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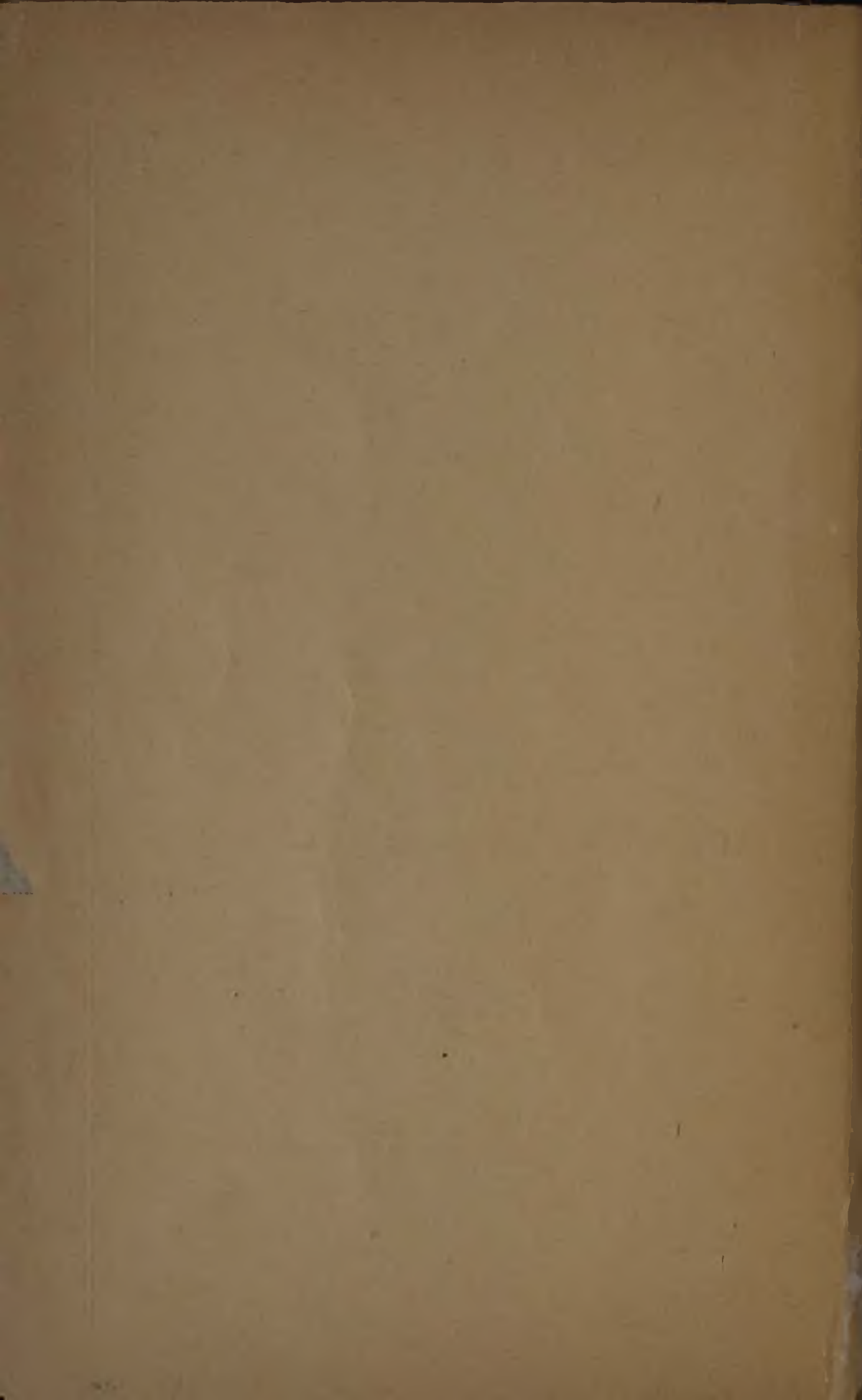


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CITY OF CALAIS.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 11, 1892.

ORDERED,—That the Committee on Printing be, and are hereby instructed to procure the printing of three hundred copies of the Mayor's Address and Annual Reports to 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 Attest:

STEPHEN D. MORRELL,

City Clerk.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

Having been elected by our fellow Citizens, for the ensuing year, I trust that we may all work together for the best interests of our city.

It is with no little embarrassment that I accept the honorable position of Mayor, coming as I do after so many able administrations of the past, and I hope that I may have the hearty co-operation of the Council, as well as all the City Officers.

The finances of the City are in good condition. The bonded debt is as follows:

Loan of 1881.	\$2000 00
“ 1883.	7000 00
“ 1890.	9000 00
Refunded. 1891.	101,900 00
	<hr/> \$119,000 00

All bearing 4 per cent interest.

TOTAL CITY DEBT.

Bonded debt,	\$119,000 00
Agnew trust fund,	100 00
Notes Payable,	10,000 00
Park debt,	5,000 00
Due Treasurer,	155 18
	<hr/> \$134,255 17

Of the City debt there matures this year \$3,500, viz., Loan 1881 \$1,500 00, loan 1883, \$1,000, park debt 1,000.

RESOURCES.

St Croix & P R. R. mortgage,	\$88,000 00
Uncollected taxes 1891,	9,518 41
Tax Deeds,	995 66
Bills Receivable,	792 29
Net. City debt,	34,948 81
	<hr/> \$134,255 17

CITY PROPERTY

City Building,	\$1488 00
Steam fire-engine,	1000 00
Hose & Apparatus,	2,000 00
Hook and Ladder truck and outfit,	550 00
One Hand-engine, "Washington",	300 00
Church street lot,	1293 00
Upper Mills Gravel lot,	200 00
Charlotte Road Gravel lot,	200 00
Brick engine House,	3500 00
Lot near J. C. Rockwood's,	500 00
Lock-up, land & store house,	800 00
Poor House, Pest House &c,	7000 00
Road Machine,	300 00
Stone-crusher, boiler and engine,	1,500 00
Steam drill and fittings,	300 00
Fourteen School houses,	30,000 00
School books,	1500 00
Park property,	5000 00
New engine-house lot Milltown,	250 00
Gravel on hand,	100 00
Horses, Wagons and Harnesses,	1000 00

\$62,081 00

It will be noticed that I have transferred from the "RESOURCES," of 1891 to "CITY PROPERTY," the following items. "Church Street Land" "Upper Mills Gravel lot," and "City Building.

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS.

About one and three quarters mile of crushed-rock road has been built the past year, the sidewalks from City Hall to South Milltown Street have been concreted; in addition to this, the usual amount of work has been done on our roads.

The crushed-rock road and concrete sidewalks, give general satisfaction to our citizens, and I would recommend that the same kind of road and sidewalk be extended this year, where in your judgement it would be most needed. We have plans for a complete system of Sewerage, made by a competent Engineer, and I trust that provisions may be made for localities where sewers have been so long needed.

SCHOOLS,

The School Committee, have been earnest in their efforts to manage this department as economically as is consistent with good results, and I refer you to their reports for full information as to their condition, and needs of the Schools.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

We are fortunate in having for our Hose Companies, young and active men, whose promptness and energy, have evoked much favorable comment, and I refer you to the report of the Chief Engineer, as to the condition and needs of the department.

POOR AND INSANE.

This department has been managed with his usual ability by the overseer of the poor, whose report will give you all needed information on the subject.

POLICE.

No City can claim a better enforcement of law and good order than we have enjoyed, and I trust the Police will have the hearty endorsement of all right-minded Citizens.

HEALTH.

On this important subject, I refer you to the report of the Health Committee, who have attended to their duty the past year in a very satisfactory manner, and I trust their suggestions will have the careful consideration of the Council.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

During the past year the City Government appointed a Board of Trustees to take charge of all money received from different people for a Public Library, and also gave them authority to proceed with the erection of a building, and I trust that we shall see the same completed this year.

CHASE POOR FUND.

The income of this fund has been the means of helping many worthy Citizens, and I refer you to the Treasurer's report for a statement of its receipts and expenditures.

APPROPRIATIONS.

I recommend the following appropriations.

Free High School,	\$1000 00
Schools,	5000 00
Highways, sidewalks and Sewers,	7500 00
Salaries,	2800 00
Poor and Insane,	4500 00
Interest,	1400 00
Cemetery,	600 00
" Red Beach,	50 00
Lighting Streets,	1364 00
Contingent Expenses,	1500 00
Fire Department,	2000 00
Abatement of Taxes,	1000 00
Discount,	900 00

City Team,	1200 00
Water works,	3200 00
Health,	200 00
Free Text Books,	500 00
Police and Watch,	2200 00
Total,	<u>\$36,914 00</u>

CONCLUSION

We are expected to guard well the property and funds entrusted to our keeping, and to reduce taxation in every possible way consistent with good government, and at the same time to maintain the efficiency of every department.

Let the people and their representatives work together for the best interests of our City, without regard to party, or ward lines, and the prosperity which the community has enjoyed in the past will be continued.

GEO. A. MURCHIE.

Mayor.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	\$6000 00
From State Free High School,	250 00
“ “ Mill tax,	6034 98
	<u>\$12,284 98</u>
Orders drawn,	\$12,258 37
Undrawn to Contingent,	26 61
	<u>\$12,284 98</u>

POOR AND INSANE.

Appropriation,	4500 00
From Wm. Trimble,	856 50
	<u>\$5356 50</u>
Orders drawn,	5224 59
Undrawn to contingent,	131 46
	<u>\$5356 05</u>

MAYOR'S REPORT.

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SALARIES.

Appropriation,	\$2600 00
Undrawn to contingent,	160 00

 \$2760 00

Orders drawn,	2760 00
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NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Appropriation,	\$2100 00
Overdrawn to contingent,	79 20

 \$2179 20

Orders drawn,	2179 20
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CEMETERY.

Appropriation,	\$600 00
Orders drawn,	600 00

LIGHTING STREETS.

Appropriation,	\$1364 00
Orders drawn,	1364 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Appropriation,	800 00
Overdrawn to contingent,	133 93

 \$933 93

Orders drawn,	933 93
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CITY TEAM.

Appropriation,	1200 00
Orders drawn,	1125 46
Undrawn to contingent,	74 54

 \$1200 00

ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

Appropriation,	1000 00
Overdrawn to contingent,	183 27

 \$1183 27

Orders drawn,	1183 27
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WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation,	3200 00
Orders drawn,	3200 00

HEALTH.

Appropriation,	200 00
Orders drawn,	200 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$1800 00
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Overdrawn to contingent,	494 94
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Orders drawn,	\$2294 94
	2294 94
RED BEACH CEMETERY.	
Appropriation,	50 00
Orders drawn,	50 00
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SEWERS.	
Appropriation,	\$7000 00
G. W. Lord, sewer,	10 00
Jas. Nichols, "	10 00
W. H. Young, "	10 00
Calais Nat. Bank, sidewalk,	22 93
John White, sewer,	40 00
S. W. Cosseboom, sewer,	10 00
Chas. Blanchard, "	10 00
Chas. Waite, "	10 00
S. C. & P. R. R., gravel,	3 60
S. S. Pineo, crossing,	1 50
Frank Nelson, "	1 00
Geo. A. Murchie, "	1 00
Henry Eaton, "	1 00
W. H. Pike, "	1 00
H. C. Grant, sewer,	10 00
Alex. Milligan, " pipe,	4 00
Overdrawn to contingent,	258 36
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Orders drawn to contingent,	7404 39
	\$7404 39
INTEREST.	
Appropriation,	\$1200 00
W. B. Foster,	346 53
Tax Deeds,	7 79
Maverick Bank, 60 per cent., on \$40 00,	24 00
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	\$1578 32
Orders drawn,	\$1520 94
Undrawn to Contingent,	57 38
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	\$1578 32
FREE TEXT BOOKS.	
Appropriation,	\$500 00
Overdrawn to Contingent,	83
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	\$500 83
Orders drawn,	500 83

CONTINGENT.

Appropriation,	1500 00
Balance,	2407 36
Overlayings,	1175 27
Railroad and Tel. tax,	1371 10
George Grafton, rent,	24 00
W. J. Fowler, license,	12 00
H. C. Grant, "	30 00
Circus, "	10 00
J. V. Watson, "	9 00
Morris Crone, "	6 00
Murchie & Sons, license,	5 00
Rounds & Hanson, "	5 00
Return premium Pike House,	8 00
McClintock & Woodfall,	4 95
C. H. Eaton license,	5 00
C. H. Lichfield, "	2 00
James Ryer, "	4 00
W. J. Fowler,	225 00
Supplementary tax,	801 38
Sundry undrawn accounts,	289 97
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	\$7895 00
Orders drawn,	5543 45
Sundry undrawn accounts,	1310 33
Undrawn balance,	1041 10
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	\$7895 03

Orders to the amount of \$2354.15 have been paid out of the above fund and represents the expense of refunding \$101,000.00 of our bonded debt at 4 per cent. which fell due Dec. 1st, 1892.

This amount is due from and will be paid to the city by the St. C. & P. Railroad.

C. A. McCULLOUGH, Mayor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. G. Downes, City Treasurer in account with the City of Calais
for the financial year ending March 31st, 1892.

DEBIT.

To balance,	\$4060 47
Sundry licenses,	88 00
Rent, Pike's House,	24 00
Return premium Ins. Pike house,	8 00
McClintock & Woodfall,	4 95
W. J. Fowler,	225 00
Roads, sundry credits,	146 03
Poor fund, sundry credits,	856 05
State of Maine, "state aid" (repaid),	564 00
Interest received,	378 32
State of Maine Free High School,	250 00
" " Schools,	6034 98
" " Tel. & R. R. Tax,	1371 10
Tax 1890 Balance,	6114 30
Tax 1891 Part,	38,146 94
" Deeds, redeemed,	57 73
Notes Calais Nat. Bank,	1000 00
Temporary loan,	10,000 00
Bonds issued,	101,000 00
Bills receivable,	125 00
Cash due Treasurer,	155 17
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	\$170,610 04

CREDIT.

By paid State aid,	\$564 00
County Tax, 1891,	3464 61
State " "	6610 09
Orders on Police fund,	2179 20
" " Water, "	3200 00
" " Health, "	200 00
" " Fire. "	2294 94
" " Contingent,	5543 40
" " Discount on taxes,	993 93
" " Abatements,	1183 27

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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" " Highways,	7404 39
" " Poor,	5224 59
" " Schools,	12258 37
" " Interest,	1520 94
" " Salaries,	2760 00
" " City Team,	1125 48
" " Lighting Sts ,	1364 00
" " Cemetery,	600 00
" " Red Beach cemetery,	50 00
" " Free Text Books,	500 00
Notes paid,	10,500 00
Bonds, "	5500 00
" " R. R. Loan,	95,500 00
Bills receivable,	128 00
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	\$170,610 04

RESOURCES.

St. Croix & Penobscot R. R. mortgage,	88,000 00
Bills receivable,	792 29
Tax Deeds,	995 66
Uncollected taxes 1891,	9518 41
Balance,	34,948 81
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	\$134,255 17

LIABILITIES.

Bonds refunded, 1891, 4 per cent.,	\$101,000 00
" " 1881 4 per cent.,	2000 00
" " 1883 " " "	7000 00
" " 1890 " " "	9000 00
Notes payable temporary loan,	10,000 00
Archibald Agnew trust fund,	100 00
Park debt,	5000 00
Due City Treasurer,	155 17
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	\$134,255 17

CHASE POOR FUND.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Calais.

GENTLEMEN :

The fund now amounts to \$57,135 86
all of which is invested.

During the past year there has been paid in 147 93
on the principal of certain investments which has
been invested in a note of the St. Croix Shoe Co.

The expenses and taxes for the year amount to. 909 93
Mrs. Henderson's legacy as provided by will, 35 00

The income from investments amount to, 2525 40

There has been distributed to beneficiaries during the year. 1509 42
which added to 9532 35

heretofore distributed makes an aggregate for the six
years of, 11041 77

Below is an itemized statement of the investments
of the fund. Also of the receipts and expendi-
tures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1892.

ASSETS OF THE CHASE POOR FUND.

Notes, St. Croix Shoe Co., 5 per cent,	\$11,970 97
“ Gorham P. Flood mtg.,	400 00
Milltown N. B. bond, 5 per cent.	500 00
Calais N. Bank 65 shares,	4800 00
New Brunswick and Canada, R. R. 61 shares,	2000 00
Chicago Burlington & Quincy 71 shares,	9624 89
European & North American R. R. 100 shares,	11,395 00
Casco Nat. Bank, Portland 60 shares,	9120 00
First Nat. Bank Portland 3 shares,	441 00
American Nat. Bank 48 shares,	5634 00
Portland & Rochester R. R. 10 shares,	1250 00
	\$57,135 86

INCOME.

St. Croix Shoe Co., Int.,	\$593 46
Gorham P. Flood, “	27 10
Town of Milltown coupons,	25 00
Calais Nat. Bank dividends,	325 00

CHASE POOR FUND.		13
N. B. & C. R. R.,	"	119 74
C. B. & Q. " "	"	319 50
E. & N. A. R. R.	"	500 00
Casco Nat. Bank.	"	480 00
First N. Bank Portland	"	18 00
American Nat. Bank.	"	57 60
P. & Rochester R. R.	"	60 00
C. B. & Q. P. R. Rights,		47 93
Gorham P. Flood note (paid)		100 00
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		\$2673 33

EXPENDED.		
Beneficiaries,		1509 42
Taxes,		803 93
Safety Box Rent,		6 00
St. Croix Shoe Co., Investment.		147 93
Accountant,		100 00
Balance,		106 05
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		\$2673 33

L. G. DOWNES,
Accountant.

Calais, March 31, 1892.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To his honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen.—Gentlemen :

In compliance with the law, we present our annual report.

In this report we assume as a fact that our schools are in excellent condition and growing better each year. We should not hesitate to have them compared with the schools of any other city or town of the same size in our State. Certainly we have difficulties and discouragements, but we are making persistent efforts to overcome them.

We have a corps of excellent teachers, as a whole we doubt if a more ambitious, pains-taking company can be found. They are eager to improve and avail themselves of all useful suggestions. They study the school publications of the best methods of teaching. It is a pleasure to notice this steady improvement.

The days of simple lesson hearing are past. Pupils are not required to fill their minds with a mass of crude facts, nor overload the memory with misunderstood material. Something better has taken the place of this, and the end is not yet.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

We take an honest pride in this school. Good as it was it grows better year by year. A large class graduated in June. They had completed the full course of study in a most satisfactory manner. Quite a number of these entered college in the fall, and are giving good proof that their course of preparation had been thorough and complete. Mr Webber after five most successful years of service resigned at the close of the Summer term. We were indeed sorry to lose him for we were greatly indebted to him for the efficient condition into which the school had been brought. His scholars will long remember with gratitude the good work he did for them. Mr. F. W. Johnson, a graduate of Colby University, was secured to take his place. His testimonials were of the best, and we soon found that we had made choice of the right man for the place. Under his wise and judicious management efficiently aided by his excellent assistants, the school work has gone steadily forward. The greatest difficulty before us now is lack of room. The standard of admission was raised two years ago, so that it is higher than in any school we know of in the State, and still the size of the class is steadily increasing. We hope to secure the enlargement of the building, so as to give ample accommodations for all who wish to avail themselves of the advantages here offered.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The number of scholars in these grades is constantly increasing, and better methods of teaching show better results. The course of study has not been materially changed, but better text books are having their effect, specially is this noticeable in language study. The same judicious principals are in charge. Miss Abbie Smith, who had taught the B class in the Church street school for three years resigned in the summer. She was a valued teacher, and we disliked to lose her. Miss Minnie Tait was selected for this vacancy. She is an inspiring teacher, and is doing excellent work. The church street building is crowded now, and a larger number of scholars will be ready for it this fall. We see no way of getting along without an enlargement. The B. and C. classes are crowded into rooms too small for comfort, efficiency or health. An extension can be put on the south end of the building which will give us two good rooms. This will be the simplest and least expensive way out of the difficulty. We shall thus have one spare room for future needs.

THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Of these there are six. They fill a most important place in our system. Here text books come into use as not before. This makes

a special reason for employing the best of teachers. If wise methods are pursued the child will take hold of this work with zest and satisfaction. If otherwise, study soon becomes a drudgery, and all pleasure and profit is gone from school work. Better days have come and still better are on the way. We hail the improved methods. Only one change has been made among the teachers of this grade. Miss Blanchard resigned in the summer. She had been a faithful teacher, and we did not want to part with her. Miss Neva L. Hanson was promoted to this room, and already gives promise of marked usefulness as a teacher.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We have more scholars in this grade than any other. During the Fall and Spring terms these schools are all more than full. In the winter terms the youngest, and those who are not strong are kept at home. Some persons think that any one can teach a primary school. It is a mistake. It has been well said, that "The teacher of this grade, more than any other, must be a person of resources and originality. The youthful minds entrusted to her care, need constantly to be awakened, and kept alive, for children rarely possess the power of attention and patient investigation of older pupils. To do this work no novice should be placed in the school room to train children at the most important period of their lives. Some of our teachers in this grade have had long experience, and all of them have been teaching for two years or more. They are doing very satisfactory work.

School Buildings. In the modern sense of the term we have no first-class school buildings. We are sorry that this is so. We hope the time is not distant, when the city will begin to replace the present buildings with better ones. They should be located on dry grounds, and should be constructed on approved and scientific principles. Special regard should be had to the arrangements for heating, lighting and ventilating after the best approved modern theories. The most careful attention should be given to secure as perfect sanitation as possible. Human life is not a thing to be trifled with, nor is the health of our children to be neglected. We do need better buildings in better locations. They will cost money, but in no way can money, be more wisely expended. May the time soon come when our fair city will be adorned with healthful, tasteful, convenient school houses! Until that time comes we must use what we have, and do what we can to keep them in the best possible condition, so as not to endanger the lives of any of our children. It has been the constant aim and effort of your committee to do this. We feel our responsibility and have not shirked any duty. It is not an easy task and involves more thought and care than many think. But we mean that it shall be thoroughly done as we

are sure it has been. Extravagant, misleading and utterly untrue statements have been made about the Sand Bank house. It is easy for some people to draw on their imagination for facts and jump at very wild conclusions. The building is old, but it stands on dry ground, and takes in all the sunlight there is. The rooms are not unpleasant or uncomfortable; the building has not a window but that is freely used, and there is nothing about it, or around it, or beneath it to breed disease or endanger life. If any child has taken diphtheria there it has been from contact with others as has been the case in other school houses, hence is not to be charged to the school house. The building and its surroundings have been carefully examined by competent authorities and pronounced entirely safe. The school building about which we are most concerned is the one on South Milltown St. It seems to us like a strange lack of good judgement that located a school house there. The grounds are low and wet. The cellar has always had water in it at this season of the year. The drain is useless hence the water becomes stagnant before it soaks away. It has been growing worse from year to year, until now it is dangerous. It must be drained before it is fit to use, and that part of the work does not belong to your committee. We are confident that you will see the necessity of attending to this matter at once. We also ask that the Munroe St. school grounds be thoroughly drained. The necessity of this need not be argued, as some of you are well aware of it.

The usual amount of repairing has been done, including new floors in three rooms in the Church street Grammar building, and one at Cottleville. The carpenter assures us that some shingling will have to be done this season. It is not easy to make estimates on repairs. When we begin we generally find more is needed than we expect.

We are gratified with the working of the Free Text Book Law. The good results are not easily estimated. It was the last thing needed to make our public schools free in fact as well as name. The low price at which the books are bought makes a great saving to the people. As a rule the scholars are careful in the use of the books. The careless ones have to pay for their recklessness.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The committee will certainly need as much money, as we had last year for our regular expenses. We need a special appropriation for the enlargement of the Grammar School building. We therefore ask for the following appropriations. For Common schools \$5,000. For High School \$1,000. For Free Text Books, 500. For extension of Grammar building and furnishing, \$1400.

The Financial Statement is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

City appropriation for Common Schools,	\$5,000 00
High School	1,000 00
Free Text Books,	500 00
State appropriation for Common Schools,	6,034 98
High School,	250 00
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Amount,	\$12,784 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries of Teachers,	\$9,250 00
Janitors,	500 00
Fuel,	820 60
Insurance,	106 45
Repairs,	500 00
Books,	700 00
Cleaning,	200 00
Census,	35 00
Miscellaneous,	642 82
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Amount,	\$12,758 87
Undrawn,	26 11

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. PADELFORD, } School Committee
J. S. CLARK, } and
GEORGE R. GARDNER. } School Agents.

Calais. April 14, 1892.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen :—

I herewith submit the annual report of the expenditures for maintenance of the Fire Department, for the past year. And a statement of the work done, condition of the property belonging to this department, and some recommendations as to the needs for the coming year.

During the year we have responded to 52 alarms. St. Croix Hose Co., and the Ladder Truck to 39, thirteen of which required the use of hydrant streams, 16 were small fires at which assistance was given by the department, and 12 were false alarms. The Eagle Hose Co., responded to 6 actual fires, and 7 false alarms. The origin of these as far as could be ascertained, were chimney fires

4; Roof fires from sparks 4; Defective chimneys 4; Incendiary 12; Unknown 11. The total loss was \$12,963 40. With an insurance of \$12,263 40 leaving a net loss over the insurance of \$700 00. This estimate of loss is for the city only, the other figures apply to fires in St. Stephen, and Milltown, N. B.

The Church Street house has been repaired, and changed in its arrangement, to accomodate the ladder truck, it has also been painted inside and out, and looks much better. Repairs have also been made to the chimney, and a careful inspection of the bell tower. This is so rotted out, that it will soon be unsafe, and it will have to be repaired or rebuilt soon. The other apparatus in this house is in very good order. 500 feet of Cotton Hose has been placed here, making the supply at this point, better than for some years. The Engine House at Milltown was sold during the year, and a lot of land on which to build a new Hose Station was purchased. This lot is situated on Boardman Street. A short distance from Main, and is well suited for the purpose. The hose at this point is in fair condition as a whole, and 400 feet are almost new. So we will not need more the coming year. A number of small supplies will have to be bought for this Co., as they have run out of them. As a whole the appartus is in good order, and capable of doing good and efficient service. Plans have been prepared and estimates will shortly be ready to lay before you, for the new Hose Station that will have to be erected this year. This house need not be large, but should be well built, with a stone or brick basement, and this basement can be used as a police station, this will give the officers a constant supervision of the whole house and so keep it orderly, and free from loafers. The old house had a very unenviable name as a loafing place, and until such times as a permanent man can be kept in the house I think the supervision of the police will be the only way of keeping it respectable.

If the bell tower at the Church St., House has to be rebuilt I would urgently advise the building of a hose tower, on the side of the building, high enough to dry hose in, without doubling them. The life of Cotton Hose depends largely on the care with which they are dried, and the additional cost of this tower, over a plain bell frame, would soon be saved in the ease and rapidity with which hose could be dried. The bell will also be placed at a greater elevation, and so will carry the sound better, and will also be accessible for examination and repairs.

The horse used for the hose carriage has done good service, but is getting too old for such severe work, and should be replaced with a younger and heavier one. The one used for the truck is not fit for the work, and should also be replaced. The drivers of the above should be made permanent men, and sleep in the house. The present method of having no regular driver for the hose during a large

part of the year, is certain to lead to disaster, and as we have no regular horse to haul the ladders during the day the value of this piece of apparatus is much reduced, and no certainty exists of its getting to any fire without it is sent for. I would especially commend this matter to your consideration. As suggested in every report for a number of years, two small hose houses should be established, one in the lower end of the city, and the other at Union Mills, and a hand cart with a supply of hose placed in each. They will prove of value in many cases, and the cost would be small.

With the increased growth of the city it will be absolutely necessary within a few years to establish a system of electric alarm, and some method of communicating with Milltown by bell or telephone, should be arranged the present year, as valuable time is lost in sending a call for assistance, by team.

The members of the department, have at all times shown themselves to be prompt and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

The following is a list of the expenses for the past year :

Salaries,	\$1,420 00
Gas Co.,	67 00
Insurance,	47 00
G. E. Robinson hauling hose,	8 00
Todd Bros., hardware supplies,	58 38
Chase Barker & Co.,	52 19
Adam Gillespie, .	17 60
G. K. Jones & Co.,	10 51
J. K. Gillespie,	102 40
A. J. Morse & Sons, supplies,	68 70
D. M. Gardner,	9 50
Weston McAllister,	26 88
McDermott & Franks,	48 25
W. J. Acheson,	16 88
Preston Bros.,	9 50
G. E. Elliott,	9 33
J. Morrill,	3 25
E. C. Young,	3 79
E. C. Jackson,	24 00
H. F. Beek,	13 85
H. M. Bates,	11 81
M. Cone,	8 75
Coal & Wood,	56 00
Sundry bills on file,	200 87
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	\$2,294 94
Appropriation,	1,800 00
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Overdraft,	\$494 94

The large overdraft has been caused by the large repairs that it was necessary to make to hose carts, ladder truck and Engine-House. The two collisions early in the year, caused an outlay of \$160 00 on hose cart alone. And the truck has had extensive repairs on it. The actual running expenses have not much exceeded the appropriation, but the repair bill has been very large and as it could not be foreseen, was not included in the annual estimate.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS E. McALLISTER.

Chief Engineer.

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Calais.

GENTLEMEN. :—The following statement of receipts, and expenses for Highways, Bridges, Sidewalks and sewers is herewith submitted.

Appropriation,	\$7000 00
G. W. Lord Avenue Sewer,	10 00
W. H. Young, " "	10 00
Calais National Bank sidewalk,	22 93
John White, sewer,	40 00
J. H. Coseboon, "	10 00
Charles Blanchard, "	10 00
Charles Waite, "	10 00
St. C. & P. R. R., gravel,	3 60
S. S. Pineo, Crossing,	1 50
F. Nelson,	1 00
G. A. Murchie,	1 00
Henry Eaton,	1 00
W. H. Pike,	1 00
H. C. Grant, sewer,	10 00
Alex. Milligan, sewer pipe,	4 00

\$7,136 03

Overdrawn,

258 36

SALARIES.

John Kealey,	\$203 43
James Dooly,	128 11
Patrick Fenity,	184 80
Andrew Marrs,	192 23

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Alexander Johnson,	143 71
Charles Ash,	157 23
Michael Tumey,	4 00
John McPherson,	174 41
Patrick Myres,	208 99
John Myres,	154 00
Alexander McKenzey,	32 46
James Myres,	97 33
Joseph Kelley,	21 01
Everet Gliddin,	39 75
James McKeeman,	137 17
Henry McLlain,	280 21
Joseph Doyle,	243 36
Christine Fox,	204 33
Charles Hillts,	65 00
George Glew,	258 50
Richard Lee,	131 97
Jacob Lee,	114 37
John Murchie,	126 75
John Woods,	12 00
Mose Craig,	2 00
Frank Averill,	12 00
Thomas Higgins,	8 00
Raymond Dodge,	79 07
Stephen Keaf,	73 42
John Sherman,	1 87
John H. Spinney,	84 96
William Glidden,	10 32
William Ferguson,	54 98
H. Wilkings,	7 82
Stephen Starr,	56 75
James Fleming,	25 00
John Fleming,	43 00
A. P. Gove,	2 50
M. Gove,	1 25
James Curne,	66 75
John Fleming Jr.,	28 43
John Gower,	19 00
Towers Brothers,	16 50
Labor and material for roads at Red Beach as per bills on file.	329 89

BLACKSMITH WORK.

J. K. Gillespie,	23 30
James Robinson,	77 66
H. I. Herald,	15 25
H. F. Beak,	8 10

Tewell and Fenlason,	12 72
HARDWARE.	
Todd Brothers,	216 71
Chase Barker and Co., hardware and sewer pipe.	369 81
C. N. Vroom, " " " "	156 99
LUMBER.	
H. F. Eaton and Son,	296 29
Jas. Murchie and Sons,	180 51
CRUSHER.	
McCullough and Tait,	40 76
Robinson Bros. and Co.,	20 50
Geo. E. Elliott,	15 50
Deming & Sons,	61 82
ROCKS.	
J. M. Hill,	80 15
F. E. Hill,	12 50
James McNamara,	5 00
F. T. Waite,	27 05
B. Young,	8 50
John McCaw,	19 00
Edward Phalen,	5 70
G. D. Campbell,	1 60
Ameziah Glidden,	2 40
Wm. N. Gower,	10 00
H. W. Thomas,	14 15
W. A. Murchie,	38 85
J. P. Osgood,	6 00
Isaac Edgerly,	2 40
C. E. Frost,	5 00
GRAVEL.	
S. T. Pineo,	265 95
C. W. Barnard,	9 00
WEIGH BILLS.	
J. S. Clark,	2 60
Boardman Bros.,	3 05
Calais Water Company,	77 77
Sewers have been built as follows :	
72 feet 24 inch pipe on Main street,	
260 " 15 " " on Tyler "	
75 " wood on " "	
85 " " Planing Mill "	
524 " 10 inch at Milltown "	
400 " wood " "	

There has been MacAdamized roadbuilt as follows:

174 rods on Main Street,
 271 " " North Milltown street,
 950 feet rock walk North Milltown street, and 1977 square
 yards concrete walk averaging seven feet wide.

There has been ten thousand tons of crushed rock used on the
 streets about 600 tons of gravel on streets and sidewalk in Mill-
 town, Garfield street, 83 tons Red Beach roads 300 tons.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. ESTY.

Street Commissioner.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN: There has been paid as per bills on file in the May-
 ors Office for support of Poor and Insane in detail as follows:

Paid for Almshouse as per vouchers on file,	\$1,641 44
Outside poor that have settlement in our City,	
Eugene Finton	65 00
Eliza Turple and family,	80 63
Mrs. Gilbert Drugan,	43 32
Alver Hillyard and family,	14 50
James Dooly,	22 25
Fred Jameson and family,	10 00
John Pinkerton,	18 00
Geo. Mylin. and family,	19 85
Diptheria Burials,	9 25
David Logan and wife,	35 96
Abbie Knight and family,	11 38
Mrs. H. Hayman,	1 95
Debro Loudon and mother,	5 43
Nathaniel Wakefield,	23 50
James A. Moore and daughter,	55 00
Henry Garnet and family,	10 20
Charles Garnet and family,	20 25
Geo. Tucker and wife,	27 14
Otis Greenlaw and family,	11 17
Frank Courtney and family,	9 00
Mrs. Edward Kelly,	6 03
Frank Williams and family,	15 00
Paid Town of Princeton for support of Samuel Perkins	

family,	6 20
Town of Eastport for support of Mary Anthony,	38 83
Outside poor that have no settlement in our City.	
Thomas C. Hill and family,	5 03
Geo. Dow and family,	27 65
Phillip Corr family,	68 00
Maily Pulk,	34 00
William Davis,	1 75
Charles Greenlaw and family,	62 02
Elizabeth Gibson and family,	19 00
Charles Russell,	38 00
James Matthews,	3 25
Lotta Brown and family,	5 84
Charles Chambers and family,	10 00
Robert Downs family,	4 85
Frederick Johnson and son,	9 00
Miscellaneous,	12 99
Amount furnished sundry persons and secured by note and mortgage,	128 00
Paid for Physicians Salary,	200 00
Overseers Salary,	250 00

MAINE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Precilla Greenlaw,	30 75
Mary A. Whalen,	29 25
Magrett Forbes,	35 25
Ada Frost,	19 50

INSANE HOSPITAL.

Mary McAvoy,	137 54
Mathew Woods,	15 74
Albert R. Whidden,	129 88
Margrett Driscoll,	138 32
Samuel Perkins,	147 70
Augustus Greenlaw,	155 14
Mary Gallagher,	143 61
Ellan McAlpine,	144 27
James McMeekin,	136 26
James Murphy,	96 38
Frank Butler,	181 71
Orders Drawn,	5,224 59
Appropriation,	4,500 00
Amount collected from sundry persons and turned over to City Treasury,	728 05
Undrawn Balance,	3 46
Amount secured by mortgage,	128 00

We have raised on poor farm as follows: three hundred bushels of potatoes, fourteen bushels of beans, sixty bushels turnips, and

many other vegetables for use of the house together with about eighteen hundred and twenty-nine pounds of pork.

Whole number in Almshouse April 1st 1892,	23
Admitted during the year,	7
Died,	4
Discharged,	9
Present number in Almshouse April 1st 1892,	17
Average,	21

WILLIAM TRIMBLE,
Overseer of the Poor.

Calais, April 1st, 1892.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Health herewith submits its annual report.

Several conferences have been had for the consideration of sanitary interests both local and general.

The labor performed has been in excess of previous years, for while there has been a deminution in the number of cases of contagious diseases, they have prevailed in a much larger degree in remote parts of the city. Red Beach has required the most exacting attention by reason of the malignancy of the outbreak in that suburban part the city. Milltown, too, has made larger demands upon the Board than in previous years.

DIPHTHERIA.

The whole number of cases reported, fifty-five, twelve of which were fatal. This was distributed through thirty-five families. The primary and continued causes for this disease has been found to be due to contagious rather than local. At Red Beach it was traceable to visitors from places where the disease existed, and who were indifferent in the proper disinfection of their persons and clothing. In the central part of the city an outbreak was traceable to a person from not only an infected district but who had assisted in the care of a patients and in the "laying out" of body after death, who came here to visit friends with the identical clothing worn in the infected room, with the fearful results of communicating the disease to three of the family two of whom died. Extraordinary efforts have been made to investigate every doubtful

case in tracing to some tangible cause resulting in contagion, rather than in unsanitary conditions of either public or private buildings.

A lady while in attendance upon the evening service in one of our churches was seized with a sore throat. Going to her home, her physician was summoned who pronounced it a malignant form of diphtheria. She died. Could it be supposed that the church was responsible for this case? Investigation disclosed the fact that a few days previously she had visited a family where the disease existed, and that her attack was due to contagion and not the church from which she went with the disease in its primal stage upon her. But this report is not intended to discuss questions in dispute, nor to reconcile differences of opinion. The duties of the Board are imposing and the desire is that they be discharged in the interests of the public, even at the expense of individual hardships.

SCARLET RASH.

Of this disease there has been forty-five cases reported, with one death. Presumably there may have been a larger number of cases but the disease having been of so mild, though susceptible a type, that parents have been deceived by there being but little of the eruption and no physician being called they have not been reported, not being accompanied by the usual disingnishing symptoms, parents have been misled and have "carried them through" themselves, without medical aid.

It should be borne in mind, however, by all that it is a contagious disease, and any person in whose house it may reasonably be supposed to exist is responsible under the law for neglecting to report, however mild it may be.

Physicians are careful and prompt in reporting, but where they are not summoned the householder is responsible, who is criminally culpable in neglecting to report.

For unsanitary conditions two old dwellings have been closed.

Fewer complaints have been made than in previous years, but such as have been made, have received prompt attention, and have been amicably adjusted.

One well, the water of which gave supply to several families for potable and culinary purposes, situated at the corner of Union and Turner streets, proving by a thorough chemical analysis to be polluted has been closed and the city supply introduced in some of the dwellings which had been supplied from this well.

RECOMMENDED.

A "dumping ground" where the debris, refuse matters, garbage &c., may be cremated, is very much needed, in fact a necessity which should not be deferred.

That sewers be provided in the cross streets from Main to Wash-

ington, and the old rotten wood sewers wherever existing, removed, and a better provision made. Special attention is directed to this as much sickness may be averted thereby. The offensive and foetid odors emitted from the "Man traps" are nauseating and prejudicial to the public health, extremely offensive to passers by, in fact would not be tolerated on individual premises, and there is no reason why it should be from the city. There can be no better season for engaging in and removing these old sewer nuisances than the present, as longer delay may so imperil the health of the community as to be a cause for indictment, and adoption of more stringent measures for correcting the evil.

Unusual attention has been given the schools during the year, and whilst contagious diseases could not be traced to them as a source of contagion, it has been deemed expedient to fumigate and otherwise apply disinfecting means rather as a preventive than germicidal necessity.

In concluding this report the Board desires to give expression of thanks for the courtesies and suggestions, from the Mayor, and the support he has at all times given, and those of our citizens, who have aided in the carrying out plans for sanitary improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. SEYMOUR,

Secretary.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen:—

Gentlemen:—In conformity with past custom I hereby present a report for the year just past, showing the amount of sickness among the poor of the City, its character and mortality. The only infectious diseases with which I have had to contend were la grippe and diphtheria. Of the latter disease only a single case occurred, of the former malady, about every inmate of the Almshouse have suffered from it, one case resulting fatally. I was fortunate in escaping much diphtheria as the conditions surrounding cases of that disease among the very poor are of necessity unfavorable and the rate of mortality large. In all I shall have made during the year about 375 visits furnishing medicines and means of surgical treatment without stint in all cases. Eight deaths occurred, five

of the fatal cases were all old, exceeding seventy years all dying from pneumonia either complicating la grippe, or occurring independently. One infant died of diphtheria. One man aged 46 years died of consumption, while the last case resulting fatally was an old epileptic who had been helpless and imbecile for years. The rate and quality of mortality was entirely satisfactory.

Your obedient servant,

GEO. F. TOWNSEND.

City Physician.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the Hon. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Calais.

GENTLEMEN: The following shows the expense for Police and Night Watch for the Municipal year ending March 31st. 1892.

C. E. Miller City Marshal, salary,	\$400 00
F. A. Townsend Deputy Marshal,	100 00
G. F. Hill, deputy Marshal, at Union Mills,	25 00
Richard Bailey, deputy Marshal, Milltown,	100 00
Irvin Lane, deputy Marshal, Red Beach,	25 00
F. A. Townsend, Night Watch, Calais,	491 10
John Miller, night watch Calais,	491 10
J. E. Collins, night watch, Milltown,	491 10
Sundry bills on file in City Clerks office,	55 90
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	\$2179 20
Appropriation,	2,100 00
Over drawn,	79 20
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	\$2179 20

The over draft this year is owing to additional payment to night watch, upon the petition of citizens after the appropriation had been made.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MILLER,

City Marshal

CITY GOVERNMENT
—OF THE—
CITY OF CALAIS,

—FOR THE—
Municipal Year 1891--1892.

MAYOR,
GEORGE A. MURCHIE.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Ward 1.—Thomas M. Brown. Ward —4.—S. M. McCoy.
“ 2.—Alex. Milligan. “ 5.—J. L. Thompson.
“ 3.—J. Fitzpatrick. “ 6.—E. T. Lee.
Ward 7.—O. S. Tarbox.

PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
ALEXANDER MILLIGAN.

CITY CLERK,
STEPHEN D. MORRELL.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.—James L. Thompson, Ernst T. Lee, Stephen McCoy.

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS, AND SEWERS.—Alex. Milligan, O. S. Tarbox, Stephen McCoy.

FINANCE.—Ernst T. Lee, Stephen McCoy, O. S. Tarbox.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—Ernst T. Lee, S. McCoy, T. M. Brown.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—J. L. Thompson, A. Milligan, O. S. Tarbox.

POOR AND INSANE.—O. S. Tarbox, Alex. Milligan, E. T. Lee.

EXPENSES CITY COUNCIL.—J. Fitzpatrick, S. McCoy, T. M. Brown.

CHASE POOR FUND.—E. T. Lee, O. S. Tarbox, A. Milligan.

CITY TEAM.—J. L. Thompson, Ernst T. Lee, A. Milligan.

ST. C. & P. R. R.—O. S. Tarbox, T. M. Brown, E. T. Lee.

WATERWORKS.—T. M. Brown, E. T. Lee, J. L. Thompson.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES.—T. M. Brown, O. S. Tarbox, J. Fitzpatrick.

LAYING OUT NEW STREETS.—S. McCoy, J. Fitzpatrick, T. M. Brown.

LICENSES.—J. Fitzpatrick, T. M. Brown, E. T. Lee.

PRINTING.—Alex. Milligan, T. M. Brown, S. McCoy.

CEMETERIES.—O. S. Tarbox, T. M. Brown, J. Fitzpatrick.

POLICE.—S. McCoy, O. S. Tarbox, Alex. Milligan

CITY OFFICERS.

CHARLES B. ROUNDS, MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

Wm. J. Fowler, City Solicitor.

A. J. Padelford, J. S. Clark, George R. Gardner, Superintending School Committee and School Agents.

Charles E. Miller—City Marshal.

Calais Deputy Marshal—F. A. Townsend.

Milltown, " —Richard Bailey.

Red Beach " —Irving B. Lane.

L. G. Downes—City Treasurer.

Dr. George F. Townsend—City Physician.

W. E. McAllister—Chief Engineer.

Andrew Barclay—2d Engineer.

Edgar C. Jackson—2d Engineer.

Stephen Gardner,—1st. Assistant.

A. S. McCatherine—2nd Assistant.

W. B. Foster—Tax Collector.

Andrew Esty—Street Commissioner.

William Trimble—Overseer of Poor.

SUBORDINATE OFFICERS.

CONSTABLES.—C. F. Hutchins, Henry S. Young, W. B. Foster, Geo. R. Tarbox, F. A. Townsend, E. S. Lane, Clarence P. Stinson, H. A. Balcom, Atkins Keene, D. J. Collins, Daniel Logan, Geo. F. Hill, Geo. A. Stanhope, Richard Bailey, Wm Trimble, Frank Smith, W. J. Anderson, John H. Spinney, James O'Brien, S. C. Howe, D. Doyle, Samuel Mitchell, Geo. Bullock, Geo. W. Pineo, Fred Dightman, Joseph Bullock, John Miller, W. S. McKay, D. D. Spencer, J. E. Collins, Geo. F. Frost, Isaac Campbell, Ivan Q. Tewell, Walter E. Rich, John Riddle, Wm E. Slayton, Irving Lane, C. E. Miller, Benj. Cawley, H. C. Gillis, Wm Kerr, Thos. J. O'Hara.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.—H. B. Eaton, Geo. A. Stanhope, W. B. Foster, A. Q. Hill, W. H. Foster, J. S. Murchie, Geo. E. Pratt, David Driscoll, Samuel Harmon, James McNutt, John Miller, James Murray, Charles McCoy, O. D. Lambe, W. J. Anderson, John Larnier, Jr., John R. Higgins, W. F. Boardman, Samuel Sharp, H. Q. Boardman, Stephen Munson, John L. Stanhope, Daniel McNutt, G. L. Ripley, Marcellus Walker, Fred H. Hall.

SCALERS OF LOGS.—W. B. Foster, J. S. Murchie, Alex. Milligan, David Driscoll, George E. Pratt, Willard C. Lane, Geo. McDonald, E. S. Townsend, Fred M. Hill, Samuel Sharp, Marcellus Walker.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND BARK.—S. H. Nickerson, W. B. Foster, James A. Dightman, Ashley St. Clair, A. Q. Hill, H. Q. Boardman, F. M. Hill, Chas. Chadwick, Thomas F. Welch.

CULLERS OF HOOPS.—Henry S. Young, Aaron V. Tucker, F. T. Waite, S. H. Nickerson, Edward Somers.

SURVEYORS OF KNEES.—Wm. Hinds, Wellington C. Greenlaw, J. S. Murchie, Charles Walker.

INSPECTOR OF SHINGLES.—J. S. Murchie, H. B. Eaton, L. C. Gardner.

INSPECTOR OF LATHS.—J. S. Murchie, H. B. Eaton.

SEALERS OF LEATHER.—E. C. Wilder, J. H. Halliday.

MEASURERS OF CORN.—E. C. Lane, James Lehan, G. H. Foster, W. H. Foster, Thomas F. Welch, W. F. Boardman, Ralph T. Horton, George S. Murchie.

CULLERS OF BRICKS.—Geo. Turner, Horace Hartford.

AUCTIONEERS.—John L. Tyler, A. Q. Hill, Warren Hatheway, Wm H. Tyler.

POUND KEEPERS.—John Myres, Ellis L. Hitchings.

FENCE VIEWERS.—Otis Redding, Wm. J. Fleming, Michael L. Lydick.

HARBOR MASTERS.—J. S. Murchie, Jas. E. Wooster, Daniel Ryan, C. Ellis, James Agnew.

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WEIGHERS AND GUAGERS AND WEIGHERS OF COAL.—John R. Higgins, C. L. Deming, W. F. Boardman, James Lehan, Frank S. Corey, H. Q. Boardman, Frank B. Deming, George S. Murchie, J. S. Clark, Chas. Chadwick, Ralph T. Horton, Thos. F. Welch.

SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—S. D. Morrell.

INSPECTORS OF HAY.—D. M. Gardner, M. Cone, S. S. Pineo.

