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CITY OF GARDINER.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS,

ANNUAL REPORTS,

AND

CITY GOVERNMENT.

MARCH, 1868.

GARDINER,
H. K. MORRELL, PRINTER, HOME JOURNAL OFFICE,
1868.
Gentlemen of the City Council:

We have assembled here to-day, to re-organize the government of the city, for the next municipal year. The limited experience I have had in the management of the City causes me much diffidence and distrust in my ability to perform the duties which are expected, and which are incumbent upon me, as the Mayor of the City.

In looking over the names of those elected to the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council, in each of these branches, I see the names of those who have seen much service in the management of the various departments of our City—several having had years of service in the office to which I have been elected. In having such men returned to the City Council, I feel that I have something to rely upon, for help in performing the duties assigned me, the first of which is to lay before you such information as I may have, in regard to the condition of the finances of the City, with such other information as I may possess, bearing upon the welfare and prosperity of the City.

The debt of the City, bearing interest at this time, as near as I can ascertain by the books that come into my possession, is as follows:
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Notes of the Treasurer falling due present year, $9,197 65

$9,197 65

" in 1869, 19,100 00

$28,297 65

Bonds issued Oct. 1, 1859, due in 1869, 5,000 00

" July 1, 1863, " 1873, 7,000 00

" Oct. 1, 1859, " 1874, 5,000 00

" Apr. 15, 1867, " 1877, 25,000 00

" July 1, 1863, " 1878, 4,000 00

" Oct. 1, 1859, " 1879, 5,000 00

" Apr. 15, 1867, " 1882, 15,000 00

" July 1, 1863, " 1883, 3,000 00

" Apr. 15, 1867, " 1887, 1,000 00

Making whole interest-bearing debt, $98,297 55

The Floating Debt is very small, probably not amounting to over $400—a part of that being for breaking roads since the first day of the present month.

The Resources of the City which can be relied upon to reduce its Liabilities, are:

Uncollected Taxes, 1865, $426 12

" 1866, 1,826 45

" 1867, 7,321 42

Cash in hands of Treasurer, 10,656 73 20,230 72

Stock and Cash in Liquor Agency, 1,230 87

$21,461 59

leaving a balance of indebtedness of about $77,000.

The interest on the notes and bonds falling due this year will be nearly $6,000, which for the good credit of the City, it will be your duty to provide for by appropriation.

Of the City debt, only about $9,000 falls due this year, and there seems to be funds enough in cash and taxes uncollected, to meet that amount as it becomes due. A much larger amount falls due next year, viz:—Notes, $19,100; Bonds, $5,000; making $24,100.

It may be well to provide by an appropriation this year, to pay something on the debt falling due in 1869, but that matter rests entirely with you, to take such action as you deem proper.
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The Appropriations and Expenditures for the past year have been as follows:

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There was no appropriation made for abatements on taxes, but the overlayings were carried to that account, amounting to $1,837.27. Abatements to the amount of $1,612.51 were made on the taxes assessed for the years 1865-6-7. The Assessors have also abated the Supplementary Bank tax of 1865, which amount was $6,141.10.

The Police Department expended more than was set apart for that purpose last spring, by $380.37, but the year before that branch had $415.26 left of its appropriation. Taking the two years together, something is still left for that department. The money in that department, I believe has been judiciously expended, and the officers having charge have attended well to their duties, so that I have reason to believe the appropriation has been well guarded, while none who were really needy have been obliged to go hungry or cold. For a more extended knowledge of the work of that department, I refer you to the Report of the Overseers.

The Police department appropriation is overdrawn by $433.15, caused by extra watchmen put on during the fall and winter months. For further particulars, I would refer you to the City Marshal’s Report.
The money expended on Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, is much less than in former years, the Street Commissioner having kept within his appropriation by $237.96, besides covering the Factory Bridge at a cost of $450, which was not taken into the account when the appropriations were made last spring. Whether the Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks are in as good condition as they were last spring, or better, I am unable at this time to tell, but would refer you to his report for that information.

Fifteen hundred dollars were appropriated for the High School last year, the expenses of which exceeded that sum by $44.27. The Committee and Teachers of that school report the building in a very bad condition, and I would call your attention to the report of the Committee, for better information than I am able to give you at this time.

The Grammar and Primary Schools have nearly $200 of their appropriation still unexpended. The Committee have attended well to their duties, and I would call your attention to their able Report, for the condition and wants of that department.

The expenditures of the Fire Department are about $100 less than last year, being within the appropriation for that department $57.51, after having expended $162 for three Fire Extinguishers, which were not taken into the account when the appropriations were made last spring.

The Chief Engineer reports much of the hose old and worthless. Our city has been remarkably favored in regard to fires for the past year.

It seems necessary that a good reservoir should be put down at some point on Washington St., as there is a large amount of property on that street and streets leading from it, and no water to be had in case of fire nearer than the easterly side of the Common.

After the first of November next, the Fire King Company will be without an engine house, as the one now occupied by that company is sold and possession to be given November first, this year.

Several times in years past I believe, the condition of the old City Hall and the old hay barn in the year of it has been referred
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at our annual meetings, but no action in relation to improving their condition, has as yet been taken by the City authorities.

Perhaps the old Hall might be used as a hall for the Fire King Co., for a few years, and an engine house and hook and ladder house built where the old hay barn stands.

I would also call your attention to the place in which our city records are kept. I fear that in case of fire in the building they are not safe, and I think some safe place should be provided for them without delay.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, let me sincerely thank you and the citizens of Gardiner, for the very cordial support given me for the office to which I have been elected, hoping the same good feeling will prevail during my continuance in office, and that I shall continue to receive that assistance from you which my inexperience in the management of the affairs of the city assures me I shall need, and let me assure you that it will be my earnest endeavor to carry out all measures that will promote the welfare of our City.

JOSHUA GRAY.
OVERSEEERS' REPORT.

The Overseers of the Poor and Insane herewith submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1868.

FIRST.

To am't rec'd from other towns.............. $268 92
   " for board of Geo. Shaw...... 50 00
   " do. Michael Burns, at Hospital 59 69
   " for Stove sold from Farm... 20 00
   " of Edmund Dow for labor... 15 05
   " Cash for relief of paupers... 27 48
   " from Mayor's Warrants.... 3,680 37 $4,121 51

By am't paid by Overseers to March 1, '68 $4,121 51

SECOND.

To balance undrawn, March 1, 1867..... $415 26
   am't rec'd from other Towns........ 268 92
   " for board of Geo. Shaw...... 50 00
   " do. Michael Burns, at Hospital 59 69
   " for Stove sold from Farm... 20 00
   " for Cash of Edmund Dow... 15 05
   " " for relief of Paupers... 27 48
   " " in hands Overseers 34 01
   " appropriation Poor & Insane 3,000 00
   " " repairs Alms House 300 00 $4,190 41

By disbursements by Overseers of Poor.. $4,121 51
   Balance....................... 68 90 $4,190 41

THIRD—UNADJUSTED ACCOUNT.

There remains undrawn of the appropriation of March 1, 1867..... $68 90
   Claims consid'd good against other Towns 95 19 $164 09
   Dr. for Ed. Dow's Salary to March 1, '68. $125 00
   " outstanding bills unpaid........ 85 00 $160 00

Leaving balance due the department...... $4 09

For am't of expenses at Alms House, including Superintendent's Salary........ $2,155 84
   Repairs at Alms House.................. 300 72

Making in all expenses at Alms House........ $2,456 06
Amount brought up $2,456.06

By wood taken from Alms House to supply Paupers 62.00
Butter, Hay, Beef and other produce sold from Farm 192.67
Cash for labor of Mr. Dow outside the Farm 102.00
Excess of appraisal over last year 335.59 $692.26

Cost of Poor at Alms House $1,763.80
Cost of Poor outside Alms House $2,357.71
Deduct from this sum the amount received from other towns $268.92
Also claims due from other towns 95.19 $364.11

Actual cost of Poor outside Alms House $1,993.60
Add to the above sum Expenses at Alms House 1,763.80 $3,757.40
Deduct from above sum the amount expended on repairs of Buildings, Fence, &c $300.00

Making actual cost of the Poor for the year 1867 $3,457.40
being in excess of last year for the Poor department of $554.31.

We have rendered aid to about the same number of paupers as last year, a fraction less, 260 persons in all: 18 at Alms House, 242 outside. The excess is attributed to improvements on the Farm, in change of Horse; purchase of Mowing Machine, Horse Rake, and setting out Fruit Trees, so that the city is no poorer for the excess of expenditure.

Our paupers will not diminish but rather increase, and the Overseers would not recommend a less sum than was raised last year for the support of the Poor and Insane, for the coming year, viz: $3,000.

We have now three insane persons at the Hospital, viz: Miss Gilpatrick, Miss Lunt and Miss Julia Buck, and there is no prospect of their being any better.

There needs to be a few more repairs on the buildings at the Farm, which will amount to about one hundred and fifty dollars, and we recommend that that sum be raised in addition, for that purpose.

The appraisal of the Alms House property, taken the 29th day of Feb., amounted to $7,210.27.

JOHN WEBB, Overseers
J. M. LARRABEE, of Poor.
STILLMAN LIBBY,
STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

It becomes my duty as Street Commissioner, to report to you the condition of the Highways, Bridges and Side-walks in the City, for the past year.

The appropriation for this department was one thousand dollars less than last year, and I have endeavored to expend the amount appropriated in the most economical manner, according to my best judgment. Although my predecessor reported the Roads and Bridges to be in very good condition, I found them exactly the reverse of that, especially High Street, which was in the worst condition possible, and needed a large outlay to make it at all passable. The Factory Bridge also, I found in a very dangerous situation, and had to expend a large sum on that, some four hundred and fifty dollars, which was not taken into account when the appropriation was made, thus taking so much of my funds which was needed in some other parts of the City. By order of the Mayor, I proceeded to gravel Water Street, on which I expended five hundred dollars. I graded Fremont Street at an expense of forty dollars. I have endeavored to build and repair the side-walks where they were most needed. There is a considerable amount required the coming year to build and repair side-walks in some parts of the city, where they have become very much dilapidated. There is also a Culvert to be built near Isaac Lawrence's, and I would recommend that it be built of Stone, which would cost from three to four hundred dollars.

There is Building Material on hand worth about twenty-five dollars.

The tools belonging to the city are as follows: 2 Ploughs; 5 Scrapers; 7 Iron Shovels; 8 Snow Ploughs; 2 Crowbars; 1 Nail
Hammer; 1 Stone Hammer; 2 Hand Saws; 2 Cross-cut Saws; 2 Pick-Axes; 1 Derrick; 3 Wheelbarrows.

Amount of appropriation last year. $4,000 00
I have expended ................................. 3,762 04

Balance undrawn ......................... $237 96

All the bills have been paid, except one which William Neal has, which I have declined to pay, because I thought it was altogether too much for the labor performed.

Respectfully submitted

THADDEUS HILDRETH, Street Commissioner.
CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

I herewith submit my report for the municipal year ending Feb. 28th, 1868.

The whole number of cases commenced and tried before the Police Court of the City of Gardiner, from March 1st, '67, to March 1st, '68, is 183, viz:

Search and Seizure, 30—Convicted 14, Discharged 16.
Drunkenness, 52—Convicted 42, Discharged 10.
Selling Intoxicating Liquors, 33—Convicted 24, Discharged 9.
Assault with intent to commit Rape, 1—Ordered to recognize 1.
Larceny, 13—Convicted 6, Discharged 7.
Arson, 1—Ordered to recognize 1.
Truancy, 1—Sentenced to Reform School 1.
Assault and Battery, 27—Convicted 18, Discharged, 9.
Search Warrants, 8.
Malicious Trespass, 9—Convicted 9.
Adultery, 1—Ordered to recognize 1.
Acting as Pawnbroker without License 1—Ordered to Recognize 1.
Fornication, 2—Convicted, Ordered to Recognize, 2.
Security of the Peace, 1—Ordered to Recognize, 1.
Disturbing the Public Peace, 1—Convicted 1.
Night Walking, 2—Convicted 2.

I have turned over to the City Liquor Agency ninety-two gallons of Spirituous Liquors, and sixty gallons of Malt Liquors, taken under Search Warrants mentioned above. I have received for the use of the City Hall, $2.60, which sum I have paid over to the City Treasurer. The Grass crop on the Common, was cut by the Superintendent of the Alms House, for the use of the City.
There has been less disturbance of the public peace in consequence of drunkenness during the year, than usual. The number of arrests 52, against 86 last year. I think that the difference has been brought about in a measure, through the agency of the State Constabulary in suppressing drinking houses, thereby making it more difficult for those who drink to intoxication, to obtain it. I have been watchful for the prevention of crime, and suffered no open violation of law to pass unpunished.

In submitting this report, I take occasion to return my thanks to the members of the City Government, and all connected with the administration of municipal affairs, for their uniform courtesy and assistance rendered me in the discharge of my official duties.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. WENTWORTH, City Marshal.
CITY PHYSICIAN’S REPORT.

The inmates of the Alms House in this City have been remarkably healthy during the past year, requiring but little attention from the Physician. The Superintendent and his lady, Mr. and Mrs. Dow, have always been faithful and prompt in caring for the sick, and have thus saved much suffering to the patients, and expense and trouble to the City. Two of the inmates have died during the past year, from diseases rendered fatal in consequence of the great age of the patients. One was Nancy Sweetland, aged 74 years, the other, Nehemiah Griffin, aged 75 years. No other deaths have occurred.

G. S. Palmer, City Physician.
SCHOOL REPORT.

To the City Council:

The closing days of another municipal year admonish us, as Superintending Committee, of our duty as required by the laws of the State, to submit for your advisement and consideration our Annual Report of the Public Schools of the city of Gardiner for the year ending March 16th, 1868.

The City Government, at the commencement of the school year, made appropriations for the public schools as follows: for the High School, $1,500.00, to which has been added from tuitions, $185.00; for Grammar and Primary Schools, $4,800.00, which has been increased by the amount received from the State School fund, $184.52, and by tuitions from non-resident scholars, $192.00, and for rent of tenement $32.00; making a total, for all the schools, of $6,893.52, with which we have kept them in working condition.

The expenditures have been as follows: for salaries of High School teachers, $1,370; of Grammar School teachers, $1,650; Primary teachers, $1,625.00; and teachers of the Rural Schools, $570.00. Total amount paid for salaries of teachers, $5,215.00. There has been paid for fuel for the High School, $121.11; and for the Common Schools, $548.75. The cost of repairs on the High School building has been $98.67; on the other school buildings, $434.54; for building fires, care of houses, and incidental expenses, etc, High School, $137.55; Grammar and Primary Schools, $212.61. Total expenditures for the year, $6,768.23.

Soon after the appropriations were made, we took into consideration the necessity of increasing the pay of some of the teachers of our common schools, and decided to break away from our established custom of uniform salaries, in the Primary schools, and pay in proportion to experience and success of the teacher. This we deemed to be just and equitable. A teacher with five or ten years of successful experience is certainly worth more to the city than one of little experience. Therefore we fixed upon the salaries of these teachers for the year, increasing them in the aggregate above the amount paid the preceding year,
thereby retaining the services of our most experienced teachers, and inciting in all a laudable desire to excel, in order to be ranked among those who are deemed worthy of the highest compensation.

The schoolhouses throughout the city are in good condition, with two or three exceptions. The Primary house on Summer street needs extensive repairs, and will require an appropriation, above the ordinary repairs, of $650.00. With this sum we think it may be made comfortable and pleasant to the pupils, so far as the location will allow. The situation is a bad one, but by changing the entrance to the west side of the building the children will be farther removed from the street, and consequently less liable to interfere with the privileges of passers by. This house is one of the oldest in town. It has stood the mutations of time, the wear and tear of many generations of scholars, and the natural propensities of Yankee boys to display their aptness in the use of the jack-knife, better perhaps than most houses of its class; but at length it has reached that condition when it is neither fit for use nor ornament, and, like many other nuisances, should be abated.

The Grammar schoolhouse on High street will have to be re-shingled during the coming summer, and the schoolhouse in the Charles Lawrence district will require quite a sum for repairs.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the necessities of our schools, for the year to come, will require an appropriation of $5000 for our Grammar and Primary schools, and $2000 for the High school. Especially do we appeal to the City Government for this latter sum, in order to retain our present efficient board of instructors, and we feel assured that our generous public will willingly and cheerfully bear the extra burden of taxation for the sake of benefiting the children of our city. It is the best investment that can be made. If we sow abundantly, we shall reap abundantly, and the child that enjoys all the privileges of our schools, will be likely in after years to return a rich compensation for all the cost, in a life of industry, sobriety and christian usefulness.

To make this school what it should be, an honor and a blessing to the community, we must have a new school building, as the present one is wholly inadequate to the necessities of the city. The rooms are small, poorly ventilated, and meanly furnished. There is not a city in the State, and perhaps we may safely say, not a village of any size, that has not better accommodations for a High School than the city of Gardiner. Our sister cities have built, and are building, artistic and elegant structures for their
public schools, and why should we be behind them? Is it be­
cause we are poorer, and possess less thrift and enterprise than
they? We believe not. Our people are as active and energetic
as any of their neighbors, and, if made to believe that the thing
will pay, will be as ready to go in for the improvements. And it
does pay. Cost and compensation advance with equal pace in
matters of this kind. We sincerely hope that the citizens will
urge this necessity upon the City Council, until they shall feel it
a manifest duty to provide the means for a commodious and
tasteful High School building, which shall be a credit to the lib­
erality of the people, and an ornament to the city. What is the
expenditure of a few more dollars in comparison with the proba­
bility, by withholding it, of sending to a premature grave any of
those for whose physical, as well as intellectual welfare, it is our
duty to make adequate provision. We earnestly commend the
subject to the serious consideration of the Council, with the hope
that some immediate action may be adopted with reference to it.

The attendance and deportment of the scholars in the various
schools during the year has been very satisfactory. The whole
number registered was 834, the average number in attendance
was 704, being 84½ per cent., which is better than former years.
There is a necessity for more watchfulness, on the part of some
parents in this city, over the educational interests of their chil­
dren, in keeping them regularly in school, so far as it is possible.
For some trivial excuse scholars are permitted to absent them­
selves from school for days, and weeks, and not unfrequently for
a whole term. Such scholars are an injury to others with whom
they are classed—drones in the hive of wisdom. Lost time can
never be recovered; and the broken links in the chain of educa­
tion are welded only with the greatest difficulty. It has been well
said, that “a parent who sends his son into the world uneducated
does as great injury to mankind as to his own family; he de­
frauds the community of a useful citizen, and bequeaths us a nui­
sance.”

We have been generally fortunate in the selection of teachers;
very many of them have taught several years in the city, and
have become an important element in their respective schools.
Two young ladies who had previously taught several terms, have
resigned during the year, in consequence of other engagements,
and have immediately entered upon their new spheres of useful­
ness, though under assumed names. It is to be hoped that the
change will prove to them in each case “for better” and not “for
worse.”
We congratulate ourselves on being able to render so favorable a report. It is true that not every one of the pupils and parents have been always satisfied, but complaints have been very few, and, excepting scholars, from those who have never, to our knowledge, visited the schools, or been present at the examinations, or by any fair or impartial investigation learned the reality of the evils imagined to exist. Our frequent inquiries among those best qualified to judge, have lead us to the conclusion that the schools have given almost universal satisfaction.

We have visited each school in town several times during the year, and have attended the examinations at the close of each term, and give it as our candid opinion that, as a whole, they have been more successful than during any former year.

During the summer vacations we arranged with certain parties in Boston to make an even exchange of arithmetics, which arrangement was perfected during the following term. The necessity of exchange was occasioned by the multiplicity of editions, in use in the schools, and the consequent difficulty of classifying the scholars, and also, that there were the books of three different authors used by the several classes. The books introduced were Greenlief's new series, and the excellences of the recitations, since the exchange was completed, has verified the wisdom of the uniformity.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School stands first in grade, and is entitled to the first consideration. The commendations bestowed upon this school in our last report, might be with propriety repeated in this. The interest has been kept up unabated. Mr. H. B. Lawrence and Miss I. D. Godding retained through the year the stations which they have filled so faithfully and satisfactorily heretofore.

Walton O. Hooker, a student in the school, was employed for a second assistant teacher, during the spring term, but owing to his own studies, he could not give that attention which the position required; and Miss Mary E. Glidden, of Pittston, a graduate from the school, was assigned to the situation at the beginning of the fall term, and remained through the year. She proved herself an energetic and efficient teacher, especially so considering the room in which she taught, and the furniture therein.

The course of study for the High School has been thoroughly revised within the year, and arrangements made for the regular graduation of a class at the close of each successive spring term. We have purposed to give all who pursue the prescribed course,
the advantages of a practical English education, and, if the pupils elect it, a thorough training in the classics.

At the close of the autumn term several prizes were offered for the best declamations, readings and compositions, the awards to be made at the close of the winter term. The exercises on that occasion were exceedingly interesting, and reflected great credit upon all, who took part therein. The examinations at the close of each term have shown that the instruction has been at least equal in thoroughness to that of any other school with which it comes in comparison, and the progress of the students in the highest degree satisfactory.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Our three Grammar schools have been admirably managed, and generally rapid progress made in the various studies required. The teachers of the former year have been retained with the exception of the assistant in the High St. school. Miss Hunt of Pittston, the assistant of the year before, taught the first four weeks of the spring term, and resigned. Miss M. A. Jackins completed the term, when she also resigned. Both have taught before in the city, and have been favorably mentioned in former reports, and justly so. We wish them success and happiness in their new situations.

Miss A. E. Roberts was selected for the situation at the beginning of the fall term, and commenced her labors under favorable auspices; but she lacked executive ability, and her pupils became disorderly; consequently but little progress was made. This was her first experience in graded schools, and a lack of confidence in her own abilities was the real cause of failure.

Miss Lizzie Ayles occupied the place during the winter term, and gave very good satisfaction. She possesses energy and tact, and with a little more experience will undoubtedly rank high as a teacher.

Notwithstanding all the changes, Mrs. Plaisted has kept the standard of the school well up. The deportment of the scholars in her room has always been good, even when disorder reigned in the recitation room; and her classes have always acquitted themselves with honor in their regular recitations, and at the examinations at the close of each term.

Miss Sawyer and Miss Ring are deserving of especial praise for their faithful labors. The examination at the close of the last term was exceedingly interesting. We think that considerable progress has been made in this school, not only in the classes
but in the method of teaching and governing. Both the scholar-
ship and deportment were better than at any former period.

Miss LENNAN wrought alone, but faithfully and well. The av-
erage attendance of the pupils in her school has been better than
that of any other in the city, yet the whole attendance was less
than one-third of the number of scholars in attendance at either
of the other Grammar schools. But there are many classes to
recite, and it requires diligence and activity on the part of the
teacher to complete her tasks in the six hours allotted her. No
teacher has been more diligent or earnest than Miss LENNAN.
Especially do we commend her and the scholars for the carefull-
ness with which the schoolhouse has been kept. The benches
and walls have not been defaced by cuts or marks, nor have we
been obliged to expend anything for repairs upon the house since
the summer of 1866, when general repairs were made upon most
of the school buildings in the city.

The Grammar schools are the real workshops in our system of
education. The teachers are the master workmen, the scholars
the journeymen and apprentices. Those who enter know that
here is work. They understand that they are the workmen to
whom the public look to see the real execution. In each depart-
ment, in each division, there is order, exactness and persevering
toil, intelligent and well-applied action. It is seldom that three
better Grammar schools can be found, in a single city like ours.
It gives us pleasure to say this, because in them we read the as-
surance that hereafter our city will reap the benefits resulting
from these institutions.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

We have seven schools of this grade in the city, all of which
are in good condition. Some of them possess merits of rare ex-
cellence, which we challenge the State to excel. Children may
be admitted to this grade, according to the laws of the State, at
the age of four years, but usually the laws of nature, framed by
better authority, demand that they be kept out until five or six
years old. Some parents, doubtless regarding the statutes of the
State binding in this respect, obey it, and thus, for a few hours
during each day, relieve themselves of the care and watchfulness
which the little ones require; but generally children are not sent
into our schools until they have passed their fifth year.

The transcendant importance of primary education ought to be
kept constantly before our minds, in order to stimulate us to pro-
portionate efforts. When we consider that the average age of
the scholars who go out from these schools to enter the Grammar
schools, or to work, is about ten years, and that the impressions made upon the mind of a child prior to that age have very much to do with the formation of his character in after life, we cannot escape the conclusion that our Primary schools, though less conspicuous before the public eye, do more than those of the higher grades to shape and determine the results of our educational system. To attend to the upper grades to the neglect of the lower, would be as unwise as to attempt to erect the superstructure of a massive edifice, before laying the foundation stones.

The character of these schools, in discipline, in intellectual and moral developments, depends, almost wholly, upon the teachers. There must be interest on their part, or but little good will be accomplished. If the teacher has an earnest desire to excel in her vocation, if she is anxious for the progress and welfare of her pupils, there is no danger but that she will reach the desired standard of excellence. The teacher who does not feel this interest, who does not love her work, has mistaken her vocation, and should at once seek other employment.

It gives us pleasure to say, that most of our teachers have manifested an increasing zeal, to acquire greater skill in teaching. It is always a good omen, when a teacher discovers, that she does not possess all the mysteries of the art, and seeks for more light and knowledge.

Dresden Street.—Miss Flitner has taught this school for five consecutive years, and, during that period, has not suffered the interest of her pupils to flag, or her own zeal to abate. The five classes, which have graduated under her instruction, have each been thoroughly fitted for admission into the Grammar School; and more than fitted; for in each instance, they had advanced in their studies far beyond the requirements. She needs no praise of ours; her works will be her fitting praise.

Neal Street.—This school has remained under the charge of its former teacher, Miss Hatch, during the year, and has improved under her management. The examination, at the close of the year, was highly satisfactory, so far as the recitations were concerned. Especially can we commend the recitations of the first and second classes in Intellectual Arithmetic. The incessant coughing of many of the children, occasioned by prevailing colds, was very annoying, and marred the harmony of the examination somewhat, but this of course was no fault of the teacher. Some improvement may still be made in disciplining the children in their seats, so that there shall be less movement of the lips while studying.
MAPLE STREET PRIMARY has kept on the even tenor of its way under the management of Miss S. A. M. BRADLEY. Her school room is always neat and tidy, and she labors hard to have her scholars so, but not always with equal success. She has to create an interest for study in the minds of very many of her pupils, and to keep it up, wholly unaided by their parents, who care but little for the intellectual, or moral culture of their children. We commend her for her earnest endeavors and faithful services.

NEW MILLS PRIMARY deserves particular mention in this connection. The school-room has been preserved in excellent condition, reflecting great credit upon the deportment of the scholars, and the watchfulness of the teacher. Few pupils in the City have made more rapid progress, than those of this school, and certainly none are more deserving of praise, for the excellence of the recitations, and exercises on examination day; at the close of the winter term. Miss STURTEVANT has labored four years in this school, to the satisfaction of all parties. We regret that other engagements will prevent her from continuing longer with us.

WINTER STREET. MRS. TAYLOR taught this school, through the year, with unflagging interest. She has won the affections of the little ones, and can lead them whithersoever she will. Her instructions are practical, and her government adapted to the wants of the school.

SPRING STREET.—At the beginning of the year Miss ALICE W. PEASLEY was elected to this school, and has remained through the year. There has been a marked improvement in the appearance of the school since Miss PEASLEY took the charge, but she has not yet succeeded in bringing it to that state of excellence which is desirable, and which another year's experience will undoubtedly accomplish.

SUMMER STREET SCHOOL remained during the spring term, under the charge of Miss JENNIE B. BRADLEY. At the close of the term she resigned her position, in order to enter the graduating class of the High School, and Miss NELLIE RING was elected in her stead. Miss RING proved herself to be a good instructor, and the school prospered under her management; yet the committee are of the opinion that the discipline should be a little more strict in order to accomplish the most good for the children. The nomadic lives of many of the inhabitants of this neighborhood make the attendance very irregular.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

In the suburban districts, the schools are ungraded. In the most of these, scholars between the ages of four and twenty-one,
are received. The schools are, in nearly every instance, very small. The whole attendance during the summer term at the five schools was 102; average attendance 81. Winter term, whole number 132; average number 107, making an average attendance of 94 per term in all these schools, which is less than the average per term for the year at the High Street Grammar School, and about the same as that of the Lincoln Street School.

Our friends in the rural districts complain of consolidation, and sigh for the good old days when they could elect their own agents, in district meeting, and pay their own bills. A few facts and figures will show the fallacy of this position. The valuation of resident owners, as shown by the Assessors' books, for 1867, in the rural districts was $107,028, against $1,772,506, in the City proper, which shows that only one eighteenth of the tax levied is paid by the residents of that section, while about one sixth of the money appropriated for Grammar and Primary Schools is expended upon their schools; giving them 120 weeks per year in their five, against 360 weeks in the other ten schools, or one-fourth of the number of weeks taught, to one-eighth of the number of scholars attending.

Brunswick Road School was taught in the summer by Miss Lydia Webster, and the winter term by Miss Helen F. Andrews. The school is small, averaging only fourteen scholars per term, but fair progress was made in the various studies. Both teachers gave very good satisfaction.

Libby Road.—Miss Juniatta Miller taught the summer term of this school with excellent success; but before the commencement of the winter term, she concluded to change her name, and we were obliged to look elsewhere, for some one to fill the station. Miss M. H. Hannover was elected and taught the winter term. Her school was not visited at the close, but as we have heard no complaints, we feel justified in pronouncing it successful.

Flagstaff.—This school was under the management of Miss Lizzie Wadsworth in the summer, and of Miss Lizzie Watson in the winter. These young ladies have both enjoyed the advantages of the High School, and are fully competent to teach anything required of them in a school of this grade. Both did well. Miss Wadsworth was in her own district, and the text, "A prophet is not without honor save in his country," was perhaps applicable to her. She was perhaps less severe than the interests of the pupils demanded. Miss Watson bids fair to make an excellent teacher. She maintained good order, and gave general satisfac-
tion. The school-house has been considerably injured since it was built; showing a want of care on the part of the scholars.

CAPEN ROAD.—Miss Vesta C. Lawrence had charge of this school during both terms. Commendable progress was made by the pupils, but the teacher does not possess that tact, necessary to manage a school in a wholly acceptable manner. She lacks familiarity with the text books, which, if she possessed, would give her greater professional reputation.

LAWRENCE ROAD.—Miss Helen F. Andrews taught the summer term of this school, and gave good satisfaction, but declining a re-election for the winter term, Miss Angie Coss was elected to the position, and taught through the term with admirable success. She is prompt and energetic, and displays an aptitude for the vocation. This is the first time that Miss Coss has taught in our city, but if she succeeds as well as she has begun, we hope that her services may long continue.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Though our schools occupy a high position, they may yet advance far higher. We must not stop now. We need ceaseless, persevering effort. No system of education can prosper under the hand of neglect. The parents and the public generally must feel a deeper interest. Neither superintendents nor teachers can do all the work. All must be ready to put a shoulder to the wheel.

Our teachers will rank, perhaps, as high as any others of corresponding grade in the State; yet we do not claim perfection for them. There are many things in which they can improve themselves. Faulty pronunciation, bad articulation, and incorrect definitions, and answers are not unfrequently permitted to pass uncorrected. Sometimes scholars are suffered to speak so low in recitations as to be almost inaudible; in other instances, so loud as to be almost painful. Some teachers make no attempt to teach their pupils the sounds of the letters, while another finds the drill upon the elementary sounds almost the royal road to reading, saving much of the labor of telling each scholar, every day for four years, to pronounce ing.

We have found some peculiar excellence in nearly every school. If all these excellences could be brought together in one school it would be a better school than any ever known. This we cannot hope fully to accomplish, yet this should be our aim.

Teachers ought to exercise particular watchfulness over their pupils, and, over themselves before their classes, so that no errors be allowed to pass unnoticed. They should be wholly familiar
with the lessons of each day, and in order to become so it is necessary to carefully review them prior to going before the classes. We know this to be the practice of our best teachers, and we recommend it to all. Let no one be satisfied with past attainments, but be stimulated to higher.

The thorough, symmetrical training of the children of our schools, in intellectual, moral, and christian education, is the fair and pure result that should adorn and enrich the lives of teachers. Let none be satisfied save with the sweetest of all rewards—the consciousness of having done their duty. By precept and example teach the pupils that they can be faithful, just, and generous. Encourage them to mount higher in knowledge, virtue and piety; to act well their part in all things.

Vocal music has never been taught in our schools. In some instances our teachers have sung daily some familiar tunes with their pupils. In other instances the teachers are not competent to direct in singing, and the children, who generally love to sing, acquire incorrect habits without being conscious of it.

The effect of music is proverbial. It promotes a pleasant relaxation from study, promotes cheerfulness and helps good government. It is an important part of a finished education. These and other considerations favor the practice of singing in our public schools. Experience proves that the cultivation of vocal music is a help rather than a hindrance, to advancement in other branches.

There are other points of interest in school management which might be mentioned, but perhaps enough has been said already. If by any word of ours we shall excite the ambition of any teacher to excel in her profession, we shall feel that we have not labored in vain. If any scholar shall be led to put forth more earnest endeavors to attain a thorough education, or the public to feel a deeper interest in the welfare of our schools, and to be more watchful over their necessities and usefulness, we shall be satisfied.

In conclusion, we cannot but believe that our Public Schools never terminated a more successful year's work than that of the last, and that they never entered upon a new year under more favorable auspices than the present.

J. M. LARRABEE, Sup. School
G. S. PALMER, Committee.
JOHN BERRY.
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TEACHERS' NAMES:

- High School: H. B. Lawrence, Prin.
- Dresden St. Prim: Lizzie Ayles, Ass't.
- Maple St. Prim: Ellen Sawyer, Prin.
- Neal St. Prim: Mary O. Ring, Ass't.
- New Mills Gram: Augusta M. Flitner.
- New Mills Prim: Susan A. M. Bradley.
- Spring St. Prim: Sarah B. Hatch.
- Winter St. Prim: Mary S. Lennan.
- Summer St. Prim: M. B. Sturtevant.
- Brunswick Road: Alice W. Peaslee.
- Libby Road: H. A. Taylor.
- Capen Road: J. B. Bradley.
- Lawrence Road: Nellie Ring.
- Flagstaff: Lydia Webster, Helen F. Andrews.
CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Gardiner:

We have had but little property destroyed by fire the past year, there having been but one small building wholly destroyed.

The first fire was on the morning of July 4th, the Cooper shop of Messrs. Bartlett, Dennis & Co., wholly destroyed; damage about $400. Cause of fire unknown.

July 9th, John Moore's house on Winter Street was slightly damaged.

July 13th a small fire occurred in the pattern shop of Messrs. P. C. Holmes & Co. Damage very light.

Aug. 5th, the house of Wm. Bradstreet took fire. Small damage.

Aug. 8th, a damage of about $100 was caused to the house of Nicholas Maher at the end of the Causeway.

Nov. 17th an alarm was given at the office of N. M. Whitmore, 2d.

In February a fire occurred in the house of Capt. Percy on Lincoln Street. Amount of damage unknown.

I have the satisfaction of reporting the Department to be under good discipline. The fire companies are well united; the Engine, Hose, Carriages, Hooks and Ladders are all in good working order. There is about 1600 feet of Hose, the most of it very poor; not over 600 feet that can be relied upon at a heavy fire. The Engines need painting. I would recommend an appropriation for 400 feet of new Hose in addition to the usual appropriation, which in all would make $1600 for the Department. I would also recommend for your consideration the building of two reservoirs, one on Winter Street and one on Washington Street.

S. W. TOWNSEND, Chief Engineer.

Gardiner, March 1st, 1868.
To the City Council:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following Report of the business of the City under his charge during the municipal year ending March, 1868.

A hearing was had before the Court of County Commissioners on May 20th and 21st, 1867, on an appeal from the City Council of Gardiner for their refusal, on the petition of Samuel Hopkinson and others, to lay out a Road from Dresden Street to the Marston Road, running on the westerly line of Oaklands.

The City defended, and the decision of the Court was against the Petitioners.

On the 20th day of June, 1867, the petition of R. H. Gardiner and others, to lay out a County Road from the River Road to the Marston Road, on or near the westerly line of Oaklands, was presented to the County Commissioners, and a hearing had thereon at Gardiner, on August 8th and 9th, 1867.

The City appeared in defence and the Petition was dismissed.

The petitions—Wm. R. Gay vs. City of Gardiner, and Wm. H. Byram et als., vs. same, for an increase of damages occasioned by the location of the Road to the Steamboat Wharf were tried, before a Jury selected for that purpose, on Oct. 3d, 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th last, and the verdicts of the Jury were against the City on both petitions.

Motion and exceptions have been filed for a new trial in each case, and will be argued at the May 7th, 1868, S. J. C. Ken. Co.

No other matters are now pending in Court in which the City is interested.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. M. WHITMORE, 2d, City Solicitor.
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**Total:** $1,635.00

**Total:** $27,535.00
### LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

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*Property belonging to Highway Department.*

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<td>Building Material on hand</td>
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<td>Sundry Tools</td>
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*Property belonging to Fire Department.*

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<td>Three Engine Houses and one Lot</td>
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**Amount carried forward,**

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Amount brought forward, $12,542 27

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<td>Hook and Ladder House</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td>Four Cisterns</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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<td>Engine, Fire King</td>
<td>700 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Washington, old</td>
<td>300 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; new</td>
<td>800 00</td>
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<td>Hook and Ladder Carriage</td>
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<td>Ladders, Hooks, etc.</td>
<td>75 00</td>
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<td>2000 feet of Hose</td>
<td>900 00</td>
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<td>Stoves, Torches, Furniture, etc.</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Powder House</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td>Pound</td>
<td>30 00</td>
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<td>Shop near the Factory Bridge</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Hearse at Plaisted Hill Cemetery</td>
<td>75 00</td>
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<td>House &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Hearse at South Gardiner</td>
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<td>House &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Hearse at Jordan Libby’s</td>
<td>60 00</td>
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<td>House &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
<td>65 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>20 Volumes Maine Reports</td>
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<td>1 Copy Revised Statutes, 1840</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; 1857</td>
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Brunswick Square.
City Landing.
Burying Ground on Plaisted Hill.
" at South Gardiner.
" near Jordan Libby’s.
CITY GOVERNMENT, 1868-9.

Hon. JOSHUA GRAY, Mayor.

ALDERMEN.

WARD 1—ELBRIDGE BERRY.
  2—JAMES M. LARRABEE.
  3—NATHAN O. MITCHELL.
  4—THADDEUS H. SPEAR.
  5—JOHN BERRY.
  6—SHERBURN LAWRENCE.

COMMON COUNCIL.

ALBION E. WING, PRESIDENT.

WARD 1.
   Arthur Berry,
   F. A. Plaisted,
   Daniel Gray.

WARD 2.
   Chas. Bridge,
   Gustavus Moore,
   Josiah F. Marr.

WARD 3.
   H. B. Hoskins,
   A. E. Wing,
   James A. Cox.

WARD 4.
   Hosea H. Lennan,
   William Lunt,
   Reuben Hesleton, Jr.

WARD 5.
   Lincoln Perry,
   Orrin Benner,
   Warren Reed.

WARD 6.
   Joseph Siphers,
   Dennis M. Libby,
   Greenlief Lawrence.

CHAS. P. BRANCH,
   City Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

JAMES ANDREWS,
   Clerk of the Common Council.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON FINANCE.

Spear, } Aldermen.   Berry, } Councilmen.
      Bridge,
CITY GOVERNMENT.

ON LAYING OUT NEW STREETS AND ASSESSING DAMAGES THEREFOR.

Messrs. E. Berry, J. Spear, 
Messrs. A. Berry, Reed, Gray,
Councilmen.

ON ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.

Messrs. Larrabee, E. Berry, 
Messrs. Hoskins, Cox, Plaisted,
Councilmen.

ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Messrs. Mitchell, Lawrence, 
Messrs. Moore, Heiselton, Perry,
Councilmen.

ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Messrs. J. Berry, Larrabee, 
Messrs. Lennan, Benner, Libby,
Councilmen.

ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. J. Berry, Spear, 
Messrs. Lunt, Marr, Siphers,
Councilmen.

ON HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Messrs. Spear, Lawrence, 
Messrs. Plaisted, Lawrence, Bridge,
Councilmen.

ON POOR DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. E. Berry, Mitchell, 
Messrs. Gray, Lennan, Lunt,
Councilmen.

ON ENGROSSED ORDINANCES.

Messrs. Mitchell, E. Berry, 
Messrs. Moore, Perry, Benner,
Councilmen.

ON PRINTING.

Messrs. Larrabee, J. Berry, 
Messrs. Reed, Cox, Marr,
Councilmen.

ON BURYING GROUND.

Messrs. Lawrence, Spear, 
Messrs. Reed, Cox, Marr,
Councilmen.

ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

John Webb, Stillman Libby,
James M. Larrabee,

CITY MARSHAL. CITY SOLICITOR.
Elbridge Berry. N. M. Whitmore, 2d.
CITY GOVERNMENT.

CITY PHYSICIAN.  
Stephen Whitmore.  

STREET COMMISSIONER. 
Elbridge Berry. 

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE. 
James M. Larrabee, 
Gideon S. Palmer, 

DIRECTORS OF CITY HIGH SCHOOL. 
Rev. A. L. Park, 
Rev. F. D. Blake, 

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT. 
A. E. Wing. 

SECOND ENGINEER.  
George Sprague. 

THIRD ENGINEER. 
George M. Holmes. 

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS. 
Ward 1—J. E. Ladd. 
" 2—Wm. H. Moore. 
" 3—J. G. Donnell. 

WARD 4—Reuben Heselton, Jr. 
Ward 5—John Stone. 
Ward 6—Joseph Siphers. 

TRUANT COMMITTEE. 
Elbridge Berry, 
H. D. Wakefield, 
Ford B. Curtis, 
Chas. J. Smith, 

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HARBOR MASTER. 
William R. Gay. 

POUND KEEPER. 
Edmund Dow. 

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS. 
Joseph Williams, 
Ford B. Curtis, 
Benaiah Williams, 
Alexander Troop, 
Chas. J. Smith, 

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS. 
Freeman Williams, 
Jos. Siphers, 
Benj. Peacock, 
J. R. Peacock, 
Chas. Welch. 

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER. 
Elbridge Berry, 
J. Thomas Jr., 
Chas. Lawrence, 
Benj. Jordan, 
Dennis M. Libby, 
J. A. Berry, 
Samuel Hooker, 
J. E. Ladd, 
J. W. Lunt, 
F. A. Berry, 
I. W. Woodward, 

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER. 
James G. Donnell, 
A. K. P. Buffum, 
G. W. Beadle, 
P. S. Robinson, 
Chas. Gay, 
Chas. Waire, 
N. O. Mitchell, 
W. R. Gay, 
Sherburn Lawrence, 
Joshua Gray, 
Lincoln Perry, 

...
CITY GOVERNMENT.

J. W. Sprague, Jos. Perry,
Daniel Gray, Arthur Berry,
D. C. Palmer, Rob't. T. Hays.
Dow Clark,  

**MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.**

Geo. W. Beadle, John Mitchell,
P. C. Holmes, Chas. Gay,
Jos. Perry, John Stone,
Wm. C. Palmer, N. B. Norton,
Chas. Lawrence, E. Berry,
J. G. Donnell, C. B. Clapp,
A. K. P. Buffum, Rob't. Richardson,
D. M. Libby, Isaac S. Mitchell,
Josiah Maxcy, Arch Morrell,
Jos. Booker, John A. Berry,
C. P. Walton, S. W. Tarbox,
Freeman Trott,  

**MEASURERS OF LOGS.**

Arthur Berry, D. C. Palmer,
Daniel Gray, Benj. Jordan,
Joshua Gray, Sherburn Lawrence.
I. W. Woodward,  

**SUPERINTENDENTS OF BURYING GROUNDS.**

I. W. Woodward, Eben Libby,
Sherburn Lawrence,  

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.**

James G. Donnell.  

**WEIGHER OF BEEF.**

Amasa S. Ring, John C. Bartlett.  

**WEIGHER AND GUAGER.**

Sullivan Washburn, I. W. Woodward.  

**MEASURERS OF STONE.**

G. M. Holmes, J. B. Dingley,
John Stone, T. B. Grant,
Albert Potter,  

**WEIGHERS OF HAY.**

Myrick Hopkins, Cyrus Anne.  

**INSPECTOR OF LEATHER.**

CITY BELL RINGER.

CITY CRIER.

NIGHT WATCHMAN.

WARD OFFICERS. 1867-8.

WARD 1.  WARD 4.
Elbridge Berry, Warden. C. P. Walton, Warden.

WARD 2.  WARD 5.

WARD 3.  WARD 6.
Sumner Hopkins, Constable. Hugh W. Smith, Constable.
CITY OF GARDINER.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 26, 1868.

Ordered, the Common Council concurring, that the Reports from the different departments of the City Government made at the close of the last municipal year, be taken from the files and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Printing, and that they cause the same to be properly arranged in one pamphlet, including in the same, the Address of His Honor the Mayor, a list of the City Officers, a list of the City property, the appropriations for the current year—with a statement of liabilities and resources, and such other matters as have usually appeared in the volume of Reports, and that two hundred and fifty copies of the same be printed for the use of the city. Also one hundred and fifty copies of the Report of the Superintending School Committee, in a separate pamphlet, for distribution in the city.

Read, passed and sent down for concurrence.

C. P. BRANCH, City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 26, 1868.

Read and passed. JAMES ANDREWS, Clerk.