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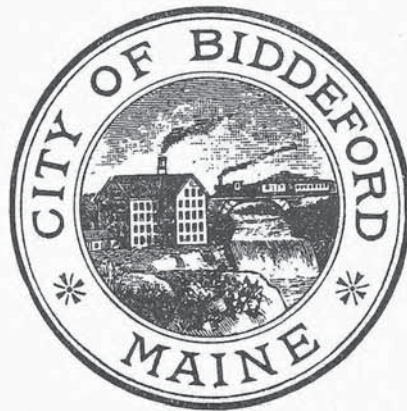
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ANNUAL REPORT
CITY OF BIDDEFORD



FOR FISCAL YEAR

Beginning January 7, 1935

And Ending November 30, 1935

Together with the

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS



Mayor
ARTHUR J. REMILLARD

Mayor's Inaugural Address

Gentlemen of the City Council:

On December 3rd, the voters of the City of Biddeford elected a Mayor and eleven councilmen to conduct the affairs of the City of Biddeford for the next twelve months; this being the second Government elected under our new charter, it is well that each of us consider carefully the burden which has been placed upon us, and the responsibilities that go along with this burden.

It is fitting at this time for me to call to your minds a fact which is not thoroughly understood by legislators and which is, perhaps, a basic reason for all of the errors in Government, and that is that the people should make the laws and not the legislators. You have been elected by the people of your wards only to speak for them, and not for yourselves. The old town meeting form of Government is still in effect although in a more centralized form under this new charter, and you gentlemen must realize that as you sit here and ponder upon the different measures that will be introduced that you must forget your own personality, and understand that you represent the people of your ward and you simply are speaking for them.

A crisis has arisen in the affairs of the City of Biddeford, one which but few city governments have been called upon to meet in the history of our City, and it is your duty to accept this responsibility bravely and bring about a solution which will be satisfactory to all of our people. Some of you may have had some experience in municipal work which may assist us in handling the problems which confront us during the year, and you can be of very great benefit to others who have not had this experience. The success of the administration judged by the business ability shown depends greatly upon you men, and particularly in the selection of men to head the different departments of the City, and to give liberally of your time in supervising the work of these department heads. Much of the trouble

in municipal government comes from too little supervision of these departments, and it becomes a matter of the tail wagging the dog. It shall be my duty to assist you in every way possible during the coming year, and to ask the heads of these departments to be present at monthly council meetings so that they may have some idea of what is required of them by you. With the proper supervision of these departments, I feel that we can bring about a condition at the close of the year which will be satisfactory to the taxpayers of our City.

Just prior I stated that a crisis has appeared, and I am resolved at this time to give the best that is in me, and I ask you to support me loyally to make our City a better and happier place in which to live and to do this by the application of strict business principles to all of our dealings. We are face to face with a condition which perhaps no other city government has been called upon to meet. I refer to the condition of finances. We have no authentic report submitted by the previous administration to base the standing of the City, but the following may give you a general idea of the liabilities:

Bonds	\$480,000.00
Salaries due and unpaid bills	92,031.88
State tax, 1933	9,397.22
State tax, 1934	96,775.56
County tax, 1933	3,833.20
County tax, 1934	20,980.22
Dog licenses due State	228.00
Note—First National Bank	50,000.00
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Total liabilities	\$753,246.08

With this statement to you, you can understand that the City is far beyond its debt limit, and I am informed by legal authority that any bills contracted by the City of Biddeford when the debt limit is reached is not a claim against the City and cannot be collected by suit, so that you can readily realize the condition in which our City finances are, and it will be necessary for you to bring about a condition so that within the next two years this condition will be changed so that we will, at least, be within our

legal rights to purchase supplies that are necessary to conduct the affairs of the City of Biddeford. During the past three years the taxpayers' money has been spent with no idea of any method of balancing a budget, and on account of this, our present condition has come about. It will be necessary for you gentlemen to regulate this condition, and bring our expenditures back to a more safe and sane method. I wish to inaugurate with your permission and coöperation a system of economy that will be the most rigid that has ever been put into effect in this City, and I shall feel it my duty at different times during the year to call your attention to this program so that the expenditures will be so made that a real tightening-up in all departments will be apparent to everyone in this City. I wish to remind you that it may not be popular, but it has become a necessity and those who make their demands for improvements must be requested to delay these demands at least during the year of 1935.

SCHOOLS

The School Department of the City of Biddeford is conducted by the Board of Education. The members of this board are elected by the people. This is a method different from one previously existing of electing a board of nine members by the votes of the City Council. The purpose of this change was to take politics out of this department, and make it a non-partisan institution. I feel, however, that the stealthy fellow has again crept in and is endangering the success of this method. As far as we are able, I feel that we should confer with the board and any suggestions you may offer to me as a member of this board I shall carefully consider. It is extremely discreditable to the City to have the teachers of our children deprived of money that is due them for long periods at a time when there is a sufficient amount appropriated to pay them. While I am not in favor of a policy of too strict economy in this department I do feel that a careful check should be made of all the expenditures of this department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

This department exists for protection of the home and the property of our citizens. I feel that it has reached a very high degree of efficiency. Its cost of maintenance, however, has been increasing by leaps and bounds, and

out of proportion to the ability of the taxpayer to assume this burden. Large expenditure of money does not always create efficiency. It is my purpose at a later time to bring this to your attention with a view to bringing about a more economical management of the department. A report which I have received from the State Insurance Commissioner is worth careful study and with a view to bringing about a lower insurance rate for both the business and residential section of the City. I will at a later date bring this to your attention for definite action.

STREETS

Our streets and sidewalks within the City proper are in fairly good condition and with an outlay on some of the streets in the districts outside I feel that a saving can be made out of the appropriation of former years. A sum of \$1,400.00 was received from the C. W. A. to be used in the building of a road from Hills Beach to Fort Hill. This road was not built and I would suggest that inquiry be made to ascertain what was done with this money, and inasmuch as the National Government has given the City this amount for this purpose, I recommend that this road be constructed this year. Elm Street from Five Points to Orchard Street, which has been in very bad condition, has been improved out of money received from the State so that this bad piece of road has been eliminated.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our Police Department some years ago by an act of the Legislature was made directly responsible to the people by the election of Police Commissioners by the people. The intention was to take the department out of politics so that a better system of protection would be given both to property and to society. The members of the Police Force serve for life or until removed for cause after a hearing. In theory this would seem to be an excellent method but unfortunately in practice it has not been successful. We are confronted at this time with a condition in this department that is not in the interest of the public good. The efficiency of this department is at a very low ebb. It has become more of a political body than a protector of property rights. A careful scrutiny of the expenditures by this branch of the Government will no doubt bring this department more in line with our economy program.

PAUPER DEPARTMENT

The condition of the unfortunate and the unemployed must be viewed with a sympathetic mind and heart, and while our people have suffered less on account of unemployment than in some other sections of the country during the past year, for which we are exceedingly thankful, there are still those who need assistance. We must, however, be practical in conducting the work of this department. In 1934 the cost was according to auditor's report, \$78,548.35 and unpaid bills estimated at \$20,000.00, a total cost of \$100,000.00. This in a year when our industries were running night and day, the best year Biddeford had had for many years. This department in particular needs a thorough overhauling and I suggest that we request a detailed statement from the Overseer of the Poor for our inspection at each monthly meeting.

I wish to call your attention to just a few departments of the City to give you an idea as to the increase in the expenditures in these departments which will show you the trend of added expense year by year, and the necessity of your close supervision of all the departments of the City. Comparison is below made of the expenditures of these departments under the first Progressive Party Administration and the one just closed:

	1926	1934
Election Department	\$ 8,116.06	\$10,980.71
General Expense	10,139.94	24,499.01
Police Department	24,291.53	30,388.48
Pauper Department	46,144.06	92,031.88

which covers only to October 1st. The amount is probably much higher now.

I desire to call your attention to the matter of uncollected taxes amounting to \$92,695.02 running from 1920 to 1932, this being of questionable value, and I feel that the collector of taxes for each year should be called in and a request made that these taxes be settled either by abatement or by the payment to the collector of the amounts due. It is useless to be carrying these amounts as assets of the City, if there is no method to compel the payment of these taxes.

At the special session of the last Legislature a request was made that there be enacted an amendment providing for the closing of the municipal year the first Monday of January and the beginning of the following municipal year the first Monday of January. On account of this change in the charter it provided for a fourteen month year, the previous year ending November 30th, and I am informed that the books of the City have been closed on the 30th of November, 1934. The change in this charter is so inconsistent and no opportunity provided for a report of the doings of a City Government until after a new City Government is elected that I would recommend that the present Legislature be petitioned to change this to provide for the closing of the municipal year November 30th of each year.

On account of the condition I feel that the accounts of the City are in, I feel that it would be advisable to obtain the services of a Certified Public Accountant to go over these accounts and make a statement as to the exact standing of the City at this time, so that we may begin on this program with a definite statement of assets and liabilities.

Self-respect in the individual must at all times be maintained, and it certainly is no less a necessity in a government and to that end I pledge myself to set a standard so that when at the end of our term we may go to the people, and hear from them those satisfying words of commendation: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



City Clerk
ARMAND DUQUETTE

City Government

Mayor

ARTHUR J. REMILLARD

City Clerk

ARMAND DUQUETTE

CITY COUNCIL

Councilmen At Large

WILLIAM D. BEETY, *President*

FABIEN BLANCHETTE WARREN KING JOHN B. A. PARE

Ward Councilmen

CARL R. LOWELL	Ward 1
GABRIEL HOTTE	Ward 2
LOUIS J. PAINCHAUD	Ward 3
ALCIDE BAILLARGEON	Ward 4
EDGAR A. BOURASSA	Ward 5
ERNEST DESMARAIS	Ward 6
JOSEPH DOHERTY	Ward 7

Municipal Court

LOUIS B. LAUSIER, *Judge*

DANIEL E. CROWLEY, *Recorder*

City Solicitor

WILLIAM P. DONAHUE

City Treasurer

FREDERICK H. MITCHELL

City Auditor

ALBERT E. PARE

Board of Assessors

THOMAS H. SIMPSON, *Chief Assessor*

LINIÈRE DOYON

DENNIS T. SULLIVAN

Tax Collector

SAUL GAGNE

Health and Welfare

Henry Boisvert, Clerk of Overseers of the Poor

Jules Marcoux, Superintendent of the Homestead

Dr. Louis O. Lesieur, City Physician

John W. Mahoney, Health Officer

Superintending School Committee

Arthur J. Remillard, Chairman

Ulysses E. Fosdick

John J. Dunn

Cornelius Darcy

Susan H. Piper

Superintendent of Schools

A. Alton Garcelon, Jr.

Truant Officer

Will Stone

Police Commissioners

Joseph Verrier, Chairman

Arsene Labonte, Secretary

Antoine A. Petit

Chief of Police

Oscar G. Parent

Board of Engineers of the Fire Department

Frank Cantara, Acting Chief Engineer

Napoleon Verrier, First Assistant Engineer

Timothy A. Hayes, Second Assistant Engineer

Street Commissioner, District No. 4

Rudolph Vanasse

Assistant Street Commissioner

Richard Moore

Road Commissioners, Outlying Districts

Pool Road District	Frank Robbins
Oak Ridge District	Armand J. Pyer
Biddeford Pool District	Frank Goodwin
Fortunes Rocks District	Andrew H. Davis
Newtown Road District	Lester H. Curtis
Ward Seven, North	Edward L. Hebert
Ward Seven, East	John W. Lowell
Ward Seven, West	William B. Deasy

Trustees Woodlawn Cemetery

Arthur J. Remillard, Chairman

Herbert Kingsbury

James H. Bradbury

Superintendent of Burials

Frederick D. Rumery

Milk Inspector

Harry A. Dineen

Electrical Inspector

Samuel Lacerte

Inspector of Buildings

Thomas Blanchette

Park Commissioner

Joseph H. Stone

Board of Registration

Ray A. Burleigh

C. Wilson Place

Report of Treasurer

Cash to start, Jan. 7, 1935\$715.16

Receipts:

Accounts Payable 1934 (voided checks)	\$ 6,330.08
Accounts Receivable 1934	13,039.00
Proceeds of Funding Bond Issued (1935) ..	165,000.00

City Building:

Licenses	\$ 13.00
Insurance	34.25
Rents	7,950.00
	\$ 7,997.25

Contingent Fund:

Discount	\$ 1,738.81
State Treasurer (Old State Aid Acct.)	1,255.22
State Treasurer (Vocational Ed.)	1,533.55
Diamond Match Co., refund	1,120.53
Miscellaneous	1,419.45
	\$ 7,067.56

Election Dept.:

Voided check	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
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F. E. R. A.:

Pauper Dept.	\$ 1,176.00	\$ 1,176.00
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Fire Department:

Town of North Kennebunkport ..	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous receipts	18.70
	\$ 118.70

General Expense:

Armory rental	\$ 500.00	
Licenses	345.00	
Miscellaneous	6.01	
Insurance	92.55	
		————— \$ 943.56

Health Dept.:

State Treasurer	\$ 305.58	
Burial of soldiers	100.00	
		————— \$ 405.58

Highway District No. 4:

Town of Sanford	\$ 70.00	
Voided check	6.00	
Use of equipment	216.28	
		————— \$ 292.28

Sewers and Drains:

Permits	\$ 391.00
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Resurfacing Streets:

Freight refund	\$ 174.99
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Homestead:

Sale of supplies	\$ 113.88
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Interest:

Sale of bonds	\$ 481.25	
Interest on tax deeds, taxes, etc. ..	256.92	
		————— \$ 738.17

Dog licenses	\$ 279.00
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Net Debt:

Miscellaneous receipts	\$ 10.90
Notes payable	\$25,000.00

Pauper Dept.:

Alfred	\$ 10.00	
Auburn	174.33	
Augusta	86.56	
Brunswick	355.00	
Kennebunk	199.68	
Kennebunkport	13.00	
Lewiston	12.00	
Madison	155.40	
Portland	288.13	
Rumford	195.00	
Saco	144.22	
South Portland	106.00	
State of Maine	11,567.56	
Waterville	40.00	
Wells	106.00	
Westbrook	826.84	
Winthrop	283.57	
Sanford	539.68	
Miscellaneous	198.05	
North Berwick	25.72	
		—————\$ 15,326.74

Police Dept.:

Miscellaneous	\$ 16.41
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Schools:

Saco-Lowell	\$ 4,785.00	
State Treasurer	3,273.51	
Tuition	507.24	
Miscellaneous	115.31	
Returned check	1,000.00	
		—————\$ 9,681.06

Truant officer refund	\$ 75.00
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Snow Removal:

State Treasurer	\$ 1,669.00
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State Pensions:

State Treasurer	\$ 384.00
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Taxes:

1929	\$	1.00
1930		136.93
1931		224.39
1931 (Poll)		9.00
1932		1,201.64
1932 (Poll)		771.76
1933 (Poll)		392.38
1933		1,625.56
1934		17,321.64
1934 (Poll)		2,103.36
1935		467,410.57
1935 (Poll)		7,224.00
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		\$498,422.28 ✓

Tax Deeds:

1927	\$	59.62
1928		336.13
1929		160.00
1930		117.95
1931		526.03
1932		828.12
1933		1,658.12
1934 Tax Liens		8,721.92
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		\$12,407.89

State of Maine Bank

Tax	1,413.04
1935 Excise Tax	14,505.10
Temporary Loans	525,000.00
Trust Funds Income ..	475.69
Cemetery Trust Funds	200.00
Woodlawn Cemetery .	275.00
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	\$1,308,959.16
Total Available	\$1,309,674.32 ✓
Warrants Paid .	1,303,937.22
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Cash Balance	\$5,737.10

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Cash Book Balance ..	\$ 5,737.10
Checks Outstanding ..	9,119.15
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	\$14,856.25

Bank Balance	\$13,042.52
Cash on Hand	1,813.73
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	\$14,856.25

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK H. MITCHELL

PROOF OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT

Net Debt, Jan. 7, 1935	\$576,333.42
Add Bond Issue	165,000.00
Net overdraft	48,424.82
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	\$789,758.24
Less Bonds Paid	\$ 46,000.00
Cash Adjustment	10.90
Accounts payable, 1934	165,000.00
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	211,010.90
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Net Debt, November 30, 1935	\$578,747.34

CITY OF BIDDEFORD OUTSTANDING BONDS

FUNDING BONDS OF 1935

Date	Rate	Amount	Paid in 1935	Maturity
Aug. 1, 1935		\$165,000.00		Aug. 1, '36-'45

REFUNDING BONDS

May 1, 1920	5%	\$ 25,000.00		May 1, 1940
May 1, 1925	4%	50,000.00		May 1, 1945
May 1, 1926	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	25,000.00		May 1, 1936
Aug. 1, 1927	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Aug. 1, 1936
Sept. 15, 1929	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	200,000.00		Sept. 15, 1949
May 1, 1915	4%	25,000.00	\$25,000.00	May 1, 1935
May 15, 1914	4%	50,000.00		May 15, 1939

SEWER BONDS

July 5, 1922	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	July 5, 1936
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STATE ROAD BONDS

July 1, 1926	4%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	July 1, '31-'39
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HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX BONDS

Apr. 1, 1925	4%	\$ 80,000.00	\$10,000.00	Apr. 1, '31-'42
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\$645,000.00 \$46,000.00

Total bonded debt	
start of year	\$480,000.00
New bonds, 1935	165,000.00
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	\$645,000.00
Paid in 1935	46,000.00
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Bonded debt, Nov.	
30, 1935	\$599,000.00

Trust Funds

Number Fund	Name of Fund	Cemetery Lot No.	On Deposit at	Balance Jan. 7, 1935	Plus Interest of	Less Disbursements	Balance Nov. 30, 1935
1.	Charles Beaumont	36W	P	\$ 101.57	\$ 3.05	\$ 4.62	\$ 100.00
2.	J. E. Brooks	216W	P	100.61	3.03	3.64	100.00
3.	Jeremiah Bunker	B-P	B	691.36	20.89	41.18	671.07
4.	Ellen E. Burnham	487W	B	50.33	1.52	1.52	50.33
5.	Emiline Burnham	164W	B	238.02	7.19	7.19	238.02
6.	Horace B. Clark	243W	B	76.82	2.30	2.30	76.82
7.	Cleaves Poor Fund		B	1,407.87	42.53	42.53	1,407.87
8.	Cleaves Poor Fund		P	461.43	13.93	13.93	461.43
9.	Elizabeth Cole	319W	B	212.75	6.41	6.41	212.75
10.	Celanise Crochiere	St. J.	B	91.20	2.75		93.95
11.	Celanise Crochiere	St. J.	B	91.20	2.75		93.95
12.	Geo. B. Curtis	121W	B	100.51	3.03	3.03	100.51
13.	Sarah J. Curtis	861W	B	153.60	4.63	4.63	153.60
14.	Amanda Davis	143W	P	238.00	7.18	45.18	200.00
15.	Annie M. Dustin	618W	B	50.39	1.52	1.52	50.39
16.	Emmons	518W	B	101.05	3.05	3.05	101.05
17.	Mary A. Farwell Ellis	8G	B	107.20	3.23	6.37	104.06
18.	Wm. M. T. Flanders	622W	P	101.78	3.04	4.82	100.00
19.	Wm. J. Graves	842W	P	100.00	3.01	3.01	100.00
20.	Sophia Harvey	421W	P	152.91	4.60	7.51	150.00
21.	Elizabeth B. Haines	158-9	P	204.30	6.16	10.46	200.00
22.	Cynthia J. Haynes	114W	B	101.38	3.05	3.05	101.38
23.	Ann R. Hamilton	270C	B	109.04	3.29	6.48	105.85
24.	Eben Hill	160W	P	100.41	3.00	3.41	100.00
25.	Albert O. Hill	870W	P	203.33	6.13	9.46	200.00
26.	Thomas G. Hill	407W	P	101.62	3.05	4.67	100.00
27.	Jennie M. Johnson	598W	B	100.55	3.03	3.03	100.55
28.	Mary Joy	668W	B	101.11	3.05	3.05	101.11
29.	Benj. A. Kenison	14W	B	215.44	6.00	6.50	215.44
30.	Alveretta Littlefield	11W	B	101.11	3.05	3.05	101.11
31.	Jack Lunt Fund	152W	B	226.61	6.84	6.84	226.61
32.	William Mason	320W	B	105.12	3.17	3.17	105.12
33.	Ministerial Fund		B	1,018.68	30.77		1,049.45
34.	Christine Murphy	858W	P	50.14	1.50	1.64	50.00
35.	Betsey Murray	557W	B	297.82	8.99	8.99	297.82
36.	Mary McWhirter	529W	B	100.45	3.02	3.02	100.45
37.	Leavitt-Patrick	546W	P	101.69	3.05	4.74	100.00
38.	Charles Ricker	532W	B	100.45	3.02	3.02	100.45
39.	Julia A. Ricker	541W	B	75.67	2.27	2.27	75.67
40.	Charles Smith	392W	B	101.85	3.07	3.07	101.85
41.	Hannah Smith	317W	B	110.48	3.33	3.33	110.48
42.	Mary A. Smith	262-264W	B	651.91	19.69	19.69	651.91
43.	Thomas D. Suhr	221G	B	107.24	3.23	6.37	104.10
44.	Hannibal D. Taylor	DMR	P	50.71	1.51	2.22	50.00
45.	Goodrich & Wilson	23W	P	103.37	3.10	6.47	100.00

46.	Jane F. Webster	60W	B	190.83	5.75	5.75	190.83
47.	Abraham Kay	490W	B	97.17	2.93	2.93	97.17
48.	Jothram W. Benson	108G	B	107.28	3.23	6.37	104.14
49.	Ida M. Witham	30W	Y	154.36	4.65	4.50	154.51
50.	Lizzie Hutchins	124-5W	P	100.01	3.01	3.02	100.00
51.	J. S. Hill	111W	Y	150.03	4.53	4.50	150.06
52.	George H. Stone	777W	Y	100.32	3.02	3.00	100.34
53.	John R. Bonser	130W	Y	100.02	3.02	3.00	100.04
54.	Mabel G. Chellis	829W	Y	157.55	4.75	4.50	157.80
55.	Georgia A. Warren	460W	Y	210.65	6.35	6.00	211.00
56.	Geo. A. Anthoine	260W	Y	150.57	4.53	4.50	150.60
57.	Chas. M. & Augusta M. Smith	382W	Y	100.65	3.03	3.00	100.68
58.	Wm. Elliott	524W	Y	150.03	4.53	4.50	150.06
59.	Edwin H. & Minetta A. Dennett	269W	Y	100.54	3.03	3.00	100.57
60.	Lois A. Drew Strout	211W	Y	202.82	6.11	6.00	202.93
61.	W. W. Center	830W	Y	150.03	4.53	4.50	150.06
62.	Clarence E. Huff	221W	Y	100.29	3.02	3.00	100.31
63.	Mary A. Thompson	885W	B	202.99	6.12	6.12	202.99
64.	Nellie M. Haley	836W	B	100.31	3.02	3.02	100.31
65.	Mary A. Day	446W	B	309.69	9.35	9.35	309.69
66.	Charles Staples	434W	Y	100.02	3.02	3.00	100.04
67.	Ora Foss	861W	Y	100.48	3.02	3.00	100.50
68.	Anna D. Clark	472W	Y	201.20	6.08	6.00	201.28
69.	J. F. P. Waterhouse	103W	B	100.74	3.03	3.00	100.77
70.	Catherine Weymouth		B	51.08	1.54	2.62	50.00
71.	D. O. Goldthwaite	102W	B	203.17	6.14	9.31	200.00
72.	John S. Fogg	171W	B	200.00	7.75	7.75	200.00
73.	Mary E. Haines	193G	B	125.00	3.64	3.64	125.00
74.	Flora M. Kay	490W	Y	102.49	3.09	3.00	102.58
75.	Henrietta Smith	196W	Y	200.00	6.05	6.00	200.05
76.	Orindia F. Odall	249W	Y	200.00	5.18	5.00	200.18
77.	Nellie Tarbox	W	B	100.00	2.28	2.28	100.00
78.	Alice F. Gilpatrick	W	P		.09	.09	200.00

Total

\$13,789.40 \$415.93 \$475.69 \$13,929.64

Report of Assessors

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

GENTLEMEN:—We herewith submit our lists of abatements of taxes made by the Board during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1935.

FOR SAUL GAGNE, TAX COLLECTOR OF 1935

Saco-Lowell Shops	\$44,870.40
General Abatements	2,200.52
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Total	\$47,070.92

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS T. SULLIVAN,

LINIÈRE DOYON,

THOMAS H. SIMPSON,

Assessors of Taxes for Year 1935.

Report of Tax Collector

SAUL GAGNE

1935 TAXES

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE

Commitment book adds	\$582,918.51	
Sup. tax collected	534.80	
		—————\$583,453.31

Cash to Treasurer	\$420,429.65	
Abated by Assessors	46,980.92	
Uncollected tax	116,042.74	
		—————\$583,453.31

POLL TAXES

Commitment book adds	\$16,266.00	
Sup. polls collected	180.00	
		—————\$ 16,446.00

Cash to Treasurer	\$7,134.00	
Cash on hand	123.00	
Abated by Assessors	90.00	
Uncollected	9,099.00	
		—————\$ 16,446.00

TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Real and personal	\$116,042.74	
Polls	9,099.00	
		—————\$125,141.74

1935 EXCISE TAX

Collected in 1934	\$ 2,419.89	
Collected in 1935 by Masse	55.73	
Collected in 1935 by Gagne	14,449.37	
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Total collected and turned over to Treasurer (in 1934 and 1935)		\$ 16,924.99
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Report of City Clerk

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The following is a financial report of the various departments under the supervision of the City Clerk:

Account	Appropriation	Credits	Total	Expenditures	Balance
City Building	\$ 1,000.00	\$10,437.08	\$11,437.08	\$ 7,756.43	\$3,680.65
Election	3,000.00	40.00	3,040.00	1,435.99	1,104.01
Salaries	12,600.00		12,600.00	12,145.76	454.24
General expense	10,000.00	3,612.72	13,612.72	12,481.74	1,130.98
Hydrant rental	20,000.00	133.34	20,133.34	19,692.94	440.40
Street lights	22,000.00		22,000.00	19,959.60	2,040.40
Woodlawn Cemetery	650.00	125.00	775.00	647.00	128.00
Parks	100.00	25.00	125.00	100.39	24.61

Respectfully submitted,

ARMAND DUQUETTE, *City Clerk.*

Report of Clerk of the Overseers of Poor

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

Owing to adverse conditions, and facing the greatest depression in the history of our City, your welfare department was called upon to furnish pauper supplies to the greatest army of unemployed that ever stormed the City building.

The welfare department had on its books, throughout the entire year, an average of between 700 to 800 cases, representing a total of 3,200 to 3,700 people. This particular department is after all but a child of Fate, its favorable or unfavorable reports depend entirely upon local conditions, so I respectfully submit the following as the total expenditures of the welfare department for the fiscal year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st.

Monthly allowances	\$ 3,270.00
Groceries	81,501.53
Milk	798.94
Fuel oil	7,958.93
Wood	9,404.61
Shoes and clothing	5,129.33
Rents	4,928.86
Board and care	7,784.39
Doctors (Med., \$3,282.50; Dent., \$252.99; Op., \$38.50)	3,573.99
Drugs	1,405.69
Hospitals	2,326.52
Sanitarium at Fairfield	345.13
Undertaker	932.75
Bragg System	290.15
Moving	916.95
Miscellaneous (printing, telephone, parcel post, transportation)	137.48
Biddeford paupers out of town	1,518.57
Case workers	1,296.20
Total expenditures	\$133,520.02

MOTHER'S AID

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Expenditures	3,585.50
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Balance unexpended	\$1,414.50

INSANE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$500.00
Expenditures	142.43
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Balance unexpended	\$357.57

HENRY BOISVERT,
Clerk.

Report of City Farm Department

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

I have the honor of submitting for your approval the following report of the City Farm Department for the year ending November 30, 1935:

PRODUCTS RAISED AT HOMESTEAD

Potatoes—250 bushels	Carrots—29 bushels
String Beans—50 bushels	Beets—24 bushels
Kidney and White Beans—32 bushels	Corn—275 dozen
Tomatoes—42 bushels	Cabbage—1 ton
Turnips—30 bushels	Hay—45 tons

NUMBER OF INMATES AT HOMESTEAD AT CLOSE OF EACH MONTH

January	31	July	36
February	31	August	37
March	34	September	36
April	35	October	37
May	36	November	39
June	34		

STOCK AT HOMESTEAD

3 Horses	135 Hens
4 Hogs	5 Cows
1 Bull	3 Heifers

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 883.25
Groceries	1,616.53
Bread	603.12
Expense of the barn	985.78
Gas and fuel oil	195.51
Prescriptions and drugs	153.60
Barber and barber supplies	99.32
Hardware	134.53

Clothing	285.00
Coal	534.60
Water, telephone and electricity	320.56
Laundry	11.69
Blacksmith repairs	60.00
Furniture	62.20
Repairs	98.68
Beds and bedding	62.20
Disinfectant and soap	25.55
Stock	90.00
1 washing machine	83.00
Insurance	101.35
Tobacco	279.00
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Total	\$6,685.47

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January	\$446.25
February	724.01
March	465.50
April	576.54
May	655.98
June	571.07
July	641.70
August	608.04
September	595.70
October	628.48
November	772.20
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Total	\$6,685.47

FARM IMPLEMENTS

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

FURNITURE AT HOMESTEAD

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

During the year the following necessary repairs and improvements have been made:

All ceilings of the wooden house have been whitewashed and five rooms papered. One washing machine has been bought.

INCOME

Rent of land for two ice houses	\$100.00	Due
Farm produce revenue	113.88	
In summing up I will say that my appropriation was	\$7,000.00	
Credits	113.88	
Total	\$7,113.88	
 Total expenditures	 6,685.47	
 Balance unexpended	 \$428.41	

I bought stock for the farm, with revenues, for \$236.00.

I wish, at this time, to thank the Honorable Mayor and the members of the City Council for the splendid coöperation given me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JULES MARCOUX,
Superintendent.

Report of the Department of Health

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of submitting herewith the annual report of the Department of Public Health for the year 1935. This report includes the detailed reports of the various divisions thereof which show a continuation of the progressive improvement that has marked the work during the last fifteen years.

Disease prevalence in our community is always a problem as is indicated in our morbidity and mortality rates and other statistical reports. However, inoculation and vaccination are infallible measures in the prevention of the two diseases—typhoid fever and diphtheria. The Pasteurization of milk and a constant check on the drinking water supply are important factors in safeguarding the health of the community, also.

Diphtheria, one of the most fatal diseases in our community, has been lessened by the voluntary action of the American Legion in financing a campaign against this disease. Dr. D. E. Dolloff has given his services in the work of immunizing five hundred children. The survey made from this immunization shows that there were only two cases in 1935. Continuation of this immunization of all children, under ten years of age at least, will prevent the occurrence of this disease.

In the matter of respiratory diseases, such as pneumonia, influenza, scarlet fever, measles and tuberculosis, all of which are communicable and enter into the body through the mouth, there is no known vaccine. Consequently the Health Department is ever on the alert to keep such diseases under quarantine and to prevent their spread.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS BY MONTHS		DEATHS BY MONTHS	
December	38	December	28
January	37	January	35
February	53	February	29
March	33	March	32
April	65	April	23
May	67	May	17
June	48	June	18
July	55	July	21
August	47	August	21
September	48	September	16
October	47	October	20
November	31	November	24
	569		284

Deaths exclusive of still births	255
Still births	29
Deaths under one year	17
Deaths between fifty and sixty	37
Deaths between sixty and seventy	35
Deaths between seventy and eighty	62
Deaths between eighty and ninety	20
Deaths between ninety and a hundred	3

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
FIVE YEAR COMPARISON TABLE

Diseases	Year	Cases	Deaths	Diseases	Cases	Deaths
Diphtheria	1931	21	2	Scarlet Fever	20	0
	1932	8	0		44	0
	1933	7	1		11	3
	1934	5	0		1	0
	1935	3	1		5	0
Pneumonia	1931	2	23	Tuberculosis	6	7
	1932	9	27		6	6
	1933	52	30		11	3
	1934	51	25		9	5
	1935	44	28		10	7
Typhoid	1931	3	0			
	1932	13	0			
	1933	8	1			
	1934	1	0			
	1935	3	0			

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
CASES REPORTED BY MONTHS**

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total
Chicken Pox	0	0	10	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
Diphtheria	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Measles	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	10
Meningitis	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mumps	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	18	3	6	32
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Pneumonia, Bronchial .	1	3	7	9	3	3	3	0	1	2	1	0	33
Pneumonia, Lobar	1	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	11
Scarlet Fever	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5
Tuberculosis, Pul.	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	10
Typhoid Fever	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Total													132

DEATHS REGISTERED

Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Encephalitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Influenza	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Pneumonia, Bronchial .	1	5	2	7	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	21
Pneumonia, Lobar	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	7
Meningitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Tuberculosis, Pul.	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
Tubercular Meningitis .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Total													41

DEATHS FROM OTHER DISEASES

Asthma	1	Heart Diseases	31
Appendicitis	9	Indigestion, Acute	1
Arteriosclerosis	14	Nephritis	10
Cancer	24	Peritonitis	2
Diabetes	5	Sarcoma	1

DEATHS, ACCIDENTS AND SUICIDES

Automobile	11	Railway Express Train ...	1
Drowning Suicide	1	Strychnia Poisoning, Acci-	
Fall, Accidental	1	dental	1
Gunshot, Accidental	1	Suicide Poisoning	1
Electrocution	1	Suicide, Illuminating Gas .	2

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Improvements have been shown by a decrease in mortalities for the year 1935.

Pneumonia: There were forty-four cases reported and twenty-eight deaths.

Tuberculosis: There were ten cases reported and seven deaths.

Typhoid: Three cases reported; no deaths. Two cases were reported from the hospitals as out of town patients.

Diphtheria: Three cases reported, and one death. This case of diphtheria that resulted in death was due to wrong diagnosis as the child was sick for fourteen days before she died. A little care on the part of physicians in taking a smear and forwarding it to our State Laboratories would check what happened in this case.

GENERAL SANITATION

Milk Supply: Our milk supply is not of the best. It could be improved along many lines. When the supervision of milk is placed in the hands of the Health Officer, with the coöperation of the Milk Inspector, better results will be obtained. The State Dairy Inspector has held several hearings with the producers and distributors, and out of these hearings has come some order, and we hope for a more sanitary condition of utensils used in the milk we purchase in our community.

WATER SUPPLY

The results of the tests on the Biddeford and Saco Water Company supply are satisfactory; only once this year has the water been high in bacillus coli.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

A satisfactory system is now established under the City Government, and less than the usual amount of complaints were made.

INSPECTIONS

Inspections are made systematically in all branches of business that comes under the order of food. The return of the tavern is a source that requires frequent inspections, as to the condition of the water and cleanliness of glasses.

COMPLAINTS

As usual the Health Officer's time has been devoted to investigation and adjustment of complaints. The list of places regarding which complaints were brought is summed up as follows:

Business places	34
Household and private premises	21
Dumps	2
General complaints	150

RECOMMENDATIONS

As many recommendations have been suggested and few realized, I therefore will not repeat those of the past years, but I would like to have something done, if the City would finance it, and that is the tubercular situation in our City. We have thirty-five active cases, and over one hundred and fifty contacts. Children under 15 could be tuberculin tested, and if found positive an X-ray be taken. Patients found positive could have State hospital care.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MAHONEY,
Health Officer.

City Physician's Report

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Biddeford, Maine:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present the following as my report for the year ending November 30, 1935:

Visits	533
Office calls	1,204
Surgical cases	265
Confinement cases	29
Insanity cases	5

Respectfully submitted,

DR. L. O. LESIEUR,
City Physician.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

November 30, 1935.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the school laws of Maine, the following report covering the period of the municipal year 1935 is respectfully submitted.

With the exception of the Wentworth Street and the Foss Street buildings all schools in the City proper have been in full operation during the past year. The Wentworth Street School remains closed for the fourth year while the Foss Street School, closed for many years, has been turned back to the City Government for disposition. An additional classroom has been made in the Washington Street building, thus giving this building eight classrooms.

All rural schools not previously closed have been in full operation for this year. Rural schools closed for several years in districts—No. 2, Goodwin's Mills Road; No. 3, Poor Farm Road; No. 6, Ferry Lane; and No. 7, The Plains, have been turned back to the City Government for disposition.

The buildings in use are in very good condition. Much work under the provision of the Federal Relief Plans has been done in all schools. The rural schools, especially, have been benefited by this aid. Unused outhouses have been removed, sanitary closets and fuel sheds built, and the general physical conditions of these schools have been improved. In the Emery School where much work has been done due to Federal aid, a new ventilating system from the pupils' dressing-rooms should be installed without delay, the piping of the old system having been entirely removed. At the Birch Street School the toilets have been consolidated into two dressing-rooms and the sanitary conditions of this school greatly improved. Conditions at the Washington Street and the Bradbury Street schoolhouses similar to those existing heretofore at Birch Street should be corrected by placing all toilets in the basement. The front lawns of the High School have been enclosed by ornamental fencing. It is recommended that as

soon as practicable this fencing be extended to include all of the High School grounds.

The classroom work in all schools has been carried on successfully. Modern textbooks in some of the fundamental subjects have replaced older texts. Pupils in all grades and all classrooms have shown progress in their work.

The pupil registration at the beginning of the current school year was as follows:

High School	484
Emery	374
Washington Street	220
Birch Street	119
Bradbury Street	58
District No. 1	20
District No. 5	25
District No. 8	15
District No. 9	15
District No. 10	42
District No. 11	14
District No. 12	22
District No. 13	31
	1,439

It is strongly recommended that provision be made to inaugurate in the school system a sub-primary grade. In order to meet the needs of the City, there should be a sub-primary room at Bradbury Street, at Wentworth Street, at Washington Street, and at the Emery Schools. A reassignment of grades to schools could easily be made to provide rooms for these sub-primary classes.

The repeating eighth year class at the Emery School (known as the 8A class) was by the vote of the Board of Education discontinued.

The instruction of pupils has been carried out efficiently by all teachers, who have shown a splendid spirit of loyalty to the schools and of coöperation with school officials. New teachers joining the system are: (School years 1934-35, 1935-36)

1934-35

High School—Albert G. Snow, Principal; Henry D. Small, Harold Crozier, Ruth Edwards, Harold Baker.

Grades—Kathleen Caddigan, June Field, Ethelyn Libby, Catherine McCarthy, Esther Murphy.

Penmanship and Drawing—Rebecca Spencer.

Manual Training—Fred West.

1935-36

High School—Agnes Crowley, Robert McCarn.

Grades—Jessie Lunt, Helen Finn, Bernice Dickerson, Madeleine Davis.

Under the retirement provision of the Board, effective in September, 1934, four teachers were then placed on the retired list. These were: Mrs. Susan N. Piper of the High School faculty, Miss Ida F. Porter of the Washington Street School, Miss A. Estelle Read of the Birch Street School and Mr. Edward M. Deering, special instructor in Drawing and Penmanship. Miss Grace B. Clark, eligible for the maximum pension, made application for and was placed upon the retired list.

The Biddeford Savings Bank again offered its services to the schools for a School Savings Program. All schools, including the High School, accepted and are now carrying on this project in Thrift.

The school calendar for the year 1935-1936 follows:

Fall Term:

Schools open Monday, September 9, 1935.

Holidays—

Teachers' State Convention, October 24-25.

Armistice Day, Monday, November 11.

Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, November 28-29.

Schools close Friday, December 20, 1935.

Vacation 1 week

15 weeks

Winter Term:

Schools open Monday, December 30, 1935.

Schools close Friday, February 21, 1936.

Vacation 1 week 8 weeks

Spring Term (1st Half) :

Schools open Monday, March 2, 1936.

Schools close Friday, April 17, 1936.

Vacation 1 week 7 weeks

Spring Term (2nd Half) :

Schools open Monday, April 27, 1936.

Schools close Friday, June 12, 1936.

7 weeks

Accompanying this report is the financial report of this department for the fiscal year January 7-November 30, 1935, inclusive.

I wish to take this occasion to express a proper appreciation to the municipal officers, to the members of the Board of Education, to the teachers, and to all other citizens for their interest and aid in making this a very successful year in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

A. ALTON GARCELON, JR.,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Librarian

To the Board of Trustees of the McArthur Library Association:

The report of the Biddeford Public Library for the year ending November 30, 1935, is as follows:

The librarian's last report ended October 31, 1934, so this is really a report for 13 months. During this year a great change has taken place. Friends of the McArthur Library Association have made it possible to have new, handsome and spacious quarters on the second floor of the building. In September, just 33 years from the time the library was first moved into this building, the change was made, and the library in its new home was opened to the public October 7th. The children's room still remains on the first floor, but is more pleasantly situated. It has been decorated and furnished attractively, and is in charge of Mrs. Florence H. Bridger.

The library was open 302 days. It was closed during the four weeks of moving. The regular hours of 10.00 A.M. to 9.00 P.M. are unchanged; the hours of the children's room are 3.00 to 5.30 P.M., except Saturdays, when it is open from 10.00 to 12.00 A.M., and 2.00 to 5.30 P.M., with the understanding that the Saturday hours will be observed in vacation time.

Mrs. Bernice Graves Richman substituted in August while the librarians were on vacation.

The circulation was 49,621; the circulation in the children's room for the first eight weeks was 2,191 volumes. The largest week's circulation of the year was 1,354 volumes, the week of November 22nd; the smallest, the week of August 15, 688 volumes. The average daily circulation was 164 volumes.

649 new cards were issued, 33 to non-residents, who deposit one dollar for library privileges. Total registration is about 3,700.

The registration in the children's room is 260, 134 new names.

There have been 627 new volumes added; 380 were purchased from City and State funds; 13 from Association funds; 139 from fine money; 17 by binding magazines; 77 were gifts and one in exchange for an old book.

510 books were rebound; 2,439 were discarded by clearing out old and unused books; 43 were lost, three of which were paid for.

The attendance of classes from schools was 139; the Story Hour conducted by Mr. E. D. Yorke had an average attendance of 48 children. The nation-wide observance of Children's Book Week was November 17-24, by pleasing decorations and a display of late books, and distributing book lists, book markers.

Most evenings during the week the library is besieged with students from the schools, occupying nearly every seat to the exclusion of adults.

We wish to help the students in every way possible, but it doesn't seem necessary that all their work should be done in the library.

88 periodicals are regularly received in the reading room, 22 of which are gifts, also many catalogues and reports and miscellaneous pamphlets.

The Round Table of the Maine Library Association met at Ellsworth in April, and was attended by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Emerson. The Annual Meeting of the Maine Library Association met at Camden in September, and was attended by Miss Hatch.

Thanks are due to a number of local friends for gifts of books and periodicals. A special surprising gift was 16 books published by the Yale University Press and a subscription to the *Yale Review* by "A Graduate of Yale."

The expense account is as follows:

Source of funds:

City of Biddeford	\$4,250.00
State of Maine	137.33
	\$4,387.33

Paid:

Binding	\$ 358.53
Books	634.47
Light, gas	132.50
Membership	5.00
Periodicals	205.00
Repairs	37.92
Salaries	2,854.42
Supplies	135.36
Telephone	24.13
	\$4,387.33

Expended from Association funds \$1,453.19

Money received at the desk:

Cash on hand November 1, 1934	\$11.46
Deposits	33.00
Fines	216.98
Postage	8.84
Telephone90
	\$271.18

Paid:

Books and magazines	\$167.72
Express	7.37
Postage	15.34
Refunded	30.00
Repairs	3.90
Supplies	16.89
	\$241.22

Cash on hand 29.96
 \$271.18

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA HATCH,
Librarian.

Report of Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit to the Honorable Board the report of the Police Department for the year 1935, ending November 30, 1935.

The appropriation for the year was	\$22,000.00
Credits	1,808.20
Total	\$23,808.20
Expended to date	21,915.10
Balance unexpended	\$1,893.10

Our department consists of a Chief, one Captain, one day desk-man, one night turnkey, one traffic officer in daytime and one at night, eight patrolmen, two in daytime and six at night, and nine special police officers used for Sunday work, parks, dances, circuses, etc.

Below are the cases taken care of by the Police Department this year up to November 30, 1935.

Murder	1
Lodgers	948
Store doors found unlocked	235
Auto collisions	285
Persons injured in auto accidents	77
Intoxication	390
Assault and battery	7
Assaults	17
Larceny	14
Robbery	5
Assault with dangerous weapon	5
Reckless driving	5
Operating autos without licenses	13

Non-support	3
Idle and disorderly persons	2
Breaking and entering	6
Larceny of autos	4
Automobiles recovered from outside cities	6
Operating motor vehicles under the influence of intoxicating liquor	27
Worthless checks	8
Thumbing for rides	8
Obtaining stolen property	1
Interfering with an officer while performing his duty	3
Transporting gambling machines	2
Carrying concealed weapons	4
Passing bad checks	2
Illegal possession	3
Collided with electric cars	5
Hit and run reported to Police Station	14
Persons killed by autos	4
Persons killed by B. & M. Railroad	1
Juveniles taken to the Judge's private office	42

Cases taken care of by Police Department, 3,879.

I appreciate the good work done by the Captain and all the Police Officers during the year.

I sincerely thank the Police Commissioners for their hearty coöperation and also each and every one connected with the department.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR G. PARENT,
Chief of Police.

Report of Chief Engineer

November 30, 1935.

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

GENTLEMEN:—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 November 30, 1935.

ORGANIZATION

Engine Company No. 1, Engine Company No. 2, Ladder Company No. 1, Hose Company No. 2.

PERMANENT FORCE

Chief Engineer, First Assistant Engineer, Second Assistant Engineer, Lieutenant, two Engineers assigned to Engines 1 and 2, one Relief Engineer, one Chauffeur and one Tillerman for Ladder 1, one Relief man for Ladder 1. One Chauffeur for Hose 2 and one Relief man for Hose 2, two Hose men assigned to Hose 2.

CALL FORCE

Three Captains, three Company Clerks and one Steam Engineer for Engine No. 3, twenty-two Hose men and ten Ladder men.

APPARATUS

The equipment of the Fire Department November 30, 1935, consisted of: Motor Apparatus—One Ahrens-Fox booster, hose and pumper, Engine 1, of 750 gallons per minute capacity; one Ahrens-Fox booster, hose and pumper of 1,000 gallons per minute capacity, Engine 2; one Ahrens-Fox 75-foot aerial ladder truck equipped with 347 feet of ladders, ladder pipe, inhalator and life net, one army stretcher; one combination hose and booster truck (Chevrolet) known as Hose 2, and one hose truck (G. M. C.) equipped with a Morse turret nozzle. One Amoskeag steam fire engine of 700 gallons per minute capacity, to be drawn behind Hose Truck No. 2.

HOSE

There are 700 feet of one-inch rubber hose distributed as follows: Engine No. 1, 200 feet of booster hose; Engine No. 2, 200 feet of booster hose; Hose No. 2, 200 feet of booster hose.

In reserve 100 feet of one-inch booster hose, 200 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch booster hose.

We have on hand at Headquarters at the present time, 9,000 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rubber-lined, cotton-jacket fire hose. All of this is double-jacket hose.

The amount of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose distributed throughout the outskirts of the City is as follows: At the "Homestead," 500 feet; Biddeford Pool, 900 feet; at the corner of Pool Road and Guinea Road (George Piper's Garage), 500 feet.

CHEMICALS

There are nine 3-gallon pony extinguishers distributed on the fire apparatus, including two of the "foam type."

ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

The only additions and improvements made in the Fire Department were as follows:

1,500 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch double-jacket fire hose (cotton), 100 feet of one-inch rubber hose for booster, one dozen rubber coats, one dozen pairs rubber boots, one dozen leather helmets, six Indian fire pumps (galvanized), one hose reel for Hose Company No. 2, one new tire and tube for Hose Truck No. 2.

Engine No. 1 was painted by the permanent men, which the truck badly needed as the paint was worn to the metal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I respectfully recommend, if your finances will allow, that you would buy a portable forest fire pump as it would be a great saving to the City of Biddeford in case of a big forest fire; also that a Chief's car be bought for the Fire Department as one is badly needed for the emergency work in the Fire Department.

A hydrant should be installed on St. Mary Street and I would recommend that rectifiers be bought for the batteries of the fire alarm system, as this would be a great saving to the City.

I desire herein to publicly thank the Mayor and members of the City Council for their coöperation, also the officers and members of the Fire Department for their whole-hearted coöperation and loyalty, and the Street Commissioner for his help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK CANTARA,
Acting Chief Engineer.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES

Appropriation	\$25,000.00
Credits	125.41
Total	<u>\$25,125.41</u>

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$19,393.16
Gas, light and power	257.71
Telephone	146.91
Water	49.40
Office supplies	32.57
Grease, gasoline and oil	250.42
Coal	548.24
Fire alarm system	214.52
Equipment	2,680.75
Truck repairs	219.60
Building repairs	167.36
Janitor supplies	185.11
Parcel post, freight and express	36.96
Transportation	3.00
Meals	27.30
Insurance	621.15
Time clock	14.19
Repairs on equipment	53.31
Supplies	202.34
Painting truck and equipment	83.23
Ice	12.51
Total expenditures	<u>\$25,198.74</u>
Appropriation and credits	<u>25,125.41</u>
Overdraft	\$73.33

Report of the Street Commissioner

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

In accordance with the provision of the charter of the City of Biddeford, I report herewith as Street Commissioner the activities of said department for the year ending November 30, 1935.

DISTRICT NO. 4

One hundred and five thousand (105,000) gallons of tar were used on the streets during the year.

The following streets were treated with tar:

May Street, from South to Alfred Road; Summit Street, Round Hill, Roberts Street, Amherst Street, Beacon Ave., Taylor Street, Mason Street, Green Street, Wentworth Street, South Street, from May to Second Boston & Maine Bridge; Union Street, West Myrtle Street, Prospect Street, from Birch Street to West Street; Fall Street, Acorn Street, Summer Street, Middle Street, State Street, from Union to West Street; Granite Street, from Atlantic Street to West Street; Mt. Pleasant Street, Harvey Street, Main Street, from Mt. Pleasant Street to Bridge by the City Farm; Adams Street, Walnut Street, Laurier Street, Highland Street, Vine Ave., Spruce Street, Webber Hospital and Trull Hospital driveways.

Five thousand gallons of tar were used on the Extension of Granite.

Seven thousand gallons of tar were also used on the Goodwin's Mills Road by the new bridge.

Some of these streets have received two applications of tar and were scarified, graded and rolled.

Gravel roads were built on the following streets: Extension of Granite, one-half mile; Main Street, from Bridge to South Street. Aurore Street, Cote Court, Dearborn Ave., Westfield Street. Approximately 1,300 yards of gravel were used on Grayson Street which is the Airport Road.

SEWERS AND DRAINS

One hundred and twenty feet of 8-inch sewer on Green Street was put in through ledge. Lafayette Street sewer was extended to the river, and also the Pine Street sewer was extended to the river. Many sewers were dug up and pipes ranging from 6 inches to 24 inches were replaced.

Twenty-three new pockets were built on the two sewers on Maple Street; three on Prospect Street, one on Center Street, one on Water Street, four on May Street, one on Vine Street, two on Alfred Street, two down Biddeford Pool, one on Congress Street, one on Washington Street, one on Franklin Street, two on Orchard Street, one on High Street, one on Upper Main Street, and many others were repaired or rebuilt.

SIDEWALKS

Many sidewalks were built during the year with cinders. Brick sidewalks were relaid on many of our streets, and about 1,200 yards of curbing were reset.

BRIDGES

A new bridge was built on the Granite Point Road. Buzzle Road Bridge was replanked. The railing of the Pine Street bridge was welded and the bridge tarred. The block on the Main Street bridge was reset in tar and the bridge also tarred.

RECAPITULATION

Forty-seven trees were cut down and limbs and shrubs were removed. Bushes and weeds were removed from streets and highways.

Gutters were dug and about fifty driveway boxes replaced and repaired.

About 1,100 gallons of cold patch tar were used on street maintenance.

Fourteen small Maple trees were set on the Emery School ground.

The City garage was painted and new offices built in the garage. Trucks were all overhauled and snowplows were all rebuilt and painted.

I recommend that the City purchase a $\frac{3}{8}$ -yard shovel to replace the old gravel loader. Also a small sidewalk tractor for snow removal.

Respectfully submitted,

RODOLPHE VANASSE,
Street Commissioner.

Federal Relief

Honorable Members of the Council:

It pleases me to give to you, gentlemen, and to the public, a report of the administration of Federal Relief in the City of Biddeford.

When I assumed the duties of Administrator of Federal Relief funds last January 7th, an appeal was made to the authorities in Augusta, for an increase in allocation of money and projects, with the result that the payroll for Federal work was increased to about \$3,000.00 weekly. We have received from January 7th to November 30th, Federal money amounting approximately to \$120,000.00. This was paid directly to our citizens who were employed on various projects, and who would have had to seek aid from our welfare department had not this money been available. Moreover, large quantities of commodities such as food and clothing were allocated to the City and distributed to our relief families, saving thousands of dollars to our welfare department.

The following projects were in operation or completed during the year: The Swan Pond Bridge employing 61 men was finished in March. This project was completed without any expense whatever to the City of Biddeford. A mattress factory project was continued, giving work to 88 employees. This project was later changed to a dress factory project now employing 115 women. A public building project was in operation throughout the year employing 10 men. Under this project many necessary repairs were made to the City Building and to several schoolhouses. The roof of the City Building was leaking so that rain was ruining all the inside of the building. The edge of the roof was raised two feet with two drain conductors going direct to the sewer from inside of building, water spouts being done away with. The Street Commissioner's office, adjoining Judge Ayer's office, was moved to the City Garage and the room remodeled for a Probate Court Room seating 50 people. The City garage was also painted inside.

The Municipal Court Room, the G. A. R. Hall, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall and corridors were painted and repaired.

In the Emery School 158 window panes were put in and new sash cords were put in every window, which were much needed. New ceilings had to be made where the plastering had fallen. The walls were painted and furniture varnished. A shower bath was put in the basement. The two main entrances were repaired. There is still much work to be done which is planned and approved by the WPA. The Birch Street School was in an old-fashioned, unsanitary condition, the toilets being in the classrooms with no ventilation. A partition was made in the main corridor on the first floor and two comfort rooms, one for girls and one for boys, were put in.

On May 3rd a project was approved for building streets and sidewalks. This work has been much appreciated as many streets had no sidewalks and those that had were not in very good condition. We have covered over 40,000 sq. yds. of asphalt sidewalks, reset several thousand yards of brick sidewalks and reset curbing. This work has employed an average of 102 laborers.

On June 8th a project was approved for painting crosswalks and curbing which employed four laborers during three weeks.

On June 25th a project was approved for the erection of a wire fence around the High School employing seven laborers for one week.

On August 2nd a sewer construction project was started on Third Street, Biddeford Pool, employing 50 laborers during four weeks.

Our largest project, the Airport project, was a great benefit, as it cost the City very little for materials, and employed an average of 115 men. This project will continue for many more months, and be of lasting value to the City, as it will bring it in line with any modern city in the State.

We also have a project for clerical workers, revising and rewriting records of vital statistics and other City records. All these projects have been renewed and will continue until July 1, 1936.

A great deal of credit should be given to Conrad Fortier for the successful administration of this department. Mr. Fortier devoted long hours daily, so that the greatest benefit could be derived from Federal Aid, to the end that our poor unfortunates be given relief through difficult months facing us.

Following is a report of expenditures on several projects and total receipts from the Federal Government:

Airport	\$ 4,265.96
City Building and schools	5,307.41
Streets and sidewalks	14,247.47
Comforter and dress factory	1,384.03
Swan Pond Bridge	4.50
Social service	711.10
Administrative	1,002.29
Canning factory	271.76
Painting crosswalks	135.80
Biddeford Pool sewer	1,358.75
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Total	\$28,689.07

Appropriation	\$ 15,000.00
Credits	1,201.05
Federal funds	120,000.00
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Total	\$136,201.05

Respectfully,

ARTHUR J. REMILLARD,
Mayor.

Mayors of Biddeford Since 1855

- 1855-6 Daniel E. Somes, Republican.
1857 James Andrews, Republican.
1858-9 Cyrus Gordon, Democrat.
1860 Jonathan Tuck, Democrat.
1860 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 Rep.
- 1902 Joseph Gooch, citizen, Republican and Dem.
- 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.
- 1922-25 Edward H. Drapeau, Democrat and Independent.
- 1926-29 George C. Precourt, Progressive and Republican.
- 1930-31 Cornelius Horigan, Democrat and Independent.
- 1932 Jerome A. Morin, Republican and Progressive.
- 1933 Jerome A. Morin, Progressive.
- 1934 George E. Beauchesne, Progressive.
- 1935 Arthur J. Remillard, Democrat.



City Clerks of Biddeford Since 1855

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
1923-5	Arthur H. Hevey
1926-9	Alfred Lantagne
1930-1	Joseph J. Salvas
1932-4	Joseph O. LaCourse
1935	Armand Duquette

