

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

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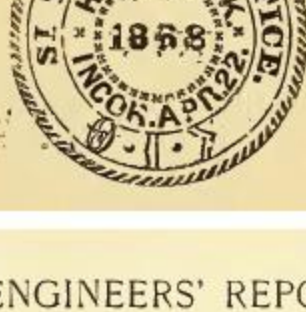
TOWN OF HYDE PARK

WITH

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

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31, 1891.



ENGINEERS' REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Gentlemen: We herewith present to you our annual report for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1891, together with the record of fires and losses.

Unlike many towns in the State, we have no report of large or disastrous fires, there being only fifteen alarms during the year, and only one fire of any magnitude, which, owing to the efficient hydrant service, enabled us to confine it to the block in which it originated.

We recommended in our report last year the addition of fifty or sixty more hydrants, provided they could be contracted for at a reasonable figure, and we hope the town will see the necessity of taking action at once, as many portions of our town would suffer serious losses in case of fire, and the Fire Department would be of little use, owing to the long distance from water supply, if called to these localities.

FIRE ALARM.

The Fire Alarm is in good condition and has proved satisfactory in every way. At the commencement of the year we added eight new boxes located as follows:

- Box 4 Cor. East River and West Sts.
- " 7 Engine House.
- " 8 Cor. Hyde Park Ave. and West St.
- " 13 Gordon Ave. near Grew School.
- " 14 Cleveland and Childs Sts.
- " 32 Beacon St. and Milton Ave.
- " 34 Summit St. and Fairmount Ave.
- " 35 Dana Ave. and Loring St.

The work was done under supervision of E. A. Hawley, Steward of Engine House, who has the care of Fire Alarm, thereby giving the town more boxes for the money appropriated than if done by outside parties. We have also constructed a Battery Room in the basement of Engine House for the better care and protection of battery. There are still portions of our town that need alarm boxes, and we hope to see them put in so that all parts of our town will share the protection.

HOSE.

A special appropriation was made of \$500.00 to purchase hose. We invited bids from the leading dealers in hose, and finally obtained 800 feet of good cotton hose, which was much needed, and gives us now about 3,000 feet of good hose and 1,500 feet of old hose. The apparatus is all in good condition.

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.

E. W. BULLARD, Foreman.
C. M. WANDLASS, Assistant Foreman.
C. T. LOVELL, Clerk and Treasurer, and five men.

Hose Co. No. 2.

A. E. MARSTERS, Foreman.
F. T. GREENLOW, Assistant Foreman.
W. G. ROBINSON, Clerk and Treasurer, and six men.

Hose Co. No. 3.

J. H. O'BRIEN, Foreman.
F. KUNKEL, 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 No. 1.

W. HOLTHAM, Foreman.
BENJ. RAFTER, Assistant Foreman.
W. R. McDUGALD, Clerk and seven men.
M. J. FOLEY, Engineman.
E. A. HAWLEY, Superintendent Fire Alarm and Steward of Engine House.

Number of men in Department 40.

List of Alarms and Fires for Year Ending Jan. 31st, 1891.

DATE.	BOX.	TIME.	PROPERTY.	OWNER.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.	LOSS.	INSUR.
Feb. 1	Bell Alarm	11:05 P.M.	Dwelling.....	W. Carberry....	Davison and West St.	Hot Coals from Stove..	\$ 200 00	\$1000 00
" 20	Still Alarm	8:16 "	"	W. J. Hughes....	Central Park Ave....	Chimney on fire.....	None	Put out by Dept.
" 26	Steam Whistle	1:40 A.M.	Elec. Light Station	H. P. Elec. Co....	near Green St., near R.R.	Explosion of Coal Gas	400 00	Fully
Mar. 14	Steam Whistle	10:13 P.M.	Shed.....	M. Genarro.....	Central Park Ave., rear South's Mills..	Incendiary.....	40 00	None
Apr. 5	Box 13	9:25 A.M.	Shed, ruins.....	M. Genarro.....	Business St.....	"	300 00	200 00
May 22	Box 12	11:48 "	N. Y. & N. E. Depot	N. Y. & N. E. H. R. Co.....	Fairmount Ave.....	Spontaneous Combust.	50 00	Fully
" 27	Box 12	12:43 P.M.	Whipple's Block..	J. Whipple.....	Fairmount Ave.....	Supposed Incendiary..	13,500 00	Not known
June 2	Box 12	12:57 "	Hamblin's Block..	H. Hamblin.....	Fairm't Ave., rear N. Y. & N. E. Depot	Lamp upset.....	1 00	500 00
Aug. 1	Box 7	2:12 A.M.	Dwelling.....	Ann E. Macomber	Hilton St.....	Defective Flue.....	960 00	500 00
" 16	Still Alarm	3:40 P.M.	Hay stack.....	J. Keefe.....	Rear Gordon Ave..	Hay and matches....	None	Total
" 26	Box 7	7:52 "	O.C.R.R. Freight house	O. C. R. R.....	Green St.....	Accidental.....	None	None
Sept. 21	Box 7	3:20 A.M.	Dwelling.....	O. C. R. R.....	"	Incendiary.....	50 00	1150 00
Nov. 23	Box 14	12:45 A.M.	"	Town Sweeney..	"	Fire in Chimney.....	None	None
Dec. 14	Box 21	11:27 A.M.	Ash box.....	"	Beaver St.....	Hot Ashes.....	None	Scotless

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Hook and Ladder No 1, pay roll,	\$500 00
Chemical Co. No. 1, "	250 00
Hose Co. No. 1, "	387 50
Hose Co. No. 2, "	450 00
Hose Co. No. 3, "	187 50
Readville Hose.	62 50
Warren W. Hilton, services as engineer,	75 00
F. A. Sweet, services as engineer,	75 00
R. Corson, services as engineer,	75 00
Malcolm Rogers, services as clerk,	25 00
Edward A. Hawley, services as steward and cash paid out,	653 53
R. Corson, use of horses and expressing,	372 65
Mathew Galligan, use of horse,	10 00
Cornelius Callahan, apparatus,	51 40
J. A. & W. Bird & Co., chemicals,	92 15
M. J. Foley, repairs,	50
C. T. Lovell, plumbing and repairs,	72 59
L. J. French & Co., supplies,	13 13
Charles E. Berry, harness,	34 30
Frank Kunkel, labor, etc.,	3 00
Quincy Dyer, supplies,	31 65
Hyde Park Electric Light Co., use of lights,	141 30
E. F. King & Co., apparatus,	80
Hyde Park Times, advertising,	18 50

George M. Stevens, apparatus,	108 26
Adams Express Co., expressing,	3 00
Ryan's Express, expressing,	1 80
S. B. Balkam & Co., coal,	105 56
L. F. Upham, painting,	7 00
Wm. H. Matthews, labor,	1 00
Richardson & Rafter, labor and material,	3 27
A. W. Mitchell Mfg. Co., badges,	4 60
Cole Bros., repairs,	143 87
Frank Hukin, cleaning vaults,	2 50
James Mackintosh, repairs,	5 60
Stewart McKenzie, handles,	50
A. W. Dunbar, setting glass,	2 25
H. P. Page & Co., glass,	12 03
Geo. H. Adler, shades,	2 70
A. C. Smith, apparatus,	40 00
Wm. D. Ward, stationery,	5 00
Warren W. Hilton, labor and material,	125 73
	<u>\$4,157 47</u>

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By balance from last year,	\$ 3 26
amount of appropriation,	4,200 00
	<u>\$4,203 26</u>

Balance unexpended,	<u>\$45 79</u>
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FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Hyde Park Water Co., on acct. contract,	\$5,133 34
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By balance from last year,	\$33 34
amount of appropriation,	5,100 00
	<u>\$5,133 34</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE.

Paid Bay State Belting Co., hose,	\$500 00
	<u>\$500 00</u>

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By amount of appropriation,	\$500 00
	<u>\$500 00</u>

FIRE ALARM.

Paid Edward A. Hawley, labor and extra help,	\$55 50
R. Corson, expressing,	19 65
George M. Stevens, apparatus,	357 35
	<u>\$462 50</u>

Cr.

By amount of appropriation,	\$500 00
	<u>\$500 00</u>

Balance unexpended,	<u>\$37 50</u>
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