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Calais (Me.)

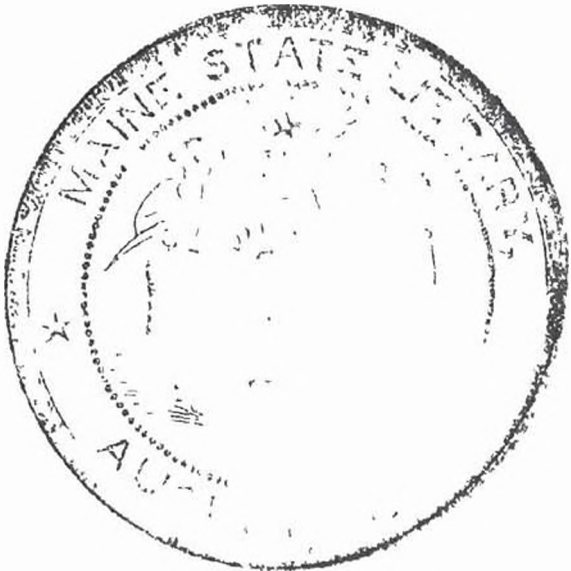
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& STATIONER.

CITY OF CALAIS

MAYOR'S ADDRESS,

—AND—

Annual Reports

—OF THE—

SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

—OF THE—

CITY GOVERNMENT

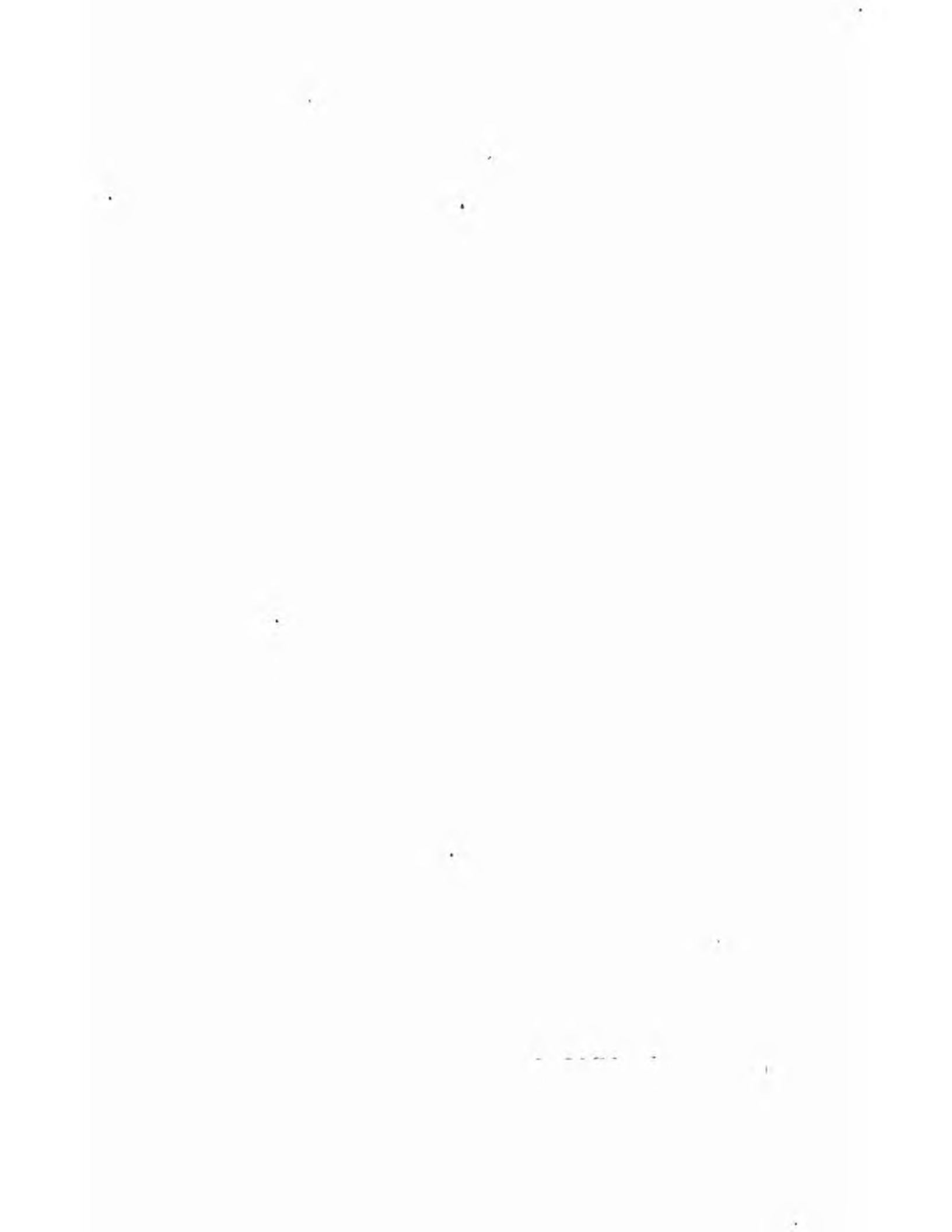
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1897-98.

CALAIS, MAINE.

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1898.





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Mayor's Address.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Having been unanimously elected to administer the municipal affairs of this city for the ensuing year, and having been inducted into office by the solemn forms of law, it becomes us to address ourselves to the performance of the grave duties we have assumed, with such zeal, intelligent judgment, and devotion, as shall acquit our own consciences of the blame of neglect, and render to the city, that service which will most certainly inure to its present and future welfare.

I cannot but recognize that we this year enter upon our work under most unusual and perplexing conditions. The disturbed state of the country under the imminence of war, while disastrously affecting most forms of business enterprise, will especially cripple the lumbering interest, as I understand it has already done to an alarming extent, thus diminishing the resources of some of our largest taxpayers and their dependants.

We shall soon be confronted with the problem of the city's relations, as the owner of a third mortgage on the Calais and Baring railroad, to the contractors of the Washington County railroad, who have purchased the first and second mortgages upon the same property, and who I understand will soon ask the city to arrange with them, either by purchase, sale or otherwise, so that the county road may enter the city over the Calais and Baring road bed.

I call your attention to this matter now, as its proper solution is of great value to the city, and that you may acquaint yourselves in advance, so far as possible, with the facts in the case, and so be able to act intelligently, and for the city's best interest, when the subject shall properly come before you.

It is my duty at the present hour to briefly outline to you, the condition of the several departments, and make such suggestions in their management as may seem to me to be advisable.

By the treasurer's report we find the financial condition of the city to be as follows:—

LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Loan of 1883, | \$ 1,000 00 | |
| “ “ 1890, | 9,000 00 | |
| “ “ 1891, | 101,000 00 | |
| “ “ 1895, | 10,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Bonded debt, | | \$121,000 00 |
| Cemetery trust fund, | | 400 00 |
| St. C. & P. R. R. Contingent, | | 1,721 60 |
| Temporary loan, | | 36,000 00 |
| Lucy Wentworth trust fund, | | 1,425 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$160,546 60 |

RESOURCES.

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| St. C. & P. R. R. mortgage, | \$88,000 00 |
| Bills receivable, | 1,159 29 |
| Tax deeds, | 1,459 38 |
| Uncollected taxes, 1891-2-3, | 6,436 26 |
| “ “ 1897, | 16,025 17 |
| Cash, | 992 14 |
| Shoe Factory note, | 1,425 00 |
| Net city debt, | 45,049 36 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$160,546 60 |

CITY PROPERTY.

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| City building, | \$ 4,900 00 |
| Steam fire engine, | 1,000 00 |
| Hose and apparatus, | 2,300 00 |
| Hook and ladder outfit, | 500 00 |
| Hand engine Washington, | 300 00 |
| Gravel lots Upper Mills, | 150 00 |
| “ “ Charlotte road, | 150 00 |
| “ “ St. Stephen, | 200 00 |
| Lot near J. C. Rockwood's, | 500 00 |
| Brick engine house, | 3,500 00 |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Lot, lockup and storehouse. | 800 00 |
| Poor and pest house. | 7,000 00 |
| Stone crusher and fittings, | 1,500 00 |
| Road machine, | 100 00 |
| 14 school houses, | 33,000 00 |
| Books, | 1,800 00 |
| Memorial Park, | 5,000 00 |
| Church street lot, | 1,300 00 |
| Engine house, Milltown, | 2,000 00 |
| Horses, wagons, &c., | 1,000 00 |
| Steam drill and fittings, | 300 00 |
| Interest in bridges on St. Croix, | 23,000 00 |
| Fire alarm, | 1,600 00 |
| McLeod farm, | 3,000 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$94,900 00 |
| Less net city debt, | 45,049 36 |
| Net worth, | <hr/> |
| | \$49,850 64 |

Of the bonded debt there matures this year, by loan of 1883, \$1,000. I would recommend that the temporary loan, which has been increased the past year by the necessary purchase of the McLeod farm for cemetery purposes, should be bonded, so far as the legal limit will permit, at a rate not exceeding four per cent.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

This department has been under the charge of Commissioner Fstey the past year who has worked with his usual skill and faithfulness.

There have been three miles of road turnpiked, three and a half macadamized and five thousand yards of concrete walk laid throughout the city.

The crusher has broken eight thousand five hundred tons of rock, of which two hundred tons is on hand for this spring's use.

The overdraught upon last year's appropriation for this department, was mainly due to unlooked for and expensive repairs upon our bridges, the demand for which upon Red Beach, Union and Middle bridges was imperative for simple safety, while to prevent deterioration the steel bridge had to be painted and have its piers pointed.

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

In pursuance of the mayor's recommendation last year, the board of aldermen, through a special committee, entered upon the work of sewer construction, according to the surveys and plans on file in the city office, as early in the season as was practicable, and by November had completed three and a half miles of sewers, including the two main outlets to low water mark, at a total expense of \$33,332.25.

The immediate and absolute need of sewers, from a sanitary point, as urged by our health authorities, the special necessity of proper outlets, usually the most expensive part of such work, at the beginning, combined with the abundance and moderate cost of labor, convinced the committee, having the matter in charge, that health and economy both counselled as large an extension of the sewer system as could be accomplished in one season, and I have no question of the wisdom of their conclusion.

This work was done partly by contract and partly by day labor, thus furnishing employment to a large number of our citizens through the summer. The uncontracted work was under the able supervision of Mr. Estey, who thus had opportunity to demonstrate the great value of his invention for ditch excavation.

I do not recommend a special appropriation for the continuance of this work the present year, but I do recommend that all moneys that may be received from assessments of betterment to property, on the line of newly constructed sewers, as well as that which may be collected as an entrance fee, shall be passed to the credit of the sewer department, to be used solely in its work, either of extension or repairs.

SCHOOLS.

Our schools the past year under the able supervision of Dr. Webber, have fully sustained their well merited reputation for efficiency.

At the last session of the legislature, a law was enacted, requiring all towns of the State to appropriate and tax specially, outside the legal tax of eighty cents per head of population, for every expense of school work, except the payment of teachers, janitors and fuel.

This will explain the separate appropriation recommended this year for repairs and general supplies needed in this department, an amount hitherto usually unnoticed, as it was merged in the general appropriation for school purposes.

CEMETERY.

As recommended by the mayor last year, the McLeod farm contiguous to the cemetery lot already owned by the city, was purchased for cemetery purposes at an expense of \$3000. This purchase gives to the city land absolutely needed as well as secures to it the ownership of the avenue which had hitherto owned only a right of way.

The departments not mentioned above have been satisfactorily administered the past year.

I have no special recommendation to make respecting them, nor will this be necessary as you will have the several reports before you which I commend to your careful perusal and consideration.

I recommend the following appropriations :—

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Free high school, | \$ 700 00 |
| Schools, | 8,000 00 |
| Repairs, insurance and school supplies, | 4,000 00 |
| Free text books, | 500 00 |
| Highways bridges and sidewalks | 7,300 00 |
| Interest, | 3,500 00 |
| Cemetery, | 700 00 |
| Cemetery at Red Beach, | 50 00 |
| Lighting of streets, | 2,700 00 |
| Fire department, | 2,800 00 |
| New hose cart, | 500 00 |
| Abatement and discounts, | 3,000 00 |
| Water works, | 3,700 00 |
| Police, | 2,300 00 |
| Salaries, | 3,700 00 |
| Health, | 200 00 |
| Poor and insane. | 4,400 00 |
| Library, | 900 00 |
| Contingent, | 2,000 00 |

CHARLES E. SWAN Mayor.

Mayor's Report.

For the municipal year ending March 31, 1898.

CEMETERY RED BEACH.

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------|
| Appropriation, | \$50 00 | |
| Unexpended, | | 50 00 |
| | <u>50 00</u> | |

CEMETERY.

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Appropriation, | \$600 00 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 665 35 |
| Overdrawn, | 65 35 | |
| | <u>\$665 35</u> | 665 35 |

LIGHTS.

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$2,600 00 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 2,672 91 |
| Overdrawn | 72 91 | |
| | <u>\$2,672 91</u> | 2,672 91 |

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$3,000 00 | |
| Orders drawn | | 2,902 22 |
| Unexpended | | 97 78 |
| | <u>\$3,000 00</u> | \$3,000 00 |

WATER.

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$3,600 00 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 3,634 67 |
| Overdrawn, | 34 67 | |
| | <u>\$3,634 67</u> | 3,634 67 |

HEALTH.

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Appropriation, | \$200 00 | |
| Orders drawn: | | 200 00 |
| | <u>\$200 00</u> | 200 00 |

MAYOR'S REPORT.

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NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | \$2,200 00 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 2,209 63 |
| Overdrawn, | 9 63 | |
| | <u>\$2,209 63</u> | <u>2,209 63</u> |

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Appropriation, | \$500 00 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 500 78 |
| Overdrawn, | 78 | |
| | <u>\$500 78</u> | <u>500 78</u> |

INTEREST.

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | \$1,800 00 | |
| Sundry credits, | 3,817 68 | |
| Overdrawn, | 1,391 15 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 7,008 83 |
| | <u>\$7,008 83</u> | <u>7,008 83</u> |

POOR AND INSANE.

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | \$4,400 00 | |
| Sundry credits, | 137 39 | |
| Overdrawn, | 133 35 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 4670 74 |
| | <u>\$4,670 74</u> | <u>4,670 74</u> |

SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Appropriation, | \$ 700 00 | |
| " | 6,800 00 | |
| Mill tax, | 6,252 81 | |
| Free High School, | 250 00 | |
| Overdrawn, | 545 32 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 14,548 13 |
| | <u>\$14,548 13</u> | <u>14,548 13</u> |

SALARIES.

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | \$3,500 00 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 3,500 00 |
| | <u>\$3,500 00</u> | <u>3,500 00</u> |

FIRE.

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation, | \$2,800 00 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 2,796 89 |
| Unexpended, | | 3 11 |
| | <u>\$2,800 00</u> | <u>2,800 00</u> |

MAYOR'S REPORT.

PARKS.

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Appropriation, | \$350 00 | |
| Ladies, | 100 00 | |
| Overdrawn, | 60 65 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 510 65 |
| | <u>\$510 65</u> | 510 65 |

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS.

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation, | 7,300 00 | |
| Transferred from new sewers, | 4,925 82 | |
| Transferred from parks, | 510 65 | |
| Sundry credits, | 1,118 77 | |
| Overdrawn, | 1,708 91 | |
| Orders drawn | | 15,564 15 |
| | <u>\$15,564 15</u> | 15,564 15 |

LIBRARY.

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$1,300 00 | |
| State of Maine, | 140 60 | |
| Orders Drawn, | | 1,372 29 |
| Undrawn, | | 69 31 |
| | <u>\$1,441 60</u> | 1,441 60 |

HOSE.

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Appropriation, | \$500 00 | |
| Overdrawn, | 3 00 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 503 00 |
| | <u>\$503 00</u> | 503 00 |

CONTINGENT.

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation, | \$1,400 00 | |
| Overlaying, | 1,288 81 | |
| R. R. & telegraph tax, | 1,478 71 | |
| State rent armory, | 100 00 | |
| Dog tax, | 202 51 | |
| Sundry credits, | 425 27 | |
| Supplimentary tax, | 773 86 | |
| Undrawn amounts, | 220 20 | |
| Balance, | 7,039 63 | |
| Orders drawn, | | 8,903 27 |
| Overdrawn amounts, | | 4,025 62 |
| | <u>\$12,928 99</u> | 12,928 99 |

CHAS. E. SWAN, Mayor.

City Treasurer's Report.

George Downes, city treasurer, in account with the
City of Calais, for the financial year ending April 2, 1898.

DEBIT.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Balance, | \$ 1,109 07 |
| Sundry licenses, | 69 00 |
| Contingent fund St. Croix & Penobscot R. R., | 2,129 60 |
| Contingent, sundry credits, | 1,759 93 |
| Library, State of Maine, | 141 60 |
| Poor, sundry credits, | 137 39 |
| Interest, sundry credits, | 3,817 68 |
| T. McCullough, tax collector, 1896, | 12,558 35 |
| " " 1897, | 44,164 19 |
| Notes payable, | 66,000 00 |
| Free High School, | 250 00 |
| Dog tax, City Clerk, 1897, | 249 00 |
| State of Maine, dog tax, | 202 51 |
| State of Maine, Railroad and Telegraph tax, | 1,478 71 |
| State of Maine, rent of Armory, | 100 00 |
| State aid, | 762 00 |
| Tax deeds, | 750 51 |
| State of Maine, mill tax, | 6,252 81 |
| Highways, | 6,555 24 |
| New sewers, | 33,606 58 |
| Park fund, | 100 00 |
| | 182,194 17 |

CREDIT.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| By paid State aid, | \$ 879 00 |
| Orders highway fund, | 15,564 15 |
| Fire fund, | 2,796 89 |
| Contingent fund, | 7,903 27 |
| Contingent St.C. & P.R.R. fund | 1,000 00 |
| Free text books, | 500 78 |
| Salaries, | 3,500 00 |

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| By paid orders | Poor, | 4,670 74 |
| | Schools, | 14,548 13 |
| | Police, | 2,209 63 |
| | Lighting streets, | 2,672 91 |
| | Interest, | 7,008 83 |
| | Cemetery, | 665 35 |
| | Discounts and abatements, | 2,902 22 |
| | Water tax, | 3,634 67 |
| | Health, | 200 00 |
| | State dog tax, 1897, | 249 00 |
| | Notes payable, | 60,000 00 |
| | Tax deeds, | 881 85 |
| | State tax, | 8,436 21 |
| | County tax, | 6,861 72 |
| | Park fund, | 510 65 |
| | Library, | 1,372 29 |
| | New sewers, | 31,730 74 |
| | Hose, | 503 00 |
| | | <u>\$181,202 03</u> |
| Cash, | | 992 14 |
| | | <u>\$182,194 17</u> |

RESOURCES.

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| St. Croix & Penobscot Railroad mortgage, | \$ 88,000 00 |
| Bills receivable, | 1,159 29 |
| Tax deeds, | 1,459 38 |
| Uncollected taxes, 1897, | 16,025 17 |
| " " 1891-2-3 | 6,436 26 |
| Cash, | 992 14 |
| Shoe Factory note, | 1,425 00 |
| Balance, | 45,049 36 |
| | <u>\$160,546 60</u> |

LIABILITIES.

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Bonds, 1883, | \$ 1000 00 |
| " 1890, | 9,000 00 |
| " 1891, | 101,000 00 |
| " 1895, | 10,000 00 |
| Cemetery trust fund, | 400 00 |
| Lucy G. Wentworth trust fund, | 1,425 00 |
| Notes payable, | 36,000 00 |
| St. Croix & Penobscot Railroad contingent, | 1,721 60 |
| | <u>\$160,546 60</u> |

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT. 15

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

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Park debt, | \$5,000 00 |
| Bonds of 1883, | <u>5,000 00</u> |
| | \$10,000 00 |

GEORGE DOWNES, City Treasurer.

Chase Poor Fund.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Calais :

GENTLEMEN : The fund now amounts to \$52,792 47 all of which is invested.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| The expenses and taxes for the year amount to | 966 83 |
| The income from investments amounts to | 2,612 20 |
| There has been distributed to beneficiaries during the year, | 1,084 28 |
| Which added to heretofore distributed makes an aggregate for the twelve years of | 18,470 37 |
| | 19,554 65 |

Below is an itemized statement of the investment of the fund ; also the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1898.

ASSETS OF THE CHASE POOR FUND.

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Notes City of Calais 4 per cent, | \$33,606 58 |
| Casco Nat'l Bank, Portland, Me., 60 shares, | 9,120 00 |
| First " " " " 3 " | 441 00 |
| Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., | <u>9,624 89</u> |
| | \$52,792 74 |

CHASE POOR FUND.

INCOME.

| | |
|--|------------|
| E. & N. A. R. R. Dividend, | \$ 375 00 |
| C. B. & Q. R. R. " | 301 75 |
| Casco National Bank " | 600 00 |
| First " " " | 18 00 |
| Calais " " " | 322 07 |
| P. & R. R. R. " | 60 00 |
| Int. on Milltown bond due when it was called in, | 8 70 |
| St Croix Shoe Co., Interest, | 577 75 |
| Interest on city notes, | 259 25 |
| N. B. & C. R. R. Dividend, | 89 68 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,612 20 |

EXPENDED.

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Beneficiaries, | \$1,084 28 |
| Taxes, | 860 83 |
| Accountant, | 100 00 |
| Safety box rent, | 6 00 |
| Balance, | 561 09 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,612 20 |

GEORGE DOWNES, Accountant.

Calais, March 31, 1898.

Calais Free Library.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN : The Free Library and Reading Room have continued during the year their useful work without interruption and with marked advance in some directions.

Particularly noticeable and gratifying is the larger use of books for purposes of study made by the pupils in the higher grades of our public schools. The fact is indicated by the greater number of young persons who consult the volumes of the Reference Library.

The trustees have been encouraged to make additions of high value to this department for the purpose of still farther extending its usefulness.

The work of making a card catalogue was carried forward by the librarian, during the larger part of the year an assistant being employed at the desk. The catalogue is now substantially completed to date and is daily proving its utility. Other facilities for more ready access to books are in course of preparation. In December a branch of the library was opened at Red Beach, in order that the residents of this section of the city, might more conveniently enjoy its advantages. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gove occupying a central location kindly give their services in the care of the books. The circulation of four hundred and thirty-seven volumes in the period of four months, shows the appreciation by the people of the privilege placed within their reach.

A representative of this part of the city has been placed upon the Board of Trustees, by the election of O. S. Tarbox, Esq., to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Hon. Edgar Whidden who has removed from the State.

The number of books taken from the library in the

course of the year is 21,654. Besides these many books have been used in the Reading Room. There have been added to the library 443 volumes. Of this number 109 volumes consist of "The Official Records of the War of the Rebellion," a work of great and increasing value. Toward the purchase of this assistance was given by citizens to the amount of twenty dollars, which was a little less than half the cost. The work has been placed in the Reference Room that it may be conveniently accessible to all. Public documents have been received to the extent of 107 volumes.

The total number of volumes in the library is about 5,702 beside 1100 public documents.

Thirty-five periodicals and papers have been taken for the Reading Room. About 8,729 persons have made use of the room.

It having been found necessary to make addition to the heating apparatus, two hot water radiators were put in place at a cost of one hundred and thirty-five dollars. The sum available for the purchase of new books was curtailed to that amount. The continued and extensive use of the books involves a more rapid deterioration of them so that the demand for repairs is large and an increased number of volumes become useless.

The balance reported as unexpended is due to the fact of a misunderstanding as to the amount of funds available in the last month of the financial year. Books are in waiting for payment to the amount of this balance, which, it is hoped therefore may be added to the next appropriation

It is desirable that the same liberal policy which in the past has been pursued toward the Library and Reading Room should be continued. We recommend that there be appropriated twelve hundred dollars together with the unexpended balance of last year required for books now in hand, a total of twelve hundred and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-one cents. Of this sum there may be estimated seven hundred and fifty dollars as required for expenses of administering the Library.

CHAS. G. McCULLY, President.

WM. J. FOWLER, Secretary.

CALAIS FREE LIBRARY.

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Treasurer's Statement of Library funds, April 1, 1898 :

| | | |
|--|----|----------|
| Balance of Pike fund April 1, 1897, | \$ | 77 |
| 1897, Aug 11, rec'd dividend from N. E. Trust Co. | | 84 50 |
| “ “ 16, “ citizens' subscription for War Records, | | 20 25 |
| 1898, Feb. 8, rec'd dividend from N. E. Trust Co. | | 85 50 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 187 02 |
| Paid sundry bills for books, | | 184 95 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance of Pike fund in treasury, | | 2 07 |
| City appropriation, | | 1,300 00 |
| Received from State of Maine, | | 141 60 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 1,441 60 |

ORDERS DRAWN.

| | | |
|---|--|----------|
| Expense of administration and card catalogue, | | 931 04 |
| New heating apparatus, | | 135 00 |
| Books and Periodicals, | | 306 25 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 1,372 29 |
| Unexpended balance, | | 69 31 |

'Overseer of 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, 1898. 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 almshouse as per vouches on file, | \$1,357 83 |
| City Physicians salary, | 200 00 |
| Overseer's salary, | 250 00 |
| Chase Poor Fund, | 145 33 |
| aid for disabled soldiers and families, | 56 15 |

OUTSIDE POOR THAT HAVE SETTLEMENT IN OUR CITY.

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| James A. Moore, | \$ 65 00 |
| Eliza Turple and family, | 100 00 |
| Mrs. Hiltz, | 48 00 |
| Geo. Spinney, | 39 05 |
| Mrs. Isaac Chambers, | 23 00 |
| John Henderson's family, | 16 12 |
| Michael Keely, | 17 00 |
| John Thompson, | 29 95 |
| Mary Haddock, | 56 31 |
| Annie Porter, | 37 75 |
| Mrs. Garnet, | 8 00 |
| John Collins and family, | 22 68 |
| Mrs. Lockery, | 38 77 |
| Chas. Devine family, | 78 22 |
| J. Nelson Anderson, | 24 90 |
| Jere Harrington and family, | 11 59 |
| Chas Marshall and family, | 10 41 |
| Silas Bailey and wife, | 25 02 |
| Hiram Montgomery, | 14 22 |
| Sarah A. Hatch, | 20 61 |

OVERSEER OF POOR'S REPORT.

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| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Robert Grass, | 9 95 |
| Henry Strout family, | 10 15 |
| Mrs. Roix, | 19 95 |
| Chas. Clark family | 26 57 |
| John Jedkins and wife, | 36 96 |
| James McMeekin and family, | 26 90 |
| Mrs. Eph Howe, | 88 25 |
| Chas. Frost and family, | 5 75 |
| Wm. Bullock, | 6 50 |
| Fred Young, | 4 20 |
| Henry Osborn, | 3 50 |
| Robert Louthier and family, | 7 16 |
| Otis Greenlaw and family, | 42 34 |
| John Carson, | 15 84 |
| Frank Williams and family, | 21 99 |
| Gordon Moffit and wife, | 13 18 |
| Mary Vickery family, | 2 00 |
| Hiram Duncan and family, | 10 13 |
| Mrs. Creasey, | 4 00 |
| John McRae and family, | 6 34 |
| S. Sprague and family, | 7 95 |
| Elizabeth McKenzie, | 5 00 |
| Wood for outside poor, | 44 65 |
| Miscellaneous, | 9 18 |

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Nettie Keizer, | 13 00 |
| Louise Cassidy, | 13 00 |

INSANE HOSPITAL.

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| Albert R. Whidden, | 117 99 |
| Ellen McAlpine, | 123 52 |
| Augustus Greenlaw, | 143 67 |
| Mary McEvoy, | 140 96 |
| Mary E. Wells, | 121 67 |
| Geo. H. McElroy, | 122 18 |
| Geo. W. Long, | 138 53 |
| Mary Reding, | 85 82 |
| Thomas M. Warr, | 70 30 |
| Secured by note, | 28 57 |

Outside poor that have no settlement in our city :

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Andrew Burgess and family, | 21 57 |
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| Linnian Johnson, | 5 00 |
| Minnie Davis, | 19 25 |
| Chas Chambers and family, | 13 65 |
| James McKeon, and family, | 40 83 |
| Chas. Douglass and family, | 33 83 |
| Robert Down's family, | 13 70 |
| Sarah McClure, | 6 91 |
| Edgar Russell and family, | 7 36 |
| Shermans, | 40 59 |
| Robert Barter and family, | 40 80 |
| Peter Duffy and family, | 8 10 |
| Tramp Wilson, | 7 45 |
| Otis Frost, and family, | 10 69 |
| Alma McKey, | 4 48 |
| James McClure and family, | 43 53 |
| Michael Hayden and family, | 17 00 |
| Mrs Merrill Allen, | 2 00 |
| Hugh Waddle, | 2 00 |
| Mary Howard, | 10 00 |
| Gave lodging and fed seventy-nine tramps, | |
| Orders drawn, | 4,670 74 |
| Appropriation, | 4,400 00 |
| Amount collected from sundry persons and turned over to City Treasurer, | 137 39 |
| Overdrawn, | 133 35 |
| Whole number in almshouse March 31, 1897, | 12 |
| Admitted during the year, | 13 |
| Died, | 0 |
| Discharged, | 7 |
| Present number in almshouse March 31, 1898, | 18 |
| Average, | 20 |

Respectfully Submitted,

WILLIAM TRIMBLE.

Overseer of the Poor.

Street Commissioner's Report.

To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my annual report of expenses for the year ending March 31, 1898.

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| Appropriation | \$7,300 00 |
| Transferred from sewer account | 4,925 82 |

CASH PAID FOR ENTRIES TO SEWER.

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|------------------------|----------|
| Richard Stanhope, | \$ 25 00 |
| W. J. Fowler, | 25 00 |
| D. A. Swain, | 25 00 |
| Howard Pomroy, | 25 00 |
| T. G. Lunt, | 25 00 |
| Daniel Ryan, | 25 00 |
| Fred Keen, | 25 00 |
| Frank Hodgins, | 25 00 |
| David Driscoll, | 25 00 |
| Wm. Trimble, | 25 00 |
| Helen Robinson, | 25 00 |
| David Blakeley. | 25 00 |
| E. H. Vose, | 25 00 |
| Mrs. M. J. Clark, | 25 00 |
| F. T. Waite, | 25 00 |
| Mrs. C. E. Cook, | 25 00 |
| Mrs. Annie Williams, | 25 00 |
| W. J. Fowler, trustee, | 25 00 |
| David Redman, | 25 00 |
| H. D. Pike, | 25 00 |
| Geo. A. Libby, | 25 00 |
| F. N. Davis. | 25 00 |

CASH RECEIVED FOR CONCRETE.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| John T. Martin, | 6 00 |
| Mrs. C. Clindenin, | 1 80 |
| W. S. McKellar. | 3 00 |

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Wm. Tarbell, | 10 20 |
| Parsonage, Baptist, | 17 40 |
| W. H. Allen, | 5 70 |
| Methodist Church, Calais, | 8 40 |
| H. B. Ross, | 50 40 |
| Congregational Church, | 26 70 |
| George W. Lord, | 15 00 |
| Mrs. McKeeman. | 4 20 |
| Albert Cogswell, | 1 50 |
| Walter Dixson, | 10 80 |
| C. B. Hill, | 7 80 |
| P. C. McGlinchey, | 1 35 |
| W. H. Cole, | 10 80 |
| Catholic Church, | 92 70 |
| John Prescott, | 9 60 |
| Saunders & Co., | 14 40 |
| J. W. Thomas, | 3 20 |
| F. T. Waite, | 13 20 |
| J. Ward, | 3 00 |
| H. W. Eaton, | 9 10 |
| Edward Kelly, | 3 00 |
| James O'Brien, | 1 50 |
| Hill & Hinds, | 5 10 |
| H. D. Pike, | 3 20 |
| B. Kalish, | 7 80 |
| St. Croix Shoe Co., | 14 20 |
| Methodist Church, Milltown, | 5 40 |
| Exchange Hotel, | 10 00 |
| J. R. N. Smith, | 6 00 |
| Union Church Parsonage, | 6 60 |
| Amount due for concrete, | 29 60 |
| City Buildings, | 81 00 |
| Transferred from Park fund, | 510 65 |
| James McVey, gravel, | 30 00 |
| Calais & St. Stephen, S. R., R., | 51 00 |
| Henry McLain, use of drill, | 30 00 |
| Manning St. Sidewalk, | 23 00 |
| St. Croix Gas Co., part of bridge, | 4 00 |
| James Doon, | 10 00 |
| O. S. Tarbox, plank, | 3 00 |

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT. 25

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Sundries credit, | 29 62 |
| Overdraft, | 1,708 91 |
| Ames, W. H. | 140 23 |
| Arnold, Samuel | 111 00 |
| Ayles, Geo. C. | 17 15 |
| Averill, Frank | 343 49 |
| Brown, I. W. | 492 75 |
| Beek, H. F. | 66 30 |
| Bates, H. M. | 1 56 |
| Boyd, J. A. | 80 |
| Boyd, Geo. E. | 1 25 |
| Boardman, Bros. | 28 32 |
| Carver, J. H. | 40 74 |
| Carmody, R. | 9 37 |
| Cleland, A. | 17 00 |
| Chambers, Stephen | 4 50 |
| Campbell, Thomas | 37 37 |
| Craig, C. F. | 12 00 |
| Campbell, Daniel | 209 36 |
| Doyle, Joseph | 68 62 |
| Dooley, James | 113 81 |
| Dyer, Will | 20 25 |
| Dougherty, James | 267 19 |
| Dyer, B. E. | 8 00 |
| Dougherty, Wm. | 5 00 |
| Dyer, A. S. | 9 10 |
| Damon, Maynard | 16 25 |
| Eye, Chas. E. | 66 87 |
| Eaton, H. F. & Sons | 192 95 |
| Estey, Wm. | 14 37 |
| Finnerty, Patrick | 49 99 |
| Frost, Chas. E. | 24 40 |
| Fox, Chas. | 45 61 |
| Fox, Edgar | 15 00 |
| Flynn, E. M. | 31 00 |

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| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Fox, Howard | 41 77 |
| Fitzsimmons, J. | 13 50 |
| Glew, G. M. | 115 82 |
| Gaddis, Thomas | 61 13 |
| Gardner, C. B. | 91 33 |
| Grimmer, F. A. | 79 71 |
| Gardner, B. C. | 151 00 |
| Glidden, Nelson | 63 24 |
| Glidden, George | 120 97 |
| Glidden, Everett | 336 61 |
| Gillespie, Adam | 27 63 |
| Garbett, R. | 10 62 |
| Grover, J. J. | 8 15 |
| Glidden, Gillman | 23 00 |
| Glidden, Daniel | 99 00 |
| Glidden, Horace | 3 75 |
| Glidden, Geo. J. | 2 18 |
| Gower, J. W. | 5 00 |
| Gillespie, J. K. | 6 20 |
| Glidden, Wm. | 16 25 |
| Gove, Appleton | 3 40 |
| Higgins, W. F. | 416 50 |
| Huntley, Robert | 50 92 |
| Hanhan, Thomas | 43 12 |
| Higgins, P. | 54 05 |
| Hanson, Gillman | 13 87 |
| Hopps, H. N. | 22 75 |
| Hill, Salem | 165 50 |
| Hill, Ernest | 29 87 |
| Harris, Lynn | 2 50 |
| Highland, Jas. | 9 06 |
| Hartford, Hiram A. | 12 00 |
| Haddock, Thomas | 110 00 |
| Hustin, James | 10 00 |
| Hanson Gilbert | 27 87 |
| Hill, H. E. | 28 39 |
| Hill, J. M. | 5 75 |
| Hill, Willie | 3 75 |
| Harrison, Lindsay | 1 25 |
| Holmes, G. A. | 1 00 |

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| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Hill, Edmond | 58 10 |
| Hinds, Geo. W. | 20 00 |
| Hill, Frank E. | 48 50 |
| Hill, Pike & Co | 4 05 |
| Johnson, Alexander | 65 37 |
| Jones, G. K. & Son | 14 65 |
| Johnson, Wm | 53 42 |
| Knight, Fred | 99 86 |
| Keith, Stephen | 1 25 |
| King, C. W. | 106 42 |
| Keeley, John | 52 80 |
| Kelley, Jas. M. | 5 25 |
| Kelley, Charles | 5 62 |
| Long, Thomas | 91 85 |
| Lanigan, Wm. | 84 50 |
| Lee, Wm. | 45 92 |
| Lee, R. | 43 86 |
| Lesure, Edmond E. | 48 11 |
| Leighton, Everett | 132 05 |
| Lawlor, Frank | 5 00 |
| McKay, H. E. | 7 59 |
| Myers, Patrick | 151 86 |
| Marrs, A. | 260 04 |
| Myers, John | 41 87 |
| McLain, Henry | 9 62 |
| McDermott, P. | 41 55 |
| Marrs, David | 225 67 |
| Murchie & Sons, | 830 22 |
| Moore, Gillman | 48 86 |
| McCoy, Alex. | 12 00 |
| McAlpine, John | 177 55 |
| Miller, Charles | 8 12 |
| Mayo, George | 33 75 |
| Munson, H. E. | 3 40 |
| McGarvey, George | 98 65 |
| McDonald, Wm. & Son, | 104 03 |
| Mitchell, Pat | 1 25 |
| McAllister, W. E. | 1 75 |

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| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Mitchell, R. | 50 62 |
| Martin, James | 24 87 |
| McAdam, Chas. F. | 5 00 |
| McCullum, John | 1 87 |
| Mahen, M. E. | 62 |
| McAllister, E. H. & Sons | 1 00 |
| Osgood, J. P. | 13 40 |
| Prescott, John | 26 20 |
| Preston, Baker | 1 00 |
| Phelan, S. H. | 241 53 |
| Pineo, S. S. | 62 95 |
| Pike, C. R. | 3 32 |
| Rogers, J. J. | 22 11 |
| Rogers, Church | 2 49 |
| Riddle, John | 45 42 |
| Russell, John | 84 05 |
| Rellighan, John | 2 50 |
| Robinson, James | 107 35 |
| Rapley, James | 40 00 |
| Stuart, H. W. | 92 35 |
| Swan, C. E. | 1 50 |
| Scott, Wm. | 89 77 |
| Smith, Mrs. W. H. | 26 60 |
| Spinney, George | 12 00 |
| St. C. & P. R. R. | 10 02 |
| Spearin, | 93 50 |
| Stanhope, Levi | 23 40 |
| Tarbox, O. F. | 527 28 |
| Thompson, J. S. | 6 00 |
| Tuel, I. V. | 3 15 |
| Townsend, Frank | 84 62 |
| Thurston, David | 12 00 |
| Towers, A. | 122 98 |
| Toomey, M. | 74 00 |
| Toman, Patrick | 6 87 |
| Townsend, J. F. | 465 00 |
| Todd Bros. | 146 78 |

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT. 29

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Wilson, Wm. | 55 61 |
| Walker, Robert | 26 75 |
| Wilson, Robert | 45 00 |
| Weary, Fred | 7 50 |
| Wheeler, George | 89 00 |
| Wilder, F. C. | 1 85 |
| Waite, F. T. | 75 |
| Young, J. N. | 1 25 |
| Young, C. W. & Co. | 2 10 |
| Young, Moses W. | 44 65 |
| Bailey, R. H. | 1 87 |
| Bailey, R. | 3 12 |
| Bailey, R. | 1 87 |
| Bailey, E. | 2 50 |
| Burgess, R. | 2 50 |
| Boyd, B. | 62 |
| Babbs, S. J. | 3 75 |
| Chase, Barker & Co. | 1,009 54 |
| Cone, M. | 21 00 |
| Clarissy, E. | 3 00 |
| Coffran | 1 25 |
| Carmody, P. | 5 00 |
| Chubbuck, | 1 87 |
| Conroy, S. | 2 50 |
| Dougherty, Robt. | 3 00 |
| Drillon. D. | 2 50 |
| Eary, W. | 4 37 |
| Frost, Otis, | 2 50 |
| Fleming, W. | 2 50 |
| Glew, R. | 5 00 |
| Gaddis, John | 1 00 |
| Gower, J. V. | 1 25 |
| Gayton, F. | 2 50 |
| Grayerson, Wm. | 2 50 |
| Gower, Wm. | 1 25 |
| Gray, J. | 1 25 |

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| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Hamilton, Jas. | 12 12 |
| Hughes, Wm. | 1 25 |
| Higgins, M. | 3 00 |
| Hussey, B. | 1 87 |
| Higgins, J. | 3 00 |
| Herald, H. I. | 2 00 |
| Hooper, H. I. | 2 50 |
| Harmon, H. | 1 25 |
| Hatch, H. | 1 87 |
| Red Beach Plaster Co. | 33 04 |
| Rich, W. E. | 7 50 |
| Roix, O. B. | 10 62 |
| St. Croix Gas Light Co. | 375 50 |
| Sheehan, John | 1 00 |
| Sprague, A. | 4 37 |
| Sears, F. | 3 12 |
| Stewart, J. | 1 87 |
| Smith, J. | 3 00 |
| Stanhope, S. | 1 87 |
| Smith, T. | 62 |
| Silk, J. | 1 25 |
| Tracey, Jas. | 8 75 |
| Williams, H. | 1 00 |
| Wellman, O. | 6 87 |
| Wade, J. | 3 12 |
| Waltman, W. | 5 00 |
| York, E. | 9 37 |
| Kyle, A. | 2 50 |
| Kelly, N. | 9 35 |
| Lunn, A. | 1 87 |
| Lasine, W. | 2 00 |
| Leavitt, S. | 10 62 |
| Libby, | 1 87 |
| Murchie, Geo. S. | 2 00 |

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT. 31

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| McKenzie, A. | 1 25 |
| McLean, | 62 |
| Moore, G. | 3 12 |
| McFarland, Wm. | 3 12 |
| McCatherine, C. | 1 87 |
| | |
| Pineo, S. | 5 00 |
| Pike, W. | 2 00 |
| Purington, A. | 1 87 |
| Purington, W. | 62 |

EXPENSES OF PARKS.

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| Memorial Park, | \$272 90 |
| Gates Park, | 237 75 |
| The overdraft is principally due to unforeseen expense of repairing bridges. | |
| Mitchell bridge, | \$150 00 |
| Union “ | 515 00 |
| Ferry Point bridge, | 213 03 |
| Red bridge, | 150 00 |
| | \$1,028 03 |
| and expense of handling snow during January | |
| February and March which was about, | 939 04 |
| Year previous costing, | 75 00 |

We have built 5,038 yards of concrete as follows:—

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Lafayette street, | 235 yards. |
| Washington “ | 950 “ |
| Park “ | 291 “ |
| Lowell “ | 190 “ |
| North “ | 700 “ |
| Main “ | 127 “ |
| Bridge “ | 87 “ |
| High “ | 211 “ |
| Monroe “ | 628 “ |
| Main “ Milltown, | 353 “ |
| South “ “ | 16 “ |
| School “ “ | 265 “ |
| South “ corner “ | 35 “ |
| Private walks as per list, | 648 “ |
| Patching throughout the city, | 282 “ |

We have built three-quarters of a mile of gravel walk.
We have turnpiked three miles of road

We have McAdamized three and one-half miles of street throughout the city.

We have made general repairs throughout the city requiring 500 tons of pit gravel.

We have crushed about 8,500 tons of rock, used 8,300 tons and have 200 tons on hand.

We have built 25 culverts throughout the city.

Sand on hand 175 tons, and 50 tons at Milltown hauled by city teamsters.

List of tools on hand and city property: One stone crusher, boiler and engine, two road rollers, one steam drill and two sets of drills, eight hand drills, four striking hammers, three dump carts, three wagons, three sledges, one sand sprinkler, one watering cart, one anvil, one bellows, three pipe wrenches, three monkey wrenches, three hundred and fifty feet of one-inch steam pipe, twenty-five feet of steam hose, seven stone hammers, seven crowbars, twenty shovels, ten rakes, two scythes, twenty-two pick-axes, six grub hoes, four snow plows one road machine, one hard pan and one ditch plow, with fittings. Concrete tools: One boiler, two rollers, two tampers, two wheel barrows.

Four horses, two of which are used in connection with the fire department with harness and fittings.

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 1898.

All the property of this department is in good condition. The hose wagon that has been located at the Church St. house, has been put in good order, painted and equipped with a pair of pony chemical extinguishers, and put in service at the Boardman St. house. A new wagon

that will have a much greater carrying capacity, has been ordered for the Church St. house, and will be delivered in about a month. The wood work of the Church St. house has been painted during the year, and the bell deck of the hose tower been tinned.

The department have responded to seventy alarms during the year, but with the exception of the St. Croix Exchange, the fires have been small and the loss light.

The fire alarm system should be extended so as to cover some of the property that at present has no box within reasonable distance. As the city saves more than the cost of the whole system every year, in reduced insurance rates, due entirely to the alarm system. It would seem a good investment to extend it moderately.

The expenses for the past year have been as follows :

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Salaries, | | \$1905 00 |
| Heating, | | 73 08 |
| Lighting, | | 88 53 |
| Insurance, | | 61 55 |
| Repairs to buildings, | | 80 79 |
| Expenses of Fire Alarm Telegraph, | | 161 26 |
| For furniture, stoves and bedding, | | 33 80 |
| Shoeing and medicine for horses, | | 20 15 |
| Repairs to wagons, trucks, &c., | | 35 15 |
| Sundry expenses for maintainance, | | 337 58 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2796 89 |
| Appropriation, | 2800 00 | |
| Expenses for year, | 2796 89 | |
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| Balance undrawn, | 3 11 | |

Respectfully Submitted,

WILLIS E. McALLISTER,

Chief Engineer.

Report of School Committee.

To His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN : The following is the report of the school committee for the current year ending March 31, 1898 :

It has been on the whole, a year of progress, of earnest effort on the part of teachers, and of splendid results, in nearly all the grades.

We refer here particularly to the quality of work which the teachers, in all parts of the city, have presented. The city is to be congratulated upon a corps of teachers, who almost to an individual are earnest, industrious and progressive.

They are alive to the progress of educational work everywhere, and strive to improve their methods and to introduce to their schools recommendations of the best educators.

The results in various schools show that the efforts of the teachers have been well attended with success.

There have been fewer cases of criticism from parents, and the whole course of the schools for the year has been more encouraging. We have each year more experienced and better equipped teachers, and we are affording the children better and more complete accommodations and facilities for education.

Those having the funds in charge, responded heartily to our recommendations last year. That fact contributed largely toward the success of our school system. The following are some of the needs of the department for the current year beginning April 1, 1898.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

We have in a previous report called attention to the unsanitary condition of the Milltown Grammar school building.

The city at a great expense has put a sewer through

Clark avenue and up to the school house wall, and city water has been put into the building. Thus the danger of infection from impure drinking water has been removed.

But that other menace, of impure and unhealthful atmosphere in and about the building still exists. This can only be removed by completing the sanitary arrangements for the accomodation of pupils

The building now affords little enough room in seating capacity, for the classes. It is necessary to construct an addition 8 ft. wide and 30 ft. to 40 ft. long, extending along the south side of the building.

This will give ample room for closets and dressing rooms, and furnish much needed hall space. Accomodation for the boys will be made in the basement.

The plan as outlined is identical with the arrangements in the Church street building.

The estimated cost of removing the outbuildings and constructing according to recommendations is about \$1200.

The Union school house needs painting outside and inside. Some of the clapboards and finish are entirely naked of paint. If the building is to be preserved it must be painted and kept in shape. The estimated cost of the job is \$100.

The trustees of the academy saw fit to complete, during the long summer vacation, their plans for enlarging the building used by the city for high school purposes. They built an addition which affords two beautiful rooms, one used for recitations, the other for laboratory purposes in science. These rooms were fitted with modern furniture and appliances. We now have a building undoubtedly better fitted for high school and academy work, than that of any city in this part of Maine.

These changes cost the academy corporation more than \$1600, without any expense to the city.

The Church Street grammer building needs to have its ceilings whitewashed, its walls kalsomined and its wood painted and oiled. Besides there is need of plastering in some places.

The furnaces in the basement, which were never adequate, and at best, heat only a part of the building, have done service since the building was erected. They can not be used any longer. They are cracked and warped

so that they consume a large amount of fuel and allow the escape of dangerous gases into the rooms in which the pupils live. Therefore two new furnaces must be purchased.

Furthermore, this building is very poorly ventilated. The pupils are constantly breathing the impure air. In this building there are daily congregated more pupils than in any other school building in the city. Now that new furnaces must be put in we earnestly recommend that an appropriation be made sufficient to cover the cost of heating and ventilating this building according to modern plans. It will cost no more in the end as the furnaces will last for a longer period and the ventilation will then be consistent with the health and comfort of the occupants. It is estimated to cost at least \$12.00 to complete this work.

The Board of health insists upon having city water put into the Sandbank school house during the summer. The shed needs to be shingled and new vaults must be made. It will cost about \$150 to do this job.

The South street grounds should be drained. There is constantly a pool of foul stagnant water on the northwest corner of the lot only a few yards from the building and the basement is always damp and sometimes wet.

The rooms above readily show the effect of the dampness and the condition is certainly against the health of the pupils and teachers who occupy them. The work can be done for about \$100.

The heating arrangement at Red Beach is inadequate and improper. The stoves situated in the floor space in the front of the rooms do good enough work as far as the amount of heat is concerned, but the distribution is so uneven that only a few of the pupils can be comfortable. Those in the front of the large rooms are too hot; and those in the rear are too cold. We recommend therefore that appropriation be made to provide for excavation and for purchasing a suitable furnace for the building. It will cost \$325.

There are more than a hundred pupils in this school house, between 5 and 20 years of age, and but a small plot of land for a play ground. Those interested in the matter have taken the trouble to get the price on an acre

of land joining the school grounds, which added to the present yard would give ample school yard room for so large schools. The price of the land is \$175.

The blackboards in some rooms in the city need to be repaired and other slight repairs will have to be done during the year and it will require at least \$500 to provide for this. None of these recommendations are for excessive or unnecessary changes. It seems to us but a matter of economy that these changes be made.

HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY.

A fourth teacher was added to the teaching force of this school, at the beginning of the school year. Now the work is almost completely departmental. Greek, Latin, Mathematics, English, Science. Mr. Whitman and Miss Hoxie remain in the school. Mr. H. S. Philbrick, of Colby, 1897, has charge of the sciences and Miss Vickery, of Bates, is teaching English. The enlarged courses afforded by increased facilities and accommodations have given new impetus to the school.

The character of work done is excellent, both teachers and pupils are putting forth their best efforts. Pupils are prepared for the best colleges and technical schools in the country.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The grammar schools are well organized, and as regards teaching force, are well equipped. The best arguments we can present for their condition are that there is little friction, they move smoothly and need comparatively little attention. We earnestly invite the public to visit more freely these schools, visitors will be cordially welcomed and will find teachers ready and anxious to exhibit the details of their work.

INTERMEDIATE AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

In these schools we have the beginnings of educational work. Here we always find a warm and lively interest.

Nothing can exceed the fascination of the intelligent work done by these little people.

Children in these grades do all the foundation processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division,

fractions with their applications, dry and liquid measurements, long and square measurements and in some grades the applications of percentage. We invite the public especially to visit these grades. They will see how clear and strong the grasp is which these little folks have on the subjects.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

These schools have not for years been in such good condition. The teachers are more efficient, the schools are better organized and the pupils are better prepared in their studies.

Miss Alice M. Young a recent graduate of Gorham Normal school has had a remarkably good effect on the Bog Brook school. The pupils are learning how to act and how to study, and are earnest and active.

The Red Beach schools easily obtain the banner position in improvement of condition; Mr. Ryan of this city, a graduate of Dartmouth is in charge. He has inspired all in the building with his enthusiasm and enterprise.

Never has the work done been of such quantity and quality, as under his administration.

He has brought to bear upon the work, an energy and spirit and an unquestioned ability, which have raised this school to a plane with the other schools of the city.

The attendance is larger, the average is higher than in previous years.

The pupils have purchased something of a library. There are now the 7th, 8th, and 9th grammar grades and the 1st and 2nd years of the High School work in the upper room. Miss Pettigrove has ably assisted in this work. Miss Bohanan in the lower room has shown much ability in organizing and instructing.

The citizens of Red Beach are thoroughly interested in their schools, and are anxious for a further continuance of the same.

MUSIC.

Miss MacKusick is again in charge of the music. She spends her vacations in attending schools for the study of music, and in observing the work in other cities. She brings back the latest ideas and suggestions and we get the benefit in our schools.

ASSISTANTS.

We have continued the plan of admitting recent graduates of the high school to different grades, for the purpose of preparing to teach and we now have several ready to step into any vacancies. Several of these young ladies are serving during the year without pay, other than the assurance that when work presents itself, those qualified shall have it to do.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| City appropriation for high school, | \$ 700 00 |
| “ “ “ common schools, | 6,800 00 |
| State “ “ high “ | 250 00 |
| “ “ “ common “ | 6,252 81 |
| City “ free text books, | 500 00 |
| Overdrawn, | 546 10 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$15,048 91 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| Teachers, | \$ 11,747 50 |
| Janitors, | 728 00 |
| Insurance, | 119 75 |
| Miscellaneous, | 311 06 |
| Supplies, | 230 20 |
| Cleaning, | 116 15 |
| Fuel, | 670 39 |
| Repairs, | 625 08 |
| Free text books, | 500 78 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$15,048 91 |

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. PADEL FORD,
 GEO. R. GARDNER,
 J. S. CLARK,
 S. E. WEBBER,
 O. A. JAMIESON,

}
 Superintending
 School
 Committee.

Sewer Committee's Report.

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

GENTLEMEN: Your committee on new sewers respectfully submit the following report of what has been accomplished toward giving our city a complete sewerage system.

It was with many misgivings that we undertook a task the magnitude of which very few of our citizens comprehend.

At the outset, we realized that not one of the committee was a practical sewer builder, but we found ourselves fortunate in having plans already drawn for a fine system for the city proper, that the city engineer had recently received practical experience in sewer building at Lynn, Mass., and that our street commissioner was competent to undertake any part of the work.

A call for tenders was issued and Mr. F. L. Allan of Worcester, Mass., making the lowest tender a contract was signed with him to do the heaviest part of the work, which he has done; so far as we can now see, to the entire satisfaction of the committee, and Mr. Estey, notwithstanding the demand upon his time from the large amount of work done on our streets this year, has exceeded our expectations by putting in ten thousand feet of pipe in the most satisfactory manner.

The immense amount of detail in a work of this kind, forbids our submitting to you a full statement of our expenditures, but such a statement we have filed with the city clerk, where it will be kept for the inspection of any citizen.

The following is a summary.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| 8635 feet put in by F. C. Allen | cost | \$18,728.65 |
| 10044 " " " " Andrew Estey | " | 12,333.16 |
| 39 catch basins by | " " | 1,310.40 |
| Material on hand | | 960.04 |
| Gross expenditure | | <hr/> 33,332.25 |

By the above it will be seen that the cost of Mr. Allen's work is \$2.17 per foot and Mr. Estey's \$1.23, the difference in which is accounted for by the heavy expense incurred at the outlets and the larger pipe called for in Mr. Allen's work.

Respectfully submitted,

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| CHAS. D. HILL, | } Committee. |
| O. S. TARBOX, | |
| ROBT. S. GRAY, | |
| S. M. MCCOY, | |

City Engineer's Report.

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith submit the report of work completed during the year ending March 31, 1898.

A plan was made showing the extension of Lincoln street from Swan street to South street.

¶ New burial lots were staked on land recently purchased by the city and adjoining the cemetery. A plan of lots was drawn and left with the sexton, William Kerr.

A survey was made of a portion of the county road, known as the Charlotte road, near Maguerrewock bridge. A plan was made of the survey, showing the encroachment of abutters.

Lines and grades were given on all new sewers; and sewers constructed under contract, were inspected by men working under my directions.

Twenty-two case plans were made showing location of Y branches and manholes.

The aggregate length of new sewers is about three and one half miles

The subjoined schedule shows size and length of new sewers built during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. GARDNER, City Engineer.

| Location. | Calibre and length in feet. | | | | | | | | | | Y's | MH | CB | |
|--|-----------------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|----|----|---|
| | 6 in. | 8 in | 10 in | 12in | 12in | 15in | 18in | 20in | 24in | 24in | | | | |
| Avenue, Washington st to Lincoln st, | | 188 | 683 | | | | | | | | | 28 | 6 | 5 |
| Barker st, Main st to top of hill, | | 750 | 800 | 969 | | | | | | | | 68 | 13 | 6 |
| Clark st, South st to Roix lot, | | 384 | 341 | | | | | | | | | 20 | 3 | |
| Chase st, King st to angle, | | | | | | 234 | | | | | | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Downes st, Washington st to top of hill, | 557 | 452 | 319 | | | | | | | | | 36 | 6 | 3 |
| Elm st, Main st to railroad, | | | | | | | | 533 | | | | 21 | 2 | 4 |
| Franklin st, Main st to Palmer st, | 303 | 261 | 608 | 352 | | | | | | | | 40 | 7 | 1 |
| Germain st, Main st to Temperance st, | | | 447 | | | | | | | | | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Grammar school connection, Milltown, | 140 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Iron pipe, Calais outlet, | | | | | 825 | | | | | | | | | |
| Iron pipe, Milltown outlet, | | | | | | | | | 174 | 253 | | 1 | 1 | |
| King st, North st to Chase st, | | | | | | | 349 | | | | | 10 | 2 | |
| Main st, Tyler st to Franklin st, | | | | 780 | | 427 | 531 | 342 | 221 | | | 53 | 12 | |
| North st, South st west, | | | | | | 329 | | | 248 | | | 12 | 4 | |
| Planing Mill st, | | | 210 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 3 |
| Price st, near Union st to Munroe st, | 303 | 492 | | | | | | | | | | 28 | 4 | 4 |
| Railroad, Elm st to Sawyer's wharf, | | | | | | | | | 611 | | | 16 | 3 | |
| South st, Main st to J. McCaw's lot, | | | 535 | 1196 | | | | | | | | 56 | 7 | 3 |
| South st, North st to Clark st, | | | | | | 351 | | | | | | 4 | 1 | |
| Spring st, Washington st to Lincoln st, | 181 | 410 | 478 | | | | | | | | | 30 | 6 | 4 |
| Temperance st, Germain st North, | | 240 | 240 | | | | | | | | | 13 | 1 | 2 |
| Washington st, Avenue to Spring st, | | | | | | | 280 | | | | | | | |

City Marshal's Report.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN : I herewith submit my annual report of the expenses of the police department for the year ending March 31st. 1898 as follows :

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| Night watch, F. A. Townsend, | \$ 492 75 |
| " " John Miller, | 492 75 |
| " " H. C. Tinker, | 492 75 |
| Chas. E. Miller, Marshal, | 400 00 |
| Geo. G. Thompson, Deputy Marshal, | 166 00 |
| Richard Bailey, " " " | 100 00 |
| Geo. F. Hill, " " " | 25 00 |
| Geo. R. Robinson, " " " | 25 00 |
| F. A. Townsend, " " " | 8 33 |
| Fuel, light and extra police as per bills on file, | 7 00 |
| | 2,209 63 |

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, \$2,200 00 | |
| Overdrawn, 9 63 | |
| | 2,209 63 |

The following articles are the property belonging to the police department , 6 pairs shackles, 3 pairs handcuffs, 4 pairs twisters,, 5 whistles, 6 billys, 5 helmets, 1 water pail, 1 lamp, 1 stove, 1 iron bedstead and bedding in women's department, 4 old mattresses, 4 pairs old blankets.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. MILLER, City Marshal.

Board of Health Report,

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

GENTLEMEN: Again it becomes our duty to submit our report for the year just past. We have a much more favorable report to make in regard to the prevalence of contagious diseases than in our last report.

There has been reported to us during the year.

4 cases of Typhoid with no deaths.

3 " " Diphtheria " " "

4 " " Scarlet fever " " "

I think this is the most favorable report for many years.

We have had several complaints of nuisances, but these too have been less than last year.

We congratulate the inhabitants on the beginning that has been made during the year upon a sewerage system, and hope to see the good work go on.

We would again call the attention of all to the custom that has prevailed to so great an extent, of discharging drains of various kinds into the gutters of the streets. This should not be allowed at any time or place, but more especially on those streets which are provided with sewers.

And we would most earnestly recommend that the proper officers be instructed, to prosecute violations, in such cases. We would extend our thanks to your board, as well as to the citizens generally for their hearty co-operation in the performance of our duties.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. N. SMITH, Secretary.

City Physician's Report.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Calais.

The following brief statement with reference to the affairs and particulars of my office for the year ending March 1898, I hereby submit for your approval.

The number of calls made to the afflicted poor of the city were 327, all necessary medicines were provided by me.

The number of fatal cases, 6, acute cases, 2, chronic cases, 4.

One death occurred at the poor farm, from tuberculosis, pulmonary.

The number of child births, 2.

There were no epidemics among the poor this year.

Although the number of cases were less this year than last it would have no direct bearing upon the ensuing year as the class of people who require the services of a city physician are very prone to epidemics and to the ravages of diseases, attributable to their surroundings and condition in life.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. HOLLAND, City Physician.

CITY GOVERNMENT
OF THE
City of Calais.

FOR THE
Municipal Year 1898-99.

MAYOR,

CHARLES E. SWAN.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Ward 1—J. S. CLARK, | Ward 4—S. M. MCCOY, |
| “ 2—ROBERT S. GRAY, | “ 5—H. S. MURCHIE, |
| “ 3—JOHN B. MURPHY, | “ 6—W. C. RENNE, |
| Ward 7—O. S. TARBOX. | |

PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

O. S. TARBOX.

CITY CLERK,

STEPHEN D. MORRELL.

MUNICIPAL COURT.

W. B. FOWLER, JUDGE. M. J. BECKETT, RECORDER.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance—Renne, Tarbox, Murchie.

Highway--Tarbox, Clark, McCoy.

Printing—McCoy, Murphy, Gray.

Expenses of City Council—Murphy, Gray, McCoy.

Sewers—Tarbox, Gray, McCoy.

Accounts and Claims—Murchie, Renne, Clark.

Fire Department—McCoy, Gray, Murchie.

Poor and Insane—Clark, Murphy, Renne.

Licenses—Murphy, Gray, McCoy,

Police—Renne, Tarbox, Murphy.

Cemeteries—Murchie, Murphy, Tarbox.

New Streets—Gray, Murchie, Murphy.

Chase Poor Fund—Clark, Tarbox, Murchie.

City Property--Gray, Renne, Tarbox.

Fire Investigation—McCoy, Clark, Murphy.

St. Croix & P. R. R.-- Renne, Murchie, Tarbox.

CITY OFFICERS.

M. N. McKusick, City Solicitor.

George Downes, Treasurer.

R. A. Holland, City Physician.

C. E. Miller, City Marshal.

George C. Thompson, Deputy Marshal, Calais.
 Richard Bailey, " " Milltown.
 George R. Robinson, " " Red Beach.
 George F. Hill, " " Union.
 F. A. Townsend, Night Watch, Calais.
 John H. Miller, " " "
 H. C. Tinker, " " Milltown.

Surveyors of Lumber—Henry B. Eaton, Geo. A. Stanhope, J. S. Murchie, H. Q. Boardman. John H. Miller, W. B. Foster, Heber Anderson, W. F. Boardman, Owen P. Hinds, Jr., W. H. Foster, James McNutt, D. McNutt, Edward Somers, John A. Thompson, E. S. Townsend, Jas. McCrea, Samuel B. Hodgman, Chas. F. Murchie.

Scalers of Logs—W. B. Foster, J. S. Murchie, E. S. Townsend, James McCrea.

Surveyors of Wood & Bark—W. B. Foster, H. Q. Boardman, George Pratt, Owen P. Hinds, Jr., E. S. Townsend.

Cullers of Hoops—F. T. Waite, Chas. Waite, Edward Somers, Aaron V. Tucker.

Auctioneers—W. H. Tyler, Warren Hatheway.

Surveyors of Knees—Wm. Hinds, Chas. Walker, W. E. Greenlaw, J. S. Murchie.

Measurers of Corn—E. S. Lane, James Leahan, W. F. Boardman, Ralph T. Horton, Geo. S. Murchie, Fred B. Hill, Charles Chadwick, Owen P. Hinds, Jr.

Weighers and Gaugers and Weighers of Coal—W. F. Boardman, Geo. S. Murchie, W. H. Pike, Ralph T. Horton, H. Q. Boardman, F. B. Hill, Chas. Spooner, Owen P. Hinds, Jr., Chas. Chadwick, Winthrop Haycock.

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

Pound Keeper—John Myers.

Culler of Brick—Horace Hartford.

Fence Viewers—M. H. Lydick, Joseph Redding, Benj. Shattuck.

Harbor Masters—Daniel Ryan, C. Ellis, W. Coleman, J. S. Murchie.

Inspectors of Hay—Martin Cone, S. S. Pineo.

Inspector of Milk—I. W. McAllister.

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

