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CITY OF ROCKLAND.

IN BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL, March 23d, 1877.

Ordered, the Board of Aldermen concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Printing, be and are hereby instructed, to cause to be printed, for the use of the City Council, three hundred copies of the Mayor's address and accompanying reports.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Attest: ENOCH DAVIS, Clerk.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: CHAS. A. DAVIS, City Clerk.

A true copy.

Attest: CHAS. A. DAVIS, City Clerk.
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In entering upon this my second term of office as Mayor of the City of Rockland, I extend to my fellow citizens my grateful acknowledgments for the honor they have conferred upon me, by again entrusting the supervision of the municipal affairs of the city to my care. And while I may not be able in all respects to meet their expectations, I assure them it shall be my earnest endeavor to so administer the government, as to retain their confidence and esteem. To this end I am fortunate in having associated with me so many who have had experience in the city council, on whom I shall confidently rely for advice and assistance in the discharge of the various duties devolving upon me. The past year has been one of peculiar hardship to all classes of people, on account of the continued depression in business and labor. Hence it will, I doubt not, be gratifying to our citizens, if you are able to devise and put in practice measures of economy that will lessen our municipal expenses without detriment to the moral and material growth of the city. With this object in view I shall be happy at all times to co-operate with you, in maturing and carrying into effect any plan that promises to be for the best interests of our citizens.

FINANCE.

The financial condition of the city will demand, and I doubt not will receive your careful consideration. As the
accounts of some of the departments have not yet been closed, the Treasurer and Auditor have not been able to make up their reports; therefore I am unable at this time to lay before you much information of practical value. Suffice it to say, that the appropriations and receipts for the past year have been in excess of our current expenses; so that the debt of the city, which was $175,403, March 1876, will be about $170,000, March 1877; showing a decrease of about five thousand dollars from last year.

KNOX AND LINCOLN RAILROAD.

By a letter received from the Treasurer of the Knox & Lincoln Railroad Company, I am informed that the Directors of the Company, at a meeting held on the 21st, day of February 1877, voted to call upon the City of Rockland for the sum of $15,768.27, to pay interests due July, August and September 1877, also a like amount to pay interest of January, February and March, 1878, making a total to be provided for of $31,536.54. This sum is $12,614.61 more than the sum called for by the company last year, which was raised by tax. How we shall provide for this call is for you to determine; but I respectfully suggest that you, in no event, allow the city debt to be increased above $175,000. This city has, up to this time, answered calls from this road, for money to pay interest, to the amount of $85,148.67 being about equal to one half the amount of the city debt.

HIGHWAYS.

The exceedingly wet spring of last year, and the large amount of snow we have had the past winter, have rendered the labors of the street commissioner unusually arduous. He has laid a large quantity of new side-walk, besides thoroughly repairing much of the old; all of which he has done with an eye to economy, and he now has a small balance of the appropriation for this department left unexpended. For the particulars of his operations, I respectfully refer you to his report, which will soon be laid before you. The survey of the streets, which Mr. Edwin Rose was authorized by a vote of the City Council of 1868, to make, has been completed the past year, and plans of the survey are now deposited in the city Treasurer’s office. To make this survey of value to the City some action of the City Council is required, and I suggest that you give it your early attention.
SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The building of a new School-house on Purchase street, at the South part of the city, with a seating capacity of three hundred scholars, was commenced last year. For this purpose there was appropriated two thousand dollars; and four hundred and fifty dollars received for the sale of the Portland street School-house and lot was added to that amount. It is desirable that means be provided for its early completion, on account of the overcrowded state of all the school-rooms in that part of the City. I recommend the selling of the school-house on the Point, whenever it can be done, to the advantage of the City, and that the proceeds be used in finishing the new house on Purchase Street. The School Agent informs me that it will be necessary to have considerable repairs made on the High School-house this season, especially on the roof, which needs to be re-covered. His report, and that of the Superintending School Committee, will soon be presented to you, when you can get in detail the needs of each department.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Anticipating a very hard year for the poor, a very liberal appropriation was made to meet the expected demand on this department. Notwithstanding the severity of the winter, the calls for assistance have been less than was expected, and a balance unexpended remains in the treasury.

POLICE.

Through the efficiency of the Police, good order has generally prevailed throughout the city. During the year one hundred and thirty-five tramps have been accommodated at the lockup, and one hundred and ninety-three arrests made by the Police. This shows a large falling off in arrests from last year. This I attribute in large measure to the unity of action of the police with the temperance men of the city.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

That the efficiency of this department has been well maintained during the past year, the promptness with which the firemen have responded to the frequent alarms, is a guaranty. The department has been called out twenty-five times during the year—to seventeen fires in the city, five false alarms, and
three times when the fire has been outside of the city limits. I recommend the building of one reservoir this year, for the use of this department. I would also renew my suggestion of last year, that you at an early day enquire into the expediency of disposing of one of our engines, and purchasing a hand steamer or fire extinguisher, to use in its stead. The appropriation for this department was five thousand dollars. The expenditures have exceeded that sum by $1303.92. This is accounted for by the purchase of twelve hundred feet of leading hose and thirty-six feet of suction hose, for the use of the department. For a more particular statement of the affairs of this department, I respectfully refer you to the Chief Engineer's report, which he will soon lay before you.

I have in these remarks briefly alluded to some of the most important matters concerning our municipal affairs. And now, as we are about entering upon our duties for the ensuing year, let us look to Him who ruleth the nations of the earth, for wisdom and guidance in our efforts to promote the well-being of our constituents.

CALEB G. MOFFITT.
CITY TREASURER’S REPORT.

To the Honorable City Council,— Gentlemen:

The cash receipts and disbursements by me, as City Treasurer, during the financial year 1876, including balances, and renewals of loans, are as follows:

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>There was in the Treasury, March 12, 1876.</td>
<td>$6,542.95</td>
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<td>During the year ending March 12, 1877, I have received on loans, including renewals,</td>
<td>65,022.00</td>
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<td>On taxes of 1876, including abatements,</td>
<td>88,209.02</td>
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<td>On taxes of 1875 and previous years,</td>
<td>17,978.02</td>
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<td>Interest on taxes of 1876 and previous years,</td>
<td>947.26</td>
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<td>Redemption of property sold for taxes,</td>
<td>292.38</td>
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<td>On acct. of Liquor Agency,</td>
<td>4,875.04</td>
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<td>On acct. of Police Court,</td>
<td>297.23</td>
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<td>On foreign pauper account,</td>
<td>1,607.82</td>
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<td>For lots in Cemetery,</td>
<td>41.00</td>
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<td>For old hose, sold by Chief Engineer,</td>
<td>26.50</td>
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<td>For harness sold by L Orbeton,</td>
<td>20.00</td>
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<td>For Portland St. School House and lot,</td>
<td>450.00</td>
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<td>For licenses granted to Circuses and evening shows,</td>
<td>212.00</td>
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<td>Of W. H. Witham, Patrolman,</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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Of State of Maine:

- Mill Tax for 1876, 2400 38
- Bank Tax for 1876, 1688 76
- High School Fund, 500 00
- State Pensions, reimbursed, 309 40
- For permits to drain into sewer, 4898 54

Total receipts for the year, $191,509 76

The expenditures for the same period were as follows:

- For payment of Loans, $60,150 31
  - Interest, on City Debt, 10,172 41
  - Mayor's orders, 75,642 38
  - State Tax of 1876, 12,842 47
  - County Tax of 1876, 5,900 85
  - Abatements, refunded, 1,003 90
  - State Pensions, 309 40
  - Abatements (included in recpts,) 6,187 04

Total expenditures, $172,208 76

Balance in Treasury March 12, 1877, 19,301 00

Mayor's orders outstanding March 12, 1876, $2,570 65
Mayor's orders drawn during the year, 76,184 61
Mayor's orders paid during the year, 75,642 38
Unpaid orders March, 12, 1877, 3,112 88

CITY LOAN.

The amount and condition of the City loan at the date of this report was as follows:

- Temporary loans, bearing 6 pr. ct. int, 28,279 94
- Temporary loans bearing 5 pr. ct. 20,537 00
- Temporary loans bearing 4 pr. ct. 350 00

$49,166 94
Permanent loans bearing 6 pr. ct. 98,275 00
Permanent loans bearing 5 pr. ct. 62,850 00 $161,125 00

Total loan account, $210,291 94
Payable as follows:
On call, $ 49,166 94
In 1877, 17,025 00
1878, 20,080 00
1879, 37,670 00
1880, 15,700 00
1881, 18,810 00
1882, 17,240 00
1883, 30,000 00
1884, 1,800 00
1887, 1,200 00
1889, 800 00
1890, 400 00
1897, 500 00

LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

LIABILITIES.
Mayor's Orders unpaid, $3,112 88
Due on loan acct. 210,291 94
Unapproved bills (estimated) 4,000 00

Total liabilities, $217,404 82

RESOURCES.
Uncollected taxes, collectable, about, $22,000 00
Due on property sold for taxes, say, 3,000 00
Due on foreign pauper acct. 1,223 61
Due from the State, 1,000 00
Balance in Treasury March 12, 1877, 19,301 00

Total Resources, 46,524 61
Balance (City Debt) 170,880 21

Total Resources 217,404 82
APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.
State Tax, $12,842 45
County Tax, 5,900 87
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<td>Fire</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td>Salaries</td>
<td>4,500</td>
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<td>Reservoirs</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td>New School House</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<td>Discount on taxes</td>
<td>7,000</td>
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<td>Interest on City Debt</td>
<td>10,500</td>
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<td>Interest K &amp; L R R Co.</td>
<td>18,921 93</td>
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<td>Reduction City Debt</td>
<td>6,000</td>
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<td>Contingencies</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td><strong>$89,421 93</strong></td>
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<td>Fractional Overlay</td>
<td>4,345 59</td>
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<td>Supplementary tax</td>
<td>192 21</td>
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<td><strong>$112,703 05</strong></td>
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<td>Whole No. Polls, 2479—Poll tax $3.00</td>
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<td>Am't of resident real estate</td>
<td>$2,942,536 00</td>
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<td>&quot; personal</td>
<td>1,413,395 00</td>
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<td><strong>$4,355,931 00</strong></td>
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<td>&quot; personal</td>
<td>26,755 00</td>
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<td><strong>212,297 00</strong></td>
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<td>Total valuation</td>
<td><strong>$4,568,228 00</strong></td>
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<td>Rate of taxation</td>
<td>2 3-10 per cent.</td>
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**KNOX AND LINCOLN RAILROAD.**

Amount of Bonds issued by the City of Rockland in aid of the K. & L. R. R. $755,300 00

Amount of interest paid on the same by the City, raised by taxation, 61,421 93
raised by loan, 23,726 74

**$85,148 67**
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Amount of Stock owned by the City in the K. & L. R. R. is 1000 shares, costing, $100,000.00

The law of the State, makes it the duty of cities and towns, owning stock in Railroads paid for by loan, to raise and pay, besides the interest, each year after the third, not less than 3 per cent. of the principal. In compliance with said law the City has raised annually since the year 1870, $3000, making a total of, $18,000.00

LEANDER WEEKS, Treas.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the City Treasurer for the year 1876, and find they are correct and properly vouchèd for.

R. M. PILLSBURY, Auditor.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the City Council of Rockland,—

GENTLEMEN:—The law requires the Superintending School committee to make to you annually "a written report of the condition of the schools for the past year, the proficiency made by the pupils, and the success attending the modes of instruction and government of the teachers." With that requirement we now comply.

SUPERVISION.

On the 11th day of July this board received a communication from A. S. Rice, Esq., tendering to us his resignation as a member, on account of the pressing nature of his private business. That resignation was accepted, and in accordance with the provision of the law applying in such cases we proceeded to fill the vacancy, and elected Mr. Freeman W. Smith to the place. Mr. Smith was immediately qualified, and has since served as a member of this board.

In the discharge of duties often so delicate, involving, as they do, the interests of so many parties holding such varied views and opinions as regards the proper methods of training children and youth, it is not to be expected that all will be pleased. Yet in every case the committee are conscious of having acted with conscientious fidelity, with kindest feelings toward all with whom they have had to do, and with the earnest desire to promote the real interests of every pupil in our city. Where differences of opinion have arisen they have held themselves in readiness to give to all who would inquire an explanation of the
ground of their action. They have reason to be grateful for courtesy extended to them by members of the city government, and by our citizens generally.

For some years almost the entire labor of the committee was performed by one of its members, Mr. A. L. Tyler, who has also served as School Agent. Under his efficient administration our schools made excellent progress, so that to-day they stand in advance of the position they occupied when he was made a member of the board. Many practical difficulties, however, attended this method of superintendence. Many questions required the full consideration of the entire board, such as could not be rendered but by a full knowledge of the working of our schools on the part of each member. It was therefore arranged at the beginning of the past year that labor and responsibility of caring for the schools should be shared equally by the members of the board. This has been carried into effect, and the committee has thus worked in entire harmony during the year.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

According to statistics furnished by the Agent there were on the first day of April last 2,368 persons belonging in Rockland between the ages of 4 and 21 years, being a decrease of 64 from the previous year. For the educating of the children and youth of the city there was entrusted to us the past year, from all sources, the sum of $13,633.48. After deducting the sum regarded by the school Agent as absolutely necessary in making repairs upon school houses, we have expended the remaining amount in maintaining the following schools with the number of teachers indicated, viz:

- 1 High School, 3 Teachers
- 5 Grammar Schools, 7 "
- 5 Intermediate Schools, 6 "
- 13 Primary Schools, 15 "
- 1 Mixed School, 1 "
- 1 Miscellaneous School, 2 "

In all, 26 schools, 34 teachers. Of the 2,368 pupils between the ages of 4 and 21 years, our teachers report 1,532 in attendance, or 22 less than the number in attendance the previous year. Thus, according to the showing of these figures, there have been in our city 836 persons between the ages of 4 and 21 years who have not attended our public schools.
LENGTH OF SCHOOLS.

During the last few years appropriations for schools have been somewhat diminished. With the money entrusted to us we have kept our schools in operation, generally, 32 weeks. Our High and First Grammar schools were continued one week more. Our Miscellaneous school is taught but one term per year. The proper school year is usually reckoned at 40 weeks. It is useless for us to expect our schools to maintain their proper standard with but 32 weeks. It may be said, that times are hard, and money scarce. Our citizens, then, can ill afford to instruct their children in private schools or in schools elsewhere. Scholars cannot be put to profitable labor in these times during the nearly five months they are now out of school. Besides, it is believed that in a city like this the moral influence of spending so large a portion of the time in idleness in the streets, as is the case with very many boys, must lead to bad morals, sometimes to crime. As our High and First Grammar school principals are paid salaries, the increased length of the school year would not increase the pay of these teachers. To continue the schools, therefore, four weeks more than at present would probably not require an increase in the appropriations of more than about $1200, a sum which would make an addition of but a fraction of a dollar to the taxes of most of our citizens.

Increased school house accommodations will enable us to put some of our schools in better condition for success than in the past. This may also make an increase in the necessary and proper expenditures for the year. We feel sure that these considerations will receive your full attention. According to the most careful estimates we can make, to run our schools 36 weeks the coming year will require $11,500 and we accordingly urge the appropriation of that sum.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

No part of our duties can possibly be more important than the selection of teachers. As are our teachers, so must our schools be, and so, largely, must our children be. A mistake here finds no compensation whatever in other considerations. We have first looked for moral and intellectual fitness for the places to be occupied. Any defect here must be regarded as decisive. Among the intellectual qualifications we include aptness to teach, and skill in management of a school.
Then, experience in our own schools comes in for its share of attention. Several terms are required to secure the familiarity with our methods necessary to the highest success. Accordingly, other things being equal, we have preferred old teachers to new ones, and have regarded frequent changes as a misfortune. We have aimed at uniformity in wages in the same grades, as far as possible, and in all cases to fix these as low as we believed teachers could receive and do justice to their schools. We believe no thought of reduction should be entertained for a moment. It cannot be effected without disaster to our schools. We now give you a simple outline of the work done.

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

Length of course, 4 years. Largest number registered for the year, 97. Average number registered for the three terms, 85. Average attendance 80. Two courses of study are pursued, English, and Classical. The following are, in general, the studies pursued in each:

**ENGLISH COURSE.**
- Reading,
- Spelling,
- Arithmetic,
- English Grammar,
- Algebra,
- Geometry,
- Natural History,
- Physiology,
- Philosophy,
- Botany,
- Chemistry,
- Astronomy,
- English Literature,
- Rhetoric,
- Science of Government.

**CLASSICAL.**
- Reading,
- Spelling,
- Arithmetic,
- English Grammar,
- Algebra,
- Geometry,
- Natural History,
- Physiology,
- Philosophy,
- English Literature,
- Ancient History,
- Latin,
- Greek.

The first term of the year the High School was under the care of Mr. A. A. Woodbridge, who had held the position of principal the previous five years. His resignation of that position, bearing date of August 1st, was received by the committee, and at a later date accepted. After considering the qualifications of many applicants, N. N. Atkinson, A. M., of Haverhill, Mass., was elected to the place. Mr. At-
kinson came with excellent record, both as a scholar and teacher. He chose to remain but one term, giving the committee early notice of his intention to retire at the end of that time. Again the committee considered the merits of numerous applicants, after which they requested W. O. Fletcher, A. M., of Warren, to accept the position, which he did. He had the disadvantage of entering upon his duties for the last, and shortest, term of the year, but performed his work, we believe, to the entire satisfaction of committee scholars, and the public.

At the close of the term 10 pupils were graduated, having completed their course with honor. The following are their names in the order of their parts:

- Jesse Ames Tolman,
- Addie Frances Starrett,
- Flora Frances Foss,
- Charles Edward Weeks,
- Josie Anna Thorndike,
- Regina Margaret Rich,
- Caleb Green Moffitt,
- Anna Evelina Keene,
- Cora Ellen Ingraham,
- Frederick Clement Stevens.

The graduating exercises were held in Farwell and Ames' Hall on the evening of March 13th. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity. The best of attention was given. The essays and orations of the class were of a high order, eminently practical, showing commendable independence of thought and originality of expression on the part of the authors. We commend the practice of holding these exercises in a hall sufficiently large to accommodate the public. The necessary expenditure brings an abundant return in the increased interest felt in our High School both by pupils and citizens.

The prospects before our High School are excellent. We trust our citizens will feel a constantly deepening interest in it so as to encourage our scholars to complete the course. A glance at the studies as given above will show that no criticism can properly be made that our high school course is not practical. Nothing is there introduced but has a direct value in furnishing information, in disciplining the mind of the scholar for the pursuit of knowledge, or in giving facility in the expression of thought.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Whole number of scholars registered in this grade, 252. Average number registered for three terms; 249. Average
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attendance, 223. This is a three years course. The studies pursued are:—Reading, Spelling, U. S. History; Mental and Practical Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, Composition, Declamations.

No. 1. This school, under the care of Mr. McLain, is justly held by our citizens in high esteem. It is a cause of regret, yet none the less true, that many of our boys here complete their course. If it must be so, however, it is a source of satisfaction that they here get such thorough instruction in the fundamental branches as to be in a measure fitted for the business part of life. As a preparation for the High School this school is none the less to be valued.

No. 4, Pine Grove Grammar School, has been unfortunate in being subjected to change of teachers the last year. At the close of the first term Miss Helen Hewett, one of our most efficient teachers, retired to make a change of name and duties. She was succeeded by Miss Grant who remained but part of a term because of ill-health. Mrs. Stubbs kindly consented to resume her former place for the remainder of the term. She was succeeded by Miss Patten who taught the winter term.

No. 5, Blackington’s Corner, admits both Grammar and Intermediate scholars. Miss Fisk was secured for the spring and fall terms. Mr. W. B. Mathews taught a successful winter term. Miss Fisk is expected to resume her place in the spring.

No. 6, Meadow, admits both Grammar and Intermediate scholars. Miss Haskell taught in the spring, Miss Barnes in the fall, and Miss Metcalf in the winter. We fear there are parents in this district who fail to discern the kind of support a teacher must have from them to make a school successful. The committee are devoting especial attention to this school. General improvement was noticed during the successive terms of the year.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Number of scholars registered, 316. Average number for the year, 304. Average attendance, 269. Length of course, three years. Studies: Reading, Spelling, Intellectual and Practical Arithmetic, Geography, U. S. History, Writing, Punctuation, &c. The number of scholars registered and
the studies pursued show the importance of this grade. The teachers are earnest and devoted to their work. Miss Tyler has been promoted from Primary No. 7, to Intermediate No. 4. She succeeds Mrs. Cochran, retired to more select duties. We believe the practice of promoting meritorious teachers is right, and should be continued when such promotions are sought.

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS.**

Number of scholars registered, 772. Average number, registered, 732. Average attendance, 603. Length of course is usually about four years. Studies pursued are: Reading, Spelling, Mental Arithmetic, Geography, Punctuation, &c. This grade is important, being the foundation of all the rest. Scholars pursuing this course successfully have great advantage over those who are not well instructed here, in all their remaining school days, and indeed in all of life. To be a good primary teacher requires peculiar qualifications. Our teachers in this grade have worked diligently. There have been some changes. Miss Ludwig filled the place of Miss Heal during her absence one term, Miss Erskine taking the place of Miss Ludwig for the time. Miss Paine succeeds Miss White in No. 2, Miss Smart was transferred from No. 5 to assist Mr. Young during the winter term, Miss Ross being transferred from No. 12 to the vacancy.

Miss Haskell, after one term, resumed her place in No. 11 from which she was temporarily displaced by a misunderstanding on the part of the committee, Miss Coakley teaching that school the first term. Miss Lord taught No. 12, one term.

**MIXED AND MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOLS.**

Miss Frost has taught a mixed school for the year in the Walsh neighborhood. This school will hereafter be enlarged, as it is understood Camden has voted to allow the families in the neighborhood in that town to join this district.

Mr. Young, as usual, taught a winter term in the old City Hall, receiving boys otherwise employed during the summer. This is an important school, and was attended with the usual success.

**SCHOOL HOUSE.**

For some years past we have been compelled to call your attention to the insufficiency of school house accommoda-
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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tions, especially at the southerly part of the city. The committee look forward with pleasure to the opening of the new house now in process of construction on Purchase street. It cannot be completed a day too soon. Crescent street house is in a most miserable condition, and during the past year 148 scholars were registered for one room suited to seat about 100. This shows the absolute necessity for the outlay for a new house. We think the plan of the new house, with six rooms for 49 pupils each, will be found by experience to be more convenient for teachers and scholars, as well as, on the whole, more economical for the city, in expenditure, for building and care of the house, than several houses in different localities would be. It will also be ready for carrying into effect the "department plan" of instruction if, at any time, it shall be thought advisable to adopt it. When this house shall have been completed the wants of the schools will, for the time be met. Yet we foresee that not many years hence a similar house will be needed at some central point in the northerly part of the city.

STUDIES AND TEXT BOOKS.

But few changes in our course of study have been made. No changes in text books have been authorized by the committee for some years. Our readers were originally published about twenty years since. Great improvements have since been made. New books are needed. As reduced rates can be secured on the introduction of books by purchase or exchange it is felt that as a matter of economy a change of readers should be made. Accordingly, after examining many different series, the committee have decided upon the Franklin as the most desirable, and have ordered its introduction next term.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

The work done by these officers, is of great importance, not only in its influence on the boys who are brought back to the schools, but more especially in that exerted on others who would otherwise become truants. Any estimate of the value of the money thus expended therefore, should take account of what these officers have prevented, as well as what they have directly done.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

Regulations for the government of our schools were adopt-
ed and printed, we believe, in 1864. These we have carefully revised the past year. With the additions we deemed necessary, we have had them reprinted in convenient form for the use of teachers and schools. The following are extracts from these rules. It will be seen that Nay Day is omitted from the holidays, simply from the fact that in our climate on that day children often become exposed in their holiday rambles in such a way that sickness follows. Decoration Day, of recent origin, comes in as a recognized holiday.

"The School Year shall begin at such times as the Committee determine, and shall be divided into three terms."

"The following shall be the holidays for the Schools, viz.: New Year's Day, Fast Day, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas."

"No scholar shall be admitted to any school except by written pass or other express permission from the Committee. Scholars will be required to attend those schools to which they are assigned."

"The Committee will visit the several schools from time to time, to note the progress of the scholars in the several classes, and to make suggestions in regard to improvement in methods of teaching. At the end of each school year they will make careful examinations of all scholars, and pass such as are qualified from lower to higher classes or grades of schools. No transfer or promotion shall be made except by the Committee."

"Scholars who, from inconstant attendance, want of application, or other cause, shall fail to maintain a fair standing in their classes, will be placed in lower classes or in schools of a lower grade."

"It shall be the duty of teachers to maintain a mild and persuasive, yet firm and decided discipline. They shall watch carefully over the general deportment and manners of their pupils; use their best endeavors to inspire them with a love of learning and truth; and seek to cultivate in them a sense of self respect and a desire for what is noble and praiseworthy in character."

"Punishments shall be such as are likely to prove salutary and beneficial. They shall not be excessive or unreasonable. Striking on or about the head, or other act likely to occasion permanent physical injury should be avoided."

"For persistent disobedience and opposition to authority the
teacher may suspend a scholar from all school privileges. In such case the teacher must promptly notify the parent or guardian of the scholar so suspended, and also the School Committee, who will then have entire charge of the case."

"To be retained in their places, teachers must be able to exhibit constant progress in intellectual and other qualifications for their work, and to this end they must hold themselves in readiness for such yearly examinations as the committee may require."

**CONCLUSION.**

Thus we have given you an outline of work done in our schools for the year. We have felt that to us were committed important trusts. We have spared no pains or personal self-sacrifice to make our schools successful. We feel assured our citizens hold in high esteem our common schools. Most of us can leave, as a legacy to our children, only education and characters distinguished for good morals. Let us bespeak, then, on your part, a deep interest in this department of trusts committed to your care. And we feel assured that any questions which may arise pertaining to the good of our schools will receive from you full consideration and favorable action.

S. L. B. CHASE,
A. L. TYLER,
F. W. SMITH,
Superintending School Committee.

Rockland, March 23, 1877
## TEACHERS.

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Mixed School:

Total: 736 621 121 772 83 668 572
REPORT OF THE OVERSEEERS OF THE POOR.

To the City Council,—

GENTLEMEN:—The Overseers of the Poor herewith submit their annual report, ending the first day of March 1877.

RECEIPTS.

From Mayor's orders drawn $9,775 03
" Supplies at Alms House March 1st, 1876 462 75

$10,237 78

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies for Alms House, $1,970 84
Two Cows, 100 00
Yoke Oxen, 190 00
Fuel, 218 48
Undertakers, 50 50
Repairs, 31 75
Keeper, 200 00
Hay, 57 21
Blacksmith Bill, 13 26

Outside of Alms House, $2,832 04
For Supplies, 3,761 01
For Boarding and Nursing, 270 32
For Fuel, 1,244 46
To other towns, 880 87
For Undertaker, 135 61

" C. V. R. Boynton's
REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS' OF THE POOR. 25

bill for '75, paid in '76, 208 75
For carriage hire for Funerals, 56 00
For Postage, 15 35
For expense of patients at Insane Hospital, 883 37
7,605 74

$10,237 78

ASSETS.

Charged to other towns, $1,524 20
Supplies at Alms House, Mar.
1st, 1877 516 04

$2,040 24

Total cost of Domestic Poor, $8,197 54

The number of paupers resident at the Alms House, Mar., 1st, 1876, was forty one; admitted during the year, thirty-seven; total, seventy eight; discharged, thirty five, left without permission, one; died, five; remaining at Alms House March 1st, 1877, thirty seven.

Total number of weeks support at the Alms House during the year, was eighteen hundred and eighty six. The average cost per week, exclusive of the amount received from the farm, was one dollar and twenty cents.

The number of families outside the Alms House, having settlement in Rockland, to whom assistance has been rendered, was ninety seven, numbering three hundred and eighty-eight persons.

The number of families who have a settlement in other towns in the State to whom assistance has been rendered, was forty one numbering, one hundred and fourteen persons.

The number of persons assisted who had no lawful settlement within the state was one hundred and forty four.

The number of persons at the Alms House between the ages of one and ten years, 8; between ten and twenty, 5; between twenty and thirty, 2; between thirty and forty, 3; between forty and fifty, 5; between fifty and sixty, 1; between sixty and seventy, 3; between seventy and eighty, 6; between eighty and ninety, 3; between ninety and one hundred, 1, Henry Knox Murphy, in his ninety fourth year.

The inmates have been well cared for, by the Master and Matron, and the City Physician has discharged his duty faithfully, to all who have been sick both outside and in the Alms House.
REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS' OF THE POOR.

We have received from the Street Commissioner and paid into the City treasury, twenty six and 30-100 dollars, for paupers outside the Alms House, clearing the sidewalk from Jos. Furbish's house to the brook. The walks have been cleared on several other streets for which the commissioner did not allow compensation.

The paupers at the Alms House made out twenty one days labor April 1876 on the roads under the commissioner for which no compensation was allowed.

The overseers feel gratified at the result of the labors of the inmates of the Alms House the past year. They have changed the "Meadow brook" from its natural course, grading the bank down into the old brook, so that when the work is completed, there can be a considerable quantity of hay raised, where before there could be nothing.

Provisions at the Alms House March 1st, 1877.

Produced at City Farm,

15 hogs, $100.00
78 bu. potatoes, .75, 58.50
129 lbs. butter, .30, 38.70
1 2 bbl. pork, 9.00
33 lbs. lard, 3.69
2700 lbs. beef, .06c, 162.00

Supplies bought,

1 4 bbl. herring, 2.00
10 gal. kerosene oil, .35, 3.50
9 cords wood, 7.00 63.00
42 lbs. tea, .30, 12.60
1 1 2 bbls. flour, 12.00
36 gall. molasses, .50, 18.00
1 1 2 bu. beans, 4.50
5 lbs. saleratus, 50
30 lbs. cod fish, .6, 1.80
7 bu. corn and meal, 5.25
3 tons coal, 21.00

$371.89
$144.50
$144.50
$516.01

GEO. S. WIGGIN,
A. F. CROCKETT,
Overseers of the Poor, of Rockland.
STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

I herewith submit my report as Road Commissioner for the past municipal year.
The appropriation for this department was $8000 00

From this fund I have expended as follows:

Glover & Co. for plank, joist &c., for sidewalks, culverts and bridges, 207,496 ft. 1,963 91
N. Jones for plank &c., 2,949 " 29 49
Stanley & Ayer, " 395 " 3 95

$1,997 35

Labor on sidewalks, 507 days, 760 61
" " Streets, culverts and bridges 700 1-2 days, 1,050 77
Hauling chips, ploughing, scraping and carting, 1,229 53
Beach gravel, 466 1-2 tons, 233 25
Wharfage and weight bill on gravel, 27 36
Plank gravel, 42 55
Mayo, for 4 granite crossings, 106 97
Stone for streets, 19 00
Blasting rock on Lawrence and Grace streets, and Marsh road, 98 74
Blacksmith bills, 71 80
F. L. Cummings, filing saws, 6 40
J. C. Cleaveland, labor on roads west of meadow 95 50
Oliver Holmes, " " Pond road, 77 75
F. C. Hawes, Warren " 15 00
STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Cobb Wight & Norton, for ballast chips, 42 00
“ “ “ 9 kegs nails, 31 70
H. H. Crie, & Co., “ nails, powder etc., 67 93
W. J. Wood, for nails etc., 33 83
J. C. Libby & Son for nails etc., 30 58
S. M. Veazie, “ “ “ 26 85
J. P. Wise, & Son, “ “ “ 14 32
Clearing roads of snow and removing snow from sidewalks on Main st., 592 46
Labor paid by Mayor, 41 79
Sundries paid for acct. of City Team, 194 56
Sundries paid by Mayor for acct. of City Team, 546 52
Commissioners salary 208 days 2.50 520 00
Wharfage on plank, labor etc., 25 37

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<td>“ for grading Union st., Ward 3</td>
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Total am't. expended, $7,944 97

This is to certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of C. R. Whitney Road Commissioner for 1876 and they agree with this report taking into account the City Team as to the aggregate amount expended and balance of $55 03.

R. M. PILLSBURY, Auditor.
Rockland, March 23rd, 1877.

CITY TEAM ACCT.

DR.

To sundries paid 741 08
STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Shoeing horses, not charged in above account, but charged in Blacksmith bills for highways, estimated. 25 00

Cr.

By 82 1/2 days labor building and repairing, sidewalks, 3 00 247 50
180 days labor on streets 3 00 390 00 $637 50

$128 58

The team I have used to the best advantage I could within the limits prescribed by City ordinance. The driver, Mr. Orrin Blackington, has been a careful and faithful man, and I would cheerfully recommend a continuance of his services.

There have been placed on the roads during the year, 1037 loads of lime-rock chips, which have been placed in the centre of the different roads and then covered with dirt taken from the ditches alongside of the roads when nothing else could be obtained. Being treated in this manner has prevented the chips from grinding up, and leaves a smooth carriage road; and in my judgment the roads thus treated will be quite durable. There have also been placed on the roads, mostly on Main Street and the crossings, 425 tons of beach gravel, costing nearly four times as much as would the same quantity of lime-rock chips. There have also been used 235 loads of bank gravel. There has been but one piece of new road made during the year, namely, 400 feet near head of Holmes St., at a cost of one hundred and fifty dollars. The extremely wet weather which prevailed the first part of the year made our streets almost impassable, and in consequence repairs were made on every street in the city. Our sidewalks have needed a large amount of repairs. There have been 20,467 feet, or nearly 4 miles, of new walks built and old ones repaired during the year. There are said to be over 18 miles of sidewalks in the City, all of which are now in good repair, excepting some ten rods at the foot of Crescent Street. I have endeavored to make the expenditures in this department as economical as possible, consistent with the needs of the City, and also have endeavored to
perform all the duties of the position to which I was elected faithfully and impartially. I think an appropriation of $5000, will be sufficient for streets the coming year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. R. WHITNEY, Commissioner.
Rockland March 10th 1877.
SCHOOL AGENT'S REPORT.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

I have the pleasure as School Agent of the City of Rockland, of offering in the following report, an account of the receipts and expenditures of the School Department, for the municipal year ending March 1877, and also a statement of the present financial standing of the same.

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PRESENT STANDING OF THE DEPARTMENT.

ASSETS.

Cash in the hands of the Agent, 44
Amount due on bills for tuition, 76 26
Amount due on bills, $76 70

LIABILITIES.

Due Edwin Sprague, $13 50
Due E. R. Spear, & Co. $23 07
Due Wm. Fuller,
Total about $56.

One tenth of the money apportioned to the schools, may be, by law, expended by the Agent, for repairs on school houses and out-buildings; but in this city the school houses are in such condition, that this sum is barely sufficient to meet the expense of such minor repairs, as will keep them in a passible condition for the time being.

The cellar walls of Oak Grove House and of the Gay school house, need relaying the present year, and I have no doubt that the sills and floorings are much decayed; but the Agent will be unable to make so extensive repairs as are needed from the limited means at his control.

The roof of the High School Building leaks very badly, and much of the plastering in the upper room has fallen off on this account. This roof should be re-covered as soon as possible, and an appropriation should be made for the purpose.

I would also call your attention to the fact, that it will be necessary to establish two or three more schools the present year, at the south part of the city. These schools will need Teachers, Janitors, and fuel, which will add to the school expenses about $800.

Your Honors will, of course, see the necessity of providing means to meet these additional expenses,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. L. TYLER, School Agent.
CITY UNDERTAKERS' REPORT.

To the Honorable City Council of Rockland:

I herewith present my report as city Undertaker for the municipal year just closed. The whole number of interments superintended by me in the year ending March, 1st, one hundred and twenty-three of which number were non-residents.

The want of a receiving tomb has been so apparent to everyone this winter, as the avenues have been so filled with snow that we could not get through them, as to make it necessary for me to renew my recommendations of the matter.

Respectfully submitted.

C. V. R BOYNTON, Undertaker.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Rockland:

The undersigned in submitting his annual report has merely to state that during the year 1876 he superintended fifty-nine (59) interments in this city, six of which were non-residents. In the month of Jan. 1877, I superintended seven (7) one of which was a non-resident, and in February I superintended five.

SILAS KALLOCH, City Undertaker.
CITY PHYSICIAN’S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor, the Aldermen and Common Council:

As City Physician for the past year I would ask leave to submit the following Report.

I have professionally attended upon three hundred and six calls, in all of which the proper medical supplies have been furnished.

Seven paupers have died during the year, five of whom were at the Alms House.

One died from Rheumatic fever, aged 88

" " Pneumonia, " 77

" " General Debility, " 88

" " Typhoid fever, " 42

" " Membraneous Croup, " 11

" " Congestion of the lungs, " 50

" " Secondary Syphitis, " 22

The inmates represent the extremes of life, viz: childhood and old age. The aged come there broken down by dissipation and want, and the children have usually suffered from the debilitating influences of cold, hunger and impure air. The few of middle life who find their way there are already suffering from disease, and as a general rule only seek a temporary home in which to regain health and strength, and consequently their stay is short. When the children have reached an age at which they can be made self supporting, good homes can readily be found for them and the city at once relieved of their care.
The expense of these people is, at a minimum in health, and increases as the latter fails. It becomes, therefore, a measure of economy to furnish them with those conditions recommended by the best authorities—pure air, pure water and a clean soil. These are the objects sought in all sanitary arrangements.

The location of the Alms house is excellent, the soil good, and two wells furnish sufficient water during most of the year. During times of drought however, they are insufficient, when water is drawn from the mill pond near by.

It is the opinion of the Board of Health that the arrangements for ventilation, the drainage and water supply are more or less defective.

The ventilation though susceptible of improvement can not be rendered perfect with present building.

As to drainage there has been no attempt at any system whatever, and a portion of the kitchen refuse is left upon the ground to decompose and mingle with the soil and air. It is the opinion of the Board of Health that a drain, either open or covered, should be constructed around the north western side of the house.

The well which supplies the family of the Superintendent furnishes pure water.

That from which the paupers obtain their supply is situated partly under the barn, with the hen and hog pens within twelve or fifteen feet, and the barn yard, in which the stock pass the summer nights and the milder days of winter is no farther away. This well is about thirty feet deep, and therefore drains the land underlying the barn and yard.

The purity of the water in any well depends almost entirely on the ability of the earth through which it descends to deprive it by filtration of its organic impurities. It is always a question between the amount and character of the filtering material, and the amount and character of the impurity. In a deep and porous soil where the water table lies at a great depth, and where the rain-water descends vertically to the line of saturation below, there is little danger unless the greatest fouling of the surface in the immediate vicinity is constant and long continued. Fresh earth is a capital purifying filter, and the rapidity with which its filtering power is renewed depends upon the freedom with which air circulates within it, the purification being in nearly
all cases a process of oxidation. In a deep and porous soil, as the water of a rain storm settles away, it is immediately followed by the entrance of air from the surface. But in clay and in other impervious soils the entrance of air being much more slow and difficult, the impurities accumulate and the foulness increases and often becomes permanent.

The soil in which this well is located is a loose gravel, which forms a good natural filter. But the air is excluded from a large area around it, and it does not seem safe to trust it year after year, for sooner or later the soil will become saturated and the well be converted into a cesspool.

It would not be advisable to discontinue the using of water, from this well until a new source of water supply has been found.

It is probable that with less intelligent supervision and less careful nursing than the inmates now enjoy at the hands of the Superintendant and Matron the sicklist would be very much larger and the expense of the institution proportionately increased. All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 2nd. City Physician.
To the Honorable City Council of Rockland:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the past municipal year.

At the commencement of the year there were four suits pending in which the city was defendant two of which have been finally disposed of as follows:

George A. Lynde vs. The Inhabitants of Rockland: An action for closing plaintiff's hotel in April, 1872, when it was discovered that there were cases of small pox in the house. The amount claimed was $30,000. This case was reported to the Law court from the September Term of 1873, and argued at Portland last July. In this case we have received a decision that the action cannot be maintained, and a non suit ordered.

Ella A. Perry vs. Inhabitants of Rockland: An action for damages to plaintiff, alleged to have been sustained by reason of defect in sidewalk. The amount sued for was $5000. By order passed by the city council, on my recommendation, I settled this claim last September, in full, for $100.

The suit of Oscar E. Blackington, vs. the Inhabitants of Rockland, to recover damages to horse, from defect in street, tried at the December term 1875, which resulted in a verdict of $700, for the Plaintiff, was carried to the Law court on exceptions, and argued at Augusta last May. We have received a decision, overruling the exceptions, and sustaining the verdict. In this case the city is only nominal defendant, and Rockland and Thomaston Gas Light company the real defendant. The company was seasonably notified of its liability.
and furnished council. I have assurance from the officers of the company that they will settle the claim.

The case of John McAllister and wife vs. the city of Rockland, an action to recover damages for injuries sustained by Mrs. McAllister by reason of defect in side-walk, amount sued for $3000, was tried at the last December term and resulted in a verdict of $400, for plaintiffs.

Two suits have been commenced by the city, (entered at the March Term) viz: Inhabitants of Rockland vs. Inhabitants of Deer Isle, account $51,46 for pauper supplies furnished William Thompson and family; and Inhabitants of Rockland vs. Inhabitants of Morrill, account $110,89, for pauper supplies furnished James F. Crockett and family. Both of these suits were answered to and continued to the September Term.

The solicitor has had frequent calls for opinions on a large variety of questions, by the different city officials, during the year. He has responded, in every case, by written, or oral opinions, as the circumstances seemed to require.

An amendment of the city ordinance, passed and approved during the year, prohibits the Mayor's employing or retaining additional council in any case, except by special vote of the City council, while this provision gives the Solicitor greater independence it also increases his responsibility and may add greatly to his labors. I would, therefore, recommend that he be allowed a fair compensation for the work he actually performs, instead of a definite sum fixed by salary.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUE P. PIERCE, City Solicitor.
To His Honor the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with section 12 of revised ordinances, I herewith present my report as Chief Engineer as to the condition of the Fire Department, also a record of fires and alarms that have occurred the last year, with amount of loss and insurance as near as could be ascertained.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

Whole number of fires and alarms from March 1876 to March 1877, 28
Alarms for fire in the City, 20
“ “ “ out of the City, 3
False Alarms. 5
Amount of loss as near as could be ascertained $14,423 40
Amount of insurance, 28,200 00
Excess of insurance over loss, 13,776 60

The apparatus consists of one steam engine, three hand engines and one hook and ladder truck. The engines are all in most excellent working order, the hook and ladder truck requires a general repairing, and nearly all require painting. I would recommend the two four-wheeled hose carriages be disposed of and two two-wheeled balanced carriages be purchased, capable of carrying eight hundred feet of hose, and the steamers be replaced with one capable of carrying one thousand feet.
The companies are all flourishing with a full compliment of members, and good will prevails.

The hose is in good repair, and in my judgment in sufficient quantity to supply each company the present year. There have been 1,200 feet of leading hose, and new suction hose for the steamer, and a full set for number five, purchased.

The whole number of reservoirs in the city are ten. I would earnestly recommend the building of at least two more the present year.

The number of hydrants set is eighteen, several of which are of little service. I would recommend that more be set the present year.

For several years past a different method of giving fire alarms has been recommended. I would recommend bells be placed on the several engine houses. Telegraph is expensive and there are not a sufficient number of bells in the City to warrant its working satisfactory.

I would recommend the appointing a fire police to attend to all fires. They would be a great assistance to the firemen, and a protection to property.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks to His Honor the Mayor and both branches of the City Council, and committee on Fire Department, for their ready endorsement of measures tending to the welfare of the department. Also to the Assistant Engineers for their successful management, and to the officers and members of the department for their able support and prompt and cheerful obedience of orders during the year. Respectfully submitted,

N. P. SMITH, Chief Engineer.
# RECORDS OF FIRES AND ALARMS FROM MARCH 1876, TO MARCH 1877.

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<td>April 13</td>
<td>7:45 A. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>Mibernia</td>
<td>J. J. Drinkwater</td>
<td>J. J. Drinkwater</td>
<td>Children playing with matches.</td>
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<td>May 14</td>
<td>6:45 P. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>Spring</td>
<td>A. Sherman.</td>
<td>A. Sherman.</td>
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<td>June 1</td>
<td>11:30 P. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>Ocean.</td>
<td>Eli Hall.</td>
<td>Barn.</td>
<td>Do.</td>
<td>501.00</td>
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<td>5:40 P. M.</td>
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<td>Winter.</td>
<td>Wm. Crowley.</td>
<td>Frank Levitt.</td>
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<td>July 25</td>
<td>1 A. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>Main.</td>
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<td>August 2</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>1:45 P. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>Main.</td>
<td>M. S. Hovey.</td>
<td>Vacant.</td>
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<td>71.50</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>8:30 P. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>North Main.</td>
<td>D. Meservey.</td>
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<td>500.00</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>8:30 A. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>Water.</td>
<td>A. F. Crockett.</td>
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<td>1099.00</td>
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<td>January 1</td>
<td>9:20 P. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>Grove.</td>
<td>Simon George.</td>
<td>Smoking Pipe.</td>
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<td>1099.00</td>
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<td>Phoebe Poland.</td>
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<td>Wm. Hovey.</td>
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<td>J. E. Marshall.</td>
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<td>Loss on goods.</td>
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<td>Marion Stapley.</td>
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<td>Jackson Small.</td>
<td>Do.</td>
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<td>300.00</td>
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<td>March 1</td>
<td>10 A. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>Lyle.</td>
<td>James Nason.</td>
<td>Barn.</td>
<td>Do.</td>
<td>349.17</td>
<td>800.00</td>
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<td>1 A. M.</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
<td>Park.</td>
<td>Jacob Winslow.</td>
<td>Jacob Winslow.</td>
<td>Slight.</td>
<td>84.50</td>
<td>400.00</td>
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Total Loss: $14,427 40
Total Insured: $28,200 00
CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In conformity to the rules and regulations of the City Government I beg leave to report the doings of the Police Department, from April 19, 1876 to March 12, 1877.

The whole number of arrests, 254
Drunkenness, 135
Assault and battery, 35
Assault on officer, 3
Breaking and entering into stores, 1
Robbery, 4
Counterfeiting coin, 1
Common Beggars, 2
Fast driving, 2
Receiving stolen goods, 1
For selling intoxicating liquors, 42
For trucking liquor, 1
Malicious Mischief, 5
Insane, 4
Larceny, 18
There also have been search and seizures, 82
Number of packages seized, 202
Whole number of packages seized in transit, 87
Whole number of gallons of liquors seized, 130334
Spilled May 26, witnessed, 284
Spilled July 29, witnessed, 283
Spilled Aug. 29, " 153
Spilled Oct. 5, " 155 1-2
Spilled Nov. 28, " 174 1-4
Spilled Mar. 3, " 101
Now in libel, 103
Stolen from lockup, 50

In closing his report the City Marshal would bear testimony to the diligence and faithfulness of the Deputy Marshal and the Police. They have aided him in every way possible; and their earnest efforts to preserve the peace and see that the statutes are duly observed deserve, as they will receive the approbation of the public.

A. T. LOW, City Marshal.
CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Mayor, and City Council of the City of Rockland:

GENTS:—In accordance with the City Ordinance creating the office of City Auditor and defining the duties pertaining to the same, I herewith submit my first annual report for the fiscal year ending March, 10th 1877.

I have carefully examined and compared the books and vouchers of all the City officials who are subject to the requirements of said ordinance and the result is as follows:

MAYOR.

The Mayor has drawn six hundred and fifty seven orders on the Treasurer amounting to seventy-five thousand nine hundred fifty-nine dollars and forty cents for all of which he had the proper authority.

Orders drawn by the Mayor, $75,955 40
" unpaid March 12, 1876, 2,491 81

Amount of orders unpaid and orders drawn, $78,447 21
Orders paid, $75,642 38
" unpaid March 12, 1877, 2,804 83

$78,447 21

CITY TREASURER.

The City Treasurer has received and disbursed the following sums, all of which are properly vouched for.

To received from all sources, $191,500 76
By disbursements, $172,208 76
Balance in Treasury, $19,301 00

$191,509 76
CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

The Collector of Taxes has received and paid into the City Treasury the following sums all of which are properly vouched for.

To received on taxes for the years 1867-76 included $100,678 19

By paid into the City Treasury, $100,000

L. Weeks Collector, fees, 500

Balance in hands of Collector, 178 19

$100,678 19

JUDGE OF THE POLICE COURT.

The Judge of the Police Court has received and disbursed the following sums, for which he has the proper vouchers.

To received from Fines to March 1, 1877, $311 00

for fees, " " 15, 1877, 329 03

$640 03

By paid to City Treasurer, 297 23

" " County " 311 00

" " for fitting Court room, 31 80 $640 03

COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR AGENCY.

The Committee on Liquor Agency has drawn from the Treasury four thousand sixty-nine dollars and seventeen cents and disbursed the same as follows, all of which is properly vouched for.

To received from Treasury, $4,069 17

By cash paid for Liquors, $4,069 17

LIQUOR AGENT.

The Liquor Agent has received for liquors and empty packages sold from March 1, 1876, to March 1, 1877, five thousand five hundred thirty-three dollars and eight cents, which has been disposed of as follows all of which is properly vouched for.
CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To cash received for sales, $5,533.08
By paid salary of Agent, 525 03
" " freight and cartage, 34 10
" for fuel, corks &c., 14 88
" Liquors furnished the City, 34 03
" Balance paid City Treasurer, 4,925 04

NOTE. This report is made from March 1, '76, to March 1, '77, for the reason that the Agent makes regular monthly reports, and this being taken from them covers no part of a month.

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

The Road Commissioner has received from all sources and disbursed the following sums, for which he has the proper vouchers except nineteen dollars and eighty cents in charges of 25c., and upwards.

To received on Mayor's orders, $7,356.66
" from other sources, 53 62

$7,410.28

By bills paid, 6,890 28
" Salary, 520 00

$7,410.28

NOTE. The commissioner received from various sources fifty-three dollars and sixty-two cents which does not appear in this connection, but is correctly accounted for by him.

CITY MARSHAL.

The City Marshal has received from all sources and disbursed the following sums, for which he has the Treasurer's receipts.

To received for licenses of Circuses and other shows, $212 00

By paid City Treasurer, $212 00

SCHOOL AGENT.

The School agent has received and disbursed the following sums, all of which are properly vouched for.
CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Received on Mayor's orders, $13,589 14
Balance from last year, 23 13
For tuition, old bills, 4 70
" new " 16 50

$13,633 47

Paid bills as per vouchers, $13,633 03
Balance, 44

$13,633 47

OVEREES OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor have received and disbursed the following sums, all of which are properly vouched for.
Received from all sources, $11,583 54
Paid bills on Rolls, $6,805 90
" Mr. Wiggin's bills, 2,969 82
" into Treasury, 1,607 82

$11,383 54

NOTE. Of the $10,197 84 Mayor's orders drawn in favor of the Poor Department, order No 117 for $422 09 was drawn and paid by the Mayor to the Insane Hospital, after which Mr. Wiggin drew the same amount to pay the same bill; and upon ascertaining it had been paid by the Mayor covered it back into the Treasury where it stands to the credit of the Poor Department on the Treasurer's Books.

Standing of the several appropriations as appears by the Mayor's Books at the close of business March 10, 1877.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CR.
By appropriation, $5,000 00
" transfer of Reservoir fund, 1,000 00
" transferred from the Contingent Fund, 303 92

Dr. $6,303 92
To Mayor's orders drawn, 6,303 92

SALARY FUND.

CR.
By appropriation, $4,500 00
CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

DR.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $4,337 23
" Balance undrawn, 162 77

$4,500 00

HIGHWAY FUND.

CR.
By appropriation, $8,000 00

DR.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $7,944 97
" Balance undrawn, 55 08

$8,000 00

RESERVOIR FUND.

CR.
By appropriation, $1,000 00

DB.
To transferred to Fire Department, $1,000 00

REDUCTION OF CITY DEBT.

CR.
By appropriation, $6,000 00

DR.
To amount paid, $6,000 00

POLICE FUND.

CR.
By appropriation, $3,000 00

DR.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $2,485 24
" Balance undrawn, 514 76

$3,000 00

PAUPER FUND.

CR.
By appropriation, $9,500 00
" Cash collected by overseers, 1,607 82

$11,107 82

DR.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $10,197 81
" Balance undrawn, 910 01

$11,107 82
CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

KNOX AND LINCOLN RAILROAD.

CR.

By appropriation, $18,921 93

DR.

To Mayor's orders drawn, $18,921 93

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

CR.

By appropriation, $7,000 00

DR.

To discounts allowed, $6,981 71

" Balance undrawn, $7,000 00

PURCHASE ST. SCHOOL HOUSE (CONSTRUCTION FUND.)

CR.

By appropriation, $2,450 00

" received from sale of the Portland
St. School House, 450 00

$2,450 00

DR.

To Mayor's orders drawn, 2,284 30

" Balance undrawn, 165 70

$2,450 00

CONTINGENT FUND.

CR.

By appropriation, $5,000 00

" Cash Liquor Agent, 115 00

" " of Isaac Orberton, 20 00

" " Wm. H. Witham, 3 00

" " Albert F. Ames, 87 00

" " M. P. Smith, Chief Engineer, 26 50

" " from property sold for taxes, 292 33

" " " O. G. Hall, Judge, 297 23

" " " City Marshal for licenses, 212 00

" " " Liquor Agent, 4,760 04

$10,813 15
CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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<td>&quot; &quot; Purchase St School House fund,</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Pauper, &quot;</td>
<td>910 01</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Police, &quot;</td>
<td>514 76</td>
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<td>$13,949 56</td>
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Dr.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $9,861 90
" Salary order posted to contingent, 35 00
" Transferred to Fire department, 303 92
" Balance undrawn, 3,748 74

$13,949 56

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Cr.
By appropriation, $8,000 00
" for Free High School, 1,000 00
" Bank tax, 1,688 76
" Mill, " 2,400 38
" High School (Refund,) 500 00

$13,589 14

Dr.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $13,589 14

INTEREST FUND.

Cr.
By appropriation, $10,500 00
" Interest collected on taxes, 947 26

$11,447 26

Dr.
To Interest paid, $10,172 41
" Balance undrawn, 1,274 85

$11,447 26

Statement of the standing of the several funds as to the amount under and overdrawn.
CITY AUDITOR’S REPORT.

UNDERDRAWN.

Contingent, 951 25
Police, 514 76
Salary, 162 77
Highways, 55 03
Pauper, 910 01
Reservoir, 1,000 00
Purchase St. School House (Construction) 165 70
Interest on City debt, 1,274 85
Discount on taxes, 18 29

$5,052 66

OVERDRAWN.

Fire, $1,303 92
Underdrawn less over drawn, 3,748 74

$5,052 66

I would recommend the passage of an ordinance requiring all City officials who receive and disburse money belonging to the city to make quarterly, instead of yearly reports, so that all interested may see where the money is going to, instead of where it has gone, as is now the case.

I would also recommend that the following clause of the City Charter be strictly complied with: “and all monies received and collected for and on account of the city by any officer or agent thereof shall forthwith be paid into the City Treasury.”

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

R. M. PILLSBURY, Auditor.

Rockland, March 1877.
ERRATUM.

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Table of Expenditures on page 31 should read:—

Amount paid to teachers, $11,028 13
For fuel and fitting, 940 87
Paid Janitors and for cleaning, 599 82
Repairs, 586 59
Paid for furnishing, 324 50
Miscellaneous bills, 153 12
Cash in the hands of the Agent to balance 44

$13,633 47
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

Estimated value as per annexed schedule:

**CITY FARM.**

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<td>Furniture, stock, tools and farming utensils</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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**ENGINES AND APPARATUS.**

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<td>Steam engine, hose and attachments</td>
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<td>N. A. Burpee engine</td>
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<td>Gen. Berry engine</td>
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<td>John Bird engine</td>
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<td>Hook and Ladder truck</td>
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**BUILDINGS.**

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<td>City Hall building</td>
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<td>Steam Engine building</td>
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<td>N. A. Burpee house and lot</td>
<td>2,200 00</td>
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<td>Gen. Berry house and lot</td>
<td>2,700 00</td>
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<td>John Bird house</td>
<td>1,200 00</td>
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<td>Wagon house, &amp;c.</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>Stable for city team</td>
<td>250 00</td>
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<td>Lockup building</td>
<td>400 00</td>
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<td>Furniture and fixtures for above build-</td>
<td>1,300 00</td>
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<td>Pest house with furniture &amp;c.</td>
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### CITY PROPERTY.

**FURNITURE, LOTS, ETC.**

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<td>Furniture and library in Police court room,</td>
<td>185 00</td>
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<td>Furniture and fixtures in City Council rooms,</td>
<td>450 00</td>
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<td>Furniture in Treasurer's, Clerk's and Assessor's offices,</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<td>Safe in Treasurer's office,</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>Standard scales, weights and measures,</td>
<td>300 00</td>
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<td>Lot on Spring Street, occupied by steam engine house, city hall, lock-up, stable, &amp;c.,</td>
<td>1,200 00</td>
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**CITY TEAM AND ACCOMPANIMENTS.**

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<td>Two horses</td>
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<td>Harnesses, wagons, sleds, plow and attendant fixtures,</td>
<td>300 00</td>
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**STREET LAMPS AND HYDRANTS.**

Estimated value, $1,000 00

**RAILROAD STOCK.**

Subscription to Knox and Lincoln Railroad, $100,000 00

**LIQUORS.**

Liquors &c., at liquor agency, April 17, 1877, $671 14

**RESERVOIRS.**

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<td>City tank, Spring street,</td>
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**SCHOOL HOUSES.**

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<td>High school house on Lincoln Street</td>
<td>20,000 00</td>
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<td>Lot and improvements,</td>
<td>2,000 00</td>
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<td>Oak Grove school house,</td>
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<td>Pine Grove school house,</td>
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CITY PROPERTY.

Gay school house, 400 00
Summer Street school house, 600 00
Grace Street school house, 600 00
Purchase Street school house, 6,300 00
Lot on which it stands, 700 00
Crescent Street school house, 900 00
Crockett's Point school house, 350 00
Blackington's Corner school house, 600 00
School house near Timothy Williams', 350 00
Middle Street school house, with lot, 800 00
New school house on Mountain Road, 600 00
Estimated value of lots, not included in the above, 1,600 00
School seats in City Hall Building, 350 00
Library in High School House, apparatus and fixtures connected there with, 800 00

$34,550 00

For condition of the foregoing list of City Property, reference is made to the officers in charge of the several departments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALDEN U. BROWN,
S. T. MUGRIDGE,
Committee on City Property.
GOVERNMENT OF THE

CITY OF ROCKLAND,

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1877-8.

MAYOR,
CALEB G. MOFFITT.
Salary $300.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Ward 1. M. A. Achorn, Ward 4. D. N. Mortland,
" 2. John Bird, " 5. A. K. Spear,
" 3. A. F. Ames, " 6. O. P. Hix,


CHAS. A. DAVIS, City Clerk.
Salary $200.

COMMON COUNCIL.

JOHN LOVEJOY, President.

WARD 1. Paul Thorndike, WARD 2. W. H. Rhodes,
" Philo Thurston, " Hudson J. Hewett,
WARD 3. D. N. Bird,  WARD 4. O. A. Kalloch,  
S. T. Mugridge,  “  B. W. Blackington,  
Jos. Abbott,  “  C. F. Kittredge,  
WARD 5. John Lovejoy,  WARD 6. A. D. Lawry,  
R. C. Hall,  Mark Perry,  
Chas. S. Crockett,  J. W. Fuller,  
WARD 7. Almon Bird,  
G. W. McKenny,  
B. Bartlett, Jr.  

ENOCH DAVIES, Clerk. 
Salary $125. 

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES. 

On Finance—Alderman Mortland, Councilmen Thurston and Hall. 
On Accounts and Claims Alderman Achorn, Councilmen D. N. Bird and Lawry. 
On City Property—Alderman Farrand, Councilmen Rhodes and Hewett. 
On By-Laws and Police Regulations—Aldermen Bird, Councilmen Thorndike and Bartlett. 
On Schools and School Houses—Alderman Bird, Councilmen Kalloch and Mugridge. 
On New Streets, Highways, Sidewalks, Drains and Sewers—Aldermen Hix, Councilmen Almon Bird and Abbott. 
On Fire Department—Alderman Ames, Councilmen Crockett and Blackington. 
On Engrossed Ordinances and Resolves—Alderman Spear, Councilmen Perry and Storey. 
On Burying Grounds—Aldermen Achorn, Councilmen Fuller and McKenney. 
CITY OFFICERS.

JUDGE OF THE POLICE COURT.
GORDON M. HICKS.

Appointed by the Governor and Council to serve four years.
Salary $300.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

City Treasurer—Leander Weeks. Salary $250 per year.
Collector of Taxes—Leander Weeks. Salary 6 mills per dollar, except single polls, which shall be 5 per cent.
City Marshal—A. T. Low. Salary $500
City Physician—Benj. Williams 2d. Salary, including medicines and services to foreign and domestic Poor, $200
Assessors—Allen Bowler, Philo Thurston and C. L. Allen. Salary $600, for the Board.
Overseers of the Poor—A. F. Crockett, G. L. Farrand and O. P. Hix. Salary, including team in city $375, for the Board.
Superintending School Committee—S. L. B. Chase, A. L. Tyler, and F. W. Smith. Salary $550, for the Board.
School Agent—A. L. Tyler. Salary $150.
Street Commissioner—D. M. Mitchell. Salary $2.00 per day, while employed.
Chief Engineer of Fire Department—M. P. Smith. Salary $100.
Assistant Engineers of Fire Department—V. E. Wall, F. L. Cummings and E. E. Ulmer, Salary $25 each.
City Solicitor—T. P. Pierce, Salary $125.
Board of Health—C. G. Moffitt; Benj. Williams 2d., W. A. Banks and A. T. Low.
Harbor Master—H. G. Bird.
Surveyors of Lumber—Horace Merriam, Oliver Starrett, E. K. Glover, A. Stanley, W. H. Glover, A. Howes, N. Jones, Lewis Brewer, A. D. Lawry, M. D. Labe, John Mehan, San-


**Fence Viewers**—William Melvin, H. J. Hewett, and G. L. Farrand.


**Truant Officers**—Wm. H. Witham, E. S. McAllister, L. Tyler and A. T. Low.

**Pound Keepers**—Wm. F. Melvin, H. H. Ingraham, Lysander Eales Gorham L. Black, R. F. Perry, Chas. Q. Perry and
CITY OFFICERS.

WARD OFFICERS.

CONSTABLES.

WARD 1. O. Larrabee, WARD 4. E. S. McAlister,
" 2. J. H. Williamson, " 5. F. H. Ulmer,
" 3. E. L. Lovejoy " 6. W. H. Witham,
WARD 7, Chas. L. Sherer.

WARDENS AND CLERKS.

Wardens.

WARD 1. A. G. Thomas,
" 2. D. A. Thomas,
" 3. C. F. Tupper,
" 4. D. N. Mitchell, 
" 5. John F. Harden,
" 6. Robert Paul,
" 7. F. P. Witham,

Ward Clerks.

WARD 1. R. C. Perry,
" 2. A. B. Clark,
" 3. C. A. Davis,
" 4. F. L. Cummings,
" 5. S. L. Hall,
" 6. E. A. Jones,