

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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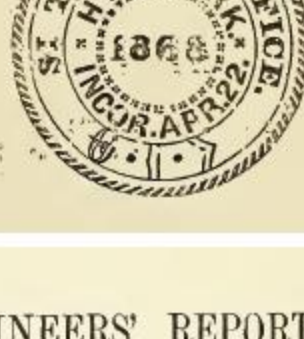
TOWN OF HYDE PARK,

WITH

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

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1886.



ENGINEERS' REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—We herewith submit our report of this department for the year ending January 31st, 1886. The equipment of the department is as follows:

2 Steam Fire Engines in good order.
 2 Hose Carriages “ “
 1 Hose Wagon “ “
 1 Hose Jumper “ “
 1 Hook and Ladder Truck in good order.
 1 Chemical Engine “ “
 4 sets Swinging Harness.
 500 feet new Cotton Hose.
 500 feet Cotton Hose, 1 year old.
 3000 feet Cotton Hose from 2 to 6 years old.

Upon the introduction of water to the town for fire purposes, it was decided to place the two Steam Fire Engines out of commission, and they will not be taken from the engine house excepting in case of emergency, but are to be kept in perfect order, for use at any moment. The companies formerly connected with the steamers have been done away with, and are now known as Hose Companies Nos. 1 and 2. We have compiled new rules and regulations for the government of the department, which will be submitted to the town for approval. A copy of which is herewith sent you. There have been several changes made in the department, which in our judgment will both add to its efficiency and decrease the running expenses.

For the better protection of the outlying districts, we have equipped the old fuel wagon, at a very small expense,

as a Hose Wagon, and stationed it at Readville, and formed a company designated as Hose Company No. 3. Have also stationed the Hose Jumper at the Clarendon Hill district, and formed a company designated as Hose Company No. 4.

We would respectfully urge the necessity of the town making an appropriation for building a suitable house for the use of each of the above-named Hose Carriages, which can be done at a small outlay.

We would also state the urgent need of a suitable Fire Alarm system, as under the present style of giving an alarm, much valuable time is lost to the department by not knowing just the location of the fire.

The small number of fires to which we have been called is a matter of congratulation to the Department, town and underwriters. The introduction of a plentiful supply of water for fire purposes will add greatly to the efficiency of our labor, and without egotism (with our department in its present state of equipment and high standard), we feel confident of our ability to successfully handle all fires which are liable to occur. Our thanks are due both to officers and members of the Department for their promptness in executing all orders from the board. And we feel that our Fire Department is second to none, and a matter of pride to the town as well as to ourselves.

Appended to this report you will find a list of officers and men attached to each company. Also a list of alarms and fires attended for the year. In conclusion, we would recommend the sale of one Steam Fire Engine.

Respectfully submitted,
 STEWART McKENZIE,
Chief Engineer.
 C. L. FARNSWORTH,
 JOHN BEATEY,
 EDWARD McKENNA,
 F. A. SWEET,
Assistant Engineers.

OFFICERS AND NUMBER OF MEN.

List of officers of the several companies of the Hyde Park Fire Department:—

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

ROBERT SCOTT, JR., Foreman,
 WILLIAM HOLTHAM, Assistant Foreman.
 ROBERT HOLMES, Clerk and Treasurer, and seven men.

CHEMICAL ENGINE.

H. G. BALKAM, Foreman.
 A. W. STORY, Clerk and Treasurer, and two men.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

A. R. WILLIAMS, Foreman.
 B. E. FOGG, Assistant Foreman.
 Clerk and Treasurer, and five men.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

F. T. GREENLOW, Foreman.
 M. ROGERS, Assistant Foreman.
 J. T. GREENLOW, Clerk and Treasurer, and five men

HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

JAMES H. O'BRIEN, Foreman, and four men.

HOSE COMPANY, No. 4.

JOHN H. CHIPMAN, Foreman, and four men.

Number of men in Department 41

JOSHUA WILDER, Steward of the Department.

Alarms Given and Fires Attended During the Year Ending Jan. 31st, 1886.

DATE.	PROPERTY.	OWNER.	CAUSE.	LOCATION.	LOSS.	INSUR.	TIME.	REMARKS.
1885, March 10	Tenement House	M. Greenwood...	Accidental	Business st. at Clarendon Hill	\$8000...	9 A.M....	Supposed from spark from No fire. [locomotive.]
Apr. 21	Brush.....	"	"	Gordon av....	"	"	3 P.M....	No fire.
" 23	"	"	"	Arlington st....	"	"	3 P.M....	No fire.
July 4	Ice Houses.....	Wm. Wood.....	"	Readville.....	\$15,000..	\$8,000...	1 P.M....	No alarm, Chem. responded.
" 9	"	"	"	"	"	"	11.40 P.M.	Supposed incendiary.
" 21	"	"	"	"	"	"	3.30 P.M.	Rekindling of ice houses.
" 21	"	"	"	"	"	"	3.40 P.M.	"
Sept. 11	2-story Dwelling	Fred French.....	Unknown	Beacon st.....	1,500....	1,500....	2.30 A.M.	Difference of opinion.
" 18	2 1/2-story "	John O'Brien....	Accidental	Cent. Park av.	1,400....	1,400....	12.45 A.M.	Explosion of kerosene lamp.
Dec. 2	"	"	"	"	"	"	5.45 A.M.	False alarm, no app. out.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Goodwill Engine Co. No. 1, services \$650 00
 Rough & Ready Engine Co. No. 2, services 641 65
 Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, services 200 00

Paid Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, services 595 78
 Joshua Wilder, steward, and cash paid out 504 01
 H. I. Somes, repairs and services as engineman 68 25
 J. K. McKenna, repairs, and services as engineman 43 33
 M. E. Foley, repairs, and services as engineman 53 33
 H. E. Hunt, services as engineman, etc. 28 25
 Geo. V. McDonald, services as engineman 18 93
 Warren W. Hilton, services as engineer 37 50
 C. L. Farnsworth, services as engineer 75 00
 Stewart McKenzie, services as engineer 37 50
 Edward McKenna, services as engineer 37 50
 John Beatey, services as engineer 56 25
 F. A. Sweet, repairs, and services as engineer 80 00
 Dedham and Hyde Park Gas Co., gas 14 10
 S. B. Balkam & Co., coal 8 53
 J. B. Carter, coal 109 25
 A. W. Story, lumber and repairs 13 00
 A. W. Mitchell, badges 10 00
 Andrew S. Jackson, hats, nozzles, repairs, etc. 125 75
 Merrimack Chemical Co., supplies 2 60
 Underhay & Co., oil 5 51
 G. M. King, repairs 5 25
 H. G. Balkam, repairs 6 05
 J. Hunnemann, repairs 89 00
 W. H. Plummer, repairs 13 87
 Chas. Lewis, repairs 15 49
 James Forgie & Son, repairs 1 50
 F. C. Bigelow, repairs 1 25
 S. McKenzie, repairs 61 00
 Andrew J. Morse & Son, repairs 12 38
 Cole Bros., repairs 35 65
 American Tool & Machine Co., repairs 42 59
 George W. D. Simmons, repairs 21 20
 Nathaniel Tufts, lantern 5 50
 J. N. Bullard, whip 1 25
 A. Raymond, horses at fire 4 00
 Reuben Corson, horses at fire, etc. 285 35
 R. W. Gould, cleaning 5 00
 W. H. Harlow, services 25 00
 Steamer Co. No. 1, harness 100 00
 J. F. Donlan, labor 2 80
 W. H. Chipman, painting 2 00
 R. W. Karpman & Co., mourning emblems 22 49
 O. G. Dalton, testing hydrants 2 00

Paid Wm. Holtham, testing hydrants 2 00
 J. W. Bullard, testing hydrants 2 00
 G. H. Adler, frames 6 00
 S. R. Moseley, printing and advertising 13 00
 C. L. Farnsworth, crackers and milk 5 85
 Boston Woven Hose Co., hose 294 51

\$4,500 00

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By amount of appropriation \$4,500 00