

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF HYDE PARK,
WITH
REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN, TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC
LIBRARY, THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, AND
OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1885.



ENGINEERS' REPORT.

ENGINEERS' ROOM, H. P. F. DEP'T, }
HYDE PARK, Jan. 31, 1885. }

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—We present herewith our report of this department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1885. During this time the town has been remarkably free from any serious fires; still we have fortunately escaped from some, by which, but for early discovery, might have been very disastrous.

The membership of the companies is full with few changes during the year.

The Steamers are in perfect repair, as also is the Chemical Engine, and the Hose Carriage.

We have replaced the old Hook and Ladder Truck with a new one, at a cost of \$500, and have made a good disposal of the old one, exchanging it with the payment of \$300, for 500 feet of first-class hose.

We have also added two set of swinging harness, one to Steamer 2, the other to the Hook and Ladder Truck, which increases the efficiency of the apparatus very much.

We have also replaced several of the old ladders, with some more suited to the needs of the department.

The equipment of the department is as follows: 2 Steam Engines, 2 Hose Carriages, 1 Chemical Engine, 1 Hook and Ladder Truck, 1 Fuel Wagon, and 4 sets of Swinging Harness, 500 feet of new cotton hose, 3000 feet of cotton hose, from one to five years old, in good condition, and about 1000 feet of leather hose entirely unfit for use.

In closing this report, we can say with much gratification, that we believe Hyde Park has as efficient a Fire Department, both in men and apparatus, as any town in the State.

Appended to this report you will find a list of the officers and men attached to each company, and also a list of alarms and fires, during the year.

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.

A. R. WILLIAMS, Foreman.
W. H. PLUMMER, Assistant Foreman.
I. W. BULLARD, Clerk.
C. H. WANDLASS, Treasurer.
H. E. HUNT, Engineman, and nine men.

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

STEWART McKENZIE, Foreman.
F. T. GREENLOW, Assistant Foreman.
J. H. McKENNA, Clerk.
JAMES A. GUINAN, Treasurer.
G. V. McDOUGALD, Engineman, and nine men.

CHEMICAL ENGINE CO., No. 1.

H. G. BALKAM, Foreman.
ARTHUR STOREY, Clerk.
H. G. BALKAM, Treasurer.
H. I. SOMES, Engineman, and two men.

HOOK AND LADDER CO., No. 1.

WILLIAM M. WISWALL, Foreman.
CHARLES F. GRAHAM, 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, YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1885.

DATE.	PROPERTY.	OWNER.	CAUSE.	LOCATION.	LOSS.	INSURANCE.	TIME.	REMARKS.
1884.								
Feb. 5	Store.....	A. T. & M. Co.	Incendary	Fairmount ave	.....	.....	10 p.m.	No alarm.
" 25	A. T. & M. Co.	A. T. & M. Co.	Incendary	Central Park av	.....	.....	10 a.m.	"
" 28	Store.....	C. Haley	Incendary	River street...	\$50 00	.....	11.40 p.m.	"
Mch. 27	Dwelling.....	.....	Def. fuse...	Thompson st.	800 00	.....	10.25 p.m.	"
May 25	Plaining Mill...	R. Bleakie	Accident...	Thompson st.	1400 00	\$1500 00	3.15 a.m.	No alarm.
June 12	Shed.....	S. Z. Leslie	Accident...	Railroad ave.	.....	.....	9.00 a.m.	"
" 19	Block.....	C. H. Crumett	Spon. comb	Off Central P. av	300 00	.....	11.10 p.m.	"
July 4	.....	B. & P. R. R.	Accident...	Cor. Gordon	.....	.....	.....	"
" 17	Store.....	F. M. Colby	Incendary	and River at	50 00	.....	11.25 a.m.	"
" 23	Alarm.....	.....	Incendary	Hyde Park ave	.....	.....	2.00 a.m.	No alarm.
Sept. 29	Dwelling.....	.....	Def. fuse...	Lincoln street.	100 00	.....	8.35 p.m.	No alarm.
Dec. 21	Alarm.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00 p.m.	No alarm.
1885.								
Jan. 1	Store Shed.....	J. Keith	Incendary	Fairmount ave	.....	.....	3.30 a.m.	No alarm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Goodwill Engine Co., No. 1, services	\$721 88
Rough and Ready Engine Co., No. 2, services	720 83
Chemical Engine Co., No. 1, services	225 00
Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, services	652 09
R. Corson, use of horses, etc.	260 95
A. Raymond, use of horses, etc.	26 00
H. E. Hunt, repairs and services as engineman	78 13
H. I. Somes, repairs and services as engineman	88 78
E. F. Moore, repairs and services as engineman	88 04
Geo. V. McDougand, services as engineman	16 25
Warren W. Hilton, services as engineer	75 00
C. L. Farnsworth, services as engineer	75 00
F. A. Sweet, services as engineer	75 00
W. H. Harlow, services	25 00
Dedham & Hyde Park Gas Co., gas	26 10

J. A. & W. Bird & Co., soda	\$24 97
James Boyd & Son, axes, etc.	7 00
Underhay & Co., oil, etc.	15 69
American Rubber Co., pails	5 06
Daly & Bryan, hats	75 50
S. A. Coffin, flags	1 00
R. W. Karnan & Co., flags	3 45
W. W. Hilton, flags	14 00
W. H. Turner & Co., hose	15 00
American Fire Hose Manufacturing Co., hose	300 00
Andrew J. Morse & Son, couplings	5 75
J. Johnston, hook and ladder truck and attachments	515 50
James Forgie & Son, harnesses, etc.	220 25
Merrimac Chemical Co., chemicals	2 94
Bishop & Brother, ladders	80 25
Waite, Williams & Co., oil	4 80
Ryan's express, expressing	3 50
J. Cox, expressing	2 25
S. R. Moseley, advertising	5 00
C. L. Farnsworth, cracker and milk	6 64
Cole Bros., repairs	21 20
J. Johnston, repairs	35 29
S. McKenzie, repairs	10 00
G. W. D. Simmons, repairs	23 65
Walworth Manufacturing Co, repairs	2 30
H. C. Stark, repairs	27 00
John T. Robinson & Co., repairs	9 82
American Tool and Machine Co., repairs	19 05
A. J. Jackson, repairs	50 31
Francis Boynton, repairs, etc.	27 60
W. H. Plummer, labor	6 25
S. B. Balkam & Co., coal	113 50
J. Wilder, steward and cash paid out	688 88
	\$5,497 27
Ch.	
By amount of appropriation	\$5,500 00
Balance unexpended	\$2 73

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

As will be noticed by a reference to the report of the engineers of this department, our town has been remarkably free from fires during the past year, and we take pleasure in saying that in our opinion Hyde Park has a department second to no town of her size in the Commonwealth, both as to the assortment of apparatus, discipline and ability of its members, and when the means for obtaining water such as are promised in the near future by the Hyde Park Water Co. are completed, the town will be amply provided for the protection of its property.