1855

Mayor's Address and Annual Reports Made to the City Council of Hallowell, at the Close of the Municipal Year, March, 1855, With A List of City Officers for 1855

Hallowell (Me.)
MAYOR'S ADDRESS

AND

ANNUAL REPORTS

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GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL: —

Having been called by the suffrages of my fellow citizens to a position in the Government of our City involving responsibilities and duties of some magnitude, it is with some hesitancy, that I enter upon them, and I should be wanting in gratitude if I did not tender to them my sincere thanks for this expression of their confidence, and assure them that I shall use my best exertions to show them, by diligent and constant endeavors to promote the interests of the City in maintaining good order and due observance of our wholesome laws, — that their confidence was not misplaced.

A city form of government is now no longer an experiment with us, and I trust, guided by the experience of the past, we are prepared to enter upon our various duties with such information as shall enable us wisely to conduct the affairs of the city, and to promote its best interests and prosperity.

It will be seen by a reference to the various reports of the different departments of the government of the past year, that the finances of the city are in a prosperous condition, and that the appropriations by the last city council were quite sufficient to meet all the necessary expenses of the year; and much credit is due to the various departments for keeping within the appropriations — a point which cannot be too strongly urged — thus avoiding the accumulation of a city debt.

It was thought advisable by the last city council to reduce our debt, which had accumulated under former administrations, and six hundred dollars was raised by tax and appropriated to that object, without increasing the usual rate of taxation.
New Loans were authorized by the last city council for the purchase of a fire engine and hose; and it is believed, with an efficient fire department, our facilities for extinguishing fires are as good as any city in the State of its size, and though this department has had liberal appropriations, they are believed to have been wisely made. An inefficiency in this department might be attended with the most disastrous consequences; and the hope is entertained that with good apparatus, efficient engines, energetic engine men and a faithful city watch, we are in a state of comparative safety from fires. We have great cause for gratitude that we have been so mercifully spared, while so many towns and cities have suffered so largely, during the past year, from this devouring element.

The appropriation for highways the last year was considered quite large; but such was the bad state of our sidewalks it was found quite small enough, and further appropriations will be needed to put them in a state of good repair, which no doubt will meet with due consideration in your appropriations for this department. The money applied to these purposes, under the direction of our efficient commissioner, was judiciously expended.

Our public Schools, which have shared so largely in the sympathies of our citizens generally, are found to have been in a flourishing and prosperous condition during the past year, and much credit is due to the committee and agent under whose immediate control they have been, for the interest they have manifested, and the faithfulness with which they have attended to the duties assigned them, placing our schools in a position to compare favorably with any similar institutions; and it is recommended that the city continue, as it always has done, to make liberal provision for this department, inasmuch as our wealth and virtue stand intimately connected with our intelligence.

It must be a pleasure to all to know that those unfortunate persons who have been under the necessity of receiving aid from the city, have been made so comfortable, and their necessary wants so well supplied, at so small an expense, considering the high prices of provisions of all kinds, as well as the recent depression in business which made it more difficult for them to sustain themselves; and though the expenditure may have been larger than in some other years, yet it is believed to
have been wisely and judiciously made, and but little suffer­
ing or sickness has existed among them.

It may not be inappropriate for me here to suggest the
necessity, at an early day, of adopting some prompt and
energetic measures for the suppression of the illegal sale of
intoxicating drinks, which it is believed exists to some con­
siderable extent among us — as it is a fruitful source of
poverty and crime.

It is gratifying to be able to refer to the increase of busi­
ness and enterprise of our citizens for two or three years last
past; and we can but express the hope, that we have but
just entered upon a tide of prosperity which shall secure a
steady, healthy growth to our city and its business.

Permit me to add in conclusion, that great care and caution
should be used both in making the appropriations, and select­
ing the agents who are to disburse the money appropriated;
but perhaps I need not have adverted to this subject, believing,
as I do, that while you may make liberal appropriations, you
will not over step the bounds of a just economy. And on
entering upon the duties of the new year, may we not look
for the guidance and direction of that same good Providence,
to whose favor we are so largely indebted for the blessings so
richly enjoyed the past year, and ask for wisdom from above
to give understanding and prudence in all our councils; that
good order may be preserved, the due observance of our laws
be secured, prosperity attend all our lawful business en­
terprises, and the benign influences of morality and religion
extend over all our citizens, — so shall we be a prosperous
and a happy people.
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 appropriations made by the City Council, to be raised by tax, at the commencement of the past year, were as follows: —

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<td>For payment to the town of Chelsea</td>
<td>$850 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>City Debt and Interest</td>
<td>650 00</td>
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<td>Support of Schools</td>
<td>2500 00</td>
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<td>Repairs of Highways and Sidewalks</td>
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<td>Reservoirs</td>
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<td>Wood lot for City Farm</td>
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<td>Salaries</td>
<td>525 00</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous expenses</td>
<td>350 00</td>
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<td>Discount on taxes</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>1769 66</td>
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<td>County Tax</td>
<td>1197 16</td>
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<td>Overlayings</td>
<td>627 48</td>
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<td>Supplemental Tax</td>
<td>32 07</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>13226 87</strong></td>
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Add amount raised by loan, August 10, 1854, 1700 00

"       " November 10, 1854, 300 00

**$15226 37**
The following is a statement of the expenditures in the different departments, as compared with the appropriations:

### Payment to Chelsea.

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### City Debt and Interest.

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<td>&quot; by loan</td>
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<td>Transferred from other appropriations</td>
<td>$185 00</td>
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<td>City notes paid</td>
<td>$1000 00</td>
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<td>Interest paid</td>
<td>$230 83</td>
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### Schools.

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<td>Appropriation by tax</td>
<td>$2500 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>State School Fund received</td>
<td>$246 37</td>
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<td>Received from Farmingdale for 17 scholars attending school in city</td>
<td>$42 33</td>
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<tr>
<td>Received from Municipal Court for fine paid</td>
<td>$2 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance of former appropriation</td>
<td>$8 89</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expended for compensation of Teachers</td>
<td>$2211 75</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; wood</td>
<td>$190 90</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; repairs</td>
<td>$105 20</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; outline maps and repairs to apparatus</td>
<td>$51 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; incidental expenses</td>
<td>$87 20</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; land south of Vaughan school-house</td>
<td>$25 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; compensation of Agent</td>
<td>$25 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; &quot; Committee</td>
<td>$42 00</td>
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</table>

Total: $2738 05

Less amount received for rent of school room | $4 00

" sale of grass | $1 50

Total: $5 50

Total: $2732 55
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Repairs of Highways and Sidewalks.
Appropriation by tax, $1500.00
Less amount transferred to discount on taxes, 50.00
$1450.00
Expended for snow bills for spring of 1854, 37.05
" sidewalks, 561.70
" culverts, 200.00
" repairs of highways, $625.93, less } 597.18
   repaid by R. R. Co., $25,
and other credits; $3.75,
" snow bills for past winter, 40.72
$1436.65

Support of the Poor.
Appropriation by tax, $1300.00
Fines for violation of law received, 10.00
Profits of sales of liquor by city agent, 171.22
$1481.22
Expenditures, $1443.97

Fire Department.
Appropriation by tax, $200.00
Repairs to Tiger Engine, care and supplies, 40.81
" Lion Engine, 4.83
" Torrent Engine, care and supplies, 54.44
" No. 2, Engine, 2.00
Setting and care of water casks in river, &c., 16.00
Chief Engineer, 25.00
Repairs of Engine houses, &c., 17.36
Wood, 15.25
Hauling Engines, 6.01
$181.69

Torrent Engine and Hose.
Appropriations by loans, $1600.00
Paid for Torrent Engine and apparatus, 1300.00
" new Hose for do., 300.00
$1600.00
Engine Men.

Appropriation by tax, $200 00
Transferred to city debt appropriation, 100 00

$100 00

Paid to the Tiger Company, $100 00

City Watch.

Appropriation by tax, $225 00
Expenditures, (besides $16 paid out of appropriation for miscellaneous expenses,) $200 00

Reservoirs.

Appropriation by tax, $50 00
Transferred to discount on taxes, 40 00

$10 00

Expenditures, $4 00

Salaries.

Appropriation by tax, $525 00
Transferred to appropriation for discount on taxes, 30 00

$495 00

Salary of Mayor $100, City Marshal $50,
Overseers of the Poor $75, Treasurer and Collector $111.59, Assessors $63.75, City Clerk $50, Clerk of Common Council $25,
City Solicitor $15.50, $490 84

Wood Lot for City Farm.

Appropriation by tax, $300 00
Expenditure, $300 00
Miscellaneous Expenses.

Appropriation by tax, $350 00
Rent of City Hall and basement, 131 50
Lamps sold from City Hall, 10 50
Fines received from City Marshal, 4 50

496 50

Transferred to other appropriations, 135 00

$361 50

Rent of Council and Court rooms, $35 00
Use and Ringing of bell, 50 00
Care of City rooms and clock, 20 00
Printing annual Reports, 26 50
Gas fixtures for City Hall, 114 87
Advertising, printing and stationery, 14 12
Repairs on city clock, 11 25
City watch (in part,) 16 00
Ballot boxes for ward rooms, 5 00
Error in tax refunded, 4 90
City Marshal’s aids, night of July 3, 6 00
Settees for city rooms, 5 00
Taxes on wood lot in Manchester, 3 76
Damages on defective highways, 5 00
Incidentals and small bills, 15 29

$332 69

Discount on Taxes.

Appropriation by tax, $950 00
Transferred from other appropriations, 170 00

$1120 00

10 per cent. discount on taxes paid in up to July 15, $1093 58
5 per cent. on taxes paid in up to Sept. 1, 23 53

$1117 11

Recapitulation.

Total appropriations, $12,227 31
Total expenditures, $12,020 33
Balance of appropriations unexpended, $206 98
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Present Liabilities.

Loan of 1850, payable in 1855, $1000 00
" 1856, 1000 00
" 1854, " 1861, 850 00
" 1862, 850 00
" 1863, 300 00
Interest on loans to March 1, 1855, 55 00
Balance of School appropriation, 67 04
Cash in Treasury for burial ground purposes, 79 01
State tax of 1854 unpaid, 1769 66
Accounts and contingent claims, estimated at 50 00

$6020 71

Present Resources.

Cash in the hands of City Treasurer, $1721 74
Uncollected taxes for 1854, $1014 39
Less further abatements, estimated at 50 00

964 39

Due from other towns for supplies to their poor, estimated collectable, 100 00

$2786 13

Comparative Statement.

Balance against the city, March, 1855, $3234 58
" March, 1854, 2930 33

Increase of balance since March, 1854, $304 25

The increased amount of uncollected taxes is occasioned by one large tax, payment of which is refused, and must probably be enforced by process of law.

The increased balance against the city is attributable to the purchase of the Torrent Engine and hose. The ordinary expenditures have been within the appropriations.

The Mayor's book of accounts with the respective appropriations appears to be properly kept, and vouchers are on file for all warrants drawn.

Accompanying this report is an abstract of the Treasurer's account as settled by the Committee.

ISAIAH McCLENCH, Committee
H. K. BAKER, on Finance.

MARCH 10, 1855.
SCHEMULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

City Hall and Lot.
Two Engine Houses.  Tiger Engine, Hose and Hose Carriage.  Torrent Engine, Hose and Hose Carriage.  Lion Engine, Hose and Hose Carriage. One small Engine and Hose.
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, purchased with the Farm.
New Wood Lot, about 25 acres, purchased in 1854.
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, Tables, Desks and Settees in Council and Court Rooms.
Sundry volumes of Laws and Law Reports.
TREASURER AND COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

For Cash in the Treasury, March 11, 1854, $1718 78
Rec'd of W. H. Goodwin, note and int., 36 00
Uncollected City taxes for 1853, 253 34
" School District taxes, 31 08
Taxes assessed and committed for 1854, 13194 30
Supplementary tax, 32 07
Rec'd of State Treasurer for Schools, 246 37
City loan, Aug. 10, 1854, 1700 00
" Nov. 10, 1854, 300 00
Rent of City Hall and basement, 131 50
Fines collected by City Marshal, 4 50
Profits of City liquor agency, 171 22
Sale of lamps in City Hall, 10 50
Fines for violation of liquor law, 10 00
" school law, 2 00
Received of town of Farmingdale for Loudon Hill school, 42 33
Burial ground fund, 79 01

$17963 00

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By paid School District orders, 43 90
Mayor's warrants, 10903 22
State tax for 1853, 1769 66
County tax for 1854, 1197 16
10 per cent. discount on $10935 80, taxes paid in up to July 15, 1854, 1093 58
5 per cent. discount on $470 60, taxes paid in from July 15, to Sept. 1, 1854, 23 53
Abatements on taxes for 1853, 62 57
" 1854, 126 61
" school district tax, 6 61
Uncollected taxes for 1854, March, 1855, 1014 39
Cash in the treasury, March 10, 1855, 1721 74

$17963 00

PETER ATHERTON, Treasurer and Collector.
March 10, 1855.
REPORT OF THE OVERSEEERS OF THE POOR.

To the City Council: —

The undersigned, Overseers of the Poor for past municipal year, submit the following report: —

RECEIPTS.

| From other Towns, for support of their Poor, | $252 05 |
| Sales of Oxen, | 150 00 |
| Horse, | 35 00 |
| Produce, | 58 15 |
| Mr. Gorham, on account of bills paid for him while sick with Small Pox, | 27 72 |
| City Treasury, on Mayor’s Warrants, | $1443 97 |
| **Total Receipts** | **$1966 89** |

EXPENDITURES.

| For supplies, (including repairs, $32 00) for City Farm, | 721 34 |
| Compensation of Superintendent of Farm, | 236 66 |
| Manure, $45 00. Exchange of Sleigh, $10 00, 55 00 | |
| Compensation of City Physicians, for attendance on City Poor, | 35 00 |
| Supplies to poor, not residing at Farm, | 602 41 |
| “ “ of other towns, exclusive of assistance from or on Farm, | 126 61 |
| Expenses in several cases of Small Pox, | 181 49 |
| Incidental expenses, | 8 38 |
| **Total Expenditures** | **$1966 89** |

Of the $1443 97, drawn from the Treasury, Ten Dollars was derived from fine for violation of Liquor Law, and one hundred and seventy-one dollars and twenty-two cents from profits of City Agency for sale of Liquors for Medical and Mechanical purposes; thus showing that of the sum raised by the City, $1262 75 has been expended, and $37 22 unexpended.
To the amount drawn from the Treasury, $1443.97
add amount due from other towns, March, 1854, 65.00
and decrease in amount of stock and produce at
the Farm, as compared with last year, 125.10
and outstanding bills, estimated at 15.00

Total, $1649.07

From which deduct amount now due from other
towns for support of poor and Small Pox expen-
ses, and from an individual for Small Pox ex-
penses, (omitting doubtful claims,) 160.34

And the support of the poor for the past munici-
pal year appears to have cost, exclusive of the
use of the City Farm, the sum of $1488.73

The customary tables, giving lists of persons and families
assisted, and schedules of produce, stock, tools and furniture
at the Farm, will be hereunto annexed.

The Farm and Almshouse have been under the care of
H. M. Smith and wife.

We estimate the expenses of the department for the ensuing year at thirteen hundred dollars.

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

Overseers of the Poor.

March 10, 1855.
List of Persons supported at the Farm during the year ending March 1, 1855.

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<th>No. of days</th>
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<td>Luther Brookins</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Aged and infirm.</td>
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<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>
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<tr>
<td>John Wyman</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Partially insane.</td>
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<tr>
<td>James Matthews</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>do. do. earns his living.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Caroline Wyman</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>do.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cordelia Smith</td>
<td>212</td>
<td>Insane, confined.</td>
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<tr>
<td>John Jones</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>do.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Patience Dexter</td>
<td>269</td>
<td>Gone, bill paid by Winthrop.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>George Piper</td>
<td>133</td>
<td>Now at Reform School.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. Boynton &amp; Child</td>
<td>55</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Boynton’s other Child</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Born at the Farm, Feb. 17, 1855.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Henry C. Wirt</td>
<td>183</td>
<td>Now supporting himself mostly.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Andrew Brown</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Gone, an alien.</td>
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Whole number of persons, 15.
Whole number of days' board, 3731, equal to 533 weeks.
Number at the Farm, March 1, 1855: — Males, 5, Females, 7, Total, 12.
Families and Individuals assisted, not residing at the Farm when helped, and amount of assistance.

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<td>$123.98</td>
<td>Mostly for sickness at Orono.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chase Avery</td>
<td>65.00</td>
<td>In Sickness.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thos. L. Hovey &amp; family</td>
<td>57.00</td>
<td>Infirm.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Cordelia Smith</td>
<td>51.73</td>
<td>While at Hospital for Insane.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Augusta Watson</td>
<td>39.00</td>
<td>Now apprenticed till of age.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trask boy, son of Mrs. McClure</td>
<td>39.00</td>
<td>Lame.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Franklin Hussey</td>
<td>32.00</td>
<td>At Insane Hospital.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Samuel Ward</td>
<td>26.00</td>
<td>Blind.</td>
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<td>Jane Fowle</td>
<td>26.00</td>
<td>Insane.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Joseph Boynton</td>
<td>26.00</td>
<td>House rent.</td>
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<td>John Jones</td>
<td>22.50</td>
<td>While in Jail and Hospital.</td>
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<td>George W. Piper</td>
<td>15.45</td>
<td>Now in State Reform School.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Jas. Thing &amp; child</td>
<td>14.50</td>
<td>In sickness.</td>
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<td>Henry Williams</td>
<td>13.00</td>
<td>House rent.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Bigelow</td>
<td>9.50</td>
<td>In sickness — not of Hallowell.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Wm. Boynton</td>
<td>9.00</td>
<td>While at Vassalboro’.</td>
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<td>Isaac Emerson</td>
<td>8.25</td>
<td>Funeral expenses.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Benj. A. Smith</td>
<td>4.00</td>
<td>In sickness.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. I. Emerson</td>
<td>3.50</td>
<td>Wood.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mrs. Morrill</td>
<td>3.50</td>
<td>do.</td>
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<tr>
<td>All others</td>
<td>13.50</td>
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Total, $602.41

Above sums are exclusive of City Physician's services, and of medicines furnished.
Valuation of Produce, Stock, &c., taken at the City Farm,
March 1, 1855.

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<td>2 2 &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
<td></td>
<td>$40.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 2 &quot; &quot; heifer</td>
<td></td>
<td>$12.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Shoats</td>
<td></td>
<td>$30.00</td>
</tr>
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<td>20 Bush. of Corn and</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 of Meal</td>
<td></td>
<td>$22.00</td>
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<td>30 Bush. Wheat</td>
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Note. — Mr. Smith says, there is on the farm, 12 Cords Manure, and 4 acres of new ground broken up, 6 acres old ground not plowed. 8 rods of stone wall has been built the last year.

The Committee are happy to state that they found things, in doors and out, all in very good condition.

PETER Atherton,
STEPHEN LORD.
REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

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 — 3 Shovels — 1 Spade — 3 Manure Forks — 3 Crow Bars — 8 Hand Rakes — 1 Horse Rake — 3 Scythes and Sheaths — 1 Wood Sled — 3 Ox Yokes with staples and rings — 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.


REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

To the City Council: —

The appropriations for repairs of highways, bridges, culverts and sidewalks, in the spring of 1854, amounted in all o $1500.

The expenditures have been as follows: —

For snow bills in the spring of 1854, $37 05
side walks, 561 70
culverts, 200 00
repairs of highways, 625 93
snow bills for the past winter, 40 72

\[1465.40\]
less cash received of R. R. Co. and others, 28 75

\[1436.65\]

leaving a balance of the appropriations unexpended, of $63,35.
The very defective state of the sidewalks last spring induced the City Council to make a large appropriation for their repair and renewal, and the Commissioner has endeavored to expend the money to the best advantage. The unusually high price of labor and of all kinds of materials, has made the repairs of sidewalks, as well as of roads and culverts, very expensive. It is believed, however, that what has been done, has been done in a substantial and durable manner, and that the money expended has been applied to good advantage.

Fifty rods of sidewalk have been laid anew, with stone and gravel; seventy rods with new plank and sills, and sixty-five rods with new sills and old plank relaid. About fifty dollars have been expended in repairing old walks.

The time spent by the Commissioner in the performance of his duties, was 184 days, 1 hour.

The highways and streets are believed to be in as good condition as usual. There are yet, however, many of our sidewalks in a dilapidated state, requiring considerable expenditure.

The following estimates are made for the ensuing year:—for sidewalks $500, culverts $150, railings $100, repairs of highways $650, snow bills $50, making in all $1450.

EPHRAIM MAYO, Street Commissioner.

MARCH 3, 1855.

Schedule of Highway Tools.

2 scrapers, 2 plows, 1 shovel, 3 crow bars, 2 pickaxes, 1 water pail, 1 drilling hammer, 8 plug drills and wedges. Also 1 shovel and 2 pick axes worn out.

Highway materials on hand.

75 feet of cedar, 500 feet of old plank, and 6 feet of stone.
REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To THE CITY COUNCIL:

In conformity to an ordinance regulating the Fire Department, I herewith present my annual report.

There are belonging to the City the following Engines:

No. 2. — There is no company for this Engine, it is without suction hose, and has about 75 feet of leading hose and other necessary apparatus.

Lion, No. 3. — Is a Philadelphia made machine, built by Merrick & Agnew, and is too complicated, and is very liable to be out of order. This machine is also without any regular company, it has been placed in a building on the premises of Col. E. E. Rice, with whom there has been an arrangement made to keep it in order, and man with his men as far as practicable. She is not however to be relied upon as a suction engine, but may be used as a discharging engine with good effect. There is connected with this machine 50 feet of leading hose and 24 feet of suction hose and other necessary fixtures.

Tiger, No. 4. — A medium sized engine, manufactured by Hunneman & Co., Roxbury, Mass., is a very efficient machine; has a company of about 40 men who receive compensation from the City; has 24 feet suction hose and about 300 feet of leading hose.

The Torrent is nearly new and is a very beautiful machine, of somewhat larger capacity than the Tiger, and is considered the best machine in the State; it was built by Hunneman & Co.; is manned by a company of volunteers. This engine had when purchased, last summer, 250 feet of leading hose, to which has been added 309 feet of new and substantial double riveted hose; this engine has 24 feet of suction hose and other necessary apparatus.

The engines have been examined from time to time, and found to be in good working order.

The Torrent has been kept at the Lion House.

The engine houses are in a good state of repair, and fixtures convenient.
The hook and ladder carriage has been examined, and the hooks and ladders thoroughly repaired, and have been housed in the room under the east end of the City Hall, where it has been placed under the direction of an efficient man, and a team has been provided to remove it to any part of the city where it may be required.

The reservoir at the corner of Middle and Winthrop streets is in a leaky condition; the imperfections are of such a nature that it will require considerable outlay to repair them.

I think our city is sadly deficient in not having suitable receptacles to hold water for extinguishing fires, especially in the western and northern parts of the city. I would therefore recommend that there may be three suitable cisterns constructed at the following places, viz: —

One near the Academy, one near the residence of Dr. Hubbard, and one at the Plains. These, with the one owned by Col. Rice, would be of great service in extinguishing fires.

The fires the past year have been as follows: —

March 6, the house of John Hanson, on the plains, which was totally destroyed; loss, about $400, covered by insurance.

July 8, an alarm of fire, caused by smoke being seen rising from a house on Water street, owned by Mr. Kenney. Damage very slight.

August 15, fire was discovered in a shed attached to the house of Michael Hackett, on Water Street. The fire soon spread over the sides and top, but was very soon extinguished. A barrel, considerably charred, containing cold ashes was found in the premises.

Dec. 22, an alarm caused by the burning of a chimney on Water Street.

Feb'y. 27, 1855, between 10 and 11 o'clock, A. M., fire was seen issuing from the house of Samuel B. Gilman, on Winthrop Street, which burned the inside and roof considerably. The Torrent and Tiger were soon at work and extinguished the flames. It was supposed to have taken from a defect where the stove funnel connects with the chimney, damage about $125.00, which was covered by insurance.

GEORGE FULLER, Chief Engineer.

MARCH 9, 1855.
REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

To THE CITY COUNCIL: —

The number of criminal prosecutions during the past year, under the cognizance of the City Marshal, has been 41; for the following offences: —

For assault and battery, 9; all of whom were convicted and paid fines and costs.
For threatening life, 1; recognized for appearance at S. J. Court.
For larceny, 8; of whom 5 were sentenced to the State Reform School until they become of age, 1 was fined and paid fine and costs, and 2 recognized for their appearance at the S. J. Court.
For vagrancy, 1; committed to jail for 15 days.
For drunkenness, 15; of whom 14 were committed to jail for 30 days each, and one appealed to the S. J. Court.
For horse stealing, 1; recognized for appearance at the S. J. Court.
For disturbing a public school, 1; paid fine and costs.
For riot, one prosecution against 8 persons; 3 of whom were acquitted, and 5 recognized for their appearance at the S. J. Court.
For passing counterfeit money, 1; recognized for appearance at the S. J. Court.
Search warrants for liquor, 3; in 1 case none was found; in the other 2, small quantities were found, and afterwards condemned and destroyed.
The Marshal has collected $4 50, for fines for violation of City ordinances.
The general police of the city, it is believed, has been as orderly as usual, during the past year.
The fruitful source of crime and disorder has been, as heretofore, the shops and dens in secret, where intoxicating liquor is illegally sold; and these have not by any means been closed as yet.
The Marshal is of opinion, that the community has been less awake to the importance of enforcing the law than in former years.

SIMON JOHNSON, City Marshal.

MARCH 10, 1855.

To the City Council: —

The undersigned offers the following report: —

From the returns of Mr. Holland, Undertaker of Funerals, it appears, that the number of deaths in the City from March 6, 1854, to March 8, 1855, was forty; five of which number have been carried to other places for burial. The remains of ten persons have been brought here for burial.

Of the 40 persons deceased,—

6 were under 5 years of age.
5 between 5 and 15 years of age.
7 " 15 and 25 " "
6 " 25 and 35 " "
3 " 35 and 45 " "
2 " 45 and 55 " "
2 " 55 and 65 " "
4 " 65 and 75 " "
5 " 75 and 85 " "

Of the deaths, 11 are supposed to have been caused by consumption; fever, 8; summer complaint, 7; old age 7; drowned, 2; dropsy, 2; small pox, 1; heart disease, 1; unknown, 1.

The undersigned would also report, that at the time of his last report, the amount of burial ground funds in his hands was $31 01
He has since sold 16 Burial Ground Lots at $3, each, 48 00

The $79 01, has been paid into the City Treasury.

John Beeman, Superintendent.

March 10, 1855.
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

To the City Council:

The Superintending School Committee for the year ending March, 1855, report that the whole number of scholars in the city, as returned for the year 1854, was 1066. The whole number of different scholars attending school during the year, was 762. Of these, 568 attended during the first term, 550 the second term, and 563 the third term. 68 scholars were admitted to the Intermediate School, after examination, and 32 to the High School. Both of these schools have been attended by a larger number of scholars than in any previous year. A reference to the statistical table accompanying this report, will show the names of the teachers, the whole number of scholars attending each school, and the average number as exhibited by the school registers kept in each school. The same number of schools, and of the same grades, as in the previous year, have been in operation the past year.

The High School was under the charge of a male and female teacher. Mr. A. A. Scott was the principal teacher, during the first and second term, and Mr. George Bullen during the third. Both of these instructors were distinguished for scholarship and moral worth, and both aimed at good discipline and thorough instruction.

Miss Sawtelle, the female teacher, continued through the year. She was prompt and thorough in her classes in mathematics, and labored to have her pupils make good progress in their studies. On the whole, the High School was more successful than during the preceding year.

In the Intermediate School, Mr. Blanchard, the former efficient teacher, continued through the year. We have heretofore spoken of Mr. Blanchard’s success in that school. The past year has been fully equal to those which preceded it. The female teacher during the first and second term, Miss E. J. Marsh, gave entire satisfaction by her energy and zeal, and her lively modes of instruction. Miss Farnham, who occupied the same place during the third term, was industrious and faithful; but coming here a stranger to our school
system, her success was not equal to what it might have been under more favorable circumstances. This school now stands deservedly high in the estimation of the community.

Of the six primary schools in the village, four have suffered by not being able to keep the same teachers through the year.

In the Page School House, no less than three different teachers succeeded each other. The first term there appeared to be some deficiency in the interest, and in constancy of attendance. The second showed an improvement in this respect, but the ill health of the instructress obliged her to leave at the close of the term. During the third term, the teacher was young and inexperienced in village schools, and although she labored faithfully to do her duty by her pupils, she failed in establishing such a state of discipline as is requisite to complete success.

In the Warren School House, Mrs. Freeman continued her faithful and efficient services for the fifth successive year in the same school. Her pupils were under admirable discipline, and were well instructed. Those interested in this school, have great cause to regret that Mrs. Freeman has declined teaching the coming season. She deserves the gratitude of parents and children, for her long and valuable services.

In the Mann School House, north room, the scholars were favored with a continuation of the labors of the same teacher who has had charge of the school for several years. This school, under Miss Yeaton's supervision, is both pleasant and profitable. We trust she will continue long in charge of it.

In the south room, Miss Julia A. Nye was employed, with the hope of securing in her a permanent teacher, at least for the year. But Miss Nye was taken sick in the course of the first term, and it became necessary to employ another teacher a part of the term. Miss Nye resumed her place, and continued about 7 weeks of the second term, when she was again taken sick, and gave up the school altogether. The term was completed by Miss Rose, who gave promise of good success, but her health would not admit of her teaching the third term. The first teacher employed in the winter term voluntarily left her post at the end of three weeks, and the term was finished under charge of another young teacher. The closing examination showed as favorable results as could reasonably be expected, under such adverse
circumstances. It is to be hoped there may be less changes in this school the coming year.

The school in the Sewall School House was taught by Miss Getchell two terms, and the third by Miss Prescott. Some complaints of undue severity were made near the close of the second term; but the committee, on inquiring into the circumstances, did not find the teacher wholly in fault. Both Miss Getchell and Miss Prescott appeared to labor assiduously for the advancement of their pupils. The school appeared well at the close of the year.

The school in the Vaughan School House was taught by Miss Turner two terms, and by Miss Rose the third. At the close of the year, it appeared to be well managed, and that the scholars had made a good degree of proficiency.

At Loudon Hill, Miss Atkins, one of our best and most experienced teachers, taught the school during the first and second terms. In the opinion of the committee, we have never seen that school under better management than whilst in her charge. The habits of study were much improved; good order and a quiet attention to school duties prevailed; and there was a greater degree of accuracy and thoroughness in the recitations than heretofore in the same school. Miss Atkins deserves much credit, and so also do those pupils and parents who co-operated with her in producing these favorable results. The third term was under charge of Mr. Sawtelle, the same teacher who taught the school acceptably the preceding winter. Without detracting from the merits of Mr. Sawtelle as a teacher, we were inclined to the opinion that his success was not so marked and decided as it was the preceding winter. The classes, however, appeared well at the close of the year.

The school near the City Farm, was under charge of Miss Wilder during the spring and fall terms. The number of pupils was small, but the school was a profitable one, and was satisfactory to all concerned. There was no winter term.

The increasing numbers attending the High and Intermediate Schools, show the increased value and importance of these schools to the inhabitants of the city. They have ceased to be district schools. The whole city is interested in their success and improvement. The inquiry is becoming more and more urgent, what can be done to promote the interests and enhance the usefulness of these schools?

The principal obstacle in the way of our schools, appears
to be the difficulty of obtaining such teachers as it is desirable to employ, and of retaining them for at least a number of years. In the High School, particularly, this difficulty has been felt for some time. The compensation paid is not so high as in the neighboring cities; and this is undoubtedly one cause of the difficulty referred to. This may be obviated by a gradual increase of compensation, as the school rises in importance and in public estimation. We recommend this subject to the consideration of the next city government.

Another obstacle to which frequent reference has been made in the reports of the Committee, is the irregularity of attendance of many of the scholars. Not only are the scholars kept at home by their parents, and often for reasons which ought not to be deemed sufficient; but many are indulged in every whim and caprice, which may arise in the minds of heedless and spoiled children, leading them to crave for frequent holidays for mere purposes of idleness or amusement. In both cases, the scholars by losing important lessons and recitations, soon fall behind their classes, their interest in study flags, and the school becomes a tiresome place to them. Thus many youth with abundant capacity, fail to obtain a good education, in the midst of all the advantages afforded by their superior privileges. Should the time arrive, (and it seems to be approaching,) when the High School shall be crowded, regulations must necessarily be adopted, excluding these irregular scholars.

With regard to the Intermediate School, which is attended by so large a number of scholars, and is becoming of so much value as a means of education, the inquiry forces itself upon us, whether the rooms now occupied are to be permanently used for that school. The rooms are needed for the accommodation of the City Council and Municipal Court, and for other important public purposes. They are not in themselves suited for the use of so large a school; and at present the seats are not sufficient to supply the school, besides being quite out of repair. If to be used for any length of time, they must be repaired at considerable expense. But after all practicable repairs are made, the objection still remains, and cannot be surmounted, that the school room is nearly surrounded by a public street, where there is abundance of dust and mud, and the noise and confusion of continual passing. It appears to us, that the time must soon arrive, when the City will provide a more suitable
place and more convenient accommodations for this large and important school.

The compensation of the teachers of primary schools was increased last spring by an addition of half a dollar a week. Notwithstanding this advance of wages, the same difficulty was realized as heretofore, and even to a greater extent, in obtaining acceptable teachers who would remain through the year. Should a further advance take place in the amount of compensation, it would be well to make it in such a manner, as to increase in each school from term to term, with a view of inducing acceptable teachers to remain during the year.

Another change would in our view have much influence in securing a greater degree of permanency. Teachers should be treated with more consideration by parents. Instead of seizing upon the first rumor of erroneous management, and becoming excited without hearing the teacher's explanation, a more judicious course would be, first, to see and converse calmly and candidly with the teacher, allow due weight to his or her statements, and not condemn without sufficient cause. A teacher who comes here a stranger in the community, and has hardly had time to become acquainted with the pupils, much less the parents, connected with the school, may be pardoned for some mistakes of judgment, as to the best mode of controlling refractory pupils. It would seem wise, for all interested in the welfare and success of a school, to endeavor to aid the teacher in its government and discipline, in establishing a wholesome moral influence over the pupils and in securing as high a degree of success and usefulness as practicable. Instead of this, a course has sometimes been pursued, tending directly to the reverse.

During the past year, the outside and inside of the school house at Loudon Hill, the inside of the Vaughan school house, and the wood work outside of the Laughton school house, have been painted, besides whitewashing and other repairs. A strip of land south of the Vaughan school house, running from street to street, and three rods wide, has been purchased and added to the lot. A set of Pelton's large and valuable outline maps has been procured for the Intermediate School, and the chemical apparatus at the High School has been put in repair.

We close this report by renewing the expression of our deep conviction of the importance of a strict and careful supervision of our schools, and frequent visits to each of
them, on the part of the Superintending Committee, and by parents whenever practicable.

The increase made by the city government, in the number of the new Committee, may promote the welfare of our schools by increasing the number of those whose official duty will require them to give to them their personal attention.

No doubt errors may be corrected, and improvements suggested, which thus far have escaped the present Committee. The duty of superintending the public schools where so many youthful minds are receiving their impress and direction for life, is one of no ordinary importance. We have felt it to be so, however much we may have failed in its full discharge. May future committees be more faithful and more successful than we have been, and under their supervision may our schools rise higher in excellence, and extend their usefulness wider, than in any former period of their history.

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

Committee.

Hallowell, March, 1855.
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CITY GOVERNMENT.
1855.

MAYOR.
A. H. HOWARD.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

WARD 1. — H. K. BAKER.
"  2. — J. M. GETCHELL.
"  3. — AUGUSTINE LORD.
"  4. — JABEZ S. CURRIER.
"  5. — ISAIAH McCLENCH.

THOMAS HOVEY, CLERK.

COMMON COUNCIL.

E. K. BUTLER, PRESIDENT.

WARD 1.
E. K. BUTLER, THOMAS KIMBALL, THOMAS LEIGH.
H. F. WINGATE, MADISON TUCK.

WARD 2.
EDMUND J. SMITH, TIMOTHY MOOERS.
HENRY COOPER, JR. THOMAS LEIGH.

WARD 3.
DANIEL RUSSELL.
JOSEPH S. SMITH.

WARD 5.
WILLIAM NYE, CLERK.
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

ON ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.
Alderman Baker, and Messrs. Cooper and Tuck.

ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
Alderman Lord, and Messrs. E. J. Smith and Leigh.

ON HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDE-WALKS.
Alderman Currier, and Messrs. Wingate and Russell.

ON NEW STREETS AND DAMAGES.

ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
Alderman Getchell, and Messrs. Russell and Wingate.

ON FINANCE.
Alderman Baker, and Messrs. Tuck and Mooers.

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

ON BURIAL GROUNDS.
Alderman Getchell, and Messrs. J. S. Smith and Leigh.

ON PRINTING.
Alderman Currier, and Messrs. Kimball and Cooper.

ON ENGROSSED ORDINANCES.
Alderman McClench, and Messrs. Mooers and Butler.
## CITY OFFICERS.

### WARDOFFICERS.

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Thomas Hovey.

#### Treasurer and Collector.

Peter Atherton.

#### City Solicitor.

Henry K. Baker.

#### Assessors.

Justin E. Smith,
Jesse Aiken,
James Atkins.

#### Overseers of the Poor.

Jesse Aiken,
A. H. Howard,
Augustine Lord.

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M. C. Richardson,
John P. Skeele,
Daniel Russell,
Eliphalet Rowell.