

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Raleigh:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit for your consideration my second annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1905:

ORGANIZATION.

Committee on Fire Department—C. A. Separk, Chairman; H. H. Crocker, W. M. Newell.

Chief of Fire DepartmentWalter Woolcott
Assistant Chief Fire DepartmentF. W. Mahler

RESCUE STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO. NO. 1.

OFFICERS.

ForemanR. E. Lumsden
Assistant ForemanW. A. Simpson
SecretaryW. A. Faucett
TreasurerT. W. Blake

MEMBERS.

C. J. Betts,	Gordon Harris,
W. Z. Blake,	J. A. Hinnant,
S. B. Brockwell,	C. T. Hinnant,
J. S. Correll,	L. H. Lumsden,
M. W. Crocker,	J. N. McRary,
E. S. Doolittle,	W. F. McDowell,
W. W. Flow,	S. P. Pennington,
W. B. Grimes,	P. N. Pennington,
J. P. Gulley,	C. B. Park,
C. U. Harris,	J. F. Straughn,
W. C. White.	Total, 25.

CAPITAL HOSE CO., No. 3.

OFFICERS.

J. F. JordanForeman
C. H. BettsAssistant Foreman
A. KrethSecretary and Treasurer

MEMBERS.

H. Horton,	Ben Johnson,
L. A. Mahler,	Jno. Snuggs,
Fred Woolcott,	P. Mangum,
Jno. Mangum,	E. Hill,
R. C. Pool. Total, 12.	

HOOK AND LADDER CO.

OFFICERS.

Jno. MangumForeman
E. B. ParishAssistant Foreman
W. D. TerrySecretary
W. R. MacyTreasurer

MEMBERS.

E. A. Lassiter,	W. C. Parish,
L. D. Bagwell,	C. Pool,
Ed. Ennis,	W. F. Roberts,
P. B. Brooks,	B. Pool,
H. C. Olive,	A. L. Terry,
E. Peebles,	W. A. Taylor,
W. Peebles,	W. C. Underhill,
Jno. Wynne. Total, 19.	

VICTOR Co., No. 2.

OFFICERS.

Wm. Palmer	Foreman
S. J. Hawkins	Secretary
Chas. Winters	Treasurer

MEMBERS.

J. J. Alston,	Henry Price,
Chas. Chavis,	Mack Freeman,
Ed. Chavis,	Jno. B. Freeman,
Wm. Haywood,	Jno. B. Haywood,
J. Kelly,	Sonny Jeffries,
Jas. Manly,	F. Killebrew,
J. T. Palmer,	S. B. Mallitt,
R. S. Taylor,	S. G. Smith,
Robt. Watson,	Joe Peney.

Total, 21.

EQUIPMENT.

The equipment of the department consists of one hook and ladder truck, three hose wagons (two horse), one steamer, which is out of repair; eight horses and 3,900 feet of cotton hose, all in good condition.

BUILDINGS.

The department has in use three buildings, one on Morgan Street, between Salisbury and McDowell, used for the Capital Hose Co., Hook and Ladder Co., and also for the fire alarm system. The Rescue Co. occupies a brick building on Fayetteville Street, near the Courthouse, and the Victor Co. is in a building, corner Hargett and Blount Streets. These buildings are all in good repair at present.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is from 136 public and 30 private hydrants. The pressure on these hydrants ranges from 48 to 70 pounds gravity, and from 65 to 110 direct pressure.

FIRE ALARM.

The equipment of the fire alarm system consists of one bell striker, three gongs in engine houses, one four-circuit repeater, one new four-circuit switch-board complete with switches, galvanometers, storage batteries, etc.; thirty-four fire alarm boxes, sixteen call bells in houses of officers and members of the department. The system is the Gamewell, and is the best in the country.

FIRE LOSSES.

For the year ending February 28th, the fire losses were: Losses of buildings, \$7,944.38; losses on contents, \$16,481.60. Insurance paid on buildings, \$4,267.38; insurance paid on

contents, \$12,556.70, which shows a net loss over insurance of \$7,601.90; of this amount \$7,025.00 was lost on the Harden Stable Fire. No insurance was on the building owned by Barbee & Co., or W. A. Myatt. We had three bad fires during the year, but only one which taxed the capacity of the department. We would suggest, as we did last year, that property owners keep insured. I attach a detailed report of fires at the end of this report, showing full record of each alarm.

EXPENSES.

The expenses of the department for the past year were \$9,691.38.

This includes all expenses, such as salaries, feed, permanent improvements, hose, horses, laundry, coal, repairs and incidentals. A detailed or itemized list of the expenses will be found in the report of the Finance Committee.

SUGGESTIONS.

As the city grows it becomes more necessary to protect the property by laws regulating building, and I would suggest the adoption of the new building laws passed by the last Legislature. These laws were written by a committee of the insurance companies and the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and will prove valuable in reducing the fire losses of our city.

The city is pretty well covered with fire alarm boxes and hydrants, except in one or two places. A fire alarm box is needed at or near the corner of Saunders and Tucker Streets, and at the corner of Martin and Person Streets.

There are no hydrants on North Boylan Avenue. This part of the city has built up rapidly for the past few years, and it is need of protection.

CONCLUSION.

My acknowledgments are hereby tendered to his Honor the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen and the Committee on Fire Department for courteous treatment and support. To the officers and members of the department I desire to extend my thanks for their prompt response and attention to duties.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER WOOLLCOTT,
Chief of Fire Department.

Number.	Date.	Time.	Box.	Location.	Owner or Agent.	Occupant.	Cause.	Damage.		Insurance Paid.		Companies In Service.	No. Streams.	Hose in Service.	Remarks.
								Building.	Contents.	Building.	Contents.				
1	1904														
2	Mar. 9	7 00 pm	24	E. Cabarrus											
3	16	3 05 pm	46	W. Edenton											
4	19	11 25 am	24	S. East	H. E. King	H. E. King									Grass on fire in field.
5	20	8 20 pm	25	False	J. M. Broughton & Co.	Lucey Farror	Ashe Sparks								
6	26	11 30 pm	28	720 S. Person	A. Wallace	Unoccupied	Incon					No. 2, H. & L.	1	400	False alarm.
7	April 3	7 10 pm	17	N. Wilmington	Dr. T. B. Hogg	Mrs. E. B. Roberts	Chimney			\$125 00		Nos. 2, 3, H. & L.	2	1,600	
8	4	7 00 pm	21	S. A. L. R. R. Bank								H. & L.			
9	6	1 10 am	32	Haywood	J. M. Broughton & Co.	Sis Daniels	Def. fl.					No. 2	1	300	Grass on fire.
10	11	12 10 pm	Still	702 W. Jones	E. M. Martin	E. M. Martin	Def. fl.					H. & L.			
11	13	2 15 pm	25	N. Person	F. A. Watson	F. A. Watson	Def. fl.		\$30 00			No. 3	1	800	Box 14 pulled; rep'ter hung.
12	16	9 20 pm	18	114 E. Lenoir	A. Gorham	A. Gorham	Def. fl.		\$6 00			H. & L.			
13	17	1 50 am	212	E. Edenton	B. F. University	B. F. University	Chimney		\$3 00						
14	20	2 35 pm	321	103 Fayetteville	T. D. Hogg	C. M. Bretsch	Chimney					H. & L.			
15	May 16	8 40 am	32	825 Jenkins	Wynne & Ellington	Mrs. Thackston	Rats								
16	19	7 30 pm	32	Hillsboro	S. A. L. Bridge		Sparks								
17	21	7 30 pm	35	No fire											
18	25	10 00 pm	Still	17 Firwood Ave	A. Baughman	C. W. Garnett	Sparks					No. 3	1	300	
19	26	5 30 pm	False	St. Augustine School			Lamp								
20	June 13	12 20 pm	37	Near S. A. L. R. R.	B. W. Baker	B. W. Baker	Lamp					H. & L.			Out of town.
21	20	5 50 pm	312	W. Martin	Jones & Bailey	Mutual Pub. Co.	Sparks			None		No. 2, H. & L.	1	1,000	
22	21	7 00 pm	212	Fayetteville	Mrs. D. T. Swindell	Boylan-Pearce Co.	Gasoline								
23	21	8 05 pm	26	Fayetteville	Mrs. D. T. Swindell	Dr. Whitaker		\$5,500 00	\$171 86	\$5,500 00		Nos. 2, 3, H. & L.	5	1,800	5 lines hose laid, only 2 used.
24	26	1 00 am	42	Out of town	Church			\$251 76		\$251 76					
25	27	9 50 am	12	Halifax	State of N. C.	State Chemist	Light					No. 3, H. & L.	1	850	
26	30	9 15 pm	13	512 N. East	R. Barnes	R. Barnes	Gas								
27	May 9	2 20 pm	Still	10 W. Peace	Mrs. Baughman	Mrs. Henderlight	Light	\$700 00	\$700 00	\$1,800 00	\$700 00	1, 2, 3, H. & L.	3	2,400	Direct pressure used.
28	July 1	12 10 pm	212	Wilmington	C. C. Crow	C. C. Crow	Curtain								
29	23	6 50 am	214	E. Hargett	Royall & Borden	Royall & Borden	Chimney					H. & L.			Answered by H. & L.
30	31	6 35 am	24	512 E. Martin	Cameron Estate	G. E. Kennedy	Trash								
31	Aug. 3	4 10 pm	28	Smithfield Alley	J. R. E. & T. Co.	Unoccupied				None		Nos. 1, 2, H. & L.	2	700	
32	23	12 15 pm	37	Smithfield Alley	J. R. Hawkins	J. R. Hawkins	Tramp		\$250 00			1, 2, 3, H. & L.	2	2,050	
33	21	4 50 am	23	R. R. Y	Kemp Johnson	K. Johnson			\$50 00	\$115 00					
34	21	4 50 am	23	E. Martin	Raleigh Electric Co.				\$300 00			No. 1	1	400	Poles on fire.
35	24	4 50 am	23	E. Martin	E. B. Barbee	Geo. Hardin		\$3,000 00		\$875 00		1, 2, 3, H. & L.	6	2,700	Direct pressure used.
36	16	12 30 am	21	E. Martin	W. A. Myatt	W. A. Myatt		\$3,000 00		\$1,200 00		1, 2, 3, H. & L.			
37	22	10 00 am	24	False	S. Berwanger	Mr. Pool			\$80 00			1, 2, 3, H. & L.			
38	Oct. 1	2 00 am	214	E. Cabarrus	Miss May	Miss May	Def. fl.								
39	3	4 45 pm	312	False											
40	7	2 50 am	37	Rear Mut. Pub. Co.	Mutual Pub. Co.	Mutual Pub. Co.									
41	7	3 30 pm	26	411 W. Martin	Mrs. Roushaw	Geo. Terry				Unknown		H. & L.			
42	7	8 20 pm	16	413 W. Martin	Mrs. Hughes	L. Lane				\$200 00		1, 2, 3, H. & L.	3	950	
43	11	8 20 pm	16	E. Hargett	Mr. Womble	Mr. Womble	Trash								
44	12	9 45 pm	321	Harp	Mrs. Yancey	Mrs. Goodnoe	Chimney								
45	21	7 05 pm	25	N. Blount	Mrs. Pace	J. H. Pou	Lamp								
46	29	6 10 pm	14	Fayetteville	Mills Mig. Co.	Mills Mig. Co.						Nos. 1, 2, H. & L.	2	1,350	
47	Nov. 7	10 00 am	23	Shaw University											
48	13	7 25 pm	27	False											
49	Oct. 5	11 10 am	Still	Wilmington	J. T. Matthews	J. T. Matthews	Lamp								
50	Nov. 16	5 50 pm	43	S. Person	Presby. Ch. (col.)	Rev. Mabry	Chimney								
51	19	2 30 am	35	W. Morgan	Rev. Uzzle										
52	25	9 15 pm	28	False											Answered by H. & L.
53	27	2 40 pm	31	Out of town											
54	Dec. 8	9 30 pm	12	South	Rev. Smith	Unknown									
55	13	2 20 am	29	Out of town	J. C. Drewry	F. Betts	Sparks					H. & L.			
56	25	9 30 am	28	E. Hargett			Sparks								
57	1905														
58	Jan. 5	1 15 am	24	Out of town											
59	5	10 45 am	34	E. Davie	W. J. Ellington	G. Webster	Incend	\$4 00	\$384 00	\$564 00	\$384 00	Nos. 2, 3, H. & L.	2	700	
60	25	7 00 pm	28	Lenoir	D. Murray	D. Murray						No. 2	1	350	
61	25	7 25 pm	12	No fire											
62	25	7 25 pm	27	No fire											
63	26	8 20 am	342	No fire											
64	Feb. 5	6 00 am	43	S. Salisbury	A. Williams	A. Williams	Chimney								
65	7	3 45 am	28	Saunders	T. P. Sale	T. P. Sale	Def. fl.			\$65 00		No. 2, H. & L.	1	400	
66	15	1 30 am	29	S. Blount	B. Jones	B. Jones	Sparks					No. 3	1	250	
67	24	7 15 am	47	E. Hargett	Mrs. Stamback	B. W. Jones	Def. fl.			\$200 00		Nos. 1, 3, H. & L.	2	550	
68	26	4 30 pm	29	False								Nos. 2, 3, H. & L.	3	800	Direct pressure used.
69	27	3 30 am	243	Fayetteville	Hogg Estate	C. M. Bretsch									
70	27	3 30 am	16	S. Bloodworth	M. Moore	M. Moore	Smoke			\$300 00		No. 1	1	1,000	
71	28	13 35 am	16	N. Blount	R. C. Strong	R. C. Strong						1, 2, 3, H. & L.	3	2,200	Out of city; direct pres. used.

No. 1, Rescue Co.; No. 2, Victor Co.; No. 3, Capital Co.; H. & L., Hook and Ladder Co.
No record kept of out-of-town fires.

Total damage—Building, \$7,944.38; contents, \$16,431.60.
Insurance paid—Building, \$4,267.38; contents, \$12,556.70.

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OF THE

MAYOR AND OFFICERS

OF THE

CITY OF RALEIGH

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1905



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