City of Gardiner Mayor's Address, Annual Reports, City Government and Joint Committees, March, 1883.

Gardiner (Me.).
CITY OF GARDINER

MAYOR'S ADDRESS,

ANNUAL REPORTS,

City Government and Joint Committees,

MARCH, 1883.

GARDINER:
1883.
CITY OF GARDINER,

In Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1883.

Ordered, the Common Council concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Printing be and hereby directed to arrange the reports of the several city officials for the past municipal year, together with the Mayor's Address, names of the members of the City Government, Committees, Municipal Officers, and appropriations for the year 1882, and that they procure the printing and binding in pamphlet form of five hundred copies of the same for distribution.

In Board of Aldermen, April 2, 1883.

Read, passed and sent down for concurrence.

CHAS. O. WADSWORTH, City Clerk.

In Common Council, April 2, 1883.

Read and passed in concurrence.

GUSTAVUS MOORE, Clerk.
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The revolving year brings us again to the time prescribed by our City Charter for organizing anew our Municipal Government. Having taken upon myself a solemn obligation to discharge the duties of my office for another term, it will be my endeavor to exert whatever ability I may possess to perform, by the aid of past experience, all the duties devolving on me in such a manner, as will redound to the highest good of our City. You, gentlemen, have assumed like responsibilities, and have given the same binding pledge for fidelity in office, and I am confident that the public business entrusted to your care will be performed to the general satisfaction of our constituents.

In accordance with a time honored custom it becomes my duty to give you a synopsis of the transactions of the government during the year, and to suggest for your consideration such legislation for the future, as, in my opinion the necessities of the City may require.

The extraordinary losses by the disastrous fire in this City, which occurred August 7th, 1882, had the effect to draw more or less heavily on all of the municipal departments and so increased the expenses as to occasion an overdraft in several of them. The rebuilding of the grist-mill bridge, the
restoration of sidewalks, and repairing of streets in the burned district cost in round numbers $4,700. The need of additional facilities for controlling and extinguishing fires, so forcibly realized on that terrible night, imposed upon the City Council the duty of providing better means for the protection of property against fires in the future. After careful deliberation the council authorized the purchase of an additional steam fire engine, 2,500 feet of cotton rubber lined hose, and the erection of an engine house in ward 4, at an aggregate expense of $6,500. These items of extraordinary expenditures will account for the increase of the City debt, as shown by the Auditor's report of the financial condition of the City on March 1st, 1883, to which I now call your attention.

Bonds of July 1, 1863, due July 1 1883 ........................................... $10,000 00
  " " April 15, 1867, due April 15, 1887 ................................... 1,000 00
  " " Aug. 15, 1874, due Aug. 15, 1884 .................................. 17,000 00
  " " Oct. 1, 1874, due Oct. 1, 1884 .................................. 5,000 00
  " " April 14, 1877, due April 14, 1897 ............................ 18,500 00
  " " May 15, 1879, due May 15, 1899 ............................ 9,000 00
  " " April 15, 1882, due April 15, 1902 ............................ 10,000 00
  " " Feb. 15, 1873, due Feb. 15, 1903 ............................ 6,000 00

$76,500 00

 TEMPORARY LOAN NOTES.

Treasurer's note of Nov. 7, 1882, 10 mos. 4 per cent.............. $500 00
  " " " " 8, 1882, " " 5 " ...... 2,000 00
  " " " " 9, 1882, " " 4 " ...... 500 00
  " " Dec. 4, 1882, 12 " 4 " ...... 2,000 00
  " " Jan. 9, 1883, 8 " 5 " ...... 1,500 00
  " " " " 9, 1883, 8 " 5 " ...... 5,000 00
  " " " " 9, 1883, 8 " 5 " ...... 1,500 00
  " " Feb. 14, 1883, 12 " 4 " ...... 1,000 00

$17,000 00

$93,500 00

Due City Treasurer.......................................................... 710 64
Salaries................................................................. 818 34

$35,029 08

Uncollected taxes in hands of Collector ........................ $7,127 36
Cash in hands of Collector ........................................... 174 49
Liquor Agency ........................................................... 170 04

$7,471 89

Balance against the city, March 1, 1883 .................... $37,557 19
Comparing the above exhibit with that of a corresponding date of the previous year, you will observe that the indebtedness of the city has been increased $9,012.37 during the last municipal year. The causes which have produced this result I have already explained to you. These expenditures, not anticipated at the beginning of the year, have been provided for by a temporary loan, for the payment of which it will be your duty to make some provision. Ordinarily a temporary loan cannot be considered a part of the public debt, as the payment of the same is usually provided for by uncollected taxes and other available sources. The extraordinary loan of the past year cannot thus be paid, and must be met by assessments upon the property of our tax payers, or by City Bonds issued for that purpose.

In considering the increase of the debt of the city, it may be well to bear in mind that there has been a corresponding addition to the property of the city, as will be seen by reference to the Auditor's Report.

To avoid the necessity of a higher rate of taxation than it would be policy to impose at present, I would recommend that $5,000 of the gross amount shall be funded for a term of years, when the temporary notes mature, and that the balance be included in the amount to be assessed upon the property for the ensuing year. It will be your duty to provide for the City Bonds issued July 1st, 1863, payable in twenty years amounting to $10,000, which will become due next July. I would also remind you of the necessity of making an appropriation for the payment of the interest on the public debt.

SCHOOLS.

Of all our appropriations for specific objects, that for our public schools stands foremost, whether in consideration of the amount expended, or its bearing on the future intelligence and well being of our population. Of all the various expenditures, none, I am sure, give us so valuable returns as the amount expended for educational purposes. To these in-
stitutions, coeval with the settlement of the country by our pilgrim fathers, we owe whatever of morality and intelligence attaches to our New England character. While I would recommend the strictest economy in the expenditures of this department, as in others, I would withhold nothing that would tend to strengthen and improve the character and usefulness of our schools.

The High School has continued during the year under the management of Mr. Chas. B. Seabury, whose efficiency as an instructor has been proved by years of faithful service and uniform success. The condition of the school in regard to the objects it aims to accomplish has been good, and the benefits resulting to the community by the Gardiner High School since its organization cannot be estimated when we consider the large number of young men and women who, having enjoyed the opportunities offered there for intellectual and moral culture, have been well prepared in character, principles and attainments to enter on some of the higher departments in the various walks of business and enterprise, and to become good and useful citizens.

The fact that the High School has resulted in great good is apparent to all. Still the inquiry forces itself upon us, is it doing all that should naturally be required of it considering the large amount annually expended for its support? There is a manifest and increasing demand upon public school system for instruction in trades, and for an opportunity to be taught something more than is furnished by the regular text books used in our schools. Many of our boys are annually sent away to commercial schools and business colleges ostensibly to educate them for a business course. Cannot some change be made in the course of study in the High School so that penmanship, bookkeeping and business forms may be taught there, and thereby supply a satisfactory means for gratifying a constantly growing tendency towards the education which these business colleges propose to impart.

If such a course could be adopted, even at the sacrifice of
part of the classical course now pursued in the school, our young might then be educated for industrial purposes at home rather than abroad.

These questions are worthy of your consideration and I trust will receive from you the attention which their importance demands. The cost of running the High School for the past year has been $2,585.97.

There has been no extensive outlays for schoolhouses the past year, except for the Spring street primary, which has been enlarged and remodeled at an expense of $1,302.41. For details of the operations and condition of our schools I would refer you to the report of the Superintendent School Committee which will soon be laid before you.

POOR AND INSANE.

Few of our duties will require more forethought and the exercise of sounder judgement on our part than the care of the poor. Our Alms House and City Farm are under the care of Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Stevens, the Superintendent and his wife the Matron, are in excellent condition, and the unfortunate poor residing there are well cared for and as comfortable as their condition will allow. The labor of the Overseers as well as the expense of the department have been somewhat enhanced by the unusual suffering of the poor the last year, occasioned by the fire.

The expense of the department could not have been kept within the limits of the appropriations, had it not been for the liberal contributions in aid of the needy from charitable sources. The number of inmates at present at the Alms House is twelve, most of whom are aged and infirm, who can do little or nothing for themselves, and the work necessary for their comfort must be done almost entirely by other hands. The sum appropriated for the support of the poor last year was two thousand dollars. But as I understand it there are a number of unsettled claims by other towns, for the support of paupers, for which the city may be made liable, I would therefore recommend an appropriation for the current year,
for not less than twenty-five hundred dollars. The report of
the overseers will be in your possession for reference and in-
formation.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

This department, on the care of which depends so much of
the safety and convenience of our citizens, is generally in
good condition, and our streets and sidewalks are better as a
whole, I think, than they have been for many previous years.
The appropriation last year, for this department was \$3,600.
The amount expended for the same has been \$8,360.36,
leaving a balance over drawn of \$4,760.36. This overdraft,
not contemplated when the appropriation was made, was
authorized by the City Council, and is accounted for as fol-
lows, viz: Expended for repairing Grist-mill bridge, \$3,-
281.17; rebuilding sidewalks and repairing streets in the
burned district \$1,368.04. The actual overdraft in the Ordi-
nary working of the department has been \$111.15. Concrete
walks have been laid as follows: 600 feet on Fremont St.,
300 feet on Main and Water Sts., and 1,200 feet on Brunsw-
wick St., making 125 rods of durable sidewalk, averaging
four feet in width. The cheapness and durability of these
sidewalks induces me to recommend that the system be ex-
tensively continued. The faithful and efficient management
of this department by Commissioner Cunningham should
recommend him for continuance in that office. With the
best possible management, either in amount expended or in
the results attained, one can hardly expect to escape the criti-
cism which attaches especially to this branch of the city service.
Exposed to the elements and wear and tear of forty-five miles
of road and eighteen miles of sidewalk which necessitates a
heavy expenditure and a large amount of work. The Street
Commissioner's report will show you what has been done
during the past year, and what will be required for the year
to come.

POLICE.

We should be glad if the whole human family would so
The protection of life and property from loss by fire is
another important municipal concern. The value of property destroyed by this element in the city during the past eight months aggregates not less than $200,000. In view of the magnitude of this loss, and the ever present danger of a like event more or less destructive, the importance of maintaining a fire department of sufficient strength and efficiency to afford protection in any ordinary emergency can hardly be overestimated.

The machines and apparatus at the present time consist of two powerful steam fire engines, built by the Silsby Manufacturing Co., and are both models of beauty and serviceability, one first-class hand engine and force pump of the largest capacity. The department is supplied with 5,200 feet of cotton rubber lined hose, mostly new and in perfect order for use, together with hose carriages, ladders, etc., sufficient for the accommodation of the department.

With a department thus thoroughly equipped, in charge of a Chief Engineer of experience and ability, with an organization composed of men of energy, character and responsibility, I think I hazard nothing in claiming that we are now as well protected against the ravages of fire as any locality in the State. And I can congratulate the city in having a fire department of which it may justly be proud.

The building used for the Fire King Engine, situated at South Gardiner, is unfinished, and not in condition to afford suitable conveniences for drying hose, or to be used for other necessary purposes. I would recommend that you take this matter into consideration before deciding upon the appropriation for this department.

**STREET LIGHTS.**

The expense for lighting the streets and city rooms during the past year amounts to $1,065.95. Much the larger part of this expenditure is for street lights. The public safety and convenience demand lighted streets; but it is essential that this service be rendered so as to produce the best results at
the least possible expense. I recommend your careful con­ sideration of the matter.

SEWERAGE.

Nothing has been accomplished during the year just closed tending to the improvement of the Sewerage of our City. Diseases and death linger in these cesspools of poisonous gasses along our principal street, and malarial vapors are emitted through the openings. Some action was taken by the retiring City Government to ascertain a remedy for this difficulty, and the opinion of competent engineers in Boston, relating to a change for the better, were obtained. They de­ cided that the only effectual remedy would be to lower the grade of the sewer from the present outlet near the Oakland Bank, to its eastern terminus, making its outlet at that end into the Kennebec river. The estimated cost of the work was about $4,000. Should this change be made the sewer could then be thoroughly washed throughout its entire length by flooding it with water from dam No. 2 at its western termi­ nus. I commend this subject to your attention.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Since our last annual meeting the Public Library has been removed to the convenient and attractive building provided for it by the Gardiner Library Association. Shelves have been provided at the expense of the city. In connection with the library is a comfortable and well-lighted reading­ room, and it is the desire of the Directors that this room shall offer attractions to the young people of our city who may not have convenient surroundings for reading in the evening, especially during the winter months.

The resident membership of the year to the library has been 329, and non-resident membership 55, making a total of 384. Seventy-eight volumes have been added by purchase and five by gifts. The present number of volumes in the library is five thousand and fifty-six. There has been given out during the year fifteen thousand six hundred and seventy-six volumes, making an average of over fifty volumes per
day. It is pleasant to contemplate that so many are cultivating their intellects and increasing their stock of knowledge, and it is to be hoped that the liberality of our citizens in furnishing such pleasant quarters for the library may be compensated by the assurance that many young men and women have been kept from the influence of bad company, and the temptation to do wrong by availing themselves of the privileges of the Public Library. The report of the directors will give you in detail the workings of the Library, and the receipts and expenditures for the same.

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

It is important that the appropriations for this year should be made with more than ordinary caution, if a moderate rate of taxation is to be secured. Let no enterprise be undertaken, or appropriation made without a considerate calculation of the outlay involved. The estimates of the heads of the several departments will be placed in your hands and you will carefully ascertain whether they are based upon the actual needs of the city for the coming year.

During the past year the prosperity of our city received a severe blow by the burning of a large amount of property in the business portion of the city. But this should not discourage us, for I am confident with our advantages in location, and resources possessed equal to any town in this part of the State, with a population industrious and enterprising, eager to develop those advantages and resources, that this loss will soon be repaired.

To you who have been selected by your several constituencies to represent them in this Council, is committed the varied interests of the city. So far as they may be effected by your acts at this board, I doubt not that these interests will receive at your hands that careful consideration which their importance demands, and you may rely that in whatever measures you may originate, calculated to promote the prosperity of the city, you shall receive my cordial co-operation.

A wise and judicious selection of those officers, whose elec-
tion devolves on you is essential to an efficient and successful administration of the several departments of the city. I beg you to let no personal or selfish motive govern your action in this matter.

CONCLUSION.

Gentlemen of the City Council: I have given you an outline of our municipal affairs, and suggested such measures as, in my judgment, the needs of the city require. Imploring the direction of the Great Ruler of the Universe let us proceed to our several duties with a fixed determination to faithfully and fearlessly perform them, so that when the time comes for us to resign our trusts into other hands, our constituents shall have no just cause to regret the confidence they have placed in us.

WM. PERKINS.
# AUDITOR’S REPORT.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1882.

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Salaries as follows:

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**Total Salaries:** $2,165 00

**Total Appropriations:** $28,713 57

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Annual Reports.

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<td>&quot;    &quot; Treas.</td>
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Auditors' Report.

By paid City of Gardiner Bonds due April 15, '82........ $10,000 00
" " Feb. 15, '83........ 6,000 00
" Treas. Note, dated Feb. 14, '82, on 4 mos. ....... 2,000 00
" " Mar. 10, '82, on 6 mos. ....... 5,500 00
" Oct. 13, due Jan. 1, '83 ....... 5,000 00
" O. B. Clason for non-resident tax deed........ 67

Paid Mayor's Warrants as follows:

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<td>Cancelling Bonds</td>
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$48,478 00

Mar. 16, 1883, By bal. due Treas.............. $710 74

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COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

WARREN REED, Coll., 1881, in acct. with City.

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$7,768 54

By Cash paid Treasurer since March 15....... $7,155 00
Abatements ........................................ 270 59
Non-Resident Taxes turned over to Treas... 10 78
Cash paid Treasurer, July 14, 1882, to bal-
ance account........................................ 332 17

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$7,768 54

We, the undersigned have examined the foregoing account of Warren Reed, Collector of Taxes, and find it correct and properly vouched.

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WARREN REED, Coll., 1882, in acct. with City Dr.

To Assessments for 1882 ........................................ $43,291 99
Supplementary Tax ............................................... 216 92
Interest collected .............................................. 125 55

By paid State Tax ............................................. $10,717 79
  " County Tax ................................................. 3,677 14
  " City Treasurer ............................................ 21,453 96
  " Cash in hands Coll ....................................... 174 49
Abatements ..................................................... 483 72
Uncollected Taxes ............................................ 7,127 36

$43,634 46

We, the undersigned, have examined the above account of Warren Reed, City Collector, and find the same correct and properly vouched.

JOHN T. RICHARDS,
AUGUSTUS BAILEY, Finance
P. H. HOLMES, Committee.
P. H. WINSLOW,

GARDINER, March 15th, 1883.

CONTINGENT.

Paid sundry bills as follows:
C. A. & J. D. White, one year’s rent of City Rooms... $100 00
L. Perry, claim for damages in raising and paving Water Street ........................................ 184 67
R. B. Caldwell & Co., printing ............................... 18 50
Heath Post, G. A. R., Memorial Day ....................... 100 00
C. O. Wadsworth, recording births and deaths ........... 10 64
  " oaths ..................................................... 5 15
  " one load wood for City Rooms ......................... 1 75
  " extra office work ..................................... 1 75
H. K. Morrell & Son, printing ................................ 136 00
Orrison Dill, work on Powder House ....................... 1 75
J. E. Ladd, paid for Tax Deeds and Revised Statutes ... 5 00
Ansy Potter, sprinkling streets .............................. 356 00
S. Bowman, paid Bradley claim ............................ 7 05
Alta Mfg Co., 8 street lamps, chimneys, etc. ............ 98 33
Geo. M. Wentworth, sundry bills on High St. Burying
  Ground ....................................................... 63 24
Geo. M. Wentworth, watching fire, Aug. 7, 1882 ... 9 12
A. B. Booker, repairs on city sprinkler, etc. .......... 10 95
Gardiner Gas Co., repairs on lamps, etc ................. 5 16
Cyrus Anne, ringing city bell one year ................... 67 00

Carried forward .............................................. $1,182 76
Brought forward ........................................ $1,182 76
James Reynolds, damage to building, Aug. 7, 1882 ... 100 00
Fred Dunforth, surveying, etc .......................... 74 00
Wiley & Moore, repairs on sprinkler, etc ............... 14 50
Geo. N. Johnson, taxes overpaid ....................... 5 48
Jos. Moulton, freight on guns from New York ..... 45 00
Estate of R. H. Gardiner, rent basement Flour Mill ... 50 00
J. Maxcy & Sons, Pol. No. 2,096 on engine house .... 30 00
O. M. Blanchard, bill, stationery ..................... 12 01
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for Maine Register ......... 1 25
Sam'l Smith, poll tax wrongly assessed ................ 3 00
G. T. Haley, .......................................... 9 64
Western Union Telegraph Co., 3 messages .......... 1 65
C. McClain, trucking ................................... 50 00
B. U. Dill, bill sundries ................................ 2 46
J. W. Douglass, enlarging Collector's book .......... 6 2
R. B. Caldwell & Co., printing ......................... 1 50
C. W. Boynton, carriages Memorial Day ........... 20 00
N. A. May, repairing fountain ......................... 1 75
A. Hopkins, burlaps for sprinkler ..................... 2 0
E. D. Tasker & Co., carriages Memorial Day ....... 8 00
Buffum & Maxcy's bill, lumber ......................... 1 84
Moore & Brown, Abatement of tax on property burnt 18 83
Martin Burns, trucking bill ............................ 1 50
Benj. Johnson, for team ................................ 2 00
J. B. Libby, wheel and bell frame ..................... 6 50
J. B. Libby, repairs on sprinkler, &c ............... 35 20
J. A. Jackson, bill copperas ............................ 1 20

$1,630 69

By Appropriation for 1882 ......................... $1,000 00
Cash of State of Maine, rent of Armory ... 100 00
C. O. Wadsworth, licenses ......................... 89 50
G. M. Wentworth, liquor vessels sold ......... 4 25
old hearse sold ......................................... 7 00
G. T. Haley, engine house sold ................... 15 00
Transfer from Stock ................................. 104 27
Balance overdrawn ....................................... 310 67

$1,630 69

TAX DEEDS.

By S. Bowman, Treas ................................... $6 84
Balance ................................................................ 12 17

$19 01

To Balance ................................................... $18 34
S. Bowman, Treas .......................................... 67

$19 01
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ABATEMENTS.

By Balance .......................................................... $1,632 71
Overlaying for 1882 .................................................. 183 49

$1,816 20

To amount allowed W. Reed, tax 1881 ......................... $270 59
" " " 1882 .................. 483 72
Balance undrawn .................................................... $1,061 89

$1,816 20

REPAIRS ON SPRING STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

By appropriation for 1882 ....................................... $200 00
Balance overdrawn ............................................... 1,102 33

$1,302 33

To Mayor's Warrants ............................................. $1,302 33

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

By appropriation for overdraw in 1881 ....................... $970 11
" " 1882 .................. 3,600 00
Cash of G. M. Cunningham ....................................... 89
" " " 21 20
Balance overdrawn ............................................... 4,738 27

$9,330 47

To Balance .......................................................... $970 11
New Grist Mill Bridge ............................................ 3,281 17
Burnt District ..................................................... 1,368 04
Highways, Bridges, etc ......................................... 3,711 15

$9,330 47

LIGHTING STREETS.

By appropriation for 1882 ....................................... $700 00
Balance overdrawn ............................................... 365 95

$1,065 95

To Balance .......................................................... $106 24
Mayor's Warrants .................................................. 959 71

$1,065 95
### Auditor's Report

#### Causeway Bridge Repairs

- By appropriation for 1882: $1,677.82
- To Balance: $1,677.82

#### High School

- By appropriation for 1882: $2,000.00
- State of Maine for Free High School: $250.00
- A. Bailey, tuition: $132.91
- "from S. S. Committee: $234.00
- Transfer from Stock: $68.46

- **Total:** $2,685.37

- To Mayor's Warrants: $2,685.37

#### Fire Department

- By appropriation: $1,800.00
- S. Bowman, Treasurer: $7.90
- Balance overdrawn: 7,714.20

- Mayor's Warrants as follows:
  - For Steamer City of Gardiner: $3,500.00
  - New Hose, &c: $2,275.00
  - Engine House, New Mills: $1,000.00
  - Running Expenses, etc: $2,747.10

- **Total:** $9,522.10

#### Police

- By appropriation for 1882: $1,000.00
- Balance overdrawn: 251.52

- Mayor's Warrants as follows:
  - For Night Watch: $1,100.60
  - Sundry Bills: 150.92

- **Total:** $1,251.52

#### Salaries

- By Balance: $420.00
- Appropriation for 1882: $2,165.00

- To Mayor's Warrants: $1,766.66
- Balance undrawn: 818.34

- **Total:** $2,585.00
STATE TAX.

By Appropriation for 1882........................... $10,717 79
To Mayor's Warrant, paid tax 1882........ $10,717 79

LIQUOR AGENCY.

To Balance............................................. $25 37
Stock on hand, 1882............................... 171 50
Profit.............................................. 259 81
Mayor's Warrants.................................. 1,769 85

By paid Treasurer............................... $2,052 49
Stock, 1883....................................... 170 04

$2,222 53

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Cash on hand. March 1, 1882.............. $25 37
Sales to Residents.............................. 1,358 78
Sales to Non-residents.......................... 655 09
Mayor's Warrants.................................. 1,769 85
Cash for barrels sold.......................... 13 25

$3,822 34

By paid for Liquors............................. $1,358 24
" Rent 1 year.................................... 75 00
" Salary 1 year.................................. 300 00
" Contingent expenses.......................... 36 61
" S. Bowman..................................... 2,052 49

$3,822 34

JOHN T. RICHARDS, AUGUSTUS BAILEY,
P. H. WINSLOW. Finance Committee.

GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

By Appropriation for 1882..................... $4,600 00
State of Maine School Fund and Mill Tax......... 1,986 75
" Railroad and Telegraph Tax.................. 120 17
H. S. Webster, S. S. Committee................ 68 39
Transfer from stock............................. 300 00

$6,475 31

To Mayor's Warrant............................. $6,475 31
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

By Appropriation for 1882 ...................................... $500 00
S. Bowman, Treasurer ........................................ 229 72

To Balance ....................................................... $4 45
Mayor's Warrants ............................................. 500 00
Balance undrawn .............................................. 225 27

$729 72

INTEREST.

By balance ........................................................ $520 72
Appropriation for 1882 .......................................... 3,900 00
S. Bowman, premium on bonds sold ......................... 160 00
Interest on non-resident tax ................................ 78
Warren Reed, collected on tax 1881 ......................... 291 05
" " 1882 ...................................................... 125 55

$4,998 10

To Mayor's Warrants ............................................ $4,511 29
Balance undrawn ................................................ 486 81

$4,998 10

STOCK.

By tax for 1882, charged to Warren Reed ................. $43,291 99
Net gain in Liquor Agency ................................... 255 81
Supplementary tax for 1882 .................................. 216 92
Net gain in City Property .................................. 15,085 48
Balance .......................................................... 14,821 67

$73,671 87

To Balance ....................................................... $29,907 15
Annual Appropriation ......................................... 43,108 50
Overlayings ...................................................... 183 49
Transfer to High School ..................................... 68 46
" G. and P. Schools ........................................... 300 00
" Contingent .................................................... 104 27

$73,671 87

Note.—The Transfers are as follows:

Net gain in Liquor Agency ................................. 255 81
Supplementary Tax ............................................ 216 92

$472 73
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POOR AND INSANE.

By Balance ........................................... 251 50
Appropriation ......................................... 2,000 00
S. Bowman ........................................... 627 41

To Mayor's Warrants .................. $2,467 81
Balance undrawn .......................... 411 10

$2,878 91

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE, WARD 6.

By Appropriation, 1882 .................. $3,000 64
To Balance .......................... $3,000 64

COUNTY TAX.

By Appropriation for 1882 .......................... $3,677 14
To Warren Reed, paid Tax 1882 .................. $3,677 14

HEARSE ON HIGH STREET.

By Appropriation, 1882 .................. $200 00
Balance overdrawn .................. 75 00

To Mayor's Warrants .................. $275 00

INVENTORY OF CITY PROPERTY, MARCH 1st, 1883.

City Hall and lot ........................... $2,000 00
Furniture in City Rooms .................. 150 00
10 School Houses, 10 Lots, with Furniture .......... 42,000 00
Leeman Lot and House .................. 500 00
City Clock .................................. 100 00
Alms House and 14 acres land ........... 6,000 00
Property at Alms House .................. 1,000 00
Property belonging to Highway ........... 326 25
Engine House, South Gardiner ............ 800 00
   " New Mills ............................... 1,200 00
Old Fire King House and Lot ............ 300 00
Hook & Ladder House .................. 25 00
Alert Hose Carriage and House .......... 500 00
Hook and Ladder Carriage, &c .......... 80 00
Steamer Cobbossee .................. 3,000 00
   " City of Gardiner ............... 3,500 00

Carried forward .................. $61,481 25
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Brought forward ........................................... $61,481 25
Hand Engine, Fire King ...................................... 500 00
  " " Washington ........................................... 250 00
Force Pump .................................................. 500 00
Hose, 4,650 feet 2 1/2 inch .................................. 4,500 00
  " 500 feet 2 inch ....................................... 375 00
Stoves, Furniture, &c., for Engine Houses ............... 75 00
11 Cisterns .................................................. 2,350 00
Powder House ............................................... 100 00
Street Sprinkler ........................................... 100 00
Extra Suction for Steamers ................................ 124 23
Rubber Coats and Fire Hats .............................. 450 00
Axes, Spanners, and Belts ................................ 45 00
3 Hearses and 3 Houses .................................... 1,000 00

**Total** ........................................... $71,850 48

### BONDS CANCELLED.

Amount paid in 1877 ........................................ $6,000 00
  " " " but not provided for till 1878 ..................... 500 00
  " " " 1882 ............................................. 5,000 00

**Total** ........................................... $11,500 00

### CITY DEBT.

Bonds of July 1, 1863, due July 1, 1883 ................ $10,000 00
  " April 15, 1867, due April 15, 1887 .................. 1,000 00
  " Aug. 15, 1874, due Aug. 15, 1884 .................... 15,000 00
  " Oct. 1, 1874, due Oct. 1, 1884 ....................... 5,000 00
  " April 14, 1877, due April 14, 1897 .................. 18,500 00
  " May 15, 1879, due May 15, 1899 ..................... 9,000 00
  " April 15, 1882, due April 15, 1902 .................. 10,000 00
  " Feb. 15, 1883, due Feb. 15, 1903 .................... 6,000 00

**Total** ........................................... $76,500 00

Treasurer’s Notes as follows:

Dated Nov. 7, 1882, 10 mos., 4 per cent .......... $500 00
  " 8, " " 5 " " 2,000 00
  " 9, " " 4 " " 500 00
  " Dec. 4, " 12 " 4 " 2,000 00
  " Jan. 9, 1883, 8 " 5 " 1,500 00
  " 9, " 8 " 5 " 5,000 00
  " 9, " 8 " 5 " 1,500 00
  " Feb. 14, " 12 " 4 " 4,000 00

**Total** ........................................... 17,000 00

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**Total**

$108,714 15

C. H. MARR Auditor

Gardiner, March 17, 1883.
To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen: In conformity with the rules and regulations of the City Government, I herewith submit my fourth annual report as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of Gardiner, embracing the number of fires and alarms, with the loss and insurance as near as I could ascertain it, with such suggestions relative to the wants of the Department, as could in my opinion be accepted by you, greatly increase its efficiency and thus promote the safety of property.

There have been fourteen fires and alarms the past year, as follows:

March 28th. Fire at Richards & Co.'s Paper Mill. Loss $50,000; insured $32,000. The streets at this time were in bad condition, being wet and muddy, and for that reason the steamer was delayed in getting there, but when she arrived, saved the brick mill adjoining the one burned. The Washington Engine was on hand in good season and rendered good service, as was also the Hecla from Pittston. The Hook & Ladder Truck were also on hand with their usual promptness, and did good service with their hooks and ladders. Richards & Co.'s powerful steam pump also did good service at the fire. The Alert Hose Co. also were promptly on hand,
in fact the whole department did all that firemen could do to save the property.

May 21st. Fire this morning. House of Daniel Dailey, on Spring Street. Loss $1,200; insured $1,000 on house, and $200 on furniture. Steamer and Hook & Ladder Truck were promptly on hand at this fire, as was also the Hecla from Pittston, but she was not needed.


June 27th. Fire at White’s Ice House. Steamer went down but could get no water. Loss $12,000; insured $8,500, I would here call the attention of the City Government to the fact that there is no place between the freight depot and the Cove, where we can get to the river in case of fire in that vicinity. The old steam mill wharf so called, could with very little expense be cleared off so that we could get on to it with the steamers, and that with the amount of hose we now have, we could get water almost anywhere in that vicinity.

August 7th. Great conflagration to-night. This was one of the most disastrous fires that ever visited our city, causing a loss of over forty dwellings, and some twenty of the leading manufactories of our city, throwing some three hundred men out of employment, and making a loss of over two hundred thousand dollars with an insurance of about seventy-eight thousand dollars. The Fire Department was promptly on hand, quick to get to work, but everything being so dry, we having had no rain for a long time, and the buildings being all constructed of wood, the fire was soon beyond control. Help was telegraphed for from Hallowell and Augusta, and the steamers from those two cities were here as soon as possible, and had it not been for them we do not know where the fire would have stopped. I think if we had had hose enough to have got water from the force pump of J. Gray & Son’s, and from the Oakland Manufacturing Co., we could
Chief Engineer's Report.

have saved an immense amount of property at the west end of the bridge. I may have made mistakes in the handling this fire, but I knew what hose we had, and I was satisfied that all I could do was to save Water street, or hold the fire in check there until assistance arrived from up river. I know that there was a great deal of fault found by some of our citizens at the time, and I make this statement simply to show why I did as I did. It is a very easy matter for people to stand and look on at a fire and say what they would do, or after the fire is out to tell what they would have done, but it was a great satisfaction to me to know that the board of fire underwriters were perfectly satisfied with the management of the fire. It was a terrible strain on our firemen, our steamer Cobbossee having a fifteen hours' run without any cessation, our Hook & Ladder boys, Fire King and Washington all doing all that mortal man could do, and here I would say that we could see where Hook and Ladders came in play if we never did before. I consider it one of the most essential arms of our Department. The Hecla from Pittston was promptly on hand as usual, but was recalled home to protect property on that side of the river. Our city force pump rendered most efficient service, and had it not been for a heavy bank of sawdust caving in in the flume and burying her strainer, would in all probability have saved the shop of Wadsworth Bros. The Alert Hose Co. have charge of the pump, and they were hard worked the day after the fire in wetting down the ruins. Our up river firemen returned home in the morning a worn out set of men. All honor to them for their noble assistance, and I would here say all honor to our noble firemen, both at home and our up river neighbors. Not one single case of drunkenness was reported among them all or a case of insubordination.


Sept. 2d. Fire at lower end of Water street. At this
fire seven buildings were burned. Fire took in rear of coop­er shop, occupied by A. Whitney, building owned by Ding­ley Bros., they occupying the rear part of it for a stable. Fire supposed to have taken from a spark from a locomotive. The Department was promptly on hand, but owing to the inflammable nature of the building, and everything being so dry at the time, the fire quickly spread to the surrounding buildings. The losses at this fire were as follows: Dingley Bros., about $4,000; no insurance. B. U. Dill's loss about $400; insured. A. Whitney's loss $500; insured $400. The Byram building was valued at $2,000; insured $1,000. J. R. Sawtelle lost about $1,000; no insurance. The adjoining building was worth about $500; no insurance. The Whitmore building was damaged mostly by water, some $300, in all; no insurance. John Taylor estimated his loss about $150. The hotel owned by Fred Lawrence was insured $1,000 which will probably cover the loss; there was also $300 on furniture. The railroad bridge was on fire several times but not much damaged. The steamer Cushnoc came down from Augusta, and worked until noon. The wind blew quite strong up over the hill, and quite a number of houses caught fire, but were quickly put out with pails of water; it was a fortunate thing for the city that the new hose purchased by them immediately after the fire of August 7th, had arrived, for if we had not had them the fire would have gone much further. I being away at the time of this fire, had to depend on my efficient assistant, Mr. G. W. Gardi­ner, for a report. That the fire was well handled is allowed by every one.

Sept. 3. Fire was discovered this morning in lumber shed near P. C. Holmes & Son's Machine Shop, on Water street, occupied by E. W. Atwood. The Department was quickly on hand, but the fire was extinguished by the Alert Hose Co., and owners of the property. This fire was incen­diary. This afternoon another alarm was sounded, which was
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caused by brush burning on land of R. H. Gardiner. Department not needed.

Sept. 4. Department called out this morning by the burning of some brush near the residence of S. W. Townsend, but was extinguished before the Department arrived.

Oct. 19. Fire this morning. Dingley Bros' coal shed. The Department was quickly on hand, but only the steamer could be worked, as the water was so low in the stream that it would not drive the force pump. Loss about $500; insured. The steamer Cobbossee was also out the two days following at the same shed, wetting down coal without any general alarm being given.

Nov. 17. Fire in Pittston. House of Mrs. Ramsdell. Cobbosse and Hook and Ladder Co. went over and did good service. This was the first time the City of Gardiner was rolled out. She was quickly on hand but did not go over the bridge.

Nov. 30. Fire this morning on Harrison Avenue. House owned by Mrs. Moore. Loss, $1,000, insured. By the hard work of the Department, only the L and stable were burned, the main house not being injured. The Cobbossee was placed at the reservoir on Harrison Avenue, and the City of Gardiner on Factory Bridge with 1,950 feet of hose out to supply the reservoir, thus proving that with a sufficient quantity of hose, we should not have to depend on reservoirs for any ordinary fire on any of our hills. The Alerts were on hand and had one line of hose ready for the steamer when she got there. The Hook and Ladder Truck was also there and rendered efficient service.

Feb. 23. Fire at South Gardiner. Lincoln & Averill's store. Loss $4,500, insured $1,000 on building and $1,500 on stock. No alarm being given in the city proper the Department did not go down. The Fire King was out and worked hard to save the surrounding property.

The new steamer is located at the New Mills in the new house partly finished. It is manned by an efficient company
who have volunteered their services for one year free of expense to the city. The steamer is hauled by the horses of the Richards Paper Mill Company, free of expense to the city. The team is driven by Mr. A. C. Sprague, which is a sufficient guarantee that she will be on hand every time. I hope to see their house finished the coming summer.

The old Washington hand engine is in this house and should be disposed of at some price, as like any other old machine that is laid one side, when you do get a chance to dispose of it some part of it is liable to be missing. The engine is 6 inch cylinder, 15 inch stroke, well fitted up with suction, play pipes, buckets, hose carriage, wrenches, and everything complete and in good order, fitted for 2 1/2 or 2 inch hose. I think it would be a good plan to advertise her for sale.

A hose carriage is very much needed to go with the new steamer, and as all first-class departments are putting in hose wagons instead of reels, I would suggest that there be a wagon provided to carry the hose for the new steamer. I think one could be built for about $250. Chief Engineer Green, of Boston, tells me that he can lay a line of hose from a wagon five times while he is laying it from a reel once.

We should have something for an alarm in case of fire. I have called the attention of your Honorable body to it in every report I have made I think, and now as we have the Department in so good condition we should neglect it no longer. There have been various ways suggested, but I think now the Oakland Manufacturing Co. have got the best and cheapest thing that has been suggested yet. It is called an electric fire alarm. They have placed it in a number of rooms in their manufactory, and have extended it to the mill of J. Gray & Son's. They have a 12 inch gong in their engine room which is connected with alarm boxes placed wherever they may be desired. These boxes have a small knob or button which, when pressed upon five times, strikes the alarm for fire on the gong in the engine room. Now the city could
be very easily made up into Districts and numbered, so that the fire could be located by the whistle. They inform me that it could be put in by the city very cheap. I hope the Committee on Fire Department will look this matter up, and if that plan is not feasible, give us something else. Give us something for a fire alarm, as it is seldom that the men know where the fire is, or in what direction to go. Only the past year at one alarm, the Cobbossee went on to Washington street for an alarm on Brunswick street, and I think this should be remedied when it can be done so easily and at a small expense.

The expenses of the Department the past year are unusually large, this being caused by the great fire, the number of fires and the purchase of Fire Department supplies. The city has purchased another steamer at a cost of $3,500; two thousand feet of 2 1-2 inch hose at a cost of $1,900; 500 feet of two inch hose for the engine at South Gardiner at a cost of $375; they have also built a new house for the new steamer at the New Mills, costing some twelve or fifteen hundred dollars. In my last report I called your attention to the condition of the building where the Hook & Ladder Truck is kept. It will probably fall down this spring, also the old Fire King house where the Cobbossee hose is kept. There will have to be something done the coming season with these buildings, or provide some other quarters for the Truck and Steamer's hose. The Alert Hose house is too small; there should be an addition of ten or twelve feet put on to that. The Engine house at South Gardiner will have to be finished this season, also the house at the New Mills. These things should be attended to; the sooner the better for the city and the firemen.

The firemen have no place of meeting, they have no nice comfortable quarters to ask company into, nothing to show them, nothing to be proud of but their machines now. As I said before it would be for the best interest of the Fire Department it would be a great saving too in the line of fuel, as it
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requires a great deal less to keep a building warm that is finished. As you are well aware we should have a more modern Hook & Ladder truck and ladders. The ladders are large, heavy, cumbrous things, and I don't know how the men keep up the interest they do in that company, keeping nicely uniformed and well drilled, hiring a hall, and paying seventy-five dollars of their salary for the same per year, always ready to turn out on any public occasion, and have as good a reputation for good behavior and gentlemanly conduct as any company in the New England States. In fact, all our firemen bear a good reputation wherever they go, and always did, and should be the pride and boast of our city.

In conclusion, the firemen will please accept my thanks for the cheerful and ready manner in which they have performed their duty, for their uniform kind and courteous treatment of me on all occasions, and I would also tender my thanks to his Honor, the Mayor, for his hearty co-operation with me in all things tending to promote the efficiency of the Department, also to the Committee on Fire Department, for their hearty co-operation, and to the citizens for their readiness to lend a helping hand in case of need at a fire or upon any other occasion. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. HOOKER, Chief Engineer.
SCHOOL REPORT.

To the City Council of Gardiner:

The Superintending School Committee organized March 21st, 1882 by the choice of O. B. Clason, Chairman, M. C. Wadsworth, Secretary H. S. Webster, Treasurer.

The Committee have received to date from all sources during the year $6,557.34, and have expended $6,556.54, leaving a balance in hands of the Committee of eighty cents (80.)

The following is an itemized account of expenditures: Salaries of teachers, $4,583.67; Fuel, $650.31; Repairs and improvements, $482.74; Care of house and cleaning same, $465.00; Insurance, $100.00; Books and stationery, $123.09; Taking census of scholars, $15.00; Incidental expenses, $66.73; Total, $6,556.54.

The rapid increase of scholars at South Gardiner necessitated the grading of the schools at that place, and the employing of another teacher. This has increased the expenditures of our school department some three hundred dollars, a fact which will have to be considered in making up the annual appropriations.

The Primary school-house on Spring street has been almost entirely rebuilt during the past year and placed in excellent condition. The size of the school room is nearly doubled, while new and convenient seats take the place of the old
wooden benches. The Joint Special Committee of the City Council, to rebuild the house was Aldermen Haley and Johnson, and Councilmen Ward, A. T. Smith and Davenport. This Committee did its work faithfully and economically.

Our school-houses are now all in good condition, (with the exception of the school-house at New Mills,) and will compare favorably with like structures in our neighboring cities.

A new departure has been inaugurated during the past term, by the introduction of vocal music into our schools. Instruction has been given twice a week in all of the city schools, and the progress made truly marvelous. No branch of education has been so sadly neglected in our schools as this, no branch that should be more actively encouraged. Scarcely a scholar can be found that has not a taste for music, and all take a lively interest in its instruction. Prof. M. E. Chase has had charge of this department and has done his work well. Personally popular with his scholars, and pleasant in his methods of instruction, he had no difficulty in securing their closest attention. With such a point gained his success could not be problematical. Your Committee would most earnestly recommend a special appropriation of three hundred dollars for this department, to enable us to retain the service of Prof. Chase the coming year.

Mr. Chas. B. Seabury has been retained at the head of our High School another year, and with his efficient assistants has kept this school up to its usual high standard.

We have been compelled to change teachers several times in our Grammar School during the year. Miss Dora M. Morrell, the popular principal of the Dresden street Grammar School, resigned during the Fall term, and Mrs. Seabury, her successor, was compelled to resign during the Winter term on account of sickness. So many changes in this school has been injurious. Miss Amie H. Sanderson, principal of the High Street Grammar School, was compelled to resign at the close of the fourth week of the Fall term, on account of sick-
ness, which terminated fatally in a few weeks. Miss Sanderson was a natural teacher, and she added to her natural qualities, a thorough Normal training. Our schools suffered a great loss by her decease.

There have been but two changes in our Intermediate and Primary Schools during the year, a fact which speaks well for those schools. Miss Sprague, teacher of Lincoln Street Intermediate School, resigned during the Winter term on account of sickness. Miss Sprague has been a faithful and conscientious teacher in our schools for years, and her resignation is a loss.

Our Rural Schools have all been very successfully taught this year, and have made excellent advancement.

As a whole our schools have been prosperous, and compare favorably with previous years. That there are opportunities for great improvement we admit, but these opportunities will always exist. Our object should be to make all of the advancement possible, and to this end we urge the united co-operation of all the parents. It is not sharp and unfavorable criticism that we need, but active and interested support, this we reasonably have a right to expect, and undoubtedly in a measure will receive.


The Committee have annexed to their report the course of study followed in our graded schools. This course has been in use for a number of years, with the exception of the High School course, which has been materially changed during the last two years so as to give more prominence to English branches.
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COURSE OF STUDY.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

First Year. Lessons on Reading Chart, Primer, Oral Lessons.

Second Year. Primer, Oral Lessons in Numbers, Forming Letters and Figures.

Third Year. Second Reader, Arithmetic, Readings in Geography, Spelling, Writing.

Fourth Year. Second Reader and Supplementary Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Spelling, Writing, Composing Simple Sentences.


INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

First Year. Third Reader, Arithmetic, Geography, Spelling, oral and written, Writing descriptions of objects in the school-room, Writing.

Second Year. Third Reader and Supplementary Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Spelling, oral and written, Writing descriptions of natural objects, Writing.


GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

First Year. Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Language Lessons, Spelling, Writing, Composition.

Second Year. Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Language Lessons, Spelling, Writing, Composition.


HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

FIRST TERM. Arithmetic, English Lessons or Latin, Geography, Political and Physical.

SECOND TERM. Arithmetic, English Lessons or Latin, Natural History.

THIRD TERM. Book-keeping, General History or Latin, Natural History.

SECOND YEAR.

FIRST TERM. Algebra, General History or Latin, Civil Government.

SECOND TERM. Algebra, General History or Latin, Physiology.

THIRD TERM. Algebra, English Composition or Latin, Natural Philosophy or Greek.

THIRD YEAR.

FIRST TERM. Geometry, English Composition or Latin, Natural Philosophy or Greek, Rhetoric.

SECOND TERM. Geometry, English Literature or Latin, Natural Philosophy or Greek, Rhetoric.

THIRD TERM. Geometry, English Literature or Latin, Natural Philosophy or Greek, Rhetoric.

FOURTH YEAR.

FIRST TERM. Political Economy, Astronomy or Latin, Review of Geography or Greek, Rhetoric.

SECOND TERM. Political Economy, Astronomy or Latin, Review of Arithmetic or Greek, Rhetoric.

THIRD TERM. Botany, Review of Book-keeping or Latin, Review of English Grammar or Greek, Rhetoric.

Weekly exercises in Reading, Spelling, Music, Penmanship, Themes and Declamation throughout the course.
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**TABULAR STATEMENT.**

**Showing the different Schools and Teachers, Number of Scholars, Attendance, &c., 1882-3.**

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O. B. CLASON,  
H. S. WEBSTER,  
M. C. WADSWORTH,  
S. S. Com.
To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen and City Council:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with my duty, I now submit to you my report as Street Commissioner of the City of Gardiner, for the municipal year ending March 1st, 1883:

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<td>Washing out Sewers</td>
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**SNOW BILLS.**

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<td>Cleaning Sidewalks</td>
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<td>Ice Bridge</td>
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<td>256 13</td>
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<td>Ward 6, Snow Bills</td>
<td>243 99</td>
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<td>Ward 6, Com. Street labor</td>
<td>317 78</td>
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Appropriation of 1882 for Highways:

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<td>Bridges and Sidewalks</td>
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<td>Overdrawn for New Bridge</td>
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<td>&quot; Burnt District</td>
<td>1,368 04</td>
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<td>Overdrawn on Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks</td>
<td>111 15</td>
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Annual Reports.

CASH. Dr.
May 29, 1882, to A. McCausland for Stone................. 50
Oct. 20, " " L. D. Cooke for Street Dressing...... 2 00
Oct. 29, " " A. Davenport for Labor on Brick Sidewalk ........................................ 2 00
Oct. 29, 1882, to A. Troop for use of Derrick............. 9 00
Nov. 15, " " J. R. Lincoln for Labor on Crossing .. 2 00
Feb. 23, 1883, " R. H. Gardiner Estate for Stone....... 5 70

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$21 20

CASH. Cr.
By paid S. Bowman, City Treasurer........ $21 20 $21 20

I would respectfully recommend an appropriation for the ensuing year of $4,000.00, to be expended as follows:

For Gravel........................................... $300 00
Sidewalks............................................ 500 00
Ward 6.............................................. 600 00
Snow Bills.......................................... 500 00
Common Streets.................................... 2,100 00

$4,000 00

Schedule of tools and materials in my charge, belonging to Highway Department, city of Gardiner:

1 Derrick Complete.................................. $75 00
1 Pile Driver ........................................ 40 00
3 Plows.............................................. 30 00
4 Iron Scrapers..................................... 25 00
5 Triangles.......................................... 64 00
2 Sidewalk Snow Plows.............................. 40 00
2 Stone Hammers.................................... 3 00
4 Hoes............................................... 2 00
4 Snow Shovels..................................... 3 20
1 Cross-cut Saw.................................... 3 00
1 Bucket............................................ 50
1 Water Pail........................................ 25
3 Picks............................................... 3 75

Carried forward.................................. $289 70
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<td>Brought up</td>
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<td>1 Stone Roller</td>
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<td>30 00</td>
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<td>1 Gravel Screen</td>
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<td>1 Ice Chisel</td>
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<td>1 Adze</td>
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<td>1 75</td>
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<td>1 Iron Rake</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$326 25</strong></td>
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Stone on hand               |          | 160 00 |

$486 25

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. CUNNINGHAM, Street Commissioner.

GARDINER, March 1st, 1883.
To the City Council:

The only litigation in which the city has been involved at any time during the past year has been on account of one or two trustee processes, all of which have been settled satisfactorily and without cost to the city. Gardiner is not now and has not been at any time during my term of office a party or interested in any suit at law other than the above, and there is no other business as to which, in my judgment, you need information, or that now requires discussion here.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. B. CLAY, City Solicitor.
CITY MARSHAL’S REPORT.

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

I herewith submit my report of all prosecutions by me instituted, and of all money and fines received by me for the use of the city during the past year:

Assault and battery, convicted, 9; discharged, 3.
Cruelty to animals, convicted, 2.
Fast driving, convicted, 2.
Indecent language, convicted, 2.
Drunkenness, convicted, 113; discharged 3.
Larceny, convicted, 11.
Affray, convicted, 2.
Single sale, convicted, 5; discharged, 4.
Vagrancy, convicted, 23.
Search warrants for stolen goods, 3.
Searches for liquor, 10.
Found liquor, 3.
Found nothing, 7.
Seizures without warrant, 20.
Have seized and destroyed about 175 gallons of liquor and 96 bottles lager.

Have sold the hearse from Libby Hill to A. White for ($7.00) seven dollars, and paid the money to the Treasurer.
Have sold part of the liquor vessels to the City Agency for $4.25, and paid to the Treasurer, and have on hand five five-gallon kegs and six two-gallon jugs.

My thanks are due to the City Government for the confidence placed in me, also to the police for their faithful and willing assistance at all times; also to the Night Watchmen, Messrs. Henry Collins and John Lunt, especial credit is due for the faithful performance of their duties in all weather, and for guarding the interest of the city in the night. During my term of office it has been my endeavor to perform all the duties of my office faithfully and promptly, and I hope I have succeeded in a manner satisfactory to you and to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. WENTWORTH, City Marshal.
OVERSEER'S REPORT.

The Overseers of the City of Gardiner submit their annual report:

RECEIPTS.

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<td>Balance March 1st, 1882</td>
<td>$2,515.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Appropriation</td>
<td>$2,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paid S. Bowman, Treas., labor farm hands</td>
<td>$58.12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sales products from farm</td>
<td>$211.39</td>
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<td>Received from other towns</td>
<td>$357.90</td>
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<td>$2,878.91</td>
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EXPENDITURES.

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<td>Alms House expenses</td>
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<tr>
<td>Outside aid</td>
<td>$736.37</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maine Insane Hospital</td>
<td>$212.60</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance undrawn, March 1st, 1883</td>
<td>$411.10</td>
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<td>$2,878.91</td>
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The number of inmates at the Alms House, March 1st, 1883, was twelve, viz.: Jeremiah Pickering, William Dickey, Amos Potter, Albert McManners, John Brann, S. L. Plummer, Sallie Copps, Polly Randall, Mary Wood, Margaret Lunt, Emma Winnett and Louise Connor.

There has been but one death at the Alms House the past year, that of John Mathews, who died in April. Otherwise the health of the inmates has been good. There has been
expended for repairs on the buildings, additions to the furniture in the house and to the stock on the farm $250, the past year. There will be some repairs needed on the inside of the house the present season at an estimated expense of one hundred dollars. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stevens were elected for the second time as Superintendent and Matron of the Alms House at the beginning of the year, and we believe nothing has been left undone by them to make the condition of the inmates as comfortable as their condition would allow. The farm is under good cultivation, and quite an income continues to be realized from the sale of products in addition to what is consumed on the premises. As Overseers of the Poor we believe it to be our duty to see that those, who from any cause are unable to provide for themselves and those dependent upon them, shall not suffer from cold or hunger, at the same time using the utmost care to do it in as economical a manner as circumstances will allow. This we have endeavored to do to the best of our ability, and though possibly we may have been imposed upon in some instances, we believe, generally speaking, what assistance has been rendered has been worthily bestowed. Our experience proves that the office of caring for those who are unfortunate, is not an office of comfort or ease, but requires the best endeavors of any man who is desirous of doing his whole duty. There is but one person in the Insane Hospital at Augusta chargeable to the city at the present time.

Dr. Robinson, the City Physician, has discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the Board of Overseers.

WILLIAM PERKINS, GUSTAVUS MOORE, F. D. HARMON.
CITY PHYSICIAN’S REPORT.

To the Common Council:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report for the municipal year ending March, 1883.

The health of the inmates of the Alms House has been very good during the past year, there having been no cases of acute disease. There has been one death, that of Mr. Mathews; cause, infirmities attendant upon old age.

The good management of the Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, accounts in a great measure for the good health of the unfortunates under their charge.

H. D. ROBINSON, City Physician.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Directors of the Public Library herewith submit their twelfth annual report.

The resident membership for the year has been 329; Non-resident, 55, making a total of 384. By referring to our last annual report it will be seen that the total membership has decreased 4. In this result the resident membership has fallen 25, and the non-resident membership increased 21, a change that it is not easy for us to explain.

To the Library there have been added during the year, 78 volumes by purchase, and 5 by gift. The present number of volumes in the Library is 5,056.

The resources of the Library for the year ending March 1, 1883, were as follows:

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<td>Fees</td>
<td>219 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fines</td>
<td>8 05</td>
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<tr>
<td>Price of two books lost</td>
<td>2 17</td>
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<td><strong>$967 25</strong></td>
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The expenditures have been as follows:

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<td>Books purchased</td>
<td>79 27</td>
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<td>Gas</td>
<td>36 75</td>
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<td>Salary of Librarian</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td>Trucking and incidentals</td>
<td>33 81</td>
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<td>Bookcases</td>
<td>276 04</td>
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<td>Painting</td>
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<td>Printing</td>
<td>9 00</td>
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<td>Building</td>
<td>61 25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture</td>
<td>9 50</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$665 62</td>
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Balance: $71 91

There is a balance in the City Treasurer's hands of $229,-72, which with the $71.91 on hand shows $301.63 to be carried to next year's account.

The Treasurer of the Public Library submits the following account:

H. K. Morrell Treas., in account with Public Library:

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<td>Balance from last year</td>
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<td>For Mayor's Warrant</td>
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<td>July 5</td>
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<td>Jan. 2</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>737 53</td>
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By paid out as per bill of items $665 62
Cash on hand 71 91
**Total** $737 53

The Librarian gives the following items of interest in regard to the delivery of books:

Number of volumes given out during the year, 15,676.
March, 1,513; April, 1,566; May, 1,309; June, 1,223; July, 1,256; Aug., 492; Sept., 1,196; Oct., 1,185; Nov., 1,384; Dec., 1,545; Jan., 1,613; Feb., 1,488. Greatest number given out in one month, 1,613, which was in January, 1883. Greatest number in one week, 400; the week ending Saturday, March 11, 1882. Greatest number in one
Public Library Report.

day, 196; Saturday, June 3, 1882. Least number in one month, 492; Aug. 1882. Least number in one day, 9;

Tuesday, June 27, 1882.

In the month of August, the Library was moved to its new and convenient quarters in the Library Building, where we have not only good shelf room, but a wholesome, well lighted and comfortable reading room.

It is the desire of the Directors that this reading room should offer attractions to the young people of our city who may not have convenient surroundings for reading in the evening, especially during the the winter months. They therefore contemplate issuing books to be read in the Library and under no condition to be removed therefrom, free of expense, to such boys and girls as will show their good will by subscribing to the conditions imposed, and upon their giving satisfactory proofs that they are not able to pay a year's subscription.

If there should be a sufficient number of applications for books to be thus read in the Library Room, the Directors will feel warranted in opening the Library on every evening, and in offering to all who may care to avail themselves of its advantages, a comfortable, quiet place for reading and study. The Directors propose to leave no scheme untried to make the Library an every day benefit to our people.

Now and then the complaint reaches the Directors, that the additions to the Library are books of little interest. It is not an easy matter to buy books that will be satisfactory to a whole city. Many questions arise to determine the judgment of the buying committee. The general interests are always first and faithfully considered. To show that the Directors are only too willing to listen to any suggestions from any source, they ask such patrons of the Library as desire the Library's possession of a book not on its shelves, to drop the title of the book, with their signature attached, into a box.
which the Librarian will keep for the purpose, and their wish will receive early and honest attention.

Though our resident membership has fallen, the application for books has increased. Friends of the Library must be gratified at the results of the year's work. Fifteen thousand deliveries from a Library of five thousand volumes shows as an average, that every book has been handled three times. At present we cannot show the character of the books most called for. But in the near future the Directors hope to do something in that direction. It will perhaps help to indicate the character of our people. Men are known by the company they keep. A book is a very intimate companion. Parents cannot be too watchful of the companionship their children select.

The Directors are ready to listen to any complaints against books or methods of handling the Library. By recurring to the Librarian's report it will be seen that an average of fifty books has been called for daily. It is impossible to estimate the broadening influence that follow the mere handling and casual observation of so many. It is a great benefit to become familiar with the outward appearance of books. It is the stepping stone to a better acquaintance. The estimation of the results of true reading, it is impossible to approximate, so much depends upon the character of the reader. "The eye only sees that which it brings with it the power of seeing." We shall do our best to provide the best books. The result is with the users.

H. K. MORRELL
LEVERETT BRADLEY,
HENRY S. WEBSTER,
JAMES D. WHITE.
CITY GOVERNMENT, 1883.

Hon. WILLIAM PERKINS, Mayor.

ALDERMEN.

GEO. T. HALEY, President.

Ward 1—GEORGE T. HALEY,
    "  2—O. B. CLASON.
    "  3—J. D. WHITE.
    "  4—JOS. W. LUNT.
    "  5—P. H. WINSLOW.
    "  6—J. W. LAWRENCE.

COUNCILMEN,

H. G. WHITE, President.

Ward One.

J. C. RUNNELLS,
M. J. SPEAR,
F. D. LAWRENCE.

Ward Two.

A. FULLER,
R. C. PLAISTED,
J. D. STEPHENSON.

Ward Three.

B. B. CLAY,
H. G. WHITE,
CHAS. F. TRASK.

Ward Four.

J. R. PEACOCK,
D. M. DALE,
A. E. ANDREWS.

Ward Five.

WARREN REED,
ALFRED CHASE,
A. L. PERRY.

Ward Six.

ISAAC S. SMITH,
DANIEL B. PEACOCK,
WILLIS KEELE.
Charles O. Wadsworth, City Clerk, and Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

Gustavus Moore, Clerk of Common Council.

Constables,

Ward 1—A. E. Clery, Ward 4—A. O. Sprague,
" 2—Henry Collins, " 5—Martin Burns,
" 3—John Milton, " 6—Freeman Williams.

Wardens,

Ward 1—H. D. Wells, Ward 4—W. Poosock,
" 2—S. Lane, " 5—Lincoln Perry,

ward clerks,

Ward 1—M. W. F. Pray, Ward 4—M. Neal,
" 2—J. F. Purington, " 5—Chas. H. Gray,
" 3—W. G. Ellis, " 6—Stillman Libby.

Joint Standing Committees.

On Finance.
Aldermen White and Winslow, Councilmen Plaisted,
Fuller and Reed.

On Laying Out New Streets,
Aldermen Haley and White, Councilmen Reed, Stephenson
and Smith.

On Accounts and Claims.
Aldermen Clason and Lunt, Councilmen Perry, Andrews
and Clay.

On Schools and School Districts,
Aldermen Lunt and Haley, Councilmen Fuller, Chase
and Keene.
City Government.

On Public Buildings.

On Fire Department.
Aldermen Winslow and Lawrence, Councilmen Chase, Runnells and Dale.

On Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks,
Aldermen White, and Lunt, Councilmen Andrews, Chase and Lawrence.

On Poor Department,
Aldermen Lawrence and Haley, Councilmen Trask, Lawrence and D. B. Peacock.

On Engrossed Ordinances.
Aldermen Lunt and Winslow, Councilmen Clay, Plaisted and Spear.

On Printing.
Aldermen Clason and Haley, Councilmen Perry, Peacock and Stephenson.

On Burying Grounds.
Aldermen Lawrence and Clason, Councilmen Runnells, D. B. Peacock and Trask.

On Street Lights.
Aldermen Clason and White, Councilmen Dale, Trask and Keene.

Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Chief Engineer Fire Department.

Wm. Perkins; Gustavus Moore; F. D. Harmon.

City Marshal, City Physician,

A. J. Hooker.
Second Engineer,  
Chas. F. Lunt.  

Third Engineer,  
Geo. T. Haley.

Assistant Engineers.

Ward 1—James Horn,  
" 2—C. H. Pushard,  
" 3—E. H. Flynt,

Ward 4—C. O. Knox,  
" 5—E. W. Atwood;  
" 6—Van R. Beedle.

City Treasurer,  
S. Bowman.  

City Collector,  
S. E. Johnson.

City Solicitor,  
B. B. Clay.

Street Commissioner,  
Geo. M. Cunningham.

School Committee.

O. B. Clason, 3 years;  
H. S. Webster, 1 year,  
M. C. Wadsworth, 2 years.

Directors of High School,  
Augustus Bailey,  James D. White,  S. C. Whitmore.

Directors of Public Library.  
P. H. Holmes, 5 years,  
H. K. Morrell, 2 years,  
J. D. White, 1 year,  
Rev. L. Bradley, 2 years,  
H. S. Webster 4 years.

Harbor Masters,  
Anthony Sprague,  
Willis Keene.

City Auditor,  
Charles H. Marr.

Truant Committee,  

Weigher of Beef,  
Amasa S. Ring.

Weigher and Guager,  
David Dennis.

Superintendents of Burying Grounds,  
Geo. M. Wentworth, High St.,  D. D. Peacock, Libby Hill,  
Sherburne Lawrence, South Gardiner.
City Government.

Surveyors of Lumber.


Measurers of Wood and Bark.


Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.


Weighers of Hay, Coal and Grain.

Measurers of Stone,


Inspector of Leather,

Augustus Hopkins.

City Bell Ringer.

Chas. M. Gay.

City Liquor Agency.

N. B. Norton.

Measurers of Logs,

D. G. Palmer, R. T. Hayes, Daniel Gray,
Sherburne Lawrence, Joshua Gray, A. B. Snow.

Weighers of Ice,

C. E. Bachelder, Daniel Burke, H. J. Stone,
Willis Keene, A. C. Bowie, Chas. B. Clapp,
S. S. Davis.

Pound Keeper, and Superintendent of City Farm,

Charles M. Stevens.

Night Watch,

Henry Collins, John F. Lunt.

Special Police,

Horace R. Goodwin, Wm. H. Gowell, Henry Collins,
John F. Lunt, B. F. Crocker, John W. Peacock,
S. W. Siphers, J. W. Brown, James Horn,
Clarence Kincaid, Loring Marriner, Chas. L. Austin.
### Appropriations for 1883

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#### Salaries

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**Total Salaries**: $2,175.00

**Total Appropriations**: $31,475.00

**State Tax**: $9,528.23

**County Tax**: $3,472.86

**Total**: $44,476.09
Mayors of Gardiner.

R. H. Gardiner, 1850.

Parker Sheldon, 1851 and 1852. Resigned April 12, 1852, and

Robert Thompson elected April 20, 1852.

Edward Swan, 1853.

Noah Woods, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858.

H. B. Hoskins, 1859 and 1860.

Noah Woods, 1861 and 1862.

James Nash, 1863 and 1864

Nathan O. Mitchell, 1865 and 1866.

George W. Wilcox, 1867. Died Dec. 17, 1867 and

Joshua Gray, elected Dec. 30, 1867, and 1868, 1869 and 1870.

D. C. Palmer, 1871, 1872 and 1873.

H. M. Wentworth, 1874 and 1875.

James B. Dingley, 1876, 1877 and 1878.

D. C. Palmer, 1879 and 1880.

Joseph E. Ladd, 1881.

William Perkins, 1882, and 1883.