

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

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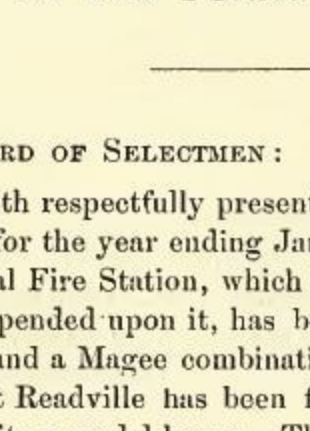
TOWN OF HYDE PARK.

WITH

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

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31, 1896.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

We herewith respectfully present our report of the Fire Department for the year ending January 31, 1896.

The Central Fire Station, which for many years, has had very little expended upon it, has been thoroughly repaired and painted and a Magee combination heater put in. The hose house at Readville has been further improved and at present is quite a model house. The entire Department has been equipped with the latest and most improved harness hangers. Five hundred feet of new hose has been added.

For the better care of wet hose the hose tower on the Central Station has been improved and a special heater connected for use on frozen hose.

That part of the Central Station formerly occupied by the Police Department, recently vacated, supplies a long-felt want. It should now be improved for fire department uses. One thousand feet of new hose should be added.

It is an established fact that the Department is composed of capable and active men. All its members try to do their duty. They respond promptly to alarms and get to the fire as quickly as possible under some difficulties. Much better time could be made if there were two pairs of horses and two permanent men in the Central Station, and in our opinion it is time such addition was made to the department facilities. If such a condition can be reached, the entire department need not respond on first alarms; having horses in readiness, they can hitch and wait 20 minutes, and if not called, retire.

Your attention is called to the fact that the town is growing in all directions, and East River Street represents a large amount of property, taking in Holmfield and a part of Rugby. In case of an alarm from that district it is a long run. At present we depend upon horses from an outside stable. Very often the horses we get are just put up after a long drive or a hard day's work, and it is not to be expected that they can take the apparatus to a fire as quickly as a good fresh pair waiting in the Station for just such work.

Fortunately our town has not been visited by serious fires during the past year. It is well, however, to bear in mind that the business blocks in our midst are the kind of material for a large conflagration.

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 Hyde 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 Out.
22. No School.

Telephone 28-2.

We hope the above may receive your serious consideration.

WILLIAM HOLTHAM, Chief,
F. A. SWEET,
F. T. GREENLOW,
Board of Engineers.

RECORD OF ALARMS AND FIRES FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1896.

DATE.	TIME.	BOX.	HRS. TIME.	CAUSE.	LOCATION.	PROPERTY.	OWNER.	LOSS.	INSUR.
1896.									
Feb. 6	12.50 P.M.	17	3 1/2	Overheated furnace....	Readville st.....	Dymon School	Town Hyde Pk.	\$5,000 00	\$17,000 00
" 25	10.22 P.M.	38	1 1/2	Lamp explosion.....	Cottage st.....	W'd Dwelling.	Patrick Welch..	300 00	800 00
Mar. 11	4.56 P.M.	17	3 1/2	Lamp explosion.....	Lyon st.....	Furniture.....	Albert Jolly...	50 00	
May 6	8.20 P.M.	40	3 1/2	Incendary.....	East River st.....	Dwelling.....	Samner Est....	10 00	
" 23	5.31 P.M.	42	0	Bondfire.....	49 W River st. rear	Dwelling.....	Chas Lewis....	60 00	300 00
" 29	12.24 P.M.	25	3 1/2	Locomotive sparks....	Allen st.....	Dwelling.....	Owen Dunn....	300 00	6,500 00
Jun. 8	3.27 P.M.	52	3 1/2	Boys set fire in bin....	West River st.....	Y.M.C.A. bldg	Edw. Beakle...	10 00	
" 14	10.33 P.M.	19	3 1/2	Broken carboy vitriol	Readville Fr't y'ds	Fr't car, vitriol	N.Y.N.H.&H.R.	1,200 00	1,600 00
Aug. 6	9.30 P.M.	37	2	Lamp explosion.....	Garfield st.....	Dwelling.....	John Dunn....	1,000 00	
						Furniture.....	Edward Dooley	600 00	
Oct. 18	12.50 A.M.	26	1 1/2		Driving Park....	Barn.....	Greenwood....		
Oct. 4	11.40 A.M.	8411	1 1/2	Chimney.....	Business St.....	Dwelling.....	John C. Rafter	600 00	200 00
" 18	7.54 P.M.	32	1 1/2	Upset lantern.....	Vose av.....	Barn.....	John C. Rafter	15 00	
" 19	3.15 P.M.	8411	1	Railroad accident....	Davison st.....	Dwelling.....	B.B. & R. Knight	200 00	
" 24	5.32 P.M.	52	2	Unknown.....	N.Y.N.H.&H.Sta.	Furniture.....	N.Y.N.H.&H.R.	250 00	
Nov. 17	2.05 A.M.	16	1 1/2		River st.....	Fr't car, etc....	John C. Rafter	15 00	
" 22	11.35 P.M.	8411	4	Incendary.....	Readville.....	Construct'n car	N.Y.N.H.&H.R.		
Dec. 3	11.40 A.M.	56	0	Overheated stove....	Thatcher st.....	Fr't car, etc....	N.Y.N.H.&H.R.		
" 11	9.19 A.M.	25	1 1/2		Driving Park....	Wood bld'g....	N. E. B. Ass'n...	1,000 00	1,000 00
" 17	4.19 A.M.	46	1	Naphtha explosion...	Near River st. sta.	Survey imp. &c	S. Klouse & Co.	500 00	32,000 00
1896						Rubber factor'y	S. Klouse & Co.	4,850 00	
Jan. 5	6.15 A.M.	15	1 1/2	Spontaneous.....	Business st.....	Machine shop.	John T. Robins	200 00	
" 5	8.07 P.M.	31	5 1/2	Locomotive sparks....	Station st.....	Fr't car, etc....	N.Y. & N.H.R.	312 00	2,500 00
" 9	12.01 P.M.	31	3 1/2	Child and matches...	Station st.....	Wood bld'g....	H. M. Hamblin..	50 00	4,500 00
						Furniture &c	Elias Sproul...	50 00	

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Hose Company No. 1, pay roll,	\$500 00
Hose Company No. 2, pay roll,	500 00
Hose Company No. 3, pay roll,	300 00
Chemical,	293 50
Hook and Ladder,	600 00
R. Corson, use of horses and expressing,	361 35
Magee Furnace Co., furnace,	375 00
Cornelius Callahan & Co., repairing hose, etc.,	30 50
Hyde Park Elec. Lt. Co., lighting,	169 84
E. A. Hawley, service as steward and cash paid out.	931 02
Chas. Lewis, labor and stock,	35 07
J. A. W. Bird & Co., chemicals,	15 36
James Mackintosh, labor and stock,	21 55
C. H. Galligan, supplies,	5 68
Geo. M. Stevens, fire alarm apparatus,	419 22
S. B. Balkam & Co., coal,	96 50
C. L. Farnsworth, lunches,	3 50
Benj. Rafter, labor and stock,	14 60
Frank Kunkel, use of horse and blacksmithing,	96 55
F. A. Sweet, services as engineer,	75 00
Wm. Holtham, services as engineer,	75 00
F. T. Greenlow, services as engineer,	75 00

Paid S. I. Sweet, clerk to engineers and cash paid out,	29 85
American Tool & Machine Co., repairing,	31 07
L. J. French, supplies,	6 52
A. E. Martel & Co., letter book,	2 75
Quincy Dyer, supplies,	34 81
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone services,	49 60
J. L. Forbes, repairing whistle,	8 00
Harvey A. Glazier, harness hangers,	45 00
W. H. Plummer, screens,	2 00
A. W. Mitchell Mfg. Co., badges,	1 00
Daly & Co., hats,	101 05
Adams Express Co., expressing,	50
Wm. Holtham, labor,	10 09
F. E. Edwards, keys,	4 20
B. B. & R. Knight, waste,	4 00
Frank Thayer, police duty,	3 00
R. E. Grant, police duty,	3 00
Revere Rubber Co., repairing hose,	35 10
Frazier & Watkins, concreting,	10 00
Jas. J. Ahearn, labor and stock,	99 63
J. Johnston, labor and stock,	56 60
R. E. Cherrington, bags,	1 50
J. G. Raggles, printing,	10 90
Hayes & Elliott, labor and stock,	424 68
Greenlow & Cutting, labor and stock,	31 53
Thos. S. Waters, labor and stock,	202 17
	\$6,203 24

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By balance from last year,	1 06
Appropriation,	6,500 00
	\$6,501 06
Balance unexpended,	\$297 82

FIRE HYDRANTS.

Paid Hyde Park Water Co. hydrant service,	\$5,250 00
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Amount of appropriation,	\$5,250 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department in Hyde Park continues to be maintained with its usual efficiency, and we commend the report of the engineers to your careful consideration. The removal of the old lock-up from the basement of the engine house has given much needed additional room to the Department and is greatly appreciated.

The very satisfactory contract with the Water Company for fire hydrants, which your Board has had the pleasure of consummating, has greatly added to the efficiency of the Department by the increased number of hydrants. We desire to express our appreciation of the very generous and business-like way in which the Water Company have met your Board in the matter of a renewal of the contract, as well as in the carrying out of the provisions of that agreement.

Sixty-nine of the seventy new hydrants have been located and set. The Board purposely reserved one hydrant to be located in case some especially desirable point should be found to exist by the engineers, where a hydrant should be located and which possibly might have been overlooked by the Board in making their additional locations.

The payment for hydrant service seems to be appropriately provided for by the Corporation and National Bank Tax which for several years has been devoted to that purpose, and we recommend that the same appropriation be made for the ensuing year.