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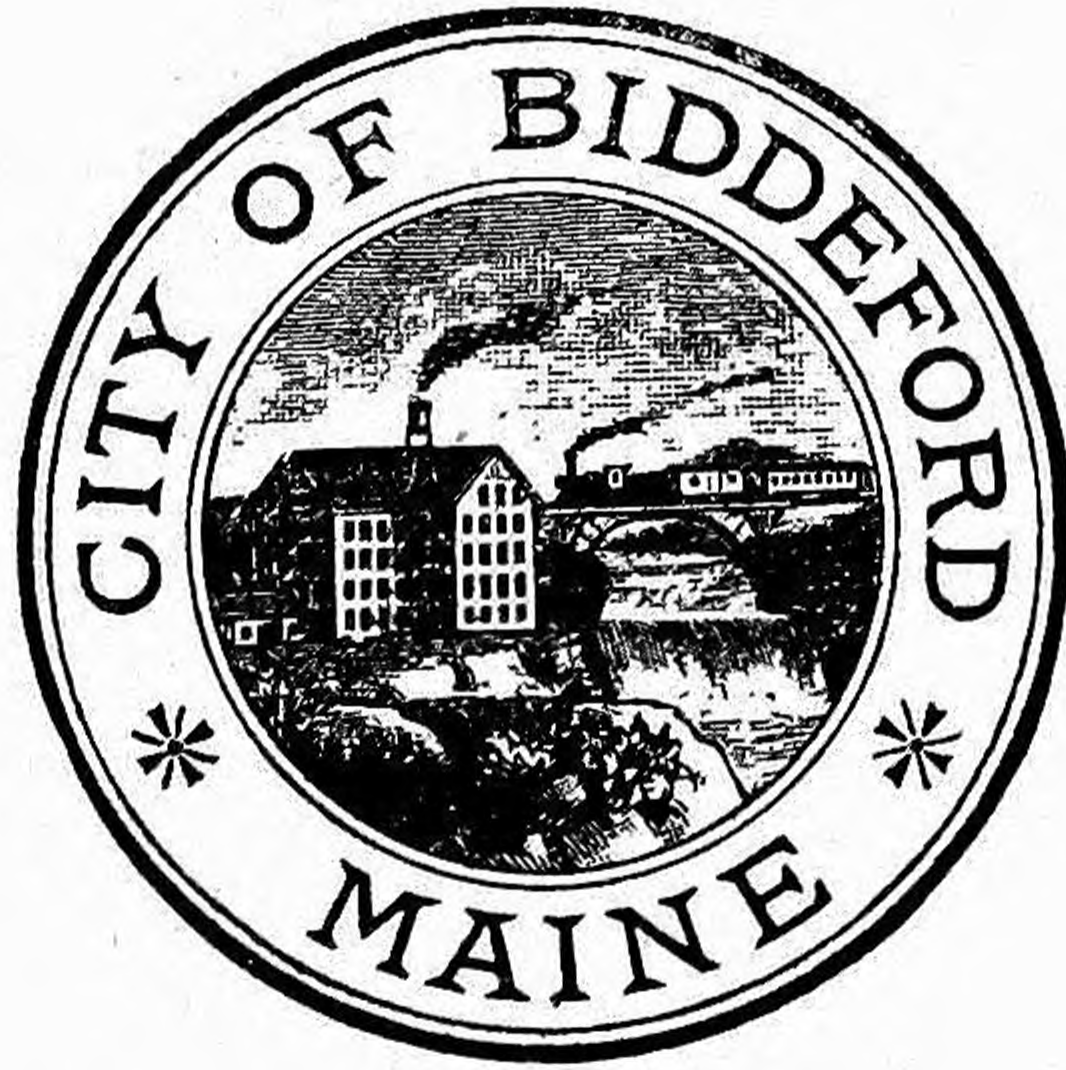
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ANNUAL REPORT  
CITY OF BIDDEFORD



For the Fiscal Year

**Beginning February 1, 1931**

**And Ending January 31, 1932**

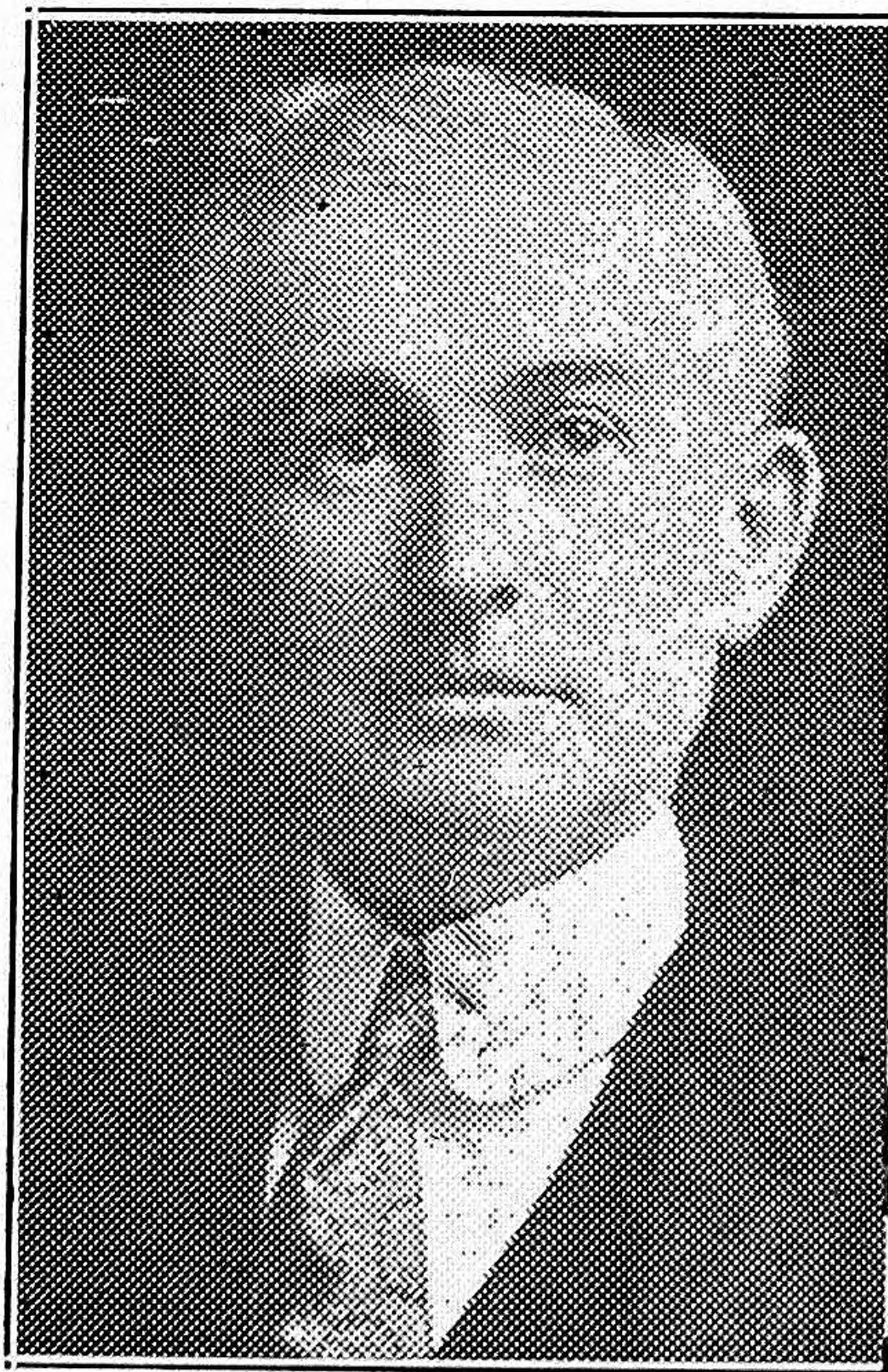
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**Mayor's Address**

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MAYOR  
CORNELIUS HORIGAN

## Mayor's Address

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Gentlemen of the City Council:

On Monday, March 9, you were chosen by your fellow-citizens to assume the duties and accept responsibility in their name, for the government of this city, for the coming 12 months. In accepting this mandate under the sanction of a solemn oath it becomes your duty to give unreserved devotion and whole-hearted support to the best interests of those who have honored you; to this purpose I pledge myself in that part of this command that falls to me as a citizen and again in the position of mayor of the city.

This year the majority party has full power to carry on the government, and must shoulder the responsibility for all acts of omission or commission. There can be no divided responsibility. In this connection it is essential that all work together for the greatest good of the city, rather than for individual members of the government to attempt to carry out each his individual conception and desire of what he thinks should be done. Doubtless, during the year 1931, there will arise many occasions when it will be found necessary to sink personal ambition to accomplish some particular thing, and to graciously concede to the greater number, and perhaps compromise, in non-essentials, in the interest of harmony and for the advancement of the financial, economic and industrial welfare of the city and her citizens. To this end, I ask those who have had former experience in the government of the city, that they, by precept and example, lead the way and help those, who, for the first time find themselves members of a city government, and who will quite likely follow in your footsteps.

Last year in my inaugural, it was pointed out to that city government, there was a great need for economy, since the financial standing of the city was far from satisfactory or safe for the city. While this condition has been somewhat improved we should not for a moment consider the danger removed, or the obligation for close scrutiny of all expenditures relieved. If this is not done, and at the close of the year we are not able to show as last year, a substantial reduction in the debt, and a decrease in the interest account, this government will, to a great degree, have failed, and we shall merit the condemnation of our fellow citizens which we are sure to receive. At times you will find it difficult to deny the appeals of your constituents, even though such appeals are most worthy, but if you are faithful to your oath and duty you will be forced occasionally to take such action, having in mind the good of the many rather than the few.

One of the most important duties you will be called on perform is the selection of the subordinate officers of this government. In the hands of these officials will be placed the responsibility for carrying out the plans and policies made by you. The surest way to strengthen any government is by the appointment of those of known efficiency to the subordinate positions and then by encouragement and hearty support aid them in limiting expenditures to public necessity. This, however, does not contemplate a niggardly policy, rather a sane one.

**Liabilities, Jan. 31, 1930, from Treasurer's Report.**

Bonds outstanding . . . . .	\$680,000.00
Temporary loans . . . . .	55,000.00
1929 State Tax . . . . .	105,644.92
1929 Dog tax . . . . .	1,021.00
Unpaid bills reserve . . . . .	6,000.00
Automobile excise tax . . . . .	11,800.00
	\$859,465.92

**Liabilities, Jan. 31, 1931, from Treasurer's Report.**

Bonds outstanding . . . . .	\$639,000.00
Temporary loan . . . . .	10,000.00
1930 State tax . . . . .	105,644.92
1929 Dog tax . . . . .	944.00
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	\$755,588.92
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Reduction in total liabilities	\$103,877.00
Interest bearing debt Jan. 31, 1930 . . . . .	\$689,379.00
Interest bearing debt Jan. 31, 1931 . . . . .	603,405.00
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Reduction in interest bearing debt . . . . .	\$ 85,974.34
Beyond debt limit, 1930 . . . . .	\$175,946.02
Beyond debt limit, 1931 . . . . .	72,069.02
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Reduction of debt beyond limit	\$103,877.00

**Schools**

By statute the management of the schools of the city is handed over to the Board of Education. The funds to carry on are furnished by the taxpayers, through city appropriations, and by refunds from the state. For many years this department has been handicapped because of insufficient appropriations. In 1930 an extra \$15,000 was given to schools. This department begins 1931 with no unpaid bills. Some economies have been effected without detriment to the schools during the past year. It may be other savings can be made during 1931.

**Fire Department**

In 25 years the cost of this department has increased from \$11,299 to \$41,157, an increase of \$29,856.

This department, I believe, can be run quite as efficiently on a less amount, and give to the property of the citizens ample protection. The "two platoon system," so called, is not warranted under present conditions, and there are very grave doubts if it was legally established. Under the conditions obtaining last year it was impossible to correct the installation of this system. This year it may be that a study of the needs of this department will make it possible to cut the appropriation from \$41,000 to a figure more in keeping with the demands of the times and the ability of the city to pay.

### Streets

Under the efficient guidance of the street commissioner, Albert Cadorette, nearly 30 miles of city streets and rural roads were scarified, rolled and tarred. In no other year has anything measuring up to this mileage been accomplished.

This treatment of streets and roads should be continued this year since it has proven economical and effective.

The State Highway Department has designated that road running from the Pool bridge along the shore to and through Fortunes Rocks to connect with the State Aid roads from Kennebunkport and Biddeford into one system, and completing the shore drive from Wells along the ocean front to Biddeford, and through Biddeford to connect with State Route No. 1. An allotment from the gas tax has also been secured to continue the third-class road along West street from a point near the Gagne ice-house.

The purchase of a road machine for use on these rural roads and gravel streets in the city as well is urged by the street commissioner and I believe, with him, such a machine is a necessity.

The cost of snow removal has been nearly \$12,000,

including the payment of March 12. While this money has given much needed employment to labor during the winter it must necessarily reduce the work which may be done during the summer if we are to keep within such appropriation as may be made.

### **Poor Department**

During the past year because of unemployment the demands for assistance through this department have been nearly double the amount in normal times. The demands have been met and so far as possible no needy person was allowed to go without necessary food, fuel and clothing. Care of the poor and needy is a duty enjoined by the laws of God and man. This care has not been grudgingly given, but in such manner as not to humiliate the recipient.

Industrial corporations are reporting better business. Better business means more and steady employment. Until this improvement is an established fact there will be continued calls for assistance which will be met as you would have them met, in a fair and impartial manner. The help given through the instrumentality of this department and its further usefulness in the coming year entitle it to your hearty support and the encouragement of all who desire to see public service well performed.

### **Police Department.**

In dealing with the situation in this department it is far from my desire to show any spirit of intolerance or passion. For a non-partisan police force, in all its ramifications, it is the most active political machine in the city. The Board of Police recently applied to the Chamber of Commerce for permission to enlarge the force by the addition of two patrolmen. The city council only



has authority in such matters; the Police Board may not without the consent of this body increase the number of policemen. Yet to show its contempt for the regularly constituted authority this board goes to and seeks permission from the Chamber of Commerce. There seems to be nothing we can do except to limit the finances.

Your attention will be directed from time to time as the necessity appears to the other departments of lesser importance but a part of the whole scheme of the government of the city.

Loyalty to the principles on which our government rests positively demands that we should put aside partisanship in the work before us and that the rights guaranteed to every citizen should be protected in accordance with American manliness and fairness.

As I bring this inaugural to a close may I again remind you that your responsibilities cannot be passed to others. If you meet them and fulfill them to the satisfaction of your fellow citizens you will be given that meed of commendation which will be your due, but, if you fail to live up to the expectations of your constituents, in no uncertain tones will such failure be denounced. We can accomplish the work allotted to us only by earnest co-operation and sincere application, and it is always well to keep before us the thought that of ourselves we can accomplish little, but with divine guidance we may and can do much, and this can be had only by appealing to Him who rules men and governments.



JOSEPH J. SALVAS

CITY CLERK

## City Government

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### Mayor

CORNELIUS HORIGAN

### City Clerk

Joseph J. Salvas

### Secretary to City Clerk

Bessie G. Conway ✓

### Aldermen

Ward 1—Harry A. Legallee, Jr.

Ward 2—Philius Pinette

Ward 3—Calixte Lambert

Ward 4—Frederick H. Mitchell

Ward 5—Joseph A. Haley

Ward 6—Albert Sevigny

Ward 7—Harry J. Michie

### Common Councilmen

Ward 1—Robert M. Johnson      George E. Hutchins  
Philip Champagne

Ward 2—Adelard Letarte      Hector Laroche  
Wilfrid St. Marie

Ward 3—Edward R. Tibbetts      Alphonse J. Gonneville  
Thomas Caddigan

Ward 4—Lawrence F. Descoteaux

Clodemir L'Heureux

Harry E. McKenzie

Ward 5—Emery Beauchamp

Michael J. Donovan

J. Harvey Salvas

Ward 6—Peter Place

Romeo Beaulieu

Harold E. Thomas

Ward 7—Marjorique Lessard

Leon Letourneau

Daniel A. Twomey

Clerk of Common Council—Harry F. Dineen

### Wardens

Ward 1—Arthur D. Hutchins

Ward 2—Orphilda A. Chabot

Ward 3—William A. Lanoie

Ward 4—Daniel B. Finnell

Ward 5—Austin Hobbins

Ward 6—John H. Harvey

Ward 7—Edward Kelleher

### Ward Clerks

Ward 1—Mayde J. Tanner

Ward 2—Almo Custeau

Ward 3—Laurence Nield

Ward 4—Arthur J. Plante

Ward 5—Joseph Lehoux

Ward 6—Loretta Twomey

Ward 7—Joseph V. Hctor

### City Treasurer

J. Burton Stride

**Tax Collector**

Antoine Petit

**City Solicitor**

Thomas F. Locke

**City Physician**

Leo O. Lesieur

**City Auditor**

James H. Bradbury —

**Judge of the Municipal Court of Biddeford**

Joseph R. Paquin

**Recorder of Municipal Court**

Guy Durgin

**Chief of Police**

Oscar G. Parent

**Chief Engineer of Fire Department**

Eugene T. Ricker

**First Assistant Engineer**

Frank Cantara

**Second Assistant Engineer**

Edmund Pate

**Engineer City Building**

John Payheur (day)

Arthur Pratt (Night)

**Board of Registration**

Chairman—Ernest Petit

Ray A. Burleigh

C. Wilson Place

**Assessors**

Henry Cookson

Carl W. Richards

Thomas H. Simpson

**Chief Assessor**

Henry Cookson

**Assistant Assessors**

Ward 1—Clarence Hilton

Ward 2—Edward Lauzon

Ward 3—Arthur Cadorette

Ward 4—Delvine Mathurin

Ward 5—Albert Boucher and James Donovan

Ward 6—Edward Rivers

Ward 7—Edward Kelleher

**Road Commissioners Outlying Districts**

Pool Road District—Joseph W. Haley.

Pool District—Horace B. Evans.

Fortunes Rocks Road—Charles V. Tanner.

Oak Ridge District—Harry W. Robbins.

Newtown District—William J. Lowell.

Ward 7, North—Edward Hebert.

Ward 7, West—Everett Meserve.

Ward 7, East—Charles B. Rumery.

**City Weighers**

John Murphy

Sidney A. Staples

Edgar Small

Rose Gregoire

Howard Small

Alice L. Janson

Augustin Greenwood

Alfred L'Heureux

Eddie Casper

Dennis Dineen

James Rankin

Irene M. Laplume

Isabel A. Benson

Abert Fecteau

Elliott R. Smith

George Dumont

**Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark**

Alberic Simard

Frank Dennis

Frank Precourt

Filmore Hooper

Alfred Sicard

Henry Knight

Charles Tibbetts  
 Jerome St. Ours  
 Henry Morrow

William Smith  
 Fred Smith  
 Rutherford Wilcox

**Fence Viewers**

Ira Davis  
 Oscar Hanson  
 Everett Meserve

George C. Fogg  
 Rice Davis  
 Ernest Robbins

**Health Officer**

John W. Mahoney

**Overseer of the Poor**

Richard A. Chasse

**Superintendent of City Homestead**

Michael Mogan

**Inspector of Buildings**

Thomas Lessard

**Superintendent of Burials**

Frederick H. Rumery

**Superintendent of Schools**

Chester A. Weed

**Superintending School Committee**

Chairman, Cornelius Horigan

George Burchill

M. Harry Whelan

Thomas B. Walker

George W. Bridgman

**Trustees Woodlawn Cemetery**

Cornelius Horigan

Frank Nield

Samuel Wilson

**Truant Officer**

Will Stone

**Police Commissioners**

George E. Beauchesne

George Butler, 2nd

Joseph A. Paquin

**Street Commissioner, Dist. No. 4**

Albert Cadorette

**Assistant Street Commissioner**

Rudolph Vanasse

**Milk Inspector**

John B. Bellerose

**Electrical Inspector**

Alphonse Dorais

**Inspector of Plumbing**

George Garnache

**Standing Committees**

ELECTION RETURNS—Aldermen Mitchell and Haley.

ENROLLED BILLS—Aldermen Michie, Lambert and Haley.

LICENSES—Aldermen Michie and Haley.

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

FINANCE—The Mayor, Alderman Mitchell, Councilmen Twomey, Salvas and Letourneau.

ACCOUNTS—Alderman Michie, Councilmen Cadigan and Descoteaux.

PUBLIC PROPERTY—The Mayor, Alderman Lambert, Councilmen Donovan, Place and Tibbetts.



PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LIBRARY—The Mayor, Alderman Mitchell and Councilman Descoteaux.

PRINTING—Alderman Sevigny, Councilmen L'Heureux and Lessard.

POOR DEPARTMENT—Aldermen Haley and Sevigny, Councilmen Thomas, Gonneville and Johnson.

ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Alderman Michie, Councilmen Beaulieu and Laroche.

STREET DEPARTMENT—The Mayor, Aldermen Mitchell, Michie and Sevigny, Councilmen Gonneville, Beaulieu and Twomey.

## General Expense

For Month of February, 1931.

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
1—	Reny Brothers, rubber stamps . . . . .	9.75
2—	Omer Vanasse, dog officer . . . . .	57.50
3—	Pierre Ledoux, taking papers in an insane case, to a deputy sheriff of Portland . .	8.00
4—	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.	5.66
5—	Joseph J. Salvias, city clerk, for recording births, marriages and deaths for the year 1930 . . . . .	249.25
6—	Joseph J. Salvias, city clerk, reporting out- of-town births, marriages and deaths, recording depositions for the year 1930 . . . . .	166.75
7—	Oliver LeBlanc, taxi service to city clerk, delivering notices of special meeting to the aldermen and councilmen of the seven wards . . . . .	7.00
8—	J. R. Larochelle, reporting 176 births and 64 deaths . . . . .	60.00
9—	Laura B. Stickney, reporting births and deaths for year 1931 . . . . .	34.25
10—	Geo. C. Precourt, estate, reporting 73 births and 30 deaths . . . . .	25.75
11—	C. J. Xaphes, reporting 44 births and 16 deaths . . . . .	15.00
12—	D. E. Dolloff, reporting births and deaths for year 1931 . . . . .	13.75
13—	Carl G. Dennett, reporting 13 births and 26 deaths . . . . .	9.75
14—	Paul S. Hill, reporting 25 births, 11 deaths	9.00
15—	Rev. A. M. Decary, reporting 36 marriages	9.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
16—	W. T. Roussin, reporting 25 births, 9 deaths . . . . .	8.50
17—	R. C. Upham, reporting 16 births, 14 deaths . . . . .	7.50
18—	Rev. J. L. Bourque, reporting 21 marriages	5.25
19—	L. O. Lesieur, reporting births and marriages . . . . .	4.25
20—	George R. Love, reporting 10 births, 6 deaths . . . . .	4.00
21—	Rev. Gilbert Dube, reporting 13 marriages	3.25
22—	Rev. J. A. Laflamme, reporting 10 marriages . . . . .	2.50
23—	Rev. M. F. Drain, reporting 9 marriages . .	2.25
24—	Dr. F. E. Small, reporting 3 births, 6 deaths . . . . .	2.25
25—	C. E. Thompson, reporting 2 births, 6 deaths . . . . .	2.00
26—	L. E. Willard, reporting births and deaths for year . . . . .	1.75
27—	Rev. A. S. Putnam, reporting 7 marriages.	1.75
28—	A. G. Wiley, reporting 2 births, 5 deaths.	1.75
29—	E. S. Hawkes, reporting births during year	1.50
30—	Georges Levesque, reporting 2 births, 3 deaths . . . . .	1.25
31—	Rev. J. A. Fredette, reporting 5 marriages	1.25
32—	Rev. Leon Earl Grubaugh, reporting 5 marriages . . . . .	1.25
33—	Rev. Royal Brown, reporting marriages during year . . . . .	1.00
34—	Rev. A. Edward Scott, reporting 4 marriages . . . . .	1.00
35—	Rev. C. H. Osborne, reporting 3 marriages	.75
36—	John W. Day, reporting 3 marriages . . . . .	.75
37—	Rev. Z. B. Decary, reporting 3 marriages.	.75

56.50

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
38—	Sidney J. Willis, reporting 3 marriages...	.75
39—	Rev. James J. Mullen, reporting 3 marriages	.75
40—	V. E. Bolduc, reporting 2 marriages.....	.50
41—	S. B. Marshall, reporting 2 marriages....	.50
42—	A. J. Stimpson, reporting 2 births.....	.50
43—	J. D. Haley, reporting 2 births.....	.50
44—	Wm. H. H. Taylor, reporting 2 marriages.	.50
45—	Rev. Walter Gelinas, reporting 2 marriages	.50
46—	William J. Maybury, reporting 2 births ...	.50
47—	P. H. Abbott, reporting 2 deaths.....	.50
48—	J. H. Macdonald, reporting 2 deaths.....	.50
49—	Richard M. Fenton, reporting 2 marriages	.50
50—	Rev. C. A. Burke, reporting 2 marriages..	.50
51—	Rev. E. R. Grondin, reporting 2 marriages	.50
52—	Rev. Clement F. Hahn, reporting 2 mar- riages .....	.50
53—	Rev. A. S. Winslow, reporting 2 marriages	.50
54—	Rev. C. H. Temple, reporting 1 marriage	.25
55—	Moses Shohet, rabbi, reporting 1 marriage	.25
56—	Rev. Arthur E. Walton, reporting 1 mar- riage .....	.25
57—	Dr. W. L. Prescott, reporting 1 death...	.25
58—	Dr. W. H. Baker, reporting 1 death.....	.25
59—	Rev. Charles B. Sinden, reporting 1 mar- riage .....	.25
60—	George E. Kneelan, reporting 1 marriage.	.25
61—	Dr. Byron M. Moulton, reporting 1 death.	.25
62—	Dr. Henry H. Brock, reporting 1 death...	.25
63—	John McF. Bergland, reporting 1 death...	.25
64—	Burton H. Tilton, reporting 1 marriage..	.25
65—	Rev. Thomas Whiteside, reporting 1 mar- riage .....	.25
66—	Rev. R. Bourleau, reporting 1 marriage...	.25
67—	Rev. Alexandre Dugree, reporting 1 mar-	

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11.75

Voucher No.	Name	Amount	
	riage . . . . .	.25	
68—	Rev. Ward R. Clarke, reporting 1 marriage	.25	
69—	Richard Armstrong, reporting 1 marriage.	.25	
70—	Percy T. Edrop, reporting one marriage..	.25	
71—	Rev. Eleazar Ashjian, reporting 1 marriage	.25	
72—	Edward A. Durham, reporting 1 marriage	.25	
73—	Dr. Joseph Clare, reporting 1 marriage..	.25	
74—	Howard A. Mitchell, reporting 1 marriage.	.25	
75—	Harry Milton Katzen, reporting 1 marriage	.25	
76—	Frederick Olsen, reporting 1 marriage...	.25	
77—	Rev. Elie Hevey, reporting 1 marriage . . . . .	.25	
78—	Rev. A. Thibodeau, reporting 1 marriage.	.25	
79—	Henry C. Hamel, reporting 1 marriage...	.25	
80—	Leroy Haley, reporting 1 marriage. . . . .	.25	3
81—	Joseph E. Harvey, reporting 1 marriage..	.25	
82—	Joseph J. Salvas, reporting 1 marriage. . . . .	.25	
83—	Rev. George P. Johnson, reporting 1 marriage . . . . .	.25	
84—	Rev. Georges E. Poirier, reporting 1 marriage . . . . .	.25	
85—	Rev. Conrad Cote, reporting 1 marriage..	.25	
86—	J. Griffeths, reporting 1 marriage. . . . .	.25	5.00
87—	H. G. Hutchinson Co., insurance. . . . .	364.32	—
88—	M. Cadorette, 1 shovel. . . . .	.69	— 4
89—	Louis A. Daignault, pictures showing damage done at Bulk Head, Hills Beach..	10.00	— 4
90—	Family Co-Operative Co., cleaning materials . . . . .	.90	• 1
91—	John B. Bellerose, milk inspector . . . . .	23.43	— 2
92—	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., Armory . . . . .	6.35	— 2
93—	Remington Rand Business Service, Inc. . .	7.00	— 1
94—	Sam's Place, set of knobs. . . . .	.35	)
95—	Biddeford Journal, printing. . . . .	2.75	) 1

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
1-96	George Eon, taxi service to city clerk, delivering notices for special meeting...	7.00
1-97	Joseph J. Salvas, city clerk, recording unpaid tax deeds .....	152.00
98	Kendall Store, small record books.....	9.00
99	N. P. Baillargeon, muriatic acid.....	2.00
100	New Eng. Tel & Tel. Co. ....	2.83
101	Roberts Office Supply Co., supplies.....	10.65
102	Pepperell Trust Company, Ins., and postage on notes, from New York to Boston, to Biddeford. Tel. calls to Boston relative to loan to City.....	7.32
2-103	La Societe St. Jean Baptiste, rent St. John's Hall for Armory.....	375.00
104	E. H. Morgan, supplies.....	7.00
105	Milton P. Oaks.....	65.00
1-106	Roberts Office Supply Co.....	132.53
2-107	Joseph J. Salvas, city clerk, recording births, marriages and deaths for month of January, 1931; reporting out-of-town deaths and births and administering 76 oaths of office.....	37.95

### Month of March

2-108	Omer Vanasse, dog officer.....	37.00
4-109	Cornelius Horigan, expense to Augusta, in Hills Beach Bulkhead matter.....	8.28
4-110	Libby & Dow, survey, plans and calculations, and expense to Augusta.....	67.74
111	Painchaud-Cantara sign, 1 card sign.....	.40
112	Alice J. Cookson, to 7 hours labor.....	2.80
113	Louis B. Lausier, to drafting 12 non-resident and 145 resident tax deeds from tax collector to treasurer.....	105.19

Voucher No.	Name	Amount	
114	George M. Robbins, rebate 1930 tax on 2 horses loaned to and used at the Homestead during the entire year of 1930	8.10	- 15
115	Roberts Office Supply Co., tax deed forms	.72	- 1
116	Atlantic Motor Express, express	.25	- 1
117	Biddeford Journal, printing City Reports, payroll sheets, and adv. browntail moth notice	234.33	- 1
118	Henry Bruillette, burying dead dog	1.00	- 3
119	Painchaud Paint Co., paint, brushes, putty, etc.	10.40	- 1
120	Strout's, Inc., flowers for Mrs. Alcide Villandry	10.00	- 9
121	Louis A. Daignault, views taken at Hills Beach, showing damage done by storm	20.00	- 4
122	Thomas F. Locke, transcript of testimony in case Mahoney v. City of Biddeford	6.30	- 1
123	John Walker, cleaning walls, ceilings, windows and all the woodwork of City Building	178.80	- 1
124	Adolphe Remillard, to cutting down tree	5.00	- 4
125	E. J. Gove, postmaster, stamped envelopes	22.18	}
126	E. H. Morgan, pencils, ink and record book	4.20	
127	Roberts Office Supply Co., 1,000 special sheets	22.65	
128	George H. Eon, taxi service to mayor, to Hills Beach	5.00	
129	H. G. Hutchinson Co., extra on insurance on heater at B. H. S. annex	1.60	- 6
130	New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	3.23	- 1

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
131—	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., Armory .....	7.59
132—	Frank Patterson, express .....	.50
133—	Frank Dunn, express .....	.50
134—	Alphonse F. Dorais, electrician.....	3.00
135—	Kendall Store, special books for tax collector .....	235.00
136—	George Eon, taxi service, taking street committee to Boston, to look over trucks .....	30.00

### Month of April

137—	Oliver LeBlanc, taking street committee to Boston .....	30.00
138—	Roberts Office Supply Co., typewriting paper .....	6.30
139—	John Chamberlain, carting and burying dead cat .....	1.00
140—	The Kendall Store, office supplies.....	16.60
141—	J. C. Hall Company, checks for treasurer..	48.00
142—	Biddeford Journal, printing assessors,' milk inspector, and electrician's notices .....	95.88
143—	Justice Publishing Co., publishing assessors' notices .....	42.00
144—	Justice Publishing Co., 9-M tax bills.....	32.50
145—	Roberts Office Supply Co., record book..	33.80
146—	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., Armory .....	7.20
147—	Henry Bernier, burying dead cat.....	.50
148—	George H. Eon, taxi service with mayor to Hills Beach and return.....	4.00
149—	Roberts Office Supply Co., dog license book .....	1.88



Voucher No.	Name	Amount
150—	Justice Publishing Co., electrical, building and milk inspector's notices.....	28.50
150A—	New England Insurance Exchange, 30 codes .....	1.50
151—	New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	2.83

### Month of May

152—	George H. Eon, taking city clerk to call on aldermen of seven wards.....	3.00
153—	Thomas H. Simpson, making books for tax collector .....	150.00
154—	Justice Publishing Co., printing contract forms .....	8.90
155—	John Chamberlain, burying 3 cats.....	1.50
156—	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., Armory .....	4.77
157—	Biddeford Journal, advertising contractors and plumbers' notices, and packet heads .....	21.31
158—	Hooper's Livery and Taxi Service, taking city clerk to call on aldermen.....	3.00
159—	Roberts Office Supply Co., 2 dog license books .....	3.50
160—	Omer Vanasse, dog officer.....	107.50
161—	E. J. Gove, postmaster, stamped envelopes	22.18
162—	Oliver LeBlanc, taxi service to street commissioner inspecting streets of City; service to the mayor, inspecting roads at Biddeford Pool and Hills Beach.....	13.00
163—	George H. Eon, taxi service, bringing Alderman Pinette to City Building and return to Pinette Ave., service to city clerk, calling on aldermen.....	3.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
164—	Alphonse Dorais, labor and material used at City Building, electrical work . . . . .	4.28
165—	Kendall Store, books . . . . .	3.00
166—	Roberts Office Supply Co., book for audi- tor's warrants . . . . .	11.50
167—	New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	8.69
168—	St. Jean Baptiste Society, rent for Armory	375.00
169—	Bugbee & Brown Co., 2 doz. bulbs . . . . .	25.80
170—	Oliver LeBlanc, taking mayor to Pool and Hills Beach to look over the roads . . . . .	3.00
171—	Roberts Office Supply Co., 6 binders . . . . .	17.43
172—	J. B. Bellerose, services as milk inspector.	45.20
173—	Sheridan Post, G. A. R., to defray expen- ses for Memorial Day observance . . . . .	100.00
174—	U. S. Grant Post, for Memorial Day obser- vance . . . . .	100.00
175—	Col. L. H. Kendall Camp, S. P. W. V., for Memorial Day observance . . . . .	100.00
176—	Philip Tighe Post, American Legion, No. 26, for Memorial Day observance . . . . .	100.00
177—	Veterans of Foreign Wars, for Memorial day observance . . . . .	100.00
178—	Painchaud's Band, for services Memorial Day . . . . .	75.00
<b>Month of June</b>		
179—	Thomas H. Simpson, making books for assessors . . . . .	150.00
180—	Carl W. Richards, use of auto by assessors for 10 days . . . . .	50.00
181—	Frank C. Lander, abstracts of conveyances	55.75
182—	George H. Eon, taxi service, city officials at memorial exercises . . . . .	8.00
183—	John W. Travers, dog officer . . . . .	46.00
184—	Arthur Pratt, taxi service, taking city clerk to Alderman Miche's house . . . . .	2.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
185—	Roberts Office Supply Co., dog license books . . . . .	3.64
186—	Krasko Taxi Cab, taxi service to city clerk	.50
187—	John W. Travers, dog officer . . . . .	16.50
188—	Biddeford Journal, to stock and binding 26 law briefs for Thomas F. Locke . .	3.00
189—	J. B. Bellerose, milk inspector . . . . .	24.80
190—	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., Armory . . . . .	3.38
191—	Raymond Sevigny, burying dead cat . . .	.50
192—	Oliver LeBlanc, taxi service to Hills Beach with mayor, service to city clerk . . . .	4.00
193—	Clarence Hilton, assistant assessor, Ward 1	65.00
194—	Raymond Landry, assistant assessor, Ward 2 . . . . .	65.00
195—	Arthur Cadorette, assistant assessor in Ward 3 . . . . .	65.00
196—	Delvine Mathurin, assistant assessor in Ward 4 . . . . .	65.00
197—	Albert Boucher, assistant assessor in Ward 5 . . . . .	32.50
198—	James Donovan, assistant assessor in Ward 5 . . . . .	32.50
199—	Edward Rivers, assistant assessor in Ward 6 . . . . .	65.00
200—	Void	
201—	Void	
202—	George H. Eon, taxi service to city clerk , calling on councilmen . . . . .	1.00
203—	Arthur Eon, auto hire to Hills Beach and Fort Hill, and return, with street com- mittee . . . . .	4.00
204—	Oliver LeBlanc, taking mayor and two women to Saco bridge accident . . . . .	3.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
205—	Edward Kelliher, assistant assessor in Ward 7 . . . . .	65.00
	Antonio Kroeka, taxi service with mayor to St. Joseph's cemetery, May 24. . . . .	5.00

### Month of July

206—	Thomas H. Simpson, making books for assessors . . . . .	150.00
207—	J. B. Bellerose, milk inspector . . . . .	57.60
208—	John Travers, dog officer . . . . .	42.00
209—	Roberts Office Supply Co., dog license book . . . . .	1.88
210—	Edward Kelliher, balance due, assistant assessor of Ward 7 . . . . .	25.00
211—	Oliver LeBlanc, taxi service to mayor, to Fortunes Rocks, Hills Beach and gravel pit; city clerk calling on municipal officers . . . . .	9.00
212—	Biddeford Journal, printing 5,000 vouchers, 2 sides . . . . .	41.25
213—	Edmund Pate, ringing bell on City Building, July 4 . . . . .	4.00
214—	John McNabb, ringing bell on City Building, July 4 . . . . .	4.00
215—	Herbert Tibbetts, ringing bell on City Building, July 4 . . . . .	4.00
216—	George H. Eon, two trips to Hills Beach with Attorney Thomas F. Locke, to and from meeting of Board of Councilmen . . . . .	6.00
217—	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., Armory . . . . .	4.37
218—	Reny Bros., rubber stamps for treasurer. . . . .	24.05

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
219—	Burroughs Adding Machine Co., new electric machine . . . . .	207.50
220—	H. G. Hutchinson Co., 3 boxes of paper for city solicitor . . . . .	4.45
221—	Ernest L. Harmon, postmaster, postal cards	3.00
222—	New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	2.83
223—	Daniel Ready, ringing bell on Washington Street School, July 4 . . . . .	4.00
224—	Roberts Office Supply Co., special Treasurer's warrants . . . . .	15.77
225—	Oliver LeBlanc, bringing Aldermen Michie and Haley to special meeting on insane complaint and taking them back to their work . . . . .	4.00
226—	Walker Window Cleaning Co., washing windows of offices of City Building, June and July . . . . .	20.00
227—	Arthur Eon, taxi service to mayor and city clerk . . . . .	23.00
228—	E. L. Harmon, postmaster, stamped envelopes . . . . .	22.18
229—	Daniel Doherty, insurance . . . . .	573.50

### Month of August

230—	Napoleon Langelier, insurance . . . . .	149.85
231—	Void	
232—	H. E. B. Smith Insurance Agency . . . . .	124.87
233—	E. L. Harmon, envelopes for tax collector	267.92
234—	Arthur Pratt, taxi service to city clerk . . . . .	4.00
235—	Oliver LeBlanc, taking the mayor to Fortunes Rocks . . . . .	5.00
236—	Lawrence F. Descoteaux, gathering names of poll tax payers, and voters in the 7 wards, use of auto . . . . .	50.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
237	—John B. Bellerose, milk inspector . . . . .	24.40
238	—Thomas H. Simpson, 4th payment, mak- ing books for assessors . . . . .	200.00
239	—Void	
240	—Void	
241	—Void	
242	—Reny Bros., 1 rubber stamp . . . . .	1.65
243	—Cumberland County Power & Light Co. . .	3.15
3/244	—Wilbur Goldthwaite, 2nd, towing and un- loading garbage at Biddeford Pool, 14 days . . . . .	42.00
8/245	—Chas. A. Johnson, labor on band stand . .	21.60
1/246	—Dearborn News Company, 3 manuals Par- liamentary Law . . . . .	1.50
1/247	—Justice Publishing Co. . . . .	43.50
3/248	—Daniel Doherty, insurance . . . . .	151.70
3/249	—Urbain Provencher, burying dead cat . . .	.50
2/250	—John Travers, dog officer . . . . .	54.50
3/251	—Jack O'Leary, burying dead cat . . . . .	.50
	252—Thomas McCarthy, burying dead cat . . .	.50
	253—Void	
8/254	—Cumberland County Power & Light Co., band stand . . . . .	.30
1/255	—Justice Publishing Co., duplicate tax bills . .	9.00
3/256	—E. W. Goldthwaite, 2nd, towing and un- loading garbage . . . . .	42.00
	257—Void	
	258—Void	
	259—Void	
	260—Void	
	261—Void	
3/262	—A. Thibeault, burying dead cat . . . . .	.50
	263—Conrad Lemieux, burying dead cat . . . . .	.50
	264—New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	8.74

Voucher No.	Name	Amount	
265	Robert Cyr, burying dead cat. . . . .	.50	- 3
266	Oliver LeBlanc, taxi service to city clerk. .	4.00	- 1
267	Arthur Eon, taking chief assessor to Granite Street, taking the mayor to Fortunes Rocks, Buzzell Rd. and Goodwins Mills	8.00	- 1

### Month of September

268	Oliver LeBlanc, taxi service to city clerk, to Alfred, with records for hearing. . .	19.00	
269	Arthur Pratt, taxi service to city clerk. . .	8.00	
270	Void		
271	Leonard Doyon, 1 Telo-Mike . . . . .	3.50	- 8
272	Void		
273	Void		
274	Void		
275	J. A. Benoit, labor on roof of City Building . . . . .	167.63	- 1
276	Thomas H. Simpson, balance due on making out books for assessors . . . . .	150.00	- 1
277	La Societe St. Jean Baptiste, rent of Armory . . . . .	375.00	- 2
278	Fontaine's Taxi, taxi service to city clerk. .	3.00	- 1
279	Arthur Mathieu & Son, steel and labor. . .	2.45	
280	John Travers, dog officer . . . . .	48.00	- 2
281	Void		
282	Void		
283	Void		
284	Void		
285	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., band stand . . . . .	2.70	
286	Justice Publishing Co., excise tax receipt forms . . . . .	39.90	
287	Thomas Lessard, building inspector . . . . .	18.50	- 2

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
288—	Walker Window Cleaning Co. . . . .	10.00
289—	Raynald Lariviere, burying dead cat . . . .	.50
290—	Arthur Pratt ,taxi service to city clerk . .	8.00
291—	Renaud Lepage, burying dead cat . . . . .	.50
292—	Oliver LeBlanc, taxi service . . . . .	5.00
293—	Void	
294—	Void	
295—	Void	
296—	Void	
297—	J. B. Bellerose, milk inspector . . . . .	42.00
298—	Roberts Office Supply Co., general book of records . . . . .	30.90
299—	Patterson's Express, for carting chairs from Pepperell Club to Clifford Park and back, for band concerts . . . . .	24.00
300—	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., Armory . . . . .	2.66
301—	Railway Express Agency, from New York	.69
302—	New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	2.88

### Month of October

303—	Void	
304—	Louis A. Daignault, copying paper . . . . .	1.00
305—	Munson Supply Co., cushion keys for Typewriter . . . . .	4.00
306—	Arthur Eon, taxi service to the mayor and the tax collector . . . . .	5.00
307—	New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	2.83
308—	Void	
309—	Void	
310—	Void	
311—	Void	
312—	Void	



Voucher No.	Name	Amount
313—	George H. Eon, taxi service with mayor to Fortunes Rocks .....	4.00
314—	Void	
315—	Oliver LeBlanc, taxi service to city clerk..	1.00
316—	Remington Rand Business Service Inc., coupons for Adding Machine .....	4.50
317—	Gagne Bros., ice.....	12.51
318—	Void	
319—	Void	
320—	Void	
321—	Void	
322—	Void	
323—	Void	
324—	Void	
325—	Justice Publishing Co., note heads and printing contract forms .....	13.50
326—	Thomas H. Simpson, expense to State Convention of assessors at Augusta..	9.00
327—	Henry Cookson, expenses to state conven- tion of assessors .....	9.00
328—	E. L. Harmon, postmaster, envelopes ....	11.42
329—	Alberic Mondville, care and upkeep of City Landing .....	50.00
330—	Arthur Eon, taxi service to city clerk ...	1.00
331—	Justice Publishing Co., printing .....	5.40
332—	John Travers, dog officer.....	39.50
333—	Renaud Lepage, burying dead cat .....	.50
334—	Void	
335—	Void	
336—	Void	
337—	Void	
338—	Void	
339—	Alfred Blouin .....	2.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
340—	Conde Couture, burying dead cat . . . . .	.50
341—	Void	
342—	Void	
343—	Void	
344—	Void	
345—	New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	8.49
346—	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., Armory . . . . .	2.70
347—	The Kendall Store . . . . .	1.00
348—	Void	
349—	Edward W. Goldthwaite, 2nd, unloading garbage . . . . .	168.00
350—	Fred L. Tower Companies, Maine Register	6.00
351—	Alex Petrin, taxi service to committee on public property, to inspect boiler at Homestead . . . . .	3.00

### Month of November

352—	Void	
353—	Forrest G. Spofford, serving notices of meeting of City Council on councilmen and aldermen . . . . .	38.45
354—	Justice Publishing Co., printing return ad- dress on stamped envelopes . . . . .	2.25
355—	Void	
356—	Void	
357—	Void	
358—	Void	
359—	Void	
360—	Void	
361—	Void	
362—	John Travers, dog officer . . . . .	42.00
363—	John Pierce, burying dead cat . . . . .	.50

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
364	Biddeford Journal, advertising notice of special meeting . . . . .	15.30
365	Void	
366	National Used Car Market Report . . . . .	18.00
367	Void	
368	Void	
369	Void	
370	Void	
371	Void	
372	Void	
373	Void	
374	Void	
375	Cumberland County Power & Light Co. . . . .	6.30
376	Veterans of Foreign Wars, to defray ex- penses of Armistice Day observance . . . . .	25.00
377	Void	
378	Void	
379	Void	
380	Void	
381	Void	
382	Void	
383	Void	
384	Void	
385	Justice Publishing Co. . . . .	9.90
386	Void	
387	Void	
388	Void	
389	Void	
390	Void	
391	Void	
392	Void	
393	Void	
394	E. H. Morgan, second sheets . . . . .	1.30
395	New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	5.88

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
<b>Month of December</b>		
396	—Void	
397	—Roberts Office Supply Co. ....	2.65
398	—La Societe St. Jean Baptiste, rent of Armory .....	375.00
399	—Void	
400	—Void	
401	—Void	
402	—Daniel Doherty, insurance .....	27.75
403	—Void	
404	—Void	
405	—Void	
406	—Void	
407	—Arthur Eon, taxi service .....	5.00
408	—J. B. Bellerose, milk inspector .....	36.40
409	—Void	
410	—Void	
411	—Void	
412	—Void	
413	—Void	
414	—Void	
415	—Void	
416	—Void	
417	—Void	
418	—Void	
419	—Void	
420	—Void	
421	—Void	
422	—Void	
423	—Void	
424	—New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....	5.05
425	—Justice Publishing Co. ....	6.90
426	—James Tarr, burying dead cat .....	.50

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
427	H. G. Hutchinson Co., insurance . . . . .	14.85
428	Justice Publishing Co. . . . .	134.00
429	New England Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	5.69
430	Biddeford Journal, advertising taxes . . . .	22.88

**Month of January—1932**

431	John Travers, dog officer . . . . .	40.50 - 2
432	Western Union, telegram to Augusta . . . .	.70 - 1
433	Cumberland County Power & Light Co., Armory . . . . .	8.96 - 2
434	Void	
435	Void	
436	Becker & Company, carbon paper . . . . .	43.50 - 1
437	Void	
438	Paquin & Carroll, insurance . . . . .	76.00 -
439	George Eon, trip to Alfred, with city clerk and City Records . . . . .	15.00
440	Oliver LeBlanc, taxi service to city clerk . .	2.00
441	Void	
442	Void	
443	Roberts Office Supply Co., record books for the auditor's, and treasurer's war- rants, desk pads and typewriter ribbons	23.73 - 1
444	John O'Leary, burying dead cat . . . . .	.50 - 3

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH J. SALVAS,

City Clerk.

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See last page for Auditor's report

### Treasurer's Report

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

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements of the City for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1932:

Cash on hand February 1, 1931.....	\$ 6,616.81
Receipts during the year.....	1,256,727.12
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	\$1,263,343.93
Disbursements during year.....	\$1,263,039.49
Cash on hand January 31, 1932.....	304.44
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	\$1,263,343.93

A detailed statement appears below:

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1931	6,616.81 ✓	
Accounts Payable (State of Maine) .....		105,644.92 ✓
Accounts Receivable (State of Maine) .....	25,348.18 ✓	
Bonds ..		66,000.00
Bridges ..		744.55
Browntail Moths .....		4,193.71
City Building .....	11,973.34	11,767.94
Contingent Fund .....		4,819.71 ✓
Election Expense .....	17.00	5,198.42
Fire Dept. .....	123.86	34,154.89
General Expense .....	1,573.89	10,704.37 ✓
Health Dept. .....	3.85	2,693.78
Highways:		
1 Dist. No. 4 .....	1,575.89	52,608.62
2 Fortunes Rocks .....	1.88	2,363.51

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3. Fortunes Rocks (State Aid Road) . . . . .	12,805.50	23,861.81
4 Hills Beach Rubble Wall		5,014.10
5 Newtown Road . . . . .		967.82
6 Oak Ridge District . . . . .		1,238.99
7 Pool Road District . . . . .	9.00	1,063.84
8 Pool Districts . . . . .		1,382.73
9 Resurfacing Streets . . . . .		1,519.00
10 Sewers and Drains . . . . .	375.00	9,355.44
11 Sidewalks . . . . .		2,206.05
12 Ward Seven North . . . . .		1,275.86
13 Ward Seven East . . . . .	10.00	681.94
14 Ward Seven West . . . . .		618.89
Homestead (City Hospital) . . . . .	194.59	10,451.09
Hydrant Rental . . . . .		20,851.42
Insane . . . . .		247.50
Interest . . . . .	3,426.72	34,291.61
Library . . . . .	350.00	3,310.66
Licenses, Dog . . . . .	375.00	453.00
Licenses, General . . . . .	411.34	
Mother's Aid . . . . .	65.00	2,802.33
Notes Payable . . . . .	530,000.00	540,000.00
Parks . . . . .		311.97
Pauper Dept. . . . .	10,120.93	49,822.01
Police Dept. . . . .	1,705.23	23,238.22
Salaries . . . . .		11,731.84
Schools . . . . .	2,615.37	83,252.18
School Committee and General Office Expense . . . . .		1,403.15
Schools, Domestic Science . . . . .	1,194.20	2,400.36
Schools, Evening . . . . .	326.00	505.60
Free Text Books . . . . .	18.24	1,964.11
Insurance, Rent, Light and Power . . . . .	3.70	1,423.29
Manual Training . . . . .	800.00	1,994.65
Medical Inspection . . . . .		810.31
Physical Education . . . . .	1,262.00	3,584.80

School Repairs . . . . .	23.19	2,480.80
School Supplies . . . . .	15.00	2,791.01
Supt. Schools Salary . . . . .	1,200.00	3,025.00
Schools, Vocational Education . . . . .	5,235.66	5,235.66
State Pensions . . . . .	96.00	96.00
Street Lights . . . . .		20,022.07
Taxes, 1928 . . . . .	880.00	
Taxes, 1930 . . . . .	28,371.32	
Taxes, 1931 . . . . .	575,481.89	
Tax Deeds, prior to 1926 . . . . .	23.75	
Tax Deeds, 1926 . . . . .	5.93	
Tax Deeds, 1927 . . . . .	49.64	
Tax Deeds, 1928 . . . . .	950.31	
Tax Deeds, 1929 . . . . .	3,815.49	
Tax Deeds, 1930 . . . . .	11,508.23	16,615.39 -15
Tax on Bank Stock . . . . .	3,214.43	
Tax, Excise . . . . .	17,587.00	296.00
Tax Abatement . . . . .		58,391.30
Trust Fund Invested . . . . .	3.38	704.40
Trust Fund Principal . . . . .	1,153.28	452.26
Waste Dept. . . . .	96.00	6,299.92
Woodlawn Cemetery . . . . .	330.91	1,698.69
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1932		304.44
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	\$1,263,343.93	\$1,263,343.93



## Balance Sheet at January 31, 1932

### Assets and Net City Debt

Cash . . . . .		\$	304.44
Taxes 1920 . . . . .	\$		10.00
Taxes 1921 . . . . .			2,758.79
Taxes 1922 . . . . .			1,139.37
Taxes 1923 . . . . .			2,392.87
Taxes 1924 . . . . .			7,366.25
Taxes 1925 . . . . .			9,585.06
Taxes 1926 . . . . .			15,545.42
Taxes 1927 . . . . .			4,600.41
Taxes 1928 . . . . .			6,641.52
Taxes 1929 . . . . .			13,313.92
Taxes 1930 . . . . .			12,037.97
Taxes 1931 . . . . .			32,393.74
			107,785.32

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#### Due from State of Maine:

Dog Licenses	\$		53.47
State School Fund . . . . .			24,009.39
Railroad and Tel. Tax . . . . .			762.61
			24,825.47

#### Accounts Receivable, J. J.

Dunn . . . . .			239.29
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#### Tax Deeds:

Prior to 1926 . . . . .			1,019.49
1926 . . . . .			1,151.97
1927 . . . . .			1,255.44
1928 . . . . .			3,202.67
1929 . . . . .			3,862.05

1930 . . . . .	5,107.16	
		15,598.78
Net City Debt . . . . .		546,927.74
		695,681.04
Trust Funds Invested . . . . .		11,821.69
		707,502.73

**Liabilities**

Bonds . . . . .	\$573,000.00	✓
Accounts Payable:		
State Tax . . . . .	98,845.06	✓
County Tax . . . . .	22,891.98	✓
Dog Licenses due State 1929 . . . . .	944.00	✓
	695,681.04	
Trust Fund Principal . . . . .	11,821.69	✓
	707,502.73	

**Comparison of Net City Debt**

For Year Ending:

January 31, 1931 . . . . .	\$603,405.00
January 31, 1932 . . . . .	546,927.74
Decrease . . . . .	56,477.26

## CITY OF BIDDEFORD OUTSTANDING BONDS

### Refunding Bonds

Date	Rate	Amount	Maturity
May 15, '14	4%	\$50,000	May 15, '39
May 1, '15	4%	25,000	May 1, '35
May 1, '20	5%	25,000	May 1, '40
May 1, '25	4%	50,000	May 1, '45
May 1, '26	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	25,000	May 1, '36
Aug. 1, '27	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	25,000 5,000.	Aug. 1, '32-36
Sept. 15, '29	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	200,000	Sept. 15, '49
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\$400,000			

### Sewer Bonds

July 1, '16	4%	10,000 5,000.	July 1, '32-'33
July 5, '22	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	25,000 5,000.	July 5, '32-'36
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35,000			

### Streets and Sidewalks

May 15, '16	4%	15,000 5,000.	May 15, '32-'34
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### Bradbury Bridge

Sept. 1, '20	6%	5,000	Sept. 1, '32
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### High School Annex

Apr. 1, '25	4%	110,000 10,000	Apr. 1, '32-'42
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### State Road

July 1, '26	4%	8,000 1,000	July 1, '32-'39
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**Summary**

	Start of year	End of year	Decrease
Refunding . . . . .	\$430,000	400,000	30,000
Sewer . . . . .	45,000	35,000	10,000
Street . . . . .	25,000	15,000	10,000
Bridge . . . . .	10,000	5,000	5,000
High School Annex . . . . .	120,000	110,000	10,000
State Road . . . . .	9,000	8,000	1,000
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	639,000	573,000	66,000

Respectfully submitted,

J. BURTON STRIDE,

City Treasurer.

## Trust Funds

Fund Number	Name of Fund	Cemetery Lot No.	On Deposit at	Balance Feb. 1, 1931	Plus Interest of	Less Disbursements	Balance Jan. 31, 1932.
1.	Charles Beaumont	36	W. P.	102.49	4.12	5.00	101.61
2.	J. E. Brooks	216	W. P.	101.67	4.08	5.00	100.75
3.	Jeremiah Bunker	B.	P. B.	628.82	25.38	10.00	644.20
4.	Ellen M. Burnham	487	W. B.	50.38	2.02	2.00	50.40
5.	Emeline Burnham	164	W. B.	233.12	9.40	8.00	234.52
6.	Horace B. Clark	243	W. B.	76.72	3.08	3.00	76.80
7.	Cleaves Fund for the Poor		B.	352.98	54.64	54.64	1352.98
8.	Cleaves Fund for the poor		P.	461.43	18.62	18.62	461.43
9.	Elizabeth Cole	319	W. B.	218.55	8.80	10.00	217.35
10.	Celanise Crochiere	St.	J. B.	78.86	3.16		82.02
11.	Celanise Crochiere	St.	J. B.	78.86	3.16		82.02
12.	George B. Curtis	121	W. B.	100.58	4.04	4.00	100.62
13.	Sarah J. Curtis	861	W. B.	151.40	6.10	4.00	153.50
14.	Amanda Davis	143	W. P.	234.82	9.46	8.00	236.28
15.	Annie M. Dustin	618	W. B.	50.44	2.02	2.00	50.46
16.	Emmons	518	W. B.	101.02	4.08	4.00	101.10
17.	Mary A. Farwell Ellis	8	G. B.	106.80	4.28	11.00	100.08
18.	William M. T. Flanders	622	W. P.	101.73	4.08	4.00	101.81
19.	Wm. J. Graves	842	W. P.	100.12	4.04	4.00	100.16
20.	Sophia Harvey	89	W. P.	152.74	6.14	6.00	152.88
21.	Elizabeth B. Haines	158-9	W. P.	203.96	8.22	8.00	204.18
22.	Cynthia J. Haynes	114	W. B.	101.35	4.08	4.00	101.43
23.	Ann R. Hamilton	270	C. B.	105.56	4.24	8.00	101.80
24.	Eben Hill	160	W. P.	100.53	4.04	4.00	100.57
25.	Albert O. Hill	870	W. P.	203.11	8.20	8.00	203.31
26.	Thomas Gould Hill	407	W. P.	101.58	4.08	4.00	101.66
27.	Jennie M. Johnson	598	W. B.	100.65	4.04	4.00	100.69
28.	Mary Joy	668	W. B.	101.08	4.08	4.00	101.16
29.	Benj. A. Kenison	14	W. B.	210.73	8.48	5.00	214.21
30.	Alberetta Littlefield	11	W. B.	101.08	4.08	4.00	101.16
31.	"Jack Fund" Lunt Heirs	152	W. B.	221.11	8.92	4.00	226.03
32.	William Mason	320	W. B.	104.60	4.20	4.00	104.80
33.	Biddeford Ministerial Fund		B.	880.26	35.54		915.80
34.	Christine Murphy	858	W. P.	50.20	2.02	2.00	50.22
35.	Betsy Murray	557	W. B.	293.80	11.84	10.00	295.64
36.	Mary McWhirter	529	W. B.	100.56	4.04	4.00	100.60
37.	Leavitt-Patrick	546	W. P.	101.68	4.08	4.00	101.76
38.	Chas. A. Ricker	532	W. B.	100.56	4.04	4.00	100.60
39.	Julia A. Ricker	541	W. B.	75.72	3.04	3.00	75.76
40.	Charles Smith	392	W. B.	101.80	4.08	4.00	101.83
41.	Hannah Smith	317	W. B.	112.85	4.54	5.00	112.39
42.	Mary A. Smith	262-264	W. B.	690.00	27.86	90.00	627.86
43.	Thomas D. Suhr	221	G. B.	106.84	4.28	11.00	100.12
44.	Hannibal D. Taylor Taylor Farm	DMR	P.	50.76	2.02	2.00	50.78
45.	Goodrich & Wilson	23	W. P.	103.05	4.16	4.00	103.21
46.	Jane F. Webster	60	W. B.	189.45	7.64	5.00	192.09
47.	Abraham Kay	490	W. B.	100.28	4.04	4.00	100.32
48.	Jothram W. Benson	108	G. B.	100.12	4.04	4.00	100.16
49.	Ida M. Witham	30	W. Y.	153.96	6.20	6.00	154.16
50.	Lizzie Hutchins	124-5	W. P.	100.12	4.04	4.00	100.16

Fund Number	Name of Fund	Cemetery Lot No.	On Deposit at	Balance	Plus	Less	Balance
				Feb. 1, 1931	Interest of	Disbursements	Jan. 31, 1932
51.	J. S. Hill	111 W.	Y.	150.12	6.06	6.00	150.18
52.	George H. Stone	777 W.	Y.	100.43	4.04	4.00	100.47
53.	John R. Bonser	130 W.	Y.	100.08	4.04	4.00	100.12
54.	Mabel G. Chellis	829 W.	Y.	158.64	6.38	8.00	157.02
55.	Georgia A. Warren for care Charles lot	460 W.	Y.	207.53	8.36	6.00	209.89
56.	Geo. Anthoine	260 W.	Y.	150.74	6.06	6.00	150.80
57.	Chas. M. & Augusta M. Smith	382 W.	Y.	99.79	4.00	3.00	100.79
58.	William Elliott	524 W.	Y.	150.07	6.06	6.00	150.13
59.	Edwin H. & Minetta A. Dennett	269 W.	Y.	99.68	4.00	3.00	100.68
60.	Lois A. Drew Strout ½ lot of	211 W.	Y.	202.71	8.16	8.00	202.87
61.	W. W. Center	830 W.	Y.	150.00	5.82	6.00	149.82
62.	Clarence E. Huff	221 W.	Y.		2.44	2.00	100.44
63.	Mary A. Thompson	885 W.	B.		3.00		203.00
64.	Nellie M. Haley	836 W.	B.				100.00
65.	Mary S. Day	446 W.	B.				300.00
				1,120.67	453.28	452.26	11,821.69

#### TRUST FUND DISBURSEMENTS

Fred D. Rumery, Sexton Woodlawn Cemetery  
 Orran C. Libby, Sexton Greenwood Cemetery  
 I. S. Milgate, Sexton Biddeford Pool-Bunker lot  
 H. J. Staples, Treasurer Biddeford City Mission  
 George L. Griffin & Son

\$260.00  
 34.00  
 10.00  
 73.26  
 75.00  
 \$452.26

#### Abbreviations for Cemeteries:

W—Woodlawn Cemetery.  
 G—Greenwood Cemetery.  
 St. J.—St. Josephs Cemetery.  
 B. P.—Biddeford Pool.  
 DMR—Drew's Mills Road.

#### Abbreviations for Banks:

B.—Biddeford Savings Bank.  
 P.—Pepperell Trust Co.  
 Y.—York County Savings Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BURTON STRIDE,

City Treasurer.

## Report of Plumbing Inspector

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J. W. Mahoney, Health Officer, Biddeford, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully submit report for the year 1931.

Permits for new installations.....35

Calls for defective plumbing..... 5

I would suggest that a chart of sewers be made for this department. By so doing property owners will save time and expense.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. GARNACHE,

Plumbing Inspector.

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## Report of Building Inspector

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Biddeford, Me., January 31, 1932.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Government of Biddeford, Me.

I have the honor to report the following for the year ending January 31, 1932.

I have issued 65 permits for building during the year and have witnessed the construction of same.

I have been called to a few places to adjust complaints.

The estimated value of the construction for the year is approximately \$90,000.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS LESSARD,

Inspector of Buildings.

## Report of Milk Inspector

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To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen, and City Council,  
of Biddeford, Maine.

Gentlemen:—

I hereby submit the activities of the Milk Inspector for the year 1931.

The annual survey made by the Milk Inspector disclosed that dairies and surroundings were in very satisfactory sanitary condition. To bring about this condition that insures pure milk, for this community, required time and effort. Many calls were made, and in a few cases as many as five calls were made before results were obtained.

On July tenth a meeting was called by the Milk Inspector. This meeting was well represented by producers and distributors. At this meeting an ordinance was adopted and passed. This ordinance was submitted to Justice George L. Emery of the Superior Court.

### Survey

Calls made	150
Return calls	75
Milk inspections	35

Respectfully yours,

J. B. BELLEROSE,

Milk Inspector.



## Report of Tax Collector

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

Greetings:

I herewith respectfully submit my report as collector of taxes for the fiscal year 1931:

Amount of May and September Commitments for 1931 .....	\$607,875.65
Amount of Sup. Tax Jan. 31, 1932.....	2,066.63
	\$609,942.26
Total Commitment .....	
Amount collected .....	\$577,444.10
Interest collected .....	784.69
	\$578,228.79
Total collected .....	\$578,228.79
Paid City Treasurer on account of taxes...	\$575,481.89 <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">— Page 42</span>
Paid City Treasurer on interest.....	784.69
	\$576,266.58
Total .....	\$576,266.58
Cash on hand .....	\$ 1,962.21
	\$ 17,587.00
Collected of 1931 and 1932 excise tax...	\$ 17,587.00
Paid City Treasurer .....	\$ 17,587.00

Respectfully submitted,

ANTOINE PETIT,

Collector of taxes for 1931 and 1932.

## Report of Department of Health

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Financial Statement for the fiscal year 1931-1932:

Appropriation for Health Department . . . . . \$1,500.00

### Expenditures

From February, 1931, to February, 1932

Salary of Health Officer . . . . . \$1,000.00

Miscellaneous expense . . . . . 2,693.78

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

Gentlemen:—

Submitted herewith is the eleventh annual report of the Health Department, compiled by the Health Officer for the year 1931.

The work accomplished during the past year as can be seen by this report, has exceeded its appropriation, owing to diseases in families which required assistance. The unemployment situation in our city in the past year made it impossible for many people to obtain proper foods. The result was a decline in health, and consequently, little resistance to combat any diseases which prevailed.

The appropriation for the year 1931 for the Health Department was decreased from \$2,000 to \$1,500. Out of this amount, the Health Officer received a salary of \$1,000, and the balance of \$500 was allotted for the purchase of biological and medical supplies and food for those quarantined. Considering that this city has a population of 17,633, and that many people have been entirely dependent upon the city for general support and medical supplies while under quarantine, it is evident that \$500 is not a sufficient fund.

With all due consideration for the necessity of reducing public expenditures, it is recommended that additional funds be made available for this department to cover the demands resulting from emergency conditions.

### VITAL STATISTICS

Births by Months		Deaths by Months	
January .....	33	January .....	20
February .....	47	February .....	24
March .....	58	March .....	23
April .....	29	April .....	16
May .....	64	May .....	24
June .....	39	June .....	24
July .....	46	July .....	23
August .....	39	August .....	16
September .....	68	September .....	13
October .....	37	October .....	13
November .....	43	November .....	20
December .....	64	December .....	17
	—		—
	567		233
Twenty-one births not previously recorded are added to 1931 births	21		
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Births for 1931 .....	546		
Deaths exclusive of still births .....			205
Still births .....			28
Deaths under one year .....			25
Deaths under two years .....			4
Out of town deaths .....			81
Malnutrition .....			7
Suicide .....			1
Automobile deaths .....			5
Drowning and burns .....			5
Rate per 1,000 (on population estimated at 17,633)			
Births .....			31.0
Deaths .....			13.2

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## Cases Reported by Months

	January .....	February .....	March .....	April .....	May .....	June .....	July .....	August .....	September .....	October .....	November .....	December .....	Total
Chickenpox .....	13	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	19
Diphtheria .....	2	3	2	0	4	4	2	0	1	0	1	2	21
Influenza .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mumps .....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Measles .....	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	2	25	11	7	51
Meningitis													
Cerebrospinal .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pneumonia .....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Scarlet Fever .....	0	0	2	0	7	7	1	1	1	0	0	1	20
Tuberculosis .....	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
Typhoid .....	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Whooping Cough ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

## DEATHS REGISTERED

Diphtheria .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Influenza .....	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Pneumonia Bron. ..	2	2	3	1	0	3	3	1	0	0	4	0	19
Pneumonia Lobar. ..	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Pellagra .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tuberculosis Pul. ..	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
Tuberculosis													
Other .....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

## DEATHS REGISTERED

Of the heart, arteries, Diabetis, Brights and Acute Nephritis

Diabetis .....	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
Brights and Acute Nephritis .	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
Disease of Arteries .....	1	4	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	5	2	21
Organic Heart .....	3	4	4	4	7	3	0	3	2	6	4	2	42

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

## Five-Year Comparison Table

Year	Chickenpox		Tuberculosis		
	Cases	Deaths	1927	22	15
1927	13	0	1928	24	10
1928	31	0	1929	11	10
1929	3	0	1930	12	9
1930	10	0	1931	6	7
1931	19	0			
	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		
1927	3	1	1927	21	0
1928	8	1	1928	13	1
1929	3	3	1929	12	0
1930	10	2	1930	6	1
1931	21	2	1931	20	0
	Pneumonia		Measles		
1927	23	24	1927	11	1
1928	39	26	1928	80	0
1929	54	41	1929	6	0
1930	27	26	1930	4	0
1931	2	23	1931	51	0

## Infectious Diseases

1931 was marked by increased prevalence of infectious disease, due as has been already stated, to current economic conditions. These outbreaks were relatively normal and were kept within control. Tuberculosis, as seen by the comparative table, shows a decided improvement for the year 1931.

## Scarlet Fever

Twenty cases occurred with no deaths. Fortunately this disease had a very light run; had it been otherwise, a different story would have been told. Through the carelessness of some parents or ignorance of the symptoms, children have been returned to school after a few days' illness, resulting in further infection. The school regulation that every child absent from school three days shall not be admitted without a permit from the Health Officer, is not carefully observed.

### **Diphtheria**

Twenty-one cases were reported and two deaths. The failure of parents to call a physician promptly in the early stages of this disease sometimes results in the death of a child. Immunization from diphtheria by toxin anti-toxin for every child under ten years means a lower mortality rate in this disease.

### **Pneumonia**

There were more deaths from pneumonia than from any other infectious disease. Physicians should report all cases of pneumonia. It is most important that they do so, since this has been proven a highly infectious disease.

### **Tuberculosis**

Six cases were reported and six deaths. Tuberculosis clinics and the hard work done by the Red Cross nurses have lowered the death rate in this disease.

### **Measles**

There were fifty-one cases reported. Measles is a disease of childhood, but unprotected adults are liable to the infection. One attack usually confers immunity, but second, third, or even fourth attacks are known. The control of measles is difficult, if not practically impossible, owing to two factors in the nature of the disease. (1) It is the most contagious of all the communicable infections. (2) It is most readily communicable in the pre-eruptive stage, and before the disease is recognizable.

## Sanitation Surveys and Inspections

The quality of the milk supplied to the city has shown some improvement, as evidenced by the Milk Inspector and the State Dairy Inspectors. The Milk Inspector reports that there were a few producers that required many calls before results were obtained. At a meeting held July 10 of producers and distributors of milk, an ordinance was adopted and passed designed to insure clean milk. This ordinance was submitted to Justice George L. Emery of the Superior Court for confirmation.

The required standards of purity have been consistently met in the case of the city water supply. Daily tests are made by the Biddeford and Saco Water Company, and monthly samples are tested in the State Laboratories.

Inspections of markets, groceries and restaurants are made regularly. In general the proprietors of such establishments are disposed to comply with sanitary regulations. With respect to food handling conditions, our city will compare favorably with the cleanest.

### General Sanitation

#### Nature of Inspections

Rubbish and Garbage Disposal . . . . .	119
Cellars (Unsanitary Conditions) . . . . .	3
Dumps (Complaints on Fires) . . . . .	5
Piggeries (Outside District 4) . . . . .	3
Yards (Unsanitary Conditions) . . . . .	35

### Recommendations

1. A clinic to be supported by the municipality should be established for tuberculosis patients. Such an institution would be of value in checking the disease in the incipient stage.

2. Compulsory vaccination of school children should be enforced. No child should be admitted to school without first being vaccinated. The expense should be borne by the city where parents are unable to provide medical attention.

3. The immunization against diphtheria of all children under ten years of age should be encouraged by making the treatment available for school children.

4. A clinic providing dental attention for school children should be founded.

5. Application for victuallers' licenses should be submitted to the Health Department for approval before they are acted upon by Municipal Officers.

J. W. MAHONEY,  
Health Officer.



## Report of Chief Engineer

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Biddeford, Maine, Feb. 1, 1932.

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

In compliance with the City Ordinances, I have the honor of submitting for your consideration the annual report of the condition and operation of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1932.

### **Organization**

Engine Company, No. 1; Engine Company, No. 2; Ladder Company, No. 1, and Chemical Company, No. 1.

### **Permanent Force**

Chief, first assistant chief, captain, lieutenant, two enginemen assigned to Engine 1, two enginemen assigned to Engine 2, two chauffeurs and two tillermen assigned to Ladder 1, two chauffeurs assigned to Chemical 1 and three hosemen.

### **Call Force**

One assistant chief, three captains, three lieutenants, three clerks, one engineer (steam fire engine), eighteen hosemen and nine laddermen.

### **Apparatus**

The equipment of the department January 31, 1932, consisted of:

Motor apparatus:—

One Ahrens-Fox combination booster, hose and pumper, Engine 1, of 750 gallons per minute capacity; one Ahrens-Fox combination booster, hose and pumper, Engine 2, of 1,000 gallons per minute capacity; one Ahrens-Fox 75-foot aerial ladder truck, equipped with 347 feet of ladders, ladder pipe, inhalator and life-net; one combination hose and chemical truck (Chevrolet),

known as Chemical 1, and one motor hose truck, G. M. C. motor and chassis equipped with Morse turret nozzle.

Horse-drawn apparatus, equipped with short pole to haul behind motor truck:—

One Amoskeag steam fire engine of 700 gallons per minute capacity; two hose sleds for winter use in storage at City Tool House, in rear of Birch Street.

### Hose

There are 200 feet of 1-inch rubber hose used as booster line on Engine 1; 200 feet of 1-inch rubber hose used as booster line on Engine 2, and 175 feet of 1-inch rubber hose connected to 50 feet of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch rubber hose and used as chemical line on Chemical 1.

We have on hand at fire headquarters at the present time 8,350 feet of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rubber-lined cotton jacket fire hose. Of this amount 6,700 feet is double jacket and 1,650 feet is single jacket.

The amount of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose distributed throughout the city is as follows:—

At the Homestead, 500 feet; Biddeford Pool, 900 feet; Kennebunk Road, in Ralph Hight's barn, Elm Street, 500 feet, and Pool Road in George Piper's garage, 500 feet.

### Chemicals

There are two chemical tanks of 35 gallons capacity each on Chemical No. 1; twelve 3-gallon pony extinguishers distributed on the apparatus, including two of the "Foam" type; also, five 3-gallon pony extinguishers in reserve.

### Additions and Improvements

Through the co-operation of the Mayor and Committee on Fire Department, the old horse stalls were removed and that part of the fire station was renovated, which was a decided improvement.

A new Chevrolet chassis and motor was added to

the department, to replace the old G. M. C. chassis and motor on Chemical 1.

The old horse-drawn hose-carriage body was mounted on the G. M. C. chassis, with the Morse turret nozzle mounted on said body, which gives the department a utility hose unit known as Hose 1. This unit has certainly proved its usefulness at several large fires during the past year.

### **Fires, Insurance, Valuations and Losses**

During the fiscal year, the department responded to 284 calls for fire. Of this number 44 were box alarms, 205 telephone calls, 21 still or verbal alarms, 3 automatic alarms from sprinkler systems, 1 aid call to Saco to cover-in, 1 transmitter alarm, 1 chief's call, 6 second alarms and two third alarms. Also out of this total amount of calls answered, the following runs were made out of the city proper: North Kennebunkport, 6; Saco, 1; Biddeford Pool, 1; Hills Beach, 5; and Fortunes Rocks, 5. The number of false alarms responded to were 5.

The total amount of hose laid by this department during the past fiscal year was 44,800 feet. Of this amount 37,050 feet was laid at fires in the city proper and 7,750 feet was laid outside the city proper.

The total amount of chemicals used at fires was 1,690 gallons. Pyrene was used eight times. Stop-Fire was used six times. Foamite was used once and the booster lines were used 47 times. There were 79 lines of 2½-inch hose laid, and the pumping engines worked 45 hours. The department raised 3,324 feet of ladders. The Morse Turret Nozzle was used four times.

Listed below are the following figures taken from the "Fire Record" book for the fiscal year:

Valuation of buildings involved within city	
limits . . . . .	\$323,283.54

Valuation of buildings involved outside city limits .....	57,650.00
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Total valuation of buildings involved by fire .....	\$380,933.54
Insurance on buildings involved within city limits .....	\$224,750.00
Insurance on buildings involved outside city limits .....	40,384.25
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Total Insurance on buildings involved by fire .....	\$265,134.25
Fire losses insured and uninsured within city limits on buildings .....	\$ 35,052.19
Fire losses insured and uninsured outside city limits on buildings .....	22,060.88
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Total .....	\$ 57,113.07
Fire Insurance losses on buildings within city limits .....	\$ 27,452.19
Fire Insurance losses on buildings outside city limits .....	16,745.13
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Total .....	\$ 44,197.32
Valuation of contents involved within city limits .....	\$149,025.00
Valuation of contents involved outside city limits .....	14,750.00
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Total .....	\$163,775.00
Insurance on contents involved within city limits .....	\$ 98,548.00
Insurance on contents involved without city limits .....	9,301.00
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Total .....	\$107,849.00

Fire losses insured and uninsured within city limits on contents . . . . .	\$ 27,821.15
Fire losses insured and uninsured outside city limits on contents . . . . .	5,566.88
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Total . . . . .	\$ 33,388.03
Fire Insurance losses on contents within city limits . . . . .	\$ 14,778.42
Fire Insurance losses on contents outside city limits . . . . .	4,467.88
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Total . . . . .	\$ 19,246.30
Total fire loss on buildings within and out- side city limits . . . . .	\$ 57,113.07
Total fire loss on contents within and out- side city limits . . . . .	33,388.03
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Total fire losses for fiscal year . . . . .	\$ 90,501.10

### Recommendations

I hereby recommend that the interior of the fire station be painted, especially the downstairs part, as this has not been painted since the station was built, about twenty-five years ago.

Also that a siren be installed at the corner of Pool and Hill Streets.

As a repeated recommendation, I further recommend that additional fire alarm boxes and hydrants be installed during the coming year, as far as your finances will allow.

### Appropriations and Expenditures

Appropriation . . . . .	\$33,000.00
Credits . . . . .	123.86
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Total . . . . .	\$33,123.86

Expenditures . . . . .	\$34,154.89
Appropriation plus Credits . . . . .	33,123.86
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Overdraft . . . . .	\$ 1,031.03

I desire herein, to publicly thank the Mayor and Committee on Fire Department for their co-operation during the past year. I also wish to thank the Board of Engineers, Officers and Members of the Biddeford Fire Department for their untiring efforts and 100 per cent cooperation in rendering faithful and efficient service during this last fiscal year. Also to Chief Joseph Ouellette, do I extend my sincere thanks, as well as all the Officers and members of the Saco Fire Department, for their efficient services in response to our calls for aid at the Chapman's Laundry and Pool and Foss Street fires.

In conclusion, I wish to extend to the relatives of the late Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bean, the heartfelt sympathies of the Biddeford Fire Department, for their loss, caused by the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Bean, at the fatal Chapman's Laundry fire.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE T. RICKER,

Chief Biddeford Fire Department,

Biddeford, Me.

## Report of Assessors

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Assessing Department, City Building.

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

Gentlemen:

We herewith submit our list of abatements of taxes  
made by the Board of Assessors during the fiscal year  
ending January 31, 1932:

For Antoine Petit, Collector, Tax of 1931

Saco-Lowell .....	\$56,245.50
General Abatement .....	2,145.80
Total Abatement .....	<u>\$58,391.30</u>

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Respectfully submitted,

HENRY COOKSON,

THOMAS H. SIMPSON,

Assessors of Taxes 1931.

## Report of Police Department

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Biddeford, Maine, January 31, 1932.

To the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

The annual report for the year ending January 31, 1932, is submitted to you in accordance with our City Ordinance. Herein will be found a statement of the different cases treated by the Police Department this past year.

The appropriation by the City Council for the year ending January 31, 1932, was \$21,000.00  
 Receipts from County . . . . . 1,705.23

	\$22,705.23
Orders . . . . .	\$23,238.22
	\$22,705.23
	\$ 532.99
Overdraft . . . . .	

Our Department force consists of a Chief, one Captain, one Day Janitor at Police Station, one Night Turnkey at Station, and nine Officers, three during the day, including one Traffic Officer, and six Officers at night. After the Beach season is closed, one officer to patrol Biddeford Pool, Fortunes Rocks, and Hills Beach territory; also two Special Officers for Sunday work.

This force of officers is inadequate for the large area of territory necessary to cover, including the heavily increasing traffic each year. I make the suggestion to the City Council that an addition of three more Police Officers be added to cover the large area which is not sufficiently protected because of lack of officers.



The following is a summary of the different cases taken care of by the Police Department during the fiscal year ending January 31, 1932:

Lodgers . . . . . 1,957

About 75 per cent of these men are looking for work. I want to thank the military organizations of this City, and the Churches, for giving coffee, sandwiches, and cakes, on different occasions, to these poor unfortunates. And also the Pepperell Manufacturing Company, for money given for their support.

Intoxication . . . . .	143
Breaking and entering, and larceny . . . . .	3
Breaking and entering . . . . .	6
Larceny . . . . .	20
Larceny from person . . . . .	1
Operating motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor . . . . .	14
Reckless driving . . . . .	2
Larceny of auto registration plates . . . . .	1
Operating auto without license . . . . .	3
Refusing to pay auto hire . . . . .	3
Larceny of auto registration plates . . . . .	1
Parking in front of hydrant . . . . .	1
Operating auto without proper lights . . . . .	2
Assault . . . . .	6
Assault and battery . . . . .	6
Malicious mischief . . . . .	4
Violating City ordinance . . . . .	3
Tramps . . . . .	5
Panhandlers . . . . .	2
Indecent exposure . . . . .	3
Non-Support . . . . .	15
Possession of stolen goods . . . . .	1
Pro-juvenile cases . . . . .	41

Auto collisions . . . . .	219
Doors found open, business places . . . . .	197
Persons injured in auto accidents, and sent to hospitals . . . . .	55
Stolen cars, local . . . . .	14
Stolen cars recovered, local . . . . .	14
Stolen cars reported by other departments . . . . .	160
Cars recovered for other departments . . . . .	4
Persons killed in this City in auto accidents . . . . .	2
Cases taken care of by the Municipal Court . . . . .	274
Cases taken care of through the Police Depart- ment . . . . .	2,137

I recommend that our appropriation be increased this coming year.

I appreciate the good work done by each and every Officer in the Department, and sincerely thank the Police Commissioners for their hearty support and cooperation, and also each and every one connected with the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR G. PARENT,

Chief of Police.

The Board appreciates the manner in which the duties of the Police Department have been handled by the Chief of Police, Captain, Sergeant, and members of the Police Force. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Members of the Board of Police,  
Biddeford, Maine.

GEORGE BUTLER,

Chairman.

GEORGE E. BEAUCHESNE,

Secretary.

JOSEPH PAQUIN, JR.

## Report of Librarian

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To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the McArthur Library Association:

The report of the librarian of the Biddeford Public Library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1932, is as follows:

The library was open 303 days from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. except during July and August, when the closing hour was 6 p. m. on four days of the week.

The total circulation was 55,739 volumes, the largest week's circulation was the week of Jan. 4th, 1,436 volumes; the smallest, the week of June 15th, 699 volumes; the average daily circulation was 183 plus.

563 new cards were issued, 38 to non-residents, who make a deposit for temporary use of the library.

856 new books were added; 519 from City and State appropriations; 5 from Association funds; 32 by binding magazines; 233 from fine money; 67 were gifts.

201 books were rebound; 341 discarded; 64 lost, of which 1 was paid for, 2 on account of scarlet fever and 3 lost in a fire.

The attendance in the classes from the schools for instruction in use of the library and reference work was 248.

The reading rooms are used to their capacity nearly every day. There are supplied to the readers 126 periodicals, 87 provided by the McArthur Library Association and 39 gifts. There is also a set of monographs on Careers published by the Institute of Research, giving in detail the requirements and advantages of the different vocations, thus assisting in the choice of the career best suited to the individual.

The government pamphlets on Aeronautics are received regularly.

Children's Book Week was observed as usual in

November. Many fine new books for children were displayed and heartily enjoyed. For the second year Mr. E. D. Yorke has had charge of the Children's Story Hour, and has had an average attendance of 55 children, which is a very good number for Saturday mornings.

Both the librarian and the assistant librarian attended the Round Table of the Maine Library Association at Kennebunk in the spring and the annual convention at Kittery and Eliot in the fall. The librarian also attended the American Library Association annual convention in June, held in New Haven.

Two different southern colleges have written soliciting gifts of books and this library responded by sending 87 books to the William Jennings Bryan University in Dayton, Tennessee.

On Labor Day the Bookmobile, which was presented to the Maine State Library by the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Maine, visited this library. Miss Libbey, director of the Library Extension work of the State Library, was in charge and explained the method of bringing books directly to the homes in districts far from library centers. In this tour through Maine they distributed over 5,000 volumes. Unfortunately, as it was a holiday only a few people had the privilege of seeing this interesting exhibit.

Thanks are due for the following gifts:

Bangor Public Library Bulletin.

Bates College Bulletin.

Robert Barker. 1 book.

Miss Clare Benedict. 1 book.

Biddeford Journal.

Boston University. 1 book.

Le Bulletin.

Christian Leader.

Christian Register.

Christian Science Society. 1 book.  
 Columbia.  
 Curtis Pub. Co. 1 book.  
 D. A. R. Magazine.  
 F. A. Fairburn. 1 book.  
 Miss Laura E. Foss. 1 book.  
 G. W. Hinckley, pamphlet.  
 Cornelius Horigan. 1 book.  
 La Justice.  
 Horticulture B. & S. Garden Club.  
 Kalamazoo Parchment Co. 1 book.  
 Mrs. Sarah E. Kimball. Year book of M. E. Church  
 of Saco.  
 Knights of Columbus. 1 book.  
 Kiwanis.  
 Kodakery.  
 Lewiston Public Library Bulletin.  
 Rev. L. W. Luckey. 1 book.  
 Miss Lena G. McArthur. 1 book.  
 Magazine of Art. 6 months.  
 Maine State Library. 9 books.  
 Mandaznam.  
 E. S. Montgomery. 1 book.  
 National Republic.  
 National Sculpture Society. 1 book.  
 New England News Letter.  
 New York Stock Exchange. 2 books.  
 Our Dumb Animals.  
 Daniel E. Owen. 18 books.  
 Rand McNally. 1 book.  
 Research Bulletin N. E. A.  
 Rosicrucian Order. 1 book.  
 Rotarian.  
 Mrs. Ellen G. Smith. 1 book.  
 Specialty Salesman.  
 Standard.

Stanford University. 1 book.  
 Miss Olive F. Suhr. 11 books  
 Supreme Council, 33rd Degree Masons. 1 book.  
 Today's Magazine of America.  
 Mrs. O. W. Underwood. 1 book.  
 Union Library Association. 1 book.  
 Union of South Africa. 1 book.  
 U. S. Army News.  
 W. G. Van Name. 1 book.  
 Virginian.  
 E. D. Yorke. 2 books.  
 Unknown. 2 books.

### Financial Statement

#### Source of funds:

City of Biddeford .....	\$3,500.00	-15
State stipend .....	350.00	-7
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	\$3,850.00	

#### Paid from above funds:

Binding .....	\$ 161.38
Books .....	944.95
Fuel .....	463.75
Light .....	369.92
Salaries .....	2,010.00
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	\$3,850.00

#### Paid from McArthur Library Association funds:

Books, etc. ....	\$ 43.44
Periodicals .....	292.85
Repairs .....	158.01
Salaries and labor .....	1,326.65
Supplies .....	192.52
Telephone .....	62.75
Other expenses .....	46.00
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	\$2,122.22

## Report of money received at desk:

Balance Feb. 1st, 1932.....	\$ 19.63	
Received Deposits .....	40.00	- 15
Fines .....	238.06	) 10
Rent of auditorium.....	20.00	
Stamps .....	7.37	
Telephone .....	2.30	
Treasurer (repairs).....	19.25	
	<u>\$346.61</u>	
Paid Books .....	\$222.96	-
Express .....	9.90	
To treasurer .....	20.00	
Refunded .....	39.25	- 15
Repairs .....	19.25	) 7
Stamps .....	12.70	
Supplies .....	12.07	
	<u>\$ 336.13</u>	
Cash on hand.....	10.48	
	<u>\$346.61</u>	

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA HATCH,

Librarian.

## Report of Clerk of Overseers of Poor

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

In accordance with the provisions of the charter of the City of Biddeford, I report herewith as Clerk of the Overseers of the Poor, the activities of said department for the year ending January 31, 1932.

On account of the unprecedented labor conditions in the City, thereby causing a lack of earning power, this department, more than ever, has been compelled to render assistance to the needy.

The appropriations for this department, for all its activities, including Mother's Aid, Children's Aid, Insane and Pauper Department, was \$43,650, and there has been expended in connection therewith \$52,871.84.

This department has received from the State of Maine and other towns, on account of having rendered assistance to those who did not have a legal residence in the City of Biddeford, the sum of \$10,120.93. There is still due from the State and from other towns \$2,208.63.

To the best of my ability, each case was thoroughly investigated, and worthy cases were promptly attended to and made comfortable. In the matter of fuel this department has conducted a municipal wood yard, and has been able to distribute wood to the poor at less than \$8.50 a cord, for good hard wood, and about \$4 for pine tops. During the fiscal year 1,612 people have been rendered assistance, as follows: Persons between the ages of 17 to 70 years, 719; under 16 years of age, 893. The following is a resume of expenditures for 1931-1932:



Street Dept.		Mother's Aid Dept.		Insane Dept.
Appropriations	\$40,000.00	App.	\$3,250.00	App. \$400.00
State and out-of-				
town Credits	10,120.93		65.00	
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Total	\$50,120.93		\$3,315.00	\$400.00
Expenses	49,822.01		2,802.33	247.50
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Balance	\$ 298.92	Bal.	\$ 512.67	Bal. \$152.50
Due at end of fiscal year from				
State and other Towns, \$2,208.63.				

I wish to thank the municipal officers, Mr. Frank Vennett of the City Theatre, who helped this department in many ways, also the City Physician and the Superintendent of the Homestead for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. CHASSE,

Clerk.

## Report of School Nurse

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To the Honorable Mayor, Board of Education and  
Citizens of Biddeford.

I hereby submit report of work done in the schools  
during the past years (1931-1932)

All schools have been visited.

6,539 pupils have been inspected; of this number  
there were:

324 defective vision—47 corrections.

1,686 defective teeth—357 corrections.

269 defective throat—30 corrections.

334 Health Talks have been given.

The hearing test will be given as soon as the audio-  
meter can be obtained.

During the month of July, at the request of the Red  
Cross School nurse, Dr. Lord and Dr. Upham conducted  
a T. & A. clinic at the Webber Hospital—35 children  
were operated upon.

In August a Clinic was held for children who were  
contacts to Tuberculosis. Dr. Nichols, lung specialist of  
Portland, examined 30 pupils. One child was found to  
be an active case. Follow-up work is being done on all  
children examined and a record of their weight is made  
every month.

The Home Hygiene Class, in connection with Home  
Economics is being continued in the High School. In ad-  
dition to this class a junior First Aid course is being  
given.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULINE B. LANDRY, R. N.,

School Nurse.

## Report of The Homestead

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

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit for your approval the following report of the City Farm Department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1932.

### Financial Statement

February	\$ 682.66
March	930.92
April	1,722.07
May	688.63
June	1,216.44
July	645.76
August	593.42
September	1,265.28
October	1,471.92
November	552.05
December	133.26
January	1,094.78
	\$10,997.19

### Farm Implements

1 Sulky Plow	2 Cultivators
1 Manure Spreader	1 Weeder
1 Spring Harrow	1 Horse Hoe
1 Corn Planter	1 Single Sled
2 Horse Rakes	1 Sleigh Blanket
1 Mowing Machine	2 Street Blankets
1 Concord Wagon	1 Double Hayrack
1 Single Harness	1 Single Hayrack
1 Double Harness	1 Work Rack
1 Double Working Sled	2 Hitching-Falls
1 Double Working Wagon	1 Platform Scale
2 Walking Plows	1 Market Wagon
1 Disk Harrow	1 Single Dump Wagon

### Number of Inmates at Homestead at Close of Each Month

February .....	25	August .....	20
March .....	26	September .....	22
April .....	23	October .....	20
May .....	20	November .....	21
June .....	19	December .....	21
July .....	19	January .....	20
Deaths .....		3	

### Stock at Homestead

Horses .....	3		
Hens .....	75	2	Hens
Hogs .....	4		(One 6 mos., one 7 mos.)
Cows .....	8	1	Bull

### Furniture at Homestead

26 Beds	1 Set Dishes
100 Chairs	6 Tables
1 Clock	1 Ice Chest
1 Electric Washer	1 Barber Chair
2 Kitchen Stoves	Electric Refrigerator

### Expenditures

Groceries .....	\$ 1,951.00
Grain .....	886.97
Dry goods .....	352.94
Doctors' prescriptions and drugs .....	198.47
Blacksmith repairs .....	195.00
Water, telephone and electricity .....	475.38
Undertaker .....	218.25
Hospital .....	478.90
Coal .....	508.75
Disinfectants and soaps .....	345.70
Salaries .....	1,928.54
Insurance .....	63.00
Barber .....	168.42
Plumbing and repairs, farm implements .....	804.16
Hardware and electrical work .....	414.11
Painting buildings and repairing .....	1,159.60
New boiler installed .....	848.00
	\$10,997.19

Amount carried from previous administration 2,699.19

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\$ 8,298.00

Board from State . . . . . \$137.05 (Due)

Farm Products . . . . . 145.49

Rent of land (storing lumber) . . . . . 50.00 (Due)

Rent of land (ice-house) . . . . . 50.00 (Due)

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\$382.54

### Products Raised at Homestead

Potatoes . . . . . 140 bu.

Kidney and White Beans . . . . . 25 bu.

Beets . . . . . 15 bu.

Carrots . . . . . 15 bu.

Turnips . . . . . 20 bu.

Hay . . . . . 75 ton

Squash and Pumpkins . . . . . 1 ton

String Beans . . . . . 40 bu..

Cucumbers . . . . . 12 bu.

Peas . . . . . 10 bu.

Tomatoes . . . . . 25 bu.

Cabbage . . . . . 2 ton

During the year the following necessary repairs and improvements have been made: Horse-stalls made in an unused part of the new barn, as the barn formerly used for horses is unsafe and beyond repair. The water system for watering cows repaired and again put into use, the damage to this system being caused by a freeze-up the previous winter. New clap-boards and sash-boards put on the main house, and four new pairs of steps, three with railings, were necessary. The hen coop was torn down and a new one built adjoining the garage. The main building painted, a fence built along the South street drive, and signs placed at the South and Main street entrances.

Inside, in the superintendent's part a new lavatory

and other plumbing repairs in the bath room. After cleaning and disinfecting the rooms of the inmates, thirteen new floors were laid, two partitions moved to enlarge the smallest rooms, six rooms painted and all the ceilings in the women's part whitened.

New single beds have been placed in rooms where new beds were absolutely necessary, and new bedding is badly needed.

The boiler used to heat the entire plant was condemned, so a new boiler had to be installed.

By connecting a loud speaker with my radio I have been able to furnish some entertainment for the men, but would suggest that a radio be installed so that both men and women might benefit by it. I would like to suggest that the taxpayers and the City Government visit the Homestead more than once a year.

I wish to thank the municipal officers for thier cooperation, especially Dr. F. H. Mitchell and Mr. Calixte Lambert for their constant interest in this department.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. MOGAN,

Superintendent of Homestead

## Report of City Electrician

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To the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
of Biddeford, Me.

Gentlemen:

I am submitting my report for the year ending Jan.  
31, 1932:

Number of inspections requested . . . . .	61
Number of inspections not requested . . . . .	31
Number of inspections which I have made from one to five visits . . . . .	12
Number of inspections at Biddeford Pool . . . . .	7
Number of inspections Fortunes Rocks . . . . .	6
Number of inspections Hills Beach . . . . .	9
Number of inspections at Curtis Point . . . . .	5

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHONSE F. DORAIS,

City Electrician.

## Report of City Physician

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To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City  
Government.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor of presenting my report as City  
Physician for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1932.

Office calls .....	1,075
Day calls at the house .....	420
Night calls at the house .....	47
Inspection of children for contagious and skin diseases .....	49
Confinements .....	17
Surgery at office .....	22

Respectfully submitted,

L. O. LESIEUR, M. D.



## Report of Street Commissioner

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

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending January 31st, 1932.

One hundred and twenty thousand (120,000) gallons of tar were used on the streets during the year.

The following streets were treated with tar: May St. from South to Alfred Road; Beacon Ave., Taylor St., Amherst, Alfred Road from Five Points to State line; Roberts St., South St. from May to second Boston & Maine bridge; Union St. from Alfred to Elm; Mason from Graham to Elm; Green from Center to Mason; Birch from Green to Graham; Graham from Union to West; West St. from Elm to Gagne Bros.; West Myrtle St. from Graham to Alfred; Clark, Myrtle, Porter, Harrison; Hill from Bacon to West St.; Granite from Hill to Atlantic St.; Prospect St. from Porter to West St.; Oak, Acorn, Fall, Summer St.; Simard Ave., Gove, Judge, George, Clifford, Pool Road from Pike to Life Saving Station, Biddeford Pool; Maple St., Harvey, Harding, Ray, Lambert, Clark, Winter, Summit St.

All these streets that were treated with tar, had been scarified, graded and rolled. Gravel roads were built on the following streets: Forest St., Clarendon, Westfield, Hazel, Pleasant, Highland, Winter.

### Sewers

Two new sewers were built, one on Prospect and West, and one on Granite St. and West St.

The Prospect St. sewer started at the corner of Harding with 18in. pipe to corner of Westland St. and

was 1,051 feet on Prospect and 339 feet on West to Westland St. from Westland to Forest, 441 feet of 12-in. from Forest to Graham 329 feet of 8-in.

There are 5 manholes, 2 on Prospect and 3 on West. Granite St. sewer started at Atlantic St. on Granite to Mrs. Dolby on West. On Granite there are 1,519 feet of 12-in. pipe and 869 feet of 10-in. on Granite St. On West St. 817 feet of 8-in. pipe.

There are 6 manholes, 4 on Granite and 2 on West St. New pockets were built on West St., Granite St., 2 on Harding, on Prospect, 2 on Westfield, 1 on Union, 1 on South St.

### **Sidewalks**

Many sidewalks were built with cinders. Brick sidewalks were relaid on many of our streets, and about 2,000 yards of curbing reset.

### **Bridges**

The fences were repaired on Main St. bridge. Six new iron posts were replaced.

### **Recapitulation**

Many sewers were dug up and pipe ranging from 6in. to 24-in. was replaced. Hundreds of loads of gravel and ashes were put on sidewalks and streets.

Many trees were cut down and limbs and shrubs were removed, bushes and weeds removed from the highways. Gutters were dug and about 75 driveway boxes replaced and repaired.

I recommend that a special appropriation is made for snow removal.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT CADORETTE,

Street Commissioner.

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

February 9, 1932.

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

Gentlemen:

I have the honor, as superintendent of schools, to present for your consideration, this, my twelfth annual report for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1932.

In order that you may be conversant with the school enrollment, I am giving you herewith the registration of pupils of school age for the past four years:

## ENROLLMENT

	1928- 1929	1929- 1930	1930- 1931	1931- 1932
Number enumerated .....	5,885	5,747	5,760	5,895
Attending High School .....	282	309	320	313
Attending Emery School .....	341	343	374	369
Attending Washington Street (Including Special English) .....	214	216	200	148
Attending Birch Street .....	129	137	112	138
Attending Wentworth Street .....	68	51	55	41
Attending Bradbury Street .....	91	69	64	56
Attending Rural Schools .....	170	189	172	168
Total in Public Schools .....	1,295	1,314	1,297	1,233
Attending St. Andre's School .....	1,140	1,170	1,226	1,277
Attending St. Joseph's School .....	1,074	1,085	1,143	1,186
Attending St. Mary's School .....	281	288	265	266
Total in Parochial Schools .....	2,495	2,543	2,634	2,729

While comparison will show no marked changes, the figures show that the gain has been in the parochial schools; this no doubt is due to the opening of the St. Louis school for older boys at St. Joseph's and also a special department for older boys at St. Andres. The daily attendance has been very good. Parents are co-operating with the department with the result that few

cases of truancy are reported. The report of Attendance Officer, Will Stone, shows:

- 15 Cases of truancy.
- 24 Absent because of lack of suitable clothing.
- 2 Cases prosecuted.
- 24 Cases found to have moved from city.
- 305 Cases investigated.

Many pupils were absent during the past year due to measles and severe colds but no severe epidemic has interrupted the school year. The work of the school nurse and the health officer has been a very potent factor in maintaining good school attendance.

This year Modern Health Crusade work, which had been conducted in grades 3-6 inclusive, was extended to all grades as the value of this part of the school health program merited this step.

The Parent-Teacher Association at District No. 10 has been very helpful. Through this aid it has been possible to employ a dental hygienist; to plant shade trees; to purchase a piano, and to equip the school with containers for the dispensation of liquid soap.

Few changes were made in the teaching force this year. Miss Adelaide Lehan, assistant teacher at the high school, resigned to accept a position in the Portland high school; Miss Elizabeth O'Sullivan, assistant teacher at the high school, resigned to accept a position in the high school at Norwood, Mass. Mrs. Blanche Butterfield, a former teacher at Biddeford high, and Miss Eleanor Mahoney were elected to fill the vacancies. Miss Louise A. Fay was elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. Martina Butler, teacher of Domestic Science (elementary grades), but as Miss Fay was offered inducements to go to Brunswick, she was released from her contract after teaching here eight weeks, and Miss Ellen Wareham was secured for the vacancy.

As a majority of the freshman class at the high school elected the commercial course, the three teachers

in that department were unable to cope with the situation. It was therefore necessary to employ an additional teacher. Miss Janice Moore was employed and the departments are now well-balanced.

The kindergarten class again proved too large for one teacher and Miss Helen Hurd is assisting with this group.

At the Emery school it was necessary to divide the sixth grade and give part of this class to Miss Catherine Neilon, who had been teaching grade 5B. Mrs. Jane L. Folsom was placed in charge of a special group of pupils from grade 8A which had an overflow.

Attendance at evening schools has been very gratifying. Classes in commercial subjects are offered and this year the general evening school class has been reopened at the high school with a fair attendance.

Much interest and a fine attendance has been manifested in a class in Mechanical Drawing which is held four evenings per week. The Saco-Lowell Shops is contributing one-third of the cost of instruction for this course.

The work of transporting pupils and teachers to and from schools is very satisfactory. It is being done with dispatch and the comfort of pupils and teachers is given every consideration.

For a number of years pupils at the Bradbury Street school have been served with milk; this year the Birch Street, Wentworth Street and Emery schools have been added to the list. Milk is supplied in half-pint bottles at the lowest possible price; milk is a wonderful food for growing children and many children who would not drink it at home are induced to drink it in school with the class.

In order that there be more uniformity in the standard required for entrance to Biddeford High School, the following rules and regulations were laid down and adopted by the Board of Education:

**Recommended:**

That a universal plan for admission to Biddeford High School be adopted.

All pupils in the eighth grade who receive an average of 90 or over in the major subjects, (arithmetic, English, spelling) and who do not fall below 85 in any of these subjects and whose general average in all subjects, (arithmetic, English, spelling, American history with civics, geography, physiology, reading and literature) is 85 or over and not less than 80 in any subject other than the major subjects, will be admitted to the high school without any further requirements.

All other pupils of the eighth grade may be admitted to high school after having successfully passed the standard State examination with a passing mark of 75 in each of the three major subjects and 70 in each of the others.

Only such pupils will be permitted to take these examinations as are recommended by the head of each individual school.

The date and place of these examinations will be announced and notice sent to each school at a reasonable time before the date of the examination. In the case of a pupil who fails to pass a satisfactory examination he may apply for a second similar examination to be given in the fall before the opening of school; the time and place of such examination to be announced to the school; such application to be made before July 1.

Pupils from other towns and cities in this State presenting evidence that they have successfully passed the State examinations for entrance to high school, will be admitted without further examination. All other pupils entering Biddeford High School for their freshman work must pass a satisfactory examination before being admitted to regular standing. It will be considered sufficient cause to withdraw the exemption-from-examination priv-

ilege from any school in which a group of pupils so admitted fail in ten per cent or more of the aggregate number of courses pursued by these pupils in their freshman year for two successive years.

Exemption-from-examination privilege so lost may be renewed when failures are ten per cent or less of the aggregate courses in the freshman year for two successive years.

These regulations to apply to all schools fitting pupils for Biddeford High School.

Copies of these regulations to be sent to the heads of all schools affected by the foregoing.

These regulations to become effective October 1, 1931.

Committee:

C. A. WEED,  
Superintendent of Schools.

ARTHUR F. COWAN,  
Principal Emery School.

LESLIE W. PEARSON,  
Principal Biddeford High School.

Adopted by Biddeford Board of Education, September 2, 1931.

During the school year of 1930-1931 the pupils of Biddeford schools deposited in the School Savings Bank, \$3,779.99. This is a remarkable showing not only from the standpoint of the amount deposited during this time of depression but the lesson in thrift that is being taught is one that will be of immense value to these girls and boys in later life.

Below is tabulated the list of graduates from the grammar school and the high school, together with their respective programs:

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION

March	Class
Prayer	Rev. R. Clifford Bright
Chorus, "Mighty Lak' a Rose"—Nevin, Selection	Eighth Grades School Orchestra
"Our Future"—Ireland	Mary E. Robbins
"Going After a Job"—Hunting	George Taroularis
Piano Solo, Country Dance—Grainger,	Dorothy H. Stone
"My Country"—Drury	Barbara E. Morris
"My Financial Career"—Leacock	Raymond E. Driscoll
Chorus, "Mandalay"—Olcy Speaks	Eighth Grades
Driving and Work on the Buck:	
Edmund Beaudoin, Elwood Doyle, Raymond Driscoll, Nicholas Gillis, Nathan Goldberg, Philip Gross, George Horrocks, Wilfred Pombriant, Samson Stern, Richard Twomey, Robert Valliere.	

Folk Dances: "Waves of Nurney,"	English
"Varsouvienne,"	German
Dorothy H. Stone, Accompanist	
Gertrude Bedell, Theresa Dentico, Eleanor Dineen, Phyllis Fairfield, Eleanor Girard, Felice Keene, Barbara Keith, Rowena Lewis, Germaine L'Heureux, Ruth MacIntire, Helen Mantis, Barbara Morris, Emelia Regina, Pauline Riley, Mary Robbins, Dorothy Roberts, Sylvia Ross, Edwina Rutkewiez, Germaine Roy, Edith Sawyer, Dorothy Shainman, Olga Vassill.	

## Indian Club Drill:

Edmund Beaudoin, Jack Beavers, Ulysses Berka, John Chacamaty, Elwood Doyle, Raymond Driscoll, Vasselos Droggittis, Kostos Gillis, Nicholas Gillis, Nathan Goldberg, Philip Gross, Lloyd Henry, Malvern Hodgdon, George Horrocks, Leroy Kimball, Max Libby, Jr., Clifton Miles, Norman Pate, Wilfred Pombriant, Hervey Rogers, Irving Shapiro, Samson Stern, James Thurber, Richard Twomey, Robert Valliere.

Piano Solo, Berceuse from "Jocelyn"—Godard	Barbara Morris
Mandolin Banjo Solo, "Tarantelle"—Mezzacapo	Sylvia Ross
"Abraham Lincoln"—Watterson	John Chacamaty
"Skyscraper"—Sandburg	Dorothy H. Stone
"American Ideals"—Hull	Irving Shapiro
Piano Solo, "Salut D'Pesth"—Kowalski	Pauline F. Riley
National Anthem	Class
Awarding of Scholarship Medals,	

Chairman of Board of Education, Hon. Cornelius Horigan  
Presentation of Diplomas,

Superintendent of Schools, Chester A. Weed

Exit March,

Class





## GRADUATES

Margaret Emma Beavers	Frances H. V. Smith
Elizabeth Mabel Bennett	Natalie Atherton Staples
Arlene West Blanchard*	Bertha Elizabeth Tufts*
Eleanor Christine Blanchard*	Isadore Aranovitch*
Margaret Anne Caddigan	Elmer Eugene Bardsley*
Beatrice Anna Cohen**	John Franklin Burchill
Sybil Helene Coy	John Raymond Clappison
Agnes Katherine Crowley*	Laurence Croteau
Bernice Ethel Dickerson**	Herbert Vincent Hartley*
Eileen Frances Donovan**	Roger Gregory Houle*
Marion Genevieve Driscoll	Howard Donnelly Hurd
Sara Mackon Gallagher*	Frank Merrill Jones
Eleanor Genevieve Gowen*	Otis Libby Keith
Ethel Elizabeth Henry	Raymond Stanton Lamothe*
Anna Louise Hoctor*	Charles Edward McCarthy
Anne Veronica Hoctor	Leslie Erwin Meserve
Annie Horsfield	Joseph Michael Murphy
Arlette Florence Hughes	Otis Leroy Proctor**
Edna Annis Hurd*	Alfred Arsene Simard
Charlotte Marguerite Lachance*	George Henry Simard
Florence Mary Mackell	Carl Morris Sneider**
Margaret Helen McCarthy**	Philip Porter Snow
Phyllis Eloise Merryman	Francis Taylor Spencer**
Mildred Frances O'Connor	Frederic Turner Spencer
Alice Frances Regan	Louis Spill
Monica Catherine Regan	Arthur Stern
Sebina Helen Regina***	Robert Edmond Tartre
Teofila Wincenta Rodzewicz	Raymond Ernest Twomey
Ruth Shapiro***	Edwin Gilpatric Twomey
Tena Simensky	Joseph Zaitlin

\* Honors

\*\* High Honors

\*\*\* Highest Honors

The financial report for the year shows that it cost \$118,009.10 to run the schools of this city; from this amount we must deduct \$4,068.98, the amount spent for vocational education classes at the Saco-Lowell Shops. This entire sum is provided by the State and Federal Government together with the Saco-Lowell Shops. There is no expense to the city but the funds must be handled through this department—thus the actual cost of running the schools is \$113,940.12.

The city appropriated \$53,000.00 and we received from the State, \$24,312.26 for the Common School Fund; \$2,312.50 was also received for tuition, making

a total receipt of \$79,624.76. This was wholly inadequate. It is impossible to run our schools on a shoestring; \$88,675.04 was expended for Common Schools which overdrew the account \$9,050.28. There are certain fixed charges and only the following can be paid from the Common School Fund,—teachers' wages and board, fuel, janitor service, conveyance, tuition and board of pupils—and an appropriation sufficient to care for these must be provided.

There are some five hundred and twenty cities, towns, and plantations in the state of Maine and only about twenty enjoy a lower school rate of taxation than Biddeford, fourteen of which are plantations. In other words only six towns or cities have a school tax lower than .0041; the average for the State is .01297; the highest is .033.

Our total overdraft for all departments is about \$4,000.00. An increase of .0003 in the school rate of taxation would take care of this. For comparison please note that the sum of \$57,900.00 was appropriated for common schools, supplies, and text books in Biddeford; Auburn, \$162,160.00; Lewiston, \$219,204.80; South Portland, \$161,003.78; Augusta, \$119,245.00; Waterville, \$144,500.00; Rumford, \$99,100.00; Bangor, \$321,144.40; Millinocket, \$74,500.00; Caribou, \$67,300.00; Fort Fairfield, \$65,700.00; Houlton, \$64,035.00; Presque Isle, \$62,152.28; Westbrook, \$78,300.00; Bar Harbor, \$57,890.00; Rockland, \$63,206.00; Bath, \$72,845.00; Skowhegan, \$58,800.00; Saco, \$75,007.56; Sanford, \$88,500.00.

Every year there are certain items of repair that need attention. During the summer the chimney of the Birch Street school was repaired and the building was given a coat of paint. Several of the rural schools were painted and the entrances to the High school gymna-

sium were finished—a condition existing here that was the direct cause of much damage within the building, caused by water seeping under the doors and on the playing floor of the gymnasium.

During the Christmas vacation the interior of the Birch Street school was thoroughly washed, walls and ceilings painted and woodwork varnished. At the Bradbury Street and Wentworth Street schools the woodwork was varnished. I feel that if we continue to do as well for one or two more years, our schools will be in a very fair state of repair.

As in the past, I am very grateful for the cooperation and helpful suggestions of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WEED,

Supt. of Schools.

Financial Report of Department of Education, City of Biddeford, Maine — Year 1931-1932

	Credits		Appropriation		Miscellaneous		Total		Over-draft
	from State	from City	Receipts	Expended	Receipts	Expended	Balance		
Schools	24,312.26	53,000.00	*2,312.50	79,624.76	88,675.04	2,984.19	9,050.28		
Repairs		6,000.00	23.19	6,023.19	3,039.00	2,984.19			
Supplies		2,800.00	15.00	2,815.00	2,928.81	113.81			
Text books		2,100.00	18.24	2,118.24	2,044.37	73.87			
Insurance, rent light, power		4,650.00	3.70	4,653.70	2,658.59	1,995.11			
Domestic science	1,194.20	1,300.00		2,494.20	2,535.35	41.15			
Manual training	800.00	1,400.00		2,200.00	2,166.80	33.20			
Physical training	1,262.00	2,500.00		3,762.00	3,771.05	9.05			
School com. and office expense		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,496.52	3.48			
Medical inspection		850.00		850.00	815.99	34.01			
Evening schools	326.00	300.00		626.00	508.60	117.40			
Superin- tendence	1,200.00	2,100.00		3,300.00	3,300.00				
Vocational education	2,712.65	5.00	*1,356.33	4,073.98	4,068.98	5.00			
	<u>31,807.11</u>	<u>78,505.00</u>	<u>3,728.96</u>	<u>114,041.07</u>	<u>118,009.10</u>	<u>5,246.26</u>	<u>9,214.29</u>		

\*Tuition from:  
 Dayton ..... 1,502.50  
 Lyman ..... 480.00  
 North Kennebunkport ..... 330.00  
 \*\*Money contributed by Saco-Lowell Shops. 2,312.50

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**EDWARD R. TIBBETTS**

**Councilman from Ward 3**

**Died Jan. 17, 1932**

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## Mayors of Biddeford Since 1855

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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.
- 1917—19 Hartley C. Banks, Democrat and Independent.
- 1920 Thomas F. Locke, Democrat and Independent.
- 1921 Ulysses E. Fosdick, Republican and Citizen.
- 1922—26 Edward H. Drapeau, Democrat and Independent.
- 1926—9 George C. Precourt, Progressive and Republican.
- 1930—31 Cornelius Horigan, Democrat and Independent.



## City Clerks of Biddeford Since 1855

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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	Dennis Murphy.
1900—3	Dayton T. Moore.
1904—6	Daniel H. B. Hooper.
1907—9	Albert O. Marcille.
1910—17	Thomas F. Locke
1918—21	Edmond Bergeron.
1922	Ernest Petit.
1923—26	Arthur H. Hevey.
1926—9	Alfred Lantagne.
1930—1	Joseph J. Salvas.

# Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and the City Council of Biddeford:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report \* for the year ending January 31, 1932, in accordance with the provision of the City Ordinance.

	Appropriations	Receipts	Orders	Balances	Over-drafts
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bridges	1,500.00		744.55	755.45	
Browntail Moths	4,000.00		4,193.71		193.71
City Building	2,000.00	11,973.34	11,767.94	2,205.40	
Contingent	6,845.02		4,819.71	2,025.31	
County Tax	22,891.98		22,891.98		
Election Dept.	3,000.00	17.00	5,198.43		2,181.42
Fire Dept.	33,000.00	123.86	34,154.89		1,031.03
General Expense	8,500.00	1,613.89	10,704.37		590.48
Health Dept.	1,500.00	3.85	2,693.78		1,189.93
Highways, Dist. No. 4	48,000.00	1,575.89	52,608.62		3,032.73
Fortunes Rocks	1,000.00	1.88	2,363.51		1,361.63
Fortunes Rocks (State Aid)	9,300.00	12,805.50	23,861.81		1,756.31
Hills Beach					
Rubble Wall	5,000.00		5,014.10		14.10
Newtown Road	1,200.00		967.82	232.18	
Oak Ridge District	1,000.00		1,238.99		238.99
Pool Road District	1,000.00	9.00	1,063.84		54.84
Pool District	1,200.00		1,382.73		182.73
Resurfacing Streets	12,000.00		1,519.00	10,481.00	
Sewers and Drains	13,500.00	375.00	9,355.44	4,519.56	
Sidewalks	2,000.00		2,206.05		206.05
Ward 7, North	1,200.00		1,275.86		75.86
Ward 7, East	1,000.00	10.00	681.94	328.06	
Ward 7, West	600.00		618.89		18.89
Homestead	7,500.00	194.59	10,451.09		2,756.50
Hydrant Rental	23,000.00		20,851.42	2,148.58	
Insane	400.00		247.50	152.50	
Interest	36,000.00	3,426.72	34,291.61	5,135.11	
Library	3,500.00	350.00	3,310.66	539.34	
Mother's Aid	3,250.00	65.00	2,802.33	512.67	
Parks	300.00		311.97		11.97
Pauper Department	40,000.00	10,120.93	49,822.01	298.92	
Police Department	21,000.00	1,705.23	23,238.22		532.99
Salaries	12,650.00		11,731.84	918.16	
Schools	53,000.00	26,624.76	83,252.18		3,627.42
School Committee and Gen. Office Expense	1,500.00		1,403.15	96.85	
Domestic Science	1,300.00	1,194.20	2,400.36	93.84	
Evening School	300.00	326.00	505.60	120.40	
Free Text Books	2,100.00	18.24	1,964.11	154.13	
Insurance, Rent					
Light, Power	4,650.00	3.70	1,423.29	3,230.41	
Manual Training	1,400.00	800.00	1,994.65	205.35	
Medical Inspection	850.00		810.31	39.69	
Physical Education	2,500.00	1,262.00	3,584.80	177.20	
School Repairs	6,000.00	23.19	2,480.80	3,542.39	
School Supplies	2,800.00	15.00	2,791.01	23.99	
School Supt. Salary	2,100.00	1,200.00	3,025.00	275.00	
Vocational Training	5.00	5,235.66	5,235.66	5.00	
State Tax	98,845.06		98,845.06		
Street Lights	22,000.00		20,022.07	1,977.93	
Tax Abatement	58,565.35		58,391.30	174.05	
Waste Department	4,000.00	96.00	6,299.92		2,203.92
Woodlawn Cemetery	1,300.00	330.91	1,698.69		67.78
	<u>\$592,052.41</u>	<u>\$81,501.34</u>	<u>(\$654,514.56)</u>	<u>\$40,368.47</u>	<u>\$21,329.28</u>

\* The above report does not include unpaid warrants Nos. 50, 51 and 52, amounting in all to \$36,550.37.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES H. BRADBURY, Auditor.

*add to unpaid*  
*" bonds*

*540.00*  
*66.00*

*1,260,514.57*

*2,024.19 - 1/10*

*1,262,538.76*