

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

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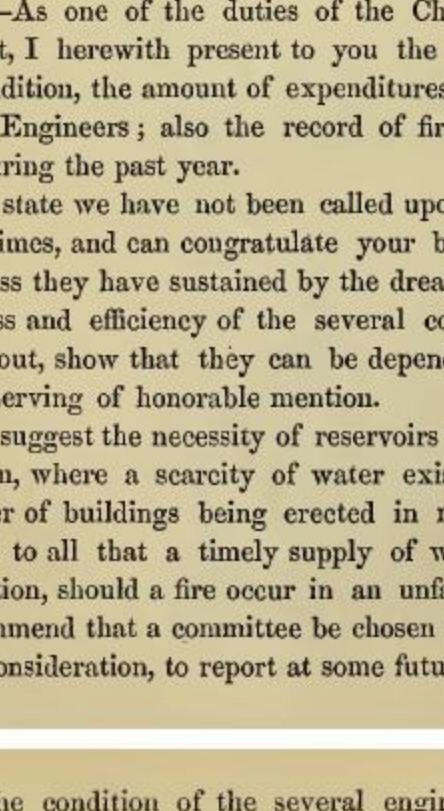
TOWN OF DORCHESTER,

WITH REPORTS OF THE

SELECTMEN, AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

Year ending January 31, 1867.



REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the Selectmen of Dorchester:—

GENTLEMEN,—As one of the duties of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, I herewith present to you the Eighteenth Annual Report of its condition, the amount of expenditures under the direction of the Board of Engineers; also the record of fires and alarms that have occurred during the past year.

I am happy to state we have not been called upon to extinguish fires in town but six times, and can congratulate your board and the town upon the small loss they have sustained by the dreaded element.

The promptness and efficiency of the several companies, when they have been called out, show that they can be depended upon in time of need, and are deserving of honorable mention.

I would again suggest the necessity of reservoirs being built in different places in town, where a scarcity of water exists. The constantly increasing number of buildings being erected in many localities, must make it appear to all that a timely supply of water may prevent a serious conflagration, should a fire occur in an unfavorable time. Let me at least recommend that a committee be chosen by the town to take the matter into consideration, to report at some future meeting.

In speaking of the condition of the several engines and apparatus belonging to the Department, it would be a neglect of duty on my part if I did not again call attention to the necessity of providing Engine Company No. 1, with a better apparatus for extinguishing fires than the old engine now used by them; for it cannot be worked with that promptness and efficiency that may be required in its own district, and out of it, it is almost useless.

Engine Company No. 2 has been provided with an engine and other apparatus most of the time the past year. The Board have done the best they could under existing circumstances, and hope that the new house and engine will be completed and added to the Department by the first of April.

No. 3 Engine has been put in thorough repair and painted the past year; also an addition made to the house, and the inside sheathed and re-plastered. With the exception of painting the outside, it is hoped that it will not be of much expense for some time to come.

No. 4 Engine House will require some repairs inside the present season. This house is in the town of Milton, and many of the citizens of Mattapan have expressed their desire that it be removed across the river into Dorchester. It is a matter, I think, that should be brought before the town, before any action is taken.

No. 5 Engine House will require shingling, and some repairs inside, this year.

No. 6 Engine House has had a new hose-tower built, and some improvements made inside; also 350 feet of new leading hose has been purchased. It is hoped that this house and apparatus will not require much outlay for some years.

The Hook and Ladder is in serviceable condition.

The total amount of expenditures on account of the Department for the past year, has been \$3,976.54, viz.: For repairs, fixtures, &c., \$1,740.70; new hose, \$821.50; salaries, \$886.25; incidentals, \$528.09.

The Department is organized as follows:—

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Assistant-Engineers.

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

There are now six companies in commission, viz.:

Fountain, No. 1, 37 members, Charles F. Hall, Foreman.
Protector, No. 2, 16 " L. P. Bird, "
Torrent, No. 3, 33 " J. F. Hewins, "
Alert, No. 4, 38 " J. H. Burt, "
Independence, No. 5, 37 " H. A. Allyn, "
Tiger, No. 6, 69 " J. B. Graham, "

Mattapan Hook & Ladder in charge of two persons, Sam'l Bridget, Steward.

Annexed is the record of fires and alarms from February 1, 1866 to February 1, 1867.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

DORCHESTER, February 1, 1867.

TABLE OF FIRES AND ALARMS,

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

Date	Time	Location	Owner or occupant	Loss	Ins.	Cause
April 19,	5 A.M.	Park St., Stable,	Shaw, . . .	\$2,800	\$2,000	-
May 26,	10½ P.M.	Milton, House,	-	-	-	-
" 29,	2½ P.M.	Norfolk St., Barn,	E. Withington, .	900	150	Incendiary.
June 8,	10 P.M.	Alarm from Quincy,	-	-	-	-
" 17,	-	Alarm from Roxb'y,	-	-	-	-
July 22,	-	Tannery, Milton,	-	-	-	-
" 25,	8 P.M.	Woods, Milton,	-	-	-	-
" 28,	12½ P.M.	Stable, Mt. Bowdoin,	J. Morton, . . .	1,200	1,000	Lightning.
" 30,	9 P.M.	Brush, Mt. Bowdoin,	-	-	-	-
" 30,	10½ P.M.	Alarm, Roxbury,	-	-	-	-
Aug. 26,	10 P.M.	Sheds, Milton,	-	-	-	-
Sept. 13,	8 P.M.	Brush, Peetree's	-	-	-	-
" 17,	-	Woods, Blacksmith Shop, H. Park,	-	-	-	-
Dec. 2,	11½ P.M.	Stable, Columbia St.,	M. A. Bonney, .	500	200	Incendiary.
" 3,	6 P.M.	Dry-house, Neponset,	R. Baker, Jr., .	-	-	Unknown.
" 3,	6 P.M.	Dry-house, Neponset,	Chas. Hunt, . .	1,300	1,300	Accidental.

TOWN PROPERTY.

Engine House, No. 1, Engine and other personal property,	1,500 00
Hose, Harnesses, &c., for Engine No. 2,	2,200 00
Engine House, No. 3, Engine and other personal property,	2,000 00
Engine House, No. 4, " " " " " "	2,000 00
Engine House, No. 5, land, Engine and other personal property,	2,400 00
Engine House, No. 6, land, Engine and other personal property,	2,400 00
Hook and Ladder Carriage and apparatus,	150 00

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FOUNTAIN ENGINE NO. 1—LOWER MILLS.

Paid Charles F. Hall, services of firemen,	\$90 00
" " " as steward,	50 00
" " " repairs,	11 00
Henry Crane,	6 75
" " use of horses,	11 00
J. Pope, labor and stock,	4 75
J. C. Talbot, ink, alcohol, spittoons, &c.,	9 40
E. J. Baker, oil, matches, &c.,	5 40
C. Tileston, rent of land,	10 00
S. Tileston, glazing,	1 50
J. D. Moulton, milk,	32
Shelton & Cheever, repairs,	12 28
	\$212 46

PROTECTOR ENGINE NO. 2—MEETING-HOUSE HILL.

Paid T. J. Hatch, services of firemen,	\$90 00
Nathaniel H. Bird, services as steward,	50 00
Proprietors of Lyceum Hall, rent,	22 50
Frank Holden, storage of engine,	18 00
" " moving engine,	6 00
" " use of horses,	39 50
Shelton & Cheever, repairs,	5 50
T. J. Hatch, stationery,	50
Isaac Field, sponge, pail, &c.,	2 19
F. Farrington, pail, broom, and oil,	1 50
J. McIntosh, repairs,	1 25
J. D. Robinson, coal,	9 25
	\$246 19

TORRENT ENGINE NO. 3—UPPER ROAD.

Paid J. Foster Hewins, services of firemen,	\$90 00
William Love, services as steward,	50 00
J. F. Hewins & Co., oil, sponges and refreshments,	30 28
Shelton & Cheever, repairs,	19 38
J. C. Hewins, iron work,	4 50
H. Clark, rent of land,	25 00
Alex. Glover, repairs on pump,	4 00
R. Gleason & Son, oil and pail,	2 64
H. W. Perkins, painting and repairs,	133 00
E. A. Smith, addition and improvements,	526 64
C. P. Tolman, boiler, pipes and repairs,	70 27
J. D. Robinson, coal,	13 75
	\$969 46

ALERT ENGINE NO. 4—MATTAPAN.

Paid J. H. Makendry, services of firemen,	\$90 00
F. M. Severance, services as steward,	25 00
George F. Fenno, services as steward,	25 00
J. H. Burt & Co., repairs on house,	24 20
N. Withington, repairs on house,	20 31
Shelton & Cheever, repairs and hose caps,	36 65
Stubbs & Buss, iron work,	19 80
Amount carried forward,	\$240 96
Amount brought forward,	\$240 96
Paid J. A. Hersey, iron work,	10 50
Shelton & Cheever, hose,	192 00
C. P. Tolman, stove, pipe and repairs,	52 35
P. Cook, Jr., repairs,	7 76
W. H. Cox, oil, &c.,	2 01
M. F. Weeman, use of horses,	8 00
George Curtis, painting,	3 18
C. Tileston, oil, shovel and repairs,	9 95
C. E. Stephenson, oil,	2 47
	\$529 18

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE NO. 5—NEPONSET.

Paid G. G. Dennison, services of firemen,	\$90 00
Seth Damon, services as steward,	50 00
O. Baird, lead pipe and repairs,	18 82
E. W. Harding, oil and refreshments,	44 17
J. Pratt, use of horses,	15 00
G. G. Dennison, repairs,	12 56
Shelton & Cheever, repairs,	7 00
Dorchester Gas Company, gas,	9 00
George Berry, iron work,	2 00
J. T. Murphy, repairs,	1 75
E. A. Perkins, carpenter work,	1 50
J. D. Robinson, coal,	5 25
H. A. Allyn, badges and lanterns,	15 10
	\$272 15

TIGER ENGINE NO. 6—UPHAM'S CORNER.

Paid A. P. Ford, services of firemen,	\$90 00
O. Davenport, Jr., services as steward,	50 00
" " " spanners and iron work,	10 25
" " " stove-pipe,	6 00
" " " repairs, milk, &c.,	5 45
C. W. Washburn, badges, repairs and services,	33 25
A. P. Wheelock, use of horses,	51 00
R. T. Glidden, labor and stock,	150 00
Amount carried forward,	\$395 95
Amount carried forward,	\$395 95
Paid Shelton & Cheever, new hose,	192 00
" " repairs,	6 75
S. Smith & Co., table,	23 00
S. Baker, Jr., expressage,	4 15
R. Cunningham, iron work,	2 50
J. H. Uppham & Co., oil, pails, sponges and refreshments,	47 91
J. D. Robinson, wood and coal,	16 00
H. & R. Rich, stone work,	17 25
J. B. Graham, painting and glazing,	24 25
James C. Thacher, hose,	437 50
	\$1,167 26

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY—LOWER MILLS.

Paid S. Bridget, services as fireman,	\$15 00
S. Bridget, services as steward,	20 00
Henry Crane, services as fireman,	11 25
Henry Crane, use of horses,	5 50
	\$51 75

GENERAL EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid S. H. Hebard, services as chief engineer,	\$150 00
George G. Dennison, services as assistant-engineer,	50 00
" " " secretary,	10 00
James T. Oliver, services as assistant engineer,	50 00
Henry Fobes, " " " "	50 00
Nathaniel Withington, services " " " "	50 00
Theo. Hersey, " " " "	50 00
James Pope, covering reservoirs,	84 49
City of Roxbury, repairs on engine,	15 00
Tiger Engine Company, Quincy, refreshments,	12 00
E. Dodge, expressage,	6 60
	\$528 09

RECAPITULATION—EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fountain Engine No. 1,	\$212 46
Protector " " 2,	246 19
Torrent " " 3,	969 46
Alert " " 4,	529 18
Independence " " 5,	272 15
Tiger Engine, " 6,	1,167 26
Hook and Ladder Company,	51 75
General expenses of fire department,	528 09
	\$3,976 54
Unexpended,	40 06
	\$4,016 60

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$4,000 00
Cash received for gas-pipe,	16 60
	\$4,016 60

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

Paid Volunteer Company Engine No. 1, for services,	\$100 00
" " " No. 2, for " "	100 00
" " " No. 3, for " "	100 00
" " " No. 4, for " "	100 00
" " " No. 5, for " "	100 00
	\$600 00

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$600 00
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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Chief Engineer of this department is annexed. A steam fire engine is being built by Messrs. Hunneman & Co. for this town, and a brick engine-house is building for its reception. We congratulate the town upon the infrequency of fires the past year.