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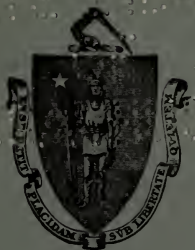
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT.

To His Excellency EBEN S. DRAPER, *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund herewith presents its nineteenth annual report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, to which is attached a tabulated statement of the several amounts expended by the Board for accidents and fatalities in the cities and towns of the Commonwealth; also the causes of the same, and a record of the total amounts disbursed by the Commonwealth each year from 1890 to 1909.

Respectfully submitted by the Board,

GEORGE F. HARWOOD,
Chairman.

STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amounts allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen:—

LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1909.

Claims considered,	278
Claims allowed,	274
Accident claims rejected,	2
Death claims,	5
Death claims rejected,	2

CITY OR TOWN.	Call Men.	Permanent Men.	Investigated.	Rejected.	Death Claims.	Amount.
Attleborough,	1	—	—	—	—	\$12 00
Ashland,	1	—	—	—	—	21 00
Athol,	1	—	—	—	—	30 00
Abington,	2	—	—	—	—	82 50
Boston,	1	100	13	—	—	3,290 00
Brockton,	3	4	—	—	—	221 00
Brookline,	—	1	—	—	—	127 00
Clinton,	—	1	1	—	—	66 00
Chelsea,	1	—	—	—	—	35 00
Chicopee,	1	—	—	—	—	17 00
Cambridge,	8	6	1	—	—	396 00
Danvers,	4	—	1	—	—	186 00
Everett,	2	—	—	—	—	70 00
Framingham,	1	—	—	—	—	33 00
Fall River,	1	—	—	—	—	10 50
Fairhaven,	1	—	—	—	—	31 50
Gloucester,	2	1	—	—	—	69 00
Holyoke,	—	2	—	—	—	63 00
Hyde Park,	3	—	—	—	—	114 00
Hanson,	1	—	1	—	—	28 50
Haverhill,	2	—	—	—	—	66 00
Ipswich,	1	—	—	—	—	21 00
Lawrence,	—	1	—	—	—	55 00
Leominster,	1	—	—	—	—	21 00
Ludlow,	1	—	—	—	—	24 00
Lanesville,	1	—	—	—	—	36 00
Lynn,	4	7	—	—	—	326 00
Lowell,	4	8	—	—	—	525 00
Medway,	1	—	—	—	—	24 00

CITY OR TOWN.	Call Men.	Permanent Men.	Investigated.	Rejected.	Death Claims.	Amount.
Middleborough, .	1	-	-	-	-	\$120 00
Milford, . . .	1	-	-	-	-	57 00
Medford, . . .	1	-	-	-	-	18 00
Marlborough, .	1	-	-	-	-	16 00
Maplewood, . .	1	-	1	1	-	-
Monson,	1	-	-	-	-	69 00
Marblehead, . .	1	-	-	-	(1) \$100 00	100 00
Natick,	4	-	-	-	-	133 50
New Bedford, . .	2	-	2	1	(1) 100 00	22 50
Newton,	1	-	-	-	-	150 00
Newburyport, . .	6	-	3	-	-	156 00
North Adams, . .	3	-	2	-	-	184 50
Orange,	1	-	-	-	-	31 50
Palmer,	2	-	-	-	-	42 00
Peabody,	3	-	-	-	-	34 50
Revere,	2	-	-	-	-	97 50
Salem,	3	-	-	-	(1) 100 00	158 50
Sharon,	1	-	-	-	-	60 00
Somerville, . . .	3	5	2	-	-	277 50
South Braintree, .	1	-	-	-	-	54 00
Stoneham,	3	-	-	-	-	168 00
Saugus,	2	-	-	-	-	186 00
Springfield, . . .	-	7	-	-	-	220 00
Taunton,	2	2	3	-	-	193 00
Waltham,	2	2	1	-	-	187 00
Watertown, . . .	3	-	-	-	-	106 50
Worcester,	3	15	1	-	(1) 100 00	931 00
Winthrop,	1	-	-	1	(1) 100 00	-
Woburn,	4	-	1	-	-	157 50
Wrentham,	1	-	1	-	-	16 50
Westfield,	1	-	-	-	-	81 00
Yarmouthport, . .	1	-	1	1	-	-
	111	162	35	4	(5) \$500 00	\$10,029 50

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to the benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending July 1, 1909, together with the aggregate amounts allowed:—

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.
Boston,	10	\$1,200 00	Lynn,	2	\$254 00
Chelsea,	3	390 00	Plymouth,	1	130 00
Hanover,	1	68 00	Quincy,	2	260 00
Haverhill,	1	28 00	Somerville,	1	130 00
Hyde Park,	1	126 00	Springfield,	3	390 00
Hudson,	3	364 00	Worcester,	4	422 00
Ipswich,	4	520 00			
Lowell,	2	256 00		38	\$4,538 00

DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1909.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891,	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 25
1892,	9,724 10	275 90
1893,	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894,	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895,	9,617 06	382 94
1896,	9,406 76	593 24
1897,	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898,	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899,	9,998 62	1 38 ¹
1900,	10,008 13	2 87 ²
1901,	10,000 00	- ³
1902,	9,999 96	04 ⁴
1903,	11,540 19	459 81
1904,	11,998 74	1 26 ⁵
1905,	11,998 20	1 80 ⁶
1906,	11,999 13	87 ⁷
1907,	14,999 87	13 ⁸
1908,	14,999 00	1 00 ⁹
1909,	15,000 00	-
	\$200,688 02	\$12,322 98

¹ Claims to the amount of \$786 carried to July 1, 1899.

² Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association Aug. 1, 1900.

³ Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.

⁴ Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.

⁵ Claims to the amount of \$130 carried over to July 1, 1904.

⁶ Claims to the amount of \$1,473 carried over to July 1, 1905.

⁷ Claims to the amount of \$4,360.50 carried over to July 1, 1906.

⁸ Claims to the amount of \$2,262.50 carried over to July 1, 1907.

⁹ Claims to the amount of \$1,035 carried over to July 1, 1908.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 1, 1909.

To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I have the honor of presenting this my nineteenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith: —

RECEIPTS.

1908.
 June 25. Received from Hon. Arthur B. Chapin, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 108, under the act of Feb. 25, 1902), \$15,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

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Paid 2,882 days' injury benefit to call men, at \$1.50 per day,	\$4,323 00
Paid 5,407 days' injury benefits to permanent men, at \$1 per day,	5,407 00
Paid 3 funeral benefits, at \$100 each,	300 00
Paid 2,269 weeks' benefit for minor children, at \$2 per week,	4,538 00
Paid expense account,	432 00
	<u>\$15,000 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLIAMSON,

Treasurer, Massachusetts Firemen's Association.

LEGISLATION.

REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 73. Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 74. Officers and members in active service in all incorporated protective departments co-operating with fire departments, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof.

SECTION 75. The unexpended balance of said fund for the preceding year shall be returned to the treasurer and receiver general before the fifteenth day of July in each year, with a detailed report, under oath, of the expenditure of such fund.

SECTION 76. Five hundred dollars may be allowed from said fund for the incidental expenses of said board, but no part thereof shall be expended for any other expenses or for salaries.

SECTION 77. If a fireman in a regularly organized fire department of a city or town, or any officer or member in active service

of any incorporated protective department acting in concert with fire departments, or a person doing fire duty at the request or by the order of the authorities of a town which has no organized fire department, or a person performing the duties of a fireman in such town, is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of his duties, and his death is certified by the city or town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner to the treasurer and receiver general, he shall pay to the executor or administrator of such fireman, out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased fireman for support. A child of full age dependent upon such fireman for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 71.* The sum of twelve thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth, and it shall be known as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 72.* The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved February 25, 1902.

ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203.

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided for by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 19, 1902.

ACTS OF 1903, CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. Section seventy-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 73.* Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, of whom three, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor in July of the year nineteen hundred and three, to serve, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and one shall be appointed in July of each year thereafter to serve for the full term of three years, and two shall be appointed by said association in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 17, 1903.

ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 171.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS
STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be paid annually, on or before the first day of July, to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be used by the association for the relief of firemen who may be injured in the performance of their duty at fires or in going to or returning from fires, and for the relief of widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of their duty, in the manner and to the amount to be determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 2. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 16, 1906.

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