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Ordered, The Board of Aldermen concurring, that the Committee on Printing be and are hereby directed to contract for the printing of four hundred copies of the reports of the several Committees of 1878-9, together with the amount expended under each appropriation, to whom paid and for what purpose; likewise the Mayor's Address and all officers elected or appointed for the present municipal year; also such other useful matter as the City Council may direct, or in their judgment the Committee may deem advisable, this last matter not to exceed twenty pages. Also, that the Committee are instructed to receive proposals for printing the same, with the right to reject any or all bids therefor.

Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Attest: 

ENOCH DAVIES, Clerk.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: 

CHAS. A. DAVIS, City Clerk.

A true copy.

Attest: 

CHAS. A. DAVIS, City Clerk.
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

Upon us devolves the duty of controlling and directing for the coming year the varied municipal interests which the people have committed to our charge, and which we now, in our respective positions, have assumed; and may we as public servants, having a just appreciation of the many obligations resting upon us, and fully understanding the need of careful economical and successful government, enter upon our duties with the determination of faithfully keeping alike in view the imperative demand for the most rigid economy, and the need of properly providing for the wants of the various departments which so essentially conduce to the welfare of the city.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer informs me that the net city debt amounts to $158,042.73, a decrease for the year of $6,444.86. Of this amount $1,000 becomes due Jan. 1, and $1,000 March 1, 1880. In addition to the ordinary expenditures, the city will be called upon again to contribute toward the payment of interest on the bonds issued in aid of the Knox & Lincoln Railroad, the sum of $31,536.34. There will also be required the present year for payment of interest on the city debt about $12,000. With all our industries still suffering from the long continued business depression, the annual addition to the general expenses of the city of these large amounts for interest at once shows the necessity of your keeping constantly in mind the need of exercising caution in providing for the varied money wants of the city.

The real and personal valuation of the city as taken April, 1878, was $3,567,231.00. Rate of taxation for 1878, 3 1-10 per cent.

KNOX AND LINCOLN RAILROAD.

Besides paying the original subscription of $100,000.00 toward the construction of the Knox & Lincoln Railroad, the city
has, during the past six years, been called upon to pay on account of interest on the bonds also issued in aid of the construction of this road the sum of $148,221.75. This amount has been paid as follows, namely:

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The bonds issued by the city in aid of this road amount to $755,300.00. These bonds were issued at different dates, as follows:

1869, July 1—$400,000.00, payable, one-twentieth part July 1, 1880, and the same amount each year to July 1, 1899, inclusive.
1871, March 1—$150,000.00, payable in twenty years from their date, or March 1, 1891.
1872, Feb. 1—$205,300.00, payable in thirty years from their date, or Feb. 1, 1902.

From the report of the Directors I learn that the gross earnings of the road for the year ending Dec. 31, 1878, were $109,124.93, the expenses $61,564.93, and the net earnings $17,560.00. The decrease in the gross earnings as compared with the year 1877 was $8,946.37, the decrease in operating expenses, $7,563.28, and the decrease in net earnings, $1,383.09.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES.

In our schools the average standard of excellence has the past year been well maintained. The shortness of the school year just closed, numbering only thirty weeks for all except the High and principal Grammar Schools, being two weeks less than the previous year, has rendered the duties of the teachers more laborious, and required on the part of the scholars increased application to successfully qualify them for advancement the present year to higher grades of study. The amount appropriated last year for this department was insufficient to meet the wants of the schools and leave any margin with which needed repairs to some of the buildings and grounds could be made. The city has, during the present year, extended Pur-
chase Street through to Holmes Street, so that the Purchase Street house is now convenient of access from any portion of the southern part of the city. The interests of our schools cannot be too carefully guarded, and in providing for their wants the coming year, see well to it that they do not suffer at your hands.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

As regards our streets, we are all well aware that they are not in a satisfactory condition. They annually require the expenditure of a large sum of money to keep them fairly passable. For their permanent improvement many recommendations have heretofore been made, almost any of which would, if carried out, result in substantial and lasting good. Situated, however, as we are at the present time, I offer no suggestions and make no recommendations that would require for this department the appropriation of a single dollar beyond what may be needed to keep our streets and sidewalks in a safe condition for public travel.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The proper maintenance of our Fire Department has required an annual expenditure of many thousands of dollars, and while in the past the city has promptly and liberally acceded to all necessary demands coming from this department, yet at this time would it not be well to consider whether a saving cannot here be made that will, without impairing the efficiency of the department, contribute to a further reduction of expenses. I would suggest to the members of the different companies comprising this department that they serve the city the present year without pay. I hope early to see the Committee on Fire Department instructed to confer with the members of the department relative to this matter. To obviate in part the difficulty we have of obtaining a sufficient water supply for fire purposes, it is for you to determine whether another reservoir should this year be built.

PAUPERS.

In making the appropriation for this department I trust you will be actuated by no spirit of selfishness. The dependent condition of the city poor makes obligatory upon you the duty of cheerfully providing an amount sufficient to fully meet their
many wants. The expenditures of this department the past year have been economically managed, as the report of the Overseers of the Poor will show.

POLICE.

The police force consists of a Marshal, Deputy Marshal and two patrolmen. For the protection of property and the enforcement of law and order I think there should be no reduction made in the present number of the force.

Having thus briefly presented to your notice such facts and suggestions as I have deemed proper, I respectfully refer you for full information relative to the different departments to the reports soon to be presented for your examination and approval.

WARD SEVEN.

The manifest injustice to the other six wards of the city of having this ward set off into a town, is only too apparent. Through this ward run the inexhaustible lime-rock quarries that have so largely contributed to our prosperity in the past, and on which we so much rely as contributors to our future growth. And with the city burdened with a large railroad liability, the incurring of which the residents of this ward cheerfully sanctioned by their votes, any attempt on their part to now take from us these fruitful sources of our city’s wealth strikes a direct blow at the credit of the city and should be resisted to the utmost. If, as the residents of this ward claim, there be expenses that they pay an unjust proportion of, let them look to the City Council for redress. It is prejudicial to the good name and interests of the city to foster sectional antagonisms. If the residents of the six wards can be made to see that those of the seventh are unjustly treated, I have no doubt they would be willing to accord to them any reasonable concession that would put an end to further discord. I would recommend that steps be taken to ascertain to what extent the residents of this ward think they are unjustly taxed.

In conclusion, gentlemen, let us in the discharge of the many duties required of us endeavor to act aright, and may our record constantly show us to be faithful guardians of the people’s trusts.

JOHN LOVEJOY.
CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

ROCKLAND, March 10, 1879.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

I have the honor to present herewith my account as City Treasurer, for the financial year ending at this date.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury March 9, 1878, $27,975 04

Received for five per ct. bonds sold, $37,000 00

" " four per ct. bonds sold, 20,000 00 57,000 00

" " certificates of deposit, due on call at 3.65 per cent. interest, 13,383 38

" on account of Taxes of 1878'and previous years, abatement and discounts, 113,384 11

" for Interest on Taxes during the year, 840 86

" from Liquor Agency, 4,186 71

" of Street Commissioner, 28 12

" of City Marshal, 50 00

" of City Auditor, 25 00

" of Overseers of the Poor, 1,437 08

" of Mayor, on account C. B. Fuller matter, 25 00

" of Judge Police Court, 301 82

" of State Treasurer, school fund, 1,193 12

" of State Treasurer, mill tax, 2,241 94

" of State Treasurer, Free High School fund, 500 00

" of State Treasurer, State pensions, 180 00

" for copy Eaton's History, 3 00

" for Sewer Tax, J. H. Pease, 30 00

" for redemption of property sold for taxes, 493 24

" for Licenses, circuses and evening shows, 206 00

" Auctioneer's license, G. W. Kimball, Jr., 2 00

" of School Agent, 82 55

" for Cemetery Lots, 10 00

Total receipts, $223,528 97

EXPENDITURES.

Paid City Bonds, $46,650 00

" Certificates of Deposit, 18,783 00 $65,433 00

" Interest on City Debt, 14,204 04

" State Tax for 1878, 13,697 31
Paid County Tax for 1878, 5,206 67
" Assessor's Warrants, 812 31
" Mayor's Warrants:
  School Fund, $14,875 03
  Highway Fund, 5,206 67
  Salary Fund, 3,716 41
  Poor Department, 8,044 68
  Fire Department, 4,641 32
  Police Department, 1,712 08
  New Fire Steamer, 3,377 80
  Interest K. & L. R. R. Co., 31,586 54
  Cemetery Fund, 25 52
  Contingent Fund, 10,931 58 84,067 63

" State Pensions:
To Henry Corson, 36 00
" Susan C. Ewell, 24 00
" Deborah Stevens, 36 00
" Ruth A. W. Heath, 24 00
" Martha J. Murray, 24 00
" Sarah J. Connor, 36 00 180 00

" Discount on Taxes, 7,194 77
" Abatements by Assessors, 4,539 34
" Balance, cash on hand, 28,193 90

Total expenditures, $223,528 97

LEANDER WEEKS, City Treasurer.

LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

LIABILITIES.
Mayor's Orders, uncalled for, $2,728 61
Certificates of deposit & bonds, payable, 222,431 21
Unexpended balance School Fund, 308 72
Total liabilities, 225,468 54

RESOURCES.
Uncollected Taxes, collectable, $32,000 00
Due on property sold for taxes, 4,731 91
Due from State, other towns and individuals, 2,500 00
Cash on hand, per report, 28,193 90

Total resources, 67,425 81
Balance, 158,042 73 225,468 54

Net amount City Debt, March 9, 1878, $164,487 59
Net am'nt City Debt, March 10, 1879, 158,042 73
Decrease during the year, $6,444 86
MAYOR'S ORDERS.
 Orders outstanding March 9, 1878, $2,944 18
 Orders drawn during the year, 83,852 06
 Orders paid during the year, $84,067 63
 Unpaid orders, March 10, 1879, 2,728 61

 $86,796 24

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES.
 Bonds issued in aid of K. & L. R. R., dated July 1, 1869, payable $20,000 per year, from July 1, 1880 to July 1, 1899, inclusive, 400,000 00
 Second issue of bonds in aid of same, dated March 1, 1871, payable in twenty years from date, or March 1, 1891, 150,000 00
 Bonds of the third issue, dated Feb. 1, 1872, all payable in thirty years from date, or Feb. 1, 1902, 255,300 00

 Total, $755,300 00

KNOX & LINCOLN R. R. BONDS PAYABLE.

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$535,300 00

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$66,226 74

$81,995 01

$148,221 75
### CONDITION OF THE FUNDED DEBT.

The Funded Debt of the City, in four, five and six per cent.

**Bonds, is $194,650 00**

Maturing as follows:

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$20,000 148,650 $26,000 $194,650 00

### CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

Outstanding March 9th, 1878, $23,480 83

Issued during the year, at 3.65 perct., 13,383 38

Paid during the year, $18,783 00

Outstanding March 10, 1879, 18,081 21

Bonds payable, not due, $194,650 00

Bonds overdue, not called for, 9,700 00

Certificates of deposit, payable, 18,081 21

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**$36,864 21**

**$36,864 21**

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**$222,431 21**

### LEANDER WEEKS, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF ROCKLAND.

To amount uncollected March, 1878, $33,088 01

" " committed, including over­
lays, supplement taxes, State and County taxes, $117,827 76

By amt collected during the year, $102,858 62

" " discount allowed, 7,194 77

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**$150,915 77**
By amount abated during the year, 4,262 35
" " uncollected March 10, 1879, 37,100 03

Uncollected taxes March, 1878, $33,088 01
Uncollected taxes March, 1879, 37,100 03

For detailed statement of Collector's account see annexed sheets.

LEANDER WEEKS, Collector.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined and com­pared the accounts of the City Treasurer and Collector for the year ending March 8, 1879, that they are correctly kept, fully vouched for, and that the balances are correctly stated.

R. M. PILLSBURY, Auditor.

March 20, 1879.

LEANDER WEEKS, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE CITY OF ROCKLAND.

TAX, 1867.

Balance March 9, 1878, $84 62
Collected during the year, 9 48
Uncollected March 10, 1879, 75 14

TAX, 1868.

Balance March 9, 1878, $96 20
Collected during the year, 0 00
Abated " " " 15 75
Uncollected March, 1879, 80 45

TAX, 1869.

Balance March 9, 1878, 104 31
Collected during the year, 6 00
Abated " " " 13 00
Uncollected March, 1879, 85 31

TAX, 1870.

Balance March 9, 1878, $123 07
Collected during the year, 10 37
Abated " " " 55 95
Uncollected March, 1879, 56 75

TAX, 1871.

Balance March 9, 1878, $206 26
Collected during the year, 5 48
Abated " " " 114 57
Uncollected March, 1879, 86 21
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Amount committed, $117,827.76
Coll. under 8 per cent. dis., $82,127.54
   "   4 "   "   "   1,278.03
   " after 4 "   "   "   3,113.04 $86,518.61
Am't of 8 per cent. discount, 7,141.52
   "   4 "   "   "   53.25 7,194.77
Abated, 1,223.55
Uncollected March 10, 1879, 22,890.83 $117,827.76
CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Rockland:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the City Ordinance establishing the office of City Auditor, and defining the duties pertaining thereto, I herewith submit my third Annual Report for the fiscal year ending with March 8th, 1879.

I have carefully examined and compared all the books and vouchers of the several City Officials who are subject to the requirements of said Ordinance, and the result is as follows, except Road Commissioner, who has settled with the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

MAYOR.

The Mayor has drawn, during the year, eight hundred and twenty orders, amounting to eighty-three thousand, eight hundred fifty-three dollars and six cents.
Orders drawn, 820.
Amount, $83,853 06

LIQUOR AGENT.

The Liquor Agent has received, for liquors and empty packages sold, from Feb. 28, 1878 to Mar. 1, 1879, four thousand eight hundred fifty-one dollars and seven cents.

Dr.
To amount received as above, $4,851 07

Cr.
By salary paid, $500 04
‘‘ cash ‘‘ for fuel, 15 00
‘‘ ‘‘ ‘‘ freight and cartage, 31 00
‘‘ ‘‘ ‘‘ corks, 5 00
‘‘ liquors ‘‘ City Poor, 19 03
‘‘ cash ‘‘ City Treasurer, per receipts, 4,281 00 $4,851 07

Note.—For the difference ($94 20) between this report and the City Treasurer see last year's report.
COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR AGENCY.

The Committee on the Liquor Agency have drawn from the City Treasury, on Mayor's orders, four thousand fifty-two dollars and five cents, all of which has been paid for liquors, and for which they have the proper vouchers.

DR.
The cash received from City Treasury, $4,052 05

CR.
By paid for liquors bought, $4,052 05

CITY TREASURER.

The City Treasurer has received and disbursed the following sum, all of which is properly vouched for. For items see his report.

DR.
The amount received from all sources, including balance from 1877, discount and abatements on taxes.

Total receipts, $223,529 01

CR.
By amount disbursed, including balance on hand, $223,529 01

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

The Collector of Taxes has received and disbursed the following sum, all of which is properly vouched for. For items see his report.

DR.
The amount received, including balance from 1877,

Total receipts, $103,420 06

CR.
By cash paid City Treas., per receipts, $101,650 00

" int. " " " " " 840 86
" " Collector (fees) 720 56
" balance in hands of Collector, 208 64 $103,420 06

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor have received and disbursed the following sums, all of which are properly vouched for. For items see their report.
To Mayor’s orders, $7,943 63
" received from other sources, 1,437 08
Total receipts, 1,437 08 $9,380 71

By paid bills allowed by Committee on Accounts and Claims, $5,153 03
By paid A. F. Crockett’s bill, reimbursing him for cash paid out, 2,790 60
By balance paid City Treasurer, 1,437 08 $9,380 71

NOTE.—The item, bills allowed by the Committee on Accounts and Claims includes $75.98 reported in last year’s account; also $100, rent to Mrs. Mossman and 16 cents, order under-drawn.

CITY MARSHAL.

The City Marshal has received and disbursed the following sums from April 23, 1878, to March 8th, 1879, for which he has satisfactory vouchers.

DR.
To cash received for licenses for circuses and other shows, 206 00
To cash rec’d for empty packages sold, 16 00
To fees from the Police Court, 70 00
To total receipts of City Marshal, $292 00

CR.
By fees paid City Treasurer, 50 00
" cash " " " 206 00
" bill rendered, 24 50
" balance, 11 50 $292 00

SCHOOL AGENT.

The School Agent has received the following sums which he has paid into the City Treasury, and for which he has the proper vouchers.

DR.
To cash received for tuition, $25 55
" cash received more than enough to pay teachers, 7 00
Total receipts of School Agent, $32 55

CR.
By cash paid City Treasurer, $32 55
ROAD COMMISSIONER.

The Road Commissioner, having, by order of the City Council, made a settlement with the Committee on Accounts and Claims, I give you such information in regard to his department as appears by the Mayor's and Treasurer's books, to March 1, 1879.

There has been drawn from the Treasury on Mayor's orders, $5,463 10
Bills allowed by the Committee on Accounts and Claims, $2,913 06
City Driver's salary, 500 04
Cash paid City Treasurer, 82 83

JUDGE OF THE POLICE COURT.

The Judge of the Police Court has received and paid into the City Treasury, the following sums, as appears by his docket or record.

Dr.
To costs allowed, $252 67
" blanks sold, &c., 49 15
Total receipts, $301 82

Ch.
By cash paid City Treasurer, $301 82

WARRANT SERVICE.

I also find on the "Docket" that the police officers have served warrants as follows:
A. T. Low, constable, fees, $13 80
A. T. Low, sheriff, fees, 18 40
F. H. Ulmer, constable, fees, 96 62
G. A. Spear, police officer, fees, 6 41
C. H. Clark, " " " 26 21
S. Mank, " " " 5 48
P. A. Tower, " " " 1 37
Dow, " " " 2 74
A. Veazie, " " " 1 37
William Witham, " " " 63 51 $235 91
WITNESS FEES OF POLICE OFFICERS.

Wm. Witham, regular, $1 86
F. H. Ulmer, " 3 10
G. A. Spear, " 62
C. H. Clark, " 4 96
P. A. Tower, special, 62
S. Mank, " 1 86
T. Webber, " 62 $13 64

The City Clerk and City Solicitor have not received any funds belonging to the city during the year.

I would most respectfully repeat my recommendation of last year, that the following clause of the City Charter be strictly complied with: "And all monies received and collected for and on account of the city, by any officer or agent thereof, shall be forthwith paid into the city treasury."

All of which is most respectfully submitted by

R. M. PILLSBURY, Auditor.

Rockland, March 25th, 1879.

STANDING OF THE SEVERAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following is a correct statement of the standing of the several appropriations as appears by the Mayor's books at the close of business, March 8, 1879, including the Cemetery Fund.

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Cr.

By appropriation, $7,000 00
" transferred from the Contingent, 194 77
Total for Discount on Taxes, $7,194 77

Dr.

To discount allowed, $7,194 77

REDUCTION OF THE CITY DEBT.

Cr.

By appropriation, $6,000 00

Dr.

To amount paid, $6,000 00
INTEREST ON THE CITY DEBT.

Cr.
By appropriation, $12,000 00
" Interest on Taxes, 840 86
" transferred from Contingent, 1,363 18
Total for Interest on City Debt, $14,204 04

Dr.
To amount paid, $14,204 04

INTEREST ON KNOX & LINCOLN R. R. BONDS.

Cr.
By appropriation, $31,536 54

Dr.
To amount paid, $31,536 54

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Cr.
By appropriation, $4,500 00
" transferred from Contingent, 230 80
Total for Fire Department, $4,730 80

Dr.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $4,730 80

SCHOOLS.

Cr.
By appropriation, $5,700 00
" balance from 1877, 4,030 47
" cash from Agent, 32 55
" the Mill Tax, 2,241 94
" the Bank Tax, 1,193 12
" transferred from Free High School, 1,498 15
Total Schools, $14,696 23

Dr.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $14,387 51
" balance, 308 72 $14,696 23

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Cr.
By appropriation, $1,500 00
" State " Refund," 500 00
Total for Free High School, $2,000 00

Dr.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $501 85
" balance to Schools, 1,498 15 $2,000 00
### POOR DEPARTMENT.

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<td><strong>Total for Poor Department,</strong></td>
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<td>To Mayor's orders drawn,</td>
<td>$7,943.63</td>
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**NOTE.**—Of Mayor's Order's drawn, $75.98 appeared in the account of the Chairman last year. See his report for 1877.

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<td>To Mayor's orders drawn,</td>
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### NEW STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

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CONTINGENT.

Cr.

By appropriation, $5,200 00
" B. B. Gardiner, 25 00
" connecting with Sewers, 30 00
" Liquor Agency, 4,186 75
" R. M. Pillsbury, 25 00
" City Marshal, for fees, 50 00
" " " " Licenses, 206 00
" Eaton's History sold, 3 00
" redemption of property sold for taxes, 493 24
" Police Court, 301 82
" Auctioneers License, 2 00
" balance from Highways, 565 02
" " " " New Engine, 622 20
" " " " Poor Fund, 1,993 45
" " " " Police Fund, 96 77

Total for Contingent expenses, $13,800 25

Dr.

To transferred to the Fire Fund, $230 80
" " " " Salary Fund, 195 45
" " " " Disc'nt on Taxes, 194 77
" " " " Interest Fund, 1,363 18
" Mayor's orders drawn 10,837 63
" balance unexpended, 978 42 $13,800 25

RECAPITULATION.

UNDERDRAWN.

Highways, $565 02
Police, 96 77
Poor, 1,993 45
New Steam Fire Engine, 622 20
Total underdrawn, $3,277 44

OVERDRAWN.

Discount on Taxes, $194 77
Interest, 1,363 18
Fire, 230 80
Salaries, 195 45
Contingent, 314 82
Underdrawn less overdrawn, 978 42 $3,276 44

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GEMETERY.

Cr.
By balance from 1877, $709 59
" cash for lots sold, 10 00
Total, $719 59

Dr.
To Mayor's orders drawn, $25 52
" balance, 694 07 $719 59

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SALARIES PAID BY CITY FOR THE YEAR 1878.

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<td>Mayor, per year</td>
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<td>City Clerk, exclusive of office rent and fees</td>
<td>&quot; 125 00</td>
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<td>polls, which is 5 per cent., about</td>
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<td>&quot; 75 00</td>
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<td>Judge of the Police Court,</td>
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<td>City Physician, including medicine,</td>
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<td>Chief Engineer of Fire Department,</td>
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<td>Asst &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; (3) each, &quot; &quot; 25 00</td>
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<td>N. A. Burpee Engine Co.,</td>
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<td>Engineer and Fireman Steam Fire Engines,&quot; &quot;</td>
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City Solicitor, per year, 100 00
Police, Regular, (3) each, " " 400 00
Liquor Agent, " " 500 00
Clerk of the Com. on Acc'ts and Claims, " " 10 00
Custodian of the Town Clock, " " 12 00
Master of Alms House, " " 225 00
Street Lamp repairer, " month, 1 50
Lighter of 5 oil lamps and oil, " " 10 00
" " 1 " " " "
Wardens and Clerks, each, " day, 2 00
Janitor of the High schoolhouse, " week, 7 00
" " " " Purchase St. schoolhouse, " " 5 00
Janitors of 14 other schoolhouses in sum­mer, 35 cts., in winter, per week, 50
Janitors of 2 other schoolhouses, " " 35
" " City Hall school-room, " " 1 00
High school teacher, " year, 1,000 00
First ass’t " " week, 12 00
Sec. " " " week, 7 00
1 Grammar school teacher, " year, 600 00
1 " " " " " " week, 800 00
2 teachers, " " " " " week, 5 00
2 " " " " " " 10 00
14 " " " " 7 00
1 " " " " 9 00
7 " " " " 8 00
1 " " " " 12 00
1 " City Hall school, (miscellaneous,) " " 21 87
City Auditor, " year, 25 00
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

ROCKLAND, March, 1879.

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

It becomes the duty of the School Committee, to whose care you committed the public schools of the city for the municipal year ending at the above date, to report to you the standing of the schools for the year, the proficiency made by the pupils, and the success attending the modes of instruction and government of the teachers.

Before assuming the responsibilities of the position to which your suffrages elected us, we were required to take an oath to perform the duties of the office, according to the best of our abilities.

Since we have entered upon the discharge of those duties, incumbent upon us through virtue of that office, we have kept constantly in mind the good of our schools in all our acts, and shrank from no responsibility which those duties imposed.

Actual necessity for the preservation of our schools, and harmony in their conduct, has forced us, under the obligation of our oath, to do some things which were very distasteful to us, and not pleasing to those who knew not the cause of our action.

Inharmony between the Principal and assistants in a school, will soon create inharmony in the school, which will show itself in discord and disorder, and sometimes in absolute rebellion. A school had better be closed at once, than continued under such conditions. Drifting toward this whirlpool, we found our High school, at the close of the first term of this year.

Mr. W. O. Fletcher, a faithful and efficient teacher, who, long before, had given us warning of the approaching danger, resigned his position as Principal of the school, having taught it five terms. Mr. Atkinson, his predecessor, had left it for the same cause, as he said, at the end of his first term.

At length, after much discussion, your committee reluctantly
came to the conclusion that the salvation of the school required them to employ an entire new corps of teachers.

Accordingly, at the beginning of the Fall term, Mr. F. F. Phillips, a graduate of Bates College, was engaged as Principal, Miss Jennie E. North, a graduate of the same, as first Assistant, and Miss Emma Clark as second Assistant.

These teachers have labored faithfully and in perfect harmony, and have succeeded in gaining the affection of their pupils, the respect of the community and the confidence of the committee.

At the close of the last term ten scholars were graduated from the school. The exercises took place in Farwell Hall, which was filled to its utmost capacity, showing plainly that our people take great interest in our High School, of which they have reason to be proud.

The following are the names of the graduating class:

Frank G. Richardson, Imogene Parker,
Lelia E. McAlister, Addie M. Thomas,
Lucy F. Andrews, Hattie A. Watts,
Georgia D. Sweetland, Annie L. Campbell,
Lillian A. Colson, Oliver L. Bartlett.

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GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

In the city there are three entire, and two mixed Grammar Schools, containing 288 pupils. In these schools, Robinson's Practical Arithmetic, Harper's History and Kerl's Common School Grammar are completed, Franklin's Fifth and Sixth Readers are used, and spelling, composition, writing, declamation and select reading are practiced through the entire course of three years.

T. H. McLain, a gentleman of ability and large experience, teaches Grammar School, No. 1, and prepares most of the pupils for the High School. Thirty-four scholars succeeded in obtaining their passes at the close of the last term.

The Primary School on Middle Street, was united with the Grammar School, at the opening of the Spring Term, as both these schools were small, and economy, the watchword of the day, required the union.

The first term of the year was taught by Mr. John F. Tracy with fair success. The two succeeding terms were under the
instruction of Miss Annie L. Clapp, a graduate of the Normal School at Castine. Miss Clapp is a teacher of ability, and under her charge some of the hindrances which had been detrimental to the success of the school, disappeared, and we believe the school now to be in a fair way to place itself in the front rank of the schools of corresponding grade.

The teachers of the other Grammar Schools have done excellent work, advanced their classes, and put their schools in good condition for the coming year.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

The schools of this grade are six in number, containing 298 pupils, and the length of the course is three years.

Scholars remain in this grade, till they have advanced to page 100 in Robinson's Intellectual Arithmetic, to Decimal Fractions in Greenleaf's Elementary Arithmetic, to page 78 in Harper's Smaller U. S. History, and have studied Cornell's Intermediate Geography at least one year.

They must also read fluently in Franklin's Fourth Reader, and write a good hand. They are passed from this to the Grammar School at the age of about 12 1-2 years.

Teachers in this grade the past year, have generally manifested a marked zeal in their work and their pupils have been interested and attentive.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

The mixed school west of the meadows has enjoyed a year of great prosperity. Teachers, parents and scholars have labored together, and the result has been very satisfactory. The school in the Walsh district, though very small, has sustained its interest and met with its usual success.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

In the city, there are thirteen Primary Schools, containing 685 scholars, as shown by their register in the Fall Term; but this undoubtedly falls far below the fact. Scholars are required to remain in this grade till they have completed Robinson's Primary Arithmetic and have advanced 25 pages in the Intel-
lectual, and also have learned to add, subtract and to multiply, by any number less than a thousand. They are likewise required to nearly complete Cornell's Primary Geography, using outline maps, write legible hand, read fluently Franklin's Third Reader and spell the words in the lessons read. At an average age of 10 years, they pass to the Intermediate grade. All the Primary Schools south of Rankin Street, are divided into two classes, Primary and Sub-Primary. This affords opportunity for better preparation, before entering the Intermediate grade, and gives the children of this part of the city an advantage over others, that cannot be easily overcome in after years.

Sometime, not far in the future, a new schoolhouse at the north part of the city will remedy this inequality.

Most of our Primary teachers are faithful in their work, and spend much more time in their schools, than the law requires. If faithfulness to trust is an assurance of success, certainly our Primary teachers must generally succeed.

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL.

This school is composed wholly of boys, and is taught only in winter. It was intended for those boys and young men only, who do not attend school in summer, and therefore cannot be classed in the regular grades. They compose about one third of the school, are quite constant in their attendance, and seize every opportunity for improving their education. But the greater part of the school consists of truants from the other schools, who have fallen so far below their classes, that they seek an asylum here, where their defects appear less conspicuous.

Reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling are the chief branches taught. Book Keeping by single entry also receives some attention.

Some of our people think this school is entirely unnecessary and ought to be abolished, but we consider it of great importance, not only to those young men in it, who improve the opportunities offered, but also to the other schools in the city which are relieved by it of their truants and other incorrigible elements.
As our other schools improve, this school gradually becomes smaller.

In 1869, ten years ago it numbered 117 pupils, averaging 75; last winter it numbered 77, averaging 41. Next term, we think one teacher will be able to conduct the school alone. Truancy is the bane of this school.

Mr. Joseph T. Young, a teacher of ability and experience, has taught the school ever since it was established. He is obliged to re-organize it every year, but he soon reduces the discordant elements, and brings order out of chaos.

Energy, patience and perseverance are necessary qualities in the teacher of a school like this, and these he possesses in a high degree.

ABSENCE AND TRUANCY.

Nothing can be more pernicious to a school, or destructive to a child's interest in his studies, than inconstant attendance.

In a graded school, each day has its particular work, and a day lost means lessons lost, never to be made up.

The thoughtless parent allows his child to be absent a day for some trivial cause, and this creates in his mind a strong desire to be absent again.

The circus, the fishing party, the horse-race, the firemen's parade or something else of equal importance, affords fresh opportunity for occasional absence, and day after day is wasted, till he falls hopelessly behind his class and gives up the chase.

When the teacher, anxious for his welfare, detains him after school, and urges him to make up his lessons and regain his standing in his class, he is offended, thinks the teacher his enemy, and complains that she is partial. His sympathizing parent listens to his complaint, blames his teacher and spoils the child.

Failing to be promoted with his class, he slips out at the truant's door and finds his way to the Miscellaneous School, or finishes his education in the street.

But who is to blame for all this intellectual sloth and waste? Is it the truant officer, with whom the parent is offended if he attempts to do his duty? Is it the teacher who notifies the parent each week of his child's absence?
The means for education are provided, the schools are open to all the children are not dunces, and we answer emphatically, the parent is to blame, if he allows his child to be spoiled through indulgence, and grow up in ignorance.

FINANCIAL.

Am't appropriated by the city for Common schools at beginning of year, $5,700 00
Am't appropriated for free High school, 1,500 00
Am't of Mill tax received from State, 2,241 94
Am't of Bank tax “ “ “ 1,193 12
Am't received from State in aid of free High school, 500 00
Am't received for tuition, &c., 31 05

Total receipts, __________ $11,166 11
Less the cash deficit March, 29, 1878, 25 31

Available, __________ $11,140 80

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid teachers, $9,084 96
“ “ for fuel, 752 68
“ “ janitors and cleaning, 680 42
“ “ for repairs, 208 58
“ “ for furnishing, &c., 438 01

Total, __________ $11,164 65
Overdrawn, __________ 23 85

$11,140 80

Whole number of scholars in the city as given in the Agent's Report, April 1, 1878, 2,159
Whole No. attending school any part of the year, 1,436
Whole number attending summer term, 1,333
Average number attending “ “ 1,221
Whole number attending winter “ 1,318
Average number attending “ “ 1,102

Per cent. of attendance to No. registered in all schools, 83.6
“ “ “ in Primary, winter, 78.7
“ “ “ High school, “ 95
“ “ “ Gram. sch'l's “ 91
“ “ “ Int'r'd'te“ “ 92
“ “ “ Primary for the year, 81

Per cent of number registered to number in the city, 66.5

This per cent. is cast on the whole number registered, and not upon the average number registered.
In conclusion, gentlemen, we believe the citizens of Rockland will not be satisfied with schools inferior to those of other cities of its size in the State. We know that our schools are now in a prosperous condition, and we do not fear that you will suffer them to be blighted for the want of pecuniary support, as long as you have the power to uphold them in your hands. And for this purpose we would recommend that you appropriate for the support of Common Schools the present year, $5,700, and for Free High School, $2,000.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. TYLER,  Superintending
F. W. SMITH,   School
JOHN LOVEJOY,  Committee.

In the following table may be found statistics of attendance, size of schools, length of terms, compensation of teachers, etc., etc.
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<td>Maggie A. Fisk, Asst.</td>
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<td>Florence A. Marks, Asst.</td>
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### LENGTH OF TERMS.

- Spring: 9 weeks
- Summer: 12 weeks
- Winter: 10 weeks

In the Summer and Winter, the High and First Grammar Schools keep one week additional.

### NOTE.

In the wages column, the figures denote the pay per week when not otherwise stated.
SCHOOL AGENT'S REPORT.

ROCKLAND, March 25, 1879.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In accordance with a provision of law, I return to you an account of my expenditures as Agent of the public schools of this city the past year, together with the appropriations for the schools by the city, and receipts from other sources.

RECEIPTS.

Amount appropriated by the city, in all, $7,200 00
Received from the State, (Mill Tax &c.) 3,435 06
Received from State in aid of Free High School, 500 00
Collected for tuition, 29 55
Received from all other sources, 1 50

Total receipts, $11,166 11
Less the cash deficit at beginning of the year, 25 31

Total available, $11,140 80

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid Teachers, $9,084 96
" " for fuel, 752 68
" " janitors and cleaning, 680 42
" " for repairs, 208 58
" " for furnishing, 258 18
" " for miscellaneous bills, 179 33

Total expenditures, $11,164 65
Overdrawn, 23 85

$11,140 80
PRESENT STANDING OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Outstanding bills for tuition, $64 76.
The probable cash value, $30 00
Ten tons of coal on hand, at $4 94, 49 40
Slating for blackboards do., 2 1-2 gallons, 13 50

Total, $92 90
Less the Amount overdrawn, 23 85

Balance in favor of department, $69 05

There is an unsettled account between this city and Thomas-ton, but it will not materially affect the standing of the depart­ment.

All the schoolhouses in the city, except the High Schoolhouse, the Middle Street House, and the West Meadow House, need repainting. The Purchase Street House should have been paint­ed a year ago, and it will not do to neglect it longer. An ap­propriation should be made for this purpose, if for no other, as the Agent cannot do more than to keep the other houses in de­cent repair, with the 10 per cent. he is allowed to expend of the appropriations.

The lot connected with this house should be graded, as soon as the city can afford to do it.

As the house on Middle Street has been considerably dam­aged by people attending the assemblies, levees and other meet­ings held in the building from time to time, I would recom­mend that a Special Agent be appointed to take charge of this house, under such instructions as you shall see fit to give, and with authority to bring these marauders to justice.

Enough should be charged for the use of the halls to pay all expenses, and keep the house in repair.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. TYLER, School Agent.
REPORT OF THE OVERSEEERS OF THE POOR.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully offer the following report, for the year ending first day of March, 1879:

We have drawn from the Treasurer, on

Mayor's orders, $7,867 65
Supplies at Alms house, March 1st, 1878, 371 52
Seven cows at Poor farm, ($30), 210 00

Collected of other towns and individuals, and paid City Treasurer, $1,437 08

$$8,449 17$$

OUTSIDE OF ALMS HOUSE

For supplies, $2,764 41
" boarding, nursing and rent, 401 29
" fuel, 824 58
" support of paupers in other towns, 788 89
" undertaker, 154 75
" p'd " for town of Jonesport, 1877, 13 25
" carriage hire for funerals, 39 00
" postage, stationery, telegrams and books, 40 80

$2,249 40
For expense of patients at Insane hospital, 633 22
" boys at Reform School, 65 00
" fare of persons to their homes in other States, 189 65
" paid expense moving paupers to and from other towns, 93 68
" paid Industrial School for Deer Isle, 42 25
" " Elizabeth Mossman rent for land at Poor farm, 100 00
" paid for moving patients to and from Insane hospital, 49 00 $6,199 77

$8,449 17

ASSETS.
By charged to other towns, $937 33
" produce sold from City farm, 32 70
" supplies at Alms house Mar. 1, 1879, 400 00
" stock on City farm, 229 00 $1,599 03

Total cost of domestic poor, $6,850 14

SUPPLIES AT ALMS HOUSE, MARCH 1ST, 1879.

Produced at City farm:

12 bush. beans, $2 00 $24 00
2 " peas 1 50 3 00
1 1-2 bbls. pork, 12 00 18 00
50 bush. potatoes, 40 00
10 bbls. beef, 12 00 120 00
10 tons hay, 12 00 120 00
60 heads cabbage, 6 00
10 bush. carrots, 3 00 $334 00

SUPPLIES AT ALMS HOUSE, BOUGHT.

2 bbls. flour, $6 00 $12 00
2 tons coal, 5 50 11 00
5 cords wood, prepared, 5 50 27 50
30 gals. molasses, 35 10 50
1-2 bbl. herring, 2 00
75 lbs. dry fish, 3 00 $66 00
Stock at City Farm.

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The number of paupers resident at the Alms House, March 1st, 1878, was twenty-three; admitted during the year, seventeen; total, forty. Discharged, ten; left without permission, one; died, two; sent to Soldier’s Home, two; remaining at Alms House, March 1st, 1879, twenty-five.

Total number of weeks’ support at Alms House during the year was twelve hundred and seven. The average cost per week, exclusive of the amount received from the farm, was one dollar and thirty cents.

The number of families outside the Alms house, having a settlement and living in Rockland, to whom assistance has been rendered, is ninety-six, numbering three hundred and twenty-two persons.

The number of families living in other towns, who have a settlement in Rockland, who have received assistance, is eighteen, numbering fifty-eight persons.

The number of families having a settlement in other towns in the State, who have received assistance, is forty-three, numbering one hundred and twenty-five persons.

The number of persons assisted, who had no lawful settlement in the State, was thirty-three.

The number of patients at Insane Hospital, having a settlement in Rockland, six; Reform School, one; Industrial School, one.

William F. Reardon, a foreigner, and stone-cutter, was committed to the Insane Hospital from this city, since which time the city has paid out, for his support, a large amount. We have recently ascertained that said Reardon had money on deposit in Rockland Savings Bank, and, having placed him under guardianship, have secured the amount, $507.51, which will be paid to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Crockett, G. L. Farrand, O. P. Hix, Overseers of the Poor.
The supplies were furnished by the following parties:

D. C. Haskell, groceries, $153.56
Simonton Brothers, dry goods, 39.04
Achorn & Hastings, " " 44.03
J. C. Pottle & Co., groceries, 23.19
O. P. Hix, " 355.78
F. R. Spear & Co., wood and coal, 97.03
A. M. Fuller & Co., groceries, 33.60
G. A. Safford, " 82.39
A. F. Ames & Son, " 248.24
Snow & Winslow " 7.17
Cobb, Wight & Norton, groceries, 221.78
E. D. Graves, " 49.16
Oliver Gay, " 32.97
A. C. Gay, " 30.92
D. N. Bird & Co., wood and coal, 45.52
Silas Kalloch, undertaker's bill, 30.00
A. F. Crockett, groceries, 261.93
W. H. Rhoades, " 31.79
J. H. Flint, " 54.70
Snow, Pearsons & Co., groceries, 29.00
E. W. Berry & Co., boots and shoes, 40.75
M. W. Cushman, repairing boots and shoes, 36.87
White & Case, groceries, 80.30
John Bird & Co., " 242.92
Farrand & Spear, " 433.68
James Adams, " 40.17
O. A. Wiggin, dry goods, 3.13
I. I. Mather, groceries, 17.09
O. B. Fales, " 37.08
C. Doherty, " 11.14
O. E. Blackington, clothing, 36.55
R. C. Wooster, boots and shoes, 63.65
R. C. Hall & Co., groceries, 71.40
Colson & Rhoades, boots and shoes, 27.95
D. T. Keene & Son, groceries, 32.52
A. J. Bird & Co., " 222.23
K. C. Rankin & Son, " 69.62
A. Stanley & Son, lumber, 4.20
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CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—According to custom, and in pursuance of Section 12 of Revised Ordinances in relation to the Fire Department, I herewith respectfully submit my Annual Report, and, though brief, it will be found to contain a description of the apparatus, account of fires, loss and insurance, as near as could be ascertained.

I may be pardoned if I renew some suggestions from my last report.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

Whole number of fires and alarms from March 1878 to March 1879.

Alarms for fires in the city, 9
" " " out of " 1
" false, 1 11

Amount of loss and insurance as near as could be ascertained.

Amount of loss, $35,000 00
" Insurance, 39,575 00
Excess of insurance over loss, $4,575 00

THE APPARATUS

Consists of two steam engines, three hand engines, and one hook and ladder truck. There has been added to this department the past year, one steam engine; in reality, there is no more force than before, as the old steamer has been examined and pronounced unsafe by an expert from the manufacturers. There is no company attached to it, no engineer or hose carriage. No. 5, "the John Bird" engine is worthless until repaired. I would recommend that Steamer No. 1, be put in thorough re-
pair, a hose carriage purchased, and be stationed in the house of
No. 4; the N. A. Burpee, and the N. A. Burpee engine be
placed in No. 5, the John Bird house. An outlay of this kind
would be money well spent, and place the department on as good
a footing as any in the State.

All the apparatus needs painting except No. 2.

THE COMPANIES

Have a full compliment of members, and are worthy of
praise for the promptness with which they have responded to
any and every call as firemen.

THE HOUSES

Occupied by the department require some repairs.

HOSE.

There is in the Department 3,000 feet of good reliable hose.
1,000 feet of ordinary, not reliable for engine pressure, suita­
ble only for hydrant use, and 1,500 feet of worthless. There
has been added the past year, 1,450 feet of fabric hose, which
gives a good supply for at least a year to come.

RESERVOIRS AND HYDRANTS.

Number of Reservoirs in the city is thirteen, the number of
hydrants is eighteen. I would earnestly recommend the build­
ing of more reservoirs, and putting in of more hydrants.

I would renew the recommendation of appointing a fire police.
Scarcely a fire occurs but what the necessity of such a force is
apparent.

I desire to call your attention to the Bangor Extension Lad­
der, which has been adopted by nearly every city in the coun­
try. Our present long ladder is in a dangerous condition, the
wood being dozey, it will have to be replaced with a new one, or
dispensed with. A Hook and Ladder Truck is an auxiliary of
a value often very much underestimated.
ACCIDENTS.

At the burning of Shepherd's building, June 5th, Mr. George Studley, a lodger in the third story, was suffocated before he could be rescued, although every exertion was made to do so.

At the same fire several members of the Gen. Berry company were hurt by being thrown from a ladder when the building fell, Mr. George Achorn quite severely.

In conclusion I desire to express my sincere thanks to his Honor the Mayor, both branches of the City Council, and Committee on Fire Department for courtesies the past year; to the Assistant Engineers, Officers and members of the Department, for their prompt and able support, and cheerful obedience of orders during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. SMITH, Chief Engineer.
# RECORD of FIRES and ALARMS

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<td>June 6</td>
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<td>Lodging House, Wood</td>
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<td>O. G. Shepherd</td>
<td>$2000 00</td>
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Total Loss: $39,675 00
Total Insurance: $35,000 00
REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

As the term for which I was appointed is drawing to a close, and, following the usual custom, I submit to you the following report of the number of arrests made by the police from March 23d, 1878 to March 15th, 1879, together with the causes thereof; also, a statement of the amounts collected by me in behalf of the city, together with the condition of the police force.

The whole number of arrests during the year has been 152

And for the following causes:

- Drunkenness, 129
- Larceny, 10
- Assault and battery, 4
- Store breaking, 2
- Assault on officer, 2
- Reform School, 1
- House of ill-fame, 1
- Murder, 1
- Insane, 1
- Use of fire-arms, 1
- Lodgers and tramps, 300

Amount collected for Licenses, $206 00
Fees from Court, 70 00
Kegs and bottles sold, 16 00

Total, $292 00
Paid out freight, &c., 24 75

Leaving a balance of $267 25

all of which has been paid over to L. Weeks.

There has, also, been 315 gallons of liquor seized the last
year, all of which has been spilled in presence of witnesses.

The present force consists of a Marshal, Deputy Marshal and two patrolmen. The Deputy and one of the police are regular night watch, while the Marshal and the other police comprise the day watch. There are also nine special police appointed, but receive no pay only when called on to do any duty; but I have always found them prompt when called upon.

In concluding my report, I would recommend that the salaried police should consist of a Marshal and three police, as at present employed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. ULMER, City Marshal.

Rockland, March 15, 1879.

CITY UNDERTAKER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable City Council of Rockland:

I herewith present my report as City Undertaker for the past municipal year just closed, from March 1st, 1878 to March 1st, 1879.

The whole number of interments superintended by me during the year ending March 1st, 1879, was one hundred and one, of which eighteen were non-residents.

The want of a receiving tomb is too apparent to everyone who has given it any thought, to make it necessary for me to renew my recommendations of the matter.

C. V. R. BOYNTON, City Undertaker.

March 24th, 1879.
Report of Committee on City Property.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Rockland:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on City Property for the municipal year 1878–9 herewith present the following schedule of city property, and estimated values:

### SCHOOL-HOUSES.

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<th>Schoolhouse</th>
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<td>High schoolhouse, Lincoln St.</td>
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<td>Purchase St. schoolhouse,</td>
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<td>Middle</td>
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<td>Oak Grove</td>
<td>775 00</td>
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<td>Pine Grove</td>
<td>650 00</td>
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<td>Gay</td>
<td>375 00</td>
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<td>Summer Street</td>
<td>750 00</td>
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<td>Grace</td>
<td>650 00</td>
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<td>Crockett Point</td>
<td>400 00</td>
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<td>Crescent Street</td>
<td>650 00</td>
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<td>Blackington’s Corner schoolhouse,</td>
<td>600 00</td>
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<td>Schoolhouse near Timothy Williams,</td>
<td>250 00</td>
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<td>Mountain road schoolhouse,</td>
<td>450 00</td>
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<td>Walsh</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Estimated value of schoolhouse lots,</td>
<td>4,650 00</td>
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<td>Library, piano, telescope, &amp;c., in High schoolhouse,</td>
<td>1,200 00</td>
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Total value of schoolhouses, lots, &c., $45,550 00

### CITY FARM.

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<td>Farm and buildings,</td>
<td>$2,400 00</td>
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<td>Furniture, stock and tools,</td>
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Total, $2,900 00
### CITY BUILDINGS.

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<td>City Hall building</td>
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<td>City of Rockland engine house</td>
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<td>N. A. Burpee engine house and lot</td>
<td>1,500 00</td>
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<td>Gen. Berry</td>
<td>2,000 00</td>
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<td>John Bird</td>
<td>800 00</td>
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<td>Wagon house and stable</td>
<td>225 00</td>
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<td>Lockup building</td>
<td>400 00</td>
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<td>Furniture, &amp;c., for above buildings</td>
<td>450 00</td>
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<td>Pest house, furniture, &amp;c.</td>
<td>300 00</td>
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<td>Lot on Spring street</td>
<td>2,000 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### FURNITURE, &c.

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<td>Furniture and fixtures in City Council rooms and Police court room</td>
<td>$400 00</td>
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<td>Furniture, &amp;c., in Treasurer’s, Clerk’s, Assessors’, Overseers of Poor and School Com. offices</td>
<td>300 00</td>
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<td>Scales, Weights and Measures</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>Safe in Treasurer’s office</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### FIRE ENGINES AND APPARATUS.

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<td>James F. Sears steam engine and attachments</td>
<td>$3,700 00</td>
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<td>City of Rockland</td>
<td>2,000 00</td>
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<td>N. A. Burpee hand</td>
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<td>John Bird</td>
<td>800 00</td>
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<td>Americus Hook and Ladder truck</td>
<td>650 00</td>
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<td>Street lamps and hydrants</td>
<td>$800 00</td>
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<td>City team and accompaniments</td>
<td>400 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,200 00</strong></td>
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<td>Subscription to Knox &amp; Lincoln R. R.</td>
<td>$100,000 00</td>
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<td>Land and building, Holmes street</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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LIQUORS.

Liquors on hand May 1st, 1879, $500 00
Empty vessels and measures.

Total value of City Property May 1st, 1879, $175,925 00

Respectfully submitted,

O. P. HIX, E. P. HALL, Committee on City Property.

Rockland, May 26th, 1879.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To His Honor, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rockland:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my Annual Report as City Physician for the past year. I have answered in all, three hundred and twelve calls as follows:

Alms House, 67
Elsewhere, 245

Two of the city poor have died, both of Consumption. There have also been two births. I have no recommendations, that I think would prove serviceable at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. BOYNTON, M. D.
ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

ROCKLAND, March 1, 1878.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as Road Commissioner for the municipal year just passed.

The appropriation for this department was $6,000.00

From this fund, I have expended as follows, (as per vouchers presented to Committee on Accounts and Claims,)

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<td>Brick and Cement</td>
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<td>Drain pipe</td>
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<td>Blacksmith work</td>
<td>9.46</td>
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<td>Powder and Fuse</td>
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<td>Gravel</td>
<td>163.30</td>
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<td>Sundries for City Team</td>
<td>192.87</td>
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<td>Labor</td>
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Total: $5,380.27

CITY TEAM ACCOUNT.

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<td>Dr. to sundries paid</td>
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<td>&quot; teamster's salary</td>
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Total: $692.87

Time of team for fire department, (not included in the above,) 35.50

Total: $88.28

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. MITCHELL, Road Commissioner.
To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of Rockland:

Gentlemen:—I submit the following as my official report, for the municipal year just closed.

At the beginning of the year there were four suits pending in the courts, in which the city was a party, three against the city, and one in which the city was plaintiff. Two of the suits against the city have been determined, in a way that must give satisfaction to our citizens, viz.:

One in the Superior Court for Cumberland County, in which Chas. H. Kimball, plaintiff, claims $300, for plans and specifications for Purchase Street Schoolhouse. This case was tried in Portland last April, by jury. I defended. The case occupied two days, and resulted in a clean verdict for the city. And the other, in the Supreme Court for Knox County, in which Abiezer Veazie, plaintiff, claimed $500 damages, for injury to his horse, by reason of an alleged defect in highway. This case was taken from the jury, and carried to the Law Court, on a question of law, and I argued the same last May, at Augusta. In December, last, I received the decision of the full court, in which my position was sustained, and a nonsuit ordered, forever barring the plaintiff's claim.

The case now pending against the city is in the Supreme Court for Kennebec County, and was brought by Melinda S. Kimball, Administratrix of Bradford Kimball, late of Augusta, to enforce payment of an award of $400 damages for laying out a highway over the land of said Kimball, near the head of Willow Street. A careful examination of the case showed that there was no disagreement as to the facts, and the same was therefore submitted to the Law Court on questions of law, and will be in order for, and will doubtless be argued at, the May term of the full court at Augusta.
The city is now plaintiff in one action, in the Supreme Court in this County, *City of Rockland vs. Inhabitants of Morrill*. This is a suit for pauper supplies furnished one James F. Crockett and family, and involves the settlement of an increasing and already expensive family. This suit was commenced some terms ago, while Mr. Geo. S. Wiggin was chairman of the board of Overseers of the Poor, and on information principally furnished by him. According to that information, I believed we had a perfect case. Since that time I have visited Belfast, Waldo and Belmont, in company with the present chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and corresponded largely with persons in various parts of the State, in search of the details necessary to establish the settlement of the pauper. By going back several generations to his paternal ancestors, I discovered what I believed to be sufficient in character and amount for that purpose. The case has of necessity been continued until the present term. At this term I was confronted with a new feature of the case, which showed that my collected evidence was questionable, if not wholly unreliable, upon an important branch of the case. Looking to the interests of the city, I could not prudently proceed to trial, with a case of so much importance. The case is still upon the trial docket. It may be continued—or a *nonsuit* may be unavoidable. Should a *nonsuit* be ordered, a new suit will lie to determine the pauper's settlement.

During the last session of the legislature I was called upon officially to oppose the division of the city, and spent considerable time at Augusta for that purpose.

I have examined a large number of questions during the year, for the various city officers, and given advice and opinions, oral and written, thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUE P. PIERCE, *City Solicitor*. 
GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ROCKLAND,
FOR THE
MUNICIPAL YEAR, 1879--80.

MAYOR,
JOHN LOVEJOY,
Salary $300.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.


WARD 7.  Almon Bird.

CHAS. A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK,
Salary $125.

COMMON COUNCIL.

C. W. S. COBB, PRESIDENT.

WARD 1.  A. D. Bird,
J. H. Larrabee,
Benj. Philbrook.
WARD 2.  W. H. Rhoades,
G. A. Perrigo,
Franklin Smith.
WARD 3.  C. W. S. Cobb,
F. J. Simonton,
G. W. Drake.
WARD 4.  O. E. Blackington,
S. H. Boynton,
H. N. Keene.
WARD 5.  G. W. Berry,
Sam'l Bryant,
W. C. McIntosh.
WARD 6.  Eli P. Hall,
John N. Ingraham,
Dan'l W. Rhoades.
WARD 7.  Elkanah Spear,
Timothy O'Brien,
Obadiah Gardiner.

ENOCH DAVIES, CLERK.
Salary $50.
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Finance—Alderman Willoughby; Councilmen Berry and Keene.

On Accounts and Claims—Alderman Crockett; Councilmen Blackington and Bird.

On New Streets, Highways, Sidewalks, Drains and Sewers—Alderman Bird; Councilmen Bryant and W. H. Rhoades.

On Fire Department—Alderman Mehan; Councilmen Boynton and D. W. Rhoades.

On Schools and School-houses—Alderman Glover; Councilmen Simonton and Philbrook.

On Printing—Alderman Glover; Councilmen Spear and Larrabee.

On Engrossed Ordinances and Resolves—Alderman Crockett; Councilmen Ingraham and Perrigo.

On City Property—Alderman Lynde; Councilmen Hall and Drake.

On By-Laws and Police Regulations—Alderman Mehan; Councilmen McIntosh and Gardiner.

On Burying Grounds—Alderman Hewett; Councilmen Smith and O'Brien.

CITY OFFICERS.

JUDGE OF THE POLICE COURT.

GORDON M. HICKS.

Appointed by the Governor and Council in March, 1877, to serve four years. Salary $300 per annum.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

City Treasurer—Leander Weeks. Salary $150 per annum.

Collector of Taxes—C. G. Moffitt. Compensation 8 mills upon each dollar collected.

City Marshal—A. J. Crockett. Salary $450. All fees to be paid into the city treasury.

City Physician—Benj. Williams, 2d. Salary $175, including medicine and attendance on foreign and domestic poor.
Assessors—Allen Bowler, C. L. Allen and Philo Thurston. Salary $500 per annum for the Board.

Overseers of the Poor—A. F. Crockett, O. P. Hix and G. W. Berry. Salary $350 for the Board.

Superintending School Committee—F. W. Smith, John Lovejoy and O. G. Hall. Salary $250 for the Board.

School Agent—A. L. Tyler. Salary $100.

Road Commissioners—J. H. Larrabee, Alvin McLain and Geo. W. Ricker. Salary $1.25 per day for each day's labor.

Chief Engineer of Fire Department—F. L. Cummings. Salary $100 per year.

Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department—C. E. Ulmer, A. C. Gay and T. S. McIntosh. Salary $25 each.

City Solicitor—D. N. Mortland. Salary $100.

Board of Health—John Lovejoy, Benj. Williams 2d and Wm. A. Banks.

Street Engineer—A. D. Blackington.

Harbor Master—Albert F. Ames.


Truant Officers—A. L. Tyler, G. A. Spear and E. A. Philbrook.


Fence Viewers.—J. N. Ingraham, G. L. Farrand and Ephraim Perry.

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**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.**

**Measurers of Salt, Corn and Grain.**—I. A. Jones, David Kent and Elias Larrabee.

**Sealer of Weights and Measures.**—C. F. Tupper.


**Person to seize unlawful Coal Baskets.**—F. H. Ulmer.


**Salaried Policemen.**—Wm. H. Witham and Samuel Hewett. Salary, $365.


**City Undertakers.**—N. A. & S. H. Burpee and C. V R. Boynton.

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**WARD OFFICERS.**

**Constables.**


Ward 7. C. E. Ulmer.
### WARDENS AND CLERKS.

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