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ANNUAL REPORTS

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CITY OF BIDDEFORD

For the Fiscal Year 1916



TOGETHER WITH

The Mayor's Address

The Biddeford Record Print



MAR 22 1919



MAYOR HARTLEY C. BANKS (1917)

The Mayor's Address

Gentlemen of the City Council:

We have assembled here this morning at the opening of a new municipal year, to begin the work which has been assigned to us by our fellow citizens.

We meet not as Democrats, Republicans or Independents, but as a body to serve the welfare of our fellow citizens and not partisan ends. Our duty is to administer the affairs of the city, carefully, honestly and with such measure of wisdom as we possess. We shall best accomplish this result by faithfully examining all matters which are brought to our attention and taking such action thereon as we believe to be the most conducive to the general good.

We have accepted the trust conferred upon us and registered our oaths, and that trust must not be neglected. We must accept the consequences if the spirit of these oaths be disregarded.

Although the yoke placed upon us is not easy, and the burden far from light, we will, I am sure, get the right answer to the problem which will confront us if we hold foremost in our minds the fact that we are the trustees and agents of our fellow citizens, that we hold their funds in sacred trust, to be expended for their benefit, and, that we should

be prepared at all times to render to them an honest account of the expenditure of those funds.

In this work which we undertake there should be co-operation, and I trust that you will at all times feel that the Mayor stands ready and more than willing to co-operate with his Honorable Board. The door of the Mayor's office swings open with an equal welcome to every man, woman and child in the city, yet no man or group of men will get a more cordial greeting than the members of the City Council who come to talk over the city's business.

With this assurance of my desire to co-operate with you, I welcome you to the task ahead.

FINANCES

The finances will naturally receive your first attention and early in the year the important question of appropriations for the several departments will demand your careful attention.

The financial condition of the city is as follows:

Liabilities

Refunding bonds outstanding	\$220,000 00
Sewer bonds outstanding	65,000 00
Street and Sidewalk Improvement bonds outstanding	70,000 00
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	\$355,000 00

Resources

Cash on hand	\$ 10,466 32
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Taxes due from years 1897, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915	13,405 61
Balance Account	331,128 07
	\$355,000 00

For further details I would refer you to the report of the Treasurer.

SCHOOLS

Our schools are at present in good condition under the Superintendent and Board of Education.

We have established a manual training and domestic science department which are showing excellent results. The new Emery school is a monument to our city.

I would recommend the building of a new school in the westerly section of our city.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

We have a fire department of which we should feel very proud. The efficiency of the department has been increased 100 per cent. The apparatus is in very good condition. We have been very fortunate during the past year in regard to forest fires, and I would heartily recommend the patrol of the hazardous districts during the dry season. We should not begrudge any expenditure in this department when it is needed to increase the efficiency.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

There have been many notable improvements made upon our streets and sidewalks during the past year and much

remains to be done in this line. I would heartily recommend the Hassam paving as being the best adapted for our needs. The cement sidewalks seem to be the most substantial and economical. This matter should receive our attention as soon as practicable. Our motto should be to follow the footsteps of our predecessors in this matter of streets and sidewalks.

SEWERS

This particular department is the most vital in our city. Much work has been already done and we are still at the beginning. We must protect the health of our citizens and improve the sanitary conditions of our city by the careful consideration of all matters pertaining to the construction of sewers. The new sewer, of which a large part has been completed, will naturally receive our first attention and by the carrying on of this work until it is finished, it will have a tendency to promote building operations in the section of the city where the constructing of the new sewer will fill a long felt want.

The Mile Brook sewer should be continued this year and the existing nuisance abated as far as possible.

PARKS

Some shade trees were set out last year which later will add to the comfort and beauty of our city.

Parks serve their purpose and the matter of playgrounds will give pleasure and secure proper environment for the children.

Excellent results were obtained last year by the addition of an instructor at the playground.

Clifford Park can be made a beautiful spot, and I would recommend an increase in the appropriation, and also recommend the continuance of the band concerts.

PAUPER DEPARTMENT

Each year the cost of supporting the poor of the City is greater than the year previous, on account of the high cost of necessities. I believe that the unfortunates who come under the charge of this department should be well cared for, and at the same time in a manner as economical as possible. I would recommend some improvements at the City Farm.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

There were no serious diseases during the past year. We had a few cases of scarlet fever. This department is a very important one and extreme caution should be taken, as in the past, in the matter of contagious diseases.

WOODLAWN CEMETERY

The Cemetery has been well cared for during the past year and has been in charge of a competent Superintendent, William A. Rumery. Some minor changes have been suggested and they will receive my attention at the opportune time.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The efficiency of this department has been kept up to the usual standard during the past year.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

At present, so far as I am able to learn, there is no litigation pending. The dispute between Caroline V. Brown and the City has been amicably settled.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

We have a Police Department of which we might all feel proud, the expenditures of the department have been well merited. We have no jurisdiction in this department as it is under the supervision of a capable Board of Police Commissioners. The police force, under the direction of the Chief, has been very efficient. We should co-operate with them at all times. I would heartily recommend the purchase of a patrol wagon, as I consider it essential in a City the size of ours. I would also recommend the urgent need of a padded cell at the police station whereby dangerous patients could be held in restraint. In closing I would say that we must now begin our work as servants. We must not shirk the responsibility that has been placed upon us. We can either demonstrate that we are worthy of the confidence or show ourselves unfit for the trust imposed in us. Our efforts must be to give them good government, and that can only be secured by sincere regard for the people's rights, a wise and conservative management of their affairs and an untiring effort to the people's interests. We must not be actuated by any selfish motives but work together for the best interests of our City.

LEOPOLD A. GIRARD.



CITY CLERK THOMAS F. LOCKE

City Government, 1916

Mayor

LEOPOLD A. GIRARD

Aldermen

Chairman, Hartley C. Banks

Ward 1—Luther W. Piper

Ward 2—Aramys Thibeault

Ward 3—Samuel L. Wilson

Ward 4—George S. L. de la Bruere.

Ward 5—Clarence Goldthwait

Ward 6—Israel Bouthilette

Ward 7—Hartley C. Banks

City Clerk

THOMAS F. LOCKE

Common Councilmen

President, Austin Hobbins

Ward 1—Frank G. Johnson	Irving S. Milgate
Ira N. Davis	
Ward 2—Timothy Daly	Ulric Cabana
John B. Bellerose	
Ward 3—Benjamin Higginbotham	Philius Sayer
Louis Gendron	
Ward 4—John L. Whitten	Gustave J. Peppin
William Dunn, Jr.	
Ward 5—Austin Hobbins	Edward L. Pare
William H. Stone	
Ward 6—Daniel I. Twomey	George E. Emery
George Lemire	
Ward 7—Alfred Cantara	Edward Kelleher
Morrill Harper	

Wardens

Ward 1—Arthur A. Burleigh
Ward 2—David Murphy
Ward 3—George F. Moulen
Ward 4—Pierre C. Belanger
Ward 5—James W. Beaumont
Ward 6—John F. Lane.
Ward 7—William A. Mullen

Ward Clerks

- Ward 1—George W. Pollard
 Ward 2—Andre Painchaud
 Ward 3—Harry L. Tarr
 Ward 4—Jeffrey Ducharme
 Ward 5—Felix T. Sheltra
 Ward 6—Walter P. Malloy
 Ward 7—Charles L. Murch

Ballot Clerks

- Ward 1—Orin J. Benson, Kelton J. Fowle
 Ward 2—Thomas J. Boland, Arthur Janelle
 Ward 3—Edmond A. Moisan, William Guy Parker
 Ward 4—Noah Lauziere, Hector A. Dubois
 Ward 5—Elmer O. Davis, Alphonse Renouf
 Ward 6—Edward F. Rivers, Alfred J. Lambert
 Ward 7—Jeremiah F. O'Sullivan, Walter A. Holt

Election Clerks

- Ward 1—Fred O. Finnard, John R. Staples
 Ward 2—George E. Cartier, Pierre A. Ledoux
 Ward 3—John Higginbotham, Joseph Cormier
 Ward 4—Joseph Cartier, P. J. A. Renouf
 Ward 5—William A. Breton, Herbert E. B. Smith
 Ward 6—John F. Lane, Paul E. Tartre
 Ward 7—Daniel J. Laffan, Edward J. Ryan.

Treasurer	James G. C. Smith
Collector of Taxes	James Beaumont
City Solicitor	Leroy Haley
City Auditor	Edmond Bergeron
Judge of Municipal Court	George L. Emery
Recorder of Municipal Court	Fillmore P. Harris
Chief of Police	Thomas Stone
City Physician	George C. Precourt
Chief of Fire Department	Frank A. Cantara
First Assistant Engineer Fire Department	
.....	Fred L. Johnson
Second Assistant Engineer Fire Department	
.....	Jeremiah L. Twomey
Engineer City Building	Peter Murphy
Watchman City Building	Fred Valliere
Harbor Master	Clarence Goldthwait
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Henry D. Lemire

Board of Registration

Chairman, Robert B. Seidel

John B. E. Tartre

Charles T. Read

Assessors

Chairman, James A. Strout

Henry P. Simard

Benjamin L. Gordon

Chief Assessor

Benjamin L. Gordon

Assistant Assessors

Ward 1—George W. Pollard

Ward 2—Napoleon Blanchette

Ward 3—Edmond A. Moisan

Ward 4—Onesime O. Cote

Ward 5—Lawrence E. Hobbins

Ward 6—Henry J. Cote

Ward 7—Arthur H. Hevey

Board of Health

Will Stone

Alex Gagnon

James J. Neilon

Overseers of Poor	Municipal Officers
Clerk of Overseers of Poor	Oscar G. Parent
Superintendent of City Farm	Melville C. Googins
Inspector of Buildings	Odilas P. Mercier
Superintendent of Burials	William A. Rumery
Superintendent of Schools	I. Z Allen

Superintending School Committee

Chairman, Leopold A. Girard

John J. Dunn

Frank Cole

Benjamin Goodier, Jr.

George W. Scott

Park Commissioners

F. C. Leining

D. E. Dolloff

Maurice Golding

Fence Viewers

Daniel M. Tarbox Ricie E. Davis Eastman P. Seavey

Trustees Woodlawn Cemetery

The Mayor

F. E. Nield

Truant Officer

John Higginbotham

Police Board

Chairman, John E. H. Townsend

John McCourt

Napoleon Nadeau

City Weighers

Sidney A. Staples

Roscoe B. Cleaves

George E. Morrison

Fred J. Morrison

R. A. Fairfield

John Darcy

Joseph P. Gendron

Daniel Dinan

James Welch

John E. Twomey

Roy M. Heeney

Roy Morrison

W. W. Goldthwait

Charles McCarthy

George F. Swaney

Louis O. Parento

Ralph Bachelder

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark

Ivory E. Davis	Ralph Veazie
John F. Goldthwaite	Roscoe B. Cleaves
W. W. Roberts	Oscar E. Shaw
Daniel S. Hamilton	Alphonse E. Ward
Frank E. Hooper	Byron K. Reed
Howard Cousins	S. Kelso
Fred Graffam	Fred H. Dearing
Albert Harvey	Ralph H. Burbank
Albert Hawes	Alfred Sicard
Hiram Rose	Albert Mayo
Fred A. Thayer	

Street Commissioners

District No. 4	Christopher C. Gilpatrick
Pool Road District	John A. Falker
Pool District	Warren C. Thompson
Newtown District	John Hirst
Oak Ridge District	Henry Chasse
Fortunes Rocks	Andrew H. Davis
Ward 7, North	John W. Lowell
Ward 7, West	Paul W. McIntire
Ward 7, East	J. Edwin Roberts
Hollis Road	Onesime Brunelle

Joint Standing Committees

Finance—The Mayor, Alderman Banks, Councilmen Higginbotham, Daly and Bellerose.

Accounts—Alderman Thibeault, Councilmen Johnson and Hobbins.

Public Property—The Mayor, Alderman Goldthwait, Councilmen Emery, Lemire and Cabana.

Fire Department—The Mayor, Aldermen Bouthillette and Banks, Councilmen Davis, Stone and Kelleher.

Poor—Alderman De La Bruere, Councilmen Sayer and Twomey.

Printing—Alderman Wilson, Councilmen Dunn and Whitten.

Ordinances—The Mayor, Councilmen Gendron and Harper.

Streets—The Mayor, Aldermen Goldthwait and Piper, Councilmen Pare, Milgate and Cabana.

Library—The Mayor, Alderman Wilson, Councilmen Hobbins, Higginbotham, Harper and Cantara.

Standing Committees

Board of Aldermen

Election Returns—Aldermen Piper and Goldthwait.

Enrolled Bills—Aldermen Bouthillette, Wilson and Banks.

Licenses—Aldermen Thibeault, Banks and De La Bruere.



CITY TREASURER J. G. C. SMITH

City Treasurer's Report

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the City during the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1917.

Cash on hand January 31st, 1916	\$10,466	32
Received from all sources during the year	445,511	10
	\$455,977 42	
Total payments for the year	\$433,348	28
Cash on hand January 31st, 1917	10,493	12
Cash on hand January 31st, 1917, Sewer Account	12,136	02
	\$455,977 42	

The detailed statement of the above receipts and expenditures is as follows:

	Receipts	Expenditures
Abatement of Taxes		\$4,122 19
Bridges		6,977 16
Brown Tail Moths		3,295 36
City Building	\$6,759 42	8,143 45

Woodlawn Cemetery	150 00	615 18
City Library	220 00	2,388 04
City Parks	15 00	652 12
County Tax		9,936 35
Contingent Fund	946 92	6,804 86
Dog Licenses	381 98	223 00
Election Department		3,726 69
Fire Department		18,896 02
Free Text Books		696 96
General Expense	480 00	7,624 37
General Licenses	443 00	
Hydrant Rental		5,830 00
Health Department		1,347 08
Highways, District No. 4	194 35	13,986 10
Fortunes Rocks		631 12
Hollis Road	42 25	606 01
Newtown District		704 51
Oak Ridge		457 85
Pool District		951 73
Pool Road District		1,620 64
Ward 7 North		415 64
Ward 7 East		140 26
Ward 7 West		589 53
Insane		344 57
Interest	769 27	16,041 98
New Sewer	25,000 00	12,863 98
Pauper Department	4,957 75	24,215 47
Police Department	2,505 75	12,446 26
Premium on bonds carried to In- terest acct.		
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	826 27	
Resurfacing Streets		950 32
Salaries		7,702 52
School Fund and Mill Tax	20,785 58	

Common School Fund	16,706 06	
Schools	2,097 50	44,922 90
Schools, Superintendent's Salary ..		1,873 28
Schools, Supplies, Repairs and In- surance		2,747 07
Sewer Bonds paid		5,000 00
Street and Sidewalk Bonds paid..		5,000 00
Sewers and Drains	65 25	2,996 05
Sidewalks	248 05	5,593 82
State Pensions	1,314 00	1,314 00
State Road	843 34	2,974 34
Street Lights		12,509 86
Street and Sidewalk Improvement	26,302 84	26,293 12
Tax Deeds	495 51	223 72
Temporary Loan	100,000 00	100,000 00
State Tax		45,952 80
Tax of 1907	52 00	
Tax of 1908	83 00	
Tax of 1909	82 00	
Tax of 1910	290 00	
Tax of 1911	90 21	
Tax of 1912	401 54	
Tax of 1913	537 59	
Tax of 1914	2,441 16	
Tax of 1915	7,107 29	
Tax of 1916	221,876 22	
Cash on hand Jan. 31st, 1916	10,466 32	
Cash on hand Jan. 31st, 1917		10,493 12
Cash on hand Jan. 31st, 1917, Sewer Acct.		12,136 02
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	\$455,977 42	\$455,977 42

Statement showing resources and liabilities of the city

Liabilities

Refunding bonds outstanding	\$220,000 00
Sewer bonds outstanding	85,000 00
Street and Sidewalk bonds outstanding	90,000 00
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	\$395,000 00

Resources

Cash on hand	\$10,493 12
Tax of 1897	212 74
Tax of 1902	19 63
Tax of 1903	28 00
Tax of 1904	220 09
Tax of 1905	115 93
Tax of 1907	15 29
Tax of 1908	19 55
Tax of 1909	16 02
Tax of 1910	21 90
Tax of 1911	17 01
Tax of 1912	49 26
Tax of 1913	61 23
Tax of 1914	472 06
Tax of 1915	1,052 11
Tax of 1916	5,513 30
Balance Account	376,672 76
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	\$395,000 00
Balance Account January 31st, 1917	\$376,672 76
Balance Account January 31st, 1916	331,128.07
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Increase Net Debt	\$45,544 69

Outstanding Bonds of the City of Biddeford

Re- funding loan.	Amount.	Time.	Rate
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 cent
May 1, 1905 ..	50,000 00	20 years	3½ per cent
May 15, 1914 ..	50,000 00	20 years	4 per cent
May 1, 1915 ..	25,000 00	20 years	4 per cent
Sewer loan:			
July 1, 1913 ..	\$35,000 00	1917-23	4 per cent
	\$5,000 00	due yearly	
May 15, 1914 ..	25,000 00	1924-28	4 per cent
	\$5,000 00	due yearly	
July 1, 1916 ..	25,000 00	1928-33	4 per cent
	\$5,000 00	due yearly	
Street and Sidewalk Improvements loan:			
Aug. 1, 1914 ..	\$15,000 00	1917-19	4 per cent
	\$5,000 00	due yearly	
May 1, 1915 ..	50,000 00	1920-29	4 per cent
	\$5,000 00	due yearly	
May 1, 1916 ..	25,000 00	1929-34	4 per cent
	\$5,000 00	due yearly	

TRUST FUNDS.

Elizabeth Cole Fund

For the perpetual care of lot No. 319 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, Balance	\$206 53
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	8 32
	\$214 85

Oct. 31st, paid W. A. Rumery	5 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$209 85

Hannah Smith Fund

For the perpetual care of lot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$117 93
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	4 74
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	\$122 67
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	5 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$117 67

Jack Fund

For the perpetual care of lot No. 152 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$189 59
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	7 64
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	\$197 23
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	4 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$193 23

Mary A. Farwell Ellis Fund

For the perpetual care of lot in Greenwood Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$121 34
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	4 82
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	\$126 16

May 31st, 1916, paid Greenwood Association ..	40 00
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	\$86 16

Benjamin A. Kenison Fund

For the perpetual care of lot 14 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$170 96
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	6 88
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	\$177 84
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	5 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$172 84

Emeline Burnham Fund

For the perpetual care of lot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$204 04
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	8 24
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	\$212 28
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	8 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$204 28

Cleaves Fund

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$1,806 96
Dividends	36 70
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$1,843 66

Sarah J. Curtis Fund

For the perpetual care of lot 861 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$131 26
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	5 28
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	\$136 54
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	4 00
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Jan. 31st, 1916, balance	\$132 54

Horace B. Clark

For the perpetual care of lot 243 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$78 88
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	3 16
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	\$82 04
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	3 00
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Jan. 31st, balance	\$79 04

Mary W. Smith

For the perpetual care of lots 262-264 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$528 94
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	21 34
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	\$550 28

Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	16 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$534 28

Jane F. Webster Fund

For the perpetual care of lot No. 60 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$160 80
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	6 48
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	\$167 28
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	4 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$163 28

Thomas D. Suhr Fund

For the perpetual care of lot No. 221 in Greenwood Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$115 70
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	4 34
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	\$120 04
May 31st, 1916, Greenwood Association	16 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$104 04

Ministerial Fund

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$486 16
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	19 62
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$505 78

Jennie M. Johnson

For the perpetual care of lot No. 598 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$102 57
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends 97-98	4 12
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	\$106 69
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	4 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$102 69

Charles Beaumont Fund

For the perpetual care of lot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$103 47
Dividends	4 08
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	\$107 55
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	4 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$103 55

William Mason Fund

For the perpetual care of lot 320 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	\$103 94
Oct. 31st, 1916, dividends 97-98	4 18
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	\$108 12
Oct. 31st, 1916, paid W. A. Rumery	4 00
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$104 12

Hannibal D. Taylor Fund

For the perpetual care of cemetery lot on farm of Hannibal D. Taylor.

Feb. 1st, 1916, balance	50 02
Oct. 1st, 1916, dividends	2 02
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Jan. 31st, 1917, balance	\$52 04

Annie M. Dustin Fund

For the perpetual care of lot No. 618 in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Sept. 27th, 1916, balance	\$50 00
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William M. T. Flanders Fund

Cemetery.

Sept. 30th, 1916, balance	\$50 00
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Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. C. SMITH,

City Treasurer,



CITY AUDITOR EDMOND BERGERON

General Expense, 1915

For Month of February 1916

Biddeford Record, advertising	\$5 25
Wallace Stuart, 2 days' work on Christmas tree	5 00
Biddeford Journal, auditor's notice, 1 week ..	4 75
Mahoney's Pharmacy, chloroform, .35; Strych- nine Sulph., .05; pencil sharpener, \$1.00; soap, .60	2 00
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 1 dog, Jan. 22, 1916 ..	2 00
Thomas F. Locke, to 100 post cards	1 00
J. E. Brooks, P. M., to 250 No. 8 stamped enve- lopes	5 39
Biddeford Record, advertising	8 64
York County Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	12 50
New England Telephone and Telegraph Com- pany, tolls	3 60
American Express Co., package to Augusta ..	26
Ernest A. Goodwin, to two days' expenses to Boston, negotiating sale of City Bonds, \$18.75; to telegram, .26; to postage, .20 ...	19 21
York County Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	12 30
Timothy Mahoney, to 2 days' labor, securing statement of facts relating to relief of needy	

blind	3 00
Trader's Express, to express charges	2 45
Annie F. Locke, to making 3 copies auditor's re- port for publication	2 00
American City, to subscription	3 00
P. J. Farley, trucking	1 50
Townsend Brothers, repairing snow plows	5 00
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	\$98 85

For the Month of March

Society St. Jean Baptiste, rent Light Infantry hall	\$200 00
Biddeford Record, to printing cards, Tax Col- lector, \$3.50; to advertisement, 5 in., 1 mo., \$8.00; to advertisement, 4 in., 4 insertions, \$3.75; to advertisement, non resident taxes, 3 ins. W. Dec. 24-31-Jan. 7, \$18.00; to printing Resident Tax unpaid, \$18.00; to printing notices, assessors, \$4.00; to adver- tising, March 20 to April 10, \$11.50; to 500 letter heads, \$2.50; to adv., 5 in., 10 inser- tions, \$5.25; to printing 500 permits, \$3.50; to adv., notice to contractors, \$6.00	84 00
W. W. Roberts Co., 4 boxes Paper, 1 doz. pads	5 00
John C. Dettra & Company, flag, 8x12	3 50
J. E. Brooks, P. M., 500 No. 5 stamped envelopes, \$10.62; 500 No. 8 stamped envelopes, \$11.00	21 62
Edmond Bergeron, making out 7 ward books containing list of personal property	105 00
York County Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	12 50

Hooper's Livery, use of auto, by W. C. Bigelow, 4 trips to Biddeford Pool	12 00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., tolls	1 55
W. C. Bigelow, survey of clam flats at Bidde- ford Pool, field and office work, 8 days at \$6.00	48 00
W. C. Bigelow, one-half day with Otto Nelson on new sewer	3 00
Standard Carbon and Ribbon Co., 100 sheets O. B. T. Black, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x13	3 50
Wallace Rich, 4 days' labor, survey of clam flats	7 00
Kelton Fowle, 4 days' labor, survey of clam flats	7 00
Thomas F. Locke, recording 518 births, 294 deaths, 178 marriages at 15 cents each, \$148.50; recording 140 deaths, occurred out of town and brought here for burial, at 15 cents, \$21.00	169 50
N. B. and T. B. Walker, written opinion on claim of Otto Nelson Co., against City of Biddeford, given at request of Municipal Officers	5 00
Black Bird Pen Company, 6 gross pens	9 00
Thomas Stone, posting dog notices	3 00
Staples Fire Insurance Agency, Fire Ins., pol- icy No. 434, Fidelity-Phenix	62 60
Townsend Bros., repairs	9 00
H. G. Hutchinson & Co., ribbons and paper	4 50
William L. Streeter, 2 quarts Carter's Record ink, \$2.30; 1 bottle Cico paste, .45	2 75
James J. Hickey, posting Assessors' notices ..	3 00
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 1 dog	2 00
Townsend Bros., repairing snow plows	7 00
Rev. Louis Bergeron, services at inauguration..	5 00
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	\$796 02

For the Month of April

Daniel T. Hickey, killing 2 dogs	\$4 00
Ira Hooper, use of team posting notices, 2 trips	3 50
York County Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	26 20
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., tolls	3 37
H. G. Hutchinson & Co., supplies	6 80
Birmingham Pen Co., 3 gross pens	3 50
Alfred Bonneau, Assessors' notice, 3 weeks ...	7 50
T. L. Evans & Co., ruler, .15; 6 pkgs. labels .40; 20 erasers, .38	93
Frank P. Bridges & Co., 4 gross pens	5 00
George S. Clapp, 2 bottles Veneer furniture pol- ish	60
P. J. Farley, killing 1 dog	2 00
W. H. Watson, printing 500 circulars (Tax Collector)	2 50
W. H. Watson, printing 5,000 Tax Bills (Polls)	13 75
W. H. Watson, printing 5,000 Tax Bills (R. E.)	13 75
W. H. Watson, printing 1,500 Tax Circulars ..	6 50
W. H. Watson, printing 200 Tax Posters	2 25
Edmond Bergeron, making dog book	25 00
Thomas F. Locke, cash paid to Frank L. Malone, 10 days' clerical work at \$1.50 (November 1915)	15 00
The Fairbanks Co., supplies	2 41
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 1 dog	2 00
N. W. Kendall, supplies	190 95
James Beaumont, Collector of Taxes, City of Biddeford, for 8000 2c stamped envelopes	169 80
George W. Pollard, assistant assessor, Ward 1..	40 00
Napoleon Blanchette, assistant assessor, Ward 2	35 00

Edmond A. Moisan, assistant assessor, Ward 3..	35 00
Onesime O. Cote, assistant assessor, Ward 4 ..	35 00
Lawrence E. Hobbins, assistant assessor, Ward 5	35 00
Henry J. Descoteaux, assistant assessor, Ward 6	35 00
Arthur H. Hevey, assistant assessor, Ward 7..	60 00
York County Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	12 50
Wiggin & Palmer, use of team by Arthur Hevey, assistant assessor, Ward 7	4 00
Petrin Auto Co., use of 2 automobiles in con- nection with Inspection of Streets, Street Committee and Municipal Officers, 1 day, April 19, 1916	40 00
	\$838 81

For the Month of May

W. I. Dennett, to burial of a soldier	\$35 00
Edmond Bergeron, making and verifying asses- sor's valuation book and collector's commit- ment book on polls	100 00
Strouts' Florist, flowers (inauguration)	6 00
Alfred Bonneau, printing notice 4 weeks	4 00
Peter Pepin, 4½ days sprinkling	20 25
Biddeford Record, adv. Inspector of Buildings 4 in., 1 week, \$3.75; printing 500 blanks, auto, (assessing dept.), \$4.00; printing 100 notices 10x14, (assessing dept.), \$4.50; adv. assessor's notice, 10½ in., March 20 to Apr 10 inc., \$12.00; printing 250 postals, Municipal officers, printing 350 postals, City com., printing 150 postals, Council,	

\$11.75; printing 1,000 letter heads, (assessing dept.), \$4.50; adv., hearing, (clamflats), 10 in., Apr. 20 to May 1, \$14.20; printing 500 permits, (building inspector), \$2.25; printing 1,000 letter heads, (city treasurer), \$4.50; printing 1,000 envelopes, (city treasurer), \$3.50; Cut (seal), \$1.25; printing 500 receipts, 2 sides, highways, Pool road, \$5.00	71 20
Joseph E Brooks P. M., 1,000 unprinted stamped envelopes, (tax collector's dept.),	21 00
York Co. Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	12 50
Thornton Book Binding Co., rebinding 6 index records	12 00
Rev. William R. Wood, reporting 9 marriages from Apr. 9, 1910 to Oct. 23, 1915 ...	2 25
George E. Moses, posting poll tax notices	2 00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co, tolls	1 95
American Express Co., package to Augusta	26
Henry Petrin, Jr., 1 week collecting waste as per contract	38 25
St. Jean Bte. Society, rent of Light Infantry hall	200 00
W. I. Dennett, burial of a soldier	35 00
Peter Pepin, 7 days sprinkling	31 50
Charles Googins, 5 days labor at tool house	13 75
Cornelius Buckley, 5 days labor on building on State street	10 00
Joseph Keigher, 4 days labor at tool house	8 00
York Co. Power Company, electricity Light Infantry hall	7 30
Biddeford and Saco Water Co., water	2 67
Reny Bros., dating stamp	25

Henry Petrin, Jr., 1 week collecting waste as per contract	38 25
Ovila Godin, 1/2 amount on account public landing	50 00
Henry Petrin, Jr., 1 week collecting waste as per contract	38 25
H. E. Tufts, 6 days sprinkling	27 00
Peter Pepin, 6 days sprinkling	27 00
C. G. Scamman, books	19 25
Biddeford Journal, publishing assessor's notice, 9 in., 3 weeks, \$15.00; publishing building inspector's notice, 2 in., 1 week, \$2.00	17 00
Mahoney's Pharmacy, supplies	2 00
Col. L. H. Kendall Camp, U. S. W. V., for observance of Memorial Day	100 00
Sheridan Post, G. A. R., for observance of Memorial Day	100 00
U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., for observance of Memorial Day	100 00
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	\$1,153 88

For the Month of June

Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinklers.....	\$11 50
Petrin Auto Co., use of auto	3 00
Edmond Bergeron, making 7 Ward Books for Board of Assessors	35 00
Edmond Bergeron, extra services verifying returns of Polls and Personal Property made by assistant assessors, also making blotter containing a complete list of polls and personal property	90 00
Traffic Sign Co., signs	15 75

William W. Roberts Co., books	5 25
L. A. Girard, use of auto to outlying districts ..	2 00
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., ribbon for machine	75
L. A. McIntire, 1 day sprinkling	4 50
Peter Pepin, 7 days' sprinkling	31 50
H. E. Tufts, 7 days' sprinkling	31 50
Henry Petrin, Jr., 1 week collection of waste ..	38 25
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 93 dogs	186 00
Peter Pepin, 5½ days' sprinkling	27 50
H. E. Tufts, 5½ days' sprinkling	27 50
Aime Cote, 1 day sprinkling	5 00
L. A. McIntire, ½ day sprinkling	2 50
F. L. Hammond, auto services, assessors in Ward 1, 3¾ hours	8 75
Biddeford Record, advertising, notice to Con- tractors, (Sewer Summer street) 4 inches, 21 insertions	14 70
Biddeford Record, advertising Poll Taxes, 4½ inches daily, 1 mo., 26 ins. at .15	17 55
Biddeford Record, printing 300 Manuals of City Government	52 90
Biddeford Record, printing 6 cards, 3 French, 3 English, Tax Collector, office hours	4 00
York County Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	12 50
William W. Roberts Co., 2 license books	10 50
L. A. Girard, use of auto to outlying districts ..	6 00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Com- pany, tolls	5 20
Alfred Bonneau, 5 inch advertisement, 4 weeks	5 00
Petrin & Co., auto service with City Council ..	5 00
American Express Co., package to Augusta ..	2 85
H. E. Tufts, 5 days' sprinkling	25 00

Peter Pepin, 5 days' sprinkling	25 00
Aime Cote, 4 days' sprinkling	20 00
Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinklers	8 50
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., amount as per contract	50 00
Ovila Godin, account public landing	25 00
Keystone Envelope Co., envelopes	9 84
Henry Petrin, Jr., 1 day collecting waste	9 50
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 2 dogs	4 00
Hooper's Livery, auto service	2 00
Ira Hooper, use of team on account dog officer, in outlying districts	14 00
James G. C. Smith, expenses in Boston, April 17-18-25-26 and May 7-8-9, sale of Bonds and printing Bonds for Street and Sidewalk issue	55 75
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 2 dogs	4 00
Aime Cote, 1/2 day sprinkling	2 50
Estate Harriet Haines, rent of land Birch street, rear of schoolhouse, from May 1st, 1915, to May 1st, 1916	100 00
Banks Bros., lumber	52 68
Aime Cote, 1 day sprinkling	5 00
York County Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	9 50
Remington Typewriter Co., supplies	6 00
H. Starrett	60
Petrin & Company, use of auto	6 00
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	\$1,122 32

For the Month of July

Aime Cote, 3 days sprinkling	\$15 00
Will H. Watson, printing 1,000 circulars (tax	

collector)	4 50
Will H. Watson, printing 500 receipts (treasurer)	2 50
Will H. Watson, printing 500 receipts in blank (treasurer)	2 50
Will H. Watson, printing 500 circulars (partnership)	2 75
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 2 dogs	4 00
American Ribbon and Carbon Co., 100 sheets black special manifold, 8½x13	3 00
Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinklers	3 00
H. E. Tufts, 6 days sprinkling	30 00
Peter Pepin, 5½ days sprinkling	27 50
Jeremiah L. Twomey, ringing bell July 4th	2 50
Fred L. Johnson, ringing bell July 4th	2 50
Frank Cantara, ringing bell July 4th	2 50
Peter Pepin, 6 days sprinkling	30 00
H. E. Tufts, 5 days sprinkling	25 00
Aime Cote, 3 days sprinkling	15 00
J. E. Brooks, P. M., 1,000 2c stamped envelopes (tax collector)	21 00
J. E. Brooks, P. M., 500 stamped envelopes	10 50
Victor Allard, services, interpreter Ward 5	10 00
Biddeford Record, adv. delinquent poll taxes, 4 in., 13 insertions	9 10
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 4 dogs	8 00
Narcisse Lambert, ringing bell at St. Joseph's church, July 4	7 50
Thomas Murphy, ringing bell at St. Mary's church, July 4	5 00
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., use of water	3 50
Wm. W. Roberts Co., 1 dog license bk.	1 75
Thomas F. Sullivan, ringing bell July 4	1 50

Elmer J. Burnham, register, copy of deed, Bank-City	52
American Express C., package to Augusta	26
Thomas Thorp, ringing bell at Foss St. church July 4	2 00
W. I. Dennett, burial of 2 soldiers	70 00
York County Power Co., electricity Light In- fantry hall	12 50
Will H. Watson, printing circulars, statements and envelopes (tax collector)	9 75
L. A. Girard, rent of auto, June 13, June 24, July 1st	9 00
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 2 dogs	4 00
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., tolls.	3 90
H. E. Tufts, 6 days sprinkling	30 00
Peter Pepin, 6 days sprinkling	30 00
Aime Cote, 3 days sprinkling	15 00
George Tate, 6½ days stone work (tool house).	19 50
Frank Emerson, 6 days labor (tool house)	13 50
Ivory Ross, 7 days sprinkling	35 00
Peter Pepin, 7 days sprinkling	35 00
Aime Cote, 3 days sprinkling	15 00
H. E. Tufts, 3 days sprinkling	15 00
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 2 dogs	4 00
	\$574 03

For the Month of August

H. E. Tufts, 3 days' sprinkling	\$15 00
Ivory Ross, 3 days' sprinkling	15 00
Aime Cote, ½ day sprinkling	2 50
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 2 dogs	4 00
Daniel S. Hamilton, use of auto to Oak Ridge to secure Mr. Davis for Committee meeting,	

fire department	1 00
Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinklers	23 75
New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, tolls	3 89
T. L. Evans & Co., 5 doz. pencils	90
American Express Co., package to Boston	75
Peter Pepin, 6 days' sprinkling	30 00
H. E. Tufts, 5 days' sprinkling	25 00
Aime Cote, 4 days' sprinkling	20 00
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., labor, repairing hydrant on Sullivan street	4 72
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 2'' Valve, \$5.38; labor, .60, repairing standpipe corner Elm and Smith streets	5 98
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., 1 2'' Valve, re- pairing standpipe corner Main and Brad- bury streets	5 38
York County Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	12 50
American Express Co., package to Augusta ..	26
C. O. Barrowes Co., 4 rubber cushions for Oliver Typewriter	25
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 1 dog	2 00
H. E. Tufts, 6 days' sprinkling	30 00
Aime Cote, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' sprinkling	23 75
Peter Pepin, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' sprinkling	13 75
Frank Wormwood, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' sprinkling	11 25
W. C. Bigelow, use of auto to Hills Beach, 2 trips	2 00
St. Jean Baptiste Society, rent of Light Infan- try hall	200 00
York County Power Company, electricity, Light Infantry hall	17 40
L. A. Girard, rent of auto, July 29, 31 and Aug.	

4, 16, with Committee on Streets	15 00
H. G. Hutchinson & Co., 10 rms. paper, 1 ribbon	11 95
George B. Graff Co., 51 Steel Tye Envelopes ..	5 40
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., use of water State street tool house	3 50
C. H. McKenney, tacks and screws	2 43
Aime Cote, 4½ days' sprinkling	22 50
Edmond Bergeron, making Valuation Book ..	200 00
Edmond Bergeron, making Collector's Book ..	65 00
H. E. Tufts, 5½ days' sprinkling	27 50
Aime Cote, 6 days' sprinkling	30 00
Ivory Ross, 6 days' sprinkling	30 00
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 1 dog	2 00
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	\$886 31

For the Month of September

Will H. Watson, printing 1,000 blanks both sides	\$10 00
Will H. Watson, printing 1,000 summonses	5 00
Will H. Watson, printing 1,000 blanks (births and deaths)	6 75
Will H. Watson, printing tax posters	2 00
Will H. Watson, printing tax receipts on ac- count	2 50
Will H. Watson, printing 2,000 tax bills	7 75
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., tolls	4 04
Edward A. Marks, supplies	8 25
Traffic Sign Co., 3 panels, "Go to the Right" ..	1 50
American Express Co., package from Boston ..	28
American Express Co., package from Gloucester	27
H. E. Tufts, 6½ days sprinkling	32 50
Peter Pepin, 1 day sprinkling	5 00

Aime Cote, 3½ days sprinkling	17 50
Daniel T. Hickey, killing 2 dogs	4 00
H. E. Tufts, 6¼ days sprinkling	31 25
Aime Cote, 4 days sprinkling	20 00
Ivory Ross, 3 days sprinkling	15 00
George E. Moses, posting tax notices	2 00
Thomas Blanchette, roofing and labor	144 75
H. E. Tufts, 7 days sprinkling	35 00
Ivory Ross, 6 days sprinkling	30 00
Aime Cote, 5½ days sprinkling	27 50
H. C. Grafton, Jr., commission allowed on Bid- deford, Maine anticipation of Revenue note	20 00
York County Power Co., Electricity Light In- fantry hall	12 50
Blackbird Pen Co., 6 gross pens	9 00
Benj. L. Gordon, 200 stamped envelopes, as- sessor's office	4 20
Thomas F. Locke, cash paid for 150, 2c stamps.	3 00
T. L. Evans & Co., 2 brooms \$1.00, 3 doz. pen- cils \$1.50	2 50
Atlantic Express, express charges	65
Elmer J. Burnham, register, rec. Emma J. Smith-City Biddeford 26	52
H. E. Tufts, 4½ days sprinkling	22 50
Ivory Ross, 3½ days sprinkling	17 50
Aime Cote, 1½ days sprinkling	7 50
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	\$512 71

For the Month of October

Daniel T. Hickey, killing 4 dogs	8 00
Peter Pepin, 6 days sprinkling	30 00
H. E. Tufts, 6 days sprinkling	30 00

Aime Cote, 5 days sprinkling	25 00
J. O. Chenevert, M. D., reporting 53 births and 24 deaths, year 1911	19 25
Alex Petrin, transporting James G. C. Smith to Biddeford Pool and return, on account State pensions	5 00
Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinklers	7 00
H. E. Tufts, 6½ days sprinkling	32 50
Ivory Ross, 6 days sprinkling	30 00
Peter Pepin, 4 days sprinkling	20 00
Mrs. W. A. Cosgrove, burial of a soldier	35 00
Wm. W. Roberts, cash bk., No. 2350	11 75
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., tolls	8 09
Manifold Supplies Co., 6 typewriter ribbons ...	4 50
American Express Co., package from Portland.	28
American Express Co., box to Augusta	1 13
American Express Co., package to Augusta ...	26
American Express Co., package from Boston ..	27
H. E. Tufts, 7 days sprinkling	35 00
Peter Pepin, 6½ days sprinkling	32 50
York County Power Co., electricity Light In- fantry hall	18 80
York County Power Co., electricity sign, corner Main and Elm streets	12 50
Ivory Ross, 6 days sprinkling	30 00
Aime Cote, 1½ days sprinkling	7 50
H. E. Tufts, 6½ days sprinkling	32 50
Peter Pepin. 6 days sprinkling	30 00
Joshua L. Chick, 2 copies of the Maine Regis- ter and State Year Book for 1916	5 25
N. W. Kendall, rubber bands, paste, pens, pen- cils, books, etc.	31 96

J. E. Brooks, P. M., 250 Stamped Envelopes, No. 7	5 36
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	\$509 40

For the Month of November

H. E. Tufts, 6 days' sprinkling	\$30 00
Biddeford Record, pub. tax notice, 4 in., 1 mo.	15 00
Biddeford Record, printing 500 wide bill heads, Woodlawn cemetery	5 00
L. A. Girard, rent of auto, Sept. 8, 28, Oct. 6, 20, 28	11 00
Will H. Watson, printing 500 Blanks	3 50
Will H. Watson, printing election warrants ...	5 00
Biddeford Record, printing 500 copies City Re- port, 50 Cloth, 120 p. @ \$1.65	198 00
One cut for same	3 00
James G. C. Smith, expenses incurred on ac- count trip to Boston on Bond Issue, \$12.75; telephone and postal charges, \$3.00	15 75
J. E. Brooks, P. M., 500 No. 5 stamped en- velopes	10 62
York County Power Co., electricity Light In- fantry hall	12 50
York County Power Co., electricity Light In- fantry hall	8 05
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., tolls	5 84
Alfred Bonneau, pub. 5 in. Tax Notice, 4 ins...	5 00
Birmingham Pen Co., pens	2 50
First National Bank of Boston, Mass.,	50 00
Ovila Godin, balance due on acc't public land- ing	50 00
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	\$430 76

For the Month of December

St. Jean Bte. Society, rent of Light Infantry hall	\$200 00
Townsend Bros., repairs on snow plows	14 00
Will H. Watson, printing 300 bill heads (treas.)	2 25
W. A. Greenough & Co., 2 copies B. & S. Directory	7 00
York County Power Co., electricity Light Infantry hall	11 75
L. A. Girard, auto hire for inspection with Committee on Streets, 5 trips	13 00
John W. Randall, insurance	44 40
Townsend Bros., snow plow and repairs	21 65
John W. Mahoney, soap	30
Arthur Eon, rent of auto, Sept. 16 and Nov. 25.	3 00
Alex Petrin, auto hire, inspecting lights	7 00
York Co. Power Co., electricity electric sign corner Main and Elm streets	12 50
W. I. Dennett, burial of 3 soldiers	105 00
American Express Co., pkg. and box to Augusta	80
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., tolls	3 25
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	\$445 90

For Month of January, 1917

E. W. Burbank, use of team Assessors' Dept. ..	\$2 50
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., tolls	2 15
George A. Anthoine, supplies and labor, City store house	9 61
Biddeford Record, printing 250 notices (742) \$2.50; 50 notices, Resident Taxes, \$20.00; 25 notices Non-Resident Taxes, \$1.00; adv. 4 in. 1 week, \$4.80; adv. 14 in. 3 ins. Weekly, Dec. 22-29-Jan. 5, \$21.00	49 30

York County Power Co., electricity Light Infantry hall	10 73
W. W. Center, amount allowed on account damage to team on Elm street, allowed by City Council	6 50
H. G. Hutchinson & Co., 3 reams paper, \$3.60; 5 U. S. Daters, \$1.75	5 35
W. F. Mahaney, supplies and labor at City tool house	4 76
T. L. Evans & Co., elastic bands and pencils ...	3 46
Traffic Sign Co., top for Silent Policemen	60
James G. C. Smith, expenses in Boston, on acc't borrowing money, temporary loans, \$14.75, postage, etc., \$2.00	16 75
Biddeford Journal, adv. Poll Taxes, 5 in. 1 mo., \$18.75; adv. Poll Taxes, 4 in. 2 weeks, \$9.00; adv. Taxes, 5 in. 1 mo., \$18.75; adv. Taxes, 5 in. 1 wk., \$7.50; pub. Auditor's notice, 4½ in. 1 wk. \$6.75	60 75
York County Power Co., electricity electric sign	12 50
N. W. Kendall, books, pencils, envelopes, clips, etc.,	16 70
Biddeford Record, pub. Auditor's notice	6 00
J. E. Brooks, P. M., 250 2c stamped envelopes ..	5 39
Thomas F. Locke, 200 2c stamps and 100 1c stamps, paid in cash 1916	5 00
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	\$218 05

Expenditures for Months

Expenditures for month of February, 1916	\$98 85
Expenditures for month of March, 1916	796 02
Expenditures for month of April, 1916	838 81

Expenditures for month of May, 1916	1,153 88
Expenditures for month of June, 1916	1,122 32
Expenditures for month of July, 1916	574 03
Expenditures for month of August, 1916	886 31
Expenditures for month of September, 1916 ...	512 71
Expenditures for month of October, 1916	509 40
Expenditures for month of November, 1916 ...	430 76
Expenditures for month of December, 1916 ...	445 90
Expenditures for month of January, 1917	218 05

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Respectfully submitted,
 EDMOND BERGERON,
 City Auditor.



FIRE CHIEF FRANK CANTARA

Report of Chief Engineer

The Honorable Mayor and City Council:—

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the requirements of the City ordinance it becomes my duty as Chief Engineer to present to you the annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1917.

The report will be found to contain statements in detail embracing the amount of expenditures, a register of the department numbers, a record of all fires and alarms which have occurred in the past year and the cause thereof, with the names of the property owners concerned therewith, and the condition of all horses, apparatus, and the buildings belonging to the fire department, the locality of fire alarm boxes and hydrants, and other matters pertaining to the department, with such information and recommendation as is thought proper for your consideration.

The subjoined is a copy of the register of the members of the Fire Department:

Chief Engineer—Frank Cantara.

First Assistant Engineer—Fred L. Johnson.

Second Assistant Engineer—Jeremiah L. Twomey.

Richard Vines Co., S. F. E., No. 1

Driver, Charles Trott

Captain—T. J. Mullaly.

Lieutenant—Samuel Leavitt.

Clerk—O. G. Velandry.

Engineer—John B. Pare.

Fireman—John R. Bonser.

Hose and Pipemen

E. J. Kelliher

Adelard Collard

Granville Smith

J. T. Garside

George L. Smith

Emile Caouette

Isaac Gauthier

Eddy Pare

Arthur Bergeron

Eben Simpson Co., No. 2

Driver, Harry McKenzie

Captain—Richard J. O'Brien.

Lieutenant—Daniel Averill.

Clerk—George H. Hayes.

Engineer Steamer No. 2—Chase Goodwin.

Engineer Steamer No. 3—E. S. Gowen.

Fireman—Robert Bryant.

Hose and Pipemen

C. Maddox

Joseph Havey

Warren Fuller

Jerome Smith

Walter Harriman

A. Mitchell

A. P. Dennis

William Romeo

George Goldthwaite

Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1

Driver, John Dunn

Captain—Charles A. Johnson.

Lieutenant—Joseph Boucher.

Clerk—John Lane.

Ladder and Axemen

James E. Gowen

P. J. Farley

Wilfred Ross

Albert Veilleux

M. H. Kingsbury

Joseph Ross

Timothy Daley

Dennis McCarthy

Joseph Verrier

Chemical Company, No. 1

Captain—Henry B. Hayes.

Lieutenant—John Brown.

Driver—Joseph Archambeault.

Spare Driver—Delphis Ledoux.

Pool Department, Reorganized Jan. 1st, 1916

Captain—John Wildes.

First Lieutenant—George Orcutt.

Second Lieutenant—Harry Ward.

Hose and Brakemen

Jens Bruns

B. F. Young, Jr.

Harry Legallee

Wright Goldthwaite

Freeland Benson

Stanton Goldthwaite

Tristram Goldthwaite

Trueman Goldthwaite

Fred O. Goldthwaite

Charles Goldthwaite

Howard Bunker
 Cyrus Boothby
 Harry Phillips
 Atwood Bruell
 Horace Evans
 Freeman Hussey
 Wilbur Goldthwaite
 Frank Goldthwaite

Wallace Burnham
 Andrew Davis
 Albert H. Lord
 Frank Bond
 George Goldthwaite
 Herman Goldthwaite
 Henry Evans
 Joseph Hussey

Expenses of the Department

February	\$2,419 18
March	898 78
April	905 94
May	3,023 77
June	1,653 92
July	881 54
August	2,420 64
September	869 97
October	944 45
November	3,168 77
December	1,077 56
January	560 60
	\$18,825 12

Horses

There are 9 horses in the department, 6 in good condition.

Apparatus

There are three steam engines, two hose wagons, one combination hose and chemical wagon, one hook and ladder truck, one Chief's Wagon and pung, two hose pungs, one

hose reel at City Farm, one hand engine and hose reel at the Pool, one hose reel at Fortunes Rocks, one hose reel at Pool Road near Morrill School, one invincible nozzle.

There is one dump cart, one set of sleds used in gathering waste.

Hose

There is 9,000 feet of two and one half inch hose in the Department. Of this amount 500 feet is at the City Farm, 500 feet at Fortunes Rocks, 300 feet on the Pool Road. There is 1,000 feet of two and one half inch hose and 200 feet of two inch hose at the Pool. I would recommend that at least 1,000 feet of new hose be purchased each year.

Fire Alarm

The fire alarm is in good working order. There is 13½ miles of wire, one half of which should be replaced this year.

A new box has been installed at the corner of May and Amherst Streets.

Hydrants

There have been 10 Hydrants installed on the Kennebunk road.

Inspection

I have inspected 700 buildings and business places and reported the same to the State Insurance Commissioner.

Fires

The department had 124 alarms during the past year, 53 bell and 71 still.

Fire Alarms

Below is a list of the fires with which we have had to contend, with all necessary data:—

February 13th, 11.55 P. M., Box 43, 141 Alfred street. owned by Miss M. E. Haines, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney.

February 14th, 9.30 P. M., still, 1 Maplewood avenue, owned by J. F. Googins estate, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney.

February 15th, 2 P. M., Box 25, 34 Maple street, owned by Mrs. J. Peloquin, occupied by A. Laranger, stable, cause, spark from stove.

February 17th, 8.35 P. M., Box 57, 5 Foss street, owned by Hatch & Hall, occupied by John Anthony, cause, clothing dropped on stove.

February 19th, 5 P. M., still, 175 Alfred street, owned by Dr. Emery, occupied by M. Hevey, cause, chimney.

February 19th, 5.30 P. M., still, 32 Pierson's lane, owned by Davis & Cyr, occupied by Albanians, cause, chimney.

February 19th, 7.25 P. M., still, 32 Myrtle street, owned by Mrs. Sarah Campbell, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney..

February 20th, 8.40 A. M., still, 46 State street, owned by Joseph Polakewich, occupied by George Reny, cause, no draft in furnace.

February 20th, 10.20 A. M., still, 292 Alfred street, owned by George Fogg, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney.

February 20th, 10.45 P. M., still, 25 Forest street, owned by William Sweetser, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney.

February 26th, 6 A. M., still, 36-38 Maple street, owned by David Brown, occupied as dwelling, cause, unknown.

February 28th, 11.10 A. M., still, 32 Myrtle street, owned

by Mrs. Sarah Campbell, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney.

February 28th, 6.15 P. M., Box 43, 172 Alfred street, owned by Misses Copeland, occupied by O. Drown, cause, chimney.

March 1st, 4.50 P. M., still, 11 Pool street, owned by Luques estate, occupied by Albanians, cause, thawing water pipe.

March 4th, 8 A. M., still, 334 Alfred street, owned by J. A. Roberts, occupied by C. J. Center, cause, chimney.

March 6th, 2.15 P. M., still, Elm street, owned by George Calderwood, dump, cause, hot ashes.

March 8th, 3 A. M., Box 57, 17-21 Alfred street, owned by Anthoine & Roussin, occupied by L. Lacroix, J. R. Paquin, George Lemire, hall, store and offices, cause, cigarette.

March 11th, 6.45 P. M., still, 314 Elm street, owned by C. Atwood, occupied by W. S. Nies, cause, chimney fire.

March 14th, 6.45 A. M., still, 74 Bradbury street, owned by J. F. Hannaway, occupied by Mrs. Cyr, cause, chimney.

March 17th, 8.35 P. M., still, 64 Pierson lane, owned by H. R. Jordan, occupied by Albanians, cause, chimney fire.

March 18th, 5.40 A. M., still, 11 Pine street, owned by Patrick Mahaney, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney.

March 21st, 6.35 A. M., Box 49, High street, owned by St. Andre's Parish, occupied as school, cause, chimney.

March 30th, 2.00 P. M., Box 43, 8 Clark street, owned by Anna Lemire Cote, occupied as dwelling, shed, cause, rubbish fire.

April 13th, 6.40 P. M., Box 38, 266 Alfred street, owned by George Mitchel, occupied as garage, cause, auto explosion.

April 20th, 9.30 P. M., Box 56, Pool street, owned by City of Biddeford, wood lot, cigarette.

April 20th, 9.30 P. M., Box 56, owned by City of Biddeford, wood lot, cigarette.

April 21st, 2.55 A. M., Box 56, 145, 149 Main street, owned by Mrs. J. P. Deering and Mrs. Bryant, occupied by Frank X. Cote, Dr. J. T. Thivierge, dwelling, lunch room, drug store, cause, stove funnel.

April 21st, 2 P. M., still, 145 Prospect street, owned by James McConnell, field, cause, grass fire.

April 21st, 9.25 P. M., Box 46, 33, 35 Foss street, owned by Herbert R. Jordan, occupied by George Landry, Semetria Tsacmarox, dwelling, cause, hot ashes in waste barrel.

April 30th, 3.40 P. M., still, Beachwood, owned by A. C. Hamilton, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney.

April 30th, 3.45 P. M., Box 56, Beachwood, owned by A. C. Hamilton, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney.

May 2nd, 7.30 A. M., still, 49 Prospect street, owned by Joseph Billing, occupied by Mary Murphy, Mrs. Proctor, dwelling, over-heated funnel.

May 2nd, 2.10 P. M., still, Newtown road, owned by Joseph Haley, Simon Adams, wood lot, cause, brush fire.

May 2nd, 2.15 P. M., Box 4, Newtown road, owned by Joseph Haley, Simon Adams, wood lot, cause, brush fire.

May 5th, 3.40 P. M., Box 46, 53, 55 Foss street, owned by Goodwin estate, occupied by Albanian as dwelling, cigarette.

May 5th, 4.15 P. M., still, 53-55 Foss street, owned by Goodwin estate, occupied by Albanian as dwelling, no fire.

May 5th, 5.00 P. M., still, 78 Green street, owned by Mrs. Hobbins, occupied as dwelling, cause, burning rubbish.

May 8th, 10.00 A. M., still, Birch street, owned by St. Joseph's Parish, occupied as school, cause, cigarette.

May 8th, 10.10 A. M. Box 43, Birch street, owned by St. Joseph's Parish, occupied as school, call for more help

May 9th, 3.00 A. M., Box 46, 43 Foss street, owned by Herbert R. Jordan, occupied by Isaac Fitteau as dwelling, cause, cigarette.

May 10th, 4.10 P. M., still, West and Granite streets, owned by Florence Goodwin, wood lot, cause, cigarette.

May 10th, 4.45 P. M., Box 56, West and Granite streets, wood lot, call for more men.

May 11th, 1.45 P. M., Box 56, Pool road, owned by Joseph Haley, wood lot, cause, spark from cabin on lot.

May 11th, 2.15 P. M., Box 56, Pool road, owned by Joseph Haley, wood lot, call for more men.

May 11th, 2.20 P. M., Box 56, Pool road, owned by Joseph Haley and Erastus Thompson and occupied as dwelling, cause, spark from woodfire.

May 11th, 8.00 P. M., still, 48 Elm street, owned by Hatch & Hall, occupied by Albanians as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

May 12th, 10.50 A. M., still, 145, 149 Main street, owned by Mrs. J. P. Deering and Mrs. S. Bryant, ruined building, cause, cigarette.

May 12th, 5.10 P. M., still, Ellen road, owned by Millard Hill, wood lot, cause, spark from engine.

May 14th, 12.55 A. M., Box 58, 44 Water street, owned by Cleophas Allaire, occupied by Albanians as dwelling, cause, lamp exploded.

May 16th, 2.30 P. M., still, 169 South street, owned by Mrs. Gilman P. Littlefield and occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

May 20th, 10.40 P. M., Box 25, 48 Elm street, owned by Hatch & Hall, dwelling, cause, was set.

May 22nd, 9.40 A. M., still, Cleaves street, owned by Rowland Hill, dump, cause, hot ashes.

May 27th, 12.30 P. M., Box 25, Lincoln street, owned by

Pepperell Mfg. Co., occupied as store house, cause, electric motor burned out.

May 29th, 3.40 P. M., still, Pool road, owned by Fred McIntire, wood lot, cause, cigarette.

May 29th, 8.10 P. M., Box 25, 72 Elm street, owned by A. Vannasse, occupied by Levi Chasse as dwelling, cause, spark from burning rubbish.

May 31st, 8.45 A. M., still, 246 Main street, owned by Frank Warren, occupied by Walter Travers as dwelling, cause, hot ashes in barrel.

May 31st, 7.45 P. M., Box 25, 58 Gooch street, owned by Saco-Lowell Mfg. Co., occupied by Albanians as dwelling, cause, chimney.

June 4th, 9.00 P. M., Box 45, 91 Foss street, owned by Ferdinand Dubuc, occupied as dwelling, cause, lamp explosion.

June 10th, 9.50 P. M., Box 57, 15, 17, 19 Emery street, owned by Mary Bacon and Frank B. Ross, occupied by Archie Rozum, John Shiroumiase, Regina Lagase, Thomas Cristo as dwelling, cause, hot ashes in barrel.

June 14th, 6.00 A. M., still, 30 Washington street, owned by Frank X. Cote, occupied by Mrs. J. Robbins as dwelling, cause, stove pipe on fire.

June 16th, 6.25 P. M., still, 27 High street, owned by Simeon Rodrique, occupied by Albanian as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

July 2nd, 4.30 P. M., still, 89 Gooch street, owned by A. M. Goodwin, occupied by Albanians as dwelling, cause, spark from train.

July 3rd, 6.45 A. M., still, 41 State street, owned by Jeremiah Murphy, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

July 10th, 3.15 A. M., Box 46, 20 Summer street, owned by E. C. Luques, occupied by Thomas Beaupre as dwelling, cause, cigarette.

July 7th, 11 P. M., Box 25, 71 Elm street, owned by J. Byron Campbell, occupied by Harry Nanos as hall, dwelling and store, cause, unknown, suspicious.

July 22nd, 12.20 P. M., Box 54, 220, 222, 224 Main street, owned by Herbert R. Jordan, occupied by George Dolby and Mme. A. Fortier as paint store and millinery store, cause, defective wiring.

July 22nd, 12.20 P. M., 228, 230 Main street, owned by Biddeford Savings Bank, occupied by Henry P. Atkinson as furniture store, damaged by water from Dolby fire.

July 22nd, 7.05 p. m., still, 136 Alfred street, owned by Mrs. Royal Gould, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

July 25, 5.35 P. M., still, 68 Birch street, owned by Adesta Kendall, occupied by Ira Z. Allen as dwelling, cause, pot of fat on fire.

July 28, 10.45 A. M., Box 56. False alarm.

July 29th, 5.00 P. M., Box 56, Hills Beach, owned by John Tetrault and Peter Warren, occupied as cottage, cause, cigarette.

Aug. 4th, 4.40 P. M., still, 3 Whites Wharf, owned by Mrs. Dwyer and Judge Haley, occupied by Albanian as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Aug. 7, 7.35 P. M., Box 4. Chief's call to take care of hose.

Aug. 29th, 8.45 P. M., still, 221, 223 Main street, owned by Biddeford Savings bank, occupied by Joseph Curtis and Mr. Civeka as cigar store and pool room, cause, chimney fire.

Sept. 3rd, 8.45 A. M., still, 6, 8 Maple street, owned by Herbert R. Jordan, occupied by Mrs. Herbert as dwelling, cause, spark from chimney.

Sept. 4th, 1.50 P. M., 99 South street, owned by George Haley, occupied by John Twomey as dwelling, cause, chimney.

Sept. 5th, 7.55 P. M., Box 4. Chief's call for a meeting.

Sept. 11th, 7.25 P M, still, 14 Franklin street, owned by James G C. Smith, occupied by Albanians as dwelling, cause, candle.

Sept. 17th, 9.10 P. M., Box 57, 18 Emery street, owned by Herbert L. Luques, occupied by P. Coulombe as dwelling, cause, match.

Sept. 18th, 12.10 A. M., Box 34, 110 South street, owned by Albert Fortier, occupied by P. Larouche as dwelling, cause, hot ashes in barrel.

Sept. 21st, 6.45 P. M., Box 47, 39 Oak street, owned by Byron Campbell, occupied by Mrs. L. R. D'Anjois and Ernest Guignard as dwelling, cause, defective chimney.

Sept. 28th, 12.40 A. M., Box 56, Fortunes Rocks, owned by Charles V. Tanner, occupied as hotel, cause, unknown.

Oct. 4th, 9.45 A. M., still, 69 Hill street, owned by Susan Bryant, occupied by James Sylvestre, shed and workshop, cause, cigarette.

Oct. 4th, 5.30 P. M., still, 46 Washington street, Albert Goodwin, occupied by W. F. Mahaney as plumbing shop, cause, gasoline explosion.

Oct. 8th, 1.45 P. M., Box 56, West street, owned by Napoleon Trudeau, wood lot, cause, ashes from pipe.

Oct. 10th, 9.35 A. M., still, 276 Hill street, owned by Orrin H. Foss estate, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Oct. 10th, 8.00 P. M., still, 177 Elm street, owned by Biddeford & Saco Water Co., occupied by W. H. Dewey as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Oct. 11th, 5.55 P. M., still, 82 South street, owned by Brodigan sisters, occupied by H. B. Hayes as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Oct. 13th, 10.45 A. M., Box 56, Chicks Hill, owned by Robert S. Gilpatric, wood lot, cause, cigar.

Oct. 13th, 1.40 P. M., still, 246 Main street, owned by

Frank Warren, occupied by Joseph Roy as dwelling, cause, rats and matches.

Oct. 15th, 6.55 P. M., still, Pool street, owned by Henry Simard, field, cause, tree on fire, boy smoking.

Oct. 16th, 12.20 A. M., Box 56, Alfred road, Chicks Hill, owned by George Bennett, dwelling, cause, unknown.

Oct. 17th, 11.10 A. M., still, 17 St. Mary's street, owned by Carlos H. McKenney, occupied by Mrs. Parenteau as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Oct. 17th, 1.30 P. M., still, West street, owned by Honore Chasse and Napoleon Trudeau, wood lot, started from old fire.

Oct. 17th, 1.55 P. M., Box 56, West street, owned by Honore Chasse and Napoelon Trudeau, call for more men.

Oct. 18th, 6.30 A. M., still, West street, owned by Honore Chasse and Napoelon Trudeau, call for more men.

● Oct. 18th, 3.05, P. M., still, West street, owned by Honore Chasse and Napoelon Trudeau, call for more men.

Oct. 19th, 3.40 P. M., Box 56, West Street, owned by Honore Chasse and Napoelon Trudeau, call for more men.

Oct. 23rd, 9.50 A. M., Box 25, 94 Elm street, owned by Merrill Stimpson, occupied by Charles Duchesne as dwelling, cause, spark from chimney.

Oct. 24th, 8.30 P. M., still, 46 Green street, owned by John Bonser, occupied by William Romeo as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Nov. 2nd, 1.50 P. M., still, corner Main and Alfred streets, owned by H. H. Goodwin, Ed. Luques and Mrs. Berry, occupied by Mills Tea and Butter store and W. C. Roussin as store and offices, cause, chimney fire.

Nov. 7th, 7.05 P. M., still, Gove street, owned by Aimi Thibodeau and brother, occupied as dwelling, cause, match.

Nov. 10th, 5.15 A. M., Box 25, 16 Maple street, owned by

George Dolby, occupied by Albanians as dwelling, cause, hot ashes in barrel.

Nov. 11th, 11.58 A. M., Box 25, 64 Elm street, owned by Alexandri Vanasse, occupied by Albanians as dwelling, cause, spark from chimney.

Nov. 12th, 2.30 P. M., still, 340 Main street, owned by John F. Hannaway, occupied as dwelling, cause, defective chimney.

Nov. 15th, 10.55 A. M., still, 48 Washington street, owned by Otis Banks, occupied by Oliver F. Morris as garage, cause, over heated funnel.

Nov. 15th, 6.05 P. M., still, 8 Foss street, owned by Fred Abbott, occupied by Albanians as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Nov. 22nd, 5.30 P. M., Box 57, 8, 10 Foss street, owned by Fred Abbott, vacant, cause, rats and matches.

Nov. 22nd, 6.30 P. M., Box 57, 8, 10 Foss street, owned by Fred Abbott, vacant, cause, spark from same fire.

Nov. 25th, 7.30 A. M., still, 43 Summer street, owned by Herbert C. Luques, occupied by Rosenbaum and Reney Cote as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Nov. 26th, 3.00 A. M., still, 74 South street, owned by James E. Carter, occupied as dwelling, false alarm.

Dec. 8th, 7.10 P. M., still, 246 Main street, owned by Frank Warren, occupied by John Patterson as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Dec. 14th, 8.15 P. M., still, 17 Main street, owned by Mrs. Dwyer and George F. Haley, occupied by Zoe Tibbetts and Zoe Turgeon as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Dec. 16th, 12.30 A. M., still, 142 West street, owned by David Wilcox, occupied as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Dec. 16th, 4.00 A. M., Box 56, 48 Washington street, owned by Otis Banks, occupied by Oliver F. Morris as garage, cause, overheated furnace.

Dec. 16th, 4.05 A. M., 48 Washington street. A call for men to come quick. Saco thought it was a call for them and came over with John L. Chute, acting chief, 15 men and hose cart.

Dec. 16th, 7.10 A. M., still, 43 Center street, owned by St. Joseph's Parish, occupied by Fr. Hamel as St. Joseph's rectory, cause, defective wire.

Dec. 18th, 5.25 P. M., still, 9 Oak Place, owned by Adelbert Sheehan, occupied by Frank Grace as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Dec. 26th, 6.30 P. M., still, 88 Elm street, owned by Merrill Stimpson, occupied by Joseph St. Ours as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Jan. 2nd, 6.30 A. M., Box 53, 301 Main street, owned by Goodwin heirs, occupied by Victor Allard as bakery, cause, pot of fat.

Jan. 16th, 5.50 A. M., still, 354½ Main street, owned by Mrs. Bridget Hannaway, occupied by Dupre as dwelling, cause, overheated funnel.

Jan. 18th, 1.20 P. M., Box 58, Main street, owned by Laconia Div., Pepperell Mfg. Co., occupied as napping room, cause, spark from machinery.

Jan. 21st, 7.10 A. M., Box 58, 35 Hill street, owned by Cyr & Davis, occupied by Albanians as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Jan.. 27th, 7.10 P. M., still, 8 William Court, owned by Joseph Menard, occupied by Alfred Cretian and Napoleon Girard as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Jan. 23rd, 7.20 P. M., still, 14 River street, owned by Mrs. Hyde and sister, occupied by Onesime Dubois as dwelling, cause, chimney fire.

Jan. 28th, 3.50 P. M., still, 20 Summer street, owned by E. C. Luques, occupied by Thomas Beaupre as dwelling, cause, smoking in bed.

Location of Fire Alarm Boxes

- No. 12 No school signal.
- 23 J. G. Deering & Son, Spring's Island.
- 24 City Farm, South street.
- 25 Smith's Corner, corner of Smith street.
- 26 State street, near residence of Timothy Sullivan.
- 27 Main street, corner Western avenue.
- 28 Highland, near corner of Main.
- 29 South, opposite residence of H. G. Holmes.
- 32 May street corner Amherst.
- 33 Corner of May and Orchard.
- 34 King's Corner, opposite A. R. Goodwin's.
- 35 Junction of South, Green and Crescent streets.
- 36 Elm street, opposite residence of Wm. B. Sullivan.
- 37 Five Points.
- 38 Alfred and Everett streets.
- 39 Union, near head of Graham.
- 42 Hill street, opposite residence of Wm. C. Ritz.
- 43 Alfred and Birch.
- 44 Granite street, near residence of Albert T. Goodwin.
- 45 Hill street, near Emery School.
- 46 Pool, near Methodist church.
- 47 Pool, head of Pike.
- 48 Pool, near corner of Clifford.
- 49 Bacon, near corner of Pierson lane.
- 53 Corner Main and Elm streets, near Jos. Stride & Co's.
- 54 South street, near entrance City Building.
- 55 Washington, Central Fire station.
- 56 Main, corner of Alfred.
- 57 Main, opposite foot of Hill.
- 58 Corner Clifford and Water streets.
- 59 Corner Judge and Gove streets.

Location of Hydrants.

- 1 City Farm yard.
- 2 Corner of Main and Highland streets.
- 3 Main street, near Eastern railroad.
- 4 Main street, corner of Western avenue.
- 5 Western avenue, near residence of Frank Cole.
- 6 Main street, above Harvey street, 8 inch.
- 7 Main street, above George W. Carter's store.
- 8 Main street, near B. & M. R. R. crossing, 8 inch.
- 9 Main street, corner of Bradbury street.
- 10 Elm street, corner of Main street.
- 11 Main street, opposite McArthur library, 8 inch.
- 12 Jefferson street, corner of Main street.
- 13 Center street, near Green street.
- 14 Adams street, corner of Main street.
- 15 Lincoln street, corner of Main street.
- 16 Main street, below Lincoln street, 8 inch.
- 17 Main street, corner of Washington street.
- 18 Main street, corner of Franklin street.
- 19 Franklin street, opposite Federal street.
- 20 Main street, front of Boynton's Drug store, 8 inch.
- 21 Alfred street, corner of Main street.
- 22 Main street, corner of Emery street.
- 23 Water street, corner of Hill street, 8 inch.
- 24 Sullivan street, corner of Water street.
- 25 Water street, foot of Pike street.
- 26 Water street, opposite Electric Light station.
- 27 Judge street, head of Gove street.
- 28 Cleaves street, near Judge street.
- 29 Cleaves street, near Lafayette street.
- 30 Pike street, foot of Cross street.
- 31 Pool street, near Oak street.
- 32 Pool street, near corner of Pike street.

- 33 Pool street, near residence of P. A. Freeman.
- 34 Pool street, near residence of H. P. Atkinson.
- 35 Pool street, near residence of James Libby.
- 36 Sullivan street, corner of Bacon street.
- 37 High street, head of Bacon street.
- 38 Hill street, between Main and Bacon streets.
- 39 Corner of Bacon and Emery streets.
- 40 Hill street, corner of Pool street.
- 41 Hill street, corner of Acorn street.
- 42 Hill street, corner of Fall street.
- 43 Hill street, near G. M. Ward's house.
- 44 Hill street, near Mrs. Ritz's house.
- 45 Hill street, near James H. Robbins' house.
- 46 Hill street, corner Bacon street.
- 47 Granite street, near residence of Benjamin Goodier.
- 48 Granite street, near residence of Napoleon Lavigne.
- 49 Granite street, opposite residence of Gowen Emmons.
- 50 Granite street, near residence of Edward Coburn.
- 51 Granite street, between residences of Smith and Adams.
- 52 West street, near residence of George Coburn.
- 53 West street, near residence of J. Emerson.
- 54 West street, near Prospect street.
- 55 West street, near Graham street.
- 56 Pool street, near corner of Foss street.
- 57 Foss street, near corner of Mt. Vernon street.
- 58 Foss street, corner of Fall street.
- 59 Harrison avenue, corner of Prospect street.
- 60 Alfred street, near head of Franklin street.
- 61 Alfred street, corner of Pool street.
- 62 Alfred street, near corner of Washington street.
- 63 Alfred street, corner of Birch street.
- 64 Alfred street, corner of Myrtle street.
- 65 Alfred street, corner Union street.

- 66 Alfred street, near residence of John Campbell.
- 67 Alfred street, near residence of James Fogg.
- 68 Alfred street, near Five Points.
- 69 Jefferson street, corner of Washington street.
- 70 Washington street, above school house.
- 71 South street, corner of Jefferson street.
- 72 South street, corner of Green.
- 73 South street, corner of Elm street.
- 74 South street, corner of State street.
- 75 South street, near residence of C. E. Atwood.
- 76 South street, above Eastern railroad bridge.
- 77 South street, corner of Highland street.
- 78 South street, near Brunelle Brothers' residence.
- 79 Highland street, opposite residence of C. H. Andrews.
- 80 Elm street, corner of Walnut street.
- 81 Elm street, opposite Chapman laundry.
- 82 Elm street, corner Pine street.
- 83 Elm street, opposite Boston & Maine freight house.
- 84 Corner of Gooch and Elm street.
- 85 Elm street, corner of Pearl street.
- 86 Elm street, head of Center street.
- 87 Elm street, near Mason street.
- 88 Elm street, corner of Union street.
- 89 Elm street, corner of Taylor street.
- 90 Elm street, corner of Dartmouth street.
- 91 Hooper street, top of hill.
- 92 Lincoln street, corner of Stone street.
- 93 Lincoln street, corner of Pearl street.
- 94 Green street, corner of Birch street.
- 95 Birch street, opposite school house, 8 inch.
- 96 Birch street, corner of Summer street.
- 97 Union street, corner of Graham street.
- 98 Graham street, corner of Mason street.

- 99 Graham street, near residence of I. Shevenelle.
 - 100 Summer street, opposite residence of J. F. Wormwood.
 - 101 Smith street, opposite Saco-Lowell foundry.
 - 102 Wentworth street, opposite school house.
 - 103 Jefferson street, corner of Adams.
 - 104 Corner of Oak and Acorn streets.
 - 105 Oak street, between Acorn and Pool streets.
 - 106 Bradbury street, near school house.
 - 107 Bradbury street, corner of Main street.
 - 108 Walnut street, corner of Adams court.
 - 109 May street, opposite Trull hospital.
 - 110 May street, corner of Beacon avenue.
 - 111 May street, near Amherst street.
 - 112 Corner of May and Alfred streets.
 - 113 Corner Prospect and Myrtle streets.
 - 114 Western avenue, near shoe shop.
 - 115 State street, near residence of E. Staples.
- 10 hydrants at Fortune's Rocks.

New Hydrants Installed on Pool Street

- 36 Near residence of John Finnard.
 - 37 Near residence of Mrs. Durell.
 - 38 Near residence of Mark Gordon.
 - 39 Near residence of Albert Nadeau.
 - 40 Near Morrill school house.
 - 41 Near residence of Roberts Bros.
- 20 installed at the Pool.

New Hydrants Installed on Kennebunk Road

- 1 Elm street near Woodlawn Cemetery.
- 2 Elm street near residence of O. F. Hayford.
- 3 Elm street near residence of Augustin Lavigne.
- 4 Elm street near Forest street.

- 5 Elm street near residence of Mrs. Catherine Burnham.
- 6 Elm street near residence of Ezra Wakefield.
- 7 Elm street near residence of Clark Wakefield.
- 8 Elm street near residence of George Marcille.
- 9 Elm street near St. Mary's Cemetery.
- 10 Elm street near residence of Albert E. Rock.

Total hose laid for the year 20,900 feet.

Total Insurance on Buildings	\$145,785 00
Total Loss on Buildings	33,466 93
Total Loss on Contents	29,910 00
Total Insurance on Contents	33,400 00
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Total Valuation on Buildings and Contents ...	\$286,785 00

Conclusion

In conclusion, I wish to extend my thanks to his Honor, Mayor Girard, and the members of the City Council, and the committee on fire department for the interest they have manifested in the department. To Chief of Police Stone and his officers I extend my thanks for the prompt and valuable aid given at fires and other occasions when desired, to Assistants Johnson and Twomey, for their co-operation at all times, to the officers and members of the department for the willing obedience for all calls made upon them.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK CANTARA,
Chief Engineer.

Report of Overseers of the Poor

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the requirements of the Ordinances of the City I hereby submit my report as Clerk of the Overseers of Poor, for the year ending, Jan. 31, 1917.

Pauper Department

Before entering into the details of this department, I would respectfully call the attention of the Board to the increased expenditure on account of the increased cost of the necessities furnished by this Department. The calls upon this department have been many and while it is necessary to practice economy it must not be denied that the unfortunates who come under the charge of this department must have proper food and care in order that their sufferings may be alleviated and this has been done. The high cost of living has been felt in this department more during the past year than ever before, as in the case of the individual who has occasion to attend to the articles of food. There is no actual suffering that we are aware of and we feel that in the care of our Poor we have done our duty.

The monthly expenditures of the several departments are as follows:

	Street	Medical	Farm
February	\$1,371 72	\$142 05	\$1,073 01
March	1,113 66	145 00	598 43
April	1,402 14	158 72	542 89
May	1,164 17	122 75	612 60
June	1,102 10	152 50	869 97
July	1,163 62	107 75	959 62
August	843 30	117 00	782 80
September	959 71	120 65	705 22
October	1,352 18	85 00	719 51
November	1,002 70	357 55	552 17
December	964 04	119 25	557 22
January	1,453 46	203 94	590 53
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	\$13,892 80	\$1,831 66	\$8,563 97
Street			\$13,892 80
Medical			1,831 66
Farm			8,563 97
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			\$24,288 43

Receipts

Appropriation	\$15,000 00
Farm	831 00
State	4,126 75
Transfer	4,330 68
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Total receipts	\$24,288 43
Total expenses	\$24,288 43

There is an amount of \$420.88 received from the State not included in the above amount, which was received after transfer was made.

Amount expended for repairs at Farm \$1,200 00

Number of inmates at the Farm at the close of each month:

February	40
March	39
April	38
May	38
June	36
July	36
August	35
August	35
September	35
October	34
November	34
December	32
January	32

There were six deaths at the Farm.

Products Raised at the Farm

Potatoes	400 bushels
Beans	18 bushels
Turnips	25 bushels
Cabbages	1 ton
Hay	80 tons

Stock on Farm

Horses	4
Cows	11
Hogs	5
Hens	50

Farm Implements

Single work wagon	1
Democrat wagon	1
Double hay rick	1
Single hay rick	1
Top buggy	1
Sets double harness	2
Sets single harness	2
Double sleds	2
Single sled	1
Traverse runner pung	1
Plows	2
Horse rakes	2
Corn planter	1
Cultivators	2
Spring tooth harrow	1
Mowing machine	1
Seed sower	1
Horse hoe	1
Manure spreader	1
Seeding horrow	1
Potato sprayer	1

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Melville C. Googins and Mrs. Grace Sampson for the efficient care of the farm and its inmates, also to Dr. George C. Precourt for the personal interest in all cases where his services were required.

Respectfully submitted,

Overseers of Poor, by

OSCAR G. PARENT,

Clerk.

Report of Street Commissioner

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford.

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report as Street Commissioner for the year ending January 31, 1917.

District No. 4—Cleaning Streets

The following streets were cleaned daily:

Elm from Mile Brook to Bradbury bridge, Lincoln from Elm to Main, Main from Elm to lower bridge, Water from Main to Talbot's store, Washington from Main to Jefferson, Jefferson from Washington to Alfred, Alfred from Elm Street bridge, put on top plank on the Bradbury bridge; required 5 men and carts.

We also have one man picking up paper and rubbish on the streets and I would recommend the use of rubbish cans placed at corners of the different streets. These cans would aid materially in keeping the streets clean.

Gravelling

Gravel has been used on the following streets:

Graham street 55 loads, Alfred street 50 loads, West Street, Hill and Granite Streets 210 loads, South Street 700 loads, Western Avenue 350 loads, May street 35 loads. Myrtle Street 20 loads, Union Street 20 loads.

Sewers and Drains

New sewers have been constructed as follows:

Lafayette Street 800 feet of 12 inch pipe, West Cut's Street 96 feet 10 inch pipe; previous to the construction of the Summer Street Sewer, the old sewer was practically all relaid.

Pockets and Catch Basins—Built Over With New Brick

1 at the corner of Main and Elm Streets, 2 on Judge Street, 3 on Gove Street, 1 on Cleaves Street, 2 on Myrtle Street, 1 on West Cutts Street, 1 on extension of Graham Street.

On account of the heavy rains the hills on Hill Street, Foss Street and High Street were in a very bad condition and much work was done in order to make them passable.

Crushed Stone

We have crushed about 600 tons of stone, of which a number of tons have been sold, and 120 tons were used in repairing the State road.

Sidewalks

We have built cinder sidewalks on the following streets:

On Alfred Street from York's Court to George Fogg's residence, on Prospect Street from Harrison Avenue out beyond Mike O'Connor's residence, on Harrison Avenue about 300 feet, on Granite street, from Mrs. Richards' out to Mogan's place.

We have repaired brick sidewalks on the following streets: Gooch Street, 1500 bricks; South Street 800 bricks; Washington Street about 500 bricks; Cutts Street 400.

Granite Crosswalks

New crosswalks have been laid as follows:

1 on Pike Street, 1 on Seymour's Avenue, 1 on May Street.

Granite Curb Relaid

Extension of Graham Street 110 feet, Corner of Myrtle and Grant Street, corner of Gove and Judge Street, corner of Green and Birch Street.

Repairing Streets

Repaired State road on Elm Street from the Mile Brook to the Aaron Road.

Bridges

The following bridges were repaired:

Replanked the bridge on Gooch Street; replanked the Elm Street bridge, put on top plank on the Bradbury bridge; repaired the Somesville bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. GILPATRICK,
Street Commissioner.

Report of Park Commissioners

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

In the year 1916 we spent the most of our appropriation in aiding the summer playground in Clifford Park, which we established last year. We received great help from the Thursday club, the leaders of which raised a sum of \$500.00 by public subscription to continue the work.

We put in considerable new apparatus, introduced the city water and bubbling fountain sanitary conveniences, and expended considerable money for grading the playground and improving the roads.

We built 200 feet of woven wire "manproof" fence on the west side of the park and surveyed that side, establishing its boundary. We have found it necessary to keep a man at work in the park, often alone and at a disadvantage, in order to prevent fires in the dry weather. We suggest that if this could be made part of the regular beat of an officer this expense would be unnecessary.

We did nothing on the Summer street playground this year, as a sewer was being constructed across it. The coming year this should be graded and enclosed by a proper fence. It was estimated two years ago by a competent engineer that it would cost about \$1,000 to enclose this lot with granite or concrete curbing.

We are again recommending for the safety of the pupils

of the Emery school the closing of that part of Acorn street directly in front of the school house. One child has already been killed in this section.

We respectfully commend to you the report of the playground given by the Supervisor, Miss Viola Campbell.

Playground Expense

Month of February, 1916

Otis C. Banks	\$1 25
B. & S. Water Company	9 00
George A. Anthoine	2 55
P. J. Farley	1 75
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	\$14 55

Month of May, 1916

Biddeford Journal	\$1 00
Saco Grain & Milling Company	90
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	\$1.90

Month of June, 1916

Twomey's Express	\$3 00
Norman Golding	39 33
Martin Johnson	2 00
Arthur Cote	1 00
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	\$45 33

Month of July, 1916

McKenney & Heard	\$4 80
Norman Golding	24 00

Louis Larose	10 00
Louis Chagnon	20 00
N. R. Golding	14 00
Norman R. Golding	12 00
Norman R. Golding	12 00
Arthur Cote	5 00
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	\$101 80

Month of August, 1916

George G. Rhodes	\$35 00
Norman Golding	14 00
Townsend Brothers	6 75
N. R. Golding	14 00
George Rhodes	24 00
E. S. Gowen & Son	50
Fred Medard Mfg Company	26 20
American Express Company	3 94
George G. Rhodes	16 00
N. Golding	11 00
Viola M. Campbell	1 54
McKenney & Heard	23 63
C. H. McKenney	19 38
N. R. Golding	14 00
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	\$209 94

Month of September, 1916

Biddeford and Saco Water Company	\$80 83
T. L. Evans & Company	31 35
R. W. Libby	11 00
O. Drown	20 25
Biddeford Journal	25

Alfred Hanson	60 00
Norman R. Golding	11 54
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	\$215 22

Month of January, 1917

N. R. Golding	\$11 00
Saco Grain & Milling Company	3 66
N. R. Golding	64
T. L. Evans & Company	4 47
Biddeford & Saco Water Company	8 00
Townsend Brothers	1 45
George A. Anthoine	19 34
Banks Brothers	5 91
George A. Anthoine	4 80
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	\$59 27

We estimate that we expended on the equipment and maintenance of the play ground \$340.69 of this sum.

Total expenditures	\$648 01
Appropriation	\$600 00
Sale of Hay	15 00
Overdrawn	33 01
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	\$648 01

D. E. DOLLOFF.
F. C. LEINING.
M. E. GOLDING.

Report of Biddeford Playground, 1916

Members of Biddeford Park Commission :

During the eight weeks of playground there were five days when there were no sessions because of unsuitable weather.

Eleven hundred and eighty-seven children were enrolled. The number last year was 693. They came from all parts of the city, a large number living at too great a distance from the playground to become regular attendants. The average was 222, compared with 175 for last year. The total number of visitors who registered was 380.

Our regular corps of paid play leaders was increased by two this year which made possible very much better organization and more varied activities for the children.

Program

Free Play, 1:30-2:00

Miss Carey, Games (Age, roughly, to 8) 2:00-3:00

Miss Ford, Yard Duty, Enrollment, Guest Registering, Attendance, 2:00-3:00

Miss Gove, Games, (Ages, 8 to 12) 2:00-3:00

Miss Campbell, Handwork, (Girls from 12 up) 2:00-3:00

Mr. Pidgeon, Baseball (Boys) 2:00-3:00

Miss Carey, Story Telling and Folk Dancing, 3:00-4:00

Miss Ford, Games (Ages 8 to 12) 3:00-4:00
 Miss Gove, Handwork, 3:00-4:00
 Miss Campbell, Girls' Athletics, 3:00-4:00
 Mr. Pidgeon, Games, 3:00-4:00
 Miss Carey, Handwork, 4:00-4:45
 Miss Ford, Folk Dancing, (Ages from 8 up) 4:00-4:45
 Miss Gove, Nature Study or Games, 4:00-4:45
 Miss Campbell, General Supervision, 4:00-4:45
 Mr. Pidgeon, Boys' Athletics, 4:00-4:45
 Closing Exercises, 4:45-5:00

Above is the program which we used. Miss Carey worked entirely with the little children, first games, then story telling, folk dancing and lastly handwork. Last year there was no one to work especially with them, therefore, there were fewer and those who did attend, of course, did not derive as much benefit. Other groups, ages eight to twelve and from twelve up, were similarly organized. The only way to have a large regular attendance is by careful organization into groups according to age, etc., and by providing varied and interesting supervised activities. If more children come to the playground than can be looked after in this way, they cannot be counted upon as regular attendants.

One form of play which I consider very important is the creative or constructive. We had a class in handwork for each hour of the afternoon for the girls. I have known a great many children, regular attendants, to come primarily for handwork. Without that attraction they would not have attended. As a rule this class of children needs simple motor play and social plays. They can usually be induced to take part in these activities also. The boys on our playground have been neglected as far as creative play is concerned. I believe we should have had a much larger regular attendance of boys if we had provided handwork for them. My one male

assistant, Mr. Pidgeon, had no time for this work. There should be one more young man to take charge of handwork for the boys. This would permit very much better organization of the boys. To be sure, we made a small beginning this last summer. For a few weeks Mr. Norman Golding, caretaker, had a class of small boys in kite-making and the youngsters were most enthusiastic. In the four classes 153 pieces of handwork were made in all. The children paid for the materials used.

Folk dancing was a new feature and the Misses Carey and Ford were most successful in directing this activity. The Victrola loaned by the Thursday club furnished music. Eleven dances were learned by the children.

Over eighty different stories were told (not read) by the Misses Gove, Carey and Ford. They were most successful in holding the attention of their groups. The stories included folk lore, fairy tales, hero tales, nature and historical stories.

Miss Gove's class in nature study was a success. Every other day they went off for a walk collecting specimens which they learned to name and classify, seventy-six flowers being studied in all. A book "Wild Flowers Every Child Should Know" was presented to Miss Laurette Renouf for general excellence in this work.

The girls' athletic test was a new feature this year. Though only two succeeded in winning badges a large number profited by the different events which give poise and control over the body. Many more will be able to win badges next year. The winners were the Misses Eileen Kearney and Rose Bergeron.

Mr. Pidgeon's work is well known and needs no comment here. He made a specialty of baseball. The boys under his direction did some excellent work at the bar.

Of course there were games and games, each taught with a purpose beyond that of mere amusement.

Closing exercises consisting of a march by the Victrola, the Flag Salute, and the singing of a patriotic song were also a new feature. To draw the children together for these exercises and to induce them to join heartily in singing requires a great deal of tact and good leadership but I believe it is well worth the effort.

The bubble fount was much appreciated by all and also the new toilet. The grading was an improvement and still more needs to be done. The giant stride was a fine new piece of apparatus, furnishing excellent exercise. Several visiting the playground saw few at the slide compared with last year when there were commonly thirty or forty in line, and thought there were fewer children in attendance. That was not the case, but the children were more scattered, many being at the stride at the lower end of the grounds. New swings for the babies and for the older boys and girls were also appreciated.

As last year, a fine spirit prevailed among all the boys and girls.

It is my desire that the work which has been begun by the members of the Park Commission and furthered so unselfishly by them, the Thursday Club, and the citizens of Biddeford who responded so nobly on Tag Day, shall go on and on, growing larger and larger until wholesome recreation shall be provided not only for part of the children of the city for eight weeks in the summer but for every citizen for every week in the year.

VIOLA M. CAMPBELL,
Director.

Report of Assessors

To the Honorable, the City Council of the City of Biddeford:

We herewith submit a list of the abatement of taxes made by the Board of Assessors during the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1917.

For the Estate of James Read, tax of 1907	\$41 00
For the Estate of James Read, tax of 1908	39 80
For the Estate of James Read, tax of 1909	171 63
For the Estate of James Read, tax of 1910	190 75
For James Beaumont, Collector, tax of 1911 ..	90 21
For James Beaumont, Collector, tax of 1912 ..	101 54
For James Beaumont, Collector, tax of 1913 ..	337 59
For James Beaumont, Collector, tax of 1914 ..	941 16
For James Beaumont, Collector, tax of 1915 ..	1,532 29
For James Beaumont, Collector, tax of 1916 ..	676 22

Total abatements \$4,122 19

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. STROUT,
HENRY P. SIMARD,
BENJ. L. GORDON.

Board of Assessors, 1916-17.

Biddeford, Me., February 7th, 1917.

Report of the Public Library

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the McArthur Library Association.

The report of the Biddeford Public library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1917 is as follows:

The library was open 306 days from 10 o'clock a. m. to 9 p. m. The total circulation was 44,403 volumes. The largest full weeks circulation was 1,135 for the week ending April 8th; the smallest, 584 for the week ending September the 16th.

There were 415 new names registered; 43 of those deposited one dollar for the privilege of borrowing books.

Seven hundred and sixty-seven books were added during the year, exclusive of public reports; 298 were purchased from the city and state appropriation; 203 from invest-funds; 116 from fine money; 95 were added by binding magazines; 55 were gifts.

The library was moved into its present home in Sept., 1902, and at that time owned about 6,300 books and pamphlets; it is now very crowded and possesses about 17,400 books and pamphlets, before very long there will be the necessity of purchasing a new stack.

During the year 410 books have been rebound, 45 volumes worn out and withdrawn, 2 destroyed on account of infectious disease, 14 lost in circulation 3 of which were paid for by borrower 1 reported lost last year has been re-

turned, 24 books have disappeared from the children's room. Both reading rooms are largely patronized and some loss is unavoidable where so much liberty is allowed.

One hundred and twenty-five periodicals are received regularly, 33 of which are donated.

Among works of special importance added during the year are the following sets of books: "Library of Factory Management," 6 volumes; "Book of History of All Nations," 12 volumes; "The American Nation," 27 volumes.; and the final volumes of the "New International Encyclopedia". There have also been additions to the French and Greek collections.

The story hour on Saturday mornings has had an average attendance of 19 children.

Ninety-five pupils from the ninth grade and from the lower classes of the High school, who have not previously taken the course, have come to the library once each term, to receive instruction and drill in the use of reference books and other library advantages.

This is the third year that the library has offered this instruction and the object is to cooperate with the schools as a part of the educational system of the city, and give the young people a knowledge of and a pride in the possession of their own All-the-Year-Round university, as public libraries are now sometimes called.

I am sorry to report that only two of the rural schools have taken advantage this year of having the small traveling libraries each term for school and neighborhood use.

Transportation seems to be the chief difficulty.

The wild flower display was continued from April to October, showing 202 varieties during that time. We are indebted to the same old friends and to some new ones for specimens.

This collection has aroused the interest of children in collecting specimens in natural history, and other curious things that come under their observation.

In December, just before the holidays, a book exhibit was held in the Directors' room, showing the best children's books—old favorites in new attractive editions, and the latest books that have been recommended by competent judges as artistic in make-up and wholesome in influence. The exhibit was varied enough to please all tastes and all ages.

The following donations have been received:

A copy of Thompson's Engineer Battalion of the Civil War, bequeathed by Mr. W. S. Dennett.

Records of Pepperellborough from Mr. John Haley of the Dyer Library.

A subscription to "America," a Catholic Weekly periodical from Rev. Fr. T. P. Linehan.

A large number of books and pamphlets on the European war from Sir Gilbert Parker and Fritz von Frantzius.

Also the following gifts are hereby acknowledged:

American Jewish Committee	1
Bross Foundation	7
Butler Brothers	1
P. P. Caproni and Brother	1
Carnegie Endowment	1
Aristides F. Christu	3
Carol Cox Book Company	1
Miss Laura Foss	2
General Education Board	1
Mrs. Jesse Gould	1
Hispanic Society	1
A. J. Huston	11
T. Lyenaga	1
Maine Association of New Church	1

Hudson Maxim	2
National Consumers' association	1
N. L. A. association	1
Adelaton Octeau	1
Rockefeller Foundation	2
San Francisco Exposition	1
State of Maine	26
S. Thompson	1
G. Friantafillidis	2

Financial Statement

Source of Funds—City of Biddeford	\$2,200 00
State of Maine	220 00
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	\$2,420 00

Paid from above funds:

Binding	\$224 15	
Books	332 65	
Fuel	341 67	
Lighting	176 83	
Salaries	1,300 00	
Supplies	44 70	
	<hr/>	\$2,420 00

Expenses paid from invested funds:

Bond	\$5 00	
Books	215 32	
Insurance	13 98	
Periodicals	255 80	
Repairs	312 56	
Salary	500 00	
Supplies	158 95	
Traveling expenses of Librarian to Convention	3 73	
	<hr/>	1,465 34

Fine Money Account

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1916	\$9 70
Received from rent of hall	32 00
Deposits	43 00
Postage	4 04
Miss Wadlin	2 40
Supplies	1 95
Mr. Gove	7 60
Fines	130 63

\$231 32

Paid for Books	\$83 97	
Express	10 88	
Labor on coal	7 60	
Postage	9 76	
Magazine	2 08	
Supplies	14 49	
Stationery	3 20	
To Mr. Gove	34 40	
Refunded Deposits	37 00	

\$203 43

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1917 \$27.89

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA HATCH.

Board of Health

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City, I hereby submit the following report of the Board of Health, for the year ending, January 31, 1917.

The following are the contagious diseases referred to the Board:

Diphtheria	4
Scarlet Fever	1
Infantile Paralysis	1
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The Board received several complaints relating to nuisances and all were promptly attended to and alleviated.

We feel that the Ordinance recently passed, and effective July 1, 1917, relating to the abolishment of privy vaults, will have a tendency to reduce the number of complaints and pave the way for the better sanitary condition of our City.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH,

by

JAMES J. NEILON,

Secretary.

WILL STONE.

Report of City Physician

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—I take pleasure in submitting my report as city physician for the year ending January 31, 1917.

Number of visits at city hospital 208

Average of 15 patients were attended at each visit.

Number of visits at houses 914

Number of consultations at office 1,184

Number of deaths at city hospital 6

Number of deaths at their homes 4

Number of births at their homes 10

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. PRECOURT.

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G. C. PRECOURT.

Report of Tax Collector

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council of the city of Biddeford:

I hereby respectfully submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the fiscal year of 1916.

Amount of commitment for year 1916	\$227,066 24
Supplemental tax	323 28
Interest collected	245 00
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Total	\$227,634 52
Paid to City Treasurer, acct. of Tax	\$221,200 00
Paid to City Treasurer, acct Int. ..	245 00
Cash on hand January 31, 1917 ...	59 90
Balance of Tax, uncollected	6,129 62
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	\$227,634 52

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BEAUMONT,
Collector of Taxes, 1916.

Report of School Board

To the Honorable Mayor and City Government:

The following statement concerning the public schools is respectfully submitted.

Funds available for the support of the public schools:

Balance from 1915	\$	52
Appropriations for		
Repairs, Supplies and Insurance		2,500 00
Text Books		700 00
Superintendent's Salary		2,240 00
Schools		5,500 00
Received from State		
School Fund		37,491 64
Manual Training		500 00
Domestic Science		400 00
Evening School		396 00
High School		500 00
Received from		
High School Tuition		163 75
Sale of car tickets and books		57 75
Rent of Sullivan St. school building		80 00
Contingent fund		280 75
		\$50,810 41

Expenditures

Salaries	
High School Teachers	\$7,092 50
Grade Teachers	24,233 55
Manual Training and Domestic Science Teachers	1,750 00
Supervisors of Music, Penmanship and Drawing	1,650 00
Evening School Teachers	569 00
Office Help	321 83
Enumeration	237 98
Superintendent's Salary	2,240 00
Supervision Expense	243 96
Text Books	849 84
Fuel	2,827 70
Janitors	3,618 59
Transportation	907 74
Supplies	
General	1,530 90
Commercial	233 75
Furniture	236 19
Water	296 05
Freight and cartage	111 35
Printing	99 69
Insurance	91 50
Repairs	2,324 15
Tuition	7 00
Special Expense	79 00
	\$50,652 27

The school census of 1916 shows 6,052 school children between the ages of 5 and 21, and of 1917 shows 5,935.

Pupils Registered

Elementary Schools	1,484
High School	170

Average Attendance

Elementary Schools	1,072
High School	151

For additional data in reference to the Department of Education, consult the 1917 report.

I. Z. ALLEN,
Superintendent of Schools.



CHIEF OF POLICE THOMAS STONE

Report of Board of Police

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Police of the City of Biddeford, in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 625 of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, have the honor to submit the following report of the actions of the department during the year ending January 31, 1917.

The Board recommends that an increase of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) a day be given to the police officers of our city, as the high cost of living is a hardship to our police officers as well as to other individuals. Secondly, we advocate that our appropriation be made larger because there is urgent need, on account of the increased automobile traffic, during the summer months, for a traffic officer at the corner of Elm and Main streets (Harmon's corner) so-called. Lastly, we advocate the necessity of properly patrolling Clifford Park on Saturdays and Sundays of the summer months.

The report of the Chief of Police as submitted to this Board is as follows:

Whole number of arrests for the year ending January 1st, 1917, was 439.

Intoxication	334
Assault	22
Larceny	29

Breaking, entering and larceny	5
Malicious mischief	4
Gambling	4
Fornication	4
Assault on an officer	3
Resisting an officer	7
Overspeeding (automobile)	1
Idle and disorderly	7
Affray	2
Assault with dangerous weapon	2
Vagrancy	2
Disorderly house	2
Non-support	3
Search and seizure	5
Auto without license	1
Keeping gambling house	2

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One hundred and sixty-three doors were found open.

Twenty-two children were found and returned to their homes.

In conclusion, the Board of Police desires to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the Chief of Police, Captain and patrolmen. They have been faithful and prompt in the discharge of all their duties and have worked together faithfully for the best interest of our city. All of which is

Respectfully submitted.

Board of Police By
JOHN McCOURT,
 Secretary.

Signed

J. E. H. TOWNSEND, Chairman.
JOHN McCOURT.
NAPOLEON NADEAU.

Mayors of the City from 1855 to Date

- 1855-6 Daniel E. Somes, Republican.
1857 James Andrews, Republican.
1858-9 Cyrus Gordon, Democrat.
1860 Jonathan Tuck, Democrat.
Esreff H. Banks, Republican, unexpired term of
Jonathan Tuck.
1861-2 Seth S. Fairfield, Democrat.
1863-4 John Q. Adams, Democrat.
1865-6 Charles A. Shaw, Democrat.
1867-8 Ferguson Haines, Democrat.
1869 James R. Clark, Democrat.
1870-1 E. W. Wedgewood, Democrat.
1872 Francis G. Warren, Democrat.
1873 James H. McMullan, Republican.
1874-5 Francis G. Warren, Democrat.
1876 John H. Burnham, Democrat.
1877 Alfred Pierce, Republican.
1878 Charles M. Moses, Republican.
1879 James A. Strout, Democrat.
1880 Charles M. Moses, Republican.
1881-2 Elisha E. Clark, Republican.
1883-5 E. W. Staples, Democrat.
1886-7 Samuel F. Parcher, Democrat.
1888-9 C. E. Goodwin, Democrat.
1890-3 E. W. Staples, Democrat.

- 1894-5 Charles S. Hamilton, Republican.
 1896-7 Carlos Heard, Citizen and Democrat.
 1898-9 Levi W. Stone, Citizen and Republican.
 1900-1 Nathaniel B. Walker, Citizen, Democrat and Republican.
 1902 Joseph Gooch, Citizen, Republican and Democrat.
 1903 Joseph Gooch, Citizen and Republican.
 1904-5 Nathaniel B. Walker, Citizen and Republican.
 1906-7 Gilman P. Littlefield, Citizen and Republican.
 1908-9 Cornelius Horigan, Democrat and Independent.
 1910-12 Albert O. Marcille, Democrat and Independent.
 1913-15 James G. C. Smith, Democrat and Independent.
 1916 Leopold A. Girard, Democrat and Independent.

CITY CLERKS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- 1855-7 Levi Loring, Jr.
 1857-9 Frederick D. Edgerly.
 1860 George H. Knowlton.
 1861-9 Frederick D. Edgerly.
 1870-2 John A. Staples.
 1873-4 Cyrus P. Berry.
 1875-6 Samuel Tripp.
 1877-8 Cyrus P. Berry.
 1879 Frank W. Roberts.
 1880-2 Charles H. Parcher.
 1883-93 Edgar A. Hubbard.
 1894-5 Charles E. Pillsbury.
 1896-7 William P. Freeman.
 1898-9 Denis Murphy.
 1900-3 Dayton T. Moore.
 1904-6 Daniel H. B. Hooper.
 1907-9 Albert O. Marcille.
 1910-16 Thomas F. Locke.

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Report of City Auditor

To the Honorable, The City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen: The receipts and expenditures in the various departments of the City, for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1917, were as follows:

DEPARTMENTS	Appropriations	Unexpended Balances Feb. 1, 1916	Bond Issue	Receipts from other Sources	Total Receipts	Expenditures	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
Bridges	\$4,500 00				\$4,500 00	\$7,016 78	\$2,516 78	
Brown Tail Moths	3,300 00				3,300 00	3,295 36		\$4 64
City Building	1,000 00			\$6,717 76	7,717 76	8,150 18	432 42	
City Library	2,200 00			220 00	2,420 00	2,420 00		
Contingent Fund	5,610 00	\$8,940 79		920 80	15,471 59	6,799 00		8,672 59
Election Department	3,000 00				3,000 00	3,725 19	725 19	
Fire Department	19,000 00				19,000 00	18,825 12		174 88
Free Text Books	700 00				700 00	696 96		3 04
General Expense	7,000 00			480 00	7,480 00	7,587 04	107 04	
Health Department	1,500 00				1,500 00	1,356 93		143 07
Highways, District No. 4	14,000 00			194 35	14,194 35	13,811 35		383 00
Highways, Fortunes Rocks	600 00				600 00	633 62	33 62	
Highways, Hollis Road	600 00			42 25	642 25	608 51		33 74
Highways, Newtown District	600 00				600 00	704 51	104 51	
Highways, Oak Ridge	475 00				475 00	455 22		19 78
Highways, Pool District	1,000 00				1,000 00	1,050 73	50 73	
Highways, Pool Road District	1,500 00				1,500 00	1,536 75	36 75	
Highways, Ward 7, East	450 00				450 00	157 81		292 19
Highways, Ward 7, North	400 00				400 00	415 64	15 64	
Highways, Ward 7, West	585 00				585 00	591 53	6 53	
Hydrants, Rental of	6,000 00				6,000 00	5,830 00		170 00
Insane	300 00				300 00	344 52	44 52	
Interest	15,000 00			769 27	15,769 27	16,041 98	272 71	
New Sewer			25,000 00		25,000 00	12,854 98		12,145 02
Parks	600 00			15 00	615 00	646 76	31 76	
Pauper Department	15,000 00			4,957 75	19,957 75	24,288 43	4,330 68	
Police Department	10,000 00			2,505 75	12,505 75	12,346 36		159 39
Resurfacing Streets	1,200 00				1,200 00	950 32		249 68
Retiring Sewer Bonds	5,000 00				5,000 00	5,000 00		
Retiring Street Improvement Bonds	5,000 00				5,000 00	7,415 00		85 00
Salaries	7,500 00				7,500 00	45,072 06		08
Schools, including \$500 Free H. S.	5,500 00			39,572 14	45,072 14	45,072 06		
Schools, Repairs, Supplies and Ins.	2,500 00				2,500 00	2,780 75	280 75	
Sewers and Drains	3,000 00			65 25	3,065 25	2,996 05		69 20
Sidewalks	4,000 00			248 05	4,248 05	5,758 32	1,510 27	
State Road	2,150 00			843 34	2,993 34	2,974 24		19 10
Street Lights	13,000 00				13,000 00	12,509 86		490 14
Street and Sidewalk Imp.			25,000 00	1,302 81	26,302 81	26,032 72		270 09
Superintendent's Schools Salary	2,240 00				2,240 00	2,240 00		
Woodlawn Cemetery	500 00			150 00	650 00	615 18		34 82
State Tax	45,952 80				45,952 80	45,952 80		
County Tax	9,936 35				9,936 35	9,936 35		
Tax Deeds				495 51	495 51	223 72		271 79
Temporary Loans				100,000 00	100,000 00	100,000 00		
Dog Licenses				381 98	381 98	196 00		185 98
General Licenses				443 00	443 00			443 00
Railroad and Telegraph Tax				826 27	826 27			826 27
State Pensions				957 00	957 00	957 00		
Overlay, includ. \$323.28 Supplemental	5,190 37				5,190 37	4,122 19		1,068 18
	\$227,589 52	\$8,940 79	\$50,000 00	\$162,108 28	\$448,638 59	\$432,923 82	\$10,499 90	\$26,214 67

Special Accounts having unexpended balances	\$12,415 11
Accounts overdrawn	10,499 90
Accounts having unexpended balances	\$13,799 56
Credit Balance	\$3,299 66

Contingent Fund

Unexpended Balance February 1st, 1916	\$8,940 79
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For the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1917, Debit Bal... \$5,641 13

Respectfully submitted,

EDMOND BERGERON, Auditor.

Biddeford, January 31, 1917.