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# ANNUAL REPORTS

MADE TO THE

## CITY COUNCIL OF HALLOWELL,

At the close of the Municipal Year, March, 1854,

WITH A

LIST OF CITY OFFICERS,

FOR 1854.



HALLOWELL:  
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1854.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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### To THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The Committee on Finance have examined the books and vouchers of the City Treasurer, and find them to be correct and in due form.

The appropriations made by the City Council, to be raised by tax at the commencement of the past year, were as follows:—

For payment to the town of Chelsea,	\$850 00
City Debt and Interest,	280 00
Support of Schools,	2250 00
Repairs of Highways and New Road,	1050 00
Support of the Poor,	1000 00
Fire Department,	100 00
Enginemmen,	200 00
City Watch,	150 00
Salaries,	650 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	350 00
Discount on taxes,	900 00
	7780 00
State Tax,	1769 66
County Tax,	1062 58
Overlayings,	506 63
Supplemental Tax,	21 03
	11,139 90

The following is a statement of the expenditures in the different departments, as compared with the appropriations:—

### Payment to Chelsea.

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	\$850 00
Expenditure,	850 00

### City Debt and Interest.

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	\$280 00	
Less amount transferred to Miscellaneous,	100 00	
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	180 00	
Interest paid on notes,		180 00

### Schools.

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	\$2250 00	
State School Fund received,	203 97	
Received from Farmingdale for 17 scholars attending school in City,	39 10	
Received from Municipal Court for fine paid,	15 00	
Balance of former appropriations,	35 84	
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	2543 91	
Expended for compensation of Teachers,		1989 00
"    wood,		152 73
"    repairs,		178 24
"    incidental expenses,		135 05
"    compensation of Agent,		25 00
"    "    Committee,		55 00
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		2535 02

### Repairs of Highways and New Roads.

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	\$1050 00	
Part of overlayings appropriated,	50 00	
Transferred from other departments,	110 00	
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	1210 00	
Expended on Laughton road and damages,		170 00
"    for repairs of roads, bridges, culverts,		
railings and sidewalks,		929 23
"    snow bills,		106 90
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		1206 13

**Support of the Poor.**

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	\$1000 00	
Fines for violation of Liquor law received,	50 00	
Profits on sales of liquor, by City Agent,	59 60	
Part of overlayings appropriated,	100 00	
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	1209 60	
Expenditures,		1196 02

**Fire Department.**

Appropriated by tax, March, 1853,	\$100 00	
Part of overlayings appropriated,	25 00	
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	125 00	
Repairs to Tiger Engine, care and supplies,		53 35
Repairs to Lion Engine, care and supplies,		17 18
Repairs to hose of Lion and Tiger Engines,		21 13
Repairs to Engine No. 2,		6 09
New Ladders, trucking Engines, &c.		15 13
Setting and care of Hogsheads in river,		11 50
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		124 38

**Salaries.**

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	\$650 00	
Transferred to Highway appropriation,	55 00	
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	595 00	
Paid Salaries; to Mayor \$200, City Marshal \$50, Overseers of the Poor \$75, Assessors \$66, Treasurer and Collector \$100 61, City Clerk \$50, Clerk of the Common Council \$25, City Solicitor \$27,		593 61

**Miscellaneous Expenses.**

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	\$350 00	
Transferred from appropriation for City Debt,	100 00	
Rent of City Hall and basement,	75 00	
Received from R. R. Co. and appropriated,	106 00	
Part of overlayings appropriated,	100 00	
Fines received from City Marshal,	9 50	
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	740 50	
Less transferred to Highway account,	55 00	
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	685 50	

Bills of former years paid,	8 25
Rent of Council, Court and Ward Rooms,	41 00
Furniture for Council Rooms,	23 00
Printing Mayor's Address and Annual Reports,	29 50
Improvements to City Hall,	368 88
Advertising, Printing, Stationery, &c.	29 95
Costs and Fees in <i>Harmon v. Hollowell</i> ,	56 28
Damages from defects in Highways,	37 75
Use and Ringing of Bell,	40 00
Care of City Rooms and Clock,	20 00
City Marshal's Aids, night of July 3,	7 50
Incidentals and small bills,	19 48
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	681 59

### Discount on Taxes.

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	\$900 00
Part of overlayings appropriated,	55 00
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	955 00
10 per cent. Discount on Taxes paid in up to July 15,	913 75
5 per cent. on Taxes paid in up to Sept. 1,	40 74
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	954 49

### City Watch.

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	\$150 00
Expenditures,	150 00

### Engine Men.

Appropriation by tax, March, 1853,	200 00
Paid to the Tiger Company,	100 00
Paid to the Lion Company,	100 00
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	200 00

### Recapitulation.

Total appropriations,	\$8704 01
Total expenditures,	8671 24
Balance of appropriations unexpended,	32 77

**Present Liabilities.**

Loan of 1851, payable in 1854, 5 and 6, with interest semi-annually,	\$3000 00
Interest on Loan to March 1, 1854,	77 41
Balance of School appropriation,	8 89
State Tax of 1853, unpaid,	1769 66
Due School District No. 1, on district tax,	51 54
Accounts and contingent claims, estimated at	50 00
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	4957 53

**Present Resources.**

Cash in the hands of City Treasurer,	\$1718 78
Uncollected Taxes for 1853,	253 34
Less further abatements, estimated at	75 00
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	178 34
Balance of W. H. Goodwin's note and interest, about	34 00
Uncollected School District Taxes,	31 08
Due from other Towns for supplies to their Poor,	65 00
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	2027 20

**Comparative Statement.**

Balance against the City, March, 1853,	\$2961 39
“ “ March, 1854,	2930 33
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Decrease of balance since March, 1853,	31 06

Besides the above resources, there is an execution against John W. Harmon and wife, for about \$46, considered of questionable value.

The Mayor's book of accounts with the respective appropriations is found to be correctly kept, and proper vouchers for all warrants drawn are on file.

Accompanying this report is an abstract of the Treasurer's account as settled by the Committee.

J. GARDNER, } Committee  
H. K. BAKER, } on  
GEO. CARR, } Finance.

MARCH 11, 1854.



## SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

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City Hall and Lot.

Lion Engine, Hose, Hose Carriage and Engine House.

Tiger Engine, Hose, Hose Carriage and Engine House.

One small Engine.

Ladder Carriage and Ladders.

One Hearse, in good order. One Hearse, old and out of repair.

City Farm, about 75 acres, with the House, Barn, House for the Insane, and other buildings thereon.

Wood Lot, about 20 acres, situate in the town of Kennebec.

Farming utensils and Household Furniture, as per schedule accompanying the report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Highway tools, as per Street Commissioner's schedule.

Powder House.

Burial Ground, about 6 acres.

Chairs, Tables, Desks, &c. in the City Council and Court Rooms.

Sundry volumes of Laws and Law Reports.

# TREASURER AND COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

## DR.

For Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1853,	\$1100 57
W. H. Goodwin's note, Sept. 16, 1851,	47 91
Received of town of Farmingdale on settlement of pauper action,	103 00
do. do. per Commissioner's award,	236 21
do. do. for Loudon Hill school,	39 10
Received of K. & P. R. Co. on settlement of claims,	106 00
Received of State Treasurer for schools,	203 97
“ “ City Marshal, fines collected,	9 50
“ “ City Agent, profits on liquors sold,	59 60
Rent of City Hall and basement,	75 00
Fines for violation of liquor law,	50 00
“ “ “ school law,	15 00
Uncollected taxes for 1852,	296 98
Taxes assessed and committed for 1853,	1118 87
Supplemental tax,	21 03
School District tax, District No. 1,	1048 16
Supplemental do.	4 75
	14535 65

## CR.

By paid J. Booker, town order, 1850,	100 00
School District orders,	991 35
Mayor's warrants,	7716 75
Balance of State tax for 1852,	1500 00
County tax for 1853,	1062 58
10 per cent. discount on \$9137 53, taxes paid in to July 15, 1853,	913 75
5 per cent. discount on \$814 78, taxes paid in July 15 to Sept. 1, 1853,	40 74
Abatements on taxes for 1852,	49 80
“ “ 1853,	118 55
“ “ school district tax,	11 02
Uncollected taxes for 1853, March, 1854,	253 34
“ “ school district taxes,	31 08
Balance of W. H. Goodwin's note due,	27 91
Cash in the treasury, March 11, 1854,	1718 78
	14535 65

PETER ATHERTON, *Treasurer and Collector.*  
March 11, 1854.

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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To THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The Overseers of the Poor, for the year ending March, 1854, submit the following Report:—

### RECEIPTS.

Received from other Towns, for support of	
their poor,	\$159 72
“ for Potatoes sold,	4 73
“ “ other articles,	2 00
“ City Treasury on Mayor’s War-	
rants,	1196 02
	1362 47

### EXPENDITURES.

For supplies, (including labor, \$23,89, )		
and repairs, 13,77) }	for City	\$504 65
Salary of Superintendent,	Farm,	200 00
Paid for Manure,		40 00
“ Straw Cutter,		10 00
“ Iron and Iron work for Sled and Wagon,		16 23
City Physicians, for attendance on City Poor,		35 00
Supplies to Poor of City, and other Towns, not		
at the Farm,		530 53
Incidentals,		15 31
Outstanding Bill for 1852,		10 75
		1362 47

Of the \$1196 02, drawn from the City Treasury, Fifty Dollars has been paid into the City Treasury the past year, accruing from fines for violation of the Liquor Law, which, by the statute, belongs to the fund for support of the poor; thus reducing the amount actually drawn from the City funds to \$1146 02, of which latter sum fifty-nine dollars and sixty cents has been realized from the profits of the City Agency, for the sale of Liquors for Medicinal and Mechanical purposes, appropriated by the City Council to the support of the poor.

To the amount drawn from the Treasury,	\$1196 02
add amount due from other towns, March, 1853,	
less \$103 paid into City Treasury,	60 00
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	Making 1256 02
Deduct the increase in value of stock and produce at the Farm as compared with last year,	173 88
Also amount now due from other Towns (allowing for doubtful claims) say	65 00
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	238 88
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	1017 14
Add outstanding bills estimated at	20 00
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The support of the poor for the last year is shown to have cost, exclusive of the use of the City Farm,

1037 14

Tables are annexed, giving lists of persons and families assisted, and also schedules of produce, stock, tools, and furniture at the Farm.

The Farm and Almshouse have been under the care of Mr. H. M. Smith and wife, and the same good order and comfort has prevailed as in former years.

The past year, on account of the increased cost of the necessaries of life, has been a hard one for many persons and families, whose labor could not command a corresponding increase of compensation, and the Overseers, for this and other causes, have been unable to keep the expenditures within the sum of one thousand dollars as was hoped at the commencement of the year.

The wood on the City wood-lot having become nearly exhausted, and an adjoining lot being offered for sale at a low price, we considered it our duty, first consulting with most of the members of the City Council, to secure it for the City, and made arrangements accordingly. It will be necessary to raise the sum of three hundred dollars to meet the purchase of the same.

We estimate the expenses of the poor department for the ensuing year at eleven hundred dollars.

JESSE AIKEN,  
A. H. HOWARD,  
ANDREW MASTERS, } *Overseers  
of  
the Poor.*

MARCH 9, 1854.

**List of Persons supported at the Farm during the year  
ending March 1, 1854.**

Names.	No. of days Residence.	Remarks.
Luther Brookins,	365	Aged and infirm.
Nancy Porter,	365	Insane.
Mary Hovey,	365	Insane.
Sally Trask,	365	Earns her living.
John Wyman,	365	Partially insane — earns his living.
James Mathews,	365	do. “ “ “
Caroline Wyman,	365	Earns her living.
Mrs. Wm. Smith,	365	Partially insane.
William Kelley,	106	Gone.
Mrs. Watson & Child,	13	Gone.
Emma Watson,	53	Gone.
Margaret Bugnion,	94	Gone.
John Bubier,	3	Gone.
Albert Fly,	10	Gone.
Patience Dexter,	239	Supposed chargeable to Winthrop.
George Piper,	156	
John Jones,	164	
Mrs. Brookins,	268	Deceased.
Benjamin Wight,	16	Gone.

Whole number of persons, 19.

Whole number of days board, 4042, equal to  $577\frac{3}{7}$  weeks.

Number at the farm, March 1, 1854: — Males, 5  
 Females, 6  
 —  
 Total, 11

**Persons and Families assisted, not residing at the Farm at the time, and amount of assistance.**

Names.	Am't of Assistance.	Remarks.
Trask boy, son of } Mrs. McClure, }	\$32,49	Lame and infirm.
Thos. L. Hovey's family,	52,00	Sick and infirm.
Jane Fowle,	26,00	Insane.
Samuel Ward,	26,00	Blind.
Miss Taylor, (Augusta,)	44,75	Now deceased.
Sarah Allen's child,	25,00	
Charles P. Granger,	17,31	Supposed chargeable to Kingfield.
Benjamin Pottle,	27,00	Infirm.
William T. Pottle,	3,00	Paid by Whitefield.
Martha Morgan,	5,50	
R. P. Stuart,	41,48	Paid by Bowdoinham.
Mrs. G. Morrill & family,	28,10	In sickness.
Mrs. Wm. St. Johns,	11,00	At Gardiner.
E. M. Rowe,	18,87	Paid by Waterville.
John O'Byrne,	8,07	Paid by Gardiner.
Mrs. Knowles,	14,19	
John Ladd,	15,11	Paid by Vienna.
H. C. Wirt,	5,00	
Joseph Boynton,	30,13	Wood and House rent.
Benjamin Bubier,	2,00	
Margaret Smith,	4,00	Paid by Augusta.
H. Williams and } Cotton family. }	17,76	House rent.
Mary Bubier, (child,)	6,00	
Supplies furnished } Indians, }	3,75	
John Douglas,	2,03	Paid by Kennebec.
Calvin Edson,	1,74	
James Thing,	42,62	
Henry Smith,	5,88	Sick.
John Jones,	3,00	
Mrs. Wm. Smith,	1,25	
Mrs. Richards,	,50	
Mr. Whitmore,	4,00	
Irish child,	1,00	
Geo. Piper,	3,25	
W. Kelley,	,75	

Total, \$530,53

**Valuation of Stock, &c. on City Farm, March 4, 1854.**

1 Pair of Oxen,	\$130 00	8 Bushels Apples,	\$6 00
4 Cows,	100 00	100 lbs. Dried Apples,	8 00
2 Two y'rs old Steers,	40 00	25 Bush. Turnips and	
3 Yearling Calves,	30 00	Carrots,	6 25
3 Shoats,	36 00	30 lbs. Lard,	3 60
1 Horse,	40 00	3 " Tea,	90
7 Tons Hay,	105 00	3 " Coffee,	30
4 " Mowed Oats		5 Gallons Molasses,	1 25
and Straw,	32 00	1 Bbl. Pork,	20 00
100 Bushels Corn,	90 00	1 " Beef,	15 00
45 " Wheat,	60 00	$\frac{2}{3}$ " Pickled Fish,	4 00
16 " Barley,	12 80	2 M. Lumber,	16 00
6 " Beans,	10 00	30 Cords wood at the	
6 " Peas,	10 00	door,	75 00
80 " Potatoes,	32 00		
			<u>\$884 10</u>

Mr. Smith says, there is on the farm, 12 Cords Manure, and new land broken up, 3 acres, old land plowed, 10 acres, and materials for 3 bbls. soap.

PETER ATHERTON, } *Committee.*  
STEPHEN LORD, }

MARCH 4, 1854.

### Schedule of the Tools and Furniture at the City Farm.

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*Tools.* — 1 pair iron bound Wheels — 1 Manure Cart — 1 Hay Rack — 2 pairs Drafts — 2 Axles — 2 Cast Iron Ploughs — 4 Chains — 2 Shovels — 1 Spade — 3 Manure Forks — 3 Crow-bars — 4 Hand Rakes — 2 Scythes and Snaths — 1 Wood Sled — 2 Ox Yokes with staples and rings — 6 Hay Forks — 1 Single Horse Wagon — 1 Sleigh and Harness — 4 Hoes — 1 Cultivator — 2 Axes — 1 Iron Square — 3 Augers — 1 Chisel — 1 Hand Saw — 2 Harrows — 1 Drag — 1 pair Trace Chains — 1 Takle and Fall — 1 Grindstone.

*Furniture.* — 5 Table cloths — 9 Chairs — 10 Stools — 1 Churn — 3 Butter Tubs — 3 Wash Tubs — 1 Chopping Tray — 3 Water pails — 2 Milk Pails — 18 Milk Pans — 1 Cream Pot — 23 Cups and Saucers — 18 Knives and Forks — 9 Basons — 5 Dippers — 1 Gal. Measure — 1 Tin Pail — 1 Skimmer — 1 Sieve — 30 Plates — 2 Pitchers — 4 Tumblers — 2 Platters — 2 large Platters — 2 Coffee Pots — 1 Tea Pot — 1 pair of Hand Irons — 2 Stoves — 3 Kettles — 1 Spider — 3 Bake Pans — 1 Lantern — 2 Lamps — 1 Brass Kettle — 3 Table Covers — 9 Bedsteads — 6 Feather Beds and Bedding — 9 Straw Ticks — 3 Straw Beds and Bedding.

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## REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIANS.

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL : —

During the year past we have attended to the duties of our office as in the preceding year.

Those at the Farm have enjoyed good health generally, but one death having occurred, the result of age and a debilitated constitution. They have wholesome food and clean apartments and are properly attended.

There have been more calls upon us from those residing



away from the Farm, and receiving aid from the City than during the former year. The most of these cases have been the result of causes beyond the control of the patients themselves, their moral characters being without reproach. But unfortunately this cannot be said of all. When persons deliberately and voluntarily violate the laws of nature, and trifle with, or abuse their constitutions, they cannot expect to enjoy good health. The intemperate and immoral will sooner or later reap the reward of their doings.

There has been no case of the small pox in the city during the year past, and this is in part owing to the fact that almost all have been vaccinated.

Respectfully submitted,

F. ALLEN, } *City*  
M. C. RICHARDSON, } *Physicians.*

## REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The appropriation for repairs of highways in 1853, was \$1050, including \$150, estimated for building the road across S. Laughton's farm and damages awarded to him.

The expenditures have amounted to \$1206 13, in all, of which \$100, was for S. Laughton's damages, \$70, for building the new road and culvert, \$106 90 for snow bills of the past winter, and \$927 23 for ordinary repairs. The amount of damages paid S. Laughton was increased \$20, by the City Council, after the appropriation was made. The cost of constructing the road and culvert was very near the amount estimated, although the road was extended eight rods further south than was at first deemed necessary.

The unusual number and severity of snow storms the past winter, has increased the expense of keeping the roads free from obstructions by snow. We shall probably seldom experience a winter more expensive in that particular.

It will be seen that the expenditures have exceeded the original appropriation by \$156 13. This deficiency was made up by subsequent appropriations by the City Council, amounting to \$160.

The Street Commissioner submits the following estimate of necessary expenditures for highways next year;— for sidewalks \$350, culverts \$200, railings \$50, ordinary repairs \$500, making in all 1100.

EPIIRAIM MAYO, *Street Commissioner.*

MARCH 11, 1854.

*Schedule of Highway Tools.*

2 scrapers, 2 plows, 2 shovels, 3 crow bars, 3 pickaxes, 1 water pail and dipper.

*Highway materials on hand.*

1300 feet of plank. 10 tons of stones near J. Lowell's house, east of Rail Road track. 2 plow points. 8 or 10 pounds of spikes at F. Hathaway's store.

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:—

In pursuance of instructions, I render to you my annual report of alarms and fires which have occurred the past year:

The number of fires have been three, at only one of which it was of any service to work the engines.

April 30, 1853. The outbuildings of House occupied by John Richards were destroyed; house saved; amount of property destroyed estimated at \$400. Supposed set on fire by boys.

June. The house belonging to Mrs. Wight, on the plains, was wholly destroyed, loss \$300. Supposed incendiary.

Sept. The Picker Room at the Factory, caused by friction, loss \$1000.

Oct. An alarm caused by the burning of a varnish shed at E. E. Rice's Carpet Factory, loss trifling.

The Tiger, No. 4, is in good order.

No. 2 has been thoroughly overhauled, and in case of an extensive conflagration would be of great service, and especially where the fire was at a great distance from water, to be

used as a discharge engine, as she is capable of discharging all the water supplied by either of the suction engines.

No. 3, Lion, is said to be in good order, and apparently is ; but from former experience there cannot be so much reliance placed on her working when needed as should be the case.

In regard to the engine men, I can say with pleasure that since the new organization, whenever an alarm has been given, they have been prompt and ready to do good service when required.

THOMAS M. ANDREWS, *Chief Engineer.*

## REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The City Marshal respectfully submits the following report:—53 criminal prosecutions have come under the cognizance of the Marshal during the year as follows:—

For drunkenness, 18; of whom 17 were convicted and committed to jail; 4 subsequently paid fines and costs and were discharged; 11 remained in jail 30 days, and 2 were sooner discharged by order of Court. 1 was acquitted.

For assault and battery, 10; of whom 2 were acquitted and 8 convicted, 7 paid fines and costs, and 1 was committed and afterwards paid.

For assault and threatening to kill, 3; of whom 2 were convicted and appealed to the Supreme Court.

For selling liquor, 4; of whom 1 was acquitted; and 3 were convicted, one appealed, and 2 were committed, but afterwards paid fine and costs.

For having liquor with intent to sell, 3; all of whom were convicted, 2 appealed and one paid fine and costs.

For disturbing public assembly, 2; convicted, paid fine and costs.

For burning house, 1; recognized for appearance at Supreme Court. For disturbing school, 1; paid fine and costs.

For passing counterfeit money, 1; committed for trial at Supreme Court. For adultery, 1; warrant quashed. For larceny, 3; all of whom were convicted. One sent to the

reform school for one year, and 2 committed to jail for 60 days each.

Search warrants, 6 ; of which 2 were for stolen property and nothing was found on search, and 4 were for liquor intended for illegal sale, and in 2 cases none was found ; in the other two, 29 barrels and about 10 gallons were found and seized, a part has been destroyed, but the most of the liquor is still in store, awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court on appeals made by claimants.

The Police of the City has been under the sole supervision of the Marshal, except on the night preceding the 4th of July, when 5 persons were employed as aids, at an expense of \$7 50.

The amount of fines collected by the Marshal, for violations of City ordinances the past year, has been \$9 50, of which \$8 00 was for fast driving, and the balance for coasting.

SIMON JOHNSON, *City Marshal.*

MARCH 11, 1854.

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### Report of Superintendent of Burials and Burial Ground.

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The undersigned would offer the following Report :—  
That it appears, from the records of Mr. Holland, Undertaker of Funerals, that the number of deaths in the City, from March 3, 1853 to March 6, 1854, was fifty ; five of which number were carried to other places for burial ; and that the remains of eight persons were brought to the City for burial. Of the 50 persons deceased,—

15	were	under	5	years	of	age.
5	between	5	and	15	“	“
6	“	15	and	25	“	“
7	“	25	and	35	“	“
5	“	35	and	45	“	“
2	“	45	and	55	“	“
2	“	55	and	65	“	“
5	“	65	and	75	“	“
3	“	85	and	90	“	“

20 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIAL GROUND.

Of the deaths, 18 are supposed to have been caused by consumption; fever, 10; summer complaint, 6; old age, 5; gravel, 1; epilepsy, 1; dropsy, 1; tumour, 1; apoplexy, 1; other diseases, 6.

The undersigned had, at the time of his last report, burial ground funds to the amount of	24 12
and has since received of S. K. Gilman, formerly Superintendent,	9 14
and for 10 Burial Ground Lots sold at \$3 each,	30 00
Donations,	2 35
Total,	<u>\$65 61</u>

Has paid sundry bills for trees and setting same,	7 93
“ for painting and white washing,	15 35
“ for platform,	9 62
“ for sundry repairs, &c.	1 70
Total,	<u>34 60</u>
leaving a balance in his hands of	31 01
	<u>65 61</u>

JOHN BEEMAN, *Superintendent.*

MARCH 11, 1854.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL :—

By a city ordinance which took effect at the commencement of the past year, the public schools in the city were all placed under the supervision and charge of the Superintending Committee, without the intervention of local agents. The same ordinance admitted scholars from all parts of the city to attend the advanced schools on examination. Those in the western part of the city have availed themselves of this privilege; but those in the southern part have done so as yet, to a very limited extent. It would be a relief to the school at Loudon Hill, where the number of scholars is large, and the duties of the instructor laborious, if at least the scholars qualified as required by the school regulations, should attend the High School, at the same time that the pupils so attending would be enabled to make greater proficiency in their studies.

The High School has been under the care of a male principal and a female assistant teacher. Unfortunately there has been a change in one or both of the teachers at the commencement of each term. This affected in some degree the usefulness and success of the school. The enlargement of the school, and re-arrangement of the studies, has not, therefore, been put to a fair test during the year. The loss of Mr. J. F. Baldwin's services at the close of the first term was much regretted. During the third term, Mr. A. A. Scott had charge of the school as principal, with a good degree of success, evincing himself to be a thorough and efficient instructor. It is hoped that a greater degree of permanency in the teachers employed in this school will be attained the coming year. The examination at the close of the last term, was well attended, and most of the classes manifested gratifying proficiency. The composition and declamation also merited praise.

The Intermediate School, at the school rooms in the City Hall building, was under the charge of Mr. Blanchard and Miss Gilman, both faithful and efficient teachers, during the whole year. This school disappointed the prophecies of

some timid persons, by proving exceedingly popular and acceptable. The closing examination was held at the City Hall, unfortunately on a stormy day, and therefore not so fully attended as it would have been under other circumstances. Those present were highly gratified. The reading, arithmetic, geography and grammar, all attracted attention and won approbation. A juvenile paper excited much interest, particularly several pieces marked by youthfulness, but originality and spirit. The committee regret the loss of Miss Gilman's services in this school at the close of the year.

Seven primary schools were opened at the commencement of the year. But as the parents at the north end of the city thought proper to establish a private school during the summer, rather than send their children to the school in the Baptist Vestry, that school was discontinued after the first term, and the remaining scholars distributed to the other schools. At the commencement of the winter term, the capacious and commodious new Page school house being in readiness, a school was commenced there, and one of those in the Sewall school house discontinued for the term.

Only two of our former experienced primary school teachers continued through the whole year, Mrs. Freeman, and Miss Yeaton. These both remained in their accustomed schools, with at least their accustomed success, and perhaps we should add with an increased degree of usefulness. We trust their pupils will not soon be called upon to part with them, but that they will go on improving and doing good.

The school in the south room of the Mann School House had two different teachers during the year, both faithful and capable, but the first did not remain long enough to have her merits fully appreciated, and the second labored under the disadvantage of an over crowded school. The failure of Miss Harding's health rendered it unadvisable for her to continue in the business of teaching for the present.

In the Sewall school house, Miss Atkins had charge of the school in the upper room two terms. Her labors were highly appreciated by parents and scholars, as well as by the committee.

In the lower room, there was a succession of teachers, neither of whom remained long enough to establish a permanent influence over the school. The changes, though unavoidable, were of course injurious.

The school in the Vaughan school house, was under the charge of Miss Marsh two terms. Her judicious discipline,

her lively and animated methods of teaching, and her faithfulness to her pupils, won for her the approbation of all interested in the school. Miss Horn, who had charge of the school during the winter term, succeeded well for one inexperienced in village schools.

In the Page school house, Miss Couch had charge of the winter term, and with a good degree of success. The examination at the close showed commendable promptness and proficiency on the part of the scholars, thereby testifying to the faithful labors of the teacher.

The committee will only add that of the twelve different young ladies, who were employed in the primary schools more or less in the course of the year, there was not one who should not receive the gratitude of the parents and scholars for their faithful and constant efforts to advance the best interests of their pupils; and it is believed there was not one, who, although not entirely successful here, has not had good success in teaching where schools are less difficult to manage acceptably.

The school at Loudon Hill was under the charge of Miss Edwards during the spring and fall terms. She was an active and laborious teacher, but her school was quite too large for the best good of the pupils.

Mr. Sawtelle taught the school in the winter, and with unusual good success. Although the number of classes, as well as of scholars, was too large to be under the care of a single teacher, the school made marked and gratifying progress in study, and showed at the closing examination a degree of interest and advancement highly satisfactory.

The school near the City Farm was small, and was taught by Miss Harding the first term, and by Miss Page the second, who gave general satisfaction, and the pupils made good advancement.

During the past year, 21 teachers, 5 males and 16 females, have been approved and employed by the committee. 58 scholars have been admitted to the High School on examination; a larger number than usual, owing to the enlargement of the school which took place at the commencement of the year. 55 have been admitted to the Intermediate school. 39 passed examination in Colburn's First Lessons. The schools generally have been in operation 34 weeks.

We have already mentioned the new Page School House. This was erected on an improved plan, at a cost of about \$1000. It is a commodious, well arranged and well con-



structed building, and completes the supply of convenient school houses in this City for the present.

The re-arrangement of the rooms at the City Hall for the enlarged school taught there, required considerable expenditure; and more is yet needed, to make the accommodations what they should be. The interior of the Loudon Hill and the Laughton school houses have also been re-modeled at some expense.

The advance in the compensation of all departments of labor has been such, as to demand an increase in the wages of our school teachers. The price of board has greatly increased, and also that of fuel. These circumstances require an increased school appropriation, in order to keep our schools at their present standard, and secure a continuance of their efficiency and usefulness.

The committee have designedly made their report brief the present year. But the importance of the department committed to their charge, is by no means diminished in their estimation. They confidently trust that it may continue to receive the fostering care of the city government, and to be carefully and faithfully administered by future school officers. The standard of common school education is gradually becoming more elevated, both in this and the neighboring States. We trust our schools will keep pace with the wants of the community, and will continue to fulfil their just expectations; that Providence will still smile upon them, and generations to come "will rise up and call them blessed."

H. K. BAKER,  
M. C. RICHARDSON, } *Committee.*  
T. W. NEWMAN,

HALLOWELL, MARCH, 1854.





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