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Mayor Levi W. Stone.
THE CHARTER (AS AMENDED) OF
THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF
BIDDEFORD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Biddeford,
in the County of York, shall continue to be a body politic and
corporate by the name of the City of Biddeford; and as such
shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities,
powers, privileges and franchises, and be subject to all the
duties and obligations now appertaining to, or incumbent
upon, the inhabitants or selectmen thereof; and may ordain
and publish such acts, laws and regulations not inconsistent
with the constitution and laws of this State, as shall be need­
ful to the good order of said body politic; and impose fines
and penalties for the breach thereof, not exceeding twenty
dollars for any one offence, which may be recovered to the use
of said city, by action of debt, or on complaint before the
Police Court of said city.

SECTION 2. The administration of all the fiscal, pruden­
tial and municipal affairs of said city, with the government
thereof, shall be vested in one principal magistrate, to be
styled the Mayor; and one council of seven, to be denominated
the Board of Aldermen; and one council of twenty-one, to be
denominated the Common Council, all of whom shall be inhab­
itants of said city, which boards shall constitute and be called
the City Council; all of whom shall be sworn to the faithful
performance of the duties of their respective offices: Provided,
the City Council shall not vote, assess or appropriate any
money for any object or purpose for which the town of Biddeford is not authorized to vote, assess or appropriate money, except for such purposes as are authorized by this act. And provided further, that neither the City Council, nor any agent or officer of the city, shall borrow or hire any money for or on account of the city, or inhabitants thereof, except for the purposes for which the town of Biddeford is now by law authorized to raise money; and all notes, bonds, obligations, scrip or orders given by the City Council, or any officer or agent thereof, for money or property obtained for any other purpose, shall be void.

SECTION 3. The Mayor of said City shall be the chief executive magistrate thereof. It shall be his duty to be vigilant and active in causing the laws and regulations of the city to be executed and enforced, to exercise a general supervision over the conduct of all subordinate officers, and to cause their violations or neglect of duty to be punished. He may call special meetings of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, or either of them, when, in his opinion, the interests of the city require it, by a notice in one or more of the papers printed in the city, or by causing a summons or notification to be given in hand, or left at the usual dwelling place of each member of the board or boards to be convened. He shall, from time to time, communicate to both of them such information, and recommend such measures as the business and interests of the city may, in his opinion, require. He shall preside in the Board of Aldermen and in the joint meetings of the two boards, but shall have only a casting vote. The salary and compensation of the Mayor shall be eight hundred and forty dollars per year, which shall not be increased or diminished hereafter, unless by a majority vote of the qualified voters in ward meetings called for the purpose. Nor shall he receive from the city any other compensation for any service by him rendered in any other capacity or agency. The Aldermen and Common Councilmen shall receive no compensation for their services as such.

SECTION 4. The executive powers of said city, generally,
with all the powers of the Selectmen of the town of Biddeford, shall be vested in the Mayor and Aldermen as fully as if the same had been herein particularly enumerated; all other powers now vested in the inhabitants of said town, and all powers granted by this act, shall be vested in the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council of said city, to be exercised by concurrent vote, each board to have a negative upon the other; but all other elections of officers by the City Council, shall be by joint ballot of the two boards in convention. The City Council shall, annually, on the second Monday of March, or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, elect and appoint all the subordinate officers and agents for the city, for the ensuing year, including a chief engineer and other engineers for the fire department, (which chief engineer, or in his absence, any two other engineers, shall have all the power and authority that firewards now have); shall define their duties and fix their compensation, in cases where such duties and compensation shall not be defined and fixed by the laws of this State; and may, by concurrent vote, remove officers, when, in their opinion, sufficient cause for removal exists. All officers shall be chosen and vacancies supplied for the current year, except as hereinafter otherwise directed. All the said subordinate officers and agents shall hold their offices during the ensuing year, and until others shall be elected and qualified in their stead, unless sooner removed by the City Council. All monies received and collected for and on account of the city, by any officer or agent thereof, shall forthwith be paid into the city treasury. The City Council shall take care that monies shall not be paid from the treasury unless granted or appropriated; shall secure a prompt and just accountability, by requiring bonds with sufficient penalty and sureties from all persons trusted with the receipt, custody, or disbursement of money; shall have the care and superintendence of city buildings and the custody and management of all city property, with power to let or sell what may be legally let or sold; and to purchase and take in the name of the city such real or personal property, not exceeding the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, (changed
to seventy-five, see Act of 1860, Chap. 383,) including the property now owned by the town, as they may think useful to the public interest. And the City Council shall, as often as once a year, cause to be published for the information of the inhabitants, a particular account of receipts and expenditures, and a schedule of the city property; and no money shall be paid from the treasury unless the same be appropriated by the City Council, and upon a warrant signed by the Mayor, which warrant shall state the appropriation under which the same was drawn.

Section 5. Every law, act, ordinance or bill appropriating money, having passed both branches of the City Council, shall be presented to the Mayor of the city; and if he approve the same, he shall sign it; if not, he shall return it in seven days, with his objections, to that branch of the City Council in which it shall have originated, which branch shall enter the objections at large on its journals and proceed to reconsider said law, act, ordinance, or bill. If, upon such reconsideration, a majority of the whole number of that branch shall agree to pass it, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other branch, by which it shall be reconsidered, and if approved by a majority of the whole number of that branch, it shall have the same effect as if signed by the Mayor.

Section 6. The City Assessors, who shall be annually appointed by the City Council, shall execute and be subject to the same powers, duties, and liabilities that the assessors in the several towns in this State may exercise and be subject to, under existing laws; provided, however, that the City Council may appoint one person in each ward, whose duty it shall be to furnish the Assessors with all necessary information relative to persons and property, taxable in his ward, and who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duty. All taxes shall be assessed, apportioned and collected in the manner prescribed by the laws of this State relative to town taxes; provided, however, that it shall and may be lawful for the City Council to establish further and additional provisions for the collection thereof.
SECTION 7. The City Council, by itself or by a commit-
tee of said Council, shall have exclusive power to lay out any
new street or public way in said city, and fix the time when
the same shall be opened, or widen or otherwise alter, or dis-
continue any existing street or public way in said city, and to
estimate the damages any person may sustain thereby, and
shall be governed by the same rules and regulations as are by
law provided in the case of the location, alteration or discon-
tinuance of town ways by the Selectmen of towns, and any
person aggrieved by the decision or judgment of said City
Council or its committee in its award of damages, shall have
the same remedies, and be entitled to the same proceedings in
order to have them assessed by a committee or jury as are now
provided by law in the case of town ways; and the County
Commissioners for York County shall have power to lay out
within said city any part of any new county road that shall by
them be laid out, in any adjoining town or towns, and shall
pass thence into, or through said city according to the pro-
visions of law; and any highway or town way, or bridge, which
has been or may hereafter be located within said town or city
between high and low water mark, shall nevertheless be deemed
to be legally located and established.

SECTION 8. It shall be lawful for the City Council, by a
committee by them appointed, or by instructions to the Com-
misssioner of Streets, to appropriate, set off and reserve as
sidewalks, such part or portions of the several streets in said
city, now or hereafter to be established, as to said Council
may appear necessary for the safety, convenience and accom-
modation of foot passengers. It shall be lawful for the City
Council to permit or direct posts of wood or stone, or trees, to
be placed along the edge of said sidewalk next to the traveled
part of the street, in such number and manner as they may
deeem necessary to protect said sidewalks, and the persons
traveling thereon from damage or inconvenience from teams
or carriages. So much of the several streets in said city as
shall be appropriated and reserved as sidewalks, agreeable to
the provisions of this act, shall be taken and deemed to be
reserved exclusively for the accommodation, convenience, and use of persons travelling on foot; and said city shall not be liable for damages for any injury done or occasioned in consequence of any cart, carriage, wagon, truck or other vehicle, or any team or animal striking against any of said sidewalks, or the posts or trees set or placed to defend the same. The several sidewalks on the streets in said city, as at present established and used, shall be taken and deemed to be the proper and lawful reservation for that purpose until altered or otherwise established by the proper authority.

SECTION 9. The City Council shall have power, on such terms and conditions as they may think proper, to authorize and empower any person or corporation to place in any street, for such time as may be necessary, any materials for making or repairing any street, sidewalk, crosswalk, bridge, water-course, or drain, or for erecting, repairing, or finishing any building or fences; provided, that not more than one-third of the width of the street shall be so occupied; and such material so placed by virtue of any license obtained as aforesaid, shall not be considered an incumbrance or nuisance in such street; and the city, or person, or corporation so placing the same, shall not be liable for any damages occasioned by such materials.

SECTION 10. The City Council shall have authority to establish and make regulations for the measurement and sale of wood and bark, in said city, whether brought by land or water, and may affix suitable penalties for the violation thereof, anything in the public laws of the State to the contrary notwithstanding; and shall also have authority to make all needful regulations in relation to the harbor; may appoint a Harbor-Master, prescribe his duties, and fix his compensation.

SECTION 11. All the laws and regulations now in force in said town of Biddeford, shall, notwithstanding this act, be and remain in force until they expire by their own limitations, or be revised or repealed by the City Council; and prosecutions and suits may be commenced and proceeded thereon in the name of the city, by officers or other persons thereby em-
powered or directed to prosecute and sue; and the fines and penalties shall go to the uses, in such laws or regulations named, according to law.

Section 17. For the purpose of holding elections, said city shall be divided into seven wards, to contain as nearly as conveniently may be, an equal number of legal voters; and it shall be the duty of the City Council, once in ten years, and not oftener than five years, to review, and if it be needful, to alter said wards, in such a manner as to preserve as nearly as may be, an equal number of legal voters in each. In each of said wards, there shall annually, on the second Monday of March, be chosen by ballot a Warden and Clerk, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall have been chosen and qualified in their places. Said Warden and Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their respective duties, by any Justice of the Peace of said city, or by the person presiding in said ward meeting, or by the Clerk of said ward, and a certificate of such oaths having been administered, shall be entered by the Clerk on the records of the ward. The Warden shall preside at all ward meetings, with the power of moderators of town meetings; and if at any meeting the Warden should not be present, the Clerk of such ward shall call the meeting to order, and preside until a Warden pro tem. shall be chosen. If neither of them should be present, any legal voter in the ward may preside until a Clerk pro tem. shall be chosen and qualified. The Clerk shall record all the proceedings, and certify the votes given, and deliver over to his successor in office all such records and journals together with all other documents and papers held by him in said capacity. The inhabitants in each ward may choose two persons to assist the Warden in receiving, sorting and counting the votes. The list of the names of the legal voters in each ward, shall be prepared by the Assessors and Board of Aldermen, assisted by the Wardens, in the same manner, and under the same restrictions as are imposed by the laws of this State on the Assessors and Selectmen of towns; and all regular ward meetings shall be notified and called by the Mayor and Aldermen
in the manner prescribed by the laws of this State for notifying and calling town meetings by the Selectmen of the several towns, excepting that ward meetings for the election of Mayor after the second trial, may be called within the time provided in such cases in this act.

Section 18. The Mayor shall be elected from the citizens at large, by the inhabitants of the city, voting in their respective wards; one Alderman and three Common Councilmen shall be elected by each ward, being residents in the wards where elected; all said officers shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of the votes given, (changed to plurality, see Acts of 1883, Chapter 323), and shall hold their offices one year from the third Monday in March, and until others shall be elected in their places.

Section 20. On the second Monday in March, annually, immediately after a Warden and Clerk shall have been elected and sworn, the qualified electors of each ward shall ballot for a Mayor, one Alderman, and three Common Councilmen; all the votes given for the said several officers, respectively, shall be sorted, counted, declared, and registered in open ward meeting, by causing the names of the persons voted for, and the number of votes given to each, to be written on the ward record at length. The Ward Clerk, within twenty-four hours after such election, shall deliver to the persons elected Aldermen and Common Councilmen, certificates of their election, and shall forthwith deliver to the City Clerk a certified copy of the record of such election; provided, however, that if the choice of Aldermen and Common Councilmen cannot conveniently be effected on that day, the meeting may be adjourned from day to day to complete such election. The persons receiving the highest number of votes for Aldermen, Common Councilmen, Constable, Warden or Clerk shall be declared elected; if no one shall then have such highest number, the balloting shall be continued from day to day, until a choice is thus effected. In balloting for Mayor, the person receiving the highest number of votes given in all the wards shall be declared elected. The Board of Aldermen shall, as soon as
conveniently may be, examine the copies of the records of the several wards, certified as aforesaid, and shall cause the person who shall have been elected Mayor, to be notified, in writing, of his election; but if it shall appear that no person shall have been elected, or if the person elected shall refuse to accept the office, further elections shall in the same manner be ordered, till a choice shall be made by some one having the highest number of votes; and in case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a new election, in the manner hereinbefore provided for the choice of said officer: and in the meantime the president pro tempore of the Board of Aldermen shall perform the duties of Mayor. The oath prescribed by this act shall be administered to the Mayor by the City Clerk, or any Justice of the Peace, in said city. The Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect, shall, on the third Monday of March, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, meet in convention, when the oath required by the second section of this act, shall be administered to the members of the two boards present, by the Mayor or any Justice of the Peace, and thereupon the two boards shall separate, and the Board of Common Council shall be organized by the election of a President and Clerk.

**SECTION 21.** The City Clerk shall be the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen; he shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Aldermen or Common Council; and shall perform all duties, and exercise all the powers by law incumbent upon, or vested in the Town Clerk of the Town of Biddeford; he shall give notice in one or two of the papers printed in said city of the time and place of regular ward meetings; but the place of regular ward meetings, and also the day and hour, when not fixed by law, shall be determined by the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Aldermen may, in the absence of the Mayor, choose a President pro tempore, who shall preside at joint meetings of the two boards. Each board shall keep a record of its proceedings, and judge of the election of its own members; and in case of failure of election,
or vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise, may order new elections. A quorum for the transaction of business, shall in each board consist of a majority of members thereof; all meetings of the Aldermen and Common Council, and all meetings of the two boards in convention, shall be open and public, and the presiding officer of each of them shall have the power of moderators of town meetings. At either of said meetings, when any two members shall request it, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, which shall be recorded by the Clerk.

Section 22. General meetings of the citizens, qualified to vote in city affairs, may, from time to time, be held to consult upon the public good; to instruct their representatives, and to take all lawful measures to obtain redress of any grievances according to the right secured to the people by the constitution of this State; and such meetings may and shall be duly warned by the Mayor and Aldermen, upon the requisition of thirty qualified voters of said city.

Section 23. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen of the town of Biddeford, as soon as may be, after this act shall have been accepted, as hereinafter provided, to cause a division of said town to be made into seven wards, in such manner as to include, as nearly as conveniently may be, consistently with well defined limits to each ward, an equal number of voters in each ward.

Section 24. For the purpose of organizing the system of government hereby established, and putting the same in operation, in the first instance, the Selectmen of the town, for the time being, shall seasonably, before the second Monday of March, next after the acceptance of this charter, issue their warrants for calling meetings of the said citizens at such place and hour upon said day, as they shall think expedient, for the purpose of choosing a Warden and Clerk for each ward, also to give their votes for a Mayor to be taken from the city at large, and one Alderman and three Common Councilmen, and one Constable, for each ward; the transcript of the records of each ward specifying the votes given for Mayor, one Alder-
man and three Common Councilmen, and one Constable certified by the Warden and Clerk of such ward, shall at said first election, be returned to the said Selectmen of the said town of Biddeford, whose duty it shall be to examine and compare the same; and in case said election shall not be completed at the first election, then to issue a new warrant until such election shall be completed according to the provisions of this act: and to give notice thereof, in the manner hereinbefore directed, to the several persons elected. And at said first meeting, any inhabitant of said ward, being a legal voter, may call the citizens to order and preside until a Warden shall have been chosen; and at said first meeting, a list of voters in each ward, prepared and corrected by the Selectmen of the town of Biddeford for the time being, shall be delivered to the Clerk of each ward when elected, to be used as provided by the law in town meetings; and it shall be the duty of the City Council in convention, immediately after their first organization, to elect by ballot, a City Clerk and all other necessary city officers, who shall hold their offices respectively until others are chosen and qualified in their places.

Section 25. This act shall take effect and be in full force when the same shall have been accepted by the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs, at a legal town meeting called for that purpose, at any time after this act shall be approved by the Governor; provided, it shall be accepted within five years from the passage of this act, but not more than one meeting, for that purpose, shall be called in the same year; and at such meeting the inhabitants of said town shall vote by a written ballot; those in favor of accepting this act having on the ballot the word "Yes," and those opposed having on the ballot the word "No," and if a majority of all the ballots received are in favor of accepting the same, it shall then become a law and take effect. And it shall be the duty of the Clerk of said town to file a copy of the record of the vote of said town, accepting the same, with the Clerk of the city of Biddeford, when elected, who shall transcribe such copy
into the records of the city, and such records shall be conclusive evidence that this act has been accepted.

SECTION 26. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed, from and after the time when this act shall have been accepted as aforesaid, and the new system of government organized as herein provided.

In the House of Representatives, January 30, 1855. This Bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

SIDNEY PERHAM, Speaker.

In Senate, January 31, 1855. This Bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

FRANKLIN MUZZY, President.

February 1, 1855. Approved. ANSON P. MORRILL.

Secretary's Office, Augusta, February 2, 1855. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original, deposited in this office.

ALDEN JACKSON, Sec. of State.

AMENDMENTS.

LAWS OF 1861.—CHAPTER 52.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD TO CONSOLIDATE ITS DEBT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Biddeford is hereby authorized at any time, to consolidate the debt of said city and to issue therefor, bonds with interest coupons attached, for such sums and for such time, not exceeding twenty years, as the City Council of said city may determine.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect when approved by the Governor. [Approved February 28, 1861.]

LAWS OF 1862.—CHAPTER 170.
AN ACT ADDITIONAL TO "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. No member of the Board of Aldermen or of the Common Council of the city of Biddeford, shall, during the year for which he was elected, be eligible by election of the City Council or either of its branches to any office of profit or emolument in said city.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on its approval by the Governor. [Approved March 8, 1862.]

LAWS OF 1872.—CHAPTER 181.
AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the city of Biddeford may require the owner of any lot of ground fronting on any street or way in said city to cause the foot way or sidewalks in front of said lot to be paved with brick or flat stones, with suitable curb-stones, or to be covered with plank or other suitable materials, as they may deem proper, the same to be done under the direction and to the approbation of the Committee on Streets. If the owner of such lot shall refuse or neglect to pave or cover such sidewalk or foot way to the satisfaction of said committee for the space of thirty days after he or the tenant of such lot shall have been thereto required by the Commissioner of Streets, it shall then be the duty of said commissioner to procure the same to be done, and the city shall have a lien on the property for the expenses thereof, to be enforced
as in the following section: the City Council before requiring any such sidewalk or foot way to be paved or covered, shall by a general ordinance assume a portion of said expense to an amount not less than one-third thereof, to be paid by the city in money or materials.

Section 2. The Mayor and Aldermen of said city may assess upon the owner of said lot the amount of said expense not assumed by said city, and shall give notice thereof to said owner if an inhabitant of said city, by giving him in hand or leaving at his last and usual place of abode, a copy of said assessment; or if not an inhabitant of said city, by publishing the same three weeks successively in one paper published in said city. All assessments made under the provisions of this section shall constitute a lien upon said lot for two years after they are laid. They shall be certified by the Mayor and Aldermen under their hands to the Treasurer and Collector of said city and his successors, with directions to collect the same according to law, and may with all costs and expenses be levied by sale of said lot by him or them if the assessment is not paid within three months after a written demand of payment made by him or them, either upon the person assessed, his agent or tenant, or in case neither can be found in said city in three months after notice of said assessment published in one of the papers in said city. Such sale to be conducted in the same manner as sales for the non-payment of taxes on land of resident owners and with a similar right of redemption.

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved. [Approved February 29, 1872.]

Laws of 1881.—Chapter 59.

An act providing for the election of a superintending school committee, and superintendent of schools in the city of Biddeford.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the city of Biddeford
may elect a Superintending School Committee of nine members, or may provide for the election of the same by the legal voters in the several wards of said city. Committee shall be divided into three classes of three members each. The term of office of each member to be determined at the time of his election. The first class of three to hold office for one year; the second class of three to hold office for two years; the third class of three to hold office for three years; and the successor of each class shall be elected for the term of three years, and immediately upon the election and qualification of the committee herein provided for, the term of office of the existing committee shall cease. In case a Superintendent of Schools is appointed, as authorized by this act, then the Superintending School Committee shall receive no compensation.

Section 2. The Superintending School Committee of said city of Biddeford may exercise all the powers conferred, and shall discharge all the duties imposed by law upon superintending school committees, and also exercise all the powers conferred, and shall discharge all the duties imposed by law upon school agents; and they may also appoint a Superintendent of Schools for a term of five years, and with such compensation as said committee may determine. Superintendent may be removed at the pleasure of said committee; and any vacancy may be filled by the appointment of said committee.

Section 3. Said Superintendent of Schools shall act under the direction of, and be responsible to the Superintending School Committee of said city, and may exercise such of those powers as they may from time to time confer upon him.

Section 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved February 24, 1881.]
AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF ASSESSORS OF TAXES, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND HEALTH COMMITTEE, IN THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the city of Biddeford, shall, on the third Monday of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, or as soon thereafter as may be, elect three Assessors of Taxes, one of whom shall be elected for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; and thereafter, except to fill any vacancy, one Assessor of Taxes shall be elected annually for three years.

SECTION 3. Said City Council shall, on the third Monday of March aforesaid, or as soon thereafter as may be, elect a Health Committee, consisting of three persons, one of whom shall be elected for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; and thereafter, except to fill any vacancy, one member of said committee shall be elected annually for three years.

SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect when approved. Approved February 17, 1887.

LAWS OF 1897.

SECTION 2. The City Council shall not vote, assess or appropriate any money for any object or purpose for which towns are not authorized to vote, assess or appropriate money, except for such purposes as are authorized by this act. The City Council shall not order the payment of any money, nor shall the Mayor draw any warrant for any purpose whatever, in excess of the amount appropriated for the current year, and at the time of said order remaining unexpended in the appropriation of the particular class or department to which such
expenditures belong. Neither the City Council nor any officer of the city shall have the authority to make any contract or do anything binding the city or imposing upon the city any liability to pay money, until a definite amount of money shall have been appropriated for the liquidation of all pecuniary liability under said contract, or in consequence thereof, and the amount of said appropriation shall be the maximum limit of the liability of the city under any such contract or in consequence thereof; said contract to be, *ab initio*, null and void as to the city for any other or further liability.

**Section 3.** The municipal officers for and during each year, shall be and constitute the board of Overseers of the Poor, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now held and performed by the board of overseers. And the City Council shall annually in the month of March or April, appoint some discreet and able person, who is an inhabitant of the city and well versed in its municipal affairs, to be clerk of said board and who shall, under the direction and supervision of said board, have general charge and supervision of the city poor. Such person shall devote all his time to the duties of the office, and shall be paid an adequate salary therefor to be fixed by the City Council.

**Section 4.** The Mayor and Aldermen shall elect a City Auditor, who shall hold his office for one year and shall have the powers and perform the duties usually held and performed by such officers. He shall direct and supervise the manner of keeping the books and accounts of the city. No bill or claim against the city shall be approved and allowed by the committee on accounts or warrant drawn therefor by the Mayor, until such bill or claim has been presented to the Auditor and he shall have certified thereon that it is proper in form and is a legal and valid claim, and shall designate under what department and appropriation the same may be due and payable. The Auditor shall annually, in the month of February, cause to be published for use of the inhabitants of the city, a report containing a particular account of the receipts and expenditures of the city, and a schedule of the city prop-
Section 5. Section two of chapter one hundred and fourteen of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and all acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

In the House of Representatives, March 26, 1897. This Bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

SETH L. LARRABEE, Speaker.

In Senate, March 26, 1897. This Bill having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

A. R. DAY, President.

March 26, 1897. Approved.

LLEWELLYN POWERS, Governor.
Gentlemen of the City Council: — We have been called by the voice of the people to assume the management of municipal affairs for the coming year. And I think it is right when a new city government is inaugurated to announce to the people the financial policy you intend to pursue. For my own part our duty is plain. We should continue to reduce the public debt till it is clearly within the statute limit of five per cent on the last valuation.

Our last valuation was about $7,000,000. This would admit of a debt of about $350,000. Every dollar of debt in excess of this should be paid as soon as practicable. This can be easily accomplished in five or six years without excessive taxation. The interest-bearing debt at the close of the fiscal year is given by the treasurer at $454,300. But the treasurer has since been authorized to hire $50,000 in anticipation of taxes of 1898, $35,000 to be used in paying interest-bearing liabilities, so that we are now paying interest on $469,300. Two years ago we were paying interest on $551,300, besides having a large amount of warrants and bills unpaid. This reduction in the public debt the past two years
by my predecessor is a splendid achievement, and I believe we should adhere to the same policy.

I therefore recommend that a sum equal to the over-draft on city building: viz: $20,256.75, be appropriated and paid the present year besides the running expenses of the city. This will reduce the city debt to about $434,000. When the debt is brought to the legal limit of $350,000, it can be easily funded at three per cent under ordinary conditions. This would bring our interest account to about half what it is now. In order to accomplish this, economy and retrenchment are absolutely necessary. It is no time to increase expenses. The business man's profits are less; property earns less; and the wage earners' pay is badly cut. Property in many localities has depreciated in value. This is especially true of farms.

If there is anything to offset this, it must be looked for on the business streets of the city. The talk of raising our valuation throughout is most absurd. The valuation of property should be equalized. A committee to revalue our property would draw from the treasury two or three thousand dollars without the least benefit to the city. It is the duty of the assessors from year to year to equalize the valuation of property, and I believe they will come as near doing their duty as any set of men we can elect.

The charter makes it my duty to communicate to you such information and recommend such measures as the interest of the city require. This I shall endeavor to do in the future, preferring this brief statement of what, with your co-operation and support, I shall aim to accomplish.

I hope the result will be better than the promise.

OUR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Our school department is the most sacred of all depart-
The City of Biddeford.

merits and we would not be justified in recommending any measures or withholding any funds to lessen their efficiency. I believe our schools are among the best. Our teachers are generally well equipped and competent for their work, and that our schools are yearly making progress toward practical education.

In view of the fact that this department is under the direction of the school board, it would be out of place for me to suggest improvements. But inasmuch as we are expected to furnish funds, I shall urge the strictest economy here as elsewhere. It is not the fault of this administration nor our immediate predecessor that the city is burdened with debt. It is an inheritance of past folly and extravagance which we are called upon to remove, and inasmuch as we are common sufferers together, it is not too much to ask the school board to look carefully over the ground and see if there is not still room for retrenchment.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

The cut in the pay of operatives by our corporations and the resulting strike have caused privation and considerable suffering among our people. It may have been a mistake in the operatives in not accepting the hard terms offered by the corporations. But however this may be, the city is called upon to bear a large share of the resulting misfortune. The poor have a right to live, and when all other sources of food and shelter fail the city must furnish relief. So I hope it is apparent to you as it is to me that some unusual appropriation must be made to meet this extra expense. I recommend that an extra appropriation of $2,500 be made to meet these extra bills. This is not intended to cover any portion of the ordinary expenses of the fiscal year, but to meet the extra expense occasioned by the strike.
Many thousand dollars might profitably be spent on sewers and drains. In fact the amount is only limited by the ability of the city to furnish it. In support of this statement I might call your attention to the condition of Mile Brook which, at its source especially, is fast becoming a deathly, festering nuisance during hot weather. But with the present condition of the finances I can only recommend about the ordinary appropriations.

STREETS, ROADS AND SIDEWALKS.

I believe in good streets and roads. I think macadamized roads are best. Of course we cannot do a large amount of macadamizing in a single year, but a reasonable appropriation should be made for this purpose every year. I think, also, that in the construction of roads leading to the country, some little regard should be paid to wheelmen. This is now a common mode of travel, and if wheelmen are not allowed the use of sidewalks, the roads should be smoothed up and made decent for travel.

Sidewalks should be extended as fast as the owners of land abutting the streets will furnish curbstone and brick, as has been the custom heretofore. The unusual amount of snow has made the expenditures of money in the highway districts in the month of February and a part of March extremely large, the aggregate being $3,759.65. The preceding year it was $1,316.36, making a difference of $2,443.29. This extra amount will have to be provided for, or else the outlying districts will be short of funds to repair roads.

In every department, but especially in our highway districts, there should not be too much haste to exhaust appropriations. No money should be transferred from one department
to another under the provisions of the amended charter. So that when the appropriation is exhausted there is no resort but to the contingent fund, and that is for contingencies and not for overdrafts.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Our fire department is one of great efficiency if we consider the facilities at their command. Their vigilance and energy are commended by all property owners. During the past year we have had occasion to notice that they have made remarkably quick time, so that fires have made but little headway before they were under control. The cost of this department the past year has been about $9,617.93, and when we consider that this is the cheapest and best insurance on our property, we can hardly afford to withhold any funds that will add to its efficiency.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

The importance of this department becomes more apparent as sanitary laws are better understood. Those who have regarded this office as a mere sinecure should take a back seat and give place to those who are up to date. The health officers are invested by law with extraordinary power, and may at any time be called upon to perform the most important duties. In cases of malaria and contagion we look to them as our guardians of life and health. We should avail ourselves of the best ability at our command in filling this office.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

It is gratifying to observe that during the seven weeks' strike quiet and good order have prevailed. No extra police have been required. I also note with satisfaction that the election just past, although exciting, was quite free from those noisy and turbulent scenes which have heretofore characterized spring
elections, and which serve to bring the city into disrepute. Eliminate politics, and these noisy scenes to some extent disappear. For information in this department I refer you to the police commissioners' report.

CONCLUSION.

And now, while we speak confidently of the improved financial condition of the city, we can readily see that many years of economy will be required to bring us to a condition favorable to growth and progress. Let me caution you against an effort to lower the rate of taxation too soon or too much. Hard times are upon us. Of the $40,000 of uncollected taxes quite a large amount will have to be finally abated. The amount of $5,779 against the Biddeford and Saco Water Co. is in doubt, awaiting the decision of the court, and with the reduction in the debt proposed and the extra expense in the pauper department and highway districts, it is doubtful if we can lower the rate more than one or two mills.

It is the duty of every officer of the city who has the contracting of bills against the city to see that the city has a fair and just return for the money paid. The man who contracts bills has a primary responsibility which neither the auditor nor the committee on accounts can supplement. It is possible that a fictitious bill might escape the vigilance of both these safeguards, but every bill should be entirely within the knowledge of him who first approves it. Therefore it is our duty to fill every office of this kind with men who are trustworthy to the last degree. There should be no perquisites attendant upon official position.

I recommend that the amended charter, the joint rules and orders, together with the reports of the various departments and other matter, be compiled and printed in convenient form for reference and distribution among the people.

LEVI W. STONE.
GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF
BIDDEFORD FOR 1898–9.

MAYOR,
HON. LEVI W. STONE.

CITY CLERK, DENIS MURPHY.

ALDERMEN,

President, - - North M. West.

Ward 1, George H. Hussey.
Ward 2, M. J. Boland.
Ward 3, J. Byron Campbell.
Ward 4, Joseph Etchells.
Ward 6, N. M. West.
Ward 7, C. J. Emery.

COMMON COUNCILMEN,

President, - - WALDO B. ANTHOINE.
Clerk, - - - E. T. BRYANT.

Ward 1, Ervin F. Goldthwaite Emery Johnson,
Waldo A. Ricker.
Ward 2, Everard J. Gove, Joseph Carrier
Howard M. Jones.
Annual Reports of

Ward 3, Marcus Watson, Louis A. Talbot, Thomas Lumb.
Ward 4, Waldo B. Anthoine, George Wilson, Henry Reny.
Ward 7, E. E. Chadbourne, George A. Young, John W. Maguire.


Treasurer, Chas. A. Moody.
Collector of Taxes, F. P. Abbott.

City Solicitor, John M. Goodwin.
City Auditor, Ferguson Haines.

Judge of Municipal Court, Benj. F. Cleaves.
Recorder of Municipal Court, George L. Emery.

City Marshal, Chas. B. Harmon.
City Physician, Dr. F. L. Davis.

Chief Engineer of Fire Department, John Leonard.
First Assistant Engineer, Benjamin Goodier.
Second Assistant Engineer, Fred A. Shaw.

Janitor, K. W. Sutherland.

Harbor Master, E. W. Goldthwaite.
Sealer of Weights and Measures, J. W. Gooch.
Assessors, Irving Smith, S. F. Parcher,
               J. B. E. Tartre.

Overseers of Poor, Board of Municipal Officers.
    Clerk of Overseers of Poor, J. H. Dearborn.

Board of Health, Jos. N. Bourque, Dr. John Lord,
               E. L. Cowan.
    Inspector of Buildings, Octavus Drown.

Superintendent of Burials, Jas. T. Emerson
    City Weighers, Geo. E. Morrison, R. A. Fairfield,
               Geo. L. Griffin, Sidney Staples,
               V. A. Sprague, E. E. Small.

Secretary and Superintendent of Schools, R. E. Gould.

Superintending School Committee,
    E. J. Cram, J. E. H. Townsend, Frederick Greene,
    E. W. Staples, N. W. Kendall, N. M. West, Daniel
    Goldthwaite, Alfred Bonneau, S. J. Bassford.

Park Commissioners,

Street Commissioners,
    District 4, Alfred Goodwin.
    River Road, West, W. H. Falker.
    River Road, East, John Richards.
    Pool District, D. A. Davis.
    Fortunes Rocks District, D. M. Tarbox.
    Newtown District, G. N. Goldthwaite.
    Oak Ridge District, Ivory E. Davis.
    Ward 7, East, Geo. H. Elwell.
        " West, J. Millard Hill.
        " North, Edson Roberts.
        " Hollis Road, Geo. Patterson.
    Kennebunk Road, Clark Wakefield.
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.
The Mayor, Councilman J. F. Hannaway,
Alderman G. H. Hussey, " Ervin F. Goldthwaite,
" Louis A. Talbot.

ACCOUNTS.
Alderman Joseph Etchells, Councilman Joseph Carrier,
" J. W. Maguire.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.
The Mayor, Councilman Geo. A. Young,
Alderman J. G. C. Smith. " Geo. Wilson,
" J. F. Hannaway.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY.
The Mayor, Councilman W. B. Anthoine,
Alderman N. M. West, " E. E. Chadbourne,
" W. A. Ricker.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Alderman M. J. Boland, Councilman J. Thacher Emery,
" J. B. Campbell, " H. M. Jones,
" Henry Reny.

PRINTING.
Alderman C. J. Emery, Councilman E. J. Gove,
" E. E. Chadbourne.

ORDINANCES.
The Mayor, Councilman E. J. Gove,
" Marcus Watson.
STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS.

The Mayor, Councilman W. B. Anthoine,
Alderman C. J. Emery, " N. Proulx,
" N. M. West, " F. W. Hammond,
POOR.
Alderman Joseph Etchells, " Chas. Townsend.
" M. J. Boland,
Councilman E. Johnson,
" T. Lumb,
" I. E. Rochefort.
STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ELECTIONS.

Alderman Hussey,
“ Etchells,
“ West.

POLICE.

Alderman Emery,
“ Hussey.

LICENSES.

The Mayor, Alderman Boland,
“ Campbell.

ENROLLED BILLS.

Alderman Smith,
“ West,
“ Etchells.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

ELECTION RETURNS.

J. T. Emery,
E. F. Goldthwaite,
Howard M. Jones.

ENROLLED BILLS.

J. F Hannaway,
Geo. Wilson,
F. L. Hammond.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor of submitting the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the city for the year ending January 31, 1899:

Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1898, $ 3,489 60
Received from all sources for the year, 342,324 14
Total payments for the year, $345,403 22
Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1899, 410 52

A statement in detail appears below.

Detailed financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of the city of Biddeford from the close of the fiscal year January 31, 1898, to and including January 31, 1899:

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<td>City Bonds,</td>
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<td>Discount on taxes</td>
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The City of Biddeford.

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<td>23,431.66</td>
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<td>Street lights</td>
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<td>Temporary loan in anticipation of taxes</td>
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<td>Balance, cash on hand January 31, 1898</td>
<td>3,489.60</td>
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## STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES JANUARY 31, 1899.

### RESOURCES

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### LIABILITIES

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<td>Bills payable, &quot;</td>
<td>$172,800.00</td>
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<td>Bonds and notes outstanding January 31, 1898,</td>
<td>$454,300.00</td>
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<td>$412,800.00</td>
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<td>Amount of balance account January 31, 1898,</td>
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<td>Decrease in balance account this year,</td>
<td>$11,079.89</td>
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<td>Add amount of overdraft on City Building account paid this year,</td>
<td>$20,256.75</td>
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<td>Shows amount of debt paid by this administration,</td>
<td>$31,336.64</td>
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<td>Cash on hand, bounty on seals, and due from taxes January 31, 1898,</td>
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<td>&quot;  &quot; 31, 1899,</td>
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<td>Shows amount of notes and bonds paid this year as above,</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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**CITY BONDS OUTSTANDING.**

Due May 1, 1900, 4 1/2 per cent., $25,000 00

“ July 1, 1901, 4 per cent., 25,000 00

“ May 15, 1904, 4 per cent., 50,000 00

“ May 1, 1905, 4 per cent., 50,000 00

“ September 1, 1906, 4 per cent., 10,000 00

“ July 1, 1907, 4 per cent., 10,000 00

“ May 1, 1915, 4 per cent., 25,000 00

“ July 1, 1917, 4 per cent., 45,000 00

$240,000 00

Table showing the valuation and indebtedness of the city of Biddeford from 1883 to and including January 31, 1899.

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<th>YEAR</th>
<th>ASSESSOR'S VALUATION</th>
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<td>$5,777,528 00</td>
<td>$248,025 00</td>
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<td>6,008,682 00</td>
<td>255,625 00</td>
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<td>5,981,382 00</td>
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<td>1886</td>
<td>5,921,417 00</td>
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<td>“ 31, 1887</td>
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<td>5,958,332 00</td>
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<td>“ 31, 1888</td>
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<td>6,067,005 00</td>
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Very Respectfully,

CHAS. A. MOODY,
City Treasurer.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, February 6, 1899.
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford.

I submit my report as Collector of Taxes. The taxes were committed to me September 1, 1898. In the five months ending January 31, 1899, I have collected and turned over to City Treasurer Moody the following amount:

Total amount of tax levy for the year 1898, $191,891 56
Total amount of supplemental tax for 1898, 265 56
Total amount of interest collected to Jan. 31, 1899, 50 84

$192,207 96

Paid City Treasurer Moody, as per treasurer's receipts, $166,400 00
Paid Treasurer Moody interest to Jan. 31, 1899, 50 84
Cash on hand and in bank Jan. 31, 1898, 124 87
Balance of uncollected taxes due the city for 1898, 25,632 25

$192,207 96

Fred P. Abbott,
Collector for 1898.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to hand you herewith a statement of the appropriations, receipts from other sources, expenditures, and unexpended balances in the various departments of the city for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1899. I will also say that every warrant drawn during the year has been paid by the Treasurer, and the number of bills outstanding is very small, not amounting, I think, to over two hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

Ferguson Haines,
Auditor.

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Note.—Other items which do not come strictly under the appropriations for city expenses, appear in the Treasurer's report, and as I have duly audited his books, and find them to agree with my own in every particular, I omit them here, as it would only be a needless repetition of figures.
GENERAL EXPENSE.

W. A. Foss,
$ 5 90
W. A. Foss,
80 00
M. Woodman,
71 00
N. B. Walker,
71 00
York Light & Heat Co.,
8 30
C. A. Moody,
5 50
E. E. Clark,
48 31
W. H. Watson,
4 00
Geo. W. Bruce,
1 25
Will E. Cleaves,
12 50
W. I. Dennett,
35 00
Jean B. Pare, Jr.,
26 81
Union Coal Co.,
7 00
Arthur Grant,
2 50
W. I. Dennett,
35 00
S. Gowen,
3 50
Jas. R. Walker,
75
W. A. Foss,
35 00
M. Woodman,
31 00
N. B. Walker,
28 00
Edwin A. Andrews,
15 00
N. D. Colcord,
15 00
Jas. L. Libby,
3 00
Louis H. Staples,
3 00
John R. Staples,
3 00
Orrin B. Edwards,
3 00
Daniel Goldthwaite,
3 00
Wright W. Goldthwaite,
3 00
John O’Brien,
3 00
John Munday,
3 00
Geo. H. Cartier,
3 00
Ernest Martin, 3 00
Wm. H. Donahue, 3 00
Wm. County, 3 00
Arthur Sellers, 3 00
Geo. W. Leavitt, 3 00
Clarence E. Richards, 3 00
Oscar G. Parent, 3 00
Harold Kelly, 3 00
Herbert E. Brooks, 3 00
Silas P. Adams, 3 00
S. W. A. Smith, 3 00
Edward C. Stone, 3 00
David O. Jeanson, 3 00
Joseph Cartier, 3 00
Hugh. M. Milliken, 3 00
John E. H. Townsend, 3 00
Edgar E. Small, 3 00
Joseph Shevenell, 3 00
John M. Dearing, 3 00
John Bonser, 3 00
Geo. W. Rumery, 3 00
Nicholas Tierny, 3 00
Timothy P. McKeering, 3 00
Chas. K. Osgood, 3 00
Maurice H. Whelan, 3 00
Eusebe Guilman, 3 00
Chas. S. Stimpson, 3 00
Frank W. Rumery, 3 00
Ezekiel T. Bryant, 3 00
Frank Hazeltine, 3 00
Walter I. Gordon, 3 00
Winborn A. Small, 3 00
Henry I. Lord, 3 00
W. A. Foss, 1 63
Geo. K. Gibbs, 281 83
Henry H. Gove, 10 50
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The City of Biddeford.

N. W. Kendall, 1 bottle mucilage, 25
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  "  " 1 doz. pencils, 40
  "  " 1 gross pens, 1 50
  "  " 1 " 7 5
  "  " 1 memoranda book, 1 5
  "  " 2 " 3 0
  "  " 1 Blank book, 2 0
  "  " 1 desk rack, 1 00
  "  " 1 blank book, assignment wages, 9 50
C. A. Moody, expenses to Boston, negotiating loan, 5 7 5
Peter Farley, killing 35 dogs, 35 00
  "  " 1 horse hire, 3 00
Record Pub. Co., 1000 blanks, municipal court, 1 50
  "  " 1 000 summons and attachment, for municipal court, 14 00
Record Pub. Co., 1000 bills of costs, municipal court, 7 5 0
  "  " 1 000 summons, 4 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, auditor’s book, 7 5 0
York Light & Heat Co., 341,000 watts, 15c. G. A. R., 5 1 5
Irving Smith, services on registration books, 35 00
  "  " poultry report to State assessors, 5 00
Jas. G. Garland, rent of Infantry Hall, 3 mos., 87 5 0
B. & S. Water Co., 1 self-closing faucet. 1 5 0
  "  " labor on fountain, Gooch street, 2 2 5
Joseph Gooch, ironing chair, 7 5
  "  " 1 00
Biddeford Journal, 1000 blanks, descrip. of prisoner, 4 5 0
  "  " printing badges for police, 5 0
  "  " 50 copies Ord., Chap. 22, half card board, half paper, 2 2 5
Biddeford Journal, 500 No. 6 envelopes, 1 5 0
R. W. Libby, 3 hours survey, Acorn street, 3 0 0
  "  " assistant, 6 0
  "  " 2 h., plan and description, 2 0 0
  "  " 5 h. on Cleaves street, survey, 5 0 0
  "  " assistant, 1 0 0
R. W. Libby, 3 h. searching deeds and records, 3 00
   "  " 2 h. survey and assistant, 2 40
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., messages to Geo. Hussey, 85
B. & S. Water Co., stand-pipe corner Elm and Pearl streets, 150 00
B. & S. Water Co., Lincoln street trough, 55 00
La Justice, 500 envelopes, 2 50
Record Pub. Co., 100 reply postals, 4 50
   "  " 500 orders, highways, 2 50
Peter Farley, killing 2 dogs, 2 00
Record Pub. Co., 1000 trustee writs, municipal court, 14 00
   "  " 1000 summons, 5 00
   "  " 200 probable cause, 5 00
York Light & Heat Co., lighting Infantry Hall, 8 33
Walter I. Dennett, casket and furnishings, Ross, 35 00
N. B. Walker, 29 days on registration board $4.00, 116 00
   "  " clerical work on caucus lists, 14 00
M. Woodman, 29 days on registration board $4.00, 116 00
   "  " clerical work on caucus lists, 14 00
W. A. Foss, 29 days on registration board $5.00, 145 00
   "  " clerical work on caucus lists, 14 00
   "  " 1 doz. pens, 10
   "  " foolscap paper, 12
   "  " 3 pen holders, 25
   "  " 6 pencils, 30
   "  " eraser, 10
   "  " paper, 20
   "  " 14 indexed books, 40c., 5 60
   "  " 1 doz. pens, 10
   "  " 3 pencils, 15
   "  " 1 pad, 10
Frank L. Cornish, washing towels, 8 00
State Reform School, board, 30 29
Record Pub. Co., 600 bill heads, 5 00
   "  " 500 orders, 4 00
Joseph Gooch, iron 1 chair, 1 00
Daniel Dinan, ringing bell at St. Mary's July 4, 4 00
The City of Biddeford.

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N. M. Orcutt, team hire, Ward 1,
Cosgrove & Melancon, team hire to assessors,
State Reform School, board of Jos. Besau, W. L.
   Butterfield and Stanislas Goodreau,
N. E. Telephone Co., telephoning,
F. L. Cornish, towels for clerk's office 13 weeks,
O. Drown, setting up and taking down voting booths, etc.,
E. E. Clark. P. M., stamps and postal cards,
R. W. Libby, 4 hours survey, $4 00, 2 chain men, $1 75, 7 hours on plan, $7 00,
Will E. Cleaves, care of clock 6 mos.,
C. H. Prescott, publishing registration notice 2 days,
   " 500 summons,
   " Publishing assessors notice 3 weeks, 9 75
   " 200 4-page cards city gov't officials, 4 75
   " 200 posters, notice to dog owners, 2 00
   " Pub. notice, meeting of city council, 1 25
   " sanitary notice 3 times, 6 50
   " notice, petition of J. N. Anthoine, 1 25
   " 1 ream note heads for Treas. Moody, 2 25
   " 1000 letter heads, linen, Hutchinson, 4 50
   " publishing proposals for coal 1 week, 2 50
   " 500 postal cards printed, city clerk, 6 50
   " 500 slips to enclose with check, 1 00
   " 500 orders, sewers and drains, 2 00
   " 300 1-2 note circulars, taxes, H. G. H.
   " 500 " " " " 2 75
   " 20 copies warrants for election, 3 25
   " 250 tax receipts, Abbott, 1 50
   " 500 letter heads, " 2 50
   " publishing notice, proposal for sewer, 3 25
The City of Biddeford.

C. H. Prescott, 250 macadamizing orders,  
- 250 i-2 note circulars, vital statistics, $1.50  
- 1 full sheet card, taxes, Abbott, $2.00  
- advertising 1898 taxes, $6.25  
- 1000 large envelopes, Judge Cleaves, $3.00  
- 30 i-2 note circulars, calling meeting, $7.50  
- 1000 i-2 note circulars, 1896 taxes, $3.75  
- H. G. H., $5.75  
- 2000 i-2 note circulars, 1897 taxes, $1.50  
- H. G. H., $6.75  
- 250 letter heads, board of health, $2.75  
- 2000 notifications 1898 taxes, Abbott, $2.75  
- advertising 1898 taxes, 

Marcus Watson, 140 blanks for ward clerks, $4.00
Dr. C. L. Pike, professional services, $75
B. & S. Water Co., setting gate box at city farm, $2.25
- repairs on hydrants and trucking, $1.75

Record Pub. Co., 2000 tax receipts, $7.00
- 500 blanks for court, $8.00
- 200 witness recog., court, $5.00
- 500 mittimus, for court, $7.50
- 300 capias writs for court, $5.00
- 200 postals for court, $1.50
- advertising, 2 in. 16 ins., Oct. 15 to Nov. 1, taxes, $2.50

Record Pub. Co., publication tax payers, 3 times, daily, $87.50
Record Pub. Co., extra composition and cards, $5.00
Henry G. Hutchinson, collector, tax sales, $518.61
Denis Murphy, recording marriages, deaths and births, $35.85
York Light & Heat Co., lighting Infantry Hall, $10.33
Lulu N. Verrill, typewriting, Nov. 16 & Dec. 10 in the matter of contract between city and Water Co., $2.35
L. H. Kendall, rent for headquarters 1st Regiment 1 year, $100.00
W. H. Watson, 500 bills, 3.25
   "   " 1000 blanks, 7.25
   "   " 500 warrants, 2.50
W. A. Foss, 1 book, 1.50
   "   " 1 cork penholder, 10
   "   " 6 pens, 0.05
   "   " 2 lead pencils, 10
   "   " 1 pad, 10
   "   " 14 indexed books, 40c, 5.60
J. A. Lapointe, 123 births, 41.25
J. O. Chenevert, 120 " 51 " 42.75
C. J. Emery, 27 " 32 " 14.75
N. Thivierge, 28 " 14 " 10.50
R. R. Menard, 17 " 18 " 8.75
Henry Reny, 29 " 27 " 14.00
S. J. Bassford, 54 " 45 " 24.75
E. D. O'Neil, 46 " 32 " 19.50
M. H. Ferguson, 3 " 9 " 3.00
D. F. Raciot, 5 " 7 " 3.00
F. L. Davis, 7 " 14 " 5.25
W. J. Maybury, 4 " 5 " 2.25
J. F. Trull, 12 " 12 " 6.00
John Lord, 7 " 8 " 3.75
J. D. Cochrane, 2 " 50
C. W. Pillsbury, 1 " 25
Henry Reny, 1 " 2 " 75
J. G. Garland, rent of Infantry Hall 3 mos., 87.50
Marcus Watson, printing 500 warrants, 2.25
F. M. Burnham, 1 pt. ink, 35c, 1 gro. pens, $1 50, 1.85
   "   " 3 time books, 45c, blotters, 50c, 0.95
   "   " 2 boxes stickers, 0.20
Mrs. M. E. Curtis, watering trough, 1 year, 3.00
La Justice, 3 mos. 1-2 column each, taxes, 4.50
   "   " 1-2 column to Dec. 31, '98 " 3.50
State Reform School, board and clothing Jos. Besau, 13.00
   "   " board and clothing Wilbur L. Butterfield, 2.00
State Reform School board and clothing Stanislas Goodreau, board and clothing Patrick Cooney,

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., to Geo. Hussey, Pool, to Levi Webber, Boston,

C. H. Prescott, health notice, $3, 1000 orders, $4 50, 100 cards, 50c,

5000 orders, Dist. 4, $13, pub. auditor's notice, $2 00

John M. Goodwin, Writ F. G. Warren case, $5, officer's fees, $2,

Writ C. T. S. Blake, $5, officer's fees, 74c,

court clerk's fee,

J. H. Miles, expense as keeper, $10, court fee 75c,

Record Pub. Co., 700 envelopes, $3 25, 12 assessors' books, $9,

Durgin Bros., painting sign for old cemetery,

York Light & Heat Co., lighting Infantry Hall,

E. E. Clark, 100 2-cent stamps,

Geo. A. Anthoine, repairs on pump, $1 75, 1 file, 15c, 1 qt. mucilage, 75c,

N. W. Kendall, rubber bands, $2, paper, 15c, 2 books, 40c,

1 gross pens to Abbott, $1, 1 qt. mucilage, 75c,

3 shade pulls, 15c, 1 thermometer, $1, 1 qt. ink, Abbott, 75c, 1 doz. sheets paper, 20c,
STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit, for your information, a detailed statement of the work done in my department, Highway District, No. 4, under my direction as Street Commissioner, during the past year:

Macadamized Alfred street from Maine to Franklin, River street has been repaired by removing the mud and putting in some 400 tons of stone from back of the City Building that Dr. Warren gave to the City; Elm street on Springs Island was in very bad condition. The earth has been removed to the depth of eighteen inches and 450 tons of large stone from Dr. Warren's and Oak street sewer have been put in and rolled with the road roller. Then 544 tons of crushed stone was used to make the top, and I think that part of Elm street will be all right for a number of years.

West street from Granite east to the district line was in bad condition caused by water standing on the surface without any outlet. Gutters have been made on each side of the road leading into West Brook. That part below West Brook has had a good coat of gravel.

I think it is in better shape than it has been for years past.

Pike street, above Pool street, has been graded by blasting and filling into the low ground near Acorn street. Birch street, near George Hooper's, has been graded with rocks taken from Birch street sewer.
SEWER POCKETS.

New sewer pockets with Concord trap grates as follows:

- Vetromile street, 2
- Bradbury " 1
- Foss " 1
- Washington " 1
- Bacon " 1
- River " 1
- Elm " 2
- Center " 2
- South " 1
- Birch " 1
- Prospect " 1
- Alfred " 1
- Clark " 2
- Western avenue, 3
- Springs Island, 3
- Oak street, 2
- Hill " 2
- Ocean " 2 Pool

11 new Concord grates put in place of old grates.

SIDEWALKS.

New brick sidewalks laid as follows:

- 600 square feet on Porter street.
- 1200 " " Foss "

Brick sidewalks relaid:

- 1200 square feet on Elm street.
- 400 " " Elm " near Deerings' mill.
- 560 " " Bacon "

Repairs on brick sidewalks have been done on the following streets:


I have used all the good ashes I could get to repair sidewalks. I think ashes a good deal better than poor gravel.

- New curb stone, 711 feet 6 inches.
- Old curb stone, reset, 1422 feet 6 inches.
BRIDGES.

Bradbury bridge has been planked with 2-inch plank over the old. Main street bridge has been planked with 2-inch plank. I think it economy to plank over the old plank as long as they are sound. All the bridges will need more or less repairs this spring.

CROSS WALKS.

Six granite walks have been set on the following streets:
- 2 on Alfred street.
- 1 “ Washington street.
- 1 “ Foss
- 2 “ Gooch

Twelve have been made with cinders, one with crushed stone.

SEWERS.

New sewers as follows:
- 42 feet 24 inch brick, Elm street.
- 20 “ 24 “ pipe, Vetromile street.
- 30 “ 10 “ pipe, River
- 28 “ 8 “ “ Elm
- 4 “ 8 “ “ South
- 2 “ 8 “ “ Center
- 453 “ 10 “ “ Oak
- 554 “ 18 “ “ leading from Union street sewer to Mile Brook.
- 40 “ 8 “ “ Union street.
- 80 “ 12 “ “ Prospect street.
- 140 “ 12 “ “ extension Graham street sewer to Mile Brook.
- 432 “ brick sewer on South street has been repaired.
- 20 “ 24 inch pipe, West street.
- 28 “ 15 “ “ “

I would respectfully suggest that the appropriation for
District No. 4 is totally inadequate to meet the requirements of that department and leaves the Commissioner unable to improve existing conditions.

The amount paid to the Fire Department for picking up waste, and the appropriation for side walks, bridges, sewers and drains, being applied to the outer districts as well as to Dist. 4, reduce the funds at the Commissioner's disposal to such an extent that the public, unaware of the cause, blames the Commissioner for his inability to perform impossibilities.

I would also recommend that the district system of roads be abolished and that the appropriations for Dist. 4 sidewalks, sewers and drains, be set apart in one sum, the same to be expended at the discretion of the Committee on Streets.

In this way the Commissioner, instructed by the City Council or Committee on Streets, can promptly attend to work demanding immediate attention without the delay attendant on transfers, or the continual watching to see that he does not overrun a so called department.

I think that in a city of the size of Biddeford this work can be more economically performed by holding the funds in one department.

I feel it my duty to thank the Street Committee for the aid and encouragement received from them in fulfilling the duties of my office and encouraging me in the performance thereof.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

ALFRED GOODWIN,
Street Commissioner, Dist. No. 4.
PARK COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—The following report of the Park Commissioners for the year ending January 31st, 1899, is hereby respectfully submitted:

The amount appropriated for this department, two hundred dollars, has been expended in clearing the grounds and removing unsightly objects for the purpose of making Clifford Park attractive, so far as practicable, with the amount at command.

Seats have been constructed at convenient points and the beautiful natural features of this popular resort have been rendered accessible, both on foot and by vehicle.

The two plots within the city have received such attention as was necessary to give them a tidy appearance.

Monthly disbursements, mostly for labor, are as follows:

June, $900
July, 3675
August, 4760
September, 9630
October, 1025

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The items for these amounts will be found in the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully,

John B. Lowell,
W. E. Youland,
P. A. Freeman,
Park Commissioners.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford;

The following report of the Board of Health of the city of Biddeford is herewith submitted for your consideration:

It is with pleasure that we are able to say that, in our opinion, the sanitary condition of the city has been much improved within the last two or three years; yet there is much room for still greater improvement.

Our imperfect system of drainage and sewerage, a fact greatly to be deplored, is believed to be responsible for much of the sickness that has prevailed in the city. This defect can only be remedied by the construction of sewers, involving the expenditure of a large amount of money, because of the ledgy condition of many of our sewerless streets.

During the past year forty-seven nuisances have been abated which were caused by defective drains from sinks and cellars, overflowing and leaking vaults, swine and manure piles. Mile Brook, an unquestioned nuisance, has been only partially abated, but it is proposed to complete its abatement at the earliest possible time, by laying tile of sufficient size for conducting all the water and debris flowing into it from its source to its outlet. Much more is necessary to be done in the interest of sanitation, by constructing smaller drains for sinks, and for the better disposition of sink and wash water. Fifty-one houses were disinfected with formaldehyde gas, including three school houses, at considerable expense and a great amount of labor. One of the most frequent and just causes of complaint arises from imperfectly constructed and drainless vaults. In many of the tenement houses the vaults are made of ordinary plank, which in a few years become thoroughly soaked and often leaking, saturating the surround-
ing earth with the soil fluids from the vaults, and under the influence of the heat from the sun emits the most revolting stenches possible to such conditions. This condition of things can be overcome only by replacing the decaying and leaking wooden vaults by cemented or concreted and well covered vaults, or, by what is much better, properly constructed water-closets. Another cause of much complaint is a neglect on the part of the owners or occupants of tenement houses to have their vaults properly cleaned. It has been the custom heretofore to grant a license to any who applied for the removal of night soil. The old adage that "What is every one's business is no one's," is strictly true in the matter of the removal of night soil in this city. Vaults in crowded localities have remained uncleaned all summer simply because no one wished or cared to clean them.

An offer advantageous to the city was made at the beginning of the present year for the exclusive privilege of collecting the night soil and garbage, the contracting party giving to the city a valuable consideration for the privilege and a suitable bond for the faithful fulfillment of his contract. For good reasons such a contract was not entered into; but we believe it would be for the pecuniary and sanitary interests of the city if such a contract could be legally made and put into operation.

Three hundred and fifty-three deaths have been reported as having taken place during the last year from all causes, and among the more prevalent causes of death may be mentioned consumption, scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever and cholera infantum. Consumption, the scourge of our New England climate, finds in our city all that is necessary for its development, in our ill-ventilated dwellings, together with the small, damp and dark sleeping rooms. The sanitary reports show that there have been eighteen deaths from this disease.

There have been seven deaths from typhoid fever, which may be considered a low death rate from this disease.

Thirty deaths were reported as having been caused by cholera infantum, undoubtedly brought on by improper feed-
ing and want of care. Eleven deaths resulted from diphtheria and three from scarlet fever. It is well known that scarlet fever became epidemic during the latter part of the fall and early winter. Seventy-nine cases were reported, with only three deaths. The small percentage of deaths from scarlet fever was phenomenal.

So far as our observation goes, unsanitary conditions have but little to do with the causation of scarlet fever. We think most cases can be accounted for by epidemic influences; without taking contagion into account. Many often exposed escape it, while others most carefully excluded contract the disease.

In order to make the sanitary condition of the city what it should be, and in the interest of cleanliness, and to make the city more desirable for residence, a large amount of sewers should be constructed. There are many low places in the city which at times are filled with water and filth, that cannot be abated without the construction of sewers or drains, and which should be constructed, either at the expense of the owners of the premises, or the city.

In making future appropriations for city expenditures, the needs of the city's sewerage system are well worthy of your careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lord,
Joseph N. Bourque,
Edward L. Cowan,
Board of Health of the City of Biddeford.
CITY PHYSICIAN’S REPORT.

Biddeford, Me., Feb. 14, 1899.

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—I herewith present a brief report of the work of the medical division of the Pauper Department for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1899:

The Vital Statistics for the above period are as follows: No. of deaths at the City Farm, two; No. of deaths among out-patients, twelve; total, fourteen. The causes were as follows: Phthisis, three; Tubercular Meningitis, one; Bright’s Disease, one; Valvular Disease of the Heart, two; Apoplexy, two; Chronic Diarrhoea, one; Diphtheria, one; Anæmia, one; Cancer, one; Whooping Cough, one.

The number of births attended were three, one occurring at the Farm, and two among out-patients.

I have made 144 professional visits to the City Farm during the year, and have to record 512 visits to out-patients. The number of office consultations during the same period were 180.

I beg leave to offer a few suggestions and recommendations relative to the needs of the inmates placed on the City Farm. I would mention in particular the urgent necessity, often heretofore spoken of by my predecessors, of a suitable building or annex, for the purpose of a City Hospital. Any one having the care of the sick will readily appreciate the vast difference there is between the accommodations for the care of invalids at our City Farm, and that of similar institutions in other cities of our State. The city needs a hospital in connection with the City Farm. It need not be a large building, but should accommodate ten or fifteen patients, having separate
wards, with two or three private rooms for special cases, when needed. With such an annex to our present building, properly furnished for the treatment of the city’s patients, opportunity would be offered many a poor person, when ill and having no home, to be carefully nursed back to health again.

The City Physician would also suggest the propriety of placing all the insane inmates of the Farm in rooms on the same corridor. This is impossible at present, by reason of insufficient room. An extension of the brick building is desirable for this purpose. The sanitary improvement would be at once apparent under such a change, while discipline and social features would be further enhanced.

I consider it also of importance that, as far as practicable, all rooms, for sanitary reasons, should be painted and their ceilings whitewashed every spring. This has not been done in the past year, except in part, due probably to insufficient appropriation of funds for purposes of repair on city farm buildings.

The food furnished by Mr. Dearborn, the superintendent, has been, during the past year, of good quality, and as prepared by a person having charge of the cuisine department, it has furnished no cause for complaint for several months. Properly cooked food stuffs are of prime necessity for the continued good health of the inmates of our city almshouse. When otherwise, there is always work for the city physician, especially among the aged.

In closing this brief report, I must not fail to express my deep appreciation of the uniform courtesy and kindness shown me at all times by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dearborn and also by Mrs. Edward Dearborn. They have always aided me in my duties when assistance seemed necessary, and followed my suggestions relative to the care of all sick patients, when special needs were required.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC L. DAVIS,
City Physician.
ASSESSORS' REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:—

In compliance with the suggestion that the assessors should submit a report containing statistics of the valuation and rate of taxation, and such other matter and recommendations as they might deem of importance to the municipal community, we herein respectfully submit the following:

The total valuation of real and personal property, including the supplemental valuation for the year A. D. 1898, is $6,879,955, the real estate valuation being $5,916,565, personal estates $963,390, the rate of taxation being 27 mills on the dollar.

In order to show the comparison, we will quote the valuations of the year 1897, which are as follows: Real estates, $5,930,320; personal property, $1,076,144, making a grand total of $7,006,464. It will readily be noticed that the real estate valuation in 1898 has fallen off from 1897 $13,755, and personal property $112,754, a total loss in valuation of $126,509. The principal cause for this excessive falling off in personal property valuation in 1898 was the great labor disturbance in the winter of 1897, which had the effect of reducing the value of personal property in the city not less than $100,000, as the reports in the assessors' office affirm.

It is hoped and believed that during the coming year these conditions will be materially changed, to the city's advantage.

It probably has become apparent to all that an element of dissatisfaction has been surging and emphasizing itself upon this municipal community for a number of years, that reform is needed and necessary in our system and methods of valuation and taxation. Injustice in the assessment list is not
claimed by the assessors, nor absolutely disavowed, for under the system of valuation in vogue, the most careful and thoughtful consideration, errors in judgment are not impossible to be committed. Hence the necessity for a more perfect system of taxation, that will be conducive to the best interests of the city, and also helpful to the assessors in the discharge of an unpleasant duty, and yet an imperative one. A reform in municipal taxation has many obstacles in its pathway, the greatest of which is the difficulty in getting any considerable number of people of diverse interests coming together to any sort of an agreement; for no system of taxation that has yet been devised meets with the hearty approval of all. But it is undoubtedly true that reforms are possible, and equally true that they are necessary.

The assessors are impressed with the belief that the Honorable Mayor and city council will devise methods of sufficient practicability, the outcome of which will insure a more satisfactory result in our valuation and taxation system.

The assessors recommend that a careful selection of assistant assessors should be made, to the end that more satisfactory and just reports be given to the assessors, and that adequate compensation be allowed for this branch of the work, believing that our city would be benefited thereby. We are of the opinion that the assessors’ office should be recognized as one of the stars in the galaxy of the municipal firmament, and be properly considered when the city government is considering the appropriations.

Irving Smith,
S. F. Parcher,
J. B. E. Tartre,
Assessors for 1898.
BOARD OF POLICE REPORT.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Police of the City of Biddeford in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 625 of the Laws of 1893, have the honor to submit the following report of the doings of the department for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1899:

The number of warrants drawn have been 386 amounting to $7,317.09. The amount appropriated by the City Council for the support of the department for the year was $7,400.00, leaving a balance unexpended of $82.91.

On examination of our records we find a long list of names of men who have been appointed special officers from time to time as they were needed. Some of them have resigned, many have moved away, others have changed their business occupations so that they are not readily accessible when required. Therefore under the circumstances it is thought advisable to adopt the following rule which is number 56, by which the police force may be reduced to a more effective size. The following is rule 56 as adopted by the Board of Police:

Rule 56. Whenever the Board of Police consider the police force ineffective on account of its number the police officers, regular, reserve or specials may be removed for the following cause, viz.: to make more effective the police service as the Board of police consider proper therefor no offence being charged against such police officers and the same may be done whenever said Board of Police consider the above named cause exists with no personal discredit to officers removed upon order of said Board.

The police force at this time consists of:

City Marshal—Charles B. Harmon.
Deputy Marshal—James Mogan.

Regular Patrolmen—
  Greenville J. Dearborn,
  George W. Harriman,
  Lewis Stuart,
  Thomas Cullinan,
  Napoleon Ducharme,
  Alderic Martin.

Day Janitor—John Hanson.

Turnkey at Station—Simon Roderique.

Reserve Force—
  Fred L. Goodwin,
  Will E. Ross,
  Narcisse Proulx,
  John W. Hayes,
  Elmer E. Whitney,
  Alexander Velandry,
  James Murphy,
  Fred A. Shaw,
  George H. Stowe,
  Washburn T. Emerson,
  John White,
  William Dunn, Jr.

Specials Without Pay—
  John Magrath, Machine Shop,
  Silas P. Adams, Methodist Church,
  Charles Davis, Oak Ridge,
  Nelson M. Orcutt, Biddeford Pool,
  Geo. H. Elwell, South St., R. R. Bridge,
  James W. Welch, Saco Lumber Co.,
  K. W. Sutherland, Opera House,
  John P. Cousens, City Mission,
  W. G. Rumery, Pepperell and Laconia,
  Narcissa Collard, St. Joseph's Church,
  Louis Romeo, St. Joseph's Church.

The report of the City Marshal submitted to the Board
The City of Biddeford.

for the year ending Nov. 30, 1898, states that the whole number of arrests were 466 of which

299 were for intoxication,
55 " tramps and vagrants,
38 " assault,
20 " malicious mischief,
17 " breaking and entering,
11 " larceny,
26 " various offenses.

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In conclusion the Board desires to repeat in substance statements made by them in their report for 1897 as to the faithful performance of duty by the members of the department. They have attended strictly to the work assigned them, and the result has been quiet and orderly streets, no disturbances and very few arrests for intoxication, in short our city now is one of the most orderly and best governed communities of its size any where.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. BANKS,
JAMES F. TARR,
L. W. STONE,

Board of Police.
To the Honorable Mayor and Library Committee:

Gentlemen:—The following report is respectfully submitted:

During the two years and four months that the library has been in operation in its present quarters, the space originally allotted to books has been filled and some additions in shelving have been necessary; but the space is still insufficient as there is no place for the government material that is constantly accumulating. One great inconvenience of the present quarters is the insufficient light, as there is a period each day when the darkness makes it very difficult to accomplish the required work.

Realizing that the true object of a public library is to bring the best reading to the largest number of people possible, and thus become an educational factor in the community, it was decided to make the library free, and start a reading room that should be open daily except Sundays and legal holidays. The wisdom of this course has been shown in an increased circulation, and there have been about twelve hundred new cards issued.

There are twenty-nine current periodicals in the reading room, and these, once in six months, are bound and added to the library for home circulation.

The reading room is well patronized, especially by young people, and their appreciation of its privileges is clearly shown by the careful way in which they use the magazines. Larger accommodations are very greatly needed here. A liberal policy toward free libraries and reading rooms is a live issue in the solution of troublesome problems in social and political economy, as statistics gathered in large cities plainly show.

The constant use of the reading room makes it quite
important that there should be more books of reference in the library, and I hope in another year there may be a special appropriation for this purpose, as the present appropriation is scarcely adequate to keep up with the demand for books for home use.

The average weekly circulation for the twelve weeks ending January 28, 1899, was 396 volumes.

There have been about 200 volumes repaired and re-bound, twenty worn out and withdrawn, and five lost.

There have been added to the library 673 volumes, 445 by purchase and 228 by gift. Sixty-five magazines have been bound and added.

It is quite necessary that there should be supplementary catalogues printed, as there has been no printing done since 1896.


The library is also indebted to the B. H. S. Alumni Association for 151 volumes; Mr. Joseph Gooch, forty eight volumes; Mrs. E. M. Tatterson, one volume and three years’ subscription to Youth’s Companion; Rev. F. P. Estabrook, four volumes; Mr. J. G. Garland, one volume; the Thursday Club four volumes. Besides, magazines have been given by Mr. R. E. Gould and Mr. R. H. Gay, and many public documents have been received from Augusta and Washington.

Emma Hatch,
Librarian,
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR REPORT.

Biddeford Me., January 31, 1899.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, Biddeford, Maine:

Gentlemen:—I hereby submit to you the report of the Pauper Department for the fiscal year ending as above date.

It will be remembered at the commencement of the year that all of the mills in the two cities were closed and some five thousand operatives were thrown out of employment, and in consequence there were a great many families obliged to call on the city for aid; and a great many young men and women, who had been in the city but a short time, were forced to call for help in some way, either by having their board paid by the city, or by being sent back to their homes. There were many large families, where the children were small, that had to be helped several months after the mills started up; so the expense of the pauper department did not entirely stop until some months after the mills commenced running. For this reason it is difficult to state just the extra expense incurred by the strike. It is safe to say that it cost the extra appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars that was appropriated for the purpose. The whole number of families receiving different kinds of aid during the year outside the almshouse has been three hundred and seventy-eight, including one thousand two hundred and five persons. There are fifteen children and four invalid women who are boarded outside the almshouse.

The pauper department under the present system is run under three divisions, namely: street department, farm department and medical department.
The monthly expenditure for the year has been as follows:

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Repairing and painting farm buildings, $259 03

By cash paid city treasurer, acct. city farm, $318 10

Amount appropriated by city council, $14,000 00
Extra appropriation for the strike, 2,500 00

It will be seen that the total expenditure for the fiscal year has been $12,809.36. Deducting the $2,500 extra appropriation for the strike, the cost of the pauper department for the year would be $10,309.36. By comparison with former years it will be seen that the department has been run under the present system for a number of thousand dollars less than it was under the old, and about two thousand less than last year, barring the expense of the strike. It has not been done by oppressing the poor. On the contrary it has been done by helping every worthy family and individual who has applied for aid, and by refusing, after investigating the case, all those who applied and were found unworthy. All such persons soon learn that their cases have been carefully inquired into,
and that the city will not support them in their indolence, and in most cases will go to work and support their families better than they did when they received aid from the city.

ALMSHOUSE.

For the past two years the house and farm have been under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dearborn, whose efforts have been untiring for the comfort and enjoyment of the inmates. Certainly much praise is due them for the manner in which the house and farm have been managed. At the commencement of the year there were forty-one inmates. Committed during the year, ten; discharged, six; deceased, two; sent to the insane asylum, two; so the present number is forty-one. Nationality as follows: American, eight; Irish, nineteen; French, ten; English, three; Scotch, one. In regard to the farm products, I would say this has been a most productive year. There were raised on the farm seven hundred bushels of potatoes, besides sweet corn and garden vegetables for the use of the institution. The hay crop was good, but on account of there being so much hay in the market, the price is low and not much sale. Had twenty-one tons pressed, and the pressing paid. Up to date there have been only two tons sold. During the year there have been six cows on the farm, and they have furnished all the milk and butter necessary for use in the institution, with the exception of five pounds of butter bought in April.

There was an order passed by the board January 3, that an inventory should be taken of all property at the Poor Farm and all property belonging to the department, at the close of the fiscal year. This will be of great assistance in keeping run of all articles at the farm from year to year, and will assist in getting a more accurate account of the cost of running the farm.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

Dr. Fred L. Davis was elected by the city council to the above position, and he has performed his duties in a faithful manner, having in mind the interests of his patients and the financial interests of the city. The cost for medicine at the
almshouse and for the street department has been less in proportion to the work done than it has been for several years. He reports as follows: Number of calls made at city farm during the year, one hundred and forty-four; number of visits to out patients, five hundred and twelve; number of office consultations, one hundred and eighty; number of births at city farm, one; number of births among out patients, two; deaths at city farm, two; causes, one from apoplexy, the other chronic diarrhœa; ages respectively seventy-two and twenty-one; deaths among out patients, ten.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Dearborn,
Clerk Overseers Poor.

Approved.

L. W. Stone, M. J. Boland,
Joseph Etchells, Geo. H. Hussey,
North M. West, C. J Emery,
J. G. C. Smith, J. Byron Campbell,

Overseers of the Poor.
CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—In the discharge of duty the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of Biddeford, has the honor to submit his report of the condition of that department for the municipal year ending January 31st, 1899. The report embraces the organization of the department, a list of all fires and alarms, the condition of all apparatus, buildings and horses, location of fire alarm boxes and hydrants and other matters pertaining to the department.

ORGANIZATION.

Chief Engineer—John Leonard.
Assistant Engineers—
Benjamin Goodier,
Fred A. Shaw.
Richard Vines, No. 1:
Foreman—Daniel Kerwin.
Assistant Foreman—Charles H. Bonser.
Clerk—Fred J. Grant.
Engineer—John Munday.
Fireman—Robert H. Bryant.
Driver—Frank Proctor.
Pipe and Hosemen—
Israel Velandre,
George Wilson,
Walter I. Gordon,
Henry Hayes,
Irving W. Mason,
Edward Slavin,
James O. Smith,
Michael Murphy,
Granville Smith.
Eben Simpson, S. F. E., No. 2:
Foreman—John Dean.
Assistant Foreman—Edward L. Stackpole.
Clerk—Charles E. Rumery.
Engineer—Erwin S. Gowen.
Fireman—Edward J. Sullivan.
Driver—Fred Little.
Pipe and Hosemen—
  Harry Sawyer,
  Thomas Cullinan,
  William McClintock,
  Willis Winship,
  Thomas Rennicks,
  William Brennan,
  John Keithley,
  Herbert W. Warren.

Welcome H. & L. Co., No. 1:
Foreman—Albert H. Wardwell.
Assistant Foreman—John Doyle.
Clerk—George H. Townsend.
Driver—Michael Cullinan.
Ax and Laddermen—
  John R. Bonser,
  George E. Haley,
  James E. Gowen,
  Walter Mildon,
  George Ross,
  Arthur Sellers,
  Noel Velandre,
  Joseph F. Lawsier.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1898.

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Fires and Alarms.

Feb. 26, 1898, 10:20 a.m. Box 56.—Call for assistance from Old Orchard. Steamer Richard Vines and 15 men sent down.

March 1, 1898, 10:35 a.m. Box 56.—Fire in tenement house No. 11 Franklin street, owned by Bryant heirs. Cause, unknown.

March 5, 1898, 2:45 a.m. Box 25.—Fire in bottling shop of B. F. Haley, No. 5 Spruce street. Cause, from boiler.

March 15, 1898, 11:45 a.m. Box 54.—Fire in rooms of W. Guilbault, Masonic block. Cause, draperies coming in contact with gas jet.

April 1, 1898, 9:45 p.m. Box 43.—False alarm.

May 18, 1898, 11:30 a.m. Box 56.—A call for assistance from Old Orchard. Steamer Richard Vines and company sent down.

May 21, 1898, 9:20 p.m. Box 29.—Fire in carriage house of G. R. Andrews, South street. Cause, unknown.

May 22, 1898, 4:20 a.m. Box 34.—Fire in shed, No. 34 South street.

May 24, 1898, 9:45 p.m. Box 49.—False alarm.

June 10, 1898, 11:22 a.m. Box 26.—Fire of roof of Jos. Gooch carriage shop. Cause, sparks from chimney.

June 10, 1898, 11:27 a.m. Box 25.—Fire in tenement house owned by Saco River Lumber Co. Cause unknown.

June 23, 1898, 3:50 p.m. Box 25.—Fire in store of Robert Bryant. Cause, fireworks.

July 1, 1898, 4:40 p.m. Box 47.—Fire in house of John Martin, No. 42 Pool street. Cause unknown.

July 4, 1898, 12:20 a.m. Box 56.—Fire in tenement of Bryant heirs, Franklin street, No. 28. Cause, fireworks.

July 11, 1898, 3 p.m. Box 29.—Railroad bridge, Elm street. Cause, from locomotive.

Aug. 11, 1898, 9:55 p.m. Box 57.—Fire in block corner Main and Foss streets. Cause, unknown.

Aug. 25, 1898, 10:20 p.m. Box 48.—Fire in barn of George K. Gibbs, Pool street. Cause, struck by lightning.
Aug. 29, 1898, 4:20 P. M. Box 54.—Fire in shed in rear of Shaw's block. Cause, unknown.

Sept. 21, 1898, 8 A. M. Box 29.—Railroad bridge, South street. Cause, sparks from locomotive.

Oct. 28, 1898, 7:30 P. M. Box 25.—Fire in tenement house owned by G. Deering, No. 3 Hooper street. Cause, unknown.

Oct. 1, 1898, 7:55 A. M. Box 35.—Fire in tenement house No. 1 Graham street, occupied by Philip Tetrault.

Nov. 4, 1898, 9:23 A. M. Box 45.—Fire in tenement house of Haven Emery, Nos. 1 and 3 Granite street. Cause, unknown.

Nov. 8, 1898, 9:20 P. M. Box 43.—Fire in shed No. 10 Prospect street, owned by Durgin Bros. Cause, spontaneous.

Nov. 25, 1898, 7:50 A. M. Box 54.—Fire in store of F. X. Cote. Cause, overheated stovepipe.

Nov. 30, 1898, 7:05 P. M. Box 25.—Fire in Mosher's block. Cause, unknown.

Dec. 29, 1898, 2:10 P. M. Box 49.—Fire in tenement house, No. 14 Pierson's lane. Cause, unknown.


Jan. 14, 1899, 10:40 P. M. —Fire in tenement house of Patrick Brennen, No. 4 Gooch street. Cause, lamp upset.

**APPARATUS.**

The apparatus belonging to this department consists of two steam fire engines, two hose reels, two hose wagons, one hook and ladder truck, one hose pung.

The engines, hose wagons and hose pung are in first class shape and will only need such repairs as will happen from time to time. The steamers Richard Vines and Eben Simpson have been painted and varnished the past year. A new hose wagon has been purchased the past year to replace the one in use in No. 1 house, the old wagon has been changed to a one horse wagon and put in No. 2 house thereby doing away with the old reel making the load a great deal lighter on the
steamer horses. The hook and ladder is in good condition but is unfit for a city of this size.

BUILDINGS.

Much cannot be said in commendation of the quarters occupied by the fire apparatus and companies and they are surely not a credit to the city. They are old, inconvenient and unsuited to the requirements of a progressive department. It seems a useless expenditure of money to make repairs on such a set of buildings, but every year this has to be done. Suitable accommodations should at once be provided for the apparatus and the men by whom they are manned.

CHANGES.

As the great aim in fire departments is to see how quick they can answer an alarm the following changes have been made in both No. 1 and No. 2 houses.

The wagon in No. 1 house has been moved back to within five feet of the horse stalls thereby making a great saving of time. The steamer Richard Vines has been set out in the floor and in case of a large fire can be got out of the house by the driver alone instead of sending two or three men as has been the custom heretofore. The Eben Simpson has been moved to the stall doors as in No. 1 house. The old hose wagon has been placed on one side. A new horse has been purchased and put in No. 2 house alongside of steamer horses. A slide pole has been put in Eben Simpson and the stall doors connected with the alarm, all of which makes a great saving of time.

HOSE.

There is about 6000 feet of hose in this department. This is a part of the department that should not be neglected and I would recommend the purchase of 1000 feet of hose every year.

HOSE TOWER.

There is no place in this department where there is such a chance for improvement as in the care of hose. As it is now
there is more hose wasted for want of proper care in three years than would build a good hose tower and pay for putting in a heater to heat it with. At present there is a tower three feet square and all hose has to be put in this tower. It has to be laid one section resting on another and it is an impossibility to dry it properly. What is wanted is a hose tower large enough to hold all the hose used by both houses, the hose to be suspended in sections so as to permit free circulation of air, then you can take care of hose properly and do away with all this waste of hose.

We have but few recommendations to make and we trust those which we deem it our duty to submit will commend themselves to the judgment of your honorable body. I would recommend that the space between Nos. 1 and 2 house be connected by a flat roof and the hook and ladder be stationed there. This will place all the apparatus under one roof doing away with paying land and stall rent as has to be done now in the hook's house.

HORSES.

There are five horses in the department and they are in first class shape which is a great credit to the drivers.

TEAMS.

One dump cart and one pair of sleds comprise the teams and they are in good condition.

Before closing we wish to express our thanks to the Mayor, City Council and the Committee on Fire Department for their prompt action taken to better the department. To Marshal Harmon and his officers for their aid in keeping clear the vicinity of all fires. To Assistant Engineers Goodier and Shaw for their prompt response and co-operation at all times. To the Foremen and members of the department for their cheerful and willing obedience to all calls made upon them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LEONARD,
Chief Engineer.
FIRE ALARM BOXES.

No. 25 Smith's corner, in front of Mosher's block.
26 Elm street, opposite entrance to National hall.
27 Main street, near corner of Western avenue.
28 Highland street, near Main street.
34 King's corner, near residence of J. B. Palmer.
35 At corner of South and Green streets.
36 Elm street, opposite residence of Fred Emmons.
37 Alfred street, near residence of N. Kimball.
38 Union street, near residence of V. A. Sprague.
43 Alfred street, near residence of J. B. Murphy.
45 Summer street, corner of Mt. Vernon street.
46 Pool street, near Methodist church.
47 Pool street, corner Pike street.
48 Pool street, opposite residence of H. P. Atkinson.
49 Bacon street, corner Pierson's lane.
54 Main street, corner Lincoln street.
56 Engine house, Washington street.
57 Main street, corner Alfred street.
58 Main street, opposite Hill street.

LOCATION OF HYDRANTS.

No. 1 City Farm yard.
2 Corner of Main and Highland streets.
3 Main street, near Eastern railroad station.
4 Main street, corner of Western avenue.
5 Main street, corner of Bradbury street.
6 Elm street, corner of Main street.
7 Jefferson street, corner of Main street.
8 Adams street, near corner of Main street.
9 Lincoln street, corner of Main street.
10 Main street, corner of Washington street.
11 Main street, corner of Franklin street.
12 Corner of Alfred and Main streets.
13 Main street, corner of Emery street.
14 Main street, corner of Hill street.
15 Sullivan street, corner of Water street.
16 Water street, foot of Pike street.
17 Pike street, foot of Cross street.
18 Pool street, foot of Oak street.
19 Pool street, near corner of Pike street.
20 Pool street, near residence of P. A. Freeman.
21 Pool street, near front of residence of H. P. Atkinson.
22 Sullivan street, near corner of Bacon street.
23 Hill street, between Main and Bacon streets.
24 Emery street, corner of Bacon street.
25 Hill street, corner of Pool street.
26 Hill street, corner of Acorn street.
27 Hill street, near corner of Fall street.
28 Hill street, near the Geo. W. Ward house.
29 Pool street, near corner Foss street.
30 Foss street, corner of Mt. Vernon street.
31 Foss street, corner of Fall street.
32 Alfred street, near head of Franklin street.
33 Alfred street, corner of Pool street.
34 Alfred street, near corner of Washington street.
35 Alfred street, corner of Birch street.
36 Alfred street, near corner of Myrtle street.
37 Alfred street, corner of Union street.
38 Alfred street, front of residence of Lysander Emmons.
39 Alfred street, near residence of Jas. H. Fogg.
40 Alfred street, near "Five Points."
41 Jefferson street, corner of Washington street.
42 South street, corner of Jefferson street.
43 South street, corner of Green street.
44 South street, corner of Elm street.
45 South street, near corner of State street.
46 South street, near residence of Chas. E. Atwood.
47 South street, just above Eastern railroad bridge.
48 South street, corner of Highland street.
50 Elm street, corner of Walnut street.
The City of Biddeford.

51 Corner of Gooch and Elm streets.
52 Elm street, front of Boston & Maine freight station.
53 Elm street, corner of Pearl street.
54 Elm street, head of Centre street.
55 Elm street, just above Mason street.
56 Elm street, corner of Union street.
57 Hooper street, top of hill.
58 Lincoln street, near corner of Stone street.
59 Lincoln street near corner of Pearl street.
60 Green street, near corner of Birch street.
61 Union street, corner of Graham street.
62 Summer street, opposite residence of Jas. F. Wormwood.
63 Smith street, opposite Water Power foundry.
64 Wentworth street, near school house.
MAYORS OF THE CITY FROM 1855 TO DATE.

1855–6, Daniel E. Somes, Rep.
1858–9, Cyrus Gordon, Dem.
1860, Jonathan Tuck, Dem.


1861–2, Seth S. Fairfield, Dem.
1863–4, John Q. Adams, Dem.
1865–6, Charles A. Shaw, Dem.
1867–8, Ferguson Haines, Dem.
1869, James R. Clark, Dem.
1870–1, E. W. Wedgwood, Dem.
1872, Francis G. Warren, Dem.
1873, James H. McMullen, Rep.
1874–5, Francis G. Warren, Dem.
1876, John H. Burnham, Dem.
1877, Alfred Pierce, Rep.
1879, James A. Strout, Dem.
1881–2, Elisha E. Clark, Rep.
1883–5, E. W. Staples, Dem.
1886–7, Samuel F. Parcher, Dem.
1888–9, C. E. Goodwin, Dem.
1890–3, E. W. Staples, Dem.
JOINT RULES AND ORDERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

RULE I. At the commencement of the municipal year the following joint standing committees shall be appointed by the Mayor, unless otherwise ordered by the respective Boards, viz:

On Finance.—To consist of the Mayor, one Alderman, and three members of the Common Council.

On Accounts.—To consist of one Alderman, and two members of the Common Council.

On Public Property.—To consist of the Mayor, one Alderman, and three members of the Common Council.

On Public Instruction and City Library.—To consist of the Mayor, one Alderman, the President and two members of the Common Council.

On Fire Department.—To consist of two Aldermen, and three members of the Common Council.

On Printing.—To consist of one Alderman, and two members of the Common Council.

On Poor.—To consist of two Aldermen, and three members of the Common Council.

On Ordinances.—To consist of the Mayor and two members of the Common Council.

On Roads, Streets, Sewers, Drains and Street Lights.—To consist of the Mayor, two Aldermen, and four members of the Common Council.

On all joint committees wherein it is provided that the Mayor shall be a member, in case of the non-election, decease, inability or absence of that officer, the chairman of the Board of Aldermen shall act ex officio.
The member of the Board of Aldermen first named on every joint committee, of which the Mayor is not a member, shall be its chairman; and in case of his resignation or inability, the other members of the same board in the order in which they are named; and after them the members of the Common Council first in order, shall call the meetings of the committee, and act as chairman.

Rule 2. In every case of disagreement between the two branches of the City Council, if either Board shall request a conference, and appoint a committee of conference, and the other Board shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committees shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed upon by their chairmen, meet and state to each other verbally, or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons of their respective board, for and against the matter in controversy, confer freely thereon, and report to their respective branches.

Rule 3. When either board shall not concur in any action of the other, notice of non-concurrence shall be given by written messages.

Rule 4. Either board may propose to the other for its concurrence, a time to which both boards shall adjourn; and neither shall adjourn without giving notice to the other board, and receiving notice from said other board that it is also ready to adjourn.

Rule 5. In all votes, when either or both branches of the City Council express anything by way of command, the form of expression shall be “ORDERED;” and when either or both branches express opinions, principles, facts or purposes, the form shall be “RESOLVED.”

Rule 6. No committee shall act by separate consultation, and no report shall be received, unless agreed to in committee actually assembled.

Rule 7. It shall be the duty of every joint committee, to whom any subject may be specially referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or ask for further time.

Rule 8. The reports of all committees, agreed to by a
majority of the members, shall be made to the board in which the business referred to originated, and all committees may report by ordinance, or otherwise.

Rule 9. All reports and other papers, submitted to the City Council, shall be written in a fair hand; and no report of any kind shall be endorsed on the memorials or other papers referred to the committee of either branch; and the clerk shall make copies of any papers to be reported by committees, at the request of the respective chairman thereof.

Rule 10. No business shall be transacted by the City Council in convention, except such as shall have been agreed upon, unless by unanimous consent.

Rule 11. After the annual appropriations have been passed no subsequent expenditures shall be authorized for any object, unless provision for the same shall be made by a specific transfer from some of the appropriations contained in the annual resolutions, or by expressly creating therefor a city debt; but no such debt shall be created, unless the resolution authorizing the same pass by the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the whole number of each branch of the City Council, voting by yeas and nays.

Rule 12. Every joint resolution shall have as many readings in each board as the rules of each board require, after which the question shall be on passing the same; and when the same shall have been passed, it shall be sent to the other board for concurrence; and when such resolution shall have been passed by each board, the same shall be enrolled by the City Clerk, and examined by a committee of the Common Council; and on being correctly enrolled, without further reading or question, shall be signed by the President of the Common Council and sent to the other board, when a like examination shall be made by a committee of that board; and if found correctly enrolled, the same shall be presented to the Mayor for his signature.

Rule 13. Every ordinance shall have as many readings as the rules of each board require, after which the question shall be on passing the same to be enrolled, and it shall be
sent to the other board for concurrence; and when such ordi­
nance shall have so passed to be enrolled in each board, the same
shall be enrolled by the City Clerk, and examined by a com-
mittee of the Common Council; and on being found by said
committee to be correctly enrolled, the same shall be reported
to the Council, when the question shall be on passing the same
to be ordained, and when said ordinance shall have so passed
to be ordained, it shall be signed by the President of the Com-
mon Council and sent to the other board, where a like exami-
nation shall be made by a committee of that board, and if
found to be correctly enrolled, the same shall be reported
to the board, and the question shall be on passing the same to
be ordained; and when the same shall have passed to be or-
dained, it shall be signed by the Mayor.

Rule 14. No enrolled ordinance or resolution shall be
amended.

Rule 15. No chairman of any committee shall audit or
approve any bill or account against the city, for any supplies
or services which shall not have been ordered or authorized by
the committee.

Rule 16. No vote by which an order, resolve or ordi-
nance has been passed in its final stage, shall be reconsidered
in either board, after the same has been finally acted upon in
either board, unless the motion for reconsideration be made
or notice given at the same meeting at which the vote to be
reconsidered passed; and when any order, resolve or ordinance
shall have been rejected, no other substantially the same shall
be introduced by any committee or member, during the muni-
cipal year, without the consent of two-thirds of the members
present.

Rule 17. No member of either board shall be allowed
to serve or vote on any committee to which any question is re-
ferred where his private right or interest is concerned, distinct
from the public interest.

Rule 18. None of the foregoing joint rules and orders
shall be suspended, amended or appealed, unless two-thirds of
the members present consent thereto.
RULES AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Rule 1. The Mayor shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting, and call the members to order; and a quorum being present, shall cause the minutes of the preceding meeting to be read. In the absence of the Mayor, the board shall elect a president, pro tempore.

Rule 2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the board by motion regularly seconded; and no other business shall be in order till the question on the appeal is decided.

Rule 3. He may read sitting, but shall rise to state a motion or put a question.

Rule 4. He shall declare all votes; but if a vote is doubted he shall cause a return of the members voting in the affirmative, and in the negative, without debate.

Rule 5. He shall take the sense of the board in yeas and nays, on all questions whatsoever, provided any member shall so request.

Rule 6. After a motion is stated or read by the presiding officer, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the board and shall be disposed of by vote.

Rule 7. When a question is under debate, the presiding officer shall receive no motion but to adjourn, lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

Rule 8. Every member when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer, confine himself
Rule 7. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be disposed of by vote of the Council, unless the mover withdraw it before a decision or amendment.

Rule 8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

Rule 9. The previous question shall be in this form: “Shall the main question now be put?” It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate of the main question.

Rule 10. When two or more members happen to rise at the same time, the President shall name the member who is to speak first.

Election and Duty of Clerk.

Rule 11. The Clerk of the Council shall be elected by written ballots.

Rule 12. The Clerk shall keep brief minutes of the votes and proceedings of the Council, entering thereon all accepted resolutions; shall notice reports and memorials and other papers submitted to the board, only by their titles, or a brief description of their purport.

Rights, Duties and Decorum of Members.

Rule 13. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, upon the request of any two members present.

Rule 14. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall rise in his place and respectfully address the presiding officer, confining himself to the question under debate, and avoiding personality.

Rule 15. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another but by a call to order, or to correct a mistake. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Council, the President shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain; and the Coun-
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cil, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member so called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed, if otherwise, he shall not proceed without leave of the Council.

**Rule 16.** No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Council.

**Rule 17.** When the President or any other member is speaking, none shall stand up or pass unnecessarily before the person speaking.

**Rule 18.** Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it.

**Rule 19.** When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have the preference in the order in which they are arranged, and no motion to postpone or commit shall be allowed twice in the same day in the same stage of the ordinance or proposition.

**Rule 20.** A motion for the reconsideration of a vote shall be open to debate, but such motion shall not be considered unless made by a member voting with the majority, or unless notice thereof be given at the meeting at which the vote passed, in which case the motion shall be made at the next meeting after, and only one motion for the re-consideration of any vote shall be permitted.

**Rule 21.** Every member who shall be in the Council when a question is put, shall give his vote unless the Council for special reasons excuse him.

**Rule 22.** No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under discussion, shall be admitted under color of an amendment.

**Rule 23.** All motions and reports may be committed or recommitted at the pleasure of the Council.

**Rule 24.** The division of a question may be called for when the sense will admit of it.
RULE 25. When the reading of a paper is called for and objected to, it shall be determined by a vote of the Council.

RULE 26. No rule or order of the Council shall be repealed or amended without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor, nor unless a majority of the whole Council concur therein.

RULE 27. No member shall be obliged to serve on more than two committees at the same time, or be the chairman of more than one.

RULE 28. Members of the Council may attend meetings of its committees, but shall not vote thereat.

RULE 29. Every member shall take notice of the day and hour to which the Council stands adjourned, and shall give his punctual attendance accordingly; and shall attend all special meetings properly called.

RULE 30. The rules and orders of the Council shall be observed in all cases unless suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, for specific purposes.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, ETC.

RULE 31. All memorials, and other papers addressed to the Council, shall be presented by the President, or by a member in his place, who shall explain the subject thereof, and they shall be taken up in the order in which they were presented, unless the Council shall otherwise direct.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

RULE 32. All ordinances and resolutions shall have two several readings before they shall be finally passed by the Council.

RULE 33. No ordinance or resolution imposing penalties or authorizing the expenditure of money, shall have more than one reading the same day.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

RULE 34. All committees, except such as the Council determine to select by ballot, shall be nominated by the President.
Rule 35. Standing committees shall be appointed on the following subjects: On Elections and Returns, on Enrolled Bills—each to consist of three members.

Rule 36. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the Council, without special leave, except the committee on Enrolled Bills.

Rule 37. The rules of proceedings in the Council shall be observed in committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking.

Rule 38. When a committee is nominated by the Chair, the person first named shall be the chairman. In election of committees by ballot, when a chairman is not specially chosen the person having the highest number of votes shall act as chairman, and in case of an equality of votes between two or more candidates of a committee, the members thereof shall choose a chairman.

Rule 39. All committees of the Council shall consist of three members, unless a different number be specially ordered. And no report shall be received from any committee, unless agreed to in committee actually assembled, and all reports shall be in writing.

Rule 40. It shall be the duty of every committee of the council, to whom any subject may be specially referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or ask for further time.
AMENDMENT TO THE BIDDEFORD & SACO WATER COMPANY’S CONTRACT.

This memorandum of agreement made and entered into at Biddeford, in the State of Maine, this twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1898, by and between the City of Biddeford, a body corporate and politic, established by law, by the Mayor of said City, hereunto duly authorized by vote of the City Council, approved December 20th, 1898, and acting within the scope of said order, party of the first part, and the Biddeford and Saco Water Company, a corporation established and organized under the laws of the State of Maine, and having a place of business at Biddeford, party of the second part.

Whereas, the City of Biddeford and the Biddeford and Saco Water Company entered into a contract, bearing date the third day of January, A. D. 1884, a copy of which contract is hereto annexed and made a part hereof, and

Whereas, the assessors of the City of Biddeford have assessed a tax against the Biddeford and Saco Water Company for the years 1897 and 1898, which tax the Biddeford and Saco Water Company claim to be in large part illegally assessed and therefore not liable to be paid by said Biddeford and Saco Water Company, and

Whereas, the City of Biddeford and the Biddeford and Saco Water Company desire to avoid litigation and to make an amicable adjustment of the questions involved in the premises,

Now therefore, This agreement, witnesseth:

First: The said Biddeford and Saco Water Company, in consideration of the premises and of the agreements herein on the part of said City of Biddeford by it to be performed, hereby agrees that it will pay to the said City of Biddeford the sum of sixty-eight hundred ($6,800) dollars whenever the taxes assessed against the Biddeford and Saco Water Company for
the years 1897 and 1898, excepting two houses, stable and twenty acres of land of Staples, Hollis Road; eight acres of wood and pasture land of Hooper heirs, stock, pipes and plumber's goods, Main street; horse and carriage, shall have been abated by the assessors of the City of Biddeford; and that the said Biddeford and Saco Water Company will from and after January 1st, 1899, reduce its rates to water takers in the City of Biddeford, as follows:

A family and store rate of $10 to $8; a tenement and store rate of $8 to $7; a water closet rate of $6 to $5; a bath tub rate of $5 to $4.

Second. The said City of Biddeford in consideration of the premises and the agreements herein on the part of said Biddeford and Saco Water Company, by it to be performed, hereby agrees that it will annually after the year 1898 pay to said Biddeford and Saco Water Company thirty-nine hundred dollars ($3,900) in two semi-annual payments of one thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars ($1,950) each, the first on the first day of July, 1899, and the second on January of each year, for water to be supplied for the extinguishment of fires for thirty-three (33) hydrants to be hereafter set by said City of Biddeford, the above hydrants being in addition to the sixty-seven (67) hydrants now set, maintained, and being supplied with water free by the said Biddeford and Saco Water Company, and in addition for water to be supplied for five drinking fountains for man and beast, in excess of those named in the contract of the third of January, 1884; also for water to be supplied for sprinkling streets, to be taken from its mains by two sprinkling carts, as now used, the water to be taken from stand pipes as now arranged; and also water to be supplied for flushing city sewers. Provided, however, that the city shall leave at the office of the Company a notice of its intention to flush sewers at least six hours before using the water.

And the said City of Biddeford further agrees to annually pay to the Biddeford and Saco Water Company a sum of money equal to any tax or taxes which shall be legally assessed against said Biddeford and Saco Water Company by the City
of Biddeford, or the assessors thereof, excepting the taxes on
the land and buildings purchased from Staples and the wood
lot purchased from Hooper heirs, stock, pipes and plumber's
goods, Main street, horse and carriage.

Third. The parties hereto hereby ratify and confirm said
contract bearing date of January third, A. D. 1884, except so
far as the same is changed by this agreement.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set
their hands and seals this twenty-first day of December, A. D.
1898, the said City of Biddeford acting by its Mayor, hereunto
duly authorized by vote of the city government of said City of
Biddeford, approved December 20th, A. D. 1898, and acting
within the scope of said order, and the Biddeford and Saco
Water Company by its Treasurer, hereunto duly authorized by
vote of its directors.

City of Biddeford by its Mayor,
LEVI W. STONE.

Biddeford and Saco Water Company by
GEO. P. WESCOTT, its Treasurer.

Signed, sealed and delivered in
presence of
JOHN M. GOODWIN.
BIDDEFORD FIRE ALARM.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Regular monthly meetings of City Council, second Monday evening in each month at 7.30 o'clock.

Pay Days—Schools, second day of each month; other departments first and third Thursdays of each month.

All bills against the city must be presented at the City Clerk's office on the Saturday preceding the pay days before 4.30 p.m., for inspection of Committee on Accounts. All bills not so presented will remain over until the next pay day.

All bills presented for payment must be approved by the proper officers, and must specify what the article or articles were for and for what department, and when for labor, where it was performed, with proper dates.

Items charged to different departments must be made on separate bills.

When bills have been once presented, ascertain if allowed before duplicating the amount on a subsequent bill.
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