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MAYOR'S ADDRESS

AND

ANNUAL REPORTS

City Council of Gardiner,

AT THE

CLOSE OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR,

MARCH, 1854.

GARDINER:
ALVAN M. C. HEATH, CITY PRINTER.
1854.
Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council:

The municipal year for which we were elected, being near its close, and a new election having filled the places which we now occupy, on retiring it is well to review the past, giving a brief statement of occurrences, and of matters connected with our doings for the present year. Our city has been favored with general health, but we have lost one member of the City Council by death; Mr. Samuel Davis, of ward two—a very worthy and exemplary man, a valuable member of the City Council, and of the community at large: as a token of their respect, the Mayor and the City Council attended his funeral. Another member, Mr. Peacock, of ward six, has been debarred by ill health from participating in the labors of the Common Council during the entire year. Activity and general prosperity have marked the business operations of our citizens for the year, accompanied by an improved state of morals, if we may safely judge on this subject from the exterior deportment. I believe it may be safely said, that there has been rarely a time in our city, or any similar community, where for so long a time there has been so little seen of drunkenness, profanity, quarreling, mobbing or rowdyism, as has been seen in our city the last year; and what is worthy of particular notice is, that on two public occasions, viz.: the Fourth of July and the Cattle Show and Fair, in October, each of which called here a very large concourse of people,—that on the first occasion I did not see a single case of intoxication, nor hear
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

A profane or vulgar word spoken; and about the same may be said of the occasion of the Cattle Show and Fair. I was on both occasions in a situation to observe, and my attention was particularly directed to the matter. This reform may be ascribed to an improved state of public sentiment, aided by the "Maine Law." The policy of the administration of the city government, so far as my action could have any control, or influence on the same, has been steady, uniform, quiet and unobtrusive; and intended to prevent crime, and allay contention, strife and unkind feelings: whether my efforts have been successful or otherwise, I leave others to judge. No case of open notorious offences committed, that have come to my knowledge, have escaped prosecution: for information on this, and other kindred subjects, I would refer to the City Marshal's report. Our streets, highways and sidewalks have been improved. Several contracts for repairs of highways, made in 1850, expired last spring; that portion of the roads embraced in those contracts, amounting to 12 miles, was left generally in a bad state, particularly with regard to drainage; and required extensive repairs. Some new roads have been built, and more than usual has been expended in breaking roads during the winter. These several causes have required an expenditure beyond the appropriation, as by the Street Commissioner's report will more fully appear. The first appropriation for the support of the Poor and Insane, has proved insufficient to meet the expenses of that department; and a transfer has been made, by order of the City Council, of the sum of $250 from the appropriation made for the Fire Department, to meet the deficiency. The report of the Overseers of the Poor will furnish all the information required, of the management of this department and of its present condition. The report of the Superintending School Committee will give full information in relation to our schools. It appears that $1020.67 belonging to the School Districts, and $239.50 belonging to the High School, had not been drawn for. All the appropriations made for the year have been sufficient for the objects of such appropriations, with the two exceptions heretofore mentioned, one of which has been provided for by a transfer of appropriation; and the other may probably be provided for in a similar way, and by money received of the City Agent. Herewith is submitted the report of the
City Agent for selling liquors; he has paid to the Treasurer the sum of $200, which he says is not wanted in the business of his Agency. The sum of $883 85 of the debt due from Farmingdale has been collected and paid to the Treasurer. For some cause, there seems to be a backwardness on the part of Farmingdale, to adjust and settle the balance. The finances of the city have been kept during the year in a good state; all warrants drawn on the Treasurer have been promptly paid. Temporary loans were made by the Treasurer, as authorized, to the amount of $1300, to meet the wants of the city before the taxes were assessed, which loans have been all repaid. All the State and County taxes against the city for the year have been paid. One note for $1100 and interest, to C. E. Bradstreet, given on account of the purchase of the Alms-house and Poor Farm, has been paid and cancelled; and I think $330 more might be withdrawn from the treasury to pay a note held by E. McCurdy against the city, for that amount, without impairing the means to meet other engagements. All the interest due from the city has been paid, with the exception of two items not yet called for, amounting to about the same as the unexpended balance of the appropriation made for that object. The Finance Committee will report a statement of the present resources and liabilities of the city.

I congratulate you on the improved state of our affairs, and upon the prospect that our taxes will be reduced. I have reason to hope that very shortly, if not this coming year, our city taxes, including highways and also State and County taxes, will not exceed one per cent, on the valuation.

I was an early friend of a city government, because I thought such a form of government best suited to meet the wants of a community like ours. Three years out of four of its existence, I have been called to take a part in its administration. I can truly say, that I have labored honestly and faithfully and without regard to self-interest in its service; human nature is imperfect; for errors in judgement, having duly improved his best faculties, no man can be accountable; but for honesty of purpose, every man is accountable:—by this rule I am willing to be judged.
Having lived out the length of years ordinarily allotted to man, I am admonished that other thoughts and cares demand what may remain to me of life; therefore, gentlemen of the City Council, wishing a long continuance and successful operation of this government, and prosperity and happiness to its citizens generally, and to yourselves individually, I bid you farewell.

March 18th, 1854. EDWARD SWAN.
CITY TREASURY.

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

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance, report that they have examined the accounts of the late and present Treasurers, and find the following account of Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending February 28, 1854:

The late Treasurer, C. Kindrick, Esq., charges the city with having paid

Mayor's warrants on account of Schools, amounting to $265 29
Do. on account of High School, 12 50
Do. on account of Contingent Account, 19 07
Do. on account of City Watch, 59 00
Do. on account of Highways, 93 50
Do. on account of Salaries for 1852, 392 12
Do. on account of Poor of 1852, 29 29
Do. charged K. and P. Railroad, 8 25

With sundry abatements on taxes for years 1851 and '52, per certificates, 217 78
" Balance paid E. Berry, present Treasurer, 1114 88

$2211 68

The late Treasurer credits the city with the balance of former account, rendered Feb. 28, 1853,

Amount received from Holmes & Robbins, 4 50
Do. from the State on account of expenses of Kelly, State pauper, 75 60

$2211 68
CITY TREASURY.

The present Treasurer, B. Berry, charges the city with having paid Mayor's warrants on account of Schools, $2350 77
Do. on account of High School, 912 92
Do. on account of Support of the Poor, 2256 75
Do. on Contingent Account, 605 67
Do. on account of Salaries, 1282 50
Do. on account of Repairs of Highways, 3017 71
Do. on account of City Watch, 365 00
Do. Salary of Superintending School Committee for 1852, 100 00
Do. for Printing, 43 98
Do. on account of Fire Department, 446 69

Temporary Loan repaid, 1300 00
Paid Interest on the same, 23 90
on acct of City Debt, C. E. Bradstreet's note taken up, 1100 00
Interest on City Debt, 864 76 3283 66
Abatements of taxes for 1853, per Assessors' certificates, 279 47
Balance to new account, 2584 79

$17,594 89

The present Treasurer, E. Berry, credits the city with amount received from former Treasurer, $1114 88
Money borrowed—"Temporary Loan," 1300 00
Amt. rec'd from town of Farmingdale, 883 65
Do. from A. Clark, City Agent, 200 00
Do. collected of K. & P. Railroad, 91 46
Do. for use of City Hall, 50 00
Do. of B. Shaw for rent of basement of do. 20 00
Do. from J. Plaisted for old fence, 2 00
Do. from Costello, breach of Liquor Law, 20 00
Do. from Huston, breach of Pedlar's Law, 10 00
Do. from J. K. Osgood, Auction License, 2 00
Do. from the State towards the support of Schools, 354 34

Also with assessments committed to the Collector for 1853, as follows:
For support of Schools, 2500 00
support of the High School, 950 00
support of the Poor, 2000 00
support of Fire Department, 800 00
maintaining a City Watch, 375 00
Printing, 100 00
Interest on City Debt, 950 00
Salaries for 1853, 1300 00
repair of Highways, 2800 00
Contingent Expenses, 500 00
paying towards City Debt, 500 00 12,775 00
overlayings on Taxes, 752 75
additional Taxes, 17 70

$17,694 89

$2,664 79

By Balance,

B. B. TARBOX, P. PRATT, 
Committee on Finance, D. NUTTING,
REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

To the City Council:

The Overseers of the Poor of the city of Gardiner, for the year which closed March 1, 1854, respectfully submit their annual report:

The number at the Alms House, March 4, 1853, was 38. The whole number who have been there any time during the year is 44. The average number for the year, 23, and a fraction over. Present number, 19.

* The whole number assisted out of the Alms House, any time during the year, is 69, making a total of 113, who have received the attention of the overseers some time during the year.

Sheet marked 2, accompanying this report, shows the names, the time, and the number of days these 44 individuals have been inmates of the Alms House.

Sheet marked 3 shows the families or individuals who have been assisted out of the Alms House, and the amount of assistance rendered to each family or individual, as the case may have been.

Sheet marked 1 exhibits a full account of all the bills paid by the department from March 1, 1853, to March 1, 1854.

This amount, it will be perceived, is $2460 27. And the disbursements amount to precisely the same sum.

Now, if we deduct from this amount what has been paid out for other towns, as shown on sheet 4, $161 90

Bills of the preceding year paid this year, sheet 5, 43 00
paid at the Insane Hospital, sheet 5, 168 86
of permanent improvements at Alms House, sheet 6, 169 35.
10 REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Amount paid for out-door Labor, Manure, Shoots, &c., sheet 7, 199 31
  to paupers out of the Alms House, sheet 3, 521 44
labor of females in the Alms House, sheet 8, 44 86
Medicines, as per bill C. P. Branch, 9 08
Hay for horse and two cows, 69 64
Fuel for the year, as on sheet 9, 295 71
Salary of Agent, Matron, Horse &c., 250 00
All these sums amount to 1923 14

Which sum being deducted from whole amount expended, leaves 537 13

with which to purchase materials for food and clothing; and being divided by the average number (23) boarded at the Alms House, during the year, it will be seen that the cost of these materials, for each individual will be a fraction less than forty-five cents per week.

But much of the raw material for the food of the inmates of the Alms House, is taken from the Farm. Sheet 10 shows the value of the produce to be $587 32. From this deduct the expense of carrying on the Farm, as shown on sheet 7, $199 31; this leaves $388 01. Add this sum to the $537 13, the cost of the materials purchased; and we have the cost of food and clothing—$925 14. This sum of $925 14, divided by 23, the average number of boarders at the Alms House for the year, and by 52, the weeks in a year, shows the price of board per week, for each individual, to have been a fraction over seventy-seven cents.

It will thus be seen that the price of board per week, at the Alms House, has been a little higher the past year than heretofore, for two obvious reasons, if no more; the number of boarders being less, proportionably enhances the price, and also the greatly increased price of provisions, not only of what has been purchased for this purpose, but also a higher appraisal of the products of the Farm. Paying ten dollars a barrel for flour, instead of five, makes quite a difference in the price of board.

But allowing the improvements upon the grounds to be worth what they cost, if we would come at the real, the whole expense to the city of this department for the past year, we must add to the amount already divided as above, the cost of female labor at the Alms-house, cost of medicines, of Hay, Fuel, and the Agent's salary, amounting in all to 660 28; also interest on capital and insurance, say $300;
and the honest expense of supporting these 23 boarders at the Alms House the past year, cannot be less than a dollar and a half per week, each.

As these last sums, for fuel, salary of Agent, &c., must be essentially the same, whether the average number of boarders be 23 or 33, it is plain that the cost for the small number of inmates the past year has been much higher in proportion than it would have been, had the number been twice as large.

The original appropriation for the Poor Department for the year now just closed, was $2000. Now if we deduct from the whole amount paid out during the year, what has not, properly speaking, gone for the support of paupers of our own city, but for other purposes, we shall find that the whole expense of this department for the past year has not exceeded the sum of nineteen hundred dollars.

A balance of $52 76 is left in the treasury, while we have the satisfaction of saying, that all the bills of this department have been paid up to the first of March; and some which we expect to receive again, particularly the bill paid at the Insane Hospital for Bridget Owen, of $93 42, we expect will be paid by the State. Elliotsville, Litchfield, Wales, and Avon have agreed to pay bills, which have accrued on account of paupers belonging severally to those towns.

Our predecessors found a small bill of $4 against the town of Dresden, to which we have added $12 50, which that town refuses to pay; and, in connection with the Overseers of the city of Hallowell, who also have a bill for the support of the same pauper, we have jointly agreed with Noah Woods, Esq., to go and investigate the claim.

There has been very little general sickness at the Alms House, the past year; and only two deaths; that of Michael O'Brien, an Irishman, May 13, and that of Wm. N. Springer, Sept. 23, 1853.

We have, at the Farm, a valuable cow, as is evident from the amount of butter made from her and one belonging to the Agent.—Also eight swine, two of which are yet young; the remaining six quite valuable; from five of which we expect some ten broods of pigs the coming season, for which we find a ready sale at profitable prices. Two of the first broods will be ready for sale in all the coming month of April.
Whilst we wish to mitigate misery wherever it can consistently be done, and especially to allow no one to suffer for the necessaries of life in our city, much discrimination, decision, and well-balanced policy are necessary in deciding who shall be helped, and especially who shall be sent to the Alms House.

To some the thought of losing their independence, and getting the unenviable reputation of being a pauper, the decision that they must go to the Alms House, if they wished assistance, might stimulate their ambition and efforts, so that they might get along quite as well without assistance as with it.

But when persons have once settled down at the Alms House, they are too apt to lose their ambition, feel quite contented to live at ease, have a good home, and make no further efforts for themselves. Great caution, therefore, should be used to prevent this effect upon those at all able to support and help themselves. We have examples of both these sorts of persons, and we find that well-directed efforts, as in the case of H. Wakefield and family, at a comparatively small expense, too, in keeping families along while out of the Alms House, or in getting them started after removing from the Alms House, operates well, and is a great saving of expense in the end.

The facilities of traveling are now so great, that Overseers must keep a vigilant eye upon our railroad depot and steamboat landings, lest other cities and towns relieve themselves of paupers by paying their fare and dropping them upon us. None should be allowed to stop and remain here, who have not some good reason for so doing. And if we find they stop here merely for lack of funds to reach their destination, it is certainly a deed of charity to relieve their anxiety, and help them along to where they would be; and often a small sum, in this way, will save large bills at the Alms House.

We think the front part of the roof of the old mansion house, if no more, must be shingled the coming season, as it leaks badly. And the granary over the wood-house needs clapboarding, as it has been only rough boarded, and the storms beat in injuriously. A large rain water cistern, too, is very much needed.

But hardly any thing is more needed at the Farm, than additional land for pasturing horse and cows. The growing of grain and vege-
tables is quite desirable, and we think profitable; and this cultivation makes constant inroads upon our grounds; and hay is too expensive an article continually to buy; and we trust in the fact that the oft-repeated prophecy, that hay enough for our own consumption will be grown on our own grounds, will, the coming season, be actually fulfilled. But this method of proceeding takes up so much of our grounds, that very little is left for pasturing; and, consequently, our horse must be kept at hay the whole of the year, and the cows fed from the barn, more or less, for ten months of the year. We know of no investment that would be so profitable to the city, as the purchase of a small pasture for the use of the Alms House.

By the schedule of stock, &c., on hand at the Alms House, it will be seen that we have a large quantity of manure on hand; as an important part of the profit of raising swine is their assistance in making large quantities of the most valuable dressing for the ground.

How well the Overseers, City Physician, Agent and Matron have accomplished the perplexing tasks devolving upon them the past year, we have little to say. We think all have endeavored to do as well as they could, under the circumstances. The community must judge. But the long sickness and melancholy death of the Matron of the establishment, should by no means be forgotten, in coming to a conclusion upon its management. This event was a serious loss to all concerned; though we think the Agent has been unusually fortunate in those whom he has selected to take her place.

The offices of Agent and Matron at the Alms House are extremely difficult offices to fill; and few indeed are the persons who can fill them to the satisfaction of all.

PHINEAS PRATT, Overseers
JOHN WEBB, of the Poor.
S. NEWCOMB,

Gardiner, Feb. 28, 1854.
STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

To his Honor the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Gardiner:

Gentlemen—Having been elected Street Commissioner for the past year, by your Honorable body, I have endeavored to do the office justice as far as I was qualified. As it was new business to me there was much to learn, and as the streets in that part of the city where the contracts expired, the last spring, (May, 1853,) were in such a very bad state, I found it actually necessary to expend more money on them than I should have done, if the contractors had done what in my opinion they should have done. About twelve miles of road under contract expired last spring, and about five or six will expire next spring. I am satisfied that the experience we have had in letting roads by contract for the past will be a benefit to us for time to come.

I have expended upon new streets about three hundred dollars, one hundred upon the Common in painting the fence and repairing the same, and in gravel, ornamental trees, &c., out of the appropriations for highways, by a vote of the City Council.

The Factory Bridge is in a very bad condition, and will want repairing if not rebuilt this season, as it is in a very bad condition.

The New Mills Bridge will need covering this season, as the plank is rotten, and therefore not safe.

The culvert at the Rolling Dam Brook, so called, ought to be re-
built this season. It is now built of wood and much decayed. If rebuilt, it should be made of stone, and longer and higher.

It will also be necessary to build some new sidewalk this season, as well as repair that already built, but it is my opinion that the city ought not to build much more new sidewalk, for the reason that we have as much now as we shall be able to keep in repair. About ten hundred and fifty dollars was expended for material, the last year, for side walks alone, and if as large a sum is expended every year for this purpose, our appropriations for highways must increase yearly.

Mr. Amee recommended the appropriation of $3,000 for the highways, for '53, and the expenditure has exceeded even this amount. The appropriation was twenty-eight hundred dollars, but owing to the great expense incurred by the breaking roads, the past winter, it has overrun the appropriation some two hundred dollars. It is my opinion that for the ensuing season, it will require twenty-eight hundred dollars for repairs of highways and sidewalks, as materials are very high; and also five hundred dollars, for repairs of the Factory and New Mills Bridges and the stone culvert at the Boiling Dam Brook.

I have expended for Lumber and Cedar, &c., $1019 45

" Labor, 1839 85 2859 30
Paid Joseph Johnson on contract, 112 00
" Jordan Stanford do., 37 50
" R. H. Gardiner do., 75 00

$3088 80

Appropriation, $2800 00

Showing an excess of $283 80

There is now on hand about thirty dollars worth of plank, cedar and other building materials.

The tools belonging to the city, in the Highway Department, are one ox cart, two wheelbarrows, two saws, two picks, three scrapers, three crowbars, two plows, one broad ax, two hoes, and one measuring tape.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELBRIDGE BERRY, Street Commissioner.

Gardiner, March 1, 1854.
To the Hon. Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Gardiner:

Gentlemen—I herein transmit to you the losses by fires from March 1, 1853, to March 1, 1854; together with the situation of the Fire Department.

There have been fifteen alarms of fire during the year, at eight of which the engines were used.


3d. April 30. Alarm of fire proceeded from the house occupied by F. A. Butman, Jr. Extinguished without the aid of engines, with very little injury.

4th. July 11. Fire at house of Bishop Burgess. Damage to house, $100; fully insured.

5th. July 25. Alarm at Sawmill on Dam No. 3. Engines not worked, and injury very little.


7th. Fire at the house of Francis Richards, Esq. Damage to house, $125. Insured. Caused by the burning of soot in chimney.
which occasioned such a degree of heat as to ignite the wood work near the chimney.


9th. Nov. 30. Fire at the barn of Mr. John Plaisted. Loss of hay and damage to building, about $75. No insurance. This fire was evidently the work of mischievous boys, whether from design or accident I cannot say.


12th. Feb. 5. Fire at the house occupied by Eleazer, George and Wm. Hutchinson, on Water Street. Totally destroyed. Loss two hundred dollars. No insurance.

13th. Feb. 12. Fire on Water Street. Building owned by R. H. Gardiner, Esq. and Hermon Lodge of Freemasons, and occupied by R. H. Gardiner as a counting house, by Owen Dealy as a Tailor's shop, by B. F. Marble as grocery and botanic medicine store, and by the Lodge as a place of meeting. Mr. Gardiner’s loss from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars. Not insured. Mr. Dealy’s loss three hundred dollars—not insured. Mr. Marble's loss I have not ascertained. He was insured for two thousand dollars. The loss of Hermon Lodge was seven hundred dollars, four hundred of which was insured. Cause of this fire not ascertained.

14th. Feb. 20. Fire at the House of E. W. Parkhurst, near the Common. Totally destroyed, together with the furniture, &c., the family barely having time to get out. Loss twelve hundred dollars, insurance seven hundred dollars. Supposed to have caught from ashes in a wooden vessel.

15th, and last. Feb. 26. At the stable of Mr. William Sargent. House and stable connected. The stable was wholly consumed, also part of the L. The main house was but little damaged. Mr. Sargent’s loss, seven hundred dollars, mostly insured. Cause not known.
The situation of the Fire Department is as follows:

We have five engines, only two of which have organized companies. Two of them have long been abandoned, and the other one some two years since. The last has been given up to the youths of the city, for the year past, and they have done remarkably well for those of their age, and I am much pleased that the authorities saw fit to make them a donation as encouragement for the interest they seem to feel.

There will not probably be any hose wanted the present year, so that only ordinary repairs and expenses will be needed aside from the pay of the firemen.

I understand that a petition is, or will be put, in circulation, praying your Honorable body to purchase one more engine. I am not prepared to give an opinion in regard to the measure. If the old ones could be exchanged at a fair rate for the new, I should say at once, let it be done. Or if the old ones could be sold for their value, one could be bought. There seems to be an obligation on the part of the City, morally, if not legally, that a good and efficient engine should be placed and kept on Plaisted Hill, and if it can be done will allay the hard feeling which has existed in regard to the matter heretofore. I had some conversation with one of the builders, and the best offer I could get from him was to make an exchange, giving the city a new engine, and take the old ones and five hundred and fifty dollars. I think after seeing them he would do a little better—perhaps fifty dollars.

I have for two years urged the necessity of an addition to our public cisterns, and that necessity still exists, and is every year increasing.

The Hooks and Ladders are in good repair and will need no addition at present. The building in which they are kept should be moved or sold and a new one constructed in a different place, and I supposed from what I could learn, last fall, that it would be done the past winter.

As to the best mode of keeping up the Fire Department, I am unable to judge, but have supposed in a case like ours, where the City does not expect to pay, and the firemen ought not to expect to receive, a full compensation for their services, it would be as well to depend on the voluntary services of the citizens, for all aid further than keeping
CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

the engines in repair and getting them to and from fires: You are all of you aware of the difficulty in obtaining help when needed at fires, the cry being. "They (meaning the firemen) are paid, let them do the work." If the present mode is abandoned, this excuse cannot be made. As it is, it is a very poor one, and one that no man of feeling or principle would entertain for a moment.

Respectfully submitted,

March, 1854. C. A. ROBBINS.
CITY MARSHAL’S REPORT.

To the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Common Council:

In accordance with former custom, I herewith present you my annual Report. The whole number of criminal prosecutions commenced and tried in the Police Court, from March 1, 1853, to March 1, 1854, are 78, and for the following causes, viz.:

Assault, 22—17 fined, 4 discharged, 1 bound over.
Drunkenness, 7—3 fined, 3 discharged, 1 appealed.
Violation of Liquor Law, 12—1 fined, 6 appealed, 4 discharged, 1 seizure, liquor forfeited and ordered destroyed—140 gallons.
Trespass, 4—3 fined, 2 discharged, 2 committed.
Larceny, 8—2 committed to State Reform School, 3 discharged, 1 appealed, 1 fined, 1 committed to jail.
Disturbing School, 5—Fined.
Obtaining Goods by false pretence, 1—Bound over.
Exhibiting Obscene Prints, 1—Bound over.
Violation of City ordinance, 1—Fined.
Vagrancy, 1—Discharged.
Disturbing the Peace, 3—2 fined, 1 discharged.
Adultery, 2—Bound over.
Attempt to Rape, 1—Bound over.
Desertion of Seamen, 4—Committed.
Lewdness, 1—Bound over.
Bound Over to keep the peace, 1.
Violation of the Hawkers and Peddlers' Law, 1—fined.

The whole amount of fines collected for State and City is $87 75.
The number of convictions, 59; discharged, 18. The whole amount of fines collected for the State, 57 25; amount collected for the City, 30 50.

There has been about 465 gallons of liquor seized the past year. 140 gallons have been destroyed by order of the Judge of the Police Court, 290 gallons have been given up, and about 54 gallons has not yet been disposed of.

Two boys have been committed to the State Reform School, from this city, the past six months, for the crime of Larceny, and I am of the opinion if there were many more of them there, it would be much better for them, and for their parents and guardians.

It is not necessary for boys to steal, to be sent to this school. There are many now in this city, who are fit subjects by truancy and idleness loafing about the streets; without any steady employment. It is hoped that these boys will be looked after closely, who are growing up in ignorance and idleness about our city.

The expense of the Police this year is much larger than former years, owing to the celebration of the fourth of July, and the Cattle Show and Fair, Oct. 19, which was actually necessary, to preserve the peace and good order of the city on those occasions.

And at all times, I have endeavored to use all lawful measures to prevent offences against the peace, and to preserve the quiet of the city.

In the discharge of my duty as City Marshal, I have failed to give satisfaction to all classes of people, I am aware. To err is human, but when an officer does give entire satisfaction, there are some within the borders of our city who will even ask for more.
When our citizens are united in the great cause of Temperance, we shall see a very different state of affairs in the city. Where there is union there is strength.

I have endeavored to enforce the Liquor Law, at all times when I was satisfied that it was violated, and could sustain an action, but I am aware that there is liquor sold in many places in this city, and in many instances, it is sold or given away in private houses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELBRIDGE BERRY, City Marshal.

Gardiner, March 1, 1854.
# RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

## OF THE CITY OF GARDINER,

**FEBRUARY 28, 1854.**

### LIABILITIES

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RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.

Balance in hands of Treasurer and Collector, $2,664 79
Due from Town of Farmingdale, 154 97
from John Libby for Rent, 15 00
Amt. in hands of A. Clark, City Agent, 600 00
Suit vs. I. Carr et al., estimated 500 00
Amt. due from State, for support of an insane State pauper, 111 42
Balance, being indebtedness of the City over and above resources, 13,008 49

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