

TWELFTH 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, 1880.



ENGINEER'S REPORT.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, H. P. F. DEPARTMENT,
HYDE PARK, Feb. 1, 1880.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—It is with much satisfaction that we lay before you this, our annual, report for the year 1879.

At the beginning of the year the town passed a vote, whereby they voted to raise the pay of the members of this department to forty-five (\$45) dollars per annum. It became very evident to us that we should be obliged to do something to keep within the amount of the appropriation; therefore we have reorganized the department, by reducing the number of members from sixty-three (63) to forty-five (45.) In order to do so we were obliged to disband one company,—viz., the Splicer Hose Company,—and have given each steamer company its own line of hose to handle. That necessitated the purchase of a new hose-carriage; therefore we have exchanged the two old carriages, that were attached to each steamer, for a new one-horse hose-carriage, by paying three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) for the exchange.

Both steamers have been thoroughly repaired, and are now in excellent condition. The department is in first-class working order, and we have no doubt, should the occasion require, but that they will give good satisfaction to all; and we would take this opportunity to heartily thank each and every member of the department for their gentlemanly conduct, and hearty co-operation in the reorganization of the department, and also to your honorable Board for your assistance in the same.

For the thousand dollars that the town voted to the department, at the last town meeting, for the purchase of hose, we have placed in the department thirteen hundred (1,300) feet of cotton hose, warranted to stand a pressure of four hundred (400) pounds to the square inch, which we are satisfied will give perfect satisfaction.

We have now in the department about five thousand (5,000) feet of hose, of which three thousand (3,000) is of first quality, two steamers, one hook and ladder carriage, two hose carriages, all equipped and in good repair, and hose as above described.

We would call your attention to the fact that there are many places in the town where water cannot be obtained for fire purposes; namely:—Parts of Fairmount, Sunnyside, and Clarendon Hills district.

You will find, connected with this report, a list of fires, alarms, etc.; also, the officers and number of men to each company.

Very respectfully,

W. W. HILTON,
Chief Engineer.

J. W. BEAN,
C. L. FARNSWORTH,
Assistant 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.

W. H. DARLING, Foreman.
WILLIAM MATTHEWS, Assistant Foreman.
D. T. CONLAN, Clerk.
J. EDWARD RADFORD, Treasurer.
HERBERT E. HUNT, Engineman, and ten men.

ROUGH AND READY STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., No. 2.

STEWART McKENZIE, Foreman.
A. L. BOYNTON, Assistant Foreman.
L. F. UPHAM, Clerk.
E. A. MOORE, Treasurer.
W. H. CUMMINGER, Engineman, and nine men.

HOOK AND LADDER CO., No. 1.

GEORGE E. CARLTON, Foreman.
H. F. WRIGHT, Assistant Foreman.
W. F. RADFORD, Clerk and Treasurer, and nine men.

Number of Firemen, 41

JOSHUA WILDER, Steward of the Department.

LIST OF ALARMS AND FIRES ATTENDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1880.

DATE.	HOW OCCURRED.	OWNER.	CAUSE.	LOCATION.	LOSS.	ISSUANCE.
1879.						
Feb.... 17	Hair Factory.....	Glover & Wilcomb....	Unknown....	Central Park avenue..	\$10,000
Mar.... 7	Dwelling	Mary Clark.....	Defective Flue	Williams avenue... ..	1,000	Fully In'd
Mar.... 23	"	Dexter White.....	Unknown.....	Central avenue.....	Slight.	\$900 00
Apr.... 9	Barn.....	B. D. Burns.....	Incendiary....	Walnut and Bridgesta.	250	Unknown.
Apr.... 15	Dwelling	John Shen.....	Unknown.....	Neponset avenue.....	2,000	30 00
Apr.... 22	"	C. N. Noyes.....	"	Summer street	3,500	1900 00
Apr.... 27	"Hay Stack.....	F. Rooney.....	Incendiary....	Sunnyside district ...	Slight.	Fully In'd
May.... 8	Lumber Shed.....	John A. Soule.....	Unknown.....	Readville district....	2,500	Unknown.
Aug.... 14	"Rookery.....	Town of Hyde Park..	Incendiary....	River street district...	500	1700 00
Nov.... 4	Noit's Woods.....	Unknown.....	"	Sunnyside district....	Unknown.	Unknown.
Nov.... 5	"	"	"	"	"	"
Nov.... 27	Dwelling.....	Mrs. Joyce.....	"	Near Cotton Mill.....	"	"

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Goodwill Engine Co., No. 1, pay roll	\$512 25
Rough and Ready, Engine Co., No. 2, pay roll	503 13
Norfolk Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, pay roll	442 77
Splicer Hose,	196 70
R. Corson, use of horses, &c.	226 92
Joshua Wilder, services as steward, and cash paid out	494 37
Warren W. Hilton, engineer (May 1, 1879).	25 00
Levi A. Runnells,	25 00
Wm. U. Fairbairn,	25 00
Warren W. Hilton,	on account 1880 37 50
James W. Bean	37 50
Chas. L. Farnsworth,	37 50
Wm. H Cumminger, engineman	48 75
Peter McClellan,	13 34
Herbert E. Hunt,	12 50
F. A. Sweet,	and repairs 37 91
John Johnston, repairs	11 56
T. H. Malcolm,	7 00
Spring & Robinson,	8 00
Boynton & Rogers,	20 30
Sanford & Runnells, coffee, sugar, &c.	21 11
Chas. H. Colby,	12 66
S. B. Balkam, coal	84 40
Jas. Boyd & Son, repairs on hose	56 00
John McNamara, labor	7 26
Cole Bros., 1 four-wheel hose carriage	350 00
" repairs on engines,	169 45
C. W. Brewster & Son, springs.	13 75
Geo. W. Simmons & Son, 2 fire hats,	11 50
C. P. Vaughan, 2 badges	4 50
L. F. Upham, painting	1 50
W. W. Hilton, labor and material	11 13
Wm. Wadsworth, shades	30 25
C. L. Farnsworth, milk	2 00
	\$3,498 47

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By amount of appropriation \$3,500 00

Balance unexpended \$1 53