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Mayor's Address and Annual Reports made to the City Council of Gardiner, at the Close of the Municipal Year, March 1853

Gardiner (Me.).
MAYOR'S ADDRESS

AND

ANNUAL REPORTS

MADE TO THE

CITY COUNCIL OF GARDINER,

AT THE CLOSE OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR,

MARCH, 1853.

GARDINER

MORBELL & HEATH, CITY PRINTERS

1853.
Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council:

The municipal year being about to close, it is proper on taking leave of the position which the favor of my fellow citizens assigned me, that I should review the most important events connected with the progress of our city during the past year.

One of the most important events to the city, which have occurred, was the passage of the Act of the Legislature, of April 3d, 1852, by which a portion of the city contiguous to its business section was set off, and made, with a part of other towns, into the new town of Farmingdale. The justice of this measure it is not my purpose to discuss. The Act was protested against in due form by the city, but our voice was permitted to have no influence in the hasty determination of the question by the Legislature. A portion of the residents of the separated territory have an identity of interests with us, and participate in many of the advantages and privileges of our city, without sharing in the necessary burthens of taxation for their support. This is a condition which we do not think the liberally disposed among them will tolerate, when
the trifling causes which induced them to lend their influence to so questionable a measure shall have been forgotten, or a more favorable construction put upon them. By the act of separation the city was required to assume all the property, on a valuation by commissioners appointed for that purpose, and the amount of their appraisal was to be deducted from the liabilities of the city, and the surplus divided between the city and town in such proportions as the commissioners should determine. The debts and liabilities of the city, as determined by the commissioners, were $20,137.32; the resources of the city and public property, $10,862.75; leaving a balance of debts and liabilities, amounting to the sum of $9,274.57, of which the commissioners decided that Farmingdale should pay $1,038.82 to the city. As the account was made up to April 3, 1852, including interest on the debt, this award is assumed as bearing interest from the time to which the account was made up, viz: April 3, 1852.

This item of the award has not been paid by Farmingdale, time having been granted to them to obtain authority at their annual meeting to make a loan to pay it. By the same Act of the Legislature the city was required to assess upon itself, the whole amount of State and County tax that would have been assessed upon the city had no division taken place; and the proportion thereof which Farmingdale should pay to the city was to be determined by the commissioners appointed by the Act; and they consequently awarded the sum of $447.37 as the amount to be paid by Farmingdale, which has accordingly been paid over to the City Treasurer. There are still some unsettled claims for and against the city in which Farmingdale is interested, but which cannot be finally adjusted till their correctness is determined.

In the Summer of 1851, a sewer was constructed in Water Street, on the petition of sundry citizens, and the expense thereof divided between the city and the several abutters who would be benefitted thereby. From some informality in estab-
lishing this sewer, certain of the abutters, if not all of them, refused to pay the sums assessed on them. Having on investigation some doubt as to the legal claim of the city, arising from informal proceedings, I refrained from pressing the claim by suit, and a proposition being made to me, by the advice of the Board of Aldermen, the question of the legality of the transaction was submitted to an umpire mutually agreed upon, whose decision was adverse to the city. The cost of this sewer was $530.33, of which the sum of $325 was assessed upon the abutters, and was relied upon in the statement of resources in last year's account as a sum to be received by the city towards defraying outstanding claims.

My attention was called at an early day to the encroachments of the Railroad upon the County road which runs along the margin of the river. These encroachments occur in at least seven different places; in some the whole width of the road is occupied, in others only a part of it; but the whole extent, as near as I can judge, is at least one hundred rods. In one place near the Richmond line, an expenditure of more than eleven hundred dollars was formerly made by the town in alterations and repairs, to avoid a section which had been and would continue to be an expensive piece of road. The whole width of this new piece of road has been taken by the Railroad, and the travel thrown back over the same ground that we had incurred so much expense to avoid, which is a steep and difficult ledge. In other cases the travel is thrown back into deep cuts made from the adjacent hills, rendering it liable to be obstructed by rocks and dirt falling from the high banks. In consequence of the deep cut below the Depot being made nearly to the line of the street, that part of the street leading over Lord's Hill, so called, will in my opinion soon cave off and entirely interrupt the traveling, if not protected. I suppose it to be the duty of the Railroad to make it secure. The city cannot do it without trespassing upon the land of the Railroad.

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I do not find in the records of the town or city any authority or permission given to the Railroad Company thus to trespass upon public rights in any of the cases named. The Railroad was authorized by the County Commissioners to make these alterations in the highway, under an erroneous opinion that they could do it in the lawful exercise of their powers. At the mutual request of the President of the Company and myself, the County Commissioners were called upon last summer to examine the road and adjudge what should be the measure of our redress; but these gentlemen, having taken legal counsel, became convinced that they had already exceeded their authority, and declined acting any further in the premises. The whole proceedings had evidently been illegal. The law authorizes the County Commissioners to lay out and make only such alterations in highways as the public interest and convenience require, and not those which are demanded by individuals and corporations against the public convenience. The law authorizes the Railroad to cross public highways, but in no case to pass laterally upon them. These views of the case are such as are also entertained by the City Solicitor and other legal gentlemen who have been consulted upon the subject.

The Railroad Company has widened the road and opened a passage for travel in most of the above places; but yet in a manner wholly inadequate to the public convenience, and in most cases by encroaching upon the premises of private individuals, who can at any time shut out the public and obstruct the travel. This has already been done in one case, and it was only by giving assurance that immediate measures of redress would be taken by the city, that I was permitted to remove the obstruction. The subject is one of great importance, as damages are liable to occur to travelers, which might involve litigation and expense to the city. The attention of the President of the Railroad has been repeatedly called, both during the past summer and this winter, to the
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importance and necessity of making the County road more satisfactory to the public; but very little encouragement has been given that anything will be done, and we may reasonably apprehend that the matter will be neglected, unless the City Government will take the subject in hand, and with promptness assert its rights and cause them to be respected.

There is no subject to which I can call your attention with more satisfaction, than the state of our Finances. From the system of strict accountability in the disbursing offices established by the City Government, and the scrutiny which every claim receives before it is allowed, a great improvement in the economy of our expenses has taken place. The expenses of the past year have fallen considerably within the resources of the year; so that the balance between our debts and liabilities and our resources has been materially reduced since the last year.

Of the sum of $1038.82, awarded by the Commissioners on the division of the City as being due us from Farmingdale, $910 would be their proportion of our debt; the balance was due us on account of current expenses.

Without going into a detailed statement of the account which will be presented to you in another form, I will give you a general statement of our debts and resources.

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RESOURCES.

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>From Treasurer</td>
<td>$2100 85</td>
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<td>towns and individuals</td>
<td>34 43</td>
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<tr>
<td>Farmingdale</td>
<td>1038 82</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest from Apr. 3d to Mar. 1st</td>
<td>56 63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company</td>
<td>174 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest on same</td>
<td>30 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Action vs. Isaac Carr, about</td>
<td>205 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ansyl Clark, City Agent</td>
<td>91 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crowell's Note</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ansyl Clark, City Agent</td>
<td>404 00</td>
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**MAYOR’S ADDRESS.**

**LIABILITIES.**

The City owes on notes payable,

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<tr>
<td>Interest due but not paid</td>
<td>$15,690.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>School Districts</td>
<td>$781.88</td>
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<tr>
<td>High School</td>
<td>$214.92</td>
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<tr>
<td>Highway—last payment on Contracts</td>
<td>$307.45</td>
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<tr>
<td>Salaries</td>
<td>$612.12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fire Department</td>
<td>$396.93</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contingent Account</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>City Watch</td>
<td>$59.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Dorcas Parker</td>
<td>$55.00</td>
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| Total in Liabilities                             | $18,152.55 |

Resources,

| Resources                                        | $4,430.76 |

Balance—being the estimated indebtedness of the City,

| Balance                                          | $13,721.79 |

Estimated amount as being due March, 1852,

| Estimated amount                                | $15,357.97 |

Amount since paid for debts then due but not estimated,

| Amount since paid                               | $240.00    |

Amount assessed on individuals for sewer, estimated as a resource but not collected,

| Amount assessed on individuals for sewer        | $325.00    |

Making the true indebtedness, March 1, 1852,

| Making the true indebtedness                     | $15,922.97 |

The true indebtedness, March 1, 1853,

| Showing a reduction of                           | $2,201.18  |

ROBERT THOMPSON, Mayor.

**City of Gardiner, March 1, 1853.**
CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Mayor, and City Council of the City of Gardiner:—

The undersigned, Treasurer and Collector of said City, respectfully presents the following Report of the Receipts and Payments, for the financial year ending February 28, 1853:

He debits the City with having paid sundry Mayor's warrants in favor of School Districts, it being a balance due them March 1, 1852, $320.64

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<tr>
<td>Sundry warrants charged Fire Department of 1851</td>
<td>457.05</td>
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<tr>
<td>Highway account for 1850 and 1851</td>
<td>272.53</td>
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<td>Contingent account of 1850 and 1851</td>
<td>157.67</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paid Superintending School Committee, balance of Sal. ris for 1850 and '51</td>
<td>624.47</td>
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<td>sundries charged Alms House account</td>
<td>4.83</td>
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<tr>
<td>interest on old orders &amp;c.,</td>
<td>12.31</td>
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<tr>
<td>sundry warrants charged Poor of 1850 and '51</td>
<td>200.13</td>
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<tr>
<td>sundry legal expenses on license case in suit &amp;c.,</td>
<td>118.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overseers of the Poor balance due them March 1, 1852</td>
<td>218.07</td>
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<td>night Watchmen for 1851 a balance due them March 1, 1852</td>
<td>44.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>R. H. Caldwell printing bill for 1851</td>
<td>14.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>City of Portland;</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sundry abatements per Assessors' certificates,</td>
<td>403.31</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>3554.78</td>
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He credits the City with a balance in his hands on the first day of March, 1852, including taxes uncollected, 2597.86

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<tr>
<td>Amount received from G. S. Maynard, late City Marshal</td>
<td>43.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two years' rent of land in rear of City Hall, received from J. M. Meagher,</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Received from S. Webber balance of account</td>
<td>62.64</td>
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<tr>
<td>E. Sawyer on note</td>
<td>29.28</td>
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<tr>
<td>E. McLellan</td>
<td>27.68</td>
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<tr>
<td>interest on the above</td>
<td>17.61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samuel Amee balance of account</td>
<td>13.62</td>
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<tr>
<td>the City of Portland</td>
<td>5.63</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance charged the City on new account</td>
<td>727.21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>3554.78</td>
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CITY TREASURER’S REPORT.

Balance of old account, 727 25
Paid Mayor’s Warrants in favor of School Districts, 1852 2130 39
“ on account of repairing Factory Bridge, 25 44
“ Overseers of the Poor, 2229 83
“ warrants charged Highways 1852, 2130 40
“ “ Fire Department, ’52, 265 74
“ “ City Watch, ’52, 344 00
“ “ Printing Account, ’52, 71 51
“ “ Contingent Account, ’52, 443 69
“ “ High School, 685 03
“ “ Salaries, 1852, 587 88 8913 86
Temporary Loan repaid, 1000 00
Paid Note to A. J. Reed, 210 00
“ Notes to E. W. Freer, 550 00
“ “ Isaac Lilly, 1200 00
“ “ D. Hatch, 350 00
“ “ S. H. Parsons, 200 00
“ “ Mrs. Hedge, 500 00 3010 00
“ Interest on Notes, &c., 1124 56
Discount allowed on taxes paid prior to Nov. 2, 1852, 709 50
Abatement of taxes for 1852, 186 30
Balance to new account, being cash on hand, uncollected taxes, 2131 58

He credits the City, in account for 1852, with assessments committed to the Collector for 1852, appropriated as follows:

To repairs of Highways, 2250 00
repairs of Factory Bridge, 300 00
support the Poor, 1550 00
support Fire Department, 825 00
maintain a Night Watch, 375 00
Printing account, 125 00
payment of interest, 950 00
payment of contingent expenses, 450 00
Discount on Taxes, 400 00
Support of High School, 900 00
Salaries of the Superintending School Committee, 100 00
Salaries of other officers of the City, 1200 00
support of Schools, 2550 00 11975 00

Overlayings on Taxes, 637 61

By received from State Treasurer, appropriated to Schools, 362 17
Money borrowed in anticipation of Taxes, 1000 00
Amount hired from Gardiner Savings Institution, to take up Notes, 3000 00
received for three Auctioneer’s licenses, 0 00
received from City Marshal, for rent of City Hall, 92 50
By received from R. H. Gardiner, on account, 1 08
an additional assessment of taxes, 171 28
fines received, credited "Poor Account," 50 00
fines received, credited Contingent Account, 10 00
received from Town of Farmingdale, it being their proportion of State
and County Taxes, 447 37

March 1, 1853.—By Balance, 17803 01
$2131 58

CYRUS KINDRICK, City Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing Account, and the items composing each sev-
al account, and find the same correct.

S. B. TARBOX,
JOHN WEBB,
H. B. HOSKINS,
F. P. THEOBALD, Finance Committee.

MARCH 15, 1853.
REPORT OF OVERSEEERS OF POOR.

To the City Council:

The Overseers of the Poor of the City of Gardiner, for the year which closed March 1, 1852, respectfully submit the following Report.

Amount of Appropriations, $2197 37
   received from other towns, 194 04
   Articles sold from Farm, 301 17
   Fines for violation of Liquor Law, 50 00

$2742 58

Whole am't of expenditures for the Department, 2725 04
Balance in Treasury due, 17 54

Amount of sundry-bills due the Department, (as per schedule A.) which have accrued during the year, 35 43
To which add balance in Treasury, 17 54
Making whole balance due Department, 52 97

Whole amount of Appropriations, $2197 37
From which deduct balance due Department, 52 97

Whole cost of Department to the City, 2144 40
All the bills against the Department for the year, of which the Overseers have any knowledge, have been paid. The amount paid for assisting persons not in the Alms-house, has been $516.74. Number of persons assisted, 130. Number of persons that have been supported at the Alms-house during the year, for a longer or shorter term, 73. Whole number of persons receiving assistance in and out of the Alms-house, 198. Five persons have received assistance both in and out of the Alms-house. Number of weeks of board furnished to Paupers at the Alms-house, 1722.

Net cost to the city of supporting Paupers for the year, $2144.40
To which add Fines collected, 50
Interest on Alms-house and Farm, as valued $3750 by Farmingdale Com. 225
\[ \frac{2144.40 + 50 + 225}{\text{Total cost}} \]

From which amount take amount paid to supply persons out of the Alms-house, $516.74
difference in amount of Provisions at Alms-house this year and last, 67.57
Foy's services, attending to Poor out of Alms-house, 100

Net cost of supporting Poor in Alms-house, $1735.09

It will be seen by the foregoing, that the average cost per week for supporting the Poor at the Alms-house, is one dollar and seven mills. The Overseers and Superintendent have been anxious to ascertain the result of cultivating the Farm, therefore the accounts have been kept in such a manner as to enable them to do so. The following is the result of the swine account.

**SWINE ACCOUNT.**

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<th>Dr.</th>
<th>Cr.</th>
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<tr>
<td>1852.—Mar. 1.</td>
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<tr>
<td>For 6 Swine on hand as valued $77</td>
<td>By 43 Pigs sold, $89.78</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 4 Shotes bought in Boston, 57</td>
<td>683 lbs. Pork sold Ring, 58.55</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 128½ bu. Corn, 94</td>
<td>319 &quot; to Alms-house, 27.16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot; 40 bu. small Potatoes, 16</td>
<td>685 &quot; &quot; &quot; 56.52</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Green Corn, Pumpkins, &amp;c. 10</td>
<td>Manure from Pigs, 15.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>$255.00</td>
<td>3 Swine valued Mar. 1, 75.58, 60.00</td>
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<td>Balance by Profit, 61.95</td>
<td>$306.95</td>
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In the Farm account which follows, we have not charged the interest on Farm, or Superintendent's services, as those
items would have to be divided between the Alms-house and Farm. We have charged against the Farm, $20 for fencing, and $15 for hot-beds, which were improvements on the Farm. It will be seen that the profits of the Swine account have been carried forward to the Farm account. Next year the Farm will produce all the hay that will be wanted at the Alms-house, unless the stock is increased. By schedule A, will be seen a catalogue of all the articles in the Alms-house and about the Farm, March 1st, 1853.

**FARM ACCOUNT.**

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<th>Dr. Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>For labor of Men and Oxen,</td>
<td>$117 89</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 28 bu. Seed Potatoes a 70c.</td>
<td>19 60</td>
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<td>&quot; 4 &quot; &quot; Wheat a 9s.</td>
<td>6 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Grass Seed,</td>
<td>5 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Seed Corn,</td>
<td>50</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Garden Seeds,</td>
<td>4 63</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Manure from Pigs,</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Labor of Horse,</td>
<td>15 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Fencing,</td>
<td>20 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Hot-beds,</td>
<td>15 00</td>
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<td>$274 12</td>
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<td>Profits,</td>
<td>278 35</td>
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<tr>
<td>By 47 bushels Wheat,</td>
<td>$60 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 300 &quot; &quot; Potatoes,</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 43 &quot; &quot; Carrots,</td>
<td>14 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 35 &quot; &quot; Corn,</td>
<td>28 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 200 Cabbages,</td>
<td>12 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 23 bushels Beets,</td>
<td>10 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 2 loads Pumpkins,</td>
<td>6 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 1650 lbs. Squash,</td>
<td>16 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 20 bushels Parsnips,</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 2 ½ &quot; &quot; Beans,</td>
<td>2 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; ⅓ Ton Hay,</td>
<td>9 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Vegetables sold green,</td>
<td>53 42</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; do. used in Alms-house,</td>
<td>48 60</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Pasturing 2 Cows,</td>
<td>12 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 1 Horse,</td>
<td>8 00</td>
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<td>$440 52</td>
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<td>Profits from Swine Acc’t,</td>
<td>51 95</td>
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<td>$492 47</td>
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A large number of the inmates of the Alms-house are persons who are unable to labor, among whom are the insane, the aged, the infirm, the children and the sick. Occasionally we find persons who are well and able to labor, refusing to do so. In order to meet such cases, and to prevent the too frequent disturbance of the sick and insane by visitors, we have been obliged to adopt a set of rules and regulations for the government of the Alms-house, which have been printed. A copy is herewith transmitted, marked B. The Overseers have also adopted a bill of fare for the Alms-house. There has been during the year one birth at the Alms-house, and much more sickness than during last year, but no deaths.
The last year's Report not always being at hand, it may be convenient to compare several items in this Report with items in the last:—

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<th>Year ending March 1, 1852</th>
<th>Do. Mar. 1, '63</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of persons assisted, out of Alms-house</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>130</td>
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<tr>
<td>No. of persons that have been inmates of Alms-house</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>78</td>
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<tr>
<td>No. of weeks of board furnished at Alms-house</td>
<td>1634</td>
<td>1722</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net cost of supporting Poor and Insane</td>
<td>$2654.91</td>
<td>$2144.40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Amount of Provisions at Alms-house</td>
<td>231.68</td>
<td>290.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Repairs on Alms-house and improvements on Farm</td>
<td>206.68</td>
<td>114.10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Whole number of persons assisted</td>
<td>163</td>
<td>198</td>
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Number of persons that have been assisted during the year, and known to have become paupers in consequence of the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors, 94. Number of Insane, 12. Idiots, 9.

We would suggest the propriety of making the Alms-house a House of Correction. The Legislature is about to give authority to the Police Court of our city to commit criminals, for minor offenses, to the Jail or to the House of Correction of the City of Gardiner, under such arrangements as may be made between the City and the County Commissioners of the County of Kennebec. We are of the opinion that the establishment of a House of Correction would be of great advantage to the City in many respects.

In performing our duty, we have found much more suffering from poverty among those persons who positively refuse to receive assistance from the City, than among any other class.

We cannot close this Report without expressing our approbation of the manner in which the Superintendent, Capt. John L. Foy, has performed the unpleasant and difficult duties of his station. The City Physician has been prompt to attend to all calls from the inmates of the Alms-house or out-of-door Poor.

WILLIAM PALMER,  
MICHAEL HILDRETH, Overseers of the Poor.
REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Finance, in their capacity of Auditors, have examined the accounts of City Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor and Street Commissioner, and find their charges duly accounted for by proper vouchers, or satisfactorily explained. The accounts of the city are kept with more system and a more manifest sense of responsibility prevails among the several disbursing officers. By pursuing the same rigid course with regard to our disbursements, that has been commenced, we shall induce a more economical management of our financial affairs, and prevent involving ourselves in debt from ignorance of our situation. The Finance Committee feel greater satisfaction in the state of accounts as now exhibited, than at any previous period during the time they have held the office. It is the first year, of which they have any knowledge, that the resources of the year have paid its expenses and left a surplus.

The whole resources for the year have been $16907.21
Expenses, including bills paid and outstanding, 16455.97
Excess, $451.24

We are assured by the several disbursing officers that they know of no claims to the amount of two dollars, existing against the city, that are not in the estimate of outstanding
debts. It is thought that all the old floating debts have been discharged. It was from these old demands of long standing, principally, that we have hitherto been led wrongly to estimate our liabilities.

There was a deficiency in our estimated indebtedness last year, of about $756, a part of which arose from the failure of the city to make good their demand of $325 upon certain citizens for the construction of a culvert in Water street.

The available resources of the city are as follows:

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Outstand'g claims, exclusive of notes payable, 2462.55

In addition the city have claim in action

- vs. Carr, including costs paid, about $500.00
- In hands of Ansyl Clark, Agent, about 404.00

making the sum of $2068.21

more than the floating claims against the city. As our permanent debt remains the same as before the creation of the town of Farmingdale, it seems to be proper that it should be reduced to the amount that Farmingdale is indebted to us, viz. $1100, which would reduce the city debt to the sum of $14,590. This, your Committee think, could be done and leave the Treasury in a better state than it has been in for many years. We merely offer this as our opinion, without wishing to anticipate the duty of our successors.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. TARBOX,
JOHN WEBB,
H. B. HOSKINS,
F. P. THEOBALD,

Finance Committee.
STREET COMMISSIONER’S REPORT.

To Robert Thompson, Esq., Mayor of the City of Gardiner:

Agreeably to the Ordinance defining the duty of the Street Commissioner, I herewith submit my annual Report.

At the opening of the season many of the streets, and especially the culverts, were found in bad condition. The appropriation the last year was too small to justify doing much more than to keep the streets in ordinary repair; some permanent work, however, was done on side-walks, and some new culverts rebuilt, and the Norton Bridge, so called, raised about three feet, so as to be above ordinary freshets. In consequence of the Kennebec & Portland Railroad Company neglecting to make good the river road, which they have altered for their convenience, I have been put to much inconvenience, and a great deal of my time has been required to prevent and remedy defects that, unless seen to, would hazard a prosecution of the city for damages. I am aware of the anxiety you have felt on this account, and your efforts to induce the President of the Railroad to do the city justice in this matter. The expenses of the city have been and will continue to be much greater than before the alterations made by the Railroad, unless they either assume the expenses of repair or make such improvements on its present condition as
are necessary to prevent a very onerous burthen falling upon the city through their default.

All contracts for repairs of streets and roads will expire in May next, except the two made with Johnson and Stanford. It will be a subject for the new administration of city affairs, to determine the expediency of renewing those contracts. Our experience has taught us that those contracts did not sufficiently define the duty required of the contractor; and, in some cases at least, the interest of the city was not promoted by them.

High Holborn Street, which was accepted a few years since, will have to be opened the present season, or a part of it. A complaint was made to the Grand Jury last Fall, on account of the neglect of the city to open it last year.

The north end of Mount Vernon Street—the street leading from High Street to Spring Street, also the street leading from Winter Street to Harrison Avenue, require that some more expense should be laid out on them than for ordinary repair.

A new street, leading from Vine Street to Kingsbury Street, was laid out and accepted by the City Council the last season. Whether that will be required to be opened this season I am not informed.

There is now in the city about forty thousand feet of sidewalk, and more is needed. Of this about five or six thousand feet is in an unsafe condition, and requires extensive repairs or entire rebuilding. I have built during the past year about three thousand feet of new side-walk, at an expense of about five hundred dollars.

The Factory Bridge ought to be rebuilt this year, and when done I presume it will be found expedient to raise it several feet. The end abutments are stone, and I think they are in good order. I am apprehensive from what examination I have been able to give it, that the Bridge at the New Mills will want considerable repairs on it. In my opinion the location of this bridge might be changed to the advantage of the city,
and before any great expense is laid out upon it, I think it would be advisable to have the subject investigated.

I have expended the last year on highways:

- For labor, $1000
- For materials, 815
- Paid on contracts, 345

$2160

There is now due on contracts, 308

$2468

The amount appropriated for highways and repairs of Factory Bridge, $2550—showing a surplus of appropriation, of the sum of $82.

In my opinion it will be necessary to appropriate for the highways, three thousand dollars for the ensuing year, to put them in such condition as they require to be. Of this sum about $300 would be required for opening new streets, and about $900 for side-walks.

I have in my charge the following tools belonging to the city, viz:—One ox-cart, two new wheel-barrows, one tenon saw, one hand-saw, two plows, one scraper, three crowbars, three picks, one broad-axe, two hoes;—and also about forty dollars' worth of lumber.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL AMEE, Street Commissioner.

GARDINER, March 1, 1853.
CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To His Honor the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, and the Common Council:—

The undersigned, having been elected City Marshal of the City of Gardiner, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Geo. S. Maynard about the first of October, 1852, would present the following report:

The whole number of criminal prosecutions commenced and tried in the Police Court, during my term of office, is 48—for the following causes:

Assault, 10—nine fined, one discharged.
Breach of Liquor Law, 22—twelve fined, ten discharged.
Drunkenness, 5—fined.
Adultery, 2—one committed, one discharged.
Peddling without a license, 1—fined.
Inveigling, 1—bound over.
Keeping a house of ill-fame, 1—bound over.
Trespass, 1—bound over.
Disturbing schools, 4—fined.
Obtaining goods by false pretences, 1—bound over.

Of the above prosecutions, thirty-six were of this city, and twelve from other towns.
The whole amount of fines collected for the State, city and towns, is $138. The number of convictions, 36; number discharged, 12.

The amount of liquor seized will not exceed ten gallons, all of which was disclaimed by the owners or keepers where it was taken, and consequently there could be no conviction. I have endeavored, according to the best of my judgment and ability, to use all moral and peaceful measures to preserve the peace and good order of the city, but in some instances have failed.

I think there are but few of our citizens who would knowingly violate the Ordinances of the city, but it is done accidentally—except by the boys, who have in many instances violated the second section of the tenth Ordinance, where they are prohibited (as they should be) from sliding down hill in our principal streets. I am of the opinion that if there could be some suitable place provided for this exercise, it would relieve us of a great evil, which has so long prevailed in the city, and accommodate the boys.

Much complaint has been made with regard to idle and truant boys, who are in the constant habit of running about our streets, both days and evenings. Parents and guardians would do well to look into this matter and see that these boys are at school at proper hours and at home evenings, as it will be very much to their advantage as well as to the advantage of the boys. Suffice it to say, that an Ordinance has been passed of late, which in my opinion meets this case, and in due time we shall see its good results.

I would not forget to remind you of the fact that there are still places where rum is sold by day and by night. Many of these places are kept in private houses by the Irish, and the liquor sold by females.

I have endeavored to use all moral and legal means to prevent this great evil, and in a measure have succeeded; but there is yet a great work to be done.
CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

Amount of fines collected for the State, $28 00
Amount of fines collected for the city, 60 00
Amount of fines collected for other towns, 50 00
The amount for breach of Liquor Law, 100 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELBRIDGE BERRY, City Marshal.

GARDINER, March 15, 1853.
CHIEF ENGINEER’S REPORT.

To the Hon. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Gardiner:

Gentlemen: It becomes my duty to report to you the losses by fire in the city, for the year ending March 1, 1853.

There have been during the year seven fires, as follows:
The first—March 27, 1852—was the house of Cyrus Wilson, and was supposed to have originated from the stove funnel. Damage to house and furniture, about sixty dollars.
The second—June 4th—was the Dry-house of James O. Clay & Co., on the Flat now called the Island. This fire was caused by the too near proximity of the lumber to the furnace—placed there for the purpose of drying. The building was mostly destroyed, together with an amount of lumber. Whole loss, one hundred and fifty dollars.
The third—July 7th—was the Tannery workshop of Edward Jarvis, which was damaged from two hundred and fifty to three hundred dollars.
The fourth—July 11th—was the house owned and occupied by Mrs. Caroline Hildreth, which was totally destroyed together with a large part of the furniture. This fire, without doubt, originated from the stove funnel. The loss, near one thousand dollars—partly insured.
The fifth—July 22d—was the saw-mill owned by R. H. Gardiner, Esq., and was caused by the friction of machinery. Damage, about thirty dollars.
The sixth and most destructive fire—Dec. 18th—was the brick block corner of Main and Water Streets, owned by F.
Richards, Esq., and occupied for various purposes by a num-
ber of our citizens. The damage at this fire was estimated
at the time to be near two thousand dollars, one-half of which
was on the building, the other by damage to goods, furniture,
books, &c., and fell upon C. B. Stone, Chas. Swift, Dr. C. W.
Whitmore, D. Nutting, Esq., J. N. Brown, R. B. Caldwell,
L. H. Green, Post Master, and Mr. Lang. The origin of this
fire could not be ascertained, and the insurance was a very
small amount.

The seventh—Jan. 17, 1853—was on Water Street, in the
building owned by Capt. Brookings and occupied by Mr. Hill
as a Furniture ware-room and workshop. This fire originated
in the upper part of the building, probably from the stove.
The damage to the building was near three hundred dollars;
Mr. Hill's loss twelve hundred dollars. Both fully insured.

There have been several alarms of fire when the injury to
the property was very trifling.

Having gone through with the list of fires, I submit for
your consideration the necessary wants of the Department for
the ensuing year, viz: Appropriation for two Engine Cos., one
Hook & Ladder Co. of 20 members, and for incidental expenses
and repairs. This will require six hundred dollars. There
has been much said about a new Engine for the city, and I
should be very glad to see one more that could be of service
at all times; but I think it more desirable that a supply of
water be had for those already in use, than to have others
without this provision. As there will be no hose wanted the
present year, I would recommend the construction of two
more public cisterns, at such points of the city as you in your
judgement may decide for the interest of all concerned. The
necessary amount for this purpose, I am informed, will be
about two hundred and twenty-five dollars; making the whole
amount the same as the appropriation last year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. A. ROBBINS, Engineer Fire Dep't.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE’S REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Councilmen of the City of Gardiner, the Superintending School Committee for the year ending March, 1853, would submit the following REPORT.

We are glad to be able to congratulate you, and our fellow citizens generally, upon the highly prosperous condition of our schools during the past year. There has been an unusual degree of harmony in all the districts and in the various schools under our charge. Not only have there been no serious disturbances, such as have in time past disgraced some of our schools, but there appears to have been a less number than usual of those slighter cases of discipline which are constantly recurring. In only one case have the Committee been called upon to quell disorder, and that comparatively trifling, in one of the remote districts.

A very excellent class of teachers have been employed throughout our schools. We think that there never have been so many superior teachers employed during our previous connection with the schools, as during the present year. The
Committee will ever retain an agreeable recollection of their connection with them.

We have been pleased, in our visits to the different schools, with the orderly deportment of the pupils, their good appearance, and interest in the exercises of their various classes. In general there has been also more particular attention paid to the cleanliness and neatness of the school rooms.

In all of the schools there has been a very good degree of progress, and in some a very marked progress, in the school studies. We think that in some of our schools, the range of studies might be varied to advantage. In many of our district schools, the older pupils, who attend only during the winter, seem to think that if they can read and write with tolerable facility, they ought to devote the remainder of their time to Arithmetic, or at most, Arithmetic and Grammar. Now it is true that these studies are indispensable, and ought to be thoroughly pursued by the youth in our common schools, but we think that after the Arithmetic has been well mastered, instead of going through the book winter after winter, pupils should devote more of their time to Geography and History, and other studies calculated to increase their stores of information.

In regard to descriptive Geography, much advantage has accrued to many of our schools from the use of the Outline Maps. Several districts have provided their school houses with these important helps, and the recitations which we have listened to upon them have been among the most interesting in the schools where they are used.

In regard to the classification of our schools much remains to be accomplished in the larger districts—and yet there is at present a better classification than at any former period. In districts one and two, the distinction between the Primary and Grammar Schools is as complete as the present conveniences of our school houses will admit. In those districts, the entrance of a number of large boys into the Grammar Schools
at the beginning of the winter term,—boys who, as apprentices or engaged in other work, have no opportunity of attending school except a few weeks in the winter,—is a serious hindrance to the proper classification of these schools, breaking up all the arrangements of the summer and fall terms. It would be very much to the advantage of these schools, as well as to this class of boys, to have a winter school for apprentices. Many more boys and young men whose early advantages have been neglected, would be induced to attend, who are now unwilling to be put in competition with younger boys who are much better scholars. The school should be located, so as to accommodate if possible, Nos. 1 and 2, and the New Mills.

There has been a good degree of improvement in regard to the regularity of attendance in many of the schools. Much, however, yet remains to be accomplished through the earnest co-operation of the parents and teachers. Children are allowed to be absent from our Primary and Grammar Schools for very slight reasons. The evil is not a temporary one, merely breaking up the unity of the classes and interfering seriously with the progress of the whole school. It is a permanent evil; for it tends to foster habits of restlessness and fickleness in the child, which, if allowed to grow with his growth, become the bane of his manhood.

The whole number of school districts in the city is eight. In the first district there are three Primary Schools and one Grammar Schools. In the second district there are two Primary Schools and one Grammar School. In each of the other districts there is but one school kept, summer and winter.—Besides these we have the City High School, kept in the building of the Gardiner Lyceum, which is intended for the more advanced scholars throughout the city.

The amount of money raised by the city for the districts, is $2550; amount from the State, $362.17; total, $2912.17. Amount to each scholar, $1.566. The sum raised by the city
for the support of the High School was $900, and the whole amount appropriated for the support of schools, $3450. The sum of $52.68 was taken from the per capita share of District No. 1, and distributed to some of the smaller districts; $10.63 to No. 5, $13.32 to No. 6, $6.25 to No. 7, $4.12 to No. 8, $18.36 to No. 9.

District No. 3, and a small fragment of No. 2, were, by the Act to incorporate Farmingdale, taken from the city and included in the new incorporation. About thirty scholars were taken from our whole return. There has been a falling off of forty-seven since May, 1851; most of this is in District No. 1, and is to be accounted for by the fact that many Irish families connected with the railroad left the city during the last year.

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The High School has been throughout the year under the charge of the former Preceptor, Mr. E. Hunt, assisted by Miss H. A. Moody. It has been attended by a considerable and increased number of pupils, who had been admitted after a satisfactory examination. The progress of the school has been such as to reflect much credit on the accomplished teachers and to afford a high degree of gratification to those who believed such an institution indispensable to the maintenance of good education among us. Time enough has now elapsed to test a portion of its effects. It has certainly produced a more elevated class of pupils and a wider extent of instruction than had existed before. It has also given system and character to the public schools next below it in order, by opening to the more advanced pupils in those schools a prospect of further progress, and by directing their efforts towards a fixed standard of attainment, necessary for their admission to the High School. Under the present teachers, we are confident that the just expectations of parents have been fulfilled; and we believe that the more this school is known to our more intelligent citizens, the more highly will they appreciate its value. For this reason, a public examination may be desirable hereafter.

DISTRICT NO. I.—Phineas Pratt, Agent.

Mary Lennan, Richmond, Teachers of Primary Schools.
Mary Lennan, Richmond, Teachers of Grammar School.

This School has remained under the charge of Mr. J. H. Sherman, with the assistance in the autumn and winter terms, of Miss Mary Lennan. We have felt the very peculiar import-
 ance of placing this school on a firm footing, and affording every security for its healthful state, as it is the only resource of all the families in the District, at an age of the utmost interest. It must necessarily happen that some pupils in a school like this will be behind others who are younger, and retard their improvement. The number of such has sometimes severely affected the character of the school, lowering its tone and rendering its discipline imperfect. A very marked improvement has been witnessed during the past year, in its upper departments, and is, it is believed, generally observed by parents. Something remains to be done, to give to the younger pupils an equal measure of advantages; and it appears possible that a more complete classification might be secured through which the children who have been most at school might be less hindered by those who are necessarily more backward. This school had also suffered much from the frequent absences of pupils, amounting sometimes to a seventh or even a third of the whole number of days in the term. A stringent rule has been adopted which has much checked this exceedingly pernicious practice.

Neal Street Primary School.

This School has continued under the instruction of Miss Harriet E. Wharff, and has been well trained in the first rudiments of education. It exhibits bright and intelligent faces, and what is learned is learned clearly and thoroughly.

Dresden Street Primary School.

Miss Ruth T. Cushing has continued in charge of this School, which, like the other Primary Schools in this District, has been numerously attended without being overrun by such a crowd as would make system impossible. Miss Cushing is an intelligent and faithful teacher, good-tempered and yet watchful; but should study calmness of manner and the most quiet mode of preserving order.
School Committee's Report.

Maple Street Primary School.

Under the charge of Miss Caroline Reed, this School has made, especially during the winter, a decided improvement. Some of the older scholars have been transferred to the Grammar School; and the opportunities of the younger have been thus increased. The standard of the school has been elevated; and it is conferring moral as well as mental benefit on the neighborhood.

District No. II.—N. B. Norton, Agent.

The primary schools, under the charge of the Misses Mills, who have been long and favorably known as teachers, have abundantly maintained their previous character for systematic classification, alacrity in school exercises, and good order. We still regard them as model schools of their class. They are however much too crowded. During the winter term, in the Summer street school, the whole number has been 100 and the average attendance 73. In the Spring street school the whole number has been 101 and the average attendance 80. Fifty scholars are the greatest number that either of their school houses can well accommodate, and fifty scholars of this class are as many as any one teacher can well take care of. Another primary school house is imperatively needed. It might be located somewhere in the vicinity of the Grammar School house and thus relieve that school of some of the younger scholars. We hope the District will feel that the best interests of their children require of them to build such a school house the coming year.

Grammar School.

The Grammar School was kept during the summer and fall by Mr. C. H. Sawtelle, of Sidney, who was assisted during.
the winter by his sister, Miss Vesta J. Sawtelle. The labors of both have been highly satisfactory. It will be seen that the average attendance during the winter has been greater than in previous years. The school has appeared uniformly cheerful and orderly when we have visited it. Mr. Sawtelle is a laborious teacher; drills his classes with great care and thoroughness and governs with an unusual degree of ease. The advancement made by most of the classes has been very commendable. We were much interested in his exercise in spelling from the Dictionary, requiring the class to write out the words on their slates and to commit the definitions.

DISTRICT NO. IV.—J. K. Osgood, Agent.

Miss H. J. B. Dalton, Readfield, \textit{Teachers of Summer School.}

Miss S. W. Foy, Gardiner, \textit{Teachers of Winter School.}

Mr. C. A. Smiley, Sidney,

Miss H. J. B. Dalton, Readfield,

Miss Mace, of Readfield, commenced keeping the summer term, but was called away in a week or two and her place was supplied by Miss Dalton. This lady has uncommon tact in the government of a school; and a system of teaching novel and calculated to cultivate habits of accuracy and precision in her classes. Her devotion to the school has been untiring, she having spent on an average one hour daily more than the usual hours of school.

Mr. Smiley kept the winter school, Miss Dalton being retained as an assistant. Having very similar ideas in regard to teaching, the system commenced in the summer was continued and the school went prosperously to its close, with an average attendance of 112 out of 138. Mr. Smiley has had considerable experience in teaching and has a great facility in conducting the exercises of a school in a lively and interesting manner. The order of the school never was better than during the entire year. At the close of each term a merit roll was read, the record of which reflected great credit on a large portion of the pupils.

Another school house is very much needed in this district.
in order to make a better classification of the scholars, and unless this is soon accomplished, it will prove a serious impediment to the progress of the school.

DISTRICT NO. V.—Shirley Libby, Agent.

Miss Hannah Spear, West Gardiner, { Teachers.
Mr. Joshua B. Mayhew, New Sharon,

The school from some cause was very small during the summer term. It was orderly and the teacher industrious and faithful. During the winter the attendance was nearly double that of the summer term. The school was well classified and good order prevailed; though there was more of restlessness among a large portion of the scholars than is usual in this school. The closing examination was highly creditable. The class in Robinson's Arithmetic had nearly finished the book and their recitation was as good as any to which we have listened, in any of our schools. The first class in grammar also recited admirably. The people of this district have reason to be proud of their school.

DISTRICT NO. VI.—John Crawford, Agent,

Miss Emeline Reed, Richmond, { Teachers.
Mr. Jas. Potter, Jr., West Gardiner,

The attendance during the summer was very small only sixteen on the average, hardly enough to keep a teacher constantly employed. The teaching was good and the school orderly. There was a want of union among the people of the district in regard to the winter school which was a serious injury to it. Mr. Potter is a young teacher, but his system of teaching is good. He is a very good scholar and understands the method of communicating what he knows. A little more energy in enforcing order would be advantageous to him and his pupils.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. VII.—SAMUEL NEWCOMB, Agent.

Miss EMILIE LAWRENCE, Gardiner, \\ Teachers.
Mr. CHAS. K. HUTCHINS, Leeds,

This school has enjoyed the instruction of excellent teachers during both the summer and winter terms. At the close of the summer term we were much pleased with the progress made by the classes in reading and spelling and particularly in writing. At the close of the winter term a large class of the older pupils had finished Greenleaf's Arithmetic, and their examination proved that they had not only gone over the book but were well versed in the principles of it. The order has been uniformly good.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.—CHARLES LAWRENCE, Agent.

Miss LUCY A. MOODY, Monmouth, \\ Teachers.
Mr. GEO. T. BLAKE, Belgrade,

There seemed to be a great degree of restlessness among the scholars at the time of our first visit. If however the teacher was at all lacking in discipline, she was uniformly kind and industrious in her teaching. The school at the closing examination had made an average degree of improvement. The winter school was a great improvement upon the last year. Their teacher was quite young, but appeared ambitious. There are some excellent scholars in this school. The District have furnished their school house with a set of outline maps which have been put to good service in the school.

DISTRICT NO. IX.—JOSEPH BOOKER, Agent.

Miss SARAH H. PARSONS, Litchfield, \\ Teachers.
Mr. STEPHEN WESTON, JR., Litchfield,

The summer school was very seriously interrupted by irregularity of attendance, the average being only 18 out of 33. The appearance of the school was good and the progress in studies fair. During the winter the attendance was much better, there being an average of 42 out of 49. Order was well maintained and the various classes have made good progress.
In concluding the labors of the year your committee rejoice that the condition of our public schools is gradually improving. Higher facilities of Education have been thrown open to our youth the year past, than ever before. The child of the poorest citizen may now enjoy equal advantages with the child of the wealthiest. If the labors of your committee thro' a succession of years have contributed to the result, it is indeed to them recompense for an amount of time and labor expended for which the money annually appropriated is a meager compensation. We commend our public schools to your earnest watch and care. They are among the most important of the trusts committed to you; the hopes of the coming generation are garnered there; from them may go forth men well trained and disciplined to govern themselves and to sustain the good name and deeds of our forefathers, or if these schools suffer neglect, a class of half disciplined youth will go forth from them incapable of appreciating their privileges, and unworthy of their civil and religious inheritance.

Respectfully submitted by

N. WOODS,  
GEO. BURGESS,  
W. L. HYDE,  

Supt. School Committee.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE

IN RELATION TO THE TOWN OF FARMINGDALE.

The undersigned committee appointed in the Legislative Act incorporating the town of Farmingdale in the County of Kennebec, to appraise the property belonging to the cities of Gardiner and Hallowell, and the town of West-Gardiner, at its true value respectively on the third day of April, A. D. 1852, and to ascertain the amount of the debts and liabilities of said cities and town respectively, and to determine the excess of such debts and liabilities (if any) and the proportion of such excess, to be paid to the said cities and town respectively by the town of Farmingdale; have in pursuance to the provisions of said Act made the following valuation, and apportionment of the sums to be paid by the inhabitants of Farmingdale to the City of Gardiner, as follows, to wit:—

The subsequent statement gives a specification of the debts and liabilities of the city of Gardiner, on the third day of April, A. D. 1852:
Amount of notes &c. due sundry persons and corporations, with interest per schedule, $16,176.15

Amount due the several school districts, $948.87

Abatement on Taxes, $397.76

Salaries of city officers from March 1st to April 3d 1852, $660.65

Expenditures on Highways from " " " 17.13

Support of Poor " " 277.50

Sundry payments for various objects as per schedule, $2,259.20

Amounting to $20,187.32

Description and valuation of property to be retained and owned by the city of Gardiner:

Alms House and lot with the furniture and other appurtenances, $3,750.00
City Hall and lot $1,800, Furniture in same and Engine Houses $50, 1850.00
Fire Engines—Fire King, Washington, Hyd'n, Velocity, Rough & Ready, 1000.00
Power Engine, 2 public cisterns, pound, &c., and Brunswick Common, 000.00
2 Engine Houses and land $600, 1060 ft. Hose $258, do. to Velocity $10, 888.00
Building for the deposit of Ladders, and 2 Fire-hooks and 5 Ladders, 25.00
1 Ladder-carriage $40, Tools at Alms-house, &c., per schedule $146, 186.00
Provisions, &c., at Alms-house, including 3 cords of wood, per schedule, 120.00
Quantity of lumber on hand $44.50, Amt. in hands of Treasurer and Collector, per schedule, $2,507.16, 2,611.66
Amount received from City Marshal, and others, per schedule, 227.34
Furniture in City rooms $200, Highway utensils per schedule $24.75, 224.75

Amounting to $10,802.75

Which, deducted from first mentioned sum, leaves an excess of Debts and Liabilities of $9,274.57.

Amount of the excess of Debts and Liabilities, as shown above, $9,274.57.

The Town of Farmingdale's proportion of the above, to be paid to the City of Gardiner, amounts to $1,038.82

The State Tax against the City of Gardiner for 1852 amounts to the sum of $2,779.17

The proportion of which, belonging to the Town of Farmingdale to pay, amounts to the sum of 252.07

The County Tax against the City of Gardiner for 1852 amounts to the sum of $2,153.20

The proportion belonging to the Town of Farmingdale to pay, amounts to the sum of 195.30
The total amount of the Town of Farmingdale's proportion of the Debts and Liabilities of the City of Gardiner to pay, including said Town's proportion of State and Co. Taxes for 1852, amounts to $1486.19.

The City of Gardiner's proportion of the City Debt and Liabilities, as before stated, amounts to $8235.75. And said City's proportion of State Tax for 1852, 2527.10. And said City's proportion of County Tax for 1852, 1957.90.

Aggregate of excess of Debts and Liabilities, $9274.57. Do. of State and County Taxes, 4942.37.

By amount of Gardiner's proportion, 12720.75. By amount of Farmingdale's proportion, 1486.19.

$14206.94

Statement of Unliquidated and Doubtful Claims due the City.

From the Kennebec & Portland Railroad Co., about $92.50.
Note against Wheeler for about 125.00.
Town of China 5.65, Town of Newcastle 2.19, 7.84.
Town of Sidney 4.33, James Spear 5.00, 9.33.
Claim against Kennebec Company, 22.00.
do. do. Henry L. Crowell, about 174.50.
do. do. I. Carr on bond, penal sum $500 (in suit) 500.00.

$931.17
Statement of Claims against City of Gardiner.

P. Vigoureux 25.00, R. B. Caldwell 1.25, $26 25
L. H. Green, postage .86, M. Dunton 5.00, 5 86
Holmes & Robbins 1.50, Bradford & Sawtelle 6.00, 7 50
Wm. Palmer 1.06, M. Springer 6.50, 7 56
D. Nutting 11.20, Dorcas Parker 53.00, 64 20
W. H. Lord 12.00, H. D. Wakefield 7.50, W. Long 60.00, 79 50

$190 87

Whenever the claims last described are settled and paid, should a balance be found in favor of the City of Gardiner, such balance should be apportioned in the same manner as indicated in this report, and such portion paid to the Town of Farmingdale.

The Committee were requested to receive and allow statements and make corrections for numerous omissions of assessment, of over assessments, of errors in judgment in the valuation of property, and of clerical mistakes, alleged to exist in the books of valuations for the years 1849 and 1852; and which, if complied with to the extent requested, would have required a general investigation, and possibly (if practicable) a revision of the whole assessments of those years. But the Committee were of the opinion, that any beneficial results growing out of such an examination, or revision, would probably not have essentially altered the character of this report, or been worth the additional expense to the Town of Farmingdale. But in consequence of the attention of the Committee being called to the subject, corrections were made whenever deemed necessary to do equal and impartial justice between the parties interested.

Claims were also made for certain deductions on account of highway contracts which had not expired on the 3d of April, 1852. By referring to the schedule of liabilities and payments, it was found that about $52 only was charged after
that time, but what proportion of that sum might have been expended in labor after that time, otherwise than from the date of the charges in said schedule, did not appear, and as the amount or proportion would have been so inconsiderable and uncertain, the Committee did not make any deduction or allowance therefor. Besides, in case a portion of said contracts were payable and in part paid after said 3d of April, it was considered by the Committee that Farmingdale ought perhaps to contribute its full and just share towards said payments, upon the same principle that it would have been entitled to receive a full proportion of a debt due the city, payable by instalments, some one or more of which might have become payable after that time.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN POTTER,
JOEL SMALL,
SAML. CLARK, 

Committee.

Dec. 28, 1852.
CITY OF GARDINER,
Common Council, March 15, 1853.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to Phineas Pratt, Esq., for the faithful, courteous and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer for the past year.

CITY OF GARDINER,
Common Council, March 15, 1853.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to H. B. Hoskins, Esq., for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Chairman of Committee of Finance, on the part of the Common Council, for the past three years.
ORDER FOR PRINTING.

CITY OF GARDINER.

Common Council, March 15, 1853.

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing procure to be printed immediately, three hundred copies of the Mayor's Address delivered to the City Council this day, together with the Treasurer's account of receipts and expenditures for the past year, and also the Reports of the Superintending School Committee and the Street Commissioner; and likewise, if they can be procured seasonably, the Reports of the Overseers of the Poor, City Marshal and Chief Engineer,—with this order printed therewith.

In Common Council, March 15, 1853.
Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

ANSYL CLARK, Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, March 15, 1853.
Read and passed in concurrence.

C. P. BRANCH, Clerk.