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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

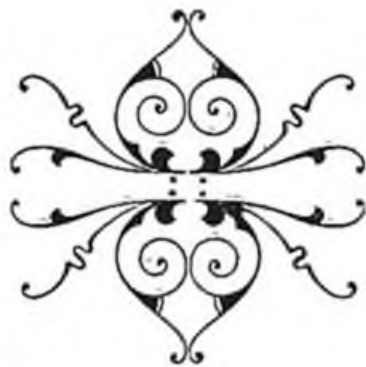
# City of Biddeford,

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1904,

TOGETHER WITH THE

**MAYOR'S ADDRESS.**



FROM THE PRESS OF THE BIDDEFORD JOURNAL.

1904.



## Mayor's Address.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Having been chosen to administer the affairs of the city for the coming year, while many new faces appear before me, I trust that you are all actuated by the one desire to make all needed sacrifices to promote the city's interests. From time to time I shall call your attention to the various matters of city business and shall expect you to use your best judgment in solving the various problems as they come before you.

The financial condition of the city has been and is today of great importance and I will now lay it before you. Our liabilities were on January 13, 1903,

Bonds outstanding,	\$280,000.00
Notes outstanding,	30,700.00
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Total,	\$310,700.00

We are paying 4 per cent interest on \$215,000.00; 3½ per cent interest on \$25,000.00 and 3 per cent interest on \$40,000.00. The city's notes that are bearing 4 per cent interest amount to \$9,000.00; those bearing 3 per cent amount to \$21,700.00. Let us hope that in the coming year conditions may be such that we may be able to pay at least a part of our note indebtedness.

Our resources on January 31, 1903, were:

Cash on hand,	\$7,497.90
Due on tax of 1895,	76.69
Due on tax of 1896,	798.20
Due on tax of 1897,	772.71
Due on tax of 1898,	582.12

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Due on tax of 1899,	2,875.94
Due on tax of 1900,	235.43
Due on tax of 1901,	2,323.98
Due on tax of 1902,	29,451.20
Bounty on Seals,	11.00
Balance account,	266,074.83
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	\$310,700.00

You will notice that while our gross debt has been reduced only \$10,000, our balance account shows a reduction of \$13,575.50. While our debt reduction has not been as rapid as in the year immediately preceding, we have made a substantial reduction, and we should not be satisfied without doing this every year. There will fall due October 11, 1903, \$10,000 in city bonds for which you will make provisions in your appropriations. A temporary loan of \$25,000 has already been raised and on account of extra expenses we shall need another loan at once. For a more detailed account of the city's finances I will refer you to Treasurer Walker's report now to be had at the city clerk's office.

#### SCHOOLS.

Our schools are in competent hands and our aim should be to elevate the standard of scholarship from year to year. To this end you are expected to place on our superintending school committee only those whose unselfish interest in our schools shall insure us their best endeavors to promote their highest well-being. There has been more than usual done in the way of repairs on our school buildings the last year, but there yet remains much to be done the coming year. Nothing should be left undone to induce our children to take pride in our schools that in after life they may look back with pleasure to their school days where they obtained the equipment for the battle of life. Questions arising at the legislature at Augusta involving the city's interests in the public schools have been carefully looked after.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Our police department has given us no anxiety the past year and I believe that our present organization is the most efficient which our city has ever had. This is attested by the quiet and orderly condition prevailing in our streets both day and night. For further information in relation to this department you are referred to the city report now in the hands of the printer.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Our fire department is thoroughly organized and doing excellent service. Our city has been exempt from disastrous fires during the past year, but such as have occurred have been handled with rare good judgment. You will find recommendations of changes in this department in the report of the chief engineer to appear in the city reports. We have established a fire department at the Pool during the past year with a new engine house and a hand-tub and all the necessary apparatus.

## STREETS.

Much has been done in street improvement the past year. The road machine has been used where it could be used to advantage, and an extra amount of gravel has been placed where most needed. In this connection we have purchased and installed a complete stone crushing plant with all the tools for blasting and moving the stone to the crusher. This enables us to place crushed stone on our streets at about one dollar per ton which has never been dreamed of before. You will be called upon to make a liberal appropriation for this department.

## SIDEWALKS.

While more than usual has been done in laying brick sidewalk and in relaying other, we find there is room for improvement in this direction, and as the people obtain great benefit from good walks you will be expected to make as large an appropriation for this department as your financial condition will allow.

## CROSS-WALKS.

There have been ten street crossings laid out during the last year. These were of granite and practically indestructible. Let us do as much in this way the coming year as is possible, as it is a great convenience to a large part of our people.

## SEWERS AND DRAINS.

There has been a large amount of sewer work done the past year, but much remains that could not be done. We will learn by experience, however, and start earlier in the season this year. The Mile brook sewer has been carried along well but with such a great depth of earth to remove it has been slow work. This year we expect to begin earlier, and with much less excavating I believe we will obtain satisfactory results.

## CITY LIBRARY.

By order of the city council the custody of our books, maps, charts and other property pertaining to our library and reading room has been given to the McArthur library and they have all been removed to the library building on Main street. As these books, etc., still remain the property of the city, it is to be hoped that you will make it a point to make a liberal appropriation to maintain a library that will be a credit to the city and a great benefit to our people.

## PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

It is as true today as of old that the poor we have always with us. Yet we must always keep in mind that one of the most solemn obligations we are under is to assist those who through misfortune or otherwise, have been reduced to poverty. This department is now in control of the municipal officers and has been well managed for the past year, and I have no reason to doubt that it will be so in the future.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The general health of the city has been fairly good aside from smallpox. This disease has been epidemic in a

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mild form. Since October we have had cases involving a very large outlay of money. At first we were handicapped from having no place in which to isolate and care for these patients. This brings to the front the question of providing the city with a smallpox hospital. This matter will be brought to your attention again and after careful consideration you will, no doubt, settle it satisfactorily.

From the city solicitor I learn that in the suit of Daniel Cote against the city, the law court set aside the verdict against the city rendered in the lower court and by agreement of parties the whole matter has been referred to Chief Justice Wiswell who will take the matter up at an early date. The only case arising during the past year was that of Sarah J. Curtis involving a question of land damages, from building a road at Fortunes Rocks. This action was entered at the January term of court, 1903, and continued.





# City Government 1903-4.

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MAYOR,

JOSEPH GOOCH.

CITY CLERK,

DAYTON T. MOORE.

ALDERMEN,

PRESIDENT, JOHN E. H. TOWNSEND.

Ward 1, Daniel M. Tarbox,

Ward 2, Edward F. Clark,

Ward 3, John Higginbotham,

Ward 4, Ovid Little,

Ward 5, John E. H. Townsend,

Ward 6, John W. Robinson,

Ward 7, George R. Ricker.

COMMON COUNCILMEN,

PRESIDENT, CLARENCE GOLDTHWAIT,

CLERK, MICHAEL J. TWOMEY,

Ward 1, Henry T. Spencer, Clarence Goldthwait,  
Charles V. Tanner.

Ward 2, John Cilley, Thomas Doyle,  
Onesime Thibodeau.

Ward 3, Charles E. Pierce, Henry S. Worth,  
Louis A. Talbot.

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Ward 4,	Thomas H. Wood, William B. Sullivan, Jr.	James Emery,
Ward 5,	Arthur S. Newcomb, Joseph Menard.	Coleman J. Goodwin,
Ward 6,	Isaiah E. Rochefort, John Darcy.	George W. Kinney,
Ward 7,	Frederick L. Chamberland, John J. Dunn.	Fred A. Small,

## WARDENS,

Ward 1, Joseph C. Edwards; Ward 2, Joseph Wood;  
Ward 3, George M. Leavitt, Ward 4, Silas P. Adams;  
Ward 5, Willis Roberts; Ward 6, Gilbert A. Sawyer, Jr.;  
Ward 7, Harold P. Smith.

## WARD CLERKS,

Ward 1, George N. Goldthwaite; Ward 2, Omere  
Sevigney; Ward 3, Arthur L. Sellers; Ward 4, Hugh M.  
Milliken; Ward 5, Fred B. Cobb; Ward 6, Willie Girard;  
Ward 7, Simon Palardy.

## ELECTION CLERKS,

Ward 1, John R. Staples, Ernest H. Robbins.  
“ 2, William H. Donahue, Napoleon Menard.  
“ 3, Frank M. Shapleigh, William H. Stuart.  
“ 4, Edwin E. Campbell, George Gendron.  
“ 5, Jesse W. Muttart, John R. Bonser.  
“ 6, Patrick Cullinan, Timothy P. McKeering.  
“ 7, Joseph H. Dearborn, Walter I. Gordon.

## BALLOT CLERKS,

Ward 1, Ophir Goldthwaite, Orrin Benson.  
“ 2, John P. Farley, Thomas J. Boland.  
“ 3, Richard Chasse, Herbert E. Brooks.  
“ 4, Fred A. Little, Adelbert E. Parker.  
“ 5, R. H. Ford, Louis H. Pare.  
“ 6, Charles S. Stimpson, James Read.  
“ 7, C. W. Purcell, John M. Murphy.

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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. N. Weymouth.
CHIEF OF POLICE,	Charles B. Harmon.
CITY PHYSICIAN,	Narcisse Thivierge.
CHIEF ENGINEER FIRE DEPARTMENT,	Benj. Goodier.
FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER,	David L. Mulcahy.
SECOND ASSISTANT ENGINEER,	John Munday.
JANITOR,	Charles W. Purcell.
HARBOR MASTER,	Harrison Goldthwaite.
SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,	Alphonse Bolduc.
BOARD OF REGISTRATION,	Chairman, W. A. Foss,
	Anthony Dwyer, J. G. C. Smith.
ASSESSORS,	J. B. E. Tartre, Carlos C. Heard,
	S. F. Parcher.
ASSISTANT ASSESSORS, Ward 1, Luville E. Emmons; Ward 2, Alexander Marcille; Ward 3, Richard Chasse; Ward 4, Frank M. Shapleigh; Ward 5, Michael J. Mogan; Ward 6, Charles S. Stimpson; Ward 7, Patrick Kearney.	
OVERSEERS OF POOR,	Municipal Officers.
CLERK OF OVERSEERS OF POOR,	Charles E. Hussey.
BOARD OF HEALTH,	Caleb J. Emery, Thomas F. Carey,
	Leon Dansereau.
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS,	
SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS,	Elbridge G. Burnham.
CITY WEIGHERS,	Sidney A. Staples, Edgar E. Small,
	George E. Morrison, R. A. Fairfield, Volney A. Sprague, J. P. Gendron, Fred C. Goodwin, George B. Cutter, Thomas N. Goodwin, James Welch, Guy A. Dearborn.

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

PARK COMMISSIONERS, John B. Lowell, William E. Youland, Gorham N. Weymouth.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS, Henry G. Hutchinson, James F. Tarr, Joseph Gooch.

STREET COMMISSIONERS,

District No. 4, J. Byron Campbell.

Oak Ridge, Charles G. Staples.

River Road, West, Adelbert B. Gookin.

Fortunes Rocks, Arthur D. Hutchins.

Newtown, Arthur N. Curtis.

Ward 7, West, J. Millard Hill.

Kennebunk Road, Emery Wakefield.

Pool, Samuel K. Elliott.

River Road, East, John N. Haley.

Ward 7, North, James A. Hooper.

Ward 7, East, Francois Pelletier.

Hollis Road, J. Edwin Roberts.

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## Joint Standing Committees.

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FINANCE, The Mayor, Alderman Robinson, Councilmen Goodwin, Menard, Dunn.

ACCOUNTS, Alderman Clark, Councilmen Talbot, Emery.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, The Mayor, Alderman Higginbotham, Councilmen Newcomb, Goldthwait, Wood.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY, The Mayor, Alderman Townsend, Councilmen Newcomb, Doyle, Sullivan.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, Aldermen Townsend, Little, Councilmen Goodwin, Worth, Menard.

PRINTING, Alderman Ricker, Councilmen Pierce, Tanner.

POOR, Alderman Ricker, Councilmen Darcy, Cilley, Chamberland.

ORDINANCES, The Mayor, Councilmen Rochefort, Kinney.

ROADS, STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS, The Mayor, Aldermen Tarbox, Higginbotham, Councilmen Wood, Pierce, Small, Thibodeau.

## Standing Committees.

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ELECTIONS, Aldermen Higginbotham, Clark, Little.

POLICE, The Mayor, Aldermen Tarbox, Ricker.

LICENSES, The Mayor, Aldermen Townsend, Ricker.

ENROLLED BILLS, Aldermen Little, Clark, Higginbotham.

### BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

ELECTION RETURNS, Goodwin, Spencer, Small.

ENROLLED BILLS, Worth, Rochefort, Emery.



## Treasurer's Report.

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

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and expenditures of the city for the year ending January 31, 1904:

Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1903.....	\$ 8,765.91
Received from all sources during the year.....	280,993.97
	\$289,759.88
Total payments for the year.....	\$287,529.06
Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1904.....	2,230.82
	\$289,759.88

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, 1903, to and including January 31, 1904.

	Receipts	Expenditures
Abatement of Taxes.....		\$1,944.85
Bills Payable (notes outstanding).		10,000.00
Bounty on seals.....	\$11.00	2.00
City Bonds .....		10,000.00
Bridges .....		1,140.11
City Building .....	3,766.52	6,414.53
City Cemetery .....	70.00	219.05
City Library .....	208.73	2,008.73
Contingent Fund .....	293.33	1,696.93
County Tax .....		9,944.21
Dog Licenses .....	1,015.19	577.00
Fire Department .....	425.00	11,496.03



Free Text Books.....	45.84	733.06
General Expense .....	383.21	5,132.87
Health Department .....	76.92	18,221.73
Highways District No. 4.....	431.09	5,425.25
Highways Fortunes Rocks Dist...		548.88
Highways Newtown Dist.....		398.77
Highways Hollis Road Dist.....		322.51
Highways Kennebunk Road Div...		176.39
Highways Oak Ridge Dist.....		358.77
Highways Pool Dist.....		390.17
Highways River Road, East. Div..		355.74
Highways River Road, West. Div..		508.14
Highways Ward 7, North Div....		183.25
Highways Ward 7, East. Div....		592.31
Highways Ward 7, West. Div....		349.39
Hydrants .....		3,900.00
Insane .....		2,268.93
Interest .....	1,573.00	13,220.52
Macadamizing .....		1,999.91
Mile Brook Sewer.....		3,267.79
New Streets .....		298.00
Opera House .....	2,059.60	1,991.04
Pauper Department .....	178.19	10,957.89
Police Department .....	18.00	7,140.34
Railroad and Telegraph Tax.....	258.94	
Reform School .....		100.43
Salaries .....		5,673.33
Schools .....	262.00	31,996.18
School Fund and Mill Tax.....	16,258.19	
Sewers and Drains.....	245.00	3,744.48
Sidewalks .....		2,999.24
State Pensions .....	1,128.00	1,128.00
State Tax .....		22,233.12
Street Lights .....		10,469.19
Tax of 1895.....	6.00	
Tax of 1898.....	198.02	
Tax of 1899.....	1,815.20	

Tax of 1900.....	118.00	
Tax of 1901.....	1,889.00	
Tax of 1902.....	26,043.00	
Tax of 1903.....	147,217.00	
Temporary Loan .....	75,000.00	75,000.00
Cash on hand, January 31, 1903...	8,765.91	
Cash on hand, January 31, 1904...		2,230.82
	\$289,759.88	\$289,759.88

Statement showing Resources and Liabilities of the City of Biddeford, January 31, 1904:

RESOURCES.

*Cash on hand.....	\$2,230.60
Tax of 1895.....	70.69
Tax of 1896.....	798.20
Tax of 1897.....	772.71
Tax of 1898.....	384.10
Tax of 1899.....	1,060.74
Tax of 1900.....	117.43
Tax of 1901.....	479.98
Tax of 1902.....	3,458.20
Tax of 1903.....	31,415.37
Bounty on Seals (due from state).	2.00
Balance account .....	249,909.98
	\$290,700.00

LIABILITIES.

City Bonds outstanding.....	\$270,000.00
Bills payable (notes outstanding).	20,700.00
	\$290,700.00

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 LIABILITIES, JANUARY 31, 1903.

City Bonds outstanding.....	\$280,000.00
Bills payable (notes outstanding).	30,700.00
	\$310,700.00

As compared with last year this shows a decrease in gross liabilities of \$20,000.00.

\*In addition to the above item "cash on hand," the city has in the treasury, 22 cents, being the amount of the unexpended balance in the appropriation for Mile Brook sewer.

## OUTSTANDING NOTES OF CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

Date	No.	Amount	Time	Original rate per ct.	Present rate per ct.
1887, Nov. 3	911	\$5,000.00	One year	4	3
1887, Nov. 3	912	1,000.00	One year	4	3
1889, Sept. 9	990	*4,000.00	Six mo.	5	4
1890, Dec. 1	1034	5,200.00	Demand	4	3
1891 Oct, 20	1048	1,000.00	Demand	4½	3
1892, Apr. 12	1049	1,500.00	Demand	4½	3
1894, Mar. 24	1067	2,000.00	Demand	4	3
1894, Nov. 30	1080	1,000.00	Demand	4	3

## OUTSTANDING BONDS OF CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

Date	Amount	Time	Rate
May 15, 1884	\$50,000.00	20 years	4 per cent
May 1, 1885	50,000.00	20 years	4 per cent
Sept. 1, 1886	10,000.00	20 years	4 per cent
July 1, 1887	10,000.00	20 years	4 per cent
May 1, 1895	25,000.00	20 years	4 per cent
July 1, 1897	45,000.00	20 years	4 per cent
May 1, 1900	25,000.00	20 years	4 per cent
July 1, 1901	25,000.00	20 years	3½ per ct
Oct. 1, 1901	*30,000.00	5 years	3 per cent
	\$270,000.00		

\*The \$30,000.00 3 per cent bonds are a part of the issue of \$50,000.00 in 1901 to the holders of the same amount of 4 per cent demand notes against the city. Of such bonds \$10,000.00 were paid and cancelled in 1902, and \$10,000.00 in 1903.

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

1883	.....\$5,777,528.00	.....\$248,025.00	.....Jan. 31, 1884
1884	..... 6,008,682.00	..... 255,625.00	.....Jan. 31, 1885
1885	..... 5,918,382.00	..... 273,075.00	.....Jan. 31, 1886
1886	..... 5,921,417.00	..... 325,925.00	.....Jan. 31, 1887
1887	..... 5,958,332.00	..... 411,925.00	.....Jan. 31, 1888
1888	..... 6,067,005.00	..... 412,925.00	.....Jan. 31, 1889
1889	..... 6,218,380.00	..... 455,425.00	.....Jan. 31, 1890
1890	..... 6,307,630.00	..... 401,956.00	.....Jan. 31, 1891
1891	..... 6,385,395.00	..... 404,956.00	.....Jan. 31, 1892
1892	..... 6,390,040.00	..... 407,665.00	.....Jan. 31, 1893
1893	..... 6,412,230.00	..... 421,200.00	.....Jan. 31, 1894
1894	..... 6,567,170.00	..... 451,300.00	.....Jan. 31, 1895
1895	..... 6,793,573.00	..... 486,300.00	.....Jan. 31, 1896
1896	..... 6,943,030.00	..... 487,195.15	.....Jan. 31, 1897
1897	..... 7,010,314.00	..... 454,300.00	.....Jan. 31, 1898
1898	..... 6,869,095.00	..... 412,800.00	.....Jan. 31, 1899
1899	..... 6,653,582.89	..... 397,800.00	.....Jan. 31, 1900
1900	..... 6,772,149.00	..... 357,800.00	.....Jan. 31, 1901
1901	..... 6,818,119.00	..... 320,700.00	.....Jan. 31, 1902
1902	..... 6,837,008.00	..... 310,700.00	.....Jan. 31, 1903
1903	..... 6,851,394.00	..... 290,700.00	.....Jan. 31, 1904

## Trust Funds.

### BIDDEFORD MINISTERIAL FUND.

1903

Feb. 1, Balance on deposit..... \$937.70

Oct. 31, 1903, Div. No. 71 and 72..... 33.08

	\$970.78
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ELIZABETH COLE BEQUEST FOR THE CARE OF A CERTAIN LOT  
IN THE CITY CEMETERY.

Feb. 1, 1903, Balance on deposit..... \$158.69

Oct. 1, 1903, Div. No. 71 and 72..... 5.57

	\$164.26
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CLEAVES FUND, THE INCOME TO BE USED FOR THE WORTHY  
POOR OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

Feb. 1, 1903, Balance on deposit.....\$1,736.48

July 1, 1903, Div. No. 67..... 29.86

Jan. 1, 1904, Div. No. 68..... 30.38

	\$1,796.72
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Feb. 27, 1903, Cash paid to Treasurer of Biddeford City Mission by order of City Council..	29.86
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	\$1,766.86
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HANNAH SMITH BEQUEST FOR THE CARE OF A CERTAIN LOT  
IN THE CITY CEMETERY.

Dec. 21, 1903, Deposited..... \$100.00

Very Respectfully,

NATHANIEL B. WALKER, City Treasurer.

Biddeford, Me., February 29, 1904.

## Auditor's Report.

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

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, 1904.

FRED F. BEAUREGARD, Auditor.

DEPARTMENTS	Appro'ns Including Transfers	Receipts from other Sources	Debit Balance	Total Receipts	Expended	Credit Balance
Bridges,	\$ 1,200 00			\$1,200 00	\$1,140 11	\$59 89
City Cemetery,	150 00	\$70 00		220 00	219 05	95
City Library,	1,800 00	208 73		2,008 73	2,008 73	
City Building,	1,400 00	3,766 52	\$1,248 01	5,166 52	6,414 53	
Contingent Fund,	4,500 00	293 33		4,793 33	2,916 93	1,876 40
Free Text Books,	700 00	45 84		745 84	733 06	12 78
Fire Department,	11,100 00	425 00		11,525 00	11,514 78	10 22
General Expense,	5,000 00	383 21		5,383 21	5,132 87	250 34
Health Department,	18,300 00	76 92		18,376 92	18,221 73	155 19
Highways District No. 4,	5,000 00	431 09		5,431 09	5,425 25	5 84
"    Fortune Rocks,	550 00			550 00	548 88	1 12
"    Hollis Road,	350 00			350 00	322 51	27 49
"    Kennebunk Road,	200 00			200 00	176 39	23 61
"    Newtown District,	400 00			400 00	398 77	1 23
"    Oak Ridge,	400 00			400 00	358 77	41 23
"    Pool District,	395 00			395 00	390 17	4 83
"    River Road, East,	400 00			400 00	371 99	28 01
"    River Road, West,	550 00			550 00	508 14	41 86
"    Ward 7, North,	250 00			250 00	183 25	66 75
"    Ward 7, East,	600 00			600 00	592 31	7 69
"    Ward 7, West,	350 00			350 00	349 39	61
Hydrants,	3,900 00			3,900 00	3,900 00	
Insane,	2,500 00			2,500 00	2,268 93	231 07
Interest,	13,000 00	1,573 00		14,573 00	13,220 52	1,352 48
Macadamizing,	2,000 00			2,000 00	1,999 91	9
Mile Brook Sewer,	2,000 00	*1,268 01		3,268 01	3,267 79	22
New Streets,	300 00			300 00	298 00	2 00
Opera House,		2,059 60		2,059 60	1,991 04	68 56
Pauper Department,	11,500 00	178 19		11,678 19	10,872 39	805 80
Police Department,	7,500 00	18 00		7,518 00	7,479 89	38 11
Reduction of City Debt,	10,000 00			10,000 00	10,000 00	
State School for Boys,	200 00			200 00	100 43	99 57
Salaries,	6,000 00			6,000 00	5,709 76	290 24
Schools,	15,450 00	16,441 48		31,891 48	31,632 99	258 49
Sewers and Drains,	3,500 00	245 00		3,745 00	3,744 48	52
Sidewalks,	3,000 00			3,000 00	2,999 24	76
Street Lights,	10,500 00			10,500 00	10,469 19	30 81
	<u>\$144 945 00</u>	<u>\$27,483 92</u>	<u>\$1,248 01</u>	<u>\$172,428 92</u>	<u>\$167 882 17</u>	<u>5,794 76</u>

\*Balance February 1, 1903.



## Items of General Expense.

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1903.

Jan. 14, E. E. Clark, 100 2c postage stamps, . . . . .	\$2.00
Sept. 16, 1902, John F. Burnham, to expenses to Alfred, suit Dan. Cote, . . . . .	1.25
Sept. 23, 1902, To paid telephone to Miss Russell, Portland, Cote suit, . . . . .	.23
Sept. 23, 1902, To paid telephone to Hon. H. B. Cleaves, Cote suit, . . . . .	.15
Sept. 25, 1902, To paid telephone to W. T. Emmons, Alfred, Cote suit, . . . . .	.15
Sept. 25, 1902, To paid telephone to W. T. Emmons, Cote suit, . . . . .	.05
Sept. 27, 1902, To paid telephone to W. T. Emmons, 3 times, Cote suit, . . . . .	.35
Sept. 29, 1902, To paid telephone to Burbank hotel, Alfred, Cote suit, . . . . .	.15
Sept. 30, 1902, To paid travel to Alfred and return, Cote suit, . . . . .	1.46
Sept. 30, 1902, To paid expense at Alfred, room and meals, Cote suit, . . . . .	2.00
Sept. 30, 1902, To paid telephone to Portland and Biddeford, Cote suit, . . . . .	.85
Sept. 30, 1902, To paid recording deed, Adams to City, . . . . .	.60
Feb. 16, 1900, Justin M. Leavitt, Simpson to City of Biddeford, . . . . .	.50
Feb. 7, 1901, Justin M. Leavitt, Hill to City of Biddeford, (tax), . . . . .	1.00
Feb. 7, Justin M. Leavitt, Hill to City of Biddeford, (tax), . . . . .	1.25



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Dec. 27, Justin M. Leavitt, Newcomb to City of Biddeford, .....	.50
March 25, 1902, Justin M. Leavitt, Franklin to City of Biddeford, (tax),.....	1.25
Feb. 5, 1903, John Hanson, posting voting lists in the seven wards of the city,.....	3.00
Jan. 1st, 1903, York Light and Heat Co., to Feb. 1st, gas, .....	4.00
Feb. 4, Loring, Short and Harmon, 1 flexible ruler,.	.35
Nov. 4, Will H. Watson, 500 receipts,.....	2.75
Nov. 19, Will H. Watson, 1,000 warrants, sidewalk, .....	3.75
Nov. 19, Will H. Watson, 1,000 warrants, Fire Dept., .....	3.75
Nov. 19, Will H. Watson, 500 warrants, bridges,..	2.00
Feb. 14, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 105 births, marriages and deaths at 15c,.....	15.75
Jan. 13, New England Telegraph and Telephone Co., Augusta,.....	.70
Jan. 14, New England Telegraph and Telephone Co., Augusta,.....	.40
Jan. 28, Eva E. Bean, to ½ day taking testimony,..	3.00
Feb. 4, Eva E. Bean, to 1 evening taking testimony, .....	1.00
Feb. 7, Eva E. Bean, to 36½ pages transcribed notes at 20c,.....	7.30
Feb. 7, Eva E. Bean, to 3 extra copies of same,....	3.00
Feb. 25, N. B. Walker, to expense to Boston to procure loan,.....	6.05
Feb. 25, N. B. Walker, telephone to Bath,.....	.75
Feb. 17, Loring, Short and Harmon, 1 auditor's book, .....	9.50
Feb. 25, N. B. Walker, services at Augusta,.....	25.00
Feb. 25, N. B. Walker, expenses,.....	6.34
Feb. 13, The Record Publishing Co., to publishing auditor's report,.....	5.00
March 14, C. W. Purcell, to services as ballot clerk, Ward 7,.....	3.00

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March 14, John F. Burnham, to services as ballot clerk, ward 7,.....	3.00
March 9, Joseph H. Dearborn, to services as election clerk, ward 7,.....	3.00
March 19, Walter I. Gordon, to services as election clerk, ward 7,.....	3.00
March 14, Ezekiel T. Bryant, to services as ward clerk, ward 7,.....	3.00
March 14, Frank H. Rumery, to services as warden, ward 7,.....	3.00
March 14, Charles S. Stimpson, to services as ballot clerk, ward 6,.....	3.00
March 14, James Read, to services as ballot clerk, ward 6,.....	3.00
March 14, Patrick Cullinan, to services as election clerk, ward 6,.....	3.00
March 14, J. Thacher Emery, to services as election clerk, ward 6,.....	3.00
March 14, John W. Twomey, to services as ward clerk, ward 6,.....	3.00
March 14, Timothy P. McKeering, to services as warden, ward 6,.....	3.00
March 14, George H. Andrews, to services as ballot clerk, ward 5,.....	3.00
March 14, Lytton E. Staples, to services as ballot clerk, ward 5,.....	3.00
March 14, Jesse W. Muttart, to services as election clerk, ward 5,.....	3.00
March 14, John R. Boriser, to services as election clerk, ward 5,.....	3.00
March 14, Fred B. Cobb, to services as ward clerk ward 5,.....	3.00
March 14, Willis Roberts, to services as warden, ward 5,.....	3.00
March 14, Edwin E. Campbell, to services as election clerk, ward 4,.....	3.00
March 14, David L. Mulcahy, to services as election clerk, ward 4,.....	3.00

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March 14, Fred A. Little, to services as ballot clerk, ward 4,.....	3.00
March 14, George Gendron, to services as ballot clerk, ward 4.....	3.00
Jan. 28, F. M. Burnham, 3 ledgers,.....	1.20
Feb. 2, F. M. Burnham, 7 books,.....	2.80
Feb. 19, F. M. Burnham, 1 record,.....	1.35
Feb. 28, F. M. Burnham, 2 blotters,.....	.20
Feb. 28, F. M. Burnham, 1 block;.....	.05
Feb. 28, F. M. Burnham, 1 block,.....	.08
Feb. 28, F. M. Burnham, 1/2 Doz. pencils,.....	.25
Feb. 28, F. M. Burnham, 1 1/2 Doz. pens,.....	.15
Feb. 28, F. M. Burnham, 2 foolscap,.....	.40
Feb. 28, F. M. Burnham, 3 tubes paste,.....	.30
Feb. 27, Loring, Short and Harmon, 1 cash book,..	5.00
Feb. 27, Loring, Short and Harmon, 1 record,....	8.50
March 7, William S. Fowler, to putting up and tak- ing down booths,.....	20.00
March 14, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 89 births, marriages and deaths,.....	13.35
March 14, James C. M. Furbish, to services as clerk to Board of Registration on March 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, at \$3.00,.....	15.00
March 14, Melville Woodman, to services as clerk to Board of Registration on March 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,.....	15.00
March 14, Anthony Dwyer, to making posting list for 7 wards,.....	21.00
March 14, Anthony Dwyer, to making 1-3 of caucus list, .....	7.00
March 14, Anthony Dwyer, to verifying and pre- paring posting, caucus and voting list on Jan. 28, 29, Feb. 9, 10, 23, 24, at \$4.00 per day, .....	24.00
March 14, Anthony Dwyer, to making 1-3 of voting list of the several wards for the use of Re- publican City Committee,.....	7.00

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March 14, Anthony Dwyer, to making 1-3 of voting list of the several wards for use of Democratic City Committee,.....	7.00
March 14, Anthony Dwyer, to services rendered during public session of Board of Registration on March 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 at \$4.00 a day,.....	24.00
March 14, James G. C. Smith, to making ward lists for 7 wards,.....	21.00
March 14, James G. C. Smith, to making 1-3 of caucus list,.....	7.00
March 14, James G. C. Smith, to verifying and preparing posting, caucus and voting lists on Jan. 28, 29, Feb. 9, 10, 23, 24, at \$4.00 per day, .....	24.00
March 14, James G. C. Smith, to making 1-3 voting list of the several wards for use of Republican City Committee,.....	7.00
March 14, James G. C. Smith, to making 1-3 of voting list of the several wards for use of Democratic City Committee,.....	7.00
March 14, James G. C. Smith, to services rendered during public session of Board of Registration on March 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9th, at \$4.00, .....	24.00
March 14, W. A. Foss, to making ward lists for 7 wards,.....	21.00
March 14, W. A. Foss, to making 1-3 of caucus list.	7.00
March 14, W. A. Foss, to verifying and preparing posting, caucus and voting lists on Jan. 28, 29, Feb. 9, 10, 23, 24, at \$5.00 per day,....	30.00
March 14, W. A. Foss, to making 1-3 of voting list of the several wards for use of Republican City Committee,.....	7.00
March 14, W. A. Foss, to making 1-3 of voting list of the several wards for use of Democratic City Committee,.....	7.00

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March 14, W. A. Foss, to services rendered during public session of Board of Registration on March 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9th, at \$5.00 a day, .....	30.00
March 16, N. B. Walker, to services at Augusta in matter of hearing on question of raising mill tax March 4, 5, 1903,.....	25.00
March 16, N. B. Walker, to expenses in same,.....	6.25
March 7, The Record Publishing Co., to publishing official ballot,.....	67.50
March 16, Mollie F. Moore, to 2½ days' services as deputy city clerk,.....	5.00
April 2, J. F. Googins, ¼ ton coke,.....	2.00
March 4, George B. Cutter, 1 load stickings,.....	1.50
March 4, George B. Cutter, carrying up,.....	1.00
March 12, W. I. Dennett, casket,.....	20.00
March 12, W. I. Dennett, box,.....	3.00
March 12, W. I. Dennett, robe,.....	4.00
March 12, W. I. Dennett, hearse,.....	5.00
March 12, W. I. Dennett, opening grave,.....	3.00
Feb. 19, John F. Burnham, expenses to Augusta and return on hearing on apportionment of school money,.....	6.88
Feb. 23, John F. Burnham, expenses to Augusta and return on assignment of hearing on increasing mill tax and decreasing per capita tax for schools,.....	6.42
March 4, John F. Burnham, expenses to Augusta and return,.....	6.37
March 9, John F. Burnham, expenses to Lewiston and return,.....	4.70
March 28, Lafayette Council, N. I. L., to use of hall for ward room, election of March 9,.....	5.00
March 28, Lafayette Council, N. I. L., cleaning same, .....	2.00
March 28, F. Pelletier & Co., for ice from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1st,.....	3.00

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April 10, W. A. Foss, 7 books for voting lists at \$1.25, .....	8.75
April 10, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., material for Liberty Square fountain,.....	3.67
March 14, Harry A. Bowe, to services as ward clerk, ward 4,.....	3.00
March 14, Silas P. Adams, to services as warden, ward 4,.....	3.00
March 10, N. P. Renouf, to services as ballot clerk, ward 3,.....	3.00
March 14, Herbert E. Brooks, to services as ward clerk, ward 3,.....	3.00
March 14, Clarence N. Hooper, to services as election clerk, ward 4,.....	3.00
March 14, Gowen Emmons, to services as election clerk, ward 3,.....	3.00
March 14, Arthur L. Sellers, to services as ward clerk, ward 3,.....	3.00
March 14, George M. Leavitt, to services as warden, ward 3,.....	3.00
March 14, Joseph Dion, Jr., to services as ballot clerk, ward 2,.....	3.00
March 14, Thomas J. Boland, to services as ballot clerk, ward 2,.....	3.00
March 14, William H. Donahue, to services as election clerk, ward 2,.....	3.00
March 14, Napoleon Menard, to services as election clerk, ward 2,.....	3.00
March 14, Joseph H. Fournier, to services as ward clerk, ward 2,.....	3.00
March 14, James H. Judge, to services as warden, ward 2,.....	3.00
March 14, Fred O. Goldthwaite, to services as ballot clerk, ward 1,.....	3.00
March 14, Ernest H. Robbins, to services as ballot clerk, ward 1,.....	3.00
March 14, Ivory E. Davis, to services as election clerk, ward 1,.....	3.00

March 14, George N. Goldthwaite, to services as ward clerk, ward 1,.....	3.00
March 14, Joseph C. Edwards, to services as warden, ward 1,.....	3.00
March 14, Joseph C. Edwards, to transporting check lists, .....	2.00
Feb. 1, C. H. Prescott, 1,000 warrants, Pauper Dept., .....	3.00
Feb. 1, C. H. Prescott, 200 postal cards,.....	2.75
March 4, C. H. Prescott, 75 cards, instructions to voters, No. 1,.....	2.50
March 4, C. H. Prescott, 75 cards, instructions to voters, No. 2,.....	2.50
March 4, C. H. Prescott, 5,640 ballots, 7 wards, and 175 sample ballots, 7 wards,.....	57.40
March 7, C. H. Prescott, publishing official ballot,...	56.25
March 13, C. H. Prescott, 1,000 $\frac{1}{4}$ bill heads,.....	5.50
March 13, York Light and Heat Co., gas supplied from Feb. 1st to March 1,.....	3.40
April 1, Will H. Watson, 300 assignment blanks,...	3.50
April 1, Will H. Watson, 1,000 bills, fire department, .....	4.50
April 1, Will H. Watson, 500 bills, macadamizing,..	2.25
March, New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., for use of toll lines and messenger service, .....	4.73
April 6, Biddeford and Saco Water Co., material and labor,.....	3.15
March and April, Alfred Bonneau, advertising, (Assessor's Dept.),.....	8.25
March 6, Alfred Bonneau, 75 notices,.....	1.75
March 6, Alfred Bonneau, 75 notices,.....	1.50
March 6, Alfred Bonneau 100 certificates,.....	.75
March 6, Alfred Bonneau, 1,000 B. H. sewers and drains, .....	3.75
March 6, Alfred Bonneau, 1,000 B. H. District No. 4, .....	3.75

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March 6, Alfred Bonneau, 500 B. H. city building,..	2.75
March 6, Alfred Bonneau, 200 B. H., street lights,..	1.25
March 6, Alfred Bonneau, 500 warrants, (Oak Ridge), .....	2.50
March 6, Alfred Bonneau, 500 warrants (Hollis Road), .....	2.50
March 6, York Light and Heat Co., for gas supplied from March 1 to April 1,.....	5.60
April 13, George Libarge, to services as interpreter in ward 6,.....	14.00
April 13, Infantry hall, for rent, (3 months), ending March 31,.....	87.50
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, 6 pulp cuspidors, .....	3.95
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, repairing table,..	2.00
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, 1 broom,.....	.35
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, 1 floor brush,..	2.25
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, 1 rocker,.....	2.25
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, 1 odd chair,....	.90
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, 1 Douglass chair, .....	1.50
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, 13 2-3 yds. Linoleum, 65c,.....	8.88
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, 1 pulp pail,.....	.35
Feb. 28, H. P. Atkinson and Sons, 1 feather duster,..	1.20
Feb. 28, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 96 births, marriages and deaths,.....	14.40
Feb. 28, Dayton T. Moore, to recording bill of sale, J. E. Gowen to City, (Book 9, Page 237, March 28, 1903),.....	.50
April 24, Alexandre Marcille, for services as assistant assessor for ward 2,.....	35.00
May 1, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., to 1 2 in. valve, Elm St., stand pipe,.....	5.00
May 1, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., labor,.....	.50
May 1, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., to 1 2 in. valve, Smith's Cor., stand pipe,.....	5.00
May 1, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., labor,.....	.50



May 1, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., to 1 2 in. valve, Green St., stand pipe,.....	5.00
May 1, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., labor,.....	.75
May 1, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., to 1 2 in. Ele.,	.45
April 2, Luville E. Emmons, for services as assistant assessor for ward 1,.....	40.00
April 27, N. B. Walker, to expenses to Boston to procure loan,.....	5.00
March 7, F. M. Burnham, 7 penholders,.....	.14
March 7, F. M. Burnham, 7 dozen pencils,.....	.70
March 7, F. M. Burnham, 7 ink,.....	.35
March 7, F. M. Burnham, 7 mucilage,.....	.35
March 7, F. M. Burnham, 1 tube paste,.....	.15
March 16, F. M. Burnham, 2 dozen pencils,.....	.20
March 16, F. M. Burnham, 1 dozen blocks,.....	.30
March 16, F. M. Burnham, 1/2 dozen blocks,.....	.25
March 16, F. M. Burnham, 1 box pens,.....	.85
March 16, F. M. Burnham, 2 quires legal Cap.,....	.50
March 16, F. M. Burnham, 2 pencils,.....	.20
March 16; F. M. Burnham, 14 ward books,.....	20.00
March 16, F. M. Burnham, 2 dozen printed index books, .....	12.00
March 16, F. M. Burnham, 1 dozen plain index books, .....	4.20
April 13, F. M. Burnham, 1 dozen penholders,....	.50
April 22, F. M. Burnham, valuation book, collector's book, collector's cash book,.....	36.65
April 30, Fred Little, for services as interpreter to assistant assessor in ward 4,.....	14.00
May 1, Patrick Kearney, to services as assistant assessor for ward 7,.....	60.00
April 30, Charles S. Stimpson, to services rendered as assistant assessor of ward 6,.....	35.00
April 28, Zotique Petrin, for services as interpreter to assistant assessor, ward 5,.....	14.00
April 30, Frank M. Shapleigh, for services as assistant assessor in ward 4,.....	35.00

April 30, Leon Dansereau, for services as interpreter for assistant assessor of ward 7,.....	14.00
April 18, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., to 1 2 in. Chapman valve,.....	5.00
April 18, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., to 2 hours labor, Washington St., stand pipe,.....	.50
April 18, J. B. E. Tartre, making returns of dogs to city clerk for the year 1903,.....	15.00
April 18, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., to 12 ft. 2 in. Galvanized pipe,.....	2.16
April 18, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., to 1 2 in. Chapman valve,.....	5.00
April 18, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., labor.....	1.38
April 18, York Light and Heat Co., for gas supplied from April 1 to May 1,.....	4.40
May 16, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 99 births, marriages and deaths,.....	14.85
May 16, Richard A. Chasse, for canvassing ward as assistant assessor,.....	35.00
May 16, Michael J. Mogan, for services as assistant assessor in ward 5,.....	35.00
March 7, Ham & Anthoine, to material for gas light, .....	6.92
March 7, Ham & Anthoine, to use of stove and lobe, .....	3.00
March 18, Townsend Bros., to 1 dozen cup locks,..	3.75
March 18, Townsend Bros., to 1 doz. Ex. keys,....	.90
March 18, Townsend Bros, to keys and labor,.....	1.75
March 18, Townsend Bros., to 5 keys,.....	.50
March 18, Townsend Bros., keys and labor,.....	1.10
March 18, Townsend Bros., 1 lock,.....	.10
March 18, Townsend Bros., labor and stock,.....	5.50
May 16, Mollie F. Moore, to 2½ days' services as deputy city clerk during absence of clerk while a witness in supreme court, May 14, 15, 16,.....	5.00
May 16, U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., to amount voted by city council for observance of Memorial Day, 1903,.....	100.00

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May 16, Sheridan Post, G. A. R., to amount voted by city council for observance of Memorial Day, 1903,.....	100.00
May 24, Jason W. Libby, for posting notices,.....	2.50
May 28, W. I. Dennett, to burial expenses of Wm. Wyman, a soldier who died in destitute circumstances, .....	35.00
April 1, New England Telephone and Telegraph company, to use of toll line to Augusta,...	.40
May 25, N. B. Walker, to expense to Boston to negotiate loan for city,.....	5.50
May 28, Carlos C. Heard, to cash paid assessor's dinners at Biddeford Pool,.....	2.25
May 28, Carlos C. Heard, to cash paid horse,.....	.25
May 28, J. B. E. Tartre, for making list for the board of registration, 1903,.....	35.00
May 28, J. B. E. Tartre, for making copy of enrollment of militia for 1903,.....	35.00
May 28, Alvin G. Johnson, for labor and stock on rifle range,.....	40.00
May 28, C. H. Prescott, to 400 copies City Reports,.	110.00
June 13, E. E. Clark, to special request envelopes, 500, No. 5, at 2c,.....	10.60
March 9, J. F. Burnham, to paid telephone to Lewiston, election return,.....	.30
March 9, J. F. Burnham, to paid telephone to Old Orchard, .....	.10
March 9, J. F. Burnham, to paid team to Alfred, Cote and Curtis matter,.....	2.50
March 9, J. F. Burnham, to paid dinner for self, 50c; horse, 25c,.....	.75
June 18, Alfred Bonneau, 1,000 B. H. city building department, .....	3.75
May, New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., use of toll line to Alfred,.....	.15
June 15, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 101 births, marriages and deaths,.....	15.15

June 26, Anthony Dwyer, to services rendered in making up the lists of voters in the several wards from the list furnished by the Board of Assessors, 26 days at \$4.00 per day,...	104.00
June 26, James G. C. Smith, to services rendered in making up the lists of voters in the several wards from the list furnished by the Board of Assessors, 26 days at \$4.00 per day,...	104.00
June 2, F. Pelletier & Co., for ice from Feb. 1 to May 1,.....	3.00
June 26, William A. Foss, for services rendered in making up the lists of voters in the several wards from the list furnished by the Board of Assessors, 26 days at \$5.00 per day,...	130.00
June 26, Brunelle Bros., for street sprinkling,.....	100.00
June 29, Joseph Gooch, to repairs on sprinkler,...	.50
June 29, J. G. Garland, for rent of hall, 3 months, ending June 30,.....	87.50
March 19, George A. Anthoine, to 1 lot of key rings, .....	.50
March 19, York Light and Heat Co. for gas supplied from May 1 to July 1,.....	7.40
July 16, Richard O'Brien, for ringing St. Mary's bell July 4th,.....	3.00
July 16, American Express Co., package to Augusta, .....	.25
May 12, H. K. Lord, to use of team,.....	1.50
May 13, H. K. Lord, to use of team,.....	1.00
May 27, H. K. Lord, to use of team,.....	1.00
May 28, H. K. Lord, to use of team,.....	2.00
July 1, H. K. Lord, to use of team,.....	1.50
July 2, H. K. Lord, to use of team,.....	1.50
July 13, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 36 births, marriages and deaths,.....	12.90
July 13, Dayton T. Moore, to express paid on book of licenses,.....	.15
July 13, George C. Libarge, killing 168 dogs at \$1.00 each,.....	168.00

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July 22, The Record Publishing Co., to advertising, .....	2.05
July 30, Brunelle Bros., for sprinkling of streets,...	100.00
August 5, W. I. Dennett, for materials furnished for the burial of Peter Lowerry,.....	35.00
June 11, W. W. Roberts Co., 1 municipal license,...	5.00
July 31, New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., use of toll line to Boston,.....	.55
August 13, W. A. Foss, to 1 day's service in adding the assessor's supplementary list of names to the list of voters in the several wards,...	5.00
August 13, J. G. C. Smith, to one day's service in adding the assessor's supplementary lists of names to the lists of voters in the several wards,.....	4.00
August 13, Anthony Dwyer, to one day's service in adding the assessor's supplementary lists of names to the lists of voters in the several wards,.....	4.00
July 24, George G. Rhodes, to use of team,.....	1.50
August 15, E. E. Clark, to 100 postage stamps,...	2.00
Aug. 10, Biddeford and Saco Water Co., to 1 gate box and labor,.....	6.50
Aug. 15, J. B. E. Tartre, making valuation book for the Assessors, .....	150.00
Aug. 7, J. B. E. Tartre, making supplemental list of voters for the Board of Registration,....	10.00
Aug. 4, Frank O. Furber, to 1 pump,.....	5.00
Aug. 4, Frank O. Furber, to 8 feet of pipe,.....	.96
Aug. 17, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 109 births, marriages and deaths,.....	16.35
Aug. 19, E. E. Clark, to special registered envelopes, 5,000 No. 5, at 2c.,.....	106.00
Aug. 28, J. B. E. Tartre making commitment book,	50.00
July 27, W. E. Decrow, to one Nonpariel Gardiner fire alarm box, No. 39,.....	125.00
July 27, W. E. Decrow, to 1 M. key box,.....	1.25
June 23, George G. Rhodes, to use of buckboard,...	3.00

March 2, C. H. Prescott, 25 copies Treasurer's Reports, .....	6.00
March 16, C. H. Prescott, 50 posters, tax assessors, ..	2.00
March 17, C. H. Prescott, publishing assessors' notice until April 10, .....	9.75
March 24, C. H. Prescott, 1,000 orders "In Board of Aldermen," .....	4.50
March 25, C. H. Prescott, 300 postals, notice of meeting, .....	4.00
March 28, C. H. Prescott, 100 physician's certificates insanity, .....	1.75
April 1, C. H. Prescott, 100 slips for assessors' books, .....	.75
April 15, C. H. Prescott, 500 tax warrants, .....	5.50
April 15, C. H. Prescott, 500 tax summons, bound in 10 books, .....	5.50
May 13, C. H. Prescott, 300 manuals of city government, .....	19.00
May 13, C. H. Prescott 150 letter heads and 350 note heads, .....	2.75
July 25, C. H. Prescott, 1,500 tax receipts, .....	6.75
August 4, C. H. Prescott, 6,000 tax bills, .....	20.00
August 21, Joseph Gooch, to 1 tire for sprinkler, ..	5.00
August 29, Brunelle Bros., for street sprinkling, ...	200.00
August 19, E. E. Clark, to postage stamps, 19 at 6c, ..	1.14
Sept. 9, N. B. Walker, to express on city notes on \$10,000 loan, .....	1.50
Sept. 9, N. B. Walker, to office paper and supply, ..	1.50
Sept. 14, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 95 births, marriages and deaths, .....	14.25
Sept. 11, L. H. Kendall, to rent of rooms, 1 Reg. Inf., N. G. S. M., to Jan. 1st, 1904, .....	100.00
March 5, J. O. Smith, to use of team for Archie H. Robbins posting sample ballots, .....	1.00
April 9, J. O. Smith, to use of team, committee on streets, .....	1.50
Sept. 4, G. M. Dunham, 3 M. registers, .....	6.00
Sept. 14, Charles E. Pierce, for soliciting subscribers for sprinkling streets, .....	25.00

August 4, J. G. Deering, to 128 hemlock plank for new pump platform, Fortunes Rock road,.	1.92
August 4, Arthur D. Hutchins, to hauling new pump and plank and labor,.....	4.00
Jan. 30, N. W. Kendall, 4 books, (Foss),.....	1.20
Feb. 9, N. W. Kendall, 1 gross pens,.....	.75
Feb. 9, N. W. Kendall, 1 dozen penholders,.....	.50
March 3, N. W. Kendall, 1 bottle red ink,.....	.05
March 17, N. W. Kendall, 1 dozen pencils,.....	.50
April 1, N. W. Kendall, 1 dozen pencils,.....	.50
April 1, N. W. Kendall, ½ dozen blotting,.....	.25
April 15, N. W. Kendall, 1½ ounces rubber bands,.	.38
April 29, N. W. Kendall, receipt book,.....	.20
April 29, N. W. Kendall, paste,.....	.40
May 22, N. W. Kendall, rubber bands, (Foss),....	.15
May 22, N. W. Kendall, blank paper, (Foss),.....	.05
May 26, N. W. Kendall, 3 pencils, (Foss),.....	.15
June 19, N. W. Kendall, 1 gross fools cap,.....	.25
June 19, N. W. Kendall, 1 dozen pens,.....	.10
June 24, N. W. Kendall, 2 ounces rubber bands,..	.50
June 24, N. W. Kendall, 1 gross paper 15c, box fasteners, 15c,.....	.30
July 6, N. W. Kendall, 1 dozen paper tablets,.....	.60
July 11, N. W. Kendall, box envelopes 60c, 4 ounces rubber bands \$1.00,.....	1.60
July 11, N. W. Kendall, 1 gross pens 60c, blotting, 25c, .....	.85
August 7, N. W. Kendall, 2 pounds legal Cap.....	.40
Sept. 8, N. W. Kendall, tablet 10c, envelopes 10c,..	.20
Sept. 16, N. W. Kendall, 2 dozen pencils,.....	1.00
Sept. 16, N. W. Kendall, 2 gross Hunt's pens, 80c,..	1.60
Sept. 16, N. W. Kendall, 45 clasp envelopes,.....	.90
August, New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., to use of toll line to Boston, (3 times),	1.65
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 hydrant,..	40.00
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 6 inch gate, .....	14.50

## GENERAL EXPENSE

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Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 6 inch tee, 190 pounds,.....	5.70
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 6 inch plug, 20 pounds,.....	.60
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., express on tee, .....	.50
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 gate box,.	5.00
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 length 6 inch pipe, 400 pounds,.....	6.00
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 40 pounds lead, .....	2.80
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 2 days' labor at \$1.75,.....	3.50
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1/2 day's la- bor, .....	1.25
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., team,.....	.10
Sept. 15, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., trucking,..	1.00
Sept. 15, F. Pelletier, for ice from May 1 to August 1, .....	3.00
Sept. 5, Joseph Gooch, to 1 tire for sprinkler,....	5.00
Sept. 22, Joseph Gooch, to 1 bolt for sprinkler,....	.40
Sept. 30, Alfred Bonneau, tax notice, (1 month),...	4.00
Sept. 26, Brunelle Bros., for street sprinkling,....	200.00
Sept. 26, J. G. Garland, for rent of hall, 3 months ending Sept. 30,.....	87.50
Oct. 2, The Record Publishing Co., to publishing legal notice,.....	3.13
Oct. 1, Loring, Short & Harmon, 1 arm rest,.....	.75
Sept. 28, F. M. Burnham, 1 jar paste,.....	.15
Sept. 28, F. M. Burnham, 2 pencils,.....	.10
Oct. 1, F. M. Burnham, 1 dozen quarts Arnold's ink,	6.00
Oct. 12, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 98 births, marriages and deaths,.....	14.70
Oct. 12, York Light and Heat Co., for gas supplied from July 1 to Oct. 1,.....	11.00
Oct. 19, J. G. Deering, 480 hemlock Dim.,.....	7.20
Oct. 19, J. M. Akerly, to 1 day's labor for self, \$2.50 and helper, \$1.25,.....	3.75



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Oct. 27, Samuel F. Parcher, to services in city clerk's office,.....	1.00
Oct. 31, Brunelle Bros., street sprinkling,.....	100.00
Oct. 2, American Express Co., package from Portland, .....	.15
Nov. 13, W. A. Foss, to making 1-3 of lists of voters for use of Republican City Committee,....	7.00
Nov. 13, W. A. Foss, to making 1-3 of lists of voters for use of Democratic City Committee,...	7.00
Nov. 13, James G. C. Smith, to making 1-3 of lists of voters for use of Republican City Committee, .....	7.00
Nov. 13, James G. C. Smith, to making 1-3 of lists of voters for use of Democratic City Committee, .....	7.00
Nov. 13, Anthony Dwyer, to making 1-3 of lists of voters for use of Republican City Committee, .....	7.00
Nov. 13, Anthony Dwyer, to making 1-3 of lists of voters for use of Democratic City Committee, .....	7.00
Nov. 13, York Light and Heat Co., for gas supplied from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1,.....	6.60
Oct. 27, Charles A. Thomas, to 2 days' labor,.....	3.50
Oct. 27, Charles A. Thomas, to 30 stakes,.....	3.00
Nov. 16, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 100 births, marriages and deaths,.....	15.00
Nov. 16, C. F. Kendall, to returning vital statistic, 1 death,.....	.25
Jan. 2, New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., for use of toll line,.....	1.90
April 2, H. G. Hutchinson, to 1 Oliver typewriter ribbon, .....	1.00
May 6, H. G. Hutchinson, to 1 dating stamp,.....	.75
August 6, H. G. Hutchinson, to 1 paper fastener,..	1.50
Dec. 31, M. F. Buker, to fencing old burying ground on Pool road,.....	275.00
Sept. 13, George A. Anthoine, to 8 house numbers,.	.80

Sept. 13, J. G. Garland, for rent of infantry hall, 3 months, ending Dec. 31,.....	87.50
Jan. 3, Biddeford Custom Laundry, towels for 50 weeks, at 10c,.....	5.00
Nov. 13, C. H. Prescott, 500 large ward blanks,...	9.50
Nov. 13, C. H. Prescott, 1,000 blanks, registration of voters,.....	3.75
Nov. 17, C. H. Prescott, 1,000 warrants, sewers and drains, .....	3.00
Nov. 20, C. H. Prescott, 2,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ note circulars, personal taxes,.....	4.50
Jan. 2, 1903, C. H. Prescott, 500 slips, cash warrants, .....	1.50
Jan. 7, C. H. Prescott, advertising. Present bills....	3.75
Dec. 18, 1902, C. H. Prescott, 1,000 $\frac{1}{4}$ bill heads, Board of Health.....	5.50
Jan. 7, Ham & Anthoine, to 1 mantle,.....	.25
Jan. 7, Ham & Anthoine, to 6 complete Welchbach lamps and labor on chandelier,.....	6.00
July 11, N. W. Kendall, box envelopes,.....	.60
July 14, N. W. Kendall, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz penholders,.....	.30
July 30, N. W. Kendall, 5 books,.....	1.50
July 30, N. W. Kendall, 2 books,.....	.50
Aug. 5, N. W. Kendall, 2 sheets blotting,.....	.10
Aug. 5, N. W. Kendall, 4 penholders,.....	.40
Aug. 5, N. W. Kendall, 7 books,.....	1.75
Aug. 29, N. W. Kendall, tube paste,.....	.10
Aug. 29, N. W. Kendall, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. pens,.....	.30
Aug. 29, N. W. Kendall, 4 lead pencils,.....	.20
Aug. 29, N. W. Kendall, 2 tablets.....	.10
Aug. 29, N. W. Kendall, 1 quire paper,.....	.20
Aug. 29, N. W. Kendall, envelopes,.....	.10
Sept. 8, N. W. Kendall, 6 doz. pencils,.....	.60
Sept. 17, N. W. Kendall, 1 doz. pencils,.....	.60
Sept. 17, N. W. Kendall, 2 quires legal cap,.....	.40
Oct. 9, N. W. Kendall, 1 doz. pencils,.....	.50
Oct. 17, N. W. Kendall, 3 tablets,.....	.30
Oct. 17, N. W. Kendall, 3 tablets,.....	.15

Nov. 11, N. W. Kendall; 2 oz. rubber bands,.....	.50
Dec. 10, N. W. Kendall, stamping ink,.....	.15
Dec. 22, N. W. Kendall, bottle paste,.....	.40
Aug. 28, C. H. Prescott, 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet cards. Fire alarm, .....	5.00
Aug. 28, C. H. Prescott, 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ sheet posters. 1903 taxes, .....	1.50
Aug. 28, C. H. Prescott, 1 full sheet card sign. 1903 taxes, .....	.50
Aug. 28. C. H. Prescott, 300 receipts on account. 1903 taxes, .....	1.75
Sept. 1, C. H. Prescott, advertising 1903 taxes,.....	6.25
Oct. 2, C. H. Prescott, advertising special meeting city government, .....	3.00
Oct. 12, C. H. Prescott, advertising notice to delin- quent tax payers,.....	3.25
Oct. 26, C. H. Prescott, advertising delinquent tax payers, .....	63.75
Oct. 26, J. T. Sullivan, to printing 1,500 bill heads.	9.00
May 12, A. S. Hamilton, to team poor farm, Capt. Gowen, .....	2.00
Nov. 30, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., to repairs on Summer street trough,.....	.50
Nov. 30, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., materials and labor. Walnut street, .....	77.29
Nov. 30, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., repairs on hydrant, Fall and Foss streets, repairs and valve, hydrant, Acorn street,.....	5.06
Oct. 17, H. G. Hutchinson, to I. Oliver typewriter ribbon, .....	1.00
Dec. 10, Loring, Short & Harmon, 2 doz. blanks, No. 160, .....	.50
Dec. 10, Loring, Short & Harmon, 1 doz. blanks,...	.50
Dec. 10, Loring, Short & Harmon, 1 doz. blanks, ..	.50
Dec. 10, Loring, Short & Harmon, 1 doz. blanks, ..	.50
Dec. 14, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 80 births, marriages and deaths, .....	12.00

Jan. 7, J. G. Garland, rent of Armory hall 3 months ending Dec. 31; .....	87.50
Oct. 27, 1903, George G. Rhodes, to use of team, ....	2.00
Oct. 13, George A. Anthoine, 1 door lock, .....	1.75
Oct. 13, George A. Anthoine, 6 keys, .....	1.50
Oct. 13, George A. Anthoine, 2 clasps, .....	.30
Oct. 20, George A. Anthoine, materials for rifle range, .....	2.20
Oct. 20, Pelletier and Co., ice from Aug. 1st to Nov. 1st, .....	3.00
Dec. 16, John F. Burnham, to paid expenses to Augusta to attend court on action Atwood vs. Biddeford, .....	6.80
Dec. 16, Biddeford & Saco Water Co., labor and fittings in repairing Lincoln street trough, ..	1.37
Aug. 19, H. K. Lord, to use of team, .....	1.00
Nov. 14, H. K. Lord, to use of team, .....	1.00
Nov. 14, N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., use of lines to Biddeford Pool, .....	.35
Nov. 14, Carlos H. McKenney, to 77 — wire fence. "C. Thomas," .....	2.51
Oct. 26, F. M. Burnham, 7 index books, .....	2.80
Nov. 6, F. M. Burnham, 7 index books, .....	2.80
Dec. 12, F. M. Burnham, 1 box of bands, .....	.25
Jan., 1904, J. A. Lapointe, to reporting 113 births in 1903, .....	28.25
Jan., J. A. Lapointe, to reporting 49 deaths in 1903, ..	12.25
Jan., J. O. Chenevert, to reporting 86 births in 1903, ..	21.50
Jan., J. O. Chenevert, to reporting 49 deaths in 1903, ..	12.25
Jan., E. D. O'Neill, to reporting 62 births in 1903, .	15.50
Jan. E. D. O'Neill, to reporting 29 deaths in 1903, ..	7.25
Jan., E. A. Fortin, to reporting 59 births in 1903, ..	14.75
Jan. E. A. Fortin, to reporting 22 deaths in 1903, ....	5.50
Jan., Henry Reny, to reporting 54 births in 1903, ..	13.50
Jan., Henry Reny, to reporting 15 deaths in 1903, ...	3.75
Jan., A. C. Maynard, to reporting 45 births in 1903, ..	11.25
Jan., A. C. Maynard, to reporting 14 deaths in 1903, ..	3.50
Jan., N. Thivierge, to reporting 32 births in 1903, ..	8.00

Jan., N. Thivierge, to reporting 24 deaths in 1903, ..	6.00
Jan., C. J. Emery, to reporting 28 births in 1903, ....	7.00
Jan., C. J. Emery, to reporting 22 deaths in 1903, ...	5.50
Jan., F. A. Ferguson, to reporting 19 births in 1903,	4.75
Jan., F. A. Ferguson, to reporting 14 deaths in 1903,	3.50
Jan., D. F. Racicot, to reporting 22 births in 1903, ..	5.50
Jan., D. F. Racicot, to reporting 8 deaths in 1903, ..	2.00
Jan., M. H. Ferguson, to 14 births reported in 1903, .	3.50
Jan., M. H. Ferguson, to 16 deaths reported in 1903,	4.00
Jan., D. A. McNally, to reporting 1 birth in 1903, .	.25
Jan., D. A. McNally, to reporting 23 deaths in 1903,	5.75
Jan., J. F. Trull, to reporting 13 deaths in 1903, ....	3.25
Jan., J. M. O'Connor, to reporting 10 births in 1903,	2.50
Jan., J. M. O'Connor, to reporting 1 death in 1903, .	.25
Jan., F. L. Davis, to reporting 5 births in 1903, ....	1.25
Jan., F. L. Davis, to reporting 6 deaths in 1903, ....	1.50
Jan., J. D. Haley, to reporting 5 births in 1903, ....	1.25
Jan., J. D. Haley, to reporting 1 death in 1903, ....	.25
Jan., J. D. Cochrane, to reporting 1 birth in 1903, ..	.25
Jan., J. D. Cochrane, to reporting 4 deaths, 1903, ..	1.00
Jan., R. S. Graves, to reporting 2 births in 1903, ...	.50
Jan., R. S. Graves, to reporting 2 deaths in 1903, ..	.50
Jan., C. W. Pillsbury, to reporting 2 births in 1903,	.50
Jan., C. W. Pillsbury, to reporting 1 death in 1903,	.25
Jan., S. P. Graves, to reporting 1 death in 1903, ...	.25
Jan., H. W. Hurd, to reporting 1 death in 1903, ..	.25
Jan. 14, 1904, C. H. Prescott, publishing auditor's notice 3 days, .....	3.75
Jan. 1, Biddeford Custom Laundry to towels 52 weeks at 10 cts.,.....	5.20
Jan. 1, Dayton T. Moore, to recording 90 births, marriages and deaths, .....	13.50
Jan. 1, York Light and Heat Co., for gas supplied from Nov. 1 to Jan. 1, .....	8.60
Nov. 25, Biddeford and Saco Coal Co., 2,000 egg up 2 flights, .....	7.50

## Tax Collector's Report.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Below I submit a statement of my accounts as collector of taxes:

TAX OF 1900.

Total amount of levy for 1900,	\$176,571.30	
Total amount of supplemental tax for 1900,	109.13	
Total amount of interest collected to Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1900,	1,514.34	
	<hr/>	\$178,194.77
Paid City Treasurer as per Treasurer's receipts,	176,563.00	
Paid City Treasurer interest to Jan. 31, 1904, on tax of 1900,	1,514.00	
Balance, Cash in bank Jan. 31, 1904,	.47	
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city Jan. 31, 1904, on tax of 1900,	117.30	
	<hr/>	\$178,194.77

TAX OF 1901.

Total amount of levy for 1901,	177,790.98	
Total amount of supplemental tax for 1901,	45.00	
Total amount of interest collected to Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1901,	1,592.09	
	<hr/>	\$179,428.07

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Paid City Treasurer as per treasurer's receipts,	177,356.00	
Paid City Treasurer interest to Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1901,	1,592.00	
Balance, cash in bank Jan. 31st, 1904,	.98	
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1901,	479.09	
	<u>          </u>	179,428.07

## TAX OF 1902.

Total amount of levy for 1902,	178,251.20	
Total amount of supplemental tax for 1902,	50.00	
Total amount of interest collected to Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1902,	1,339.57	
	<u>          </u>	179,640.77

Paid City Treasurer as per treasurer's receipts,	174,843.00	
Paid City Treasurer interest to Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1902,	1,339.00	
Balance, cash in bank Jan. 31st, 1904,	1.43	
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1902,	3,457.34	
	<u>          </u>	179,640.77

## TAX OF 1903.

Total amount of levy for 1903,	178,604.87	
Total amount of supplemental tax for 1903,	27.50	

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Total amount of interest collected to Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1903,	108.09	
	<u>108.09</u>	178,740.46
Paid City Treasurer as per treas- urer's receipts,	147,217.00	
Paid City Treasurer interest to Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1903,	108.00	
Cash on hand and on deposit,	24.45	
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city Jan. 31st, 1904, on tax of 1903,	31,391.01	
	<u>31,391.01</u>	178,740.46

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. GOODWIN,

Collector of Taxes.

Biddeford, Me., Feb. 25, 1904.





## Report of City Physician.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby submit my annual report of the vital statistics of the pauper department for the year ending January 31, 1904:

The number of births at the city alms house is 3, the number of births in the outside department is 5.

The number of diseases treated at the city alms house is 58, for which 156 visits were made, and an average of 5 patients were attended to, at each visit paid.

The number of diseases treated in the outside patient department is 126, and the number of calls made at each case was 6. The total number of visits was 756. Office consultations, 105. Inspections of contagious diseases, 6.

Total medical attendance at city alms house.....	780
Total medical attendance in outpatient department....	756
Inspection of contagious diseases.....	6
Consultations at the office.....	105
	1,647

Diseases treated at:

	City Farm	Street Dept.
1 Abscess pyosolpynx,	0	1
2 Abscess pyosolpynx and peri- tonitis,	0	1
3 Abscess tuberculosis,	0	1
4 Anemia,	2	6
5 Asthma, bronchial,	1	1
6 Adynemia,	1	1
7 Bilious attack	2	0
8 Bilious attack with fever,	2	0

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9	Bladder fistula, pyaemia,	0	1
10	Bronchitis, acute,	3	4
11	Bronchitis, chronic,	0	3
12	Bronchitis, senile,	2	0
13	Carysa,	1	0
14	Cancer,	0	1
15	Cephalitis,	0	1
16	Cerebral congestion,	1	0
17	Cerebral inflammation	1	0
18	Child births,	3	5
19	Cholera infantum,	0	4
20	Croup	0	1
21	Convulsion,	0	1
22	Cystitis,	1	1
23	Dementia,	3	1
24	Diabetes, mel.,	1	0
25	Debility, general,	1	1
26	Debility, infantile,	1	1
27	Debility senile,	1	1
28	Dropsy, cardiac,	2	1
29	Delirium tremens,	1	4
30	Dog bite,	0	1
31	Dysentery,	0	3
32	Dysmenorrhoea,	1	0
33	Epilepsy, dysmenorrhoea tuber- culous,	1	0
34	Epilepsy, congenital,	0	1
35	Encephalitis,	1	1
36	Endocarditis,	0	1
37	Eclamptia,	0	1
38	Eczema, chronic,	2	0
39	Eczema, acute,	0	1
40	Erysipelas,	1	0
41	Eunaresis,	1	0
42	Fever, bilious,	0	1
43	Fever, cerebral,	0	1
44	Fever, puerperal,	0	1
45	Fever, infantile,	1	1

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46	Fever, intermittent,	0	1
47	Fever, measles,	0	3
48	Fever, scarlet,	0	1
49	Fever, typhoid,	1	1
50	Fever, rheumatic,	1	1
51	Fractured rib,	0	1
52	Fractured elbow,	0	1
53	Gastritis, acute,	4	2
54	Gastritis, chronic,	0	2
55	Gestation, accident of	0	1
56	Haemorrhagia, accident of ante parturition,	0	1
57	Hernia, unguinal,	0	2
58	Hernia, serotal,	0	1
59	Heart failure, attack,	0	1
60	Indigestion, acute	1	0
61	Insanity,	2	2
62	Injured internally by fall,	0	1
63	Jaundice,	0	1
64	Metrorrhagia,	1	1
65	Neuralgia,	0	2
66	Nervous prostration,	0	2
67	Nephritis,	0	1
68	Orchitis, chronic,	0	1
69	Orchitis, acute,	0	1
70	Ovaritis,	0	2
71	Pleuritis,	0	1
72	Phthisis, pulmonalis,	0	1
73	Pneumonia, bronchial,	0	2
74	Pneumonia later,	0	2
75	Pneumonia, bilious,	1	1
76	Pneumonia, gastric,	0	1
77	Pneumonia, pleuro, gastric attack,	2	0
78	Pneumonia, lobular,	0	1
79	Pneumonia, double,	0	1
80	Pneumonia, typhoid,	0	1
81	Paralysis, left arm,	0	1
82	Paralysis, general,	0	1

83	Prostration	0	1
84	Prurit Vulv.	0	1
85	Peritonitis	0	1
86	Pyosalpynx	0	1
87	Pyosalpynx, with Metritis	0	1
88	Rheumatism Art.	0	1
89	Rheumatism Inflam.	0	1
90	Piamia	1	1
91	Strumous Ulcer	0	1
92	Uremie	1	1
93	S. Tertiar	1	0
94	Sprain of ankle	0	1
95	Tuberculosis, general,	1	1
96	Torpidity of liver, chronic	0	1
97	Vagenitis	0	2
98	Whooping Cough	0	4
99	Whooping Cough, convulsions	0	1
100	Whooping Cough, hemorrhage of lungs	0	1
101	(3) Tonsilitis	1	1
102	(1) Larygetes	1	2
103	(2) Luccorrhoea	1	1

The number of different diseases treated in the two departments was 189, which needed 2,196 prescriptions at 35c each, forming an amount of \$772.68.

The number of deaths at the city farm:

April 4, 1 female, age 75 years, adynamic fever.

June 1, 1 male, age 35 years, encephalitis.

June 13, 1 female, age 35 years, general tuberculosis.

Aug. 7, 1 male, age 45 years, diabetes.

Oct. 5, 1 female, age 100, old age.

1904, Jan. 4, 1 female, 1 day old, infantile debility.

Jan. 25, 1 female, age 85 years, old age.

In addition to the above there were a male stillborn July 28 '03, and a man brought to the farm in a dying condition of bilious pneumonia, Jan. 16, '04.

The number of deaths in the outside patient department is:

Feb. 14, 1903, 1 female, age 24 years, disease, phthisis pulmonalis.

March 17, 1 female, age 16 years, disease, general tuberculosis.

July 22, 1 male, age 42, disease, ataxia adynamia.

Nov. 24, 1 female, aged 95 years, disease, old age.

The medicine bill is somewhat larger than last year, but it compares favorably if we take into consideration the large number of patients sent to the city farm during the year; for as many as 59 persons were admitted by the superintendent and the number of patients treated in both departments was 53 more than the previous year.

As there were several critical cases that needed much medicine and a nurse's care, we take this opportunity to present our best thanks and gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dearborn for the great help they have given us in performing our professional duties. We should mention a case in particular where, in our opinion, the patient could not recover from his sickness for want of care and nursing, in the place where he was. The philanthropic devotion of the superintendent and his aids did not only save the life of the patient, which was, according to the statement of two other physicians, in a hopeless condition, but saved also the liberty of another man who was under arrest on account of an unfortunate quarrel that had taken place with the above mentioned patient a few days before the man was admitted to the almshouse.

Our relations with Dr. C. E. Hussey, clerk of the overseers of the poor, have been cordial. He has been discriminating in the exercise of his duties to the poor, and careful of the interest of the city.

It came to our observation that every worthy poor recommended to this department has always received a prompt and charitable attention from the clerk. And several cases were urged to go to the city alms house in order to be saved from the hardships they were suffering on the street.

Respectfully submitted,

NARCISSE THIVIERGE,

City Physician.

Feb. 27th, 1904.



# Report of Chief Engineer.

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the provisions of the city ordinances I have the honor to submit my fourth annual report as chief of the Fire Department for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1904. The report embraces the organization of the department, a list of all fires and alarms that 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 E. Smith.

Engineer—Robert H. Bryant.

Fireman—Everett Goodwin.

Driver—James Farley.

## PIPE AND HOSEMEN.

George Bryant,  
Thomas Lumb,  
John Berry,  
John F. Hanson,

William L. Smith,  
Israel Velandre,  
Wilbur Emmons,  
Michael Connelly,

Charles Johnson.



## EBEN SIMPSON CO., NO. 2.

Foreman—Thomas Rennicks.  
 Assistant Foreman—Almon Hill.  
 Clerk—John M. Whelan.  
 Engineer—Erwin S. Gowen.  
 Fireman—Frank M. Shapleigh.

## DRIVERS.

Clarence Hooper, Albert Lavigne.

## PIPE AND HOSEMEN.

James McConnell, Warren Fuller,  
 William Fanning, Jere Sullivan  
 John Keightley, 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 fair condition.

## APPARATUS.

There are two steam fire engines, two hose wagons, two hose pungs, three hose reels, one hook and ladder truck in the department, also one hand tub stationed at the Pool. The hose reels, two of them, are not in use. The rest of the apparatus is in fair condition except the ladder truck, which is in a very dangerous condition.

## CARTS AND SLEDS.

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

## HOSE.

There are about 6,000 feet of hose in the department, 1,000 feet having been purchased the past year, and I would recommend the purchase of another 1,000 feet this year.

## ADDITIONS THIS YEAR.

There has been one new fire alarm box installed and the location of two others changed; No. 37 changed to the Five Points; No. 38 changed to the junction of Alfred and Everett streets; and No. 39, the new box, put in the place vacated by No. 38. There have been two new hydrants installed; one at about the center of Bradbury street, and one on Walnut street at the corner of Adams court; and I would recommend that two or three hydrants be installed each year as there are many localities in the city that are entirely without fire protection in the line of hydrants. Such as Graham street, State street, Prospect street, Western avenue and many other streets that could be named.

## IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS.

This year at my earnest recommendation, the fire committee purchased the old building in the rear of the Hook and Ladder house, which the fire department rented, from Mr. James E. Gowen, and after removing the old building they erected a new one in the same place, making a very good stable for the horses, and placing them on each side of the apparatus, thereby improving the efficiency of the

truck very much; and in the place where the old stalls were they have arranged a very good company room and a sleeping room for the driver, where before there was neither room for the driver or the company. This was done at a cost of about \$700.00. On the 2nd day of November the stable belonging to Roscoe Jellerson was burned and this building being very close to the department houses, they were damaged to the extent of about \$415.00, and with this money they were both newly shingled, the chimneys repaired and one side of the Richard Vines house clapboarded and other necessary repairs made on the inside.

#### BUILDINGS.

I again wish to call the attention of the honorable mayor and city council to the conditions that confront the chief in regard to fire escapes. There are a large number of buildings in the city that are three stories and over, which are entirely without fire escapes, both dwelling houses, schoolhouses, public halls and office buildings, and we should take warning by the calamity that has overtaken the city of Chicago. I am glad to note that the St. Johns society have taken steps to have suitable fire escapes placed on their building. The other owners should do likewise or be compelled to do so.

#### FIRES AND ALARMS.

There have been 40 fires and alarms this year; 36 bell alarms, 3 still alarms and one at the Pool. This is with one exception the largest number of alarms that we have had in a year, and I think that the department is entitled to a great deal of credit for their promptness and efficiency, as the following table will show. The value of buildings damaged by fire was \$66,000; the damage to the buildings was \$4,288; the insurance on buildings was \$52,250; the insurance paid, \$2,588; the value of contents of buildings damaged was \$37,100; the damage to contents was \$2,605; the insurance on contents was \$29,650; the insurance paid was \$1,283; making a total loss on buildings and contents of \$6,893 against a total value on buildings and contents of

\$103,100. This does not include the chimney fires, but only the buildings actually damaged by fire.

The following is a true list of all fires and alarms:

Feb. 2, 1903, 3. 20 p. m., box 57—25 Main street, building owned by E. C. Luques; cause unknown.

Feb. 6, 6.15 p. m., box 57—No. 4 mill on the Pepperell owned by the Pepperell Mfg. Co.; cause, hot bearing.

Feb. 13, 3.40 a. m.—Pumping station of the Biddeford & Saco Water Co.; cause unknown.

Feb. 19, 10.45 p. m., box 45—No. 7 Fall street, building owned by George A. Johnson; cause, hot ashes.

Feb. 25, 4 p. m., box 27—Eastern division R. R. station, fire on roof; cause, sparks from chimney.

March 2, 9 p. m.—Still alarm, caused by chimney on fire in the residence of Hon. E. W. Staples.

March 4, 5. p. m.—Still alarm, caused by a chimney on fire next to the bake shop on Main street.

March 20, 5.05 p. m., box 26—Caused by a chimney fire on Vetromile street, No. 20.

March 20, 9.30 p. m., box 57—Caused by a chimney on fire on Laconia street.

April 3, 5.35 p. m., box 26, No. 271 Main street, building owned by the Dr. Sawyer heirs; cause gasoline stove on fire.

April 5, 6.30 p. m., box 58—In rear of Hill street, building owned by Fred Cyr; cause gasoline engine.

April 6, 8.30 a. m., box 57—No. 6 Laconia block, owned by the Pepperell Mfg. Co.; cause, children and matches.

April 12, 6.30 p. m., box 54—The convent on Adams street, owned by the St. Joseph Church society; cause, oil stove upset.

April 17, 12 m., box 35—No. 13 Green street, ash barrel on fire.

May 3, 3 a. m., box 56—Call for help from Kennebunk, steamer Eben Simpson sent in response.

May 11—Chimney on fire in the building owned by James Stanton on Graham street.

May 12, 3.45 p. m., box 56—Call for help from Saco, caused by a fire in the trotting park. Steamer Eben Simpson and hose 2 sent in response.

May 15, 9 a. m., box 57—No. 18 Foss street, building owned by Rishworth Jordan; cause rats and matches.

May 26, 11.15 a. m.—No. 39 Washington street, chimney on fire.

June 4, 6.35 p. m., box 56—Fire in building owned by Charles Day, in rear of broom factory on Franklin street; cause incendiary.

June 9, 8.45 p. m., box 34—145 Elm street, building owned by James E. Carter.

July 4, 2.15 p. m., box 58—Nos. 1, 3 and 5 Main street, owned by Basil Rochefort and Ida Rouillard.

July 27, 7.50 a. m., box 27—Eastern division R. R. station, fire on roof; cause sparks from locomotive.

July 31, 5.40 a. m., box 56—Call for assistance from Old Orchard; the Sea View house burned. Call countermanded before we started.

Aug. 18, 2.15 p. m., box 43—No. 2 Prospect street, building owned by Rishworth Jordan estate.

Aug. 22, 11.10 a. m., box 23—Deering Lumber Co.; accidental alarm.

Sept. 15, 12 p. m., box 26—No. 10 Center street, building owned by M. C. Ayer; cause unknown.

Oct. 11, 7.50 p. m., box 54—No. 18 Pepperell block, owned by the Pepperell Mfg. Co.; cause, lamp exploded.

Oct. 24, 6.40 p. m., box 46—No. 36 Foss street, owned by the Luques estate; cause chimney on fire.

Nov. 1, 5.05 p. m., box 27—Brush fire at Thachers creek.

Nov. 2, 12.35 p. m., box 56,—No. 19 Washington street, building owned by Roscoe Jellerson; cause unknown.

Nov. 9, 4.30 a. m., box 58—No. 13 Main street, chimney on fire.

Nov. 15, 2.15 p. m., box 47—Brush fire in Clifford park.

Nov. 26, 12.50 p. m., box 34—No. 33 State street, building owned by Irving Cleaves; cause, overheated stove.

Dec. 7, 4.40 p. m., box 58—No. 13 Main street, chimney on fire.

Dec. 12, 3.50 p. m., box 54—No. 131 Main street, building owned by the Garland & Sweetsir estate.

Dec. 15, 5.15 p. m., box 45—Corner Hill and Granite streets, chimney on fire.

Dec. 18, 6.25 a. m., box 26—No. 18 Vetromile street, chimney on fire.

Jan. 9, 1904, 8. 45 p. m., box 26—No. 12 Vetromile street, building owned by Carlos H. McKenney; cause, kerosene and matches.

Jan. 7—Biddeford Pool building, owned by Justin E. Mullen; cause, overheated stove.

#### FIRE-ALARM BOXES.

- No. 12 No-school signal.
- 23 J. G. Deering & Son, Springs Island.
- 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.
- 29 South street, opposite residence of H. G. Holmes.
- 34 Kings corner, junction South and Elm streets.
- 35 At corner of South, Green and Crescent streets.
- 36 Elm street, opposite residence of William B. Sullivan.
- 37 Five Points.
- 38 Alfred street, at junction of Everett street.
- 39 Union street, near head of Graham street.
- 43 Alfred street, corner of Birch street.
- 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.

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- 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 Main and Highland streets.
- 3 Main street, near Eastern railroad station.
- 4 Main street, corner of Western avenue.
- 5 Main street, corner of Bradbury street.
- 6 Elm street, corner of Main street.
- 7 Jefferson street, corner of Main street.
- 8 Adams street, near corner of Main street.
- 9 Lincoln street, corner of Main street.
- 10 Main street, corner of Washington street.
- 11 Main street, corner of Franklin street.
- 12 Corner of Alfred and Main streets.
- 13 Main street, corner of Emery street.
- 14 Main street, corner of Hill street.
- 15 Sullivan street, corner of Water street.
- 16 Water street, foot of Pike street.
- 17 Pike street, foot of Cross street.
- 18 Pool street, foot of Oak street.
- 19 Pool street, near corner of Pike street.
- 20 Pool street, near residence of P. A. Freeman.
- 21 Pool street, near front of residence of H. P. Atkinson.
- 22 Sullivan street, near corner of Bacon street.
- 23 Hill street, between Main and Bacon streets.
- 24 Emery street, corner of Bacon street.
- 25 Hill street, corner of Pool street.
- 26 Hill street, corner of Acorn street.
- 27 Hill street, near corner of Fall street.
- 28 Hill street, near the George 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 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 Charles 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 and Maine freight station.
- 53 Elm street, corner of Pearl street.
- 54 Elm street, head of Center 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.

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- 66 Elm street, corner of Dartmouth street.
  - 67 Jefferson street, corner of Adams street.
  - 68 Corner of Acorn and Oak streets.
  - 69 On Bradbury street.
  - 70 At the corner of Walnut street and Adams court.

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.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The street department this year has been embarrassed by the small amount of the appropriation, this being reduced one third from the amount of last year, owing to the smallpox expense of last winter, each department being cut to hardly running expenses, leaving little money for permanent improvements.

District 4 includes the cost of keeping paving in repair, and clean, also grading the streets. Five hundred loads of gravel were put on Elm street from Bradbury bridge to Springs bridge; 500 loads on Smith street and 500 loads on other streets.

### SIDEWALKS.

3,000 feet of new sidewalks were built on West street from Elm street to Prospect; 3,000 feet on Prospect from West, to house of O'Connor; new brick sidewalks have been laid on Mason street, 200 feet; South street, 200 feet; Alfred street, 300 feet, and 300 feet at other places. 1,000 feet of edge stone have been set at different places.

### CROSS WALKS.

Seven cross walks have been put in: On Elm street, at Beauregard's store; at corner of Birch and Alfred streets; at corner of Oak and Acorn streets; at corner of Acorn and Summer streets; at corner of Alfred and Washington streets; at corner of Main and Vetromile streets; on Washington, near engine house.

### SEWERS AND DRAINS.

Two sewers were left unfinished last year: South street sewer and Graham street sewer. This was a very costly

sewer and a large amount of the appropriation was expended in finishing them.

Four new sewers were built and extensive repairs made on old sewers. Fifteen new sewer pockets have been put in this season.

#### MILE BROOK SEWER.

The appropriation for this sewer was \$2,000. Ledge was encountered all the distance; still 300 feet were put in. Appearances would indicate that the ledge would disappear in the next 50 feet so that the cost would materially decrease from this on to the finish. The total length of the proposed sewer is 2,000 feet. Of this distance more than one-half has been put in, and by far the most costly.

#### NEW STREETS.

One street was laid out this year, Grant street, running from West Myrtle street to Brackett street, but the appropriation was so small for new streets that not much could be done this year. A sewer was laid nearly the length of the street.

#### MACADAMIZING.

The appropriation for this department was \$2,000. 1,500 feet in length was built on Gooch street, Jefferson street and Washington street. There is at the crusher plant 1,000 tons of stone to be crushed. The appropriation should be larger for this department as macadam road is best and cheapest at the cost at which material can be manufactured at the city's plant. Eighty yards of stone was from sidewalk on South and 50 yards on Hill street and the stone hauled to crusher.

# Police Commissioner's Report.

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TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIR-  
DEFORD:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Police has the honor to submit its annual report to the City Council for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1904.

The appropriation by the city council for the year 1903 was \$7,500.00. The expenses for the year were \$7,479.84, leaving a balance of \$20.16.

Our police force consists of a chief, one captain, six regular patrolmen, one janitor at police station, one night turnkey at station, two Sunday patrolmen and a reserve force of twenty men.

The whole number of arrests, with the offenses charged for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31st, 1904, have been 573, and for the following named offenses:

Viz:—Intoxication, 414; affray, 17; assault, 33; larceny, 26; tramps and vagrants, 47; and various minor offenses, 36.

The whole amount of stolen property recovered and returned to the owners during the year is \$650.00, being a large percentage of the value reported lost.

Sixty-six stores have been found open and secured by patrolmen.

## DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of the department has been good, and the work of the department has been excellent, good order has been maintained and persons and property have been well protected.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

We feel that it is absolutely necessary that the day

force be increased by at least two patrolmen, and hope your honorable body will increase our appropriations for the year 1904. Our day force consists of one patrolman, and it is absolutely impossible for him to patrol the large area that the business and residential part of the city now contains. We are satisfied that the population of Biddeford is nearing the 20,000 mark. The population of Biddeford within the last two years has greatly changed. Our corporations have largely extended their works, which has made a large demand for increase of their working force. This large demand for labor has attracted numbers of several nationalities, whose people have never before been employed or lived in our city. We therefore urge the increase of the force in order that persons and property may be properly protected.

#### SIGNAL SYSTEM.

We believe that a system of eight or ten signal stations would greatly improve the efficiency of the department.

#### LOCK-UP.

We hope soon to be in a position to have a padded cell in which to detain insane persons. In comparison to the amount of good accomplished in having a cell of this kind to detain the poor unfortunates, the cost will be small.

We also call your attention to the need of a female department, with one of the rooms as a room of detention where a woman asking for lodging can be given a clean place to stop.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. G. HUTCHINSON,  
JAMES F. TARR,  
JOSEPH GOOCH,

Board of Police.

A true copy.

Attest, H. G. HUTCHINSON, Clerk.  
Biddeford, Me., Feb. 1st, 1904.

## **Report of the Overseers of the Poor.**

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

GENTLEMEN :—I hereby present to you a report of the work of the pauper department for the past year :

We have during this year again been favored with prosperous times, which has had its influence in keeping the expenses of the department at a minimum.

Many applications for aid have been made and we have been careful in making investigation before giving help, and believe all cases of real distress have been reached and suffering mitigated.

The number helped in the three several departments of street, medical and on the farm were 407, being 44 more than the number reported last year, viz., 363.

The expenses of the several departments according to our books were as follows: Street, \$4,119.30; farm, \$5,099.38; medical, \$1,348.41; total, \$10,568.05; a sum \$931.95 less than the amount appropriated, viz., \$11,500, and with the credits of the department of \$178.19, showing a saving in the same to be \$1,110.14.

I herewith give the total expenses of the department for the last seven years: 1897, \$11,555.70; 1898, \$12,404.53; 1899, \$10,642.31; 1900, \$10,619.95; 1901, \$11,514.42; 1902, \$11,898.57; 1903, \$10,568.05.

To some of our people it may be interesting to compare these figures with the expenses of the seven preceding years, thereby receiving a strong argument in favor of continuing a non-partisan administration of our city affairs. In the expenditure of this smaller amount we have made needed repairs at the farm of \$617.92. These improvements include



all those recommended in our last report with the exception of a new soil pipe from the house to the brook. We would advise that this be done during the present year, and we further advise that a pair of new horses be purchased to replace the grays now owned. We also deem it advisable to have electric lights put into the house and so recommend the same, as 75 lights can be installed for \$150, and this number would be sufficient for the superintendent's part and the almshouse proper. No other improvements require immediate attention, although it seems to us that it would be wise and therefore proper to do whatever may be needed from year to year, to keep all the property of the city farm in a first class condition, doing nothing extravagant, but have it in shape to be an honor to our city and not a disgrace.

Number of inmates at the farm February 1, 1903, were 47; admitted, 21; died, 9; dismissed, 21.

Number of inmates at the farm Feb. 1, 1904, were 38.

Stock on farm: Cows, 7, and three heifers; horses, 3; hogs, 6; hens, 30.

Products of farm during the year: Grain, 60 bushels; potatoes, 400 bushels; beets, 20 bushels; beans, 12 bushels; turnips, 20 bushels; hay, 65 tons.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. HUSSEY,

Clerk of the Overseers of the Poor.

Biddeford, Me., Jan. 31, 1904.

## **Park Commissioner's Report.**

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TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:—

We submit the following as our report for the year 1903. No appropriation was made for this department. Through the kindness of the Street Commissioner the small parks have been cared for. Clifford Park has been sadly neglected. It is said to comprise 30 acres, and contains the possibilities of a fine park.

A policeman looks after those who assemble there Sundays, but it is left to the mercy of destroyers during the week.

The seats which were put there have been carried away or destroyed, and many of the trees hacked with an ax, and fires built around others. This Park contains many places where trees should be set out, and vines to cover the ledges. But these things are being put off year by year for the want of a small appropriation.

We hope the time may soon come when this part of the City's property will be appreciated and properly cared for.

Respectfully,

JOHN B. LOWELL,

WILLIAM E. YOULAND,

GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH,

Park Commissioners..



## City Solicitor's Report.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith my report for the year ending March 21, 1904.

A year ago there were pending the cases of Daniel Cote and of his trustee in bankruptcy, against the city, which had been referred to Chief Justice Wiswell as referee. Shortly after the September term of the supreme court the Chief Justice came to Biddeford, and a hearing was had. At the January term in this year he filed his opinion, which sustained in every respect the position of the able counsel employed by the city. On my motion the report was accepted and the matter is now closed, after almost four years of litigation.

Another pending matter was the appeal of Sarah J. Curtis from the damages awarded in the building of a new road at Fortunes Rocks. Just prior to the May term of court Mrs. Curtis and her counsel suggested a settlement. We refused to increase the amount of damages awarded, but offered to pay her her costs and attorney's fee, feeling that this was better than to take the chances of a jury deciding against us. It was a favorable settlement for the city, and was done.

At the September term of court Charles E. Atwood entered an action against the city for an alleged nuisance in connection with the Mile Brook sewer. I filed a demurrer at that term and the case was argued at the December law term at Augusta. I expect that the decision will be favorable to the position which I took, that the city cannot be held liable on the facts stated.

There has been the usual number of minor but troublesome questions arising in the different departments. In some of these a written opinion was called for. Some of the questions were easily answered, while others were quite bothersome.

The city is less involved in legal matters than it was a year ago.

Respectfully,  
JOHN F. BURNHAM,  
City Solicitor.

## Report of Board of Health.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In the year just past there has been a considerable number of contagious diseases in our city, but they have been in a very mild form. The death rate from such has been very low. During the past winter we had but one case of smallpox. By prompt action of the board in establishing a strict quarantine the disease was confined to one house. The board recommends that the city should furnish a suitable place to be used as a hospital in which may be treated cases of smallpox. The board would also recommend that one man be appointed as an inspector to devote his whole time to improving the sanitary condition of our city. There are very many places in our city that might be improved. There have been about sixty nuisances reported during the year and they have been all abated.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. CAREY,  
Secretary of Board of Health.

## 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.  
1904, Nathaniel B. Walker, Citizens and Rep.

