

REPORT OF FIRE COMMITTEE.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We transmit herewith the annual report of the Chief of the Fire Department, and call your attention especially to the recommendations contained therein.

We heartily endorse these recommendations and express the hope that you will enact them into ordinances or resolutions.

The chronic question of iron-clad wooden structures within the fire district is still with us, and recommend that some fixed rule be determined upon for the management of this very troublesome matter.

Your attention is called also to the small fire loss this year and the large number of alarms. This is a subject for congratulation, both for the Department and the property owners.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. HICKS, Chm'n,
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,
Fire Committee.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen
of the Board of Aldermen.*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit for your consideration my first annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending February 29, 1904.

ORGANIZATION.

Committee on Fire Department—Henry T. Hicks,
Chairman; A. B. Andrews, Jr., A. M. Powell.
Chief of Fire Department—Walter Woolcott.
Assistant Chief Fire Department—Marcus W.
Crocker.

RESCUE STEAM FIRE ENGINE Co., No. 1.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Lumsden.....Foreman,
W. C. White.....Assistant Foreman.
W. A. Faucett.....Secretary.
T. W. Blake.....Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

C. J. Betts, W. F. McDowell,
W. Z. Blake, J. N. McRary,
S. B. Brockwell, S. P. Pennington,
C. L. Bagwell, P. N. Pennington,
Jos. Correll, J. A. Hinnant,
W. W. Flow, C. T. Hinnant,
W. B. Grimes, J. F. Straughn,
L. H. Lumsden, Gordon Harris,
E. A. Lassiter, C. U. Harris,
Thomas Purnell, W. D. Terry,

Chas. B. Park—total 25.

CAPITAL HOSE CO., No. 3.

OFFICERS.

James F. Jordan Foreman.
 Charles H. Betts Assistant Foreman.
 T. B. Heartt Secretary-Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

W. J. Andrews,	Harry Lee,
C. D. Arthur,	W. A. Linehan,
E. H. Baker,	R. D. Little,
H. D. Bunch,	F. W. Mahler,
J. F. Coke,	Hugh Morson,
Henry Carver,	C. Pool,
Claude Freeman,	R. C. Pool,
C. H. Gattis,	H. F. Smith,
E. T. Hall, Jr.,	John Watson,
Hubert Horton,	John Snuggs,
Alex. Kreth—total 24.	

W. R. WOMBLE HOOK AND LADDER CO., No. 1.

OFFICERS.

John W. Mangum Foreman.
 John Wynne Assistant Foreman.
 E. B. Parish Secretary.
 W. R. Macy Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

L. Bagwell,	E. Peebles,
C. F. Bullock,	W. Peebles,
H. DeBoy,	J. Perry,
A. A. Doolittle,	B. P. Pool,
F. C. Doyle,	W. A. Taylor,
Ed. Ennis,	L. Terry,
H. B. Hardy, Jr.,	R. Shaw,
Henry Olive,	W. C. Underhill,
W. C. Parish—total 21.	

VICTOR FIRE CO., No. 2.

OFFICERS.

W. H. Palmer Foreman.
 S. G. Smith Assistant Foreman.
 S. J. Hawkins Secretary.
 Charles Winters Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

J. J. Alston,	S. B. Jeffries,
Charles Chavis,	T. B. Killibrew,
Ed. Chavis,	Junius Kelly,
Hayes Drake,	James Manly,
M. H. Freeman,	S. P. Mallett,
J. B. Freeman,	James T. Palmer,
John R. Haywood,	Henry Price,
Wm. Haywood,	R. S. Taylor,
Robert Watson—total 21.	

Which shows a total membership of 93 in the Department. Eighteen men are paid, or part paid, and the others are volunteers.

EQUIPMENT.

The equipment of the Department consists of three two-horse hose wagons, one hook and ladder truck, one Gould steamer, which is soon to be repaired, and 3,650 feet of cotton hose, all in first-class condition.

BUILDINGS.

The Department uses three (3) buildings—one on Morgan street between Salisbury and McDowell, used for the Hook and Ladder and Capital Hose, also for the fire alarm system. The Rescue Company is housed in brick building on Fayetteville street. The Victor

Company's home is in the building on the corner of Hargett and Blount streets. These buildings are all in good repair, except the roof on Morgan street building, which needs repairing and painting.

During the past year a new floor has been laid and roof painted on the Victor Company's building; large feed room and other repairs have been built at Capital and Hook and Ladder house; new floor, new roof and two rooms have been added to Rescue Company's house; also repairs to roof of feed house, and closets and basins put in at Rescue Company.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is from 128 public and 15 private double nozzle 2½-inch Matthews fire hydrants. The pressure on these hydrants varies from 48 to 75 domestic pressure, and with direct fire pressure from 65 to 110 pounds.

FIRE ALARM.

The equipment of the Fire Alarm System consists of one bell striker, three gongs in engine houses, one four circuit repeater, one four circuit switchboard complete with switches, galvanometers, storage batteries, etc., thirty-two fire alarm boxes, sixteen call bells in houses of members, wire, poles, etc., making the system as complete as any in the United States.

FIRE LOSSES.

During the past year the fire losses have been \$8,425.15, with insurance paid of \$7,295.58, leaving a net loss of \$1,129.57. I notice that about one-third of the buildings that are damaged by fire are not

insured, and would be glad to advise all property owners to keep their buildings, as well as furniture and stocks insured.

I attach a detailed record of the fire losses at the end of this report. (See table.)

EXPENSES.

The expenses of the department were \$9,686.77, which is decidedly larger than usual, owing to the fact that we have paid for 1,500 feet of hose, repaired all houses, two wagons, purchased two horses, bought sixteen beds and bedding, and have added to our salary account by the addition of eight night men and increased pay for drivers.

The above unusual expenses amounted to about \$3,100.

Under the present arrangement of volunteer and paid men, we receive the lowest rate of insurance given by the Southeastern Tariff Association in any city.

The department is run at small cost, considering its efficiency, and is better than a full paid department, which would cost about \$23,000 a year to maintain.

SUGGESTIONS.

I would suggest to the Board that they take some action in regard to placing wires in the business section of the city.

At present the streets are a net work of wires, and in the event of a large fire in that section it would be an impossibility for the department to raise ladders. It is a serious matter, and should receive immediate attention.

I would also suggest that the City pass an ordinance

prohibiting smoking on the stage or in the gallery entrances and lobbies of all theatres in the city.

At present the City has an ordinance which prohibits the erection of any building other than brick or stone in the fire limits, except upon consent of the Board. I think it would be advisable to change this to read that "No building shall be erected in the limits bounded by Morgan, Wilmington and Salisbury streets, except of brick or stone, and only in the other parts of the fire district upon the consent of the Board of Aldermen.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the Board, and especially to the Fire Committee, for their courtesies to the department.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER WOOLCOTT,
Chief Fire Department.

RECORD OF FIRES FROM MARCH 1ST, 1903, TO FEBRUARY 29TH, 1904.

Number.	Date.	Time.	Box.	Location.	Owner.	Occupant.	Damage.	Insurance Paid.	Companies in Service.*	No. Streams.	Feet of Hose in service.	Remarks.
1	1903.											
1	Mar. 1	9:20 p.m.	21	E Morgan.	M T Leach	Mrs Upchurch	None	None	Nos. 1, 2 H & L.	2	600	Lamp exploded.
2	2	8:20 p.m.	18	New Berne ave.	Mrs Swindell	Mrs Swindell	None	\$50.00	No. 1	1	500	Cross wires.
3	4	3:45 a.m.	212	Fayetteville	Julius Lewis	Hart-Ward Co.	\$1,500	\$1,500	No. 1	1	500	Blanket on fire.
4	5	Still		Fayetteville	Fisher estate	U S Weather Bureau.						Chimney fire.
5	10	3:45 a.m.	Still	Oakwood ave.	No record.	H Hart						Chimney fire.
6	23	6:15 p.m.	214	E Morgan.	No record.							Sparks.
7	23	6:00 p.m.	214	E Morgan.	No record.							Detective fue.
8	April 11	11:30 a.m.	32	Saunders	G M Allen	G M Allen	None	None	No record.	2	550	
9	May 4	6:00 p.m.	342	Fayetteville	Mrs F P Tucker	W L Dorsett	\$100	\$100	No record.	2	500	Lamp explosion.
10	June 11	4:12 a.m.	84	610 S McDowell	E A Johnson	L Taylor	\$80 50	\$80 50	No. 1, H & L	2	500	Sparks.
11	10	11 4:12 a.m.	84	612 S McDowell	E A Johnson	L Taylor	\$80 50	\$80 50	No. 1, H & L	2	500	Dr. Hayes' residence.
12	17	8:45 p.m.	321	Out of town	V. C. Royster	J Wright	\$200	None				Sparks.
13	18	5:10 p.m.	24	S Bloodworth	Mrs Jones	S Jones	None	None				Sparks.
14	18	5:10 p.m.	97	Worth	G M Allen	G M Allen	\$1 20	None				Sparks.
15	22	12:50 p.m.	321	Out of town	W H Fuller	Ed Price	None	None				Sparks.
16	Aug. 9	6:30 p.m.	86	W Lenoir	J G Drewry	unoccupied	\$1 00	None	H & L	1	850	Dr. Hayes' residence.
17	Sept. 1	8:40 p.m.	31	S Dawson	Mrs Harris	L Stewart	\$4 58	\$4 58	No. 3, H & L	1	850	Sparks.
18	21	5:00 a.m.	Still	Soldiers' Home					H & L			Out of town.
19	27	10:40 p.m.	342	Fayetteville	F Stronach	J C L Harris	None	None				Chimney.
20	Oct. 11	8:10 p.m.	46	W Morgan	Mrs Potter	W S Jones	None	None				Direct pressure used.
21	12	7:55 p.m.	312	City lot	City of Raleigh	City of Raleigh	\$25	None	Nos. 1, 3, H & L	8	1,800	
22	20	8:15 p.m.	18	N Person	Mrs Cotton	unoccupied	\$348	\$348	Nos. 2, 3, H & L	2	750	
23	21	4:45 a.m.	321	Fayetteville	V C Royster	M Curtis	\$157	\$82	No. 1, H & L	1	150	Barrel trash.
24	21	5:45 p.m.	312	Fayetteville	Lumsden Bros	Lumsden Bros	None	None	H & L			Chimney.
25	21	9:50 p.m.	842	Fayetteville	Mrs Blake	M B Johnson	None	\$10 50	No. 2, H & L	1	700	Defective fue.
26	Nov. 7	8:45 p.m.	86	Cannon	W J Parker	E Williams	\$10 50	\$10 50	No. 8, H & L	1	750	Chimney.
27	14	8:25 p.m.	Still	E North	W J Andrews	W J Andrews	\$387	\$387	Nos. 2, 3, H & L	2	850	Chimney.
28	19	11:45 p.m.	86	S West	B Moore	B Brown			No. 1	1	850	Chimney.
29	20	1:30 a.m.	Still	S West	B Moore	B Brown			No. 2	1	850	Chimney.
30	28	8:05 p.m.	Still	W South	Old Ladies' Home	Home			No. 1	1	200	Ashes in wood.
31	29	9:40 a.m.	212	Rear of Fayetteville.	Rosenthal estate.	M W Smith			No. 2	1	200	Ashes in wood.

RECORD OF FIRES FROM MARCH 1ST, 1903, TO FEBRUARY 29TH, 1904—Continued.

Number.	Date.	Time.	Box.	Location.	Owner.	Occupant.	Damage.	Insurance Paid.	Companies in Service.*	No. Streams.	Pct of Hose In service.	Remarks.
32	Dec. 1	9:20 p m	88	Cannon	M Thomas	M Thomas	None	None	No. 2	1	400	Lamp.
33	2	11:50 p m	96	E Harrett	J Lewis	J Richardson	87 cts	None	No. 2	1	800	Fence on fire.
34	5	8:50 p m	82	Powell's alley	A M Powell	M Cameron	\$15.	None	No. 3, H & L	1	800	Sparks, S. A. L.
35	11	12:50 a m	86	Cannon	P Edwards	Holiness Church	\$25.	None	H & L	1	800	Incendiary.
36	12	11:10 p m	14	False								
37	21	7:55 p m	94	E Martin	Mrs Harrison	M Pool	None	None	No. 2	1	350	Ashes.
38	24	2:00 a m	84	S McDowell	V C Royster	O Obel	\$145.	\$125.	Nos. 2, 3, H & L	2	750	Defective fue.
39	25	6:45 p m	24	S Bloodworth	Mrs Jones	Mrs Dixon	None					
40	Jan. 1	12:10 a m	17	False								
41	2	2:45 p m	21	S Blount	Mrs Rogers	C C Cherry	\$1 00.					
42	5	5:00 p m	212	Fayetteville	Mrs Shepherd	Young & Hughes	None					Oil can on fire.
43	9	7:10 p m	312	S Salisbury	J A Bragassa	J A Bragassa	\$10.	None	Nos. 1, 2, 3, H & L	2	550	Ashes.
44	19	5:50 p m	24	E Davie	T L Love	Cheatham & Co	None		H & L			Sparks.
45	19	6:55 p m	24	E Davie	T L Love	Cheatham & Co	50 cts		H & L			Sparks.
46	20	12:15 p m	31	So R R platform	Southern Railroad	Heath Bros	\$900.	\$900.	Nos. 1, 2, H & L	2	1,200	Sparks.
47	20	1:30 p m	31	W Cabarrus	Mr Ball	Unoccupied	None		No. 1, H & L	1	300	Sparks.
48	25	6:45 p m	212	Fayetteville	D T Hogg	Mr White	None		No. 1, H & L	1	300	Lamp exploded.
49	25	2:45 a m	24	False								
50	29	5:00 a m	24	E Davie	J E Fogue	Unoccupied	\$25.	None	Nos. 2 & 3	2	800	10 m. delay, hydrants froz.
51	31	5:25 p m	27	E Lenoir	K Lynch	K Lynch	\$2 50.	None	H & L	1	300	Defective fue.
52	Feb. 3	4:45 p m	42	Cotton platform	S A L Railroad	C E Johnson	\$80.	\$30.	No. 2	1	300	
53	8	1:28 a m	24	E Davie	Ellington & Hicks	Miss Richardson	\$4,110 50.	\$3,823.	Nos. 1, 2, 3, H & L	5	2,850	Direct pressure used.
54	6	10:35 p m	24	Hargett and Blount	Tabernaacle Church	Church			No. 3, H & L	1	200	Ashes.
55	7	2:00 a m	24	False								
56	7	2:40 p m	12	Firwood avenue	Out of town							
57	19	7:30 a m	321	Manly	E A Johnson	G Alston	\$125.	None	Nos. 2, 3, H & L	2	1,200	Smoke.
58	24	2:30 p m	41	N West	[No fire]	A Gorham						
59	26	7:55 p m	85	E Lenoir	A Gorham		Slight.		Nos. 1, 2	2	650	
			59				\$8,425 15	\$7,295 58				

* H & L—Hook and Ladder. No. 1.—Rescue. No. 2.—Victor Co. No. 3.—Capitol Co. No record kept of loss of out of town fires.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 1st, 1904.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Water Committee submit herewith their annual report.

No additional fire hydrants have been installed during the year ending February 29th, 1904.

The total cost of 133 hydrants in use by the City amounted to \$5,000.

As far as we can learn, the Water Company has given entire satisfaction during the year, both to the private consumers and the City.

Respectfully,

JAS. G. UPOHURCH, *Chairman.*

W. N. NOWELL,

J. O. SMITH,

Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MAYOR AND OFFICERS

COMPLIMENTS OF

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm. G. Wilson". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a long, thin horizontal line that extends to the left and then curves back under the signature.

CITY CLERK.

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1904.

