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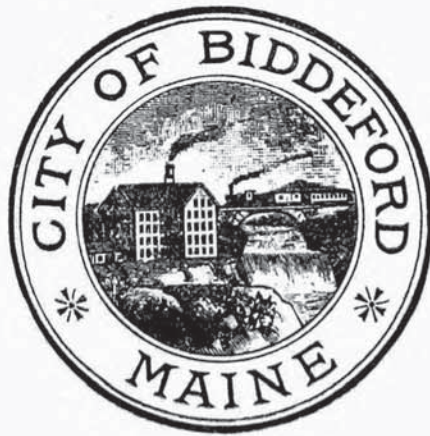
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ANNUAL REPORT

CITY OF BIDDEFORD



For Fiscal Year

Beginning December 1, 1938

and Ending November 30, 1939

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Mayor

WILFRID LANDRY

AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 8, 1939.

HONORABLE WILFRID LANDRY, MAYOR, AND MEMBERS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF BIDDEFORD, MAINE.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request by Council Order, dated November 6, 1939, we have examined the records of the City of Biddeford as kept by the Treasurer, Tax Collector and City Auditor for the municipal year ended November 30, 1939, and submit herewith the following statements and schedules:

- Comments
- Comparative Balance Sheet
- Proof of Change in Net Debt
- Report of Treasurer
- Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance
- Summary of Unexpended and Overdraft Balances
- Schedule of 1939 Taxes
- Schedule of 1939 Excise Tax
- Schedule of Prior Years' Taxes
- Schedule of Trust Funds
- Schedule of Bonded Debt
- Schedule of Departmental Accounts Receivable
- Reconciliation of all Accounts

In our opinion, subject to the comments submitted, the accompanying statements fairly reflect the financial condition of the City as of November 30, 1939, and the result of its operations for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT,

HAROLD E. CRAWFORD, *Chief Auditor*

COMMENTS

General Cash

Cash received, as recorded, was properly accounted for, properly substantiated by receipts, and reconciled with the deposits as reported by the bank.

Expenditures were made from properly authorized warrants and payments made by check; vouchers on file were examined and ascertained to be properly approved.

Petty Cash

This represents fund placed in custody of the Tax Collector, available for current use, and has been verified by actual count.

Uncollected Taxes

We have examined the records of the Collector and ascertained that all taxes committed were found to have been properly accounted for, either in cash, properly authorized abatements, or still outstanding on the tax books.

Payments received on tax deeds and liens were verified and found properly accounted for.

Again we would recommend that old unpaid taxes considered uncollectible should be written off.

Departmental Accounts Receivable

With reference to 1938 balance, there has apparently been very little attention given to the collection of sewer permits and W. P. A. curbing accounts during the year. We recommend that some effort be made to collect these.

Trust Funds

Trust funds as reported were verified by examination of the savings bank books, and all interest credited has been properly accounted for.

Bonds Payable

Complete detail of the outstanding bonds is shown in a

separate schedule. During the year, additional bonds were issued in the sum of \$50,000 at a 2% rate to refund a previous 4% issue which matured during the year. Appropriations for reduction of bonded indebtedness amounted to \$38,500.00.

General

The annual reports submitted by the several departments were found in agreement with the Auditor's books. It was reported that all bills have been paid.

We wish to express our appreciation for the coöperation extended to us during the period of our examination.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

November 30, 1939

ASSETS

	Nov. 30, 1938	Nov. 30, 1939
Cash:		
General	\$ 8,546.15	\$ 6,691.25
Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
Uncollected Taxes:		
1939		81,235.56
1938	81,460.90	9,911.62
1937	7,503.97	7,051.85
1936	6,727.28	6,532.27
1935	6,730.58	6,674.18
1934 and Prior	108,065.33	107,998.46
Tax Liens:		
1938		14,238.95
1937	14,356.39	11,062.92
1936	8,333.99	7,298.37
1935	5,422.84	4,226.15
1934	3,057.29	2,803.78
Tax Deeds:		
1933 and Prior	17,553.61	16,213.48

Accounts Receivable:		
Departmental	8,304.04	19,461.28
Overdrafts Deferred:		
School Department	3,821.08	3,333.21
Sinking Fund:		
Savings Bank Deposits	42,344.01	53,629.10
Trust Funds Invested:		
Savings Bank Deposits	15,059.68	15,747.47
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Total Assets	\$337,437.14	\$374,259.90
Net City Debt	417,304.70	358,141.47
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	\$754,741.84	\$732,401.37

LIABILITIES

	Nov. 30, 1938	Nov. 30, 1939
Bonds Payable:		
Funding	\$269,500.00	\$242,000.00
Refunding	325,000.00	325,000.00
High School Annex	40,000.00	30,000.00
State Road	1,000.00	
Unexpended Balances Deferred:		
State Tax—1938	76,601.45	
County Tax—1938	25,482.43	
State Tax—1939		81,976.60
County Tax—1939		25,138.16
Teachers' Retirement Fund	361.95	254.18
School Department	1,736.33	289.13
Old Age Assistance		11,995.83
Trust Funds:		
Principal and Income	15,059.68	15,747.47
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	\$754,741.84	\$732,401.37

PROOF OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT
November 30, 1939

Net Debt, November 30, 1938		\$417,304.70
Add:		
Abatements allowed for 1936, 1937 and 1938 taxes	1,351.44	
Adjustment of Tax Deeds and Liens	381.85	
Adjustment Vocational Education Account	403.50	
To charge off bad Accounts Re- ceivable	35.18	
	\$419,476.67	
Deduct:		
Credits on accounts applicable to 1938 year	136.41	
Credits on Tax Deeds not listed as assets	58.76	
Bonds retired	38,500.00	
Sinking Fund Payment	10,000.00	
Interest for 1939 credited by sav- ings bank to Sinking Fund Sav- ings Account	1,285.09	
Net Unexpended Balances for 1939	11,354.94	
	61,335.20	
Net Debt, November 30, 1939		\$358,141.47

REPORT OF TREASURER
November 30, 1939

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance—November 30, 1938		\$ 8,546.15
Taxes:		
Property—Current Year	\$614,934.28	
Poll—Current Year	6,510.00	
Property and Poll—Prior Years ..	72,656.09	
Tax Deeds—Prior Years	1,135.27	
Tax Liens—Prior Years	17,119.63	
Excise Tax—1938 and 1939	22,620.50	
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	609.58	
Bank Stock Tax	119.73	
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Total from Taxes	\$735,705.08	
Dog Licenses and Refunds	487.74	
Departmental Receipts:		
Administration	\$11,289.67	
Protection	2,350.21	
Health and Sanitation	1,041.00	
Highways	26,179.70	
Charities	10,728.15	
Education	41,267.34	
Library	170.00	
Miscellaneous	136.41	
Teachers' Retirement Fund	683.90	
Cemeteries	95.00	
Accounts Receivable	7,172.33	
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Total Departmental Receipts	101,113.71	
Interest:		
On Taxes	\$663.02	
On Trust Funds	344.15	
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Total from Interest	1,007.17	
Temporary Loans	325,000.00	
Cemetery Trust Funds	650.00	
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Total Receipts	1,163,963.70	
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Total Available	1,172,509.85	
Total Warrants Paid	1,165,818.60	
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Cash Balance—November 30, 1939		\$6,691.25

**RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH
BALANCE**

November 30, 1939

Check Book Balance	\$ 6,691.25	
Outstanding Checks	11,250.19	
	\$17,941.44	
Bank Balance	\$15,387.81	
Deposits not Credited	2,553.63	
	\$17,941.44	
Cash Balance	\$6,691.25	
Check Book Balance	6,691.25	
Difference (Cash on Hand)		0.00

**SUMMARY OF OVERDRAFT AND UNEXPENDED
BALANCES**

November 30, 1939

	Overdraft	Unexpended
Administrative :		
Armory	\$ 223.98	
City Building		\$ 2,732.28
Contingent		17,094.36
Election Expense	747.59	
General Expense		321.83
Salaries		715.74
Protection of Persons and Property :		
Fire Department		989.18
Police Department		1,958.90
Hydrant Rentals		458.87
Health and Sanitation :		
Health Department		268.06
Sewers and Drain		819.96
Garbage Collection	68.12	

Waste Collection		1,694.96
Highways :		
Bridges		747.82
Highway District No. 4	32,076.57	
Fortune's Rocks District		3.25
Newtown Road District15
Oak Ridge District50
Pool Road District		10.24
Pool District		7.50
Resurfacing Streets	1,707.09	
Sidewalks		500.00
Snow Removal	2,131.69	
W. P. A.	18,686.31	
Truck		2,000.00
Ward 7, North		8.19
Ward 7, East		13.35
Ward 7, West		50.43
State Aid Nos. 5 and 7		1,006.70
Street Lights	76.69	
Charities :		
Pauper Department	37,843.59	
Homestead		44.53
Mothers' Aid	193.50	
Insane		341.35
Education :		
Common Schools	933.72	807.32
Census		130.94
Insurance	99.98	
Medical Inspection		14.09
School Committee and Office Ex- pense		28.32
Flags		2.34
Apparatus and Equipment	197.95	
Vocational Education		5.00
Repairs	317.84	
Miscellaneous	32.28	

Recreation:

Parks	4.67
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Cemeteries:

Woodlawn Cemetery	94.64
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Unclassified:

Excise Tax	22,129.82
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Overlay	47,921.11
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Tax on Bank Stock	119.73
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Railroad and Telegraph Tax	609.58
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Tax Abatements—General	1,144.66
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Dog Licenses and Refunds	589.51
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Supplemental Taxes	1,971.99
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Debt and Interest:

Interest	2,807.85
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\$ 97,075.94

Net Unexpended Balance to

Net City Debt	11,354.94
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\$108,430.88 \$108,430.88

SCHEDULE OF 1939 TAXES

Commitment:

Real Estate:

Resident	\$382,268.32
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Non-Resident	192,578.06
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Supplemental	364.80
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Total Real Estate	\$575,211.18
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Personal Estate:

Resident	\$38,506.08
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Non-resident	71,620.80
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Supplemental	289.68
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Total Personal Estate	110,416.56
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5,356 Poll Taxes at \$3.00	\$16,068.00	
Supplemental—1st	891.00	
Supplemental—2nd	75.00	
		17,034.00
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Total Commitment		\$702,661.74

CREDITS TO COLLECTOR

Real Estate:

Cash Collections	\$490,814.90	
Abatements—Pepperell	20,046.03	
Abatements—General	2,164.82	
Uncollected, November 30, 1939 ..	62,185.43	
		\$575,211.18
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Personal:

Cash Collections	\$81,367.36	
Abatements—Pepperell	20,046.03	
Abatements—General	477.04	
Uncollected, November 30, 1939	8,526.13	
		110,416.56
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Poll:

Cash Collections	\$ 6,507.00	
Abatement	3.00	
Uncollected, November 30, 1939 ..	10,524.00	
		17,034.00
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Total Credit to Collector	\$702,661.74
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SUMMARY

Commitment	\$702,661.74
Cash Collections	\$578,689.26
Abatements	42,736.92
Uncollected Taxes, November 30, 1939	81,235.56
	<hr/> \$702,661.74

Schedule of 1939 Excise Tax

Collected and remitted to Treasurer	\$22,620.50
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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEARS' TAXES

1938

Real Estate:

Uncollected, November 30, 1938 ..	\$61,982.85	
Supplemental	4.90	
	\$61,987.75	
Cash Collections	\$37,808.89	
Tax Liens	23,515.52	
Abatements	663.34	
	\$61,987.75	

Personal:

Uncollected, November 30, 1938 ..	\$8,942.05	
Supplemental	4.41	
	\$8,946.46	
Cash Collections	\$4,536.20	
Abatements	264.84	
Uncollected, November 30, 1939 ..	4,145.42	
	\$8,946.46	

Poll:

Uncollected, November 30, 1938 ..	\$10,536.00	
Supplemental	321.00	
	\$10,857.00	
Cash Collections	\$4,689.00	
Abatements	402.00	
Uncollected, November 30, 1939 ..	5,766.00	
	\$10,857.00	

SUMMARY

Uncollected, November 30, 1939:

Personal	\$4,145.42	
Poll	5,766.00	
	\$9,911.42	

1937

	Personal	Poll
Uncollected, November 30, 1938	\$2,859.97	\$4,644.00
Supplemental		18.00
Refund		3.00
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	\$2,859.97	\$4,665.00
Cash Collections	\$ 227.12	\$ 240.00
Abatements		6.00
Uncollected, November 30, 1939	2,632.85	4,419.00
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	\$2,859.97	\$4,665.00

1936

Uncollected, November 30, 1938	\$2,632.28	\$4,095.00
Supplemental		3.00
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	\$2,632.28	\$4,098.00
Cash Collections	\$ 92.65	\$ 72.00
Abatements	15.26	
Uncollected, November 30, 1939	2,524.37	4,026.00
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	\$2,632.28	\$4,098.00

1935

Uncollected, November 30, 1938	2,929.58	3,801.00
Cash Collections	14.40	42.00
Uncollected, November 30, 1939	2,915.18	3,759.00

SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS

November 30, 1939

Fund Number	Name of Fund	Cemetery Lot No.	Bank and Savings Book No.	Balance Nov. 30, 1938	Interest Earned	Interest Withdrawn	New Funds During Year	Balance Nov. 30, 1939
1.	Charles Beaumont	36 W	1136 P	\$ 100.00	\$ 2.51	\$ 2.51		\$ 100.00
2.	J. E. Brooks	216 W	2052 P	200.00	5.02	5.02		200.00
3.	Jeremiah Bunker	B-P	10308 B	671.07	16.88	18.00		669.95
4.	Eilen Burnham	487 W	12286 B	50.09	1.26	1.26		50.09
5.	Emeline Burnham	164 W	2801 B	238.01	5.98	5.98		238.01
6.	Horace Clark	243 W	5874 B	75.48	1.89	2.00		75.37
7.	Cleaves Poor Fund		5455 B	1,443.27	36.30			1,479.57
8.	Cleaves Fund		1151 P	461.43	11.60	11.60		461.43
9.	Elizabeth Cole	319 W	8779 B	211.09	5.30	7.00		209.39
10.	Celanise Crochiere	St.J.	11917 B	101.68	2.54			104.22
11.	Celanise Crochiere	St.J.	11916 B	101.68	2.54			104.22
12.	George B. Curtis	121 W	14731 B	100.02	2.51	2.51		100.02
13.	Sarah B. Curtis	861 W	5595 B	152.45	3.83	5.00		151.28
14.	Amanda Davis	143 W	6180 P	200.00	5.02	5.02		200.00
15.	Annie M. Dustin	618 W	7832 B	50.16	1.26	1.26		50.16
16.	Emmons Fund	518 W	14000 B	100.09	2.51	2.51		100.09
17.	Mary A. Farwell Ellis	8 G	1121 B	102.67	2.57	2.57		102.67
18.	W. M. T. Flanders	622 W	1843 P	100.00	2.51	2.51		100.00
19.	William J. Graves	842 W	8735 P	100.00	2.51	2.51		100.00
20.	Sophia Harvey	89 W	8736 P	150.00	3.76	3.76		150.00
21.	Elizabeth P. Haines	158-9 W	7231 P	200.00	5.02	5.02		200.00
22.	Cynthia J. Haynes	114 W	12592 B	100.42	2.51	2.71		100.22
23.	Ann R. Hamilton	270 G	13633 B	104.50	2.61	2.61		104.50
24.	Eben Hill	160 W	9331 P	100.00	2.51	2.51		100.00
25.	Albert O. Hill	870 W	9160 P	200.00	5.02	5.02		200.00
26.	Thomas G. Hill	407 W	6816 P	100.00	2.51	2.51		100.00
27.	Jennie M. Johnson	598 W	5696 B	100.06	2.51	2.51		100.06
28.	Mary Joy	668 W	11179 B	100.15	2.51	2.51		100.15
29.	Benjamin A. Kenison	14 W	1654 B	214.36	5.39	7.00		212.75
30.	Alveretta Littlefield	11 W	13800 B	100.15	2.51	2.51		100.15
31.	Jack Lunt Fund	152 W	9512 B	225.30	5.66	7.00		223.96
32.	William Mason	320 W	5986 B	102.76	2.58	5.00		100.34
33.	Ministerial Fund		8059 B	1,136.24	28.58			1,164.82
34.	Christina Murphy	858 W	3812 B	50.00	1.24	1.24		50.00
35.	Betsey Murray	557 W	10203 B	298.29	7.51	7.51		298.29
36.	Mary McWhirter	529 W	10449 B	100.21	2.51	2.51		100.21
37.	Leavitt-Patrick	516 W	8297 P	100.00	2.51	2.51		100.00
38.	Charles Ricker	532 W	10454 B	100.21	2.51	2.51		100.21
39.	Julia A. Ricker	541 W	12083 B	75.31	1.89	2.00		75.20
40.	Charles Smith	392 W	13360 B	109.90	2.53	3.43		100.00
41.	Hannah Smith	317 W	9487 B	108.25	2.71	5.00		105.96
42.	Mary A. Smith	262-264 W	5875 B	652.30	16.40	16.40		652.30
43.	Thomas D. Shur	221 G	1827 B	102.71	2.57	2.57		102.71
44.	Hannibal D. Taylor	D M R	1355 P	50.00	1.24	1.24		50.00

45.	Goodrich and Wilson	23 W	8195 P	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
46.	Jane F. Webster	60 W	2460 B	189.62	4.75	6.00	188.37
47.	Abraham Kay	490 W	20591 B	102.10	2.57	5.00	99.67
48.	Jothram W. Benson	108 G	20690 B	102.75	2.58	2.58	102.75
49.	Ida N. Witham	30 W	31114 Y	153.39	3.85	7.00	150.24
50.	Lizzie Hutchins	124-5 W	10932 P	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
51.	J. S. Hill	111 W	31229 Y	150.08	3.77	3.77	150.08
52.	George H. Stone	777 W	31250 Y	100.10	2.51	2.51	100.10
53.	John R. Bonser	130 W	31357 Y	100.05	2.51	2.51	100.05
54.	Mabel G. Chellis	829 W	31691 Y	155.75	3.90	7.00	152.65
55.	Georgia A. Warren	460 W	31695 Y	206.30	5.18	10.00	201.48
56.	George A. Anthoine	260 W	31900 Y	150.13	3.78	3.78	150.13
57.	Charles and Augusta Smith	382 W	31903 Y	100.19	2.51	2.51	100.19
58.	William Elliott	524 W	31940 Y	150.08	3.77	3.77	150.08
59.	Edwin H. and Minetta A Dennett	269 W	32064 Y	100.08	2.51	2.51	100.08
60.	Lois A. Drew Strout	211 W	32097 Y	202.02	5.08	6.00	201.10
61.	W. W. Center	830 W	32450 Y	150.08	3.77	3.77	150.08
62.	Clarence E. Huff	221 W	32775 Y	100.07	2.51	2.51	100.07
63.	Mary A. Thompson	885 W	25076 B	202.08	5.08	6.00	201.16
64.	Nellie M. Haley	836 W	25291 B	100.07	2.51	2.51	100.07
65.	Mary A. Day	446 W	25310 B	307.46	7.73	10.00	305.19
66.	Charles Staples	434 W	33894 Y	100.05	2.51	2.51	100.05
67.	Oren Foss	555 W	33801 Y	100.01	2.51	2.51	100.01
68.	Anna D. Clark	472 W	34118 Y	200.33	7.09	6.00	\$300.00 501.42
69.	J. T. P. Waterhouse	103 W	34349 Y	100.05	2.51	2.51	100.05
70.	Catherine Weymouth	538 W	26605 B	50.01	1.26	1.26	50.01
71.	D. O. Goldthwaite	102 W	26750 B	200.03	5.03	5.03	200.03
72.	John S. Fogg	171 W	26953 B	200.03	5.03	5.03	200.03
73.	Mary Haines	193 G	27174 B	128.14	3.21	3.21	128.14
74.	Flora M. Kay	490 W	34672 Y	100.15	2.51	2.51	100.15
75.	Henrietta Smith	196 W	34621 Y	200.08	5.03	5.03	200.08
76.	Orindia F. Odall	249 W	35446 Y	200.21	5.03	5.03	200.21
77.	Nellie Tarbox	55 W	27355 B	100.01	2.51	2.51	100.01
78.	Alice F. Gilpatrick	332 W	15869 P	200.00	5.02	5.02	200.00
79.	Adelbert E. Parker	387 W	17416 P	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
80.	Daniel Robie	874 W	17470 P	200.00	5.02	5.02	200.00
81.	Wallace H. Rich and Mary E. Hussey	943 W	17520 P	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
82.	Elizabeth Smith	851 W	18425 P	150.00	3.45	3.45	150.00
83.	Aaron O. Nason	48 W	18157 P	301.87	7.57	9.00	300.44
84.	Clara Emerson	845 W	18424 P	75.00	1.72	1.72	75.00
85.	M. J. Leavitt and George Olsen	864 W	18864 P		.62	.62	100.00 100.00
86.	Lillian V. Gilpin	132 W	18863 P		1.56	1.56	250.00 250.00

Total on Deposit, November 30, 1938

\$15,059.68

Interest Earned

\$381.94

Interest Withdrawn

\$344.15

New Funds during Year

\$650.00

Total on Deposit, November 30, 1939

\$15,747.47

SCHEDULE OF BONDED DEBT**November 30, 1939**

Purpose	Issue	Maturity	Rate	Amount
Funding	1935	1945	3¾	\$ 99,000.00
Funding	1937	1952	3¾	143,000.00
*Refunding	1939	1949	2	50,000.00
Refunding	1920	1940	5	25,000.00
Refunding	1925	1945	4	50,000.00
Refunding	1929	1949	4½	200,000.00
High School Annex	1925	1942	4	30,000.00

Total Bonds outstanding, Nov. 30, 1939	\$597,000.00
Bonds outstanding, Nov. 30, 1938	\$635,500.00
*New Issue 2% Refunding Bonds	50,000.00
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	\$685,500.00
Paid 3¾% Bonds refund- ed by New Issue	\$50,000.00
Paid Serial Bonds	38,500.00
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	88,500.00
Bonds outstanding, Nov. 30, 1939	\$597,000.00

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS**RECEIVABLE****November 30, 1939**

	1939	1938
W. P. A.:		
Cement Curbings	\$ 1,075.62	\$ 822.84
City Building:		
Rentals	575.00	

Sewers and Drains :		
Sewer Permits	40.00	100.00
Homestead :		
State of Maine	12.50	
Pauper Department :		
State of Maine	2,790.41	
Other Towns	327.86	173.69
Highway District No. 4 :		
Biddeford and Saco Railroad	13,543.36	
	\$18,366.75	\$1,096.53
Total, 1938-1939		\$19,461.28

BOARD OF SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS

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

The following is a report of principal and interest receipts by the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners for the fiscal year of 1939 :

Balance on hand at date of report for 1938		\$42,344.01
Date	Principal	Interest
December 15, 1938	\$10,000.00	\$52,344.01
November 1, 1939		\$1,285.00 \$53,629.10

This amount of \$53,629.10 is on deposit in the Pepperell Trust Company, as evidenced by passbook number 15557.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. BOLAND, *President.*

EDOUARD DELORGE, *Secretary.*

LOUIS B. LAUSIER, *Treasurer.*

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:

We, the Board of Assessors, herewith submit a report of abatement of taxes during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1939, as required by the City Charter.

For SAUL GAGNE, Collector of Taxes for 1939

Pepperell Mfg. Co., Real Estate	\$20,046.03
Pepperell Mfg. Co., Personal	20,046.03
General Real Estate Abatements	2,164.82
General Personal Abatements	477.04
Poll Tax	3.00
	\$42,736.92

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. SIMPSON,
THOMAS F. FLANAGAN,
LINIERE DOYON,

Assessors for the Year 1939.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

November 30, 1939.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, CITY OF BIDDEFORD, MAINE.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the school laws of Maine, it gives me pleasure to submit to you the following report of the Department of Education for the municipal year 1939.

All schools under the supervision of this Department have been in full operation throughout the year. All school buildings, with minor exceptions, are in very good general condition and are equipped with approved sanitary facilities.

During the year, items of minor emergency repair have been completed in the different schools, including repairs to boilers, stoves and equipment, and new steps at the Hollis and Mountain Road schools. At the high school, all trees were trimmed and treated against Gypsy Moth and tree borer damage.

Several items of major repair, however, were not attempted, as they were not provided for in the year's budget, and these should be considered for the coming year. Attention is invited to the following list:

URGENT REPAIRS

Renew or eliminate broken steps in the retaining wall, Emery School grounds, Summer Street side, heighten the wall, and regrade grounds.

Reface the cement back wall in rear of this school.

Take down all smoke piping in the Emery School fire-room for examination, renewing defective lengths as found necessary.

Replaster ceiling, Pool School, or install metal ceiling, and repaint walls.

Patch plaster and paint walls of four closets in the Birch Street School.

Repaper or paint walls of the Hollis Road School.

Repaint interior of the Morrill School.

Patch plaster and paint walls of the Elm Street School.

Whiten ceilings of all rural schools.

DESIRABLE REPAIRS

Refinish desk tops in five rooms at the Emery School, as was done to those in previous years at the high, Washington Street and Birch Street Schools.

Install electric lights in District Schools — Hollis Road, Mountain Road, Newtown, Oak Ridge and Guinea.

Paint exterior of the Birch and Bradbury Street Schools.

Paint exterior of Morrill, Pool, Oak Ridge, Mountain Road, Hollis Road and Elm Street Schools.

Paint basement corridor and side stairways, high school.

Relay bricks of front walks, high school, and repair the two sidewalks near the gymnasium, or remove bricks and substitute tarvia.

Install radiators in the four front toilets, Washington Street School. Install panic bars on doors of Bradbury Street School, also on Wentworth Street and Birch Street Schools.

It is recommended that some new typewriter equipment be furnished in the commercial department of the high school. There are now thirty typewriters in constant use throughout the school day. Of these, seven are ten years old, eight are eight years old, the others, three and one-half years. It is common school practice to renew typewriters every three years in order to take advantage of special school allowances and discounts, and to keep the equipment in efficient working condition. It is expensive to keep in repair old equipment.

Attention is invited to the need of a steel fireproof cabinet in the high school to safeguard the school records. The only provision for these at the present time is a filing case of wood, of obsolete design, which cannot be properly locked.

During the past four years, audiometric tests which have been given in the schools have shown that an increasing number of children are handicapped with impaired hearing. In order for these pupils to progress normally in school life, the matter of making some adjustment necessary to their handicap should be considered in the near future. At a nominal cost, Lip Reading Service could be provided, and it is recommended that the inauguration of this service be taken under advisement for the coming calendar year.

The plan inaugurated last year of bringing in to the city schools the eighth grade pupils of the rural schools has been continued, and transportation facilities were extended, beginning this year in September, to include the seventh grade pupils from these schools.

The following tabulation shows the pupil registration in the several schools at this date:

(See table on Page 25)

Grades	Hollis Rd.	Mountain Rd.	Elm St.	Morrill	Pool	Newtown	Oak Ridge	Guinea	Bradbury	Wentworth	Birch	Washington	Emery	High	Totals
Sub-Primary	4	2	10	11	2	0	3	3	24	24	0	15	26		124
I	1	2	4	4	3	1	2	7	13	7	0	13	33		90
II	2	5	8	3	2	3	1	5	9	16	0	10	28		92
III	1	6	8	2	2	3	3	6	0	0	14	25	26		96
IV	1	5	9	2	2	3	3	2			16	28	33		104
V	4	6	11	1	3	3	2	1			19	29	35		114
VI			7	1	2	1	1	4			35	31	35		117
VII											38	28	40		106
VIII													97		97
Freshman														146	146
Sophomore														124	124
Junior														113	113
Senior														97	97
Post-Graduate														3	3
Totals	13	26	57	24	16	14	15	28	46	47	122	179	353	483	1,423

School Calendar, 1939-1940

FALL TERM (14 weeks) :

Schools open Monday, September 11th.

Holidays:

York County Teachers' Convention, Friday, September 29th.

Columbus Day, Thursday, October 12th.

State Teachers' Convention, Thursday-Friday, October 26th-27th.

Thanksgiving Recess, Thursday-Friday, November 30th-December 1st.

Schools close Friday, December 15th.

Vacation, one week.

WINTER TERM, First Half (8 weeks) :

Schools open Wednesday, December 27th.

Holidays:

New Year's, Monday, January 1st.

Schools close Friday, February 16th.

Vacation, one week.

WINTER TERM, Second Half (7 weeks) :

Schools open Monday, February 26th.

Schools close Friday, April 12th.

Vacation, one week.

SPRING TERM (8 weeks) :

Schools open Monday, April 22nd.

Holidays:

Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30th.

Schools close Friday, June 14th.

Total school weeks, 37.

Commencement Week, June 17th-21st.

The pupils in all schools have shown real progress according to local and state standards and in the light of national standardized tests, and have evidenced a splendid spirit of coöperation.

For the information of parents, the following rule of the Board of Education relative to the entrance into the sub-primary grade is again quoted:

“Any child five years of age at the opening of schools in September, or within two weeks thereafter, may be admitted to the school in that year, otherwise he shall not be admitted until September of the following calendar year.”

The members of the teaching staff have efficiently conducted their several classes and schools and performed their instructional duties to satisfaction.

Teachers joining the Biddeford School System in September, 1939, are :

High School — Betty Herndon, Beverly, Mass., commercial subjects and General Science; William R. Johnson, Hallowell, Maine, Mathematics, Advanced Science, and coach of Baseball; Kenneth S. Marshall, Lynn, Mass., commercial subjects and assistant coach of Athletics.

Birch Street — Guy F. Morang, Columbia Falls, Maine, Principal and Seventh Grade.

Elm Street—Francis L. Thompson, Portland, Maine, upper room.

Guinea School—Elizabeth M. Pyer, Lewiston, Maine.

Manual Training — Howard D. Hurd, Goodwin's Mills, Maine.

High School (in October)—Walter L. Gustafson, Portsmouth, N. H., Mathematics, and coach of Football and Basketball.

The following named teachers left the system by resignation:

In June, 1939, Mrs. Eleanor L. Manchester, Mary A. Sylvester, Philip B. Foster, Fred M. West; in September,

George F. Morin, Leslie F. Ross; and in October, Bernice E. Dickerson and Kenneth K. McKiniry.

There are now employed in the public schools of Biddeford:

Teachers: High School	16
Elementary Schools (Urban)	28
Elementary Schools (Rural)	9
Special subjects	6
Janitors: (Urban)	5
(Rural)	7
Matron (at the High School)	1
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Total	72

Upon the resignation of one of the two teachers in the sub-primary room at the Emery School, it was decided by the Board not to replace this teacher, but to reduce the size of the class at this school by sending a number of the pupils to the Washington Street School, where there had been an insufficient enrollment for a legal class. To effect this plan, the Washington Street school district as applied to the sub-primary grade was extended to include territory as follows: Lower side of Birch Street near Alfred to Foss Street, thence left down Foss to Pool Street, thence on lower Pool to Hill Street, thence left down Hill to Main Street.

The Board of Education, with the approval of the City Council, has voted to inaugurate a free Adult Evening School, to open on December 4, 1939, at the Washington Street school building, sessions to be held three times a week, continuing for twenty weeks. All adult residents of Biddeford are eligible for enrollment.

There is submitted herewith the financial statement of this Department for the fiscal year, December 1, 1938, to November 30, 1939, inclusive, with all bills paid and every obligation met.

Together with this report is submitted the annual report of the Attendance Officer for the school year ending June 16, 1939.

It is generally recognized that the supreme object of schools is the necessity for teaching children to develop themselves in such a way as to be able to live successfully in a democracy. No one can look at the world situation to-day without recognizing the unique function of education in a democracy where the wisdom, the morality and the vitality of the state and the freedom, well-being and happiness of the population rest so directly upon the education of all the people. It may well be doubted if there can be democracy without free education, or anything else but democracy where education is free.

Again I take occasion to express my appreciation for the extreme courtesy and thorough coöperation shown me and this Department by the municipal officers of the City of Biddeford.

To the members of the Board of Education, I wish to voice my thanks for the support and assistance which they have rendered by their deep and thorough interest in providing opportunity and means for the progressive education for the youth of our City.

Respectfully submitted,

A. ALTON GARCELON, JR.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

June 19, 1939.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, BIDDEFORD,
MAINE:

I hereby submit my report for the school year 1938-1939,
ending June 16, 1939.

	Cases Investigated	Shoes Clothing	Truancy
Emery School	70	34	5
Washington School	85	68	13
Rural and other schools	13	19	0
St. Louis	106	6	4
St. Andre	97	218	5
Sacred Heart	25	4	1
St. Mary's	3	5	0
St. Joseph's	93	148	3

SUMMARY

Number of Investigations	492
Number of Cases of Truancy	31
Number of Children helped	502
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Total Number of Cases	1,025
Conviction for Truancy	1
Served First Papers on Parents	2

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY C. McKEEN,

Attendance Officer.

Year Ending November 30, 1939

FISCAL REPORT — DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

	Debits		Credits		Summary		Balance Sheet			
	Entry Dr.	Charges	Total Debits	Appropriation	Total Credits	Over-drawn	Unexpended	Dr.	Cr.	
Teachers' Salaries	\$1,994.39	\$ 62,539.23	\$ 64,533.62	\$47,000.00	\$17,822.75	\$ 64,822.75			\$289.13	
Janitor Service		8,068.40	8,068.40	7,700.50	25.90	7,726.40	\$ 342.00			
Transportation		10,638.07	10,638.07	10,629.33		10,629.33	8.74			
Fuel		6,234.88	6,234.88	6,226.00	235.70	6,461.70		\$226.82		
Textbooks		1,361.85	1,361.85	1,000.00	361.85	1,361.85				
Reference and Library Bks.		184.98	184.98	150.00	34.98	184.98				
Supplies		2,531.86	2,531.86	2,115.00	414.38	2,529.38	2.48			
Repairs		817.84	817.84	500.00		500.00	317.84			
Superintendence	1,228.33	3,890.00	5,028.33	2,628.33	1,200.00	3,828.33		\$1,200.00		
Census		299.06	299.06	430.00		430.00	130.94			
Medical Inspection		142.91	142.91	150.00	7.00	157.00	14.09			
Apparatus and Equipment		354.95	354.95	150.00	7.00	157.00	197.95			
Physical Education	598.36	3,238.27	3,836.63	1,600.00	1,120.00	2,720.00		1,116.63		
Insurance		1,445.48	1,445.48	1,313.50	32.00	1,345.50	99.98			
Manual Training		3,209.62	3,209.62	300.00	704.61	2,658.93		550.69		
Home Economics		1,334.57	1,334.57	200.00	586.67	868.68		465.89		
School Com. Office Ex- pense		121.68	121.68	150.00		150.00	28.32			
Miscellaneous		132.28	132.28	100.00		100.00	32.28			
Flags		72.66	72.66	75.00		75.00	2.34			
Vocational Education		11,719.39	11,719.39	5.00	11,719.39	11,724.39	5.00			
	\$3,821.08	\$118,247.98	\$122,069.06	\$1,736.33	\$82,422.66	\$34,272.23	\$118,431.22	\$1,001.27	\$3,333.21	\$289.13

Respectfully submitted,

A. ALTON GARCELON,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE McARTHUR LIBRARY ASSOCIATION :

For the second successive year the circulation of books for home reading has exceeded all previous records of the Library, and the number of borrowers registered has grown to 5,700, of whom 1,400 are in the Junior Department. To meet the growth in demand, we have added during the year to the Library's stock a total of 1,592 books, 200 of them gifts. We also rebound and gave new life to 191 more books, and added 19 volumes of essential magazines. The public has shown a most hearty appreciation of these accessions.

In the Senior Department, our special exhibit displays have drawn continued adult interest. These displays have featured local history, local handicraft, and acquainted the public with the excellent work being done by members of the local Camera Club. In the field of local history, the outstanding exhibit of the year was that devoted to Painchaud's Band and its nearly 70 years of continued activity. This display not only aroused great local interest, but even drew favorable mention in newspapers outside the State.

Another feature of the year was our first Christmas puppet play for children, which was so successful as to call for repetition during the new Christmas season now approaching. Each performance of the puppets was marked by a sharp gain in Junior book circulation, showing that the work had had the desired effect of increasing the children's interest in reading.

Yet, although the year has been very successful from the standpoint of Library progress, it has ended in sorrow because of the loss of Daniel E. Owen, the Association's president. In the death of Mr. Owen, on October 14th, the Library lost a devoted and capable benefactor. During his presidency, which began in 1934, and under his personal inspiration and direction, the Library made its greatest physical advance in more than thirty years. Finding it confined to what was

practically one room, Mr. Owen planned and carried out the extensive alterations which since 1935 have allowed the Library to spread out (as was badly needed) over two full floors and made it one of the most attractive and commodious public libraries in New England — a credit to Biddeford that out-of-town visitors repeatedly comment on in most favorable terms. Mr. Owen's vision, his pride in the Library, his constant thought for its welfare, his personal and unostentatious generosity, his unselfish helpfulness — all these fine qualities were outstanding during his administration. His passing is deeply mourned.

Financial Report

RECEIPTS

From City of Biddeford	\$4,500.00
From State of Maine	170.00
	—————\$4,670.00

EXPENDITURES

Books	\$1,101.99
Magazines	109.30
Binding	128.93
Light	245.76
Salaries	2,935.92
Supplies	119.65
Telephone	28.45
	—————\$4,670.00

Librarian's Petty Cash Account

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, November 30, 1938	\$ 42.31
Fines collected	279.57
Collected for lost or damaged Books	8.23
Deposits by Non-residents	36.00
Service Charges—non-resident	16.25
Miscellaneous	6.68
	————— \$389.04

EXPENDITURES

Books and Magazines	\$157.70
Exhibits	35.07
Postage	30.64
Expressage	3.81
Supplies	63.37
Deposits refunded	28.25
Labor	12.13
Miscellaneous	20.68
Cash on hand, November 30, 1939	37.39
	————— \$389.04

Submitted,

DANE YORKE,

Librarian.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Gentlemen:

The annual report for the year ending November 30, 1939, is submitted to you in accordance with the City Charter. Herein will be found a statement and summary of the activities of the Police Department this year.

The Police Force consists of a Chief, Captain, one day desk officer, one night turnkey, one night traffic officer, nine patrolmen (three during the day and six at night), six special police officers for Sunday work, parks, dances, circuses, etc.

The Police Force covers an area of twenty-five square miles and attends to the safety of twenty thousand inhabitants, also attends to traffic duty, which has been increasing for years.

Appropriation for the year	\$22,000.00
Credits	2,231.33
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Total Appropriation	\$24,231.33

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$19,957.59
Gas and Oil	349.77
Supplies	39.74
Telephone and Telegraph	1,044.78
Lights	71.00
Garage and Taxi Service	5.50
Repairs on Equipment	110.68
New Equipment, including trading of Car	351.16
Miscellaneous	272.21
Ice	70.00
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Total Expenditures	\$22,272.43
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Balance unexpended	1,958.90

Number and Nature of Cases Prosecuted in the Municipal Court

Assault and Battery	11
Assault upon an Officer	1
Assault	4
Robbery	1
Adultery	4
Speeding	4
Drunken Driving	23
Drunken Driving (second offence)	5
Fraud	8
Improper Registration	2
Tramps	2
Driving without a License	10
Non-support	6
Taking a Bus without Consent of Owner	1
Intoxication	155
Juvenile Delinquencies	3
Intoxication and Disturbing the Peace	11
Armed Robbery	8
Truancy	1
Manslaughter	3
Obtaining Money under False Pretenses	1
Maintaining a House of Prostitution	1
Possession of Gambling Machines	4
Cruelty to Animal	1
Larceny	24
Registering in Hotel under an Assumed Name	3
Altering a Bank Check	4
Indecent Liberties with a Minor	4
Distributing Circulars without a Permit	3
Neglect of Children	1
Selling from House to House without a Permit	1
Idle and Disorderly Persons	5
Desertion of Minor Child	1
Indecent Exposure	2

Arson	1
Allowing Dealers' Plate to be used on Private Car	1
Affray	2
Loitering	1
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	3
Carrying a Concealed Weapon	4
Receiving Stolen Property	3
Malicious Mischief	3
Obtaining City Property under False Pretense	3
Forgery	3
Vagrancy	1
Traffic Violations	3
Breaking, Entering and Larceny in the daytime	1
Breaking, Entering and Larceny in the nighttime	12
Reckless Driving	1
Assault with Attempt to Ravish	1
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Total Number of Arrests and Prosecutions	361

Other Cases and Emergencies Taken Care of by the Police Department

Lodgers taken care of at Police Station	576
Funerals escorted by Officers	198
Store Doors left unlocked at night	209
Store Windows left unlocked at night	32
Local Stolen Cars	6
Local Stolen Cars recovered	6
Out-of-town Cars reported stolen	39
Out-of-town Cars recovered	8
Stolen Bicycles reported	7
Stolen Bicycles recovered	7
Lights left burning at night in Stores and Offices	53
Police Car escorting Red Cross Nurse and Doctor	13
Sick Persons taken to Hospital by Police Car	16
Maternity Cases taken to Hospital at night by Police Car	3

Merchandise left outside and taken to Station by the Cruising Car	20
Insane Cases	6
Gasoline Pumps found unlocked at night	6
Breaks reported to Police	33
Attempted Suicide	1
Suicide by Drowning	2
Suicide by Shooting	1
Attempt to Murder	1
Children returned home from out of town	5
Automobile Accidents from December 1, 1938, to No- vember 30, 1939, reported to the Station	599
Injured Persons taken to Hospital by Officers	34
Injured Persons taken to Doctor's Office by Officers	19
Injured Person taken home by Officers	14
Death caused by Automobile Accidents	4
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Total	1,923

All Fire Alarm Calls responded to by Police Car.

The Department has returned to the Citizens of Biddeford and others upon their own valuation, property either stolen or lost valued at \$7,264.52, for which receipt was taken.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the good work done by the Captain and Police Officers throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

RODOLPHE VANASSE,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL :

In compliance with the City Charter, I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Fire Department.

Organization

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

Permanent Force

Chief engineer, 1st assistant engineer, 2nd assistant engineer, 1 lieutenant, 2 enginemen assigned to Engine No. 1 and Engine No. 2, 1 relief engineman, 1 chauffeur, 1 tillerman assigned to Ladder No. 1, 1 chauffeur for Hose No. 2, 1 reliefman for Hose No. 2, 3 hosemen assigned to Hose No. 2.

Call Force

3 captains assigned to Engine No. 1, Engine No. 2 and Ladder No. 1, 3 company clerks, 21 hosemen assigned to Engine No. 1 and Engine No. 2, 10 laddermen assigned to Ladder No. 1, 1 steam engineer assigned to Engine No. 3.

Apparatus

The equipment of the Fire Department November 30, 1939, consisted of motor apparatus as follows:

Engine 1, Ahrens-Fox, 750 gallons per minute, booster hose and pumper.

Engine 2, Ahrens-Fox, 1,000 gallons per minute, booster hose and pumper.

Ladder 1, Ahrens-Fox, 75-foot Aerial Ladder Truck with the following equipment: 347 feet ladder, ladder

pipe used as water tower, 1 inhalator and equipment, 1 life net (rope), and 1 army stretcher.

Hose Truck, Hose 1, hose and deck gun (G. M. C.)*

Steam Engine No. 3.

* Hose truck, combination Hose 2, hose and booster (Chevrolet), 700 gallons per minute capacity, drawn by Hose 2.

Hose

There are 650 feet of 1-inch rubber hose, distributed as follows: Engine No. 1, 200 feet of booster hose; Engine No. 2, 200 feet of booster hose; Hose Truck No. 2, 200 feet of booster hose. In reserve, 50 feet of 1-inch rubber hose, and 200 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch booster hose.

There is on hand at fire headquarters at the present time the amount of 9,000 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rubber line, double jacket fire hose, 2,800 feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rubber line, double jacket fire hose for forest fire work.

The amount of fire hose distributed outside city limits is as follows: City Homestead, 500 feet, $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch double jacket hose; Biddeford Pool fire station, 600 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch double jacket, replacing hose which had been at the Pool station since 1916; Corner of Pool and Guinea Road (George Piper's Garage), 500 feet.

Chemical (Pony Tank)

There are twelve 3-gallon pony extinguishers distributed on fire apparatus, as follows:

Engine No. 1, 1 soda and acid and 2 foam type pony tanks.

Engine No. 2, 1 soda and acid and 1 foam type pony tank.

Ladder No. 1, 2 soda and acid pony tanks.

Hose No. 1, 2 soda and acid pony tanks.

Hose No. 2, 2 soda and acid pony tanks.

1 soda and acid pony tank in reserve.

Articles Bought

- 12 Indian hand fire pumps.
- 1 Davis inhalator replacing one worn out by 10 years of service.
- 1 drop annunciator replacing one struck by lightning.
- 2 tires for Engine No. 1.
- 2 tires for Engine No. 2.
- 2 tires for Ladder No. 1.
- 2 tires for Hose No. 1.
- 1 tire for Hose No. 2.
- 2 10-foot lengths of 1½-inch hard suction hose for forest fire pumps.
- 1 1½-inch sand shank for forest fire pump.
- 3 miles of No. 10 rubber-covered wire for fire alarm system.
- 2,000 feet of No. 14 wire for fire alarm system.
- 1 Rotary pump for Hose No. 2, replacing one worn out.
- 1 Cylinder assembly for Engine No. 2.
- 2 single A. C. charging units for charging the Wheat lights.
- 1 Conardite wire cutter, replacing one worn out.
- 1 Exide Battery for Hose Truck No. 1, replacing one burned out.

Improvements

Painted and varnished Hose Truck No. 1.

Varnished the following trucks: Engine No. 1, Engine No. 2, Ladder No. 1, and all the ladders on the fire apparatus.

Repaired Pool fire station by putting in new sills underneath the fire station. General repairs inside and outside.

Painted the Pool fire station with two coats of paint.

Replaced 600 feet of 2½-inch rubber hose double-jacket at the Pool fire station, replacing hose that had been in service since 1916.

Repairs on Fire Apparatus

Replaced one new cylinder assembly in Engine No. 2.
 Replaced one rotary pump on Hose Truck No. 2.
 Repaired the small forest pump.
 Repaired motor on Hose No. 1, G. M. C.

Addition in the Fire Department

One man was added to the permanent force.
 Two men were added to the fire department force to act as firemen at the Pool fire station.

Wiring

Replaced one mile of old iron wire with new No. 10 copper wire, and replaced 1,500 feet of No. 14 wire. There is more old iron wire in the fire alarm system to be renewed in different parts of the City.

Fire Alarm System

The fire alarm system is in good working order at the present time.

Expenditures, Credits and Appropriation

Salaries	\$23,156.55
Gas, light and power	267.60
Telephone	158.45
Water	55.12
Office supplies	36.97
Gasoline, grease and oil	220.46
Coal supplies, fire station	625.50
Fire alarm system	443.85
Equipment	964.75
Truck repairs	241.17
Building repairs	47.78
Painting and repairing Pool station	169.20

Janitor supplies	378.54
U. S. Post Office, freight and express	35.62
Insurance	615.70
Repair on equipment	115.62
General supplies	167.84
Painting and varnishing equipment	41.42
Laundry40
Meals for men fighting forest fires ...	46.15
Ice supplies, fire station	16.00
Decoration for convention of Veteran of Foreign Wars	25.00
	<hr/> \$27,829.70
Appropriation	\$28,700.00
Credits:	
North Kennebunkport	100.00
Sale Pyrene	18.88
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Total	\$28,818.88
Expenditures	27,829.70
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Balance unexpended	\$989.18

Work of the Fire Department from December 1, 1938, to November 30, 1939

Fire Department responded to a total of 482 calls during the year, as follows:

Telephone alarms	359
Box alarms	55
Still alarms	27
Automatic sprinkler	1
Special calls, such as to open doors, take down cats from trees, put rope on flagpoles	40
Sent aid to the following:	
North Kennebunkport	8
Saco fire department	4
Cover-up fire station, Saco	4

Number hose lines laid	52
Number feet of 2½-inch hose laid at fires	24,100
Number feet of 1½-inch hose laid at fires	5,900
Number feet of ladder raised at fires	3,257
Number hours engine worked at fires	21¾
Number of pony tanks used at chimney fires	11
Number fire-foam used at gasoline and grease fires	1
Number of times Pyrene used at gasoline and grease fires	17
Number of times booster used at fires	266
Number of times inhalator used by Fire Depart- ment	3

Valuation of Buildings

Total in City and outside City limits	\$550,000.00
Outside City limits	4,750.00
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In City	\$545,250.00

INSURANCE

Total in City and outside City limits	\$371,625.00
Outside City limits	1,825.00
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In City	\$369,800.00

INSURANCE LOSSES

Total in City and outside City limits	\$11,778.00
Outside City limits	1,825.00
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In City	\$9,953.00

LOSSES INSURED AND UNINSURED

Total in City and outside City limits	\$14,183.41
Outside City limits	3,650.00
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In City	\$10,533.00

Valuation of Contents

Total in City and outside City limits	\$394,184.54
Outside City limits	5,110.00
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In City	\$389,074.54

INSURANCE

Total in City and outside City limits	\$83,350.00
Outside City limits	2,200.00
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In City	\$81,150.00

INSURANCE LOSSES

Total in City and outside City limits	\$13,480.00
Outside City limits	2,200.00
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In City	\$11,280.00

LOSSES INSURED AND UNINSURED

Total in City and outside City limits	\$15,910.75
Outside City limits	4,120.00
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In City	\$11,790.00

Fire Losses in City

VALUATION

Value of Buildings	\$550,000.00
Value of Contents	394,184.54
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Total Value on both	\$944,184.54

INSURANCE

Insurance on Buildings	\$371,625.00
Insurance on Contents	83,350.00
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Total Insurance on both	\$454,975.00

LOSSES

Insurance Loss on Buildings	\$11,778.00
Insurance Loss on Contents	13,480.00
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Total Insurance Loss on both	\$25,259.16

LOSSES INSURED AND UNINSURED

Loss on Buildings	\$14,183.41
Loss on Contents	15,910.75
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Total Losses on both in City and out- side City	\$30,094.16

Insurance and Losses to Fires Outside City Limits

Value of Buildings	\$4,750.00
Value of Contents	5,110.00
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Total on both	\$9,860.00
Insurance on Buildings	\$1,825.00
Insurance on Contents	2,200.00
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Total Insurance on both	\$4,025.00

INSURANCE LOSSES

Insurance Loss on Buildings	\$1,825.00
Insurance Loss on Contents	2,200.00
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Total Loss on both	\$4,025.00

LOSSES INSURED AND UNINSURED

Loss on Buildings	\$3,650.00
Loss on Contents	4,120.00
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Total Loss on both	\$7,770.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK CANTARA, *Chief.*

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL:

I respectfully submit the following annual report of the expenditures of the Welfare Department for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1939. The following is an itemized statement of what was spent for the City.

Groceries	\$57,568.05
Oil	10,162.61
Wood	7,922.46
Shoes and Clothing	2,441.21
Medical and Physician	3,263.93
Rents	4,037.60
Board and Care	4,725.62
Monthly Allowances	2,246.11
Hospitals	1,202.39
Telephone	114.03
Lights	12.44
State Children	5,737.42
Office Supplies and Miscellaneous	352.06
Biddeford, Out-of-Town	164.23
Housekeepers	92.00
Burials	479.50
Clerks and Investigators	2,769.20
Sanitarium	817.13
Total	
	\$104,107.99
Total Expenses, Out-of-Town	4,096.03
Total Expenses, State	8,288.63
Total Expenses	
	\$116,492.65
Appropriation	\$65,000.00
Credits	13,649.06
	78,649.06
Overdraft	
	\$37,843.59

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$5,200.00	
Expenditures	5,393.50	
Overdraft		\$193.50

Insane

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Expenditures	158.65	
Balance		\$341.35

Dress Factory

Clothing received from Dress Factory, beginning February 7, 1939, at which time same being taken over and given by Overseer of the Poor were as follows:

Received 6,528 articles

Gave the following articles to those in need:

Dresses	1,208
Panties	386
Slips	504
Playsuits	130
Frocks	15
Shirts	916
Pants	1,022
Mittens	39
Shorts	8
Jackets	261
Dungarees	322

Total	4,811
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1,717 articles

Respectfully submitted,

DELVINA MATHURIN, *Clerk,*
Overseers of the Poor.

THE HOMESTEAD

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

I respectfully submit the following report for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1939:

Products Raised at the Homestead

Potatoes	316 bu.	Beets	70 bu.
String Beans	39 bu.	Cucumbers	60 bu.
Kidney and White Beans	27 bu.	Corn	295 doz.
Tomatoes	30 bu.	Cabbage	625 lbs.
Turnips	58 bu.	Hay	48 tons
Carrots	65 bu.		

Stock at Homestead

<i>On Hand Jan. 3, 1939</i>	<i>On Hand Nov. 30, 1939</i>
3 Horses	3 Horses
2 Hogs	4 Hogs (8 months old)
5 Cows	6 Cows
1 Heifer (2 years old)	2 Heifers (one 9 months old (one 8 months old))
14 Hens	55 Hens

Number of Inmates at Homestead

December	32	June	36
January	38	July	35
February	40	August	32
March	43	September	33
April	45	October	39
May	45	November	39

Farm Implements

1 Sulky Plow	1 Double Hayrack
1 Manure Spreader	1 Single Hayrack
1 Spring Harrow	2 Hitching Falls
1 Corn Planter	1 Platform Scale
2 Horse Rakes	1 Market Wagon

1 Mowing Machine	1 Dump Wagon
1 Single Harness	2 Cultivators
1 Double Harness	1 Weeder
1 Double Working Sled	1 Horse Hoe
1 Double Working Wagon	1 Disk Harrow
1 Walking Plow	1 Work Rack

Furniture at Homestead

35 Beds	1 Ice Chest
85 Chairs	1 Barber Chair
1 Clock	1 Set of Dishes
1 Electric Washer	6 Tables
2 Kitchen Stoves	1 Electric Refrigerator

Furniture on Hand, January 3, 1939

35 Beds	1 Ice Chest
75 Chairs	1 Barber Chair
1 Clock	1 Set of Dishes
1 Electric Washer	6 Tables
2 Kitchen Stoves	1 Electric Refrigerator

Products on Hand, January 3, 1939

Potatoes	50 bu.	Carrots	15 bu.
Beans (Kidney & White)	15 bu.	Beets	10 bu.
Turnips	10 bu.	Hay	20 tons

Products on Hand, November 30, 1939

Potatoes	195 bu.	Cabbage	110 bu.
Beans (Kidney & White)	25 bu.	Cucumbers (Salted and	
Turnips	10 bu.	Pickles	49 bu.
Carrots	50 bu.	Hay	32 tons
Beets	57 bu.		

Monthly Expenditures

December, 1938	\$683.09
January	479.38

February	490.74
March	494.31
April	490.16
May	516.86
June	537.95
July	552.59
August	470.15
September	463.44
October	481.54
November	505.12
	—————\$6,165.33

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS :

Groceries	\$1,473.74
Bread	457.55
Clothing	183.64
Medical Aid	264.90
Tobacco and Matches	287.81
Barber	130.95
Fuel	514.76
Gasoline	83.64
Water	113.04
Light	235.24
Telephone	41.71
House Supplies	163.70
Barn Supplies	84.32
Repairs	143.33
Equipment	23.51
Stock	70.00
Feed	600.29
Salaries	810.75
Car Maintenance	60.79
Farm Planting	131.93
Funerals	200.00
Insurance (Barn and House)	88.40
Repair of Shoes	1.33
	—————\$6,165.33

Income

Appropriation	\$6,000.00
Credit	6.95
Farm Produce	109.41
For Board and Room from State	45.00
Account receivable from State	48.50
	\$6,209.86
Balance	\$44.53

I have delivered 5,468 quarts of milk to families receiving aid from the Welfare Department from January 3, 1939, to the end of the fiscal year.

During the year the following necessary repairs and improvements were made: Repair of the roof on main building, new water drain on barn, and new floor in barn stalls.

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANTOINE A. PETIT,

Supt. of the Homestead.

REPORT OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BIDDEFORD:

Submitted herewith is the annual report of the Health Department for the year 1939.

Number of Vaccinations against Smallpox	317
Number of Immunizations against Diphtheria	140
Number of Tuberculin Tests (Children and Adults) ...	221
Contagious Diseases:	
Diphtheria	1
Scarlet Fever	2
Whooping Cough	17
Misdulant Fever	2
Pneumonia	4
Influenza	10

T. B. CLINIC

Fifty children and adults were examined during the summer clinic for tuberculosis. Of this number four were found to be in the active stage of the disease and were sent to the sanatorium.

Generally speaking, the health condition for the year has been very good and it is hoped that with the continuous co-operation of the different health agencies and the public we will be able to eradicate further contagious conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR PERRAULT,

Health Officer.

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

I herewith respectfully submit my report for the year 1939.

Calls at Stores, Producers, Farms and Dairies	437
Calls at Office	122
Licenses approved	249
Licenses refused	14
Licenses revoked	2

The milk and cream and dairy by-products produced for local consumption is of a high standard and general conditions of dairies and dairy equipment is quite satisfactory.

HARRY DINEEN,

Milk Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Year Ending November 30, 1939

	Sealed	Condemned	Total
Platform, over 5,000 lbs.	9	0	9
Platform, under 5,000 lbs.	57	4	61
Counter Scale	55	3	58
Beam Scale	13	0	13
Spring Balance	88	5	93
Computing Scale (Platform)	149	10	159
Slot Weighing Scales	18	3	21
Oil Meters	20	1	21
Liquid Measures	91	4	95
Gasoline Pumps	129	8	137
Oil Measuring Pumps	17	2	19
Yard Measures	23	1	24

Respectfully submitted,

EMILE J. LESSARD,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF STREET DEPARTMENT

District No. 4

HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

In accordance with the provision of the Charter of the City, I report herewith the activities of the Street Department for the fiscal year 1939.

Because of lack of private employment this department has been subjected to an additional expense this year by providing work for many unemployed heads of families instead of direct relief. From one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty men were employed every week, thereby helping to provide for their families.

These men were employed two days every week and they have been sweeping every street in the City, cleaning sewer pockets, cutting weeds and bushes on highways, in outlying districts, resetting curbings on several streets, screening gravel at the City pit. This gravel was stored in the Birch Street toolhouse for use on slippery roads and sidewalks during the winter months.

The roof of the toolhouse was repaired and roofing paper put on.

The following streets in Biddeford Pool were scarified, graded and rolled:

Ocean Avenue, Fourth Street, Stone Street, Ocean Street.

The same work was done on the following streets in Biddeford:

Cadorette Avenue, Miller Avenue, Summer Street, Clark Street, Hill Street, Graham Street, Prospect Street, Highland Street, Mt. Pleasant Street, Main Street from Mt. Pleasant to South Street, Round Hill Street, Harvard Street, Summit Street, Dartmouth Street, Yale Street, Roberts Street, Western Avenue, Beacon Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Rugby Street.

The following streets were graded:

Tibbetts Avenue, Mitchell Lane, Extension of Pike Street,

Extension of Granite Street, Acorn Street, Paul Street, Willett Street, Leon Street, Hubert Street, Raymond Street, Congress Street, Winter Street, Dupont Avenue, Liberty Street, Victory Street, Wilson Street, Belmont Street, Laurier Street, Westland Avenue, Forest Street, Dearborn Avenue, Vine Street, Cornish Street, Westmore Street, Rathier Street, Grayson Street, Fogg Street, Carver Street, Janelle Street, Quimby Street, Cole Road, Buzzell Road, River Road, Mountain Road, Drews Mill Road, Newtown Road, Guinea Road, Proctor Road, Granite Point Road, Oak Ridge Road, Elizabeth Road.

Alfred Street—Twenty-five hundred feet by nine feet of road was constructed on Alfred Street, where railroad ties were removed and loose dirt and clay excavated.

Six hundred yards of base gravel were used and five hundred yards of crushed stone. This road was treated with two applications of asphalt.

Elm Street—Twenty-five hundred feet long by twelve to sixteen feet wide was constructed on Elm Street. Dirt and clay and railroad ties were removed. Seven hundred yards of gravel base and thirteen hundred thirty-three yards of crushed stone were used. This road was also treated with two applications of asphalt.

Twenty-two thousand gallons of asphalt were applied on these two streets.

Proctor Road—Construction of two hundred feet of gravel road.

River Road—Construction of three hundred feet of gravel road and treated with tar, one thousand gallons being used.

The following streets were treated with two applications of tar:

Main Street, from Mt. Pleasant to South Street—Twenty-one hundred feet.

Mt. Pleasant Street—One thousand feet.

Highland Street—One thousand feet.

Dartmouth Street—Nine hundred feet.

Yale Street—Five hundred feet.
 Round Hill Street—One thousand feet.
 Harvard Street—Five hundred feet.
 Roberts Street—Seven hundred feet.
 Beacon Avenue—Four hundred feet.
 Prospect Street—Twenty-seven hundred feet.
 Clark Street—Four hundred feet.
 Winter Street—One hundred and fifty feet.
 Harrison Avenue—Seven hundred feet.
 Summit Street—Four hundred feet.
 Rugby Street—Three hundred feet.
 Graham Street—Nine hundred feet.
 Lafayette Street—Twelve hundred feet.
 Miller Avenue—Six hundred feet.
 Cadorette Avenue—Three hundred feet.
 Hill Street—Eleven hundred feet.
 Sullivan Street—Three hundred feet.
 Chapel Street—Three hundred feet.
 Extension Pierson Lane—One hundred feet.

Biddeford Pool:

Ocean Avenue—Twenty-two hundred feet.
 Fourth Street—Twenty-one hundred feet
 Stone Street—Seven hundred feet.
 Ocean Street—Fourteen hundred feet.

Fifty-four thousand gallons of tar were applied on these streets.

Eight thousand seven hundred and fifty gallons of cold patch were used.

One truck has been operated during the year patching streets throughout the City.

Sewers and Drains

SEWER CONSTRUCTION

May Street—Six hundred feet of twelve-inch sewer pipe and two hundred feet of eight-inch sewer pipe.

Gertrude Avenue—Eight hundred feet of twelve-inch sewer pipe (Hevey's lot).

Ray Street—Four hundred and seventy-five feet of twelve-inch sewer pipe.

Foss Street—Two hundred and fifty feet of eight-inch sewer pipe.

Quimby Street—One hundred feet of eight-inch sewer pipe. (extension to sewer made last year).

Granite Street—Two hundred and seventy-five feet of twelve-inch sewer pipe.

Harding Street—One hundred twenty-five feet of eight-inch pipe (extension).

Manholes—May Street, 2; Gertrude Avenue, 2; Ray Street, 1; Foss Street, 1.

Sewer Pockets—Biddeford Pool, 1; Taylor Street, 1; Ray Street, 3; Oak Street, 2; Lafayette Street, 1; Simard Avenue, 1; St. Mary's Street, 1; Walnut Street, 1; Elm Street, 5; Hill Street, 1; Cleaves Street, 1; High Street, 1; Bacon Street, 2; Foss Street, 2; Prospect Street, 1; Potter Street, 1; Main Street, 2; Emery Street, 1; Chapel Street, 1; Mason Street, 2; Graham Street, 2; School Street, 1.

Bridges

Repairs on Oak Ridge Bridge—Stone piers repaired and floor timbers renewed

Newtown Road Bridge—Floor timbers renewed.

State Aid Road No. 4 Bridge (near Kennebunkport line)—One pier repaired.

Equipment at City Garage, November 30, 1939

1 Walter Truck and 1 Reo Truck, good condition, used for waste collection.

1 Dodge Truck, poor condition.

1 Mack Truck, out of order.

1 Chevrolet Pick-up Truck, poor condition.

3 Cletrac Tractors, good condition.

1 Adams Motor Grader, good condition.

- 1 Galion Sand Spreader, good condition.
- 3 Sargent V Plows, good condition.
- 3 Sargent Blades, good condition.
- 1 Holyoke Blade, good condition.
- 1 Chicago Pneumatic Compressor, good condition.
- 1 Chicago Pneumatic Jack Hammer.
- 1 Stone Crusher, good condition.
- 1 Cement Mixer, good condition.
- 2 Drawn Road Machines (rural districts), good condition.
- 1 Gasoline Water Pump with Hose, good condition.
- 1 Hand Water Pump with Hose, good condition.
- 1 Portable Tar Kettle, good condition.
- Three Hundred Feet 3-inch Hose.
- 1 Nozzle.
- 1 Battery Charger, good condition.
- 1 Set Steel Crawlers for Motor Grader, good condition.
- 5 Sets Tire Chains.
- 1 Flexible Sewer Take, good condition.
- 1 100-ft. Steel Sewer Rod.
- 1 5-Ton Chain Fall.
- 1 2-Ton Chain Fall.
- 1 Saw Bench with Motor.

Machine Shop

Motor for 7 pieces of machinery with shaft pulleys and belts.

1 Blacksmith Blower.

1 Anvil.

Tools—1 Electric Grease Gun, Alemite, 4 20-ft. Chains, 3 Cables, 4 Spade Forks, 15 Torches, 2 Scythes, 4 Tampers, 2 16-lb. Sledge Hammers, 2 8-lb. Hammers, 5 Crowbars, 12 Snow Shovels, 24 Round Point Shovels, 24 Picks, 12 Sewer Pocket Scoops, 12 Brush Brooms, 3 Spades, 3 Rakes, 3 Wedges, 6 Hand Drills, 2 Trowels, 1 Stepladder, 1 50-ft. Garden Hose, 2 Garage Jacks, 1 Hydraulic Jack.

Office Equipment—1 Roll-Top Desk, 1 Table, 2 Flat-Top Desks, 7 Chairs, 1 Safe, 1 Dalton Adding Machine.

ALBERT CADORETTE,

Street Commissioner.

STREET DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	\$35,000.00
Cash Credits	15,350.57
Journal Credit, Biddeford & Saco Rail- road	13,543.36
	\$63,893.93

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$72,240.38
Gasoline, Grease and Oil	3,489.53
Telephone, Water and Lights	329.12
Repairs on Equipment	1,364.00
Tools and Material	2,131.09
Lumber and Coal	393.30
Hardware and Paint	599.81
Gravel and Cement	435.76
Material for Maintenance of Sewers	482.23
Medical Aid	73.50
Engineers' Surveys	87.37
Insurance	741.54
Rental of Gasoline Roller	250.00
Miscellaneous	107.18
Journal Debit, State Municipal Allot- ment	13,245.69
	\$95,970.50
Overdraft	\$32,076.57

Bridges

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 98.67
Materials	153.51
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	\$252.18

Unexpended Balance	\$747.82
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Resurfacing

Appropriation	\$10,000.00
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EXPENDITURES

Asphalt and Tar	\$11,707.09
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Overdraft	\$1,707.09
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Sewers and Drains

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Cash Credits	960.00
Accounts Receivable	40.00
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Total	\$3,500.00

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$1,661.98
Materials	880.93
Engineer Surveys	112.13
Refund	25.00
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Total	\$2,680.04

Unexpended Balance	\$819.96
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Waste Collection

Appropriation	\$8,000.00
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EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$5,880.95
Gasoline and Oil	334.11
Repairs of Equipment	89.98

Total	<u>\$6,305.04</u>
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Unexpended Balance	\$1,694.96
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Snow Removal

Appropriation	\$10,000.00
Cash Credits	1,092.43

Total	<u>\$11,092.43</u>
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EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$9,800.44
Equipment	97.95
Repairs of Equipment	396.83
Materials	108.90
Contracts and Rental of Equipment	2,820.00

Total	<u>\$13,224.12</u>
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Overdraft	\$2,131.69
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Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT CADORETTE,

Street Commissioner.

W. P. A.

November 30, 1939.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

I herewith submit my report of the work accomplished, through the W. P. A. Department, for the City of Biddeford.

From the beginning of the fiscal year, December 1, 1938, to November 30, 1939, there has been paid by the Federal Government to W. P. A. employees the sum amounting to \$91,936.71.

The following is a list of Projects that were in operation December 1, 1938, or have begun since that date:

THE SEWING ROOM PROJECT was in operation December 1, 1938, with 78 people working. During the past year the City of Biddeford has purchased 10,854 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards of cotton material to the amount of \$1,856.57 and 2,400 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of woolen material to the amount of \$1,461.13. Out of this material various articles of clothing were made at the Dress Factory, all of which were turned over to the Welfare Department for distribution to the needy people of Biddeford. This project is still in operation with 49 people working.

THE BIRCH STREET LEDGE PROJECT was in operation December 1, 1938, with 49 people and closed February 17, 1939, with 36 men. These men were transferred to the City Yard Ledge, which opened February 18th, with 36 men. These Ledge projects were to quarry and crush rock, which was to be used on sidewalks in the Spring. Approximately 3,430 tons of rock were crushed, which made quite a saving as the City had been paying \$2.00 a ton for crushed rock previous to the beginning of this project, which closed June 17, 1939, with 41 men. These men were transferred to the Sidewalks Project.

THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS PROJECT was reopened June 18, 1939, with 62 men. Since that time we have covered approximately 22,545 feet of asphalt sidewalks

and roadwork, reset 2,159 feet of old curbing and made 3,960½ feet of new cement curbing. This Project is still in operation but will close today. Some of the men will be transferred to the City Yard Ledge and the others will be transferred to the Storm Sewers Project.

THE STORM SEWERS PROJECT was in operation December 1, 1938, with 43 men. Last year the ditch from Forest Avenue to West Street and on to Granite Street was constructed. This ditch reduces the amount of water entering the area. This year the Streets worked on were Granite Street, and from Elm Street across St. Marie's field to the area between Alfred and Prospect Streets by way of Ray Street.

The chain along Granite Street intercepts the water coming from the southeast and carries it to the ditch previously constructed. Thus the overloading of the existing lines is eliminated. It has also made possible more efficient collection of water in future by means of short tributary lines.

The line from Elm Street across St. Marie's field, Graham Street, Fogg's field, Alfred and Ray Streets, enables the removal of water already in this area. Two conditions justify the construction of this line. One is the overloading of the old stone sewer, the other is that the existing outlet under Alfred Street was too high and too small to adequately drain the area between Alfred and Prospect Streets. The project completed here allows the lowering of the tributary lines in this area. An example of this is seen in Ray Street, where the existing line was too high to drain several cellars. The project allows the lowering of this line some five feet. Also this project enters the badly drained area near Prospect Street and assists in the removal of water from that place.

Following is a list of the number of feet of pipe that was laid, and the manholes and catch basins that were built on the Sewer.

Granite Street from Culvert down, 368 feet 30-inch reinforced concrete cement pipe.

To corner of Atlantic Avenue, 248 feet, 24-inch reinforced concrete cement pipe.

Entrance of Atlantic Avenue, 4 feet 24-inch reinforced concrete cement pipe.

From Atlantic Avenue down Granite Street, 380 feet 18-inch vitrified pipe, 270 feet 15-inch vitrified pipe, and 350 feet 12-inch vitrified pipe.

From Elm Street across St. Marie's field to Graham, 724 feet 36-inch reinforced concrete cement pipe.

Along Graham Street, opposite Fogg's Field, 480 feet 30-inch reinforced concrete cement pipe.

Across Fogg's Field to the center of Alfred Street and along the center of Alfred Street to the center of Ray Street, 370 feet 18-inch vitrified pipe, 232 feet 15-inch vitrified pipe.

To and into Prospect Park area, 500 feet 12-inch vitrified pipe.

Prospect Street, from Victory Avenue to Harding Street, 663 feet 18-inch and 15-inch pipe was relaid. 90% of this pipe was salvaged and used on other portions of the projects. Harding Street, from Prospect Street to Gertrude Avenue, 350 feet 18-inch vitrified pipe and 250 feet 15-inch vitrified pipe. Part of the 15-inch pipe was salvaged from Prospect Street.

Gertrude Avenue, 350 feet 12-inch vitrified pipe.

Belmont Avenue, 350 feet 8-inch vitrified pipe.

On Harrison Avenue, the Sewer was enlarged by taking out an 18-inch vitrified pipe and putting in 594 feet of 30-inch concrete pipe. 352 feet of this pipe was donated by the Federal Government and the balance was purchased by the City.

19 manholes and 6 catch basins were built in the above mentioned area.

This project is still in operation with 47 men working.

I wish to thank those who have helped me in the administration of my department.

I am also submitting a report of expenditures for each project operated under my supervision.

Administrative	\$ 2,548.60
Dress Factory	4,752.34
Social Service	292.01
Birch Street Ledge	1,514.96
City Yard Ledge	1,377.19
Streets and Sidewalks	9,713.83
Storm Sewers	14,678.50
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Total	\$34,877.43
Appropriation	\$15,000.00
Credits	1,191.12
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Total	\$16,191.12
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Overdraft	\$18,686.31

Administrative

Office Supplies	\$ 18.25
Travel	34.35
Salary	2,496.00
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	\$ 2,548.60

Dress Factory

Office Supplies, Stationery	\$ 5.20
Hardware	5.22
Trucking	45.81
Thread	183.30
Material, Percal, etc.	3,496.04
Other Supplies	426.84
Repairs	2.25
Salary	403.00
Miscellaneous	23.91
Sewing Machine Fixtures and Supplies	160.77
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Total	\$ 4,752.34

Social Service

Telephone and Telegraph Co.	\$87.46
Lights	68.68
Miscellaneous	90.35
Coal	40.37
Hardware	5.15
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Total	\$ 292.01

Birch Street Ledge

Dynamite	\$ 42.87
Caps	79.20
Hardware	489.38
Miscellaneous	254.10
Gasoline and Oil	218.78
Salary	140.25
Trucking75
Power	191.70
Lights	3.73
Engineer's Services	71.25
Repairs	22.95
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Total	\$ 1,514.96

City Yard Ledge

Salary	\$216.75
Cement	1.40
Miscellaneous	181.00
Lumber	33.17
Gasoline and Oil	187.48
Hardware	424.26
Repairs	87.64
Dynamite	69.65
Caps	43.84
Trucking	54.00
Lights	3.00
Power	75.00
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Total	\$ 1,377.19

Streets and Sidewalks

Salary	\$ 306.00
Equipment Rental	1,226.00
Miscellaneous	57.28
Trucking	19.25
Lumber	182.87
Hardware	220.63
Gasoline and Oil	451.52
Cement	779.75
Sidewalk Composition and Asphalt	6,444.35
Engineer's Services	10.50
Caps	15.68
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Total	\$ 9,713.83

Storm Sewers

Hardware	\$ 1,001.06
Salary	325.00
Miscellaneous	207.41
Lumber	349.94
Cement	326.30
Equipment Rental	21.00
Gasoline and Oil	107.60
Engineer's Services	1,669.50
Bricks	252.50
Pipe	10,301.44
Sharpening Tools	65.90
Paint85
Land Damage	50.00
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Total	\$14,678.50
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Grand Total	\$34,877.43

**Streets and Sidewalks Project for Different Sections
in the City, June 18, 1939, to November
30, 1939**

ASPHALT SIDEWALKS

	Feet
Granite Street, from culvert easterly	640
Hill Street, from Pool to Acorn, both sides	950
Washington Street, from Jefferson to end	520
Alfred Street, from Mt. Vernon to Birch	296
Myrtle Street, from Alfred to Prospect	300
Graham Street, between Union and Alfred	204
Porter Street, from Alfred to Foss	700
West Myrtle Street, from Graham easterly	98
Clark Street, easterly side to Prospect	300
Prospect Street, from Porter to Clark	641
Union Street, from Elm to Wentworth	226
Wentworth Street, from Union to Mason	740
Mason Street, from Green to Wentworth	300
Mason Street, from Graham to Green	345
Pool Street, from High to Clifford	1,648
Pike Street, westerly side	325
Bacon Street, from Pierson Lane to Sullivan	96
Sullivan Street, from Bacon, westerly side	214
Fall Street, from Foss to Summer	395
Foss Street, from Fall westerly	100
Summer Street, from Alfred easterly	240
George Street, from Cleaves to Clifford	450
Judge Street, from Cleaves to Gove	215
Granite Street, from Hill to Culvert	2,890
Cleaves Street, from George to Simard	950
Cleaves Street, from Simard to Miller	386
Simard Avenue, from Cleaves uphill	213
Taylor Street, from Elm to May	1,040
Green Street Extension	178
Total number of feet	
	15,600

ASPHALT ROADWORK

	Feet
Pool Street, from High to Clifford, side of road	1,245
Hill Street, from Pool to Acorn, side of road	950
Granite Street, from Culvert easterly, side of road ...	640
Granite Street, from Hill to Culvert, side of road	2,690
Cleaves Street, from George to Simard, side of road	680
Wentworth Street, from Union to Mason, side of road	740
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Total number of feet	6,945

RESETTING OLD CURBING

	Feet
Granite Street	63
Hill Street	270
Graham Street	50
Myrtle Street	88
Porter Street	300
Union Street	84½
Prospect Street	68
Bacon Street	93½
Sullivan Street	134
Fall Street	102
Fall Street	30
Judge Street	140
Cleaves Street	710
Simard Avenue	26
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Total number of feet	2,159

MAKING NEW CEMENT CURBING

	Feet
Granite Street	557
Hill Street	329
Graham Street	63
Wentworth Street	772

Union Street	94½
Mason Street	438½
Pool Street	419
Pike Street	73½
Fall Street	113½
Cleaves Street	245
Taylor Street	783½
Green Street Extension	72
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Total number of feet	3,960½

Amount of Payroll Received from the Federal Government for Different Projects

Dress Factory	\$29,374.66
Birch Street Ledge	6,809.46
City Yard Ledge	7,049.43
Streets and Sidewalks	15,467.80
Storm Sewers	33,235.36
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Total	\$91,936.71

Respectfully submitted,

CONRAD FORTIER.

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

I herewith submit my report for the year of 1939.

New Building Permits		90
Remodeling Permits		25
		115
Value of New Buildings	\$306,909.00	
Value of Remodeling	7,740.00	
		115
Total Value	\$314,649.00	

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS BLANCHETTE,

Building Inspector.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR:

We respectfully submit the report of the Board of Registration of Voters for the fiscal year 1939.

NUMBER OF VOTERS

	Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Men		293	870	681	734	733	319	983	4,613
Women		270	725	541	617	724	279	916	4,072
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Total		563	1,595	1,222	1,351	1,457	598	1,899	8,685

DEMOCRATIC ENROLLMENTS

Men	142	554	356	458	388	194	431	2,523
Women	109	399	228	313	312	170	347	1,878
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Total	251	953	584	771	700	364	778	4,401

REPUBLICAN ENROLLMENTS

Men	90	128	137	102	176	58	243	934
Women	89	118	96	56	140	36	148	683
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Total	179	246	233	158	316	94	391	1,617
Number of New Registrations	417							
Stricken from Voting List—Deceased	107							
Change of Name because of Marriage	77							
Stricken from Voting List—Registered Out-of-Town	72							

Total Number of Transactions 673

We extend our sincere thanks to the Mayor and City Officials for their coöperation.

ULDERIC COTE, *Chairman,*
 JOSEPH F. CURTIS,
 JEROME A. MORIN,
Members, Board of Registration of Voters.

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Another year has passed on and on December 19th the voters of the City of Biddeford selected you gentlemen to conduct the business of the City of Biddeford for the next twelve months, and we meet here to inaugurate a new government of the people and it becomes my duty as the elected mayor of this city to present at this time in this inaugural address my views in regard to the conduct of the affairs of this city. The entire government, being placed in power by the Democratic party, must now assume the entire responsibility for whatever legislation is enacted during the ensuing year, and it is for each of us to consider the responsibility that we must assume in order that the confidence which the people has placed in us shall not be found valueless. This is the fifth Democratic administration which the people have elected since the disastrous Progressive administration of 1934.

None of the boards who have gone before have been found wanting in business ability and high ideals of government, and I ask of you that tireless coöperation which has characterized the previous boards so that in the end we may merit the approbation of every citizen and every taxpayer. The success of a business is usually dependent upon the close supervision of those who are subordinate, and I shall feel it incumbent upon me to counsel with you at all times in the conduct of this government, particularly in supervising the acts of subordinate officers, for herein lies the success or failure of any administration. It has been the custom of previous governments to request the attendance of the heads of the different departments at all meetings for the purpose of supervising these departments, and to allow the government to become familiar with the work and the needs of these departments and I recommend that this custom be continued this year. We must take upon ourselves this task in the true

spirit of democracy which means doing our duty in the interests of all the people. It is incumbent upon us as representatives of all the people to consider what is best for our community and in the demands that will be made and in the program to be worked out that we analyze the benefit that will be obtained by the expenditure of the taxpayer's money, so that improvements will be made for a bigger, better, and more beautiful city.

The finances of our city are in excellent condition, and all records are in perfect order, kept by efficient accountants, so that all money received and all payments made, even in the smallest detail, is a permanent record. The net debt of the city has been reduced each year with this result for the past four years:

January 7, 1935, net city debt	\$576,333.42
November 30, 1938, net city debt	417,304.70
	\$159,028.72
Net Debt Reduction	\$159,028.72

In addition to this, \$10,000.00 has each year been paid into a Sinking Fund to meet \$200,000.00 in bonds maturing in 1949. Every bond that has matured since 1934 has been paid. The year closed with every known bill against the city paid, and there remained a balance of \$8,546.15 cash in the treasury, and a debt reduction of \$33,428.72. This is an enviable record and has been commented upon most favorably by those dealing in municipal securities. This is in contrast with most cities and towns in New England where debt increases have been the rule rather than the exception.

School Department

The Board of Education, consisting of five members, have complete control of the management of our schools, serving without compensation. Removed from the touch of partisan politics and responsible only to the people, one member of this Board is annually elected by the people. During the past four years I can say without fear of successful contradiction

that nothing in the nature of partisan influence has appeared in the deliberations of this Board. Experience and ability have been the qualifications necessary in selecting teachers whenever vacancies occurred. It has been found necessary to go outside the city for teachers when there are no local applicants or when the local applicant does not measure up to the standards required. Our children must be given every consideration to fit them properly for the work that they will be called upon to perform in their later years. The expense in this department has been kept within a reasonable figure commensurate with the maintenance of its very high standing of efficiency. There are registered in our schools from the sub-primary to the high school a total of 1,379 pupils.

Police Department

This department is administered by a Board of Police Commissioners elected by the people, whose record for efficiency is well known. It is hardly necessary for any comment in this message since the standard is such that all of our citizens without exception are familiar with the excellent service of this department. The protection of lives and property of our people are their constant watchword. Crime in our midst is almost a negligible quantity—this result obtained by strict attention to duty of every man in the department. This feeling of security makes this city of ours a most desirable place in which to live. Due credit must be given to the Board of Police Commissioners for the excellent financial showing evidenced by the saving of \$2,416.30 out of the amount appropriated for this department last year. The traffic problem must be given further consideration on account of the increased number of tourists who use our streets and highways.

Welfare Department

This department has of necessity become an added expense to the city caused by the lack of employment in our two main

industries. During the entire municipal year payroll has been greatly reduced and appeals for aid has been necessarily increased, and on account of this increase it becomes an additional burden on our taxpayers. It has always been the duty of our city to take care of our people who are in need. I am certain that no taxpayer would wish a condition of destitution to exist in any family in our city without the proper aid being given.

The type of charity which was evident among the people years ago seems to be vanishing. To some extent there does not seem to be the same obligation of the individual human to his neighbor that did exist. If a neighbor was in distress there were always those who would temporarily, at least, assist one who through no fault of his own was unable to provide support for his family. The grocer, the baker, the clothier, and the sympathetic neighbors all provided their share of assistance. All of that is not so much in evidence today. That burden is passed on to the city and to the nation with the resultant increase in the expense of maintaining Welfare Departments. Hence, the necessity of adding to the taxpayer's bill.

Fire Department

This department is controlled by a board consisting of a chief engineer and two assistant engineers. These officials are appointed by the mayor. Each year there has been an increasing degree of efficiency so that at this time our citizens can be assured that their lives and their property are properly protected. The speed with which the department responds to an alarm has been a matter of comment, and has resulted in the fire loss being kept within a very small figure—totaling only \$38,286.47 for the year 1938—inasmuch as a few minutes' delay in reaching the scene of a fire many times means the entire loss of the property affected. We have been fortunate during the past year that fires of any magnitude have not occurred. The expenditures of this department have been

carefully guarded so that at the end of the year there remained unexpended the sum of \$1,386.84.

Street Department

This department is under very efficient management. It was necessary, however, this year to expend an amount over the appropriation allotted to it, inasmuch as on account of bad industrial conditions it became necessary to provide employment for a number of our citizens who found themselves without work. The streets have been kept neat and clean during the year, and during the winter season our streets and sidewalks after every storm have quickly been put in condition for automobiles and pedestrians. The department is deficient in some equipment necessary to provide the maximum benefit for our citizens and it may become necessary to purchase additional equipment. Sewers have been constructed on Dupont, Gertrude and Wilson Avenues, and Granite Street. A needed improvement was also made at the junction of Jefferson, Adams and Crescent Streets. A new road was constructed for the benefit of our people at Biddeford Pool, running along the main thoroughfare. Also in this department were many other improvements of a lesser nature.

W. P. A. Department

This department has been of material assistance to the city in providing work for those who find themselves unemployed. This department is supported mainly by payroll direct from the National Government,—the city providing the materials used in each of the different projects approved by the W. P. A. Department. During the year there have been paid out individual checks by the National Government to those employed in this department in the sum of \$93,254.73. The city has provided materials amounting to \$24,964.68. A number of projects have been approved and put into operation during the year, the largest one being the Storm Sewer.

For many years there have been demands made upon the city for a proper system of sewerage which would drain the flat area extending from Alfred Street in the vicinity of Ray Street to Granite Street, and southeasterly from Harrison Avenue to Mount Vernon Street, reaching back southwest-erly nearly to the airport and out southwesterly on Elm Street as far as Saint Mary's Cemetery—a drainage area consisting of $1\frac{1}{2}$ square miles. After a heavy rainstorm surface water has remained on the ground and in cellars of property owners in that section. In a storm at the rate of one inch per hour, there is over 100 cubic feet per second flowing down over this surface. The largest sewer leading out of this section was a 3 x 4 sewer down Summer Street, in Alfred to Main Street. The capacity of this sewer is only 36 feet per second. Very little of this storm water could flow in Milebrook sewer owing to the height of the ground in the Alfred Street section, and it became necessary to provide a system by which 90 cubic feet per second surface water could be taken care of. This has been met by the construction of an open drainage ditch from a point on Forrest Street running southeasterly to West Street, crossing West Street to Hill, thence southeasterly parallel with Hill and across Granite Street, where it joins a brook emptying into Westbrook,—a distance of approximately one mile. This is the cheaper method as a pipe line this whole distance would have been very expensive. There is now being constructed an eighteen-inch sewer on the southwesterly side of West Street from Forrest Street to connect with this open drain. When this is completed this entire area will have perfect drainage, both from a sanitary and surface water standpoint, and will make this section a most desirable part of our city in which to build.

In this department there has been constructed 8,050 square yards of asphalt sidewalk, 1,718 feet of old curbing has been reset, and 3,265 feet of new curbing has been laid. Out of the Birch Street Ledge project there has been obtained 9,562 tons of crushed rock for which in former years the city has

been paying \$2.00 per ton. This department during the year operated five projects :

THE SEWING ROOM PROJECT
 THE SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECT
 BIRCH STREET LEDGE PROJECT
 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS PROJECT
 STORM SEWER PROJECT

The only expense incurred by the city has been the furnishing of the materials used in these projects. All labor is paid by direct payroll from the National Government. For further information we would refer you to the report of the Supervisor of the W. P. A. Department published in the City Report, Page 34.

The watchword of previous administrations has been economy in all departments, and I shall demand a continuance of this policy to the extent that no major improvements be attempted this year. This becomes necessary on account of lack of payroll in our industries and a consequent inability of our taxpayers to meet tax payments. I am hopeful, however, that during this year of 1939 a better industrial condition will prevail.

As we pause in the midst of the hurry and confusion of this modern business world, as we for this short holiday period forget our cares and troubles of Life's material things, we are moved toward a better understanding of the true significance of this Holy season. I would indeed be ungrateful to let this happy time pass without letting the people of this City of Biddeford know how much we really and sincerely depend upon them. I desire to take this opportunity to thank them for the confidence they have placed in us, and to acknowledge our obligation for their continued loyalty and support,—so that working together in unison we may make this beloved city of ours a model of good government, and an inspiration to those who will follow us, and in the spirit of this day and in behalf of this Government I wish each and every one of the people of this city a New Year filled with health, happiness and prosperity.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Mayor

WILFRID LANDRY

City Council

Councilmen at Large

WILFRID E. FRECHETTE

THEODORE SHEVENELL

HARRY E. MCKENZIE

CHARLES LALIBERTE

Ward Councilmen

CLARENCE GOLDTHWAITE Ward 1

WILFRID A. COTE Ward 2

ARCHILLE CROTEAU Ward 3

GEORGE L. LANDRY Ward 4

ALBERT CANTARA Ward 5

ALFRED F. LEDOUX Ward 6

THOMAS P. MCGARITY Ward 7

City Clerk

ARMAND DUQUETTE

City Solicitor

WILLIAM P. DONAHUE

City Treasurer

WILLIAM E. SHAW

City Auditor

ALBERT E. PARE

Board of Assessors

THOMAS H. SIMPSON, *Chief Assessor*

THOMAS F. FLANAGAN, unexpired term of John P. Gartland

LINIÈRE DOYON

Tax Collector

SAUL GAGNE

Health and Welfare

DELVINA MATHURIN, *Clerk of Overseers of the Poor*

ANTOINE PETIT, *Superintendent of the Homestead*

DR. J. R. LAROCHELLE, *City Physician*

DR. OSCAR PERREAULT, *Health Officer*

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PAUL F. GRACE

Superintendent of Schools

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Truant Officer

PERCY C. MCKEEN

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ANTOINE A. PETIT

ARMAND DUQUETTE

Chief of Police

RODOLPHE VANASSE

Captain of Police

CLEMENT DESCHANBEAULT

Board of Engineers of the Fire Department

FRANK CANTARA, *Chief Engineer*

NAPOLEON VERRIER, *First Assistant Engineer*

TIMOTHY A. HAYES, *Second Assistant Engineer*

Street Commissioner, District No. 4

ALBERT CADORETTE

Trustees Woodlawn Cemetery

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GEORGE W. BRIDGMAN

DANIEL JELLESON

Superintendent of Burials

FREDERICK D. RUMERY

Milk Inspector

HARRY F. DINEEN

Electrical Inspector

SAMUEL LACERTE

Inspector of Buildings

THOMAS BLANCHETTE

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