ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WATER BOARD

OF

BROOKLINE

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
1931



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WATER BOARD

Organization, 1931.

TIMOTHY J. BURKE, ChairmanT	erm expires, 1934
GEORGE H. FRANCIS, M.DT	erm expires, 1932
Francis W. Hamilton	erm expires, 1933

ZEPH R. Forbes, Registrar and Clerk
FAYETTE F. Forbes, Superintendent of Works
WALTER B. BUSHWAY, Assistant Superintendent of Works
RICHARD J. FLINN, Engineer of Low Service
LEWIS A. GOLDSMITH, Engineer of High Service

REPORT

The Water Board herewith submits its 56th annual report for the year ending December 31, 1931. At the annual Town meeting held March 3, 1931, Mr. Timothy J. Burke was re-elected a member of the Board for three years. The Board organized appointing Mr. Timothy J. Burke, Chairman, Z. R. Forbes, Registrar and Clerk, and F. F. Forbes, Superintendent of the Works.

The force mains in Newton Street between Clyde and South Streets have been relaid in conformity with the newly established lines and grade. Such other changes and renewals in street mains and service pipes as were made necessary on account of municipal improvements have received the prompt attention of the

Department.

Short extensions of mains have been made in various streets, details of which will be found in the report

of the Superintendent.

In addition to the routine work of the Department much has been accomplished during the past year towards the general improvement of the plant. The old wooden building at our storage yard Pearl Street, has been torn down and the grounds graded and fenced. The new building has been equipped with an oil burner and the windows with galvanized iron screens. This expenditure for screening was found to be absolutely necessary owing, possibly to the close proximity of the building to the Brookline Avenue playground.

A new chimney has been erected at the Low Service Station and the old chimney torn down. A proper draught is now assured for the four boilers now in service resulting in a better coal combustion together with an increased generation of steam which will be of especial value during periods of high pumpage. There is also a noticeable decrease in the amount of smoke

emitted.

An eight inch main has been laid in Fairmount Street and connected with the high service system at the junction of Dudley and Lee Streets. This replaces the old two inch main and greatly improves the water supply both for domestic service and fire protection in this District.

The force mains from the Low Service Station, West Roxbury, to the junction of Boylston Street and Fisher Avenue have been cleared from mineral encrustation. The work was done under contract with the National Water Main Cleaning Co., this Department furnishing labor necessary for excavating, cutting and replacing Very satisfactory results were obtained the mains. and the carrying capacity of the mains has been increased by at least thirty per cent and the head against the pumps decreased from twenty-five to thirty feet. As the capacity of the mains has been so materially increased we expect to take from our source of supply the full amount of water authorized by the Legislature and correspondingly reduce the amount to be taken from the Metropolitan District and the charge therefor. It may be necessary to drive a limited number of wells to secure this additional supply but this can be done at a comparatively small expense.

The low service station at West Roxbury has been thoroughly repaired and the outside woodwork, together with the interior finish, painted. A new electric generator has been installed at this station replacing the old machine which had been in constant use since 1904. The entire plant can now be satisfactorily lighted with electricity generated by our own equipment which was impossible with the former generator.

An accident occurred to one of the turbine pumping engines at the Low Service Station which necessitated immediate repairs, costing approximately \$3,000.00. This expenditure was wholly unforseen and as the appropriation for such repairs was unsufficient, authority was requested of, and granted by the Board of Selectmen to charge the cost of the said repairs to any unexpended balances in the amounts appropriated for general maintenance.

The same high efficiency has been maintained at the filter plant as in previous years. No chemicals are used in the process of filtration and the final effluent is clear, cool and wholesome.

In conformity with the general plan of economy, the appropriations recommended for the ensuing year have been reduced to a minimum. The amount recommended for maintenance includes an item of \$9,000.00 for lowering and relaying water mains at the junction of South Street and Ledyard Road, and at certain intersections of the force mains in West Roxbury, which will be necessary on account of the construction of the Metropolitan Parkway through this District by the

State. The Board is of the opinion that the State should reimburse the Town for this work.

The following appropriations are recommended for

the coming year:

For	monovol.	maintananaa				. \$194,117 00
LOL	general	maintenance	 	 	 	
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LOL	general	extension	 	 	 	31,300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXTENSION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

Appropriations		 \$67, 350	00
Disbursements			
For street mains	\$36,998	2	
For service pipe and connections	16,188		
For meters and connections For unexpended balance	2,073 $12,089$	9	
Total	<i>.</i>	 \$67,350	00

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

\$201,385 00
91

1.685 07

421 98

330 84

For street mains

For taxes

For telephones

WATER DEPARTMENT

For turning off and on 2,841 69 For vacations 3,265 21 For workshop and garage 8,375 75 For new service building 2,631 55 For new chimney 5,554 39 For cleaning force mains 7,835 72 For all other expenses 884 84 For unexpended balance 25,678 37 Total	\$201,385 00
REVENUE	
Received from private consumer meter rates Charges to Town of Brookline:	\$288,915 44
For Almshouse	
American Legion	
Bathhouse	
Cemeteries	
Devotion House	
Fire Department Houses 543 76	
Forestry Department 468	
Fountains 791 94	
Incinerator	
Garage, Boylston Street 138 88	
Municipal Gymnasium 956 40	
Park Department	
Police Department 116 82	
Public Library 58 68	
Recreation Centers 112 50	
Sanitary, Village Square 475 30	
School Buildings 5,611 80	
Street Department	
Town Hall	*
Town Hospitals 682 76	
Water Department	
Water Department, Pumping Stations 981 90	
Miscellaneous:	****
Flushing sewers, water mains, fires, etc. 6,600 00	\$21,296 76
m . 1	0010 010 00
Total	\$310,212 20
Received for extension of service pipe, labor and ma-	e /100 91
terials	\$ 4,198 31 \$ 778 84
Received for hydrant service, labor and materials, etc.	φ 110 04

TIMOTHY J. BURKE, Chairman, GEORGE H. FRANCIS, M.D., FRANCIS W. HAMILTON,

Water Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Brookline, Mass., December 31, 1931.

To the Brookline Water Board:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully submit the fifty-sixth annual report of the Superintendent of the Water Works for the year ending December 31, 1931.

The work in brief of the Water Department for the

past year is as follows:

The works have been maintained in the usual way and no leaks have occurred in the force mains. Eight leaks occurred in the street mains and forty in the service pipes. The leaks in the street mains were from causes beyond our control, such as new construction work and settlement of sub-soil, and the same is generally true in respect to the service pipes.

Fourteen hydrants were broken, of which twelve were by automobiles, one by a contractor's digging machine and one by operation. The cost of this work was assumed by the party causing the damage whenever the identity

was known.

Ninety-nine new services, a fewer number than pre-

vious years, because of less building, were laid.

Nearly two miles of street mains were laid as shown in the appended tables.

Two new six-inch fire supplies to buildings were laid. Four playgrounds were connected to our mains for

winter flooding.

Approximately ten miles of force mains were cleaned from the Low Service Pumping Station to Fisher Ave-This produced very satisfactory results as evidenced by the decrease of nearly 30 feet of the pumping head at the station.

Seventy-one gates were cut in on the older hydrants and this work is appreciated when a hydrant is broken. Twenty-eight gates have been placed on street mains.

Eighty-two service pipes have been relaid in the streets, including all of the older service pipes in Aspinwall Avenue where a permanent pavement was laid. also Fairmount Street where a new 8" high service main was laid, and Newton Street from Clyde to South Street where a new roadway was constructed.

Another emergency connection was made with the Boston Water Works system to our 8" high service line in Russett Road, near the Town line, thus making four such connections in the southerly part of the Town. There are three 8" and one 12" connections.

Alterations of lines and grades of Newton Street, between Clyde and South Streets, made it necessary to relay nearly 450 feet of the 12" high service mains near the Country Club and also encase the 16 and 20" force mains in concrete for protection against traffic and frost. Changes in location of hydrants and service pipes were also necessary.

The annual consumption of water shows a decrease of 1/3% over last year's rate. This may be attributed to the six inch excess rainfall up to June 20, and also

to the larger number of vacant apartment units.

The spare trickler, built during the war and not filled with coke, was put in operation last Spring, after having been filled with a very satisfactory grade of coke from the New England Coke Company. Next year it will be necessary to re-coke several of the tricklers. These have been in constant use since 1915 and are now clogging to a degree where flushing has but little effect. Their efficiency is in no way impaired but the flow of water through them is very much retarded. The old coke, which is to be removed, may be reclaimed and used with our fuel supply.

The oak trees in the rear of the Low Service Pumping Station have caused considerable difficulty in keeping the open filters clear of the leaves which settle on the bottom. It is considered advisable to remove the larger number of these trees and replant with pine

trees.

The engines, pumping machinery and boilers at both pumping stations are in good repair. In the Fall it was necessary to replace the gears in one of the steam turbines, at the Low Service Station, which had broken without damaging the other parts. An extra gear was made at the same time to be used for future replacement.

A special policeman was engaged during the summer months to protect our grounds at the Charles River from

depredations and nuisances by swimmers.

Hydrants, reservoirs and other departmental property have had the usual care. Additional work around the pine trees on the watershed in Dedham has been done by the Brookline Forestry Department.

Two new Ford trucks were bought to replace the two which were worn out, and the touring car was made into

a small truck for meter work.

All work performed during the year, except by department employees, was performed under contracts obtained by competition and preference given by the contractors to residents of the Town.

Several of the driven wells are gradually losing their output, especially during periods of low water in the Charles River. It will be necessary the coming year, to pump them out as has been done in the past and drive some additional wells.

On December 8, the Commonwealth, for its Department of Public Works, made a taking of land in Brookline and West Roxbury, for a new boulevard, construction of which was started on December 10.

This will necessitate the relaying of our street mains, service pipes and hydrants in Ledyard Road and South Street, also both of our force mains in West Roxbury, near Baker Street.

A petition, by the Town Attorney, to cover the cost of these changes will be filed with the Superior Courts of Suffolk and Norfolk Counties. The cost of this work is estimated to be \$9,000.00.

Details of water consumption, mains, and services laid and other data may be found in the sub-joined tables.

Respectfully submitted,

FAYETTE F. FORBES, Superintendent of Water Works.

320 fact & inch min.

Extensions to Street Mains, 1931

Extensions to Low Service:

Chilton Street	
Total Low Service laid, 1931	. 802.4 feet
Extensions to High Service:	
Jordan Road Grove Street Cramond Road Lapland Street West Roxbury Parkway Woodland Road Fairmount Street and Park Reservoir	23.0 feet 6-inch pipe 1,295.0 feet 8-inch pipe 976.5 feet 8-inch pipe 456.0 feet 10-inch pipe 726.5 feet 6-inch pipe 1,513.0 feet 10-inch pipe 1,838.0 feet 8-inch pipe
Total High Service laid, 1931	6,828.0 feet . 802.4
Total laid during 1931	7,630.4 feet

WATER DEPARTMENT	265
Service Pipes	
Number laid as per last report	$\substack{7,677\\34}$
Number of old services Laid during the past year	7,643 99
Total service pipe in use	7,742
List of Stop Gates in 1931	
Twelve-inch Gates: One on Newton Street corner Clyde Street. One on Newton Street near Almshouse steps. One on Lee Street at Reservoir Park (Dudley Street).	
Ten-inch Gates: One on Woodland Road at Hammond Street. One on Lapland Street at Heath Street. One on Beacon Street at St. Marys Street (North side). One on Beacon Street at St. Marys Street (South side). One on Naples Road at Gibbs Street.	
Eight-inch Gates: One on Grove Street at Bellingham Road. One on Grove Street east of Allendale Road. One on Churchill Street at Carlton Street. One on Chilton Street at Ivy Street. One on Churchill Street at Chilton Street. One on Abbotsford Road at Thorndike Street. One on Garrison Road at Rawson Road. One on Reservoir Park (Dudley Street) at Lee Street. One on Fairmount Street at Dudley Street. One on Fairmount Street near number 81. One on Russett Road at Town Line.	,
Six-inch Gates: One on Aspinwall Ave. near St. Paul Street. One on Hamilton Road corner Fuller Street. One on Newton Street opposite number 640. One on Stedman Street at Beals Street. One on Englewood Avenue near Beacon Street. One on West Roxbury Parkway, opposite number 925. One on West Roxbury Parkway, near number 879, west side.	
Drinking Fountains Total to date	19
List of Hydrants	19
Number as per last report connected with Low Service Number as per last report connected with High Service	$\begin{array}{c} 615 \\ 332 \end{array}$
Total number of hydrants at end of 1931	947
The following hydrants have been set in 1931— (A) Hydrants set and connected with Low Service: One on Chilton Street at Churchill Street. One on Chilton Street at Ivy Street. One on Churchill Street at Carlton Street. One on Washington Street at Begon Street (North)	

One on Churchill Street at Carlton Street.
One on Washington Street at Beacon Street (North).
One on Englewood Avenue at Beacon Street.
One on Winthrop Road opposite number 199.
One on Powell Street near Beacon Street.
One on Fairbanks Street opposite number 17.
Total supplied by Low Service

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B)	Hydrants set and connected with High Service:	
	One on Grove Street opposite number 96.	
	One on Bellingham Road at Grove Street.	
	One on Newton Street near number 209.	
	One on Newton Street west of number 209.	
	One on Newton Street near Almshouse steps.	
	One on Newton Street, 2nd from High Service Station.	
	One on Newton Street, 3rd from High Service Station.	
	One on W. Roxbury Parkway between numbers 875 and 925.	
	One on W. Roxbury Parkway near number 871.	
	One on Reservoir Parkway near Lee Street.	
	One on Fairmount Street near number 81.	
	One on Fairmount Street near number 39.	
	One on Fairmount Street near number 21.	`
	One on Colbourne Crescent near number 105.	
	One on Garrison Road opposite number 39.	
	One on Lapland Street near Cramond Road.	
	Two on Cramond Road.	
	Four on Woodland Road.	
	Total supplied by High Service	22
	Total hydrants to date	077

1931 Lengths and Sizes of Mains

	24-inch	20-inch	16-inch	14-inch	12-inch	10-inch	8-inch	6-inch	2-inch
(1) All mains supplied by Low Service: Old force mains from engine house to standpipe. Old force main from standpipe to reservoir New force main from engine house to reservoir Suction pipe from driven wells to engine house. Street mains as per last report of 1930 Street mains laid during 1931 Total supplied by Low Service.	2,054 7,953	25,199 2,093 27,292	2,900 13,456 	9,070 3,950 13,020		1,627 37,775 39,402	,	191,317 	9,504
(2) All mains supplied by High Service: Force main from engine house to standpipe Street mains as per last report of 1930 Street mains laid during 1931 Total supplied by High Service			1,584			46,357	$\frac{\text{doned}}{44,280}$	84,028 749 84,777	2,075 1,415 660
		rotar	of mains	on High	1 Service	, 40.775 :	miles.		

Total of mains on High and Low Service, 115.719 miles.

1931 Record of Consumption

	Pumped by Brookline	Supplied by	Total Consumption	Average Daily	LOW SEI	RVICE	HIGH SERVICE		
		Metropolitan	Consumption	Consumption	Monthly Consumption	Daily Consumption	Monthly Consumption	Daily Consumption	
Jan. Feb. Mar. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	129,992,387 145,275,319 140,956,095 146,734,616 140,620,396 137,848,886 131,262,831 126,596,889 125,319,614 124,508,034	3,618,000 1,183,000 1,249,000 3,193,000 5,827,000 1,279,000 1,250,000 6,460,000 21,130,000 9,606,000 6,283,000	145,102,217 131,175,387 146,524,319 144,149,095 152,561,616 141,899,396 139,098,886 143,736,831 133,056,889 146,449,614 134,114,034 138,220,680	4,680,717 4,684,835 4,726,591 4,804,969 4,921,343 4,729,979 4,487,061 4,636,672 4,435,229 4,724,020 4,470,467 4,458,732	117,965,159 107,108,382 119,736,477 116,260,691 120,805,622 112,324,391 105,662,333 112,634,164 104,734,686 114,985,497 106,533,599 109,948,075	3,805,328 3,825,301 3,862,467 3,875,356 3,896,956 3,744,146 3,408,463 3,633,360 3,491,156 3,709,049 3,551,119 3,546,712	27,137,058 24,067,005 26,787,842 27,888,404 31,755,994 29,575,005 33,436,553 31,102,667 28,322,203 31,464,117 27,580,435 28,272,605	875,38 859,53 864,12 929,61 1,024,38 985,83 1,078,599 1,003,31 944,07 1,014,97 919,34 912,01	

COMPARATIVE RECORD

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		Gallons Consumed	Revenue
1887		278,359,709	\$23,255 75
1888		310,405,325	21,536 86
1889		279,359,709	26,383 10
1890		320,070,873	31,592 60
1891	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	357,230,592	34,870 32
1892		382,956,753	37,026 61
1893		442,278,871	38,109 68
1894		479,685,974	49,121 02
1895		480,893,420	53,134 73
1896		494,138,903	53,557 38
1897		503,854,810	56,691 38
1898		537,266,873	62,811 81
1899		646,836,370	71,308 14
1900		708,362,502	74,769 81
1901		694,230,538	74,819 88
1902		715,814,359	78,684 61
1903	,,,	772,069,955	83,114 91
1904		859,579,407	83,632 07
1905	••••••	812,737,855	81,811 65
1906		747,584,509	74,062 22
1907	***************************************	816,428,519	84,863 43
1908		861,113,573	90,605 46
1909		844,709,560	78,207 56
1910	••,••••••	903,840,645	97,891 25
$1911 \\ 1912$	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	951,259,556	104,191 79
1912		963,682,490	104,406 52
1913		988,623,658	$\begin{array}{c} 108,377 \ \ 31 \\ 112,323 \ \ 73 \end{array}$
1914		1,049,528,593 1,003,910,228	112,323 73 116,511 04
1916		1,038,746,458	118,540 67
1917		1,123,646,921	133,441 50
1918		1,147,421,373	130,127 47
1919		1,207,816,983	133,986 41
1920		1,263,040,754	146,886 17
1921		1,284,539,641	148,470 71
1922		1,308,440,099	152,223 73
1923		1,389,154,626	161,283 41
1924		1,452,780,177	161,997 03
1925		1,485,069,830	249,617 92
1926		1,535,553,464	259,927 13
1927		1,547,252,585	267,918 14
1928		1,608,245,572	278,797 03
1929		1,645,528,370	304,554 43
1930		1,714,642,517	300,078 26
1931		1,696,088,964	288,915 44
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LOW SERVICE ENGINEER'S REPORT

Low Service Station, West Roxbury, Mass. December 31, 1931.

To the Brookline Water Board:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to present the fifty-fifth annual report of the Engineer for the year ending

December 31, 1931.

The amount of water pumped during the year 1931 was 1,622,536,964 gallons; 23,067,269 gallons more than last year and the consumption of coal for all purposes was 5,035,600 pounds, 37,530 pounds more than last year.

The rainfall was 46.32 inches; 12.29 inches more than last year. The maximum precipitation was 9.08 inches in June, and the minimum 0.76 inches in No-

vember.

Boilers

The Boilers are in good condition and have been regularly inspected by the Hartford Steam Boiler and Inspection Company.

Turbines

All the Turbines are in good working order.

Engines

The Engines are in good condition.

I subjoin tables showing the pumping records, all of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD J. FLINN, Engineer.

Low Service Pumping Station Brookline Water Works, West Roxbury, Massachusetts RECORD OF PUMPING ENGINES NOS. 3 AND 4 FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

		Pumping Time				:				Gallons Pumped	Station
Months 1931	Days	То	tal	Ave	rage	Revolutions	Gallons Pumped	Head in Feet	Total Coal	Per Pound Total	Duty per 100 lbs. Total Coal
		Hrs.	Mins.	Hrs.	Mins.			,	¥.	Coal	Coar
January	31	715	45	23	50	1,144,141	136,152,779	204	438,500	`310	52,700,000
February	28	668	35	23	53	1,087,081	129,362,639	210	405,000	319	55,825,000
March	31	744	00	24	00	1,220,801	145,275,319	211	426,500	341	59,959,166
April	30	720	00	24	00	1,184,505	140,956,095	.211	402,000	351	61,717,500
May	29	669	50	23	06	1,110,915	132,198,885	211	381,500	346	60,838,333
June	30	720	00	24	00	1,181,684	140,620,396	211	405,000	342	60,135,000
July	31	740	45	23	37	1,153,223	137,223,537	206	416,800	329	56,478,333
August	31	716	45	23	07	1,058,718	125,987,442	200	422,500	298	49.666,666
September	30	711	45	23	44	1,063,831	126,595,889	201	433,000	292	48,910,000
October	17	381	05	22	25	576,449	68,597,431	183	26,500	259	39,497,500
November	30	717	20	23	55	1,041,996	123,997,524	169	507,600	244	34,363,333
December	31	744	00	24	00	1,108,720	131,937,680	173	453,200	291	41,952,500
Totals and Averages	349	8,245	29	23	23	12,932,064	1,538,166,616	199	4,718,100	326	54,061,666
Engine, No. 3	28	498	10	17	48	702,692	83,620,348	194	317,500	267	43,331,666
Totals, both		8,743	10			13,364,756	1,622,536,964	134	5,035,600		45,551,000

HIGH SERVICE ENGINEER'S REPORT

High Service Pumping Station, Brookline, Mass. December 31, 1931.

To the Brookline Water Board:

I have the honor to present the annual report of the Engineer, for the year ending December 31, 1931.

The amount of water pumped during the year 1931 was 347,389,888 gallons; 33,696,278 gallons less than

last year.

The No. 2 Engine has done practically all of the work. The steam end of the Turbine has been overhauled and new carbon rings installed, also new main bearings.

The boilers are in good condition with the exception of a good deal of scale which we are endeavoring to

remove with a new boiler compound.

I subjoin tables showing the pumping records.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS A. GOLDSMITH, Engineer.

High Service Pumping Station RECORD OF ENGINE NO. 2 AND TURBINE FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

Монтн 1931		Hours and Minutes Worked		Average Pumping Time		Total Gallons Pumped	Total Head Against Pump	Coal Consumed for Pumping Heating Hospital and Almshouse
	Separate Days Pumping	Hrs.	Mins.	Hrs.	Mins.		•	O H 8
January February March April May June July August September October November December	31 28 31 30 31 30 31 31 30 31 30 31 31 30	326 293 308 296 325 202 348 340 294 348 290 296	00 20 45 05 20 20 40 00 00 25 20 45	10 10 9 9 10 20 11 11 9 11 9	31 29 57 28 30 05 15 00 48 15 40 34	27,137,058 24,067,005 26,787,842 27,888,404 31,755,994 29,575,005 33,436,553 31,102,667 28,322,203 31,464,117 27,589,435 28,272,605	124 125 125 126 124 122 121 121 117 127 124 125	191,705 160,794 195,760 185,782 130,113 94,360 80,210 83,785 109,430 161,236 165,033 187,018
Total	365	3,670	00	121	32	347,389,888	<i>,</i>	1,745,226