

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

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, 1890.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Gentlemen: We herewith present to you our annual report for the year ending January 31st, 1890, together with the record of fires and losses. Some changes have been made by us which we feel are for the better. Soon after our appointment we issued orders that on first alarms of fire only one Hose Company, Chemical, and Hook & Ladder should respond and other companies to remain at quarters twenty minutes for a second alarm, instead of running all companies as before, the two Hose companies at Engine house to alternate monthly on first alarms. Electric lights have been put in the Engine house and are so arranged that the whole lower floor can be lighted the moment an alarm sounds, being much quicker than the old method and doing away with oil lamps. In fact everything has been done to facilitate the getting of apparatus to fires as quickly as possible. The need of a better alarm was brought to our attention and we finally decided to purchase a Crosby Steam Fire alarm whistle which by permission of the Electric Light and Power Co. we placed on their Building, they agreeing to blow the same for fires.

We have inspected the hose now in use and find that there should be at least a thousand dollars spent for new hose as soon as practicable, as about 2000 feet now in use is over eight years old and is fast going out of use through age, which leaves us with about 1700 feet that is good and dependable.

HYDRANTS.

This branch of our Fire Department requires prompt action, we think, with a view to giving to the property created here in the last few years that protection which suitable hydrant service alone can give.

When the water works were constructed five years ago and when the town contracted for 100 hydrants the whole scope of the water system as then contemplated was on 14 miles of mains and those 100 hydrants were placed thereon. But our town has grown since then and the water works have kept pace with this growth until there are now 24 miles of mains, the 10 miles additional having scarcely a hydrant upon them. We earnestly recommend to the town to take immediate measures to have from 50 to 60 more hydrants, provided a contract can be made for the same, as will not materially increase the present cost of our hydrant service.

An ample hydrant service will frequently remove the necessity of long lines of hose and will thus save much expense in wear and tear of same, and, moreover, the shorter the lines of hose the more quickly can streams of water be put upon a fire and the more effective will those streams be.

FIRE ALARM.

This branch of our department we found in need of some attention and at request of Mr. Hawley, steward of engine house, who has had the management of this branch, he was furnished with the necessary tools at a very small expense, and during the year has made many improvements in the same, saving the town considerable expense of hiring Boston parties as heretofore. The line has been put into two circuits so that in case of an accident on the line a part of it remains in use, instead of rendering the whole line useless until repaired as before, and here

we will say that the fire alarm has become a very important factor in the fire department, enabling us to get alarms as soon as fires are discovered and saving a good deal of valuable time. We earnestly recommend the purchase of eight more alarm boxes in order to give the same protection to portions of our town that are enjoyed by those that have them. We have now about 14 miles of wire on two circuits and 10 fire alarm boxes, two 15 inch tapper gongs, one at engine house and one at electric light station, one tower striker on M. E. church bell, one tapper at Corson's stable, also, tappers at houses of Chief Hilton and Assistant Engineer Sweet, also, in houses of four members of department, at Balkam's lumber yard a tapper and button, the current being furnished from a 56 cell battery located in basement of engine house and under care of E. A. Hawley, steward of engine house. The fire alarm is now in good order and with the same care and attention it has had during the past year, we believe it will do all that is claimed for it. We would urge the town to extend the system so as to give all parts of our town the protection a good fire alarm affords. The town has been very fortunate in having but few fires as the following list of alarms will show.

OFFICERS AND NUMBER OF MEN.

The following is a list of the officers and number of men in the department.

W. W. HILTON, Chief Engineer.
F. A. SWEET, Clerk.
REUBEN CORSON, Assistant Engineer.

Hose Co. No. 1.

EDWARD N. BULLARD, Foreman.
CHARLES M. WANDLASS, Assistant Foreman.
C. T. LOVELL, Clerk, and five men.

Hose Co. No. 2.

A. E. MARSTERS, Foreman.
OTIS G. DALTON, Assistant Foreman.
W. G. ROBINSON, Clerk, and six men.

Hose Co. No. 3 (Readville).

JAS. H. O'BRIEN, Foreman.
P. F. CONCANNON, Assistant Foreman.
D. W. MAHONEY, Clerk, and two men.

CHEMICAL ENGINE No. 1.

MALCOLM ROGERS, Foreman.
M. J. FOLEY, Clerk, and three men.

HOOK AND LADDER Co. No. 1.

WILLIAM HOLTHAM, Foreman.
F. A. HAWLEY, Assistant Foreman.
W. R. McDUGALD, Clerk, and seven men.

M. J. FOLEY, Engineman.

E. A. HAWLEY, Steward and Superintendent fire alarm.

Number of men in department 40

ALARMS GIVEN AND FIRES ATTENDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1890.

DATE.	BOX.	TIME.	PROPERTY.	OWNER.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.	LOSS.	INS.
1889.								
May 28	5	11:45 A.M.	Grocery store . . .	H. B. Terry . . .	H. P. ave. n. Art'g't st.	Accidental	\$400 00	Fully ins.
July 21	7	3:50 P.M.	Hay stack	Frank Hukin . . .	Dana avenue	Boys and matches . . .	20 00	None
July 30	12	9:25 A.M.	Tin store	F. W. Gleason . . .	Everett square	Accidental, lamp upset .	None	None
Oct. 21	9	A.M.	Barn*	Moses Plinsolin . .	New Jerusalem near Dedham	Incendiary	500 00	\$200 00
Oct. 22	18	11:57 P.M.	Barber shop	Martin Tucker . . .	Dedham street	Spontaneous combustion from oily rags	125 00	400 00
Nov. 21	8HLL	5:30 P.M.	Barn	Chas. Tucker . . .	Beacon street	Children playing with matches	25 00	Fully ins.
1890.								
Jan. 3	18	4:46 A.M.	Barn	P. F. Concannon . .	Norton st., Readville . .	Accidental	980 00	2,000 00
Jan. 5	8	9:45 A.M.	Market	M. Conley	Norton street	Caught from Concannon's barn	50 00	400 00
Jan. 5	8	9:45 A.M.	Market	Mullen Bros.	Central Pl. ave. and W. River st.	Smoke from stove under building	None	None

* Dedham department responded.

W. W. HILTON, Chief Engineer.
F. A. SWEET, Clerk.
R. CORSON, Assistant Engineer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Hook & Ladder No. 1, pay roll.	\$500 00
Chemical Co. No. 1, "	252 00
Hose Co. No. 1, "	400 00
Hose Co. No. 2, "	450 00
Hose Co. No. 3, "	250 00
Edw. A. Hawley, services as steward and cash paid out.	661 42
R. Williams, services as engineer.	37 50
R. Scott, Jr., services as engineer and clerk of Board.	50 00
J. H. McKenna, services as engineer.	37 50
M. J. Foley, services as engineman.	3 50
C. Callahan & Co., repairs.	66 55
R. Corson, repairs.	15 15
Stewart McKenzie, repairs.	4 75
American Tool & Machine Co., repairs.	30
C. H. Galligan, supplies and use of horse.	8 45
A. Raymond, use of horses.	16 00
R. Corson, use of horses and expressing.	161 15
Rinaldo Williams, labor and material.	3 50
Geo. M. Stevens, supplies and repairs.	134 72
Quincy Dyer, "	10 07
E. W. Nelson, "	2 25
J. Hinman, "	16 00
McAvoy & Co., coal.	2 75
S. B. Balkam & Co., coal.	82 01
J. A. & W. Bird & Co., chemicals.	65 24
Randall & Langley, advertising.	1 00
A. W. Williams, painting, etc.,	8 50
Ryan's Express, expressing.	7 12
L. J. French & Co., oil, etc.,	9 95
Dedham & Hyde Park Electric Light Co., gas.	16 75
F. C. Graham, carriage hire.	1 00
Chas. Lewis, labor.	25
Paid F. W. Gleason & Co., labor.	\$3 73
D. W. Mason, stationery.	50
Merrimac Chemical Co., chemicals.	8 01
W. H. Plummer, labor.	75
S. R. Moseley, printing.	13 00
H. C. Stark, stamps.	2 00
Hyde Park Electric Light and Power Co., lights.	52 94
Warren W. Hilton, services as engineer.	37 50
F. A. Sweet, " " "	37 50
R. Corson, " " "	37 50
Malcolm Rogers, services, Board of Engineers.	18 00
C. E. Davenport & Co., ice.	10 00
W. H. Gallison, material and labor, steam whistle.	86 83
Crosby Steam Gage & Valve Co., steam whistle.	113 80
A. W. Mitchell Mfg. Co., badges.	2 35
H. Whittington & Co., blankets.	24 00
Jas. Mackintosh, repairs, etc.,	4 80
Richardson & Rafter, labor.	1 85
The American Fire Hose Mfg. Co., hose.	260 00
Putnam & Worden, supplies.	5 78
Cr.	\$3,006 74
By amount of appropriation.	\$4,000 00
Balance unexpended.	\$93 26

FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Hyde Park Water Co., on account contract.	\$5,200 00
Cr.	
By balance from last year.	\$ 133 34
amount of appropriation.	5,100 00
	\$5,233 34
Balance unexpended.	\$93 34