## TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

## Acceipts and Expenditures OF THE

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## WITH REPORTS OF THE

TOWN OF DORCHESTER:

SELECTMEN, AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

Year ending January 31, 1866.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the Selectmen of Dorchester: Gentlemen,—I herewith present the seventeenth Annual Report of

for the support of the Fire Department.

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

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

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

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

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

Engine No. 4 has been revarnished, and some improvements made to

few slight repairs inside.

credit to the town.

Fountain Co.

Protector Co.

Independence Co. No. 5, 43

Torrent Co.

Alert Co.

Tiger Co.

Steward.

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. 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

upon their house and engine, making it really a beautiful machine and a

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

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

have the sincere thanks of the Board of Engineers.

GEORGE G. DENNISON,

NATHANIEL WITHINGTON,

There are now six companies in commission, viz.:

No. 2, 27

No. 3, 32

No. 4, 35

No. 6, 47

DORCHESTER, February 1st, 1866.

Location

Starch Factory, River

Field's Corner False alarm.

part of town,

False alarm. Meeting House Hill,

False alarm.

Roxbury,

Roxbury,

South

Nepon-

Street, . Robinson's Block,

Roxbury,

Time.

4 P.M.

91 P. M.

4 A.M.

3 A.M.

8 P.M.

9 A.M.

121 A. M.

71 A.M.

71 P. M.

10 A.M.

8.10 P. M.

6 P.M.

Date.

1865. Feb. 18,

" 24,

Mar. 28,

April 10,

May 1,

June

" 11,

16,

6,

27,

30,

19,

23,

8,

1866.

Aug. 16,

Sept. 15,

Oct.

Dec.

44

No. 1, 37 members,

The company have expended four hundred dollars

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.

THEODORE HERSEY.

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HENRY FOBES,

JAMES T. OLIVER,

. Charles F. Hall, Foreman.

Insur-

ance.

\$1,200 1,000

6,000

None,

None,

11,560

None,

2,800

None,

None,

Cause.

Accidental.

Accidental.

Unknown.

Accidental.

Accidental.

Unknown.

Unknown.

Incendiary.

Accidental.

Defective flue.

Accidental.

Incendiary.

Accidental.

\$90 00

50 00

19 00

8 00

10 00

68 43

28 34

10 28

2 00

41 02

12 05

3.96

1 50

1 00

\$598 08

\$90 00

50 00

4 15

9 00

41 00

17 00

3 00

1 00

11 25

1 00

30 00

8 29

7 50

3 00

24 87

\$763 79

\$90 00

12 50

33 33

3 80

\$649 01

\$90 00

50 00

246 00

29 19

13 63

85 00

10 75

16 13

15 24

33 26

13 50

38 00

11 75

1 48

7 50

2 00

4 50

45 50

75

2 50

3 00

\$724 18

\$18 75

15 00

20 00

8 50

6 00

\$69 45

\$100 00

25 00 25 00

25 00

25 00

25 00

25 00

24 00

8 00.

4 00

\$286 00

\$598 08

551 54 763 79

316 52

649 01

724 18

69 45

286 00

50

70

4 50

35

2 00

250 50

Loss.

\$3,100 1,200

8,000

Slight,

4,500

4,000

15,000

3,500

1,850

300

100

100

66

Sam'l F. White,

John H. Burt,

J. Foster Hewins,

Wm. G. Blanchard,

Geo. T. Thatcher,

A table of fires and alarms from February 1, 1865, to February 1, 1866, is annexed. Respectfully submitted. SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

TABLE OF FIRES AND ALARMS,

From February 1, 1865, to February 1, 1866.

Town,

Town,

Chas. Hunt,

James Dorr,

Chas. Hunt,

L. Clapp, H. Durell,

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

F. J. Humphrey,

Owner.

T. & H. Liversidge, I. Field, . . .

Mattapan Hook and Ladder, in charge of two persons, Sam'l Bridget,

9, 81 P. M. Cabinet Shop, Sanford Knapp & Pierce, 12, 11 A.M. R. R. Depot, Harrison T. Goings, 14, 9 A.M. O. C. & N. R. R., Square, July 12, 10 A.M South Boston,

Almshouse Barn,

Engine House No. 2,

Soap Factory, Nepon-

Hay Stack, Norfolk St.,

Dwelling House, Mill

Machine Shop, Boston,

Cotton Works, Nepon-

Small Barn, Willow

Paid Charles F. Hall, for services of firemen,

Henry Crane, for use of horses, .

J. Boyd & Sons, 167 feet new hose,

E. J. Baker, for rent of land,

Joseph W. Sloan, repairs,

William Tucker, repairs,

J. D. Moulton, crackers,

Samuel Tileston, glazing,

Paid Thos. J. Hatch, services of firemen,

Franklin Holden moving engine,

Jeff. Pratt, use of horses, . . .

Henry Crane, use of horses,

E. Dodge, expressage,

John A. Tucker, belts, &c., .

James Pope, Jr., labor and stock,

John C. Talbot, refreshments, oil, &c., .

Charles Tileston, oil, fluid, and wicking,

Nathaniel H. Bird, services as steward,

use of horses,

storage of engine,

PROTECTOR ENGINE No. 2-MEETING HOUSE HILL.

repairs, milk and salt,

for blacksmith work,

Shelton & Cheever, suction hose and repairs,

Fire at Braintree,

Street,

FIRE DEPARTMENT. FOUNTAIN ENGINE No. 1-LOWER MILLS.

as steward,

Dorchester Gas Light Company, piping and fixtures, . 109 90 66 gas, . 7 50 H. W. Smith, painting engine, 85 00 J. Boyd & Son, repairing hose, . 17 94 Shelton & Cheever, " 14 75 Proprietors Lyceum Hall, rent . 15 00 John Daniel, wheelwright work, . 10 50 James McIntosh, repairs, . 6 25 William Jones, water pot, oil and lanterns, . 7 92 James T. Oliver, repairs and lock, 8 50 Chas. A. Upham, wheelwright work, . 8 00 Isaac Field, refreshments, . 15 00 F. Farrington, refreshments oil and matches, 13 67 axes, . 3 76 E. Dodge, expressage, 8 45 O. Hall & Son, alcohol, 2 75 T. J. Hatch, stationery, 1 50 \$551 54 TORRENT ENGINE No. 3-UPPER ROAD. Paid J. Foster Hewins, services of firemen, \$112 50 66 steward, 62 50 refreshments, . 25 20 oil, matches, sponges, &c., 11 30 use of horse, . . . 64 46 1 50 66 setting glass, . 1 12 12 00 Henry Fobes, use of horses, Henry Clark, rent of land, . . . 25 00 J. Boyd & Son, 164 feet new hose, 246 00 Hunneman & Co., suction hose, . 70 00 Wm. G. Swan, repairs on engine, 51 00 Amount carried forward, . \$618 12 Amount brought forward, . \$618 12 Paid Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose, . 41 46 J. C. Hewins, iron work, . 12 25 R. Homer, carpenter work and stock, . 5 70

F. S. Walley, repairing belts, &c., .

Paid J. H. Makendry, services of firemen, . . .

Robert C. Tilden, services as steward, . .

Torrent Associates, bracket irons, outlets, &c., ...

Chas. P. Tolman, stove pipe, cups and spoons, . .

ALERT ENGINE No. 4-MATTAPAN.

R. Gleason & Son, refreshments, fluid and oil,

Wm. Love, labor,

Benjamin Bowen,

B. F. Taylor, expressage, .

Paid Theodore Hersey, services of firemen,

J. Boyd & Son, 164 feet new hose,

Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose,

H. W. Smith, painting engine, .

J. H. Upham & Co., refreshments,

H. Davenport, carpenter work,

M. N. Cobb, pump and pipe,

J. D. Robinson, coal, .

E. Dodge, expressage,

J. B. Graham, varnishing and painting,

H. & R. Rich, labor, brick and sand, .

B. F. Hebard & Son, oil, can and tubes,

Charles A. Upham, wheelwright work,

Cunningham & Gardner, iron work,

A. P. Wheelock, use of horses, .

Sumner & Baker, expressage, ...

S. Baker, Jr., expressage, .

Oliver Davenport, Jr., services as steward, .

repairing hose, .

stove pipe, lamps and repairs, .

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY-LOWER MILLS.

GENERAL EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Quincy Engine Companies, Nos. 1 and 3, refreshments,

RECAPITULATION - EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CREDIT.

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J. D. Robinson, coal, .

S. H. Hebard, keys, . . .

M. Merrick, Jr., housing coal,

66 F. M. Severance, 4 17 R. C. Tilden, housing coal, 25 B. Bowen, soap, matches and blacking, . . 2 14 J. H. Burt & Co., carpenter work and stock, and dig-42 77 Charles Tileston, force pump and hose, 45 88 William H. Cox, refreshments, oil and ink, . 44 73 George G. Dennison, painting and varnishing engine, . 18 00 J. C. Talbot, refreshments, . 2 70 E. Preston, coal, . . 8 50 William Walker, crackers, . . . 2 80 N. Withington, repairs, . 75 J. H. Hersey, repairs, 2 00 M. F. Weeman, use of horses, . 6 00 \$316 52 INDEPENDENCE ENGINE No. 5-Neponset. Paid George G. Dennison, services of firemen, . \$90 00 Seth Damon, services as steward, 25 00 George O. Baird, services as steward, . . 25 00 " matches, oil and spoons, . 5 06 Dorchester Gas Light Company, gas, . 16 36 Amount carried forward, . \$161 42 Amount brought forward, . \$161 42 Paid George G. Dennison, painting engine and repairs, 95 00 J. Boyd & Son, 166 feet new hose, . 249 00 repairing hose, . 8 50 Shelton & Cheever, repairing hose, 38 25 E. W. Harding, refreshments, oil and tallow, 47 99 Jeff. Pratt, use of horses, . . . 19 00 M. Pond & Co., furnace base, 12 00 E. Preston, wood and coal, 9 63 J. P. Tolman, repairing pump, . 1 87 Whitton Brothers & Co., rope, . 1 15 Lee & Roby, kindlings, . . 1 40

TIGER ENGINE No. 6-UPHAM'S CORNER.

repairs and sundries,

oil, fluid, wicks, chimneys, &c.,

Paid H. Crane, services as fireman, Samuel Bridget, services as fireman, 66 as steward, . H. Crane, use of horses, E. B. Bennett, fire pole and handles, . Charles Tileston, wicking, &c., J. C. Talbot, oil,

Paid S. H. Hebard, services as chief engineer,

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W. Stanley, services at Glover's Corner fire,

City of Roxbury, repairs on engine,

H. Fobes,

J. E. Jones,

Fountain Engine No. 1,

66

Hook and Ladder Company,

By appropriation,

Unexpended,

No. 2,

No. 3,

No. 4,

No. 5,

No. 6,

cash received for old junk,

Protector

Torrent

Alert

Tiger

Independence

N. Withington,

G. G. Dennison,

H. Crane, horse hire, .

J. T. Oliver, services assistant engineer,

General expenses of fire department, \$3,958 57

. \$2,000 00

2 69

1,955 88 Exceeds appropriation, \_\_\_\_ \$3,958 57 VOLUNTEER COMPANIES. Paid Volunteer Company Engine No. 4, for services, \$100 00 No. 5, for 100 00 No. 2, for 41 67 No. 6, for 33 33 \$275 00 5 00 \$280 00 CREDIT. 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.