

THIRTEENTH 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, 1881.



ENGINEERS' REPORT.

ENGINEER'S ROOM, H. P. F. DEPARTMENT,
HYDE PARK, Feb. 1, 1881.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—In laying before you our annual report for the year ending January 31, 1881, it gives us much satisfaction to state that the department is in excellent condition, with one exception, and, as for members, never was better.

What is needed most in the department is more hose. We herewith give a statement of the hose we now have.

Kind.	Feet in Length.	When Purchased.	Condition.
Cotton.	1,300	1879	Excellent.
Leather.	1,000	1876	Poor.
"	600	1875	Good.
"	800	1874	Poor.
"	800	1872	Very poor.
"	500	Previous to 1872.	Almost worthless.

All the leather hose, except the six hundred feet bought in 1875, is unreliable, and this will become so soon.

At almost every fire our efficiency is greatly lessened by the bursting of hose. It will be seen that we have only 1900 feet of reliable hose in the department, and we earnestly request the town to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of hose. We would recommend cotton hose in preference to any other.

We have been obliged to exceed the appropriation some \$450. In our estimation, the department cannot be kept up to its present standard less than \$3,800 per annum. It must be kept in mind that our steamers are getting old, and re-

quire more repairing every year. In a short time they will require new boilers; but in our judgment they are good for another year at least.

We have now in the department two steamers, two hose carriages, one hook and ladder carriage, all in good repair; and hose as above described.

We earnestly hope that the town will provide a water supply for fire purposes in Fairmount, Sunnyside, and Clarendon Hills districts.

We will take this opportunity to heartily thank each and every member of the department, for their gentlemanly conduct and prompt response to every call.

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

WARREN W. HILTON,
Chief Engineer.

C. L. FARNSWORTH,
RINALDO WILLIAMS,
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.

J. E. RADFORD, Clerk and Treasurer.

H. E. HUNT, Engineman, and eleven men.

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

B. F. GUPTILL, Foreman.

A. L. BOYNTON, Assistant Foreman.

L. F. UPHAM, Clerk.

EDWARD F. MOORE, Treasurer.

W. H. CUMMINGER, Engineman, and eleven men.

HOOK AND LADDER CO., No. 1.

G. E. CARLTON, Foreman.

WILLIAM M. WISWALL, Assistant Foreman.

WILLIAM F. RADFORD, Clerk and Treasurer, and eight men.

Number of Firemen. 41

JOSHUA WILDER, Steward of the Department.

LIST OF ALARMS AND FIRES ATTENDED DURING THE YEAR, JAN. 31st, 1881.

DATE.	HOW OCCURRED.	OWNER.	CAUSE.	LOCATION.	LOSS.	INSURANCE.	REMARKS.
1880.							
Feb. 20	Dwelling	Weymouth Sav. Bank	Accident.	Davison Street	\$25 00		
March 8	Shop	Chas. Haley	Incendary	Central Park Ave.	2,500 00		
" 25	Shed	A. C. Clapp	Accident.	Readville	200 00		
April 4			"				False alarm.
" 28			"				"
May 11	Tenement House	Campbell	"	Walnut Street			False alarm.
" 22			"				"
July 5	Shooting Stand	German Society	Incendary	"Sully's Rock"	100 00		
" 11	Unoccupied		"	River Street			Known as the Butler Sch. House.
" 30	Dwelling	P. McNeillan	Accident.	Easton Ave.			Extinguished without an alarm.
August 3		John K. Cottrell	Incendary	Cor. Dedham St. and Glen Ave.	2,200 00		Occupied by S. C. Blackstone.
" 11			"	Corner Winslow and Child Streets			Fire set under front door-step; extinguished without alarm.
" 11			"	Williams Ave.			Fire set under cellar stairs; extinguished without alarm.
" 30	Store		Accident.	Everett Square			Alarm caused by the falling of a lighted lamp.
Sept. 14	House	P. Conroy	Incendary	Happy Valley	30 00		
Oct. 11	Burn	I. J. McCormick	Accident.	River Street			
Nov. 13	Store	P. Carley		Bridge Street			
Dec. 3	Dwelling	John Kohaburg	Accident.	Linwood Street	1,200 00	\$1,800 00	
" 25	Hotel		Incendary	Dedham, Mass.			Phoenix Hose; extinguished asked for.
1881.							Alarm caused by a light; extinguished by a fire at Clarendon Hills.
Jan. 10							

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Goodwill Engine Co., No. 1, pay roll	\$450 00
Rough and Ready Engine Co., No. 2, pay roll	461 25
Norfolk Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1	405 00
R. Corson, use of horses at fires, etc.	283 70
Joshua Wilder, services as steward, and cash paid out	483 92
W. H. Cumminger, engineman, and repairs	81 80
Herbert E. Hunt	58 40
Warren W. Hilton, engineer (May 1, 1880)	37 50
C. L. Farnsworth, " "	37 50
J. W. Bean, " "	37 50
Rinaldo Williams, " (Nov. 1.)	37 50
W. W. Hilton, " "	37 50
C. L. Farnsworth, " "	37 50
S. B. Balkam, coal	115 05
Boston Gas Light Co., coal	33 75
C. W. Brewster & Son, repairs	5 00
T. H. Malcolm, " "	10 75
Bishop & Bro. " "	15 00
E. H. Brainard, " "	85 00
W. W. Hilton, " "	1 50
H. J. Somes, " "	4 04
Cole Bros. " "	71 25
J. Johnston, " "	6 15
James Boyd & Sons, " "	61 50
S. McKenzie, " "	8 50
Boynton & Rogers, " "	19 07
Spring & Robinson, " "	3 09
L. F. Upham, painting and lettering	27 50
F. M. Colby, refreshments, oil, etc.	35 63
American Fire Hose Mfg. Co., 4 fire hats	18 00
W. H. Harlow, services for the dept.	15 00
C. P. Vaughan, fire badge	2 25
The American Tool and Machine Co Mds.	9 40
Walworth Mfg. Co., copper pipe, etc.	1 32

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By amount of appropriation \$3,000 00

Balance unexpended \$2 13