Thirty-Seventh

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, 1905

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Report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: The Board of Engineers herewith present their annual report for the year ending January 31, 1905.

The Department has responded to ninety-five alarms during the past year, fifty bell and forty-five still. There have been fifteen no school signals, and we have answered four Boston and three Dedham calls.

The Department has traveled 727 miles, laid 16,500 feet of hose, 15,000 feet of chemical hose, raised 4,000 feet of ladders, used 5,700 gallons of chemicals. At 51 fires we have used the chemical engine only.

The following table shows property losses, etc.:

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.
Buildings,	$90,200	$ 6,590	$60,450
Contents,	73,200	13,305	40,950
Total,	$163,400	$19,895	$101,400

We have extended the fire alarm system, have replaced five miles of wire, have purchased and put up seven miles of new wire, put in a tapper system for call men, and purchased one new fire alarm box, so that we can have one extra box on hand at all times, in case of accident.

All equipment is in good condition. The fire alarm system should be extended every year and some new boxes added and the old wire gradually replaced by new.

The apparatus now consists of three hose wagons, one hose reel, one chemical engine, one ladder truck, two five gallon hand chemical tanks, seven horses, five sets of double swinging harness, one single harness, five thousand feet of good hose, two thousand five hundred feet of poor hose, one Eastman deluge set, a storage battery, forty-four fire-alarm boxes, forty call bells on tapper system, thirty-five miles of wire and ten single beds complete, all in good condition.

The work of the Department for the past year has been very gratifying to the Board of Engineers, ninety-six per cent. of the men have answered all alarms for the year, showing the great interest they take in the work.

The Board of Engineers wish to thank the Department for the prompt and faithful work for the past year, to the Police Department for their assistance and to the citizens for their many kind words.

The Department now consists of Chief Engineer, two Assistants, five permanent men and thirty-four call men, making a total of forty-four members.

JOHN H. WETHERBEE, Chief,
JOHN C. McDOUGALD, Clerk,
DENNIS W. MAHONEY.

Department Officers and Men.

Board of Engineers.

JOHN H. WETHERBEE, Chief,
JOHN C. McDOUGALD, Clerk,
DENNIS W. MAHONEY.

Ladder Company No. 1.

WILLIAM R. McDOUGALD, Captain,
JOHN H. TUCKERMAN, JR., Lieutenant, and 9 men.

Hose Company No. 1.

EDWARD N. BULLARD, Captain,
ALBERT E. MASTERS, Lieutenant, and 7 men.

Hose Company No. 2.

MICHAEL J. FOLEY, Captain,
LOUIS C. MERCER, Lieutenant, and 3 men.

Hose Company No. 3.

FRANK KUNKEL, Captain,
ARCHIBALD COCHRANE, Lieutenant, and 3 men.

Chemical Engine No. 1.

FRANK L. MERCER, Captain,
WARREN C. MORSE, Lieutenant, and 2 men.

Drivers.

WILLIS P. WHITTEMORE, FRED A. HAWLEY,
CHARLES M. WANDLESS, JAMES COLLINS.
EDWARD A. HAWLEY, Supt. of Fire Alarms and Steward.

LOCATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

12.	Business Street and Barry Place.
13.	Grew School.
131.	Gordon Avenue and Beaver Street.
14.	Cleveland and Childs Streets.
15.	Alden's Store, W. River st., Glenwood ave.
16.	Cotton Mills.
161.	Damon Street.
17.	Galligan's Store, Readville Street.
18.	Car Sheds, W. River Street.
181.	Stark Avenue, "Pinehurst."

19. Hose 3 House, Readville.
23. Unitarian Church, Mount Neponset.
24. Woolen Mill, Special Box.
25. American Tool and Machine Co.
26. Willcomb & Co., hair factory.
27. Wolcott Square, Readville.
28. Hyde Park Avenue, Entrance to Trotting Park.
31. N. Y. & N. E. Crossing, Fairmount Avenue.
32. Beacon Street and Milton Avenue.
33. Electric Light Station, Bridge Street.
34. Neponset Avenue and Water Street.
35. Highland Street and Fairmount Avenue.
351. Williams Avenue, Fairmount School.
36. Summit Street and Fairmount Avenue.
37. Dana Avenue and Loring Street.
38. Tyler Street and Washington Street, Corriganville.
42. Everett Square.
43. Pierce and Walter Streets.
45. West and E. River Streets.
46. Metropolitan Avenue and E. River Street.
47. Paper Mills, E. River st.
48. E. River and Blake Streets.
481. Radcliffe Road, "Rugby."
49. Holmfield, E. River Street.
51. Engine House, Central Fire Station.
52. Webster Square.
53. Hyde Park Avenue and Harvard Avenue.
531. Hyde Park Avenue and Arlington Street.
54. Arlington Street and Central Avenue.
55. Metropolitan Avenue opp. Greenwood School.
56. Thatcher Street and Hyde Park Avenue.
57. Huntington Avenue and Thatcher Street.
58. Savage's Store, Clarendon Hills.
59. Huntington Avenue, near Boston line.
2. All Out.
22. No School.
22–5. No School, (High School.)

RECORD OF ALARMS AND FIRES FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1905.

DATE	TIME	BOX	PROBABLE CAUSE	LOCATION	PROPERTY	OWNER	VALUE	LOSS	INS.
1904									
Feb. 9	7.15 p.m.	42	Unknown	Everett Square	Clothing	Michael Gain	$ 50 00	$ 10 00	$
" 15	8.00 a.m.	22	No School						
" 15	1.00 p.m.	22	No School						
" 20	5.05 p.m.	48	Hot ashes	Linden st.	Dwelling	Tasker & Prescott	2500 00	200 00	1500 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Furniture	E. S. McNeill	1000 00	50 00	
" 20	10.50 p.m.	161	Chimney	Waterloo st.	Dwelling	B. F. Sturtevant Co.	1500 00		1500 00
March 2	1.00 p.m.	22	No School						

" 4	1.00 p.m.	22	No School						
" 6	7.30 p.m.	16	Spontaneous combust'n	West River st	Cotton mill	B. B. & R. Knight			
" 12	7.40 p.m.	48	Overheated stove	Blake st	Dwelling	I. M. Konsoff	3000 00	25 00	3500 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Clothing	Charles Mills	400 00	10 00	600 00
" 23	10.15 a.m.	Still	Overheated stove	Norton st	Dwelling	Mrs. M. Coulihan			
" 26	6.40 p.m.	55	Boys and matches	Central ave	Grass				
" 27	11.00 a.m.	Still	Spontaneous combust'n	McKenna st	Dump				
" 27	7.40 p.m.	Still	Oil stove	West River st	Dwelling	M. Loftus			
April 3	7.10 p.m.	Still	Boys and matches	Grew's Woods	Grass and brush	Grew estate			
" 4	10.30 a.m.	Still	Boys and matches	Waterloo st	Grass and fence				
" 4	12.10 p.m.	Still	Grass fire	Maple st	Grass	F. A. Wyman			
" 4	2.00 p.m.	131	Grass fire	Gordon ave	Dwelling	M. E. Noble	3000 00	50 00	2500 00
" 4	2.40 p.m.	Still	Grass fire	Hyde Park ave	Grass	F. A. Raymond			
" 5	10.00 a.m.	Still	Sparks from engine	Milton st	Railroad fence	N.Y., N. H. & H.R.R.			
" 6	2.00 p.m.	Still	Grass fire	Readville st	Barn and grass	Mrs. Bullard			
" 19	10.15 a.m.	59	Grass fire	Hyde Park ave., Boston	Dwelling	Mr. Blackwood			
" 22	4.15 a.m.	Still	Grass fire	Bradley st	Grass				
" 25	8.50 p.m.	Still		Rugby, Boston					
" 26	6.45 a.m.	Still	Chimney	Webster st	Dwelling	Mrs. Dolan			
" 28	8.00 a.m.	22	No School						
" 28	1.00 p.m.	22	No School						
" 29	8.00 a.m.	22	No School						
May 6	2.30 p.m.	Still	Boys and matches	Milton st	Grass and brush	Davis estate			
" 9	8.00 a.m.	22	No School						
" 15	12.13 a.m.	49	Incendiary	Holmfield, Boston	Storehouse	Quackenbush			
" "	"	"	"	"	Sewer tools	"			
" 17	11.45 a.m.	Still	Unknown	Green st	Dwelling	B. W. Parker	2500 00	25 00	2000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Clothing	William Taylor	200 00	50 00	150 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Furniture	Enoch Josah	1000 00	25 00	800 00
" 17	2.45 p.m.	Still	Oil stove	Austin st	Dog kennel	Dr. Kiggen	300 00	25 00	100 00

RECORD OF ALARMS AND FIRES—*Continued.*

DATE	TIME	BOX	PROBABLE CAUSE	LOCATION	PROPERTY	OWNER	VALUE	LOSS	INS.
1904									
May 22	1.25 p.m.	481	Sparks from engine	Rugby, Boston	R. R. Station	N.Y.,N.H. & H.R.R.	$	$	$
" 26	1.15 p.m.	Still	Sparks from charcoal	Hyde Park ave	Charcoal	Norfolk Cornice Co			
" 27	9.20 a.m.	Still	Kettle of tar	Williams ave	Tar	Peter Shepard			
" 28	3.10 p.m.	45	Accidental	East River st	Dwelling	Rinaldo Williams			
" 28	3.50 p.m.	24	Sparks from engine	Hyde Park ave	Wool House	Robert Bleakie Co	1000 00	10 00	1000 00
" 28	4.00 p.m.	Still	Sparks from engine	Hyde Park ave	Fence	N.Y., N. H. & H.R.R.			
" 29	11.00 a.m.	Still	Sparks from engine	Milton st	Fence	N.Y., N. H. & H.R.R.			
June 12	12.30 p.m.	Still	Spontaneous combust'n	Sprague st	Dwelling	Frank Kunkel	2000 00	10 00	1200 00
" 28	2.00 p.m.	Still	Sparks from engine	Milton st	Brush and fence	Mr. Brown			
" 29	2.10 a.m.	48	Defective flue	Blake st	Dwelling	E. Prescott	3000 00	200 00	2000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Furniture	G. A. Pingree	1500 00	200 00	1100 00
July 3	2.15 a.m.	49	Unknown	Tileston st	Dwelling	Alex. Markelis	3000 00	400 00	2500 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Furniture	"	1000 00	100 00	1000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Stock of groceries	"	100 00	50 00	1000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Furniture	Geo. Brohonson	800 00	150 00	800 00
" "	"	"	"	"	"	D. Burgess	500 00	50 00	
July 4	1.20 a.m.	481	False alarm	Rutlidge road					
" 4	4.35 a.m.	59	Incendiary	Bradley st	Sausage factory	Unknown	300 00	300 00	
" 4	5.40 a.m.	Still	Unknown	Readville St	Shed	J. Donahue			
" 4	1.08 p.m.	37	Fire crackers	Neponset ave	Dwelling	C. Rorry	2000 00	10 00	2000 00
" 4	10.00 p.m.	Still	Fireworks	Hyde Park ave	Town stables				
" 5	2.30 p.m.	58	Kettle of Rubber	Hyde Park ave	Clifton Rub'r Co	Clifton Rubber Co.	1500 00	300 00	1000 00
" 6	8.35 p.m.	31	Fire Balloon	Beacon st	Dwelling	Carleton Estate	2500 00	400 00	2000 00
" 18	7.00 p.m.	Still	Boys	Central ave	Dump				
" 20	8.30 a.m.	33	Sparks from chimney	Walnut st	Dwelling	Robert Bleakie	1500 00	25 00	1200 00
" 23	2.00 p.m.	Still	Chimney	Business st	Dwelling				
" 29	2.30 p.m.	Still	Sparks from engine	Milton st	Grass				
Aug. 3	8.45 p.m.	38	Matches	Bridge & Walnut sts	Clothing	Mr. Hickey	100 00	25 00	
" 9	8.10 a.m.	481	Smoking	Ridge road	Dwelling	W. I. Esterbrook	2000 00	50 00	2000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Furniture	E. A. Schnieder	1000 00	25 00	1000 00
" 29	9.10 p.m.	46	Unknown	Arlington st	Dwelling	Mr. Goss	2500 00	100 00	2000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Clothing & F't're	Mrs. M. A. White	1500 00	50 00	1000 00
" 31	7.00 p.m.	Still	Boys	Central ave	Dump				
Sept. 1	2.10 a.m.	47	Unknown	Frazier st	Dwelling	Mrs. J. S. Rafter	3400 00	1500 00	2000 00
" 2	2.00 p.m.	Still	Boys and matches	Linwood st	Dump				
" 15	8.00 a.m.	22	No School						
" 24	6.50 p.m.	Still	Sparks from engine	Hyde Park ave	Dump				

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1904									
Sep. 25	2.21 p.m.	Still	Spontaneous combust'n	Austin st	Naptha and rags	Dr. Kiggen	$	$	$
Oct. 14	4.30 a.m.	23	Overheated furnace	Wolcott square	Business block	Mrs Mabel Hunt Slater	20000 00	500 00	12000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Dry goods	L. R. Brush	4000 00	25 00	3000 00
" 21	1.00 p.m.	22	No School						
" 24	10.27 a.m.	49	Defective flue	Huntington ave	Dwelling	G. R. Newcomb	3000 00	50 00	2000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Furniture	"	1000 00	25 00	
" 30	5.05 p.m.	Still	Boys and matches	Austin st.	Brush				
" 31	2.30 p.m.	Still	Boys and matches	Dana ave	Brush				
" 31	9.10 p.m.	Still	Boys and matches	Glenwood ave	Brush				
Nov. 1	5.45 p.m.	19	Boys and matches	Readville st	Brush				
" 5	2.15 p.m.	Still	Burning brush	Hale st	Brush				
" 7	1.30 p.m.	Still	Burning brush	Foster st	Brush				
" 8	6.15 p.m	Still	Burning leaves	Davison st	Brush				
" 10	9.30 p.m.	Still	Broken lamp	Davison st	Furniture	Stephen Malley	500 00	5 00	500 00
" 11	8.55 a.m.	43	Pan of grease	Davison st	Dwelling	F. B. Rich, trustee	2000 00	250 00	1200 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Furniture	Stephen Malley	500 00	100 00	500 00
" 12	12.35 p.m.	Still	Overheated furnace	Fairmount ave	Store				
" 12	2.15 p.m.	Still	Boys and matches	Charles st.	Grass				
" 23	3.15 p.m.	Still	Boys and matches	McDonald st., Ded'm	Ice House				
" 24	7.30 p.m.	Still	Spontaneous combust'n	Waterloo st	Clothing	J. Morrissy	100 00	10 00	
" 28	9.40 a.m.	47	Children and matches	Reddy ave	Dwelling	Dominique Vincent	2500 00	10 00	2000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Clothing	"	200 00	5 00	
Dec. 3	5.00 p.m.	Still	Boys and matches	Grew's Woods	Brush	Grew estate			
" 10	2.25 p.m.	31	Spontaneous combust'n	Walter st	Paper mill	Mrs. G. Leslie	15000 00	2500 00	5000 00
" 10	"	"	"	"	Paper stock and machinery	C. E. Perry	50000 00	12000 00	24400 00
" 16	3.00 p.m.	Still	Spontaneous combust'n	Hyde Park ave	Dump				
1905									
Jan. 2	6.15 p.m.	Still	Thawing pipe	Fairmount ave	Bridge				
" 2	7.15 p.m.	Still	Thawing pipe	Fairmount ave	Bridge				
" 4	4.10 a.m.	51	Hot ashes	Hyde Park ave	Business block	Robert Bleakie	6000 00	50 00	4500 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Furniture stock	E. D. Waterman	2000 00	50 00	1500 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Tailor's stock	M. Wolfe	1000 00	200 00	800 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Pool room	H. F. Wedding	1000 00	25 00	1000 00
" 4	8.00 a.m.	22	No School						
" 4	1.00 p.m.	22	No School						
" 7	3.00 p.m.	37	Overheated stove	Foster st	Store	S. T. Allen	100 00	25 00	

RECORD OF ALARMS AND FIRES—*Continued*.

DATE	TIME	BOX	PROBABLE CAUSE	LOCATION	PROPERTY	OWNER	VALUE	LOSS	INS.
1905									
Jan. 7	3.00 p.m.	37	Overheated stove	Foster st	Stock	S. T. Allen	$ 50 00	$ 10 00	$
" 8	2.35 a.m.	18	Unknown	Sunnyside ave., Ded'm	Dwelling	John Morgan			
" "	"	"	"	" "	Furniture	John Thomas			
" 12	1.00 p.m.	22	No School						
" 18	2.02 p.m.	48	Rats and matches	East River & Blake st.	Grocery store	Charles F. Morrison	2000 00	50 00	1000 00
" "	"	"	"	"	Stock and fixtures	"	3000 00	200 00	1500 00
" 25	8.00 a.m.	22	No School						
" 25	1.00 p.m.	22	No School						

FIRE.

Balance unexpended last year	$ 1,259.40	
Appropriation	11,700.00	
		$12,959.40
Expenditures		$11,694.52
Balance unexpended		$ 1,264.88

FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE.

Appropriation from Corporation and National Bank Tax	$ 7,125.76
Expenditures	$ 5,700.00
Balance unexpended	$ 1,425.76

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Your Board of Selectmen reappointed the present Engineers of the Fire Department: John H. Wetherbee, John C. McDougald and Dennis W. Mahoney.

As required by law said engineers duly organized, and re-elected John H. Wetherbee as Chief Engineer. The report of the various duties performed and the administration of this Department is found in detail in another part of this report. We congratulate the town on our faithful and efficient Department.

FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE.

The contract made with the Hyde Park Water Company October 1, 1895, for a period of ten years, expires during the coming year, and it is important that the matter should be considered at an early date as it will be necessary to submit the same to the town before the expiration of the present contract.

For the information of our citizens we herewith present an abstract of the contract for this service.

Contract with the Hyde Park Water Company was dated July 27, 1895. At the time of this contract one hundred and five hydrants were in position and seventy additional hydrants were contracted for, to be located by the Selectmen, at that time. Term to be ten years from the first day of October, A. D., 1895. All hydrants in excess of one hundred and seventy-five shall be located and maintained on service line at the rate of twenty-five dollars per annum for each hydrant. For said one hundred and seventy-five hydrants for said period, the town is to pay fifty-five hundred dollars per annum, payment to be made annually.

The additions made since the contract are as follows:

Three additions January 14, 1896.
Two additions October 20, 1897.
One addition March 21, 1899.
One addition June 30, 1899.
One addition Sept. 12, 1902.

There is one additional hydrant authorized December 28, 1904, which has not yet been placed on account of the season of the year.