

TWO CITY FIRE HORSES PENSIONED

"Dave," From Engine 28, Jamaica Plain, and "Charlie," From Engine 23, South End, Go to Stow Refuge Today



"DAVE"

"CHARLIE"

Two Noble Beasts Who Have Been Pensioned By the City and Sent to Redacre Farm, Stow, to Pass the Remainder of Their Days in Clover.

"Dave" and "Charlie," two of the most faithful fire workers in Boston, have been pensioned because of age and bodily infirmities. They will leave today on a freight car for Stow to spend the rest of their lives on Redacre Farm, a refuge for worn-out horses. They are two bay horses which have performed long and faithful service for their respective companies.

Dave is 14 years old, was purchased Feb. 3, 1909, and assigned immediately to Engine 28 in Jamaica Plain, where he has been ever since. Charlie is 10 years

old, a bay horse like Dave, but smaller, and was purchased July 22, 1913. He has been stationed at Engine 23 on Northampton st.

Both horses recently have been showing signs of giving out and finally foundered, forcing their teams to be broken up. Because of their condition and their long record of faithful work, Dr. Daniel P. Keogh, the veterinary surgeon of the department, decided that they had worked long enough.

Redacre Farm, a 90-acre philanthropic refuge and hospital for worn-out horses, was established in 1897 by a Boston woman who furnishes the farm free of taxes or rent and spends her time as

its superintendent. The farm is supported by voluntary contributions.

There are now 39 or more horses at the farm, eight or nine being Fire Department horses. Fifteen are kept in the Redacre barn and the others are loaned out to nearby people for light driving or teaming, a careful watch being kept to see that the horses are not worked hard. Dr. Keogh visits the farm every three months to see that the horses are being well treated.

Among the Boston fire horses at this farm are Corder, from Engine Company 30, Ready, District 4, Nick, Ladder 15, Boylston st. Inn, Engine 25, Major, Engine 10, River st. Dick, Engine 4, and Jack, Engine 10.