

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

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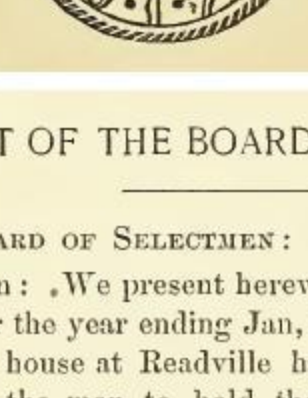
TOWN OF HYDE PARK

WITH

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

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31, 1895.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

Gentlemen : We present herewith our report of this department for the year ending Jan, 31st 1894.

The hose house at Readville has been enlarged, giving a room for the men to hold their meetings, and a stall where a member of the company keeps his horse nights, and in the daytime when not using it, by which arrangement the company is enabled to make much better time in getting out, than in the past.

800 feet of hose was bought in April last and was put in service. 1000 feet are needed this year to replace hose which have been in use for several years, and would not safely stand the hydrant pressure.

The fire alarm has been extended, by adding 10 boxes requiring 4 miles more line wire and an increased battery, at a cost of \$900, giving 28 street boxes and 1 special box in Central Station from which all numbers can be rung.

The boxes are located so as to cover all parts of the town as well as can be done.

During the year there have been 26 alarms rung in and 3 still alarms, being nearly twice as many as last year.

The room occupied in the basement of the Central Station by the Police Department takes up more than half of the room which is needed by this department. There is not room enough to care for our hose properly, especially in winter when the hose is frozen and very hard to handle, as we found after the fire in the Damon schoolhouse, when we had nearly 3000 feet of wet and icy hose to care for. We earnestly hope this condition can be changed by taking the lockup out of the premises of the Fire Department

Last spring the Town authorized the Selectmen to contract for 16 additional hydrants. The Selectmen were unable to come to any agreement with the Water Company, consequently the hydrants were not put in.

We have the same opinion as a year ago, that the hydrants are a necessity, for better protection against destructive fires, in certain localities, especially in that section between Milton and the Trotting Park, which is without a hydrant except on the corner of Central Park avenue and Milton street.

The cost of horses for hauling the apparatus to fires has been \$603.50 for the year, double the amount for last year. The Board are of the opinion that horses should be placed in the Central Station, at least 2 pair. There would be no expense for harness as every piece of apparatus has swinging harnesses.

We have increased the membership of the department by adding 7 men, making the membership, 3 engineers, 44 men, Superintendent of fire alarm and Steward of the Central House, 48 in all.

LOCATION OF HYDE PARK FIRE ALARM BOXES.

13. Grew School.
14. Cleveland and Childs streets.
15. Alden's Store.
16. Cotton Mill.
17. Buckingham and Readville streets.
18. Car Sheds, River street.
19. Hose 3 house, Milton street.
23. Unitarian Church, Mt. Neponset.
24. Woolen Mill, Special Call.
25. American Tool.
26. Hair Factory.
28. Corner Stanley street and Central Park avenue.
31. N. Y. & N. E. R. R. crossing, Fairmount avenue.
32. Beacon street and Milton avenue.
34. Neponset avenue and Water street.
35. Highland street and Fairmount avenue.

36. Summit street and Fairmount avenue.
37. Dana avenue and Loring street.
38. Tyler and Washington streets, Corriganville.
42. Everett Square.
43. Pierce and Walter streets.
45. West and River streets.
46. Paper Mills, East River street.
47. Huntington avenue and Hubbard street.
52. Central Fire Station.
53. West street and Hyde Park avenue.
54. Arlington street and Central avenue.
56. Thatcher street and Hyde Park avenue.
57. Colby's Store, Clarendon Hills.

2. All Ont.
22. No School

Telephone 28-2.

F. A. SWEET,
WILLIAM HOLTHAM,
F. T. GREENLOW,
Engineers.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND NUMBER OF MEN.

F. A. SWEET, Chief Engineer.
WM. HOLTHAM, Assistant Engineer and Clerk.
F. T. GREENLOW, Assistant Engineer.

Hose Co. No. 1.

E. N. BULLARD, Foreman.
C. M. WANDLASS, Assistant Foreman.
A. J. BOSWELL, Clerk, and seven men.

Hose Co. No. 2.

STEWART McKENZIE, Foreman.
A. E. MASTERS, Assistant Foreman.
W. G. ROBINSON, Clerk, and seven men.

Hose Co. No. 3.

J. H. O'BRIEN, Foreman.
D. W. MAHONEY, Assistant Foreman.
FRANK KUNKEL, Clerk, and three men.

HOOK AND LADDER Co. No. 1.

BENJ. RAFTER, Foreman.
W. R. McDOUGALD, Assistant Foreman.
J. H. TUCKERMAN, JR., Clerk, and nine men.

CHEMICAL ENGINE Co. No. 1.

J. C. McDOUGALD, Foreman.
M. J. FOLEY, Engineman.
R. WARD, Clerk, and three men.

RECORD OF ALARMS AND FIRES FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1895.

DATE.	TIME.	BOX.	PROPERTY.	OWNER.	LOCATION.	CAUSE.	LOSS.	INSUR.
1894.								
Feb. 27	5:52 P.M.	15	Chimney	C. G. Chick	West River St.	Burning Grass	\$ 25 00	\$3,000 00
Mar. 13	4:30 P.M.	9	W'd Dwelling	T. H. Bick	Clarendon Hills			
" 20	3:30 P.M.	6	Rubbish		East River St.			
Apr. 2	7:41 P.M.	9	Brush	Greenhood	Clarendon Hills	Locomotive sparks		
" 16	4:30 P.M.	7	Dwelling	T. H. Gray & Co.	Business St.	Null in plier	35 00	Full
" 28	6:30 A.M.	21	Shoddy Mill		Central Park Av.			
" 28	1:50 P.M.	17	Brush		Near D. Davis Est.			
May 9	6:48 P.M.	7				Lost child		
" 10	11:18 A.M.	Still						
" 10	11:25 A.M.	Still						
" 12	12:55 P.M.	8411	W'd Dwelling	Greenhood	Business St.	Locomotive sparks	400 00	675 00
" 13	2:22 P.M.	7	Brush	Mrs. McDonald			100 00	
" 15	7:34 P.M.	7	Brush		Pine Garden			
" 23	8:08 P.M.	12	Barn	H. S. Bunton Tr.	Boston	Call from Boston	200 00	200 00
Jun. 26	9:25 A.M.	16	Oil Stove		Everett Sq.	Unknown		
July 6	2:41 P.M.	7	Tar Barrel		Cotton Mill	Unknown		
" 21	1:41 P.M.	43	Tar Barrel		Near Leslie's Mill			
" 25	11:18 A.M.	12	Brick Block	A. H. Holway	Everett Sq.	Gas leak	10 00	20,000 00
" 25	10:12 A.M.	31	S. E. Depot	N. Y. & N. E. R. R.	N. E. Depot	Locomotive sparks	25 00	
Aug. 11	9:55 A.M.	42	Wood Barn	Summer Est.	Paper Mill	Boys and matches	25 00	
" 7	10:24 A.M.	32	Oil Stove		Hyde Park Ave.			
Sep. 7	12:27 P.M.	31	Chimney		Hamblin Block			
" 8	8:51 P.M.	23	W'd Dwelling	Mrs. Robinson	Pine St.	Lamp explosion	25 00	3,000 00
" 24	3:34 P.M.	48	Wood Depot	J. M. Burns			25 00	2,500 00
Oct. 12	9:41 A.M.	19	Wood Shop	N. Y. & N. E. R. R.	East River St.	Locomotive sparks	25 00	
" 23	8:28 A.M.	42	Rubbish	Mrs. K. Curley	Milton St.	Unknown	400 00	200 00
" 27	6:58 A.M.	36	Rubbish		Fairmount Ave.			
Nov. 28	5:20 P.M.	37	Brush		Readville			
Dec. 28	2:30 P.M.	Still	Brush		Clarendon Hills			
					Walnut St.			

FRED A. SWEET.
WILLIAM HOLTHAM.
F. T. GREENLOW.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Hook and Ladder No. 1, pay roll, \$566 66
Chemical, " " 282 00
Hose Company, " " 479 15
Hose Company No. 2, " " 483 32
Hose Company No. 3, " " 279 12
Frank Kunkel use of horse, 83 75
F. W. Gleason & Co., labor and material, 3 65
E. A. Hawley, services as steward, and cash paid out, 978 70
Hyde Park Electric Light Co., lighting, 167 34
R. Corson, use of horses and expressing, 656 51
A. W. Mitchell Mfg. Co., badges, 30 50
E. V. Ensign, labor and supplies, 13 82

Paid Sawyer, Walbridge & Briggs, chairs, 12 00
Chas. Galligan, supplies, 10 09
J. H. Tuckerman, linoleum and laying same, 20 17
L. J. French, brushes, 70
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., lantern holders, 6 00
Quincy Dyer, hardware, 21 79
F. A. Sweet, services as engineer, 75 00
Wm. Holtham, " " 75 00
F. T. Greenlow, " " 37 50
R. Corson, " " 37 50
S. I. Sweet, clerk to engineers, 25 00
Geo. M. Stevens, fire alarm apparatus, 785 69
A. W. Story, electric bell, 2 00
S. B. Balkam & Co., lumber, 44 17
J. Johnston, repairing, 61 15
Fabien Fire Hose Co., hose, 400 00
Wm. Rafter, labor and stock on Readville House, 403 59
J. Mackintosh, repairing and supplies, 16 80
J. A. & W. Bird & Co., chemicals, 32 88
Edward F. Stone, electric gong, 9 00
Chas. Lewis repairing, 17 33
Wm. Galligan, labor, 40 95
E. B. Oliver, painting, etc., 21 00
McBarron & Co., screws and washers, 12 95
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service, 63 90
F. E. Langley, printing, 9 50
Cornelius Callahan Co., repairing hose, 42 67
Greenlow & Cutting, mason work, 26 43
Swett & Blasdale, electrical supplies, 12 70
F. L. Hodgdon & Co., stationery, 35
American Tool & Machine Co., repairing engine, 12 96
Scrannage Bros., repairing chemical, 70 39
A. S. Jackson, lanterns, 24 00
Hyde Park Water Co., moving hydrant, 26 79
F. W. Sawtelle & Co., coal and wood, 13 75

Cr. \$6,499 22

By balance from last year, \$ 28
Appropriation, 6,500 00
Balance unexpended, \$6,500 28
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FIRE HYDRANTS.

Paid Hyde Park Water Co., \$5,250 00
Cr.
By amount of appropriation, \$5,250 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

At the last annual meeting the Selectmen were authorized to contract with the Hyde Park Water Company, for additional hydrants in accordance with the recommendation of the Fire Engineers. After consultation and correspondence with the officers of the Company, we found that no additional hydrants would be furnished except at the original price named in the contract now in force, viz : \$50 per hydrant. We did not deem it best to contract for the extra hydrants at that price, and the appropriation for that purpose being insufficient, the matter was dropped.

Fortunately the year has been free from large conflagrations, and the absence of the extra hydrants has not been severely felt. We believe, however, that these extra hydrants should be provided to protect the property of citizens whose buildings and improvements in those localities have added very materially to the taxable property of the town. It is to these same localities that the town must look for a large part of its future growth, and the corresponding increase in real estate values.

The report of the Engineers will be found on another page.