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AND

ANNUAL REPORTS

MADE TO THE

CITY COUNCIL OF HALLOWELL,

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WITH A

LIST OF CITY OFFICERS,

FOR 1853.

HALLOWELL:

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MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council: —

The lapse of time has brought us to the commencement of the second year of our city government. Again called by the unanimous suffrages of my fellow citizens to serve them in an honorable and prominent station, I tender my thanks for the confidence they have manifested, and shall do what lies in my power to merit it, by a faithful discharge of the duties which may devolve upon me. In attempting to meet the responsibilities of an office, with the duties of which I had had no previous opportunity to become familiar, they will not be surprised if I have in any respect come short of their expectations. — Nor will they, I trust, anticipate from me, for the year to come, any thing more than diligent and constant endeavors to promote the welfare and advance the best interests of the city, in the sphere assigned to me by their partiality.

I congratulate you upon the successful termination of the first year of our experiment with a city form of government. From the changes in the limits of the city which had taken place at and before the commencement of the year, the appropriations for the several branches of expenditure were more than usually matters of doubtful estimate; and it would not have been strange if, in some departments, they had proved to be quite insufficient. But by the systematic and econom-
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

ical administration which has prevailed in the several departments, the expenditures have been kept within the amount appropriated. Whilst for several years preceding the change of government, the indebtedness of the town was annually increasing, we have fortunately been enabled, with a diminished rate of taxation, to leave the city treasury at the close of the past year in a better condition than at the commencement. The details of the operations of the year and of the present state of the finances, will be found in the reports of the several departments, which will doubtless be laid before the inhabitants of the city at an early day.

At the same time that the financial improvement referred to has taken place, it is believed that the duties of the several departments have been faithfully and satisfactorily performed. If there has not been a large expenditure on the highways, they have for the most part been carefully attended to and kept in good repair, and some improvements of a permanent character made. The necessities of that unfortunate class of our citizens who require aid from public charity, have been supplied, both at the city farm and elsewhere, avoiding on the one hand profuse and needless expenditure, and on the other stern and pitiless neglect. The public schools, in which the mass of our citizens feel so deep an interest, and where the children and youth are fitting themselves for future usefulness, have continued to receive the fostering support of the city, and are believed to sustain a rank which may well bear comparison with those of other cities and towns in the State.

Through the favor of a beneficent Providence, our city has been but twice during the year visited by the desolating ravages of fire. In the case of the heaviest of these calamities, the promptness with which the loss has been repaired speaks well for the energy and enterprise of our business men. Owing to the protracted and unusual drought of last summer, it is to be regretted that the engines were not found to be in perfect working order, on another occasion, when their aid was needed. That this may be avoided hereafter, the attention of the officers of the fire department, and of the City Council, is called to the necessity of constant care and watchfulness to keep the engines in suitable order for use. The united aid of our young and active business men, of all who have property or homes liable to be endangered by the devouring element, is demanded for the effectual support of our fire department. It is confidently anticipated that there will be no backward-
ness in a cause in which every citizen has so much at stake. An important aim of this department should be, by careful attention on the part of the city engineers and citizens generally, to the state of the stoves, pipes and flues, as well as by an efficient city watch, to prevent the occurrence of destructive fires. — But when they occur, every able and public spirited man will feel bound to contribute his earnest efforts to check and extinguish them.

The matters submitted, by the Act incorporating the town of Farmingdale, to a committee of arbitrators appointed by that Act, have been amicably investigated and settled. The valuation of the section set off to Farmingdale has been agreed upon, and an Act passed by the Legislature deducting it from the State valuation of this city. The amount awarded for the Farmingdale proportion of the State and County tax of 1852, has been paid to the city Treasurer. There remains due from that town the sum of two hundred and thirty-six dollars and twenty-one cents, awarded as their proportion of the excess of the city debts and liabilities over the value of the city property. This sum will doubtless be paid the present year.

It is a subject of deep regret that the Legislature of the State has granted an Act of incorporation authorizing the erection of a bridge across the Kennebec river between Gardiner and Pittston. The unanimous opinion and confident belief of our most experienced navigators leave no doubt that this bridge must prove a very serious obstruction to the navigation of the river. That this will strike a blow at the prosperity of this city which will be deeply and generally felt, is equally beyond question. The erection of the bridge has already been commenced, and it is understood that the proprietors intend it shall be completed early next summer. Measures have been in contemplation for some months past by the authorities of this city, in conjunction with those of the city of Augusta, to bring the question of the legality and constitutionality of this project before the proper legal tribunals. The subject is recommended to the early attention of the City Council.

It is gratifying to be able to refer to the increasing indications in the city of the revival of business, and of prospective growth and prosperity. Our business circles are pervaded by a more cheerful tone. New enterprizes are receiving attention and awakening interest. Already a commencement has been made in the building of vessels, which it is hoped
will prove the harbinger of a permanent and important branch of business. Our manufacturers are believed to be prospering. Property is on the rise. There is every reason to anticipate that these signs may prove the commencement of a steady and healthy growth of the city in business, wealth and population.

It only remains to direct the attention of the City Council to the measures to be taken for the year to come, in order to secure a continuance of the present favorable condition of city affairs, so far as it may be within their control. A due regard to economy and system in both appropriations and expenditures is necessary. Whilst beneficial improvements are not to be neglected, extravagant and expensive projects are to be carefully avoided. Both in making appropriations for the several departments and in selecting the agents who are to make the expenditures, care and discrimination will be demanded, aided by the light you may obtain from the experience of the past year, and the information afforded by those who have had charge of the various departments. But it is unnecessary for me to enlarge upon these topics. You will doubtless aim at promoting the best interests of the city, at the same time not overstepping the limits of a just economy.

To the guidance and direction of the same Divine Providence, to whose favor and goodness we owe the blessings of health, peace and prosperity, so largely enjoyed the past year, I commend the welfare of this community for the year to come; trusting that He will give wisdom and prudence to our counsels; that good order and wholesome restraints may be enforced; that public health, peace and obedience to law may prevail; that prosperity and success may wait on our business enterprises; and that virtue, morality and religion may exert and extend their beneficent sway in all our borders.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the City Council: —

The Committee on Finance have examined the books and vouchers of the City Treasurer, and find them to be correct and in due form.

The following appropriations were made in the spring of 1852 by the City Council, to be raised by tax: —

For payment to the town of Chelsea, $850 00
Interest on Town Debt and Orders, 200 00
Schools, 2250 00
Snow Bills of the preceding year, 50 00
Repairs of Highways, 800 00
Support of the Poor, 1000 00
Fire Department, 100 00
Salaries, 650 00
Miscellaneous expenses, 350 00
Outstanding Bills of former years, 100 00
Discount on taxes, 850 00

7200 00
State Tax, 1939 80
County Tax, 1502 89
Overlayings, 402 81
Supplemental Tax, 32 00

Total Taxes of 1852, 11,077 50

The State and County taxes included the amount of $312,69, belonging to that part of Farmingdale set off from Hallowell, which amount has since been paid to the City Treasurer by Farmingdale. The money thus received was subsequently appropriated by the Council under various heads, as will be seen in the following statement of the appropriations and expenditures in the different departments.
Payment to Chelsea.

Appropriation, April, 1852, $850 00
Expenditure, 850 00

Interest on Debt and Orders.

Appropriation, April, 1852, $200 00
Part of Farmingdale fund appropriated, 10 00

Interest paid on notes, 180 00
" " orders, 29 82

Schools.

Appropriation, April, 1852, $2250 00
State School Fund received, 221 22
Balance of former appropriations, 292 14

Received from Farmingdale for scholars from that town attending school at Loudon Hill, 42 08

Paid Farmingdale for balances due School Districts set off from Hallowell, 29 61
Paid orders for expenditures of preceding year, 247 67
Expenditures, present year, District No. 1, 2141 12
" " " 2, 202 28
" " " 3, 74 25
Compensation of School Committee, 54 75
Books furnished indigent children, 19 92

Snow Bills of 1851-2.

Appropriation, April, 1852, $50 00
Part of Farmingdale fund appropriated, 5 00

Amount of Snow Bills paid, 53 93
Repairs of Highways.

Appropriation, April, 1852, $800 00
Part of Farmingdale fund appropriated, 100 00

900 00

Expenditures, 889 03

Support of the Poor.

Appropriation, April, 1852, $1000 00
Fines for violation of Liquor law received, 60 00

1060 00

Expenditures, 930 73

Fire Department.

Appropriation, April, 1852, $100 00
Part of Farmingdale fund appropriated, 15 00

115 00

Repairs to Engine House and fitting up Ladder House in basement of City Hall, 59 02
Care of Engines, supplies, repairs, &c. 41 94
Setting and care of Hogsheads in river, 10 00

110 96

Salaries.

Appropriation, April, 1852, $650 00
Fees paid in by Municipal Judge, 61 99
Fines collected by City Marshal, 7 00

718 99

Paid Salaries; to Mayor $200, Municipal Judge $70, City Marshal $50, Overseers of the Poor $75, Assessors $90, Treasurer and Collector, $96 38, City Clerk $50, Clerk of Common Council $25, City Solicitor $9, 665 38
## Miscellaneous Expenses.

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<tr>
<td>Appropriation, April, 1852</td>
<td>$350 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Receipts for use of City Hall</td>
<td>49 50</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>399 50</td>
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<td>Expense of furnishing City Rooms</td>
<td>33 76</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rent of do.</td>
<td>35 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Use of Ward Room in Ward 1, to April 1, 1853</td>
<td>11 00</td>
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<td>Oil, Fuel, &amp;c. for City Rooms</td>
<td>7 42</td>
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<tr>
<td>Printing Charter and Ordinances</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stationery and Blank Books</td>
<td>35 17</td>
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<tr>
<td>Advertising and publishing Ordinances</td>
<td>24 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dockets and Blanks for Municipal Court</td>
<td>22 75</td>
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<tr>
<td>Use and Ringing of Bell</td>
<td>40 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Care of City Rooms and Clock</td>
<td>20 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Repairs to City Hall and Lot</td>
<td>18 21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expense of hearing before Farmingdale Committee</td>
<td>12 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sundry small bills</td>
<td>9 93</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>319 74</td>
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## Discount on Taxes.

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<td>Appropriation, April, 1852</td>
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<td>Part of Overlayings appropriated</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>900 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 per cent. Discount on Taxes paid in up to July 15</td>
<td>855 82</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 per cent. on Taxes paid in up to Sept. 1</td>
<td>43 30</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>899 12</td>
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## City Watch.

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<td>Part of Farmingdale fund appropriated</td>
<td>$125 00</td>
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<td>Expense of Watch to March 7, 1853</td>
<td>124 67</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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## Bills of Former Years.

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<td>Appropriation, April, 1852</td>
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<td>57 69</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>157 69</td>
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<td>Bills of Former Years paid</td>
<td>149 54</td>
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Recapitulation.

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<td>Total Appropriations,</td>
<td>$8296 62</td>
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<td>Total Expenditures,</td>
<td>7972 52</td>
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<td>Balance of appropriations unexpended,</td>
<td>$324 10</td>
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Present Liabilities.

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<tr>
<td>Town Loan made in 1851, and payable in 1854, 5 and 6, with interest semi-annually,</td>
<td>$3000 00</td>
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<td>Interest on Loan to March 1, 1853,</td>
<td>77 44</td>
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<td>Town order payable to J. Booker in August, 1853,</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td>Balance due School Districts,</td>
<td>35 84</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance due on State Tax of 1852,</td>
<td>1500 00</td>
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<td>Accounts and contingent claims, estimated at</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<pre><code>                                                             | 4763 28      |
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Present Resources.

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<td>Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,</td>
<td>$1100 57</td>
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<td>Uncollected Taxes for 1852,</td>
<td>$296 98</td>
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<td>Less further abatements and commissions for collecting, estimated at</td>
<td>46 98</td>
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<pre><code>                                                             | 250 00       |
</code></pre>
<p>| Note of W. H. Goodwin, and interest to March 1, 1853,      | 52 11        |
| Due from other towns for supplies to their poor, estimated collectable, | 163 00       |
| Due from the town of Farmingdale, by award of the Committee, | 236 21       |
| 1801 89      |
| Balance against the City,                                  | 2961 39      |
| 4763 28      |</p>
Comparative Statement.

Balance against the City, March, 1852, $3714 59
" " March, 1853, 2961 39
Decrease of balance since March, 1852, 753 20

Besides the above resources, there is a claim against the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company for $171, which is in process of adjustment.

The Mayor's book, in which accounts have been kept with the respective appropriations, is found to be correctly kept, and proper vouchers for all warrants drawn are on file.

The committee are gratified to find the City finances in so favorable a condition, and that the expenditures have been kept within the appropriations.

J. GARDNER, J. D'WOLFE SMITH, H. K. BAKER, Committee on Finance.

HALLOWELL, MARCH 5, 1853.

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

City Hall and Lot.
Lion Engine, Hose, Hose Carriage and Engine House.
Tiger Engine, Hose, Hose Carriage and Engine House. One small Engine.
Ladder Carriage and Ladders.
One Hearse, in good order. One Hearse, old and out of repair.
City Farm, about 75 acres, with the House, Barn, House for the Insane, and other buildings thereon.
Wood Lot, about 20 acres, situate in the town of Kennebec.
Farming utensils and Household Furniture, as per schedule accompanying the report of the Overseers of the Poor.
Highway tools, as per Street Commissioner's Schedule.
Powder House.
Burial Ground, about 6 acres.
Chairs and Tables in the City Council Rooms.
Sundry volumes of Laws and Law Reports.
TREASURER AND COLLECTOR’S ACCOUNT.

DR.
For cash received of F. J. Day, former Treasurer, $354 26
State Treasurer, for Schools, 221 22
Town of Farmingdale, for their proportion of State and County Taxes, 312 69
R. G. Lincoln, cash collected, March, 1852, 32 10
S. Johnson, for produce to March, 1852, 19 78
A. Dodge, for rent of room under City Hall, to March, 1852, 18 03
Do. for balance of rent to March, 1853, 8 75
Fines for violation of liquor law, 60 00
Municipal Judge, fees and costs collected, 61 99
City Marshal for fines collected, 7 00
“nett proceeds of stone seized and sold, 4 00
J. L. Holland, receipts for use of City Hall, 49 50
Taxes assessed and committed for 1852, 11045 50
Supplemental Tax, 32 00
W. H. Goodwin’s Note, Sept. 16, 1851, 47 91

12,274 73

CR.
By paid town orders outstanding March, 1852, 597 45
School District orders, “ “ 115 65
Mayor’s orders, 7031 32
County Tax, 1502 89
State Tax, in part, 439 80
10 per cent. discount on $8558 20, taxes paid in up to July 15, 1852, 855 82
5 per cent. discount on $866 00, taxes paid in up to Sept. 1, 1852, 43 30
Sundry abatements made by Assessors, 243 04
Uncollected taxes, March 1, 1853, 296 98
W. H. Goodwin’s note unpaid, 47 91
Balance in the Treasury, 1100 57

12,274 73

PETER ATHERTON, City Treasurer.

Hallowell, March 5, 1853.

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REPORT OF THE OVERSEEERS OF THE POOR.

To the City Council: —

The Overseers of the Poor, for the year ending March, 1853, submit the following Report: —

RECEIPTS.

From E. Freeman, Guardian of O. Albee, $18 37
Other towns for support of their poor, 113 38
Sales of Hay and Straw, 299 71
" of Oats and Potatoes, 25 29
" of Apples, 30 40
" of Pigs, 18 00
" of other articles, 12 74
Difference in Oxen, 9 00

526 89

City Treasury on Mayor’s Warrants, 930 73

1457 62

EXPENDITURES.

For supplies (including labor $31 79) for City Farm Establishment, $497 56
Salary of Superintendent, 200 00
Wagon, $20, Cart-wheels, $27, Manure, $40, 87 00
Pigs, $15 25, Lumber, $6 12, 21 37
City Physicians, for attendance on City poor, 25 00
Supplies to poor of City and other towns, not at the Farm, 611 86
Incidentals, 14 83

1457 62

Of the $930 73, drawn from the City Treasury, Sixty Dollars was derived from fines for violation of the Liquor Law; thus 870 73 is the total sum drawn from the City appropriation for support of the poor.
To the amount drawn from the Treasury, $930.73
should be added the reduction in value of stock
and produce at the City Farm as compared
with last year, 130.98
And outstanding bills estimated at 15.00

Total, 1076.71

From which deduct amount due from other
towns, (allowing for doubtful claims) say, 163.00

And the support of the poor for the past year is
shown to have cost, (exclusive of the use of the
City Farm,) 913.71

Tables are annexed, giving lists of persons and families
assisted, and also schedules of produce, stock, tools and fur­
niture at the Farm.

Mr. H. M. Smith has superintended the Farm and Farm­
house establishments the past year, and the general appear­
ance of the premises and the good order and comfort prev­
vailing there, are evidences of the good management of Mr.
and Mrs. Smith in their respective departments.

The poor of the City have had the medical services of
Doctors Allen and Richardson, whose duties have been quite
arduous compared with the small compensation allowed them.

The duties of the undersigned as Overseers of the Poor,
now about to close for the year, have not been free from
perplexity, and we cannot flatter ourselves, that we have
adopted the best course in all cases of application for aid,
but we have endeavored, while rendering all proper help to
the poor, to accomplish it at the smallest expense to the city;
and we are happy to find that the expenditures have not
exceeded the sum appropriated by the City Council.

We are unable to suggest any better system for the sup­
port of the poor of the city than that now in operation, and
although for the past year the expenditures have been but
about nine hundred dollars beyond the income of the Farm,
we think one thousand dollars is the least appropriation that
can be depended upon for the coming year.

JESSE AIKEN,
ANDREW MASTERS,
A. H. HOWARD.

HALLOWELL, MARCH 5, 1853.
List of persons supported at the Farm during the year ending March 1, 1853.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Names</th>
<th>No. of days residence</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. Brookings</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>aged and infirm, — permanent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Luther Brookings</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>aged and infirm, — permanent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nancy Porter</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>insane.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mary Hovey</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>do.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sally Trask</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>earns her living.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Margaret Bugnion</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>blind, and troublesome.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. Watson</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>will probably leave soon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emma Watson</td>
<td>364</td>
<td>gone.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Watson</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>a young child.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Wyman</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>partially insane, earns his living.</td>
</tr>
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<td>James Mathews</td>
<td>365</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>James Tibbets</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elizabeth Tibbets</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Tibbets</td>
<td>138</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<td>Charles Tibbets</td>
<td>138</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<td>Flora A. Tibbets</td>
<td>138</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elvira Ladd</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Hutchins</td>
<td>138</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<tr>
<td>John Jones</td>
<td>174</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<td>Henry C. Wirt</td>
<td>186</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<td>Caroline Wyman</td>
<td>174</td>
<td>earns her living.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Obadiah Albee</td>
<td>276</td>
<td>deceased.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Wm. Smith</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>confined, insane.</td>
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<td>Benjamin Wight</td>
<td>28</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kaphira Knights</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Patrick Sullivan</td>
<td>128</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<tr>
<td>William Kelley</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abigail Burns</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Child of Mrs. Smith</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Shep. Davis</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>gone.</td>
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</table>

Whole number of persons, 30.
Whole number of days board, 5919, equal to 845½ weeks.
Number at the farm, March 1, 1853: — Males, 5
Females, 8
Total, 13
Persons and Families assisted, not residing at the Farm at the time, and amount of assistance.

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<th>Names</th>
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Valuation of Stock, &c. at the City Farm.

The Committee appointed by the City Council to appraise the stock and produce at the City Farm, have attended to the duty assigned them and the following is their valuation, viz:

1 Horse, valued at $40 00
1 Yoke Oxen, 100 00
4 Cows, 100 00
2 Yearling Steers, 25 00
1 Calf, 3 00
3 Shoats, 24 00
8½ Bushels Wheat, 9 92
20 do. Oats, 8 00
11 do. Barley, 7 34
4½ do. Beans, 7 87
5 do. Peas, 7 50
23 do. Corn, 18 40
200 do. Potatoes, 66 67
50 do. Com. Apples, 5 00

4 Bbls. Cider, $6 00
3 do. Soap, 10 50
1 do. Beef, 10 00
50 lbs. Salt Pork, 5 00
30 do. Butter, 6 00
100 do. Dried Apples, 5 00
5 do. Tea, 1 67
10 do. Tallow, 1 00
16 do. Applesauce, 3 20
1 Bbl. Flour, 2 00
22 Cords short wood, 55 00
3 M Hemlock Lumber, 21 00

$710 22

There are also 20 Cords Manure on the farm.
41 Rods new board and post Fence, and 11 do. stone Wall have been made, and 6 acres land broken up and 3 acres old land plowed, the past year.

The Committee are happy to say, that they found every thing, both in doors and out, in good order.

PETER ATHERTON,
STEPHEN LORD,
Committee.

Hallowell, February 21, 1853.
Schedule of the Tools and Furniture at the City Farm.

Tools.—1 pair iron bound Wheels—1 Manure Cart—1 Hay Rack—2 pairs drafts—2 Axles—2 Cast Iron Ploughs—4 Chains—2 Shovels—1 Spade—3 Manure Forks—3 Crow-bars—8 Hand Rakes—1 Horse Rake—2 Scythes and Sneaths—1 Wood Sled—2 Ox Yokes, with staples and Ring—6 Hay Forks—1 Single Horse Wagon—1 Sleigh and Harness—4 Hoes—1 Cultivator—4 Axes—1 Iron Square—3 Augers—1 Chisel—1 Handsaw—2 Harrows, 1 Drag—1 pair Trace Chains—1 Tackle and Fall—1 Grindstone.

Furniture.—5 Table Cloths—9 Chairs—10 Stools—1 Churn—3 Butter Tubs—3 Wash Tubs—1 Chopping Tray—3 Water Pails—2 Milk Pails—18 Milk Pans—1 Cream Pot—23 Cups and Saucers—18 Knives and Forks—9 Bas­ sons—5 Dippers—1 Gal. Measure—1 Tin Pail—1 Skimmer—1 Sieve—30 Plates—2 Pitchers—4 Tumblers—2 Platters—2 large Plates—2 Coffee Pots—1 Tea Pot—1 pair of Hand Irons—3 Stoves—3 Kettles—1 Spider—3 Bake Pans—1 Lantern—2 Lamps—1 Brass Kettle—3 Table Covers—9 Bedsteads—6 Feather Beds and Bedding—9 Straw Ticks—3 Straw Beds and Bedding.

REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIANS.

To the City Council:—

The undersigned, Physicians for the City of Hallowell, have attended to the duties of their office whenever called upon.

During the year past there has been but little sickness at the City Farm, excepting one case of long standing and two cases of fracture, one of which occurred on the Railroad and the other at the Farm. Only one death has occurred there during the year, the chronic case referred to above.
We have respectively attended those away from the Farm, receiving assistance from the City, as we have been called upon. No epidemic has prevailed in our midst, and we have had fewer calls from this class of patients than usual.

The unusual exemption of those at the Farm from disease is in no small degree owing to the watchful care of those who have had charge of those unfortunate persons. Their food has been wholesome and well prepared; their rooms neat; their clothes clean and tidy; and their persons not neglected. Those who can, are required to labor according to their ability. The children have attended school punctually, and the wants of all have been properly regarded.

Respectfully submitted,

F. ALLEN, City
M. C. RICHARDSON, Physicians.

Hallowell, March 1, 1853.

REPORT OF THE STREET COMMISSIONER.

To the City Council:—

The amount appropriated by the Council in the Spring of 1852 for the repairs of highways, was $800, to which is to be added a subsequent appropriation from the money received from Farmingdale of $100, making in the whole $900. The total expenditures have been $889.03, leaving a balance of $10.97 unexpended. These expenditures have been made for the most part in keeping the streets, highways, culverts and sidewalks in repair. The largest amount expended in any one locality, was about $200 in raising, shaping and improving the street from near S. Currier's tavern to near the Vaughan brook. About $48 of the expenditure made on this piece of road should rightfully be paid by the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company. The large embankment or deposit of earth placed by the railroad operators on the West side of this road, loosens whenever much rain falls, and slides into the road below, filling the gutter, and causing a flow of water across the road, to the damage of the road and of the owners of property on the other side.
The expense charged to the Railroad Company was incurred in removing the earth from the gutters, and building a new culvert which the flow of water rendered necessary. These deposits of earth have been removed a number of times already, and further slides or deposits are to be apprehended from time to time hereafter.

It is believed by the undersigned, that unless some extraordinary occurrence intervenes, the streets and roads will be in a better condition the coming spring than they were a year ago by about $100. To keep the sidewalks in good repair, some portions now in bad condition will have to be renewed the coming season, and the expenditure for that purpose will have to be greater than last year. The culverts are believed to be generally in good repair; but one near E. Mathews' farm, on Bumbahook brook, requires to be raised and improved, and one on Second street near Capt. S. Watts' house should be repaired.

The expenditures for highway purposes next year, may be estimated as follows:—sidewalks $200, culverts $100, railings $50, ordinary repairs $500, snow bills for next winter $50, making $900.

A new road has been laid out and accepted by the City Council across S. Laughton's farm, and the damages have been estimated at $80. The road is about sixty-seven rods in length, and the expense of building it is estimated at $35, besides a culvert and bridge which will cost $35 more, making the total estimate for this road $150.

Should it be thought expedient to pursue the policy of keeping the roads and sidewalks in merely their present state of repair, without making any improvements, the above estimate may be reduced by $150 on the roads and $100 on the sidewalks. This policy would, however, require an increased expenditure at a future time.

EPHRAIM MAYO, Street Commissioner.
HALLOWELL, MARCH 4, 1853.

Schedule of Highway Tools.
2 plows, 2 scrapers, 3 crowbars, 2 shovels, 3 pickaxes.

Highway materials on hand.
800 feet of cedar and 100 feet of plank.
REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the City Council:

The Fire Department of Hallowell consists of all good citizens. There are two companies organized and attached to the Lion and Tiger engines, consisting of fifty men each. There has not been a fire since the new organization on the volunteer principle, where the engines have worked. There is no company attached to the Hooks and Ladders, but arrangements have been made for hauling them to any place when needed.

The engines are in good order and all appurtenances belonging. Attached to the Lion engine are 550 feet of hose, in good order, and 600 feet to the Tiger engine, No. 4; also 75 feet hose belonging to No. 2 engine.

There are 8 ladders and 4 hooks connected with the hook and ladder carriage, all in good order.

But small appropriations will be needed for the coming year if the department is continued on the volunteer principle.

There have been two fires during the year. April 30, 1852, Prescott's Foundry, loss $3000; insured for $1500, (cause unknown.) October 27, 1852, Mrs. Dutton's house, loss $700; insured for $500; supposed to have been caused by ashes in an unsafe place. There have also been two alarms, one at Beeman's house, caused by the burning of a chimney, and the other at S. W. Johnson's stable, damage slight.

Thomas M. Andrews, Chief Engineer.
March 5, 1853.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

The ordinary duties of the City Marshal of preserving order in the streets, of dispersing crowds when they become noisy and disorderly, and of calling the attention of citizens who have placed or authorized obstructions on the sidewalks or in the highways, are such as cannot be reported definitely. Nor has the undersigned kept any record of the number of times he has been sent for, especially in the night, to exercise his authority over noisy and intoxicated persons abusing their
families or creating disturbance. The number of such occasions has probably been much more numerous than many of our quiet citizens may imagine. Duties of this character have been performed without any aid requiring pay of the city; and no police expenses have been incurred beyond the salary of the marshal. That there may have been occasional disturbances to the peace, and violations of City ordinances, not prevented or punished, is admitted; for it is not in the power of one individual to be always on the spot where restraint is needed, and to enforce the city ordinances in every particular would require not only unremitted diligence on the part of the marshal, but aid, information and support, from the citizens generally. The undersigned has endeavored to discharge his duty to the best of his ability.

The whole number of criminal prosecutions since March 19, 1852, has been 41, one of which was for a crime committed in a neighboring town. The prosecutions were for the following crimes. Drunkenness 20, violations of the liquor law 8, assault and battery 2, felonious assault 1, resisting officer 2, dancing and noise on Sabbath evening 2, larceny 2, malicious mischief 1, vagrancy 1, surety of the peace 2.

Of the 41 persons prosecuted, 7 were acquitted and 34 convicted. Of those, 12 paid fines and costs, 10 were committed, and after a few days released on payment of fines and costs, 8 remained in jail thirty days, and one sixty days, 1 was fined and imprisoned a few days, 1 was committed and afterwards released on giving surety of the peace, one recognized for his appearance at the S. J. Court.

Of the 41 prosecuted, 25 were Americans, 15 Irish and 1 Indian. 6 were not residents of the city. 5 were females.

Of the 8 prosecutions for violations of the liquor law, there were six convictions and two acquittals. One person was twice convicted. Amount of fines paid, $60. One remained in jail 60 days instead of paying the fine and cost.

Besides the above 41 criminal prosecutions, three search warrants were served under the liquor law. In one case no liquor was found. In the two others liquor was seized and destroyed by order of Court, a barrel of beer in one case and about 16 gallons of gin in the other.

The Marshal has collected $6 fines for fast driving and $1 for coasting. A lot of stones deposited in the street in violation of the City Ordinances, were seized and sold and the nett proceeds paid to the City Treasurer.

SIMON JOHNSON, City Marshal.

MARCH 5, 1853.

To the City Council of Hallowell:—
The undersigned would respectfully report,—That at the time of rendering his last account, June 28, 1852, there was a balance in his hands, applicable to Burial Ground purposes, of $7,50.

He has since received from sundry persons for lots, 24,00 $31,50

He has expended for trees and labor, $7,38
Leaving a balance in his hands of 24,12

From the returns of Mr. Holland, Undertaker of Funerals, it appears that the whole number of deaths in the City, from March 12, 1852, to March 3, 1853, was forty-three; four of which number were carried to other places for burial, and that the remains of twelve persons have been brought to this city for burial. Of the Deaths, as near as can be ascertained, 16 were under 5 years of age.

1 between 5 and 15 years of age.
8 " 15 and 25 " "
5 " 25 and 35 " "
2 " 35 and 45 " "
2 " 45 and 55 " "
0 " 55 and 65 " "
5 " 65 and 75 " "
1 " 75 and 85 " "
3 " 85 and 90 " "

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Of the 43 deaths, 14 are believed to have been caused by consumption; summer complaint 9; fevers 4; old age 3; scarlatina 2; epilepsy 1; disease of heart 1; dropsy 1; kidney complaint 1; tumor 1; unknown 6. There were also 2 still born.

The funds on hand will be needed in a few months, for repairs of fences, and for improving the grounds. The undersigned is of opinion that no appropriation will be needed the present year for Burial Ground purposes.

JOHN BEEMAN, Superintendent.

March 5, 1853.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the City Council:—

During the municipal year ending March 1853, certificates have been granted to 17 teachers, 4 male and 13 female. Average wages of male teachers, $33 a month; of female teachers, $1,70, a week. No. days school taught by females, 1601, or about 320 weeks; by male teachers, 350 days, or about 70 weeks; in all, 1951 days, or about 390 weeks. Average length of schools, 32½ weeks.

Whole number of persons between 4 and 21 years of age, May 1, 1852, 1106. Amount of school money raised by the City, $2250. Amount received from the State, $221,22, of which $23,32, was paid over to town of Farmingdale. Proportion of school money per scholar, $2,21 ½ cts., of which about 18 cents were received from the State, and about $2,03 cts. raised by the city. Number of inhabitants, about 2900. Amount of school tax to an inhabitant, about 78 cents. Valuation of the city as established by the Legislature, $882,291. Proportion of school tax to valuation, 2 mills and 5 tenths. Average school appropriation of the State in 1851, 2½ mills.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—VILLAGE.

H. K. Baker, Agent.

As usual, one High School, two Grammar Schools and seven Primary Schools were put in operation in this District at the commencement of the year. The same schools were continued through three terms, except the High School.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Isaac Coffin, who had been at the head of this school during the fall and winter terms of the preceding year, had charge of it the first term of this year. Mr. Coffin was a very acceptable and successful teacher. He had considerable tact in government, as well as skill in instruction. His classes in arithmetic and in reading were particularly satisfactory. His success in other branches was creditable, though not equally good in all. At the close of the first term, he declined continuing his connection with the school.

The land adjoining the school-house lot, on the north and south sides, being fortunately for sale at this time, by a vote
of the district, the High School was suspended for one term, for the purpose of enlarging and improving the lot. A strip of land was purchased on each side, making the lot about six and a half rods by eight and a half, and the south side was filled up and shaped by hauling about two hundred cartloads of earth upon it, and a neat and substantial fence was built around the whole lot, making with cross fences about thirty-four rods. There are now two ample play grounds entirely separate from each other, and other corresponding conveniences. It is only necessary to adorn the lot with shade trees, to make it an ornament to the City, as well as a great and permanent blessing to the successive classes of scholars who from year to year will pursue their studies in this schoolhouse.

The suspension of the school during the fall term was a serious disadvantage to the scholars in respect to their progress, and the loss was deeply felt during the winter term, and will continue to be felt for some time to come. But notwithstanding the inconvenience, the sacrifice was cheerfully made by most of the scholars and parents, in view of the valuable improvements secured through its means.

During the winter term, the High School was intrusted to the charge of Mr. J. F. Baldwin of New Sharon. This gentleman came here with a good reputation as a teacher, which he fully sustained during the term. His mode of government is easy and successful, and his instruction thorough. He bids fair to be a very valuable teacher. The public examination at the close of the school was fully attended, and the classes acquitted themselves very creditably. The reading was of a high order. The classes in mathematics were prompt and accurate. Most of the other classes recited very satisfactorily, showing that the scholars had applied themselves diligently to study during the term, and had been faithfully instructed. The specimens of composition read at the close, deserve especial commendation, evincing that this useful exercise had been practised by some of the scholars with great advantage and success.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

This school was placed under the care of Mr. G. W. Blanchard at the commencement of the year. Mr. B. continued through the year, and was assisted during the winter term by Miss Nickerson. Mr. Blanchard is an admirable disciplinarian, and early succeeded in establishing good order in his school, and in gaining the confidence of his pupils.
His instruction was very thorough; and in the leading branches pursued, the progress of the scholars was, during the past year, greater than we have ordinarily witnessed in this school. At every visit, good order, stillness and attention to study prevailed. The closing examination was attended by many parents and others. The recitations were very satisfactory, although several of the classes would have done themselves better justice, if they had spoken somewhat louder. The classes in arithmetic especially manifested gratifying proficiency, promptness and thoroughness. Several classes in grammar appeared well, especially one which was commenced the first term by Mr. Blanchard with oral instruction only, and during the winter was under Miss Nickerson’s instruction. The reading of the older scholars needs improving. The writing books appeared very well. The general state of the school is highly satisfactory. Miss Nickerson, the assistant teacher, proved herself to be an excellent instructor. In this school, very little punishment was found necessary the last term.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

The past year was the third that this school has been under the tuition of Miss A. F. Nye. When it is recollected, that for two years previous the school had been less successful than desirable, at least a part of the time, it must be conceded that Miss Nye deserves much credit for the general success which has attended her management. During the past year, the school has been very full, and from this and other causes has been more difficult to manage than usual. The district has good reason to be satisfied with the general results of the labors of the year. At the public examination, many parents attended, and the recitations were such as to give much satisfaction. The classes in geography and grammar were noticed as very prompt and ready in reciting. A class of 18, who had been instructed orally in grammar, had made a very good beginning. A number of youthful, but very pleasing specimens of composition were read, much to the gratification of all present.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The seven primary schools were each fortunate enough to be under the charge of the same teacher during the whole year. We think we may safely say, that on the whole the primary schools in this district were never more successful than the past year. The parents of the scholars showed their
appreciation of the merits of these schools, by an increased attendance at the public examinations of most of them. The general neatness of the school-rooms is very creditable to the teachers, as it has been uniform through the year.

BAPTIST VESTRY.

This school was under the care of Miss Emma J. Marsh. Miss M. is an active, efficient and successful teacher. She had the confidence of her pupils, and inspired them with a zeal for improvement, which led them to apply themselves to study. At the closing examination, the exercises were satisfactory. The classes in intellectual arithmetic, especially the first, were thorough and prompt. The scholars had drawn a large number of maps with pencil and paper, which appeared well for beginners.

WARREN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Mrs. Freeman has had charge of this school for three years. Her success the past year has been equal to that of any preceding year. The closing examination was fully attended. The reading and intellectual arithmetic were unusually good. All appeared to be well pleased with the recitations. The examination closed with a pleasant and commendable exercise in reciting poetry by a number of the scholars.

MANN SCHOOL-HOUSE.—NORTH ROOM.

This was Miss Yeaton's third year in this school. She continues to be a pleasant and popular teacher. Her school has been one of the most fully attended. The scholars appear to be interested in their studies, and the school-room was always found in good order. The general appearance of the school at the closing examination was satisfactory to all present.

SOUTH ROOM.

This school was taught by Miss Julia A. Nye the past year. At the commencement, the state of discipline was rather lax, but Miss N. succeeded in making a gradual improvement in this respect. Her systematic and efficient instruction produced good results. At the close, the classes in arithmetic and geography recited with great promptness, and the other exercises were worthy of approbation.

SEWALL SCHOOL-HOUSE.—UPPER ROOM.

Miss Atkins has had charge of this school for two years, and has made it one of our best primary schools. All the recitations at the close were commendable. The classes in arithmetic and geography, especially the latter, deserve par-
ticular mention for promptness and thoroughness. Nearly every scholar was present at the examination.

LOWER ROOM.

This school was placed under the care of Miss H. L. Couch, at the commencement of the year, and she continued in charge of it till the close. Miss Couch had had but little previous experience in teaching. She has some deficiencies in government, but improved from term to term. If her health should be such as to enable her to continue instructing, she may make an excellent teacher. The recitations at the closing examination were good, and the school appeared well.

VAUGHAN SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Miss Gilman has continued in charge of this school. It has been a profitable school. At the examination near the close of the last term, a number of parents and others were present, who appeared highly pleased. The classes read and recited well. The recitations in geography were equal to any by scholars of the same age. A number of neat maps were exhibited. The reading was good.

DISTRICT NO 2. — LOUDON HILL.

EZEKIEL BLAKE, Agent.

Summer School. — A young and inexperienced teacher had charge of this school the first term. In a smaller and less difficult school, she might have had better success. But she did not succeed in securing good order and discipline in this school; and her connection with it was closed at the end of a short term, by mutual consent.

The school was subsequently recommenced by Miss Higgins, an experienced and successful teacher, who soon established order, and put the school in train for a successful term. After a few weeks, she was, however, called away, and left the school in charge of her younger sister, who continued it a short time. About thirty scholars were present at our last visit, and the school appeared well. About 20 maps were shown, neatly drawn by the scholars with pen or pencil.

Winter School. — Mr. Gardner of Bowdoin College taught the winter school. Mr. G. was a good scholar, but a little lax in discipline. He appeared to be industrious and faithful, but did not succeed in establishing such relations between himself and the scholars, as to secure a successful and profitable term. At the last visit of the committee, time did not admit of hearing all the recitations. Some of the older scholars appeared to have made improvement. There were
indications of a lack of energy and interest in both teacher and scholars. The best classes heard were in written arithmetic.

DISTRICT NO. 3. — CITY FARM.

Wm. Stantiall, Agent.

Summer School. — This school was taught by a teacher who had had no previous experience. About 25 scholars were present at our first visit, who appeared quiet and studious; but there was a lack of animation in the recitations. At the close, there were but 14 scholars present, which rendered it difficult to judge of the merits of the school. Good order prevailed. The recitations generally were ordinary.

Winter School. — This was also taught by an inexperienced teacher. Only 10 scholars were present at our first and the same number at the closing visit. The reading was tolerably good; the arithmetic imperfect; the other recitations showed moderate proficiency. The scholars were all small.

During the past year, an ordinance has been passed by the city government, placing the schools in the charge of a committee, to be elected annually by the City Council, and who are to exercise all the powers both of School Agents and Superintending Committees. The operation of this new system remains to be tested. It has been tried in other places with good results; and no reason is perceived, why, in a compact municipality like Hallowell, it should not give satisfaction. An ordinance for the prevention of truancy has also been passed, the enforcement of which, in the most flagrant cases, may check an evil that exists to some extent.

It will be seen that whilst the whole number of different scholars attending school during the year is nearly 800, the number at school in any one term is but a little over 600, when the schools are all in operation. This shows that nearly one fourth part of the scholars who are receiving their education at our schools, are absent each term. As a large portion of those who are absent one term, are different scholars from those absent another term, it follows that from one third to one half of the scholars attend school but two terms in the year. And the city, instead of furnishing schools for 800 scholars for two terms, furnishes schools for only 600, but continues those schools for three terms. The difference in expense between schools for 800 two terms, and for 600 three terms, is but trifling, whilst the people are much better accommodated by having the schools at the seasons when their children can best be spared to attend. In many families, a part are sent to school each term, whilst one or more
remain at home to aid in domestic duties. Experience proves that it is much preferable to keep a child out of school one term, and to send him constantly the next, than to have him irregular in attendance all the time.

Scholars who are habitually irregular at school, for the most part, never acquire a systematic and thorough knowledge of any branch of study. It is not in their power to gain a good education, whatever favorable circumstances may surround them, without a change in their habits. Either they do not become interested in study, or, by losing important lessons or recitations, their interest is destroyed, and they are discouraged by seeing others surpass them in advancement. Very often complaints of partiality on the part of teachers, may be traced to irregularity of attendance on the part of the scholars whose parents complain.

Another class of scholars who never become well educated, are those whose weak and injudicious parents desire to have them excused from important studies or exercises. Even if they are not excused, they find in the indulgence of their parents a sufficient reason for disliking and neglecting the studies in question. It is necessary that every encouragement should be afforded to youth, to induce them to apply themselves, exert their energies, and master the difficulties with which they must grapple in their intellectual progress. The difference between those whose mental improvement is a matter of indifference or neglect at home, and those who are stimulated and aroused to effort and perseverance by parental influence, is perceptible to every teacher of youth. The presence or the want of such home influence, will produce life-long results on the mind and character of youth.

We feel that as a community we owe a debt of gratitude to God, for that providential aid which has enabled us for thirteen years past, to maintain schools in the principal part of the city as it is now bounded, which have satisfied the just expectations of those interested in them. The standard of common education has in that period been greatly elevated in the State generally, but nowhere, perhaps, more than in our own community. We confidently rely on the same kind Providence, and the intelligence and good sense of our citizens, that the present high character of our schools may be sustained, improved and perfected in time to come, so that they may continue to dispense their inestimable blessings amongst all our families and in all our homes.

H. K. BAKER,
M. C. RICHARDSON,
T. W. NEWMAN.

Superintending
School Committee.
### Statistics

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RUFUS K. PAGE.

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WARD 1. — ELISHA E. RICE.
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“ 3. — AUGUSTINE LORD.
“ 4. — JOHN GARDNER.
“ 5. — EDWARD P. NORTON.

JUSTIN E. SMITH, CLERK.

COMMON COUNCIL.

ANDREW MASTERS, PRESIDENT.

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H. K. BAKER, W. R. PRESCOTT.

WARD 2.

WARD 3. A. H. HOWARD, J. D’WOLFE SMITH.

EDMUND J. SMITH, MARK MEANS.

WARD 4.

WARD 5.

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DANIEL CARR.

THOMAS W. NEWMAN, CLERK.

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BENJAMIN WALES.
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

ON ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.
Alderman Aiken, and Messrs. Prescott and Means.

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Alderman Gardner, and Messrs. E. J. Smith and Carr.

ON HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDE-WALKS.
The Mayor, Alderman Rice, and Messrs. Howard and Perkins.

ON NEW STREETS AND DAMAGES.
Alderman Aiken, and Messrs. Masters and J. D'W. Smith.

ON BURIAL GROUNDS.
Alderman Lord, and Messrs. Merrill and Carr.

ON FINANCE.

ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Alderman Lord, and Messrs. Merrill and E. J. Smith.

ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
Alderman Rice, and Messrs. Prescott and Howard.

ON PRINTING.

ON ENGROSSED ORDINANCES.

WARD OFFICERS.

WARDENs.
WARD 1. — SIMON PAGE,
" 2. — HENRY REED,
" 3. — JAMES H. LEIGH,
" 4. — GEORGE H. DUNN,
" 5. — DANIEL RUSSELL,

CLERKS.
SAMUEL LOCKE.
CALVIN SPAULDING.
JOHN R. WHITTEN.
GEORGE J. WALL.
JOHN M. NASH.
City Clerk.
JUSTIN E. SMITH.

Treasurer and Collector.
PETER ATHERTON.

City Solicitor.
HENRY K. BAKER.

Assessors.
JESSE AIKEN,
JAMES ATKINS,
JUSTIN E. SMITH.

Overseers of the Poor.
JESSE AIKEN,
ANDREW MASTERS,
A. H. HOWARD.

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HENRY K. BAKER,
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THOMAS W. NEWMAN.

Street Commissioner.
EPHRAIM MAYO.

Fire Department.
T. M. ANDREWS, Chief Engineer.
HIRAM FULLER, Second Engineer.
JOHN BEEMAN, Third Engineer.
THOMAS B. BROOKS,
S. K. GILMAN,
J. M. GETCHELL,
GEORGE FULLER,
W. R. PRESCOTT,
AMBROSE MERRILL, Assistant Engineers.

City Marshal.
SIMON JOHNSON.
CITY OFFICERS

CONSTABLES.

WARD 1. — STEVENS SMITH.  WARD 4. — JOSEPH S. CLARK.
“ 2. — W. S. HAINS. “ 5. — CHARLES HUSSEY.
“ 3. — SIMON JOHNSON.

Pound Keeper.—INCREASE W. PAGE.

Fence Viewers. — EPHRAIM MAYO, FREDERICK CLARK.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

M. C. RICHARDSON,  FREDERICK ALLEN,
SIMON JOHNSON.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

WILLIAM HARVEY,  GEORGE FULLER,
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JOHN DUNN,  D. D. LAKEMAN,
JAMES ATKINS,  A. P. MACOMBER,
GEORGE J. WALL,  GEORGE CARR.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

MARK JOHNSON,  MADISON TUCK,
JAMES ATKINS,  GEORGE H. DUNN,
D. D. LAKEMAN,  FRANCIS J. DAY,
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GEORGE CARR,  ISAAC McCUSAULAND,
JOHN NELSON,  A. P. MACOMBER,
JOHN DUNN,  ISAAC S. SARGENT,

WM. HORSEFIELD,  } Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

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JOHN BEEMAN, Superintendent of Burials and Burial Grounds.
DANIEL D. LAKEMAN, Sealer of Weights and Measures.
SIMON PAGE, Agent for the sale of Liquors for Medicinal and Mechanical purposes.

Overseers of the House of Correction.

HENRY. W. PAINE,  THOMAS WINSLOW,
MARK JOHNSON,  E. K. BUTLER,
WILLIAM STICKNEY,  CHARLES A. PAGE,
MARK MEANS.

H. M. SMITH, Master of the House of Correction.