

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF HYDE PARK,

WITH

REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN AND OTHER
TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 15th, 1874.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

ENGINEERS' OFFICE,
Hyde Park, January 15, 1874. }

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Hyde Park:—

GENTLEMEN: Having nearly reached the end of our official term, we herewith submit for your consideration our report for the year ending with date. The needful to enable our Department to meet the requirements for which it was created may be stated, namely:

First,—A good supply of water in Everett square.

Second,—Proper and numerous landings along our river and brooks. These requisites are imperative.

Horses should be provided by the town to take the engines to fires; and we would suggest that it be done in the following manner: As the town employs some six to eight men and four horses on the highways, in case of a fire, that force might be placed under the control of the Engineers of the Fire Department; the Selectmen and Engineers co-operating to the extent of having such horses as the Department could use to advantage, and employing men who would be valuable assistants in time of fire; the drivers of the horses to sleep in the engine-house, so as to be always ready when an alarm is given.

The highway force could be made serviceable at a fire in many ways, such as picking up and washing hose, and otherwise taking care of the Department property, when the firemen are on duty or exhausted by their labors.

LIST OF FIRES IN HYDE PARK FROM JANUARY 15th, 1873, TO JANUARY 15th, 1874.

May.—House of Arthur O'Neal, Walnut street. Slightly damaged; loss \$150; fully insured; cause accident.

June 7.—Hyde Park Woolen Mill. Partially destroyed; loss \$300,000; fully insured; cause of fire unknown.

June 22.—Thompson's Planing Mill, Bridge street. Loss \$5000; cause of fire incendiary; partially insured.

July.—Pest-house, located in the woods south of Dana avenue. Loss \$300; cause of fire, incendiary; no insurance.

August.—Hopkirk house, corner of River street and Central Park avenue. Loss \$2000; cause of fire, defective flue.

By the above statement it will be seen that the town has suffered heavily—one of these fires being the most disastrous since the incorporation of the town, but the amount of property saved at this conflagration by the services of our feeble department, ought to encourage our citizens to be liberal in their appropriations.

This Board would respectfully ask of the town an appropriation of \$4500, to meet the expenses of the Department for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. HIBBARD.

E. P. DAVIS,

ROBERT BLEAKIE.

Engineers of Hyde Park Fire Department.

EXPENSES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Splicer Hose Co. No. 3, pay roll,	\$386 94
Rough & Ready S. F. Engine Co., No. 2, pay roll,	432 46
Norfolk Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1,	339 59
Good Will S. F. Engine Co., No. 1.	435 36
E. P. Davis, services as engineer, 1872,	25 00
Wm. U. Fairbairn, services as engineer, 1872,	25 00
H. N. Hibbard,	25 00
Joshua Wilder, services as steward, and cash paid out,	724 76
R. Corson, drawing engines to fires,	58 00
Geo. W. Adler, books,	7 50
Small, Haines & Co., rope, oil, vise, files, &c.,	40 79
Small, Haines & Co., hose,	1,467 40
J. W. Bean, services as engineman,	14 58
F. A. Sweet,	37 50
H. E. Hunt,	50 00
J. Waterhouse, meals for firemen,	38 00
C. Spring, repairs on engines,	11 70

Paid J. Johnston, repairs on engine,	\$42 50
P. V. Eldredge,	8 00
Cole Bros.,	177 70
Boynton & Rogers,	14 35
W. S. Everett, medical attendance on W. H. Tarbox,	33 58
Finlen & Co., plastering at engine-house,	12 00
H. R. Bishop & Co., fire ladders,	33 75
E. W. Moffatt, raising bell,	15 77
Stone & Tuttle, baiting horses at Woolen Mill fire,	5 00
Boston, Hartford & Erie R.R. Co., freight,	2 40
D. D. Burns, refreshments at fire,	3 50
Hunneman & Co., repairing hose, &c.,	47 50
Brigham & Piper, coal,	280 10
R. Williams, labor and materials,	11 67
Sanford & Runnells, groceries,	14 41
Patrick Haley, driving horses at fire,	6 00
James Colleary,	6 00
C. L. Farnsworth, rolls and milk,	5 50
	<u>\$4,839 31</u>

CREDIT.

By amount of appropriation,	4,200 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation,	<u>\$639 31</u>
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EXPENSE FOR BELL ON THE ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid Wm. Blake & Co., bell and hangings,	\$482 17
R. Williams, part payment for building a tower on the engine-house,	117 83
	<u>\$600 00</u>

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$600 00
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