

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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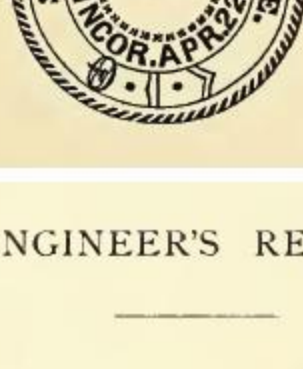
TOWN OF HYDE PARK,

WITH

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

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1887.



ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith we present our report for the year ending January 31st, 1887.

It is with great pleasure that we call your attention to the high state of efficiency in which our Department stands and we can truly say that each and every man has done his duty in a satisfactory manner to the board of Engineers.

The addition of a Fire Alarm System has thus far been of great help to the Department and cannot fail to prove valuable to the best interests of the town. As statistics show, the better a place is supplied in this respect, the incendiary fires correspondingly decrease. We would respectfully recommend the further increase of our alarm system by the addition of a Tower Striker on the Methodist church bell, and five street boxes. The present equipment of the Fire Alarm Telegraph is as follows: 8 miles of wire with Brackets Insulators, &c.; 5 Street Boxes; 1 15-inch Gong and Punch Indicator; 3 Tappers; 1 Battery; 30 Cells; 1 Galvanometer.

On the completion of the Hose House at Readville we stationed a hose wagon there fully equipped with hose, ladders, &c., and the company, under the command of Capt. James H. O'Brien, are in good condition to render effective service in their district, and also report at the Central Station at all alarms for fires which are out of their limits. The Hydrant Service we have found first-class in all respects.

The Apparatus belonging to the Town is as follows:
Two Steam Fire Engines.
One Chemical Engine, (double tank).
One Hook and Ladder Truck, (fully equipped).
Two Hose Carriages, (four wheel).
One Hose Wagon.
Four Thousand Feet of Cotton Hose, in fair condition.
Three Hundred Feet of Rubber and Cotton Hose for Chemical Engine.
Four Sets of Swinging Harness.
One Single Harness.
Two Shut-off Nozzles.
One Relief Valve, together with the requisite number of Play Pipes, Wrenches, Bursting Straps, Hose Lines, Lanterns, etc., etc.

The Engine House is in great need of repairs, and should be attended to at once in order to save the town a much larger sum in the very near future. We would urgently recommend an appropriation for 1000 feet of hose, for should we have a fire requiring several streams at once we would be crippled in that important respect from the start, and without a good supply of hose we cannot successfully fight fire. Because we have been so greatly favored by freedom from fires for the past two or three years let us not rest in fancied security, but be prepared to fight the enemy at all times, and bear in mind that every dollar (expended judiciously) for the Fire Department is money well invested.

Appended is a list of the officers of the several companies with the number of men in the Department.

Appended find list of fires for the year, with insurance and loss. The small number of fires as well as the very small loss is a matter of pride to the departments and should be so thought by the underwriters and citizens. When we have

more than two thousand wooden structures in the town and have only six fires in a year and a total loss of but \$1230, we may well take pride in the record and have it published that Hyde Park does not depend on kind neighbors for protection against fires as too many towns do to their shame.

Yours respectfully.

H. G. BALKAM, *Chief Engineer.*
R. WILLIAMS, }
R. CORSON, } *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.

HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.
ROBERT SCOTT, JR., Foreman.
WILLIAM HOLTHAM, Assistant Foreman.
ROBERT P. HOLMES, Clerk and Treasurer; and seven men.

CHEMICAL ENGINE.
HENRY I. SOMES, Foreman.
A. W. STORY, Clerk and Treasurer; and two men.

HOSE CO. NO. 1.
A. R. WILLIAMS, Foreman.
C. M. WANDLASS, Assistant Foreman; and six men.

HOSE CO. NO. 2.
F. T. GREENLOW, Foreman.
M. ROGERS, Assistant Foreman.
J. T. GREENLOW, Clerk and Treasurer; and five men.

HOSE CO. NO. 3.
JAMES H. O'BRIEN, Foreman.
M. GALLIGAN, Clerk and Treasurer; and three men.

There are ten Substitutes, who are paid by the several companies such compensation as they may direct.

M. J. FOLEY, Engineman.
JOSHUA WILDER, Steward.

Number of Men in the Department 40

LIST OF ALARMS AND FIRES ATTENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31ST, 1887.

DATE.	TIME.	PROPERTY.	OWNER.	CAUSE.	LOCATION.	LOSS.	INS.	LOSS.	INS.
1886.									Contents.
June 18	12.15 M.	Dwelling House.	Mrs. Walker	Sparks from Tinker's stove on roof.	Centers av. n. Arlington.	\$70 00	\$2000 00	\$30 00	\$30 00
July 5	2 A. M.	Barn.	Mrs. C. B. Stevens, B'n.	Incendiary	Fairmount.	No ass. val.	None.	None.	
July 20	9.35 A. M.	Dwelling House.	Mrs. Martha T. Fellows	Oil stove upset in shed.	Napomet av. n. Water st.				
Sept. 2	7.30 P. M.	False Alarm.							
Sept. 9	4.30 P. M.	False Alarm.							
Sept. 21	4.30 P. M.	Small Barn.	Margaret J. Ryan	Incendiary	Huntington av.	25 00	None.	None.	None.
Nov. 11	10 A. M.	False Alarm.	L. J. Brown	Tinker's stove on roof of house.	Oak st.				
Nov. 22	5.15 P. M.	Double Dwelling.	Mrs. T. F. Leonard	Overheated stove.	Hyde Park av. n. West st.	300 00	\$5000 00	\$25 00	1000 00
Dec. 5	6.12 P. M.	Italian Quarters.	Mark Gennaro	Wood-fire inside bld'g.	Ex. Water st.	50 00	None.		

* Test of Fire Alarm from Box 3.

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R. WILLIAMS, }
R. CORSON, } *Assistant Engineers.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Rough and Ready Engine Co., No. 2. services	\$100 00
Chemical Engine Co. No. 1.	129 17
Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1.	381 22
Hose Co., No. 1.	308 36
Hose Co., No. 2.	212 50
Hose Co., No. 3.	187 50
Hose Co., No. 4.	125 00
H. C. Blue, money due members of the Fire Department for services, (on order)	436 84
Edward McKenna, engineer 1885	37 50
F. A. Sweet, engineer 1885	37 50
C. L. Farnsworth, engineer 1885	37 50
John Beatey, engineer 1885	18 75
Stewart McKenzie, engineer 1885	42 75
R. Corson, engineer 1886	37 50
R. Williams engineer 1886.	37 50
H. G. Balkam, engineer 1886	37 50
H. G. Balkam, extra services	25 00
M. J. Foley, repairs and services	57 61
H. I. Somes, repairs and services	26 60
Malcolm Rogers, repairs and services	39 25
Joshua Wilder, services as steward and cash paid out	500 27
Dedham and Hyde Park Gas Co., gas	42 55
Francis Boynton, repairs, etc.	16 51
Paid J. Johnson, repairs, etc.	\$6 02
American Tool & Machine Co., repairs, etc.	45
G. M. King, repairs, etc.	4 00
Charles Lewis, repairs, etc.	22 65
Geo. W. D. Simmons, repairs, etc.	1 50
Charles E. Bunker, repairs, etc.	3 50
Hugh Grant, repairs, etc.	1 50
R. Williams, repairs, etc.	4 73
Frank Kunkle, repairs, etc.	5 75
J. H. Chipman, painting and glazing	10 10
R. Corson, use of horses, etc.	239 85
M. Galligan, use of horses, etc.	11 95
J. H. Tuckerman, use of horses, etc.	2 00
Underhay & Co., oil	10 10
Bent & Bush, fire hats	13 50
S. B. Balkam & Co., coal	110 00
Waite, Williams, & Co., oil	4 00
Keren Surley, repairs	1 35
Andrew S. Jackson, lanterns, etc.	32 38
D. W. Cushing, stove	15 00
A. W. Mitchell & Co., badges	80 50
Winkley Dresser & Co., books	5 50
Murray & Scott, wrench	4 00
J. B. Fall, lamp	5 00
S. R. Mosely, printing	2 50
H. E. Hunt, printing	2 50
Ryans Express, expressing	1 55
Andrew Galligan, storage	12 00
Bishop & Bro., ladder	7 75
J. S. Browning, advertising	2 25
G. M. Stevens, bal. on account, fire alarm and sundries	69 92
Andrew J. Morse & Son, repairs	4 62
L. M. Crane & Co., oil	3 00
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose	55 49
Hyde Park Water Co., service pipe	16 27
Jones, McDuffie & Stratton, lamps	11 54
Cornelius Callahan, valves, nozzles, etc.	50 00
C. P. Taylor, labor	4 75
W. H. Plummer, labor	7 30
O. G. Dalton, labor	4 00
C. M. Wandless, labor and material	8 02
A. W. Story, labor and material	2 21
James Brennock, labor	1 50
W. F. Donlan, labor	\$1 50
A. E. Marsters, labor	1 50
J. D. Greenlow, labor	1 50
J. A. & W. Bird & Co., chemicals	8 12
	\$3750 00

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By amount of appropriation \$3750 00