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MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

You have met to inaugurate our municipal government for the ensuing year. Having been called again by the votes of a lenient people to occupy the honorable position of Mayor, it is proper that I should submit to you a statement of the condition of the municipal affairs of the city, together with such suggestions as may appear to me necessary, relative to matters which may claim the attention of the City Council.

The present year, like the last, commences amidst the gloom incident to the terrible war which affects our beloved country, and Rockland has reaped its share of the harvest of sorrow; but it is a source of great satisfaction to all loyal and true citizens to know that in this mighty struggle for national life, amidst the calls for strong arms and brave hearts, our city has nobly borne its part.

The roll of Rockland men now in the army and navy, as registered at the office of the Adjutant General, numbers 562. It was found at the time the city's quota of the last 300,000 men was fixed, that we were credited at Augusta with but 303 men; but the returns had been so loosely made that the proper evidence of the real number of men furnished by Rockland could not be procured in season to affect our quota. Since that I have caused a thorough canvass of the city to be made, and the name of every individual in the service to be procured and forwarded, with the proper vouchers, to Augusta, and the result has been an increase of 259 names to our credit upon the rolls of the Adjutant General. It should be added that the above number, 562, are wholly Rockland men, and do not include some sixty men who have entered the service in our quotas and received our bounties, whose residence is in other towns.

There has been paid for bounties during the past year \$21,600, and for support of families of volunteers, under act of March 18, 1862, to January 1, 1863—about ten months—\$7,249 28, of which sum there will be reimbursed by the State \$6,921 94. The total amount paid for the support of families of volunteers from March 1, 1862 to March 1, 1863, is \$9,190 08.

Your special attention is invited to the early adoption of measures and means for furnishing subsistence to the large number of families of soldiers which are, to a greater or less extent, dependent upon the city. I trust that, with the experience of the last two years before you, you will be able to mature, at a very early day, a wise and economical, and at the same time a just and humane system for the disbursement of the large sum which will be required for the purpose in question.

As a matter of course the debt of the city has increased rapidly during the year. A permanent loan of \$30,000 at 5 per cent., payable in 20 years, has been effected, all of which has been taken by residents in the city. The whole amount of the city loans now is \$76,922; of which the amount at 6 per cent. is \$16,092; at 5 per cent., \$60,830. The whole indebtedness of the city after deducting the assets will not exceed \$60,000. The amount falling due in the year 1863 is \$6,942,08.

But a very small sum has been expended for streets during the past year; the amount expended, including sidewalks, was \$2,841 41. A much larger appropriation will, in my opinion, be needed for the ensuing year. The sidewalks are generally in a most dilapidated condition, and call for immediate repairs. Is it not at least questionable economy to permit our plank sidewalks to remain so long unrepaired?

The Report of the Superintending School Committee will furnish you with information relative to the condition of that most important branch of our municipal affairs, our public schools.

You are referred to the Report of the Overseers of the Poor for an account of matters pertaining to the pauper department. I am glad to be able to inform you that the long needed addition to the City Alms House has been completed during the past year, whereby ample accommodations are provided, for a long time to come, for all who will be likely to require a residence there.

There has been received from the sale of lots in the Jameson's Point Cemetery, during the year, \$146, which, added to the amount which had previously accrued, makes the sum of \$405. I would call your attention to Chapter 23, Section 5, of the Revised Ordinances, relative to the disposition which may be made of this fund. I would earnestly recommend that steps be taken at as early a day as practicable to repair and repaint the fence which encloses the grounds, and to make such other improvements and adornments as the means at hand will admit. The cemetery of a town is, to a very great degree, an index to the social status of the town; which fact, aside from the hallowed associations which cluster around the final resting place of all the living, should be a sufficient guarantee for its preservation. It should not be neglected, but should be kept in a respectable and attractive condition.

Unusually good order has prevailed in the city during the year, and

the number of calls for the interference of the Police has been comparatively few.

The Fire Department I think you will find in its usual good condition. Our firemen are always well organized, prompt and faithful. You are referred to the Report of the Chief Engineer for all needful information as to the condition of this department, and suggestions as to its wants.

Gentlemen, permit me to advert to the necessity of a careful and economical management of the financial concerns of the city. I need not remind you that while the poorer classes of our community feel with severity the calamities incident to the war, the wealthier portion have their burdens in the general depression of business and increased taxation. It is for you to see to it that our municipal affairs be so administered as to ensure justice to the former without imposing undue burdens upon the latter.

Finally, gentlemen, let us perform our duties in a spirit of firm and conscientious loyalty to our people, and an unfaltering faith in the happy issue of our country from this terrible struggle, at no distant day, united and forever free!

GEORGE S. WIGGIN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
March 1, 1863. }

To the City Council :—

The undersigned respectfully submits to the City Council the following statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Treasury for the financial year 1862. Also a statement of the Liabilities and Resources of the city as appears by the books of the city :

LEANDER WEEKS, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

Received of Overseers on account of Poor Department,	\$474 90
Received of Judge of Police Court for fees, &c., accruing in said Court,	67 61
Received of State of Maine, School Money, 1862,	972 49
Received for Deeds of Lots in Cemetery,	146 00
Received of J. Tolman and others on account of errors in Volunteer Bills of 1861,	13 25
Received of George W. White, Knox County Fund,	10 00
Received on Permanent Loans,	52,700 00
Received on Temporary Loans,	27,067 50
Received of James Walsh, Collector for 1860,	1,365 79
“ “ “ “ 1861,	9,980 00
“ “ “ “ 1862,	8,033 57
Received for Redemption of Real Estate sold for Taxes,	286 64
Balance on hand as per report of last year,	1,733 03
Total,	\$102,850 78

APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

HIGHWAY FUND.

For amount Mayor's Orders paid,		\$2,789 '79
By appropriation,	\$3,500 00	
Amount Mayor's orders drawn,	<u>2,841 41</u>	
Overdrawn,	\$658 59	

SCHOOLS.

For amount Mayor's orders paid,		\$5,485 39
By appropriation,	\$4,400 00	
Bank Tax,	972 49	
Amount due from 1861,	<u>196 06</u>	
	\$5,568 55	
Amount Mayor's orders drawn,	\$5,425 39	
Amount due Districts,	<u>143 16</u>	
	\$5,568 55	

PAUPER FUND.

For amount Mayor's orders paid,		\$5,190 55
By appropriation	\$5,000 00	
Amount received from Overseers,	<u>474 90</u>	
	\$5,474 90	
Amount Mayor's orders drawn,	<u>4,898 50</u>	
Unexpended,	\$576 40	

SALARIES.

For amount Mayor's orders paid,		\$1,550 25
By appropriation,	\$1,500 00	
Overdrawn,	<u>50 25</u>	
	\$1,550 25	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For amount Mayor's orders paid,		\$1,896 42
By appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Amount Mayor's orders drawn,	<u>1,980 39</u>	
Overdawn,	980 39	

POLICE FUND.

For amount Mayor's orders paid,		\$168 22
By appropriation,	\$100 00	
Amount Mayor's orders drawn,	<u>166 12</u>	
Overdrawn,	\$66 12	

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VOLUNTEER FUND.

For amount Mayor's orders paid,		\$8,817 00
Amount Mayor's orders drawn,	\$9,186 08	

BOUNTIES.

For amount Mayor's orders,		\$21,600 00
By appropriation,	\$21,600 00	

ALMS HOUSE.

For amount Mayor's orders paid,		\$1,420 39
By appropriation,	\$1,600 00	
Amount Mayor's orders drawn,	1,424 39	
Unexpended,	\$175 61	

INTEREST.

For amount paid on Loans including Discount on Bonds,	\$3,914 73	
For amount paid on city orders,	92 70	
By appropriation,	\$3,250 00	\$4,007 43
Overdrawn,	648 32	

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

For amount Mayor's orders paid,		\$2,321 84
By appropriation,	\$2,250 00	
Amount Mayor's orders drawn,	2,327 96	
Overdrawn,	\$77 96	

Paid abatements on Taxes, 1859,	\$115 33	
" " " " 1860,	458 03	
" " " " 1861,	534 52	
" " " " 1862,	433 57	
Amount of abatements paid in 1862,		1,541 45

Paid on Loans,		42,867 50
Total Disbursements,		\$99,656 23
Cash in Treasury,		3,194 55
		\$102,850 78

By reference to the foregoing statements it will be seen that the standing of the several departments at the close of the present financial year is as follows :—

Highway Fund unexpended,	\$658 59
School Fund unexpended,	143 16
Pauper Fund unexpended,	101 50
Alms House Fund unexpended,	175 61
Total unexpended,	\$1,078 86
Salary Fund overdrawn,	\$50 25
Fire Fund overdrawn,	980 39
Police Fund overdrawn,	66 12
Interest Fund overdrawn,	648 32
Contingent Fund overdrawn,	77 96
Total overdrawn,	\$1,823 04
Amount overdrawn in the several Funds,	\$744 18

The Joint Standing Committee on Accounts and Claims have examined the accounts of the City Treasurer for the financial year ending in March, 1863, and find them properly vouched for and correctly cast.

PHILO THURSTON, } *Committee on*
 C. L. ALLEN, } *Accounts and Claims.*

Rockland, March, 1863.

CITY LOANS.

Amount due in 1863,	\$6,942 08
Amount due in 1864,	6,550 00
Amount due in 1865,	4,500 00
Amount due in 1866,	3,310 00
Amount due in 1867,	3,000 00
Amount due in 1868,	7,000 00
Amount due in 1869,	2,000 00
Amount due in 1870,	4,000 00
Amount due in 1871,	1,000 00
Amount due in 1872,	1,000 00
Amount due in 1873,	1,500 00
Amount due in 1874,	1,000 00
Amount due in 1875,	620 00
Amount due in 1876,	1,000 00
Amount due in 1877,	1,000 00
Amount due in 1878,	1,000 00

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Amount due in 1879,	1,000 00
Amount due in 1882,	500 00
Amount due in 1883,	30,000 00
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Total amount Permanent Loans,	\$76,922 08
Amount due on Temporary Loans,	2,200 00
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	\$79,122 08

LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of outstanding City Orders,	\$7,973 95
Amount due Grade School District,	44 37
Amount due School District Number 1,	98 79
Amount due for Interest (estimated),	1,000 00
Amount due on Loans,	79,122 08
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Total Liabilities,	\$88,239 19

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand per Report,	\$3,194,55
Due from State of Maine on account of money disbursed to families of Volunteers,	6,921 54
Due from other Towns,	686 45
Due from George W. Pillsbury,	791 67
Balance due from D. M. James, Collector, 1855,	2,166 11
Balance due from James Walsh, Collector, 1860,	434 21
Balance due from James Walsh, Collector, 1861,	1,020 00
Balance due from James Walsh, Collector, 1862,	14,380 31
Due on non-resident Taxes, the property taxed having been sold and deeded to the City,	690 60
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Total Resources,	\$30,285 44
Balance,	57,953 75
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	\$88,239 19

Amount Mayor's orders drawn, 1862,	\$51,400 49
Reported outstanding last year, 1861,	7,916 93
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Mayor's orders paid in 1862,	\$59,317 42
	51,343 47
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Amount of unpaid City Orders,	\$7,973 95
Amount of unpaid orders on interest,	4,457 99

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TAXES FOR 1862.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For Highways,	\$3,500 00
For Schools,	4,400 00
For Poor Department,	5,000 00
For Fire Department,	1,000 00
For Police Department,	100 00
For Salaries,	1,500 00
For Interest,	3,250 00
For Alms House enlargement,	1,600 00
For Contingent Expenses,	2,250 00
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	\$22,600 00
For overlayings on Taxes,	181 86
For Supplementary Tax List,	123 54
For State Tax,	6,554 67
For County Tax,	2,554 46
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Total assessments, 1862,	\$32,014. 53

LEANDER WEEKS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The School Committee herewith present their Annual Report.

Number of School Districts in the city,	7
Number of schools in the city,	26
Number of persons in the city between 4 and 21, as per returns of Agent, May 1, 1862,	2757
Number of children attending school for the year,	1696
Average number attending school for the year,	1286
Length of schools in weeks and tenths,	30.3
Amount of money appropriated by City Council for schools in 1862,	\$4400 00
Amount received from State,	972 48

	<i>No. of Scholars.</i>	<i>Money Apportioned.</i>	<i>Am't per Scholar.</i>
Dist No. 1,	57	144 83	2 54
“ “ 2,	23	92 30	4 01.3
“ “ 3,	65	159 53	2 45.4
“ “ 4,	175	341 80	1 95
“ “ 6,	19	84 94	4 47
“ “ 10,	42	107 24	2 55.3

GRADED DISTRICT.

Number of schools,	19
Number of school houses,	8
Number of extra school rooms,	3
Number of persons in district between 4 and 21 years,	2376
Number of scholars in school summer term,	1398
Average number of scholars in school summer term,	1116
Whole number of scholars winter term,	1450
Average number of scholars winter term,	1032

Whole number of scholars in schools for the year,	1424
Length of schools in weeks,	28
Amount of money apportioned to Graded District,	\$4441 85
Amount of money per scholar in Graded District,	1 86.9
Amount of money expended in Graded District,	4453 19
Gain in the whole attendance in the whole city over preceding year,	197
Gain in the average attendance,	148
Gain in the whole attendance in the Grade District,	143
Gain in the average attendance in the Grade District,	112

The schools in the suburban districts have been very well managed. The teachers with one or two exceptions have been competent, faithful and successful. The male teachers of the winter term all showed marked ability as disciplinarians, and the schools have, on the whole, made better progress than usual.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The first term of the High School was taught by Mr. Osgood and Mr. Paine. Mr. Osgood resigned in the middle of the winter term and was succeeded by Mr. E. T. Chapman, who completed the term in a very acceptable manner. Mr. Chapman is a faithful and able teacher, of much experience and good address, and it is to be regretted that his services are not again available. Mr. Osgood and Mr. Chapman have both gone to fill places where they will receive better compensation for their services.

The usefulness of this school is in a great degree nullified by this continual change of Principal. Teachers have been employed during the last five years, who have only desired the school for the sake of temporary employment—and who have been continually waiting and hoping for something better “to turn up.” The management of the High School—the college of our city—should certainly be vested with a firmer tenure. If our High School is to hold its name—if it is to rank above a common country school—with its itinerant master, who vacates his place forever at the end of his three months' employment, for a successor who can be obtained by the next agent at the best bargain,—then a competent teacher should be at once permanently employed. In our opinion it will be difficult to procure a teacher permanently and of the right kind, until more pay is offered than is customarily paid to our High School teacher. Talent, skill, education, experience, command their price in all other departments of life, and why not in this, in many respects the most noble and difficult of them all. A good salary should be at once offered for a teacher of the High School; one who can reside here—an abiding, faithful and devoted teacher, whose loftiest ambition is to be

successful in his profession. The want of apparatus and good accommodations in this school—already too often discussed in the reports of your school officers to be here repeated, would in a great degree be compensated by such a teacher, and if such services are available at a little more pay, it is the wise and true economy to pay more.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The grammar schools in the graded district have not, upon the whole, perhaps, made their usual degree of progress during the year. Yet we are of the opinion that with more male teachers for the winter term, the schools would have been better governed, and consequently would have shown more thoroughness this spring. The experiment of female teaching of grammar schools in this city has not fully justified our expectations. Female teachers of known ability, who have always been successful in schools of lower grade, have been unable to properly discipline our grammar schools. There seems to be a spirit of unaccountable antipathy to a woman's rule in all of them—a spirit which, in more than one instance, has been aided and abetted by parents. However faithful, kind and accomplished she may be, this feeling must render her task laborious and her efforts of little advantage, comparatively, to the school at large. We know that the young ladies who have taught the schools to which we refer have striven with heroic fortitude against the spirit of insubordination which these prejudices naturally engendered, and under the circumstances have done well. We suggest the propriety of employing hereafter for the winter terms experienced and competent male teachers for all the grammar schools.

Places for the high school have been granted to 23 scholars, as follows: From Crescent Street, 2; Portland Street, 1; Crockett Point, 6; Summer Street, 12; Pine Grove, 2.

The season has been too favorable for skating for the good of the schools. This pastime has not been limited to age, sex or condition. Old age and prattling childhood, matrons and girls, ministers and laymen, employers and employees, have whisked, and whirled, and tumbled together, in utter contempt of all social distinctions. The skating pond is truly a *leveller* in more senses than one. The furor has been universal, and if it cannot be said that it turned the heads of people, many can doubtless testify to turnings in which the head bore part in a *striking* manner. This general skating excitement, with all the ponds and puddles in the city in good skating condition for a period of three months, necessarily impeded the literary advancement of the school children. Yet we have felt inclined to consider this skating mania, if we may so term it, with little disfavor. It must be remembered that children have lungs and muscles as well as brains, and in the absence of a better system

for their development, an occasional winter like the past, with its crisp air and sunshine and ice, gives health and stamina which is not dearly purchased even with the loss of a portion of their accustomed mental training. We deprecate the large number of absences recorded in the grammar schools, which this pastime has caused, but we speak in the light of the liberal and fast ripening ideas of the day, that physical strength and culture lie at the very foundation of true mental proficiency.

Another amusement has been epidemic in the city the past winter, upon which, as affecting the schools or the pupils, morally, mentally, or physically, we have no word of approval to offer; we refer to dancing. Its run has been little less universal than the skating fever, while its effects have been "evil, and evil continually." Lassitude, indifference, tardiness, absence, *poor* lessons, and *no* lessons, have been its fruits. One teacher remarked to us that every scholar in her school above fourteen years old attended dancing school, and some of them were in the habit of sleeping away a large portion of their time in school.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Sixty-three scholars have passed from the intermediate to the grammar schools during the year, as follows: From Hamlin Store 16, Grace St. 23, Gregory Block 24.

On account of the large increase of grammar scholars in the north part of the city, we have been obliged to make the Gay street intermediate a full grammar school. Hence none have been passed from that school. This leaves but three real intermediate schools in the district, two of which are taught in rooms temporarily hired, and very poorly adapted for school rooms. These schools have made good progress.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

These schools, though lowest, are not the least important. It is here the "twigs are bent," and a taste or distaste for learning inculcated. Teachers of peculiar qualifications are needed here, who combine with an ability to impart correct and thorough instruction, amiability, good breeding, patience and firmness. The little ones should ever be made to feel delight in the exercises of the school room.

We have the satisfaction of saying that our primary schools during the past year have for the most part been under the management of competent teachers, and have been exceedingly well managed.

There have been passed, during the year, from primary to intermediate schools, 128 scholars, as follows:—

	<i>Summer.</i>	<i>Winter.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
From Oak Grove,	11	13	24
From North Main Street,	5	13	18

From Pine Grove,	1		1
From Summer Street,	9	12	21
From Crockett Point,	3	9	12
From Portland Street,		12	12
From Crescent Street,	20	13	33
From Lisle Street,	2	5	7
Total,			<hr/> 128

The teacher of the Crescent street primary school returns 175 scholars as her whole number, and 135 as her average for last summer. The nearest primary school to this is on Portland street, nearly half a mile distant, which numbers 100 scholars in a very much smaller room.

An attempt was made two years ago to relieve these schools. A room was procured in the "Hamlin building," and a school organized which now has sixty scholars. Another small room was hired in an old house on "Hicks" or "Lisle" street. In this last room 46 scholars are stowed from term to term, on high, uncomfortable seats, temporarily placed there, on which are piled promiscuously little boys and girls, hats, bonnets, cloaks, books and slates, with no desks or other conveniences whatever. We earnestly recommend this matter to the attention of the next Agent. As these last two schools must permanently continue, why not have permanent and comfortable rooms for them?

We notice that in all our schools, from the primary to the high school, there is a class of scholars who show very little if any advancement. These scholars appear to be as punctual and industrious as the average, yet they do not advance. We know that it is impossible for all scholars to advance with equal step; we know that many are dull and far less intelligent than others, and that it is far less agreeable to teach such than it is to teach the quick, bright and active minds. We hope none have been neglected on this account. Do the consciences of all our teachers hold them guiltless of neglect of these unfortunate ones? Do they invariably exercise as much patience with them, and take as much pains to instruct them as they do to lead along those to whom study is a pleasure, and whom it is a pleasure to instruct? Such should be a teacher's aim. They are employed to teach the whole school. Their patience, perseverance, kindness and fidelity are employed as well as their literary attainments; and they do not perform their whole duty who select each term a few bright particular stars from their scholars, and use extra endeavors to fit them to pass to a higher grade, or to shine on examination day, to the neglect of those who are so unfortunate as to be called "dull" scholars.

Our teachers have all labored industriously, and we do not know that we could name one whom we could charge with a lack of interest or in-

competency to teach. Some faults of government there have been on the part of a few female teachers, for reasons hereinbefore enumerated, and which were to a great degree beyond their control.

The Agent has been untiring in his efforts to keep the school machinery in order, and has promptly seconded our efforts to promote their welfare.

HENRY PAINE, } *Superintending*
O. G. HALL, } *School Committee.*

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

Gentlemen—The Overseers of the Poor of the City of Rockland for the past year submit their annual report :

RECEIPTS.

From Mayors Orders,	\$4,898 50
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EXPENDITURES.

To paid bills for Store,	\$1,363 44	
To paid bills for removing Paupers out of State,	153 00	
To paid bills for Paupers chargeable to other towns,	686 45	
To paid bills for Paupers to other Towns,	273 51	
To paid bills for Oxen for City Farm,	118 00	
To paid bills for Burial of the Dead,	334 00	
To paid bills for support of the Sick,	730 00	
To paid bills for Alms House and outside bills,	1,240 10	
		\$4,898 50

ASSETS.

By amount Produce sold,	\$115 51	
By amount charged to other towns,	686 45	
By supplies at Alms House, March 1st,	327 66	
By stock in city Store,	202 13	
		\$1,331 75

Total expenses for support of Poor,	\$3,566 75
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Goods sold from city Store during year,	\$1,282 41
Stock on hand March 1st, 1863,	202 13

Total expenditures of Store during year,	\$1,484 54
	\$1,363 44

Profits of Store over all expenses,	\$121 10
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The number of Paupers resident at the Alms-House on the 1st day of March, 1862, was twenty-two ; admitted during the year, sixteen ; born, two ; making the whole number forty. Discharged during the year, twenty-six ; remaining in the Alms-House, March 1, 1863, fourteen.

Whole number of weeks' support in Alms-House, six hundred sixty-three and three-sevenths ; whole number of days' support in the Alms-

House, four thousand six hundred and forty-four; being an average of twelve and three-fourths persons per day during the year.

GEO. S. WIGGIN, } Overseers
JONA. SPEAR, } of
G. W. BERRY, } the Poor.

REPORT OF THE MASTER OF THE ALMS-HOUSE.

TO THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

I herewith submit to you my annual report of Paupers resident in the Alms-House from March 1, 1862 to March 1, 1863 :

When Admit't'd.	Names.	Age.	Nation	Residence.	When Discharged.	W'ks. Days.
March 1	1 Maria Jones,	78	American,	Rockland,		52
" "	2 Cushing Thorndike,	58	" "	" "		52
" "	3 Lewis Cross,	26	" "	" "		52
" "	4 John Crawford,	9	" "	" "	May 26	12 3
" "	5 Ann Crawford,	5	" "	" "	May 26	12 3
" "	6 Mrs. Phillista Wood,	24	" "	" "	March 25	3 4
" "	7 Lewella Wood,	3	" "	" "	March 25	3 4
" "	8 Ernest Wood,	1	" "	" "	March 25	3 4
" "	9 Wm. Bickmore,	51	" "	" "		52
" "	10 Eliza A. Bickmore,	42	" "	" "	May 30,	13
" "	11 Wm. O. Bickmore,	6	" "	" "		52
" "	12 Margaret Riley,	41	Irish,	" "	June 14,	16 1
" "	13 Mary Riley,	10	" "	" "	June 14,	16 1
" "	14 Margaret Riley,	7	" "	" "	June 14,	15 1
" "	15 Joanna Riley,	5	" "	" "	June 14,	15 1
" "	16 Ellen Riley,	3	" "	" "	June 14,	15 1
" "	17 Elizabeth Hill,	22	" "	Pictou, NS,	Died April 10, '62,	5 6
" "	18 Elizabeth Ann Hill,	1	" "	Pictou, NS,	April 7,	5 3
" "	19 Mary A. Achorn,	26	American,	Rockland,	August 14,	23 6
" "	20 Chas. E. Achorn,	7	" "	" "	" "	23 6
" "	21 Mary F. Achorn,	5	" "	" "	" "	23 6
" "	22 Thomas J. Achorn,	4	" "	" "	" "	23 6
March 29	23 Joseph A Spaulding,	58	" "	" "	May 8,	5 5
" "	24 Salome Spaulding,	57	" "	" "	May 8,	5 5
April 2	25 Patrick Jameson,	56	" "	" "		47 3
April 14	26 Emma Norton,	17	" "	Harrington	May 13,	4 1
April 16	27 Bethiah Achorn,		" "	Rockland,	August 14,	17 1
April 21	28 Rachel S. Walsh,	30	" "	" "	June 5,	6 3
May 18	29 Bickmore child,		" "	" "	May 30,	1 5
June 9	30 Patrick McCarty,	54	Irish,	" "	June 26,	2 1
Nov'r 25	31 Josephine Gavin,	34	English,	Boston.		13 4
" "	32 Mary E. Gavin,	11	" "	" "		13 4
" "	33 William E. Gavin,	9	" "	" "		13 4
" "	34 Josephine Butler,	18	American,	Rockland,		13 2
" "	35 Nancy Holmes,	24	" "	Camden,	January 3,	5 1
" "	36 Ida F. Holmes,	2	" "	" "	Died Dec. 22,	3 3
Dec'r 19	37 Butler Child,		" "	Rockland,		10 1
Jan'y 24	38 George Kidd,	11	" "	" "		5
" "	39 Eliza J. Kidd,	8	" "	" "	February 9,	2 2
Feb'y 2	40 Patrick McCarty,	65	Irish,	" "	" 16,	2
Total time,						663 weeks and 3 days.

REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

In conformity with the requirements of the city ordinance in relation to the Fire Department, I have the honor herewith respectfully to again present my report :

In the municipal year ending March 9, 1863, the Department has been called out to fires in the city twenty-two times, and by false alarms twice.

The amount of loss by fire as nearly as can be ascertained, is \$17,940. The insurance on the same, \$8,500.

During the past year the number of fires and the amount of losses have exceeded those of any other year. Without doubt some of them have been set by incendiaries, whose only object could be revenge or a desire to plunder. Should this state of things continue, it will require the utmost vigilance on the part of all, if possible to ferret out and bring the offenders to justice.

It affords me satisfaction to say that the engine houses and fire apparatus committed to the care of the firemen are kept in excellent order, and the men are ready and prompt in the duties devolving on them as firemen, which makes the department second to none of its size in the State.

The suction hose belonging to Engine No. 4 is getting old, and has proved unreliable. As it is very important that the engines should have good, reliable suction hose, I would recommend the purchase at an early day of the usual length of suction hose for one engine to have in readiness for use.

In closing this report I return my thanks to the City Council for the interest taken by them at all times in matters appertaining to the Fire Department ; also to the assistant engineers, officers and men composing the Companies, for their uniform courtesy and hearty co-operation, which

have rendered my duties in connection with the Department comparatively light and pleasant.

N. A. BURPEE, *Chief Engineer.*

Rockland, March 9th, 1863.

*Schedule of Fires and Alarms in the City from March 11th, 1862 to
March 9th, 1863.*

1862.

1. April 11, 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock P. M. Fire discovered in the upper story of a building on the corner of Main and Warren streets, owned by E. W. Pendleton, and occupied by W. G. Young, boot and shoe manufacturer. The fire was extinguished with slight damage to the building and stock. The fire originated from a box of ashes that was kept in the shop.

2. May 15, 2 o'clock A. M. Fire discovered in the barn on Pleasant street, owned and occupied by Alexander Kiff, which was totally destroyed, together with the dwelling house which was attached to the barn by a porch or L. The fire had made such progress when discovered, that a horse and cow perished in the barn. Loss on buildings and contents, \$900. Insurance on buildings, 400. How the fire originated not ascertained.

3. May 26, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P. M. Fire discovered in the Store House on Atlantic Wharf, owned by the Atlantic Wharf Company, in a room in which was stored about ten tons of hay, owned by Messrs. Cobb, Wight & Case. The fire was extinguished with but little damage to the building. The hay was considerably damaged. Damage to building, \$100. Cobb, Wight & Case's loss, \$75. No insurance. Cause of fire, incendiary.

4. May 30, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock A. M. Fire discovered in a one story, double tenement house on Holmes street, owned by Warren Blake of St. George. One tenement only was occupied—by Mrs. Seavy. The house was entirely destroyed; part of furniture was saved. The whole loss was \$700. Insurance on the building, \$500. Cause of fire probably incendiary.

5. June 4, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock P. M. Alarm proceeded from fire discovered in basement of building owned by Messrs. Berry and Perry, on Main street, near the brook. It was occupied by a Confectionery manufacturer. It was extinguished without the aid of the firemen. Damage slight. Fire originated from a defectively constructed furnace.

6. June 12, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock A. M. Fire discovered in a large two story store house owned by Messrs. Berry & Walker, situated in their lumber yard. The building, together with about six hundred dollars' worth of dry lumber stored therein, was totally destroyed. John T. Berry had

about twenty-five hundred bushels of corn stored in the building, which was badly damaged. Berry & Walker's loss on building and lumber, \$1400, J. T. Berry's loss, \$1000. No insurance. Cause of fire incendiary.

7. June 12, same day, 11 o'clock A. M. Fire discovered in the barn of Ivory Jackson, on James Street; it was occupied in part as a joiner's shop. The fire was extinguished with slight damage to the building. Damage to tools and lumber, \$15. Insured. Fire originated from matches used by children that were playing in the barn.

8. June 12, same day, 10 o'clock P. M. Fire broke out in the building on the corner of Main and Spring streets, known as Palmer Block. It was owned by Wm. Wilson, C. G. Moffitt, G. W. Palmer and A. J. Pierce, and occupied by H. P. Wood & Son and John P. Wise, hardware and stove dealers; C. G. Moffitt and Edward Harris, clothing dealers and tailors; A. J. Pierce and C. G. Carleton, Daguerreians; J. W. Havener, boot and shoe maker; Dr. C. N. Germaine for an office, and John O'Donnell, barber. The building was totally destroyed; a portion of the goods were saved in a damaged condition. Wm. Wilson's loss on building, \$700—insured for \$400. C. G. Moffitt's loss on building, \$1000—insured for \$700. Loss and damage on stock, \$200—insured for \$200. G. W. Palmer's loss on building, \$700—no insurance. A. J. Pierce's loss on building, \$1000—insured for \$700. Loss on stock, \$200—insured for \$200. H. P. Wood & Son's loss and damage on stock, \$2800—insured for \$1500. John P. Wise's loss and damage on stock, \$2500—insurance \$1500. Edward Harris' loss and damage, \$500—insured for \$500. J. W. Havener's loss, \$50—no insurance. Dr. C. N. Germaine's loss, \$40—no insurance. C. G. Carleton's loss, \$250—covered by insurance, \$250. John O'Donnell's loss, \$50—no insurance. How the fire originated not ascertained.

9. June 16, 2 o'clock A. M. Fire discovered in the Daguerreian saloon of Enos Crockett, in the Spofford Block, on Main street. It was extinguished without the aid of the firemen, no general alarm being given. Damage to the building slight. Crockett's estimated damage, \$40—insured. Cause of the fire incendiary.

10. June 16, same day, 10½ o'clock P. M. Fire discovered in the barn of I. K. Kimball, on Middle street; the fire communicated to the porch that connected the house and barn together. The barn and porch were badly damaged; the main house was saved, slightly damaged. Loss and damage estimated at \$1200—covered by insurance. Cause of the fire, probably incendiary.

11. July 20, 3 o'clock A. M. Fire discovered in the office of Dr. E. P. Chase, dentist, in the Wilson & White Block, on Main street. The fire was extinguished without the aid of the firemen, and with but slight damage to the building and stock. Wilson & White's damage \$35—

insured. Damage to Dr. Chase's stock, &c., \$35—insured. Cause, spontaneous combustion.

12. July 24, 10½ o'clock A. M. Alarm of fire proceeded from fire discovered in the lime shed owned by Francis Cobb, in the rear of store. Extinguished without the aid of the firemen. Damage trifling. Cause, took from the fire of lime kiln.

13. August 23, 4½ o'clock A. M. Fire broke out in the small, one story store on Sea street, owned and occupied by Gorham Benner. The building, together with most of its contents, was destroyed. Benner's loss on store and stock, \$500—no insurance. How the fire originated not ascertained.

14. September 21, 11¼ o'clock P. M. Fire discovered in the attic of a two story building on Holmes street, owned by Barnabæ Fountain of St. George, and occupied by William Perry for a dwelling. The lower story was finished for a store, and was unoccupied. The upper part of the building was nearly destroyed, the furniture mostly saved. Damage estimated at \$225—covered by insurance. How the fire originated not ascertained.

15. October 22, 11 o'clock A. M. Alarm of fire proceeded from the dwelling of S. C. Fessenden, on Maple street. It was extinguished without the aid of the firemen. Damage slight. Caused by using a lighted lamp to discover a leak in the gas pipe between the floor and ceiling, where the gas had escaped in a sufficient quantity to ignite from the lamp.

16. October 29, 9½ o'clock A. M. False alarm, department out.

17. November 8, 8½ o'clock P. M. Alarm of fire proceeded from a burning chimney in the Thorndike Hotel. Department out.

18. November 12, 1½ o'clock A. M. Fire discovered in a small, two story house on Crockett's Point, owned by S. N. Williams. The house was unoccupied; it was saved in a damaged condition. Damage \$150—insured. Cause of fire incendiary.

19. November 14, 8 o'clock P. M. False alarm of fire, not general.

20. November 21, 3¼ o'clock A. M. Fire discovered in the L of S. N. Williams' house, on Crockett's Point. It was part of the same house that was badly damaged by fire eight days previously. The balance of the establishment was destroyed. Loss \$150—insured. Cause of fire, incendiary.

21. November 24, 5¼ o'clock A. M. Alarm proceeded from fire in Pine Grove school house, at the North End, owned by the Grade School District. The house was saved in a damaged condition. Damage estimated at \$300—no insurance. How the fire originated not ascertained.

1863.

22. January 1, 4 o'clock A. M. Alarm proceeded from the house of

Nehemiah Weymouth, on Maverick street. The fire was extinguished without the aid of the firemen. Damage slight. Took from a defect in the chimney.

23. January 26, 2½ o'clock P. M. Fire discovered in a one story house at the western end of Holmes street, owned and occupied by Henry McIntosh. The main house was destroyed, the L was saved in a damaged condition; most of the furniture was removed. Loss estimated at \$400—no insurance. Cause of the fire accidental.

24. January 27, 12¼ o'clock A. M. Fire broke out in a two story building at the North End, on the Wharf of Calvin Hall. The building was owned by him, and occupied for a boat shop and store house; in it were stored some five or six tons of hay, a sleigh, a boat, and a lot of lime casks. The building and contents were totally destroyed. Loss on building and contents, \$700—no insurance. Cause of fire incendiary.

25. March 5, 2 o'clock P. M. Alarm proceeded from fire in the cabin of the schooner Shenandoah, owned by Captain Ezekiel Nash, occasioned by heating tar on the stove. It was extinguished without the aid of the department. Damage slight.

26. March 8, 1 o'clock A. M. Alarm proceeded from the store of A. P. Waterman, North Main street. Extinguished with slight damage to building and stock. Damage estimated at \$25—insured. How the fire originated not ascertained.

REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

I herewith present a statement of the arrests, &c., made by me during the year ending March 10, 1863 :

Whole number of arrests,	82
Men,	58
Women,	17
Boys,	7

For the following causes :—

Drunkenness and disturbance of peace, 28 ; Theft—men and women, 13 ; Assault, 8 ; House of ill fame, 2 ; House breaking, 2 ; Attempted rape, 1 ; Petit Larceny (Boys), 7 ; Night walking and drunkenness, 8 ; Vagrance, 1.

They were severally disposed of as follows :—

Committed to Jail, 9 ; Discharged on payment of cost, 10 ; Discharged on payment of fine and cost, 15 ; Ran away and enlisted, 1 ; Detained in Lockup, 11 ; Discharged, 27 ; Sent to Reform School, 6 ; Sent to Alms House, 1 ; Handed over to Policeman Ulmer, 1 ; Placed under bonds, 2.

I have appointed during the year but three Policemen, only two of whom have been on duty.

The following arrests were made by Policeman Ulmer :—

For Larceny,	3
For Night walking,	1
For Drunkenness,	9

Of whom two were sent to Reform School ; eight discharged ; three paid fine.

Alden Lindsey made five arrests, all of which were for drunkenness. Four were discharged and one paid fine.

You will observe that a majority of the arrests have drunkenness for their cause. There never has been a time when rum held such complete sway as at present. Drunkenness is not limited to age or sex ; old men, young men, boys, old women and maidens are the daily patrons of the groggeries along our streets. It is to be hoped that measures will be taken to enable the Police to clear them out.

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY, WITH ITS APPROXIMATE VALUE.

City Farm and Buildings,	\$4,000 00
Furniture, Stock and Tools on Farm,	300 00
Dirigo Engine, Hose, &c.,	1,100 00
Engine House for same,	600 00
Furniture and fixtures for same,	75 00
Defiance Engine, Hose, &c.,	1,000 00
Engine House for same,	600 00
Furniture and fixtures for same,	75 00
Fire King Engine, &c.,	200 00
Engine House for same,	50 00
Fire Hooks and Ladders,	50 00
Carriage House for same,	50 00
Lockup and fixtures,	500 00
Hearse, Runners and House,	65 00
Furniture and Library in Municipal Court Room,	150 00
Furniture and fixtures in City Rooms,	100 00
Furniture and fixtures in Court Room,	200 00
Lot of Land on Spring Street,	800 00
City Safe,	150 00
Interest in Flagg House on James Street,	100 00
	\$10,165 00

A. T. LOW, } *Committee on*
C. A. KEENE, JR., } *City Property.*

Rockland, March 1, 1862.

CITY GOVERNMENT FOR 1863-4.

MAYOR.
GEORGE S. WIGGIN.

O. G. HALL, *City Clerk.*

ALDERMEN.

WARD 1. Philo Thurston,	WARD 4. W. J. Bond,
" 2. Charles Crockett,	" 5. Leander Weeks,
" 3. Charles W. Snow,	" 6. Joseph Kalloch,

WARD 7. C. C. Lovejoy.

COUNCILMEN.

JOHN S. CASE, *President.*

ENOCH DAVIES, *Clerk.*

WARD 1. C. L. Allen, J. T. Young, Jackson Weeks.
" 2. Joseph Furbish, Benj. Knowlton, George W. White.
" 3. John S. Case, Allen Bowler, Albert F. Ames.
" 4. John Crockett, John P. Wise, R. M. Pillsbury.
" 5. Oliver P. Hix, George W. Berry, Edwin Sprague.
" 6. J. C. Ingraham, Ira B. Ellems, William H. Glover.
" 7. M. S. Adams, O. P. Tolman, O. D. Brown.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

City Marshal—Asa Crockett.

Treasurer—Leander Weeks.

City Physician—P. T. Prescott.

Assessors—Freeman Harden, O. J. Conant, W. J. Bond.

Collector— — — —.

Overseers of Poor—Geo. S. Wiggin, Geo. W. Berry, Robert Crockett.

Superintending School Committee—O. G. Hall, Henry Paine, Alden Sprague.

Chief Engineer of Fire Department—N. A. Burpee.

Assistant Engineers of Fire Department—C. L. Allen, Benj. Knowlton, Benj. W. Sawyer, J. P. Wise, John Lindsey, Thos. Colson, Edward Ulmer, George W. Berry.

Agent of School Districts—No. 1, Sumner Whitney; No. 2, Oscar Davis; No. 3, Hiram F. Ulmer; No. 5, Edwin P. Lovejoy; No. 7, James Walsh.

Highway Surveyors—Ward 1, William Sprague; Ward 2, Charles Crockett; Ward 3, Fisher Gay; Ward 4, James R. Smith; Ward 5, Israel I. Mather; Ward 6, J. C. Ingraham; Ward 7, Benjamin Clough.

Board of Health—Board of Aldermen and Dr. P. T. Prescott.

Surveyors of Lumber—William H. Glover, John Lindsey, Martin D. Labe, B. W. Sawyer, E. P. Lovejoy, Aaron Howes, E. T. Jackson, Albert Lawry, Azariah Stanley, George A. Stevens, Israel I. Mather, Thomas Colson.

Fence Viewers—Harrison Farrand, O. C. Ludwig, Benjamin Clough.

Pound Keepers—John Ham, J. Wooster, Silas Farrington.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Police Officers— — — — —.

Measurers of Wood and Bark—A. J. Bird, Calvin Hall, Joseph Abbott, John H. Handley, Allen Bowler, E. L. Lovejoy, C. C. Chandler, Lewellyn Lawry, John H. Wheeler, R. M. Pillsbury, J. W. Hunt, Charles R. Whitney, Sumner Whitney, Daniel C. Haskell, Thomas Colson, J. W. Ormsbee, O. M. Lampson, Sam'l R. Ulmer.

Measurers of Grain, Corn and Salt—Joseph Frohock, Wm. Davis, John A. Spear.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—E. L. Lovejoy.

Undertaker—Silas Kalloch.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Finance—Alderman Weeks and Councilmen Crockett and Hix.

On Accounts and Claims—Alderman Thurston and Councilmen Allen and Pillsbury.

On City Property—Alderman Bond and Councilmen Furbish and Ames.

On Highways and Sidewalks—Alderman Thurston and Councilmen Ellems and Berry.

On Public Schools—Alderman Bond and Councilmen Young and White.

On By-Laws and Police Regulations—Alderman Lovejoy and Councilmen Wise and Glover.

On Fire Department—Alderman Snow and Councilmen Tolman and Knowlton.

On Enrolled Ordinances—Alderman Kalloch and Councilmen Bowler and Adams.

On Burying Grounds—Alderman Kalloch and Councilmen Ingraham and Brown.

On Printing—Alderman Snow and Councilmen Sprague and Weeks.

On Business—Aldermen Weeks and Councilmen Allen and Pillsbury.