

# SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

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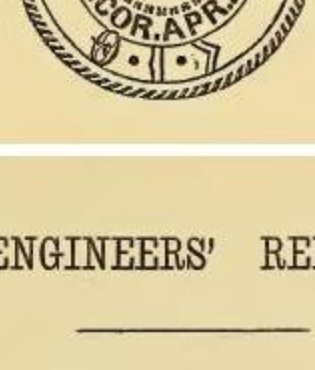
# TOWN OF HYDE PARK,

WITH

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

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1884.



## ENGINEERS' REPORT.

ENGINEERS' ROOM, H. P. F. DEP'T, }  
HYDE PARK, Jan. 31, 1884. }

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—In laying before you this, our annual, report for the year ending January 31, 1884, we do so with much gratification. The membership of the department is excellent, and the apparatus in good condition, with one exception. The Hook and Ladder carriage is very light, and not strong enough to carry the equipment belonging to it. Some accident has happened to it at almost every fire, and more money has been paid to keep it in repair than would buy a much stronger carriage. We would recommend the next Board of Engineers to exchange it for one heavier and more durable, by paying a sum of money for the exchange.

The department has been called upon an unusual number of times the past year, and has proved very efficient in every case. In no instance has the fire extended beyond the building where it originated. In this connection we would say that great praise is due to the Chemical Engine. It has proven to be a good investment for the town. It has, undoubtedly, saved many times its cost. It has been especially useful in holding fires in check until streams of water could be had from the steamers.

We have in the department about three thousand feet of cotton hose in good condition, and fifteen hundred feet of leather hose almost worthless. The town will have to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of hose the coming year.

The apparatus of the department consists of two steamers, two hose carriages, one hook and ladder carriage, one chemical engine, one fuel wagon, and two sets swinging harness; all in good repair, except hook and ladder carriage, as above mentioned.

We take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the department for their gentlemanly deportment, and are confident they will always be found ready when duty calls.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HILTON,  
Chief Engineer.

C. L. FARNSWORTH,  
F. A. SWEET,  
Assistant Engineers.

## OFFICERS AND NUMBER OF MEN.

The following is a list of the 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.  
WM. F. RILEY, Assistant Foreman.  
E. N. BULLARD, Clerk.  
H. E. HUNT, Treasurer and Engineman, and ten men.

### ROUGH AND READY STEAM FIRE ENGINE Co., No. 2.

STEWART MCKENZIE, Foreman.  
SETH J. HENDERSON, Assistant Foreman.  
J. H. MCKENNA, Clerk.  
JAMES A. GUINAN, Treasurer.  
EDWARD F. MOORE, Engineman, and nine men.

### CHEMICAL ENGINE Co., No. 1.

JAS. H. O'BRIEN, Foreman.  
H. G. BALKAM, Clerk and Treasurer.  
H. I. SOMES, Engineman, and two men.

### HOOKE AND LADDER Co., No. 1.

GEORGE E. CARLTON, Foreman.  
ROBERT SCOTT, JR., Assistant Foreman.  
D. H. COOEY, Clerk and Treasurer, and nine men.

Number of Firemen . . . . . 45

JOSHUA WILDER, Steward of the Department.

### Alarms Given and Fires Attended During the Year Ending Jan. 31st, 1884.

DATE.	PROPERTY.	OWNER.	CAUSE.	LOCATION.	LOSS.	INSUR.	TIME.	REMARKS.
1883, March 8	Town Hall.....	Town of H. P....	Accident...	River street...	\$28,000 00	\$26,300 00	9 A.M.	Loss and Ins. include that on personal property.
April 14	Stable.....	John Petree....	Incendary	Walter "...	1,500 00	300 00	1:30 "	" " " "
" 19	Woodland.....	.....	Accident...	Natopon.....	.....	.....	7:30 P.M.	" " " "
May 3	do.....	Robert Blunkie...	Incendary	Gordon ave....	2,186 00	4,500 00	.....	" " " "
" 24	Grist Mill.....	R. Curley.....	do.....	C. Park ave....	300 00	.....	1:10 A.M.	" " " "
" 31	Blacksmith Shop	J. F. Rose.....	Lightning	Roadville.....	.....	.....	6:30 P.M.	Occupied by J. F. Nolan.
June 6	House.....	A. Washburn...	Spun, comb.	Water street...	2,000 00	2,000 00	2:35 "	Caused from the burning of J. F. Rose's adjoining.
" 13	do.....	.....	Accident...	do.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....
July 1	do.....	A. P. Blake.....	do.....	Providence st.	500 00	.....	2:15 A.M.	.....
" 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11:40 "	Unknown to members of dep. an alarm was given to obtain the three of turning out.
" 14	Episcopal.....	Church Society..	Accident...	River street...	250 00	.....	5:55 P.M.	Caused by burning brush.
Aug. 18	Dwelling.....	C. F. Allen.....	do.....	Swanside st...	75 00	.....	8:08 "	" explosion of lamp.
" 27	Woodland.....	H. Grow.....	.....	off West st....	.....	.....	9 A.M.	No public alarm given.
Sept. 5	do.....	.....	.....	Gordon ave....	.....	.....	2 "	Woods off Gordon ave.
" 7	do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 "	" " " "
" 9	do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 P.M.	" Pine Garden.
" 10	do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 "	" " " "
" 27	do.....	Hall Heirs.....	Incendary	.....	.....	.....	10 A.M.	" " " "
Nov. 23	Stable.....	.....	.....	Gleason ave.	.....	.....	12:10 "	" near Everett school
Dec. 1	Stable.....	Richard Todd...	Incendary	.....	.....	.....	11:30 P.M.	Occu. by C. L. Alden & Co.
Jan. 1 1884.	Stable.....	G. A. Alden & Co.	Incendary	.....	.....	.....	10:15 P.M.	.....
" 25	Chem. Rub.Wks	.....	Accident...	Davison street	.....	.....	8:30 "	Caused by exp. of naphtha.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Goodwill Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, pay roll	\$559 37
Rough and Ready Engine Co., No. 2, pay roll	566 66
Chemical Engine Co., No. 1, pay roll	187 60
Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, pay roll	506 25
H. E. Hunt, engineman and repairs	58 87
E. F. Moore, engineman and repairs	65 07
H. I. Somes, engineman and repairs	56 02
W. W. Hilton, engineer	75 00
C. L. Farnsworth, engineer	75 00
F. A. Sweet, engineer	75 00
Joshua Wilder, steward, and cash paid out	505 97
R. Corson, horses at fires	307 15
A. Raymond, horses at fires	26 00
W. H. Plummer, services	1 00
W. H. Harlow, "	25 00
Paid Walworth Manufacturing Co., repairs	\$6 02
John T. Robinson & Co., "	12 18
J. Johnston, "	48 77
Hunneman & Co., "	48 00
James Boyd & Co., "	6 12
George W. D. Simmons, "	23 10
American Fire Hose Co., "	13 50
Cole Bros., "	8 80
Charles E. Berry, "	2 00
W. W. Hilton, labor and material	26 78
Swett & Chipman, labor and material	2 45
Daniel McDonald, labor and material	2 50
R. Bleakie, damage to hose	174 65
Merrimac Chemical Co., vitriol, &c.	12 98
C. L. Farnsworth, crackers	8 08
Dedham and Hyde Park Gas Co., gas	13 80
Underhay & Co., oil	12 91
J. A. & W. Bird & Co., chemicals	26 63
Fabric Fire Hose Co., hose	663 25
W. H. Turner, hose	107 25
J. Hinman, acids, etc.	13 50
Q. Dyer, hardware	1 06
B. F. Tyler, cheese	2 35
H. A. Winship, fire hat	4 00
S. B. Balkam & Co., coal	139 86
Daly & Bryan, hats	12 50
Peabody & Co., coffee and sugar	4 30
H. C. Stark, pipes, pails, etc.	12 80
	\$4,500 00
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By amount of appropriation	\$4,500 00

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

HYDE PARK, February 5, 1884.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—

As is the custom, we give you a full report of receipts and expenditures for the past year, reports of the different officers of the town, list of tax-payers, and such other matters as are of general interest.

The Town Hall was burned March 8th, 1883. The insurance on the building and contents was satisfactorily settled, by the payment of the policies in full. New rooms were leased by the Selectmen in Everett block, for one year, with the privilege of five years, at three hundred dollars per year. They have been nicely fitted up, at small expense, and accommodate officers and the public in a satisfactory manner.