	1 56
J. W. Howe, painting house	60 75
J. E. Jones, fire bucket	1 50
	<u>\$216 20</u>

Amount brought forward, \$ 216 20

Paid J. T. Oliver, repairs	3 50
" " preparing fuel	87
J. McIntosh, repairs	2 00
Farrington & Co. refreshments	58 91
F. Holden, use of horses	12 00
Jones & Hinckley, lanterns	4 12
William Jones, funnel and repairs	5 17
" " damage to pump	3 50
J. Davis, whitewashing	13 50
J. D. Robinson, coal and wood	9 38
I. Field, duster, oil, alcohol, and sand	10 41
W. Hall, keys	7 20
Shelton & Cheever, badges and ropes	32 65
	<u>\$379 41</u>

TORRENT ENGINE NO. 3—UPPER ROAD.

Paid J. Foster Hewins, for services of firemen	\$67 50
" " " " as steward	25 00
" " use of horses	3 50
" " refreshments	2 50
" " repairs	75
M. Merrick, Jr., services as steward	12 50
G. Dodge, labor on horse	3 75
Chas. Regan, use of horses	2 00
Hunneman & Co. repairing engine and suction-hose,	67 50
Henry Clark, rent of land	25 00
E. Dodge, expressage	1 60
C. P. Tolman, dippers, spoons, burners, wicks, &c.	10 66
	<u>\$222 26</u>

ALERT ENGINE NO. 4—MATTAPAN.

Paid J. H. Makendry, for services of firemen	\$90 00
Nelson Brown, " " as steward	50 00
E. F. Hopkins, use of horses	3 00
M. E. Weemen, " "	4 00
N. Withington, repairing furniture	2 50
R. C. Taylor, oil and tallow	6 90
W. H. Cox & Co. lamp, oil, and wicking	4 14
James A. Hersey, repairs	5 50
B. Carter, repairing chimney	1 00
	<u>\$167 04</u>

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE NO. 5,—NEPONSET.

Paid Geo. G. Dennison, for services of firemen	\$90 00
N. W. Holt, " " as steward	25 00
G. O. Baird " " " "	25 00
" " water pot, lamp, and matches	1 50
Otis Baird, oil and repairs	4 70
J. Pratt, use of horses	12 00
J. H. Perkins, use of horses	2 50
Henry Crane, " "	3 00
Dorchester Gas Light Company, gas	4 32
G. G. Dennison, repairs	9 30
G. W. Tuckerman, keys	7 50
J. C. Robinson, iron work	6 00
Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose	7 25
E. Preston, wood and coal	10 63
A. C. Southworth, alcohol	2 48
E. C. Bailey, advertising	1 00
E. W. Harding, refreshments, oil, &c.	14 99
	<u>\$227 17</u>

TIGER ENGINE NO. 6—UPHAM'S CORNER.

Paid Theodore Hersey, for services of firemen	\$90 00
" " " " as steward	50 00
A. P. Wheelock, use of horses	11 75
B. Royce, " "	5 00
H. Davenport, " "	2 00
" " stock and repairs on house	81 08
" " repairs, spanners, &c.	3 35
Geo. W. Ellison, "	11 00
C. W. Washburn, " belts, &c.	20 25
" " harness	25 00
J. H. Upham & Co. refreshments	8 66
" " brushes, fluid, lamps, &c.	7 72
H. Pratt, keys	10 80
Hunneman & Co. repairing engine	46 06
Shelton & Cheever " hose	12 35
	<u>\$385 02</u>

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY—LOWER MILLS.

Paid Henry Crane, services as fireman	\$11 25
Sam'l Bridget, " "	15 00
" " " as steward	20 00
" " lock	1 00
Henry Crane, for use of horses	19 00
" " repairs	2 82
J. A. Tucker, repairing buckets	62
C. Tileston, matches	10
	<u>\$69 79</u>

GENERAL EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid S. H. Hebbard, service as Chief Engineer	\$100 00
E. C. Fruean, service as Assistant Engineer	25 00
H. Fobes, " " " "	25 00
N. Withington, " " " "	25 00
G. G. Dennison, " " " "	25 00
A. C. Clapp, " " " "	25 00
E. A. G. Roulstone, fire badges	9 96
H. L. Bartlett, refreshments for Roxbury Companies	10 00
J. Mullane, " " " "	42 49
Wm. Seaver, " " " "	17 05
J. Munroe, filling reservoirs	25 50
J. T. Oliver, cover for reservoirs	1 00
Alfred Clapp, services "	2 00
J. G. Torrey, blanks	2 75
	<u>\$335 75</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Fountain Engine No. 1	\$171 63
Protector " " 2	379 41
Torrent " " 3	222 26
Alert " " 4	167 04
Independence " " 5	227 17
Tiger " " 6	385 02
Hook and Ladder Company	69 79
General expense of Fire Department	335 75
	<u>\$1,958 07</u>

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By appropriation	\$1,800 00
Exceeds appropriation	158 07
	<u>\$1,958 07</u>

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

Paid volunteer company, Engine No. 4 for services in 1863	\$100 00
" " " " 5 " 1863	100 00
	<u>\$200 00</u>

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By appropriation	\$200 00
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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

By reference to the Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, it will be found, that although not so large and expensive as Departments of this kind are in most large towns, still, it is efficient and serviceable.