1923

Annual Reports of the City of Biddeford for the Fiscal Year 1922-23, Together with the Mayor's Address

Biddeford (Me.)
Annual Report of the City of Biddeford 1922-1923
Inaugural Address of Mayor Edward H. Drapeau
Gentlemen of the City Council:

We are assembled here today as the chosen servants of the people, to inaugurate the government of our city for the ensuing year. Our city charter so provides, and custom has caused the event to be the one in the year when all of our constituents look with great interest upon what we are to do, and for the names of those whom we shall select for the purpose.

And particularly is this so at this time, for the reason that unusual conditions exist. For nearly eight years we have been passing through the frightful events of a World War, or the scarcely less burdensome conditions incident to a return to peace. This all has brought us face to face with financial problems which none have yet been able to solve.

A municipal government is not much different from the organization which manages and cares for the homes and businesses of our people; and it is not necessary to remind you that in all of these affairs the cost of everything still stands far above normal. For a number of years has this condition existed, and much that should have been done in matter up up-keep in our city has been left undone, as a matter of course.

But prudence will not permit indefinite inattention to those matters which ordinarily require consideration more or
less constant, and we now must, to some extent, take up some of those neglected duties, and carry them on with the regular business for the year.

Having thus briefly touched upon the unusual responsibility that rests upon us, let me speak now of ourselves, as to our part in meeting the same.

At the election, Monday last, we were elected, some as Democrats, others as Republicans; but as we meet here this morning party labels should be torn off, and leave us only as straight American citizens, acting as the plain representatives of all of the people, resolved to serve them to the best of our ability; and feeling certain that you are similarly minded, let me call your attention to some of the more important matters that will present themselves for our consideration.

**Finances**

The bonded liability of our city, as appears by the report of the City Treasurer, January 31, last past, is $410,000. These bonds represent $220,000 of refunded debt, covering a long period of years, while the remaining $190,000 represents what is still unpaid of the loans which were effected for the new sewer system, for permanent streets and sidewalks, and for the new Bradbury bridge.

Of the first mentioned $220,000 there will none mature during the ensuing year; but of the latter we shall be called upon to appropriate and pay $15,000, as these were serial issues, payable in yearly installments of $5,000 each.

Other liability to which we have been committed by the last administration, and this quite properly, aggregating $7,489.80, consists of two items; one in the sum of $5,092.80, being an unexpended balance of money raised for the new
Bradbury bridge and incident damages; the other in the sum of $2,397.00, which is the amount raised for State Road work, but not expended.

It will also be recalled, as a matter of common knowledge, that numerous bills which were contracted or fell due during the fiscal year 1921-22, were carried over or brought over, and paid during the month of February, just past. The full amount of such items is not readily to be ascertained, as the City Auditor has published no report for the month of February; but I fear that the total sum will run into large figures. Considering then, these several items, it will be apparent that before we assume our respective places, and enter upon the duties of the same, we find that we have a large sum of money to be raised by taxation in addition to such as we shall find it necessary to appropriate for the current and contingent charges of the ordinary municipal year.

But, with an honest purpose to meet and solve all problems, and with the help of all of the people of which I have already spoken, I believe that at the close of the year the books will show a balance on the right side. But, again, only by the very closest attention to all details, and the practice of economy in every department, can this be done.

**Fire Department**

Our fire department will require unusual consideration at our hands. Apparatus better suited to the needs of a growing and more congested community will sooner or later be necessary, and in the near future I shall take up with you the question as to how much in that direction we may do during the current year.
Streets, Roads and Sidewalks

In the matter of our streets, roads and sidewalks, I might address you at great length, as I feel that no administration for many years has been confronted with conditions so nigh overwhelming; but I must content myself with the simple assurance that your good judgment and your untiring efforts will bring about the best results possible; and of course, you all realize that the real problem in the matter is, not what and where we shall do, but first, how much money will we be able to appropriate for the purpose. Shortly, after the streets and roads come out from under the long, cold Winter, we will carefully make a survey, and I ask you, and the people generally, to be patient, and prepare to lend us their advice and assistance.

Sewers

Sewers, which are a matter of convenience, and most important to the health of all of the people, will also require much honest and careful deliberation, and I am speaking of these as they exist now, and will be required from time to time.

But, the Mile Brook sewer will tax our best efforts, and I feel that putting this off, as has been done in the past, can not possibly be thought of. I say this, as in no sense whatever commenting upon prior administrations, as I think I fully appreciate the magnitude of the project, and the many difficulties that have beset it in its consideration in the past.

Schools

Our schools. You, as the City Council, and I, as Mayor, have no responsibility in the management of these institu-
tions in which our children are trained for their life work. The Board of Education must care for this most important work. But we must find and appropriate the money with which to carry on this work, and while we must not act grudgingly, yet we must urge the greatest possible degree of economy, in common with such practice in other departments, consistent with a determination not to impair efficiency, and the most desirable results from the school-life of our little ones. As Chairman of the Board of Education I shall devote earnest and sincere attention to my duties in this very important branch of our government.

Police

Also, in the department of police, the management rests with others, while we must raise and appropriate the money with which to carry on the work. But, in this department, we also have the responsibility of determining the cost in dollars and cents, and we can not refuse to be generous; and this for two special reasons: First, the cost of living and the extraordinary expense for uniforms of the officers has not materially fallen, and these officers should receive a fair living compensation. Second, we have a police department that stands as a distinctive body in matter of character and efficiency, and I feel certain that the people will approve such course as I have outlined.

Health Department

The matter of health in a community is among the first inquiries made by such as may be considering the establishment of business from other parts, and we must not take a
backward step; besides, it is our solemn duty to guard against any dread conditions that may threaten as to ourselves, and I can bespeak for you suitable and watchful attention at all times.

Department of the Poor

Among us always are those who are so unfortunate as to need assistance from the department of the poor, and during the period of readjustment after the terrible strife among the nations this number is materially increased. Our local industries have felt the need of curtailment in production and thereby many of our good people have been deprived of the opportunity to earn enough to maintain themselves and their loved ones. This has forced many of them to appeal to the city for aid, and I am very sure that none among us will deny them. But, even with this added burden, I feel and believe that in this department there can be some relief to the treasury, and this without any fear that any of our worthy poor will suffer. What I have just said applies both to the City Farm and to those who receive aid at their respective homes.

But, at the farm, we shall find repairs to be made and improved and modern equipment and appliances to be installed, and we must devote the most careful consideration to the same.

Woodlawn Cemetery

Woodlawn Cemetery must not be overlooked when we come to the matter of appropriations, as this is one of the places where gradual but constant improvement has been had
for years. In 1907 the cemetery was literally a disgrace, but under the able and continuous management of the Superintendent we now have a burial place that is a credit to the city, and to those who have carried on the work. But, still more can be done and I hope that generous provision will be made for the same.

**Parks and Playgrounds**

Our parks, playgrounds and little public breathing spots should not be neglected. Biddeford is none too well provided for in such places and we must make the most of what we have.

The foregoing is but a simple touch in the several departments and matters referred to; but in a few short days all of these thoughts and others equally important will receive attention by us in appropriate committees, when and where I bespeak for you all the conscientious fulfillment of your pre-election pledges and promises.

Thus far I have addressed myself chiefly to you and your duties, but I do not forget that the mayor must be watchful of his conduct and with your faithful assistance and the cooperation of all of the people, whose advice and suggestions I sincerely invite and request, I have every hope and expectation of a prosperous and progressive municipal year.
Mayor Edward H. Drapeau
City Government, 1922

Mayor
EDWARD H. DRAPEAU

City Clerk
Arthur H. Hevey

Aldermen
Ward 1—Herbert F. Johnson
Ward 2—Ulric Cabana
Ward 3—Benjamin Goodier
Ward 4—Michael Cadorette, Jr.
Ward 5—Harry B. Center
Ward 6—Jerome St. Ours
Ward 7—Frank B. Harris

Common Councilmen
President, Harry F. Twomey
Ward 1—Ray A. Burleigh
      Orrison G. Davis
      Herman Gross
Ward 2—Ludger J. Caouette
      Alfred Blouin
      Oscar Nadeau
Ward 3—Louis A. Pariseau
      William J. Martin
      Thomas Thibodeau
Ward 4—Alphonse Lagarde
      Lawrence Duross
      Elvin M. Stone
Ward 5—Edward D. Bouthot
      Herbert E. B. Smith
      Thomas Kelley
Ward 6 — James H. A. Murphy          Henry Lamirande
         James E. Watson
Ward 7 — Jean Baptiste Nadeau         Harry F. Twomey
         Everett F. Meserve

**Wardens**

Ward 1 — Joseph J. Tarbox
    Ward 2 — Andre B. Painchaud
    Ward 3 — Charles A. Johnson
Ward 4 — Jean B. Ste Marie
    Ward 5 — Rex A. Wormwood
    Ward 6 — Ernest J. Hevey
    Ward 7 — Walter F. Hampson

**Ward Clerks**

Ward 1 — Hartley L. Emerson
    Ward 2 — Antonio Lamb
    Ward 3 — Ernest J. McMullan
Ward 4 — Jeremiah J. Murphy
    Ward 5 — George W. Renouf
    Ward 6 — John P. Buckley
    Ward 7 — James T. Descoteaux

**City Treasurer**
    John J. Dunn

**Collector of Taxes**
    Helena Lemire

**City Solicitor**
    Clarence B. Rumery

**City Auditor**
    Harry Scott
Judge of Municipal Court
George L. Emery

Recorder of Municipal Court
Fillmore P. Harris

Chief of Police
Ernest H. Robbins

City Physician
George C. Precourt

Chief Engineer Fire Department
Charles Johnson

First Asst. Fire Department
Jeremiah Twomey

Second Asst. Fire Department
Napoleon Verrier

Engineer City Building
Charles M. Bradbury

Watchman City Building
Maurice Hickey

Harbor Master
Wilbur Goldthwaite

Board of Registration
Chairman, Joseph Paquin

Charles T. Read William H. Whelan

Assessors
James Murphy

William A. Cosgrove Everett M. Staples
Chief Assessor
William A. Cosgrove

Assistant Assessors
Ward 1—Wright Goldthwaite
Ward 2—Wilfred Lepine
Ward 3—Ernest J. McMullen
Ward 4—Alphonse Gonneville
Ward 5—Thomas F. Hazelton
Ward 6—Arthur St. Ours
Ward 7—Jeremiah O’Leary

Board of Health
Jeremiah O’Sullivan

Napoleon Blanchette

Overseers of Poor
Municipal Officers

Clerk of Overseers of Poor
Arthur Plante

Superintendent City Farm
Melville C. Googins

Inspector of Buildings
Fred Cadorette

Superintendent of Burials
Frederick Rumery

Superintendent of Schools
C. A. Weed
Superintending School Committee
Chairman, Edward H. Drapeau
H. L. Merrill  Napoleon Emond  Mrs. Maud C. Kendall
Thomas F. Flanagan

Park Commissioners
Dennis T. Sullivan  Christopher Prescott
E. H. Goldthwaite

Trustees Woodlawn Cemetery
Edward H. Drapeau  Samuel L. Wilson

Truant Officer
William Stone

Police Commissioners
Napoleon L. Nadeau
Mark Gordon  William B. Sullivan, Jr.

City Weighers
Alberic Simard  Frank Dennis
Frank Precourt  Filmore Hooper
Alfred Sicard  Henry Knight
Charles Tibbetts  William Smith
Joseph St. Ours  Fred Smith

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark
John Murphy  Mark Gordon
Edgar Small  Sidney A. Staples
Howard Small  Rose Gregoire
Herbert E. Haley  Alice L. Janson
Eugene Boisvert  Alfred L’Heureux
Eddie Casper  Ernest M. Laliberte
James Rankin  Dennis Dineen
Street Commissioner Dist. No. 4
Orrin Mayo

Road Commissioners in Outlying Districts
Pool Road District—Joseph W. Haley
Pool District—Horace Evans
Newtown District—Carl Lowell
Oak Ridge District—Napoleon Corriveau
Fortunes Rocks—Charles V. Tanner
Ward 7 North—Herbert Hussey
Ward 7 East—Charles Nelson
Ward 7 West—Jere L. Dearborn
Hollis Road District—John Lowell

Milk Inspector
Eugene H. Boisvert
Standing Committees

Board of Aldermen

ELECTION RETURNS—Aldermen Harris, Cabana and Center.

ENROLLED BILLS—Aldermen Goodier, St. Ours and Johnson.

LICENSES—Aldermen Cadorette, Harris and St. Ours.
Joint Standing Committees

FINANCE—The Mayor, Alderman Harris, Councilmen Lagarde, Twomey and Stone.

ACCOUNTS—Alderman Cabana, Councilmen Twomey and Murphy.

PUBLIC PROPERTY—The Mayor, Alderman Harris, Councilmen Nadeau, Pariseau and Duross.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND LIBRARY—The Mayor, Alderman Goodier, Councilmen Martin, Nadeau and Stone.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—The Mayor, Aldermen Cadorette and Harris, Councilmen Watson, Martin and Meserve.

PRINTING—Aldermen Cabana and Center, Councilmen Lamirande and Twomey.

POOR DEPARTMENT—Aldermen Center and Johnson, Councilmen Nadeau, Blouin and Caouette.

ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Alderman Johnson, Councilmen Burleigh and Gross.

STREET DEPARTMENT—The Mayor, Aldermen Goodier and St. Ours, Councilmen Thibodeau, Meserve, Murphy and Martin.
General Expense Account, 1922-1923

For Month of February

New England Tel. & Telg. Co., toll charge ....... $  .95
Swift & Co., washing powder .......................  1.65
Strouts Florist, bouquet .............................  4.00
Portland Direct. Co., Maine Register .............  4.50
Benjamin Gordon, one subscription ................  6.00
Roberts Office Sup., copies of laws of Maine ......  7.20
Biddeford Journal, auditor’s report ..............  14.40
Libby & Johnson, surveying cor. Alfred and Pool streets ............................................. 22.50
Biddeford Journal, advertising non-resident and resident taxes, and printing same .............  24.87
M. H. Whelan, Jr., expenses to Boston, Tel. call, postage ins. reg. mail ......................... 42.70
York County Power Co., lights .......................  88.72
Dr. Charles Smith, reporting one death ..........   .25
Dr. C. F. Traynor, reporting one death ..........   .25
Dr. Henry Reny, reporting one death ..........   .25
Dr. J. A. Randall, reporting one death ..........   .25
Dr. J. S. Buker, reporting one death ..........   .25
Dr. W. E. Sullivan, reporting one death ..........   .25
Dr. E. Caplan, reporting one death ..........   .25
Dr. Edgar Hawkes, reporting one birth ..........   .25
Rev. Charles Brown, reporting one marriage ......   .25
Joseph Harvey, reporting one marriage.............. .25
Rev. H. B. Coalbroth, reporting one marriage .. .25
Rev. J. Abraham, reporting one marriage............ .25
Rev. A. Dugree, reporting one marriage............. .25
Rev. L. D. Ouillette, reporting one marriage..... .25
Rev. C. S. Jones, reporting one marriage........... .25
Leroy Haley, reporting one marriage................. .25
Rev. D. Katundi, reporting one marriage............ .25
Dr. George R. Love, reporting two deaths......... .50
Dr. A. J. Stimpson, reporting two births.......... .50
Rev. Harry Trust, reporting two marriages....... .50
Robert B. Seidel, reporting two marriages......... .50
Godfrey Dupre, reporting two marriages............ .50
Rev. Z. B. Decary, reporting two marriages...... .50
Fillmore P. Harris, reporting two marriages..... .50
William Stone, reporting two marriages............ .50
Ernest Petit, reporting two marriages.............. .50
Rev. E. B. Deschesnes, reporting two marriages.. .50
Dr. C. E. Thompson, reporting two births, one death .................................................. .75
Dr. W. J. Maybury, reporting three births, one death ................................................... 1.00
Dr. Roscoe Graves, reporting four deaths.......... 1.00
Dr. J. D. Cochrane, reporting four deaths......... 1.00
Rev. C. E. Proulx, reporting four marriages..... 1.00
Rev. G. B. Wood, reporting five marriages....... 1.25
Rev. C. H. Temple, reporting six marriages...... 1.50
Rev. W. F. Whitney, reporting six marriages...... 1.50
Dr. W. F. Hayward, reporting one birth, four deaths ..................................................... 1.25
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Rev. A. M. Decary, reporting sixty-six marriages ................................................................. 16.50
Dr. G. C. Precourt, reporting one hundred fifty-one births, sixty-six deaths ...................... 54.25
Dr. J. R. Larochelle, reporting two hundred thirty-five births, seventy-five deaths ................ 77.50
Rev. Walter F. Whitney, reporting one marriage .............................................................. .25
Rev. G. Judson, reporting one marriage ............................................................................ .25
Rev. Charles E. Brooks, reporting one marriage .................................................................... .25
Edwin Williams, reporting one marriage ............................................................................ .25
Rev. Richard L. Sloggett, reporting one marriage ............................................................... .25
Willis T. Emmons, reporting one marriage ............................................................................ .25
Rev. G. B. Wood, reporting one marriage ............................................................................ .25
Rev. A. D. Paul, reporting one marriage ............................................................................ .25
Rev. T. J. Mahoney, reporting twelve marriages ............................................................... 3.00
Ernest Petit, postage stamps ......................................................................................... 3.00
N. W. Kendall, Supplies, Assessors' office ......................................................................... 6.50
Alice F. Hayford, clerical work .......................................................................................... 12.00
Old Corner Book Store, calendar pads ............................................................................ .60
American R. R. Express, express .................................................................................... 1.00
Ernest Metayer, burying one dog ..................................................................................... 2.00
Reny Bros., Seal, Weight and Measures ............................................................................ 5.00
Alice F. Hayford, clerical work .......................................................................................... 12.00
Alice F. Hayford, clerical work .......................................................................................... 15.00
Guy Durgin, City Solicitor .................................................................................................. 80.00
Biddeford Record, printing ballots .................................................................................... 500.00
New England Tel. & Telg., toll calls ................................................................................... 1.40
Biddeford Record, City Auditor, ad .................................................................................. 12.00
York County Power Co., lights .......................................................................................... 12.50
Emery, Waterhouse & Paquin, City Opera House Lease .................................................. 410.00
Alice F. Hayford, clerical work .......................... 12.00
Alice F. Hayford, clerical work .......................... 15.00
York County Power Co., Lights .......................... 56.52
W. I. Dennett, Burial Services .......................... 100.00
Ernest Petit, to recording 224 births, 115 deaths, 86 marriages, 23 out of town marriages, 35 out of town deaths, four depositions, to administering 85 oaths .................................................. 139.75
St. Jean Baptiste Society, rent for hall ............... 300.00

$2200.86

**For the Month of March**

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York County Power Co., ten repeater fuses, delivered to W. Dewey ........................................ 1.20
Ernest Petit, to 50 1c stamps, to recording two depositions, nine deaths at 25c, seven births at 25c, to administering 22 oaths of office at 20c, to recording one marriage at 25c, to administering one oath at 20c, to recording two deaths at 25c, to recording one birth at 25c ...................... 11.10
Alice F. Hayford, clerical work ........................................ 12.00
Joseph Cartier, posting Assessors' Notices ......................... 4.00
Oscar Caouette, assisting new Clerk of Common Council .................. 5.00
Mollie B. Welch, clerical work ........................................ 6.00
Biddeford Record, Assessors' Notice .................................. 6.50
Joseph E. Brooks, 500 No. 2c envelopes ................................ 11.44
Alice F. Hayford, clerical work ........................................ 12.00
Ernest Petit, services with new City Clerk ................................ 30.00
Rev. A. Decary, services inauguration day ................................ 5.00
Joseph E. Brooks, P. M., 9000 No. 5 2c stamped envelopes .................. 195.48

$ 672.90

For the Month of April

The Biddeford Record, 500 letter heads, Mayor . . . . . . $ 3.50
The Biddeford Record, 1000 letter heads, Assessors ........ 4.50
La Justice Pub. Co., Tax Notice .............................. 6.25
The Biddeford Record, 7000 Poll Tax receipts, 500 enrollment blanks ...................... 31.25
New England Tel. and Telg., toll calls .................. .40
Ernest Morgan Estate, supplies ............................ 1.90
P. J. Farley, trucking, Mar. 29, 30 and 31 .......... 8.00
Strouts, Florist, bouquet .................................. 8.00
Ernest Morgan, Estate, supplies, for Assistant
Assessors .................................................... 19.15
York County Power Co., street lights, City Building 133.48
Edmund Bergeron, services Chief Assessor .......... 50.00
Daniel Hickey, burying one dog ......................... 2.00
Arthur H. Hevey, 100 2c stamps, 100 postal cards.. 3.00
Emile Boisvert, Milk Inspector's badge ............... 1.50
John Deschenes, Sign Work .............................. 6.00
H. G. Hutchinson, three reams Berkshire Bond
paper ............................................................ 9.00
Harry Hazelton, interpreter .............................. 12.00
Wright W. Goldthwaite, services as Assistant As-
sessor, Ward 1 .............................................. 65.00
Aramys Thibeault, services as Assistant Assessor, 
Ward 2 ......................................................... 65.00
Ernest J. McMullen, services as Assistant Assessor, 
Ward 3 ........................................................ 65.00
Alphonse Genneville, services as Assistant Assessor, 
Ward 4 ........................................................ 65.00
Thomas F. Hazelton, services as Assistant Assessor, 
Ward 5 ........................................................ 65.00
Arthur St. Ours, services as Assistant Assessor, 
Ward 6 ........................................................ 65.00
Jeremiah O'Leary, services as Assistant Assessor, 
Ward 7 ........................................................ 90.00
Edmund Bergeron, services verifying returns of polls and personal property made by Assistant Assessors and entering same on blotter for the year 1922; listing dogs for dog officer ......... 175.00
Charles T. Read, looking up Deed ......................... 1.50
Daniel Hickey, killing and burying one dog ........... 2.00
Portland Mailing Co., Automobile book ................ 3.15
The Reliance Ribbon Co., typewriter cleaner ........... 2.00
Fuller Brush Co.; two brooms, one brush ............. 5.25
Edgar Paul, interpreter Ward 7 .......................... 12.00
La Justice Co., Building Ins., Milk Ins. and Assessors' notices ......................................................... 22.05
Mrs. A. C. Mitchell, dinners, to Street Commissioner ................................................................. 26.00
Painchaud's Band, services on Memorial Day .......... 75.00
Sheridan Post, G. A. R., expenses Memorial Day .. 100.00
Philip Tighe Post, expenses Memorial Day ............. 100.00
Henry Huot Post, expenses Memorial Day ............. 100.00
Col. L. H. Kendall Post, expenses Memorial Day .. 100.00
U. S. Grant Post, expenses Memorial Day ............. 100.00
N. W. Kendall, books for Tax Coll. and Assessor ... 229.00
E. H. Boisvert, salary and auto hire ................. 32.90

$1882.58

For the Month of May

George Eon, auto hire ........................................... $ 1.00
Mollie B. Welch, clerical work .............................. 3.00
Lawrence Hackett, posting Tax Coll. Notices ........... 4.00
Annie F. Locke, clerical work .............................. 5.18
Arthur H. Hevey, making six voting lists, getting 14 voting lists, daylight saving ................. 12.00
York County Power Co., one case lights .......... 64.80
James J. Neilon, clerical work, Auditor's Dept. 3.00
Harry A. Scott, one auto hire, street inspection 25.00
Reny Bros., one stamp ..................................... 1.00
American Express, express .............................. 1.63
Daniel T. Hickey, burying one dog ................. 2.00
Roland Cantara, sign for Tax Collector .......... 2.00
New England Tel. & Telg., toll calls .............. 3.00
Old Corner Book Store, supplies .................... 3.25
York County Power Co., lights ....................... 12.50
Traffic Sign & Signal Co., two Silent Policemen 15.00
Philias Laveriere, labor ................................... 20.00
Biddeford Record, 9000 envelopes, 7000 Tax Bills, Ballsots .................................................. 34.25
Edmond Bergeron, making up Commitment Book, verifying list poll tax payers, making up Valuation Book, verifying list of poll tax payers, Valuation Book ........................................... 130.00
Wilfred Lepine, one day auto hire, inspecting streets ......................................................... 25.00
Harry A. Scott, auto hire, to get quorum licensing board ................................................. 1.00
Old Corner Book Store, supplies .................... 1.70
Roberts Office Supply Co., supplies ............... 11.87
F. O. Bailey Co., one desk, one chair, for Chief Assessor's office ........................................ 68.00
Portland Mailing Co., Mailing List, 144 names .. 1.44
Arthur H. Hevey, postage stamps .................... 3.00
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For the Month of July

Mollie B. Welch, clerical work $ 1.20
Ernest Boisvert, one dog badge 1.50
Arthur H. Hevey, services, looking up bills of Feb., Mar., Apr., May for committee on finance 10.00
The Biddeford Record, 500 bill heads, 50 election warrants 15.50
Edmond Bergeron, services, on taxable polls not returned by assistant assessor 150.00
Old Corner Book Store, supplies 2.47

$1204.50
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Arthur H. Hevey, envelopes ........................................ 1.92
St. Jean Baptiste Society, rent of hall ..................... 300.00
Alex Petrin, auto hire ............................................. 1.00
American Express, express ........................................ 1.50
William Lacroix, services, to dogs ......................... 14.00

$ 677.60

**For the Month of October**

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**For the Month of November**

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Carlos H. McKenney, supplies .......................... .40
Dinan, the Jeweler, repairs on clock .................. 2.00
Arthur H. Hevey, postage stamps ...................... 3.00
Roberts Office Supply Co., supplies ................. 5.99
Michael Dorgan, burying one dog ..................... 1.00
Arthur Eon, auto hire ................................... 4.00
William Lacroix, service rendered to dogs .......... 14.00

$ 76.50

**For the Month of December**

La Justice, blank bill heads .......................... $ 7.00
New England Tel. & Telg. Co., service ................. 7.60
T. L. Evans Co., supplies ................................ .20
Harry A. Scott, auto hire ................................ 3.00
Arthur H. Hevey, recording 245 deaths, 585 births,
   177 marriages, 50 dep., two marriage dep., one
   death dep. ...................................................... $278.25
Biddeford Record, four insertions, 12 1-2 in. ...... 12.50

$ 308.55
Treasurer’s Report

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the City during the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1923.

Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1922 ................................ $43,259.17
Received from all sources ................................. $759,808.61

Total payments for the year ................................ $803,067.78

Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1923 .............................. $21,640.93

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<td>2,773.00</td>
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<td>State Road</td>
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<td>201.60</td>
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<td>5.50</td>
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<td>Bonds &amp; Stock Tax</td>
<td>2,821.82</td>
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<td>Tarvia B</td>
<td>188.50</td>
<td>4,375.24</td>
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**Resources**

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<th>1916</th>
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Tax of 1921 ........................................... 3,510.00
Tax of 1922 ........................................... 11,605.69
State pension due from State ....................... 249.00

Balance Account ...................................... $433,804.16

Liabilities

| Refunding bonds outstanding | $220,000.00 |
| Sewer bonds outstanding     | 60,000.00   |
| Street and Sidewalk bonds outstanding | 65,000.00 |
| Bradbury Bridge bonds        | 50,000.00   |
| Mile Brook Sewer bonds       | 50,000.00   |
| Permanent improvement        | 25,000.00   |

Bradbury Bridge Bal. unexpended .......... 191.49
State Road Bal. unexpended .................. 1,195.40

Balance Acct. Jan. 31st, 1923 ................. $433,804.16
Balance Acct. Jan. 31st, 1922 .................. 365,005.35

Increase of Acct ................................... $68,798.81

Outstanding Bonds of the City of Biddeford

<table>
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<th>Rate</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Issue</th>
<th>Matures</th>
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<td>$45,000</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>p. c.</td>
<td>20 yrs.</td>
<td>July 1, 1917</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>p. c.</td>
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<td>May 1, 1920</td>
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<td>5½</td>
<td>p. c.</td>
<td>20 yrs.</td>
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<td>3½</td>
<td>p. c.</td>
<td>20 yrs.</td>
<td>May 1, 1905</td>
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<td>Loan Description</td>
<td>Principal Amount</td>
<td>Interest Rate</td>
<td>Date of Issue</td>
<td>Maturity Dates</td>
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<td>Sewer Loan—$5,000 Due Yearly</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>July 1, 1913</td>
<td>1922, 1923</td>
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<td>$25,000</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>May 15, 1914</td>
<td>1924, 1928</td>
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<td>$25,000</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>July 1, 1916</td>
<td>1929, 1933</td>
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<td>$5,000</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>Refunded July 16, 1919</td>
<td>1929</td>
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<td></td>
<td>$60,000</td>
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| Streets, Sidewalks Improvement Loan                  | $5,000 Due Yearly |
|                                                      | $35,000          | 4%            | May 15, 1915  | 1922, 1929     |
|                                                      | $25,000          | 4%            | May 1, 1916   | 1930, 1934     |
|                                                      | $5,000           | 4%            | Refunded June 16, 1919 | 1929 |
|                                                      | $65,000          |               |               |                |

| Bradbury Bridge Bonds—$5,000 Due Yearly              | $50,000          | 6%            | Sept. 1, 1920 | 1922, 1932     |
|                                                      | Refunding Bonds  |               | $220,000.00   |                |
|                                                      | Sewer Bonds      | 60,000.00     |               |                |
|                                                      | Street and Sidewalk Bonds | 65,000.00 |               |                |
|                                                      | Bradbury Bridge Bonds | 50,000.00 |               |                |
|                                                      | $395,000.00      |               |               |                |
Sewer Bonds
$50,000 4\frac{1}{4} \text{ p. c. payable $5,000 Yearly 1927 to 1936 inclusive.}

Street Construction Bonds
$25,000 4\frac{1}{4} \text{ p. c. payable $5,000 Yearly 1927 to 1931.}

JOHN J. DUNN,
Treasurer.
Report of Clerk of Overseers of Poor

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinances I hereby submit my report as Clerk of the Overseers of the Poor for the year ending January 31, 1923.

This department has given personal attention to the families in distress and the distribution of the necessities of life has only been made after a most careful, personal investigation of the facts. The calls have been many. We have children at St. Mary’s Hospital, Healy Asylum, St. Louis Home, York County Children’s Aid Society, State Board of Charities and Correction and House of Good Shepherd. We aid financially the Day Nursery. You will notice by the monthly reports that February and March were above the maximum. Notwithstanding this everybody was kept as comfortable as possible.

Below is a list of expenses for different departments:

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<th>Street</th>
<th>Medical</th>
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<tr>
<td>February</td>
<td>$3,279.90</td>
<td>$107.03</td>
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<tr>
<td>March</td>
<td>3,594.48</td>
<td>97.00</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>2,177.10</td>
<td>134.75</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>1,452.58</td>
<td>108.75</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>1,892.94</td>
<td>117.00</td>
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<td>July</td>
<td>1,938.58</td>
<td>112.00</td>
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<td>Expenditures</td>
<td>Credits</td>
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<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td>1,695.09</td>
<td>80.30</td>
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<tr>
<td>September</td>
<td>1,425.02</td>
<td>230.75</td>
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<td>October</td>
<td>1,985.52</td>
<td>24.10</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>1,840.80</td>
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<td>December</td>
<td>1,567.21</td>
<td>406.04</td>
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<td><strong>$22,849.22</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,417.72</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td><strong>$24,266.94</strong></td>
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**Credits**

State for Mothers’ Aid Pensions .................. $670.00
State for State Paupers .......................... 3,061.02
From other towns and other credits .............. 803.85

$4,534.87

**Appropriation** .................................. $18,000.00

Paid out ........................................... $24,266.94
Credits ............................................. 4,534.87

$19,732.07

Credits due ........................................ $130.75

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Municipal Officers, the City Physician and everybody for the assistance rendered this year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR PLANTE, Jr.
Clerk of Overseers of Poor.

Biddeford, Me., Jan. 31, 1923.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Biddeford, Maine:

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to report the following work done, and expenditures made, during the year ending January 31, 1922.

The outlook for the year was planned to derive the greatest possible amount of improvement, with labor and material that would be adequate with our appropriation. Competent management with capable assistants has done more than was conceived by the Commissioners.

Construction and Repairs

Roads were repaired with heavy ballast, crushed stone was spread in needy places. The band stand in Clifford Park was repaired and the surrounding grounds were taken care of in accordance with the park system.

Playgrounds

During the Summer a Play Director is employed. She is indispensable to the children of our city. The large attendance clearly demonstrates that the parents of the children approve of the Playground Director.

General Outline

During the Summer Clifford Park is the Mecca for old and young who are lovers of natural scenery. Sunday af-
Afternoons a musical program is rendered by Painchaud’s Band, which attracts hundreds of people. It is estimated that the attendance is between three and four thousand. The rugged, natural scenery of Clifford Park is unsurpassed, and civic pride should be such as to make this park second to none in the State.

Amount appropriated ........................................ $ 500.00
Amount of expenditure .................................... 489.52
Balance .......................................................... $ 10.48

Recommendations

Other cities have proved by experience in the park and playground work that the many and varied devices used have been beneficial to the general health of children. Our playground is in need of see-saws, lawn swings, chutes and horizontal bars.

We would recommend also that a flower bed be placed on both sides of the park entrance, running parallel to Pool street. This would not only attract, but would beautify.

DENNIS T. SULLIVAN, President.
E. H. GOLDSWHAITE, Secretary.
CHRIS. PRESCOTT
Commissioners.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

In compliance with the law I respectfully submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the fiscal year of 1922-23:

Amount of May and September Commitments. $403,227.50
Supplemental Tax, Jan. 31, 1923 ............... 920.27

Total Commitments ............................ $404,147.77
Paid City Treasurer on Tax account 1922 ..... $390,592.00
Cash on hand ................................. $ 2,775.13
Paid Treasurer on interest account ............ $ 344.20

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA LEMIRE,
Collector of Taxes.
Building Inspector's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending January 31, 1923.

I have issued 123 permits for buildings during the year, have witnessed the construction of them and have attended to the usual complaints.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED CADORETTE,
Building Inspector.
Report of City Farm

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of my Department for the year ending January 31, 1923:

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

<table>
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<th>Expenditures</th>
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<td>August</td>
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<td>September</td>
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<td>October</td>
<td>608.62</td>
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<td>December</td>
<td>682.52</td>
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<td>January</td>
<td>112.33</td>
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$ 9,787.07
Appropriation ..................$ 9,000.00
Receipts from farm .............. 830.14

$ 9,830.14
$ 9,787.07

Amount on hand Jan. 31, 1923 ..............$ 43 07

Farm Implements

1 Single work wagon.
1 Democratic wagon.
1 Double hay rick.
1 Single hay rick.
1 Single sled.
1 Top buggy.
2 Sets double harness.
2 Sets single harness.
1 Double sled.
1 Traverse runner pung.
2 Plows.
2 Horse rakes.
1 Corn planter.
2 Cultivators.
1 Spring tooth harrow.
1 Mowing machine.
1 Seed sower.
1 Horse hoe.
1 Manure spreader.
1 Seeding harrow.
1 Potato sprayer.

Amount expended for repairs at City Farm ......$1,091.32
Number of Inmates at Farm at Close of Each Month

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<th>Inmates</th>
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Number of deaths at the farm during the past year ...... 4

Products Raised at the Farm

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<tr>
<td>Beans</td>
<td>50 bushels</td>
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<tr>
<td>Turnips</td>
<td>25 bushels</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cabbage</td>
<td>3 tons</td>
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<td>Hay</td>
<td>90 tons</td>
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Stock on Farm.

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<th>Quantity</th>
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<td>Cows</td>
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<td>Heifers</td>
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<td>Hogs</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hens</td>
<td>75</td>
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Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE C. GOOGINS,
Superintendent.
Biddeford, Maine, February 10, 1923.

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to submit our annual report for the year ending January 31, 1923.

Under the supervision of our Chief and Captain of Police our police officers have attended to their duties in an efficient and courteous manner.

Being an admitted fact that for a city of its size we haven’t got enough regular police officers, we recommend that your body make provision to have two (2) more regular police officers so we can give protection to certain parts of the City where it has been needed for a long time.

We also recommend that provision be made to have at least two (2) traffic officers as they are badly needed, especially in the Summer months.

Chief of Police Ernest H. Robbins has submitted the following report for the year ending January 31, 1923:

**Arrests Made by the Police Department of Biddeford**

- Intoxication ...........................................176
- Larceny .................................................. 11
- Evading car fare ........................................ 1
- Lascivious speech and behavior ................. 2
- Enticing minor (female) for immoral purposes 2
- Non-support ............................................. 1
Malicious mischief .................................................  2
Aiding prisoner to escape ......................................  4
Breaking and entering and larceny ...........................  7
Idle and disorderly .............................................  4
Assault and battery ............................................. 29
Assault with intent to kill ....................................  1
Manslaughter .......................................................  2
Affray ............................................................... 11
Single sale, intoxicating liquor ................................  1
Unlawful possession ...............................................  2
Taking automobile, without consent of owner ............  2
Reckless driving motor cycle ..................................  1
Operating motor vehicle, no license .........................  3
Operating motor vehicle under influence liquor ..........  5
Operating motor vehicle, reckless manner .................  2
Vagrancy .............................................................  3
Gambling .............................................................  9
Violating City Ordinance .......................................  2

Total .................................................................... 283

Respectfully submitted,

NAPOLEON NADEAU,
WILLIAM B. SULLIVAN, Jr.,
MARK GORDON,

Board of Police.
To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the McArthur Library Association:

The report of the Biddeford Public Library for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1923, is as follows:

The Library was open 304 days. The regular library week is 66 hours, during 10 months of the year; but during July and August the library closes at 6 o’clock four evenings a week, making the library week for those two months, 54 hours.

The total circulation was 48,152 volumes; average daily circulation 154; the largest full week’s circulation was 1,281 for the week ending March 7; the smallest, 725 for the week ending August 22.

There were 601 new cards issued, 329 of this number were to people whose native language was other than English; 49 were non-residents, who deposited a dollar, which is refunded on demand.

Eight hundred and twenty-seven books were added, exclusive of State and Government reports; 351 were purchased from City and State appropriation; 45 from Association funds; 141 by binding magazines; 59 were gifts; 231 from fine money.

Four hundred and ninety-six books have been rebound, and many more than that repaired in the library; 20 books were lost in circulation, six of these were paid for by bor-
rower; 27 books from children's room are unaccounted for; four books were destroyed from fear of infection; 340 were discarded, as worn out or useless.

One hundred and twenty-nine periodicals have been received regularly, 40 of which were gifts. The story hour on Saturday mornings had an average attendance of 31. The attendance of the library classes from the schools, for instruction in the use of the library and reference work, was 313.

Children's Book Week was observed in November for the fourth time, and the display was more attractive than ever; the children attended in large numbers and would fill the Trustees' room where the exhibition was held.

The Maine Library Association held its annual meeting in May, at Lewiston. Both the librarian and the assistant librarian attended this meeting which was very interesting. Considerable stress was put upon the subject of advancing library interest and efficiency in Maine, by standardization, in work and hours, of the requirements from those libraries receiving the State stipend.

This year a new stack has been installed, and that together with the withdrawal of some old and useless books, has relieved, in a measure, the crowded condition of the shelves. A good many more volumes can be discarded without detriment to the library. The attic has been relieved of old papers and books, amounting to over four tons in weight.

Acknowledgements and thanks are due to the following for gifts received: Mr. Ferguson Haines has given a valuable portfolio of Catlin's Indian pictures in colors with rack
to hold it; also two glass cases of beautiful birds and two books of local pictures.

Mr. R. H. Gay gave an old town report of Biddeford-Assessors' list of 1795, of much historical interest.

Mr. J. S. Gordon gave an ancient photograph of the Pavilion church before the fire.

American Jewish Committee, book
Mrs. W. Atkinson, book
Bell Telephone Quarterly
Bible Student
Biddeford Journal
Biddeford Record, two copies
Boston Ideas
Bross Foundation, book
Contractor's and Engineer's Monthly
Crisis
D. A. R. Magazine
George H. Doran Co., book
E. H. Gary, book
Greek periodicals (3)
Otto Gresham, two books
Good Health Magazine
Humane Review
Journal of Amer. Judicature Society
Kennebunk Enterprise
Kiwanis
Knox Messenger
Lake Forest University, book
Lloyd Family, four books
Harcourt & Brace, book
Harper Bros., book
Miss McArthur, 28 books
Macmillan Co., book
M. P. H. A. News
Motor Cycle
Olympian
Open Court Pub. Co., book
Our Dumb Animals
Redmond's Financial Weekly
Rotarian
Mrs. Ellen Cole Smith, three books
State Library, four books
Mrs. J. Sully, book
Dr. J. E. Talmage, book
Yogo Tamura, book
U. S. Bureau of Navigation, book
University of Chicago Press, book
Universalist Leader
Unknown giver, book
Vegetarian Magazine
York Co. Farm Bureau News
Zion's Herald
State and Government reports
Various pamphlets and book reviews.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Source of funds:
City of Biddeford ............................................. $3,500.00
State stipend .................................................. 350.00

$3,850.00
Paid from above funds

Binding .................................................. $ 561.49
Books ................................................. 606.39
Fuel ....................................................... 345.50
Salaries .............................................. 2,010.00
York County Power Co. ....................... 326.62

$ 3,850.00

In addition to this we wish to express appreciation of the fact that the City this year has paid $130.69 on bills brought over from last year.

Bills paid from Association funds

Bond .............................................................................. $ 5.00
Books ............................................................................ 79.49
Expenses to Library meeting ................................. 15.15
Insurance ...................................................................... 112.00
Labor ......................................................................... 160.21
Periodicals .............................................................. 306.30
Repairs ........................................................................ 125.59
Salaries ................................................................. 849.43
Stack ......................................................................... 157.00
Supplies ................................................................. 208.76
Telephone ................................................................... 20.25
Typewriter .................................................................... 77.50

$ 2,116.68

Statement of money received at the desk

Balance Feb. 1st, 1922 ........................................ $ 35.49
Auditorium ........................................................ 165.00
Deposits ...................................................... 49.00
Fines ........................................................... 242.22
Found ......................................................... 10.00
From Treasurer for labor ......................... 157.21
Sale of stamps ............................................ 2.81
Sale of old paper and books ...................... 58.22

$ 719.95

Paid:
To Treasurer for rent of Auditorium ........ $ 165.00
Books and Magazines ............................... 237.90
Express ................................................. 17.39
Fuel ............................................................. 2.75
Labor .......................................................... 146.90
Refunded on deposits ............................... 42.00
Repairs ...................................................... 12.50
Stamps .......................................... 8.28
Supplies ...........  12.26

$ 644.98

Balance unexpended ............................... 74.97

$ 719.95

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA HATCH, Librarian.
Street Commissioner's Report

To the Honorable Mayor, Board of Aldermen and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—My report ending January 31st, 1923. The condition of finances when taken over by this department was inadequate for the pressing needs of Streets, Sidewalks and Sewers. The many demands for the service of this department were investigated with great care and in every instance satisfaction was given.

Streets

Like every Spring the ice on our main thoroughfare had to be taken care of, which made it a costly proposition. Following streets were graded and put into permanent shape: Jefferson, Pool to Moors Brook Bridge, May, South, Orchard, Foss, King, Bacon, Upper Main, Elm Street, from Mile Brook to Five Points, River Street and the approach to the Bradbury Bridge was done by the Andrew Allen company. The grading of all these streets had to be attended to by this department. The holes in the streets caused by unknown people were many and I had these all filled with concrete or cold patch, so at present there is not a bad place in any street in our City.

Resurfacing With Tarvia

Harmon’s Corner to Highland Street; Alfred Street;
Union and Graham Street; St. Mary’s Street; Beacon Avenue; Pool road, from Pike to Moors Brook, Pool, two miles of double coating; Jefferson Street; Western Avenue and South Street.

**Sewers and Drains**

This department laid the following sewers on the different streets: Taylor Street, 250 feet of 10 inch pipe; Elm Street, 120 feet of 6 inch pipe; Herring Avenue to Ray Street, 250 feet of 6 inch pipe; Acorn Street, 150 feet of 6 inch pipe; Clarendon street, 450 feet of 10 inch pipe; Harding Street, 225 feet of 8 inch pipe; Fournier and Liberty Avenues. My department supplied the people with the pipe and they laid their own sewer. The new Granite Street sewer has been started and about 125 feet of 30 inch pipe has been laid. Culverts have been placed around the City for protection to the roadbed and more should be done this year.

**Sidewalks**

Cement sidewalks were laid on Emery Street, one side; Main street, from the corner of Emery to the electric light station on the right going down. Brick sidewalks were repaired on the following streets: St. Mary’s, South, Upper Main, Cutts Street, Bacon Hill and Elm Street.

**Bridges**

The Somesville Bridge had to be all replanked, which was done at a cost of about $1000.00; on the Springs Island Bridge a few planks had to be replaced, but this
bridge is in a dangerous condition, the piers underneath are bad. The Main Street Bridge was resurfaced with tar concrete at a cost of $300.

This department has been hard hit this year on account of the severe snow storms that we have had, but I have done all I could to keep our streets open without going to too much expense. I would recommend that a snow fund be added to this department. A new plough will have to be bought another year.

This department has had added to its personne a new Mack Truck, a Buffalo Pitts Compressed Air Scarifier, which cost $900.00. The tools which were left to us were not many, and with the amount of work done by this department, new tools had to be bought. We spent about $600.00 for new tools.

The wages were $3.75 for labor and $8.00 a day for teams. I would recommend a new one ton truck.

Respectfully submitted,

ORREN L. MAYO,
Street Commissioner.
Report of Department of Health
For the Year 1922

To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen and City Council of Biddeford, Maine:

Gentlemen:—The Health Officer submits the third annual report of the work done by the Department of Health during the past year.

By-Laws Passed During the Year 1922

At a meeting of the Health Officer and the Board of Health of the City of Biddeford, held Nov. 13, the full board being present, it was voted that this board deemed it necessary for the preservation of life and health that the following by-laws be passed:

(1) By-Law Regulating the Production, Handling and Sale of Milk

Section 1

Definition of terms,—For the purpose of this By-Law, the word "persons" shall be construed to mean individual, partnership or corporation; the word "dairy" shall mean any place from which milk is handled, sold or delivered: "milk" shall mean milk or cream, the expression "milk not of standard quality" shall mean milk having less than 3.25
per cent butterfat or 8.5 per cent of milk solids exclusive of fat; “milk products” shall mean and include skimmed milk, buttermilk, ice cream and butter when intended for human consumption. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the sale of skimmed milk and buttermilk when sold as such.

For the purpose of this By-Law, cows which react to the tuberculin test shall be considered diseased. Milk from a cow two weeks before calving and five days after shall be regarded as insanitary. For the purpose of this ordinance milk having more than 300,000 bacteria per cubic centimeter at the time of delivery to the customer shall be regarded as insanitary.

Section 2

No person, himself or by his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent of another, shall sell or deliver or have in his possession or custody with intent to sell or deliver:

1. Milk to which water or any foreign substance has been added.
2. Milk which has been wholly or partially skimmed.
4. Milk or milk products concerning which any misrepresentation has been made.
5. Milk or milk products made from milk produced by diseased cows or by cows that have been fed unwholesome food or contaminated water.
6. Milk or milk products that have been produced, stored or handled or transported in an improper, unclean or unsanitary manner.
Section 3
PRODUCTION OF RAW MILK
Dairies

1. They shall be light, well ventilated and clean.
2. They shall be ceiled overhead if there is a loft above.
   (a) The walls and ceilings shall be whitewashed at least once every year, unless the construction renders it unnecessary, and shall be kept free from cobwebs and dirt.
3. The floors shall be tight and sound.
4. All manure shall be disposed of in such a way as not to be a source of danger to the milk either as furnishing a breeding place for flies or otherwise.
5. Every dairy shall be provided with a milk room that is clean, light and well screened. (a) Cooling and storage tanks shall be drained and cleaned at least once a week and more frequently when conditions make it necessary.

Utensils

1. All utensils and apparatus with which milk comes in contact shall be thoroughly washed and sterilized, and no milk utensils or apparatus shall be used for any other purpose than that for which it was designed. (a) All cans and bottles shall be cleaned as soon as possible after being emptied and sterilized before being refilled.
2. No bottle or can shall be removed from a house in which there is, or recently has been a case of communicable disease until permission has been granted by the health authorities.
3. No one shall place or permit to be placed in any vessel or utensil used in the production, sale or delivery of milk
any unclean substance or offensive material; nor shall he return or cause to be returned any such can or bottle which is in an unclean or offensive condition, nor shall he have any insanitary material in his dairy or milk vehicle.

Cattle

1. No person shall at any time, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly sell or offer for sale or keep with intent to sell any milk or cream within the city of Biddeford, or deliver or bring the same therein for the purpose of sale unless the cows from which the same shall have been taken shall have been examined by tuberculin test not more than one year previous to the time of sale, applied by some veterinarian approved by the State Department of Agriculture and a certificate of such examination, giving name and residence of the owner or keeper of the cow and a description sufficient for identification, and the place and condition as to the food and drink furnished or to be furnished such cow and showing that such cow is healthy and free from disease, shall have been filed with the local Milk Inspector.

2. Cows, especially the udders shall be cleaned immediately before each milking.

Handling of Milk

1. Every person engaged in the production, storage, transportation, sale, delivery or distribution of milk on the occurrence of any case or cases of infectious or contagious diseases, either in himself or in his family, or among his employees or their immediate associates or within the building
or premises where the milk is handled, stored or distributed, shall immediately notify the Biddeford Board of Health. No vessels, apparatus or utensils which have been handled by persons suffering from such diseases, or which have been used in a house or family under quarantine.

2. No person shall sell or offer, expose or keep for sale in any shop, store, or other place, any milk in quantities less than two gallons unless the same is sold, offered, exposed or kept for sale in tightly closed or capped bottles or receptacles. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the sale of milk from cans, crocks, coolers or other receptacles in restaurants, hotels, or at soda fountains, when the milk is to be consumed on the premises by the patrons ordering the same.

3. No persons engaged in the business of selling or delivering milk in the city of Biddeford shall fill bottles or other receptacles with milk in any public or private way or in any place, the location of which has not been covered by a permit by the local milk inspector, except to furnish the same to a purchaser in a container furnished by such purchaser.

4. Whoever tests milk which is to be offered for sale in any form by testing shall do so by a properly sterilized instrument, and such instrument shall not again be brought in contact with milk until after being thoroughly washed and sterilized; and no part of the person or of the clothing of any person handling milk for sale shall come in contact with such milk.
Section 4
Permit for Sale of Milk

1. No person shall sell or deliver, or have in his possession with intent to sell or deliver for consumption as milk or milk product any milk without a permit signed by the local milk inspector. All permits shall expire on the thirty-first day of March next following their issue and shall be renewed only upon application as provided in Section five. Permits are not transferable.

Section 5

1. Every person desiring to engage in the sale, delivery or distribution of milk in the City of Biddeford shall first make written application to the local milk inspector thereof for permission so to do upon such forms and in such detail as said Inspector may prescribe. In case the applicant desires to sell milk from dairies other than his own, he shall first obtain from the Inspector a license for each dairy.

2. No monetary fee shall be charged for any license provided for by this by-law; but in lieu thereof every holder of a license shall, when called upon to do so, surrender a reasonable sample of milk not exceeding one quart to the Inspector, or his deputy, who on demand shall give a proper receipt therefor.

Section 6

1. The duly appointed Milk Inspector of this town shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance and regulations thereunder. He shall, as often as he deems necessary, inspect all animals, stables, milk rooms, vehicles, places of
business and other buildings or places used in the production, handling or storage of milk for sale in this town. He shall take samples of milk for chemical and bacteriological examination and publish as he deems fit report of such analysis.

For the purpose of enforcing this law the aforesaid Milk Inspector may enter all aforesaid places and buildings used in the production and handling of milk for the town of Biddeford; he shall have access to all animals producing the milk for said town and to all vessels and utensils used in the production, preparation for market and sale of such milk.

Section 7

1. The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after April 1, 1923. An extension of time may be made by the Milk Inspector for the tuberculin test if, for any reason the test cannot be made prior to April, 1923.

Section 8

Penalties

1. Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance or any regulation made under its authority, and whoever hinders, obstructs or interferes with the Milk Inspector in the discharge of his duty shall be punished by a fine of not less than $10 or more than $50.

Approved and Passed

JEREMIAH F. O'SULLIVAN,
JOSEPH LAMONTAGNE,
NAPOLEON BLANCHETTE,
Board of Health.
By-Law to Regulate the Cutting and Sale of Ice From Polluted Waters

Section 1

No person, firm or corporation shall sell, offer or expose for sale, distribute or transport with intent to sell for domestic, culinary or drinking purposes, within the City of Biddeford, any ice which contains mud, decayed vegetation, animal or other foreign matter.

Section 2

No person, firm or corporation shall sell, offer, or expose for sale, distribute or transport with intent to sell, for domestic, culinary or drinking purposes, within the City of Biddeford, ice which is cut or harvested from the Saco river, or any other river, stream, brook, or pond, whose waters are polluted, unless the place of cutting has been approved by the Board of Health of the City, or the water at the place of cutting or the ice on examination is free from bacteria detrimental to health.

Section 3

Every person, firm or corporation offering ice for sale within the City of Biddeford, shall have posted on his or its wagons, trucks or other carriers, in a conspicuous manner, the name of the place from which the ice so offered for sale was cut, harvested or manufactured.

Section 4

Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars.
Section 5

This ordinance shall take effect when approved.

Approved and Passed

JEREMIAH F. O'SULLIVAN,
JOSEPH LAMONTAGNE,
NAPOLEON BLANCHETTE,
Board of Health.

These by-laws await confirmation by the Justice of the Supreme Court.

**Vital Statistics and General Health Conditions**

**TABLE A**

Deaths from all causes by months, for year ending Dec. 31, 1922:

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**Total Deaths Including Still Births**

Total ........................................... 300
Deaths, Still Births

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Deaths Under One Year

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>54</strong></td>
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Total number of out of city deaths 80
From the above table it is seen that there were from all causes 274 deaths during the year, not including still births. The Post Office Census taken in December 1922 estimates the population as 21,000.

On this basis the death rate is per thousand population 13.1.

Of deaths reported 54 occurred under 1 year or a rate of 2.5 per thousand. Deducting the number of such deaths reduces the total to 220, corresponding to a rate of 10.5 per thousand.

TABLE B
Births by Months

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<td>December</td>
<td>47</td>
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The total number of births, not including still births, was 679 or a rate of 32.3 per thousand more than double the death rate.
TABLE C
INFECTIONOUS DISEASES

Cases Reported by Months

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<td>Total for year, 17.</td>
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<td>Scarlet Fever</td>
<td>Feb., 1; Apr., 1; June, 1; Sept., 4; Oct., 2; Dec., 1.</td>
<td>Total, 10.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Typhoid Fever</td>
<td>Aug., 1; Sept., 1; Dec., 1.</td>
<td>Total, 3.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Measles</td>
<td>June, 1; Oct., 1; Nov., 2.</td>
<td>Total, 4.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Whooping Cough</td>
<td>Feb., 1; Apr., 3; Nov., 6.</td>
<td>Total, 10.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Influenza</td>
<td>Feb., 11; Mar., 7.</td>
<td>Total, 18.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pneumonia, Bronchial</td>
<td>Jan., 3; Feb., 9; Mar., 6; Apr., 4; June, 2; Oct., 1; Nov., 1; Dec., 2.</td>
<td>Total, 28.</td>
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<td>Tuberculosis, Pul.</td>
<td>Apr., 1; June, 4; July, 1; Aug., 1; Sept., 1; Nov., 1; Dec., 1.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tuberculosis, Other Forms</td>
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<td>Spinal Meningitis</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chicken Pox</td>
<td>Feb., 1; Nov., 1.</td>
<td>Total, 2.</td>
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Deaths by Months

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<tr>
<td>Pneumonia, Bronchial</td>
<td>Jan., 2; Feb., 1; Mar., 1; Apr., 3; May, 1; July, 2; Oct., 3; Nov., 3.</td>
<td>Total, 16.</td>
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Pneumonia, Lobar—Jan., 1; Feb., 1; Mar., 2; May, 2, June, 1; July, 2; Sept., 1; Oct., 1; Nov., 3; Dec., 5. Total, 19.
Tuberculosis, Pul.—Jan., 1; Mar., 2; Apr., 1; May, 1, Aug., 1; Sept., 1; Oct., 1; Nov., 2; Dec., 2. Total, 12.
Tuberculosis, Other Forms—Feb., 1; Mar., 1; June, 1; Nov., 1; Dec., 1. Total, 5.
Chicken Pox—None.

Very encouraging progress has been made in reducing the number of cases of infectious diseases, in particular diphtheria and typhoid fever. In 1920 there were 58 cases of diphtheria reported, resulting in four deaths and 14 cases of typhoid fever, four of which were fatal.

Prompt administration of anti toxin and the enforcement of stringent quarantine regulations have been important factors in securing improvement in this connection.

Scarlet fever shows an increase of two cases reported and one death over last year. During the past three years there have been several cases of scarlet fever among children attending the Morrill school. The usual practice was followed of disinfecting the school with formaldehyde vapor upon notification of the presence of the disease. In March of this year, the school room was treated under the direction of the Health Officer. All wall paper was removed; walls, floors and furniture were disinfected with a large volume of formaldehyde and Potassium Permanganate. No further cases have been reported from this quarter.

During the year 76 fumigations have been made, 56 in dwelling houses and schools, 20. With regard to the latter,
rooms attended only by children exposed to the disease, are fumigated.

**Complaints**

The main causes for complaints of insanitary conditions are in the order of their importance as follows:

1. Irregular disposal or collection of garbage.
2. Abuses in dumping household waste.
3. Defective plumbing and disrepair of dwelling houses.
4. Insanitary practices in storage or display of food.
5. Lack of sewerage or drainage facilities. In all cases except those resulting from the first cause it has been possible to secure abatement of the nuisance.

The collection of garbage has been nominally under the control of the Health Department and the Health Officer has been empowered to enforce sanitary regulations regarding receptacles and vehicles used by collectors. However, collection has been done by private individuals receiving no compensation from the city and having no actual responsibility. The manner in which collection has been carried on has always been unsatisfactory and a constant source of complaint.

During the past year it was decided to impose some sort of a system upon garbage collectors. A meeting was called in which the collectors conferred with the Health Officer and members of the Board of Health. As a result each collector was assigned a definite district to cover and the Health Department was promised full cooperation.

In order to have immediate action on complaints, a collector was paid out of the Health Department funds to attend
to all cases reported to the Health Officer. $200 only was available for this purpose.

This arrangement effected an improvement over conditions in the past, but owing to the irresponsible attitude of the collectors was not a complete success. However, all complaints have been attended to by the Department’s paid collector, which was a decided advantage to householders over former conditions. No satisfactory solution of this problem is possible with garbage collection in its present status.

**Milk Supply**

The Health Officer has cooperated with the State Inspector and the Department of Agriculture in an effort to improve the conditions under which milk is produced for and supplied to this municipality. He has accompanied the Inspector on his periodical visits to the dairy farms and milk producers in the surrounding districts, and when necessary has seen to it that recommendations made to producers with regard to correcting insanitary usage have been carried out.

The samples of milk collected locally under State auspices and examined chemically and bacteriologically have not shown a favorable average of conformity to the standards established. The publicity given the reports upon these samples has been of value in forcing producers to correct deficiencies and impunities in their product.

When the by-laws regarding milk supply, quoted at the beginning of this report, become operative, it will mark an important step toward health protection from contaminated milk.

The requirement that all milk shall be from tuberculin tested herds is absolutely essential, since it insures against
human infection from milk delivered by tubercular cows.

During the past year more than two-thirds of the herds have been tuberculin tested, and nearly all of the remaining one-third are willing to comply with this regulation, according to statement of Dr. C. W. Purcell, Veterinarian.

**Water and Ice Supply**

The municipal water supply furnished by the Biddeford and Saco Water Co. is tested at the required intervals by the State authorities.

During January, while actual cutting of ice was in progress, samples were taken from the ice fields of the local dealers and sent for analysis to the State Laboratories. The following dealers as consumers had samples represented:

- Joseph Janson, 16 Mt. Pleasant St.
- Algenor Pombriant, 376 Main St.
- David Wilcox, 42 West St.
- F. Pelletier & Co., Julius Press, Manager, 450 Main St.
- Gagne Bros., 253 West St.

Analysis proved that no intestinal matter was present and that in this respect the ice was satisfactory for use.

In August a survey was made of Westbrook and samples were taken in three places. Intestinal matter or bacillus coli was disclosed as present by the analysis. This stream was therefore disapproved as a source of ice supply.

**General Sanitation**

The completion of the Mile Brook sewer on Dec. 19, 1922, removes a long standing menace to health. Reference to the report of the Street Commissioner will indicate that there has been other sewer construction at points where such
work became necessary. The high cost of material and labor has materially hindered activity in this direction.

Conclusion

The co-operation of physicians with this department in regard to reporting at once such diseases as Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever and Smallpox would be a valuable aid and is greatly to be desired. At the present time Measles, Whooping Cough and even Tuberculosis and Pneumonia are only reported by a few physicians. The many other notifiable diseases, in every way just as important, are entirely disregarded.

The importance of reporting notifiable diseases should be forcibly brought to the attention of physicians.

Recommendations

The following recommendations are submitted as judged necessary to the better service of the public of this municipality by its Health Department.

1. The designation of the City Physician as medical inspector in the public schools and the appointment of a nurse as an assistant in routine inspection.

2. The appointment of a school dentist. At the last medical inspection it was found that a very large percentage of the children in public and parochial schools had dental defects of every kind. Public facilities for the care of these defects are alarmingly lacking.

3. That the School Committee insist on vaccinating every child entering school, that the City might be protected against any spread of smallpox.

4. The re-establishment of the clinic for patients in-
fected with venereal diseases which functioned with success during 1920.

5. The establishment of a system of municipal collection and disposal of garbage.

In connection with the last recommendation, it would be well to investigate the handling of garbage in other cities. Municipal swine farms have proven successful in many places, not only paying for all expenses of collection and operation, but actually turning over net profits to the city treasuries.

Very truly yours,

JOHN W. MAHONEY,
Health Officer.
Report of Board of Health

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of City Council of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Health of the City of Biddeford in compliance with the provisions of law have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending January 31st, 1923:

The City has been fortunately spared from any epidemics of disease during the past year, due I believe to the quick investigation of all complaints, and working in harmony with the Health Officer.

All complaints were investigated and nuisances abated.

The Board has investigated all applications for victuallers' licenses received during the year, as well as every restaurant and lunchroom in the city. We would recommend the continuance of this method as it has tended to bring about more sanitary conditions in these places.

We are very grateful to the City Government for the Mile Brook sewer, as that was a very great nuisance and detrimental to health.

We hope the City will continue to build sewers as they have in the past few years. The garbage situation is most serious and we hope that next year, with the assistance of the City Council, we may put in operation a method of collection that will be satisfactory to the citizens and not at all expensive.

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH O'SULLIVAN,
Secretary.
City Physician’s Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of City Council of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit to you the following report for the year ending January 31, 1923:

Number of deaths at City Farm ................ 5
Calls at City Farm ............................................. 52
Calls in city ........................................................... 204
Births in city ......................................................... 15

Respectfully submitted,

DR. GEORGE C. PRECOURT,
City Physician.
Chief Engineer’s Report

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinance, I have the honor to submit my annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year ending January 31, 1923. This report embraces the amount of expenditures, number of alarms, both bell and still, the condition of all apparatus, buildings and horses belonging to the department.

**Horses**

There are seven horses in the department. They are all in good condition.

**Apparatus**

There are three steam fire engines, two hose wagons, one motor combination hose and chemical, one ladder truck, two hose pungs, one supply wagon, one hose reel at City Farm, one at Pool, one at Fortunes Rocks, one on Pool Road, near Piper’s blacksmith shop, and one Invincible nozzle, two dump carts and sleds used in collecting waste.

**Fire Alarm**

The fire alarm system is now in good condition as we have repaired it whenever necessary and kept it in good working order. We have used a whole new coil of wire.
Inspection

I have inspected 720 buildings and business places this year and reported same to Insurance Commissioner.

There are 10,600 feet of two and one-half inch hose. Of this amount 500 feet are at City Farm, 500 feet at Fortunes Rocks, 300 feet on Pool Road, 1,000 feet at the Pool and 500 feet on Kennebunk Road.

Fires

During the past year the department has responded to 165 alarms, 116 stills and 49 bell alarms. There were 22,300 feet of hose laid and 1,278 gallons of chemical used.

Loss on buildings during year .................. $ 11,062.23
Loss on contents during year .................. 6,877.63

$ 17,939.86

Insurance on buildings during year .............. $ 97,052.23
Insurance on contents during year .............. 37,500.00

$124,552.23

Valuation of buildings during year .............. $164,650.00
Valuation of contents during year .............. 87,850.00

$252,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JOHNSON,
Chief of Fire Department.
Report of Superintendent of Schools

Biddeford, Maine, Feb. 17, 1923.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council of Biddeford, Maine:

Gentlemen:—This department as in former years has endeavored to carry on the business of running the schools in as efficient a way as possible, to the end that each dollar invested should show its greatest returns, and at the same time give the pupils of this city the best opportunity of securing an education to fit them for entering higher institutions of learning, to engage in the industries, or to follow a business career or profession.

The following pupils were graduated from the grades and rural schools:

Sofokli A. Anton
Carlos H. Baker
Rose Banush
Harry E. Belanger
Elvira H. Boston
Lily E. Brandt
Philip H. Bridger
Kathleen Caddigan
Mary E. Caddigan
Andrew H. Chadbourne

Oscar Clement
Virginia E. Cole
Annette Cote
Robert M. Davis
Robert Dion
Barbara H. Dolby
Roy A. Duross
George B. Ellis
Victor S. Emerson
Hannah E. Farley
Ethel E. Fildes  
Max Fleisher  
Florence H. Fuller  
Flora M. Gray  
Louise Giguere  
Lillian I. Guertin  
Albina C. Hamel  
Carlyle H. Harmon  
Winona M. Hayford  
Albert L. Hevey  
Carleton F. Hooper  
Robert A. Hooper  
Prescott L. Howard  
Theodore J. Hughes  
Frank G. Johnson  
Arlene E. Keene  
Jacob Lemovitz  
Paul T. Libby  
Harriett E. McCormack  
Donald S. McKenney  
Madeline E. Wormwood

Rural Schools

Thelma Marion Crowley  
Marion E. Curtis  
Edward Wilbur Goldthwaite  
Alban J. Hebert

Cora Elizabeth LeGalle  
Beatrice L’Heureux  
Merton Leroy Curtis  
Alma M. Provencal

The following pupils were graduated from Biddeford High School:

Isabelle Alice Benson  
Herbert Moulton Bridgman
A change in the State law providing for the distribution of school moneys worked to the disadvantage of Biddeford and other cities and therefore a request for a larger appropriation was necessary from the city. Following are the State and City appropriations:

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Schools, Repairs, Supplies and Insurance ........................................... 7,000.00
Superintendent's salary ...................... 2,200.00 800.00
Manual Training ............................... 3,500.00 800.00
Domestic Science ................................. 1,300.00 766.66
Evening School ...................................... 2,600.00 1,508.65
Adjustments .............................................. 6.64

Total ..........................................$66,600.00 $31,887.74
Miscellaneous receipts $46.77

An experience similar to that of other years was noted in an attempt to fill teaching vacancies, especially of high school grade. Teachers of experience are going to States paying higher salaries than it has been the custom to pay in Biddeford. This city is fortunate in having so efficient and capable a schoolman in charge of the high school as Principal Harry H. Burnham, and a corps of efficient teachers working for the best interest of the school. I feel that the Board of Education, the teachers in the several schools, together with the superintendent have worked very harmoniously during the past year, that a fine spirit exists and that there is noted an even greater feeling of responsibility and desire to meet that responsibility by giving of their best.

In the last report and on other occasions I have dwelt at length upon the crying need of an annex at the high school. Eventually—why not now? So that boys and girls now in school may profit by the expenditure. Why should they be deprived of what is justly due them?

The members of the Board of Education in making their annual visit of inspection noted many repairs to be made in
the various buildings, both in the city and rural districts. Foundations needed pointing up, new roofs had to be laid, fences rebuilt or repaired, walls needed painting, plastering and whitewashing, stoves had to be relined, and a great many minor repairs. A considerable sum was spent in making these very necessary repairs. A new heating system was installed in the Bradbury Street building; Birch Street School was equipped with electric lights; to enumerate all the necessary equipment, supplies and repairs required in the running of a school system, would take volumes.

A great deal still remains to be done to bring the schools up to the standard of the State. During the next year, the rural schools must be equipped with new toilets which will meet the State requirements; indoor chemical toilets are recommended. None of these schools have proper heating facilities; the old type of stove where pupils roast on one side and freeze on the other, are still in use. Some of these stoves could be remodeled by encasing with a metal jackets and thus distributing the heat more evenly. No rural school has a water supply of any sort; all depend upon the generosity of neighbors. In many cases this is a hardship to pupils and a nuisance to neighbors. None of these schools have even an apology for a playground. Conditions in these rural schools should be made as interesting as possible. Pupils will learn better if they take pride in the school which they attend.

District No. 11, Newtown School, which has been closed for a number of years, reopened in September. The citizens in this community showed a fine spirit by cleaning, scrubbing, papering and painting the building and getting it ready for occupancy.
Because District No. 7 did not have the number of pupils required by law, it was found necessary to close this school and transport the pupils to district No. 6.

Fire extinguishers were purchased for the rural schools this year.

A number of changes were found necessary in the teaching force of the rural schools. Miss Gertrude Dolliff was transferred from District No. 1 to Grade 1, Emery school, which vacancy was made by the resignation of Mrs. White. Miss Cecilia Talbot was assigned to teach District No. 1; Mrs. Helen Norton was engaged to teach District No. 2; Miss Josephine Driscoll was transferred from District No. 6 to District No. 5 but was granted a leave of absence. Mrs. Sara Shaw, who resigned from District No. 5, agreed to teach this school for the Fall term and Miss Florence Kember was engaged for the Winter term. Miss Agnes Sullivan was elected to District No. 6 and Miss Jennie Hoole, who taught District No. 7 last year, was transferred to District No. 11. Mrs. Elizabeth McCarn was transferred from District No. 13 to District No. 10, which school was in charge of Miss V. Mae Harendeane, who resigned last June. Mrs. Mattie Francis was elected to teach District No. 13. The other districts are being taught by the teachers who were in charge last year.

In the grades, with the exception of Miss Dolliff (mentioned above) the only change was the election of Mrs. Elizabeth Irving to the seventh grade at the Emery building, which vacancy was caused by the resignation of Miss Emma Boocho, who entered the post-office department.

At the High school, the resignation of Mr. Aubrey Snowe caused a vacancy in the submastership and in the science de-
partment. Mr. Charles H. Temple was promoted to submastership and made head of the English department while Mr. Clair Benson was elected as teacher of the sciences. Miss Mildred Close was elected assistant in the English department which was made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Aubrey Snowe. Miss Alice Jones was elected to the position as teacher of History and Spanish to succeed Mrs. Irene Stride, who resigned last June. Miss Germaine Bergeron was elected as teacher of French to succeed Miss Irene Macdonough, who resigned last June. Miss Ruth Keene was elected assistant in the commercial department, which position was made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Jennie Gien.

Mr. Stephen White was elected coach and placed in charge of the physical training of the boys in the High school and upper grammar grades while Miss Joan Cosgrove was placed in charge of the physical training of girls in the High school, lower grammar grades and rural schools.

Miss Bernette Stair was elected teacher of Domestic Science to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Francena Lewis.

The second annual music memory contest was held in the McArthur auditorium. This work has a very important part in the school curriculum and has shown a marked improvement over the work of previous years. Someone has said that one of the four necessities of life is music. To train the child to read and appreciate the best in music is one of the essentials in the curriculum of any school course and we are endeavoring in the Biddeford schools to carry on such a program.

The Modern Health Crusade, inaugurated in our city school system two years ago, is being continued and has been
started this year in the rural schools, but it has been thought advisable to have the work done only in grades 3-6. Pupils are weighed each month and records carefully kept. Some thirty per cent of the pupils in the schools are found underweight. This we are endeavoring to overcome by instructions in health lessons, especially as relating to proper foods and diet. There is a wide felt need of, and I recommend (a) a school physician, (b) a school nurse, and (c) that provision be made for dental, eye and ear inspection. A well-developed body is the birthright of each and every boy and girl. We should see that during their high school years, a most critical period of their development, adequate facilities for proper training are provided and I request that earnest and conscientious thought be given for making provision for a High School annex with a well equipped gymnasium where this work can be properly and adequately given.

The enrollment at the evening schools this year was very good and the attendance has been very encouraging. However, too few people avail themselves of the opportunity for self help that is offered. The real purpose of the evening school especially as relating to the foreign population is not wholly to educate in order that they be fitted for better paying positions in the industrial community but to teach them to become law-abiding Americans. Too often the foreigners coming to our cities seek out their own countrymen and thus segregate themselves from American ideas and ideals. The influence of the home bears a marked influence on the individual and the group. We must, therefore, reach the home and if mothers find it impossible to attend evening school, it might be possible to form afternoon classes in groups of twelve to fifteen, meeting in one of their homes, once or twice
each week, where a teacher could meet with them and teach them the English language; they in turn could teach their husbands and in this way be an asset to the department and the community.

As stated in the 1920-21 report, of all the pupils who entered the first grade nine years ago, about twenty-five per cent entered High school and not more than seventy-five per cent of this number completed the High School course. Thus seventy-five per cent of our boys and girls and twenty-five per cent of those who enter High school, enter the shops and mills or kindred lines with no training that will fit them for the work that they will follow for a livelihood. Is it not time for us to turn our attention to establishing classes in which these boys and girls may learn something of the work in which they will shortly engage? The boy who intends to become a plumber, a machinist, or a textile worker has as much claim to be fitted for that work as the boy who accepts as his portion an education that will fit him for entering college in preparation for a profession.

The school enrollment for the year 1922-1923 is as follows:

Attending High School ..................................................... 249
Attending Emery ............................................................... 324
Attending Washington Street (Inc. Special English) 207
Attending Bradbury Street .............................................. 61
Attending Wentworth Street ............................................ 50
Attending Birch Street and Kindergarten .................... 89
Attending Rural Schools ................................................... 199

Total in Public Schools .................................................. 1,179
In closing I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Board of Education for their interest and untiring efforts to improve the conditions of the schools and to the teachers for their loyalty and hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WEED,
Superintendent of Schools.
Assessors’ Report

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

We herewith submit a list of abatements of taxes made by the Board of Assessors during the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1923:

For George W. Scott, Collector, tax of 1918 ...... $ 58.99
For George W. Scott, Collector, tax of 1919 ...... 677.74
For George W. Scott, Collector, tax of 1920 ...... 778.27
For Eva M. Smith, Collector, tax of 1921 ...... 49.04
For Helena Lemire, Collector, tax of 1922 ...... 1,950.08

Total abatements ......................... $3,514.12

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT M. STAPLES,
JAMES F. MURPHY,
WILLIAM A. COSGROVE,
Assessors of Taxes, 1922-23.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Biddeford, Maine

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending January 31st, 1923, in accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinance:

Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Biddeford, Maine,

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending January 31st, 1923, in accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinance:

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Totals | $39,023.85 | $39,023.85 | $36,862.49 | $48,921.17 | $47,780.22 | $45,850.70 | $17,180.61

I wish to express appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor, also to the various Committees and Heads of Departments for their co-operation in last year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. SCOTT, Auditor.