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CITY OF CALAIS.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, JUNE 30, 1879.

ORDERED,—That the Committee on Printing be, and hereby are instructed to procure the printing of two hundred copies of the Mayor's Address and Annual Reports to the City Council; with a list of the City Officers and Joint Standing Committees; and also a detailed list of all moneys expended in the different departments, with the names of all the different persons to whom such moneys are paid.

Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest:—

SAMUEL LAMBE, CITY CLERK.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

In entering upon the duties of the offices to which we have been chosen, it becomes us, with reverent and thankful hearts, to recognize our obligations to that Providence which has guided us by night and by day, and shielded us in the past year from destructive fires and those pestilences and civil commotions which have disturbed other cities in our land. It should be our effort to deserve a continuance of this guardian care not less than to promote the material welfare of our people.

The duties incumbent upon us are greater than in times past, because the Common Council has been abolished and there is now no check upon our action. Whether this change is a wise one can only be determined by experience, but the wisdom of our action will to a great extent determine that question. There can be no doubt of the justice and wisdom of that other change in our government which, by increasing the number of our wards gives to the larger part of our population and valuation, that control of city affairs to which it is properly entitled. You are business men and tax payers, upon whom I need not urge the necessity of economy in the management of city affairs, for surely when not a few of our citizens are paying taxes with money which they need for the decent support of their families, none of us can forget that even the lightest possible taxation is a burden, and that we must do as

individuals do, and expend money only for those things the city must have, even in the hardest times.

The finances of the city are in a very satisfactory condition. — During the past year there has been paid eleven thousand dollars of the bonded debt of the city, \$4,000 of the loan of 1863, \$1,500 of the loan of 1872; \$1000 of 1875, and \$4500,—part of the \$100,000 bonds of the city given in aid of the Lewy Island Railroad. The latter bonds have not heretofore been reported as a bonded debt of the city.

The total bonded debt is represented as follows:—

Loan of 1863,	\$22,000.00
“ “ 1872,	7,500 00
“ “ 1875,	17,000.00
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	\$46,500.00
Lewy Island Railroad,	95,500.00
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	\$142,000.00

Fifteen hundred dollars of the loan of 1872 falls due the 1st of June, each year. Of the loan of 1875, \$1000 falls due July 15th, of this year and next. The amount of funded debt to be paid this year is, therefore, \$2500—\$1500 on June 1st, and \$1000 July 15th.

The notes given to the Calais Academy remain as reported last year. No interest has been paid on them. They amount, at this time, interest added, to nearly \$3000. The Note to Wm. Thomas for \$500, interest at 4 per ct., is still unpaid. It will be seen by the Treasurer's report that there is a balance due the Treasurer of \$113 33. During the past year the St. Croix & Penobscot Railroad paid into the Treasury \$6000 on account of the sale of the Lewy's Island Railroad, and the same amount is to be paid this year. I thought it would not be for the interest of the city to expend the same in current expenses, and my best endeavor was to retire the same amount of the bonds given on account of Lewy's Island Railroad. I failed to get \$6000 of the Lewy's Island bonds, but purchased \$4500 of them, and also \$4000 of the loan of 1873, which bonds are now in the hands of the Treasurer, cancelled. There is, also, a note discounted by the Lynn N. Bank, due in July, for \$6000. The money was obtained at 4 per cent.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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The entire city debt is as follows:—

Bonded debt,	\$142,000.00
Note to Thomas,	500.00
Lynn National Bank,	6000.00
Note to Calais Academy,	1500.00
Notes and Int. to do. not on Treasurer's books, say	1500.00
Due Treasurer,	113.33
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	\$151,613.33
Less available resources,	99,280.07
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	\$52,333.26
Less am't of notes and in't to C. A. not on Treasurer's books,	1,500.00
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	\$50,833.26

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY, AND ASSETS.

Two Steam Engines,	7,000.00
Hose and apparatus,	1,500.00
Engine house, Milltown,	1,000.00
One hand Engine,	300.00
Fifteen School Houses,	30,000.00
Gravel lot on Charlotte road,	200.00
Granger lot, Union Mills,	100.00
New Engine House,	3,000.00
Lot of land on Depot street,	800.00
Lot of land of Kelley & Pike,	500.00
Poor House and fixtures,	1,800.00
Old Engine house, Lowell street,	800.00
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	\$47,000.00

AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Due from St. Croix & Penobscot Railroad,	88,000.00
Notes receivable,	839.70
Due from M. Walker,	213.54
W. J. Fleming, taxes '78,	7,776.25
Tax deeds,	2,450.58
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	99,280.07

SCHOOLS.

A large part of our city expenditures is devoted to the education of our children. This is an important duty and the last from which we should shrink. In very many cases an education is all we can give our children. The natural desire of men for the welfare of their children, and their development into intelligent and virtuous men and women, leads many individuals to submit to great sacrifices rather than deprive their children of education. The same spirit should actuate us as the agents of the people to carry on their schools. Education is something which cannot be postponed but must be provided as the children attain the proper ages to receive it. There is nothing for which the vast majority of people are so willing to be taxed as for the maintenance of the common schools. I do not feel that even the hardships forced upon us by the long continued depression of business, are such as to justify us in doing anything to impair the present efficiency of our schools, and the problem of sustaining them properly, and yet reducing our taxes within the means of tax payers is one which will demand careful consideration. In the incidental expenses of the school department the strictest economy can be applied, and no repairs or improvements on the school houses should be made unless absolutely necessary for their preservation. But in regard to the largest item of our school expenses, the pay of teachers, there is serious difficulty. Teacher's salaries have been cut down from year to year, until they are already lower here than in most other cities, and many of our best teachers have readily found employment elsewhere at higher wages than we could pay. It is barely possible that we might make a further reduction and yet be able to secure competent teachers, but it is hardly probable when we are already below the market rate, and it would be very poor economy to fill our schools with incompetent teachers. The school committee have been made to realize the demand for economy in the cost of the schools, and I refer you to their report for further information as to the possibility of a reduction of our school appropriations.

HIGHWAYS AND SEWERS.

Some permanent improvements in our streets have been made

during the past year, and they are now in good condition, except the Magnerawock bridge, and the Plaster Mills bridge. The walls of the former have fallen down, and if you desire to rebuild them this year it will require a considerable outlay, and I would suggest that a specific appropriation be made for it in case the work is done this season. Our sidewalks and sewers have been neglected, and some of them are in bad condition. I have long been satisfied that a change in our management of streets and sidewalks would result in considerable savings. The plank sidewalks of which we have twelve miles are the most expensive kind of a walk we can have. If we retain them we must rebuild them every six years. Their retention is the continuance of needless expense. I earnestly renew my recommendation of last year that except on Main street these plank walks be taken up as fast as they decay, and walks of gravel and sand substituted, the latter are cheaper, and safer, and are in general use in other cities.

Our streets should have nothing done to them this year, which is not necessary to keep them passable, for we have no money to spend for appearances. I suggest that most of the labor needed on the streets this year can be done by tax payers, who can pay their taxes in no other way, and would be glad to pay them in road-work. I would also suggest that some method be devised by which responsible men in the various widely separated sections of the City be given charge of ordinary repairs of streets in their localities, dividing them by wards, or some other convenient way, this would save the commissioner carrying laborers from one end of the City to the other, a method which makes the City pay for as much time spent in travelling as in labor. You will see by the report of the Commissioner that the appropriation last year was largely overdrawn.

I do not feel that the money used for our streets and sidewalks was advantageously expended, and I consider that a radical reform in this respect is necessary. We pay bills monthly, and the cost of labor and materials have fallen nearly one half, and the expense of our streets should be reduced proportionally. One great difficulty is the power and the habit of spending all the appropriation early in the season, leaving nothing for emergencies and for break-

ing roads in the winter. The latter part of the season always brings work that must be done and then a new appropriation must be made. I recommend the passage of an ordinance limiting the power of the Commissioner in this respect and defining his duties in expending appropriations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This department is now in a very efficient condition, and too much credit cannot be given the members for their promptness in responding to every call and their energy in preventing the spread of fire.

This department has exceeded the appropriation nearly \$600. Of this amount about \$500 was for new hose charged to this fund which has usually been charged to the contingent fund.

Recognizing the necessity of maintaining the efficiency of this department, I still think the members should be willing to bear their share of the general reduction of expenses which is necessary, and serve for a less sum than they have received in the past.

I refer you to report of Chief Engineer for information as to the condition and needs of this department.

CEMETERY.

Those who visit our Cemetery will be surprised to know that the City has expended about \$12,000 there since it was established.

It would be difficult for any one to point out improvements to offset one half that sum. We go on expending a few hundred dollars each year, and I cannot see that we get a fair return for the outlay.

If this is to continue, and the Cemetery is not to be improved in the future more than in the past, we might as well save the expenditure.

With the large sums spent by the city and by individuals, we ought now to have a much better Cemetery.

We should either stop spending money for it or else see that some person of skill and taste has charge of the expenditures, so that we may, in time, have a burial place suited to the desires of our people.

POOR AND INSANE.

In the past year the calls for relief in this department have been

numerous, as might have been expected in these dull times, and it is gratifying to find that the sum expended over the appropriation amounts only to about \$400, which is the amount charged to that fund for salaries of the Overseer and City Physician, and which are usually charged to the appropriation for salaries.

The ladies of the Benevolent Society are entitled to the gratitude of all citizens for their aid in caring for the unfortunate, and but for their efforts and assistance, the expenditure in that department would have been much larger. Still, I would suggest that some method be devised by which they may work more in union with the city authorities, for by aiding families who have a pauper settlement in other towns, and thus preventing such persons from receiving aid from this city for five years, they enable them to obtain a pauper settlement here, which they could not do if the ladies allowed the city to assist them. The acquirement of a settlement in that way may in many cases cost the city large sums that might be saved by a little care.

I refer you to the Overseer's report for further information.

TEMPERANCE.

The continuance of the good work of temperance reform in our city commands the best wishes and hearty support of all good citizens.

The Reform Club with its public meetings and the private efforts of its members has done much to promote temperance and morality, and the effect is seen in the good order of the city and the decrease of police work.

Such institutions should receive our hearty thanks, and such support as we can properly give them.

CONCLUSION.

The change in our form of government will render it necessary to revise the Rules and Orders, and if they are printed I suggest that it would be a good time to print the Charter, incorporating the amendments, as it is now difficult to tell just how our Charter and Ordinances read with the amendments that have been made. As the printing is done by contract there would be no expense incurred, and the City Solicitor could easily put the charter and ordinances in proper form for printing.

In conclusion allow me to express the hope that we shall all remember that we are elected to be not the servants of any party, but of all the people.

" Casting aside all partisan feeling, let us at all times unite in devising ways and means to promote the welfare of the whole city, and so far as we possibly can, to lighten the burdens of taxation which bear so heavily upon all classes.

WILLIAM H. BOARDMAN,

Mayor.

Calais, April 14th, 1879.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. WM. DEMING, TREASURER,
in account with City of Calais, 1878.

April 1, Received from Globe Bank,	1,000 00
May 20, " of Lynn N. Bank, note discounted,	6,000 00
Received of M. Walker for tax of 1876,	192 82
" " W. J. Fleming " 1877, balance,	3,971 59
" " W. J. Fleming " 1878,	34,733 76
" from Calais Academy for schools,	130 00
Collected for contingent fund,	190 25
" " Poor " "	420 91
" " Fire " "	42 50
" " Highway " "	145 80
" " Interest " "	424 77
" " Notes rec'ble	7 80
" " Tax deeds	1720 85
" " Non-res. deeds	108 92
" of State for State aid,	492 00
" " " school fund,	1396 23
" " " mill tax,	2,623 59
" " " high school	500 00
" " " railroad tax,	7 83
From Lynn N. Bank, note discounted 4 per cent.,	6,000 00
" St. Croix & P. R. R.,	6,000 00
" Balance due Treasurer,	113 33

\$66,229 95

April 1, Balance due Tresurer,	\$ 1,468 93
1879 Paid orders for Interest fund,	4,013 19
" " " Salary "	1,716 67
" " " Lighting streets,	400 00
" " " Cemetery fund,	200 00
" " " Court "	124 16
" " " Rent "	300 00
" " " Bonds of 1878,	2,500 00
" " " " 1876,	1,000 00
" " " Contingent fund,	3,323 21
" " " School "	11,649 82
" " " dis. on taxes "	1,618 61
" " " Poor "	4,565 19
" " " Fire "	3,116 56
" " " Police "	1,569 25
" " " Highway "	5,015 79
" " " Railroad bonds,	4,500 00
" " " Bonds of 1881,	4,000 00
" " " Note Lynn National Bank,	6,000 00
" " " State aid,	492 00
" County tax,	2,551 77
" State tax,	6,104 80
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	\$66,229 95

WM. DEMING, Treasurer.

April 1, 1879.

There are two notes to Academy fund \$830.43 and \$120.14, given seven or eight years ago which are not shown on the books, with about \$450 interest due on them.

Liabilites, Railroad bonds,	95,500 00
Municipal bonds,	46,500 00
Notes payable,	8,000 00

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	\$150,000 00
Due to Treasurer,	113 33
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	\$150,113 33

RESOURCES.

St. Croix & Penobscot R. R.,	88,000 00
Notes receivable,	839 70
M. Walker, balance 1876 tax,	213 54

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

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W. J. Fleming, balance 1878 tax,
Tax deeds,
Balance of liabilities,

7,776 25
2,450 58
50,833 26

\$150,113 33

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 1st. 1879.

There has been paid as per bills on file in the Mayor's office, viz:

Madora Grant for support of James Grant,	\$15.00
A. R. Ward, coffin for Mrs. Ora Knight,	5.00
“ “ “ “ Chas. Frost and child,	9.00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. Archy McDonald,	5.00
W. F. Higgins for wood,	1.85
Albert E. Neill for Alms house,	12.11
Bart. Lynch and wife,	25.00
F. T. Waite for Wm. Kezer, charged town of Princeton,	11.00
Tom Taylor,	7.00
Edw. Spinney,	2.00
Alms house,	30.00
S. S. Pineo for Tom Taylor,	3.00
Wm. Deming for John Bailey,	30.00
D. W. Allen for tramps,	2.16
O. P. Treat for stationery,	60
M. Maloney,	4.00
Joseph Bradford,	5.00
John McCann for George Frost,	3.33
Wm. Keezer charged to Princeton,	2.00
D. B. Barnard for John McPherson,	15.00
Mary Ross,	3.69
Stephen Chambers,	5.13
Cap. Young's family at Squirrel Point,	11.25
James Wilson,	2.44

Mrs. R. Gillis,	3.00
Mrs. Fintin for Eugene Fintin,	5.00
John Tracy,	1.00
Donald McMullen,	4.00
James Rickets,	2.00
Chase, Barker & Co., alms house,	4.98
Edward Spinney,	50.00
George Turner for horse,	100.00
Wm. McGlinchey for Mrs. Moffat's daughter's child,	3.00
Alms house,	4.25
Martin Cone for carriage hire in case of James Lane and Samuel Thurston,	7.25
Joseph Kalish for David Bassett and Clark,	11.00
F. T. Waite for Alms house,	14.86
James Lamb for Ed. Spinney,	14.00
Hezekiah King,	4.00
Albert Harrington,	2.00
Mrs. Lysander Leavitt,	20.00
Mrs. Lawrence, charged Eastport,	5.00
David Rand,	4.00
Eugene Fintin,	5.00
Mrs. Jameson,	1.13
Joseph Bradford,	5.00
M. Maloney	4.00
M. Hastings for alms house,	5.78
Wm. Calligan for George D. Robinson,	20.00
Wm. Brown & Son for Danl Post, charged to Princeton	32.36
Chas McElroy family,	5.00
Frank Nelson for insurance,	18.00
Wm. B. Taylor for alms house,	3.35
David Barclay wagon for alms house,	28.00
C. R. Pike for Bart. Lynch and wife,	39.98
M. Maloney,	4.00
Doctor Vose, salary,	50.00
Chase, Barker & Co., Alms house,	1.85
Madora B. Grant for Jas. Grant,	10.00
M. H. Colson for balance of salary,	62.81
F. Williams, salary,	50.00
S. B. Kelley for Mrs. Esther Scott,	13.00
Mrs. Archy McDonald,	5.00
Mary Maguire,	3.75
Albert Harrington,	2.00
Wm. Woods & Co., for alms house,	26.78
Deming & Son, for F. Palmer,	5.00
George Beals,	5.00

David Duncan,	5.00
Chas. Perkins,	16.25
Mrs. S. Kelley,	13.00
Alms house,	36.80
F. Williams, expenses of Chas. McElroy to Insane Hospital,	35.00
F. Williams paid Insane Hospital for support of patients,	126.61
F. T. Waite for Alms house,	43.91
F. Williams for Jos. Bradford,	10.00
M. Maloney,	4.00
Ed. Carmody for Mrs. Bobon,	1.50
G. D. King & Sons for Mrs. Esther Jamison,	7.00
Alms house,	17.22
A. R. Ward, coffin for Albert Harrington,	5.00
Young Brothers, coffin for David Duncan,	5.00
Chase, Barker & Co., for alms house,	5.27
Wm. Brown & Son, for Danl. Post, charged to Princeton,	11.00
Wm. Conoly, haying,	8.25
M. N. McKusick in McElroy case	8.00
Hamilton & Pickard for Alms house,	14.55
Gorge R. Tarbox care of Chas. McElroy,	7.50
Bart. Lynch and wife,	10.00
S. S. Pineo for Alms house,	55.24
Madora B. Grant for support of James Grant,	10.00
S. B. Pool for coffins for Mrs. Skids and Jas. Wilson's son,	10.00
Pat Myres for wood,	9.00
F. T. Waite for Alms house,	26.25
A. C. Lesuer for watching Alms house,	6.00
Bart. Lynch and wife,	10.00
James Lamb for Mrs. Leavitt,	14.00
Sam'l Thurston,	2.09
Mrs. Lawrence, charged Eastport,	3.00
Baileyville for bal. for Jas. Lane,	42.37
M. Maloney,	4.00
Joseph Bradford,	5.00
S. S. Pineo for Mrs. Anthony,	5.24
P. M. Pirington for hay,	31.14
Wm. A. McGlinchey for Susan Sprague and child,	4 64
John Tracy,	5.64
For Alms house,	9.31
Young Brothers, coffin for Mrs. Durgan,	5.00
Sam'l Rideout, corn and meal for	

alms house,	31.20
Wm. Calligan, support of Geo. D. Robinson,	15.00
Doctor Vose, salary,	50.00
F. T. Waite for P. McCabe,	5.75
F. Williams, salary,	50.00
Insane Hospital,	199.14
Town of Stetson for support of Bartlet child,	24.00
Bart. Lynch and wife,	10.00
M. Maloney,	4.00
Jos. Bradford,	5.00
Deming & Sons for John Tracy,	3.00
For alms house,	42.01
For supplying John Bailey,	30.00
Gates & Wentworth for Mrs. Alexander,	5.00
Mrs. Moffat for grand child,	2.00
For alms house,	15.42
L. Q. Wilson,	25.71
Wm. Parritt, salary to Nov. 2,	49.50
S. S. Pineo for Mrs. Anthony,	10.50
Wm. D. Higgins for A. Harrington,	33.00
For Chas. Frost,	11.00
For alms house,	2.00
James Lamb for Henry Scott,	6.50
Mrs. Leavitt,	4.00
M. Maloney,	4.00
Joseph Bradford,	5.00
F. T. Waite for Tho's Taylor,	5.00
For alms house,	16.98
Bart. Lynch and wife,	10.00
Chas Bavis for Thos. Scofield,	8.00
F. Williams, paid T. Armstrong for clothing for Chas. McElroy,	6.35
For horse hire,	2.75
Mrs. S. Rogers, pasturing horse,	3.50
Chase, Barker & Co. for alms house,	2.79
J. S. Smith, arrest of Wm. H. Russell, suit of Miss Moffat,	10.25
Sam'l Kelley Jr. for corn and Meal for alms house,	54.54
Bart. Lynch and wife,	5.00
Thos. Johnson,	10.00
M. Maloney,	4.00
E. V. Williams for John Tracy,	50
For A. Harrington,	3.25
Eugene Finten,	3.00
Lillo family,	6.00

Alms house,	15.60
G. D. King & Sons for Mrs. Lillo,	11.00
Esther Cook,	5.00
Thos Taylor,	5.00
Alms house,	20.60
P. M. Pirington for Susan Hall,	20.00
Pasturing cow and use of land for alms house,	27.00
D. W. Allen for tramps,	2.50
D. B. Barnard & Co., for John Tracy's wife,	17.75
Eugene Finten,	35.00
Donald McMullen and family,	17.00
John McPherson " "	8.50
Mrs. Lillo,	8.00
Madora Grant for Jas. Grant,	15.00
Thomas Johnson,	16.00
F. T. Wait for Mrs. R. Gills,	6.75
Jas. Fitzsimmons,	2.00
Mrs. Lillo,	5.00
Mrs. Duncan for son,	1 50
Alms house,	5.00
Robbins & Son for Mrs. R. Gillis,	1.50
Mrs. Robert Lynch,	50
Chas. Frost child,	75
Alms house,	20.75
Wm. Calligan for support of G. D. Robinson,	15.00
C. H. Porter for Geo. Whitenack family,	10.00
Bart. Lynch and wife,	6.00
S. B. Kelly for Esther Scott,	2.00
James Lamb for Mrs. Lawrence, ch'd Eastport,	5.00
Jas. Ricketts,	4.00
Mrs. Leavitt,	2.00
Phillip Corr,	2.00
Chas. McElroy,	1.50
Edward A. Barnard & Son for Mrs. Lillo,	7.09
Alms house,	25.97
F. Williams salary,	50.00
Mrs. John Tracy expense to Philadelphia,	5.00
F. Williams paid Oldtown expense of Nancy Merrick,	63.37
Portland for Ricket family,	64.00
Insane Hospital,	154.76
Joseph Bradford,	5.00
Mich'l Maloney,	4.00
C. R. Pike for John Bradford,	1.00
Habbaccuck Priest,	1.93
Alms house,	9.03

Wm. Brown & Son for Henry Scott,	2.00
Doctor Vose salary,	50.00
Chase Barker & Co., for alms house,	2.02
John McCann for Dan'l Post,	1.80
Mrs. Lillo,	1.06
John Tracy,	2.56
Jas. Ricketts,	.38
S. W. Trask ch'd, Town of Charlotte,	.50
Wm. Deming & Son, Tickets to Boston for children,	15.50
Mrs. Lillo,	5.50
Mrs. Tracy,	5.50
Alms house,	44.99
Levi Henderson for fare of Mary Turnie and Pat. Whalen,	6.00
Joseph Bradford,	5.00
Bart. Lynch and wife,	6.00
M. Maloney,	4.00
Thomas Johnson,	16.00
Barbara Woodcock,	3.00
E. W. Vose, visit to Baileyville,	7.00
Sam'l Kelley, wood Mrs. Powell,	2.00
Patrick Myers for wood,	15.37
Wm. A. McGlinchey for Mrs. T. W. Trask,	7.05
Wm. Keezier,	3.00
Moffat's child,	1.25
Alms house,	2.64
F. T. Wait for Mrs. Lillo,	8.00
John Fisher, Town of Charlotte,	4.00
Mrs. Duncan for son,	1.75
Mrs. Thos. W. Trask,	2.00
Alms house,	3.00
Charles Perkins, to date,	16.00
Barbara Woodcock,	3.00
Boardman Bros., for Otis Greenlow,	1.25
John Bradford,	17.30
John Ricketts,	2.00
John McPhearson,	3.00
Donald McMullen,	22.75
Thos. Powell family,	28.00
Edward Spinney,	9.00
George Whitenack,	5.00
Nat. Wakefield,	13.00
Jos. Goggan,	2.50
Alms house,	44.96
Joseph Kalish Clothing for children to Wanderers home Boston,	12.20

Wm. McGlinchey for Jas. Fitzsimmons,	6.12
Alms house,	1.82
A. R. Ward, coffin for J. Watson,	5.00
Sam'l Kelley Jr., for alms house,	4.40
C. H. Porter, for Geo. Whitenack's family,	7.00
Henry Ross's family,	2.00
F. T. Waite for Mrs. Lillo,	11.00
Mrs. Duncan for son,	4.17
Libeus Vickery,	4.00
Edward Spinney,	5.00
John A. Fisher,	2.00
Alms house,	1.03
Bart. Lynch,	7.50
O. P. Treat Stationery,	1.90
C. A. Bavis for Thos. Scofield,	8.00
S. S. Pineo for Gordon Moffat, care of child,	5.00
Chas. Ash,	3.00
Wm. Parritt, salary,	22.00
S. B. Pool for coffin for Thos. W. Trask,	5.00
2 coffins for John Thompson's children,	6.00
John McCann for Geo. Whitenack,	2.11
James Lamb,	1.20
L. Ross,	1.00
Mrs. Waite,	1.00
Mrs. Andy Forbes,	.50
P. Myers for wood,	13.06
T. W. Powel's child,	3.00
Thos. Armstrong for John Watson,	1.60
Thos. W. Trask,	.25
Jos. Bradford,	5.00
M. Maloney,	4.00
Thos. Johnson,	16.00
Patrick Myers for wood,	13.56
Thomas P. Robbertson for Wm. Keezer, charged to Princeton,	25.59
Arthur Connor,	3.00
Mrs. Waite,	2.00
Doctor Robbins, for Princeton,	6.00
Gates & Wentworth, for Mrs. Alexander,	8.00
Mrs. Moffat, care of child,	4.00
Alms house,	8.45
Wm. Woods & Co., for alms house,	5.18
James Lamb ag't for Mrs. Lawrence, Eastport,	20.00
Mrs. Leavitt,	8.00
John A. Fisher, for Charlotte,	8.00

Thos, Keenan,	14.00
Susan Hall,	10.00
Mrs. Jameson,	1.00
Henry Scott,	6.00
Alms House,	1.20
E. A. Barnard & Son for Mrs. Lillo,	14.12
Jas. Ricket,	5.90
Geo. Millen,	4.62
James Kerr,	5.90
Mrs. Jameson,	4.62
Thomas Taylor,	9.25
Mrs. Gilles,	5.50
Alms house,	40.60
C. R. Pike for Alex. Forbes,	6.50
Geo. Ross,	14.00
Thos. Powell,	8.00
Jas. Wilson,	1.00
Mrs. Wm. Logan,	2.00
Mrs. Vickery,	1.34
D. B. Barnard & Co., for Jas. Wilson,	5.50
John McPhearson,	9.50
Mrs. Foley, charged Eastport,	24.00
Mrs. Lillo,	3.00
Thos. W. Trask,	32.50
John A. Fisher,	3.50
Patrick Tierney,	6.50
Alex. Forbes,	2.78
Nath'l Wakefield,	4.50
John Seeley,	3.00
Thos. Powell,	4.00
Mrs. Finten, for Eugene Finten,	15.00
Wm. McCullough, for alms house,	5.55
G. D. King & Son for Geo. Smith,	4.50
James Moore,	5.80
James Gower,	4.50
Alms house,	4.50
Wm. Deming & Son, for Miss. Woodcock,	4.00
Mrs. Murray,	1.00
Alms house,	39.47
Bart. Lynch and wife,	5.00
Thomas Johnson,	16.00
M. Maloney,	4.00
Jos. Bradford,	5.00
Wm. Parrits salary,	44.00
Madora Grant, for Jas. Grant,	20.00

John B. Burnham, for alms house,	7.40
Wm. Brown & Son, for Mary J. Spinney,	3.50
Doctor Voses's salary,	50 00
F. T. Wait for Arthur Conner,	3.00
Benj. Millen,	2.00
Edward Spinney,	16.00
Jas. Rickets,	5.00
Mrs. Lillo,	8.00
Lib. Vickery,	7.00
Mrs. Duncan,	2.13
John K. Gillespie for alms house,	6.00
C. A. Bavis for Thos Scofield,	2.00
Sam'l Kelly for Jas. Lane,	2.50
E. C. Young for John Thomson,	2.50
Jas. Fitzsimmons,	5.00
Julia Mitchell,	3.00

\$4565.19

By appropriation,	3500.00
Taken from Treasurer's report as follows :	
Jas. Thompson,	10.00
City of Biddeford,	105.30
John Watson,	53.00
J. M. Colson,	158.84
Horse sold,	10.00
D. Duncan,	5.00
Town of Alexander,	47.37
" " Eastport,	19.40
Produce sold,	12.00
Overdrawn,	647.26

\$4565.19

Inmates in the alms house, April 1st., 1878,	20
Admitted during the year,	21
Born,	2
Died,	3
Discharged,	16
Present No. in alms house	24
The expense of the alms house exclusive of the produce raised on the Farm,	\$911.18

There is owing to other towns, and from other towns accounts not yet adjusted which will about balance each other.

FRANK WILLIAMS,
Overseer of Poor.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

Expenditures of the City of Calais, for the financial year ending
April 1st, 1879.

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00
Transferred Contingent,	900.00

\$1,900.00

Orders drawn	1,716.67
Undrawn balance,	183.33

\$1,900.00

NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Appropriation,	\$1,500.00
Overdrawn,	69.25

\$1,569.25

Orders drawn,

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	2,500.00
Collected by Treasurer,	42.50
Overdrawn,	574.06

\$3,116.56

Orders drawn,

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	6,000.00
High School,	1,000.00
Rec'd from State Treasurer,	4,019.82
“ “ High School,	500.00

Rec'd from Calais Academy,	130.00
Orders drawn,	<u>\$11,649.92</u>
HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS.	
Appropriation,	3,500.00
Received by Treasurer,	146.80
	<u>3,645.80</u>
Overdrawn;	1,359.99
Orders drawn,	<u>\$5,015.79</u>
POOR AND INSANE.	
Appropriation,	3,500.00
Collected by Treasurer,	420.91
Overdrawn,	644.28
Orders drawn,	<u>\$4,565.19</u>
INTEREST.	
Appropriation,	4,000.00
Collected by Treasurer,	424.77
	<u>4,424.77</u>
Orders drawn,	4,013.19
Undrawn,	411.58
LIGHTING STREETS.	
Appropriation,	400.00
Orders drawn,	400.00
CEMETERY.	
Burial Grounds appropriation,	\$200.00
Orders drawn,	200.00
BONDS.	
Appropriation,	2,500.00
Bonds taken up, in hands of Treasurer,	8,500.00
Orders drawn,	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
RENT OF CITY ROOMS.	
Appropriation,	\$300.00
Orders drawn,	300.00
DISCOUNT ON TAXES.	
Appropriation,	2,000.00
Orders drawn,	<u>1,618.61</u>

MAYOR'S REPORT.

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Undrawn,	381.39
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	\$2,000.00
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NOTES PAYABLE.

Note Lynn Nat'l Bank 2 mo., payable Globe Bank Boston, dated May 20th,	\$6,000.00
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Note Lynn Nat'l Bank, in 6 mo. from Aug. 25, '79,	\$6,000.00
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Orders drawn to pay Note Lynn Nat'l Bank, July 11th.,	\$6,000.00
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SUPREME COURT.

Appropriation,	125.00
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Orders drawn,	124.16
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Undrawn,	.84
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	\$125.00
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CONTINGENT FUND.

Paid Geo. W Averill damage to self on sidewalk,	\$875.00
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“ Gas bill City Rooms,	3.90
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“ Jos. Granger, in full for services,	50.00
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“ O. P. Treat, Stationery,	7.83
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“ John Jackson, printing, old,	55.00
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“ M. Cone, horse to Plaster Mills, etc.	2.50
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“ Jos. Kalish, blankets for lockup,	9.00
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“ W. J. Fleming, abatement on taxes 1877,	666.66
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“ Hall, Davis & Son, order book,	11.20
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“ B. M. Flint, decoration,	50.00
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“ Globe National Bank ba'l old ac't.	84.00
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“ Gas bill City Rooms,	1.50
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“ Celebration Fourth July at Calais,	150.00
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“ Celebration Fourth July at Milltown,	25.00
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“ W. B. Taylor, stove and sundries, City Rooms,	25.65
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“ C. R. Pike, bbl. lime for luckup,	.95
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“ M. N. McKusick, State pensions,	25.00
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“ L. C. Bailey, Seal Municipal Court,	7.50
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“ Dis'ct on Note at Lynn National Bank,	7.50
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“ Execution, Woodcock,	296.68
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“ L. G. Downes, abatement County Comm's	42.00
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“ G. D. King & Sons, coal City Rooms,	3.25
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“ Young Bros., repairing chair and door &c.,	1.15
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“ G. R. Tarbox, to Davis for repairing chair,	1.00
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“ G. D. King & Sons, coal, City Rooms,	26.73
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“ Henry Spinney, cleaning Cannon,	4.00
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Geo. E. Downes, cost M. H. Colson, 7.99

\$2,440.99

Premium on Bonds bo't of Blake, 129.99

LAYING OUT ROAD AT MELLTOWN AND DAMAGE.

Paid A. Scott,	\$50.00
" J. Woodcock,	50.00
" John Madden,	25.00
" J. M. Chase,	50.00
" Clarinda Colson,	50.00
" Heirs Geo. B. Burns,	25.00

\$275.00

" Gas bill City Room's,	3.00
" Samuel Lambe, postage,	.36
" C. H. Porter,	.54
" G. R. Tarbox, 22 bushels Charcoal,	3.96
" Premium on \$4,500.00 bonds bought of R. R.,	225.00
" Henry Whelply, cost city vs. Whidden,	2.24
" John Jackson, printing, part,	100.00
" Wm. Deming, non-resident deeds &c.,	10.70
" O. P. Treat, Stationery,	2.10
" John Gardner, running line Township, Calais, &c.,	33.25
" W. B. Taylor, repairing stove &c.,	6.70
" G. R. Tarbox, charcoal, &c.,	3.59
" Gas bill City Room,	14.90
" Sam'l Lambe, swearing in officers,	3.25
" Wm. Deming, Stationery, postage, &c.,	6.10
" John Jackson, balance printing,	25.00
" J. B. Burnham,	.75

\$3,287.42

" Paid G. D. King & Sons, coal,	2.60
" E. A. Barnard, "	18.00
" G. R. Tarbox, Truant Com.,	8.12
" O. P. Treat, Stationery,	7.70

\$3,323.21

" Transferred from Salary fund to pay W. J. Fleming's salary last year,	900.00
" Old balance due from contingent fund last year,	35.13

\$4,258.34

MAYOR'S REPORT.

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" Undrawn balance,	1,268.18
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" Amount appropriated,	\$5,526.52
" Overlays,	2,500.00
" Supplementary Tax,	1,522.96
" Collected by Treasurer,	1,305.48
" Rec'd. Miller Note,	98.08
	100.00
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	\$5,526.52

 APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1879 RECOMMENDED.

Schools,	\$6,500
Poor and Insane,	3,500
Salaries,	1,000
Interest,	4,000
Fire Department,	2,500
Night Watch and Police,	1,500
Cemetery,	200
Contingent Fund,	2,000
Lighting streets,	400
Supreme Court,	150
Rent City Rooms,	300
Bonds due this year,	2,500
Discount on taxes,	2,000
Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks,	3,500

WM. H. BOARDMAN, Mayor.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the City Council:—

Gentlemen,—In compliance with the City Ordinance, I make the annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending March 31, 1879.

Appropriation,	\$2,500.00
Collected by Treas.,	42.50
Overdrawn,	574.06
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	\$3,116.56

EXPENDED.

S. R. Barclay, salary Str. Croix,	540.00
Edwin Brooks, salary, Str. Eagle,	184.50
St. Croix Hose Co., salary,	350.00
Eagle, " " "	400.00
W. B Taylor, Engineer, "	50.00
A. L. Barclay, " "	25.00
D. M. Gardner, hauling Str. St. Croix,	170.50
Gates & Wentworth, hauling Str. Eagle,	158.50
W. L. Barclay, firing Str. St. Croix,	23.75
F. P. Guest, firing Str. Eagle,	13.50
Todd Bros., 7 bills or vouchers,	37.50
Blake & Taylor, 8 bills or vouchers,	79.19
Chase, Barker & Co., 4 bills or vouchers,	13.85
Deming & Son, 3 bills or vouchers,	19.29
Manchester Locomotive Works, 3 bills,	24.34
J. B. Burnham, 3 bills,	33.30

P. Kelly, work on Steamer St. Croix,	46.00
Boardman Bros., 2 bills,	16.05
St. Croix Gas Co.,	9.27
G. D. King & Sons, coal,	120.60
Boston Belting Co., hose for Str. Eagle,	477.50
D. W. Allen, lunch last year,	4.30
S. B. Kelley, Str. Eagle,	1.94
John Leahan, work on Str. St. Croix,	17.65
W. McDonald & Son, work on Str. Eagle,	3.00
Copeland, Duren & Co.,	3.27
Stephen Chambers, 2 bills,	5.50
A. F. Smith, work on reservoir at Milltown,	27.66
F. T. Waite, hauling,	13.00
P. Finerty, shoveling snow from Calais reservoirs,	20.00
F. H. Barclay, shoveling snow from Milltown reservoirs,	12.00
A. L. Lesuer, shoveling snow from Union reservoirs,	3.75
E. J. Crangle,	15.10
W. B. Taylor, April 11, bills,	36.05
“ “ May 1, “	6.00
“ “ June 1, “	.75
“ “ July 5, “	54.69
“ “ Aug. 3, “	15.15
“ “ Sept. 3, “	4.35
“ “ Oct. 3, “	16.93
“ “ Nov. 4, “	10.15
“ “ Dec & Jan. “	16.78
“ “ Feb. 3, “	14.52
“ “ M'ch 5, “	21.80
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	\$3,116.56

The whole number of fires for the year have been 33, and 11 false alarms. Of this number, 10 have been in St. Stephen.

APARATUS IN LOWER DISTRICT.

1 Amoskeag Steamer.
 1 Batten Engine.
 1 Horse Hose Cart.
 2 Hand Hose Carts.
 600 feet Rybber Hose, good.
 350 “ Leather “ “
 100 “ Eureka “ “
 400 “ Rubber “ not reliable.

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CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

IN UPPER DISTRICT.

1 Bitten Steamer.
3 Hand Hose Carts.
700 feet Rubber Hose, good.
100 " Cotton, Rubber lined, good.
400 " Rubber, not reliable.

W. B. TAYLOR,
Chief Engineer.

Calais, April, 1879.

REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

The Street Commissioner would respectfully submit the following report which shows the receipts and expenditures in his department from April 1st, 1878, to April 1st, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

The amount of appropriations for Highways, Side-	
walks, Bridges and Sewers,	\$3,500.00
Rec'd for Sewers, Drains, &c., and paid to Treas.	145.80
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	\$3,645.80
Overdrawn,	1,369.99
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Amount expended,	\$5,015.79

Included in the above am't expended, there is charged
for damage, laying out new streets, surveying &c.

Charles Blanchard, damage	65.00
D. W. Sherman, "	35.00
W. E. Slayton, "	60.00
John Gardner, surveying,	13.00
Rendall Whidden, stone,	60.00
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	\$233.00

ASSESSMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING PERSONS.

W. B. King, sewer,	31.50
Geo. W. Eye, "	10.00

M. N. McKusick, sewer,	34.20
Geo. Rideout, "	22.50
C. R. Pike, "	22.50
Geo. Rideout, drains,	5.50
C. R. Pike, "	14.99
Geo. E. Downes, platforms,	3.61
D. B. Barnard, "	1.00

Total,	\$145.80
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AMOUNT EXPENDED.

Material,	1,224.93
Damage &c.,	233.00
Labor,	3,557.86

Total,	\$5,015.79
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DAYS LABOR.—SUNDRY PERSONS.

For 513 $\frac{3}{4}$ days labor at \$1.25 per day,	\$642.19
For 256 3-10 days labor at \$1 10 per day,	281.93
For 1168 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor at \$1 per day,	1168.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
For 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor at \$1.50 per day,	37.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
For 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor at 80 cts. per day,	5.20
For 7 days labor a \$1.15 per day,	8.05
Horse for 62 1-20 days at \$1. per day,	62.55
Span for 43 11-60 days at \$1.50 per day.	64.77 $\frac{1}{2}$
Horse for 471 17-20 days at 90 cts. per day,	424.66 $\frac{1}{2}$
For Commissioner's salary, self and team,	782.50
For labor turnpiking by job,	45.00
For labor digging on sewer,	35.00

Total	\$3557.86
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SUNDRY BILLS FOR MATERIAL.

LUMBER.

Jas. Murchie & Sons,	388.12
Gates & Wentworth,	157.63
Copeland, Duren & Co.,	164.88
Edward Price, sleepers,	64.08
Daniel Hill,	3.50
A. F. Smith,	10.50

\$788.71

HARDWARE.

Chase, Barker & Co.,	71.69
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STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

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Todd Brothers,	35.11
John McGlinchey,	14.85
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	\$121.65

BLACKSMITHING, WHEELRIGHT WORK AND FILING SAWS.

James Robinson,	36.91
Joseph Tuell,	10.76
David Barclay,	4.00
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	\$51.67
O. P. Treat, stationery,	7.45
E. A. Barnard & Son, wharfage,	3.05
Deming & Son, weighing,	3.24
W. M. Haycock, Roller & chain,	3.00
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	16.74

STONE FOR STREET AND SEWERS.

Chase estate,	5.00
Rufus Carver,	5.00
Bela Loring,	3.00
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	13.00

INLAND GRAVEL.

John Wood, 168 tons at 10 cts. per ton, stumpage,	16.80
John Wood, 298 tons at 8 cts. per ton,	23.84
Geo. Davidson, 100 tons at 10 cts. per ton,	10.00
Nelson Smith, 21 tons at 10 cts. per ton,	2.10
G. F. Granger, 4 tons at 10 cts. per ton,	.40
Thomas Rich, 45 tons at 10 cts. per ton,	4.50
M. E. Calkins, 50 tons at 4 cts. per ton,	2.00
James McAlpine, 111½ tons at 25 cts. hauled on street,	27.87½
McAlpine & Rich, 408 tons at 20 cts. hauled on street,	81.60
Patrick Myers, 31 tons at 20 cts. hauled on street,	6.20
John Wood, Jr. 16 tons at 6 cts. per ton, stumpage,	.96
Robert McKenzie, 31 tons at 10 cts. per ton,	3.10
David Andrews, 72 tons at 5 cts. per ton,	3.60
Ellis Hill, 11 tons at 6 cts. per ton,	.66
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1366½ tons,	\$183.63½

BEACH GRAVEL.

W. C. Harvell, 61 tons at 65 cts. per ton in Calais,	39.65
Jas. Rapley, 46 tons at 6 cts. per ton, stumpage,	2.76

D. M. Huckins, 32 tons at 6 cts. per ton, stumpage,	1.92
F. A. Pike, 20 tons at 26 cts. per ton, hauled on street,	5.20
159 tons,	49.53
Total 1,525½,	Total, \$233.16½

The above gravel has been bought and put on to streets outside of gravel owned by the city.— And also quite a large amount was taken out of the mill pond at Red Beach free of charge, and hauled onto Mill road.

NEW SIDEWALKS.

POINT STREET.

From Monroe street to John Lord's store, 502 feet of 7 foot walk. Grading up and building same. Labor and material,	\$192.59
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POOL'S CORNER TO WILLIAMS' SHOE STORE.

New 12 foot walk 164 feet long. Grading, material and labor,	\$126.64
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MAINE STREET.

From Perkins' corner to Blake and Taylor's. New 10 foot walk 133½ feet long.—Grading, material and labor,	\$82.42
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CHAPEL STREET.

Near Blanchard's, 159 feet long, new 3 foot walk. Material and labor,	\$21.43
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BARING STREET

Near Kelsey Reservoir, old piece rebuilt,	19.63
	\$442.71

NEW CULVERTS.

One stone culvert foot of How Hill, Baring street,	25.00
Four timber culverts on sundry streets,	50.00
Total,	\$75.00

SEWERS.

Temperance street and Holmes lot sewer, and improvements. Hemlock covered with cedar ties 2 x2 in clear. Material for same,	200.83
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STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

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Labor for same,	200.66
Grading up Temperance street with surplus dirt from sewer,	37.13
Repairing sidewalk broken up by sewer,	7.55
Grading up Holmes lot around sewer.	5.15
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	\$451.32

NORTH MILLTOWN STREET.

Stone under drain or sewer,	306.07
General repairs of old sewers during the season all over the city,	100.00
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Total,	\$857.39

CROSSINGS.

To laying four (4) granite crossings at cost of	\$39.60
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HOW EXPENDED.

RIVER ROAD.

Cottelville to Robbinston Line including Hardscrabble, Carson Mill, and Shattuck Roads. Turnpiking, Ditching, Graveling, and general repairs of roads during the season outside of snow work.

EXPENDED.

River Road,	321.48
Repairs on Plaster Mills Bridge, Labor and Material,	92.51
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	\$413.99
Shattuck Road,	51.80
Granite Mill Road, new tops on two Bridges labor and material, cost,	68.29
Getting out rocks and graveling,	8.00
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	\$76.29
Carsons Road,	31.04
Hardscrabble Road,	12.90

NORTH MILLTOWN STREET.

Pool's corner to Seth Emerson's, Milltown, for building 23 Rods of under sewer or drain, stone near Middle landing brook, Macadamizing, Turnpiking, Ditching and graveling same, cost,	306.07
Turnpiking, ditching, graveling and general repairs	357.95

The repairs of sidewalk, labor, and material,	94.69
Total,	<u>\$758.71</u>

GROSVENER STREET.

Turnpikeing, Ditching and Graveling,	36.32
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UNION MILLS STREET.

Turnpiking, Ditching, Graveling and general repairs of street and sidewalk, labor, and material,	83.56
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BARING STREET.

Todd's corner to Nath. Higgins' including Maguerawalk Bridge, Turnpiking, Ditching, Graveling and building new culverts, and general repairs of road and sidewalk,	262.92
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CHARLOTTE ROAD.

Nath'l Higgins to Baring line, Turnpiking, Ditching, Graveling and general repairs of road,	84.78
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BARING ROAD.

Nath'l Higgins' to Baring line, Turnpiking, Ditching, Graveling and general repairs of road,	84.22
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MAINE STREET.

From Cattelville to Ferry Point Bridge, and on sundry other streets not named in the above in and through the City. Turnpiking, Ditching, Graveling, new sidewalks, sewers, culverts, crossings and general repairs of streets and sidewalks, labor and material outside of winter work,	2673.36
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In December the heavy rains we had washed our roads badly and caused considerable extra expense. The winter has been favorable on account of snow.

Our labor bill from Dec. 22, to April 1st. 1879, including pay of Commissioner, amounts to	445.90
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I would again remind our City Fathers, of the condition of our bridges. The one at the Plastermills needs to be rebuilt, I suppose by repairing the stone work and new planking the bridge it could be run along a year or so longer.

Maguarawalk Bridge is in bad shape, in the freshet,—last Dec., it washed bad and the walls are falling into the meadow, and makes it unsafe and needs a large outlay to rebuild it. Our streets are in fair condition but our sidewalks are bad, or a large part of them. Our main walk from Church St. to Lower Steam-

boat street a large part of it is poor and should be rebuilt as there is a great deal of boat travel that way. And from Lowell St. to Milltown is bad, a portion of it is a good mud walk at this season of the year. I think it would be cheaper for the City to raise money and rebuild our sidewalks new, than to be continually patching which is very expensive. A plank walk well laid will last six years before it comes to patching and then you can patch as long as need be. We have on hand stone and lumber about one hundred dollars worth paid for in this year's account.

Our appropriation has been overdrawn on account of some heavy jobs being done late in the season that was much needed, and was ordered done by the Board and Committee on Highways. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALVIN F. SMITH,
Street Commissioner.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

Gentlemen of the City Council:—I herewith annex account of expenditures for Night Watch and Police for the current municipal year ending April 12, 1879.

The amount expended is,	\$1,569.25
Appropriation,	1,500.
Overdrawn and transfered from contingent fund,	69.25

\$1,569.25

Atkins Keen, Night Watch,	456.25
Dennis Doyle, " "	456.25
Alfred Balcom " "	456.25
James Dooris, " "	54.00
J. C. Damon, as Dep'y Marshal,	37.50
A. W. Metcalf, " "	57.50
Chase, Barker & Co. for lockup,	2.51
Todd Bros., for handcuffs and lanterns,	10.05
S. B. Pool, Bedding for lockup,	8.75
S. Kelly, " " "	3.69
S. Kelly, wood for lockup,	4.50
W. B. Taylor, sundries for lockup,	1.92
O. P. Treat, Stationery, City Rooms,	3.40
Boardman Bros., brooms and soap,	.90
Copeland, Duren & Co.,	.48
Geo. R. Tarbox, paid sundry bills as per receipted and audited bills,	35.77

Total, \$1,569.25

GEO. R. TARBOX,
City Marshal.

Calais, April 12, 1879.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of Calais:—

During the past year, as many know from experience, there has been an unusual amount of sickness in the city, much of it being of severe character. The calls upon the City Physician have been very numerous, and required more than ordinary care and attention. Most of the diseases among the poor have been rendered far more severe by the depressed condition in which disease overtook them, owing to insufficient food, clothing, and warmth.

At the Alms House there have been about the average number of cases, about twenty in all, with three deaths, two adults, from old age, and one child still born. There were two births in the house. Among the outpatients there were about seventy cases, with twelve deaths, six adult and six children. Of these there were two from consumption, one from dropsy, one paralysis, one asthma, one Brights disease, three of malignant scarlet fever, two pneumonia, one stillborn. There were two births. Respectfully submitted.

E. H. VOSE,
City Physician.

Calais, April 10, 1879.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

We give below a specific account of all sums of money paid out during the past year and the appropriations for the same. Amounts paid to teachers and school officers.

Anderson Mary,	\$ 2.50
Beckett Maud,	18.00
Burnham Maria,	288.00
Churchill Lorene,	288.00
Curry Mary,	216.00
Clendenin M. C.,	89.25
Dyer Joseph M.,	90.00
Dougherty Mary L.,	288.00
Dickerman George W.,	75.00
Estey Stephen,	204.00
Farrar Harriet W.,	216.00
Fowler Clara,	216.00
Gardner Emma,	288.00
Hume A. J.,	240.00
Hanson Louise,	288.00
Hinds Jessie F.,	216.00
Lowe H. M.,	260.00
Lambe Edward J.,	108.00
McGarrigle R. J.,	90.00
Page C. H.,	900.00
Potter Barrett,	100.00
Reding Harriet E.,	216.00
Reding Mary,	288.00
Rogers Dora,	880.00
Rogers Izetta,	15.00
Robbins E. C.,	450.00
Stanhope M. S.,	216.00

Seymour Flora E.,	216.00
Stewart Harry W.	282.00
Stetson J. W.,	800.00
St. Clair Ashly,	800.00
Todd Harriet E.,	240.00
Woodworth Ida,	216.00
Smith Theophilus,	200.00
Lesner Louis B.,	300.00
Rounds Charles B.,	200 00

\$9396.75

AMOUNTS PAID FOR WOOD, REPAIRS AND CURRENT EXPENSES.

Hill Lowell, cutting wood,	4.00
Clapp A L., repairs on clocks &c.,	3.25
Short Charles, care of school house,	2.50
McCurdy Michael, 6 cords wood,	23.50
Hodgins Warren, care school room,	3.00
Marshall C., building line fence,	10.00
Hamilton Asa, 52 1-4 cords wood;	182.87
Campbell Maria, cleaning school room,	3.00
Temple Robert, trucking,	2.95
Higgins Wm D., 4 cords wood,	14.00
Bean John, trucking,	9.25
Chase, Barker & Co., hardware,	37.58
Treat O P., books, stationery &c.,	130.16
Gillis Maria, washing school rooms,	27.00
McCurdy M., repairs on school room,	7.00
Slayton W. E. old bill for stove,	4.21
Hill Hollis, underpinning school house,	3.00
Lawrence Samuel, repairs &c.,	14.32
Daugherty M. L., care school room,	9.00
Dickerman G. W. " "	3.00
Eye Geo. E., " "	9.00
Ford Harvell, " "	2.50
Rogers Jane, " "	6.00
Somers Burt, " "	2.50
Short Fannie, " "	6.00
Macklin J. L., work and furniture,	8.65
Todd Brothers, hard-ware &c.,	93.81
Pardue James, for wood,	6.50
Arnold Samuel, work on repairs,,	19.50
Bassford A. B., labor, materials, and trucking,	129.50
Calkins Ed., labor on school houses,	85.37
Fairbrother R., planing lumber,	1.00
Huckins B. L., building line fence,	5.00
James Mrs, washing school room,	3.10
Granger G. F., old bill for brooms,	5.25
Miller George, washing school room,	3.00
Reed Albert. labor, surveying wood,	7.00
Woodbury Wm. plastering &c.,	10 00

Turner George, building chimney,	56.97
Blake & Taylor, repairs stoves &c.	57.69
Butler J. H., underpinning school houses,	14.00
Dickerman Julian, fixing chair,	.75
Myers John, for wood,	.75
Perkins James, for brooms,	3.25
Gates & Wentworth, lumber,	85.00
Jameson Fred. for work,	9 50
McArdle Wm, trucking,	4.27
Rogers J. E., 1 1-2 cords hardwood,	5.25
Buck F. A., repairing blackboard,	3.20
Burnham J. B., work and iron,	5.35
Higgins Pat., wood,	6.25
McCullough & Tate, repairing stoves,	5.00
Scott Hiram, for work,	4.00
Dyer J. F., putting in wood,	1.50
Young Ben. for lumber,	15.00
Murchie & Sons, for lumber,	90.71
Ford A. B., work and materials,	15.00
Adams Samuel, repairing clock,	.50
Deming & Sons, for sundries,	1.00
F. Eaton & Sons, for lumber,	23.92
McPhail John, repairing school house,	4.25
McGlinchey John, store account,	2.84
Nelson Frank, insurance,	274.48
Fickett A. B., for wood,	14.00
Arnold Willard, care school house,	9.00
Dyer Fred, " " "	3.50
Edgerly E. F., " " "	3.50
Brooks N. A., repairing furnace &c	7.35
Noonan John, trucking,	1 00
Bailey L. C., three clocks,	8.00
Jameson Ed., cutting wood,	5 50
G. D. King & Sons, for coal,	108.00
E. A. Barnard & Son, for coal,	216.00
Rounds C. B., paid for care of school rooms,	16.55
Black Samuel, telegraphing,	2.48
Barber George A., for wood,	3.00
Dyer Frank, care of school house,	3.00
Dyer Michael, 5 cords hard wood,	16.25
Doyle & Finity, clearing sidewalks,	18.00
Grafton John, for teams.	6.00
Higgins W. D., wood for schools	118.20
Higgins W. D. books and store accounts	7.75
Jackson John, for work,	1.00
Lamb James, for sundries,	1.50
McAllister E., chemicals,	14.00
Milligan Alex., cleaning sidewalks,	6.00
Pike W. W., opera house for exhibition,	8.00
Red Beach Plaster Co., for books and store account,	9.10

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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Robbins A. E., for cash paid out,	8.00
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	<u>\$2253.07</u>
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RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of teachers and school officers,	9396.75
Cost of wood, repairs, current expenses,	2253.07

	<u>\$11,649.82</u>
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APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

Trustees of Calais Academy,	\$130.00
State for high schools,	500.00
State school fund,	4019.82
City appropriation,	7000.00

	<u>\$11,649.82</u>
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. ROUNDS,
for S. S. Committee.

Our schools have been unusually prosperous during the past year. The progress which the scholars have made in their studies, the general discipline of the schools, and the interest of the parents in them, have been highly commendable. We have never observed a stronger manifestation of interest on the part of our people than was witnessed at the final examinations a few weeks since. In almost every instance the houses were filled to overflowing. The credit is almost wholly due to the fact that we have a good corps of teachers, teachers well trained and fitted for their places. Replace these teachers now in charge of our schools with others who have no special aptness for their business, but who teach because they can do nothing else, and the high standard of to-day will rapidly decline, disorder which characterized many of our schools ten years ago, will take the place of good order, and loose methods of instruction will take the place of the thorough training which our children are now generally receiving. That this would be the case needs no demonstration. All know that the unskilled laborer does poor work in every department of business, and it is no less true of those who mould the immortal minds of our children than of those who work upon rougher material. Can we, then, afford to employ poor or indifferent teachers because they can be hired cheaply? Would not such teachers be dear at any price?—Contrary to the general impression, much has already been done to reduce our school expenses, more than in any other department of the public expenditure, and we would still continue to recognize the de-

mands of a wise economy and practice its strictest rules in the conduct of our schools. But we protest against an economy which means ruin and destruction, which begins and ends in cutting down the school tax at the expense of extravagance elsewhere, and denouncing school teachers as the natural enemies of society. Such economists deserve, and should receive, the contempt of every good citizen.

Let us look at the reductions already made. For the school year ending March 1873, we raised for school purposes by taxation, \$12,500. In the three following years ending March 1876, the appropriation was \$10,000. In the year ending March 1877 the appropriation was \$9,500. In the year 1878, it was \$8,200, and for the year just closed, it was \$7,000. In making up these amounts we include the pay of Supervisor, which was \$500, till last year, when it was reduced to \$200. This year that amount has been taken from the direct appropriation for schools. Thus you will see that the city appropriation for schools has been reduced since 1873 almost one half. In that year it was \$12,500. This year it was \$7,000, a reduction of \$5,500. Last year we were obliged to stop two of our regular schools, reduce the school year two weeks, and near the close of the year we reduced the teacher's salaries, so that there would be a saving of about \$1,000 annually. This year we were obliged to reduce the school year two weeks more, making the school four weeks less than it was a few years ago, and to suspend the two boy's schools which were kept only in the winter. Has there been a like reduction in any other department? An inspection of the reports will show not only no such reduction, but in many of them rapid increase. Thus the economy practiced in the schools has not been felt by the people in diminished taxation, and many of them ignorantly have charged the fault to this department.

The State appropriation for schools this year will be considerably diminished. It will be reduced by law, \$500, and the Saving's Bank tax, which goes to the schools will, for apparent reasons, be less than last year. But the city gains about \$250 by the suspension of the high school law, as that was about the amount paid to the State by the city for that appropriation. Thus, in brief, we have given the financial condition of our schools, and you will readily see that but little reduction can be made in addition to what has already been done, without essentially affecting their prosperity or reducing their number. And we should be slow to adopt either alternative.

The proposition has been made by a few of our citizens to abolish a school which has been supported by the city for more than ten years. But there are difficulties even in this easy way to economy. First, we should loose the \$130, annually paid by the Trustees of Calais Academy and the use of their school building, and second, many of the studies pursued only in the High school we are obliged to teach

in our public schools by law. Other schools would therefore have to be substituted, and we should have nearly the same expenditure without the advantages of the High school training. Besides the influence of the High school is every where felt for good upon the lower schools, in giving tone and character to them. This is the unanimous opinion of our Grammar school teachers. Our High school is our natural Normal school. From its graduates we must select the future teachers of our Primary and Grammar schools. In these grades we have already employed eleven graduates of the High school, and our whole school system is receiving its beneficial effects. The High school is essentially a democratic institution, giving to the poor the advantages which were formerly enjoyed only by the rich. Abolish the High school and a large proportion of the scholars in our Grammar schools now fitting to advance would be turned out at the average age of fourteen years, to street education and street dissipation, for but few of the scholars who attend the High school would be able to pay tuition here or to go elsewhere to obtain the advantages which they now enjoy.

The French Government sent to the Philadelphia Exposition, Commissioners to examine our whole system of education. They spent more than a year in their work, and made an elaborate report to their Government. It is every where full of interest, and we cannot do better than quote a paragraph from that report bearing upon the importance of our High schools. It can at least do us no harm to "see ourselves as others see us." They say :

No part of the American school system is more essentially national than are the high schools, no part of the system presents features that are more original, or, in some respects, further removed from European ideas, no part of the system is worthy of more profound study.

Peruse the course of study in these high schools; think of those children of workmen and work-women passing four or five years in adorning, strengthening and cultivating their minds by studies that everywhere else are reserved for the well-to-do classes, and tell us if these institutions do not bear the very seal and impress of American civilization. Need one be astonished, then, at the frank pride with which the American citizen speaks of these schools? Has he not a right to be proud when, by sure documentary evidence, he shows us the son and daughter of the humble startisan so mentally elevated that between them and the privileged of fortune no difference of culture, no trace of intellectual inferiority, is to be discovered? If it is glorious to see society freely giving to the poor the benefit of a public school education, is it not a still more extraordinary spectacle to behold a nation that deems it would be wronging its humblest citizens were their children denied *any* opportunity for the full and free expansion of their minds? Here is a country where there are hundreds of high schools, public and gratuitous, and on the same footing as the most primary establishments. They are of one body with the common

schools, administered by the same authorities, supported by the same funds, and intended for the same population; and yet, instead of being limited to the strictly necessary, to the minimum of knowledge required to take children out of the official category of the illiterate, these upper public schools are established on the basis of what may be called the higher national instruction. They are not professional schools, nor are they bastard imitations of the classical college, nor yet low grade universities—they are in the fullest sense popular schools, schools intended to give the people the best, purest and loftiest results of liberal education. They open up no special pursuit—they lead to all pursuits without exception and without distinction. They do not make an engineer, an architect, or a physician any more than they make an artisan or a merchant, but they form bright, intelligent youths trained to studies of every kind, apt to select for themselves among the various professions, and skilled to succeed therein. One graduate will enter the university, another go into business; there will be differences of occupation among them, but there will be no inequality of education.

So far as social equality can possibly be reached on this earth, it is attained by the American high school. In other countries it is to be feared that the children of different classes of society, though brought together for a while in the public school, must soon find themselves separated by the whole distance between their respective families; indeed it must be so, since one child enters on his apprenticeship and thus stops short in his intellectual development at the very time when the other is just beginning his. In the United States every effort is made to delay and to diminish this separation, to carry as far as possible, and as high as possible, that common instruction which effaces the distinction of rich and poor.

If it be true that the prosperity of a republic is in the direct ratio of the replenishment of its middle classes, of the abundance and facility in the indefinite recruiting of these classes, then the high school of the United States, whatever it may cost, is the best investment of national capital that can possibly be made.

With this thorough analysis of the spirit and genius of our High schools which we wish could be read at the fireside of every family in the land, we leave the whole subject of our schools to your careful consideration, trusting that you will give to it that thought and attention which its importance demands. And what subject of greater importance can demand your attention. Our public schools are the nurseries which are to mould the future of our country. They are paramount to every other consideration, the supreme interest of the town, the city and the state. Humbolt says: "Governments, religion, property, books are nothing but the scaffolding to educate a man. Faith holds up to her master no fruit but the finished man. Education is the only interest worthy the deep controlling anxiety of the thoughtful man."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. ROUNDS.
WILLIAM TODD,
J. H. ROBBINS'

GOVERNMENT
—OF THE—
CITY OF CALAIS,

—FOR THE—
Municipal Year 1878--1879.

MAYOR,
WM. H. BOARDMAN.
Salary, \$150.

• BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Ward 1.	O. B. Heath,	Ward 4.	Edward C. Goodnow,
" 2.	Alex. Milligan,	" 5.	M. N. McKusick,
" 3.	John. G. Murchie,	" 6.	Francis H. Hill,
Ward 7. Charles H. Newton.			

SAMUEL LAMBE, CITY CLERK.
Salary \$50.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.—M. N. McKusick, E. C. Goodnow, F. H. Hill.

FINANCE.—O. B. Heath, C. H. Newton, J. G. Murchie.

HIGHWAYS.—C. H. Newton, Alex. Milligan, M. N. McKusick.

LAYING OUT STREETS.—J. G. Murchie, E. C. Goodnow, Alex. Milligan.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—Alex. Milligan, F. H. Hill, J. G. Murchie.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—F. H. Hill, J. G. Murchie, O. B. Heath.

BURIAL GROUNDS.—E. C. Goodnow, Alex. Milligan, F. H. Hill.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES.—C. H. Newton, M. N. McKusick, O. B. Heath.

PRINTING.—M. N. McKusick, J. G. Murchie, Alex. Milligan.

ENGROSSING.—O. B. Heath, M. N. McKusick, C. H. Newton.

ON POOR AND INSANE.—W. H. Boardman, E. C. Goodnow, O. B. Heath.



CITY OFFICERS.

JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT,
EDGAR WHIDDEN.

Salary, Fees.

SAMUEL LAMBE, RECORDER.

CITY MARSHAL.—George R. Tarbox. Salary \$50.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—Charles B. Rounds, William Todd, James H. Robbins.

CITY SOLICITOR.—George A. Curran.

CITY TREASURER.—William Deming.

CITY PHYSICIAN.—E. H. Vose.

OVERSEER OF POOR.—Francis Williams.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.—Wm. B. Taylor.

SECOND “ “ “ “ Andrew Barclay.

ASSESSORS.—Samuel Lambe, James Lamb, Silas Waldron.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND ROAD COMMISSIONER.—Wm. J. Fleming.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.—E. H. Vose, Alfred Towers, P. M. Pirrington, Samuel Lawrence.

HARBOR MASTERS.—Levi L. Lowell, George G. King, A. H. Sawyer, George H. Boardman, Benj. Hutchins, James W. Cook, William Coleman.



