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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

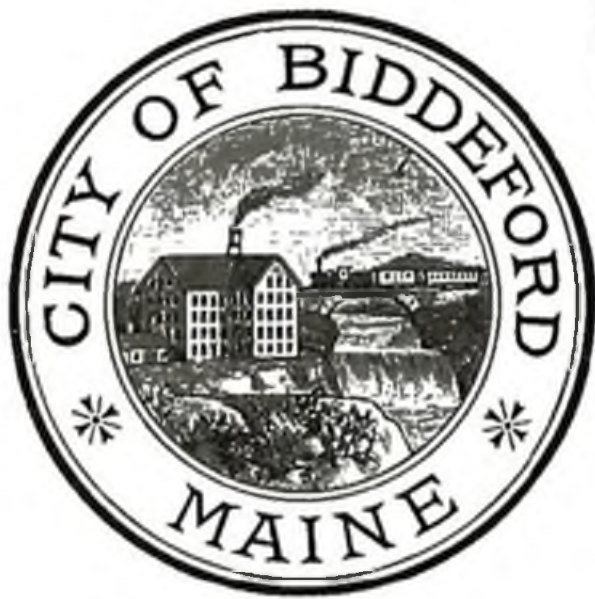
# City of Biddeford,

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1902,

TOGETHER WITH THE

## MAYOR'S ADDRESS.



FROM THE PRESS OF THE BIDDEFORD JOURNAL.

1902.



## MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

We have met here today under the provisions of our city charter, to organize a municipal government for the ensuing year.

Our membership is so largely the same as last year that we may look upon our future labors with the hope and encouragement engendered by the pleasant relations, careful consideration of municipal affairs and the regular attendance of our members at council meetings, which were such conspicuous features of the last administration.

The well-known and recognized policy of all administrations for the past five years has been to establish for our city an honorable financial standing, to remove the discredit of having municipal liabilities in excess of the limit established by law.

In view of what was accomplished in this direction last year, beside making liberal expenditures for permanent improvements, it would not seem open to much doubt that the present city government will have the honor and gratification of accomplishing this most desirable object.

The liabilities of the city January 31, 1900, were \$397,800.

The liabilities of the city January 31, 1901, were \$357,800.

These liabilities consist, first of

## CITY BONDS.

\$25,000 bearing four per cent interest, coming due July 1, 1901.

\$50,000 bearing four per cent interest, coming due May 15, 1904.

\$50,000 bearing four per cent interest, coming due May 1, 1905.

\$10,000 bearing four per cent interest, coming due Sept. 1, 1906.

\$10,000 bearing four per cent interest, coming due July 1, 1907.

\$25,000 bearing four per cent interest, coming due May 1, 1915.

\$45,000 bearing four per cent interest, coming due July 1, 1917.

\$25,000 bearing four per cent interest, coming due May 1, 1920.

Amounting to \$240,000.

The balance of our liabilities consists of notes amounting to \$117,800 and bearing interest at four per cent.

These notes are long overdue and present a most favorable point of attack in the reduction of our municipal indebtedness.

It will fall, probably, within the duties of this administration to consider the feasibility of bonding this note indebtedness. Undoubtedly it can be refunded by bonds bearing a lower rate of interest which could be fixed to become due at stated short periods of time with the design that future administrations will pay them as they become due ; but the question is presented, whether there will not be a greater saving to the city in the end by continuing the present form of note indebtedness, which will allow each succeeding administration to make such payments upon these liabilities as conditions will justify, besides perpetuating the laudable ambition in each succeeding

city government, that has so long prevailed, of doing its part in the reduction of our indebtedness.

The valuation of the city last year was \$6,772,149, and the legal limit of indebtedness thereon is \$338,607.

The valuation this year will be considerably increased, but on the basis of the last valuation it will be seen that our present indebtedness exceeds the legal limit by \$19,193.

We had as resources January 31, 1901,

Cash (beside bridge appropriation,)	\$ 2,423 61
Uncollected taxes,	41,220 08
Due from state, bounty on seals,	28 00
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	\$43,671 69

A sum more than double the amount of our liability in excess of the legal limit. As the amount that it is necessary to reduce the debt this year to bring it within legal limits is less than one half of the amount of the reduction last year, and that there may be no failure in accomplishing our purpose, and to allow greater freedom in the several departments, I would recommend a special appropriation of \$20,000 for this object. The bonds that come due July 1, will require your early attention, that they may be more satisfactorily refunded.

If we can show at that time that we are on a legal financial footing the market for these new bonds will be considerably extended and consequently the value of the bonds in the market much increased.

While there has been before the city council at all times during the past year the steady purpose to reduce our municipal indebtedness, the other interests of the city have not been forgotten, although in some instances work has been delayed.

#### SEWERS.

It was thought at the beginning of last year that extensive work might be accomplished in sewer construction, and plans



were secured for the construction of the Mile brook sewer, but the long delay caused by the difficulties presented in the solution of this Mile brook problem prevented the beginning of the work last year.

As the plans now secured apparently meet the requirements I would recommend that work begin as soon as practicable, and that a special appropriation of \$4,000 be made for this purpose, or more, if other demands will permit.

Considerable work was done on our sewers last year, nine hundred dollars having been expended on the old Bacon street sewer alone, necessitated solely by original improper construction.

New sewer construction was somewhat prohibited by this unexpected demand upon our appropriation, but with the same appropriation as last year I think we will be able to show our people that we have engaged in this work in earnest.

From the conditions inherent in a growing city this is a work that is never finished, and will always afford a subject for unreasonable critics.

#### SCHOOLS.

It is in the school department that our most liberal expenditures are made. Biddeford has always been deeply interested in its public schools, and considering the number of pupils in attendance, it is doubtful if there is any city in the state that expends more per scholar than this city, the average number in attendance by the last report being less than one thousand and the expenditures more than thirty thousand dollars. Our schools are doing good work. But the school premises in some instances are allowed to remain in an ungraded condition and present an appearance hardly to the credit of the city the school yards on Birch street and on Summer street affording particular subjects for criticism.

## BRIDGES.

Unusual demands have been made upon the city during the past year for new bridge construction.

At the Pool the old bridge, including abutments, was entirely rebuilt, a new bridge was constructed across Swan Pond brook, and one of the abutments of the bridge in the Fortunes Rocks district on Goose Rocks road taken down and rebuilt, and the new Main street bridge, although building this year is to be paid for with appropriations of last year.

Our iron bridges have never been painted since the time of their construction, and while they have as yet suffered little damage by this neglect, it would seem advisable to make the bridge appropriation sufficiently large to cover this expense.

## STREETS.

The streets of the city are being constantly improved and not only within the city limits, but in the outlying districts will they compare favorably with the streets of other cities of the size of Biddeford. While there is the opportunity for great improvement in them much of the criticism that we sometimes hear is unfounded. It has been the policy for several years to macadamize our streets as much as other demands would permit.

As this method of street improvement seems to produce the most satisfactory results, it would be well to provide further means for prosecuting this work by the purchase of a stone crusher. The power to run it can be furnished by the road roller.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For several years the attention of the city council has been called to the need of the better and more extensive quarters for the fire department. It would certainly give us all much



pleasure if we could furnish our fire department with better and more commodious buildings, but other demands are so much more urgent, and in view of the fact that a large amount has recently been expended in the erection of a new hose tower, beside considerable expenditure for repairs during the past two years, we can safely leave this subject for the consideration of future administrations without much detriment to the department.

#### POOR DEPARTMENT.

There is nothing at present that calls for particular consideration in the poor department. As the business of this department receives the constant attention of the clerk, and the board of aldermen at their monthly meetings review in detail the work that is being done, the interests of the city are properly guarded and the calls for charity given prompt attention.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police Commissioners calls the attention of the city council to the unsuitable and inconvenient arrangements of the office and rooms in the police station. It is certainly a cause for regret that so little consideration was given to the needs of this department in the erection of our new city building.

The provisions made for the municipal court in the same section of the building are, when we recall the recent loss of our court records by fire, strangely deficient in that no proper provisions have been made to preserve our court records in the event of another fire. These matters are presented for your future consideration.

#### CITY BUILDING.

Repairs upon the city building are now demanded. The

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walls in the different corridors are badly defaced, the opera house seats are getting out of repair and the roof needs attention. A special appropriation will be required for this purpose.

I have briefly alluded to some of the subjects that will receive your attention during the coming year. You are referred to the reports on file from the several departments for a detailed account of the work that is being done in them and the requests that are presented for your consideration.



# City Government 1901-2.

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MAYOR,  
HON. NATHANIEL B. WALKER.

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CITY CLERK,  
DAYTON T. MOORE.

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ALDERMEN,  
PRESIDENT,                      ADELBERT B. GOOKIN.  
Ward 1, Adelbert B. Gookin,  
                    Ward 2, Henry P. Atkinson,  
                                    Ward 3, J. Byron Campbell,  
Ward 4, George Wilson,  
                    Ward 5, Ludger J. Renouf,  
                                    Ward 6, John F. Hannaway,  
Ward 7, Henry G. Hutchinson.

COMMON COUNCILMEN,  
PRESIDENT,                      FRANK W. ROBERTS.  
CLERK,                              MICHAEL J. TWOMEY.  
Ward 1,              Frank W. Roberts,                      Elmer O. Davis,  
                                    Forest L. Benson.  
Ward 2,              John McCourt,                      George H. Cartier,  
                                    Peter Farley.

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Ward 3,	Charles E. Jeffrey, John Higginbotham.	Hector Guilbert,
Ward 4,	Harry W. Libby, Frank M. Shapleigh.	Phillippe Masse,
Ward 5,	Philip Tetrault, Edgar E. Small.	Jesse W. Muttart,
Ward 6,	Frank B. Emery, James H. Bradbury.	John B. Beauregard,
Ward 7,	Stanislas Messier, Sidney A. Staples.	Clark R. Wakefield,

Wardens, 1, Joseph C. Edwards; 2, John Munday; 3, George M. Leavitt; 4, Silas P. Adams; 5, Fred B. Cobb; 6, T. P. McKeering; 7, F. H. Rumery.

Ward Clerks, 1, G. N. Goldthwaite; 2, William J. Smith; 3, Arthur L. Sellers; 4, Thomas H. Wood; 5, John E. H. Townsend; 6, John W. Twomey; 7, E. T. Bryant.

Treasurer, Carlos Heard,

Collector of Taxes, James E. Goodwin.

City Solicitor, Frank W. Hovey.

City Auditor, George R. Andrews.

Judge of Municipal Court, B. F. Cleaves.

Recorder of Municipal Court, G. L. Emery.

Chief of Police, C. B. Harmon.

City Physician, F. L. Davis.



Chief Engineer Fire Dept., Benj. Goodier.

1st. Asst. Engineer, David L. Mulcahy.

2d Asst. Engineer, John Munday.

Janitor, K. W. Sutherland.

Harbor Master, Harrison Goldthwaite.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Onesime Cote.

Assessors, Carlos C. Heard,

S. F. Parcher,

J. B. E. Tartre.

Assistant Assessors,

(1) Archie H. Robbins, (2) Joseph H. Fournier,

(3) W. H. Jeffrey, (4) Jere F. Sullivan, (5) Geo. W.

Verrill, (6) T. P. McKeering, (7) Ezekiel T.

Bryant.

Overseers of Poor, Municipal Officers.

Clerk of Overseers of Poor, Alfred Bonneau.

Board of Health, Dr. John Lord,

N. P. Renouf,

Thos. F. Carey.

Inspector of Buildings, Albert T. Goodwin.

Superintendent of Burials, Elbridge G. Burnham.

City Weighers, Sidney A. Staples,

E. E. Small,

G. E. Morrison,

R. A. Fairfield,

V. A. Sprague,

J. P. Gendron,

Fred C. Goodwin,

Geo. B. Cutter,

T. N. Goodwin,

James Welch.

Walter F. Clarke.

Measurers of Lumber, Wood and Bark,

George F. Piper,	I. E. Davis,
J. F. Goldthwaite,	William A. Roberts.

Superintendent of Schools, R. E. Gould.

Superintending School Committee,

J. G. Shaw, C. H. McKenney, G. B. Littlefield,  
Jesse W. Muttart, Thomas J. McDermott, N. M.  
West, A. O. Marcille, A. B. Gookin, E. H. Gove.

Park Commissioners,

J. B. Lowell, W. E. Youland, G. N. Weymouth.

Police Commissioners,

E. H. Banks, N. B. Walker, James F. Tarr.

Librarian, Emma Hatch.

Street Commissioners,

District 4, Gowen Emmons.  
Oak Ridge, Lewis A. Davis.  
River Road, West, F. J. Potts.  
Fortunes Rocks, Arthur D. Hutchins.  
Newtown, Arthur N. Curtis.  
Ward 7, West, J. F. Googins.  
Kennebunk Road, W. W. Center.  
Pool District, George Drown.  
River Road, East, John Richards.  
Ward 7, North, B. J. Dolliff.  
Ward 7, East, Patrick Moran.  
Hollis Road, J. F. Roberts.

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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

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### FINANCE.

The Mayor,	Councilman J. B. Beauregard,
Alderman H. P. Atkinson,	“ S. Messier,
	“ F. L. Benson.

### ACCOUNTS.

Alderman, J. F. Hannaway,	Councilman J. W. Muttart,
	“ J. H. Bradbury

### PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Mayor,	Councilman J. W. Muttart,
Alderman J. F. Hannaway,	“ E. E. Small,
	“ John McCourt.

### PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY.

The Mayor,	Councilman F. W. Roberts,
Alderman H. G. Hutchinson,	“ F. B. Emery,
	“ S. A. Staples.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman J. B. Campbell,	Councilman, J. Higginbotham,
“ A. B. Gookin,	“ H. W. Libby,
	“ H. Guilbert.

### PRINTING.

Alderman George Wilson,	Councilman C. E. Jeffrey,
	“ E. O. Davis.

### ORDINANCES.

The Mayor,	Councilman S. Messier,
	“ F. M. Shapleigh.

## STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS.

The Mayor,	Councilman, P. Tetrault,
Alderman H. G. Hutchinson,	" C. R. Wakefield,
" L. J. Renouf,	" F. W. Roberts,
	" C. E. Jeffrey.

## POOR.

Alderman H. P. Atkinson,	Councilman G. H. Cartier,
" George Wilson,	" P. Masse,
	" P. Farley.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

## ELECTIONS.

Aldermen Gookin, Hutchinson and Hannaway.

## POLICE.

Aldermen Renouf and Atkinson.

## LICENSES.

The Mayor, Aldermen Wilson and Hannaway.

## ENROLLED BILLS.

Aldermen Campbell, Renouf and Wilson.

## BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

## ELECTION RETURNS.

Councilmen J. H. Bradbury, Phillip Tetrault, Elmer O. Davis.

## ENROLLED BILLS.

Councilmen J. W. Muttart, J. McCourt, E. E. Small.

# Treasurer's Report.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF BIDDEFORD :

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to submit the following  
report of receipts and expenditures of the city for the year  
ending January 31, 1902 :

Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1901,	\$10,423 61	
Received from all sources for the year,	<u>357,349 13</u>	
		\$367,772 74
Total payments for the year,	\$366,654 35	
Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1902,	<u>1,118 39</u>	
		\$367,772 74

A statement in detail appears below.

Detailed financial statement of receipts and expenditures  
of the City of Biddeford from the close of the fiscal year, Jan-  
uary 31, 1901, to and including January 31, 1902 :

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
Abatement of taxes,		\$ 1,913 43
Bills payable (notes outstanding)		87,100 00
Bounty on seals,	\$ 28 00	6 00
Bridges,	8 84	801 99
City Bonds,	75,000 00	25,000 00
City Building and Opera House,	5,106 09	5,924 56
City Cemetery,	72 00	202 42
City Library,	84 07	873 90



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Contingent Fund,	376 78	891 58
County Tax,		8,818 58
Dog Licenses,	692 52	360 00
Fire Department,	12 50	12,428 83
Free Text Books,		671 02
General Expense,	1,142 87	5,313 82
Health Department,	9 75	1,649 89
Highways :		
Dist. No. 4,	72 85	5,607 59
Fortunes Rocks,		364 55
Hollis Road,		344 93
Kennebunk Road,		185 17
Newtown Road,		399 86
Oak Ridge,		360 87
Pool,		389 87
River Road, East,		398 96
River Road, West,		590 75
Ward 7, North,		242 61
Ward 7, East,		548 14
Ward 7, West,		350 01
Hydrants,		3,900 00
Insane,	151 97	2,437 64
Interest,	1,637 41	14,766 66
Main Street Bridge,	50 08	7,884 52
Macadamizing,	408 60	2,308 50
Mile Brook Sewer,		3,244 20
New Streets,		384 29
Pauper Department,	520 42	11,219 02
Police,		7,199 84
Premium on bonds,	1,725 00	
Railroad and telegraph tax,	243 13	
Reform School,		161 86
Salaries,		5,590 00
Schools,	370 23	31,486 17
School fund and mill tax,	15,184 97	
Sewers and drains,	194 24	3,509 36
Sidewalks,	38 50	2,543 67

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State pensions,	1,272 00	1,272 00
State tax,		22,007 81
Street lights,		9,999 48
Tax of 1895,	84 82	
Tax of 1896,	150 00	
Tax of 1897,	973 57	
Tax of 1898,	575,00	
Tax of 1899,	3,400 00	
Tax of 1900,	25,970 00	
Tax of 1901,	146,793 00	
Temporary loan,	75,000 00	75,000 00
Cash on hand January 31, 1901,	10,423 61	
Cash on hand January 31, 1902,		1,118 39
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	\$367,772 74	\$367,772 74

STATEMENT SHOWING RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD,  
JANUARY 31, 1902.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
*Cash on hand, (see foot note)	\$ 197 11	City bonds outstanding,	\$290,000 00
Tax of 1895, due,	76 69	Bills payable, notes outstanding,	30,700 00
“ 1896, “	1,350 00		
“ 1897, “	1,902 40		
“ 1898, “	582 12		
“ 1899, “	2,981 94		
“ 1900, “	2,955 43		
“ 1901, “	30,997 98		
Bounty on seals (due from state)	6 00		
Balance account,	279,650 33		
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	\$320,700 00		\$320,700 00

LIABILITIES JANUARY 31, 1901.

City Bonds outstanding,	\$240,000 00
Bills payable, notes outstanding,	117,800 00
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	\$357,800 00

This shows a decrease in liabilities during the past year, of \$37,100 00

\*In addition to above item "Cash on hand," the city has in the treasury \$921.28, that sum being the amount of the unexpended balances in the following departments: Mile Brook Sewer, \$755.80; Main Street Bridge, \$165.48.

## CITY BONDS OUTSTANDING.

Due May 15, 1904, 4 per cent,	\$50,000 00
“ May 1, 1905, 4 per cent,	50,000 00
“ Sept. 1, 1906, 4 per cent,	10,000 00
“ July 1, 1907, 4 per cent,	10,000 00
“ May 1, 1915, 4 per cent,	25,000 00
“ July 1, 1917, 4 per cent,	45,000 00
“ May 1, 1920, 4 per cent,	25,000 00
“ July 1, 1921, 3 1-2 per cent,	25,000 00
“ Oct. 1 of each year for a term of 5 years, \$10,000 each year, 3 per cent,	50,000 00
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	\$290,000 00

Table showing the valuation and indebtedness of the City of Biddeford from 1883 to and including January 31, 1902 :

Year.	Assessor's Values.	Outstanding Notes & Bonds.	Close of Fiscal Year Ending
1883	\$5,777,528 00	\$248,025 00	Jan. 31, 1884
1884	6,008,682 00	255,625 00	“ 31, 1885
1885	5,918,382 00	273,075 00	“ 31, 1886
1886	5,921,417 00	325,925 00	“ 31, 1887
1887	5,958,332 00	411,925 00	“ 31, 1888
1888	6,067,005 00	412,925 00	“ 31, 1889
1889	6,218,380 00	455,425 00	“ 31, 1890
1890	6,307,630 00	401,956 00	“ 31, 1891
1891	6,385,395 00	404,956 00	“ 31, 1892
1892	6,390,040 00	407,665 00	“ 31, 1893
1893	6,412,230 00	421,200 00	“ 31, 1894
1894	6,567,170 00	451,300 00	“ 31, 1895
1895	6,793,573 00	486,300 00	“ 31, 1896
1896	6,943,030 00	487,195 15	“ 31, 1897
1897	7,010,314 00	454,300 00	“ 31, 1898
1898	6,869,095 00	412,800 00	“ 31, 1899
1899	6,653,582 89	397,800 00	“ 31, 1900
1900	6,772,149 00	357,800 00	“ 31, 1901
1901	6,818,119 00	320,700 00	“ 31, 1902

The \$50,000.00 3-per cent bonds were issued and delivered, during the past year, to the holders of 4 per cent demand notes against the city, and given in exchange for \$50,000.00 of such notes.

The city has in its possession the following "Trust Funds," the amount given being the principal and accumulated interest.

"Biddeford Ministerial Fund," on deposit in

Biddeford Savings Bank,

\$905 76

"Elizabeth Cole" bequest, for the care of a

certain lot in the City Cemetery,

153 32

"Cleaves Fund," the income to be used for

the "Worthy Poor" of the City of Bid-

deford,

\$1,775 54

By order of the City Council, passed February 10, 1902, the treasurer has paid to the treasurer of the Biddeford City Mission the sum of \$68.92, to be used in accordance with the provisions of the will of Mrs. Dummer, whereby the "Cleaves Fund" was instituted.

Very respectfully,

CARLOS HEARD,

City Treasurer.

Biddeford, Maine, Feb. 11, 1902.



# Auditor's Report.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit a report of the receipts and expenditures in the various departments of the city for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1902.

GEORGE R. ANDREWS,  
Auditor.

# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

DEPARTMENTS.	Appro'ns Including Transfers.	Receipts from other Sources.	Debit Balance.	Total Receipts.	Expended.	Credit Balance.
Bridges,	\$1,650 00	\$ 8 84		\$ 1,658 84	801 99	856 85
City Cemetery,	150 00	72 00		222 00	202 42	19 58
City Library,	800 00	84 07		884 07	873 90	10 17
Contingent Fund,	5,000 00	376 78		5,376 78	4,791 58	585 20
Fire Department,	12,500 00	22 00		12,522 00	12 427 33	94 67
Free Text Books,	700 00			700 00	671 02	28 98
City Building,	500 00	5,106 09	318 47	5,606 09	5 924 56	00
General Expenses,	5,500 00	1,142 87		6,642 87	5 314 07	1,328 80
Health,	1,700 00	9 75		1,709 75	1,649 89	59 86
Highway, Dist. No. 4,	6,000 00	72 85		6,072 85	5,607 59	465 26
" Fortunes Rocks,	400 00			400 00	364 85	35 45
" Hollis Road,	375 00	13 00		388 00	357 93	30 07
" Kennebunk Road,	200 00			200 00	185 17	14 83
" Newtown Dist.,	400 00			400 00	399 86	14
" Oak Ridge,	400 00			400 00	376 87	23 13
" Pool,	425 00	26 00		451 00	415 87	35 13
" River Road East,	450 00			450 00	401 30	48 70
" " " West,	600 00			600 00	590 75	9 25
" Ward 7 North,	250 00			250 00	242 61	7 39
" " 7 East,	600 00			600 00	548 14	51 86
" " 7 West,	350 00		01	350 00	350 01	00
Insane,	3,000 00	151 97		3,151 97	2,437 64	714 33
Interest,	15,500 00	1,637 41		17,137 41	14,766 66	2,370 75
Macadamizing,	2,000 00	408 60		2,408 60	2,308 50	100 10
New Streets,	500 00			500 00	384 29	115 71
Pauper Department,	11,500 00	520 42		12,020 42	11 219 02	801 40
Police,	7,500 00			7,500 00	7 199 02	300 16
Salaries,	6,000 00			6,000 00	5,590 00	410 00
Sewers and Drains,	3 500 00	290 24		3,790 24	3,605 36	184 88
Sidewalks,	2,500 00	38 49	5 17	2,588 49	2,543 66	00
Street Lights,	10,000 00			10 000 00	9,999 48	52
Schools,	16,050 00	15,555 20		31,605 20	31,486 17	119 03
Reduction of City Debt,	20,000 00			20 000 00		20,000 00
Hydrants,	3,960 00			3,900 00	3, 00 00	00
Mile Brook Sewer,	4,000 00			4,000 00	3 244 20	755 80
Main Street Bridge,	8,000 00	50 00		8,050 00	7,884 52	165 48
Reform School,	500 00			500 00	161 86	338 14
	<u>\$153,400 00</u>	<u>\$25,586 58</u>	<u>\$323 65</u>	<u>\$178,986 58</u>	<u>\$149,228 61</u>	<u>\$30 081 62</u>

# Tax Collector's Report.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF BIDDEFORD.

GENTLEMEN :—Below I submit a statement of my accounts  
as Collector of Taxes for the years 1900 and 1901 :

## TAX OF 1900.

Total amount of tax levy for 1900,	\$176,571 30	
Total amount of supplemental tax for 1900,	109 13	
Total amount of interest collect- ed to Jan. 31st, 1902 on tax of 1900,	1,335 00	
	<hr/>	\$178,015 43
Paid City Treasurer Heard as per Treasurer's receipts,	\$173,725 00	
Paid City Treasurer Heard inter- est to Jan. 31st, 1902, on tax of 1900,	1,335 00	
Balance, cash in bank Jan. 31, 1902,	12 00	
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city on tax of 1900,	2,943 43	
	<hr/>	\$178,015 43

## TAX OF 1901.

Total amount of tax levy for 1901,	\$177,790 98
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Total amount of interest collected to Jan. 31, 1902, on tax of 1901,	95 00	
	<hr/>	\$177,885 98
Paid City Treasurer Heard, as per Treasurer receipts,	\$146,793 00	
Paid City Treasurer interest to Jan. 31, 1902, on tax of 1901,	95 00	
Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1902,	18 23	
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city on tax of 1901,	30,979 75	
	<hr/>	\$177,885 98

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. GOODWIN,

Collector for 1900 and 1901.

## Items of General Expense.

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Mrs. Mary Tibbetts, casket and furnishings for Gordon Tibbetts,	\$35 00
Mary York, casket and furnishings for Isaac York,	35 00
E. E. Clark, 100 postal cards for City Clerk's office,	1 00
Output Coal Co., 2,000 lbs. egg coal, Light Infantry hall,	6 30
Dayton T. Moore, recording 125 births, marriages and deaths, 15c. each,	18 75
F. Pelletier, ice for City Clerk's office,	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, 1 cash book,	5 00
John Hanson, posting copies of voting lists in seven wards,	3 00
York Light & Heat Co., electric lights for Light Infantry hall, Jan., 1901,	8 33
Fred P. Abbott, collector, for tax sales on real estate, sold Feb. 4, 1901, 51 parcels of real estate,	692 13
(P. S. This amount will be reimbursed to the City on redemption of tax sale by the owners.)	
H. G. Hutchins, pencil sharpener, City Clerk's office,	3 00
American Express Co., package from Portland for Treasurer,	25
Carlos Heard, expenses to Boston to negotiate loan for City,	5 50
The E. H. Hotchkiss Co., 1 box star staples for Clerk's office,	66



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Carlos C. Heard, making a quit-claim deed from city to Jas. H. Fogg,	1 00
“ “ making quit-claim deed from city to C. B. Harmon,	1 00
A. B. Gookin, posting sample ballots in seven wards, March election,	2 50
N. Goodkowsky, rent of ward room, ward 5, March election,	5 00
Mollie F. Moore, labor in preparing ballots March election,	1 00
Jos. C. Edwards, services ward 1, warden, March election,	3 00
Geo. N. Goldthwaite. services ward 1, clerk, March election,	3 00
John R. Staples, services, ward 1, election clerk, March election,	3 00
Oren Edwards, services ward 1, election clerk, March election,	3 00
Ophir Goldthwaite, services ward 1, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
Daniel Goldthwaite, services ward 1, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
John Munday, services ward 2, warden, March election,	3 00
William J. Smith, services ward 2, clerk, March election,	3 00
Michael Bowen, services ward 2, election clerk, March election,	3 00
William H. Donahue, services ward 2, election clerk, March election,	3 00
W. H. County, services ward 2, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
Jeremiah Murphy, services ward 2, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
George M. Leavitt, services ward 3, warden, March election,	3 00
Arthur L. Sellers, services ward 3, clerk, March election,	3 00

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C. N. Hooper, services ward 3, election clerk, March election,	3 00
Gowen Emmons, services ward 3, election clerk, March election,	3 00
N. P. Renouf, services ward 3, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
H. E. Brooks, services ward 3, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
Fred B. Cobb, services ward 5, warden, March election,	3 00
John E. H. Townsend, services ward 5, clerk, March election,	3 00
John R. Bonser, services ward 5, election clerk, March election,	3 00
M. J. Mogan, services ward 5, election clerk, March election,	3 00
Coleman J. Goodwin, services ward 5, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
Lytton E. Staples, services, ward 5, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
Timothy P. McKeering, services ward 6, warden, March election,	3 00
J. Thacher Emery, services ward 6, clerk, March election,	3 00
Frank L. Cornish, services ward 6, election clerk, March election,	3 00
Patrick Cullinan, services ward 6, election clerk, March election,	3 00
Charles Stimpson, services ward 6, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
John Mullally, services ward 6, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
Frank Proctor, services, ward 4, warden, March election,	3 00
Edward E. Campbell, services ward 4, clerk, March election,	3 00
Fred A. Little, services ward 4, election clerk, March election,	3 00

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Charles H. Bonser, services' ward 4, election clerk, March election,	3 00
Frank M. Shapleigh, services ward 4, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
Silas P. Adams, services ward 4, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
Frank H. Rumery, services ward 7, warden, March election,	3 00
Ezekiel T. Bryant, services ward 7, clerk, March election,	3 00
John F. Burnham, services ward 7, election clerk, March election,	3 00
Jos. H. Dearborn, services ward 7, election clerk, March election	3 00
Leslie Dearborn, services ward 7, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
J. Mitchell Maguire, services ward 7, ballot clerk, March election,	3 00
C. H. Prescott, publishing official ballot,	46 00
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., one ream No. 8 wove letter paper,	1 44
J. C. M. Furbish, services as clerk of board of reg- istration, March,	15 00
W. A. Foss, services making voting lists,	21 00
“ “ “ “ 1-3 caucus lists,	7 00
“ “ “ “ revising voting lists,	60 00
J. G. C. Smith, services making voting lists,	21 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1-3 caucus lists,	7 00
“ “ “ “ “ revising voting lists,	48 00
Anthony Dwyer, services making voting lists,	21 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1-3 caucus lists,	7 00
“ “ “ “ “ revising voting lists,	48 00
York Light & Heat Co., lighting Light Infantry hall, January, gas,	4 00
York Light & Heat Co., lighting Light Infantry hall, February,	8 33
Melville Woodman, services as clerk of board of registration,	15 00

Edward's Express carrying check lists to polls, at March election,	2 00
Record Publishing Co., advertising notices,	2 00
Record Publishing Co., 75 cards, instructions to voters, No. 1,	4 50
Record Publishing Co., 75 cards, instructions to voters, No. 2,	6 00
Record Publishing Co., advertising bids for lumber,	1 15
Record Publishing Co., publishing official ballot,	51 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 91 births, deaths and marriages,	13 65
Silas P. Adams, burial expenses of Oliver B. Ad- ams, a soldier in destitute circumstances,	35 00
Riverside Press, 500 letter paper, printed for City Solicitor,	2 00
Riverside Press, 500 note paper, printed for City Solicitor,	1 50
Riverside Press, 500 envelopes printed for City Solicitor,	1 75
W. H. Watson, letter heads, mayor's office,	1 50
W. H. Watson, 500 warrants, bridge,	2 00
“ “ 500 “ highway Hollis Rd.	2 00
“ “ 500 “ salaries,	2 00
“ “ 1,000 “ fire departments,	3 25
“ “ 1,000 “ sewers and drains,	3 25
“ “ 1,000 “ pauper,	3 25
“ “ 1,500 “ schools,	4 50
J. G. Garland rent of Infantry Hall,	87 50
Wm. S. Fowler, putting up and taking down elec- tion booths,	20 00
Riverside Press, 1,000 envelopes, 10 1-2 in print- ed, City Clerk's office,	4 00
E. P. Wentworth, Supt. S. Reform School, subsis- tence of Patrick Coney, 13 weeks,	13 00
E. P. Wentworth, Supt. S. Reform School, subsis- tence of Edmond Pother, 13 weeks,	13 00
E. P. Wentworth, Supt. S. Reform School, subsis- tence of Louis Ball, 13 weeks,	13 00

E. P. Wentworth, Supt. S. Reform School, subsistence of Joseph Bergeron, 13 weeks,	13 00
E. P. Wentworth, Supt. S. Reform School, subsistence of Oliver Bergeron, 13 weeks,	13 00
E. P. Wentworth, Supt. S. Reform School, subsistence of Oliver Berthiaume, 13 weeks,	13 00
E. P. Wentworth, Supt. S. Reform School, subsistence of Philip Bolduc, 13 weeks,	13 00
E. P. Wentworth, Supt. S. Reform School, subsistence of Peter Dufresne, 13 weeks,	13 00
E. P. Wentworth, Supt. S. Reform School, subsistence of Harry Rosenbaum, 13 weeks,	13 00
"La Justice" Paper three issues of tax notice,	5 00
N. E. Telegraph and Telephone Co., Tel. to Augusta, Alfred, Portsmouth, five messages,	1 35
York Light and Heat Co., lighting Light Infantry hall,	8 33
E. E. Clark, 100 postage stamps, Clerk's office,	2 00
Ham & Anthoine, stove pipe for use in 2, 5, 7 ward voting booths,	5 00
Carlos C. Heard, making quit-claim deed from city to Albert L. Emerson,	1 00
Jason W. Libby, posting notice for assessors,	2 50
American Express Co., express package from Pa.,	50
Dayton T. Moore, recording 92 births, deaths and marriages,	13 80
F. M. Burnham, 300-page record book, auditor's office,	1 00
" " 1-2 doz. blocks paper, clerk's office,	30
" " 1 eraser, clerk's office,	10
" " 7 doz. pencils, voting booths,	70
" " 7 bottles of ink, " "	35
" " 14 assessors books,	21 00
" " 22 index books,	7 70
" " 2 doz. index books,	8 40
" " 1 journal,	42
W. H. Watson, 100 blanks, city cemetery,	2 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., tel. to Somersworth, N. H., to county attorney,	40



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N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., tel. to Alfred jail, Alfred,	15
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	15
“ “ “ “ “ J. B. Donovan, Al- fred, special service,	25
F. Pelletier & Co., ice three months,	3 00
Carlos C. Heard, making returns of dogs to City Clerk,	15 02
Carlos C. Heard, making returns of militia to City Clerk,	35 00
Carlos C. Heard, making returns of voters to board of registration,	35 00
F. M. Bnrnham, 1-4 lb. rubber bands,	75
“ “ 1 oz. “ “	32
“ “ 6 qts, ink,	3 00
“ “ collector's and valuation books,	31 25
C. H. Prescott, advertising special meeting of City Government,	2 00
C. H. Prescott, 500 note heads for tax collector,	2 25
“ “ 50 election warrants,	3 50
“ “ 25 copies of ordinance, bonfires,	1 25
“ “ 5640 ballots for 7 wards and 175 specimen ballots, 7 wards,	57 40
C. H. Prescott, 200 1-2 note circulars, notifications of election,	1 25
C. H. Prescott, 60 posters, assessors' notices,	2 00
“ “ pub. assessors' notice, 6 1-2 in. 3 w.	9 75
“ “ printing on 21 books, assessors,	1 25
“ “ “ 3 “ “	30
“ “ 500 highway bills, Newtown dis- trict, 2 sides,	3 00
C. H. Prescott, 500 1-2 note circulars, notification of election,	2 25
C. H. Prescott, 200 1-2 note circulars, appointment on fire department,	1 25
C. H. Prescott, 200 postals, meeting of commit- tees, etc.,	2 75
C. H. Prescott, 200 reply postals, name of child,	5 00



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York Light and Heat Co., lighting Light Infantry hall, April,	8 33
Dayton T. Moore, recording 91 births, deaths and marriages, 15c.,	13 65
Record Publishing Co., 50c copies City Report,	118 80
Frank W. Hovey, cash paid Reul Small and Elizabeth Stone, two copies testimony of all evidence in Cote vs. City of Biddeford,	26 70
Timothy P. McKeering, service as assistant assessor, ward 6, 1901,	35 00
George W. Variel, assistant assessor, ward 5, 1901,	35 00
Wm. H. Jeffrey, " " " 3, 1901,	35 00
Jere F. Sullivan, " " " 4, 1901,	35 00
Joseph N. Fournier, " " " 2, 1901,	35 00
Archie H. Robbins, " " " 1, 1901,	40 00
Ezekiel T. Bryant, " " " 7, 1901,	60 00
Willis E. Winship, services as dog officer in part,	83 00
E. E. Clark, postage stamps, 100 at 2c.,	2 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 121 births, marriages and deaths,	18 15
Anthony Little, ashes etc., for public parks,	5 00
G. G. Rhodes, use of team, 3 1-2 days, by assessors,	14 00
W. A. Foss, seven books for use of board of registration,	9 10
J. H. Stuart & Co., copy of Atlas of Maine, City Clerk's office, subscribed for by previous City Clerk,	7 50
Western Union Tel. Co., tel. to Portland by City Clerk,	35
Carlos Heard, expense to Boston to make temporary loan,	5 50
York Light and Heat Co., lighting Infantry hall, month of May,	8 33
Bond Buyer, advertising bonds,	9 75
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co., tel. to Boston and Augusta,	95
L. A. McIntyre on account of sprinkling,	300 00

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York Light and Heat Co., lighting Light Infantry hall,	8 33
J. G. Garland, rent Light Infantry hall, 3 mos.,	87 50
Western Union Tel. Co., telegram to Augusta,	30
Forbes Lithograph Co., printing refunding bonds,	35 00
Geo. A. Anthoine, use of stove election day,	2 00
Daniel Dinan, ringing bell July 4, St. Mary's,	3 00
Sumner R. Fowler, ringing bell July 4, Second Congregational church,	2 00
Chas. LaChance, ringing bell, July 4, St. Joseph's,	2 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., tel. to Alfred, Worcester and Augusta,	1 25
W. I. Dennett, casket and furnishings, Chas. M. Pendleton,	35 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 110 births, etc.,	16 50
Geo. E. Cook, ringing bell July 4, M. E. church,	2 00
John H. Burnham, ringing bell July 4, Pavilion church,	2 00
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., repairing stand pipe, Water street,	44 49
Carlos C. Heard, making valuation books for assessors,	150 00
York Light and Heat Co., gas for Light Infantry hall, from Feb. 1st to Aug. 1st.,	30 20
Electric lights for July,	8 33
Joseph Gooch, repairing sprinkler,	6 50
F. Pelletier & Co., ice, City Clerk's office, 3 mos.,	3 00
Anthony Dwyer, services on board of registration,	100 00
W. A. Foss, " " "	125 00
J. G. C. Smith, " " "	100 00
H. G. Hutchinson, ink pad and dater, auditor's office,	1 10
Dayton T. Moore, recording 95 births, etc.,	14 25
Carlos H. McKenney, 12 chalk lines,	25
E. E. Clark, 5,000 request envelopes for collection of taxes,	106 00
W. A. Foss, frame for cemetery plan,	2 00
Carlos C. Heard, making collector's books, etc.,	75 00

G. M. Donham, 3 Maine registers,	6 00
York Light and Heat Co., Infantry hall, 1 mo.,	8 33
C. E. Jeffrey, three days labor and 75 cents paid John Foss at Rifle Range,	8 25
John M. Akerly, 2 1-2 days labor at Rifle Range,	5 63
Jam s Tyman, 1 " " " "	1 50
Joseph Provost, 1 " " " "	1 50
Noel Chartier, 1 " " " "	1 50
Jos. Mitchell, 1 " " " "	1 50
Henry A. Lord, interpreter for ward 3 tax,	12 20
Albert Gilbert, " " 4 "	14 00
Elzear Guerin, " " 6 "	12 00
Alex Marcille, " " 5 "	14 00
Philip Beaudoin, " " 7 "	2 00
Marcille & Wormwood, foundation stone for target,	33 75
American Express Co., express on cash to Augusta, on acct. of bond sale,	1 00
Joseph Gooch, repairing sprinkler,	1 00
Record Publishing Co., publishing notices, reports, receipts, bill heads, special meetings, etc.,	27 65
W. I. Dennett, casket, etc., for Sewell H. Crane,	35 00
Fred King, 5 days labor at Rifle Range,	7 50
James Tyman, 1-2 " " " "	75
J. E. Gowen, man and team at " "	2 00
Anthony Little, 1 day labor at " "	1 50
Hooper Bros., 1 day, double team, " "	3 50
McKenney & Heard, supplies for city voting,	2 35
Joseph Mitchell, 1 day labor at Rifle Range,	1 50
Stephen Travers, 1-2 " " " "	75
Chas. E. Jeffrey, 10 day's labor at Rifle Range, and trucking,	26 00
Fred Emery, 1 1-2 " " " "	2 25
Clarence Carville, 4 1-2 " " " "	6 75
John Doyle, 5 days " " " "	7 50
Ralph Emerson, 5 days " " " "	7 50
Roscoe Jellerson, 1 double team at " "	3 50
John M. Akerly, 8 days labor at " "	18 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 122 births, etc.,	18 30

C. H. Prescott, 400 manuals of City Government,	19 75
“ “ 500 tax receipts, two colors,	3 25
“ “ 50 notes, temporary loan,	2 25
“ “ 150 bids for bonds,	1 25
“ “ fireworks license advertising,	1 50
“ “ 6,000 tax receipts, 1901, 2 col.,	20 10
“ “ 500 “ “ on account,	2 25
“ “ 25 1-4 sheet posters, 1901 taxes,	1 50
“ “ 1 full sheet card, 1901 taxes,	50
“ “ advertising 1901 taxes 1 mo. daily,	6 25
“ “ “ special meeting City Gov.,	1 50
“ “ 1500 tax receipts, 2 col.,	6 75
“ “ 100 certificates, bounty on seals,	2 00
E. E. Clark, 100 stamps,	2 00
John M. Akerly, 1 day's labor at Rifle Range,	2 25
Fred King, 1 “ “ “ “	1 50
Chas. E. Jefirey, 1 1-2 “ “ “ “	3 75
Ralph Emerson, 1 “ “ “ “	1 50
L. H. Kendall, 1 year's rent of headquarters, First Infantry,	100 00
Dayton T. Moore, pens,	3 50
Alfred Bonneau, publishing tax notice, 4 issues,	3 50
Willis E. Winship, balance due as dog officer,	117 00
York Light and Heat Co., 1 mos. electric lights, Light Infantry hall,	8 33
Forbes Litho. M'f'g Co., 50 \$1,000 refunding loan bonds,	39 60
W. A. Foss, blank book,	50
“ “ paper etc., for clerk's office,	1 90
Dayton T. Moore, recording 81 births, etc.,	12 15
E. A. McMillin, document blanks, City Clerk's office,	3 50
J. G. Garland, 3 mos. rent, Infantry hall,	87 50
Carlos C. Heard, making supplemental lists of voters for board of registration,	10 00
Hardy Machine Co., iron work at Rifle Range,	4 37
W. I. Dennett, burial of Wm. H. Tinsman,	35 00
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co., tel. to Waterville, Alfred, Portland and Bangor,	3 15

York Light and Heat Co., electric lights for Infantry hall,	8 33
N. W. Kendall, stationery from January to date,	6 40
Dayton T. Moore, recording 121 births, etc.,	18 15
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks for tax collector,	4 17
J. G. Deering & Son, lumber for Rifle Range,	58 08
Mrs. C. H. Roberts, sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
F. Pelletier & Co., ice for City Clerk's office,	3 00
George W. Bruce, 25 bushels charcoal, Infantry hall,	3 13
L. A. McIntyre, balance sprinkling streets,	111 00
C. H. Prescott, printing for City Clerk's and Collector's office,	13 00
Record Publishing Co., tax notice, daily,	6 25
York Light and Heat Co., electric lights, Light Infantry hall,	8 33
Dayton T. Moore, recording 90 births, etc.,	13 50
American Express Co., package from Boston,	25
O. Nadeau, burial of Chas. T. Hurd,	35 00
Out Put Coal Co., coal for Infantry hall,	7 45
A. O. Chenevert, returning births and deaths,	44 00
J. A. Lapointe, " " " "	40 25
E. A. Fortin, " " " "	17 25
E. D. O'Neil, " " " "	17 00
S. J. Bassford, " " " "	14 00
Henry Reny, " " " "	12 00
C. J. Emery, " " " "	11 75
R. R. Menard, " " " "	11 00
J. F. Trull, " " " "	10 25
D. A. McNally, " " " "	9 75
N. Thivierge, " " " "	9 50
M. H. Ferguson, " " " "	8 25
D. F. Racicot, " " " "	5 75
F. L. Davis, " " " "	4 50
J. M. O'Connor, " " " "	3 25
A. C. Maynard, " " " "	3 00
John Lord, " " " "	2 75

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W. J. Maybury,	returning births and deaths,	2 00
J. D. Cochrane,	" " " "	1 50
L. A. Brown,	" " " "	1 50
R. S. Graves,	" " " "	1 25
H. A. Weymouth,	" " " "	1 25
W. T. Goodale,	" " " "	1 00
J. D. Haley,	" " " "	75
C. W. Pillsbury,	" " " "	75
H. W. Hurd,	" " " "	50
Alfred Salls,	" " " "	50
J. A. Randall,	" " " "	25
L. D. Dennett,	" " " "	25
C. L. Pike,	" " " "	25
L. E. Willard,	" " " "	25
S. P. Graves,	" " " "	25
C. H. Prescott,	publishing auditor's notice,	5 90
York Light and Heat Co.,		12 20
Record Publishing Co.,	publishing auditor's notice,	6 75
McKenney & Heard,		15
George A. Anthoine,		7 21
Dayton T. Moore,		14 25





## Report of City Physician.

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TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, AND THE HONORABLE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD :

GENTLEMEN: I hereby submit my annual report of the vital statistics of the pauper department for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1902 :

The number of visits made to the City Farm during the year were 110 ; number made to the out patient department, 451 ; a total of 561 professional visits to the city poor. The number of office consultations were 115. The number of deaths at the city farm during the year were 4 ; number of deaths outside the farm, 6. The following were certified to as causes of death : From Chronic Nephritis, 1 ; Intestinal Obstruction, 1 ; Hemiplegia, 1 ; Meningitis, 1 ; Senility, 8 ; Pthisis, 2 ; Typhoid Fever, 4. The ages were given as follows : 98, 82, 85, 79, 67, 59, 52, 32, 25 and 24 years. No births occurred at the city farm during the year, and but one in the out patient department.

The drug bills for the last year have been somewhat increased, owing to the necessary attention given to certain chronic diseases at the Farm and among those treated outside the Farm. Economy in medical supplies to the poor must always be in ratio to the nature of diseases treated and the necessities of each patient.

As mentioned in my report last year, there can be no question but that in the near future we shall require special and better accommodations for the treatment of invalids under the charge of the city physician. No progressive city can long delay action looking to the erection of a separate building when needed, devoted to the city poor and other cases which may temporarily be forced to appeal to the city for medical or

surgical treatment. I hope that the coming administration will give this question their earnest consideration. Another important matter to consider is the very urgent necessity of assigning some room to the use of the city physician in the City Building, which can be used as a detention room, for the use of sick persons taken to the station. (Police.) There is absolutely no proper place for a woman or man, who perhaps may not be arrested for criminal cause, but detained by the authorities because strangers and ill, having no friends to care for them. A room with proper furnishings should be supplied by the city, for this class of patients, as a temporary place for treatment.

The need of telephone connection with the City Farm is at times imperative, and always convenient, not only to the city physician but also for the use of the overseers of the poor, the police station, and the grocery stores having business to transact with the superintendent of the Farm. It is hoped that this coming administration will give this matter immediate attention.

Now that small pox is prevalent in many sections of the state, it seems to me that it is time to give some consideration to the erection, or purchase of a suitable building to be used, if needed, as a small pox hospital. Should an epidemic of this dread disease exist, now, or in the future, we are in no sense prepared to give patients suffering with this disease, that attention which they have a right to expect from the city. We should have a large building sufficient to treat from twenty-five to fifty patients, if need be; a building in which there will be sunlight, heat and cleanliness, with proper fittings in other respects which would guarantee to all who might have to be treated, all that is needed to render comfortable this class of cases. Then the dread of the "pest house," so called, would largely disappear, because the above term has always seemed to be synonymous with impressions of neglect, filth and discomfort. Under the best conditions of sanitation, warmth, good food and nursing, the detention in a small pox hospital would rob the disease of some of its terrors.

My relations with Mr. Alfred Bonneau, clerk of the Over-

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seers of the Poor, have been cordial and co-operative during the year. I consider that he has been discriminating in the exercise of his duties to the poor, and careful of the interests of the city.

In closing I wish to acknowledge many favors and helps from Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Dearborn, at the City Farm, who have always cheerfully given me their aid in looking after the comfort of those under medical treatment ; and it may be said that the interest and welfare of all under their charge have been carefully guarded at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC L. DAVIS,

City Physician.

February 25th, 1902.



# Report of Board of Health.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BIDD-  
FORD :

The year just closing has been one singularly free from any epidemic or malignant disease, or any great amount of sickness. Diphtheria or scarlet fever have not prevailed to any extent. The sanitary condition of the city has been improved in many respects. Sewers have been constructed where most needed. Mile Brook, a long standing menace to public health will soon be, it is believed, a thing of the past. Other nuisances are now in process of abatement. The expenditure on Mile Brook sewer will be large but the necessities for its construction were great. Unfortunately small pox made its appearance amongst us in the early part of December, and in families where it had ample opportunities for extending itself. The infected houses were immediately quarantined by police guards, which, together with the aid of the health authorities, and the efficient services of Dr. Lapointe, confined the disease to the houses in which it first appeared. Both houses where it first occurred have been thoroughly disinfected, and it is now believed that the city is free from this pestilence. Many complaints have been made to the health officers, by occupants of houses situated over cellars, filled, or partially filled with water. This condition of these cellars cannot be remedied except by the construction of more sewers and drains, thus emphasizing the fact of the urgent need of more sewers, to which your attention has been annually called. Better provision should be made for the immediate removal from the streets, of all garbage, swill, etc. This cannot be efficiently done



without incurring expense. Garbage, etc., was removed this year without cost to the city. Suitable accommodations for the meetings of the Health Board should be provided, and for this, this Board most respectfully requests. A small room in the City Building would answer all its requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LORD,

Sec'y Board of Health.

Biddeford, Feb. 11, 1902.

# Street Commissioner's Report.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF BIDDEFORD :

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor of submitting the following brief statement of the work done under my supervision as Street Commissioner of District No. 4, during the past year :

We have macadamized Alfred street from Franklin street to Washington street ; we have graveled George street from Clifford street to the foot of the hill ; Graham street from Union street to Myrtle street, and from Crescent street to a point near Birch street ; Crescent street from Green street to Jefferson street ; Jefferson street from Adams street to Crescent street ; Alfred street from the residence of E. C. Stone to the residence of J. H. Fogg ; Elm street from the mill of J. G. Deering & Son to a point near Bradbury bridge ; Green street from Centre street to the top of the hill ; Pool street from Middle street to Foss street and from High street to Pike street ; Hill street from Chapel street to Bacon street ; Elm street from the residence of G. G. Calderwood to the residence of Alfred Bonneau ; Judge street from Cleaves street to Gove street ; Prospect street from the residence of H. B. Wakefield to a point near the residence of James O'Connor. We have blasted out ledge on the extension of Pike street and have used about three hundred loads of the stone obtained thereby, in macadamizing Alfred street, and for filling in other places. There has also been a large amount of filling done on the extension of Pike street. The hill on Foss street between Summer and Mt. Vernon streets, has been repaired, as have also Taylor, Orchard, State and Smith streets, and the street leading to White's wharf. One of the street sprinklers has been rebuilt, and is nearly as good as new.

## PAVING.

On Main street, at the approach of the new bridge, 475 yards of paving have been taken up, the street raised to a proper level for the bridge, and the paving relaid. A large amount of paving on Main street, at the corner of Main and Elm streets and at Smith's Corner near Gooch and River streets, has been taken up and relaid. I would recommend paving the square at the foot of Hill street around the watering fountain, as in its present condition it is badly washed whenever there is a heavy shower. I would also recommend that Adams and South streets be paved from the soldier's monument to the point where the paving on South street now ends. I believe that Washington street should be macadamized from Jefferson to Alfred street. The city very much needs a new street sweeper and a new sprinkler, and the old sprinkler should be rebuilt.

## SIDEWALKS.

The following new brick sidewalks have been laid : at Hotel Thacher 100 yards, on Main street 94 yards, and on Elm street 120 yards. Old brick sidewalks have been relaid as follows : on Jefferson street 600 yards, around the High school lot 1200 yards, on Alfred street 398 yards, on Bacon street 100 yards, on Hooper street 135 yards, and on Main street 500 yards. New concrete sidewalks have been laid on Clifford street from the top of the hill to Water street, and we have repaired the sidewalks on the following streets : Sullivan, Foss, Granite, Bacon, Pine, Graham, Union, South, Cutts and Hill. New sidewalks have been constructed on Orchard street and around the Summer street school house lot. New street curbing has been set as follows : extension of Pike street 118 feet, around the Summer street school house lot 450 feet, Birch and Alfred streets 131 feet, and High street 91 feet. Old curbing has been reset around the High school lot 600 feet, Bacon street 165 feet, Alfred street 659 feet, Hooper street 430 feet, River street 30 feet, and Main street 300 feet. One new crosswalk has been laid on Summer street, and the following old ones relaid : Two on Water

street, three on Alfred street, three on Elm street and one on Cutts street. All the good ashes that could be obtained have been put upon the sidewalks and quite a large amount of gravel has been used in repairing and building sidewalks on different streets in Dist. No. 4.

#### SEWERS AND DRAINS.

The following new sewers have been built ; on Hill street 255 feet of one foot pipe, on Foss street 150 feet of one foot pipe, on Wentworth street 251 feet of ten inch pipe, on Cutts street 120 feet of fifteen inch pipe, and at Mile Brook 413 feet of stone sewer measuring four feet by four feet on the inside. On Hill street we have repaired 115 feet of "Box" sewer, and on Graham street have relaid 150 feet at a proper grade, leaving three hundred feet to be relaid, not having been able to complete the work on account of meeting a ledge and the appropriation being limited. I would recommend the completion of this sewer in the spring. Repairs have also been made on the following sewers : on Green street back of William Warren's house, 75 feet of new ten inch pipe ; on Clifford street, 75 feet of one foot pipe ; on Smith street, 20 feet of eight inch pipe ; on Foss street, near Myrtle ; on Adams street, 100 feet ; on Cutts street from Elm to Bradbury ; on Main street near B. & M. R. R. ; on Mason street, the sewer that runs through the Piper field.

New pockets with Concord grates and traps have been constructed in the following places : Corner of Porter and Foss streets, four ; Main street bridge, one ; Cutts street, one ; Green street, three ; Smith street, one ; Pool street, one ; Union street, one ; Hill street, one ; City Building, one ; Kossuth street, two ; Green street, one ; Elm street, two ; Cutts street, one ; Elm street, one ; Cutts street, three ; Foss street, one ; South street, four ; Bacon street, one ; Prospect street, one ; Elm street, one ; Gooch street, one ; Elm street, one ; Wentworth street, two ; Birch street, one ; Alfred street, nine ; Acorn street, one ; King street, two ; Hill street, one. Three blind pockets have been constructed, one on Mason street and two on Cutts street.

The construction of Mile Brook sewer will benefit a large

part of the city and I would recommend its completion as speedily as possible.

BRIDGES.

We have built a new plank walk on Spring's Island bridge, and repaired Somesville and Bradbury bridges. I would recommend the replanking of Somesville and Spring's Island bridges in the early part of next spring.

I wish to thank the Mayor, the City Council and the joint standing committee on streets for the kind assistance which they have rendered me in the discharge of the duties of my office during the past year.

GOWEN EMMONS,

Street Commissioner, Dist. No. 4.

# Public Library.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

GENTLEMEN—The report of the Public Library for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1902, is respectfully submitted.

The average weekly circulation has been 287 volumes. The largest weekly circulation was 435 volumes, in December. One hundred and fifty-three new cards have been issued.

It has been necessary to put up some new shelves, and 326 new books have been added—240 by purchase, 63 by binding, and 23 by gift.

Among the additions of special usefulness and value are—Universal Cyclopaedia, Lippincott's Gazetteer Atlas of Maine, several volumes of Maine, Historical Collections, York Deeds, volume 11, Fiske's Historical Works, 11 volumes, Brewer's World's Best Orations, 10 volumes and Ruskin's Works, 13 volumes.

In the reading room are 43 periodicals, 31 of them are purchased; of the others some are gifts from individuals and some from the publishers. No record has been kept of the attendance in the reading room, but many profit by its advantages especially during the winter months.

There have been 50 books repaired, 6 withdrawn and 3 lost.

On account of the proposed removal of the library in the near future, nothing has been done in regard to printing new catalogues this year. Doubtless the change will make it necessary to thoroughly recatalogue the library.

The generous gift to the Library Association, of the Pavilion church, to be remodeled and known hereafter as the McArthur Library, has encouraged those interested in library affairs to see the way to a more efficient library service. The public spirit of the donor has aroused a genuine feeling of enthusiasm



and a desire to assist in making the new library an object of local respect and pride.

The ambition to develop into something more than a circulating library has heretofore been handicapped by circumstances, but when the McArthur Library is finished the accommodations will be more in keeping with the dignity of the higher uses that a free public library should aim to serve. As the library grows it will become a place where people will naturally seek information on subjects in which business, pleasure or study interests them. A reference library becomes a literary center, and stimulates the best thought in the community.

Grateful acknowledgement of gifts to the Public Library received during the past year is due Mrs. E. M. Tatterson, R. E. Gould, J. M. Murphy, W. H. Watson and others. Thanks are also due to the Journal and Record for courtesies in printing book lists and other favors.

EMMA HATCH, Librarian.

# Report of Overseers of Poor.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN: I hereby submit to you the report of the Pauper Department for the year 1901.

The poor are always with us, and there is no exception to the rule to say they have been with us the last year, although I believe this city has been especially favored, in that most every able-bodied man or woman who was willing to work and to spend his or her evenings in a prudent manner, need not to have called on the city for aid.

Assistance in the way of food, fuel, clothing, shoes, burials and tickets for transportation has been given to different families and individuals, worthy of assistance, according to the following table :

February, (1901)	160	August,	156
March,	174	September,	164
April,	175	October,	175
May,	177	November,	182
June,	182	December,	180
July,	169	January, (1902)	181
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Grand total, 2075

The pauper department has had the monthly expenditures as follows :

1901	Street Dept.	Farm Dept.	Medical Dept.
February,	\$454 37	\$335 38	\$57 60
March,	432 39	316 86	48 10
April,	480 09	357 37	160 65
May,	434 98	414 92	37 50
June,	468 34	317 26	100 63
July,	408 92	379 16	49 15

August,	432 75	353 16	58 00
September,	583 93	269 66	134 80
October,	405 42	369 43	55 42
November,	429 25	430 84	63 86
December,	495 29	546 52	110 15
January, '02,	692 05	390 67	187 28
	<u>\$5,717 76</u>	<u>\$4,481 23</u>	<u>\$1,063 14</u>
Expended, 1900,	5,590 15	4,213 42	799 42
“ 1899,	5,834 22	3,630 82	802 06
Grand total for the year 1901, \$11,262 13			
Appropriated by City Council,			\$11,500 00
Cash received from farm and other sources,			<u>520 42</u>
Total Receipts,			\$12,020 42
Total Expenses,			<u>11,262 13</u>
Unexpended Balance,			\$758 29

## ALMSHOUSE.

Under the delicate care and attention of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dearborn, the inmates at the almshouse have enjoyed all the comforts that can be had at the institution. I certainly must give them due credit in this report for the manner in which the house and farm have been managed. Following is a statement of the number of inmates of the almshouse during each month :

February,	-	-	-	-	-	41
March,	-	-	-	-	-	43
April 1st,	-	-	-	-	-	42
April 30th,	-	-	-	-	-	46
May,	-	-	-	-	-	45
June,	-	-	-	-	-	47
July,	-	-	-	-	-	49
August 1st	-	-	-	-	-	47
August 30th,	-	-	-	-	-	49
September,	-	-	-	-	-	52
October,	-	-	-	-	-	50

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November, - - - - -	50
December, - - - - -	53
January, 1902, - - - - -	50
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Total,	664

There were five deaths during the year at the almshouse.

The following products have been raised on the farm :

Potatoes, - - - - -	225 bushels,
Beets, - - - - -	30 "
Turnips, - - - - -	25 "
Onions, - - - - -	20 "
Beans, - - - - -	18 "
Hay, - - - - -	40 tons.
Cabbage, - - - - -	2,000 pounds.

#### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Dr. Fred L. Davis has taken care of that department, and he has been not only a faithful servant to the city, but a true and good friend to the poor and sick, either in the almshouse or the street department.

Dr. Davis' report can be referred to for the details of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED BONNEAU, Clerk

Overseers of Poor.



# Report of Board of Police.

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TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD :

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 625 of the Laws of 1893, the Board of Police of the City of Biddeford have the honor to submit the following report of the doings of the department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1902.

The police force of the city consists, at the present time, of a chief of police, Charles B. Harmon, a captain of police, James Mogan, and six regular patrolmen, two janitors, twelve reserve officers and eleven special officers for special duty without pay. According to a report of the chief of police made to this board, the whole number of arrests made by the officers of this department during the past year was 552. Of that number, 399 were for intoxication, the others for minor offenses.

The expenditures of the department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1902, have been \$7,199.84; the appropriation, \$7,500, leaving a balance of \$300.16.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. H. BANKS,	} Board	
JAMES F. TARR,		of
N. B. WALKER,		} Police

Biddeford, Feb. 1, 1902.





# Report of Chief Engineer.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the provisions of the city ordinances, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department has the honor to submit his second annual report of the department for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1902. The report embraces the organization of the department, a list of all fires and fire alarms which have occurred during the past year, the condition of all apparatus, buildings, and horses belonging to the department, the location of fire alarm boxes and hydrants, and other matters pertaining to the department.

## ORGANIZATION.

Chief Engineer—Benjamin Goodier.

1st Assistant—David L. Mulcahy.

2nd Assistant—John Munday.

## RICHARD VINES CO. NO 1.

Foreman—Charles H. Bonser.

Assistant Foreman—Henry B. Hayes.

Clerk—Granville Smith.

Engineer—Robert H. Bryant.

Fireman—Everett Goodwin.

Driver—Joseph Lausier.

## PIPE AND HOSEMEN.

William L. Smith,

Joseph Fournier,

Thomas Lumb,

George Hayford,

Edward Stackpole,

Israel Velandre,

Michael Connelly,

John Berry,

David Elliott.

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 EBEN SIMPSON CO. NO. 2.

Foreman—Thomas Rennicks.  
 Assistant Foreman—Almon Hill.  
 Clerk—John M. Whalen.  
 Engineer—Erwin S. Gowen.  
 Fireman—Edward J. Sullivan.

## DRIVERS.

Clarence Hooper, James Farley.

## PIPE AND HOSEMEN.

James McConnell,	William Fanning,
Warren Fuller,	Thomas Brennan,
John Keightley,	Jeremiah Sullivan,
Alphonse Houle,	Arthur L. Sellars,
John Farley.	

## WELCOME HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.

Foreman—George P. Nickerson.  
 Assistant Foreman—Sumner R. Fowler.  
 Clerk—Herbert E. Brooks.

## AXE AND LADDERMEN.

James E. Gowen,	William Breton,
Joseph T. Cote,	Fred Hotte,
Gideon Hotte,	Joseph Faucher,
Harry Tarr,	George Townsend,
Alec Lausier.	

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 HORSES.

There are six horses in the department and they are in very good shape, owing to the excellent care they have received from the drivers.

## CARTS AND SLEDS.

There are two dump carts and one pair of sleds, all in good condition, one cart having had a new body this year.

## APPARATUS.

The apparatus of the department consists of two steam fire engines, two hose wagons, two hose pungs, two hose reels, and one hook and ladder truck. All are in very good condition except the hook and ladder truck, of which I shall speak further in my recommendations. One of the engines, the Richard Vines, has been retubed this year at a cost of two hundred dollars. The engine Eben Simpson will probably have to be retubed at some time during the coming year. I wish to sound the note of warning here—one of these engines is thirty-one and the other thirty-two years old, and they cannot reasonably be expected to last many years longer.

## BUILDINGS.

The engine houses are in such a tumble-down condition that not a week passes but the services of a carpenter are needed to keep them in a condition that will allow the doors of the stalls and of the houses being opened to permit the horses and apparatus to pass out in response to an alarm of fire. The houses have been fitted with electric lights at a cost of about eighty-five dollars.

## HOSE.

We have in the department about 2500 feet of good hose and about 2500 feet of second quality hose. This is a very small supply for a city as large as Biddeford, and I would recommend the immediate purchase of not less than a thousand feet. During the past year the city has purchased two thousand feet.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

In accordance with the recommendations contained in my report of last year, the Mayor and committee on Fire Department concurring, the drivers with their families were ordered to vacate the tenements in the engine houses, and the rooms vacated were given to the companies for their use. The rooms have been nicely fitted up, an arrangement having been made whereby the members of the companies furnished the labor, and the city the necessary material, and the result is a

set of quarters that will compare favorably with any in the state. It gratifies me much to be able to say that this arrangement has resulted in a marked improvement in the morale of the department, for there has never been a time in the whole of my twenty years connection with the department when it was more prompt or more efficient.

I would earnestly recommend that the city purchase a new hook and ladder truck. The truck now in use is about twenty-three years old, is utterly worn out and is in such a condition that after responding to an alarm it is necessary to have repairs made on the truck or the ladders, both of which are in an unsafe condition.

The truck is liable to collapse at any time when responding to an alarm, and should any member of the department be injured by such an accident, the city will be liable for damages. I would recommend the purchase of a combination chemical and hook and ladder truck, similar to the one used by the city of Portland, which only cost about two thousand dollars.

I have been consulted by several of the residents and tax payers of the Pool district who asked my opinion as to what piece of apparatus would be best suited to their needs. I am of the opinion that a second-hand hand tub would meet all the requirements. Such a machine would probably cost not more than four or five hundred dollars, and that, with one of our hose reels and 1500 feet of our second quality hose, would furnish the Pool with an equipment at a very small expense.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

The appropriation made this year for the Fire Department has been overdrawn. The overdraft was caused by the action of the City Council in placing in charge of this department the gathering of the city waste, thereby bringing upon this department an expense of about \$1,200. This includes the pay of two men and the expense of keeping an extra horse. The Council also increased the pay of the drivers in the department five dollars per month. This, with the expense of gathering the waste made an increase of about \$1,400 in the year-

ly expense of the department. On the other hand, the appropriation has only been increased \$500, thus creating a deficiency of a thousand dollars to start with, for it is impossible to meet \$1400 with \$500.

#### EXTRA EXPENSES.

During the past year, an extra thousand feet of hose has been bought at an expense of \$600, also an entire set of rubber coats, boots and hats at a cost of about \$400. The Richard Vines has been retubed at a cost of \$200. The cost of installing the electric lights was about \$85, and the cost of changing the fire alarm whistle from the old to the new electric station was about \$150. These made a total of nearly \$1,450, which with the deficiency of \$1,000, more than accounts for the overdraft. I would recommend that the appropriation for this department be increased by at least \$1,000.

There have been forty-two fires and fire alarms in our city during the past year, a larger number than in any previous year in the city's history. One of the fires amounted to the proportions of a conflagration and two others were very bad or stubborn fires to extinguish, but I am pleased to say that with the assistance so promptly given by the Saco department on the two occasions above noted, this department has proved equal to the calls made upon it.

#### ELECTRIC WIRING.

An entirely new electric lighting plant has been installed by the York Light and Heat company, and the streets of our city are a perfect network of electric wires, there being no one whose duty it is to see that the wires are strung in a proper manner. The result is that it is nearly impossible to erect a ladder on any of our business streets without endangering the lives of the firemen. I would recommend that the Chief Engineer be given power and authority to see that all wiring, both inside and outside, be done in a proper manner, as we have had a number of fires which were caused by defective wiring. We have also had a great deal of trouble with the fire alarm system, caused by the utter carelessness of the different line-



men who have been employed. This source of trouble could be done away with if all wiring was done under the supervision of the Chief Engineer. The large number of three story wooden dwelling and tenement houses that have been erected during the past year furnishes another danger that menaces the lives of the firemen, these buildings should be more rigidly inspected by the Building Inspector. The Chief Engineer has caused a fire escape to be placed on one such building which would have been a perfect fire trap with its limited number of very small stairways. It seems to me that the time has come when the offices of Chief Engineer, City Electrician and Building Inspector should be combined and the Chief devote his entire time to the duties of the office thereby created.

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#### FIRES AND ALARMS.

Feb. 6, 1901, 1.35 p. m., box 43—Dwelling house owned by George Wilson, 4 Porter street ; cause unknown.

Feb. 13, 6.20 p. m.—Dwelling house owned by E. H. Banks, 33 Jefferson street ; chimney on fire.

Feb. 19, 6.45 p. m., box 26—Dwelling house owned by Adolphe Simard, 109 Elm street.

March 3, 1 a. m., box 34—False alarm.

March 14, 12.50 a. m., box 35—False alarm.

March 21, 4.10 a. m., box 56—Dwelling house owned by the Pepperell Manufacturing Company.

April 13, 4 a. m., box 34—False alarm.

April 14, 3.25 p. m., box 25—Fire in dwelling house, 2 Spruce street, owned by Rishworth Jordan ; cause unknown.

April 23, 1.25 a. m., box 35—False alarm.

April 23, 5 p. m., box 56—Fire in stable owned by the Biddeford Grocery Co., 27 1-2 Washington street ; cause, boys smoking.

May 7, 4.40 a. m., box 27—False alarm.

June 9, 11.5 a. m., box 58—No. 3 Main street, fire on roof of dwelling house owned by Mr. Rocheford ; cause, sparks from chimney.

June 11, 11.55 a. m., box 45—No. 10 Summer street, fire in

dwelling house owned by Luques estate ; cause, spontaneous combustion.

June 19, 7 p. m., box 25—No. 8 and 10 Elm street, fire in office of J. G. Deering & Sons ; cause unknown.

July 1, 7.30 p. m.—Still alarm, fire on dump on State street ; cause unknown.

July 2, 7.30 p. m. box 43—No. 21 Birch street, fire in dwelling house owned by John M. Goodwin ; cause unknown.

July 10, 5.45 a. m., box 45—No. 33 Summer street. fire in dwelling house owned by James Flood ; cause, lamp exploded.

July 20, 6.05 a. m., box 26—Fire at the corner of Elm and Pearl streets, in buildings of Electric Light Co. ; cause, gasoline stove.

July 24, 12.25 a. m., box 26—Fire at corner of Stone and Pearl streets, storehouse owned by Pepperell Company, cotton waste ; cause, spontaneous combustion.

July 26—Fire at Fortunes Rocks in dwelling house owned by John Emmons ; cause unknown. [Outside fire limits.]

August 19, 5.30 p. m., box 26—Fire in dwelling house owned by Boston & Maine Railroad ; cause unknown.

Aug. 24, 10 p. m.—Fire in dwelling house owned by Edwards Bros., Pool road ; cause, lamp exploded. [Outside fire limits.]

Aug. 29, 10.25 p. m., box 25—Fire in paint store, 35 Elm street, owned by Joel Bean ; cause, spontaneous combustion.

Sept. 23, 9.30 a. m., box 54—Fire in rear of City building ; cause, tar kettle boiled over.

Sept. 24, 7.07 p. m., box 46—Fire in dwelling house, No. 38 Hill street, owned by Clifford heirs ; cause, lamp exploded.

Sept. 24, 4 a. m.—Fire in dwelling owned by Chas. T. Hurd, Pool road ; cause unknown.

Sept. 25, 3.45 p. m., box 25—Fire in dwelling house, 17 Hooper street, owned by George Lombard ; cause, sparks from chimney.

Sept. 25, 5.30 a. m.—Fire in farm house owned by Mrs. Joseph Hooper on Drew's Mills road ; cause unknown. [Outside fire limits.]

Oct. 14, 11.35 p. m., box 54—Fire in business block, No. 178, 180, 182 Main street, owned by Savings Bank ; cause unknown.

Oct. 15, 8 p. m., box 34—Fire in dwelling house, No. 16, Centre street, owned by Louis Valliere ; cause, lamp upset.

Oct. 19, 6.15 a. m., box 35—Fire in dwelling house, owned by Lytton Staples, No. 4 Green street ; cause, hot ashes.

Oct. 20, 10.30 p. m.—Fire in cottage owned by Chas. Rick-er at Hills' Beach ; cause, defective chimney. [Outside fire limits.]

Nov. 1, 11.55 a. m., box 54—Fire in stable in rear of 195 and 197 Main street, owned by Wm. Emery Estate ; cause, electric wires.

Nov. 5, 5 a. m., box 56—Call for help from Portland. The Richard Vines steamer and twenty men sent in response.

Nov. 21, 2.15 p. m., box 56—Call for help from Biddeford Pool. The Richard Vines steamer and eighteen men sent down in response.

Nov. 26, 7.50 p. m., box 56—Fire in rear of Summer street block ; Boys' shanty ; cause unknown.

Dec. 23, 10.45 p. m., box 46—Fire at No. 14 Middle street, dwelling house owned by Joseph Taylor ; cause, lighted pipe left in coat.

Dec. 24, 11 p. m., box 49—False alarm.

Dec. 25, 11.45 p. m., box 45—False alarm.

Jan. 18, 1902, 4.20 p. m., box 54—Fire in business block, 120 Main street, owned by Garland & Sweetser ; cause, gasoline torch exploded.

Jan. 30, 1902, 8.20 a. m., box 49—Fire in tenement house at the corner of Bacon and Sullivan street owned by Joseph Palardis. Cause, woodwork in contact with stove pipe.

## FIRE-ALARM BOXES.

- No. 12 No-school signal.
- 24 City farm.
- 25 Smith's corner, in front of Mosher's block.
- 26 Elm street, opposite entrance to National hall.
- 27 Main street, near corner of Western avenue.
- 28 Highland street, near Main street.
- 34 King's corner, near the residence of J. B. Palmer.
- 35 At corner of South and Green streets.
- 36 Elm street, opposite residence of Fred Emmons.
- 37 Alfred street, near residence of N. Kimball.
- 38 Union street, near residence of V. A. Sprague.
- 43 Alfred street, near residence of J. B. Murphy.
- 45 Summer street, corner of Mt. Vernon street.
- 46 Pool street, near Methodist church.
- 47 Pool street, corner Pike street.
- 48 Pool street, opposite residence of H. P. Atkinson.
- 49 Bacon street, corner Pierson's lane.
- 54 Main street, corner Lincoln street.
- 56 Engine house, Washington street.
- 57 Main street, corner Alfred street.
- 58 Main street, opposite Hill street.

## LOCATION OF HYDRANTS.

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|-----|----|---------------------------------------------------------|
| No. | 1  | City farm yard.                                         |
|     | 2  | Corner of Main and Highland streets.                    |
|     | 3  | Main street, near Eastern railroad station.             |
|     | 4  | Main street, corner of Western avenue.                  |
|     | 5  | Main street, corner of Bradbury street.                 |
|     | 6  | Elm street, corner of Main street.                      |
|     | 7  | Jefferson street, corner of Main street.                |
|     | 8  | Adams street, near corner of Main street.               |
|     | 9  | Lincoln street, corner of Main street.                  |
|     | 10 | Main street, corner of Washington street.               |
|     | 11 | Main street, corner of Franklin street.                 |
|     | 12 | Corner of Alfred and Main streets.                      |
|     | 13 | Main street, corner of Emery street.                    |
|     | 14 | Main street, corner of Hill street.                     |
|     | 15 | Sullivan street, corner of Water street.                |
|     | 16 | Water street, foot of Pike street.                      |
|     | 17 | Pike street, foot of Cross street.                      |
|     | 18 | Pool street, foot of Oak street.                        |
|     | 19 | Pool street, near corner of Pike street.                |
|     | 20 | Pool street, near residence of P. A. Freeman.           |
|     | 21 | Pool street, near front of residence of H. P. Atkinson. |
|     | 22 | Sullivan street, near corner of Bacon street.           |
|     | 23 | Hill street, between Main and Bacon streets.            |
|     | 24 | Emery street, corner of Bacon street.                   |
|     | 25 | Hill street, corner of Pool street.                     |
|     | 26 | Hill street, corner of Acorn street.                    |
|     | 27 | Hill street, near corner of Fall street.                |
|     | 28 | Hill street, near the Geo. W. Ward house.               |
|     | 29 | Pool street, near corner Foss street.                   |
|     | 30 | Foss street, corner of Mt. Vernon street.               |
|     | 31 | Foss street, corner of Fall street.                     |
|     | 32 | Alfred street, near head of Franklin street.            |
|     | 33 | Alfred street, corner of Pool street.                   |
|     | 34 | Alfred street, near corner of Washington street.        |



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- 35 Alfred street, corner of Birch street.
  - 36 Alfred street, near corner of Myrtle street.
  - 37 Alfred street, corner of Union street.
  - 38 Alfred street, front of residence of Lysander Emmons.
  - 39 Alfred street, near residence of James H. Fogg.
  - 40 Alfred street, near "Five Points."
  - 41 Jefferson street, corner of Washington street.
  - 42 South street, corner of Jefferson street.
  - 43 South street, corner of Green street.
  - 44 South street, corner of Elm street.
  - 45 South street, near corner of State street.
  - 46 South street, near residence of Chas. E. Atwood.
  - 47 South street, just above Eastern railroad bridge.
  - 48 South street, corner of Highland street.
  - 49 Highland street, opposite residence of Charles H. Andrews.
  - 50 Elm street, corner of Walnut street.
  - 51 Corner of Gooch and Elm streets.
  - 52 Elm street, front of Boston & Maine freight station.
  - 53 Elm street, corner of Pearl street.
  - 54 Elm street, head of Centre street.
  - 55 Elm street, just above Mason street.
  - 56 Elm street, corner of Union street.
  - 57 Hooper street, top of hill.
  - 58 Lincoln street, near corner of Stone street.
  - 59 Lincoln street, near corner of Pearl street.
  - 60 Green street, near corner of Birch street.
  - 61 Union street, corner of Graham street.
  - 62 Summer street, opposite residence of James F. Worm-Wood.
  - 63 Smith street, opposite Water Power foundry.
  - 64 Wentworth street, near school house.
  - 65 Elm street, corner of Taylor street.
  - 66 Elm street, corner of Dartmouth street.
  - 67 Jefferson street, corner of Adams street.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the Mayor,



City Council and Committee on Fire Department for their assistance in bettering the department, to Chief of Police Harmon and his officers for their aid in keeping clear the vicinity of fires, and also to Assistants Mulcahy and Munday, for their cordial co-operation, and lastly to the officers and members of the different companies for their prompt and willing response to the calls of duty and to the orders of the Board of Engineers.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN GOODIER,

Chief Engineer.

# Report of City Solicitor.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

Since my last report Hamelin vs. City of Biddeford has been decided in favor of the plaintiff. This action was begun by me before I was elected City Solicitor and at no time did I act for the City, the former City Solicitor, John F. Burnham, acting for the City.

Daniel Cote vs. City of Biddeford, and Robert Seidel vs. City of Biddeford suits, involving the title of office of the City Marshal, are still pending, one of the former cases having at the December term of the law court been argued, and a decision is expected at any time. \* Edward F. Burnham vs. City of Biddeford, involving a matter of taxation, was entered neither party, at the last term of court, and the suit dismissed.

The only action pending other than the above, is one in which the City is trustee, namely Harmon vs. Eastern bridge and Structural Co., and a disclosure was duly made where the suit is pending in the municipal court of Saco.

I have furnished written opinions during the year on all matters submitted to me by the City Council and numerous opinions verbally to heads of departments in the City Government.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. HOVEY.



## MAYORS OF THE CITY FROM 1855 TO DATE.

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1855-6,	Daniel E. Somes, Rep.
1857,	James Andrews, Rep.
1858-9	Cyrus Gordon, Dem.
1860,	Jonathan Tuck, Dem.
	Esreff H. Banks, Rep., unexpired term of Jonathan Tuck.
1861-2,	Seth S. Fairfield, Dem.
1863-4,	John Q. Adams, Dem.
1865-6,	Charles A. Shaw, Dem.
1867-8,	Ferguson Haines, Dem.
1869,	James R. Clark, Dem.
1870-1,	E. W. Wedgewood, Dem.
1872,	Francis G. Warren, Dem.
1873,	James H. McMullen, Rep.
1874-5,	Francis G. Warren, Dem.
1876,	John H. Burnham, Dem.
1877,	Alfred Pierce, Rep.
1878,	Charles M. Moses, Rep.
1879,	James A. Strout, Dem.
1880,	Charles M. Moses, Rep.
1881-2,	Elisha E. Clark, Rep.
1883-5,	E. W. Staples, Dem.
1886-7,	Samuel F. Parcher, Dem.
1888-9,	C. E. Goodwin, Dem.
1890-3,	E. W. Staples, Dem.
1894-5,	Charles S. Hamilton, Rep.
1896-7,	Carlos Heard, Citizens and Dem.
1898-9,	Levi W. Stone, Citizens and Rep.
1900-1	Nathaniel B. Walker, Citizens, Dem. and Rep.
1902,	Joseph Gooch, Citizens, Rep. and Dem.