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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MAYOR AND OFFICERS

OF THE

CITY OF RALEIGH,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1900.



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A. M. POWELL,  
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JOS. G. BROWN, *Treasurer Street Improvement Fund,*  
*In account with the City of Raleigh.*

DR.			
Cash on hand March 1, 1899.....	\$ 6,182 31		
Cash from C. F. Lumsden, Collector, street paving.....	403 25		
Cash from J. M. Norwood, Chief Police, street paving.....	147 00		
Cash from sale of 4 per cent. Street Improvement Bonds.....	105,550 15		
CR.			
By warrants paid and cancelled.....		\$ 56,598 93	
Balance, cash on hand March 1, 1900.....		55,683 78	
	\$ 112,282 71	\$ 112,282 71	

WARRANT ACCOUNT STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Warrants outstanding March 1, 1899.....	\$ 507 30		
Warrants issued from March 1, 1899, to March 1, 1900.....	56,155 36		
Warrants paid by Treasurer and cancelled.....		\$ 56,598 93	
Balance, warrants outstanding March 1, 1900.....		63 73	
	\$ 56,662 66	\$ 56,662 66	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM MARCH 1, 1899,  
TO FEBRUARY 28, 1900.

RECEIPTS.			
From C. F. Lumsden, Collector:			
Taxes.....	\$ 67,124 34		
Costs from taxes.....	857 09		
Market rents.....	2,796 68		
Telephone and Express tax.....	283 25		
Street paving.....	2,061 63		
From J. H. Mullin, Chief of Police, and J. M. Norwood, Chief of Police:			
Fines.....	948 91		
Licenses.....	9,900 50		
Rent, Metropolitan Hall.....	108 00		
City Cemetery.....	3 00		
Colored Cemetery.....	98 50		
Miscellaneous receipts.....	83 36		
Police for uniforms.....	130 50		
Street paving.....	1,046 31		
From T. P. Sale, Sanitary Inspector:			
Licenses, sale of manure, etc.....	2,689 89		
From A. M. Powell, Mayor:			
Amount refunded by Wake County on account of small-pox.....	2,000 00		
From L. B. Pegrant, Chairman Park Com.:			
Receipts from Pullen Park.....	232 22		
Balance, excess of disbursements.....	4,267 07		
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Administrative Department.....		\$ 11,141 77	
Street Department.....		8,776 72	
Fire Department.....		6,611 57	
Sanitary and Street Cleaning Department.....		9,380 12	
Police Department.....		11,354 22	
Park Department.....		1,828 76	
Sewer Department.....		11 39	
Light Department.....		7,406 62	
Cemetery Department.....		1,499 02	
Charities Department.....		2,801 67	
Water Department.....		4,987 17	
Market Department.....		659 40	
Building Department.....		423 53	
Pump Department.....		861 04	
Small-pox Department.....		6,697 47	
Interest on warrants.....		797 67	
Interest on \$25,000 Current Expense Bonds.....		1,250 00	
Walters Durham, Commissioner.....		18,143 11	
	\$ 94,631 25	\$ 94,631 25	

## REPORT OF FIRE COMMITTEE AND CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 1, 1900.

*To the Honorable the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit for your consideration my annual report for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1900:

### ORGANIZATION.

#### COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

J. S. CORRELL, <i>Chairman</i> ,	HENRY W. MILLER.
MAJOR A. M. POWELL,	W. E. JONES.

#### CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT:

L. A. MAHLER.

#### ASSISTANT CHIEF:

WALTER WOOLLCOTT.

### COMPANIES AND OFFICERS.

#### HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, NO. 1.

W. W. PARRISH, <i>Foreman</i> .	R. G. UPCHURCH, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> .
	M. W. CROCKER, <i>Secretary</i> .

C. F. Bullock,	W. R. Macy,
F. C. Doyle,	John McKee.
Frank Mabry,	B. P. Pool,
John W. Mangum,	C. P. Snuggs,
W. T. Utley.	L. C. Weathers.

Total 13.

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### RESCUE COMPANY, NO. 1.

R. E. LUMSDEN, <i>Foreman</i> .	F. BRENIG, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> .
	W. A. FAUCETT, <i>Secretary</i> .

C. J. Betts,	W. S. Moye,
T. W. Blake,	H. W. Miller,
W. Z. Blake,	J. N. McRary,
Joe Creighton,	W. F. McDowell,
A. J. Crawford,	S. P. Pennington,
W. W. Flow,	P. N. Pennington,
W. N. Fowler,	J. P. Straughan,
W. B. Grimes,	W. J. Weir,
E. A. Lassater,	C. W. White,
Robt. Little,	W. H. Wicker.

Total 23.

### CAPITAL HOSE COMPANY, NO. 3.

JOHN R. FERRALL, <i>Foreman</i> .	E. B. BAIN, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> .
	E. H. BAKER, <i>Secretary</i> .

C. D. Arthur,	W. H. McKee,
W. J. Andrews,	A. M. McPheeters, Jr.,
C. H. Betts,	F. W. Mahler,
H. D. Bunch,	R. C. Pool,
J. W. Cross,	B. A. Parker,
H. S. Carver,	H. F. Smith,
W. W. Green,	C. F. Lumsden,
A. C. Hinton,	E. H. Lee,
T. B. Heartt,	W. E. Jones,
J. F. Jordan,	Alex. Kreth.
W. A. Linehan,	L. H. Lumsden.

Total 25.

### VICTOR HOSE COMPANY, NO. 2.

SYLVESTER DUNSTON, <i>Foreman</i> .	W. H. PALMER, <i>Ass't Foreman</i> .
	S. J. HAWKINS, JR., <i>Secretary</i> .

J. J. Alston,	Frank Killibrew,
Eugene Chavis,	S. P. Mallett,
Hayes Drake,	Jas. Manly,
Mac Freeman,	Joe Penny,
Wm. Haywood,	James T. Palmer,
Primus Haywood,	H. Pardue,
W. T. Haywood,	Charles Rix,
Willis Haywood,	S. Smith,
Franks Hooks,	R. S. Taylor,
S. B. Jeffries,	Charlie Winters,
Charles Caldwell,	Junius Kelly,
R. W. Watson.	

Total 26.

Making the membership in the department eighty-seven, of which eleven are paid and part paid.

## EQUIPMENT.

The equipment of the department consists of three two-horse hose wagons, each carrying one thousand feet of rubber-lined cotton hose, one hook and ladder truck and eight horses in service; one Gould steamer, and one thousand feet of hose in reserve, all in first-class condition.

## THE WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is from one hundred and twenty-seven public and fifteen private double nozzle 2 1/2 inch Matthews fire hydrants. The water pressure varies from fifty to seventy-five pounds tower pressure, according to location, and with direct pressure from eighty-five to one hundred and fifteen pounds.

## FIRE ALARM.

The equipment of the fire alarm consists of one bell striker, three gongs in engine houses, one four circuit repeater, storage battery complete with switch board, galvanometers, etc. During the past year two additional street boxes have been put in, making a total of thirty. There are twenty call bells in members' houses, to which there should be added at least ten more, which will give thirty call men for night fires, the time they are most needed.

## FIRE LOSSES.

Our usually good record was wiped out on the last day of the year by the burning of Messrs. Fleming & Co.'s tobacco warehouse and contents, also partial destruction of neighboring property. The total loss was \$25,000; insurance paid \$21,890.

The total loss for the year was \$30,498.63, insurance paid \$25,022.13, a loss net of \$5,476.50.

## EXPENSES.

The expenses of the department for the year was \$5,254.40; permanent improvements, \$1,357.17; total expenses, \$6,611.57.

In conclusion I again desire to ask that the building of the Rescue Company be remodeled and put in good repair.

All of the fire department equipments, hose apparatus, horses, fire alarm, etc., are in first-class condition, for which I desire to thank you for your liberal appropriation to continue the same.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. MAHLER,

*Chief Fire Department.*

JOE S. CORRELL, *Chairman.*

W. E. JONE,

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

STATEMENT OF DETAILS OF FIRES AND ALARMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1900.

No.	DATE.	TIME.	BOX.	LOCATION.	OWNER.	OCCUPANT.	CAUSE.	LOSS.	INSURANCE PAID.
1	1899								
2	Mar. 5	3:30 a.	32	Out of town		Zeb. Matthews	Chimney	None	
3	Mar. 8	8:17 p.	36	711 South West street				\$ 50.00	
4	Mar. 10	6:40 p.	26	False	F. Debnam			None	
5	Mar. 28	12:20 p.	34	West Lenoir street				None	
6	April 2	1:40 p.	12	Out town		Mrs Norwood	Chimney	None	
7	5	10:35 a.	21	114 North Dawson street		R. J. Hehin	Roof	None	None
8	5	8:55 p.	31	109 South Blount street		J. H. Harris	Kitchen	21.00	None
9	30	12:30 a.	23	Whilmington street		Sampson Anderson	Defective flue	110.00	None
10	30	3:20 p.	31	325 South Dawson street			Spark	2.50	2.50
11	May 2	1:53 a.	25	Southern Ky. cotton platform	14 bales cotton		Roof	None	
12	17	8:10 p.	25	Corner Blount and South streets	Mrs A. W. Bagley	C. O. Ball & Co	Lamp	None	
13	23	8:40 a.	21	Hargett street			Rubbish heap	50.00	None
14	31	10:45 p.	35	Union Station	A. W. Goodwin			None	
15	31	10:45 p.	32	Hillsboro street		J. B. Cheshire	Bed	None	
16	27	1:15 p.	17	Corner Wilmington and North		Patsy Dunston	Bed	None	
17	27	4:10 a.	34	321 West Lenoir street		W. H. Caudle	Stable	35.00	None
18	July 5	5:03 p.	43	North West street		Miss S. B. Smith	Roof	None	
19	15	4:59 p.	41	410 West Jones street		E. G. Horton	Incendiary	400.00	200.00
20	31	10:25 a.	32	Newbern Avenue		Henry Sorrell	Clothing	None	
21	Aug. 31	5:35 a.	32	812 Manly street		Dewar & Wilder	Unknown	794.63	794.63
22	Oct. 21	2:00 p.	12	Exchange Place		Cyrus Thompson	Chimney	None	
23	Nov. 4	6:40 p.	32	Corner Morgan and West		Misses Litchford	Lamp	None	
24	7	12:20 a.	37	West Morgan street		J. Wayland Jones	Unknown	5.00	None
25	8	6:20 p.	16	Corner Blount and Polk		Claude Bernard	Closet	35.00	25.00
26	9	5:00 p.	42	Test				None	
27	16	11:50 a.	37	End of Hargett street		Baker's wood yard	Roof	None	
28	4	11:25 a.	24	37 West Davie street		M. Wortham	Roof	None	
29	5	1:20 a.	43	West Jones street		Captain Lassiter	Unknown	4,000.00	2,000.00
30	5	11:35 p.	32	Fayetteville road		Mills Mfg. Co	Dry house	None	
31	8	10:57 a.	34	121 West Lenoir street		Ransom Johnson	Chimney	None	
32	17	5:55 p.	47	False				None	
33	1900								
34	Jan. 9	11:20 a.	21	208 West Lenoir street		Peter Jeffries	Roof	None	
35	13	4:50 p.	24	Corner Davie and Person		R. O. King	Closet	None	
36	17	10:15 a.	14	425 North Bloodworth street		W. C. Douglas	Roof	None	
37	Feb. 2	5:07 p.	13	North Halifax street		Mrs. Coppedge	Chimney	None	
38	17	8:10 p.	27	False				None	
39	20	2:00 p.	212	Fayetteville street	Fleming's warehouse	F. A. Watson	Gasoline stove	2,000.00	21,890.00
	28		27	Cor. Wilmington and Cabarrus			Defective flue		
								\$ 30,498.63	\$ 25,022.13

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIGHTS.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Raleigh.

Your Committee on lights beg leave to make the following report for the year ending February 28, 1900:

In making up the budget for the year, \$8,000 was set aside for lights; of which \$7,406.62 was paid out, leaving a balance unexpended of \$593.38.

We have 75 arc lamps now in use for which our contract price was \$5,606.25 or \$74.75 for each lamp. We paid them only \$4,859.89, having deducted \$746.36 for such lamps as were reported as not burning. This service has been very unsatisfactory and much just criticism has been made. We are glad to state though that the Committee has done what it could towards rectifying the inefficiency of same, and that now we consider that everything is in good shape and that we are getting perfect service as could be expected, for the past two months. We have been satisfied, and we see no reason why we may not expect a continuance of perfect service from now on.

We have 100 gas lamps at \$18.00 each per year \$1,800. We only deducted for the year \$16.50 for such lamps as were reported not burning. This service has been very satisfactory and we have no criticism or complaint to make. This company has taken on new life and are making permanent and rapid improvements of their plant. You hear nothing but praise from the intelligent way in which they leave things. Raleigh is to be congratulated in having secured as a citizen Mr. Linton, the intelligent hustling manager of the company. We feel confident that we may expect perfect service from them.

## STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES—Continued.

Brought forward.....		\$ 16,810 55
<i>Fire Department:</i>		
Salaries, Chief and Assistant Chief .....	\$ 399 92	
Salaries drivers, helpers, etc. ....	2,595 78	
Fire alarm telegraph .....	657 26	
Hose .....	700 00	
Repairs to apparatus .....	208 05	
Provender .....	1,018 24	
Smithwork .....	76 15	
Appropriation to the four fire companies ..	400 00	
One horse .....	150 00	
Lights .....	86 35	
Coal .....	54 00	
Repairs to buildings .....	27 82	
Hardware .....	31 36	
Veterinary and medicine for horses .....	53 89	
Dues of firemen in State Firemen's Asso. ...	80 50	
Harness and repairs .....	17 60	
Oil .....	10 50	
Rent of warehouse for Victor Company .....	7 00	
Miscellaneous items .....	7 15	
		\$ 6,611 57
<i>Sanitary and Street Cleaning Department:</i>		
Salary Sanitary Inspector .....	\$ 1,000 00	
Salary Assistant Sanitary Inspector .....	600 00	
Salary Superintendent of Health .....	200 00	
Labor .....	4,977 32	
Provender .....	1,572 18	
Smithwork .....	382 63	
Repairs to wagons .....	165 60	
Harness and repairs .....	78 44	
Hardware, tools, etc. ....	92 30	
Veterinary and medicine for horses .....	81 97	
Printing .....	70 35	
Refilling street broom .....	62 38	
Lumber .....	26 92	
Disinfectants .....	42 66	
Axle grease .....	13 25	
Postage .....	14 12	
	\$ 9,380 12	
CR.		
Sanitary licenses, sale of manure, etc. ....	2,689 89	
		\$ 6,690 23
Amount forwarded .....		\$ 30,112 55

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Brought forward.....		\$ 30,112 35
<i>Police Department:</i>		
Salaries of officers .....	\$ 10,786 03	
Repairs and supplies station-house .....	57 79	
Police uniforms .....	261 00	
Coal .....	99 56	
Police helmets .....	37 40	
Postage, telegrams, etc. ....	23 70	
Railroad fare of officers and prisoners .....	25 24	
Repairs to police wagon .....	40 00	
Harness and repairs .....	13 50	
Ice .....	10 00	
	\$ 11,354 22	
CR.		
Amount from police for uniforms .....	130 50	
		\$ 11,223 72
<i>Park Department:</i>		
Salaries and labor .....	\$ 1,179 01	
Smithwork .....	24 35	
Seeds and shrubs .....	46 05	
Appropriation A. and M. College .....	200 00	
Mower .....	69 00	
Repairs to old mower .....	31 05	
Sewer pipe .....	98 00	
Provender .....	61 34	
Veterinary .....	10 11	
Harness and repairs .....	9 50	
Coal .....	14 68	
Hardware, tools, etc. ....	19 53	
Lumber .....	29 64	
Trees .....	20 50	
Painting sign-boards .....	16 00	
	\$ 1,828 76	
CR.		
Collections from Pullen Park .....	232 22	
		\$ 1,596 34
<i>Sewer Department:</i>		
Labor .....	\$ 4 05	
Materials .....	7 34	
		\$ 11 39
<i>Light Department:</i>		
Arc lights .....	\$ 4,859 89	
Incandescent lights .....	712 36	
Gas lights .....	1,834 37	
		\$ 7,406 62
Amount forwarded .....		\$ 50,350 62

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