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MAYOR'S ADDRESS

AND

ANNUAL REPORTS

MADE TO THE

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WITH A

LIST OF CITY OFFICERS

FOR 1856.

HALLOWELL

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MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:—

We have assembled to-day for the purpose of taking the oaths of office, and entering upon the duties of the stations to which we have been called by our fellow citizens.

As the welfare and prosperity of our city depends much upon the wisdom and fidelity with which we exercise the authority and fulfil the trusts committed to us, it is peculiarly fitting that in commencing our official duties we acknowledge our dependence on Him who as equally controls the affairs of communities as individuals, and seek for that guidance and support which shall carry us successfully through all the duties thus imposed upon us.

By the report of the Financial Committee which will be laid before you, it will be seen that the finances of the city are in a very gratifying condition.

The amount of taxes assessed for all purposes the past year, was $13,424 99

Received upon city loan, 550 00

from all other surces, 1,796 51

Making the sum of $15,771 50

There has been expended during the year, including State and County Tax, $14,751 53, showing an improvement in our finances of about $1000, and that the disbursing of the public money was confined to prudent and careful agents. This improved condition of our finances has occurred under a diminished rate of taxation, and it will be seen upon examination that the finances of the city have been yearly improving since we changed our form of government; at the same
time the rate of taxation has decreased, being conclusive evidence that the change was wisely made. Our city debt falling due the past year has been reduced $450.

In relation to the appropriations for the current year, I need only to suggest that the lowest sum be fixed upon which shall be consistent with a true regard to economy and public convenience; and when made, the various disbursing agents should be impressed with the importance of keeping within the appropriations, as looseness here is sure to be followed by an embarrassment to the treasury, and the accumulation of a city debt.

The Overseers of the Poor have made their report, showing that the appropriations of the last city council to this department was sufficient, within the small sum of $33,09, notwithstanding the high price of provisions and extreme pressure and embarrassment in financial matters, which has prevailed the past year.

This department has been principally under the care and management of one of the board, and the result shows it has been done in a careful and judicious manner; and it is believed that the comfort and happiness of this unfortunate class of our fellow citizens has been as much consulted and cared for as was possible with the means provided.

You will see by referring to the report of the Street Commissioner, that the appropriation by the last city council for sidewalks and repairs of highways was needed, though he has not exceeded the appropriation. You will also see what it is judged will be needed for the coming season.

The policy of adopting stone and gravel in the place of wood, where it is practicable, is believed to be wise, and should be continued. A considerable part of the work done the past year on our sidewalks, was done in this manner.

Our public schools have just passed their examinations, which have shown very satisfactorily that the money appropriated to this department has been wisely and judiciously expended, placing our schools in a position highly creditable to the city, as well as to those under whose care they have been. Believing that our intelligence is our wealth, and a safeguard to our morals, it is recommended that liberal appropriations continue to be made, as money spent judiciously in our schools is a wise expenditure.
We have great cause for gratitude that we have suffered so little from fires the past year. Though the organization of our fire department has not been as perfect as could have been desired, yet so little service has been needed in this department our city has not suffered in consequence of the want of an efficient organization. Your attention should be early given to this department, that disastrous consequences may not be realized from a want of an efficient organization. We are, perhaps, better provided with engines and apparatus, than any town or city in the State of the size, and all that is needed to give a good degree of security to our city, is proper attention to the organization of this department.

An appropriation was made by the last city council for building of reservoirs, which was not expended, owing in part to the unusual wetness of the season, and it may be necessary that you make an appropriation for that purpose this year, as some parts of our city must suffer severely from a want of water should a fire occur in them.

It will be readily conceded that the good order and quiet of our city, as well as its morals, depend much upon the efficiency of our Police, and much care and wisdom should be exercised in selecting discreet and efficient officers for this department, as our persons and property to a large extent are intrusted to their care; and an unwise selection will only induce a state of false security, and defeat the objects for which that office was created.

The past year has been attended with unusual financial embarrassment and prostration of business, which should teach us the necessity of strict economy, industry and prudence, and it is hoped we may grow wiser from the past and enter upon the duties assigned us with the firm purpose that we will so demean ourselves that at the close of our municipal year we shall pass to other hands the trusts we have today received, that we may retire from public service with the consciousness of having faithfully performed our duty.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the City Council: —

The following is a list of the appropriations made by the City Council in April last, to be raised by tax: —

For payment to the town of Chelsea, $850 00
City debt and interest, 700 00
Support of Schools, 2500 00
Repairs of Highways, Culverts, &c., 950 00
Building and repairing Sidewalks, 500 00
Support of the Poor, 1300 00
Fire Department, 150 00
Enginemen, 200 00
City Watch, 225 00
Salaries, 525 00
Miscellaneous expenses, 300 00
Discount on taxes, 1050 00
Reservoirs, 400 00

9650 00

State Tax, 1769 66
County Tax, 1401 12
Overlayings, 604 21

13,424 99

Add amount raised by loan, August 10, 1855, 550 00

$13,974 99

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

'Payment to Chelsea.'

Appropriation by tax, $850 00
Expenditure, 850 00
### City Debt and Interest

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<td>Appropriation by tax</td>
<td>700 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; loan</td>
<td>550 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1250 00</strong></td>
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<td>Less amount transferred</td>
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<tr>
<td>Amount of note paid</td>
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<td>Interest paid</td>
<td>221 84</td>
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<td><strong>1221 84</strong></td>
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### Support of Schools

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<tr>
<td>Appropriation by tax</td>
<td>2500 00</td>
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<td>State School Fund received</td>
<td>320 56</td>
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<td>Received from Farmingdale for sixteen scholars attending school in this city</td>
<td>40 96</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance of former appropriations</td>
<td>67 04</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>2928 56</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenditures as per School Committee’s report</td>
<td>2854 27</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance carried to next year’s account</td>
<td>74 29</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>2928 56</strong></td>
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### Engine Men

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<td>Appropriation by tax</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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### City Watch

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<td>Appropriation by tax</td>
<td>225 00</td>
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<td>Paid for Watch to March 1</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>Balance carried to next year’s account</td>
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### Reservoirs

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<td>Appropriation by tax</td>
<td>400 00</td>
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<td>Less amount transferred</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>100 00</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenditure</td>
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### Highways and Sidewalks.

- Appropriation by tax for highways, 950 00
- " " sidewalks, 500 00

Total Appropriation: 1450 00

Expenditures, as per Commissioner’s report, 1385 54

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### Support of the Poor.

- Appropriation by tax, 1300 00
- Receipts from City Hall, appropriated, 40 00

Total Appropriation: 1340 00

Expenditures, as per Overseers’ report, 1333 09

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### Fire Department.

- Appropriation by tax, 150 00
- Paid for bell for Tiger Engine, 20 00
- Repairs to engines, houses, &c., 21 45
- Hauling engines to and from fires, 11 62
- Wood for engine houses, 9 53
- Care of Tiger Engine, and supplies, 18 85
  - " Torrent Engine, 13 00
  - " Lion Engine, 3 00
- Freight of hose, November, 1854, 1 20

Total Expenditure: 98 65

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### Salaries.

- Appropriation by tax, 525 00
- Salary of Mayor $100, City Marshal $50, Overseers of the Poor $75, Treasurer and Collector $119,08, Assessors $66, City Clerk $50, Clerk of Common Council $25, City Solicitor $12, 497 08
Miscellaneous Expenses.

Appropriation by tax, 300 00
Rent of Council and Court rooms, 35 00
Use and ringing of bell, 40 00
Care of city rooms and clock, 20 00
Printing annual reports, 30 00
Advertising, stationery and printing, 48 25
Paid for taking census, 25 00
Costs of action against the town of Kingfield, 22 96
Paid B. F. Melvin for examining city agent's books, 10 00
Paid for two city maps, 6 00
Chairs for city rooms, 7 67
Tax on wood lot in Manchester, 4 72
Sundry small bills, 21 80

270 88

Discount on Taxes.

Appropriation by tax, 1050 00
Receipts from City Hall, appropriated, 42 00
Transferred from other appropriations, 27 00

1119 00

Actual discount, 1118 61

Liquor Agency.

Receipts to March 1, 1856, 1190 33
Paid balance to B. Wales, former city agent, 667 47
Paid for other liquors purchased, 280 35
Freight, insurance and other expenses, 48 24
Salary of Agent from May 1855 to Feb. 1856, 137 50

1133 56
Balance carried to next year's account, 56 77

1190 33

Repairs of City Rooms and School Rooms.

Appropriation transferred, Feb. 1856, 300 00
Paid for fitting up city rooms, 113 78
Paid for fitting up school rooms, in part, 186 22

300 00
Recapitulation.

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<td>Total appropriations</td>
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<td>Total expenditures</td>
<td>11213 52</td>
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<td>Amount carried to next year's account</td>
<td>406 06</td>
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<td><strong>Balance of appropriations unexpended</strong></td>
<td><strong>11619 58</strong></td>
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<td>and not carried forward</td>
<td>281 31</td>
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Present Liabilities.

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<td>Loan of 1850, payable in 1856</td>
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<td>&quot; 1854, &quot; 1861,</td>
<td>850 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 1854, &quot; 1862,</td>
<td>850 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 1854 and 1855, 1863,</td>
<td>850 00</td>
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<td>Interest on loans to March 1856</td>
<td>46 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance of appropriations for schools</td>
<td>74 29</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Engine men</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; City Watch</td>
<td>75 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Burial Grounds</td>
<td>90 90</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Liquor Agency</td>
<td>56 77</td>
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<td>State tax of 1855 unpaid</td>
<td>1769 66</td>
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<td>Accounts and claims estimated at</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>5912 62</strong></td>
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Present Resources.

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<td>Cash in the hands of City Treasurer</td>
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<td>Uncollected taxes for 1854,</td>
<td>108 78</td>
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<td>&quot; 1855,</td>
<td>1049 80</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1158 58</strong></td>
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<td>Less further abatements, estimated at</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1058 58</strong></td>
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<td>Due from other towns for supplies to their poor, estimated collectable,</td>
<td>125 41</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>3758 12</strong></td>
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Comparative Statement.

Balance against the city, March, 1855, 3234 58
" " 1856, 2154 50

Decrease of balance since March, 1855, 1080 08

The decrease of balance against the city is partly attributable to $450, raised by tax to reduce the city debt, and partly to balances of appropriations unexpended.

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

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

H. K. BAKER, Committee
MADISON TUCK, on Finance.
T. MOOERS,

March 8, 1856.
SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

City Hall and Lot.

Two Engine Houses. Tiger Engine, Hose and Hose Carriage. Torrent Engine, Hose and Hose Carriage. Lion Engine, Hose and Hose Carriage. One small Engine and Hose.

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

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

Wood Lot, about 20 acres, purchased with the Farm.

New Wood Lot, about 25 acres, purchased in 1854.

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

Highway Tools, as per Street Commissioner's schedule.

Powder House.

Burial Ground, about 6 acres.

Chairs, Tables, Desks and Settees in Council and Court Rooms.

Sundry volumes of Laws and Law Reports, and other books.

Sundry Maps.
TREASURER AND COLLECTOR’S ACCOUNT.

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<td>For Cash in the Treasury, March, 1855,</td>
<td>1721 74</td>
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<td>Uncollected taxes for 1854,</td>
<td>1014 39</td>
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<td>Taxes assessed and committed for 1855,</td>
<td>13424 99</td>
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<td>Cash of State Treasurer for schools,</td>
<td>320 56</td>
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<tr>
<td>City loan, Sept. 21, 1855,</td>
<td>550 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rent of City Hall and basement,</td>
<td>97 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash of town of Farmingdale for schools,</td>
<td>40 96</td>
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<td>Cash of City Agent for sale of liquors,</td>
<td>1190 33</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash of Street Commissioner, overdrawn,</td>
<td>21 41</td>
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<td>Cash on burial ground fund,</td>
<td>11 89</td>
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<td>By paid Mayor's Warrants,</td>
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<td>State tax for 1854,</td>
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<td>County tax for 1855,</td>
<td>1401 12</td>
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<td>Discount on taxes paid in at 10 per cent.,</td>
<td>1107 04</td>
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<td>“ “ 5 per cent.,</td>
<td>11 57</td>
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<td>Abatements on taxes for 1854,</td>
<td>19 01</td>
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<td>“ 1855,</td>
<td>235 83</td>
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<td>Uncollected taxes for 1854, March, 1856,</td>
<td>108 78</td>
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<td>“ 1855, “</td>
<td>1049 81</td>
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<td>Cash in the Treasury, March 8, 1856,</td>
<td>2574 13</td>
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PETER ATHERTON, Treasurer & Collector.

March 8, 1856.
REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

From other towns for the support of their Poor, $191.72
Milton A. Thomas, on account of bill paid
for him while sick with small pox in 1854, 15.00
Sales of Stock off the Farm, 146.36
" Produce, 50.00
Mary and Harriet Jones, sisters of John Jones,
towards his support in Insane Hospital, 50.20
City Treasurer on Mayor's Warrants, 1333.09

1786.37

EXPENDITURES.

For supplies, including repairs for City Farm, $619.79
Compensation for Superintendent, 240.00
Manure, 45.00
Compensation for City Physicians, 35.00
Supplies to Poor not resident on the Farm, 411.14
" " of other towns, 184.28
Expenses in several cases at Insane Hospital, 234.89
Incidental expenses, 16.27

1786.37
List of persons supported at the Farm during the year ending March 1, 1856.

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<th>Names</th>
<th>No. of days</th>
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<td>Luther Brookins</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Aged and infirm.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nancy Porter</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Partially insane.</td>
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<td>Mary Hovey</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sally Trask</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Earns her living.</td>
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<tr>
<td>John Wyman</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Partially insane.</td>
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<td>James Matthews</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cordelia Smith</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Insane and confined.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Benjamin Wight</td>
<td>174</td>
<td>Aged and infirm.</td>
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<tr>
<td>H. C. Wirt</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Supports himself mostly.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Boynton &amp; Child</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>Now gone.</td>
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Families and Individuals assisted, not resident on the Farm when helped, and amount of assistance.

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<td>Mrs. James Thing and family in sickness</td>
<td>$56.25</td>
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<td>Benjamin Bubier and family</td>
<td>9.17</td>
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<td>Trask boy, son of Mrs. McClure and lame</td>
<td>44.42</td>
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<td>Wm. St. John, and family</td>
<td>13.00</td>
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<td>Thos. L. Hovey, and family, infirm</td>
<td>52.00</td>
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<td>Aaron Cotton and family, in sickness</td>
<td>8.92</td>
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<td>Joseph Boynton and wife, sick and house-rent</td>
<td>16.00</td>
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<td>Wm. O. Handy and family, in sickness</td>
<td>9.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>H. C. Wirt, for clothes</td>
<td>21.34</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jane Fowle, insane</td>
<td>26.00</td>
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<td>Samuel Ward, blind</td>
<td>26.00</td>
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<td>Mrs. Geo. Morrill, wood</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>Mrs. J. Emerson, wood</td>
<td>1.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rufus Davis, in sickness</td>
<td>9.18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Joseph Hussey and wife, in sickness</td>
<td>5.68</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Shepard, formerly Mrs. Knowles, invalid boy</td>
<td>23.91</td>
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326.37
Amount brought up, 326 37
Benjamin Wight, in sickness, 3 00
Amos Forest and family, in sickness, 15 07
John Jones, while in Insane Hospital, 73 64
Mrs. Turner Huntoon, " and for clothes, 49 50
Franklin Hussey, " " 71 91
Sarah G. Davis, " " 49 84

The above sums are exclusive of the City Physician's services, and of medicines furnished.

Valuation of Produce, Stock, &c., taken at the City Farm, February 22d, 1856.

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<td>$180 00</td>
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<td>2 &quot; Straw &amp; stalks, 10 00</td>
<td>190 &quot;</td>
<td>Potatoes, 57 00</td>
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<td>2 Oxen, 80 00</td>
<td>150 00</td>
<td>3 75</td>
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<td>2 Steers, 3 years old, 80 00</td>
<td>15 &quot;</td>
<td>Turnips, 3 75</td>
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<td>4 Cows, 125 00</td>
<td>1 1/4 Bbls. Pork, 22 50</td>
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<td>3 Shoats, 30 00</td>
<td>2 1/2 &quot;</td>
<td>Beef, 10 00</td>
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<td>6 Gallons Molasses, 2 70</td>
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<td>30 Cords Wood, 82 50</td>
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Note. — Mr. Smith says there is on the Farm 10 cords of manure, 3 acres of new ground broken up, 7 acres of land not plowed last fall.

The Committee are happy to state that they found things in doors and out, all in good condition.

PETER ATHERTON,} Committee.
STEPHEN LORD,
Schedule of Tools and Furniture at the City Farm, 1856.

Tools. — 1 pair Iron bound Wheels — 1 Manure Cart — 1 Hay Rack — 2 pairs Drafts — 2 Axes — 2 Cast Iron Ploughs — 4 Chains — 3 Shovels — 1 Spade — 3 Manure Forks — 3 Crow Bars — 8 Hand Rakes — 1 Horse Rake — 3 Scythes and Snaths — 1 Wood Sled — 3 Ox yokes with staples and rings — 6 Hay Forks — 1 Single Horse Wagon — 1 Steigh and Harness — 4 Hoes — 1 Cultivator — 4 Axes — 1 Iron Square — 3 Augers — 1 Chisel — 1 Hand Saw — 2 Harrows — 1 Drag — 1 pair Trace Chains — Tackle and Fall — 1 Grindstone — 1 Hay and Straw Cutter.

REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

To THE CITY COUNCIL:—

The appropriations for the repairs of highways, bridges, culverts and sidewalks made in 1855, were $1450 00.

The expenditures have been as follows:—

For building new road near Page school house, 25 00
Highways, 565 01
Sidewalks, 546 55
Culverts, 157 68
Snow bills, 137 53

1431 77

Less cash received from sundry persons, 53 18

1378 59

Add expenditures under E. Mayo, 6 95

1385 54

Leaving balance of appropriation unexpended, 64 46

159 rods of sidewalk have been laid with stone and gravel, 79 " " " relaid and graveled, 52 " " " " new plank, 25 " " " " old plank.

A great portion of the old plank walk has been repaired, more or less, with new and old plank, and is constantly liable to be complained of. I would recommend that stone and gravel walk be laid as the old plank walk is worn out.

There are many culverts that require early attention in the spring, which will require a large appropriation.

The time spent by the Commissioner in the performance of his duties, was 171\(\frac{1}{2}\) days.

The following estimates are made for the ensuing year:—

Highways and railings, $700 00
Sidewalks, 500 00
Culverts and bridges, 300 00

Total, 1500 00
REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

Schedule of Highway Tools.
2 scrapers, 2 plows, 1 shovel, 3 crow bars, 2 picks, 1 pail, 1 drilling hammer, 8 drills.

Highway materials on hand.
A lot of old plank, 30 feet of cedar.

JOHN MATTHEWS, Street Commissioner.
MARCH 3, 1856.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the City Council:
The undersigned offers the following report:
The four engines and ladders remain in the same places that they were at the last report, all in good working order. The Tiger has a company of 50 men — the Torrent, a company of 60 men — the Lion, 1 man — No. 2, on her own hook — the hook and ladder carriage, 1 man. Belonging to the three first tubs are 1500 feet of leading hose.
If there is to be a cistern built this season, I think it should be constructed near the old one on Winthrop street; one that will hold two hundred hogsheads.
The fires for the past season are as follows:
April 31, Doct. Page house; caused by leaving a funnel hole open. Damage, $100. Insured.
June 30, Steamer Victor. No Damage.
Feb. 16, Butler house. Damage, $100. Insured.
The engines have worked at fires 1½ hours.
I think we have the smartest set of boys at a fire that can be done up.

JOHN BEEMAN, Chief Engineer.
To the City Council: —

The number of criminal prosecutions during the past year, which have come under the cognizance of the City Marshal, has been 26, as follows: —

For assault and battery, 1; paid fine and costs.
For trespass, 1; paid fine.
For threatening life, 1; recognized to keep the peace.
For drunkenness, 11; of whom 3 paid fine and costs, and eight were imprisoned in the county jail for thirty days each.
For larceny, 5; of whom 1 paid fine, 2 recognized for appearance at the S. J. Court, and 2 were acquitted.

Search warrants for stolen goods, 2, goods were found in each case; 1 paid fine, and 1 recognized for appearance at S. J. Court.

Search warrants for liquors, 5; in each case liquors were found and seized, and after taking the legal steps, were declared forfeited, and were destroyed by order of Court.

The City Marshal, would add, that nearly all the crimes which have come under his cognizance since he has been in office, (which has been about twelve years,) may be traced to intemperance. He has made more or less effort to enforce the liquor law, and has found the greatest obstacles to be a want of sympathy and co-operation on the part of prominent and influential members of the community, and the difficulty of obtaining evidence sufficient for conviction, owing to the sympathy of witnesses in such cases with the seller.

Simon Johnson, City Marshal.

To the City Council:—

City of Hallowell to Superintendent of Burial Grounds, Dr.

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Total: 47 11

Eb'y 25, Cash paid Treasurer, 11 89

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3 lots sold, at 3.00 each, 54 00
Grass sold 1853, cash received for same, 5 00

Total: 59 00
There remains 22 lots to be sold, in the front part of the ground, which with the money now on hand will be all that is needed for the coming year.

JOHN BEEMAN, Superintendent.

Feb'y 25, 1856.

UNDERTAKER'S REPORT.

The number of deaths in the City from March 8, 1855, to March 1, 1856, was 47; 6 of which number have been carried to other places for burial, and the remains of 12 persons have been brought here for burial.

Of the 47 persons deceased,—

4 were under 5 years of age.
3 between 5 and 15 years of age.
16 " 15 and 25 " " "
4 " 25 and 35 " " "
6 " 35 and 45 " " "
0 " 45 and 55 " " "
1 " 55 and 65 " " "
6 " 65 and 75 " " "
6 " 75 and 85 " " "
2 " 85 and 95 " " "

Diseases.—Summer complaint, 8; Consumption, 15; fevers, 9; old age, 9; gravel, 1; cancer, 1; childbed, 1; erysipelas, 1; heart disease, 1; unknown, 1.

JAMES L. HOLLAND, Undertaker.
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The close of another municipal year, makes it the duty of the Superintending School Committee to present their annual report. The whole number of scholars in the city, according to a census taken in May, 1855, was 1102. The public schools were attended by 559 during the first term, 543 during the second term, and 547 during the third term. 75 scholars were admitted, on examination, to the City Hall School, and 33 to the High School. The number attending the Intermediate School was larger than ever before; the number attending the High School slightly increased, whilst the other schools showed a diminution of scholars. Accompanying this report is a statistical table, exhibiting the names of the teachers, the number of scholars attending each school, and the average attendance.

The High School labored under the disadvantage of frequent changes of teachers during the year. Mr. Cunningham had charge of the male department the first term, with a good degree of success. The second term, Mr. Dunton labored assiduously for the advancement of his pupils, and the improvement of the school; but was discouraged and disheartened by the very large numbers of absences and other irregularities in attendance. Mr. D. was a valuable teacher. Mr. C. J. Prescott took charge of the school at the commencement of the winter term; but met with some difficulties, and resigned in the middle of the term. Mr. J. M. Staples took his place and completed the term very successfully.

In the female department, Miss Nye had charge during the whole year, excepting a few weeks of sickness, and sustained her department very well.
In the Intermediate School, Mr. Blanchard continued his efficient services through the year, with success fully equal to that of former years. Miss Hoyt, the assistant teacher, was faithful and industrious, and gave good satisfaction.

The general character of the Primary Schools has been high, although one or two teachers may not have been all that could be desired.

In the Page School House, Miss Moses had charge through the year, and proved herself a very efficient and successful teacher.

In the Warren School House, Miss Foster labored faithfully and untiringly, but did not succeed in all respects in government as could be desired.

In the Mann School House, north room, Miss C. Yeaton continued her supervision, but was obliged to be absent a part of the year. In her place, a younger and less experienced teacher presided, and of course with not so marked success. Miss Yeaton took charge again in winter, much to the satisfaction of all interested in the school.

In the south room, Miss Prescott was employed the first and second term, and proved herself a competent as well as an experienced teacher. In the winter, Miss Wilder had the care of this school with good success. Miss W. is an acceptable and improving teacher.

In the Sewall School House, the first teacher was young and inexperienced in village schools. She was succeeded by Miss Pillsbury, who proved to be a good teacher, and gave much satisfaction to all concerned.

In the Vaughan School House, the first teacher left at the close of the spring term, and was succeeded by Miss Webber, who, though young, bids fair to make a profitable and useful instructor.

The school at Loudon Hill, was placed under the charge of Miss Atkins; but her health failing, a young teacher took her place, and completed the term. There was some difficulty, but it was outside of the school house. Her success, under the circumstances, was unusually good. Miss E. J. Marsh was employed the second and third terms. Miss M. maintained her former high reputation, and the school under her care proved a very interesting and profitable one.

In the Laughton School House, Miss Wilder taught during the first and second terms, and gave satisfaction to all concerned. There was no winter term.
The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year: —

Receivts.

Balance of former appropriations, $67.04
Amount raised by city tax, 2500.00
" received from State Treasurer, 320.56
" " from town of Farmingdale, 40.96

2928.56

Expenditures.

For Tuition, 2283.50
Wood, 212.61
Repairs, 49.51
Care of school rooms, fires, &c., 21.50
Cleansing rooms, funnels, &c., 16.00
Brooms and other utensils, 4.49
Chalk and chemicals, 10.72
Books for indigent scholars, 7.52
Insurance, 18.84
Trees and setting out, 30.13
Sidewalk near Page School House, 10.00
Printing and advertising, 5.25
Postage and other small bills, 5.20
Services of Committee, 64.50
" Agent, 25.00

2764.77

Less cash received for grass sold, 1.50
" rent of school rooms, 9.00 10.50

2754.27

Add paid in part for seats for High School House, 100.00

2854.27

Balance unexpended, 74.29

2928.56

The Committee took occasion in their last report, to speak at some length of the growing evil of irregularity of attendance at school. It is with regret, we feel called upon to say that during the first and second terms of the past year, this evil increased rather than diminished. In the High School, second term, with 71 scholars, the average attendance was
only 48, showing an amount of time lost by absences equal to over *thirty-two* per cent. of the whole time, or nearly *one-third*. It is no more than justice to the teachers to say, that this was not owing to any lack of ability, effort or interest on their part; but must be attributed to causes existing outside of the school. So greatly was this evil felt by Mr. Dunton, the principal teacher, that it was one of the chief reasons why he left the school at the close of the term.

With a view of remedying this evil, an experiment was tried, in the winter term, by the adoption of a regulation similar to that in force in many other places, providing that any scholar absent four half days should thereby lose his standing in the school, and must apply to the Committee for re-admission. Owing to some other difficulties during the term, it was not the most favorable time for giving this regulation a fair test. Yet the result proved, that out of 80 scholars, 76 was the average attendance, showing a loss by absences of only *five* per cent., instead of over 32. Making every allowance for the operation of other causes, a large part of this change for the better must be attributed to the adoption of this regulation. If it was felt by some parents to be rather stringent, we trust that its favorable operation will command the approval of the community for some regulation similar in character, if not equally severe. The result shows, at least, that there is no absolute necessity for the extraordinary irregularity of attendance previously existing.

The City Council having, during the past year, directed the Committee to report whether the schools could not be so arranged as to provide rooms for the accommodation of the government in the City Hall, the Committee suggested a new arrangement of the schools, by which that object could be accomplished. They proposed that the High and Intermediate Schools should each be divided, and a High School, Grammar School and Intermediate Schools be established, the latter only to be under the tuition of female teachers, and with but one teacher to each school. The plan was favorably received by the Council, and an appropriation made towards defraying the expense of fitting up the rooms.

Since the change made three years since, by which the two Grammar Schools were united, and the High School enlarged, it has been found that whilst some features of the system were worthy of approbation, others operated unfavorably. The union of both sexes in the same school, has proved beneficial, and no reason has been discovered to regret it. But it has been found that where two teachers had
charge of scholars belonging to the same school in different rooms, it was seldom the case that their modes of discipline and management would coincide, so as to make the school operate harmoniously. A little more laxness in some particulars in one room than in the other led to difficulties. If perfect and imperfect recitations were marked, the mode of marking would frequently conflict. Questions of prerogative and privilege would arise, where differences of opinion existed, and sometimes led to jealousy of each other. And sometimes, the subordinate teacher would feel little or no responsibility as to conducting the school successfully and creditably, and rest satisfied with hearing the recitations assigned to that department.

Scholars who had been under the instruction and government of a master at the City Hall, frequently showed great unwillingness to obey or be taught by a female teacher in the High School, as they must be when first admitted.

The standard of qualifications for admission to the High School having been necessarily reduced when the school was enlarged, it was found that the standing and character of the school was lowered and affected injuriously by the change.

For these reasons, combined with a desire to accommodate the city government with rooms as they desired, the Committee recommended a change in the school system to be adopted at the commencement of the coming year, by which the High School should be reduced in numbers and elevated in grade; a Grammar School be established under a male teacher, to rank next to the High School; and two Intermediate Schools, under capable and efficient female teachers, to take charge of scholars coming from the Primary Schools, and fit them for the Grammar School.

It is believed that a system like this, if fairly tried, will prove more satisfactory and efficient than any previous arrangement of our schools. Each teacher will have the whole responsibility of one school, and be entitled to all the credit or discredit of success or failure. Neither of the schools will be too large to be easily managed; and the classification of studies and scholars may be such as to give to each teacher a fair share of labor, without imposing a task too onerous to be well performed.

The village of Hallowell was one of the pioneers in school improvement in the State. When our system of graded schools was established in 1840, there was scarcely a precedent in Maine for such an enterprise. Improvements have
been made in the years that have followed; school houses have been built and fitted up; and the incorporation of three new towns having reduced our territorial limits, the privileges of our graded schools have been extended to the whole city. We trust that those who come after us will continue to cherish and perfect this most important and vital interest of our municipality.

H. K. BAKER,
M. C. RICHARDSON,
E. ROWELL,
D. RUSSELL,

Committee.

HALLOWELL, APRIL, 1856.
### STATISTICS.

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CITY GOVERNMENT.
1856.

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A. H. HOWARD.

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" 2. — AMBROSE MERRILL.
" 3. — EDMUND J. SMITH.
" 4. — SAMUEL SWANTON, 2d.
" 5. — JAMES ATKINS.

THOMAS HOVEY, CLERK.

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MADISON TUCK.

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TIMOTHY MOOERS,
THOMAS LEIGH.

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SAMUEL K. GILMAN.
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Alderman Atkins, and Messrs. Wingate and Russell.

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Alderman Swanton, and Messrs. Butler and Atkins.

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Alderman Merrill, and Messrs. Niles and Kimball.

ON FINANCE.
Alderman Baker, and Messrs. Tuck and Mooers.

ON CITY POLICE.
Alderman Merrill, and Messrs. Kimball and Cooper.

ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
Alderman Smith, and Messrs. Russell and Wingate.

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Alderman Atkins, and Messrs. Atkins and Leigh.

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Alderman Swanton, and Messrs. Mooers and Butler.

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CITY SOLICITOR.

HENRY K. BAKER.

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JAMES ATKINS.

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AUGUSTINE LORD,
E. K. BUTLER.

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CHARLES F. ALLEN,
ALBERT THOMAS.

STREET COMMISSIONER.

JOHN MATTHEWS.

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JOHN BEEMAN, Second Engineer.
JESSE AIKEN, Third Engineer.
AMBROSE MERRILL,
JAMES ATKINS,
GEORGE CARR,
GEORGE FULLER,
ORLANDO CURRIER, } Assistant
                 } Engineers.

CITY MARSHALL.

SIMON JOHNSON.
CITY OFFICERS.

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" 3. — SIMON JOHNSON.

Pound Keeper. — ALFRED BEALS.

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EZEKIEL BLAKE.

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JONATHAN KEMPTON, Jr.

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D. D. LAKEMAN.

CULLER OF HOOPS AND STAVES.

WILLIAM NASON.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

JOHN BEEMAN, Superintendent of Burials and Burial Grounds.
DANIEL D. LAKEMAN, Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Overseers of the House of Correction.

MARK JOHNSON, WILLIAM STICKNEY
MARK MEANS, CHARLES A. PAGE
E. K. BUTLER.