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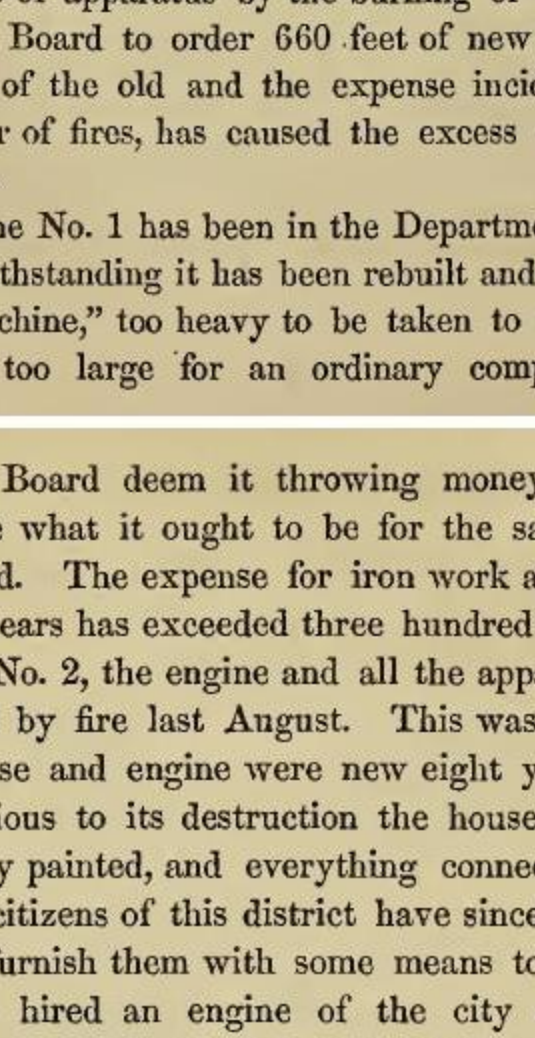
TOWN OF DORCHESTER:

WITH REPORTS OF THE

SELECTMEN, AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

Year ending January 31, 1866.



REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the Selectmen of Dorchester:

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith present the seventeenth Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department of this town, with an account of fires and alarms for the year ending January 31, 1866; also the amount of loss and insurance, as far as has been ascertained; and also the amount of expenditures under the direction of the Board of Engineers for the support of the Fire Department.

After some years of comparative inactivity, the Department has found that the hose and some of the apparatus would not stand the severe trials to which they were liable to be exposed. During the past year, also, the loss of apparatus by the burning of No. 2 Engine-house has compelled the Board to order 660 feet of new hose; this, together with the repairs of the old and the expense incident upon the more than usual number of fires, has caused the excess of expenditure over the appropriation.

Fountain Engine No. 1 has been in the Department more than thirty years: and, notwithstanding it has been rebuilt and repaired, it remains "the same old machine," too heavy to be taken to a fire with despatch, too clumsy and too large for an ordinary company to work with

efficiency. The Board deem it throwing money away to attempt to make this engine what it ought to be for the safety of the district in which it is located. The expense for iron work alone on this machine for the past ten years has exceeded three hundred and fifty dollars.

Engine-house No. 2, the engine and all the apparatus connected with it, was destroyed by fire last August. This was a severe loss to the town, as the house and engine were new eight years ago; and but a few months previous to its destruction the house had been improved, the engine newly painted, and everything connected was in the best condition. The citizens of this district have since petitioned the Board of Engineers to furnish them with some means to extinguish fires, and this Board have hired an engine of the city of Charlestown, also furnished it with three hundred feet of leading hose from the other engines belonging to the town. This they think will answer until the town takes further action.

Engine No. 3 has been without a company for some time until the past year, when, upon putting the engine into service, it was found that the wooden stanchions had become so much decayed that they must be replaced by new; also the suction-hose proved unfit for use, and was replaced by new. The engine needs painting; also the house needs a few slight repairs inside.

Engine No. 4 has been revamped, and some improvements made to the house, so that everything is in good condition, and will cause but very little expense for some time to come.

Engine No. 5 has been painted and put in thorough order the past season, and there is good reason to believe will not need much outlay for some years. The house will need some slight repairs inside. The company has expended fifty dollars on their engine.

Engine No. 6 has been repaired and painted, and some improvements made to the house. Everything connected with this apparatus is in the best condition. The company have expended four hundred dollars upon their house and engine, making it really a beautiful machine and a credit to the town.

The Hook-and Ladder is in good and servicable order.

The several companies in the Department have been prompt and efficient in the discharge of their duties. Their department has been such as to merit the esteem and respect of their fellow-citizens. They have the sincere thanks of the Board of Engineers.

The total amount of expenditures on account of the Department for the past year has been, \$3,958.57, viz.: for repairs, fixtures, &c., \$1,036.26; new hose, \$1,129.93; salaries, \$1,143.75; incidentals, \$648.63.

The Department is organized as follows:

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Assistant Engineers.

GEORGE G. DENNISON, HENRY FOBES, NATHANIEL WITHINGTON, JAMES T. OLIVER, THEODORE HERSEY.

There are now six companies in commission, viz.:

Table listing companies: Fountain Co. No. 1, 37 members, Charles F. Hall, Foreman; Protector Co. No. 2, 27, Sam'l F. White; Torrent Co. No. 3, 32, J. Foster Hewins; Alert Co. No. 4, 35, John H. Burt; Independence Co. No. 5, 43, Wm. G. Blanchard; Tiger Co. No. 6, 47, Geo. T. Thatcher.

Mattapan Hook and Ladder, in charge of two persons, Sam'l Bridget, Steward. A table of fires and alarms from February 1, 1865, to February 1, 1866, is annexed. Respectfully submitted. SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer. DORCHESTER, February 1st, 1866.

TABLE OF FIRES AND ALARMS, From February 1, 1865, to February 1, 1866.

Table with 7 columns: Date, Time, Location, Owner, Loss, Insurance, Cause. Lists various fire incidents from Feb 1865 to Jan 1866.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FOUNTAIN ENGINE NO. 1—LOWER MILLS.

Table of receipts and expenditures for Fountain Engine No. 1, listing items like services of firemen, horses, blacksmith work, hose, repairs, etc., totaling \$598.08.

PROTECTOR ENGINE NO. 2—MEETING HOUSE HILL.

Table of receipts and expenditures for Protector Engine No. 2, listing items like services of firemen, steward, repairs, milk and salt, use of horses, storage of engine, etc., totaling \$551.54.

TORRENT ENGINE NO. 3—UPPER ROAD.

Table of receipts and expenditures for Torrent Engine No. 3, listing items like services of firemen, steward, refreshments, oil, matches, sponges, etc., use of horse, setting glass, etc., totaling \$763.79.

ALERT ENGINE NO. 4—MATTAPAN.

Table of receipts and expenditures for Alert Engine No. 4, listing items like services of firemen, steward, refreshments, housing coal, soap, matches and blacking, carpenter work and stock, etc., totaling \$316.52.

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE NO. 5—NEPONSET.

Table of receipts and expenditures for Independence Engine No. 5, listing items like services of firemen, steward, matches, oil and spoons, gas, etc., totaling \$161.42.

Table of receipts and expenditures for Independence Engine No. 5 (continued), listing items like painting engine and repairs, new hose, repairing hose, etc., totaling \$649.01.

TIGER ENGINE NO. 6—UPHAM'S CORNER.

Table of receipts and expenditures for Tiger Engine No. 6, listing items like services of firemen, steward, repairs and sundries, new hose, repairing hose, etc., totaling \$724.18.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY—LOWER MILLS.

Table of receipts and expenditures for Hook and Ladder Company, listing items like services as fireman, steward, as steward, use of horses, fire pole and handles, etc., totaling \$69.45.

GENERAL EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Table of general expenses for the fire department, listing services of chief engineer, assistant engineer, other officers, and various supplies, totaling \$286.00.

RECAPITULATION—EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Summary table of expenses for each engine company and general expenses, totaling \$3,958.57.

CREDIT.

Table of credits: By appropriation \$2,000.00, cash received for old junk 2.69, exceeds appropriation 1,955.88, totaling \$3,958.57.

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

Table of volunteer company expenses, listing services for companies No. 4, 5, 2, and 6, totaling \$275.00.

Table of unexpended funds: \$280.00.

CREDIT.

Table of credits: By appropriation \$280.00.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The expenditures under this head are all made by and under the approval of the Chief Engineer of that department, whose report is herewith presented. The department so necessary for the protection of property, is in a favorable condition, and its members are entitled to the gratitude of the town, and a larger compensation than they now receive.