

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF HYDE PARK,

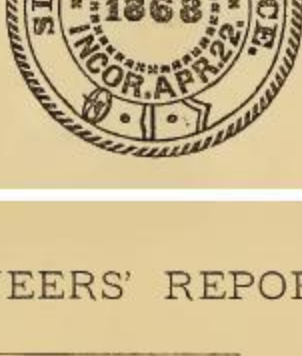
WITH

REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1877.



ENGINEERS' REPORT.

At the close of this, the Centennial year, it gives us great pleasure to announce that the department is at present very well equipped and in an efficient condition. The past year has been marked by an unusually large number of fires, and we regret to say, many of them have been the work of incendiaries. The demands upon the department have consequently been frequent, yet have been promptly met, and to the best of the ability of its members, with the facilities at their disposal. We believe that the firemen have been diligent and faithful in the discharge of their duties.

There is at present in the department 5,300 feet of hose, 1,600 feet of which is nearly worn out, and 300 feet has been condemned, leaving 3,400 feet of good serviceable hose, 1000 feet having been purchased during the past year.

We have investigated the merits of the Chemical Fire Engine, and have come to the conclusion that one of them would be of great service to this Town, particularly where there is an insufficient supply of water, or at the early stages of a fire. We would earnestly recommend the purchase of one, as we consider that it would prove to be money well invested.

We find that a number of our fires are caused by defective flues, and would recommend a building law, similar to the laws now in force in other cities and towns.

In conclusion we would add that something should be done with regard to obtaining water from Stony Brook, near West street; on Dana avenue, Fairmount District; and also in Sunnyside District.

Yours very respectfully,

WM. U. FAIRBAIRN,

L. A. RUNNELLS.

OFFICERS AND NUMBER OF MEN.

The following is a list of officers of the several companies, together with the number of men in the employ of the department:—

GOODWILL STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO. NO. 1.

HENRY B. BRIGGS, Foreman.
A. FLAGG, Assistant Foreman.
JETHRO C. SANFORD, Clerk.
PETER McCLELLAN, Engineman, and eleven men.

ROUGH AND READY ENGINE CO. NO. 2.

MALCOLM ROGERS, Foreman.
WILLIAM HOLTHAM, Assistant Foreman.
HENRY A. BURNETT, Clerk and Treasurer.
W. H. CUMMINGER, Engineman, and ten men.

NORFOLK HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.

E. A. HAWLEY, Foreman.
G. E. CARLTON, Assistant Foreman.
WILLIAM HARLOW, Clerk, and twelve men.

SPLICER HOSE CO. NO. 1.

JEREMIAH MINGO, Foreman.
FRANK WRIGHT, Assistant Foreman.
JAMES A. GUINAN, Clerk and Treasurer, and eight men.

JOSHUA WILDER, Steward of the Department.

LIST OF ALARMS AND FIRES ATTENDED DURING THE YEAR.

DATE.	TIME.		OWNER.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.	LOSS.	INSURANCE.
1876.							
Jan. 11.	9.09 P.M.	Dwelling house.....	Mr. Beckey	Davidson street....	Defective flue.....	.....	\$2,000 00
" 15.	9.00 P.M.	Dwelling house	Mr. McNabb	Thatcher street ...	Incendiarism.....	.....	Fully insured.
March 9.	10.45 P.M.	Block of stores.....	Elizabeth Stevens.....	Fairmount avenue	Unknown	\$1,200 00	Fully insured.
" 14.	11.09 P.M.	Dwelling house.....	F. McDonald.....	Hyde Park avenue	Defective flue.....	500 00	2,600 00
" 15.	12.10 A.M.	Dwelling house.....	J. W. Hamlin.....	Williams avenue..	Caught from stove	1,000 00	Fully insured.
April 8.	2.30 P.M.	Dwelling house.....	J. H. Mosher.....	Thatcher street ...	Accidental	Unknown	1,800 00
" 26.	9.30 P.M.	Dwelling and store ..	Smithfield Manuf. Co.....	Readville.....	Unknown	1,500 00	1,800 00
" 27.	11.15 P.M.	Dwelling house.....	ex-Governor Claflin.....	Fairmount avenue	Defective flue.....	30 00	.....
May 4.	11.49 P.M.	Stable.....	S. A. Bradbury	Railroad avenue ..	Incendiarism.....	700 00	700 00
June 13.	1.39 A.M.	Dwelling house.....	Thomas Kington.....	Winter street.....	Incendiarism.....	.....	1,800 00
" 19.	1.45 A.M.	Dwelling house.....	— Shea	Neponset avenue..	Incendiarism.....	.....	3,000 00
July 2.	4.09 A.M.	Dwelling house.....	W. Farrington	Hyde Park avenue	Incendiarism.....	1,600 00	.....
" 4.	7.22 A.M.	Block of stores.....	Blake & White.....	Everett square.....	Fire works .....	.....	500 00
Aug. 21.	12.45 P.M.	Frame building	Unknown	Readville.....	Incendiarism.....	.....	.....
" 27.	11.10 P.M.	3 houses and barn ..	T. Corrigan	Corriganville.....	Incendiarism.....	1,000 00	.....
" 28.	3.08 A.M.	Dwelling house.....	H. Newell	Thatcher street ...	Unknown	1,500 00	.....
" 28.	3.08 A.M.	Dwelling house.....	A. Quigley	Thatcher street ...	Unknown .....	.....	.....
" 28.	3.08 A.M.	Dwelling house.....	J. H. Mosher	Thatcher street ...	Unknown	1,500 00	2,500 00
Sept. 26.	4.45 P.M.	Dwelling house.....	Edward Shea	Central Park ave..	Incendiarism.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Nov. 4.	2.40 P.M.	Dwelling house.....	M. Greenhood.....	Business street....	Incendiarism.....	Slight.	.....
" 12.	5.45 P.M.	Stores.....	Pratt's Block.....	Fairmount avenue	Incendiarism.....	Slight.	.....
" 19.	3.20 P.M.	Dwelling house.....	Parrott Block.....	Walnut street.....	Incendiarism.....	Slight.	.....
" 20.	1.15 A.M.	Dwelling house.....	P. Rooney, 23.....	Central Park ave..	Incendiarism.....	.....	3,000 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Members of Splicer Hose Co. No. 1 for services	\$452 84
" Rough and Ready Engine Co. No. 2 for services	656 28
" Good Will Engine Co. No. 1 for services	608 00
" Norfolk Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 for services	584 02
H. E. Hunt, services as engineman, etc.	20 00
F. A. Sweet, " "	26 00
W. H. Cumminger, " "	53 81
Peter McClellan, " "	47 79
H. N. Hibbard, services as engineer, and cash paid out, 1875 and 1876	51 33
N. F. Shepard, services as engineer, and cash paid out, 1875 and 1876	53 11
W. W. Hilton, services as engineer, and cash paid out, 1875 and 1876	55 28
W. U. Fairbairn, services as engineer, 1876 and 1877, on account	45 00
C. W. Paul, services as engineer, 1876 and 1877, on account	45 00
L. A. Runnells, services as engineer, 1876 and 1877, on account	45 00
Joshua Wilder, services as steward, and cash paid out	785 52
Reuben Corson, drawing engines, etc. to fires .	514 60
S. McKenzie, repairs on fire apparatus . . .	46 00
Boynton & Rogers, " "	3 85
J. Johnston, " "	103 81
Cole Bros., " "	26 01
Samuel Eastman & Co., new hose	1,279 68
Hunneman & Co., repairs on old hose, etc. .	84 25
James Boyd & Sons, " "	83' 91
Josiah Gates & Sons, hose stuffing	14 00
Downer Kerosene Oil Co., oil	25 18
J. Ellery Piper & Co., coal	55 00
Jones, Robinson & Co., coal	110 29
H. R. Bishop & Co., ladders	44 00

Paid Gatchell & Moseley, printing	\$11 00
E. D. Savage, refreshments	8 11
Sanford & Runnells, refreshments	23 26
G. W. Gunnison, care of horses at fires . .	10 00
O'Neill Bros., " "	6 00
Adams Express Co., expressing	7 50
Fitts & Ryan, " "	7 45
George W. Simmons & Son, one flag, new fire hats, and repairs on hats	163 75
Charles Easter & Co., fire hats, and repairs on hats	10 50
J. Johnston, agent, repairs on fire apparatus .	5 80
	\$6,172 93

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By amount of appropriation	\$4,500 00
Excess of expenditure	1,672 93

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The resignation of the Fire Department early in the year compelled a reorganization, and this was effected through the co-operation of the retiring members, in a manner satisfactory to the Selectmen, and without imperilling the interests of the citizens. Unexpected expenditures on account of hose have obliged the department to exceed their appropriation; but it was considered unwise by the joint boards to imperil the efficiency of the department for lack of working material. We are pleased to state that harmony prevails in the Department, and that the prompt response made to all calls upon it, and the earnest labors of its members is sufficient evidence of the interest taken by all connected with this branch of the public service.