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ANNUAL REPORTS

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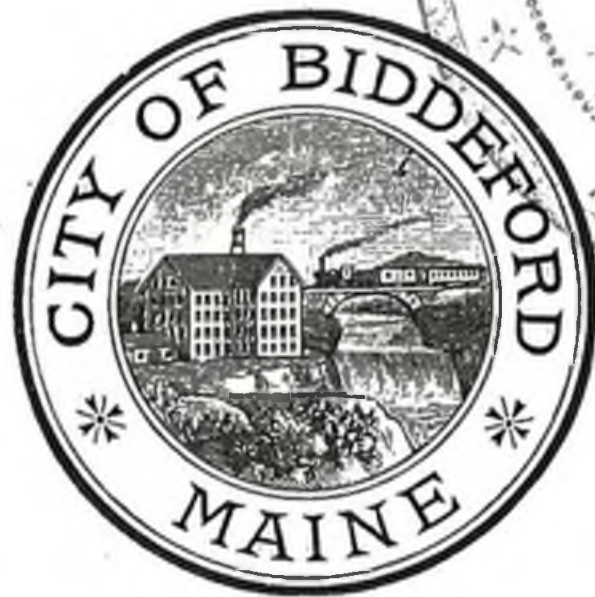
City of Biddeford,

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1903,

TOGETHER WITH THE

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.



FROM THE PRESS OF THE BIDDEFORD JOURNAL

1903.

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MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

Having assumed the obligations pertaining to the several stations to which we have been elected, it becomes at once our duty to organize a new city government. And as many of us are in new and untried stations, it becomes our duty to consider carefully our every act, that the city's interests may not suffer at our hands. It will be my duty to call your attention from time to time to matters pertaining to the interests of the city, and I expect your cordial co-operation in solving the various problems as they come before us.

Our liabilities on January 31, 1902, were:—

Bonds,	\$290,000 00
Notes,	30,700 00
Total,	<u>\$320,700 00</u>

We are paying 4 per cent interest on a large part of these bonds, that is, on \$215,000, 3 1-2 per cent on \$25,000, and 3 per cent on \$50,000.

We have in city notes \$30,700; \$9,000 of these notes are bearing 4 per cent interest, and \$21,700 are at 3 per cent.

Our resources on January 31, 1902, were:—

Cash on hand,	\$ 197 11
Tax of 1895,	76 69
Tax of 1896,	1,350 00
Tax of 1897,	1,902 00

Tax of 1898,	582 12
Tax of 1899,	2,981 94
Tax of 1900,	2,955 43
Tax of 1901,	30,997 98
Bounty on seals,	6 00
Balance account,	279,650 33
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Total,	\$320,700 00

As an asset taxes uncollected are of an uncertain value and consequently it is always safe to assume your liabilities to be what you owe in bills and notes, and that your assets are what may be obtained from taxes uncollected.

The debt reduction the past year has been \$37,100 which, taken together with the reduction in interest by the changes in our securities, demonstrates the fact that our finances have been handled with rare good judgment. A temporary loan of \$25,000 has been raised to be paid from this year's taxes, as is usual at the first of the year. As I believe in doing as much as is possible in street construction as early in the year as we can, you may be called upon very soon to authorize the treasurer to hire still more, but only such sum as can be paid from this year's tax levy.

We have \$10,000 in city bonds, falling due October 1, and you will be called upon to make an appropriation to pay these bonds when due, that our credit may always be such that we may hire money at the lowest rate.

SCHOOLS.

Our public schools demand our most thoughtful consideration. Our city charter has placed their control in a Superintending School Committee, consisting of nine members, three of which are elected each year. This fact demands our earnest consideration, with the end in view that we may place on that committee the most progressive and competent gentlemen

in our city and only those who are thoroughly interested in the education of our youth, that we may put within the reach of all, the poor as well as the rich, the advantages which our school system is intended to give. And not only should we teach our young men and women what can be learned in text books, but they should be taught to do their own thinking, thereby the better equipping themselves for the battle of life. The expense of this department the past year has been \$30,000.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The state having assumed the control of this department, we are thereby relieved to a certain extent of the responsibility therefor. But the good order that prevails in our city and the absence of the turbulent scenes of the past demonstrates that this department is in competent hands. For more particular information concerning this department you are referred to the city reports which are now in the hands of the printer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Our fire department seems to be well organized in its several divisions. The promptness with which it appears in answer to the call to duty makes it seem to the uninformed as though the horses were standing behind the doors ready to spring into the street at the first stroke of the bell. It will be our duty to see that the efficiency so evident at this time is not suffered to be lessened during our term of office.

In this connection I would call your attention to the fact that we have a large and growing population at the Pool who are without any fire protection. I believe it to be our duty to look into this matter, so that when we make our appropriations we may provide what is needed for them.

For recommendations concerning the department you are referred to the report of the chief engineer.

STREETS, SIDE AND CROSS WALKS.

While I am not one of those who believe that our streets are in a worse condition than ever before, yet there is much room for improvement. The matter of macadamizing will be called to your attention when the appropriations are made, and at that time you will determine how much you deem it advisable to do this year. This seems to be the most desirable manner of street building for two reasons. First, because good gravel for streets is not within our reach and also because we have an abundance of suitable stone for street construction. Street building has already become a science, and our constituents have a right to demand better roads than in the past. That we may make progress in this direction and that our people may have the best that we can give them, I desire that you will place at the head of this department the most competent man at your command.

Our side and cross walks should be placed in much better condition than they are today. We notice on our main street much that should be done in the way of relaying and improving our walks. The army of people who use them every day have a right to better walks than are now afforded them. We also notice that many of our principal streets are in need of new walks, and I believe but few of our people will refuse to provide material when their attention is called to this matter. It may be advisable to appropriate more money than usual for this department. In the matter of cross walks I believe that the granite walk is the most convenient and the cheapest in the end. More or less of these should be laid every year, that our people may have these conveniences.

SEWERS.

This, at no distant day, will be one of our most important departments in the city. The large water shed lying back

of the ridge of land running the entire length of the city with no adequate outlet to the river, and the fact that much of this land has already been built upon and that every heavy rain submerges a large part of it, makes this a subject calling for our most careful consideration. The Mile Brook sewer, as a part of the solution of this problem, has already been started, and you will be called upon to make a special appropriation to carry it still further along. This must be done in order to obtain the benefits this great outlet is intended to give. The city sadly needs a general sewer plan, so that all the sewers we build may be built with the design to enter one of the main arteries leading to the river. While such a plan will involve quite an expenditure at the start, in the end, I believe, it will be money well spent.

CITY LIBRARY.

By the changed conditions likely to arise from the gift of a library building to the Library Association by the munificence of Mr. Robert McArthur, you will probably be asked to transfer the books, maps, charts and material now in the library room in the City Building to the custody of the Library Association and also to make an adequate appropriation for their care and protection. While you may be asked to appropriate a little more than usual for this purpose for a time, or until the Association has a sufficient fund, the income of which will maintain it, yet the city will have reason to be proud of its library and also for the reading room where our youth may find all the current literature, and those of mature years may obtain information from sources not usually found in our private libraries. I feel that I would not be voicing the sentiment of our people unless, in behalf of the people of this city, I extended to Mr. McArthur our heartfelt thanks and wished him and his our best wishes for the future.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

This department has, by our amended charter, been placed in charge of our municipal officers as overseers of the poor, and, we believe, with excellent results. The secretary of this board is expected to give his entire time and attention to this business. He should investigate every case brought to his attention, thus enabling the board to deal justly with all. We believe it to be the wish of all our people that those who are unable to care for themselves should be assisted, and in what manner and to what extent, I believe, can be left to the good judgment of this board.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

From the city solicitor I learn that the city is involved in several suits at law. The suit of Daniel Cote against the city is based on a claim for salary during a number of years when the office was held and the duties were performed by Charles B. Harmon. The other cases have grown out of this. The first case has been argued in the law court and a decision may be looked for very soon.

City Government 1902-3.

MAYOR,
HON. JOSEPH GOOCH.

CITY CLERK,
DAYTON T. MOORE.

ALDERMEN,
PRESIDENT, GILMAN P. LITTLEFIELD.

Ward 1, Daniel M. Tarbox,
Ward 2, George A. Donahue,
Ward 3, John Higginbotham,
Ward 4, Ovid Little,
Ward 5, John E. H. Townsend,
Ward 6, Gilman P. Littlefield,
Ward 7, John H. Burnham.

COMMON COUNCILMEN,
PRESIDENT, FRANK B. EMERY,
CLERK, MICHAEL J. TWOMEY.

Ward 1, Vincent Gookin, Clarence Goldthwait,
Arthur D. Hutchins.
Ward 2, Peter Farley, Fred C. Buker,
Alphonse Bolduc.
Ward 3, Charles E. Pierce, Henry S. Worth,
Louis A. Talbot.

Ward 4,	Thomas H. Wood, George A. Bowe.	Joseph E. Rogers,
Ward 5,	Arthur S. Newcomb, Joseph Menard.	Coleman J. Goodwin,
Ward 6,	Frank B. Emery, Philippe Couture.	James Crowley,
Ward 7,	Sidney A. Staples, John J. Sullivan.	James Hunt, Jr.,
Wardens,	1, Joseph C. Edwards; 2, James H. Judge; 3, George M. Leavitt; 4, Silas P. Adams; 5, Willis Roberts; 6, Timothy P. McKeering; 7, Frank H. Rumery.	
Ward Clerks,	1, George N. Goldthwaite; 2, Joseph H. Four- nier; 3, Arthur L. Sellers; 4, Harry A. Bowe; 5, Fred B. Cobb; 6, John W. Twomey; 7, Ezekiel T. Bryant.	

ELECTION CLERKS.

Ward 1.	Ivory E. Davis, John R. Staples.
“ 2.	Napoleon Menard, William H. Donahue.
“ 3.	Gowen Emmons, Clarence N. Hooper.
“ 4.	David L. Mulcahy, Edwin E. Campbell.
“ 5.	John R. Bonser, Jesse W. Muttart.
“ 6.	J. Thacher Emery, Patrick Cullinan.
“ 7.	Walter I. Gordon, Joseph H. Dearborn.

BALLOT CLERKS.

Ward 1.	David B. LeGallee, Ophir Goldthwaite.
“ 2.	Thomas J. Boland, William H. County.
“ 3.	Herbert E. Brooks, N. P. Renouf.
“ 4.	Charles H. Bonser, Fred A. Little.
“ 5.	Lytton E. Staples, George H. Andrews.
“ 6.	John J. Mullally, Charles S. Stimpson.
“ 7.	John F. Burnham, C. W. Purcell.

Treasurer, Nathaniel B. Walker.

Collector of Taxes, James E. Goodwin

City Solicitor, John F. Burnham.

City Auditor, Fred F. Beauregard

Judge Municipal Court, B. F. Cleaves.

Recorder Municipal Court, G. L. Emery

Chief of Police, Charles B. Harmon.

City Physician, Narcisse Thivierge

Chief Engineer Fire Department, Benj. Goodier.

1st Assistant Engineer, David L. Mulcahy

2nd Assistant Engineer, John Munday.

Janitor, K. W. Sutherland

Harbor Master, Harrison Goldthwaite.

Sealer Weights and Measures, Onesime E. Cote

Assessors, S. F. Parcher, J. B. E. Tartre, Carlos C. Heard.

Assistant Assessors, 1, W. Clement Bryant ; 2, Zotique Petrin ;

3, Richard A. Chasse ; 4, Jere L. Sullivan ; 5, Michael J.

Mogan ; 6, Charles S. Stimpson ; 7, Leon J. A. Dansereau

Overseers of Poor, Municipal Officers.

Clerk of Overseers of Poor, Charles E. Hussey

Board of Health, N. P. Renouf, Thomas F. Carey, Caleb J.

Emery.

Inspector of Buildings, C. Dimon Mitchell.

Superintendent of Burials, Elbridge G. Burnham

City Weighers, Sidney A. Staples, Edgar E. Small, George E.

Morrison, R. A. Fairfield, V. A. Sprague, J. P. Gendron,

Fred C. Goodwin, George B. Cutter, Thomas N. Good-

win, James Welch.

Measurers of Lumber, Wood and Bark, George F. Piper, Ivory E. Davis, J. F. Goldthwaite, William A. Roberts.

Superintendent of Schools, Royal E. Gould.

Superintending School Committee, Jesse W. Muttart, Thomas J. McDermott, North M. West, Albert O. Marcille, Adelbert B. Gookin, John B. Lowell, James F. Tarr, Charles H. Prescott, Charles Hatch.

Park Commissioners, Gorham N. Weymouth, John B. Lowell, William E. Youland.

Police Commissioners, E. H. Banks, James F. Tarr, Joseph Gooch.

Librarian, Emma Hatch.

STREET COMMISSIONERS.

District No. 4, J. Byron Campbell.

Oak Ridge, Ivory E. Davis.

River Road, West, Adelbert B. Gookin.

Fortunes Rocks, Charles Hatch.

Newtown, Arthur N. Curtis.

Ward 7, West, J. Millard Hill.

Kennebunk Road, Emery Wakefield.

Pool, Samuel K. Elliott.

River Road, East, Oren B. Edwards.

Ward 7, North, James A. Hooper.

Ward 7, East, Francois Pelletier.

Hollis Road, Elmore A. Gilpatric.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.

The Mayor,	Councilman Menard,
Alderman Higginbotham,	“ Gookin,
	“ Staples.

ACCOUNTS.

Alderman Burnham,	Councilman Talbot,
	“ Bolduc.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Mayor,	Councilman Newcomb,
Alderman Donahue,	“ Buker,
	“ Goldthwaite.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman Littlefield,	Councilman Hunt,
“ Little,	“ Worth,
	“ Goodwin.

PRINTING.

Alderman Townsend,	Councilman Crowley
	“ Sullivan.

ORDINANCES.

The Mayor,	Councilman Bowe,
	“ Hutchins.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY.

The Mayor,	Councilman Newcomb,
Alderman Burnham,	“ Emery,
	“ Pierce.

STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS.

The Mayor,	Councilman Emery,
Alderman Tarbox,	“ Wood,
“ Higginbotham,	“ Pierce,
	“ Farley.

POOR.

Alderman Townsend,
 " Little,

Councilman Couture,
 " Rogers,
 " Worth.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ELECTIONS.

Aldermen Littlefield, Higginbotham and Tarbox.

POLICE.

Aldermen Townsend and Donahue.

LICENSES.

The Mayor, Aldermen Little and Burnham.

ENROLLED BILLS.

Aldermen Burnham, Littlefield and Higginbotham.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Councilmen Hunt, Gookin and Minard.

ENROLLED BILLS.

Councilmen Farley, Buker and Worth.

Treasurer's Report.

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, 1903:

Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1902,	\$ 1,118 39	
Received from all sources during the year,	284,324 57	
	<u>284,324 57</u>	
		\$285,442 96
Total payments for the year,	\$276,677 05	
Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1903,	8,765 91	
	<u>8,765 91</u>	
		\$285,442 96

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, January 31, 1902, to and including January 31, 1903:

	Receipts	Expenditures
Abatement of taxes,		\$ 1,751 87
Bounty on Seals,	\$ 4 00	9 00
Bridges,		1,561 62
City Bonds,		10,000 00
City Building,	3,412 37	5,878 74
City Cemetery,	87 00	231 64
City Library,	87 39	2,087 39
Contingent Fund,	337 00	47 25
County Tax,		8,818 58
Dog Licenses,	860 26	560 00
Fire Department,	37 60	9,922 78

Free Text Books,		699 10
General Expense,	1,057 36	5,995 30
Health Department,	9 80	10,441 56
Highways :		
District No. 4,	24 95	5,979 89
Fortunes Rocks Dist.,		480 37
Hollis Road Div.,		350 39
Kennebunk Road Dist.,		191 00
Newtown Dist.,	85	439 43
Oak Ridge Dist.,		425 40
Pool Dist.,		344 71
River Road, East, Div.,		351 76
River Road, West, Div.,		565 68
Ward 7, North, Div.,		232 37
Ward 7, East, Div.,		645 45
Ward 7, West, Div.,		430 82
Hydrants,		3,900 00
Insane,	48 24	2,356 05
Interest,	1,550 00	13,486 23
Main Street Bridge,		100 00
Macadamizing,	13 28	3,480 97
Mile Brook Sewer,		4,237 79
New Streets,		880 95
Opera House,	3,010 00	1,746 03
Pauper Department,	262 73	11,587 69
Police Department,		7,430 75
Pool Fire Department,		1,898 29
Railroad and Telegraph Tax,	230 26	
Reform School,		104 00
Salaries,		5,615 00
Schools,	274 00	31,592 99
School Fund and Mill Tax,	16,167 48	
Sewers and Drains,	240 00	4,895 70
Sidewalks,	8 00	4,491 91
State Pensions,	1,308 00	1,308 00
State Tax,		22,007 81
Stone Crusher,		1,827 71

Street Lights,		10,287 08
Tax of 1897,	100 00	
Tax of 1900,	2,720 00	
Tax of 1901,	28,674 00	
Tax of 1902,	148,800 00	
Temporary Loan,	75,000 00	75,000 00
Cash on hand January 31, 1902,	1,118 39	
Cash on hand January 31, 1903,		8,765 91
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	\$285,442 96	\$285,442 96

STATEMENT SHOWING RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD,
JANUARY 31, 1903.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
*Cash on hand (see foot note),	\$ 7,497 90	City Bonds outstanding,	\$280,000 00
Tax of 1895, due,	76 69	Bills payable (notes outstanding),	30,700 00
" 1896, "	798 20		
" 1897, "	772 71		
" 1898, "	582 12		
" 1899, "	2,875 94		
" 1900, "	235 43		
" 1901, "	2,323 98		
" 1902, "	29,451 20		
Bounty on seals (due from State),	11 00		
Balance account,	266,074 83		
	\$310,700 00		\$310,700 00
	LIABILITIES, JANUARY 31, 1902.		
City Bonds outstanding,			\$290,000 00
Bills payable, notes outstanding,			30,700 00
			\$320,700 00
Balance account, January 31, 1902,			\$279,650 33

As compared with last year this shows a decrease in gross liabilities of \$10,000.00, and in balance account of \$13,575.50 during the past year.

*In addition to above item, "Cash on hand," the city has in the treasury \$1,268.01, being the amount of the unexpended balance in the appropriation for Mile Brook Sewer.

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 4 years, \$10,000 each year, 3 per cent,	40,000 00
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	\$280,000 00

The \$40,000 3 per cent bonds are a part of the issue of \$50,000 in 1901 to the holders of the same amount of 4 per cent demand notes against the city. Of such bonds \$10,000 were paid and cancelled during the past year.

Table showing the valuation and indebtedness of the City of Biddeford from 1883 to and including January 31, 1903:

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
1902	6,837,008 00	310,700 00	" 31, 1903

TRUST FUNDS.

BIDDEFORD MINISTERIAL FUND.

January 31, 1902, on deposit in Biddeford Savings Bank,	\$905 76
Oct. 1, 1902, Div. No. 69 and 70,	31 94
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	\$937 70

ELIZABETH COLE BEQUEST FOR THE CARE OF A CERTAIN LOT IN THE CITY CEMETERY.

Jan. 31, 1902, on deposit in Biddeford Savings Bank,	\$153 32
Div. No. 69 and 70,	5 37
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	\$158 69

CLEAVES FUND, THE INCOME TO BE USED FOR THE WORTHY POOR OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

January 31, 1902, on deposit in Saco Savings Bank,	\$1,775 54
July 1, 1902, Div. No. 65,	29 86
" " 66,	29 86
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	\$1,835 26
Feb. 15, 1902, cash paid by order of City Council to treasurer Biddeford City Mission,	\$68 92
Dec. 16, 1902, cash paid by order of City Council to treasurer Biddeford City Mission,	29 86
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	\$98 78
Jan. 31, 1903, balance cash on deposit,	\$1,736 48

Very respectfully,

NATHANIEL B. WALKER,
Biddeford, Maine, Feb. 28, 1903. City Treasurer.

Items of General Expense.

Carlos Heard, expenses to Boston to negotiate loan for the city,	\$5 50
Geo. A. Anthoine, 1 grate in stove, etc., Infantry Hall,	3 00
Geo. A. Anthoine, labor,	50
Dayton T. Moore, recording 91 births, deaths and marriages,	13 65
H. G. Hutchinson, 1 rubber stamp,	70
“ 1 dozen lead pencils,	50
“ 1 ink pad,	50
“ 2 paste tubes,	20
H. P. Atkinson & Sons, repairing desk,	35
F. Pelletier & Co., ice, clerk's office,	3 00
George A. Bowe, posting sample ballots in each of seven wards in the city,	3 00
John Hanson, posting caucus lists of voters previous to March election, 1902,	3 00
John F. Burnham, services as ballot clerk, ward 7, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Walter I. Gordon, services as election clerk, ward 7, March 10, 1902,	3 00
John J. Mullally, services as ballot clerk, ward 6, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Lytton E. Staples, services as ballot clerk, ward 5, March 10, 1902,	3 00
J. Thacher Emery, services as election clerk, ward 6, March 10, 1902,	3 00
John R. Bonser, services as election clerk, ward 5, March 10, 1902,	3 00

David L. Mulcahy, services as election clerk, ward 4, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Herbert E. Brooks, services as ballot clerk, ward 3, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Gowen Emmons, services as election clerk, ward 3, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Thomas J. Boland, services as ballot clerk, ward 2, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Napoleon Menard, services as election clerk, ward 2, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Charles W. Purcell, services as ballot clerk, ward 7, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Joseph H. Dearborn, services as election clerk, ward 7, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Charles S. Stimpson, services as ballot clerk, ward 6, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Patrick Cullinan, services as election clerk, ward 6, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Jesse W. Muttart, services as election clerk, ward 5, March 10, 1902,	3 00
George H. Andrews, services as ballot clerk, ward 5, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Fred A. Little, services as ballot clerk, ward 4, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Edwin E. Campbell, services as election clerk, ward 4, March 10, 1902,	3 00
N. P. Renouf, services as ballot clerk, ward 3, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Clarence N. Hooper, services as election clerk, ward 3, March 10, 1902,	3 00
William H. County, services as ballot clerk, ward 2, March 10, 1902,	3 00
W. H. Donahue, services as election clerk, ward 2, March 10, 1902,	3 00
D. B. LeGallee, services as ballot clerk, ward 1, March 10, 1902,	3 00
J. R. Staples, services as election clerk, ward 1, March 10, 1902,	3 00

Ophir Goldthwaite, services as ballot clerk, ward 1, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Ivory E. Davis, services as election clerk, ward 1, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Frank M. Shapleigh, services as ward clerk, ward 4, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Fred B. Cobb, services as warden, ward 5, March 10, 1902,	3 00
John E. H. Townsend, services as ward clerk, ward 5, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Timothy P. McKeering, services as warden, ward 6, March 10, 1902,	3 00
John W. Twomey, services as ward clerk, ward 6, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Frank H. Rumery, services as warden, ward 7, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Ezekiel T. Bryant, services as ward clerk, ward 7, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Joseph C. Edwards, services as warden, ward 1, March 10, 1902,	3 00
George N. Goldthwaite, services as ward clerk, ward 1, March 10, 1902,	3 00
John Munday, services as warden, ward 2, March 10, 1902,	3 00
William J. Smith, services as ward clerk, ward 2, March 10, 1902,	3 00
George M. Leavitt, services as warden, ward 3, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Arthur L. Sellers, services as ward clerk, ward 3, March 10, 1902,	3 00
R. F. Jelleson, hauling on road machine,	1 75
A. S. Hamilton, team, town, mayor,	1 50
“ “ “ “	1 50
“ “ poor farm, mayor,	2 00
Melville Woodman, services rendered as clerk to Board of Registration,	15 00
James C. M. Furbish, services rendered as clerk to Board of Registration,	15 00

James G. C. Smith, services in adding names on supplementary list for assessors,	2 00
James G. C. Smith, Dec. 4, 1-2 day, 2.00,	2 00
“ services in making check list,	21 00
“ “ “ “ 1-3 caucus list,	7 00
James G. C. Smith, examining, correcting and certifying, posting caucus and check list on Feb. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 26, 1902,	24 00
James G. C. Smith, making 1-3 of ward list of Rep. C. C.,	7 00
James G. C. Smith, services in revising and correcting lists for use at March election, 1902, March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10,	24 00
Anthony Dwyer, services adding names from supplementary list for assessors,	4 00
Anthony Dwyer, services in making posting list,	21 00
“ “ “ “ 1-3 of caucus list,	7 00
Anthony Dwyer, services in examining, correcting and certifying, posting caucus and check list, 1902, Feb. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 26,	24 00
Anthony Dwyer, 1-3 of ward list for Rep. C. C.,	7 00
“ list of voters in ward 6 for Dem. C. C.,	3 00
Anthony Dwyer, services in revising and correcting voting list for use at March election, 1902, March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10,	24 00
W. A. Foss, services in adding names from supplementary list for assessors,	5 00
W. A. Foss, services in making check list,	21 00
“ “ “ “ 1-3 of caucus list,	7 00
“ “ “ examining, correcting and certifying, posting caucus and check lists, 1902, Feb. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 26,	30 00
W. A. Foss, making 1-3 of ward list for Rep. C. C.,	7 00
“ services in revising and correcting list of voters for use at March election, 1902, March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10,	30 00

Dayton T. Moore, recording 70 births, deaths and marriages,	10 50
E. E. Clark, postage stamps, 100, 2c,	2 00
C. H. Prescott, 70 cards, instructions to voters,	2 50
“ 70 “ penalties,	2 50
“ publishing official ballot,	51 25
F. M. Burnham, 14 ward books,	20 00
“ 14 indexed books (marked),	7 00
Herbert F. Moulton, services at inauguration, 1901,	5 00
C. K. Flanders, services at inauguration, 1900,	5 00
F. M. Burnham, 1 general record,	8 00
Mollie F. Moore, assistance in preparing ballots, election of March 10, 1902,	3 00
Rev. H. A. Childs, services at inauguration ceremony March 17, 1902,	5 00
William S. Fowler, arranging election booths,	20 00
Biddeford and Saco Water Co., 1 Chapman valve,	5 00
“ “ “ “ “ labor on stand pipe,	50
Loring, Short & Harmon, 6 dog license registers, 200 lot,	10 00
Record Publishing Co., publishing legal notice,	4 00
“ “ “ “ 200 postals,	3 50
“ “ “ 5,640 ballots, 140 sample ballots, 21 sample ballots,	83 30
Record Publishing Co., publishing official ballot,	75 00
J. G. Garland, rent of Infantry Hall, 3 months ending March 3, 1902,	87 50
National Industrial League, for use of hall as ward room,	5 00
National Industrial League, for cleaning the hall,	2 00
La Justice, 4 notices, 1-2 column to date,	7 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 98 births, marriages and deaths,	14 70
Silas P. Adams, services as warden, ward 4, March 10, 1902,	3 00
Ham & Anthoine, use of stove and 12 feet of pipe,	1 50
“ furnishing 2 trips and labor,	1 50

Michael J. Mogan, for services rendered the city for assistant assessor in ward 5,	35 00
H. P. Atkinson & Sons, 6 chairs,	3 90
Alex H. Irvin, staples for Star fastener and post- age,	55
Jerry F. Sullivan, for services as assistant assessor in Ward 4,	35 00
George Lebarge, services as interpreter for assist- ant assessor of ward 6,	14 00
L. A. McIntire, 8 1-2 days' sprinkling,	29 75
Charles Bowley, 10 days' sprinkling,	35 00
Charles S. Stimpson, services as assistant assessor, ward 6,	35 00
Townsend Bros., repairing chairs,	1 75
" 2 settees,	1 00
" 6 hours,	1 50
Richard Chasse, for canvassing ward 3 as assist- ant assessor,	35 00
Joseph Gooch, repairing sprinkler,	3 00
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 57 feet galv. pipe, at 8c,	4 56
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 9 feet galv. pipe, at 6c,	54
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 lead connection,	75
" " 2 couplings, at 5c,	10
" " 3 galv. els., at 7c,	21
" " 1 galv. union,	17
" " labor,	2 50
" " trucking,	50
" " 1 elbow hydran',	7 25
" " labor setting same,	5 12
" " trucking,	50
Hector Guilbert, services as interpreter to assist- ant assessor, ward 4,	14 00
Jason W. Libby, posting assessor notices,	2 50
Ham & Anthoine, labor and supply in Light In- fantry Hall,	23 85
Leon Dansereau, services as assistant assessor,	60 00

N. B. Walker, expense to Boston to procure loan,	5 00
Zothique Petrin, services as assistant assessor,	35 00
Ham & Anthoine, labor and supply on drinking trough,	2 08
Sheridan Post, G. A. R., amount voted by City Council for observance of Memorial Day, 1902,	100 00
U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., amount voted by City Council for observance of Memorial Day, 1902,	100 00
A. Marcille, services as interpreter for assistant assessor,	14 00
W. H. Watson, 1,000 warrants, schools,	3 50
" 250 " highways, ward 7, N. division,	1 50
W. H. Watson, 250 warrants, highways, R. R., E. division,	1 50
W. H. Watson, 250 warrants, street lights,	1 50
F. Pelletier, ice, city clerk,	3 00
F. M. Burnham, 6 mucilage,	30
" 1 blank book,	25
" rubber bands,	75
" pen,	05
Charles A. Bowley, sprinkling streets, 7 days,	24 50
F. M. Burnham, 6 index books,	2 10
" valuation book, collection book, cash book,	31 25
Dayton T. Moore, recording 83 births, marriages and deaths,	12 45
W. A. Cosgrove, acct. of burial of Thomas Brogan, soldier, 1 casket,	25 00
robe,	5 00
opening grave,	2 00
service of clergyman,	3 00
S. F. Parcher, for making list for Board of Regis- tration,	35 00
S. F. Parcher, for making list of dogs,	15 00

Biddeford & Saco Water Co, labor and material used on stand pipe on Acorn St.,	3 25
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., labor and material used in repairing trough, Water St.,	1 60
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 2 cups and chains for fountains,	1 00
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 self-closing faucet, fountain on Water St.,	2 50
Townsend Bros., set 3 tires on sprinkler,	3 00
" 1 new tire on "	5 00
" iron on sill,	1 50
" repairing springs,	50
" new pole,	2 50
" 1 felloe,	75
" ironing pole,	1 50
C. H. Prescott, publishing notice of special meet- ing,	3 00
C. H. Prescott, 50 1-4 sheet cards, Board of Reg- istration,	3 50
C. H. Prescott, 500 copies City Report,	110 00
" 500 bill heads, Opera House,	3 50
" 500 warrants, " "	2 00
" publishing assessors' notice,	9 75
" 2,000 1-2 note circulars, tax col- lector,	4 50
C. H. Prescott, 300 pocket manuals,	19 00
" publishing notice dog license 3 days,	1 75
C. H. Prescott, 500 receipts fire department,	3 00
" 250 note heads and 250 letter heads, city solicitor,	2 75
C. H. Prescott, 500 bills. highway, River Road, East,	3 00
C. H. Prescott, 500 bills, highway, River Road, West,	3 00
C. H. Prescott, 250 note heads, mayor's office,	1 50
" 1,000 1-4 sheet bill heads, general expense,	5 50

J. G. C. Smith, making 1-3 of caucus list to be used at caucus for selection of delegates to State and Congressional Conventions,	7 00
J. G. C. Smith, 1 day's service in verifying, correcting and preparing the same,	4 00
W. A. Foss, making 1-3 of caucus list to be used at caucus for selection of delegates to State and Congressional conventions,	7 00
W. A. Foss, 1 day's service in verifying, correcting and preparing the same,	5 00
Anthony Dwyer, making 1-3 of caucus list to be used at caucus for selection of delegates to State and Congressional conventions,	7 00
Anthony Dwyer, 1 day's service in verifying, correcting and preparing the same,	4 00
Charles A. Bowley, sprinkling streets, 7 days,	24 50
J. F. Googins & Co., 1 load wood, 1-4 ton coke,	3 70
Joseph Gooch, repairing sprinkler,	1 00
“ “ “	1 25
American Express Co., package from Portland,	15
Clement Bryant, services and labor as assistant assessor in ward 1 for the year 1902,	40 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 105 births, marriages and deaths,	15 75
Alfred Bonneau, 200 postal cards printed,	3 00
York Light and Heat Co., for gas supplied from Jan. 1 to June 1, 1902,	22 20
The Record Publishing Co., publishing assessors' notice,	11 50
The Record Publishing Co., printing 50 notices for same,	2 00
George G. Rhodes, use of buckboard,	5 00
“ “ team 1-2 day,	2 00
“ “ buckboard to Biddeford Pool,	3 00
George Lebarge, killing 122 dogs as dog officer,	122 00
W. I. Dennett, casket furnishings,	35 00

J. G. Garland, for rent of Infantry Hall 3 months,	87 50
Anthony Dwyer, services in preparing lists of voters in the several wards from the lists furnished by Board of Assessors of such persons as are assessed a poll tax for year 1902, on the following dates: May 16, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, June 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23 and 25,	100 00
James G. C. Smith, services in preparing lists of voters in the several wards,	100 00
W. A. Foss, services in preparing lists of voters in the several wards,	125 00
Joseph Gooch, repairing sprinkler,	2 00
" " "	5 00
" " "	3 00
George A. Anthoine, use of stove in ward 4, election day,	1 00
American Express Co., package, Augusta,	25
Dayton T. Moore, recording 81 births, marriages and deaths,	12 15
Brunelle Bros., for sprinkling,	100 00
N. W. Kendall, blank book,	25
" 1 pint ink,	30
" 2 tubes paste,	20
" 1 brush,	10
" 7 index books,	2 10
" rubber bands,	20
" tablet,	05
" 1 doz. ink, 50c; 1 doz. pencils, 10c; penholders, 10c,	70
N. W. Kendall, seals, 15c; paste, 15c; B. book, 30c,	60
N. W. Kendall, 6 doz. pencils,	60
" 2 doz. "	1 00
" 1 pint red ink,	75
" 1 doz. penholders,	10
" 2 pencils,	40

N. W. Kendall, writing pads,	60
" ruling pen,	50
" eraser,	40
" 2 oz. rubber bands,	50
" 1-2 doz. sheets blotting,	30
" 3 pens, 3c; 1 doz. pencils, 10c; 1 doz. pencils, 50c,	63
N. W. Kendall, paste, 25c; box pens, 60c; box pens, 85c,	1 70
N. W. Kendall, paper and tablets,	35
" 2 doz. pens,	20
" 4 qrs. paper,	1 00
" 1 1-2 qrs. paper,	37
" 2 sheets blotting,	10
" 1 journal (Beauregard),	1 00
" 1-2 doz. blocks paper,	30
York Light and Heat Co., for gas supplied from June 1 to July 1,	2 40
N. B. Walker, expense attending procuring loan in Boston,	5 00
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co., service to Sanford,	20
E. E. Clark, 100 2c postage stamps,	2 00
" 1,000 special request envelopes,	21 20
James G. C. Smith, making 1-3 of voting list to be used at caucus for selection of delegates to County Convention and representatives to the Legislature,	7 00
James G. C. Smith, 1 day's services in correcting and verifying said voting list,	4 00
James G. C. Smith, 1 day's services in adding sup- plemental list of names furnished by Board of Assessors,	4 00
W. A. Foss, making 1-3 of voting list to be used at caucus for selection of delegates to County Convention and representatives to the Legis- lature,	7 00
W. A. Foss, 1 day's services in correcting and verifying said voting list,	5 00

W. A. Foss, 1 day's services in adding supplemental list of names furnished by Board of Assessors,	5 00
Anthony Dwyer, making 1-3 of voting list to be used at caucus for selection of delegates to County Convention and representatives to the Legislature,	7 00
Anthony Dwyer, 1 day's services in correcting and verifying said voting list,	4 00
Anthony Dwyer, 1 day's services in adding supplemental list of names furnished by Board of Assessors,	4 00
Joseph Gooch, repairs on sprinkler,	1 25
S. F. Parcher, for making valuation book for the assessors,	150 00
Brunelle Bros., for sprinkling,	100 00
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., labor and supplies fixing drinking fountain foot of Alfred St.,	4 93
Dayton T. Moore, recording 118 births, marriages and deaths,	17 70
Dayton T. Moore, expenses to Portland on city business,	50
F. Pelletier & Co., for ice at City Clerk's office,	3 00
James G. C. Smith, making 1-3 of ward lists of voters for use and at request of Democratic City Committee,	7 00
James G. C. Smith, to making 1-3 of ward lists of voters for use and at request of Republican City Committee,	7 00
Anthony Dwyer, to making 1-3 of ward lists of voters for use and at request of Democratic City Committee,	7 00
Anthony Dwyer, to making 1-3 of ward lists of voters for use and at request of Republican City Committee,	7 00
W. W. Roberts Co., 1 blank book,	6 00
W. A. Foss, to making 1-3 of ward lists of voters for use and at request of Democratic City Committee,	7 00

W. A. Foss, to making 1-3 of ward lists of voters for use and at request of Republican City Committee,	7 00
John Hanson, to posting lists of voters in the seven wards of the city,	3 00
Soulange Mitchell, burial expenses of Joseph S. Mitchell, a soldier in destitute circumstances,	35 00
Grenville M. Donham, 3 Maine Registers, 1902,	6 00
Brunelle Bros., for sprinkling,	200 00
L. H. Kendall, 1 year's rent of rooms for headquarters 1st Regiment N. G. S. M. to Dec. 31, 1902,	100 00
American Express Co., package from Portland,	20
Joseph C. Edwards, services as warden, ward 1, election of Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
George N. Goldthwait, services as ward clerk, ward 1, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Ivory E. Davis, services as election clerk, ward 1, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
John R. Staples, services as election clerk, ward 1, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
David B. LeGallee, services as ballot clerk, ward 1, election. Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
James H. Judge, services as warden, ward 2, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Joseph H. Fournier, services as ward clerk, ward 2, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Napoleon Menard, services as election clerk, ward 2, election; Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
William H. Donahue, services as election clerk, ward 2, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Thomas J. Boland, services as ballot clerk, ward 2, election of Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
William H. County, services as ballot clerk, ward 2, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
George M. Leavitt, services as warden, ward 3, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00

Arthur L. Sellers, services as ward clerk, ward 3, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Harold Keiley, services as election clerk, ward 3, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Clarence N. Hooper, services as election clerk, ward 3, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Herbert E. Brooks, services as ballot clerk, ward 3, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
N. P. Renouf, services as ballot clerk, ward 3, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Silas P. Adams, services as warden, ward 4, elec- tion, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Frank M. Shapleigh, services as ward clerk, ward 4, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
David L. Mulcahy, services as election clerk, ward 4, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Edwin E. Campbell, services as election clerk, ward 4, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Fred A. Little, services as ballot clerk, ward 4, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Willis Roberts, services as warden, ward 5, elec- tion, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Fred B. Cobb, services as ward clerk, ward 5, elec- tion, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
John R. Bonser, services as election clerk, ward 5, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Jesse W. Muttart, services as election clerk, ward 5, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Everett M. Staples, services as ballot clerk, ward 5, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
George H. Andrews, services as ballot clerk, ward 5, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Timothy P. McKeering, services as warden, ward 6, election. Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Alfred Lavallee, services as ward clerk, ward 6, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
J. Thacher Emery, services as election clerk, ward 6, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00

Patrick Cullinan, services as election clerk, ward 6, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
James Read, services as ballot clerk, ward 6, elec- tion, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Charles S. Stimpson, services as ballot clerk, ward 6, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
C. W. Purcell, services as ballot clerk, ward 7, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
John F. Burnham, services as ballot clerk, ward 7, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Joseph H. Dearborn, services as election clerk, ward 7, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Walter I. Gordon, services as election clerk, ward 7, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Ezekiel T. Bryant, services as ward clerk, ward 7, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Frank H. Rumery, services as warden, ward 7, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00
Edwards Pool Express, team service for check lists,	2 00
W. A. Greenough & Co., Biddeford and Saco Di- rectories, 1902,	15 00
E. E. Clark, P. M., 5,000 special request envel- opes, order of J. E. Goodwin,	106 00
Melville Woodman, services of clerk of Board of Registration on Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6,	15 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 104 births, marriages and deaths,	15 60
Dayton T. Moore, cash paid for pens,	50
William S. Fowler, putting up and taking down election booths,	20 00
W. A. Foss, making copy of voting lists for use in ward rooms,	21 00
W. A. Foss, services in revising, correcting and verifying lists of voters on July 17 and 18, Aug. 28 and 29,	20 00
W. A. Foss, services during public session of Board on Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8,	30 00

Anthony Dwyer, making posting lists of voters in the several wards of the city,	21 00
Anthony Dwyer, services in revising, correcting and certifying lists of voters on July 17 and 18, Aug. 28 and 29,	16 00
Anthony Dwyer, services for 6 days' public session for adding, striking and correcting lists of voters, commencing Sept. 2, 1902,	24 00
H. V. Hill, repairing pump on Pool Road,	2 50
James G. C. Smith, making copy of voting lists for use in ward rooms,	21 00
James G. C. Smith, services in revising, correcting and certifying lists of voters on July 17 and 18, Aug. 28 and 29,	16 00
James G. C. Smith, services during public session of Board on Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8,	24 00
National Industrial League, use of hall for election, Sept. 8, 1902,	7 00
James C. M. Furbish, services as clerk of Board of Registration on Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6,	15 00
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., labor and supplies, hydrant on Acorn St ,	81 35
John F. Burnham, paid telephone charges to Judge Foster, Portland, in re Pool Electric Road,	30
John F. Burnham, Judge Foster, telephone charge to Herbert M. Heath, Augusta, originally paid by Judge Foster in re Pool Electric Road,	50
York, Light and Heat Co., for gas supplied July 1 to Sept. 1, Light Infantry Hall,	4 00
McKenney & Heard, supplies for ward rooms,	1 62
Loring, Short & Harmon, 1 doz. blanks,	50
" " 2 " "	1 00
" " 4 " "	2 00
Alfred Bonneau, 1 notice, September, 3 times,	3 00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service,	49
Mollie F. Moore, assistance in city clerk's office during recount of ballots, Sept. 17, 1902,	1 50

Brunelle Bros., for sprinkling,	100 00
John Hanson, posting sample ballots in the seven wards of the city,	2 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 117 births, marriages and deaths,	17 55
J. G. Garland, rent of Infantry Hall, 3 months ending Sept. 30,	87 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service, city clerk,	20
F. M. Burnham, 3 paste,	30
“ time book,	50
“ journal,	60
“ 1-2 doz. ink,	30
“ 7 mucilage,	35
“ 7 penholders,	07
“ 2 doz. pencils,	20
“ 1 penholder,	20
N. B. Walker, expenses in case of Cote vs. City of Biddeford,	5 00
C. H. Prescott, 500 1-4 sheet bill heads, Pool Fire Dept.,	3 25
C. H. Prescott, 200 orders,	1 50
“ 2,000 tax bills, 1901,	8 50
“ 1,000 insurance blanks, office bldg.,	3 50
“ 1,000 “ “ opera house,	3 50
“ 12 1-4 sheet posters, 1902 taxes,	1 25
“ 1 full sheet card, “ “	50
“ 6,000 tax bills, “ “	20 10
“ 25 election warrants,	3 25
“ 25 election returns, 4 pages,	7 75
“ advertising 1902 taxes, 1 month,	6 25
“ 100 ballot clerk certificates,	1 25
“ advertising special meeting city government,	4 50
C. H. Prescott, 1,000 warrants macadamizing,	3 00
“ 300 tax receipts, on account 1902,	1 75
“ 1 ream note heads, collector,	2 25
Ophir Goldthwaite, services as ballot clerk, ward 1, election, Sept. 8, 1902,	3 00

George G. Rhodes, use of buckboard,	4 00
" " " "	4 00
Mollie F. Moore, services as deputy city clerk during attendance of city clerk at Supreme Court at Alfred,	2 00
York Light and Heat Co., gas supplied from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 1902,	3 20
The Record Publishing Co., publishing legal dr.,	6 00
" " " " "	6 00
W. A. Cosgrove, funeral of Patrick Mahan,	
1 casket,	25 00
1 robe,	5 00
digging grave,	2 00
services of clergyman,	3 00
S. F. Parcher, for making commitment book,	50 00
Brunelle Bros., street sprinkling, balance due on account in full,	100 00
A. S. Hamilton, team,	2 00
C. H. Prescott, 150 1-2 note circulars, sale of property for taxes,	1 25
C. H. Prescott, advertising special meeting of city government,	4 50
C. H. Prescott, advertising resident list 1901 taxes unpaid,	72 50
C. H. Prescott, 1,000 1-4 bill heads, pauper dept., 2 sides,	5 50
F. Pelletier & Co., for ice at city clerk's office,	3 00
W. I. Dennett, burial of Hosea Reynolds, a soldier in destitute circumstances,	35 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 107 births, marriages and deaths,	16 05
Alfred Bonneau, 1,000 warrants, G. E.,	3 00
" 500 " O. H.,	1 75
" 500 " Sal.,	1 75
York Light and Heat Co., for gas supplied from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1,	5 80
Dayton T. Moore, recording 98 births, marriages and deaths,	14 70

Dayton T. Moore, recording City Cemetery deed to Boston,		50
Thompson and Decker, painting, lettering and numbering fixtures in City Armory Hall, labor and stock bill,		12 00
Tax sales, 1900,		449 57
Tax sales, 1901,		28 85
George B. Cutter, wood, Light Infantry Hall,		2 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, 3 dozen blanks,		1 50
“ “ “ “ 1 record abatement,		1 00
Dr. J. A. Lapointe, returning vital statistics, 1902,		48 00
Dr. J. O. Chenevert, “ “ “ “		35 50
Dr. A. C. Maynard, “ “ “ “		22 75
Dr. E. D. O'Neil, “ “ “ “		16 00
Dr. Henry Reny, “ “ “ “		14 00
Dr. E. A. Fortin, “ “ “ “		17 00
Dr. C. J. Emery, “ “ “ “		12 25
Dr. N. Thivierge, “ “ “ “		11 00
Dr. M. H. Ferguson, “ “ “ “		8 75
Dr. S. J. Bassford, “ “ “ “		7 00
Dr. D. A. McNally, “ “ “ “		6 75
Dr. D. F. Racicot, “ “ “ “		5 75
Dr. F. L. Davis, “ “ “ “		4 00
Dr. L. A. Brown, “ “ “ “		3 75
Dr. J. M. O'Connor, “ “ “ “		3 75
Dr. J. D. Cochrane, “ “ “ “		2 50
Dr. R. R. Menard, “ “ “ “		1 50
Dr. F. A. Ferguson, “ “ “ “		1 25
Dr. J. F. Trull, “ “ “ “		1 25
Dr. J. D. Haley, “ “ “ “		1 75
Dr. W. T. Goodale, “ “ “ “		1 00
Dr. F. E. Small, “ “ “ “		1 00
Dr. S. P. Graves, “ “ “ “		75
Dr. H. W. Hurd, “ “ “ “		50
Dr. W. J. Maybury, “ “ “ “		50
Dr. R. S. Graves, “ “ “ “		25
Dr. C. W. Pillsbury, “ “ “ “		25

Dr. L. E. Willard,	“	“	“	“	25
Dr. L. D. Dennett,	“	“	“	“	25
Dr. Alfred Salls,	“	“	“	“	25
Dr. C. L. Pike,	“	“	“	“	25
Dr. John Lord,	“	“	“	“	25
Dr. C. F. Kendall,	“	“	“	“	25
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co., use of telephone (city clerk),					1 90
H. G. Hutchinson, 1 Oliver typewriter ribbon,					1 00
“ 1 dating stamp (auditor),					75
“ 1 paper fastener,					1 50
M. V. Buker, fencing old burying ground on Pool road,					275 00
George A. Anthoine, 8 house numbers,					80
J. G. Garland, rent of Infantry hall, 3 months,					87 50
Biddeford Custom Laundry, towels for fifty weeks (city clerk),					5 00
C. H. Prescott, 500 large ward blanks, ruled to order,					9 50
C. H. Prescott, 1,000 blanks, registration of voter,					3 75
“ 1,000 warrants, sewers and drains,					3 00
“ 2,000 1-2 note circulars, personal taxes,					4 50
C. H. Prescott, 500 slips, cash warrants,					1 50
“ advertising present bills,					3 75
“ 1,000 1-4 bill heads, Board of Health (2 sides),					5 50
Ham & Anthoine, 1 mantle,					25
“ 6 complete Welsbach lamps,					6 00
N. W. Kendall, box envelopes,					60
“ 1-2 dozen penholders,					30
“ 5 books,					1 50
“ 2 books at 25c,					50
“ 2 sheets blotting,					10
“ 4 penholders,					40
“ 7 books,					1 75
“ tube paste,					10
“ 3 1-2 dozen pens,					30

N. W. Kendall, 4 lead pencils,	20
“ 2 tablets,	10
“ 1 quire paper,	20
“ envelopes,	10
“ 6 dozen pencils,	60
“ 6 “ “	60
“ 2 quires legal cap.,	40
“ 1 dozen pencils,	50
“ 3 tablets,	30
“ 3 “	15
“ 2 oz. rubber bands,	50
“ stamping ink,	15
“ bottle paste,	40
“ 4 oz. rubber bands,	1 00
“ clips,	04
“ blotting paper,	25
York Light and Heat Co., gas supplied from Dec. 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903,	3 00
Dayton T. Moore, recording 97 births, marriages and deaths,	14 55

Tax Collector's Report.

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:

Amount of tax levy for 1902,	\$178,251 20
Uncollected taxes due the city Jan. 31, 1902, on tax levy of 1901,	30,997 98
Uncollected taxes due the city Jan. 31, 1902, on tax of 1900,	2,955 43
Supplemental tax for 1902,	34 50
Supplemental tax for 1901,	45 00
Collected as interest on tax of 1902,	86 31
Collected as interest since Jan. 31, 1902, on tax of 1901,	1,365 17
Collected as interest since Jan. 31, 1902, on tax of 1900,	157 60
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	\$213,893 19
Paid City Treasurer Walker on tax of 1902, as per treas- urer's receipts,	148,800 00
Paid City Treasurer Walker on tax of 1901, as per treas- urer's receipts,	28,674 00
Paid City Treasurer Walker on tax of 1900, as per treas- urer's receipts,	2,720 00

Paid City Treasurer Walker interest on tax of 1902,	50 00
Paid City Treasurer Walker interest on tax of 1901,	1,350 00
Paid City Treasurer Walker interest on tax of 1900,	150 00
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city on tax of 1902,	29,485 70
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city on tax of 1901,	2,368 98
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city on tax of 1900,	235 43
Cash on hand and in bank,	59 08
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	\$213,893 19

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. GOODWIN,
Collector of Taxes.

Auditor's Report.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit a report of the receipts and expenditures in the various departments of the city for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1903.

FRED F. BEAUREGARD, Auditor.

DEPARTMENTS.	Appro'ns Including Transfers.	Receipts from other Sources.	Debit Balance.	Total Receipts.	Expended.	Credit Balance.
Bridges,	\$ 2,000 00			\$ 2,000 00	\$1,961 62	\$ 38 38
City Cemetery,	150 00	\$ 87 00		237 00	231 64	5 36
City Library,	2,000 00	87 39		2,087 39	2,087 39	
City Building,	750 00	3,412 37	1,716 45	4,162 37	5,878 82	
Contingent Fund,	5,000 00	337 00		5,337 00	5,247 25	89 75
Free Text Books,	700 00			700 00	699 10	90
Fire Department,	11,000 00	37 60		11,037 60	11,022 78	14 82
General Expense,	5,500 00	1,057 36		6,557 36	6,295 05	262 31
Health Department,	900 00	9,632 99		10,532 99	10,441 56	91 43
Highways, District No 4,	6,000 00	24 95		6,024 95	5,979 89	45 06
" Fortunes Rocks,	500 00			500 00	480 37	19 63
" Hollis Road,	375 00			375 00	350 39	24 61
" Kennebunk Road,	200 00			200 00	191 00	9 00
" Newtown District,	450 00	85		450 85	439 43	11 42
" Oak Ridge,	450 00			450 00	409 40	40 60
" Pool District,	425 00			425 00	344 71	80 29
" River Road, East,	450 00			450 00	350 92	99 08
" " West,	600 00			600 00	565 68	34 32
" Ward 7, North,	250 00			250 00	232 37	17 63
" " 7, East,	700 00			700 00	643 35	56 65
" " 7, West,	450 00			450 00	432 92	17 08
Hydrants,	3,900 00			3,900 00	3,900 00	
In sane,	3,000 00	48 24		3,048 24	3,048 24	
Interest,	13,500 00	1,550 00		15,050 00	14,786 23	263 77
Macadamizing,	3,500 00	13 28		3,513 28	3,480 97	32 31
Main Street Bridge,		*165 48		165 48	100 00	65 48
Mile Brook Sewer,	4,750 00	*755 80		5,505 80	4,237 79	1,268 01
New Streets,	1,000 00			1,000 00	880 95	119 05
Opera House,		3,010 00		3,010 00	1,746 03	1,263 97
Pauper Department,	11,500 00	262 73		11,762 73	11,673 21	89 52
Police,	7,500 00			7,500 00	7,430 75	69 25
Pool Fire Department,	2,000 00			2,000 00	1,898 34	101 66
Reduction of City Debt,	10,000 00			10,000 00	10,000 00	
Reform School,	400 00			400 00	400 00	
Salaries,	6,000 00			6,000 00	6,000 00	
Schools,	15,450 00	16,441 48		31,891 48	31,632 99	258 49
Sewers and Drains,	4,000 00	1,740 00		5,740 00	5,645 70	94 30
Sidewalks,	4,500 00	8 00		4,508 00	4,492 01	15 99
Street Lights,	11,000 00			11,000 00	10,987 08	12 92
Stone Crusher,	2,000 00			2,000 00	1,827 71	172 29
	\$143,015 48	\$38,507 04	\$1,716 45	\$181,522 52	\$178,453 64	\$4,785 33

*Balance February, 1902.

Report of City Physician.

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

GENTLEMEN: — I submit my report concerning the medical branch of the pauper department for the municipal year ending January 31, 1903:

Before proceeding with details it is my desire to thank the able and conscientious clerk of the poor, who has endeavored in every way to assist me in rendering surgical and medical aid to the worthy poor of this city and to strangers who had to receive prompt assistance, whether the sufferer lived in the heart of the city, or fifteen miles in the forest, or aboard vessels in the harbor.

The number of visits made to the City Farm was 109; average number of visits to each patient, 5; total number of visits, 545. The number of patients attended in the street department was 99; average number of visits each, 7; total number of visits, 693. Consultations given at the office, 145; inspection of contagious diseases, 22; whole number of patients treated, 1,405.

Diseases treated since March 18, 1902:

DISEASE	CITY FARM	STREET DEPT.
Abscess strumous,	0	1
Anæmia,	1	5
Asthma, bronchial,	1	0
“ nervous,	0	2
Ascaris lum	1	0
Bronchitis, acute,	4	0
“ chronic,	0	3

Bilious attack,	I	0
Carbuncle,	I	0
Cephalitis, acute,	I	I
" chronic,	0	I
" neuralgic,	0	2
Child birth,	I	6
Cholera Infantum,	2	0
Costiveness, chronic,	I	0
Cystitis,	2	0
Debility, senile,	3	2
" general,	2	I
" infantile,	0	2
" nervous,	0	2
Delirium Tremens,	0	4
Dementia,	I	0
Dropsy Cardiac,	I	0
" cirrhoses of liver,	0	2
" senile,	I	0
Dyspepsia,	I	I
Eunaresis,	I	I
Eczema, 15 years' standing,	I	0
" 4 " "	I	0
" infantile,	0	I
Fever, ill defined,	0	2
" infantile,	3	0
" typhoid,	0	12
" bilious,	0	2
Fractured wrist,	0	I
" leg,	0	I
" knee cap,	0	I
Gastritis,	5	4
Gastro Enterites,	0	I
Hernia,	0	I
Insanity,	0	2
Insolation,	0	I
Inflammatory Rheumatism,	I	I
Inflammation chronic of the spi- nous process of cervical vertebra,	I	0

Jaundice, atrophy of liver,	1	0
Luxation of Elbow,	0	1
Laceration of os uteri, needing surgical operation,	0	1
Measles,	0	4
Metritis,	0	1
Nervous Depression,	0	1
Pneumonia, acute,	1	0
" bronchial,	0	1
" lobular,	0	2
Phthisis Pulmonalis,	0	6
Paralysis,	2	0
Pleuresis,	0	1
Puerperal affection,	0	1
Softening of the Brain,	1	0
Torpidity of the Liver,	1	0
Tumor Carcinoma,	0	1
Ulcerated Tooth,	1	0
" " with septæmia,	0	1
Vaginitis,	1	3
Wound contused,	1	1
" incised,	1	0
Yellow Atrophy of the Liver,	0	1
Surgical operations,	0	11

Number of child births at City Farm, 1 ; number of child births in street department, 6 ; total number of births, 7. Three of the last six died of infantile debility due, 1st, to accident to mother during gestation ; 2nd, constitutional disease of mother ; 3rd, consumption, disease of mother

Number of deaths at the City Farm, 4 :

DATE	SEX	AGE	CAUSE
March 18,	male	51 yrs.	Locomotor ataxia
April 4,	female	52 yrs.	Pneumonia
August 24,	"	62 yrs.	Dementia
October 22,	male	72 yrs.	Softening of the brain

The first case was dying when I took charge of the institution.

Number of deaths in the street department, 11 :

DATE	SEX	AGE	CAUSE
July 27,	female	15 yrs.	Typhoid fever
Aug. 3,	male	1 m. 21 d.	Infantile debility
Aug. 4,	female	1 m. 15 d.	Cholera Infantum
Aug. 9,	"	17 yrs. 2 m.	Typhoid fever
Sept. 17,	male	9 m.	Infantile debility
Oct. 8,	female	4 m.	" "
Oct. 17,	male	69 yrs.	Cirrhosis of liver, dropsy
Nov. 7,	female	35 yrs.	Phthisis pulmo
Nov. 19,	"	38 yrs.	Cirrhosis of liver, dropsy
Nov. 19,	male	43 yrs.	Phthisis, brought on by goitre
Dec. 3,	"	77 yrs.	Atrophy of the liver

Outside of the three cases of infantile debility, which could not be expected to live on account of gestative complications by accident and constitutional diseases of the mothers, there were two cases that were in the last stages of consumption when I was ordered to take care of them. One of the typhoid fever cases was a hopeless one. The patient had been sick for six weeks, was delirious and had had several intestinal hemorrhages the night before I took charge of her treatment.

During the year it was suggested to me that I was extravagant in the expenses of medicines and tonics. After serious research by the city auditor, it was found that the medical bill of my department was ten dollars a month less than that of last year under Dr. F. L. Davis.

In regard to the use of tonic my motto is: In alimentis medicamenta sunt. "Drugs are used only as a relief." Experience proves that it is the scientific predigested aliment in a liquid-tonic form, that gives the animal power of resistance until the sickness subsides and the patient has the strength to use solid food. But after due consideration and the express wishes of the clerk of the poor to try to reduce the expenses without taking chances to let the patients suffer, it was decided, since I was willing to do the extra work, to put up my own prescriptions, and by so doing we succeeded in giving perfect

satisfaction to the economic administration, as well as to the suffering poor. The following figures will speak for themselves:

The number of medical attendance, outside of the office consultations and infectious diseases inspections, were 1,238; average number prescriptions given to each attendance, 1 1-2; whole number of prescriptions given, 1,857; cost of each prescription, 50 cents, 3 mills, making a total of \$934.50.

There are two surgical operations not included in the above statement. One is expected to be paid for by the corporation where the patient was employed when the accident occurred. It is expected that the expense of the other case will be settled by the family of the patient.

The expenses of the eleven cases of typhoid fever have been large on account of the high price of disinfectants, which cost almost as much as the medicine; however, we are fortunate to have kept in check the terribly contagious disease, for of all the eleven patients treated, not a single case occurred outside the tenement where we took charge of the first one.

One case of the same disease was treated in Brunswick at a cost of \$85.50. Had the cases taken care of here cost the same rate, \$935 would have been the expenses for those typhoid cases, or a sum almost equal to the whole medicine bill of the present administration.

The poor are the Lord's friends. If I had any suggestion to give to the government, which is the people, I should say, keep the pauper department aloof from political influence and intrigues.

It is with pleasure that I take the opportunity to present my thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dearborn for the assistance they have given me during the time I have taken care of those who were inmates of the city farm.

Respectfully submitted,

N. THIVIERGE,

City Physician.

Report of Chief Engineer.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN :— In accordance with the provisions of the city ordinances, I have the honor to submit my third annual report as chief of the Fire Department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1903. The report embraces the organization of the department, a list of all fires and alarms which have occurred during the year, the condition of all apparatus, buildings and horses belonging to the department, the location of fire-alarm boxes and hydrants and other matter pertaining to the department.

ORGANIZATION.

Chief Engineer—Benjamin Goodier.

1st Assistant—David L. Mulcahy.

2nd Assistant—John Mundy.

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,

Alec Lausier,

John Berry,

George Bryant,

Edward Stackpole,

Israel Velandre,

Thomas Lumb,

Wilbur Emmons.

EBEN SIMPSON CO., NO. 2.

Foreman—Thomas Kennicks.
 Assistant Foreman—Almon Hill.
 Clerk—John M. Whelan.
 Engineer—Erwin S. Gowen.
 Fireman—Edward J. Sullivan.
 Driver of Hose Wagon—Clarence Hooper.
 Sub. Driver of Steamer—Leon Cote.

PIPE AND HOSEMEN.

James McConnell,	Warren Fuller,
William Fanning,	Jere Sullivan,
John Keithley,	Arthur L. Sellars,
John Farley,	Alphonse Houle,
Frank D. Heiser.	

WELCOME HOOK AND LADDER CO., No. 1.

Foreman—Sumner R. Fowler.
 Assistant Foreman—Gideon Hotte.
 Clerk—Herbert E. Brooks.
 Driver—George H. Hooper.

AXE AND LADDERMEN.

James E. Gowen,	George E. Townsend,
George P. Nickerson,	Joseph T. Cote,
William A. Bretton,	Joseph Faucher,
Fred Hotte,	Harry L. Tarr,
Edward G. Rice.	

TIGER CO., NO. 1, BIDDEFORD POOL.

Foreman—E. W. Goldthwaite.
 1st Assistant—Clarence Goldthwait.
 2nd Assistant—Kelton Fowle.
 Clerk—John Wildes.
 Treasurer—Albert Goldthwaite.

HOSEMEN.

K. E. Fowle,	John Wildes,
Harry Legallee.	

S. HOSEMEN.

D. Clinton Eayrs, Herbert L. Curtis,
Edward Cole.

AXE MEN.

Wright Goldthwaite, Thomas McKenney,
Herman P. Goldthwaite.

POLE MEN.

Ralph Goldthwaite, Freeman Dyer,
Freeland Benson.

LADDER MEN.

John Amber, Jr., I. S. Milgate,
Wallace Rich, Basil Verrill,
Gilbert Goldthwaite, George Orcutt,
Abram Davis, Charles O. Verrill.

BRAKEMEN.

Charles Hill, Roscoe Emmons,
James Goldthwaite, Frank L. Goldthwaite,
Horace Evans, Thomas B. Webber,
George Drown, O. B. Edwards,
F. W. Hussey, Charlie Verrill,
Freemont K. Tarbox, Truman P. Goldthwaite,
Atwood Bruell, Henry O. Ainslie,
Waldo S. Verrill, William S. Mitchell,
Charles Goldthwaite, Edward Quinney,
George Goldthwaite, Louis C. Totman,
Walter Legallee, Edward A. Leavitt,
Fred Goldthwaite, Jacob S. Verrill,
Allan Hussey, William W. Rich,
Walter Church, Joseph Edwards,
Guy M. Cole, Charles W. Willard,
James S. Fletcher, Henry Woodbury.

HORSES.

There are six horses in the department, and they are in very good condition.

APPARATUS.

There is in the department two steam fire engines, two hose wagons, two hose pungs, two hose reels, one hook and ladder truck and one hand tub, which has been purchased this year for the Pool District, and they are all in fair condition, except the ladder truck, to which I refer you to my last report.

CARTS AND SLEDS.

There are two dump carts and one pair of sleds and two pairs of work harnesses, which are used for gathering the city waste.

HOSE.

There are about 5,000 feet of hose in the department, which is a small amount, especially if we should have a large fire to handle. I would recommend the purchase of a thousand feet at once.

APPROPRIATION.

The appropriation for this year was \$11,000, of which \$1,100 was transferred to the Health Department, owing to the epidemic of small pox.

ADDITIONS THIS YEAR.

There has been one new box, No. 23, placed in the Deering Lumber Co.'s plant and one new hydrant at the junction of Acorn and Oak Sts., and there has been purchased by the city a hand engine for the Pool District, and a new house has been built for it at the Pool, for which the City Council appropriated the sum of two thousand dollars for house and apparatus, and I wish to say that the fire committee who had charge of the erection of the building are entitled to a great deal of praise for the handsome quarters that have been erected by them.

REMARKS.

I wish to call the attention of the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen to the serious conditions that confront the chief in regard to high buildings. There are quite a large number of three and four story buildings, some of which are used for tenements and some for schools, that are entirely un-

provided with fire escapes, and should a fire break out in any of these buildings the occupants would be seriously endangered. The statutes provide that on all buildings of three stories and over there shall be a suitable fire-escape, and I have notified the owners to that effect, but as yet they have taken no steps in the matter and I hereby call your attention to the matter, as the law directs.

There have been thirty-nine fires and alarms this year, none of which have been very large, in fact the loss has been smaller this year than for a number of years past. The fires and the location of them and the boxes that have been sounded are as follows :

FIRES AND ALARMS.

Feb. 11, 1902, 5 a. m.—Guinea road farm building owned by J. C. Johnson ; cause unknown.

March 3, 1902, 6.40 a. m., box 26—271 Main street, building owned Dr. Sawyer estate ; overheated stove pipe.

March 5, 1902, 11.40 p. m.—266 Main street, building owned by L. W. Stone ; cause, chimney on fire ; still alarm.

March 18, 1902, 10.20 a. m., box 27—304 Main street, building owned by Saco Water Power Co. ; cause unknown.

March 23, 1902, 6.15 p. m., box 54—In rear of 182 Main street, alarm caused by fire in a lot of rubbish in rear of Savings Bank Building.

March 26, 1902, 9.30 p. m., box 46—28 Foss street, building owned by Mrs. Ada Edgecomb ; cause unknown.

April 5, 1902, 1.30 p. m.—Still alarm caused by fire at Calderwood's dump.

April 29, 1902, 7.40 p. m., box 43—No. 4 Clark street, building owned by Israel Vally estate ; cause, lamp upset.

May 6, 1902, 1.25 p. m., box 26—209 and 211 Bradbury street, owned by Jere G. Shaw ; cause, boys playing with matches.

May 6, 1902, 10.30 p. m.—Still alarm ; cause, rubbish in rear of W. E. Youland's.

May 13, 1902, 5.15 p. m., box 27—294 Main street,

building owned by Cornelius Horigan ; cause, children and matches.

May 20, 1902, 8.40 p. m., box 54—Building owned by Dr. F. S. Warren ; cause, oil stove upset.

June 6, 1902, 6.05 a. m., box 25—No. 7 Gooch street, building owned by Bryant heirs ; cause, smoking in bed.

July 5, 1902, 6.55 p. m., box 54—Building owned by Pepperell Mfg. Co. ; cause, spontaneous combustion.

July 13, 1902, 3 a. m., box 58—No. 20 Water street, building owned by Maxwell & Mahoney ; cause unknown.

Aug. 2, 1902, 2 p. m., box 25—No. 9 Hooper street, building owned by Mrs. Martha Woodman ; cause, sparks from locomotive.

Aug. 6, 1902, 1.50 p. m., box 56—29 Franklin street, building owned by Hiram Dolby ; cause unknown.

Aug. 7, 1902, 10.07 a. m., box 34—120 Elm street, building owned by Irving Cleaves ; cause, children with matches.

Aug. 9, 1902, 1.30 p. m., box 25—No. 9 Gooch street ; the 8-year-old daughter of Time Alle was burned to death.

Aug. 23, 1902, 3 p. m., box 56—No. 113 Main street, building owned by J. G. Garland ; cause unknown.

Sept. 4, 1902, 3 p. m., box 57—No. 26 Laconia boarding house, building owned by Pepperell Mfg. Co. ; cause, fire in bunch of shavings.

Sept. 19, 1902, 10 p. m.—Pool road farm buildings owned by Adolphus Roux ; cause unknown.

Sept. 29, 1902, 2.30 p. m., box 49—15 Bacon street, building owned by B. F. Day ; cause, lamp upset.

Oct. 10, 1902, 10 a. m., box 54—No. 4 South street, building owned by Simon Newcomb ; cause, sparks from chimney.

Oct. 18, 1902, 8 p. m.—12 Jefferton street, still alarm, building owned by Dr. F. S. Warren ; cause, chimney on fire.

Oct. 25, 1902, 10.20 p. m., box 56—No. 24 Washington street, building owned by J. G. Brackett ; cause unknown.

Oct. 29, 1902, 5.55 p. m., box 36—48 May street, building owned by J. B. Laplante ; cause unknown.

Oct. 31, 1902, 3.15 a. m., box 47—49 and 51 Pike street, building owned by John B. Donovan; cause unknown.

Nov. 3, 1902, 3 p. m., box 26—214 Main street; alarm caused by a lot of rubbish in stove on fire and no pipe on stove.

Nov. 17, 1902, 5.35 p. m., box 27—Eastern Division Station, fire on roof; cause, sparks from locomotive.

Nov. 18, 1902, 8.30 p. m.—71 Main street, still alarm, caused by chimney being stopped up, J. M. Goodwin, owner.

Dec. 4, 1902, 7.45 p. m., box 57—26 Franklin street, building owned by George Smith; cause unknown.

Dec. 8, 1902, 8.25 a. m., box 26—271 Main street, building owned by Dr. Sawyer estate; cause, over-heated stove pipe.

Jan. 7, 1903, 6.30 p. m., box 25—Gooch street, building owned by Bryant heirs; cause, oil stove upset.

Jan. 11, 1903, 6.30 p. m.—Still alarm, 18 Summer street, George Keniston, owner; cause, chimney on fire.

Jan. 20, 1903, 6.45 a. m., box 25—No. 3 Pine street, building owned by John Cantilon heirs; cause, over-heated stove.

Jan. 23, 1903, 8.40 a. m., box 43—No. 85 Alfred street, building owned by Louis Cote; cause, hot ashes.

Jan. 25, 1903, 6.15 a. m., box 45—Pest house, owned by the city; cause unknown.

Jan. 26, 1903, 5.50 p. m., box 49—No. 15 High street, building owned by A. A. Wakefield.

FIRE-ALARM BOXES.

- No. 12 No-school signal.
- 23 Deering Lumber Co.
- 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.

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- 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.

- 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.

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- 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.
 - 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. Wormwood.
- 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.
- 68 Corner of Acorn and Oak streets.

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.

Street Commissioner's Report.

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

GENTLEMEN : — In submitting to you my report for the past year, the more I feel the responsibility of the expenditures of so large a sum of money, still the appropriation seems small when compared with the amount of work needed to be done.

I want to thank the mayor and members of the street committee for their advice and interest at all times in this department.

The department is now well equipped with steam machinery, having a crusher plant, a steam drill and boiler and hoisting engine, all purchased this year.

Nothing adds more to the attractiveness of a city than clean and well-kept streets. We have tried to make this a feature of this department. The paving has been swept twice each week, and the sewer pockets cleaned out twice each month, so that the sanitary conditions have been as nearly perfect as possible. Three thousand five hundred loads of gravel have been put on the streets, principally on Elm, Alfred, Prospect, West, South, Green, Kossuth, Oak, Hooper, Vetromile, Hill, Emery, Sullivan, High and other places.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

More sewers have been constructed this season than for a number of years. A connecting sewer at the junction of Alfred and Main street was put in early in the year, which helped a long-standing evil. This sewer was 150 feet long, built of brick, 2 feet inside ; King street sewer, 250 feet 12-inch pipe ; Pike street sewer, 225 feet 12-inch pipe. The bal-

ance of this sewer, 200 feet, should be built next year. Middle street sewer, 150 feet 10-inch pipe; extension Bradbury street sewer, 200 feet 12-inch pipe; Gove street sewer, 100 feet 10-inch pipe. The Elm street sewer was completed this year with 1,000 feet 15-inch pipe, with sewer pockets to connect, and efficiently drained that locality; South street sewer, 1,050 feet 8-inch pipe. The balance of this sewer, 250 feet, must be built before the sewer is of any benefit. Beacon avenue sewer, 250 feet 10-inch pipe; 100 feet of the Graham street sewer was lowered to grade. This is an expensive job, but should be completed next season. Two hundred feet of the sewer running across fields from Hill street to Granite street was rebuilt this year, the old sewer being much too small, and was replaced with a plank sewer 4 feet inside. A heavy rain in the fall caused much damage to the sewers, nearly every main sewer in town being burst open.

MACADAMIZING.

It has been successfully demonstrated that it was a wise move on the part of the city to purchase and operate a plant of its own. Previous to this year no macadam was put on the streets less than two dollars per ton. This year it has been put on at a cost of one dollar per ton. The city now has as good a plant as any in the State, conveniently located and with unlimited material right at the crusher. This plant should be worked all the season, as at the cost which the city can now produce macadam it is by far the best and also the cheapest material that can be used in road building, and should there be a surplus manufactured, ready sale could be found for it at a good profit to the city. Two streets were macadamized—Bacon street its entire length, 1,700 feet; Gooch street, 1,200 feet; total, 2,900 feet.

BRIDGES.

The city will probably be obliged to replace its half of the Somesville bridge this season. This is the last of the wooden bridges in the city, and should be replaced by an iron structure. The other bridges are in good condition, all having been replanked this season.

MILE BROOK.

Three hundred feet of the most difficult part of this sewer was built this season. The greatest depth was 25 feet. Ledge was encountered nearly all the distance.

Out of the appropriation a hoisting engine was bought which will be a great benefit to the department for years to come. We have on hand 40 yards of stone, all paid for, and \$1,268 of the appropriation left. Would advise that work be resumed on this sewer early in the spring.

NEW STREETS.

Three hundred feet of Brackett street was built this year at a cost of \$300, a small part remaining to be built. This should be finished, and the proposed street running from West Myrtle street to Brackett street would be a great accommodation to the public.

SIDEWALKS.

There is no branch of the street department that should secure more attention than side and cross walks. This year new brick walks have been built in the following places: on Elm street from Andrew's store to Cutts street, 700 feet in length, using 30,000 bricks; on Main street at Marcille building, 150 feet; on Bacon street at Roussin's new block, 75 feet; on Sullivan, Bacon and High streets at St. Andrew's church, 650 feet, using 25,000 bricks; on Alfred street at Nos. 49 and 51 and Nos. 36 and 38; new concrete walks at Union, Pool, Oak and Sullivan streets, 400 feet. Sidewalks have been repaired on the following streets: Main, Lincoln, South, Elm, Centre and Alfred; old bricks relaid and new bricks furnished when needed.

CURB STONE.

New curb stone has been set at the following places: St. Andrew's church, 550 feet; Union, 300 feet; Bacon avenue, 200 feet; total, 1,050 feet. Curb stone re-set on Lincoln, Alfred, Main, Elm, South, Oak, Pool, Centre; total, 1,000 feet. New gravel and ash sidewalks at the following places: Prospect, Winter, extension of Summer and Granite streets. In

addition 800 loads of ashes have been used in repairing the sidewalks of the city.

CROSSWALKS.

New crosswalks have been put in at : No. 1, corner Potter and Prospect streets ; No. 2, corner Summer and Fall streets ; No. 3, corner Birch and Foss streets ; No. 4, corner Mt. Vernon and Foss streets ; No. 5, corner Birch and Hill streets ; No. 6, corner Jefferson and Adams streets ; No. 7, corner South and Kossuth streets ; No. 8, corner Green and South streets ; No. 9, Elm street at St. Joseph's church ; No. 10, South at May street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A large and unsightly ledge on May street at the Trull Hospital was removed and the stone used to grade Prospect street, near residence of Henry Wakefield. The culvert on Granite street, near house of Mr. Whitehead, was enlarged to twice its former capacity, and the Whitehead buildings were leveled up and repairs made, for which damage had been demanded from the city. The watering trough at Summer street was removed from center of street to westerly side. Thirty-five sewer pockets with patent traps were put in at different places.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BYRON CAMPBELL,

Street Commissioner.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

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

GENTLEMEN:— I hereby submit to you the report of the Pauper Department for the year ending January 31, 1903:

During the past year the department has been favored from the fact that those who are willing to work have had plenty of opportunity for employment. Many applications made to me I have been unable to meet.

The small pox has caused some extra expense to the department of about one hundred dollars.

The usual demands for food, fuel, clothing, burials and transportation have been met in a way that none have suffered. Many calls have been denied, but not until after investigation in each case.

In reporting the number who have received aid, I have departed from the course of my predecessors. Instead of reporting the number helped month by month, I have given the number for the year, as the former method reports the same individual, in many cases twelve times, and shows the number who have received aid to be over eleven per cent of our population as paupers, which will be seen to be totally absurd.

I find the number who have received aid from the three several departments of street, farm and medical to be 383. The expenses of these departments have been, month by month, as follows:

1902.	Street.	Farm	Medical.	Total.
February,	\$450 79	\$501 57	\$37 50	\$989 86
March,	613 29	344 13	49 36	1,006 18
April,	449 96	444 48	156 74	1,051 78
May,	493 08	405 48	37 50	936 06

June,	447 90	577 93	161 20	1,187 03
July,	423 44	517 48	102 73	1,043 65
August,	432 71	447 21	185 01	1,064 93
September,	349 37	353 38	152 00	854 75
October,	380 16	520 96	83 83	984 95
November,	636 87	434 86	68 55	867 28
December,	443 25	368 61	112 10	923 96
January, '03,	449 51	409 26	130 37	989 14
	<u>\$5,297 33</u>	<u>\$5,325 35</u>	<u>\$1,276 89</u>	<u>\$11,899 57</u>
Appropriated by City Council,				\$11,500 00
Credits,				262 73
Total receipts,				<u>\$11,762 73</u>
Total expenses,				<u>\$11,899 57</u>
Overdraft,				\$136 84

Expenses for 1901 were as follows:

Street, \$5,742.76; farm, \$4,481 23; medical, \$1,063.14; total, \$11,287.32, showing the expenses this year to exceed those of last year by \$612.25. In explanation of this increase I report:

Bills paid for 1901 and prior thereto,	\$220 00
Repairs on stable,	280 00
New tools and repairs on wagons,	125 00
Two cows,	62 00
Insurance for 1904-'05,	80 00
Wood on hand,	200 00
Total,	<u>\$967 00</u>

There are a very few bills unpaid, but the amount of each has been ascertained and charged against the department, thus freeing the department from every financial obligation at the beginning of the year, Feb. 1, 1903. There is one bill of the town of Dayton that we may have to pay, but the relatives of the person have paid a portion of the expense, and we are hoping they will pay the balance.

Repairs were made upon the stable after a thorough in-

vestigation by the board, who found the cellar walls and floors very dangerous and liable to collapse at any time. The most of the wall was demolished and relaid in a thorough manner, and new timbers and flooring put in. The basement has been fitted up for the hens, and a piggery with a run and pens outside for the swine. This makes a much better place for them, and has given an opportunity to demolish the old building where they were formerly kept, which for a long time has been a nuisance. These changes, as above, cost \$280.

We have bought a new cultivator and hayrack and have had the farm wagons thoroughly repaired. One cow was exchanged and a new one purchased, and one raised upon the farm, giving eight head in place of six last year. We had no wood and had to purchase from week to week. We were fortunate in getting a good supply in the summer before the advance in price. This, with some cut on the farm, will last well into the spring. The three-year term of the insurance upon the buildings expired in September and November, and we have had the insurance renewed and paid up to September and November, 1905.

The number of inmates at the farm Feb. 1,

1902, were	52	
Admitted during year,	7	
	—	
Total,		59
Died,	6	
Dismissed,	6	
	—	
		12
		—
February 1, 1903, number,		47

Stock on the farm :

Cows,	- - - - -	8
Horses,	- - - - -	3
Hogs,	- - - - -	6
Hens,	- - - - -	40

Products of the farm :

Grain,	- - - - -	186 bushels
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Potatoes,	-	-	-	-	600	“
Beets,	-	-	-	-	50	“
Onions,	-	-	-	-	30	“
Beans,	-	-	-	-	16	“
Turnips,	-	-	-	-	35	“
Hay,	-	-	-	-	50 tons	
Cabbage,	-	-	-	-	8,000 lbs.	

What is needed briefly: New timbers and floors in the hay barn and newer part of almshouse, and new top floors in the inmates' part of the almshouse. These floors are worn through in many places and partly through the under floor in quite a few places and need immediate attention. A larger chimney for the boiler. In my opinion the cost of this change would be saved in one year by the less amount of fuel required. A new soil pipe from the house to the brook. The big barn and old almshouse badly need shingling. Every one of the repairs and changes ought to be made this year, and in the very near future a new pair of horses will have to be procured.

I think the city fortunate in the employment of Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn. I have found them attentive to their duties and obliging in every way.

I wish also to commend our city physician. In Dr. Thivierge I have ever found one willing to aid me in every way, not only in those duties which strictly belong to him, but, having occasion many times to require help among our French population, he has always been ready to aid me. There was some criticism of the administration of his office at the beginning of his term, but in my judgment he was giving the city of his best ability, and as soon as he became familiar with the requirements and duties, a marked improvement was noticeable. Some idea of his many duties and services may be learned through his report.

Thanking the members of the Board for their hearty cooperation, I remain

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. E. HUSSEY,

Clerk Overseers of Poor.

Report of Board of Health.

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

GENTLEMEN:— Although the year just closed may have been somewhat costly to this department, it certainly teaches us a valuable lesson, which should be put in immediate practice for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the city and in line with the best governed cities in this State.

The need of a brick hospital building is apparent, and it should be built this year on the farm, made as near fireproof as possible and enclosed by a high fence. A telephone should be installed therein and a guardian without pay should occupy it with his family as a dwelling house, when not in public use.

The sanitary condition of our city has, in years past, been somewhat improved, and the year just ended shows more than ordinary improvements. More sewers have been built in various parts of the city, others have been repaired or rebuilt properly and the work on the Mile Brook sewer, so called, has progressed satisfactorily. A good number of property owners have taken advantage of these ameliorations. Forty-nine nuisances have been reported, thirty-eight of which have been abated. A constant inspection of yards and cellars has been carried on through the year.

The Board recommends the propriety of building a large sewer outlet in the lower part of the city, on Water street, for instance, so as to accommodate the excess sewage from the hills.

Contagious diseases have been somewhat prevalent the past year, as shown below:

Disease.	No. Cases,	Places Infected.
Scarlet fever,	16	12
Typhoid fever,	44	40
Small pox,	105	80
Diphtheria,	7	6

Diphtheria anti-toxine has been furnished free to four families affected by that merciless disease.

Unfortunately small pox in a light form had been in Biddeford some time when it was discovered on October 24th, and a large number of persons had been exposed. The Board of Health, realizing the seriousness of the situation and knowing that isolation, detention, vaccination and disinfection were the only means to eradicate this pest, promptly set to work and at a cost of some \$3,800 provided a Small Pox Hospital, part of which was formally opened the 6th day of November. The efficient services of J. A. Lapointe, M. D., were secured to give the patients proper medical care and with Dr. C. J. Emery of the Board to inspect and report all suspicious cases to be quarantined by police guards. The disinfection was placed in charge of a competent physician. The E. C. Luques tenements at White's Wharf were leased as a detention for the consideration of \$100 per month, and vaccination was made as compulsory as possible, bringing that dreadful disease under control.

On the 25th of January at about 6 a. m. we had the misfortune to lose the Small Pox Hospital by a fire that swept the entire plant to the ground, all the inmates (42) escaping without any serious results.

Owing to the consequences due to the prevalence of small pox during the winter ending, the health officers recommend that hereafter all privies and vaults be cleaned by some deodorizing and disinfecting process, instead of as formerly.

In order to give the necessary attention to the sanitary condition of our city, a member of the Board of Health should be paid enough so that he could give his entire time, and the removal or disposition of all garbage, swill, etc., should be under the immediate charge of the Health Department.

Respectfully submitted,

NARCISSE P. RENOUF,

Secretary Board of Health.

Report of City Solicitor.

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

GENTLEMEN:— In submitting my report as city solicitor for the year of 1902, I am pleased to state that no actions at law or equity involving large amounts of money have been begun during my present term.

Mrs. Sarah J. Curtis has entered in the Supreme Judicial Court an appeal from the award of damages for the laying out over her land of the new road at Fortunes Rocks. This, however, involves only a comparatively small sum, and, in my opinion, it will be found when a hearing is had that she has already been awarded damages fully compensating her for any injury done.

The pending "Cote cases" are now one step nearer their end. They have been referred to Chief Justice Wiswell, who will decide them without the intervention of a jury. He will hear the evidence in time to return his finding to the May term of court, that they may go to the July law term. I am satisfied that the final decision will be favorable to the city.

Among the more important matters arising during the year, requiring my services, were the question arising from the use of the school house lot at the Pool for the purposes of fire engine house, and the purchase by the city of the lot where the Small Pox Hospital was located. From the latter act it appeared at one time that a law suit might result, owing to the question as to the city's right of way over land of Mr. Charles H. Andrews. None has yet been begun, however, and I believe that calmer judgment has prevailed, as the question seems to have been before settled by judicial decision.

On a multitude of other occasions has it been thought

advisable by city officials to consult me as to the legality of various acts and the rights of different departments. In a number of cases I have been asked to render written opinions, which I prepared with considerable care. These requests have come even from the school board, which was anxious to determine the legality of different courses of action

I feel that in closing I may with propriety say that I believe it to be a grave injustice to the legal profession to ask one of their number to give the time and study necessary to correctly answer the legal questions asked him, which the city solicitor has to do for the small compensation paid by the city. Is it any the less true in this profession than in other lines of work that "the laborer is worthy of his hire"?

I wish to thank all those who have had occasion to consult me during the year for their uniform courtesy.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BURNHAM,

City Solicitor.

Public Library.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE :

GENTLEMEN : — The report of the Public Library for the year ending January 31, 1903, is respectfully submitted.

The average weekly circulation was 319 volumes. The largest circulation of any week was 497 volumes in February. The smallest was 176 volumes in August.

Eighty-one new cards were issued. Before removal 40 new books were added; 18 were given, 22 were purchased. There have been 42 books repaired and 30 withdrawn.

No books have been lost through circulation this year, and all that were considered lost have been returned with only the cost of express to the library.

Gifts have been received from Mrs. E. M. Tatterson, Mr. J. M. Murphy, Mr. J. W. Smith of Andover, Mr. G. H. Smyth, Mr. J. H. Hyde and Master Edmond Sancire. The International Dictionary was presented by the Wentworth Street Third Primary School, Mrs. Annette Hooper, teacher. Eight books that were left unsold at the McArthur Library Fair were given to the Public Library.

The books were called in the first of September, and the 12th of September the City Council voted, at a special meeting called for that purpose, to turn the management of the Public Library over to the trustees of the Biddeford Library and Reading Room Association.

The McArthur Library building was ready and the removal of the books was begun the 15th of September. Since the removal 70 bound volumes of magazines have been added, and 42 books have been repaired.

The city appropriated a larger sum for library purposes

this year than ever before, allowing for the increased expenditure necessary for carrying on the library work.

In October a list of 225 books were added, many of them expensive reference books. A list of French books has been ordered, but has not yet been received.

The work of cataloguing the library according to the Dewey system of Decimal Classification has been going on for several months, and although not yet finished, good progress has been made.

EMMA HATCH, Librarian.

Report of Board of Police.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD :

GENTLEMEN : — The Board of Police of the city of Biddeford has the honor to submit its annual report to the City Council for the year ending January 31, 1903.

The police force consists of the following officers : one chief of police, one captain of police, six patrolmen, two janitors, ten reserve officers, ten special officers for special duty without pay.

According to the report of the chief of police, Charles B. Harmon, submitted to this board, the number of arrests made by the officers of this department for the year ending January 31, 1903, were 587 ; of that number 429 were for intoxication, 42 for tramps, 33 for assault, 25 for larceny, 25 for affray and 33 for various minor offences.

The appropriation by the City Council for the year 1902 was \$7,500, and the expenditures have been \$7,430.75, leaving a balance unexpended of \$69.25.

We have nothing to add or to change in our reports made in the past nine years. The work of the department has been performed in a satisfactory manner. Peace and good order has been maintained at all times, and we think the people of our city are fairly well satisfied with the conditions as they exist.

E. H. BANKS, } Board
JAMES F. TARR, } of
JOSEPH GOOCH, } Police.

MAYORS OF THE CITY FROM 1855 TO DATE.

- 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.
1903, Joseph Gooch, Citizens and Rep.