

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

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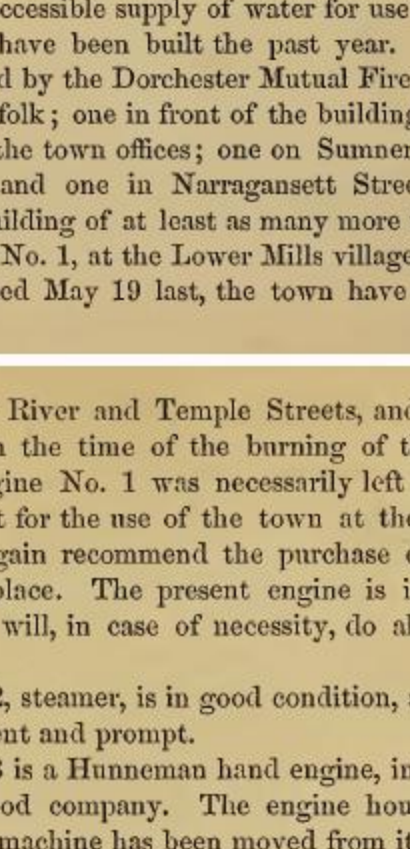
TOWN OF DORCHESTER,

WITH REPORTS OF THE

SELECTMEN, AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

Year ending January 31, 1869.



REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the Selectmen of Dorchester:

GENTLEMEN,—The Twentieth Annual Report of the state of the fire department of this town is herewith respectfully presented, together with an account of the expenditures made under the direction of the Board of Engineers, and also a table record of the fires and alarms the past year.

The department, I think, is in as good condition, and as prompt and united as ever before. Fortunately, the occasions calling for the services of the department in extinguishing fires have been few. The rapidly increasing number and the close proximity of buildings (almost wholly of wood) being erected in this town, calls for a larger and more accessible supply of water for use in cases of fires.

Four reservoirs have been built the past year. One in front of the building owned by the Dorchester Mutual Fire Insurance Company, at Port Norfolk; one in front of the building at Field's Corner, in which are the town offices; one on Summer Street, near the Baptist Church; and one in Narragansett Street, Neponset. I recommend the building of at least as many more the coming year. The engine house No. 1, at the Lower Mills village, Adams Street, having been burned May 19 last, the town have bought a lot of

land, corner of River and Temple Streets, and built a new house thereon. From the time of the burning of the house until quite lately, the Engine No. 1 was necessarily left out of doors. The machine is unfit for the use of the town at the locality where situated, and I again recommend the purchase of a light steam fire engine in its place. The present engine is in charge of a good company, who will, in case of necessity, do all that can be done with it.

Engine No. 2, steamer, is in good condition, and the company in charge competent and prompt.

Engine No. 3 is a Hunneman hand engine, in good order, and in charge of a good company. The engine house location for the storage of this machine has been moved from its former location on "Coffee Court," to a lot of land on Harvard Street, which has been bought by the town for the purpose. This change was necessary on account of the land on "Coffee Court" having been sold.

Engine No. 4, at Mattapan village, and the house in which it is kept, are both in first-rate order, and in charge of a good company.

Engine No. 5, at Neponset, is in good order, in charge of an efficient company.

Engine No. 6, on Boston Street, near Upham's Corner, is in charge of a first-rate company. The engine and engine-house are well taken care of.

A new hook and ladder carriage has been purchased, with all the necessary appurtenances, and a new house has been built on High Street, Meeting-house Hill. This carriage, called the "Everett," is in charge of thirteen firemen.

The Mattapan hook and ladder truck at the Lower Mills, is in charge of two firemen.

Hose Company No. 1, at the Lower Mills, is in charge of fifteen firemen.

I feel that the citizens of Dorchester are under obligations to the firemen of their town, for their ready and willing services. The good order and harmony of the members of the department are worthy of commendation.

The amount appropriated by the town for the fire department expenses, was . . . . . \$6,000 00

The amount expended has been . . . . . 5,719 75

The department is organized as follows:—

SYLVESTER H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

Assistant Engineers:

JAMES F. WHITE, HENRY FOBES,  
GEORGE F. FENNO, GEORGE G. DENNISON,  
THEODORE HERSEY.

There are now six engine companies, one hose company, and one hook and ladder company in commission, viz:—

Fountain, No. 1, . . . 33 members, John Hutchinson, Foreman.  
S. F. Engine, No. 2, . . 25 " Edward Merrill, "  
Torrent, No. 3, . . . 34 " S. F. Hewins, "  
Alert, No. 4, . . . . 45 " John H. Burt, "  
Independence, No. 5, . 36 " T. F. Temple, "  
Tiger, No. 6, . . . . 38 " J. B. Graham, "  
Hose Co. No. 1, . . . 15 " J. E. E. Goward, "  
Everett H. & L. No. 2, 13 " H. Davenport, "  
Mattapan H. & L. No. 1, in charge of two persons. Samuel Bridget, Steward.

RECORD OF FIRES AND ALARMS,  
From February 1, 1868, to February 1, 1869.

Date.	Time.	Location.	Owner or occupant.	Loss.	Ins.	Cause.
1868.						
April 6,	-	Stoughton Street.	Thomas M. Bird.	\$200	\$500	Accident.
May 11,	-	Cotton Mill, Commercial Street.	-	-	-	-
" 19,	11 P. M.	Adams Street.	Fountain Engine House.	-	-	Incendiary.
July 15,	9 P. M.	Mt. Bowdoin.	Willow Cottage.	Slight.	-	Fluid lamp.
" 25,	8 1/2 P. M.	Two bridges near Hyde Park, Mattapan.	B. H. & E. R. R.	\$6,000.	-	Incendiary.
Aug. 17,	-	Alms House.	-	-	-	Kerosene lamp.
Sept. 7, 1869.	-	Alms House.	-	-	-	[chimney, Defect in
Jan. 5,	10 A. M.	Bowdoin Street.	Wm. Withington.	Slight.	-	-

\* The clothing of a female inmate taking fire.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. HEBARD, Chief Engineer.

DORCHESTER, February 1, 1869.

TOWN PROPERTY.

Engine No. 1, land and other personal property, house in process, . . . . . 7,500 00

Engine-House No. 2, Engine and other personal property, . . . . . 12,500 00

Engine-House No. 3, land, Engine and other personal property, . . . . . 3,500 00

Engine-House No. 4, Engine and other personal property, . . . . . 3,500 00

Engine-House No. 5, land, Engine, and other personal property, . . . . . 3,000 00

Engine-House No. 6, land, Engine and other personal property, . . . . . 2,500 00

Hook and Ladder House No. 2, carriage and other personal property, . . . . . 3,200 00

Hook and Ladder Carriage No. 1, and apparatus, . . . . . 150 00

Hose Carriage No. 1, and hose, . . . . . 2,000 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FOUNTAIN ENGINE NO. 1—LOWER MILLS.

Paid J. A. Hutchinson, services of company, . . . . . \$90 00  
J. A. Hutchinson, " as clerk, . . . . . 10 00  
C. F. Hall, " as steward, . . . . . 18 75  
F. W. Schreider, " " " " . . . . . 56 25  
Todd & Gannett, coal, . . . . . 22 50  
S. G. Cheever, repairs, . . . . . 16 25  
C. Tileston, oil, lanterns, &c., . . . . . 13 88  
J. E. Hall, refreshments, . . . . . 8 22  
H. Crane, canvass, . . . . . 9 75  
H. Crane, use of horses, . . . . . 3 00

\$247 80

STEAM FIRE ENGINE NO. 2—MEETING-HOUSE HILL.

Paid T. J. Hatch, services of company, . . . . . \$90 00  
T. J. Hatch, " as clerk, . . . . . 10 00  
T. J. Hatch, stationery, . . . . . 3 00  
C. C. Lane, services as engineers, . . . . . 150 00  
C. C. Lane, extra work, . . . . . 12 75  
N. H. Bird, services as steward and fireman, . . . . . 300 00  
N. H. Bird, extra work and sundries, . . . . . 10 00  
P. Freeman, services as driver, . . . . . 30 00  
P. Rourke, " " " " . . . . . 10 00  
J. D. Robinson, coal, . . . . . 90 00  
Gas Co., gas, . . . . . 26 50  
Hunneman & Co., repairs, . . . . . 441 80  
S. G. Cheever, " " " " . . . . . 53 13  
W. Jones, oil, lanterns, &c., . . . . . 22 15  
F. Holden, horses, . . . . . 41 00  
J. McIntosh, repairs, . . . . . 20 59  
J. McIntosh, harnesses, . . . . . 80 00  
J. T. Murphy, repairs, . . . . . 25 33  
J. P. Curtis, wood, . . . . . 5 00  
W. Hall, keys, . . . . . 13 45  
J. Daniels, repairs, . . . . . 2 00  
F. Farrington, brushes, &c., . . . . . 2 00  
H. M. Holt & Co., soap, . . . . . 1 00  
Bird Bros., use of wagon, . . . . . 15 00

Amount carried forward, . . . . . \$1,454 70

Amount brought forward, . . . . . \$1,454 70  
I. Foster, refreshments, . . . . . 2 47  
G. O. Merriam, repairs, . . . . . 1 25  
J. E. Finley, expressage, . . . . . 4 75  
A. B. Wilton, services, . . . . . 8 00

\$1,471 17

TORRENT ENGINE NO. 3—UPPER ROAD.

Paid J. F. Hewins, services of company, . . . . . \$90 00  
W. Love, " as steward, . . . . . 18 75  
G. L. Pitman, " " " " . . . . . 56 25  
G. L. Pitman, " as clerk, . . . . . 10 00  
S. G. Cheever, hose, . . . . . 600 00  
Hunneman & Co., hats, . . . . . 30 00  
H. Fobes, horses, . . . . . 3 00  
H. Fobes, removing snow, . . . . . 6 00  
J. F. Hewins & Co., refreshments, . . . . . 15 85  
J. F. Hewins & Co., repairs, . . . . . 22 68  
J. F. Hewins & Co., oil, lanterns, brushes, &c., . . . . . 28 40  
C. P. Tolman, repairs, . . . . . 3 50  
H. Clark, rent of land, . . . . . 12 50  
Moody Express, expressage, . . . . . 1 50

\$898 43

ALERT ENGINE NO. 4—MATTAPAN.

Paid J. H. McKendry, services of company, . . . . . \$90 00  
J. H. McKendry, " as clerk, . . . . . 10 00  
E. F. Hopkins, " as steward, . . . . . 75 00  
S. G. Cheever, hose, . . . . . 200 00  
S. G. Cheever, repairs, . . . . . 15 85  
T. Russell, refreshments, oil, wicks, brushes, &c., . . . . . 30 59  
C. E. Stephenson, refreshments, . . . . . 2 89  
M. F. Weeman, horses, . . . . . 12 00  
G. Haynes & Son, repairs, . . . . . 9 55  
C. Tileston, repairs and lanterns, . . . . . 11 90  
Tileston & Hollingsworth, coal, . . . . . 7 98  
Todd & Gannett, coal, . . . . . 4 00  
H. & R. Rich, well, . . . . . 34 00  
E. F. Hopkins, ladder, . . . . . 3 75

Amount carried forward, . . . . . \$507 51

Amount brought forward, . . . . . \$507 51  
Paid Grant's Express, expressage, . . . . . 1 75  
G. F. Fenno, " " " " . . . . . 7 75  
J. H. Burt & Co., labor, . . . . . 10 90  
G. H. Bird, " " " " . . . . . 1 50  
W. H. Gilbert, " " " " . . . . . 2 25  
D. M. Scannell, repairs, . . . . . 4 25

\$528 91

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE NO. 5—NEPONSET.

Paid Geo. G. Dennison, services of company, . . . . . \$90 00  
W. G. Blanchard, " as clerk, . . . . . 10 00  
F. H. Bronsdon, " as steward, . . . . . 75 00  
S. G. Cheever, hose, . . . . . 600 00  
Hunneman & Co., hats, . . . . . 30 00  
Copp and Pear, window shades, . . . . . 30 40  
Gas Co., gas, . . . . . 7 00  
H. N. Hooper & Co., castings, . . . . . 5 00  
J. Pratt, horses, . . . . . 8 00  
Harding & Wilbur, refreshments, . . . . . 12 70  
J. T. Murphy, sponges, &c., . . . . . 1 25  
G. G. Dennison, labor, . . . . . 8 70  
E. F. Field, funnel &c., . . . . . 18 20

\$896 25

TIGER ENGINE NO. 6—UPHAM'S CORNER.

Paid A. P. Ford, services of company, . . . . . \$90 00  
A. P. Ford, " as clerk, . . . . . 10 00  
O. Davenport, " as steward, . . . . . 75 00  
J. D. Robinson, fuel, . . . . . 24 50  
A. P. Wheelock, horses, . . . . . 41 50  
O. Davenport, repairs and extra work, . . . . . 7 75  
J. H. Graham, painting house, . . . . . 87 90  
J. B. Upham & Co., oil, brushes, lamps, &c., . . . . . 29 06  
C. Bird, funnel, . . . . . 3 00  
S. G. Cheever, repairs, . . . . . 8 50  
H. Davenport, labor, . . . . . 4 00

\$381 21

MATTAPAN HOOK AND LADDER NO. 1—LOWER MILLS.

Paid S. Bridget, services as fireman, . . . . . \$25 00  
S. Bridget, " as steward, . . . . . 18 75  
H. Crane, " as " " " . . . . . 11 25  
H. Crane, horses and repairs, . . . . . 8 50

\$63 50

EVERETT HOOK AND LADDER NO. 2—MEETING-HOUSE HILL.

Paid W. Jones, furnace, &c., tinware, kettle, lamps, &c., . . . \$210 88  
W. G. Shattuck, furniture, . . . . . 62 10  
J. D. Robinson, fuel, . . . . . 25 25  
E. Fruean, services as steward and labor, . . . . . 13 50  
S. Fruean, stationery, . . . . . 3 05

\$314 78

HOSE COMPANY NO. 1—LOWER MILLS.

Paid E. Piper, services as steward, . . . . . \$25 00  
S. O. Hebard, " " " " . . . . . 20 00  
J. A. Tucker, straps, belts, &c., . . . . . 24 38  
S. G. Cheever, badges, . . . . . 25 75  
G. Haynes & Son, lanterns, . . . . . 17 60  
C. Tileston, lamps, cups, spoons, &c., . . . . . 8 38  
J. E. E. Goward, jack, . . . . . 2 50  
H. Crane, supplies, . . . . . 9 50

\$133 11

GENERAL EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid S. H. Hebard, services as chief engineer, . . . \$175 00  
J. T. Oliver, " assist't " " " . . . . . 75 00  
H. Fobes, " " " " . . . . . 75 00  
Est. N. Withington, " " " " . . . . . 75 00  
T. Hersey, " " " " . . . . . 75 00  
G. G. Dennison, " " " " . . . . . 75 00  
G. G. Dennison, " secretary, . . . . . 20 00  
J. T. Oliver, " ass't eng'r to Nov. 1, '68. . . . . 37 50

Amount carried forward, . . . . . \$607 50

Amount brought forward, . . . . . \$607 50  
Paid Bragdon, Hassard, & Co., oil, . . . . . 45 50  
A. F. Allen, wrenches, . . . . . 18 00  
J. Pope, labor, . . . . . 8 65  
J. McGlone, labor, . . . . . 6 00  
A. B. Wilton, services, . . . . . 30 87  
Brock & Crane, horse, . . . . . 1 00  
Est. of J. Babcock, refreshments for Milton Co., . . . . . 9 82  
A. V. Goward, fire police, . . . . . 2 00  
A. V. Goward, removing snow, . . . . . 1 00  
J. Pratt, teams, . . . . . 9 75  
D. Mahoney, fire police, . . . . . 3 00  
Campbell & Shehan, labor, . . . . . 10 00  
Whall's Express, expressage, . . . . . 15 25  
M. Thayer, rent, . . . . . 11 00  
H. Crane, carriages, . . . . . 5 25

\$784 59

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fountain Engine No. 1, . . . . . \$247 17  
Steam Fire Engine No. 2, . . . . . 1,471 80  
Torrent No. 3, . . . . . 898 43  
Alert No. 4, . . . . . 528 91  
Independence No. 5, . . . . . 896 25  
Tiger No. 6, . . . . . 381 21  
Mattapan Hook and Ladder No. 1, . . . . . 63 50  
Everett " " No. 2, . . . . . 314 78  
Hose No. 1, . . . . . 133 11  
General Expenses, . . . . . 784 59

Total, . . . . . \$5,719 75

Unexpended, . . . . . 280 25

\$6,000 00

CREDIT.

By appropriation, . . . . . \$6,000 00

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.

Paid Volunteer Company No. 1, for services, . . . \$150 00  
" " " No. 2, " " . . . . . 150 00  
" " " No. 3, " " . . . . . 150 00  
" " " No. 4, " " . . . . . 150 00  
" " " No. 5, " " . . . . . 150 00  
" " " No. 6, " " . . . . . 150 00

\$900 00

CREDIT.

By appropriation, . . . . . \$900 00

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The department has been improved during the year by the addition of a Hook and Ladder Truck, located on Meeting-House Hill. Seven hundred feet of leading hose have been purchased and distributed among the different companies. The chief engineer reports the department in good condition.

ENGINE-HOUSE No. 3.

This building has always stood on leased land, and being obliged to remove it a lot was purchased on Harvard Street, where it now stands. The cost of land, removal and repairs amount to \$1,773.68. A good building lot on the street can be disposed of without injury to the remainder.

LAND AND ENGINE-HOUSE AT LOWER MILLS.

A lot of land was bought on Dorchester Avenue at a cost of \$550; grading the same, \$200; but being able soon after to procure another lot more central, this was sold for what it cost, \$750, and the lot on the corner of River and Temple Streets purchased for \$977. A brick engine-house is being built thereon.

HOOK AND LADDER HOUSE

A good hook and ladder house has been erected on land belonging to the town, on Meeting-House Hill, at a cost of \$2,680.15.