

Numerous complaints on weight of sugar, butter, meat, overcharge on taxi meters, short measure of oil and gasoline, investigated and settled satisfactorily without the necessity of court action.

Work Performed from January 1, 1935 to December 31, 1935

Scales	Inspected	Found Correct	Found Incorrect and Repaired	Condemned
Automatic	103	82	21	
Computing	471	435	36	
Counter	394	371	23	
Elevator	0	0	0	
Family	1			1
Overhead Track	36	28	8	
Dormant	80	73	7	
Platform	343	318	25	
Railroad Track	9	9		
Spring	515	487	28	
Auto Truck	26	21	5	
Weights	1130	1118	12	
Liquid Measure	177	177		
Dry Measure	7	7		
Yard Measure	28	23		5
Measuregraphs	6	5	1	
Gas and Oil Pumps	111	100	11	
Gas Meters	425	391	34	
Vehicle Tanks	68	62	6	
Oil Meters	61	56	5	
Store and Market	415			
Service Station	260			
Dairy	10			
Lobster Gauge	2	2		
Public Market Inspections	94			
Store Market Inspections	225			
Filling Station Inspections	44			
Taxi Meters Street Inspections	35			
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Drill School

The high efficiency of the Portland Fire Department is attributed in no small way to our Drill School. This school is in session from May to October each year. It is recognized as a contributing factor to the promptness of the performance of duties and the handling of apparatus in fighting fires. The school course covers practical methods in fighting fires, rescue methods, ladder and life net drills, correct hose lay-out, and the proper use of apparatus.

Fire Losses and Alarms

The following table shows the number of alarms and fire losses for the years 1910-1935 inclusive. The fire losses for the past year is the third lowest fire loss since 1899. The other low losses were in 1909 and in 1900. There was a decrease in the number of fire alarms this past year of 57 as compared to the year 1934.

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

YEAR	FIRE ALARMS	FIRE LOSS
1910	384	\$ 379,355.46
1911	568	\$ 200,251.91
1912	512	\$ 251,038.24
1913	524	\$ 117,564.07
1914	601	\$ 388,387.24
1915	717	\$ 313,640.40
1916	554	\$ 370,403.63
1917	576	\$ 260,137.43
1918	627	\$ 233,151.06
1919	586	\$ 385,696.17
1920	573	\$ 47,511.82
1921	644	\$ 440,360.33
1922	738	\$ 662,755.54
1923	789	\$ 223,463.30
1924	1,000	\$ 325,920.60
1925	991	\$ 447,692.02
1926	1,124	\$ 375,165.95
1927	946	\$ 345,036.02
1928	1,052	\$ 152,987.26
1929	1,261	\$ 594,626.02
1930	1,630	\$ 226,219.44
1931	1,370	\$ 229,340.57
1932	1,704	\$ 227,784.05
1933	1,289	\$ 176,494.64
1934	1,292	\$ 346,002.81
1935	1,235	\$ 111,480.63

Autos, Motor Equipment

The Department is equipped with

- 3 Automobiles for chief officers
- 2 Aerial Ladder Trucks
- 8 Motor Pumpers with Hose Combinations
- 4 Motor Hose and Chemical Combinations
- 1 Squad and Booster Combination
- 3 Ladder and Chemical Combinations
- 2 Chemical Jumpers
- 1 Hose Wagon
- 1 Motor Hose Wagon, equipped with turret pipes
- 1 Motor Supply Truck
- 1 Motor Repair Truck
- 1 Motor Hydrant Truck
- 1 Ford Roadster for Hydrant Inspection
- 1 Ford Barter Truck with 270 gallon water tank

Apparatus in Reserve

- 1 Self-propelled Steamer
- 1 Tractor-drawn Steamer
- 7 Pungs
- 3 Hose Wagons
- 6 Exercise Wagons and Coal Sleds
- 1 Ladder Truck

Some Significant Facts of the Fire Department Are

Fire preventions, inspections, and re-inspections	12,530
Total number of alarms	1,235
Alarms for fires	912
Needless alarms	255
Alarms for Emergencies to persons or properties	16
False alarms	72
Fires per thousand population	9.5
Fire losses per fire	\$1,237.41
Fire losses per capita	\$1.48
Number firemen per square mile	19.8
Number firemen per population	6.5

Causes of Fires

Automobiles	82
Grass	149
Chimney	201
Fireworks	13
Incendiary	12
Oil Stoves	15
Rubbish	38
Sparks	33
Short Circuit	7
Unknown	47
Carelessness	383
False	72
Needless	183
Total	1235

Fire Inspection

The regular Christmas inspection was carried on by two men being assigned to the retail district for two weeks preceding the holiday. Under the E. R. A. two men were employed for several months in the Deering section inspecting buildings for defects that might cause fire.

For the work during the Fire Prevention Week Portland was placed on the National honor roll, being one of three cities in New England to receive that distinction.

Fire prevention activities were carried on during the entire year. Two programs in schools, club groups, and organizations of all kinds. Fire prevention talks were given over the radio, and articles appeared in the newspapers. During the Fire Prevention Week an extensive campaign was conducted throughout the city.

The Firemen's Pension Roll at the close of the year contained 47 firemen, 5 vacancies. The total expenditures being \$27,135.34.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Employees—124

Expenditures—\$205,444.20

During the year 1935, 6,331 arrests were made, an increase of approximately 15% as compared to the year 1934. Most of this increase is accounted for in minor offenses such as non-support, safe-keeping, and traffic violations.

A unique record was established by the Detective Bureau. So complete was their preparation of evidence of the cases heard before the Superior Court that at one term no cases were tried. At another term only one case was tried.

Several foot beats which were badly needed are now being covered.

Through a W. P. A. project, the main building of Headquarters was redecorated, and is now in perfect condition.

During 1935 the Police Department recovered and returned stolen property valued at \$53,559.01.

The Department has answered 1,435 appeals for ambulance service.

Crimes and Offenses Committed

Assault and battery	96
Breaking, entering, and larceny	448
Disorderly and disorderly house	45
Drunk (drunk and disorderly)	4,656
Gambling and lottery	88
Safe-keeping	323
Vagrancy and suspicion	155
Violation of traffic rules	448
All others	220

TOTAL ARRESTS

6,331

Disposition of Cases

Cases continued	319
Discharged	3,340
Delivered to other persons	171
Fined	263
Probation	982
Released on Bail	21
Sentenced	1,153
Other dispositions	82

TOTAL DISPOSITIONS

6,331

Age of Persons Arrested

10 to 20 years	393
21 to 30 years	1,590
31 to 40 years	1,789
41 to 50 years	1,377
51 to 60 years	842
61 years and over	340

TOTAL

6,331

Fire Department

PORTLAND

Headquarters, Central Fire Station, 380 Congress

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Oliver T. Sanborn, chief engineer; Albion H. Moulton, deputy chief; Wm. R. Read, district chief.

FIRE ALARM — 118 Federal. Alfred C. Stulta, Daniel E. Ward, Carl W. Reynolds, Martin F. Dugan, operators; Frank E. Sargent, supt.; Fred W. Barnes, James A. Whidden, John R. Fraser, electricians; Harry J. Howarth, inspector.

ENGINE 1 — 380 Congress. Melville G. Frank, capt.; Frank W. Boothby, lieutenant; Harry H. Abbott, J. H. Markley, engineers; William E. Blake, Guy A. Young, Clarence S. Cressey, Charles A. Stokes, firemen.

ENGINE 2 — 134 Congress. Chas. E. Feeney, capt.; Edward A. Hodgdon, lieutenant; Ernest A. Fogg, Matthew J. Cady, Fred G. Ward, firemen.

ENGINE 3 — 178 Brackett. Joseph L. Blake, capt.; Michael J. Carleson, lieutenant; Daniel J. Carter, Loring S. Towle, Earl D. Foye, firemen.

ENGINE 4 — 157 Spring. Thomas S. Murdock, capt.; Maurice W. E. Killings, lieutenant; James W. McCarrison, Carl A. Elstrom, John B. Martin, Fred W. Walton, John J. Gallagher, Andrew J. Phillips, firemen.

ENGINE 5 — 380 Congress. Frank J. Mulhns, capt.; Guy R. Purinton, lieutenant; Lawrence H. Murray, Robert H. Flaherty, James T. Murray, Joseph M. Green, Elmer L. MacKenzie, Nelson H. Huff, firemen.

ENGINE 6 — 295 Park av. William F. Moulton, capt.; Elmer E. Freeman, lieutenant; John F. Fogg, Charles E. Ross, Kenneth Coolidge, James L. Beecher, Stanley D. Boyles, firemen.

ENGINE 7 (Fire Boat) — 60 Portland pier. Thomas A. Burgess, lieutenant; Edwin H. Gaddas, engineer; William B. Sawyer, D. James Doyle, Herbert H. Crandle, William V. Cushing, Joseph N. Fortler, firemen.

ENGINE 8 — 536 Deering av. Amos S. Knight, capt.; Clinton R. Sampson, lieutenant; Frank E. Banks, George C. Partridge, Wil-

lam J. Lucas, jr., John W. McNeill, Charles J. Meissner, James T. Rollason, jr., firemen.

ENGINE 9 — 17 Arbor. George W. L. Stevens, capt.; George H. Hagen, lieutenant; John E. Megquier, Francis J. Gill, James W. B. Goodall, John H. Weinert, firemen.

CHEMICAL 1 — 380 Congress. Stephen A. Dow, capt.; Joseph P. Martell, Robert J. Walsh, John H. Mitchell, firemen.

LADDER 1 — 380 Congress. Leslie E. MacVane, capt.; Alanson DeMott, lieutenant; John J. McGowan, Clifford E. Keating, Thomas H. Markley, Enos R. Alden, firemen.

LADDER 2 — 168 Brackett. John E. Mulhns, capt.; Ralph E. Moses, lieutenant; Timothy J. Powell, jr.; Jos. B. Smith, Patrick J. Bowen, Edward M. Hopkins, firemen.

LADDER 4 — 17 Arbor. Frederick C. Larsen, capt.; Clarence S. Lockhart, lieutenant; Fred L. Smith, Fred L. McDaniel, Carl P. Johnson, Floyd J. Chase, firemen.

LADDER 5 — 380 Congress. Dwight F. Tinkham, capt.; Hans H. Brockman, lieutenant; George J. Foley, Grover C. Rottman, John P. Sullivan, John C. Murray, firemen.

LADDER 6 — 295 Park av. Thomas A. Mulhern, capt.; Harry W. Marr, lieutenant; George B. Stevens, Thomas F. Moran, George B. Ward, firemen.

HOSE 11 — 579 Ocean av. Joseph A. Cooper, capt.; Arthur E. Libby, lieutenant; Oscar F. Dodd, Frederick A. Alexander, firemen.

HOSE 12 — Peaks Island. William S. Berry, capt.; James L. MacVane, lieutenant; Henry F. Greene, Abram H. Sterling, firemen.

UNATTACHED MEN — Frank P. Carr, Henry G. Rowe, capt.; Arthur J. Murdock, lieutenant; Charles E. Skillin, Charles E. Griffin, John J. Lyden, Herbert Crandall, Frank T. Coughlin, firemen.