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Mayor's Address,

AND

ANNUAL REPORTS

MADE TO THE

ITY COUNCIL OF HALLOWELL,

AT THE CLOSE OF

THE MUNICIPAL YEAR, MARCH, 1859;

WITH A

LIST OF CITY OFFICERS

FOR 1859.

HALLOWELL:
MASTERS, SMITH & CO., PRINTERS.
1859.
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL: —

Called unexpectedly to occupy the position of Mayor of his city, by the expressed wish of my fellow-citizens at the annual municipal election, I feel that the nature of the business in which I have been engaged for years has not been such as to qualify me, in the degree desirable, for a proper discharge of the duties of the position. I will, however, endeavor to discharge those duties faithfully, impartially, and to the best of my ability. And, through you, I hereby tender to the citizens of Hallowell my sincere thanks for the confidence they have reposed in me, and express the hope that our municipal affairs may be so managed as to result in the mutual satisfaction of all concerned in the government, as well as the citizens at large.

It is not expected that I should make specific recommendations in relation to the management of our municipal affairs. All, every thing calculated to increase the business and promote the welfare of this city shall receive my hearty cooperation. I would, however, call your attention to the importance of exercising strict economy in all branches of expenditure. It is desirable that our taxes should be as low as consistent with proper appropriations. This will conduce the satisfaction of those citizens who pay the heaviest taxes, and at the same time have an influence in calling from other localities wealthy individuals to reside among us. It may be well, in making our appropriations for the coming year, to scrutinize closely as to whether any saving may be made.

We have suffered, in common with other communities, the financial and business depression of three years past. It is satisfaction to know that whatever change may next ensue must be for the better. Our citizens should feel that we have
a common interest, and that, in all our efforts to bring about an improved state of things in business affairs, we should have an eye to the good of the whole, and make such arrange­ments, in relation to the disbursement of our capital and af­fording employment to others, that our own community may reap the advantage.

I am happy to learn that the city expenditures, during the past year, were kept within the appropriations. This is the true policy, and should, if possible, be adhered to. The past winter has been severe, and the poor have, doubtless, suffered in some cases where their wants were not made known. But, on the whole, there has probably been as little suffering from poverty as in any other community. We should make it a point to provide liberally for the unfortunate, and never per­mit a suffering family in an inclement season to endure the pangs of hunger and cold unrelieved.

Our schools have, on the whole, been managed in such a manner as to give general satisfaction, and without detriment to their former high character.

A well managed and efficient fire department is of great value in any community. We are fortunate in the possession of superior engines, and have been highly favored in the in­terest taken by many of our citizens in giving vigor to the department. I trust this interest will continue.

It is a cause of congratulation, that we, as a community, are in the possession of so many rich blessings: a good degree of moral, social and religious elevation; good order, and rich advantages in location; home comforts, and general good health of our population. For all these mercies we are in­debted to a bountiful Providence, and to Him our humble thanks should be rendered.

March, 1859.

H. COOPER, Jr.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

The following appropriations were made by the City Council in 1858, to be raised by tax:

- For payment to the Town of Chelsea, $425.00
- Interest on City Debt, 200.00
- Support of Schools, 2250.00
- Repairs of Highways, Sidewalks, &c., 800.00
- Support of the Poor, 1700.00
- Fire Department, 100.00
- Engine Men, 100.00
- City Watch, 125.00
- Salaries, 500.00
- Miscellaneous Expenses, 300.00
- Discount on Taxes, 950.00

Total Appropriations: 7450.00

In addition:
- State Tax, 1769.66
- County Tax, 1510.81
- Overlayings, 523.49
- Supplemental Tax, 116.28

Total: 11370.24

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

PAYMENT TO CHELSEA.

Appropriation by tax, $425.00
" by loan, 425.00

Total: 850.00

Paid in August, 1858, 850.00

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### Interest on City Debt

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<td>$200.00</td>
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<td>Less amount transferred to Highway appropriation,</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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<td><strong>170.00</strong></td>
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<td>Interest paid to Feb. 10, 1859,</td>
<td>167.00</td>
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### Engine Men

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<td>Appropriation by tax,</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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<td>Paid Tiger and Torrent Companies, May, 1858,</td>
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### Support of Schools

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<td>Appropriation by tax,</td>
<td>2250.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>State School Fund,</td>
<td>341.43</td>
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<tr>
<td>Town of Farmingdale, for 20 scholars,</td>
<td>50.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance of former appropriations,</td>
<td>153.52</td>
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<td><strong>2794.95</strong></td>
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Expenditures for the Support of Schools for the year ending March, 1859, 
Balance carried to next year's account, 

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### City Watch

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<td>Appropriation by tax,</td>
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<td>Balance of former appropriation,</td>
<td>32.75</td>
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<td><strong>157.75</strong></td>
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Paid Watchmen to April, 1858, 
" " from Dec. 1, 1858, to March 1, 1859, 
" for wood and moving watch-house, 

Balance carried to next year's account,
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation by tax, 800 00
Transferred from appropriation for interest on debt, 30 00
830 00
Expenditures as per Commissioner's account settled, 822 74

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Appropriation by tax, 1700 00
Receipts from City Hall and basement, appropriated, 40 00
Transferred from appropriation for miscellaneous expenses, 75 00
1815 00
Expenditures as per Overseers' account, deducting amount received from other towns, 1808 56

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation by tax, 100 00
Irid for care of water casks in river, 1857–8, 15 00
are of Engines, repairs, &c., 68 49
83 49

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Appropriation by tax, 950 00
Transferred from appropriation for salaries, 13 08
963 08
Actual discount, 963 08

SALARIES.

Appropriation by tax, 500 00
Amount transferred to appropriation for discount, 13 08
486 92
### Salary of Committee on Finance

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<td>Mayor</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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<td>Overseers of the Poor</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td>City Clerk</td>
<td>50.00</td>
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<td>Clerk of the Common Council</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>City Marshal</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commissions of Collector and Treasurer</td>
<td>104.61</td>
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<td>Compensation of Assessors</td>
<td>86.25</td>
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<td>City Solicitor</td>
<td>15.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>480.86</td>
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### Miscellaneous

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<td>Appropriation by tax</td>
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<td>Less amount transferred to appropriation for Poor</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>225.00</td>
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<td>Use and ringing of bell</td>
<td>40.00</td>
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<td>Care of City Rooms and Clock</td>
<td>20.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Printing Annual Reports and City Ordinances</td>
<td>38.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Advertising, Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>28.18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taxes on wood lot in Manchester</td>
<td>5.10</td>
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<td>Repairs to City Hall, and gas fixtures for city rooms</td>
<td>34.40</td>
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<td>Repairs to Hearse</td>
<td>18.54</td>
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<td>Costs in action Hovey v. Mayo</td>
<td>32.86</td>
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<tr>
<td>B. Wales, surveying Water Street</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Postage and stationery for City Clerk</td>
<td>1.04</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>220.62</td>
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### City Agency

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<td>Proceeds of sales appropriated</td>
<td>991.52</td>
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<td>Expenditures for purchase of liquors</td>
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### Recapitulation

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<td>Total appropriations</td>
<td>9484.22</td>
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<td>Total expenditures</td>
<td>9172.54</td>
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<td>Amount carried to next year's account</td>
<td>262.79</td>
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<td><strong>Balance of appropriations unexpended, and not carried forward</strong></td>
<td>48.99</td>
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

PRESENT LIABILITIES.

Loan payable in 1861, 850 00
“ “ 1862, 850 00
“ “ 1863, 850 00
“ “ 1864, 425 00
Interest on loans to March 10, 1859, 14 87
Balance of appropriation for Schools, 231 83
“ “ City Watch, 30 87
“ “ Burial Ground, 90 90
“ State tax for 1858, unpaid, 569 66
Accounts and claims estimated at 50 00

3963 13

PRESENT RESOURCES.

Cash in the City Treasury, 322 41
Collected taxes for 1854, 24 50
“ “ 1855, 21 75
“ “ 1856, 100 72
“ “ 1857, 491 71
“ “ 1858, 725 66

1364 34

Further abatements, estimated at 300 00

1064 34

From other towns for supplies to their poor, 100 00
Estimated collectable

1486 75

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Ounce against the city, March, 1859, 2527 28
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1858, 1435 85

1091 43

The foregoing statement shows that the expenditures of year past have not exceeded the appropriations, but leave a small balance in favor of the treasury. The balance at the city is, however, largely increased. This results from two causes. The abatements of taxes, especially for
the years 1856 and 1857, have exceeded the estimate by about $700. The remainder of the increased balance arises from a loan of $425, negotiated during the year, to pay one half of the Chelsea claim for 1858.

The Mayor's account with the several appropriations is properly kept, and vouchers are exhibited for all warrants drawn.

The payments made by the Treasurer are also properly vouched. An abstract of his account, and a schedule of city property, are appended to this report.

H. K. BAKER, Committee
E. ROWELL, on Finance.

**SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.**

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<th>City Hall and Lot.</th>
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<td>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.</td>
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<tr>
<td>One Hearse, in good repair. One Hearse, out of repair.</td>
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<tr>
<td>City Farm, about 75 acres, with House, Barn, House for the Insane, and other buildings thereon.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wood Lot, about 20 acres, purchased with the Farm.</td>
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<tr>
<td>New Wood Lot, about 25 acres, purchased in 1854.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Farming utensils and household furniture, as per schedule accompanying the report of the Overseers of the Poor.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Highway tools, as per Street Commissioner's schedule.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Powder House.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Burial Ground, about 6 acres.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chairs, Tables, Desks and Settees in Council and Court Rooms. Sundry volumes of Laws and Law Reports, and other books. Sundry Maps.</td>
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ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

For cash in the Treasury, March, 1858, $706 53
Uncollected taxes for 1854, 108 78
   "  " 1855, 119 19
   "  " 1856, 882 41
   "  " 1857, 1826 82
Taxes assessed and committed for 1858, 11253 96
Supplemental tax, 116 28
Cash of State Treasurer for Schools, 341 43
Cash of town of Farmingdale for Schools, 50 00
Rent of City Hall and basement, 37 00
Cash received on city loan, 425 00
Cash received of City Agent for sale of liquors, 991 52

$16858 92

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Paid Mayor's warrants, 8209 45
State tax for 1857, 1769 66
County tax for 1858, 1510 81
State tax for 1858, in part, 1200 00
Discount on taxes paid at 10 per cent., 955 90
   "  " 5 per cent., 7 18
Abatements on taxes for 1854, 50 37
   "  " 1855, 43 50
   "  " 1856, 630 52
   "  " 1857, 468 04
   "  " 1858, 326 74
Uncollected taxes for 1854, March, 1859, 24 50
   "  " 1855, 21 75
   "  " 1856, 100 72
   "  " 1857, 491 71
   "  " 1858, 725 66
Cash in the Treasury, March 5, 1859, 322 41

$16858 92

PETER ATHERTON, Treasurer and Collector.
March, 1859.
REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the City Council of Hallowell.

The Overseers of the Poor submit their account of receipt and expenditures for the year ending Feb. 28, 1859.

RECEIPTS.

From other cities and towns for support of their poor, 252 79
Sales of Produce from farm, 86 83
City Treasurer, on Mayor's warrants, 1808 56

$2148 18

EXPENDITURES.

For supplies to the City Alms House establishment, including labor, repairs, and all charges connected with the farm, 730 14
Compensation of Mr. Faunce, superintendent, 240 00
Support of city poor, not residing at the farm, 722 75
Support of boys at the State Reform School, 76 00
Compensation of City Physicians, 35 00
Incidental expenses, 16 50
Support of poor chargeable to other cities and towns, 327 79

$2148 18
List of persons supported at the city farm during the year ending March 1, 1859.

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<th>Days</th>
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<td>James Matthews</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Partially insane, earns his living.</td>
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<td>John Wyman</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; nearly.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Benjamin Wight</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Aged and infirm.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Henry Williams</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Sick and confined.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Levi Morgan</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Sick, not able to work.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Knowles</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Invalid boy.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Henry C. Wirt</td>
<td>143</td>
<td>Partially blind, not able to work.</td>
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<td>Orrin Frances</td>
<td>340</td>
<td>Infirm, not able to work much.</td>
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<td>Billy Pray</td>
<td>286</td>
<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Benjamin Haslet</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Charles Norcross</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jonathan Trask</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>A cripple, not able to work.</td>
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<td>Joseph Robinson</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>A boy.</td>
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<td>Edwin Robinson</td>
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<td>Sally Trask</td>
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<td>Earns her living.</td>
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<td>Nancy Porter</td>
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<td>Partially insane.</td>
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<td>Mary Hovey</td>
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<td>Infirm.</td>
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<td>Sally Wilson</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cordelia Smith</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>Insane, confined.</td>
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<td>Sally Williams</td>
<td>250</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sally Burgess</td>
<td>315</td>
<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Widow Jas. Thing</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>Now deceased.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Robinson</td>
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<td>Sick.</td>
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<td>Mary E. Robinson</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>Child.</td>
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<td>Alvina Robinson</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
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<td>Elizabeth Beckson and child</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
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<td>milies and individuals assisted, not residing on the farm when helped, and amount of assistance to each.</td>
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<td>s. James Thing, now deceased, 116 51</td>
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<td>children of Mrs. Thing, 19 25 135 76</td>
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<td>Jos Forrest, 52 25</td>
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<td>Dow Hovey and daughter, 51 99</td>
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|                   |      | ________
|                   |      | 240 00 |
Amount brought up, 240.00
Wm. O. Handy, and family, 42.25
Mrs. Robinson, and five children, 34.10
Mrs. Chase Avery, 34.00
George Mitchell, now deceased, 33.33
Mercy Howe and child, 33.00
Fanny Hodges, 32.62
Jonathan Trask, 28.00
W. Partridge, and family, 27.00
Jane Fowle, 26.00
Samuel Ward, 26.00
Abigail Fitch, 25.11
Frederick Huntoon, 21.50
Mrs. Peter Doyle’s family, 18.46
Benjamin Bubier’s family, 15.61
William Morgan, 8.61
Mrs. Wm. Boynton and child, 7.00
John Jones, 7.00
Tilly Pray, 6.75
Daniel Barter, 5.48
Charles Boynton, 3.50
Stephen White, 3.00
Abigail Trask, 3.00
H. C. Wirt, 2.75
Martin Wise, 2.22
James R. Locke, 2.00
Riley Avery, 2.00
Mrs. John Morgan, 2.00
Lucy Avery, 2.00
L. Nicholson, 1.75
Mr. Hill, 1.25; Mr. Hussey, 1.00, 2.22
Strangers and aliens, 24.13

Schedule of Tools and Furniture at City Farm, 1850.

Tools.—2 pair Iron bound Wheels — 1 Manure Cart
      2 Hay Racks — 2 pairs Drafts — 2 Axles — 2 Cast Iron
      Ploughs — 4 Chains — 3 Shovels — 1 Spade — 4 Mow
      Forks — 1 Crow Bar — 4 Hand Rakes — 1 Horse Rake
      Scythes and Snaths — 1 Wood Sled — 3 Ox yokes with stay.
REPORT OF OVERSEEERS OF POOR.

and rings — 3 Hay Forks — 1 Single Horse Wagon — 1 Sleigh and Harness — 5 Hoes — 1 Cultivator — 4 Axes — 1 Iron Square — 3 Augers — 1 Chisel — 1 Handsaw — 2 Hoes — 1 Drag — 2 pairs Trace Chains — Tackle and Fall — Grindstone — 1 Hay and Straw Cutter.


JESSE AIKEN, Chairman.

March, 1859.

Evaluation of Stock, Produce, &c., at the City Farm, taken February 18, 1859.

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<td>Oxen</td>
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<td>Cows</td>
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<td>20 years old Heifer</td>
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<td>Boats, (two supposed to be with pigs,)</td>
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<td>Ons of Hay</td>
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<td>Ons of Straw</td>
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REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

NOTE.—Mr. Faunce says there is on the farm, 25 cords of manure, 6 acres of new ground broken up, 5 acres of land not ploughed last fall. 10 rods of heavy stone wall was built on the farm last season.

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

H. F. WINGATE, SYLVANUS LAUGHTON, Committee.

REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

To the City Council:—

The undersigned would respectfully report, that the appropriations for the repairs of highways, bridges and sidewalks, for the past year, have been, $830.00.

The expenditures have been:

For labor in repairing highways, culverts and sidewalks, (including services of Commissioner, 145 days,) $611.29

For materials, mostly for sidewalks, 69.18

Bills, approved by former Commissioner, 23.25

New scraper, $17, repairs to tools, $3,93, 20.93

For labor in breaking out roads, (including Commissioner's services, 11 days,) 119.09


The expenditures for labor on highways were made:—

In March, 1858, $22.39

April, 36.28

May, 114.25

June, 179.40

July, 80.87

August, 56.55

September, 53.50

October, 33.40

November, 34.65

611.29
Extensive repairs to sidewalks have been made in all sections of the city, and, probably, 40 rods relaid with new plank.

I have taken extra pains, by improving the ditches and culverts, to turn and carry off the water, and thus to keep the roads in good order. The roads, at the close of autumn, were in good condition. I think the plank sidewalks will need great watchfulness and, probably, extensive repairs the coming year.

The sum of nine hundred dollars should be appropriated for this department, for 1849, on the presumption that the large body of snow upon the ground will cause more than the usual damage by the washing of the roads.

Schedule of Tools.

3 Scrapers, 2 Ploughs, 2 Picks, 1 Pail, 1 Drilling Hammer, Drills and Wedges.
A small lot of cedar and new plank.

THOMAS FREEMAN, Street Commissioner.
March 5, 1859.


City of Hallowell to John Beeman, Superintendant, Dr.
1858, May 25, To paid for labor,$35
1859, March 5, Cash on hand, to credit of city in new account, 30 02
30 37
1858, March 1, By balance of former acc’t, 27 37
1859, March 5, Received for one burying lot during past year, 3 00
30 37
There are six (or more) lots taken, not yet paid for.
March 5, 1859. JOHN BEEMAN.
The number of deaths in the city of Hallowell, from March 1, 1858 to March 1, 1859, was 38; males 15, females 23; eight of which number were carried to other places for burial, and the remains of twelve persons have been brought here for burial.

Of the persons deceased —

9 were under 5 years of age.
3 between 5 and 15 years of age.
2 " 15 and 25 " " "
4 " 25 and 35 " " "
4 " 35 and 45 " " "
6 " 45 and 55 " " "
3 " 55 and 65 " " "
2 " 65 and 75 " " "
3 " 75 and 85 " " "
2 " 85 and 95 " " 

*Diseases. — Consumption, 14; Fever, 2; Summer Complaint, 3; Old Age, 5; Heart Disease, 2; Fits, 2; Dropsy, 3; Measles, 3; Palsy, 1; Spinal Disease, 1; Drowned, 1; Accidental, 1.

JAMES L. HOLLAND, Undertaker.

March, 1859.

REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

To the City Council.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that the whole number of arrests during the year past has been only twelve, as follows, viz.:

For Stealing, 5; Drunkenness, 4; Assault, 1; Threatening Life, 2.

SIMON JOHNSON, City Marshal.

March, 1859.
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the City Council.

The Superintending School Committee submit their annual report for the year ending March, 1859.

The number of scholars registered in the city schools, during the first term, was 475; second term, 463; third term, 467. The number admitted to the High School, on examination, was 29; to the Grammar School, 32; to the Intermediate School, 34. The number who received certificates on completing Colburn’s First Lessons, was 32. The whole attendance at most of the schools through the year, has been about the same as in the last part of the previous year. The average attendance was somewhat less than the year preceding, owing to the prevalence of measles through the city during the fall term, and the unusual number of drifting snow storms the winter.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. G. C. Wilson continued in charge of the High School throughout the year. Mr. W. labored assiduously to promote advancement of his pupils. His mode of government was mild, but not without a good degree of efficiency. His scholars owe him a debt of gratitude for his faithful exertions for their good. His efforts were crowned with much success. The progress made in the studies pursued has been satisfactory. At the closing examination, many parents and others attended, and the school appeared well. The conditions read, and the declamations of a number of the boys, were very creditable. Some of the scholars made a present to their teacher of a very handsome book, as a testimonial of their appreciation of his services.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school has enjoyed the supervision of Mr. J. B. Peckett for the second year. Mr. B. has maintained the high station he had acquired at the close of his first year, as an efficient and thorough instructor. Under his charge, the
REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

scholars who fail to study their lessons, or to make progress in knowledge, are rare exceptions. He succeeds in inspiring his pupils with an interest and energy that leads to certain and rapid improvement. This school has been equally distinguished for good order and thorough instruction. Owing to sudden and severe illness with which Mr. B. was attacked a few days before the time fixed for the close of the school, the friends and parents of the scholars were disappointed of the privilege of assembling together to witness the usual annual examination. A few of the scholars, however, without much concert, united in making their teacher a present of a valuable book.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss Nye, the former teacher of this school, having resigned her post at the end of the first term, the committee succeeded in securing the services of Miss E. J. Marsh, previously well known in this city as a successful instructor. During a few weeks of the second term, Mr. H. K. Hawes took charge of the school until Miss M. had fulfilled a prior engagement. Miss Marsh commenced her labors in October, and continued until the close of the year. The previous changes of teachers had operated to retard the progress made in this school. But under the superintendence of Miss Marsh, a new zeal was awakened amongst the scholars, and rapid advancement and efficient discipline characterized the school. Miss M. infuses life and animation into her scholars, and has the power of accomplishing more in the same time, and causing her pupils to accomplish more, than is often witnessed in school. The examination at the close of the year, although the day was very stormy, was attended by many parents and others, who could not but be gratified with the exercises of the day.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

PAGE SCHOOL HOUSE.

This was Miss Tuck’s second year in this school, and an improvement on the preceding year. Miss T. was faithful and unwearied in her exertions; and if her success had not been all that could be desired, she should have the credit which she deserves. At the closing examination, there were some interesting recitations, particularly in geography.
WARREN SCHOOL HOUSE.
Mrs. C. A. Freeman has devoted another year of her faithful and efficient labors to the welfare of the pupils of this school. When we say, that she has been not less successful than heretofore, we have given her no mean praise. The oral atmosphere of this school is always healthful and inspiring. The closing examination was attended by many rents and others, and was highly satisfactory.

MANN SCHOOL HOUSE, NORTH ROOM.
In this school, where Miss Yeaton has so long and so well resided, she continued in charge during the past year, except a part of the second term, when, in consequence of illness, another teacher took her place for a few weeks. Though in feeble health, Miss Y. resumed her labors in the latter term, and at the close of the year, the results were as satisfactory as usual. Few teachers conduct a school more pleasantly, and, at the same time, successfully, than Miss Yeaton.

SOUTH ROOM.
Miss Pillsbury had the charge of this school through the year, and made it a very profitable school for her pupils. Her faithful labors were appreciated by the parents as well as by the committee. It is hoped she may continue her acceptable services in the same school.

VAUGHAN SCHOOL HOUSE.
This school was placed in the care of Miss Wales at the commencement of the year. Without having the advantage of previous experience, Miss W. exerted herself with much ability and perseverance to do justice to her pupils. The school was in some respects a difficult one, and had not been well managed the previous year. Under such circumstances, results were as favorable as could reasonably be anticipated.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.
LOUDON HILL.
Miss Russell was employed in this school through the year. She labored very faithfully. There was much better order in school than in the preceding year. There seemed, however, to be some lack of interest and animation.
REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

LAUGHTON SCHOOL HOUSE.

This school was quite small. Miss Moulton had charge of it two terms, and at our visits appeared to manage well.

In the winter, at the urgent request of the inhabitants, a third term was taught by Miss Rogers in a room in the Cider House on the Vaughan road. Most of those attending were advanced scholars; there was much of life and interest in the school; and a good degree of progress and improvement was made.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Appropriation by tax, 1858, $2250 00
Received from State Treasurer, 341 43
" " town of Farmingdale, 50 00
Balance of former appropriations, 153 52

Paid for Tuition, 2044 09
Fuel, 200 55
Painting Brick, Warren and Page school houses, 107 45
Other repairs, 35 97
Care of school rooms, fires, &c., 26 44
Books for indigent scholars, 12 79
Brooms, chalk, chemicals, &c., 19 75
Cleansing rooms, funnels, &c., 12 03
Printing and advertising, 13 50
Insurance, 6 60
Sundry small bills, 11 65
Services of Committee, 61 50
" Agent, 25 00

2577 32

Less cash received for rent of school room, 6 00
Less cash received for wood sold, 6 00
" " " books paid for, 2 20

14 20

2563 12

Balance unexpended, 231 83

2794 95
The discipline and instruction of schools, is, from necessity, in our community, mostly intrusted to persons who engage in it but for a brief period, preparatory to some other occupation. The compensation of teachers, with few exceptions, is not sufficient to induce them to make it a business for life. It is true, that the years usually spent in this manner, are those when the mind is full of vigor and enthusiasm, and before it becomes wearied with the sameness of the daily routine of labor, common to almost every occupation. But on the other hand, the knowledge of human nature, and the skill to manage other minds, is of slow growth, and can only be perfected by time and experience. It is not surprising, then, that the young teacher has much to learn, and sometimes fails of pursuing the course best adapted to secure complete success.

In view of these facts, and of the imperfections and deficiencies incident to human nature, instructors of youth certainly ought to be treated with a reasonable degree of consideration, instead of being hastily condemned for any supposed error of judgment, and perhaps, without waiting to ascertain the facts in the case. We are free to say that in our experience we have not found teachers perfect; but if we would dismiss every one who falls into errors or mistakes, seldom would the best teacher remain in a school a year, or perhaps a single term. Such a course would be disastrous, it would soon destroy all the usefulness of our schools. It is for the benefit of the scholar, even more than of the teacher, that rightful authority and discipline should be maintained, even though at times injudiciously exercised.

The absurd notion that a teacher has no right to administer corporal punishment to a pupil, so far as necessary to maintain due subordination in school, is as contrary to the established principles of law, as it is to sound common sense. A teacher, while acting within his sphere, stands in the relation, in law, as the parent in his sphere. Our highest courts have repeatedly recognized this principle. They again and again decided that the teacher may use such physical force as may be necessary to secure obedience is reasonable requirements. Every institution must have itself the power of self preservation. Prohibit physical punishment entirely, and the school is at the mercy of the disorderly pupil who chooses to disturb its peace. If a student had no legal right to enforce the obedience of a re-
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1859.

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Messrs. Sanborn and
E. Blake.

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Messrs. Johnson and
Edwards.

ON HIGHWAYS.
Alderman Wall, and
Messrs. Wingate and
F. Clark.

ON CITY PROPERTY.
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Messrs. Page and
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FREDERIC CLARK.

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CHARLES A. PAGE, Second Engineer.
BROWN MOREY, Third Engineer.
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ARIO WALL,
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Assistant
Engineers.

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SIMON JOHNSON.

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#### Surveyors of Lumber


#### Measurers of Wood and Bark


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