

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

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, 1893.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

We herewith present to you our annual report for year ending Jan. 31st, 1893, together with record of fires and losses; also, an inventory of Department property.

At the commencement of the year we concluded to sell one Steamer and Hose Reel, and purchase a Hose Wagon, which was much needed, as the Reel in use by Hose Co. No. 1 was deemed unsafe for further use.

Last April we found a customer for same at \$600.00, and we contracted with the Abbott-Downing Company, of Concord, N. H., for Hose Wagon, at a cost of \$460.00, and the balance of money was used to purchase 500 feet new Hose, of which the Department was in much need. You will see by report of Steward annexed to this that we should add more new Hose at once, as a large percentage of Hose in use is not servicable, owing to its age and the present high water pressure.

We have lately added a six circuit repeater to Fire Alarm, and have put the whole system into five circuits, thereby enabling us to locate any trouble that may occur on line more readily, and also have a good portion of line in use.

We recommended in our last year's report the addition of more Hydrants, and as the Town took no action on same, we would urge it again this year, and trust that a contract with the Water Company will be made for more Hydrants to cover unprotected parts of our Town. The following is a list of Officers and Men in Fire Department:

OFFICERS AND MEN IN DEPARTMENT.

WARREN W. HILTON, Chief Engineer.
REUBEN CORSON, Assistant Engineer.
J. H. McKENNA, Assistant Engineer and Clerk.

HOSE No. 1.

E. N. BULLARD, Foreman.
C. M. WANDLESS, Assistant Foreman.
E. F. STONE, Clerk and Treasurer, and five men.

HOSE No. 2.

STEWART MCKENZIE, Foreman.
W. H. MATTHEWS, Assistant Foreman.
W. G. ROBINSON, Clerk, and six men.

HOSE No. 3.

J. H. O'BRIEN, Foreman.
D. W. MAHONEY, Assistant Foreman.
C. H. GALLIGAN, Clerk, and two men.

HOOK AND LADDER No. 1.

W. H. HOLTHAM, Foreman.
BENJ. RAFTER, Assistant Foreman.
W. R. McDOUGALD, Clerk, and seven men.

CHEMICAL No. 1.

MALCOLM ROGERS, Foreman and Clerk.
J. C. McDOUGALD, Engineman, and three men.

E. A. HAWLEY, Steward and Sup't Fire Alarm.

LIST OF ALARMS AND FIRES FOR 1892.

DATE.	TIME.	BOX.	PROPERTY.	OWNER.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.	LOSS.	INSUR.
Feb. 5	1.31 A.M.	16	Barn.....	Chas. Bunker....	Readville st. R'ville	Incendinary	\$ 300 00	Not kn'n
Mar. 31	5.01 P.M.	7	Ren house and stable.....		St Maple St.	Incendinary.....	50 00	
" "	5.35 "	Still	Shed.....		Barry Place, near	Sparks from engine ...	None	
Apr. 8	2.45 "	7	Brush fire.....		O. C. R. R.....		"	
" 27	3.55 "	7	Waverly Club House.....	R. Bencie	Emmingtons Factory W. River St.....	Cigar ashes dropped on curtain.....	\$ 25 00	fully in'd
May 1	1.30 "	Still	Brush.....	"	Gilman Place.....		None	
May 5	9.45 "	31	Dwelling house	H. Hamblin.....	Williams Avenue	Defective flue.....	\$1000 00	\$884 65 pd
" 27	8 "	7	Shop.....	Theo. Walters....	Hyde Park	Defective flue.....	15 00	fully in'd
" 31	10.50 A.M.	12	Barn.....	L. J. Brown.....	Oak Street.....	Straw in box stall afire	25 00	" "
Sep. 20	9.50 "	7	Dwelling.....	M. Greenwood...	Business St.....	Sparks from locomotive	25 00	" "
Oct. 10	12.57 M.	16	Brick Block...	B. B. & R. Knight	Charles St.....	Spontaneous comb'n'ion	50 00	None
" 12	5.13 P.M.	7	Barn.....	P. J. Dwyer.....	Bridge St.....	Incendinary	50 00	Not kn'n
" 22	1.13 M.	7	Brush.....	"	Rear High School	Incendinary	None	
Nov. 4	5.25 P.M.	23	Barn and house	M. T. Remick.....	C. Pl. Ave, R'ville	Incendinary	\$ 500 00	fully in'd
Dec. 10	7.43 A.M.	16	Cotton Mill...	B. B. & R. Knight	W. River St.....	Lamp upset.....	5000 00	" "
" 21	4.16 P.M.	7	Dwelling.....	Geo. Miles, tr'ce	Business Street...	Thaw'ng out w't'r pipes	500 00	\$1000 00

* Chemical sent.

† Chemical responded.

W. W. HILTON, Chief Engineer.
R. CORSON, Assistant "
J. H. McKENNA, Clerk.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

THE FIRE ALARM.

The Fire Alarm is in good condition, and consists at present of a six circuit automatic repeater with cutting out switches and galvanometers of which five circuits are in use and controlling about fifteen miles of wire, connected with which are one Steam Whistle and mechanism for blowing the same; one Tower Bell Striker and eight gongs ranging in size from six to sixteen inches; also, a circuit closer operating an open circuit of two miles of wire; and five 4-inch gongs for the exclusive use of Hose 3, Readville; there are eighteen street boxes on the line, and the whole is operated by a 90-cell battery divided to suit circuits.

There has been two or three miles of the line relaid; also, some new wire strung and improvements made, so that the entire system is in a good and substantial condition. There should be a Striker put upon the bell at the Engine House, and also more boxes added, either of which is very important and necessary.

Arrangements have been made by which the alarm will be used to notify the teachers and scholars of no sessions of the Public Schools.

HOSE.

There is in the Department about 5,500 feet of Hose; 2,500 is good, 2,000 fair, 1,000 has been repaired once or twice, and is poor.

The Department is equipped as follows:

With 1 fourth-class Steam Fire Engine, in good con-

dition; 1 Double Tank Chemical Engine; 1 Two-Horse Hose Wagon, capacity 1,500 feet cotton hose; 1 One-Horse Hose Wagon, capacity 1,000 feet hose; 1 Two-Horse Hose Reel, capacity 1,200 feet hose; 1 Two-Horse Ladder Truck, carrying 30J feet Ladder, also a full complement of tools, consisting of lanterns, hooks, rakes, axes, guyropes, pull down hooks, etc.; the Hose Wagons and Reels are all equipped with the necessary lanterns, hats, play pipes, axes, crowbars, spanners, wrenches, etc.; there are also 5 sets Double Harness "Swinging"; 1 Single Harness; 4 pairs Blankets; also Bit Halters, Whips, etc.

The furnishing of the houses consists of ordinary hardwood chairs of which there are one dozen, part of a hardwood chamber sett, six settees, three tables and a sideboard.

The furnace used in heating the Central Station is rapidly wearing out and is not large enough to thoroughly heat the building.

There is a Bell upon the Central Station which is not in use on account of the need of a striker, and as the ringing of it makes it difficult to count the alarm it has been discontinued.

The apparatus is all in good order and is ready at all times for immediate use.

E. A. HAWLEY,

Steward and Sup't Fire Alarm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid hook and ladder, No. 1, pay roll, \$500 00

Chemical,	No. 1, pay roll,	250 00
Hose Co.,	" "	400 00
Hose Co., No. 2,	" "	450 00
Hose Co., " 3,	" "	250 00
Warren W. Hilton, services as engineer,		75 00
Reuben Corson,	" " "	75 00
J. H. McKenna,	" " "	75 00
Malcolm Rogers,	" " clerk	25 00
Edward A. Hawley,	" " steward, and cash paid out,	789 96
Geo. M. Stevens, alarm apparatus, etc.,		427 67
Abbott-Downing Co., balance on hose wagon,		148 34
Jos. Forge & Son, bridle halters,		22 00
B. B. and R. Knight, apparatus,		2 00
R. Corson, use of horses, etc.,		467 90
Chas. H. Galligan, use of horses, etc.,		21 37
Hyde Park Electric Light Co., lights,		149 40
Quincy Dyer, supplies,		23 48
C. T. Lovell,	"	3 24
L. J. French & Co., supplies,		14 02
Ryan's Express, expressng,		75
Cornelius Callahan Co., apparatus,		105 92
Stewart McKenzie,	"	2 00
Jas. Mackintosh,	"	5 00
S. B. Balkam & Co., coal and wood.		87 70
F. W. Sawtelle & Co., coal and wood,		16 70
Chas. E. Palmer, painting,		75
E. B. Oliver,	"	1 37
John Johnston, apparatus,		7 40
Frank Kunkel	"	5 25
Chas. Lewis, supplies,		5 75
J. A. and W. Bird & Co., chemicals,		76 65
F. W. Gleason & Co., apparatus,		26 63
Warren W. Hilton, stock and labor,		43 81
H. Whittington & Co., supplies,		12 00
Geo. H. Adler,	"	1 20
M. J. Foley, labor,		16 00
Jas. O'Hern, roofing,		32 50
Frank Hukin, clearing vault,		2 50
		\$4,619 36

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By amount of appropriation, 4,700 00
Balance unexpended, \$80 64

FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Hyde Park Water Co. on acct. of contract, \$5,245 83
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By amount of appropriation, \$5,245 83
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