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CITY OF CALAIS.

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MAYOR'S ADDRESS,

—AND—

ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

—OF THE—

City Government

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1895-96.

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## Mayor's Address.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

Having been unanimously elected to administer the affairs of our city for the present municipal year, it is incumbent upon us to discharge our duties with the greater zeal and fidelity, because of the confidence manifested by the action of our fellow citizens.

By the treasurer's report we find the finances of the city as follows:—

Loan, 1893,	\$ 3,000 00
Loan, 1890,	9,000 00
Loan, 1891,	101,000 00
Loan, 1895,	10,000 00

All bearing interest at 4 per cent.	\$123,000 00
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### LIABILITIES.

Bonded debt,	\$123,000 00
Cemetery trust funds,	400 00
Temporary loan,	28,500 00

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\$151,900 00

### RESOURCES.

St. Croix & Penobscot R. R. mortgage,	\$ 88,000 00
St. Croix & Penobscot R. R. contingent,	468 20
Bills receivable,	1,059 29
Tax deeds,	942 65
Uncollected taxes, 1891-2-3,	6,654 56
Uncollected taxes, 1895,	12,660 72
Due from State of Maine,	174 00
Cash on hand,	1,496 63
Net city debt,	40,443 95

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\$151,900 00

Of the city debt, there matures this year, viz: loan of 1893, \$1,000 00.

## CITY PROPERTY.

City building,	\$ 4,888 00
Steam fire engine,	1,000 00
Hose and apparatus,	2,300 00
Hook and ladder truck and outfit,	500 00
Hand engine, "Washington,"	300 00
Gravel lots, Upper Mills and Charlotte,	300 00
Lot near J. C. Rockwood's,	500 00
Brick engine house,	3,500 00
Lockup land and storehouse,	800 00
Poor house and pest house,	7,000 00
Stone-crusher, boiler and engine,	1,500 00
Road machine,	200 00
Fourteen (14) schoolhouses,	33,000 00
Books,	1,800 00
Memorial park lot,	5,000 00
Church street lot,	1,243 00
Engine house, Milltown,	1,950 00
Horses, wagons, snow ploughs, &c.,	1,000 00
Steam drills and fittings,	300 00
Our interest in bridges on the St. Croix,	22,800 00
Fire alarm,	1,585 00
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	\$91,516 00
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Total resources of city,	\$201,972 05
Total liabilities,	151,900 00
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Assets over liabilities,	50,072 05

There were some overdrafts the past year, especially in contingent account, which were caused largely by making the last payment of \$2,500 on account of the free bridges.

## HIGHWAYS, SEWERS AND SIDEWALKS.

This department has been conducted the past year by Commissioner Estey in a very satisfactory manner. Owing to the large expenditure the past three years for free bridges it was thought best last year to keep the expenses of this department as low as possible, and still do the necessary work. I would recommend this year that the concrete walks be extended as fast as the city's finances will allow. Some

of our sidewalks are ready for concrete, and in one or two streets new sidewalks will have to be built. There is nothing that makes a city so attractive as good streets and sidewalks.

#### SEWERS.

Many of the old sewers have, for various reasons, become practically useless, and these will have to be rebuilt, and new sewers are needed in many parts of the city. It is important for the public health and convenience that our sewerage system be extended in accordance with the engineer's plans. This work can be done much more economically on a large scale, but the cost of extensive work such as ought to be done, would be burdensome to the taxpayers. It is suggested, that by application to the Supreme court, authority could be obtained for using some of the trust funds of the city for this purpose at a moderate rate of interest. This would enable us to secure an immediate extension of our sewers on a large scale, so that the cost would be paid in future years, and under the orders of the court the trust funds would be protected, and possibly be safer than in the present forms of investments. I recommend that you give this matter your immediate attention, so that if deemed advisable, application may be made to the court this month.

The other departments have been managed with the usual care. I have no special recommendations to make in relation to them. Reports of the various officials will give the necessary information.

#### RAILROAD MATTERS.

In my last year's address I expressed the hope that during the year some way would be found to secure better transportation facilities by rail. Since then actual work has begun on the Washington County Railroad, which will be continued this year on a much greater scale, and there is every ground for belief that the long cherished desire of Calais for direct railroad connection with the county and the commercial centres of the country, will soon be gratified. The certainty of this result, in the near future, is already awakening inquiries as to our local advantages for industrial enterprises, and a rapid growth of business and population is assured if our people are alive to their opportunities.



One of the most important measures is to adopt speedy means for the development of our great water power by storing the water in the lakes above Calais, and I trust an effort in this direction will soon be made.

I recommend the following appropriations:—

Free high school,	\$ 700 00
Schools,	6,300 00
Free text books,	500 00
Highways, sewers and bridges,	7,500 00
Interest,	2,000 00
Cemetery,	600 00
Cemetery, Red Beach,	50 00
Lighting streets,	2,600 00
Fire department,	2,500 00
Abatement and discount,	3,000 00
Water works,	3,600 00
Police,	2,200 00
Salaries,	3,600 00
Health,	200 00
Library,	1,200 00
Parks,	500 00
Poor and insane,	4,500 00
Contingent,	2,500 00

In conclusion I need only say that each of us should feel bound this year to give more time and effort than ever before to promoting the interests of the community in every possible way. Prompt attendance at all city meetings and diligent attention to committee work, cannot fail, with your experience, to give better results than ever before from the discharge of your various duties, and to secure a larger return for the expenditure of the public funds entrusted to your care.

GEO. A. MURCHIE, MAYOR.

## Mayor's Report.

For the Municipal year ending March 31, 1896.

	CEMETERY RED BEACH.	
Appropriation,	\$50 00	
Orders drawn,		\$24 50
Unexpended,		25 50
	\$50 00	\$50 00
	CEMETERY.	
Appropriation,	600 00	
Orders drawn,		600 00
	LIGHTING STREETS.	
Appropriation,	2,500 00	
Orders drawn,		2,330 10
Unexpended,		169 90
	\$2,500 00	2,500 00
	DISCOUNT AND ABATEMENTS.	
Appropriation,	3000 00	
Orders drawn,		2,258 16
Unexpended,		741 84
	\$3,000 00	3,000 00
	WATER SUPPLY.	
Appropriation,	3,600 00	
Orders draws,		3,520 00
Unexpended,		80 00
	\$3,600 00	3,600 00
	HEALTH.	
Appropriation,	200 00	
Orders drawn,		100 51
Unexpended,		99 49
	\$200 00	200 00

## MAYOR'S REPORT.

## POLICE.

Appropriation,	2,200 00	
Orders drawn,		2,177 93
Unexpended,		22 07
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	\$2,200 00	2,200 00

## FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation,	500 00	
Orders drawn,		496 40
Unexpended,		3 60
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	\$500 00	500 00

## INTEREST.

Appropriation,	1,500 00	
Sundry credits,	4,087 53	
Overdrawn,	665 51	
Orders drawn,		6,253 04
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	\$6,253 04	6,253 04

## FIRE ALARM.

Appropriation,	1,585 00	
Orders drawn,		1,585 00
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	2,350 00	
Overdrawn,	696 37	
Orders drawn,		3,046 37
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	\$3,046 37	3,046 37

## POOR AND INSANE.

Appropriation,	4,500 00	
Sundry credits,	623 31	
Overdrawn,	6 73	
Orders drawn,		5,130 04
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	\$5,130 04	5,130 04

## SALARIES.

Appropriation,	3,000 00	
Overdrawn,	157 00	
Orders drawn,		3,157 00
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	\$3,157 00	3,157 00

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	6,700 00	
State Free High school,	250 00	
State mill tax,	6,381 40	
Sundry credits,	58 68	
Unexpended,		1 00
Orders drawn,		13,389 08
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	\$13,390 08	13,390 08

## HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	5,000 00	
Sundry credits,	1,279 70	
Calais Street Ry.,	450 00	
Overdrawn,	1,246 22	
Orders drawn,		7,975 92
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	\$7,975 92	7,975 92

## LIBRARY.

Appropriation,	1,100 00	
State of Maine,	93 23	
Overdrawn,	55 01	
Orders drawn,		1,248 24
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	\$1,248 24	1,248 24

## CONTINGENT.

Balance,	196 62	
Appropriation,	1915 00	
Overlaying,	2,071 19	
R. R. and telegraph tax,	841 85	
Supplementary tax,	1,393 00	
State of Maine, rent of armory,	100 00	
State of Maine, dog tax, 1894,	324 32	
Sundry credits,	263 40	
Sundry undrawn amounts,	1,143 40	
Orders drawn,		7,803 08
Sundry overdrawn amounts,		2,826 84
Balance,	2,318 16	
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	10,629 92	10,629 92

GEORGE A. MURCHIE, Mayor.

## Treasurer's Report.

George Downes, city treasurer, in account with the City  
of Calais, for the financial year ending April 4th, 1896.

### DEBIT

Balance,	\$ 228 87
Sundry licenses,	96 50
Contingent fund St. Croix & Penobscot R. R.,	1,988 80
Contingent, sundry credits,	143 80
Library, State of Maine,	93 23
Poor,	623 31
Schools,	58 68
Interest,	4,087 53
T. McCullough, collector, '91, '92, '93,	995 29
T. McCullough, collector, 1894,	11,253 48
T. McCullough, collector, 1895,	41,408 10
Notes payable,	54,400 00
State of Maine, Free High School,	250 00
Dog tax, city clerk,	308 00
State of Maine, dog tax,	324 32
State of Maine, R. R. and Tel. tax,	841 85
State of Maine, Mill tax,	6,381 40
State of Maine, Rent of Armory,	100 00
Tax deeds,	22 57
Highways,	1,279 70
State aid,	756 00
	\$125,412 56

### CREDIT.

By paid State aid,	\$ 930 00
Orders highway fund,	7,975 92
Fire fund,	3,046 37
Fire alarm,	1,585 00
Contingent fund,	7,779 98
Free text books,	496 40
Library,	1,248 24
Salary,	3,157 00

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Poor,	5,134 04
Schools,	13,389 08
Police,	2,177 93
Lighting streets,	2,330 10
Interest,	6,253 04
Cemetery,	600 00
Red Beach cemetery,	24 50
Discounts and abatements,	2,258 16
Water tax,	3,520 00
Health,	100 51
State dog tax, 1895,	308 00
Contingent St. C. & P. R. R.,	2,000 00
Notes payable,	49,900 00
Tax deeds,	79 98
State tax,	6,510 34
County tax,	3,344 21
Cash,	1,496 63
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	\$125,412 56

## RESOURCES.

St. Croix & Penobscot R. R. mortgage,	\$88,000 00
St. Croix & Penobscot R. R. contingent,	468 20
• Bills receivable,	1,059 29
Tax deeds,	942 65
Uncollected taxes, 1891-2-3,	6,654 56
Uncollected taxes, 1895,	12,660 72
Due from State of Maine,	174 00
Cash,	1,496 63
Balance,	40,433 95
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	\$151,900 00

## LIABILITIES.

Bonds of 1883,	\$ 3,000 00
Bonds of 1890,	9,000 00
Bonds of 1891,	101,000 00
Bonds of 1895,	10,000 00
Cemetery trust fund,	400 00
Notes payable,	28,500 00
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	\$151,900 00

The St. Croix & Penobscot R. R. contingent fund is invested as follows:—

Park debt,	5,000 00
Bonds of 1883,	3,000 00
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	\$8,000 00

GEORGE DOWNES, City Treasurer.

### Chase Poor Fund.

#### TENTH 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.	
The expenses and taxes for the year amount to	952 81
The income from investments amounts to	2,310 12
There has been distributed to beneficiaries during the year	1,329 34
Which added to	15,561 43
heretofore distributed, makes an aggregate for the ten years of	16,890 77

Below is an itemized statement of the investment of the fund also of the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1896.

#### ASSETS OF THE CHASE POOR FUND.

Notes, St. Croix Shoe Co., 5 per cent,	12,370 97
Milltown, N. B., bond, 5 per cent,	500 00
Calais National bank. 65 shares,	4,800 00
New Brunswick and Canada R. R., 61 shares,	2,000 00
European and North American R. R., 100 shares,	11,395 00
Casco National bank, Portland, Me., 60 shares,	9,120 00
First National bank, Portland, Me., 3 shares,	441 00
American National bank, 19 2-10 shares,	5,634 00
Portland and Rochester R. R., 10 shares,	1,250 00
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., 10 shares,	9,624 89
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	\$57,135 86

## INCOME.

St. Croix Shoe Co., interest,	618 54
Town of Milltown, coupon,	25 00
Calais National bank, dividend,	325 00
C. B. & Q. R. R.,	284 00
N. B. & C. R. R.,	119 58
E. & N. A. R. R.,	500 00
Casco National bank,	360 00
First National bank,	18 00
P. & R. R.	60 00

	2,310 12
City of Calais,	28 81

	2,338 93
Balance, March 31, 1895.	10 13

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2,349 06

## EXPENDED.

Beneficiaries,	1,304 34
Taxes,	824 50
Milltown Benevolent society,	25 00
Accountant,	100 00
George Downes, City Treasurer,	28 31
Balance,	66 91

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\$2,349 06

GEORGE DOWNES, Accountant.  
Calais, March 31, 1896.



## Overseer of the Poor's Report.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN—We hereby submit to you a report of our work for the year ending March 31, 1896. There have been paid as per bills on file in the mayor's office for support of poor and insane in detail as follows:

Paid for alms house as per vouchers on file,	\$1378 51
City Physician's salary,	200 00
Overseer of the Poor's salary,	250 00

### OUTSIDE POOR THAT HAVE SETTLEMENT IN OUR CITY.

Eugene Finton,	\$60 00
James A. Moore,	60 00
John Henderson family,	25 53
Eliza Turple and family,	100 00
Jerry Harrington and family,	16 09
Augustus Greenlaw family,	14 26
Sarah Montgomery and family,	4 87
James Cassidy and family,	8 28
John Fitzsimmons and family,	18 97
Annie Porter,	28 88
John Collins and family,	68 70
Robert Grass,	13 42
Otis Greenlaw and family,	40 94
Silas Bailey and wife,	24 48
Samuel Perkins and family,	4 00
Martha A. Rose,	50 50
Michael Keeley,	30 00
John Thompson,	15 00
Mrs. Lydic,	9 00
Mrs. Roix,	14 54
James Matthews,	23 02
Hezekiah Greenlaw and family,	4 00
Robert Downes' family,	6 00
Mrs. Charles Vickery and family,	2 22

## OVERSEER OF THE POOR'S REPORT.

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Board of Health,	11 89
Edward Cookson and family,	15 15
Henry Stuart and family,	38 16
Wood for outside poor,	43 25
Miscellaneous expense,	21 86

## OUTSIDE POOR THAT HAVE NO SETTLEMENT IN OUR CITY.

Mrs. William Googan and family,	3 41
Ephraim Mulholland and family,	4 72
Charles Pike and family,	9 95
William H. Pool and family,	3 03
Andrew Burgess and family,	3 91
Annie McMullin,	6 00
Michael Hayden and family,	38 50
Josiah Hayward and family,	9 91
Mrs. Smith and family,	6 00
William Watters and wife,	10 00
Peter McCann and family,	7 92
James McKeon and family,	8 40
Sarah McClure,	5 00
Charles H. Marsh and family,	7 50
John Betts,	6 85
Patrick McCann,	2 50
Daniel T. Dooley and family,	50 89
Arthur Pike,	4 50
D. N. Farris and family,	3 20
Amanda Miller,	4 02
William Taylor and wife,	4 80
Charles Griffin and family,	9 80
William Washburn and family,	4 98
Alexander Kennedy and family,	7 29
Millie McAdam and child,	31 25
Edmund L. Day and family,	16 33
James McClure and family,	30 38
George Dow and family,	36 43
Frederick Johnson and son,	1 40
Mrs. Corr and family, and care of mother Mary Pulk,	92 00
Charles Chambers' daughter,	5 00
Mrs. Trask,	1 25

## INSANE HOSPITAL.

James McMeekin,	85 97
William Alexander,	176 77

Albert R. Whidden,	132 20
Ellen McAlpine,	133 94
Augustus Greenlaw,	150 36
Mary E. Wells,	132 96
Mary McEvoy,	143 30
George H. McElroy,	138 47
John Toner,	97 56
Ella Norwood,	95 92
Alice Purdy,	29 20
Frank McEvoy,	53 04
George Swift,	74 17
Frank Cavanaugh,	114 12
Annie Fitzpatrick,	98 25

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Grace McLean,	34 00
Margaret Whiteknact,	13 00
Laura Wilson,	7 00

Orders drawn,	5,130 04
Appropriation,	4,500 00
Amount collected from sundry persons and turned over to city treasurer,	623 31
Overdrawn,	6 73

We have raised on farm as follows : 60 barrels of potatoes, 15 barrels turnips, 100 head of cabbage, 13 bushels beans, 5 barrels carrots and 1 barrel beets, 2 bushels onions, together with about 2000 pounds of pork.

Whole number in almshouse March 31, 1895,	14
Admitted during the year,	12
Died,	2
Discharged,	13
Present number in almshouse, March 31, 1896,	11
Average,	18

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM TRIMBLE,  
Overseer of the Poor.

## Street Commissioner's Report.

To the Honorable Mayor and the City Council.

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I submit my report of expenditure for street department, for the year 1895.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,		\$5,000 00
New Brunswick government,		327 70
R. B. Lowell, sewer,		15 00
A. A. Day, “		15 00
J. R. Higgins, “		15 00
C. B. Gardner, “		25 00
John Keys, “		25 00
W. H. Allen, “		25 00
Mrs. R. Gibson, “		25 00
Geo. E. Eye, “		25 00
W. C. Renne, Barker steet ext.,		94 00
St. Croix Shoe Co., Barker steet ext.,		150 00
Knight Memorial M. E. church, sewer,		25 00
A. Towers, concrete,		21 60
J. S. Murchie, “		18 00
S. S. Pineo, “		14 40
R. B. Lowell, “		9 00
Transferred from Gates lot,		450 00
Electric Street Railroad Co., handling snow and street work,		450 00
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		6,729 70
Orders drawn,	7,975 92	
Overdrawn,		1,246 22
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		\$7,975 92

### LABOR.

John Keeley,	\$184 70
James Dooley,	204 42
Chris Fox,	123 59

Frank Averill,	120 81
Willis Higgins,	79 15
J. M. Glew,	120 00
Richard Lee,	119 18
Thomas Long,	131 36
Alexander Johnson,	150 02
Frank Townsend,	221 96
Patrick Finity,	154 91
Andrew Marrs,	136 86
Mike Toumey,	127 00
Henry Crowley,	1 00
John Whalen,	4 45
Robert Walker,	3 75
John Dougherty,	1 25
Walter Rich,	1 25
James Curran,	3 00
O. A. Redding,	5 32
Charles King,	145 00
Ezra Scott,	75
Joseph Doyle,	143 75
John Conboy,	113 18
Henry McLean,	117 54
James Collins,	23 96
Henry Williams,	23 75
Samuel Dougherty,	54 66
Richard Stanhope,	117 09
John Reed,	57 71
John Myers,	62 61
Everett Glidden,	42 75
Charles Fox,	39 00
Horace Glidden,	6 62
Appleton Gove,	1 25
Edward Flynn,	12 87
Henry McVay,	6 25
Patrick Myres,	42 67
Walter Brown,	492 55
James Dougherty,	480 00
Robert Wilson,	42 75
W. A. Wade,	105 50
Robert Huntley,	125 50
Charles Ash,	55 62
James Carr,	8 00
George Glidden,	3 75

Jarius Wilson,	53 25
Samuel Dougherty,	30 62
Towers Brothers,	104 50
Samuel Arnold,	50 50
Charles Frost,	6 00
Henry Bean,	11 50
James Lehan,	3 00
M. Craig,	2 50
J. M. Hill,	11 37
F. T. Waite,	40
F. E. Rose,	3 71
O. P. Treat,	1 92
Planking upper bridge at Milltown, labor and material,	100 00
Sewer on Munroe st, 95 ft long, labor and material,	165 00
Seven culverts on Charlotte road,	95 00
Sewer repaired at shoe factory,	125 00
New sewer on Church st., 440 ft.,	325 75
Seventy-five feet of sewer on Church st.,	40 00
Sewer at Milltown 1050 ft., 10 ft. square,	200 00
Abuttment on Maine st. at Wright place,	250 75
Laid out on Red Beach road,	951 81
Four hundred tons of gravel put on Charlotte road at 35 cents per ton	140 00

## CONCRETE.

From Young to Driscoll block, 272 yards ; from Kalish's to Waterman's, 160 yards ; North street from Main to telegraph office, 185 yards ; from Exchange on Main street to Library on Pike street, 330 yards ; on Main from Church to C. S. Neill's store, 166 yards ; concrete at Milltown on Boardman street 418 yards ; concrete on Baring street 770 yards ; concrete walk from Ferry Point bridge to Custom House, 200 yards ; Ferry Point bridge 1061 yards. Total number of yards, 3,508.

## LUMBER.

James Murchie & Sons,	\$279 31
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## HARDWARE.

Todd Bros.,	90 82
Grimmer & Hunt,	70 25
J. S. Clark,	11 68
G. K. Jones,	4 49
Chase, Barker & Co.,	168 67

## BLACKSMITH WORK.

H. F. Beek,	\$38 33
James Robinson,	76 37
A. Fenlason,	32 82
J. K. Gillespie,	3 50
Craig & Co.,	7 50
Charles Gregg,	9 00
Patrick Nash,	75
M. A. Craig.	2 40

## GRAVEL.

J. Boyd,	\$8 35
S. S. Pineo,	134 64
John Woods,	22 60
Donald McDonald	7 74
Frank Averill,	167 22
W. F. Higgins,	169 18

## CRUSHER.

Deming & Son, belting,	\$ 48 44
Thomas Gaddis, wood,	14 25
McCullough and Tait, castings,	20 36
George Elliot,	18 17
W. J. Somers,	3 60
E. C. Wilder,	7 95
J. H. Stoddard,	2 00
Dr. Joyce,	10 00
Charles Gardner,	1 50
Boardman Bros.,	15 85
C. R. Pike,	183 53
S. H. Phelan,	262 33
George S. Murchie	5 26
St. Croix Gas Co. for coal tar,	345 00

A large part of the overdraft is for expenses of feed, &c., for the four horses charged to this department, as paid the following persons :

H. F. Beek,	\$ 38 33
Charles Gregg,	9 00
C. B. Gardner,	1 50
Dr. Joyce,	10 00
J. H. Stoddard,	2 00
W. J. Somers,	3 60
E. C. Wilder,	7 85
Boardman Bros.,	15 85

C. R. Pike,	183 53
S. H. Phelan,	262 33
G. S. Murchie,	5 62

We have on hand about 400 tons of gravel for use this season, also steam boiler and engine, steam drill and fittings, crusher, road machine, plows, blacksmith tools, snow shovels, rakes, bars, &c., 300 feet small hose and concreting tools.

Respectfully submitted,  
ANDREW ESTEY,  
Street Commissioner.



## **Chief Engineer's Report.**

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

I herewith submit the annual report of the Fire Department, for the year ending April 1st. 1896. The fire loss has been very small the past year. No member of the present force having ever known the loss to be near as light, though the number of alarms has been about the same as in past years. I think the entire loss has been covered by insurance.

The introduction of the Gamewell Fire Alarm System marks a very decided advance in our system of fire protection. In addition to the general alarm we have placed a call bell in the house of each fireman, if not within easy reach of the tower bell, so that every man gets the box number automatically repeated at his house and the attendance at alarms is very much improved, and in addition we can call every fireman by a still alarm sent out from the Church st. house if it should be necessary. This has been done at small expense, the city furnishing the material only, the men doing the work at their own expense. The increased promptness in responding to alarms is very marked, the wagon being out of the house on night alarms in 22 seconds on several occasions.

The needs of a better service for getting the truck to fires during the day is very marked and the same applies to the cart at Milltown, as the horses and man that perform this service are very often so far away that they cannot hear alarms or respond in time to be of service. The ladder truck is one of the most important pieces of apparatus that we have and should be at a fire as soon as the hose wagon and men.

You will see by the financial report that the department have had a great many unforeseen expenses the past year. The putting in of two new tower bells, a new roof of iron on the Church street house and painting same, a new platform for this house and the expenses of maintaining the fire alarm and adding the auxilliary alarm for all the firemen's houses. The actual running expenses being but little above

the appropriation. In conclusion I would request the members of the board to give a little of their time to looking into the needs of the fire department, examining the houses and apparatus and seeing for themselves what is done to protect the property of the citizens from fire, and I would earnestly extend the same invitation to all citizens, to examine into this matter and suggest such changes as they think will make the department more efficient.

The expenses of the department have been :—

Salaries,	1,520 00
Heating,	82 50
Lighting,	116 85
Washing,	12 00
Horseshoeing, medicines, &c.,	42 80
Repairs to hose wagon, trucks, carts, &c.,	73 92
Insurance,	38 50
Repairs to buildings, including new hose hoisting gear, blocks and rigging,	133 43
New nozzles, repairs to old, and repairs to hose couplings,	36 50
Furniture and bedding for engine houses,	25 50
New dogs for extension ladder,	20 00
New stoves and repairs to old,	45 50
Sundry expenses for maintainance	236 80
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	\$2,384 30

Unusual expenditures for year :

Purchasing two fire bells and putting in place, taking down old bell and tower, new iron roof for Church st. house and painting same,	540 31
Cost of new platform, Church st. house,	29 00
Cost of material for fire alarm for men's houses and of maintainance of fire alarm system	92 76
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Total of unusual expenditures,	\$ 662 07
Total expenses for year,	3,046 37
Appropriation,	2,350 00
Overdraft,	696 37
Actual overdraft for running expenses,	34 40

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS E. McALLISTER,

Chief Engineer.

## **Report of School Committee.**

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN: The following is the report of the school committee for the current year ending March 31st 1896.

We will begin by asking what is the primary aim of our free school system? Why are we meeting and discussing and planning? Why are we repairing and building structures wherein to educate our youth? Why are the taxpayers of Maine voting their money for the maintainance and advancement of our schools?

We believe with Judge Andrew S. Draper of New York State formerly supt of Public Instruction, who says "Good Citizenship is the Primary Aim." He says: "What, then, is the ground upon which we require all taxable property to bear a share of the expenses of general education? There can be but one ground. It is the safety of the state: the stability of that force which protects property, which preserves liberty, which promotes the happiness of all the people. Then the education which the state must furnish must be such as will insure this end. It must train the individual intellectually, morally, physically, industrially, socially and patriotically. It must seek to develop its children evenly in all directions. As some writer has put it, it must see that they grow 'all around.' It will not do to train their intellectuality alone, much less to cram the memory only; it must shape character as well. It must do this in a practical and effectual, not in a visionary and theoretical way. Then through the development of an intelligent and honorable manhood and womanhood it will insure good citizenship. It can do it in no other way." What reasonable thinking mind will disagree with such principles? What may we, who form but a small part of the state, do to develop good citizenship? We may first look after the health of our pupils by providing more commodious accommodations, by making the buildings healthier through ventilation and other means; we may furnish a training to the teachers of our youth which shall enable them

to discern the needs of the child nature; and along the line of school studies we may arrange the school work to bring out the best that is in the pupils. - It is along this plan that we shall work in the future as in the past.

#### SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Of the thirteen school houses in the city six have been repaired somewhat during the year, viz., Red Beach, Baring st., Union, Munroe st., Church st. Grammar, and Milltown Grammar. Repairs on the high school building were made by the academy trustees. Some slight repairs were made on several others. These repairs were mostly of a sanitary nature and as far as they go are satisfactory. There are now several houses which must be repaired at once. The Bog Brook school house needs to be repaired from the foundation up. Cottleville schoolhouse needs its foundation, black boards, etc., repaired. South st. building should be raised in the middle where it has settled and there should be new heating apparatus and city water put into it. Milltown grammar building needs city water and sewer accommodations. The Sandbank schoolhouse must be extensively repaired if we continue to use it for schools. This is an old building, badly out of repair, with old fashioned hand made furniture in the lower room and located in a bad place for a schoolhouse. It seems to be an unwise and needless waste of money to repair a structure like this. It will then be good for only a few years. Furthermore we need more additional room immediately for our grammar grades. Almost every room in the Church st. grammar building is obliged to hold more pupils than any one teacher ought to handle. Now if we could have a new four room building to replace the Sandbank building and have it located on some other spot more central and better adapted for school grounds, we could use it for the accommodation of certain classes that are now crowded into the grammar building and at the same time accommodate all who attend school at the Sandbank. We heartily recommend the construction of a new building to your favorable consideration. Another new building must replace Munroe st. schoolhouse very soon. All we have said about the unfitness of the Sandbank for a schoolhouse we would reiterate in reference to Munroe st. except that the location is good enough. Commodious, neat, attractive,

school grounds, buildings and rooms have a very great influence for good in the education of youth. Let us have suitable school buildings. We do not ask for elaborate or expensive ones.

#### FIRE ESCAPES.

There should be sufficient fire escapes provided to furnish safe exits from the two story buildings which now have but one entrance. The buildings are all wooden and are arranged so that destructive fires during sessions of school might be disastrous to the safety of the pupils.

#### EVENING SCHOOL.

We recommend the appropriation of sufficient money aside from the regular appropriation, to maintain an evening school for a certain number of weeks during the fall and winter. The school should be under the management of a paid teacher, with paid assistants. Necessary books and other accommodations should be furnished by the city. A sufficient number of worthy individuals last winter manifested a desire to study common branches, to warrant some expense in their behalf.

#### TRAINING SCHOOL.

Certain applicants for schools should be appointed as assistants in various rooms of the city schools as pupils in what might be called our training school for teachers. Such pupils should serve without pay for a specified period or until they show efficiency to justify their appointment as substitutes to fill vacancies. The condition now existing is, that pupils from our high school apply for and expect positions as teachers as soon as they graduate, without any preparation whatever as teachers. The disadvantage to themselves and to the schools is very great. The plan above will give them experience under our best teachers and when vacancies occur we shall have teachers with some valuable experience to fill them.

#### TEACHERS.

Some few changes in teachers were necessary at the beginning of the school year. Two assistants, Miss Kate W.

Nelson and Miss Luella M. Eaton, were elected to fill vacancies in the high school. Miss Nelson, of our city, recently graduated from Wellesley college and Miss Eaton comes from Boston university. Two new teachers were put in charge of the schools at Red Beach, Miss Helen M. Dunbar, of Castine Normal School, in the grammar department and Miss Jessie Bohanan in the primary room.

Miss Nettie Boyd was transferred from Union school to the Sandbank and Miss Emily Bates from Red Beach to the Union.

The primary school in the Milltown grammar building was too large for an inexperienced teacher to manage profitably and the room was divided by a partition at the Christmas recess and Miss Janet Hanson, one of our pupil teachers, was put in charge of one division. The change seems advantageous thus far.

The other teachers remain the same as last year. Below is a list of teachers with grade of school, number of pupils and salary of each. You will see that all the teachers in the common schools are working for small pay. They are nearly all at home in Calais hence the expense of living is reduced to the minimum. Although they have had no special training for their work we think their compensation is small. It is right and proper to employ native teachers but it is for the best interest of Calais schools to require of all applicants some special preparation for teaching. It will not cost young people from Calais any more to take teachers training courses than it will those from other places. This requirement alone, would, in a few years, work surprising improvements in our common schools. Most of the teachers now employed are conscientious, hard working and efficient. They are doing well with the tools they have to work with.

Instruction in music in the schools by a special teacher was omitted in 1893-4 for good and sufficient reasons. It seemed best, however, to furnish a teacher of music last year and Miss Mina McKusick was elected to the position and has had charge of the work since the beginning of the school year in September.

#### SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

It is becoming more and more evident that the matter of

salaries should receive our most earnest and careful consideration. Conversation with various classes of citizens seems to warrant the belief that public sentiment will approve conservative but prompt action in the readjustment and moderate increase of the salaries of the regular teachers of our primary and grammar grades. The smallest salary of any teacher in a primary grade is \$198. Maximum \$252, and the maximum salary of any subordinate grammar teacher is \$288. This amount seems entirely inadequate for securing and retaining such teachers as we have and want. The standard of common schools is advancing in all progressive centers and we want to be up with other places. The primary teacher receives the smallest salary because the custom has been established of employing inexperienced teachers in the lowest grades and advancing them from grade to grade and increasing their salaries as they advance in efficiency, or into grades which seemingly require more preparation, and were considered more important positions. The primary grades now require as careful training and more tact and enthusiasm on the part of teachers. We would therefore recommend that the maximum salaries of primary, intermediate and grammar school teachers be advanced and that the salaries be more uniform.

The amount of money needed for such increase will vary with the increase, but \$1,500 will undoubtedly cover the requirements for this year. None of the appropriations have been overdrawn. In order to promote the plans already mentioned we shall need increased appropriations.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

##### RECEIPTS.

City appropriation for High school,	\$ 700 00
State " " " "	250 00
City " " Common school,	6,000 00
State " " " "	6,381 40
Fire Insurance,	58 68
Free text books,	500 00
Total,	<hr/> \$13,860 08

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers' salaries,	\$9,642 16
Janitors' "	703 00
Insurance,	252 63
Fuel,	785 60
Cleaning,	134 55
Free Text Books,	496 40
Rent of High School building,	200 00
Repairs,	1,223 53
Supplies,	329 52
Miscellaneous,	118 09
Balance unexpended,	4 60
Total,	<hr/> \$13,890 08

Respectfully submitted

A. J. PADELFORD	}	Superintending School Committee.
GEO. R. GARDNER		
J. S. Clark		
S. E. Webber		
J. B. Woods		

To the Mayor and City Council.



## Report of Trustees of Calais Free Library.

GENTLEMEN: The experience of the past year fully demonstrates the fact that our public library and reading room is an institution that is steadily growing in popularity and usefulness. The increase in the number who availed themselves of the privileges of the reading room during the past year and also in the number of takers of books, is most gratifying and has exceeded our expectations. It is our aim to still further increase its usefulness and extend its benefits so that it may become a free popular educational institution, the value of which, to the community, will be recognized and conceded by all. In order to attain this end we must have your support and co-operation at least until the income from the library fund shall materially increase. We believe that the money expended by the city during the past year in providing books for our library is recognized and approved by the great majority of our citizens as a wise and judicious investment, and that for the coming year a larger appropriation will be heartily approved.

We therefore ask you to appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purchase of books, in addition to the sum received from the state for that purpose. With this sum at our disposal the efficiency of the institution under our charge can be largely increased.

The attendance in the reading room for the past year shows an increase of 40 per cent, over the previous year, the number attending being 8,826.

The number of cards that had been issued to takers of books April 1 1895 was 890. April 1 1896 the number was 1271. An increase of 43 per cent.

The whole number of books taken from the library during the year was 19,143.

The whole number of books catalogued Apr. 1 '95, was 4,300

Number added by purchase during the year,	556
“ “ “ donation “ “ “	19

Total number April 1 1896,

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4,875

Pamphlets and public documents April 1 1895	1,000
Added by donation during the year,	259

Total,	6,134
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The total expense of administering the library during the past year was \$737.04.

The total amount expended for books was \$612.84. Of this amount expended for books the sum of 318.37, was from the city's appropriation, the sum of \$93.23 was received from the state and the sum of \$201.24 was from the income of the Pike Library Fund.

The total amount expended for reading matter for the reading room was \$99.60.

We recommend the following appropriations for the coming year :

For administration expenses,	750 00
For the purchase of books,	500 00

Respectfully submitted

E. B. HARVEY, Pres.

W. J. FOWLER, Secretary for the Board of Trustees.

#### TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF LIBRARY FUNDS APR. 1, 1896.

Balance of building fund from last year,	\$16 25
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Balance of Pike fund April 1, 1895,	\$38 74
1895. Aug. 13. Rec'd div. from N. E. Trust Co.,	80 00
1896. Feb. 10. " " " " " "	82 50

	\$201 24
Paid sundry bills for books,	201 24

City Appropriation,	\$1,100 00
Rec'd from State of Maine,	93 23

	\$1,193 23
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#### ORDERS DRAWN.

Expenses of administering,	\$737 04
For books,	411 60
Magazines etc. for reading room,	99 60

	\$1,248 24
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Overdrawn,	\$55 01
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## **Report of the Board of Health.**

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen: Agreeable to the usual custom we submit a brief report covering the past municipal year. Upon the whole it has been uneventful and it seems that a small amount of contagious disease has existed. Eight cases of scarlet fever have been reported. The disease seemed to be of a mild form with no fatal results.

Five cases of diphtheria with two deaths. At this date we have no knowledge that any case of the above mentioned diseases exists in the city.

In all seven cases of typhoid fever have been reported.

Several complaints of nuisances have been made, all of which have received our consideration and when we considered their abatement necessary all our efforts were exerted to accomplish that end.

As the health rate of a community is in proportion to its sanitation, it seems almost imperative that some more effective sanitary measures be adopted at an early date. Among which we would suggest: The construction of a system of sewers in some of the more densely populated portions of the city that are now without them. The establishment of ordinances preventing the construction of vaults or the location of cess-pools in such places as are deemed by the local board of health to constitute a nuisance or a source of danger, also the prevention of the keeping of swine within the limits of the more thickly settled parts of the city during the time from May to October, wherever it may seem to endanger the public health.

The water from a few wells has been examined and pronounced unfit for potable and culinary purposes. It seems that the cause of the major number of the cases of typhoid fever that have developed during the past year can be traced to this source. We hope some compromise may be made so that these wells may be closed.

Respectfully submitted

J. B. WOODS, Sec.

## City Marshal's Report.

To His Honor, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I submit my annual report of the expenditure of the police department, for the municipal year ending March 31, 1896.

Appropriation,	\$2,200 00
Orders drawn,	2,177 93
Expended as follows :	
Joseph E. Collins, night watch,	\$9 55
H. C. Tinker, " "	484 65
Fred A. Townsend, " "	494 10
John Miller, " "	494 10
Charles E. Miller, Marshal,	400 00
Fred A. Townsend, Deputy Marshal,	100 00
Richard Bailey, " " Milltown,	100 00
George R. Robinson, " " Red beach,	25 00
George F. Hill, " " Union,	25 00
Light, Fuel, &c., as per bills on file,	45 63
Underdrawn,	22 07
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	\$2,200 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MILLER, City Marshal.

CITY GOVERNMENT.  
OF THE  
**City of Calais**  
FOR THE  
Municipal Year 1895-96.

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MAYOR,  
GEORGE A. MURCHIE.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN,  
Ward 1—WILLIS F. HIGGINS. Ward 4—S. M. MCCOY.  
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“ 3—W. J. ANDERSON. “ 6—C. D. HILL.  
Ward 7—O. S. TARBOX.

PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN,  
O. S. TARBOX.

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CITY CLERK,  
STEPHEN D. MORRELL.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance—Hill, Tarbox, Higgins.

Highways—Tarbox, Milligan, McCoy.

Printing—Milligan, Anderson, Tarbox.

Expenses of City Council—Anderson, Milligan, McCoy.

Accounts and Claims—Thompson, Hill, McCoy.

Fire Department—McCoy, Hill, Higgins.

Poor and Insane—Higgins, Anderson, Hill.

Licenses—McCoy, Milligan, Anderson.

Police—Tarbox, Milligan, Anderson.

Cemeteries—Higgins, Hill, Tarbox.

New Streets—Milligan, Hill, Higgins.

Chase Poor Fund,—Thompson, Hill, Tarbox.

City Property—Tarbox, McCoy, Milligan.

Fire Investigation—McCoy, Hill, Higgins.

## CITY OFFICERS.

WM. B. FOWLER, Municipal Judge.

Geo. Downes, City Treasurer.

Dr. R. A. Holland, City Physician.

Charles E. Miller, City Marshal.

Geo. D. Bullock, Deputy Marshal, Calais.

Richard Bailey, " Milltown.

George R. Robinson, " Red Beach.

George F. Hill, " Union Mills.

F. A. Townsend, Night Watch, Calais.

John Miller, " "

H. C. Tinker, " Milltown.

Thos. McCullough, Tax Collector.  
 Andrew Esty, Street Commissioner.  
 Wm Trimble, Overseer of Poor.  
 Willis McAllister, Chief Engineer Fire Department.  
 Andrew Barclay, 2nd " " "  
 Edgar C. Jackson, 3rd " " "  
 E. T. Lee, L. C. Gardner, I. W. McAllister, Assessors.  
 A J. Padleford, J. S. Clark, George R. Gardner, S. E. Webber, G. B. Woods, Superintending School Committee.  
 I. W. McAllister, J. R. Smith, J. B. Woods, Board of Health.

### SUBORDINATE OFFICERS.

Constables—Chas. E. Miller, Thos. McCullough, John Miller, F. A. Townsend, John Riddle, J. E. Fitzpatrick, Samuel Wilson, Richard Bailey, Joseph E. Collins, John H. Spinney, Samuel Mitchell, Geo. A. Stanhope, D. D. Spencer, W. B. Foster, William Kerr, Thos. J. O'Harra, Geo. F. Frost, Daniel J. Downing, Geo. R. Robinson, Charles Chadwick, James Phalen, Walter Rich, Henry C. Tinker, Smith Adams, jr., Wm. A. McLean, Isaac Campbell, Lindsay A. Scott, William Trimble, Geo. F. Hill, Wm. S. McKay, Geo. A. Scott, Geo. Glidden.

Surveyors of Lumber—Henry B. Eaton, Wm. B. Foster, Wm. H. Foster, Geo. A. Stanhope, Alex. Milligan, John Miller, James S. Murchie, Fredrick B. Dightman, James McNutt, Wm. J. Anderson, Daniel McNutt, Charles McCoy, Heber Anderson, H. Q. Boardman, Wm. F. Boardman.

Scalers of Logs—Wm. B. Foster, James S. Murchie, Alex. Milligan, Fredrick Dightman.

Surveyors of Wood & Bark—Wm. B. Foster, H. Q. Boardman, Fred M. Hill.

Cullers of Hoops—Fred T. Waite, Charles Waite, Edward Somers, Aaron V. Tucker.

Surveyors of Knees—Wm. Hinds, Charles Walker, W. C. Greenlaw, James S. Murchie.

Sealers of Leather—E. C. Wilders, J. H. Halliday.

Measurers of Corn—E. S. Lane, James Lehan, G. H. Foster, Wm. F. Boardman, Ralph T. Horton, Geo. S. Murchie, Wm. H. Foster, Parker C. Pike, Walter Pike, Fred B. Hill.

Culler of Brick—Horace Hartford.

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

Pound Keepers—Ellis L. Hitchins, John Myers.

Fence Viewers—Wm. J. Fleming, Michael H. Lydick, Otis Redding.

Harbor Masters—J. S. Murchie, Daniel Ryan, C. Ellis, James Agnew, M. Coleman.

Inspectors of Shingles—J. S. Murchie, H. B. Eaton, L. C. Gardner.

Weighers and Guagers and Weighers of Coal—Wm. F. Boardman, J. S. Clark, Geo. S. Murchie, Ralph T. Horton, H. Q. Boardman, W. H. Pike, Walter P. Pike, C. D. Hill, E. W. Haycock, Chas. Spooner.

Inspectors, of Hay—Daniel M. Gardner, Martin Cone, S. S. Pineo.

Inspectors of Milk—Irvin W. McAllister.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—S. D. Morrell.











