City of Gardiner. Mayor's Address, Delivered March 16, 1857, and Annual Reports for the Municipal Year Ending March 1, 1857; with a List of City Officers for 1857.

Gardiner (Me.).
CITY OF GARDINER.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS,
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ANNUAL REPORTS
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1857;

WITH A

LIST OF CITY OFFICERS FOR 1857.

GARDINER:
A. M. C. HEATH, CITY PRINTER.
1857.
The office of chief magistrate of the city having been once more conferred upon me, I avail myself of this opportunity to tender to my fellow citizens my sincere acknowledgement for this renewed expression of their confidence and esteem. Our city is small, it is true, but its interests are as varied, its wants as numerous, almost, as those of a larger community. It has its poor, its schools, its streets, its fire department, its police department, and numerous other matters to be looked after and provided for in common with cities of larger growth and ampler resources; and the proper management of these different departments, so essential to the prosperity of any city and to ours quite as much as to any other, require an outlay of time and labor (to say nothing of patience) on the part of incumbents of city offices not always appreciated by the uninitiated.

One other fact in regard to our city should not be lost sight of; namely, that the amount of taxable property in it is small, even in proportion to the population. We are in the condition of the man of small means, and, like him, if we are wise, we shall direct our energies to the providing of essentials rather than luxuries; to the supplying of absolute wants rather than to the gratification of fancy or taste.

As to what are to be considered as essentials or necessaries may be thought to admit of a question by some, but I have no hesitancy in placing in this category, good public schools; good streets, sidewalks and highways; a comfortable almshouse, suitable clothing and wholesome food for the poor who may fall into distress and need assistance. All these should be regarded in the estimate of city expenses as food and clothing are regarded by a prudent but humane and intelligent housekeeper in estimating his family expenses, and provision
made for them accordingly. The list of essentials might be
enlarged, but I content myself with calling your attention to
these three items, which, from their importance, must neces­sarily stand at the head of it.

In reviewing the doings of the city government for the year
just closed, we shall find that the ordinary routine of duty
was gone through with, without much departure from estab­lished precedents. The appropriations for current expenses
and for reducing the city debt did not vary materially in
amount from those of preceding years. A reference to the
reports upon your tables, from the various departments, will
undoubtedly furnish you with all needful details as to the
success which attended the management of each, and also in
regard to the present condition and the wants of each for the
current year.

The extraordinary appropriations made last year were not
extensive: an appropriation of $140 to build a new fence
about the burying-ground at South Gardiner, and to repair
the fence around the burying-ground on Plaisted's Hill; an
addition of $200 to the appropriation for the fire department,
to buy new hose; one of $100 to the contingent fund, to
build a new powder-house and to buy trees for the Common;
and one of $500, in part to pay the expense of raising the
Causeway,—are all that occur to me.

The burying-ground fence at South Gardiner was built at a
cost to the city of $86,75. It is neat, appropriate and sub­stantial, and richly worth what it cost. Two hundred feet of
new hose for the fire department was purchased at a cost of
$178. The new powder-house was built at a cost of $100,29,
and, some expense was incurred in buying and putting out
trees on the Common and providing for their protection.

The most important work of the past year, as connected
with the city government, was that of raising the Causeway—
a measure which, it will be remembered, originated with and
was in part provided for by the administration of 1855, and
left as an inheritance to their successors of 1856. The grad­ing has been completed as was originally contemplated at a
cost to the city of about $2000. Or, to be exact in my
figures, Mr. Coyle's bill for grading was $1986,20; and Mr.
Berry's bill for grading, smoothing off, gravelling and grading
the city landing, was $115,00. From which must be deducted
the sum of $114,54, paid back to the city on account of earth
taken from the pottery lot; thus making the whole expense of
grading, as before stated, about $1986,66. A railing and
sidewalk for the Causeway was ordered by the government of 1856; and both have been completed in a very neat and permanent manner, at a cost to the city, as nearly as can be ascertained, of $628,43. There has been some difficulty, as the Street Commissioner informs me, in keeping the Causeway bills distinct and separate from the other bills in his department; but it is believed that the amount placed above to the Causeway account is substantially correct. Doubtless there are differences of opinion amongst our citizens and taxpayers as to the expediency of making so large an outlay for the improvement of the Causeway; but upon one point, it seems to me, all must agree; to wit, that the city does not pay for it much above the actual cost. It will be conceded, too, that it is now a beautiful street, and I trust the controversy in regard to a sidewalk upon it is effectually put at rest.

The trustees of the Gardiner Lyceum, having come to the conclusion to sell the Lyceum building and the lot upon which it stands, offered the property to the city, for the use of the High School, for the sum of $1200. The proposition was laid before the City Council, and on the second day of February last both branches of that body concurred in the acceptance of it, and authorized the City Treasurer to close up the bargain and to give notes in behalf of the city in payment for the same. The business has been completed, and the city is now the owner of the property, including the library, apparatus, cabinet of natural history, &c. The property purchased is fully worth all that was paid for it, and can readily be sold again, if desired, at the same price. It is known to most of you, no doubt, that the Lyceum, at the time the purchase was made and for some time previous, had been occupied by the High School, and that the city paid rent for the same at the rate of $125 per annum.

The ordinary expenses of the city for the past year will not exceed the appropriations, and I think will not be found to exceed the expenses of the years that have preceded it. The action, Milo against us, for the support of Barzillai Door, pending when our accounts were closed for the year 1855, has since that time been decided in favor of Milo. This was a case of long standing, and the whole amount paid on the execution and on the bills which had accrued subsequently to the time of the commencement of the action, was $523,75. The suit against the city of Bath, for assistance to one Jacob Witham, was decided in our favor; and the claim with the cost, amounting to the sum of $194,81, has been paid. The
calls upon the Overseers of the Poor have been numerous and urgent; but I am happy to be able to announce that, setting aside the bill from Milo, the expenses of the department will not exceed the appropriation.

The warrants drawn against the police department, including a year's compensation to the watchman, amount to the sum of $458.62. The watchman's salary is $365.00. The expense of this department is enhanced considerably by the attendance required at the Agricultural Fair. I have supposed our tax-payers would cheerfully submit to this, in view of the advantages to be derived from the annual recurrence of a large gathering of people from the country in our city. Three circuses last year also contributed to swell the bill for police services, but the amount received from them for licenses fully repaid the additional expense. The sum of $240,38 stood to the credit of this department on the first day of March instant. The amount of warrants drawn to pay contingent bills the last year was $754.34. This amount is made up from numerous bills, among the largest of which are the bills for the rent of the city rooms, $84.34; for ringing the bell, $52; bills for injuries on the highways, $40.00; for insurance assessments, $29.00; City Solicitor's bill, $56.19; Mr. Springer's bill for surveying in 1854, '55 and '56, $36.95; bills for cost before County Commissioners on appeals for abatements of taxes, $36.86; bills for the erection of a new powder-house, (already mentioned,) $100.29; and bills for trees, and gravel, and music stand, &c., for the Common, $71.29. This fund has a respectable balance standing to its credit; a portion of which, however, will have to be transferred to the poor department to balance the Milo bill, which was drawn from the resources of that department.

The balance due school districts is $309.64, which amount is considerably smaller than usual. The City High School has a balance of $367.04, which, however, will be pretty nearly absorbed by the expenses of the term now in progress and by outstanding bills. The fire department will have abundant funds to meet all demands upon it. It will be remembered that the firemen's year does not expire until May, and of course that they will not be entitled to their compensation for services until that time. The appropriation for salaries is all drawn, and the salaries are all paid. A small balance stands to the credit of the appropriation for printing, and there is a bill outstanding for printing the reports of last year, which has not been presented for allow-
The interest account is overdrawn $17,09. This deficiency is occasioned by the amount drawn from it to pay the interest on the money borrowed for raising the Causeway, which was not provided for in the appropriation.

The whole expenditure on the streets the past year, as appears by the bills rendered by the Street Commissioner, was $3500.98. In this sum the work done and materials furnished for the Causeway are not included, nor are the bills for breaking roads in the winter of 1855-6, which were outstanding on the first of March of last year. These bills at that time were estimated at $250, but it has since been found that this estimate was too low, and that the actual amount was $373.14 nearly. Charging the department with the amount of these snow bills of year before last and the expenditures of last year, and the aggregate will exceed the appropriation by the sum of $440.11. The whole expense of breaking roads for the winter of 1855-6 was not less than $550.00; and in making the estimates for highways, a sum not less than $300.00 should always be set apart for that purpose. The subject of making and keeping in repair our streets and sidewalks, is one in which every citizen has a personal interest. That they should be kept in good condition is insisted upon on all hands. Moreover, the law of the State interposes and requires us to make suitable provision each year for this purpose. How to accomplish this most effectually, at the smallest expense to the city, is a question which I earnestly urge upon your consideration. It has occurred to me that heretofore due caution has not always been exercised in deciding upon laying out and opening new streets, and, without intending to reflect at all upon our Street Commissioners, that the street department has been managed according to circumstances rather than with reference to any well considered system. The Street Commissioner is elected for one year only, instead of three or four as in my judgment he should be; and too often being impressed with the idea that economy is the chiefest of virtues in public officers, and having no assurance of retaining the office for a second term, he commences by patching a little here and throwing up a little loam there, and doing nothing permanently, in the hope that by pursuing this course he may get through the year without exceeding his appropriation. Each year the City Council, as the records will attest, busies itself in laying out new streets and ordering them to be opened; each year witnesses the extension of pine-plank sidewalk, until at last we have miles upon
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

miles of it; and yet the appropriation for streets has not varied materially in amount since West Gardiner and Farmingdale were set off. The result of all this is that we have very little sidewalk that can be called permanent, and very few streets so thoroughly constructed as not to need repairs every year. All the appropriation is absorbed in making temporary repairs on the old streets and imperfectly building the new ones which are constantly being added to the list, and there is nothing left to the Commissioner with which to make permanent improvements, if he have any such aspirations. A better course, in my judgment, would be to put on an assessment for one or two years large enough to place our principal thoroughfares in such a state of perfection as would justify leaving them out of the account in making the estimates for the street department for years to come. We could then enjoy the luxury of good streets, and the interest of the money required for the purpose would probably be less than the amount annually expended under the present system of temporary repairs. I must not dismiss the subject of streets without reminding you that the Gristmill Bridge is so much out of repair as to be regarded by the Street Commissioner of last year as unsafe for the heavy teaming to which it is usually subjected during the summer season. I hope an investigation in relation to the matter will be ordered by you at an early day, and that the Street Commissioner will receive instructions at your hands as to the best mode of putting it in a safe condition.

The schools of the city, as appears by the report of the Superintending Committee, made quite as much improvement during the past year as usual, and are believed to be in excellent condition at this time. The number of scholars participating in the advantages afforded by them is larger than in former years in proportion to the number returned. No difficulties requiring the interposition of the Committee occurred in any of them, and an increased interest in them on the part of parents and guardians is noticed.

The report of the City Marshal discloses an increase of vice and crime in our community, which it is painful to contemplate. The number of prosecutions for drunkenness is double that of the preceding year, and the catalogue of other offences is alarmingly lengthened. With such facts before us, I submit that it is the first duty of this government to attempt by the use of all the means at its disposal to stay the progress of vice in our midst, in whatever form it may exhibit itself. I trust there will be no shrinking from a faithful discharge of duty in
this respect, although it may prove irksome and disagreeable.
The depressing effects of a dull and rather precarious business year have been felt by our city, in common with other parts of the country, south as well as north. It is a source of gratification, however, in view of this fact, that our business men have sustained themselves so well and that so few failures have occurred among them. The depression in business has occasioned a difficulty in collecting taxes promptly as heretofore, which has caused some embarrassment in meeting, as they accrued, the current expenses of the city. As a means of remedying this in future, it may be found to be expedient, as it certainly would be just, to allow a small discount on all taxes paid within a certain number of months from the date of the assessment. The subject, it seems to me, is worthy of your attention.

One of the earliest duties devolving upon you, after the work of selecting the subordinate officers is finished, will be that of digesting and passing the usual appropriation resolve. In regard to this, I am not aware of any calls upon the treasury, other than those for the ordinary current expenses of the city, which will have to be provided for; unless it shall be thought necessary to rebuild or make extensive repairs on the Gristmill Bridge. The opening of Middle Street and Dennis Street, which may be called for, will render it necessary that provision should be made to pay the damages which have been awarded to certain persons, contingent upon the opening of these streets. The amount required for this purpose will not vary much from $300. One of the notes given for the Lyceum will fall due on the second day of February next, and an appropriation should be made to meet it.

Of the merchandise belonging to the Liquor Agency a portion has been reduced to cash, and the amount, some $300, has been paid into the treasury.

Having thus touched upon all the various matters connected with our municipal affairs, which seem to be of sufficient importance to entitle them to notice on this occasion, I bring my address to a close, with the expression of the hope that our deliberations will be harmonious, that our measures will be such as will be calculated to meet the approbation of a candid constituency, and that the year upon which we are now entering will be a year of prosperity, exempt, in the wise ordering of a benignant Providence, from conflagrations and the destroying pestilence.

N. WOODS.
# CITY TREASURER’S REPORT.

City of Gardiner in account with Elbridge Berry, Treasurer.

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CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

By balance of uncollected taxes, 1855, 2201.78
" Cash received of City High School, 20.00 2221.78
" Temporary Loan of Gardiner Savings Bank, 500.00
" " do. do. 500.00
" " Mr. Hutchins, 500.00
" Recd. of N. Woods for Circus Licenses, &c., 80.00 1580.00
" Recd. of City of Bath, 194.81
" Assessments committed for collection, viz:

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<td>&quot; City High School</td>
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<td>&quot; Repairs of Highways</td>
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<td>&quot; Overlayings on said Assmt.</td>
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<td>&quot; Fire Department,</td>
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" Additional Taxes committed for collection, 148.82
" Amount from City Agency, 308.75
" " for Theatrical License, 5.00
" Fees for Auctioneer's License, 2.00
" Cash recd. of West Gardiner, 3.00
" " of R. M. Smiley for City Hall, 70.00
" " of do. for Hay on the Common, 6.00
" " of I. J. Carr for basem't City Hall, 20.00
" " of G. W. Snow for bricks, 4.03
" Cash borrowed of Jason Collins, July 8, 400.00
" " of Savings Bank, (2 yrs.) 500.00
" " of Parish of Christ Church, 300.00
" Cash received of F. A. Plaisted & Co. for moving earth from Pottery lot, 114.54 1882.14

$21,805.47

By Balance, 2846.64
LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES

OF THE CITY OF GARDINER,

March 1, 1857.

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<td>Compensation of Firemen,</td>
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<td>Other Outstanding Bills,</td>
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<td>Highway Bills,</td>
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<td>Notes payable,</td>
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<td>Balance of uncollected Taxes,</td>
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<td>Balance due from Farmingdale,</td>
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<td>Execution against Elliotsville,</td>
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<td>Due from Shem Weeks,</td>
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<td>Balance from City Agency,</td>
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<td>Balance, being whole Debt of City,</td>
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The current year commenced with fourteen inmates at the Almshouse, and ends with only ten. Twenty-six different individuals have been there some time during the year, and the average number for the whole year has been fourteen and two-thirds.

The whole number assisted, out of the Almshouse, any time during the year, is one hundred and forty-one, making a total of one hundred and sixty-seven, who have received the attention of the Overseers of the Poor, some time during the past year.

The following account shows the financial standing of the Poor Department, for the year ending March 1, 1857; shows for what purposes its funds have been disbursed; shows what has been the real cost of supporting the Poor of the city for the year; what has been the cost of carrying on the Almshouse; and what has been paid for the support of paupers out of the Almshouse.

The value of all the property at the Almshouse, such as furniture, beds and bedding, provisions, tools, fuel, hay, and stock on hand, by a careful appraisal made by Henry Foy, March 1, 1857, was found to be $873,51

Paid for improvements on grounds, 20,00
" during the year for other towns, 160,34
" for the support of paupers out of the Almshouse during the year, 706,19
" for conducting lawsuits, 31,99
" bills of previous years, (old bills,) 247,07
" for support of Almshouse, 1267,27

$3306,37
The value of all the property at the Almshouse, such as furniture, beds and bedding, provisions, fuel, hay, stock and tools on hand, by a careful appraisal made by F. Trott, March 1, 1856, was found to be $784.14.

By appropriation for the year, 210.00
" amount of other receipts, 300.82

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Expense of paupers at the Almshouse, (14½ at $1.66 a week each,) $1267.27
Expense of paupers out of Almshouse, 706.19

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<td>157.43</td>
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<td>Total cost of paupers for the year</td>
<td>$1816.03</td>
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A Schedule of Property at the Almshouse, as appraised by Henry Foy, Esq., Feb. 27, 1857.

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<td>&quot; &quot; beds and bedding</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; 20 cords dry hard wood</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; other wood</td>
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<td>Farm wagon, hay rack, sled and harness</td>
<td>34.25</td>
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<td>Riding wagon, harness, &amp;c., (harness new last year,)</td>
<td>41.00</td>
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<td>Two sleighs, robe, bells, blankets, &amp;c.</td>
<td>22.75</td>
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<td>Estimated value of tools of all kinds</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; horse</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; hay and straw on hand</td>
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Respectfully submitted.

PHINEAS PRATT, { Overseers.
SAML. HOOKER, }
M. HILDRETH,

Gardiner, Feb. 28, 1857.
To the City Council.

The municipal year having closed, it becomes my duty, having had charge of the streets and sidewalks in the city for the last year, to make a few statements in relation to the same.

The appropriation for highways, bridges and sidewalks, made at the beginning of the year, was $3300; and this amount would have been sufficient had it not been for the snow bills of winter before last and the last winter and the amount expended on the Causeway. Including the snow bills and the Causeway bills as aforesaid, and the whole amount of bills paid on account of the streets was $4617.55. Of this sum, as near as I can judge, $1200 was expended on the Causeway and for breaking roads. Deducting this from the whole amount expended as above and we have left $3317.55. Of this last sum fully one-third, or $1105.85, was expended for sidewalks, thus leaving for repairing roads and culverts and for opening new streets $2211.70, and of this amount $550 were used in the districts out of the village for the repair of the summer roads.

A number of rods of new sewer was built the past season at considerable expense. Back street was widened and graded and a new sidewalk built the entire length of it; all at an expense of about $200. As an opportunity was afforded to obtain the earth for grading very conveniently and close at hand, I came to the conclusion that it was a favorable time to put the street in repair.

I would again call your attention, as I did in my last report, to the unsafe condition of the Gristmill Bridge. Some preparations have already been made for rebuilding or repairing the same. It will require attention early this spring.

The streets generally are in very good condition, and, I think, will want but little repairs. Some new streets, probably, will have to be opened this season, and there will be land damages to pay on some of them, which, with the expense of
opening, will require from five to eight hundred dollars. Some new sidewalk, also, will have to be built; and I would recommend the continuation in Water street of the work begun last year in front of the Cobbossee House and the construction of as much sewer in the same street as funds can be spared to pay for. It would be well to raise the grade of the Causeway from eight to ten inches and after it is well settled to put a covering of good gravel the entire length. The road over the Lord Hill will require attention, though it may stand as it now is for a year or two to come.

From the experience I have had in road-building, I have become satisfied that when a water course is to be built it is the best economy to build of stone, with plank bottom laid crosswise. Persons not experienced in road-building are not aware of the expense attendant upon keeping in repair and in good traveling condition roads such as ours in this city where there is so much up hill and down. The heavy rains wash them exceedingly.

I would remind you of the unsafe condition of that portion of Mount Vernon street between Spring street and North street, where it crosses the gully. Something must be done to make it passable for foot passengers, but I do not think it would be good economy to make a large outlay there, as my opinion is that the public good requires that Spring street should be continued through to North street, crossing the same gully, where the expense would be but small, and thus obviate the necessity of keeping open that part of Mt. Vernon street referred to above.

There are on hand, for the use of the highway department, about 60 tuns of good stone and about 100 feet of cedar and haemeter all paid for—worth $125. The tools on hand belonging to the department are as follows; viz., one plow, one drag, two wheelbarrows, two saws, three picks, three crowbars, four scrapers, one hoe, one stone-hammer, one hand-hammer, one axe, one square, one cant-dog, one snow-plow, one shovel; all of the value of $55.00.

I think it will be necessary to appropriate for the streets, for the present year, the sum of $3500.

A portion of the snow bills for the last winter has not come in. The amount outstanding is not known, but I should judge it would run up to $175 or thereabouts.

ELBRIDGE BERRY, Street Commissioner.

Gardiner, March 1, 1857.
CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the City Council.

I herewith submit to you the following as my report for the year ending March 1, 1857.

The whole number of cases commenced and tried in the Police Court from March 1, 1856, to March 1, 1857, was 120, and for the following causes, viz:

Assault, 30—4 committed, 21 fined, 4 discharged, and one committed to the Insane Hospital.

Drunkenness, 51—3 discharged, 30 fined, 11 committed, 7 committed as common drunkards.

Search for stolen goods, 3—1 fined, 1 discharged, and one ordered to recognize.

Larceny, 17—4 committed, 5 fined, 5 discharged, 3 com. to the Reform School.

Truancy, 2—committed to the Reform School.

Violation of the law to suppress drinking-houses, 5—3 fined, 1 discharged. 1 appealed.

Malicious Trespass, 3—1 fined, and 2 discharged.

Disturbing School, 1—fined.

Obtaining goods by false pretences, 4—all ordered to recognize.

Threatening bodily injury, 1—ordered to give surety to be of good behavior.

For refusing to testify, 1—committed.

For cruel treatment to beasts, 3—1 fined, 2 discharged.

Vagrancy, 1—ordered to be committed.

Subornation, 1—ordered to recognize.

Adultery, 1—discharged.

Assaulting an officer, 3—committed.

Killing a dog, 1—discharged.

Violation of City Ordinance, 2—fined.
Five boys have been ordered, by our Police Court, to be committed to the State Reform School the past year—three from this city, one from Pittston and one from Litchfield—and for the following terms: three for four years, one for five, and one during minority.

We have quite a number of boys still among us who would be benefitted by the above named institution or some other place where good and healthy influences could be made to bear directly upon their moral character. I have great confidence in our State Reform School; but as we have a class of boys whose age prevents them from being sent there, the necessity is daily felt of some place, other than the jail. That certainly is not calculated to reform its inmates, and the question arises, what can be done with that class of boys, and men too, who are dangerous to the community?

The city will realize from the Hall the past year $70,00. Some small repairs have been made on the Hall, and it will be necessary to make some more the coming year.

The Common is in a very good condition, and a small appropriation every year will be necessary to keep it so.

R. M. SMILEY, City Marshal.
To the City Council.

There have been three fires during the year:

First. Dec. 11, 1856. Fire at the house of Miss Rebecca Spear, at the New Mills. Damage to building, $90; covered by insurance. Cause of the fire unknown. Engine No. 4 extinguished the fire.

Second. Feb. 6, 1857. An unoccupied house belonging to Thomas Kennan was destroyed by fire. It was the work of incendiarism.

Third. Feb. 28, 1857. Fire at the house of David Gammon, near the New Mills. Loss about $200; covered by insurance. Cause of fire unknown. Engines 3 and 4 were employed.

In submitting for your consideration the wants of the department for the ensuing year, I would recommend that two cisterns should be built; one to be located on Washington Street, and the other on Harrison Avenue.

Engine-houses 3 and 4 will both need some repairs—3 should have a better floor, and 4 should be painted; and each engine should be supplied with one new joint of hose the ensuing season.

To meet the expenses of the above, together with the compensation allowed for Engineer's and Firemen's services, will require an appropriation of $1150.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM C. BATES, Chief Engineer.

Gardiner, March 2, 1857.
CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

To the City Council.

As required by the Ordinance for election of City Solicitor, I submit the following report of the business which has been under my charge the past year.

No action has been commenced against the city since the beginning of the year, and but one in which the city is plaintiff. That one is against the town of Farmingdale, to recover the expenses incurred for supplies furnished Nancy Sweetland, a pauper whose settlement is in dispute.

Of those actions pending at the commencement of the year, the two in which the inhabitants of West Gardiner were the plaintiffs have been decided against the city. But one was tried, as the other depended upon the same principles of law, the facts in each being the same. Both were for settlement of paupers, and neither pauper is now supported by the city. The action against Wilton remains a question of law in the hands of the court, the same as last year. The reason why a decision has not been made, I am unable to state, unless the court find the question too difficult for them to decide. The action against Bath has been decided in favor of this city, and the debt and cost settled, thereby freeing the city from two expensive paupers. The one in favor of E. M. Stinson was argued at the law term last June, but is still in the hands of the court undecided. Thus leaving upon the docket but three actions in which the city is a party; two pending as law questions, and the other entered at the present term of the court. During the past year I have received no assistance from any counselor.

The action in favor of Milo, which has at no time been under my charge, I learn has been decided against the city—upon what grounds no one can tell,—the testimony, as I am informed, being very decidedly in favor of the city. By this decision the city has been burdened with an expensive pauper.

C. DANFORTH, City Solicitor.

Gardiner, March 1, 1857.
To the City Council.

I find the data from which to report somewhat limited, yet I trust it will embrace one or two facts of some interest to you.

My professional services have been called for at the Almshouse wholly, with the exception of one case. There has been more or less sickness at the Almshouse most of the time during the year. There have been two deaths—one occurred May 7th, 1856, (Dennis Crowley,) the result of a dissipated life; the other, March 1st, 1857, (Helen Burns,) from epilepsy. This was a lingering case, the patient being entirely helpless, and requiring attendance day and night for about eight months.

Esther Gilpatrick was an inmate of the House about two months, suffering from one of her periodical fits of insanity. This was a trying case for all concerned—Overseers, inmates of the House, citizens of the neighborhood, and the doctor. She was kept closely confined, and the result warrants a more rigid application of the same treatment again, under the same circumstances.

These, with a few of minor importance, embrace all the cases that have come under my care. There has been no acute sickness among the inmates during the year; which, together with their general good appearance, goes far to establish the superiority of the management of this institution, which, through the exertions of the present warden and his excellent lady, backed by a majority of the Overseers, is rendered one of the cleanest and most orderly Houses of this kind in the country.

The only case out of the Almshouse was that of John McFee. Treated this patient, together with Dr. G. S. Palmer, who was first called, about six weeks; some of the time saw him twice a day. This case was necessarily one of great expense to the city, both from its severity and the poverty and helplessness of the family.

M. GRAVES, City Physician.
The Superintending School Committee for the year 1856-7, respectfully submit their annual report.

In passing in review the work of the school year now about to close, the Committee are happy to be able to state that there has been no trouble in any school so serious as to require their interposition. It is pleasant also to be able to add that in no instance has there been an entire failure of success on the part of a teacher, while on the other hand many teachers have been successful to an unusual degree in conducting their schools. The attendance has been nearly as large as in preceding years, although, as shown by the returns, there has been a falling off in the number of scholars in the city. The reports show, also, an increase in the number of scholars who were constant in their attendance. In the village districts the examinations have attracted the attention of parents and others, and not unfrequently on these occasions there has been a large attendance of visitors. The effect of this is believed to be in the highest degree advantageous to the schools, and it is hoped the practice will be continued where it has commenced and that it will become general in all the schools.

Irregularity of attendance and tardiness, though less common than formerly, have still been serious hindrances to the advancement of some of the schools; and the Committee venture once more to urge upon parents the importance of giving heed to these matters, and of an earnest, active co-operation on their part with the teachers in an effort to bring about still further reform in regard to them.

The returns of the School Agents show that there were in the city, on the first day of May last, 1763 persons between the ages of four and twenty-one years; and by the returns of the teachers we find that of this number 1008 in all were
entered as scholars in the summer schools, 1074 in the winter schools. The average attendance, however, in the summer schools was only 780, and in the winter schools, 865.

The sum appropriated by the city for district schools was $2500. There was also received from the State, as our proportion of the bank tax and the income of the school fund, the further sum of $600.93. The amount of these two sums, viz., $3100.93, was divided among the districts, giving to dist. No. 1, with 737 scholars, $1254.18; to dist. No. 2, with 506 scholars, $885.50; to No. 3, with 203 scholars, $355.25; to No. 4, with 64 scholars, $121.60; to No. 5, with 53 scholars, $106.00; to No. 6, with 39 scholars, $85.80; to No. 7, with 66 scholars, $125.40; and to No. 8, with 95 scholars, $177.20. The average length of the summer schools was 13.7 weeks, of the winter schools, 13 weeks. The average wages of male teachers per month was 32.27, board not included. The average wages of female teachers per week, board not included, was 2.66. The whole number of different male teachers employed in the city during the year was 10; the whole number of different female teachers employed was 21.

The school books in use in the schools are the same as last year, with the exception of the Geography—Colton & Fitch's series having taken the place of Smith's. This change is believed to be a good one, and it was effected with very trifling expense to the scholars. A change in reading books is much needed, and has been deferred until this time only because it was found the expense attending it might prove burdensome to parents while the "hard times" continue.

In the school-houses no extensive improvements have been made. This is the more to be regretted as many of them have, by long usage without paint or whitewash, become dingy, dark and untidy. The house in No. 5 is hardly worthy of being dignified with the name of school-house, and that in No. 6 is but little better. Neither of them is in a suitable condition to be used for a school-room in the winter time.

In February last the old Gardiner Lyceum was purchased by the city for the use of the City High School. It is out of repair, and will require a small outlay immediately to save it from the deteriorating effects of rain and frost.

The want of an intermediate school for one term in the winter, in the village, has been seriously felt, and the Committee make no apology for alluding to the subject a second time, and in calling attention to the remarks made regard to it in their last annual report.
With one or two exceptions each school, however short, has been visited by one or more of the Committee twice at least in each term, and many of them have been visited much more frequently.

From these general statements and observations we pass on to report upon the improvement made in the several schools and upon such other matters relating to them as may occur to us, beginning with the

**CITY HIGH SCHOOL.**

Mr. T. II. Little and Miss Ruth II. Nickerson, the very acceptable teachers of the preceding year, continued in charge of this school until the close of the summer term. The fall term commenced with Mr. Samuel S. Adams, of Boothbay, as principal, and Miss Octavia A. Hunt, of Chelsea, as assistant; Mr. Little and Miss Nickerson having resigned their situations. Mr. A. and Miss H. have been retained in the school up to this time, and it is now going on quite successfully under their direction. The attendance during most of the year has been as large as could be well accommodated, and the labor imposed upon the teachers has been arduous. It is gratifying, however, to be able to add that they have proved equal to its faithful performance. The improvement made by most of the scholars, who have been for any considerable time connected with the school, has been entirely satisfactory to the committee. Many promising scholars can now be found there, advancing rapidly in their studies, and fitting themselves, as we trust, for future usefulness. The whole number in attendance the present term is not far from 80.

**DISTRICT NO. 1.—PHINEAS PRATT, Agent.**

In this district, under the arrangement of last year, (and of several preceding years,) four schools have been maintained; viz., three primary schools and a grammar school. The school year is divided into three terms of twelve weeks each.

The grammar school in this district has been one of the most interesting, and the Committee believe one of the most useful, schools in the city. The average attendance for the year has been 100 nearly. Great attention has been paid to classifying the scholars, and the teachers have been unwearied in their efforts to secure constant attendance, studious habits, and wholesome discipline. An excellent spirit has pervaded the school; and the examinations, which always proved inter-
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eating and attractive, have satisfied the Committee that the teachers were faithful, and that the scholars were industrious and were making excellent progress. Mr. John Andrews, of Monmouth, has had charge of the school as principal during the year. Miss Abbie R. Parker, the popular assistant of last year, retained her place until about the seventh week of the second term of the present year, when she resigned, and Miss Aurilla H. Barrows, of Monmouth, was employed to fill the vacancy, which place she retained to the end of the winter term.

A short term is now in successful progress, which it is understood is to continue four weeks, with Mr. Andrews for principal, assisted by Miss Mary J. Winship, a well-known teacher in district No. 2.

Dresden Street Primary.

This one of the most interesting primary schools in the city; but, by frequent changes of teachers and an absence of wholesome restraint, it had become almost demoralized when Miss Helen L. Parker, of this city, took charge of it at the commencement of the spring term. Miss P. was a good scholar but had had no experience as a teacher, and the task of governing a school numbering, upon an average, from 65 to 70 scholars, accustomed to having their own way, proved too much for her, and at the close of the first term she gave it up and was succeeded by Miss Octavia A. Hunt, of Chelsea. Under the firm administration of Miss H. matters soon wore a different aspect, and in a short time order was restored, a thorough classification was effected, and good recitations and steady improvement speedily followed. With the exception of sundry interruptions occasioned by the ill health of Miss H., she continued in the school to the close of the winter term, giving excellent satisfaction to all concerned.

Neal Street Primary.

The teacher for the year was Miss Mary E. Hooker, of this city. The average attendance was about 55. The classification was appropriate, and the improvement noticed such as to reflect credit upon both teacher and pupils. At one time the committee were apprehensive that the order and discipline of the school were not well sustained, but this fault, if it had an actual existence at any time, was corrected during the winter term, and at the examination near the close of that term the committee were much gratified to find the school so orderly and quiet.

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Maple Street Primary.

This school was managed very successfully by Miss Adaline S. Atwood, of this city, through the summer and fall terms and for about two weeks of the winter term, when on account of serious indisposition she was compelled to abandon it. Miss A. was succeeded by Miss Clara B. Homans, of Vassalboro, who, at the end of two weeks, gave way for Miss Helen A. Bullen, of Chelsea, under whom the term was completed. These frequent changes were of course an injury to the school, but we are happy to be able to report, nevertheless, that the discipline was well sustained, and that the progress made for the year, by the pupils who attended constantly, will fully equal that of any former year.

District No. 2.—Elbridge Berry, Agent.

Grammar School. Average attendance—Summer, 47; Winter, 99.

The summer term, taught by Mr. J. W. Lamb, of Lincolnville, was perfectly satisfactory to all interested save a few refractory scholars, who complained bitterly of the efforts put forth by the teacher to discipline the school and place it in a condition to compare favorably with other schools in the city. Mr. L., however, knew his duty and faithfully discharged it, and his efforts were attended with marked success.

Mr. B. B. Hanson, of Pittston, taught the school through the fall and winter. Mr. H. entertains views relative to teaching peculiar to himself, and his method may be well adapted to some localities. There was evidently a want of discipline in the school, and during the winter term the school-room was defaced and the school furniture hacked and broken to pieces in a most shameful manner. Miss M. J. Winship acted as assistant through the winter term, and manifested her accustomed zeal and energy in the prosecution of her share of the work.

Winter St. Primary. Average attendance—Summer, 60; Winter, 54.

Miss Martha C. Whitney, of this city, taught the school during the year with her usual success. A large number of parents were present to witness the closing exercises, who were highly gratified with the visit. The teacher fully sustained her former reputation, and the scholars acquitted themselves nobly.

Spring St. Primary. Average attendance—Summer, 50; Winter, 59.

Miss Mary J. Winship, of Phillips, taught the school during the spring and fall. The school commenced well in the spring
and sustained itself admirably through the year. In reading and spelling it is not surpassed by any of its grade in the city. Miss Abbie A. Clark, of Chelsea, taught during the winter with good success. The parents who were present to witness the closing exercises of the several terms during the year, seemed satisfied that the teachers had discharged their duties faithfully and that their efforts had been eminently successful.

**Summer St. Primary.** Average attendance—Summer, 55; Winter, 53.

The school was taught through the year by Miss Hannah Hildreth, of this city, with marked success. This school is much indebted to Miss A. S. Atwood for her firmness and decision in subduing the turbulent elements which were prominent at the commencement of the winter term of last year, and also to Miss Hildreth for having maintained the most perfect order throughout the present year. The committee were gratified to find at each visit the same pleasant state of things existing in the school, and it is perhaps sufficient for us to say, in this connection, that we are not aware that changes for the better could have been made.

**DISTRICT No. 3, (LATE No. 4.)—ANDREW BERRY, Agent.**

Average attendance—Summer, 63; Winter, 90.

Miss Charlotte M. Jackson, of Litchfield, taught the summer term, assisted by Miss Sarah M. Foye, of this city. Miss Jackson is a fine scholar and a good teacher, industrious, and interested in her work, and the school steadily advanced while under her care. The primary department was also well conducted. Mr. J. B. Brackett, of Naples, taught the winter term, assisted by Miss C. E. Andrews, of this city. The examination was satisfactory and evinced to the committee that the teachers understood their work and had faithfully labored for the good of their pupils. The exercises in reading were particularly interesting. This is a large and very important school, and the sooner the system of grading adopted in the other large districts in the city is introduced here, the better it will be for the enterprising community which is dependent mainly upon the public school for the education of its children. The subject is earnestly urged upon the attention of the intelligent parents of the district, who have its disposal entirely in their own hands. The duty of the committee is discharged by again and again reminding the district of the necessity which exists of making the change suggested.

**DIST. No. 4, (LATE No. 5.)—FREEMAN WILLIAMS, Agent.**

Average attendance—Summer, 24; Winter, 44.

Miss Emeline Hildreth, who taught the summer term, re-
sides in the district, and this was her first effort as a teacher. She succeeded well, and the school gave pretty general satisfaction. The winter term, taught by Mr. Charles S. Hildreth of this city, was emphatically a good one, properly classed and well disciplined. The promptness and deportment of the larger classes, during the examination, were very creditable to themselves and gratifying to the committee.

In consequence of a falling off in population, the amount of money drawn by this district is much less than in former years; thus leading to a shortening of the terms, and a serious abridgment of their educational privileges.

**District No. 5.—Simeon Hopkins, Agent.**

Average attendance—Summer, 21; Winter, 35.

This district has heretofore been known as No. 6. It is a small district, and has a wretchedly poor school-house. The school in the summer was taught by Miss Emeline Reed, of Richmond, with very favorable results. Mr. Charles S. Hildreth, of this city, is the teacher of the winter school, and at the time of making the first visit was going along very successfully, with an unusually large attendance. The school has not yet closed, but we learn it has been so conducted as to give very general satisfaction in the district.

**Dist. No. 6, (late No. 9.)—Thomas Booker, Agent.**

Average attendance—Summer, 18; Winter, 23.

The summer term, taught by Miss Angella Jenkins of West Gardiner, was very small, and the scholars were most of them young, but Miss J. made herself useful, and the school was pleasant and profitable. The winter term was commenced by Miss Jenkins, who left after teaching a few weeks, and the school was placed under the care of Mr. Cyrus Libby of this city. This change of teachers was not occasioned by anything like insubordination on the part of the scholars, but was, as we learn, the choice of Miss Jenkins. The school made very fair progress and appeared well on examination. A larger school-house and better accommodations are very much needed in this district.

**District No. 7.—Daniel Johnson, Agent.**

Average attendance—Summer, 19; Winter, 29.

Miss M. E. Jackins of this city taught the summer school. It was her first effort in teaching, and, in the estimation of the committee, she failed to make herself sufficiently at home
in the school-room, and manifested too little zeal and energy
to be an efficient teacher. Mr. Hiram C. Vaughan, of Farm-
ington, taught the winter term with marked success. The
committee were not notified when the school would close, and
did not attend the examination; but from reports we learn
that the school was entirely satisfactory to the teacher, schol-
ars, and the district generally.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—ISAAC LAWRENCE, Agent.

Average attendance—Summer, 30; Winter, 45.

The summer term commenced under the charge of Miss
Octavia A. Hunt of Chelsea. The school appeared orderly
and studious at the time of making our first visit, and the
mode of teaching, classifying and governing met our approba-
tion. Miss H. left at the end of the tenth week, and Miss
Angella Jenkins, favorably known as a teacher, and already
noticed in the report of district No. 6, completed the term.
At the closing visit most of the classes appeared to good
advantage, and we were disposed to regard the school as a
profitable one notwithstanding the interruption. The winter
term, with Mr. Josiah A. Temple, of Litchfield, for teacher,
was regarded on all hands as unusually successful. Mr. T.
secured the confidence of his pupils, sustained good order;
and by his industry and perseverance carried along the work
of instruction in a manner calculated to secure the most
favorable results.

In bringing this report to a close, the committee venture to repeat
the recommendation which has been made in former reports, that the
district system be abolished, and that in place of it a system be intro-
duced which shall be, so far as practicable, uniform throughout the
city. In making this recommendation the fact is not lost sight of at
all, that our schools, generally, have been tolerably prosperous, that
much has been accomplished, and that many of our children are
acquiring good educations under the existing arrangement. But while
keeping these facts in mind, we have not lost sight of certain other
facts; viz., that it is of the first importance that the schools should
continue to prosper for years to come, and that to secure this very
desirable result earnest effort will be required, and that every possible
means which can contribute to increase their usefulness or add to the
number of children and youth who shall share the advantages they
afford, will have to be called into requisition.

Gardiner, March, 1857.

N. WOODS.
C. E. BLAKE.
LIST OF CITY PROPERTY,

March 1, 1857.

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APPROPRIATIONS, 1857-8.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, {  
March 28, 1857. }

Ordered, The Common Council concurring, that the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifteen Dollars be granted, raised and appropriated for the following objects, viz:

For District Schools, $2700.00  
" City High School, 1000.00  
" Support of Poor and Insane, 2000.00  
" Interest on City Debt, 1100.00  
" Reducing City Debt, 600.00  
" Fire Department, 850.00  
" Police, 450.00  
" Printing, 50.00  
" Burying-Grounds, 100.00  
" Paying Damages, 365.00  
" Contingent, 800.00  
" Salaries, 1310.00

And the Assessors are hereby directed to assess the above sum of eleven thousand three hundred and fifteen dollars upon the polls and estates within the city, according to law.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, {  
March 28, 1857. }

Ordered, The Board of Aldermen concurring, that the sum of Four Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars be granted, raised and appropriated in money, to be laid out in making or repairing Highways, Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks, within the city, as the law directs.

And the Assessors are hereby directed to assess the sum aforesaid of four thousand four hundred dollars on the polls and estates, real and personal, of the inhabitants of the city, as highway taxes are by law required to be assessed, to be collected as other cash taxes are collected.
LIST OF CITY OFFICERS, 1857–8.

HON. NOAH WOODS, MAYOR.

Board of Aldermen.


Common Council.

Charles Danforth, Esq., President.

        { J. D. Moore.  W. O. Hooker.
        { J. W. Sprague.  Alvin Sawyer.
        { Joseph Perry.  Ward 5, { Charles Danforth.
        { Wm. E. Jarvis.  R. K. Littlefield.

Ward 2, { Wm. R. Gay.  Ward 5, { Charles Danforth.
        { Jas. D. White.  Isaac Lawrence.

Charles P. Branch,
City Clerk, and Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

Anysyl Clark,
Clerk of the Common Council.
LIST OF CITY OFFICERS.

Joint Standing Committees.

ON ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.

Aldermen—Hildreth and Berry.
Common Council—Jarvis, Gay and Sawyer.

ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Aldermen—Walton and Robbins.
Common Council—Sprague, Mitchell and White.

ON LAYING OUT NEW STREETS AND ASSESSING DAMAGES THEREFOR.

Aldermen—Williamson and Berry.
Common Council—Plaisted, Osgood and Lawrence.

ON HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Aldermen—Richardson and Williamson.
Common Council—Littlefield, Bradstreet and Day.

ON FINANCE.

Aldermen—Robbins and Hildreth.

ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen—Walton and Richardson.
Common Council—Osgood, Bradstreet and Perry.

ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Aldermen—Hildreth and Walton.
Common Council—Lawrence, White and Day.

ON PRINTING.

Aldermen—Richardson and Berry.
Common Council—Moore, Sawyer and Mitchell.

ON BURYING-GROUNDS.

Aldermen—Berry and Williamson.
Common Council—Libby, Hooker and Moore.

ON ENGROSSED ORDINANCES.

Aldermen—Robbins and Richardson.
Common Council—Libby, Plaisted and Sprague.

ON POOR DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen—Williamson and Walton.
Common Council—Kindrick, Jarvis and Hooker.
LIST OF CITY OFFICERS.

ASS ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.
Phineas Pratt.
Samuel Hooker.
Michael Hildreth.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
Noah Woods.
Charles E. Blake.
G. P. Mathews.

DIRECTORS OF THE CITY HIGH SCHOOL.
The Mayor.
The Superintending School Committee.
George Burgess.
Phineas Pratt.
Nathan B. Norton.

CITY SOLICITOR.
Charles Danforth.

CITY MARSHAL.
Reuben M. Smiley.

STREET COMMISSIONER.
Samuel Amee.

CITY TREASURER.
Charles P. Branch.

CITY COLLECTOR.
Israel W. Woodward.

CITY PHYSICIAN.
Stephen Whitmore.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
William C. Bates.

SECOND ENGINEER.
John C. Goding.

THIRD ENGINEER.
Calvin Boston.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.
Robert Richardson.
John Stone.
I. W. Woodward.

Barker A. Neal.
A. E. Wing.

TRUANT COMMITTEE.
Reuben M. Smiley.
Elbridge Berry.
Isaac Lawrence.

TITHING MEN.
Reuben M. Smiley.
I. W. Woodward.
Wm. L. Witham.
John C. Jones.
Franklin Foster.
William Libby.

A. E. Wing.
Joseph Douglass.
Sanford W. Sipher.
James M. Colson.
Freeman Williams.
Charles Bridge.
# List of City Officers

## Harbor Master

William Hutchason.

## Fence Viewers

- Arthur Berry
- Samuel Amee
- W. O. Hooker
- Samuel Libby
- Isaac Lawrence
- Nathan Foster
- Eben Libby
- John S. Wilson
- Chas. S. Hildreth

## Field Drivers

- Elbridge Berry
- James M. Colson
- C. S. Hildreth
- Jas. Capen, Jr.
- Asa Libby
- Jacob Stafford
- Samuel Libby
- Eben Libby
- Amos Richardson
- Isaac Lawrence

## Measurers of Wood and Bark

- George H. Cook
- Henry Leeman
- John Stone
- Reuben Esty
- John P. Dennis
- L. H. Green
- James R. Byram
- Samuel Plaisted
- Jas. G. Donnell
- George Beedle
- Philip Winslow
- Albert Potter
- N. B. Norton
- J. Thomas, Jr.

## Surveyors of Lumber

- Elbridge Berry
- Stephen Webber
- Charles Gay
- George Gay
- W. R. Gay
- Hiram Preble
- James Steward
- N. O. Mitchell
- W. O. Hooker
- Charles Lawrence
- James A. Clay
- Wm. Perkins
- Samuel Hooker
- Jas. G. Donnell
- Josiah W. Sprague
- J. Thomas, Jr.
- Seth Sprague
- George Shaw
- Charles Ware
- Wm. Sargent
- George Beedle
- Arthur Berry
- D. C. Palmer
- Wm. Hutchason
- Samuel Amee
- Joseph Perry

## Culler of Staves

Abel Whitney.
LIST OF CITY OFFICERS.

CULLERS OF BRICKS.
Arch Morrell. Orison Dill.
H. Albert Morrell.

SEALERS OF LEATHER.
Myrick Hopkins. George Plaisted.
Henry Leeman.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
James G. Donnell.

WEIGHTER OF BEEF. CITY CRIER.
Amasa Ring. Moses Dunton.

MEASURERS OF STONE.
Sullivan Washburn. Charles Merrill.
Nahum Hildreth.

MEASURERS OF LOGS.
William Hutchason. Freeman Williams.
Daniel Welch. Seth Sprague.
Charles Lawrence.

WEIGHTER AND GUAGER.
John Dennis.

MEASURER OF GRAIN.
Abel French.