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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE

COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S
RELIEF

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1926

Department of Treasurer and Receiver-General



COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF OF
MASSACHUSETTS

1925 - 1926

FRED W. JENNESS, LOWELL, *Chairman*,
DANIEL J. LOONEY, BOSTON, *Secretary*.
WILLIAM S. YOUNGMAN, BOSTON, *State Treasurer*.
[Appointed by the Governor.]

HERBERT H. WINSLOW, LYNN . . . Term Expires Dec. 1, 1928
FRED W. JENNESS, LOWELL Term Expires Dec. 1, 1927
[Elected by State Firemen's Association.]

EDWARD J. COVENEY, BOSTON . . Term Expires Sept. 1, 1928
MICHAEL F. TURNER, NEWTON . . Term Expires Sept. 1, 1927

PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.

LEGISLATION

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 10.

COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF.

SECTION. 21 There shall be a board to be known as the commissioners on firemen's relief serving in the department and consisting of the state treasurer, ex officio, two members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council and two members appointed by the Massachusetts state firemen's association. Upon the expiration of the term of office of an appointive member, his successor shall be appointed as aforesaid for two years. Any vacancy existing shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 48.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF.

SECTION 81. The sum of eighteen thousand dollars may be paid annually, from the state treasury to furnish relief to firemen injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going thereto or returning therefrom, or while engaged in company drills, when such drills are ordered by the chief, acting chief or board of engineers of the fire department, or required by city ordinance or town by-law, and to widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty. Payments on account of said relief shall be determined in manner and amount, on properly approved vouchers, by the commissioners on firemen's relief, in the same manner as other claims against the commonwealth. Five hundred dollars of the amount hereby authorized may be expended for the traveling and incidental expenses of said commissioners.

SECTION 82. Any officer or member in active service in an incorporated protective department co-operating with a fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits provided by the preceding section.

SECTION 83. If a person entitled under either of the two preceding sections to the benefits provided in section eighty-one is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of duties entitling him to such benefits, and his death is certified to the state comptroller by the town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner, the state comptroller shall certify for payment to the executor or administrator of such persons, out of the appropriation annually made for the purpose, the sum of twenty-five hundred 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 person for support. A child of full age dependent upon such person for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

STATISTICS

Appropriation 1926.

Relief	\$17,500.00	
Incidentals, Appropriation	500.00	
		\$18,000.00

Payments in 1926.

Claims	\$ 6,653.50	
Minor children	10,144.00	
Incidentals	482.19	17,279.69
Balance		\$720.31

Incidental Expenses in Detail

Clerical work	\$171.40	
Traveling expenses	278.26	
Office supplies	25.83	
Postage	6.70	
Total		\$482.19

Claims of Minor Children

City or Town	Number of Beneficiaries	Total Number of Weeks	Amount of Benefits paid at \$2 per week
Boston	27	1280	\$2,560.00
Brockton	7	364	728.00
Brookline	5	260	520.00
Cambridge	6	284	568.00
Chicopee	1	52	104.00
Fall River	8	341	682.00
Gloucester	1	52	104.00
Holyoke	12	584	1,168.00
Hudson	1	52	104.00
Lexington	5	260	520.00
Lowell	6	312	624.00
Ludlow	1	52	104.00
Lynn	6	263	526.00
Milton	1	52	104.00
Natick	1	52	104.00
Revere	4	208	416.00
Salem	3	156	312.00
Scituate	5	240	480.00
Springfield	1	52	104.00
Watertown	1	52	104.00
Worcester	2	104	208.00
	104	5072	\$10,144.00

Claims of Injured Firemen

CITIES AND TOWNS	Call Men	Permanent Men	Investigated	Rejected	Amounts Paid
Arlington	1	--	--	--	\$ 150.00
Bocton	--	108	12	3	2070.00
Braintree	1	--	--	--	\$ 150.00
Brockton	--	2	3	1	65.50
Cambridge	--	2	--	--	20.50
Chelsea	--	2	--	--	15.50
Chicopee	--	2	1	--	45.50
Clinton	--	--	--	1	--
Danvers	1	--	--	--	150.00
Dartmouth	1	--	--	--	27.00
Dedham	1	1	--	--	77.00
Everett	--	2	--	--	66.00
Fall River	--	4	1	--	124.50
Foxboro	1	--	--	--	24.00
Framingham	--	2	--	--	20.00
Gardner	1	--	--	--	33.00
Hingham	1	--	--	--	28.50
Holyoke	--	3	1	--	43.00
Lawrence	--	2	--	--	36.50
Leominster	1	--	--	--	63.00
Lowell	--	13	1	--	235.50
Lynn	--	9	2	--	182.50
Marion	1	--	1	--	150.00
Marlboro	8	--	--	--	694.50
Medfield	1	--	--	--	13.50
Medford	--	1	--	--	50.00
Millbury	1	--	--	--	52.50
New Bedford	--	--	--	1	--
Newburyport	2	--	1	--	55.50
Newton	--	3	1	--	73.00
North Adams	1	2	--	--	74.00
North Attleboro	1	--	--	--	150.00
North Easton	1	--	--	--	52.50
Norwood	1	--	--	--	22.50
Peabody	2	5	2	--	114.00
Pittsfield	1	3	1	--	80.50
Plymouth	1	--	--	--	22.50
Quincy	--	2	--	--	73.00
Randolph	2	--	--	--	106.50
Rockland	1	--	--	--	31.50
Salem	1	1	--	--	35.00
Somerville	--	2	--	--	26.50

Claims of Injured Firemen (Concluded).

Spencer.....	1	--	--	16.50
Springfield.....	--	8	2	219.50
Uxbridge.....	1	--	--	126.00
Walpole.....	2	--	1	70.50
Waltham.....	--	2	--	9.50
Ware.....	2	--	--	225.00
Webster.....	2	--	--	66.00
West Bridgewater.....	1	--	--	22.50
Weymouth.....	1	--	1	139.50
Wilmington.....	1	--	--	19.50
Winchester.....	--	1	--	21.00
Woburn.....	--	1	--	8.50
Worcester.....	--	8	4	170.50
Wrentham.....	2	--	--	60.00
				\$6653.50

Claims considered, 244. Claims allowed, 238. Accident Claims rejected, 6.