

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

Town of Hyde Park,

WITH

REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 15TH, 1873.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF THE HYDE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT.

IN accordance with the usual custom, we herewith submit our annual report for the year ending January 15th, 1873 :—

The apparatus in active service is the same as reported last year.

There has been purchased during the year one thousand feet of new leather leading hose, most of which is in service, together with the best of the old hose, which is in fair condition. One thousand feet more should be purchased the coming year.

In our report of last year, to which we respectfully refer you, we suggested that in order to insure that efficiency which is expected of the Department, that horses should be provided for the purpose of taking our engines to fires ; and, also, that a good engineer be permanently employed to run and take care of our engines. The Department also labor under a great disadvantage for the want of a proper fire alarm. We hope these matters will receive that consideration which their importance demands.

We desire to return our thanks to the Honorable Board of Selectmen for the assistance rendered us in the discharge of our duties during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. DAVIS,
H. N. HIBBARD,
WM. U. FAIRBAIRN,

Engineers H. P. F. D.

HYDE PARK, January 15, 1873.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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By amount of appropriation, \$3,000 00

DR.

Paid Joshua Wilder, services as steward,	
and cash paid out,	\$754 51
D. W. Burns, meals for firemen, bill	
1869,	12 30
Paid Rough & Ready Engine Co., No. 2,	
pay roll,	\$195 00
Good Will Engine Co., No. 1, pay roll,	268 56
David H. Wight, services as engine-	
man,	8 33
H. E. Hunt, services as engineman, .	50 00
J. W. Bean, " "	50 00
Wm. U. Fairbairn, services as engineer,	25 00
E. P. Davis, " "	25 00
H. N. Hibbard, " "	25 00
L. Adler, rubber boots for engineers,	16 50
R. Corson, hauling engine, &c., .	80 25
Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1, pay roll, .	135 83
Bateman & Patten, milk,	1 50
Samuel Walker & Co., kerosene oil, .	27 37
P. C. Clapp & Son, cheese,	1 95
Underhill & Heustis, groceries, . .	11 28
H. R. Bishop & Co., ladders,	16 80
J. S. Parsons, badges,	37 50
J. Johnston, repairing engines, &c., .	56 25
Boston, Hartford & Erie R. R., freight,	16 31
Daniel O'Connell, use of horse, . . .	12 00
Splicer Hose Co., pay roll,	45 65
Cole Bros., valves, pump and repairing	
engine,	64 40
Brigham & Piper, coal,	135 00
Josiah Gates & Son, hose stuffing, .	6 25
John B. Farrington, wood,	14 87
James Boyd & Sons, repairing hose, .	23 50
Boynton & Rogers, repairing lamps,	
pails, &c.,	6 32
Parker & Gannett, chains,	5 50
J. W. Fleming, harnesses,	65 00
J. M. Williams, repairing fence, . .	5 50
Norfolk Hook & Ladder Co., pay roll,	27 50
J. F. Nolan, hose washers,	8 00
	<hr/> \$2,234 73
Balance unexpended,	\$765 27

FIRE HOSE APPROPRIATION.

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By amount of appropriation, \$1,500 00

DR.

Paid Josiah Gates & Son,	1,464 75
Balance unexpended,	<hr/> \$35 25

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The lot of land for the Engine House has been paid for, also the small piece lying in front of the same, necessary to secure the right of way to this lot.

The Department is in good working order, and compares favorably with those of other towns. It rendered good service during the great fire in Boston, Nov. 9th, 1872, No. 1 Engine playing without intermission for hours, with a steady stroke, and without breaking down, as some did. Quite an amount of hose was lost at this fire, but there is still remaining over 2,100 feet in good order. No claim has been made upon the City of Boston for use of or damage to engine and hose, the Boards of Selectmen and Engineers feeling that what assistance the Department had rendered was but a return in part for similar service, always cheerfully afforded whenever the town has had the misfortune to need aid from abroad. The new hose purchased this year, added to what was then on hand, made an amount sufficient to reach ample supplies of water in many localities, and was thought to obviate the necessity of constructing a cistern which, at best, would contain but a limited quantity. Most of the linen hose is nearly worthless, and should be replaced by leathern, or such as is more durable. The pair of horses purchased in the spring are fitted with harnesses adapted to the fire engines, and a man in the employ of the town has charge of them, and is at all times ready to attach them to one of the engines, while an engagement has been made with R. Corson to draw the other, which is promptly attended to in case of an alarm of fire.