

REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMITTEE.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 1st, 1902.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Sewer Committee beg to submit their annual report for the year ending February 28th, 1902.

While there was no appropriation for this Department, we had to spend \$761.20 for necessary improvements.

The heavy rains during the summer and fall washed out the south-eastern outfall of the Sewer and we were compelled to build a new line at a cost of \$726.03. Other repairs to Sewers were small, amounting to only \$35.17.

The Sewers are in good condition and have been for the past year, except the line mentioned above.

Respectfully,

R. C. REDFORD,
Chairman.

LYNN WILDER.

REPORT OF FIRE COMMITTEE.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 28, 1902.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Fire Department submit this their annual report, together with the report of the Chief of Fire Department.

From the report of the Chief, you will see that the losses from fire for the past year were very small; this we think due to our very efficient Department. You will also see from the Finance Committee's report that the Fire Committee spent more money than was allotted the Department; but nothing was purchased for the Department, except what was actually needed for its maintenance, and your Committee think that a larger sum should be allowed for the use of this Department for the coming year.

Your Committee has on hand reports from Fire Committees and Fire Chiefs of cities, ranging from ten to twenty thousand inhabitants, and we find by comparison that the expense of our Department is about sixty per cent. less than any of them, and the fire loss here is less than any of them.

This should be a source of pride and congratulation to the City.

There are a great many things that the Department is in need of at present, but the Chief will call your attention to them later.

The one most important thing wanted is the repair of the Rescue Engine house.

This, with a very small amount of money, could be made a very handsome and useful building, and it should be done at once.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOE S. CORRELL,

Chairman Fire Committee.

H. H. CROCKER,

MAXWELL GORMAN.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE PARTMENT.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 1, 1902.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit my annual fire report of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending March 1st, 1902.

The Department responded to 59 alarms during the year, an excess of 5 alarms over the preceding year, which is the largest number of fire-alarms ever responded to in the history of the Department for one year.

Six of these alarms were false, two were by telephone, three of these were beyond the City limits, which we responded to, and rendered all service in our power.

The loss to property was (in the City limits) \$2,823, with insurance of \$2,064, a loss of \$759.

According to these figures, Raleigh has been very fortunate (taking in consideration the number of alarms responded to) in not suffering a greater fire loss.

EQUIPMENT.

The equipment of the department consists of three two-horse hose wagons, each carrying 1,000 feet, rubber lined cotton hose, one hook and ladder truck, and eight horses in service, one Gould steamer, and 450 feet of hose in reserve.

We need 550 feet of new hose. We bought 800 feet of gum and wax-treated hose this year, and let the

Sanitary Department have 350 feet of old hose at thirty cents per foot, which amounts to \$105.00.

We also purchased one horse to supply vacancy caused by letting Street Department have old horse for \$40.00.

The Department is sorely in need of one combination Hook and Ladder truck and Chemical Engine combined.

There has not been one fire in the City limits in the past year, that we could not have handled with this apparatus, which, if we could have had, would have enabled us to have kept the water loss to a minimum, thereby giving the City a still lower fire loss.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is from one hundred and twenty-nine public and fifteen private double nozzled, two and one-half inch Matthew's 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 ALARMS.

The equipment of the fire alarms consists of one bell striker, three gongs in engine houses, one four-circuit repeater, one storage battery complete with switchboard, etc., and thirty-three street-alarm boxes.

The Department needs another horse to use as a relief horse.

We are handicapped now, owing to the fact that whenever one of our horses goes lame or gets sick, it necessitates putting one apparatus out of service. We could also use this relief horse (when not relieving other horses) as the Chief's horse, for the purpose of hunting trouble in the fire-alarm system, inspect-

ing hydrants and reaching the scene of conflagration more quickly at night.

We have a horse now in service who, if allowed to run two or three months in pastures without shoes, would be all right for a relief horse, but one long run in his present condition would put him out of the business.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

From the report of the Finance Committee it will be seen that the expenditures of the Fire Department for the fiscal year were as follows:

Salary Chief of Fire Department.....	\$	350 00	
Salary Assist. Chief of Fire Department.....		50 00	
Salary drivers and labor.....		3,223 17	
Repairs to fire alarm telegraph, including new battery.....		386 20	
Current for battery.....		43 20	
Hose and repairs to apparatus.....		695 53	
Provender.....		1,050 61	
Smithwork.....		56 55	
Appropriation of \$100 to each of four fire companies.....		400 00	
Horse.....		175 00	
Lights in buildings.....		61 23	
Dues of firemen in State Firemen's Asso. Hardware.....		35 50	
		41 78	
Coal.....		61 25	
Harness and repairs.....		24 90	
Oil.....		27 55	
Veterinary and medicines for horses.....		61 74	
Repairs to buildings (water pipes).....		15 40	
Charges for extinguishers.....		12 45	
Rent of horse.....		5 00	
Rent of warehouse for Victor Company..		7 00	
			\$ 6,784 01

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. LUMSDEN,
Chief.

RECORD OF FIRE LOSSES FROM FEBRUARY 28, 1901, TO FEBRUARY 28, 1902.

No.	DATE.	BOX.	TIME.	LOCATION.	OCCUPANT.	OWNER.	CAUSE.	Loss.	INSUR-ANCE.
1901.									
1	Mar. 1	32	12.25 p.	N. West street		N. C. Bldg. & Sup. Co.	Spark from engine	None	
2	4	36	5.20 p.	S. West street					
3	8	37	12.25 p.	West Hargett street	Annie Richardson	L. G. Rogers			
4	10	25	5.55 a.	False alarm.	Stable.	Jas. Boylan	Unknown	\$300 00	\$ 200 00
5	16	21	7.33 p.	S. Wilmington street				None	
6	23	321	1.50 p.	Dinkins	W. J. Edwards	W. J. Edwards	Chimney		
7	23	13	2.15 p.	N. Raleigh	Bob Hopkins	V. C. Royster			
8	Ap'l 10	24	10.15 a.	E. Davie street	Mary Warren	J. B. Martin		\$25 00	
9	11	312	10.27 a.	W. Martin street	Henry Mitchell	H. Mitchell		70 00	70 00
10	14	312	5.50 p.	S. Salisbury street	B. W. Baker	A. F. Page			
11	16	37	9.05 a.	W. Hargett street	Stable.	Upchurch & Holder	Boy with matches	\$10 00	Covered.
12	19	25	8.20 p.	False alarm.	Dan. Morson	Mrs. Boylan	Flue	None	
13	27	37	10.20 a.	404 W. Hargett street				\$75 00	
14	28	47	12.40 p.	S. A. L. cotton platform	R. E. Lumsden	D. C. Murray			
15	May 4	321	10.10 a.	Hayti alley No. 15	Cotton	C. E. Johnson	Unknown	\$50 00	Covered.
16	25	37	9.00 p.	Stronach's alley	Jeff Mitchell	J. Mitchell	Chimney	None	
17	June 25	31	6.02 a.	418 S. Dawson street	Doc Lassiter	Frank Stronach	Lamp	None	
18	July 15	37	4.00 p.	False alarm.	Mrs. Bonner	Mrs. Bonner	Defective flue	None	
19	18	312	4.15 p.	S. Salisbury street	Stable.	Upchurch & Holder	Boy with matches	None	
20	18	24	8.35 p.	S. Person street	Incubator	Pres. Medlin	Lamp explosion	50 eggs	None
21	Aug. 3	32	4.00 a.	N. West street	Geo. Mitchell	J. S. Wynne		\$50 00	Covered.
22	14	24	8.15 a.	False alarm.					
23	21	321	12.15 a.	S. Fayetteville street	Boiler room	Mills Mfg. Co.	From fire-box	50 00	None
24	28	still	11.50 p.	W. Morgan street	Capt. Fleming	Mrs. Syme	Chimney	None	
25	Sept 12	27	10.45 a.	316 E. Cabarrus street	W. B. Hunter	W. B. Hunter		None	
26	Oct. 7	32	7.05 a.	Saunders street	Will Woodall	Jeff Ellington	Defective flue	None	
27	16	37	12.35 a.	S. Harrington street	Colored man	Mrs. D. C. Murray		None	
28	29	42	10.50 a.	S. A. L. cotton yard	Cotton	A. A. Thompson		\$78 00	
29	29	41	6.05 a.	W. Lane street	Unoccupied	B. V. Mason	Spark from engine	5 00	Covered.
30	25	46	10.15 a.	N. McDowell street	Sherrill	Job P. Wyatt	Spark from chimney	None	
31	28	31	9.18 p.	S. Harrington street	Cotton	E. Owens	Spark from engine	None	
32	31	37	12.15 a.	S. West street	Wood yard	W. P. Midgeley	Unknown	\$ 3 00	
33	Nov. 3	31	3.04 p.	No. R. W. y. cotton yard	Cotton	Barbee & Barbee		75 00	Covered.
34	7	41	3.50 p.	N. West street	W. Norris	Jonas Matthews	Spark from chimney	700 00	Covered.
1902.									
35	Jan. 11	31	8.05 p.	Southern depot	Box car	Southern Railway	Sparks from engine	None	
36	16	41	12.07 a.	Out of City		Mrs. Bauman	Incendiarism	None	
37	16	46	12.10 a.	Same fire					
38	18	84	7.40 p.	W. South street	Unoccupied	J. B. Fletcher	Rats	None	
39	19	214	6.30 p.	E. Hargett street			Chimney		
40	21	26	12.04 a.	McDowell street	Ash box	J. J. Thomas	Live ashes		
41	25	212	7.06 p.	S. Wilmington street	Ike Seligson	Mrs. F. P. Tucker	Lamp falling	\$225 00	Covered.
42	29	32	11.20 p.	A. & M. College	College	State	Unknown		
43	30	37	1.50 a.	S. West street	W. P. Midgeley	W. P. Midgeley	Sparks from engine	None	
44	Dec. 4	16	1.35 p.	N. Salisbury street		Mrs. Page	Sparks from engine	None	
45	5	37	1.15 a.	Hil shoro street		Mrs. Page		None	
46	17	31	12.20 p.	Cotton yard So. Railway	Cotton	Southern Railway	Sparks from engine	\$400 00	
47	24	42	10.15 p.	N. Wilmington street			Lamp explosion	None	
48	24	34	11.50 p.	False alarm.					
49	Jan. 14	37	4.45 p.	W. Hargett	R. E. Lumsden	Mrs. Murray	Sparks from chimney	None	
50	21	28	7.40 p.	E. South	Nell Dunston	Nell Dunston	From woodhouse	\$375 00	None
51	21	25	9.50 p.	Same fire					
52	29	46	11.40 a.	W. Morgan	Dr. Pittenger	Good Shepherd Oh'ch	Unknown	194 00	Covered.
53	29	28	7.20 p.	S. Person	Colored family	Thos. Love		25 00	Covered.
54	Feb. 6	16	11.30 p.	N. Blount	Dr. Knox	Dr. Knox	Sparks from chimney	75 00	Covered.
55	8	31	11.40 a.	S. Harrington	Colored family		Chimney	None	
56	8	Telp	5.50 a.	Avent Ferry road	Catholic Orphanage	Catholic Orphanage			
57	9	37	11.30 a.	S. West street					
58	13	25	10.05 p.	False alarm.					
59	19	47	12.55 p.	False alarm.					

NOTE.—Fire No. 36, outside of the fire limits, but the Department responded and rendered all service possible. Fire No. 42, outside of fire limits, Department responded and rendered all service possible. Fire No. 57, was a field on fire.