

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF HYDE PARK,

WITH

REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN, TRUSTEES OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1878.



ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN,—It is with satisfaction that we inform you that during the past year the demands upon the Fire Department have been light, compared with the previous year. We feel as if the torch of the incendiary had been stayed, yet our firemen have always been ready to discharge their duties. The building law passed last March has been enforced in every case brought to our notice; it is a step in the right direction.

The machines of the department are in good condition, all necessary repairs having been made. The hose is in about the same condition as last year. A Bangor Extension Ladder has been added to the department, and we consider it a valuable addition. In the last report a Chemical Fire Engine was recommended; when the matter was brought before the citizens, it was laid on the table; we hope it will be favorably considered soon, for it would be a great help to the department, particularly where there is an insufficient supply of water, or in the early stages of a fire. In conclusion we again call your attention to the lack of water in both the Fairmount and Sunnyside districts.

Very respectfully yours,

WM. U. FAIRBAIRN, Chief Engineer.
L. A. RUNNELLS,
W. W. HILTON,

Asst. Engineers.

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.
CHAS. I. CONWAY, Assistant Foreman.
DANIEL T. CONLON, Clerk and Treasurer.
PETER McCLELLAN, Engineman and nine men.

ROUGH AND READY ENGINE Co., No. 2.

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

NORFOLK HOOK AND LADDER Co., No. 1.

GEORGE E. CARLTON, Foreman.
F. A. HAWLEY, Assistant Foreman.
W. H. HARLOW, Clerk and Treasurer, and eleven men.

SPLICER HOSE Co., No. 1.

JOHN B. GUINAZZO, Foreman.
JOSEPH J. O'NEILL, Assistant Foreman.
JAMES A. GUINAN, Clerk and Treasurer, and eleven men.

Total number of firemen, fifty-two.

JOSHUA WILDER, Steward of the Department.

LIST OF ALARMS AND FIRES ATTENDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1878.

DATE.	TIME.		OWNER.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.	LOSS.	INSURANCE.
Feb. 23	5.25 A.M.	Dwelling house....	Mirandine Hark.....	Eastern avenue...	Defective flue....	\$150 00	Fully insured
April 22	1.15 A.M.	Dwelling house....	Michael Rogers.....	Off Central Park av	Incendiarism.....	300 00	\$1,200 00
May 15	12.30 A.M.	Dwelling house....	Patrick Cornell.....	Cor. Pond at & Wil	Incendiarism.....	2,000 00	1,000 00
June 2	1.30 P.M.	Lumberyard.....	S. B. Balkam.....	Eastford avenue..	Incendiarism.....	6,300 00	4,500 00
" 4	1.30 A.M.	Dwelling house....	Thomas O'Keefe.....	Off River street...	Defective flue....	2,300 00	Fully insured
" 12	1.05 A.M.	Tenement House ..	John Downey.....	Business street ...	Incendiarism.....	1,300 00	1,600 00
Oct. 15	9.15 P.M.	Alarm.....		Fairmount.....			
Nov. 4	7.15 P.M.	Dwelling house....	Charles M. Tilley ..	Elver street.....	Over heated stove	1,500 00	2,800 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid members of Goodwill Engine Co., No. 1 for services \$576 57

Paid members of Rough and Ready, No. 2 for services \$641 25

"	Hook and Ladder,	" 1	"	608 73
"	Splicer Hose,	" 1	"	558 75
	Peter McClellan, services as engineman			67 48
	William H. Cumming, "	"		67 75
	William U. Fairbairn, services as engineer			90 00
	L. A. Runnells, "	"		90 00
	Warren W. Hilton, "	"		45 00
	Charles W. Paul, "	"		45 00
	Joshua Wilder, services as steward and cash paid out			667 74
	Reuben Corson, use of horses and men			185 65
	Warren W. Hilton, labor and material			15 68
	J. Johnston, repairs on steamers, ect.			40 24
	Spring & Robinson, repairs on steamers, etc.			15 77
	Herbert E. Hunt, "	"		15 00
	F. A. Sweet, "	"		6 50
	Boynton & Rogers, grates, repairs, ect.			14 86
	H. C. Stark, dampers, labor, etc.			7 75
	Downer Kerosene Oil Co., oil			29 65
	The Adams Nickle Plating Manfg. Co., 49 fire badges			24 50
	T. J. Sheehan, repairs on engine house roof			12 44
	S. B. Balkam, lumber			9 65
	Joseph F. Smith, one 50 foot Bangor ladder			125 00
	J. Ellery Piper, coal			55 53
	A. H. Brainard, coal			75 00
	Quincy Dyer, oil, spirits, etc.			3 93
	S. R. Moseley, printing			10 00
	Geo. W. Simmons & Son, fire hats			9 00
	J. A. Caldwell, lanterns, etc.			26 30
	C. L. Farnsworth, milk			1 80
	George Miles, cheese			3 06
	Sanford & Runnells, blocks, straps, rope, soap,			
	oil, coffee, sugar, etc.			107 22
				\$4,252 80

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By amount of appropriation	\$4,500 00
Balance unexpended	247 20

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

We have nothing to add to the report of the Engineers, as published, except to second the suggestions embodied in their report, as their practical knowledge of the wants of the department, render their opinions worthy of careful consideration.