THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

TOWN OF DORCHESTER, WITH REPORTS OF THE

FOR THE Year ending January 31, 1868.

SELECTMEN, AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER. To the Selectmen of Dorchester:

and a record of the fires and alarms the past year.

number of times, endeavored to show.

would again express my feelings of the great danger many parts of the town are under from want of water for the use spoken of. It seems to me a moderate expenditure by the town, each year, for the purpose, may obviate a necessity for a very large expenditure at some future time, as will be very likely to be made after some conflagration has shown to the

citizens, in a way not to be misunderstood, the necessity I have, a

Engine No. 1 is an old and almost worn-out machine; it is too heavy

GENTLEMEN,-I herewith respectfully present the Nineteenth Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department; also an account of the expenditures made under the direction of the Board of Engineers,

The department is, I feel, worthy of commendation, for the promptness of its members at the call of duty, and is as efficient as ever. I have to congratulate the residents of the Lower Mills Village upon their being better supplied with water in case of fire than ever before, and I feel that the necessity for the construction of reservoirs for water, to be used in cases of fires in other parts of the town, is pressing, and

and unwieldy, constantly getting out of repair when used, and unfit for the place where located. It is my opinion a light steam fire-engine should be substituted. This, with the one thousand feet of leading hose

now being made, and the supply-pipe from W. Baker & Co's chocolate manufactory, would be very efficient in case of fire in the Lower Mills Village, and in other parts of the town. Engine No. 2.—This is a new steam fire-engine, built by Messrs. Hunneman & Co., of Roxbury. It has proved to be a very superior machine, and has to a great extent overcome the prejudice at first so strongly felt against it. Wherever the occasion has presented itself for

its use, it has undeniably proved to be vastly superior to hand engines; in fact, since the introduction of steam-engines into fire departments, men have seemed unwilling as formerly to labor on hand machines, the most exhausting and exciting labor men are often called to do. It is not

to be expected that in Dorchester, where we fortunately have had so infrequent fires, and therefore so little practical experience, the company in charge of this engine should be as efficient as they would otherwise be. They have shown themselves willing to do their best. This engine is attended with a new hose carriage, with one thousand feet of leading the town on the highways, and, it is believed, earn their living.

hose, in charge of a company of twenty men. The horses are used by Engine No. 3.—This engine is in very good condition, and provided with an ample supply of hose, well taken care of. Engine No. 4 .- In good condition. The engine house has been enlarged and greatly improved. Company efficient and prompt. Engine No. 5.—Also in good order and ready for use. The house has been shingled, and is now in good condition.

Engine No. 6 .- This engine is in as good condition as any hand engine in town, and the house and appurtenances are well cared for. The hook and ladder carriage is in serviceable condition, being located at the Lower Mills Village. Another carriage, with hooks and ladders,

may be needed at the northerly part of the town. The department is organized as follows:-

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Assistant Engineers:

JAMES T. OLIVER, HENRY FOBES, NATHANIEL WITHINGTON, GEO. G. DENNISON, THEODORE HERSEY. There are now six companies in commission, viz.:-

. 30 members, John Hutchinson, Foreman.

J. C. Hewins,

J. H. Burt,

H. A. Allyn,

S. H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

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Accidental.

Incendiary. Spontaui'us Comb.

Accidental.

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" L. P. Bird,

. 36 Independence, No. 5, . 52 66 J. B. Graham, Tiger, No. 6, 66 J. E. E. Goward, Hose Company, No. 1, 15 Mattapan Hook & Ladder, in charge of two persons, Samuel Bridget, Steward. Annexed is the record of fires and alarms from February 1, 1867 to

Respectfully submitted,

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Fountain, No. 1, . .

S. F. Engine, No. 2, .

Torrent, No. 3, . . Alert, No. 4, . .

February 1, 1868.

9 P.M.

123 P.M.

11 A.M.

F.M.

21 A.M.

12 M.

103 P.M.

7

Engine-House No. 2,

Engine-House No. 3,

Engine-House No. 4,

property,

property,

15,

16,

25,

11,

16,

Aug. 13, Sept. 8,

Oct. 15,

Dorchester, February 1, 1868.

Owner or occupant. Loss. Location. Date. Time. Ins. Cause. 1867. W. E. Abbott, May 3 P.M. \$5,000 Brush Hill, Barn, \$1,800 Accidental. June 5, Wesley Av., Barn, . Worthington Est., Children. Alarm from R'xbury, 2, 11 P.M. M. W. Carn, 2,600 3, 31 A.M. Sanford St., Cab. sh. 4,000 Unknown. 9 P.M. Mattapan, Stable, . T. Russell, . 1,800 15, 900

Mrs. Hill.

E. Joy, .

Curtis, .

J. T. Murphy and A. Cushman, Timson & Titcomb,

Mattapan, Stable, .

Bowdoin Sq., Stable,

Neponset Av., Shop,

Lower Mills, P. Mill,

Alarm from Roxb'ry,

Quincy, Tannery,

TABLE OF FIRES AND ALARMS, From February 1, 1867, to February 1, 1868.

Commercial Street, Planing Mill, . . Washington Street, Richmond Hall, . Slight. 9 P.M. Minot St., Ice Hou's, H. G. Brigham & G. W. Billings, . 18, 600 Incendiary. 150 Alarm. 28, Commercial Street, Cotton Mill, . . Mt. Bowdoin, House, Nov. 25. Cartis, . Phillips, 9,000 Accidental. Unknown. Dec. 26, 15,000 71 P.M. Alarm from Quincy, 1868 8] P.M. Marsh St., Stable, . S. S. Pierce, 30, Jan. 1,500 1,500 Incendiary.

TOWN PROPERTY.

64

Engine-House No. 1, Engine and other personal property,

Engine-House No. 5, land, Engine and other personal

Engine-House No. 6, land Engine and other personal

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extra work, . N. H. Bird, services as steward,

extra work, .

milk,

G. F. Blaisdell,

46

P. Freeman,

J. L. Watson, services as driver,

"

gas,

coke,

W. Jones, stove, lanterns, cauldron, globes, oil, &c., .

S. G. Cheever, repairs,

Hunneman & Co., repairs,

Lyceum Hall, rent,

J. McIntosh, harness-work,

G. O. Merriam, jack,

H. Curtis, waste,

Burditt & Williams, hardware,

Williams & Page, packing,

Hersey & Scannell coal,

J. W. Howe, labor and stock,

J. Daniels, repairs,

T. J. Hatch, glazing,

J. P. Curtis, wood,

French's Express, expressage,

William Sayward labor and stock

William Sayward, labor and stock, .

Paid J. F. Hewins, services of firemen, William Love, services as steward, . . .

Amount carried forward, . .

G. O. Merriam, jack,

H. Curtis, waste,

Burditt & Williams, hardware,

Bird Brothers, tallow, ink and stationery,

Williams & Page, packing,

Hersey & Scannell coal,

J. W. Howe, labor and stock,

Gas Company, piping,

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	FOUNTAIN ENGINE NO	o. 1—	Lo	WER	MILI	LS.		
Paid	C. F. Hall, services of firemen,			100			\$90	00
	" " as steward,		- 2	10.00	0.00		62	50
	J. A. Hutchinson, services as c	lerk, .		(30)	1000	0.00	10	00
	" " milk, .					30.00		64
	C. F. Hall, extra work, .						2	00
	H. Crane, iron work, .		5).	•	(6)		1	75
	" use of horses, .		88				. 36	50
	Shelton & Cheever, repairs,				(00)	3.03	40	50
	J. E. Hall refreshments, .		60			100	24	78
	James Pope, labor and stock,			100		10.00	19	32
	C. Tileston, oil, fluid, &c.,						7	13
	S. Tileston, glazing, .					1.00	1	50
	J. C. Talbot, rope,		3	(*)	10.00	100		94
							\$297	56
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J. R. Gleason, services as clerk, J. F. Hewins & Co., refreshments, pail, oil, &c., H. Fobes, use of horses, " " labor, R. Cunningham, wrench, J. S. Caswell, painting house, G. Ewell, labor and stock, S. G. Cheever, re-covering suction hose, " repairs, Hunneman & Co., pipe and nozzle, R. R. Homer, labor and wood, C. P. Tolman, pump, pipe and hose, Estate H. Clark, rent of land,

TORRENT ENGINE No. 3-UPPER ROAD.

ALERT ENGINE No. 4-MATTAPAN.

 Paid J. H. Makendry, services of firemen,
 \$90 00

 " " as clerk,
 10 00

 G. H. Bird, services as steward,
 62 50

 " " rent,
 9 00

 " " moving engine and repairs,
 3 70

 M. F. Weeman, use of horses,
 30 00

Weatherbee's Express, use of horses and carting, .

8 50

 P. Cook, repairs,
 6 00

 S. G. Cheever, repairs on hose,
 16 50

 T. Russell, refreshments,
 23 56

 W. Hackeday, labor,
 3 00

 N. Withington, keys

 2 60 2 50 H. R. Bishop & Co., ladders, . . . 40 50 C. Tileston, oil, burners, &c., . 5 80 \$323 70 INDEPENDENCE ENGINE No. 5-Neponset. Paid G. G. Dennison, services of firemen, \$90 00 J. H. Maldt, " as clerk, . 10 00 Amount carried forward, . \$100 00 Amount brought forward, . \$100 00 Paid Seth Damon, services as steward, 12 50 W. L. Jordan, " " 25 00 F. P. Emory, " "
F. H. Bronsdon, " " 6 25 18 75 50 08

E. W. Harding, refreshments, oil, &c.,
W. G. Swan, repairs,
Dorchester Gas Company, gas,
J. D. Robinson, wood and coal,
J. Pratt, horses and expressage,
G. G. Dennison, painting and glazing,
E. A. Perkins, labor and stock,
G. Woodman, water pipes,
Highway account, laying pipes,
J. P. Tolman, repairs on pump,
H. F. Fobes, repairs,
C. W. Hunt, labor,
S. G. Cheever, repairing hose,
O. Baird, repairs, 3 50 14 25 O. Baird, repairs, . . . 6 10 J. G. Robinson, iron work, . 3 75 B. F. Taylor, labor, . 2 00 J. T. Murphy, repairs, . . . 2 00 \$707 35 TIGER ENGINE No. 6-UPHAM'S CORNER. A. T. Ford, services of firemen,

" " as clerk,
O. Davenport, Jr., services as steward,
" extra work,
A. P. Wheelock, use of horses,
C. Bird,
" " tin ware and repairs,
J. H. Upham & Co. cil. duetors of Paid A. T. Ford, services of firemen, \$90 00 10 00 62 50 3 00 65 50 3 00 8 20 J. H. Upham & Co., oil, dusters, refreshments, sponges, &c.,
J. D. Robinson, coal,
Bragdon, Hassord & Co., oil,
T. Knapp, milk,
S. G. Cheever, repairs,
J. P. Curtis, wood, 49 21 4 62

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY-LOWER MILLS. Paid Samuel Bridget, services, \$23 25 Henry Crane, " . 15 00 " use of horse, 13 50 C. Tileston, . \$51 90 GENERAL EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT. Paid S. H. Hebard, services, as chief engineer, \$150 00

RECAPITULATION-EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT. Fountain Engine No. 1, . Steamer " " 2, .
Torrent " " 3, . General expenses of fire department, . .

W. Melville, damage to fence, .

Estate S. Stone, ladder, . . .

CREDIT. . . \$5,000 00 By appropriation, . . . 855 84 Exceeds appropriation, . ____ \$5,355 84 VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

Paid Volunteer Company Engine No. 1, for services, . \$150 00

" " No. 2, for " . 150 00

" " No. 3, for " . 150 00

" " No. 4, for " . 150 00

" " No. 5, for " . 150 00

" " No. 6, for " . 150 00 CREDIT. By appropriation, .

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN. FIRE DEPARTMENT. The steam fire engine bought for the town has in every instance where its services have been required, proved a very valuable addition to the efficiency of the

department. The engineers are very much pleased with its performance. There was no provision made in the vote of the town meeting, making the appropriation for the purchase of the engine, for hose, or for a hose-carriage. One thousand feet of leading hose, and a good hose-carriage have been bought, and their cost is included in the expenditure which therefore exceeds the appropriation. By the report of the chief engineer, it appears the

department is in good condition, excepting the engine at the Lower Mills. An iron pipe has been laid from W. Baker and Co.'s chocolate manufactory to the corner of River Street, through which water can be forced from Neponset River. This will prove a very great protection in case of fire in the Lower Mills Village. We recommend the extension of the pipe to the head of Sanford Street. The engine-house at Mattapan has been enlarged and improved and the necessity of removing it obviated. All the teams employed in the repair of highways, and the two horses belonging to the fire department, are kept in the stable at the almshouse, and they show Mr. Spear's careful attention. The horses belonging to the fire department are kept at work

on the highways within a short distance of the steam fire engine, so as to be ready at all times

for duty.