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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S  
RELIEF

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1931.

Department of Treasurer and Receiver-General



## COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF OF MASSACHUSETTS

1931

FRED W. JENNESS, Lowell, *Chairman*  
 DANIEL J. LOONEY, Boston, *Secretary*  
 CHARLES F. HURLEY, Boston, *State Treasurer*

[Appointed by the Governor]

HERBERT H. WINSLOW, Lynn ..... Term Expires December 1932  
 FRED W. JENNESS, Lowell ..... Term Expires December 1933

[Elected by State Firemen's Association]

EDWARD J. COVENEY, Boston ..... Term Expires September 1932  
 MICHAEL F. TURNER, Newton ..... Term Expires September 1933

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. 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.

STATISTICS

*Appropriation 1931*

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

*Payments 1931*

Claims .....	\$ 7,156.00	
Minor children .....	10,258.00	
Incidentals .....	468.68	
		\$17,882.68

Balance .....		\$117.32
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*Incidental Expenses in Detail*

Clerical work .....	\$173.85	
Traveling expenses .....	269.22	
Printing .....	15.29	
Postage .....	10.32	
		\$468.68

*Claims of Injured Firemen*

CITIES AND TOWNS	Call Men	Permanent Men	Investigated	Re-jected	Amounts
Acton .....	1	—	—	—	\$ 43.50
Berlin .....	1	—	—	—	91.50
Beverly .....	1	1	—	—	118.50
Boston .....	—	91	7	5	2,045.00
Brockton .....	—	4	—	—	45.50
Brookline .....	—	1	—	—	18.00
Cambridge .....	—	1	—	—	22.50
Chelsea .....	—	5	—	—	114.00
Chicopee .....	—	1	—	—	50.00
Dedham .....	1	1	—	—	55.00
Dracut .....	2	—	—	—	223.50

*Claims of Injured Firemen (continued)*

CITIES AND TOWNS	Call Men	Permanent Men	Investi- gated	Re- jected	Amounts
Everett	—	2	—	—	46.00
Fall River	—	6	—	—	128.50
Fitchburg	—	3	—	—	48.50
Gardner	1	—	—	—	52.50
Gloucester	—	2	—	—	37.00
Groveland	2	—	—	—	27.00
Hamilton	1	—	—	—	150.00
Holden	1	—	—	—	36.00
Holyoke	—	1	—	—	11.50
Lawrence	—	1	—	—	19.50
Leominster	1	—	—	—	22.50
Lowell	—	13	—	—	348.50
Lunenburg	—	—	1	1	—
Lynn	—	6	—	—	175.00
Malden	—	1	—	—	39.00
Mansfield	1	—	—	—	55.50
Marblehead	1	—	—	—	67.50
Marlborough	—	1	1	—	10.00
Medford	—	1	1	—	50.00
Milford	2	—	—	—	78.00
Millis	1	—	—	—	12.00
Natick	—	1	—	—	17.50
New Bedford	—	2	—	—	59.50
Newburyport	1	1	—	—	61.50
Newton	—	1	—	—	30.00
North Attleborough	1	—	—	—	39.00
Northboro	1	—	—	—	12.00
North Reading	1	—	—	—	150.00
Norwell	1	—	—	—	15.00
Palmer	1	—	1	—	150.00
Peabody	1	2	—	—	141.50
Provincetown	1	—	—	—	27.00
Quincy	—	4	—	—	64.50
Reading	1	—	—	—	67.50
Revere	—	1	—	—	40.00
Salem	—	1	—	—	19.50
Salisbury	2	—	—	—	189.00
Somerset	1	—	—	—	97.50
Shirley	1	—	—	—	148.50
Somerville	—	9	2	1	227.50
Springfield	—	7	2	—	207.00
Stoneham	1	—	—	—	31.50
Taunton	—	2	—	—	17.00
Tisbury	1	—	1	—	90.00
Turners Falls	1	—	—	—	39.00
Waltham	—	1	1	—	50.00
Webster	2	—	—	—	31.50
West Brookfield	2	—	—	—	72.00
Westford	1	—	—	—	13.50
West Springfield	—	2	—	—	60.00
Williamstown	1	—	—	—	150.00
Winchester	1	1	—	—	52.50
Woburn	—	—	1	—	50.00
Worcester	—	20	4	—	493.50

\$7,156.00

Claims considered, 244.    Claims allowed, 237.    Accident Claims Rejected, 7.

*Claims of Minor Children*

CITIES AND TOWNS	Number of Beneficiaries	Total Number of Weeks	Amount of Benefits Paid at \$2 per week
Atlantic .....	4	208	\$ 416.00
Boston .....	27	1,283	2,566.00
Brockton .....	3	135	270.00
Brookline .....	3	156	312.00
Chicopee .....	5	211	422.00
Fall River .....	20	1,001	2,002.00
Gloucester .....	1	52	104.00
Hanover .....	2	82	164.00
Hudson .....	1	52	104.00
Lexington .....	5	260	520.00
Lowell .....	4	208	416.00
Lynn .....	3	121	242.00
Medford .....	2	93	186.00
Newton .....	1	52	104.00
Randolph .....	5	236	472.00
Revere .....	1	43	86.00
Salem .....	2	104	208.00
Somerville .....	4	208	416.00
Springfield .....	1	52	104.00
Taunton .....	2	104	208.00
Watertown .....	1	52	104.00
Westborough .....	5	260	520.00
Weymouth .....	2	104	208.00
Worcester .....	1	52	104.00
	<hr/> 105	<hr/> 5,129	<hr/> \$10,258.00