

Sixty-Fifth Annual Report
 OF THE
 Receipts and Expenditures
 OF THE
 City of Portland, Maine
 AND
 Annual Reports of the
 Several Departments



FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

1923

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

MANUAL FORCE

Chief Almus D. Butler retired from active service December 1, 1923, Oliver T. Sanborn was appointed Chief February 11, 1924. Membership of this department is divided into two classes, permanent men and call men. The permanent force consists of one Chief, one Deputy Chief, one District Chief, eighteen captains, thirteen lieutenants, eleven enginemen and sixty-four privates, total of one hundred and nine men. Call force consists of thirty-nine regulars, ten substitutes, ten at Peaks Island, one at Long Island, one at Great Diamond Island, total sixty-one, which makes a grand total of one hundred seventy men.

APPARATUS IN SERVICE

Three Chief's autos.
 Two motor pumpers and hose combinations.
 Four motor hose and chemical combinations.
 One motor chemical engine.
 Two motor chemical and ladder combinations.
 One 85-foot aerial ladder.
 One self propelled steamer.
 Three horse-drawn chemical and ladder combinations.
 Four horse-drawn steamers.
 Four horse-drawn hose wagons.
 One motor supply wagon.
 One motor chemical (60 gallon) at Long Island.
 One chemical pumper (60 gallon) at Peaks Island.
 One fire boat.
 Five extinguishers (2½ gallon), hooks, axes, etc., at Diamond Island.

APPARATUS IN RESERVE

Three horse-drawn steamers.
 Two horse-drawn ladder trucks.
 One hose reel.
 Three hose wagons.
 One single exercise wagon.
 Seven double exercise wagons.
 Six double exercise sleds.
 One single exercise sled.
 Seven double hose pungs.
 One single hose pung.

STATIONS

ENGINE COMPANY No. 1

No. 99 India Street
 Melville G. Frank, *Captain*
 One Lieutenant, five permanent men and four call men.

ENGINE AND COMBINATION No. 2

No. 134 Congress Street
 John Q. Jordan, *Captain*
 One Lieutenant, five permanent men and nine call men;
 five substitutes.

ENGINE COMPANY No. 3

No. 176 Brackett Street
 Timothy E. Quinlan, *Captain*
 One Lieutenant, four permanent men and two call men.

ENGINE COMPANY No. 4

Nos. 155-157 Spring Street
 William Hawkins, *Captain*
 One Lieutenant, six permanent men and three call men;
 one substitute.

ENGINE COMPANY No. 5

Nos. 380-382 Congress Street
 Charles F. Feeney, *Captain*
 One Lieutenant, six permanent men and three call men;
 four substitutes.

ENGINE COMPANY No. 6

No. 295 Park Avenue
 William F. Moulton, *Captain*
 Four permanent men and four call men; two substitutes.

ENGINE COMPANY No. 7 (FIRE BOAT)

East Side of Portland Pier
 John W. Wallace, *Captain*
 One Lieutenant and two permanent men; one substitute.

ENGINE COMPANY No. 8

No. 536 Deering Avenue
 Amos S. Knight, *Captain*
 One Lieutenant, six permanent men and three call men.

ENGINE COMPANY No. 9

Nos. 9-11 Arbor Street
 George W. I. Stevens, *Captain*
 One Lieutenant, five permanent men and two call men;
 two substitutes.

HOSE AND COMBINATION COMPANY No. 11

No. 243 Ocean Avenue
 Charles H. Mayberry, *Captain*
 One Lieutenant, four permanent men and two call men;
 five substitutes.

HOSE COMPANY No. 12

Located at Peaks Island, Me.
 Melville E. Griffin, *Captain*
 Two permanent men and ten call men; four substitutes.

CHEMICAL COMPANY No. 1

No. 135 Market Street
 One Lieutenant and five permanent men.

LADDER COMPANY No. 1

No. 376 Congress Street

Joseph A. Cooper, *Captain*

Five permanent men and two call men; one substitute.

LADDER COMPANY No. 3

No. 163 Brackett Street

William E. Fuller, *Captain*One Lieutenant, four permanent men and one call man;
one substitute.

LADDER COMPANY No. 4

Nos. 9-11 Arbor Street

Frederick C. Larson, *Captain*

One Lieutenant, two permanent men and two call men.

LADDER COMPANY No. 5

No. 99 India Street

Joseph Blake, *Captain*

Four permanent men and two call men; two substitutes.

PERMANENT MEN (UNATTACHED)

Frank P. Carr, *Captain*Henry G. Rowe, *Captain*Ralph H. Eaton, *Captain*Frank H. Joseph, *Lieutenant*Henry A. Skillings, *Engineman*Ralph Moses, *Chauffeur*Charles E. Skillin, *Hoseman*Frank P. Greene, *Hoseman*

A new Central Fire Station is under construction and should be ready for occupancy in the fall. The houses as a whole are in good condition. This department now is in charge of the care and upkeep of its buildings, where formerly it was in the hands of the Public Buildings Committee.

HOSE

First class hose, 6,950 feet; second class hose, 28,450 feet. The second class hose cannot be relied upon to stand engine pressure. The first class hose will be increased by the purchase of new hose this year, as an appropriation of \$10,000 was made for this purpose.

NUMBER OF ALARMS

Stills, 563; bells, 226, total, 789. There have been seven second alarms, 29 false alarms and 6 out-of-town calls.

Fires originated in 337 wooden buildings, 192 in brick buildings, 8 in concrete buildings, 2 in cement buildings, 31 in automobiles, 24 in rubbish, 56 in grass, 3 in brush, 2 in planking, 8 in dumps, 13 in woods, 2 in trees, 13 in bonfires, 2 in tar kettles, 2 in lumber, 5 in wharves, 3 in sawdust, 6 in boxcars, 3 in motor boats, 2 in railroad sleepers, 2 in fences, and 13 miscellaneous.

LOSS AND INSURANCE

Value of buildings and contents,	\$3,809,680.93
Total insurance on buildings,	3,238,907.21
Total loss,	191,573.57

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Appropriation and credits.	Expenditures.	Overdraft.	Balance unexpended
Maintenance,	\$ 30,337.54	\$ 31,945.73	\$1,608.19	
Pensions,	11,500.00	12,210.58	710.58	
Salaries,	195,000.00	191,786.28		\$3,213.72
Special,	17,000.00	16,000.00		1,000.00
Water and Hydrants,	7,578.18	6,970.90		607.28
			\$2,318.77	\$4,821.00
				2,318.77
Unexpended balance, all accounts,				\$2,502.23

RECOMMENDATIONS

Purchase of a motor pumper and hose combination for the new Central Fire Station. Use of India Street Station as a Drill School.

PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

1923 - Statistics and Information

Still Alarms	563	Actual Building Fires	539
Bell Alarms	226	Other Fires	190
A.D.T. Alarms		No Fire or Needless	60
Total Alarms	789	False Alarms	29
2-Alarm Fires	7	Out of City Calls	6
3-Alarm Fires	0	Known Fire Fatalities	0
General Alarms	2	\$ Loss	191,573

Alarms Answered by Fire Companies

Engine Co. # 1	176	Hose Co. # 11	32 (Comb. 11 w/H-11)
" (L-2 w/E-2) # 2	108	" # 12	
" # 3	97		
" # 4	304	Chemical Co. # 1	
" # 5	366		
" # 6		Ladder Co. # 1	
" (Fireboat) # 7		" # 3	228
" # 8		" # 4	
" # 9		" # 5	

Manual Force (109 Permanent Men)

Chief	1	Captains	18
Deputy Chief	1	Lieutenants	13
District Chief	1	Enginemen	11
		Privates	64
Call Force	39		
Volunteers	10 (Peaks Island)	Long Island, Diamond Island (1 on each)	

Manual Force by Companies

<u>Company</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>Lt.</u>	<u>EM.</u>	<u>Pr.</u>	<u>Call, Sub</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>Lt.</u>	<u>EM.</u>	<u>Pr.</u>	<u>Call, Sub</u>
E-1	1	1	2	3	4	Chemical 1	0	1	0	5	----
E-2, L-2	1	1	1	4	9, 5	H-11, C-11	1	1	0	4	2, 5
E-3	1	1	1	3	2	H-12	1	0	0	2	10, 4
E-4	1	1	1	5	3, 1	L-1	1	0	0	5	3, 1
E-5	1	1	1	5	3, 4	L-3	1	1	0	4	1, 1
E-6, L-6	1	0	1	3	4, 2	L-4	1	1	0	2	2
E-7	1	1	1	1	1-Perm. Sub.	L-5	1	0	0	4	2, 2
E-8	1	1	1	5	3						
E-9	1	1	1	4	2, 2	Unattached	3	1	1	2	----

Highlights

Care and upkeep of fire department buildings transferred from Public Buildings to F.D.
August - National Board of Fire Underwriters investigating conditions for 1923 report.
October 1 - New Central Station building contract awarded to M.J. Greene Co., Portland.
December 1 - Chief Almus D. Butler retired after serving more than nine years as Chief.

PFD Horses (22) 2 w/Steam Engines 2, 3, 6, 9, Hose Wagons 2, 3, 5, 11, Ladders 1, 2, Combination 11)

New

Apparatus

L-5 tractor - 1922 Seagrave 4-wheel motor tractor, attached to 1887 L-5-Carriage, replacing 1917 Christie 2-wheel tractor (in storage).

In-Service

3/2/23

Ordered - American LaFrance city service ladder truck for L-1 (delivered 2/9/24).

Apparatus in Service

	Year	Assignment	In-service	Manufacturer, Pump Size, Other Information	Location
Chief's car	1921			Chandler auto	Chief Almus D. Butler
District 1	1917			Chandler auto	Deputy Chief Moulton (old Chief's car)
District 2	1919			Chandler auto	District Chief Read (old Chief's car)
E-1	1917			Seagrave	1,000gpm, Double combination
E-2 Steam	1917			1908 Amoskeag #833	steam engine (old E-1), hose wagon
L-2	1899			Haywood carriage	Ladder & chemical combination
E-3 Steam	1885			Amoskeag #612	steam engine, 1910 hose wagon w/6wMG (old H-4)
E-4	1920			Seagrave	750gpm, DC
E-5 Steam	1903			Amoskeag #772	self-propelled steamer, 1905 hose wagon w/6wMG
E-6 Steam	1903			1881 Amoskeag #554	steam engine (old E-5)
H-6	1921			Reo	hose & chemical
E-7 Steam	1894			Fireboat (old 1891 <i>Chebeague</i>)	w/1895 & 1909 Amoskeag pumps
H-8	1916			American LaFrance	hose & chemical
E-9 Steam	1920			1908 Amoskeag #836	steamer (old E-4)
H-9	1921			Reo	hose & chemical
H-11	1899			G.M. Stanwood	hose wagon
C-11	1909			Combination Ladder Co.	ladder & chemical carriage
H-12	1921			Reo	hose & chemical
Peaks Is.	1915			Hand-drawn two-wheel	60-gallon chemical jumper
Long Is.	1920			1910 Michigan chassis,	w/60-gallon chemical tank
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Chemical 1	1918			Indiana/McCann	chemical truck w/1892 C-1 chemical tanks
L-1	1883			Talbot & Moulton	Ladder & chemical carriage (old L-3)
L-3	1919			Indiana/McCann	City service ladder & chemical
L-4	1922			American LaFrance	City service ladder & chemical
L-5 (new)	1923			1922 Seagrave tractor	w/1887 carriage w/85-foot wooden aerial
	1921			1911 Pope-Hartford	(former Police truck) Service Division
Fire Alarm	1915			Cadillac Roadster car	City Electrician (<i>Superintendent</i>)
	1917			GMC 1½-ton truck	Fire Alarm Division Linemen
In Reserve	1908			Amoskeag #823	steam engine (old E-9)
	1908			Amoskeag #837	steam engine (spare engine)
	1871			Amoskeag #370	steam engine (old E-1, 8)
	1874			Hunneman & Co.	ladder carriage (old L-1, 4)
	1885			Talbot & Moulton	ladder carriage (old L-1, 2, 4)
3 hose wagons (1 old H-9 w/4wMG), 8 exercise wagons, 7 exercise sleds, 8 hose pungs.					

<u>New Members</u>	<u>Privates</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Privates</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
	James L. MacVane	6/27/23	Freeman H. Blake	11/2/23
	Grover C. Rottman	6/29/23	Arthur J. Murdock	11/2/23
	Clinton R. Sampson	6/29/23	Rodney E. Bucklin, E-7 Engineer	11/19/23
	John H. Weimert	6/29/23	George H. Hagen	11/30/23
	Charles F. Griffin	6/29/23	Herbert J. Noyes	11/30/23
	Charles A. Stokes	6/29/23	Sub. Callman Grover C. Rottman E-1	2/2/23
	Walter E. Webster	6/29/23	Sub. Callman Ralph M. Olsen E-4	8/13/23
	Michael J. Carlson	6/29/23	Sub. Callman Frank E. Lee E-2	8/13/23
	Joseph E. Smith	6/29/23	Sub. Callman Frank Smith E-2	9/28/23
	William E. Blake	6/29/23	Operator Alfred C. Stults - Fire Alarm	7/15/23

<u>Promotions</u>			<u>Appointed</u>
	Private Stephen A. Dow	to Lieutenant	2/2/23
	Private Edward T. Honan	to Lieutenant	2/2/23
	Private Walter M. Jackson	to Lieutenant	6/29/23
	Private Phillip T. Varney	to Lieutenant	6/29/23
	Lieutenant Charles H. Mayberry	to Captain	9/4/23
	Private John J. Gubbins	to Lieutenant	9/4/23
	Deputy Chief Albion H. Moulton	to Acting Chief	12/1/23 (Chief Butler retired)

<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Substitute Call Men Dropped from the Rolls:</u>		
	Robert Irving	L-5	1/1/23
	J.R. Greeley	L-5	1/1/23

<u>Resignations</u>		<u>Company</u>	<u>Resigned</u>
	Callman B.K. Russell	E-1	1/1/23
	Private Patrick H. Joyce	E-6	2/8/23
	Callman Charles L. Pollister	H-11	4/1/23
	Substitute William J. Coury		4/2/23
	Substitute Henry D. Gould	E-2	4/2/23
	Private Francis M. McDonough	L-3	4/8/23
	Callman Howard F. Gordon	E-3	4/15/23
	Substitute Arthur J. Murdock	L-5	5/1/23
	Call Lieutenant George C. Jose	E-1	6/29/23
	Private John A. O'Rourke	E-5	12/29/23

<u>Pensioned</u>		<u>Company</u>	<u>Retired</u>
	Callman Thomas J. Foster	E-5	1/9/23
	Callman Joseph E. Davis	E-6	1/9/23
	Call Lieutenant Henry J. Sawyer	L-3	4/1/23
	Captain John H. Black	H-11	9/4/23
	Private Howard A. Fogg	Supply Driver	9/28/23
	Callman William A. Soule	L-4	11/1/23
	Asst. Engineer William T. McElwee	E-7 (Fireboat)	12/1/23
	Chief Almus D. Butler	(Chief, 1914-1923)	12/1/23

<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Died</u>
	Operator Harold E. Stults, Fire Alarm	2/20/10	6/24/23 - died active

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Hdqrs. Central Fire Station, 380 Congress St.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Almus D. Butler, chief engineer; Albion H. Moulton, deputy chief; Wm. R. Read, district chief; Frank P. Carr, clerk.

ENGINE 1.—99 India street. Melville G. Frank, captain; James H. Vickery, lieutenant; Harry H. Abbott, William A. St. Claire, engineers; Walter M. Jackson, Joseph L. Wood-ill, Walter W. F. Horr, firemen.

ENGINE 2.—134 Congress street. John Q. Jordan, captain; Walter F. Libby, engine-
man; John F. Fogg, driver of hose; D. James Doyle, driver of truck; Loring S. Towle, driver of engine; Guy Young, Herbert J. Noyes, firemen.

ENGINE 3.—176 Brackett street, Timothy E. Quinlan, captain; John W. Lombard, lieutenant; Granville H. Kimball, engineer; Geo. H. Hagen, William Heiber, drivers.

ENGINE 4.—157 Spring street. William J. Hawkins, captain; Charles H. Mayberry, lieutenant; Michael Glynn, engineer; James W. McCarrison, Matthew J. Cady, drivers; Edward H. Gaddas, James T. Rollinson, Guy R. Purinton, Patrick J. Bowen, firemen.

ENGINE 5.—380 Congress street. Charles F. Feeney, captain; George T. Harding, lieutenant; Fred W. Walton, engineer; John A. O'Rourke, driver of hose; James H. Markley, Thomas A. Burgess, firemen.

ENGINE 6.—295 Park avenue. William F. Moulton, captain; S. M. Hammett, engineman; Daniel J. Carter, Philip T. Varney, Patrick H. Joyce, drivers; Earle D. Froye, fireman.

ENGINE 7.—(Fire Boat)—Portland Pier. John M. Wallace, captain; Charles H. Miller, lieutenant; Frank Gerard, engineer; William T. McElwee, assistant engineer; Thomas W. Gould, stoker.

ENGINE 8.—536 Deering avenue. Amos S. Knight, captain; Thomas S. Murdock, lieutenant; Benjamin F. Woodbury, engineman; Frank E. Banks, George C. Partridge, Charles F. Jarvis, Paul E. Sampson, William Sanborn, Frank W. Boothby, firemen.

ENGINE 9.—17 Arbor street. G. W. I. Stevens, captain; John E. Barry, lieutenant; Edward Fowler, engineman; Edward T. Cronin, driver of engine; John H. Mullins, fireman.

CHEMICAL 1.—133 Market street. William S. Berry, Dwight F. Tinkham, Ernest A. Fogg, Leslie R. McVane, Frank Mullens, firemen.

LADDER 1.—380 Congress street. Joseph A. Cooper, captain; Alanson Demott, Oscar Dodd, George W. Lowe, firemen.

LADDER 3.—163 Brackett street. W. E. Fuller, captain; Edward A. Hodgdon, driver; Francis M. McDonough, Arthur E. Libby, Timothy J. Powell, firemen.

LADDER 4.—11 Arbor street. Frederick C. Larsen, captain; Stephen A. Dow, Fred L. Smith, John H. Russell, firemen.

LADDER 5.—99 India street. Joseph L. Blake, captain; Joseph L. Blake, Francis J. Conroy, Edwin T. Honan, Herman H. Brockman, firemen.

HOSE AND COMBINATION 11.—579 Ocean avenue. John H. Black, captain; David C. Fogg, lieutenant; Harry A. Lucas, John J. Gubbons, drivers; Fred A. Alexander, John J. McGowan, firemen.

PEAKS ISLAND HOSE 12.—Melville E. Griffin, lieutenant; Abram H. Sterling, Henry Green, firemen.

UNATTACHED MEN.—Capt. Frank P. Carr, clerk; Capt. Ralph H. Eaton, master mechanic; Capt. Henry G. Rowe, supervising engineer; Lieutenants, Frank H. Joseph, supt. of hose; Frank P. Greene, Charles E. Skillins, hosemen; Ralph Moses, chauffeur; Henry A. Skillings, engineman; Howard A. Fogg, patrolman.