Annual Reports of the City of Biddeford, Incorporated 1855, for the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1908, Together with the Mayor's Address

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TOGETHER WITH THE

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

1908.
PRESS OF BIDDEFORD RECORD,
BIDDEFORD, MAINE.
Gentlemen of the City Council:—

We have met here this morning to take upon ourselves the duties of the places to which we have been chosen. To many of us, service in other years has made these duties familiar, to others the experience is still to come, but to all of us, a sense of the responsibilities which rest upon us must be plain at this time. Our obligations demand from each of us the best endeavor always, the most zealous watchfulness, the most constant care for the best interests, not of a few, but of all the people all the time. These are responsibilities which are known to all, but a reminder of them can do no harm to any of us as we stand upon the threshold of the new civic year.

In order that an outline may be given you of some of the matters with which you are likely to have to deal, it will be well, especially for the large number of new members, to review briefly a few of the things done last year. First of all, we can look with profound satisfaction upon the sound financial condition of the city as shown by the treasurer's report. That report has already been published widely, so that it is not necessary here to spread it before you in detail. It is sufficient to record that the policy of debt reduction which has been pursued with such gratifying results for more than a decade, was continued in the year just closed. On Jan. 31, 1906, our total bonded debt
was $251,000. During the past year a reduction of $11,000 was made, so that the amount of the debt as shown by the city treasurer at the close of the fiscal year, Jan. 31, 1907, was $240,000. This reduction was accomplished by direct appropriation of $10,000 by the city council, and by a deposit of $1,000 made several years ago to take care of a bond of the above amount, which was not presented for payment until the past year.

In addition to this, there was an overlay last year amounting to $18,500, which was transferred to the sinking fund previously established for the erection of new quarters for the fire department. This sinking fund now amounts to $28,733.33.

Whether the policy of gradual debt reduction by yearly appropriations shall be continued the coming year is for the city council to determine. The result of that policy in the past has been to give the city a very sound financial standing and I would recommend that it be continued.

STREETS.

Our streets have been kept in reasonably good condition as far as repairs could accomplish this, and some new work has been done during the last year. One new street has been constructed, viz: Graham street from Mason to Alfred, intersecting Everett; also portions of Pool street, Vetromile street and Jefferson street have been macadamized. To the street department equipment, a new team has been added for general work. This pair of horses has been used also for hauling the hook and ladder truck, thereby doing away with the necessity of hiring a team for that purpose.

In addition to the usual highway district appropriations, there was expended last year $250 on the Hill's Beach road. This was not enough, however, to complete the work that seems to be required.
An extra appropriation of $400 was expended also on the Buzzell road. This was found to be sufficient to repair about one-half the total length of that highway.

**SEWERS.**

Much new sewer work was accomplished last year, although the appropriation was not large enough to cover all the work asked for and for which there seemed to be real need. The Orchard street sewer especially demands attention, but on account of inability to reach an agreement with the land owners over the question of damages for running the sewer over private property, little has been accomplished. Possibly during the coming year, a plan may be devised for relocating the sewer in another direction to avoid running it through private land.

The main sewer at the Pool which was partly constructed last year is not yet quite completed, but only a small appropriation will be required for the remaining work. This sewer was imperatively demanded because of the dangerously unsanitary conditions arising, especially in the summer, from the many cesspools in that neighborhood.

The most difficult and most expensive portion of the Mile Brook sewer has been finished, the ledge which has all along formed an obstruction to rapid work having been cut through, so that it would appear to be possible now to finish the entire job within a comparatively short time. I would suggest that this year's appropriation be made large enough to cover the entire cost of the remaining work.

**SIDEWALKS.**

That many sidewalks need attention is patent to everyone. I need only say that, to accomplish needed results, a special appropriation larger than has usually been set aside for this purpose is much to be desired.
BRIDGES.

Very little was expended on our bridges out of last year's appropriation, except what was required to complete the Somesville bridge and its approach. Money to meet the contract price of the bridge was left over from the administration of 1905, but about $1,200 was required in addition to complete the stone work and the street at the end of the bridge. This amount of course was charged up to the 1906 account.

In particular I wish to call your attention to the very poor condition of the paving on our Main street bridge. The constant traffic over this bridge has worn away the road surface so that it will soon have to be recovered. In consultation with a competent engineer, I have been advised that wood blocks, because of their lightness and flexibility, would be best adapted for use as a bridge pavement, and I would recommend that your committee be instructed to look into the question further, with a view to the selection of some such material as this. In any event, the surface of the bridge should receive early attention so that it may be put in passable condition as soon as the season permits.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire department retains its well organized efficiency as in times past, and has accomplished very commendable work during the year just closed. In view of the dilapidated condition of the structures now used for housing the apparatus, it is hardly necessary to say to you that new quarters are immediately required. You are no doubt already aware that the fund for this purpose has now reached an amount sufficient for the erection of a building this year. It will be for you to decide on the location and plans; also whether the department shall be divided and located in different sections of the city, or whether one
building shall be erected on Washington street large enough for the entire department. The latter plan would require a larger lot of land than that now owned by the city, but I have no doubt additional land can be obtained adjoining the present property. While no official estimate has been made regarding the cost of such buildings as would be desired, it is believed the amount on hand, ($28,733.33,) will be sufficient for the purpose.

Another need of the fire department is a new hook and ladder truck, and I trust this will be given your attention at an early date.

In connection with this subject, the almost helpless condition of some sections of the city, in case of fire, should not be overlooked. This condition arises from lack of an adequate water supply, or, of any water supply whatever. Particularly is this true of the district west of Birch street and along Granite and Hill streets where there is no city water service. Last year an effort was made to have some relief afforded to this district, but on account of the extensive improvements in which the Biddeford & Saco Water company was at that time engaged, in the construction of a water tower, etc., the company declared it impossible to attend to the wants of the Hill street district immediately. This spring, however, it seems very probable that some arrangement may be made for the extension of hydrant protection in the district named.

POLICE.

It must be apparent to every citizen that our police department has been kept up to its usual high standard. During the past year there has been installed a telephone signal system by which every officer is compelled every hour during the night to call the police station, so that the houseman on duty there may be kept in touch with the entire force of patrolmen. To meet the expense of this
improved service, I would suggest a small increase in the appropriation for this department. This increase might well be made large enough also to cover the cost of an additional patrolman who is very much needed on account of the increase in the city’s population, and the consequent added duty devolving on the force.

**STREET SIGNS AND NUMBERS.**

Last year the city council took up the matter of renumbering the buildings and putting up street signs, entrusting this task to Mr. Edgar A. Hubbard. The work has been done in a most satisfactory manner, and for any further information I refer you to Mr. Hubbard’s own report which is complete in detail.

**POOR.**

Under the direction of our efficient secretary, William A. Cosgrove, the poor department has been well attended to, and the expense kept within the appropriation—this notwithstanding the fact that it was necessary to incure an unlooked for expense in the purchase of a new team of horses for use at the city farm.

**HEALTH.**

We have been fortunate in that no epidemic has visited our city during the last twelve months. The duties of the department of health have been largely of a routine character, and have been carried out with due regard for economy.

**CLIFFORD PARK.**

For the first time in a number of years a small appropriation—$500—was made for park improvement. This amount was only sufficient to pay for the drawing of a plan and the grading of a few streets in the park. Even this little improvement, however, was apparently gratify-
ing to many people of the city, judging by the number who afterward visited the park. A like sum set aside for park purposes this year and each year in future, would put the park in a condition that would make it an object of pride to every citizen. I recommend this especially to your consideration.

CEMETERY.

Our City cemetery also came in for a small share of improvement during the year. The avenues were re-graded, the southern side of the enclosure fenced, and city water introduced. Attention should be given this year to the fence on the Elm and West street sides, and I would suggest that this be replaced by a hedge as being less unsightly and more durable.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, let us remember that the responsibilities of the coming year will rest upon us all, and that it behooves us at this time to give especial care and thought to the selection of candidates for the subordinate offices. Let us see to it that they be men of sound judgment, zealous and capable in the discharge of their several duties.

G. P. LITTLEFIELD.
City Government 1907-8.

MAYOR,
GILMAN P. LITTLEFIELD.

CITY CLERK,
ALBERT O. MARCILLE.

ALDERMEN,

CHAIRMAN,  JOHN E. H. TOWNSEND.

Ward 1—Frederick J. Potts.
Ward 2—Napoleon Menard.
Ward 3—Roderic D. Tarr.
Ward 4—Ira T. Wormwood.
Ward 5—John E. H. Townsend.
Ward 6—Michael Cleary.
Ward 7—John F. Googins.

COMMON COUNCILMEN.

PRESIDENT,  JESSE C. TOWNSEND.

Ward 1—Robert Henry Gay,  Harold C. Curtis,
Fred S. Hamilton.
Ward 2—Jesse C. Townsend,
Mark Judge.
Ward 3—Alphonse F. Houle,  Joseph P. Billings,
William F. Mahaney.
Ward 4—Joseph Ouellette,
Melvin L. Wilbur,
Magloire Bissaillon.
Ward 5—Joseph A. Valliere, Frederick J. Kember, John T. Costello.


WARDENS.


WARD CLERKS.

Ward 1, Ralph P. Bachelder; Ward 2, Ferdinand O. Bouthillette; Ward 3, Hiram Dolby; Ward 4, Joseph Cormier; Ward 5, William A. Rumery; Ward 6, Joseph Boucharl; Ward 7, Hartley C. Banks.

ELECTION CLERKS.

Ward 1—Fred O. Finnard, John R. Staples.
  " 2—Edward H. Gonneville, France Tardif.
  " 3—Fred Valliere, Fred A. Little.
  " 4—Frank B. Robbins, Ovid Little.
  " 6—Timothy P. McKeering, Charles S. Stimpson.
  " 7—Eastman P. Seavey, Patrick Kearney.

BALLOT CLERKS.

Ward 1—Harold Kelly, Fred O. Goldthwaite.
  " 2—Thomas J. Boland, John P. Farley
  " 3—Thomas Lumb, Walter D. Harriman.
  " 4—Henry Bouchard, Robert H. Bryant.
  " 5—Ricke E. Davis, William T. Allen.
  " 6—Joseph E. Bertrand, Charles S. Ham.
Treasurer,                      Cornelius Horigan.
Collector of Taxes,              James Read.
City Solicitor,                  Robert B. Seidel.
City Auditor,                    Frank J. Smith.
Judge of Municipal Court,        Benjamin F. Cleaves.
Recorder of Municipal Court,     Gorham N. Weymouth.
Chief of Police,                 Charles B. Harmon.
City Physician,                  Philias E. Chapron.
Chief Engineer Fire Dept.,       Edward J. Sullivan.
First Asst. Engineer Fire Dept., Charles H. Bonser.
Engineer City Building,          Clarence E. Richards.
Watchman, City Building,         Edwin Bardsley.
Harbor Master,                   Harrison Goldthwaite.
Sealer Weights and Measures,     Onesime E. Cote.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION,
Charles E. Hussey, Chairman,
Radcliffe H. Ford,
Charles T. Read.

ASSESORS,
Carlos C. Heard,
Joseph E. Brooks.

ASSISTANT ASSESSORS,
Ward 1, Leon Doyle; Ward 2, Albert Gilbert; Ward
3, Oscar G. Parent; Ward 4, Edward Rennick, Jr.; Ward
5, Edmond Bergeron; Ward 6, Joseph E. Bouchard; Ward
7, Daniel F. Ready.

BOARD OF HEALTH,
M. H. Ferguson, Ovide Little, Ferdinand O. Bouthilette.

Inspector of Buildings,        Simeon Grenier.
Superintendent of Burials,      William A. Rumery.
Superintendent of Schools,      Royal E. Gould.
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

PARK COMMISSIONERS,
John B. Lowell, William E. Youland, Gorham N. Weymouth.

POLICE BOARD,
Henry G. Hutchinson, James F. Tarr, Gilman P. Littlefield.

CITY WEIGHERS,

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK,

STREET COMMISSIONERS,
District No. 4, Frederick M. Rose.
River Road, West, Joseph Newcomb.
River Road, East, Albert H. Lord.
Newtown, Aaron O. Nason.
Oak Ridge, George M. Robbins.
Fortunes Rocks, Ernest H. Robbins.
Pool, Wright W. Goldthwaite.
Ward 7, West, Johann Peter Suhr.
Ward 7, North, John R. Lowell.
Ward 7, East, Frank O. Hooper.
Kennebunk Road, Harry J. Michie.
Hollis Road, Joseph A. Fournier.
Joint Standing Committees.

FINANCE—The Mayor, Alderman Townsend, Councilmen Kember, Hooper, Wilbur.
ACCOUNTS—Alderman Potts, Councilmen Kember, Bardsley.
PUBLIC PROPERTY—The Mayor, Alderman Cleary, Councilmen Bardsley, Costello, Ouellette.
FIRE DEPARTMENT—Aldermen Townsend, Tarr, Councilmen Billings, Neilon, Kember.
PRINTING—Alderman Menard, Councilmen Hamilton, Judge.
POOR—Aldermen Googins, Menard, Councilmen Allard, Gay, Bissaillon.
ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Councilmen Plante, Costello.
STREETS—The Mayor, Aldermen Wormwood, Googins, Councilmen Townsend, Valliere, Chamberland, Mahaney.
LIBRARY—Alderman Townsend, President of the Council Townsend, Councilmen Ledoux, Houle.

Standing Committees.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
ELECTIONS—Aldermen Townsend, Cleary, Potts.
LICENSES—The Mayor, Aldermen Cleary, Menard.
ENROLLED BILLS—Aldermen Googins, Townsend, Tarr.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.
ELECTION RETURNS—William H. Hooper, Arthur Plante, Jr., Mark Judge.
ENROLLED BILLS—Frederick J. Kember, Omer Allard, John T. Costello.
Regular monthly meeting of the City Council second Monday evening in each month at 7.30 o'clock.
City Treasurer's Report.

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

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the city during the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1908:

Balance, cash on hand, January 31st, 1907, $ 252 96
Received from all sources during the year, 327,256 52

Total payments for the year,
Balance, cash on hand, January 31st, 1908, 38,702 11

The detailed statement of above receipts and expenditures is as follows, viz:

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<td>Abatement of Taxes,</td>
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<td>Bridges,</td>
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<td>Contingent Fund,</td>
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<td>8,122 74</td>
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County Tax, 9,567 92
Central Fire Station, 29,033 80 20,255 39
Dog Licenses, 553 00 579 00
Fire Department, 248 01 12,008 33
Free Text Books, 799 31
General Expense, 668 82 6,040 87
Health Department, 724 53
Highways, District 4, 361 78 6,296 53
    Buzzell Road, 1 50
    Fortunes Rocks, 633 69
    Newtown, 415 95
    Hollis Road Division, 474 76
    Kennebunk Road, 188 36
    Oak Ridge, 424 58
    Pool District, 366 92
    River Road, Eastern, 336 30
    River Road, Western, 531 57
    Ward 7, North, 279 08
    Ward 7, East, 223 33
    Ward 7, West, 465 39
Hydrants, 3,900 00
Insane, 3,721 33
Interest, 1,260 43 10,021 28
Macadamizing, 103 21 2,335 88
Mile Brook Sewer, 1,799 56
New Streets, 239 48
Pauper Department, 487 27 11,381 09
Police Department,, 8,501 39
Pool Sewer, 50 00 493 34
Railroad, Tel. & Tel. Tax, 294 53
Reform School,, 13 00
Salaries, 5,585 82
Schools, 908 93 34,683 13
School Fund and Mill Tax, 17,717'91
Sewers and Drains, 213 23 4,099 04
Sidewalks, 2,931 04
Sinking Fund Fire Dept. Buildings, 29,033 80 29,033 80
State Pensions, 868 00 868 00
State Tax, 378 23 24,147 32
Street Lights, 58 20 10,975 40
Tax of 1899, 23 34
Tax of 1903, 150 00
Tax of 1904, 110 00
Tax of 1905, 785 00
Tax of 1906, 24,453 70
Tax of 1907, 174,100 00
Temporary Loans, 40,000 00 40,000 00
Repairs Eben Simpson Steamer, 1,911 88
Cash on hand, January 31, 1907, 252 96
Cash on hand, January 31, 1908, 38,702 11

$327,509 48 $327,509 48

In the last treasurer’s report, the cash on hand is given as $252.96 in one place, and $579.85 in another. This difference is due to credit balance of $326.89 in school department, to which account credit is here given, this amount being included in the $908.93 receipts in this department.

Statement showing liabilities and resources of the city January 31, 1908:

LIABILITIES.
City Bonds outstanding, $220,000 00
Note due September, 1908, 10,000 00

RESOURCES.
Cash on hand January 31, 1908, $27,713 55
Tax of 1897, 687 28
Tax of 1899, 209 10
Tax of 1901, 168 98
Tax of 1902, 439 20
Tax of 1903, 470 37
Tax of 1904, 645 16
Tax of 1905, 1,441 13
Tax of 1906, 1,859 71
Tax of 1907, 7,863 56
Balance account, 188,501 96

$230,000 00

In addition to the item $27,713.55 cash on hand, there are also in the city treasury the following balances:
Mile Brook Sewer, $ 600 44
Schools, 1,609 71
Central Fire Station, 8,778 41

$38,702 11

making an actual cash balance of thirty-eight thousand seven hundred and two dollars and eleven cents.

As compared with last year, this statement shows a reduction in gross liabilities of $10,000, and in the net debt of $22,802.11, with $38,702.11 in the treasury January 31, 1908.

The increase in the State Tax for 1907 over the preceding year was $4,120.77. If this amount could be added to the balances in the various departments, it would show a total of $41,834.32 in debt reduction, unexpended balances and cash on hand, over and above $8,778.41 in the fire station account.

In submitting this report, I desire to thank the Collector for 1906, Mr. Joseph Shevenell, for courtesies extended and prompt payments made to me as treasurer during the past year at times when it was a serious matter even for cities to secure money. I am under the same obligation
of expressing thanks to the Collector for 1907, Mr. James Read, whose credits on the amount committed to him for collection show that he has been particularly diligent in the work pertaining to his office.

The experience of the past year as treasurer prompts me to offer a few suggestions in line with this department.

SUGGESTION No. 1—That the treasury department of the city is of sufficient importance to have an office for the treasurer and a place for the books and papers where safety may be assured. No such place or office now exists and my work has had to be done outside of the city building, or in the busy office of the city clerk. City Clerk Albert Marcille has been extremely gracious in helping to overcome the want of an office by opening his office before and after his regular hours for the convenience of the treasurer.

SUGGESTION No. 2—That there should be a city ordinance compelling every treasurer to deposit the cash of the city in that local bank which will allow the highest rate of interest on monthly balances. Objection has often been raised against a business man being elected to the office of Clerk of the Overseers of the poor, lest he might be inclined to over patronize himself in buying supplies. The same objection to a bank man being city treasurer with a free rein to deposit where he pleases, might be raised on the same grounds. This plan would give to the city, I believe, sufficient return to pay the interest on all temporary loans in anticipation of taxes. In this connection I wish to give credit to the York County Savings Bank for interest allowed on its deposit while the others allowed nothing.

OUTSTANDING NOTES OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

September 1st, 1906, $10,000, 2 years’ 4 per cent, to retire City Bonds.
Outstanding Bonds of the City of Biddeford.

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<td>45,000</td>
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<td>25,000</td>
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<td>25,000</td>
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<td>May 14th, 1904</td>
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Table showing the valuation and indebtedness of the City of Biddeford from 1896 to and including January 31, 1908:

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<td>$6,943,030 00</td>
<td>$487,195 15</td>
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<td>7,010,314 00</td>
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<td>6,653,582 89</td>
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<td>7,732,180 00</td>
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Trust Funds.

Ministerial Fund.

January 31, 1907, Balance, $1,077 18
October 1, 1908, Dividends 79, 80, 40 76

January 31, 1908, Balance, $1,117 94

Jack Fund.

January 31, 1907, Balance, $164 00
October 1, 1908, Dividends 79, 80, 6 19

$170 19
October 1, 1908, Repairs on lot, $10 00
$160 19

ELIZABETH COLE BEQUEST.
Jan. 31, 1907, Balance $182 23
October 1, 1908, Dividends 79, 80, 6 88

Jan. 31, 1908, Balance, $169 11

SMITH FUND.
Jan. 31, 1907, Balance, $103 96
October 1, 1907, Dividends 79, 80, 3 89
$107 85

October 15, 1907, Repairs on lot, 2 00

January 31, 1908, Balance, $105 85

CLEAVES FUND.
January 31, 1907, Balance, $1,797 77
Dividends July '07 and Jan. '08, 70 14
$1,869 91

April 20, 1907, Paid to treasurer of City Mission, 61 29

Jan. 31, 1908, Balance, $1,806 02

MARY A. FARWELL ELLIS FUND.
April 10, 1907, Deposit, $100 00
October 1, 1908, Dividends 79, 80, 1 66

January 31, 1908, Balance, $101 66

All of which is respectfully submitted,
CORNELIUS HORIGAN, City Treasurer.
Biddeford, Maine, February 17, 1908.
General Expense 1907-'08.

FEBRUARY.

Elmer Davis, 20 hens killed by dogs, $ 20 00
Walter I. Dennett, casket and plate, Mary F. Durgin, 22 00
Box, Mary F. Durgin, 3 00
Hearse, Mary F. Durgin, .5 00
Opening Grave, Mary F. Durgin, 2 00
Hack, Mary F. Durgin, 3 00
C. E. Atwood, 100 stamps, 2 00
Chas. T. Read, making 1-3 caucus lists, 7 00
Chas. T. Read, making 1 set voting lists, 21 00
Chas. T. Read, Dec. 31, 1 day verifying lists, 4 00
Chas. T. Read, Jan. 7, 1 day posting lists, 4 00
Chas. T. Read, Jan. 21, 1 day preparing caucus lists, 4 00
R. H. Ford, making 1-3 caucus lists, 7 00
R. H. Ford, making 1 set voting lists, 21 00
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Chas. E. Hussey, making 1-3 caucus lists, 7 00
Chas. E. Hussey, posting lists, 21 00
Chas. E. Hussey, Dec. 31, 1 day verifying caucus lists, 5 00
Chas. E. Hussey, Jan. 7, 1 day verifying posting lists, 5 00
Chas. E. Hussey, Jan. 21, 1 day preparing caucus lists, 5 00
Alfred Bonneau, 500 bill heads, 3 00
Dr. L. E. Willard, for returning 1 birth, 1 death, 50
Mrs. Dr. Lord, for 1 medical dictionary, 1 00
York Light & Heat Co., for gas, 8 00
Ira T. Wormwood, serving notices special meeting, 10 00

__Total__ $202 50

**MARCH.**

William M. Roberts, 700 pg. Mullan Demy, $12 10
William M. Roberts, 25 sheets Demy, 50
William M. Roberts, ruling, 1 50
D. H. B. Hooper, administering 216 oaths to city officials, 10 80
N. W. Kendall, 1 oz. rubber bands, 25
N. W. Kendall, paste, 25c, 100 envelopes 10c, 35
N. W. Kendall, ink erasers 40c, 2 oz. rubber bands 50c, 90
N. W. Kendall, pencils 15c, roller 15c, 3 oz. bands 75c, 1 05
N. W. Kendall, 1 bottle of ink 40c, 1 gross pen 35c, 73
N. W. Kendall, 1 gross pens, 80
N. W. Kendall, 6 sheets card paper 30c, 2 pencils 10c, 1 doz pens 10c, 50
N. W. Kendall, 2 pk. envelopes 20c, 4 boxes seals 60c, 80
N. W. Kendall, 2 frames $1.50, box envelopes 50c, 2 00
N. W. Kendall, 1 shade roller 25c, qt. ink 60c, 85
N. W. Kendall, envelopes 10c, paste 20c, jar 25c, 55
Chas. E. Hussey, Feb. 8, 1 day posting lists, 5 00
Chas. E. Hussey, Feb. 16, 6 days, Feb. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, correcting lists, 30 00
Chas. E. Hussey, 1 day verifying voting lists, 5 00
Chas. E. Hussey, March 1, 1 day preparing lists, 5 00
Chas. T. Read, Feb. 8, 1 day posting lists, 4 00
Chas. T. Read, Feb. 16, 6 days, Feb. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, correcting lists, 24 00
Chas. T. Read, Feb. 18, 1 day verifying lists, 4 00
Chas. T. Read, March 1, 1 day preparing lists, 4 00
R. H. Ford, Feb. 8, 1 day preparing posting lists, 4 00
R. H. Ford, Feb. 16, 6 days, Feb. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, correcting lists, 24 00
R. H. Ford, Feb. 18, 1 day verifying lists, 4 00
R. H. Ford, March 1, 1 day preparing lists, 4 00
Fred O. Goldthwaite, ballot clerk Ward 1, 3 00
Orin J. Benson, ballot clerk Ward 1, 3 00
Fred O. Finnard, election clerk Ward 1, 3 00
John R. Staples, election clerk Ward 1, 3 00
Emery Johnson, warden Ward 1, 3 00
Ralph P. Batchelder, clerk Ward 1, 3 00
Howard M. Jones, clerk Ward 2, 3 00
Chas. H. Goodwin, ballot clerk Ward 2, 3 00
Thomas J. Boland, ballot clerk Ward 2, 3 00
Hubert L. R. J. Pare, election clerk Ward 2, 3 00
William H. Donahue, election clerk Ward 2, 3 00
John B. Lowell, warden Ward 2, 3 00
Thomas Lumb, ballot clerk Ward 3, 3 00
Fred A. Ham, ballot clerk Ward 3, 3 00
Geo. M. Leavitt, ward clerk Ward 3, 3 00
Fred A. Little, election clerk Ward 3, 3 00
Harold Kelly, election clerk Ward 3, 3 00
John Higginbotham, warden Ward 3, 3 00
Silas P. Adams, Warden Ward 4, 3 00
R. H. Bryant, election clerk Ward 4, 3 00
Ovide Little, ballot clerk Ward 4, 3 00
F. B. Robbins, election clerk Ward 4, 3 00
Jos. Cormier, ward clerk Ward 4, 3 00
Jesse W. Muttart, election clerk Ward 5, 3 00
Fred J. Grant, election clerk Ward 5, 3 00
John R. Bonser, ballot clerk Ward 5, 3 00
William T. Allen, ballot clerk Ward 5, 3 00
Geo F. Boston, ward clerk Ward 5, 3 00
Willis Roberts, warden Ward 5, 3 00
J. Thatcher Emery, warden Ward 6, 3 00
Chas. S. Ham, election clerk Ward 6, 3 00
Timothy McKeering, election clerk Ward 6, 3 00
James Read, ballot clerk Ward 6, 3 00
Chas. S. Stimpson, ballot clerk Ward 6, 3 00
Francis Munday, ward clerk Ward 6, 3 00
Frank H. Rumery, warden Ward 7, 3 00
Patrick Kearney, ballot clerk Ward 7, 3 00
Harold P. Smith, ballot clerk, Ward 7, 3 00
Eastman P. Seavy, election clerk Ward 7, 3 00
Walter A. Holt, election clerk Ward 7, 3 00
Ezekiel T. Bryant, ward clerk Ward 7, 3 00
Ira Hooper, for hack, posting notices, 3 00
John F. Golthwaite, use of store election day, 10 00
A. Romeo, blacksmith shop for March election Ward 3, 6 00
Fred C. Watson, blacksmith shop for March election Ward 7, 10 00
Edwin C. Stone, posting voting lists, 5 00
Dimon C. Mitchell, labor on booths, 43 72
Industrial League, for use of Hardy hall election day, 7 00
Lytton E. Staples, expense to Boston, 6 00
Biddeford Grocery Co., for use of store and lamps election day Ward 6, 11 00
Joseph Gooch, repairing snow plow, 8 50
H. G. Hutchinson, typewriter ribbon $1.00, ink pads 40c, 1 40
H. G. Hutchinson, carbon paper 5c, 500 sheets paper 70c, 75
H. G. Hutchinson, ink pads 45c, 2 reams paper $1 50,
T. L. Evans, block paper 60c, ink 60c, 1 20
T. L. Evans, 5 doz. pencils 50c, pen holders 24c, tissue 5c, 79c
T. L. Evans, 2 doz. pencils 20c, rubber bands 40c, 60c
T. L. Evans, 3 blotters, 1 50
J. G. Deering & Son, 350 ft. shtg. $10.50, 55 ft. pine $1.60, 12 10
J. G. Deering & Son, 152 ft. pine shtg. $3.95, 41 ft., $1.21, 5 16
J. G. Deering & Son, sawing 15c, carrying up stairs $1.00, 1 15
W. S. Fowler, putting up booths and taking down, 40 00
Chas. B. Harmon, summonses for Board of Registration 77 persons, 47 86
York Light & Heat Co., gas, 4 40
Chas. H. Prescott, 3000 note circulars for taxes, 6 50
Chas. H. Prescott, 200 petitions for junk licenses, 1 50
Chas. H. Prescott, publishing auditor’s notices, 3 75
Chas. H. Prescott, 100 notices Registration Board, 2 50
Chas. H. Prescott, 100 postal cards for warrants, 1 75
Chas. H. Prescott, 30 election warrants, 3 25
Chas. H. Prescott, 300 note heads, Registration Board, 1 50
Chas. H. Prescott, 100 copies treasurer’s report, 6 00
Chas. H. Prescott, 5281 ballots and specimen ballots, 57 40
Chas. H. Prescott, publishing official ballot, 38 44
Chas. H. Prescott, reprinting one side of ballot, 15 00
Monier & Mahaney, 4 1-2 ft. pipe 32c, 9 hours labor, P. and H, $5.40,
Monier & Mahaney, 3 ft. pipe 21c, 1 coupling 8c, 5 72
Monier & Mahaney, 1 union 20c, blacksmith work 30c,
Monier & Mahaney, 8 hours work P. and H., 3 20
E. A. Hubbard, clerk Board Registration, 15 00
M. Woodman, clerk for Board of Registration, 15 00
R. H. Ford, on voting lists, 6 days, March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11, 24 00
Chas. T. Read, on voting lists, 6 days, March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11, 24 00
Chas. E. Hussey, on voting lists, 6 days, March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11, 30 00
D. H. B. Hooper, recording 186 births, marriages and deaths, 27 90

$785.96

APRIL.

C. E. Atwood, 100 stamps, $ 2.00
D. H. B. Hooper, 3 days labor, 9 00
D. H. B. Hooper, recording 7 deaths, 1 05
Henry Bouchard, ballot clerk Ward 3, 3 00
Jos. Stfide & Co., paper, 18
Emery Johnson, carrying ward books to Ward 1 and returning same, 2 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, auditor's acct. book, 9 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, 3 doz. licenses registers, 5 25
Rev. H. P. Moulton, services at inauguration, 5 00
Chas. G. Scamman, 1 duplicating book 15c, pad 5c, eraser 5c, 25
Chas. G. Scamman, 14 ward books for polls, 20 00
Chas. G. Scamman, 24 index books, 9 60
Chas. G. Scamman, 6 pass books, 6 00
Chas. G. Scamman, 7 books, lists of voters, 14 00
E. P. Wentworth, Supt. state school, substance and clothing, 12 14
Alfred Bonneau, printing notices for assessors, 4 50
Joseph E. Bouchard, asst. assessor, 35 00
J. G. Garland, rent Infantry hall, 87 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, record of abatements, 1 00
York, Light & Heat Co., gas, 4 00
C. E. Atwood, 400 post cards, 4 00
Jason W. Libby, posting notices, 3 50
Ethel L. Bowe, copying contract York, Light & Heat Co., 4 80
Oscar G. Patent, interpreter for assessors, 14 00

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MAY

John M. Akerly, 18 days labor at Infantry hall building closets, $45 00
Daniel G. Ready, asst. assessor Ward 7, 60 00
Oscar G. Parent, asst assessor Ward 3, 35 00
Leon A. Doyle, asst. assessor Ward 1, 40 00
A. O. Marcille, recording 100 births, marriages and deaths, 15 25
Edward Pelletier, interpreter Ward 7, 10 00
Ira N. Davis, payment for 2 geese, 5 00
R. H. Ford, 5 days services on Board Registration, 20 00
Albert Gilbert, asst. assessor Ward 2, 35 00
Carlos C. Heard, copying dog books and making return to state treasurer, 25 00
Carlos C. Heard, making 7 books of polls for Board of Registration, 35 00
Carlos C. Heard, making returns for state militia, 1907, 35 00
Edward Bergeron, asst. assessor Ward 5, 35 00
U. S. Grant Post, Memorial Day expenses, 100 00
Sheridan Post, Memorial Day expenses, 100 00
Spanish War Veterans, Memorial Day expenses, 65 00
E. H. Gove, 23 hens killed by dogs, 23 00
R. H. Ford, 7 days labor making lists, 28 00
J. G. Deering & Son, 36 ft. pine 94c, 176 ft. pine 509, 118 ft. pine 4.13, 10 16
J. G. Deering & Son, 127 ft. pine $3.75, 66 ft pine 83c. 4 58
C. E. Atwood, 500 stamped envelopes, 10 60
H. P. Atkinson, 2 saloon tables $4.00, 3 chairs $1.35, 5 35
H. P. Atkinson, use of oil stove Ward 2, 1 00
York, Light & Heat Co., gas, 4 80
Portland Typewriter Exchange, repairs, 2 00
W. H. Watson, 150 postals $1.25, 100 blanks 50c, 2 25
W. H. Watson, 250 bills, 2 50
W. H. Watson, letter and note heads for clerk and treasurer, 2 50
A. O. Marcille, recording 115 births, deaths and marriages, 17 25

$774.24

JUNE.

Edward J. Remick, as asst. assessor Ward 4, 35 00
W. H. Watson, 250 bill heads, 2 50
W. H. Watson, 500 letter heads, 3 25
C. E. Atwood, 100 stamps, 2 00
Elite Studio, portrait, 5 00
Hall Bros., 2 gross pens, 2 50
F. Pelletier Ice Co., for clerk’s office, ice, 6 00
Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinkler, 50
Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinkler 75c, repairs on sprinkler 50c, 1 25
Townsend Bros., braces 50c, valve 50c, repairs 50c, 1 50
Townsend Bros., general repairs, 8 00
Townsend Bros., repairs $1.50, repairs 50c, pole 50c, 2 50
C. T. Read, 30 days labor on Board of Registration, 120 00
R. H. Ford, 18 days labor on Board of Registration, 72 00
C. E. Hussey, 30 days labor on Board of Registration, 150 00
J. F. Emond, casket and box G. C. Rondeau, 22 50
J. F. Emond, hearse, 3 00
J. F. Emond, hack $3.00, cemetery expenses $5.50, candles $1.00, 9 50
Frank O. Furber, 346 ft. pine, 12 11
Frank O. Furber, milling, 1 95
C. K. Banks, 255 ft. pine, 7 65
C. K. Banks, 260 ft. sheathing $6.76, 20 ft. boards 56c, 7 32
C. K. Banks, sawing 10c, 100 ft. pine boards $2.60, 2 70
C. K. Banks, 15 ft. boards 42c, 505 ft. sheathing $15.15, 15 57
C. K. Banks, 96 ft. boards $2.69, 200 ft. pine $1.50, 4 19
C. K. Banks, 100 ft. boards 50c, 56 ft. spruce $1.23, 1 73
American Express Co., express, 35
W. A. Greenough & Co., 3 copies Biddeford & Saco directory, 9 00
Oscar G. Parent, as truant officer, 20 00
Welch Stencil Co. seal, ........................... 25
A. O. Marcille, recording 123 births, marriages and deaths, 18 65
Chas. G. Scamman, ward book, .................................... 40
Chas. G. Scamman, collector’s cash book, .................... 8 50
Chas. G. Scamman, 5 quires paper, ................................ 1 00
Chas. G. Scamman, index book 40c, 1 gross pens $1.00, 1 40
Chas. G. Scamman, 14 ward books, .............................. 5 60
W. S. Fowler, 10 1-2 hours labor, ................................. 3 15
W. S. Fowler, nails and screws, ................................. 27
N. W. Kendall, box envelopes, ..................................... 50
N. W. Kendall, 4 pencils 20c, stamp pad 20c, paper $1.00, 1 40
N. W. Kendall, 1 doz. envelopes 50c, pens 80c, ............. 1 30
N. W. Kendall, ruller 35c, eraser 5c, tablets 60c, pens 20c, 1 20
N. W. Kendall, assessment commitment books, .............. 34 00
N. W. Kendall, record book 75c, clamp 25c, eraser 25c, 1 25
N. W. Kendall, ink 10c, record book 50c, doz. pencils 45c, 1 05
N. W. Kendall, 2 books $1.25, lb. paper 25c, 2 quires paper 40c, 1 90
N. W. Kendall, blank book $15.00, 3 oz. bands 75c, paper 10c, 15 85
Geo. P. Rhodes, horse hire for assessors; ...................... 12 00
Geo. W. Wormwood, killing 59 dogs as dog officer, ........ 118 00

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JULY.

Ethel Bowe, typewriting, $ 12 20
Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinkler, ............................ 50
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Chas. E. Hussey, 1 day verifying same, 5.00
Chas. T. Read, 1 day labor Board of Registration, 4.00
Chas. T. Read, 1 day correcting same. 4.00
Chas. T. Read, making out 1-3 lists for Democratic City Committee, 7.00
Chas. T. Read, making out 1-3 lists for Republican City Committee, 7.00
Chas. T. Read, 1 day verifying same, 4.00
R. H. Ford, 1 day verifying lists for Committees, 4.00
Carlos H. McKenney, 5 lbs. nails 25c, 5 lbs. finish nails 25c, 50
Carlos H. McKenney, 6 lbs. 8 finish nails 30c, 6 lbs nails 30c, 6.00
Carlos H. McKenney, 12 pr butts, 96c, 48 pr butts, $3.84,
Carlos H. McKenney, 2 grs. screws 30c, 58 hooks $1.74, 3 locks 75c, 2.79
Carlos H. McKenney, 6 doz. C. & H. hooks, 6.00
W. I. Dennett, casket and plate, Wallace Staples, 23.00
W. I. Dennett, box $4.00, hearse $5.00, opening grave $3.00, 12.00
W. I. Dennett, casket and plate, Edwin C. Jones, 23.00
W. I. Dennett, box $4.00, hearse $5.00, opening grave $3.00, 12.00
W. I. Dennett, casket and plate, Moses T. Moore, 23.00
W. I. Dennett, box $4.00, hearse $5.00, opening grave $3.00, 12.00
W. A. Cosgrove, casket, Mary Siddall, 20.00
W. A. Cosgrove, hearse $5.00, grave $2.00, robe $5.00, hack $3.00, 15.00

$841.46
AUGUST.

Clarence E. Richards, serving notices special meeting, $1.50
F. J. Smith, serving notices on municipal officers, $1.75
A. O. Marcille, serving notices special meeting, $2.00
A. O. Marcille, to serving notices special meeting, July 17, $6.50
A. O. Marcille, recording 164 deaths, marriages and births, $25.20
F. X. Cote, 6 chairs, $11.10
Carlos C. Heard, making out valuation book, $150.00
Carlos C. Heard, making out collectors book, $50.00
Carlos C. Heard, changing St. numbers, census Deaf, Dumb, Blind and Insane for State assessors and supplemental list of voters for Registration Board, $65.00
J. E. Brooks, extra work, changing numbers, extra services making return of Deaf, Dumb, Blind and Insane and supplemental list for Board of Registration, $65.00
George Rhodes, horse hire for serving notices on municipal officers, $1.50
W. H. Watson, 500 orders, both sides, $4.00
Edward J. Bolen, 18 automobile signs, $36.00
Edward J. Bolen, 12 automobile signs, $96.00

$515.55

SEPTEMBER.

Jos. Cormier, ringing bell, July 4, $1.50
Albion S. Wakefield, putting up signs, $2.00
Geo. A. Anthoine, 18 mantles $5.40, 3 chimneys 60c, $6.00
Chas. E. Atwood, 1000 stamped envelopes, $21.24
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**October.**

Jason W. Libby, posting notices. $2.50
New England Telephone Co., $167 28
F. J. Smith, services as Deputy City Clerk, 3 00
Biddeford & Saco Water Co., repairs on stand pipe, 65
Joseph H. Cote, 4 days work with team, measuring bridges, 15 00
Florence Crowley, envelopes, 2 00
Florence Crowley, 1 doz blocks paper 60c, 1 doz. pen holders 50c, 1 10
Florence Crowley, City Directory, 3 00
Florence Crowley, 1 doz. pg. paper 60c, 1 gross pens $1.25, 1 85
Florence Crowley, 1 gross pens $1.25, 1 gross pens $1.25, 2 50
Florence Crowley, 2 lbs. rubber bands, 6 50
Florence Crowley, 1000 envelopes $3.25, 1 lb. rubber bands $3.00, 6 25
Florence Crowley, 3 doz. pen holders, 1 80
Florence Crowley, 2 ink stands $1.50, paper 50c, 2 00
Newton Journal, 2 York County Directories, 5 00
J. G. Garland, rent of Armory Hall, 87 50
Alfred Bonneau, 1-4 column ad, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 3 00
Bullock & Goodwin, 1 current tap, 50
Bullock & Goodwin, plug 25c, guard 15, handle 25c, socket 25c, 90
Bullock & Goodwin, lamp cord 85c, 3 knobs 6c, 1 receptacle 70c, 1 61
Bullock & Goodwin, 2 lamps 50c, 1 shade 60c, labor 40c, 1 50

$315 44

NOVEMBER.

A. O. Marcille, to recording 133 marriages, births, deaths, $ 19 95
A. O. Marcille, to reporting 3 marriages, 75
Edward J. Bolen, 2 automobile signs, $4 00
Edward J. Bolen, 3 street signs repainted, 2 00
Howard Brackett, registering deeds, 1 54
Ethel I. Bowe, typewriting 113 sheets, 11 30
Ethel I. Bowe, 46 carbons, 2 30
George H. Ducharme, serving notices, 50
C. E. Atwood, 1000 envelopes stamped, 21 24
C. E. Atwood, 150 envelopes stamped, 3 20
C. E. Atwood, 100 stamps, 2 00
Townsend Bros., filing saw 25c, repairs on
  sweeper $2.00, 2 25
Townsend Bros., seat spring 75c, snap 50c, filing
  saws 50c 1 75
Townsend Bros., filing saws 50c, 1 saw 25c, 1
  saw 25c, 1 00
Townsend Bros., repairs on push cart, 1 00
Townsend Bros., 4 brushes, 1 00
William F. Mahaney, 8 hens killed by dogs, 8 00
Black Bird Pen Co., 2 gross pens, 3 00
R. H. Ford, making 1 set voting lists, 28 00
Arthur S. Hamilton, balance on sprinkling, 600 00
Edson Roberts, 2 sheep killed by dogs, 12 00
New England Telephone Co., tolls, 1 88
George E. Dudley, for 10 hens killed by dogs, 10 00
F. Pelletier Ice Co., for ice, 6 00
George G. Rhodes, use of team, 2 00
Fleta L. Wadlin, typewriting, 5 50
Jesse Wadlin, 2 sheep killed by dogs, 12 00

$764 16

DECEMBER.

H. G Hutchinson, 3 Oliver ribbons, $2 25
York Light & Heat Co., gas, 8 10
W. H. Watson, 1000 circulars coll. taxes, 3 50
Biddeford & Saco Coal Co., coal, 8 00

$ 21 85

JANUARY 1908.

New England Telephone Co., tolls, $ 40
Joseph DesRoberts, money drawer repaired, 1 75
P. E. Chapron, reporting 2 Births, 10 Deaths, 3 00
J. D. Cochrane, " 3 " 3 " 1907 1 50
L. E. Willard, " 3 " 5 " " 2 00
C. W. Pillsbury, " 2 " 3 " " 1 25
P. C. Page, " 3 " 5 " " 2 00
D. A. McNally, " 20 " " " 5 00
J. F. Trull, " 24 " " " 6 00
W. T. Goodale, " 5 " " " 1 25
W. I. Dennett, " 9 " " " 2 25
P. S. Hill, " 2 " 2 " " 1 00
F. L. Davis, " 3 " " " 75
S. J. Bassford, " 2 " " " 50
J. S. Fogg, " 2 " " " 50
F. C. Bradbury, " 1 " " " 25
J. A. LaRochelle, " 2 " " " 50
C. F. Kendall, " 7 " 8 " " 3 75
Thomas Moran Jr., " 1 " 2 " " 75
Henry Reny, " 13 " 5 " " 4 50
M. H. Ferguson, " 11 " 19 " " 7 50
F. E. Small, " 3 " 5 " " 2 00
D. F. Racicot, " 22 " 11 " " 8 25
C. E. Thompson, " 1 " " " 25
R. N. Randall, " 18 " 9 " " 6 75
E. A. Fortin, " 50 " 14 " " 16 00
J. M. O'Connor, " 7 " 4 " " 2 75
J. D. Haley, " 2 " 2 " " 1 00
O. J. D'Aoust, " 4 " 15 " " 4 75
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H. W. Hurd, reporting 3 births, 7 deaths, 2 50
R. S. Graves, " 1 " 5 " 1 50
A. O. Marcille, recording 137 births, 73 deaths, 36 marriages, reporting 2, 37 40
York, Light & Heat Co., gas, 5 25
Chas. H. Prescott, advertising 1907 taxes, 4 75
Chas. H. Prescott, advertising 1907 taxes, 6 25
Chas. H. Prescott, printing auditor's notice, 6 00
F. Crowley, 5 ink stands $1.75, 1 doz. pencils 60c, 2 35
F. Crowley, 1 qt. ink 75c, 1 doz pencils 50c, 1 25
F. Crowley, 3 doz pencils 70c, 6 writing tablets 30c, 1 00

TOTAL OF GENERAL EXPENSE ACCT.
Expenditures for month of Feb., $202 50
" " March, 785 96
" " April, 251 87
" " May, 774 24
" " June, 757 24
" " July, 841 46
" " August, 515 55
" " September, 350 98
" " October, 315 44
" " November, 764 16
" " December, 21 85
" " January, 431 62

$6,012 87

FRANK J. SMITH,
Auditor.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—The receipts and expenditures in the various departments of the city for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1908, were as follows:

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<th>Departments</th>
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Biddeford, Feb. 3, 1908.  
FRANK J. SMITH, Auditor.
Tax Collector's Report.

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

Gentlemen:—Below I submit a statement of my account as Collector of Taxes for the year 1907.

Total amount of tax levy for year 1907, $181,160.32
Total amount of supplemental tax for year 1907, 815.24
Total amount of interest collected to Jan. 31, 1908, 249.90

$182,225.46

Paid City Treasurer, Cornelius Horigan, tax, 1907, $174,100.00
Paid City Treasurer, Cornelius Horigan, on account of interest, to Jan. 31, 1908, 235.00
Balance cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1908, 112.76
Balance of uncollected tax, 1907, due the city, 7,777.70

$182,225.46

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES READ,
Collector of Taxes, 1907.
Report of School Board.

To the Honorable Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Council:

In behalf of the School Committee I respectfully submit the following statements and recommendations:

The funds in control of the board of school purpose in 1907 were as follows:

- Appropriation by City, $17,666 00
- Received from State, 17,717 91
- Tuition, High School, 82 04
- Unexpended balance from 1906, 413 52
- Free High School, 500 00

Total, $36,379 47
Total expenditure, 34,671 48

Unexpended balance, $1,707 99

The number of school children in the city is 6,184. The total number of pupils attending school for the school year 1907-8 was:

- Spring term, 1,056; Fall term, 1,128; Winter term, 1,060.

The average attendance was: Spring term, 907; Fall term, 973; Winter term, 947.

The comparatively small attendance in the public schools arises from the fact that a large number of our school children are in attendance at parochial schools.
The figures show that for school purposes the City of Biddeford is expending, per scholar, more than any other place in the State.

The committee has had under consideration the question of consolidating some of the schools in the city proper, but as the schools during the Fall term have a much larger attendance than during the Winter and Spring terms, no satisfactory solution of the problem has been presented. Many of the rural schools have a very small attendance and the question of consolidating some of these is likewise receiving the attention of the committee.

A careful examination of our school buildings recently made by a sub committee of the board, shows that they are in good sanitary condition; but that many of them will require considerable expenditure for repairs.

It is hoped that the work of improving the appearance of some of the school yards may be started this year. A small expenditure will accomplish all that is necessary on High School lot, which was graded and curbed at the time the building was erected. But the Birch street school lot received no proper attention when the school building was erected, nearly thirty years ago, and nothing has been done since to put it in an attractive condition. To put this lot in a creditable condition would require an expenditure of $1000.00, but if $500.00 could be placed in the hands of your committee for this purpose, the present year, a very appreciable improvement could be made. The stone crusher in the rear of this lot should be removed.

The usual annual appropriation for free text books has been $700.00, but as there has already been expended about $900.00, this year, it will be seen that the appropriation must be increased. There should be an appropriation of at least $1,400.00.

There was a change in the law relating to appropriations for school purposes at the last session of the legisla-
ture, to which I call your attention that the city appropriations may be made in conformity therewith. The amount that will be necessary for school purposes will not vary much from the requirements of last year, unless it is thought best to establish a manual training school. There is no doubt about the utility of such a school, but your committee will be unable to establish one without a special appropriation for this purpose.

The several members of the committee manifest a deep interest in our schools and have expressed a sincere purpose of making our schools, so far as they are able, the pride of our city and the equal of any in the state, and we believe this can be done with the usual appropriation.

The committee are desirous of making the improvements in the school lots that I have mentioned this year, and if your honorable body can see the way clear to make a special appropriation for this purpose, I think your act would receive the commendation of all our people.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the School Committee.

N. B. WALKER,
Chairman.
Report of Chief Engineer.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinance I have the honor to submit my annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year ending January 31st, 1908. The report embraces the organization of the department, a list of fires and alarms that have occurred during the year, the condition of all apparatus buildings and horses belonging to the department, the location of fire alarm boxes and hydrants and other matters pertaining to the department.

ORGANIZATION.

Chief Engineer—Edward J. Sullivan.
First Assistant—Charles H. Bonser.
Second Assistant—Joseph H. Fournier.

RICHARD VINES CO. No. 1.

Captain—Granville Smith.
Lieutenant—Charles L. Murch.
Clerk—John Laffan.
Engineer—Arthur L. Sellars.
Fireman—Thomas Lumb.
Driver—Edward Whittingham.

HOSE AND PIPEMEN.

Israel Villandry   John Berry
Samuel Leavitt    Michael Holland
Onesime Villandry  John Menard
Michael Calnan    Thomas Riley,
                George W. Bryant

EBEN SIMPSON CO. No. 2.
Captain—James McConnell.
Lieutenant—John W. Keightley.
Clerk—Walter Harriman.
Engineer—Erwin S. Gowen.
Fireman—Edward Stackpole.

DRIVERS.
P. J. Farley         Harry E. McKenzie

HOSE AND PIPEMEN.
Warren Fuller      George Goldthwaite
Chester Davis   William Fanning
George E. Townsend    George Normandie
                   Henry Letendre

WELCOME HOOK AND LADDER CO. No. 1.
Captain—Frederick Hotte.
Lieutenant—Harry Tarr.
Clerk—Sumner R. Fowler.
Driver—George W. Ross.

LADDER AND AXEMEN.
James E. Cowen         William E. Romeo
Edward G. Rice         Herbert E. Brooks
Gedeon Belaire          John Porter
David T. Kerwin        Fred Labelle
                   Walter Johnson

TIGER CO. No. 1, BIDDEFORD POOL.
Captain—John E. Wildes.
First Lieutenant—Freeland Benson.
Second Lieutenant—Fred O. Goldthwaite  
Clerk—Cecil Hussey.  
Treasurer—Howard Bunker.

HOSE AND BRAKEMEN.

Kelton Fowle  
Charles Goldthwaite,  
John Amber Jr.  
Alwood Burell  
Allen Hussey  
Wallace Rich  
George Drown  
George Goldthwaite  
George Orcutt  
John H. Norton  
William McKenney  
Irving Milgate  
James Goldthwaite  
Basil Verrill  
Herbert Curtis  
Henry Ainslie  
Orin Edwards Jr.  
Everett S. Spurling  
Joseph Wildes  
William Church  
Henry LeGallee  
J. G. Verrill,  
Fitz W. Hussey  
Walter LeGallee  
Herman Goldthwaite  
Ralph Golthwaite  
Walter Church  
Orin B. Edwards  
Waldo Verrill  
Gilbert Golthwaite  
Wright W. Goldthwaite  
Harry Phillips  
Freeman Hussey  
James Fletcher  
Fremont Tarbox  
Fred Goldthwaite  
Guy Cole  
Louis Totman  
Henry Woodbury  
Joseph Edwards  
Waldo Walton  
E. W. Goldthwaite  
Frank Goldthwaite  
Tristam Goldthwaite

HORSES.

There are six horses in the department and they are in good condition.

APPARATUS.

There are two steam fire-engines, two hose wagons, two hose pungs, three hose reels, one hook and ladder truck, also one hand tub stationed at the Pool. The ap-
paratus is in good condition. The department purchased a new truck and equipment to replace the old truck.

GATHERING WASTE.

There is one dump cart, one set of sleds and two sets of double harness used in gathering City Waste.

HOSE.

There are about 7000 feet of good hose and 1000 feet of second-class hose in the department.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

The fire alarm system is in good working order. I would recommend a Storage Battery instead of the old gravity battery now in use on the system, as it would be less expensive to maintain and would be better in many ways. There have been two new fire alarm boxes installed this year. No. 42 on Hill street opposite residence of John F. Ritz and No. 59 on Judge street corner of Gove street.

HYDRANTS.

There have been five new hydrants installed on Granite street this year.

FIRE ALARMS.

There have been 48 fire alarms this year 33 bell and 15 still alarms, two calls for assistance from Portland and one from Old Orchard. The following is a list of all fires and alarms this year.

February 5, 2.55 p. m., Box 56—Granite street, owned by C. William Smith; cause set by girl.

March 2, 2.15 a. m., Box 54—No. 233 Main street, owned by Emery heirs; cause unknown.

March 2, 9.30 p. m., Box 54—233 Main street, owned by Emery heirs; rubbish blazing.

March 3, 8.15 p. m., Box 57—No. 9 Foss street, False Alarm.
March 10, 3.05 p. m., Box 56—No. 26 Franklin street; owned by J. P. Deering; cause ash barrel.
March 29, 11.55 p. m., Box 49—false alarm.
April 23, 12.20 p. m., still alarm—Clifford park owned by City; grass fire.
April 28, 3.15 p. m., still alarm—South street, owned by Means and Hooper; cause unknown
April 30, 11.15 a. m., Box 56—Hill street, owned by Mrs. Tarbox; caused by oil stove.
May 2, 4.30 p. m., Box 47—Pool street, Clifford park owned by City; grass fire.
May 20, 11.57 p. m., Box 56—No. 60 Adams street, owned by Stanislas S. Messier; cause spontaneous combustion.
June 2, 10.20 a. m., still alarm—Granite street, owned by Levi Howe; cause, brush fire.
June 8, 8.45 a. m., Box 27—No. 39 Spruce street, owned by B. & M. R. R., cause, children playing with matches.
June 28, 6.32 p. m., Box 25—No. 63 Gooch street, owned by Thomas J. McDermott; spark from chimney.
July 7, 10.45 a. m., Box 34—No. 115 Bradbury street, owned by Mrs. Fred Durgin; cause, lightning.
August 2, 7.02 p. m., Box 57—No. 5 Pool street, owned by Mrs. Lucy Deering; cause, window curtain caught fire from candle.
August 3, 9 p. m., Box 56—No. 166 Main street, owned by Garland and Sweetsir; cause, gas jet.
August 7, 3.50 p. m., Box 56—No. 59 Jefferson street, owned by Hatch and Hall; cause unknown.
Aug. 13, 3.30 p. m., Box 54—No. 228 Main street, owned by Biddeford Savings Bank; cause unknown.
August 15, 8 p. m., Box 56—Call from Old Orchard; responded with one engine and fifteen men.
August 18, 10.30 a. m., Box 25—No. 74 Elm street,
owned by Fred F. Beauregard; cause, awning afire.

September 4, 9.45 a. m., still alarm—No. 85 South street, owned by H. G. Holmes; cause, overheated stove.

September 4, 10.40 a. m., Box 56—No. 77 Washington street, owned by Irving Cleaves; cause, overheated chimney.

September 23, 5.05 p. m., Box 43—No. 12 Porter street, owned by Henry H. Goodwin; cause, leaky boiler.

October 24, 5.45 p. m., Box 45—No. 47 Summer street, owned by James Flood; cause, chimney burning out.

November 11, 11.55 a. m., Box 57—No. 3 Alfred street, owned by Herbert R. Jordan; cause, overturned oil stove.

November 14, 11.35 a. m., Box 35—No. 62 South street, owned by Dr. C. F. Kendall; cause, pitch boiled over on stove.

November 19, 1.45 p. m., Box 34—No. 48 Mason street, owned by M. Donovan; cause, hot cloth under sink.

November 20, 9.30 a. m., Box 46—No. 21 Pool street, owned by Perley Edgecomb; cause, spark from chimney.

November 20, 3.45 p. m., Box 36—No. 72 May street, owned by Henry Cyr; cause, boy smoking.

November 20, 7.15 p. m., still alarm—Owned by F. S. Warren; cause chimney fire.

November 23, 5 p. m., still alarm—No. 80 Smith street, owned by H. B. Jordan; cause, chimney fire.

November 24, 9.10 a. m., still alarm—No. 223 Alfred street, owned by E. W. Staples; cause, chimney fire.

December 3, 7.45 p. m., still alarm—No. 71 Jefferson street, owned by Hooper estate; cause, chimney fire.

December 15, 7 p. m., Box 45—Corner Oak and Acorn streets, owned by J. B. Campbell; cause, chimney fire.

December 29, 12.02 p. m., Box 45—No. 67 Summer street, owned by Jesse Gould; cause, grease boiled over on stove.
January 2, 1908, 5.30 p.m., still alarm—Western avenue, owned by City, tool house.

January 4, 8.10 p.m., still alarm—No. 99 Summer street, owned by Levi W. Howe; cause, chimney fire.

January 5, 6.30 p.m., still alarm—No. 64 Bradbury street, owned by Edward Dougherty; chimney fire.

January 16, 10.45 p.m., Box 56—Alfred road; grass fire.

January 21, 12.10 p.m., Box 48—Pool road, owned by John Danis; cause, grass fire.

January 24, 3.50 a.m., Box 56—Call for assistance from Portland; responded with engine and fifteen men.

January 24, still alarm—Main street, owned by F. S. Warren; cause, chimney fire.

January 25, 11.20 p.m., still alarm—Grass fire at Eastern R. R. bridge on South street.

January 27, 1.50 a.m., Box 56—Call for assistance from Portland; responded with one engine and fifteen men.

January 31, 8.30 a.m., still alarm—No. 9 Small’s court, owned by Abraham S. Weinstein; cause, thawing pipe.

January 31, 9.15 a.m., Box 49—Hill street, owned by Davis and Cyr; cause, chimney fire.

January 31, 11.45 a.m., still alarm—No. 74 South street, owned by James E. Carter; cause, overheated flue.

LOCATION OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

No. 12 No school signal.
23 J. G. Deering & Son, Spring's Island.
24 City Farm.
25 Corner of Elm and Smith streets.
26 Elm street opposite entrance of National hall.
27 Main street near corner of Western avenue.
28 Highland street near Main street.
29 South street opposite residence of H. G. Holmes.
Corner of Elm and South streets.
Corner of Green and Crescent streets.
Elm street opposite residence of William B. Sullivan.

Five Points.
Corner of Alfred and Bacon streets.
Union street near corner of Graham street.
Hill street opposite residence of John F. Ritz.
Alfred street near corner of Birch street.
Summer street near corner of Mt. Vernon street.
Pool street near Methodist church.
Pool street corner of Pike street.
Pool street near corner of Gove street.
Bacon street corner of Pierson's lane.
Main street near corner of Lincoln street.
Engine house on Washington street.
Main street corner of Alfred street.
Main street opposite Hill street.
Judge street corner of Gove street.

LOCATION OF HYDRANTS.

City Farm yard.
Corner of Main and Highland streets.
Main street near Eastern railroad.
Main street corner of Western avenue.
Main street corner of Bradbury street.
Elm street corner of Main street.
Jefferson street corner of Main street.
Adams street near corner of Main street.
Lincoln street corner of Main street.
Main street corner of Washington street.
Main street corner of Franklin street.
Corner of Alfred and Main streets.
Corner of Main and Emery streets.
Corner of Main and Hill streets.
Corner of Sullivan and Water streets.
Water street foot of Pike street.
Corner of Judge street opposite Gove street.
Pike street foot of Cross street.
Pool street foot of Oak street.
Pool street near corner of Pike street.
Pool street near residence of P. A. Freeman.
Pool street near residence of H. P. Atkinson.
Sullivan street near corner of Bacon street.
Hill street between Bacon and Main streets.
Corner of Bacon and Emery streets.
Hill street corner of Pool street.
Hill street corner of Acorn street.
Hill street corner of Fall street.
Hill street near the George W. Ward house.
Granite street.
Granite street.
Granite street.
Granite street.
Pool street near corner of Foss street.
Foss street near corner of Mt. Vernon street.
Foss street near corner of Fall street.
Alfred street near head of Franklin street.
Alfred street corner of Pool street.
Alfred street corner of Washington street
Alfred street corner of Birch street.
Alfred street corner of Myrtle street.
Alfred street corner of Union street.
Alfred street near residence of John Campbell.
Alfred street near residence of James H. Fogg.
Alfred street near Five Points.
Jefferson street corner of Washington street.
South street corner of Jefferson street.
South street corner of Green street.
50 South street corner of Elm street.
51 South street corner of State street.
52 South street near residence of Charles E. Atwood.
53 South street above Eastern railroad bridge.
54 South street corner of Highland street.
56 Elm street corner of Walnut street.
57 Elm street opposite B. & M. freight station.
58 Corner of Gooch and Elm streets.
59 Elm street corner of Pearl street.
60 Elm street head of Center street.
61 Elm street near Mason street.
62 Elm street corner of Union street.
63 Hooper street top of hill.
64 Lincoln street corner of Stone street
65 Lincoln street corner of Pearl street.
66 Green street near corner of Birch street.
67 Union street near corner of Graham street.
68 Graham street corner of Mason street.
69 Summer street opposite residence of James F. Wormwood.
70 Smith street opposite Saco & Pettee foundry.
71 Wentworth street opposite schoolhouse.
72 Elm street corner of Taylor street.
73 Elm street corner of Dartmouth street.
74 Jefferson street corner of Adams street.
75 Corner of Oak and Acorn streets.
76 On Bradbury street.
77 Corner of Bradbury and Mason streets.
78 Corner of Walnut street and Adams court.
79 May street opposite entrance to Trull hospital.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Mayor, City Council and Committee on Fire Department for their assistance in bettering the department; also to
the Police Department for their assistance at fires, and to Assistants Bonser and Fournier for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. SULLIVAN,
Chief Engineer.
Report of City Physician.

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit my report as City Physician for the year ending February 29, 1908.

Number of visits at the City almshouse, 156
Average of 6 patients were attended to at each visit.
Number of visits made at houses, 614
Number of consultations at office, 287
Number of deaths at the almshouse, 6
Number of deaths at the homes, 6

Respectfully,

PHILIASE CHAPRON,
City Physician.
Report of Board of Police Commissioners.

Biddeford, Me., Jan. 22nd 1908.

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

Gentlemen:—The Board of Police has the honor to submit its annual report to the City Council, for the year ending Jan. 31st 1908.

The appropriation by the City Council for the year 1907 was $8,500.00. Our expenses were $8,499.79, leaving a balance of 21-100 dollars.

With this small appropriation we were obliged to curtail our expenses to keep within the appropriation. We hope your Honorable Body will see the need of an increase for the year 1908.

Our Police force consists of a chief, one captain, seven regular patrolmen, one janitor at police station, one night turnkey at station, two regular Sunday patrolmen during summer months, and a reserve force of twenty men.

The whole number of arrests have been 677, for the following named offences, viz:

Assault with dangerous weapon with intent to kill, 7
Assault and battery, 63
Affray, 19
Breaking and entering, 12
Evading payment of R. R. fares, 17
Intoxication, 491
Larceny, 20
Tramps, 32
Seizure of intoxicating liquors, 7
Various minor offences, 9

We very much need two more regular patrolmen. You stop and think of the increase in our population within the past three years by many foreigners from countries of southern Europe. These people have been the cause of adding much to the duties of the force, which we believe makes it absolutely necessary that two more patrolmen be added to our force, that the peace and property of our citizens should be protected. The patrolmen have been very faithful, and prompt in discharging all their duties and we wish to express our appreciation of the work performed by the members of the police department.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed H. G. HUTCHINSON, Chairman.
JAMES F. TARR,
GILMAN P. LITTLEFIELD,

Board of Police.

A true record.

Attest. H. G. HUTCHINSON, Clerk.
Report of Overseers of the Poor.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit to you the report of the Pauper Dept. for the year ending Jan. 31, 1908.

The past year has been a remarkable one in many ways principally perhaps in the prosperity enjoyed. Our city has been especially favored for until the close of the year, labor was at a premium and whoever desired employment readily found it. But however good the times may be there are those who by reason of circumstances beyond their control are compelled to seek the city's aid and it is with these principally that this report has to deal.

Charity misapplied not only is distasteful to the giver but is harmful to the recipient and while the city has been generous in its allowance for the care and support of its worthy poor it is necessary that constant vigilance be maintained in order that none be diverted to unworthy channels. Every application I have thoroughly investigated. I have visited their homes and have as far as possible become familiar with their condition, and while I feel that no deserving case has been rejected there are many whom I have deemed it prudent to refuse. Intemperance and desertion contributing a large degree to the causes compelling the wife to seek aid for herself and her children. The law enacted at the last session of the Legislature aids materially in cases of this kind but much more can be accomplished by additional legislation in this line.
Seventeen children are boarded outside the almshouse, nine at the house of the Good Shepard and eight in private families.

The farm buildings at the beginning of the year were in very bad condition and it was found necessary to expend a large sum in repairs. A cement floor was laid in the basement of the brick building, the wall tinted throughout, the heating apparatus put in shape and many other things of lesser importance attended to. In addition to the above a new range was purchased for use in the kitchen also bought a new democrat wagon.

The interior of the buildings are now in very good condition; the outside requires painting. I would recommend that this be done. The following is a statement of the monthly expenditures in the department:

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The management of the Almshouse is in excellent hands and I feel that too much cannot be said in commendation of the manner in which the institution has been conducted during the past year. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Googins have shown the unfortunates committed to their charge every attention that their kind and sympathetic natures could extend, endeavoring always to lift the burden of poverty that has borne down upon them.

Below is the number of inmates at the institution at the close of each month:

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Seven deaths have occurred at the farm during the past year.

**PRODUCTS RAISED ON THE FARM,**

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<td>Onions</td>
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<td>Turnips</td>
<td>5 &quot;</td>
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<td>Cabbage</td>
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<td>Hay</td>
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**STOCK ON FARM.**

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<td>Cows</td>
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Hogs,  
Hens,  

FARM IMPLEMENTS.

1 double work wagon.  
1 single work wagon.  
1 democrat wagon.  
1 double hay rack.  
1 single hay rack.  
1 set double harness.  
2 sets single harness.  
1 double sled.  
1 single sled.  
1 traverse runner pung.  
1 plow.  
1 horse rake.  
2 mowing machines.  
2 cultivators.  
1 spring tooth harrow.  
1 seed saw.  
1 horse hoe.

MEDICAL DEPT.

This department has been ably conducted during the past year. Much credit is due Dr. P. E. Chapron for his attention to those requiring his assistance, both at the Almshouse and in the street department. I refer you to his report for details of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. BOLAND,  
Clerk Overseers Poor.
Report of Park Commissioners.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

We have expended the entire appropriation made for this department, in continuing the work of grading avenues.

Amount of appropriation: $500 00

Paid:
- Chas. H. Elliott, $8 25
- T. W. A. Smith, 5 00
- F. O. Furber, 1 50
- Bullock & Goodwin, 25
- Levi B. Howe & Co., 485 00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. YOULAND,
GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH,
JOHN B. LOWELL,

Biddeford, March 25, 1908.
Report of Board of Health.

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

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to present the following report of the local Board of Health for the year ending March 31, 1908:

There have been reported to this board, six cases of typhoid fever; seven cases of diphtheria; twenty cases of scarlet fever, and twenty-five cases of cerebro spinal meningitis.

The last named is a disease that visits the most cleanly as well as the most filthy parts of a town. It is not known how or where the disease originates. Filth is supposed to furnish a home and hiding place for its germs, as it does for the germs of many other diseases.

Our attention has been called to seventy-five nuisance cases; seventy-three have been abated, and two have not received satisfactory attention, due in a measure to a question regarding the application of the law. Our citizens and property owners have, as a rule, been ready, willing and anxious to clean their premises and put their vaults in the best possible condition, but had great difficulty in getting the work done at an early date, as there were but three men engaged in the business and licensed to do this kind of work, and two of these were from an adjoining town, sent here to care for non-resident property. How-
ever, by beginning earlier in the season, the work was completed by the usual time. Many of our citizens were obliged to wait weeks before they were able to get anyone to do their work.

We are in the greatest need of a proper and adequate system of sewerage.

Until we have this we cannot have a clean city. Vaults are always unsanitary and should never be permitted when it is possible to avoid them. We recommend that a City Ordinance be passed prohibiting vaults in all cases where an adequate sewer is within a reasonable distance.

Nothing can be of more importance to a town than the health and well being of its inhabitants; but too often public sentiment seems indifferent to this fact.

OVID LITTLE,
FERDINAND O. BOUTHILLETTE,
M. H. FERGUSON,
Street Commissioner's Report.

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

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith submit for your information, a statement showing what has been done in Highway District No. 4, under my supervision as Street Commissioner. When I took charge of the streets at the commencement of my term of office, (March, 1907,) I found many of them in a generally bad and defective condition.

STREETS.

Crushed stone has been placed on the following streets and covered with gravel: Graham, Granite, Myrtle, Elm, Hill, Water.

Center street was macadamized from Jefferson to Kosath street, and new crushed stone top on Jefferson. South, Main from Elm to near Bradbury street, Bacon; and steam road roller used on Bacon, Jefferson, Center, Cutts and State streets.

GRAVEL.

Gravel has been used on Elm, Alfred, Graham, Myrtle, Prospect, Porter, Fall, Hill, Granite, Birch, High, Cross and Water.

Road hone, or scraper, was used on South, Bradbury, May, Alfred, West, Graham, Clark, Myrtle, Porter, Pro-
pect, Fall, Hill, Water, Franklin, Elm, Mason, Smith and Pine streets.

Elm street at Mile Brook was widened and a retaining wall put in.

CURBSTONE.

New curbstones have been set on Graham street, 40 feet; Birch street, 126 feet; Cross street, 13 feet 7 inches.

There have been reset the following: South street, (Universalist) 275 feet; South street at State street, 10 feet; May street at Chamberland’s, 15 feet; Foss street at Pool, 8 feet; Main street at bridge, 30 feet; Main street at Biddeford National Bank, 28 feet; Main street at Calderwood’s, 95 feet; Cross street at Cilley’s, 40 feet; Bacon street at Synagogue, 12 feet; Smith street from Saco & Pettee, 110 feet; Western avenue at Cole’s, 85 feet; Water street at Sullivan, 40 feet.

BRICK SIDEWALKS RELAIRED.

Brick pavements have been relaid as follows: St. Mary’s street at St. Mary’s school; Alfred street front of Emmons’ block; Alfred street at Summer street; Alfred street at Washington; Bacon street from I. O. O. F. block to Foss; Bacon street at Synagogue; Main street at Fresh Meat Co.’s and Carter’s, Main street at Harvey street; South and Jefferson street at Universalist church; Western avenue at Frank Cole’s; Western avenue at J. A. Strout’s; Water street at foot of Sullivan; Lincoln street at Pepperell block, and repairs on many streets, requiring 7,500 new bricks.

CINDER WALKS.

Cinder walks have been laid on Water street from Clifford to near West Brook stream; Judge street; Gove street; George street; Clifford from the top of Nason’s hill to Pool street; Pike from Cross to foot of hill; School from
Pike to Pool; High from Water to Pool; Sullivan from Water to Bacon; Bacon from Hill to Roussin’s block; Hill from Main to King, and from Birch to circus grounds; Granite from Hill to the stone quarries; Foss from Bacon to Pool, and from Mt. Vernon to Myrtle; Summer from Alfred to Winter; Myrtle from Summer to Prospect; West Myrtle from Alfred to Graham; Fall from Hill to Foss; Clark from Prospect to Alfred; Birch from Summer to Prospect; Alfred from Mt. Vernon to Myrtle, and from Clark to near Ray; Birch from Alfred to Graham; Graham from Crescent to Union; Mason from Graham to Bradbury; Bradbury from Main to stand pipe of the B. & S. Water Co.; South from King’s Corner to beyond May street; State from Cutts to South; Taylor street; Orchard, Elm, Harvey, St. Mary’s, Hooper and Pine streets.

CROSSWALKS.

New granite crosswalks have been laid on Alfred street, across Franklin; Water street, foot of Sullivan; High street, across Cross, and an eight (8) foot walk across Bacon street in front of entrance to St. Andre’s church.

Many have been laid with crushed stone and covered with cinders.

BRIDGES.

Gooch street bridge, new planked with 4 inch Spruce plank, and new foot walk laid of 2 inch Spruce; Bradbury bridge has been repaired by putting in a new truss, and 2-3 of the floor replanked with 2 inch Spruce, laid over the old plank; Spring’s bridge required extensive repairs and should be newly planked this year; Somesville bridge required several new planks to replace some that were defective. All the bridges need painting very badly.

The retaining wall of Mile Brook bridge on South street fell and required extensive repairs, 48 2-3 yards of
new stone (in addition to the old) being required to repair the same.

The Biddeford end of the roadway on Main street bridge was paved, by contract, with wooden blocks under a ten year guarantee. The work was done satisfactorily and will tend to strengthen the bridge, the material being much lighter than that formerly put in.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

New sewers have been laid during the year: On Orchard street, 346 feet of 10 inch, being laid, and a large cesspool being constructed to receive the deposit from the sewer.

On May street, 728 feet of pipe laid, viz: 230 feet of 12 inch; 38 feet of 10 inch, and 460 feet of 8 inch being used; 20 feet through solid ledge.

Main street sewer was extended 96 feet from Warren's block to Calderwood block, through solid ledge from 4 feet to 9 feet deep, 15 inch pipe being used, and 80 feet of 12 inch pipe being laid across Calderwood cellar to connect Jefferson street sewer.

Judge street sewer was extended 118 feet, 98 feet through solid ledge, 10 inch pipe being laid.

Bacon street sewer was extended to Synagogue, 35 feet, 10 feet through ledge, 6 inch pipe being laid.

Sewer pipe has been laid as follows: Jefferson street, repairs at Calderwood's, 28 feet of 10 inch pipe; Hill street at No. 246, 72 feet of 8 inch pipe; Water street under sidewalk, 42 feet of 6 inch, 4 feet of 10 inch, 8 feet of 6 inch; from culvert at Judge street to near river bank, 90 feet of 8 inch; culvert across Water near West Brook, 40 feet of 15 inch pipe; Hill street across Harrison avenue, 16 feet of 12 inch; Lincoln street from watering trough to sewer, 40 feet of 6 inch; Birch street at Summer, 8 feet of 8 inch; Harrison avenue at Gendron's, 15 feet of 8 inch; Hooper
street, across walk at Stimpson’s, 6 feet of 6 inch; 8o feet from pocket on Graham to Stanton’s drain, and 6 inch pipe laid.

SEWER POCKETS.

One on May street, 24 inch pipe reinforced with concrete, was put in; 1 on Orchard street; 1 on South street at Mile Brook; 1 large manhole on Main street at junction of Main and Jefferson street sewers, 11 feet deep, 3 1-2 feet square; at Calderwood block.

POCKETS REBUILT.

Six on Hill street, and 10 feet of 6 inch pipe put in; 2 on Crescent street to connect with sewer, 12 feet of 8 inch pipe; 1 on Green street; 1 on Center; 1 on Kossuth; 1 on Emery; 1 on Clifford; 4 on Sullivan; 2 on Elm and raised to near grade; 1 blind pocket on Mason and raised to grade of street; 3 on Western avenue and raised. Many more are in bad condition and will have to be rebuilt.

All the pockets have been cleaned several times. Mile Brook, from State street to Elm street, was graded and cleaned; also drain in rear of Staples block on Alfred street to Harmon’s on Prospect street.

The following sewers have been opened, sand removed, and thoroughly flushed with water from hydrants: Summer, Foss, Green, Mason, Stanton’s drain, Maple, Walnut, Adams and Wentworth streets.

ROAD ROLLER.

The road roller has been thoroughly overhauled and extensive repairs made on it. A new set of tubes, (48 in number) was installed; new valves and a new cylinder head put on.

The condition of the roller, before repairs were made, was such that it was impossible to secure a competent man to operate it.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED M. ROSE,
Street Commissioner.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Biddeford:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the year ending on the third Monday of March, 1908:

The last year has been an exceptionally busy one in this department.

At the first meeting of the government after inauguration, the City Solicitor was instructed to investigate the relations of the City to the York Light & Heat Company, and as a result of such investigation, a new contract was made whereby the City gets an increase of about 25 per cent in light without additional expense.

The City Council instructed me to obtain possession of the Opera House now held under an alleged lease made by the last Citizens' administration. The action for the possession of the Opera House has gone to the Law Court and I expect a favorable decision soon.

A number of minor matters were referred to me and disposed of in addition to the routine work of the office.

A number of ordinances were passed during the year, including one forbidding spitting or throwing banana peeling on the sidewalks; one regulating the speed of motor vehicles; extending the limits of the district wherein the erection of wooden buildings is unlawful; one prohibiting
the use of the streets for business without a license; pro-
viding for the removal and disposal of snow from their
tracks by the street railroads.
In a number of instances persons licensed as victual-
lers and keepers of pool rooms were convicted upon com-
plaints of the county authorities, charging violation of the
prohibitory law, and in each case their licenses were
promptly revoked by the licensing board, and by direction
of the board, I brought suit against the bond. These suits
are still pending in the Supreme Judicial court.
The case of Mary Burnham vs. the City, for injuries
alleged to have been received by reason of a defective
street, has been settled by payment of nominal damages
and costs of suit.

Respectfully,
ROBERT B. SEIDEL,
City Solicitor.
Report of the Public Library.

CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

In Board of Aldermen, September 8, 1902.

ORDERED:

That the Committee on Public Instruction and City Library be and is hereby authorized to deliver into the custody of the Biddeford Library and Reading Room association, a library corporation organized under the laws of this state and located in said Biddeford, the books and documents belonging to said City of Biddeford and known as the "Public Library," but without transferring to said association the title to said books and documents, and further reserving to said city all the rights which it now has or may hereafter have in said books and documents under the laws of this state.

In Board of Aldermen, September 8, 1902.

Read and passed, S. D. F. C.

ATTEST: DAYTON T. MOORE, City Clerk.

In Board of Common Council, September 12th, 1902.

Read and passed in concurrence.

ATTEST: HENRY S. WORTH, Clerk Pro Tem.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIDDEFORD LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ASSOCIATION:

I have the honor to present the report of the Biddeford Public Library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1908:

The library was open 305 days, 11 hours each—from
There were 323 new names registered; 29,214 volumes were issued for home use during the year, making a weekly average of 564 volumes in circulation, or daily average of 96 volumes; largest week's circulation was 778 volumes; smallest, 389 volumes. There were 20 volumes lost—11 from the circulating department, 5 of which were paid for and 9 from the shelves of the children's reading room.

Books worn out and withdrawn 45; books rebound 275, in addition to this number many books are mended and covered in the library every year.

The total number of volumes added this year was 791; of this number 113 were added by binding magazines; 63 were gifts; 38 were purchased from the Stevens fund; 105 from fines; 472 from City appropriation.

The library now issues to any resident, on application, an additional non-fiction card, giving the borrower the privilege of taking an extra book.

Printed forms have been provided which patrons may fill out, when desiring to make a request for a certain book to be purchased and put in the library.

The rule restricting the number of cards in a family has been changed, so that any person of the required age, well recommended is entitled to a card.

These changes have been made with the view of making the books of the library useful to the largest number of people possible.

The contract with the Tabard Inn people terminated in March and the service was found to be so unsatisfactory that no new contract was made.

Among the books purchased worthy of special mention are: History of all nations, 24 vol.; Appleton's Scientific Library, 1 vol., making that set of 75 volumes complete; English men of letters, 14 vol., bringing that set up to date; Rhodes' History of the United States, 1850-1877,
The technical books added to the library have been one of its best investments, and although they are expensive, there is no way in which the library can be of greater service to young men than in providing books of this class. One young man said, "The use of the textile books he found in the McArthur Library had saved him more than fifty dollars."

A list of the new titles added during the year is appended to this report.

The reading rooms are well patronized and at certain hours of the day are very busy places. New books are added every year and the shelves in both reading rooms containing many books are open to the public.

Many bound magazines are now placed in the reading rooms and are used freely.

An attendant for the children's room during the after school and early evening hours is badly needed.

Some changes have been made in the periodical list. The Craftsman, Electrical World, Elementary School Teacher and Children's Magazine are new and two or three have been dropped from the list.

Three magazines—Century, Harper's and Scribner's—have been duplicated and are loaned to borrowers for a limited time on cards.

A full list of periodicals, regularly received, is given below.

Mrs. Helen D. Lord has given to the library a large number of medical books to form a nucleus of a medical library, to be known as the Dr. John Lord medical collec-
There are over a hundred of these books and they have not yet been catalogued.

The Thursday Club's annual donation of twenty-five dollars was expended this year in Isham's History of American painting, Muther's History of modern painting in 4 volumes, and Taft's History of American sculpture.

Through the courtesy of Hon. William P. Frye and Hon. Amos L. Allen, the library receives many Government publications which are placed in the Stevens Reading Room, where are also the State of Maine reports.

These reports are arranged in order for convenient use, but have never been catalogued.

Thanks are due for gifts of books, to those named below:

Mrs. Josephine Freeman, 1
Mrs. Howard Hamilton, 2
Mrs. Helen D. Lord, 26
Mrs. Estelle M. Tatterson, 6
Mr. E. S. Balch, 1
Mr. T. W. Balch, 1
Mr. J. D. Fessenden, 2
Mr. Nathan Goold, 3
Mr. J. F. Stanton, 2
Thursday Club, 6
Other sources, 13

Also to the local newspapers:
    Biddeford Journal.
    Biddeford Record.
    LaJustice.

In expending the funds of the library, care and thought has been given in order to get the best results from the amount of money available.

The expense account for the year ending Jan. 31, 1908 is as follows:
B. & S. Water Co., $21.00
Binding books and magazines, 198.27
Books, 589.80
Insurance, 29.90
Pepperell Co., (coal), 142.86
Repairs, 18.52
Salaries, 1,100.00
Supplies, 34.85
Tabard Inn books, (3 months), 30.00
York Light and Heat Co., 254.80

$2,420.00

SOURCE OF FUNDS.
City appropriation, $2,200.00
State stipend, 220.00

$2,420.00

EXPENSES PAID OUT OF STEVENS FUND.

Children’s books, $18.30
Periodicals, 199.40

$217.70

For continued support and many courtesies received,
I wish to express thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA HATCH, Librarian.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED REGULARLY.

American Boy.
Arena.
Atlantic.
Bangor Commercial.
Biddeford Journal, (gift).
Biddeford Record, (gift).
Book Buyer, (gift).
Bookman.
Boston Advertiser.
Boston Globe.
Boston Herald.
Boston Ideas, (gift).
Boston Journal of Commerce.
Bulletin of Bibliography, (gift).
Century.
Chatterbox.
Chautauquan.
Children's Magazine.
Collier's.
Congressional Record, (gift).
Cosmopolitan.
Country Life in America.
Craftsman.
Cumulative Book Index.
Cumulative Book Review Digest.
Current Literature.
Delineator.
Dial.
Education.
Electrical World.
Elementary School Teacher.
Everybody's, (gift).
Forum.
Good Housekeeping.
Harper's Bazar.
Harper's Weekly.
L'Independent, (French).
Independent.
Le Journal de Francoise, (French).
La Justice, (gift).
Kennebec Journal.
Ladies' Home Journal.
Lewiston Journal.
Library Journal.
Life.
Lippincott's.
Literary Digest.
Little Folks
Living Age.
McClure's.
Munsey's.
Nation
New England Magazine.
Normal Instructor.
North American Review.
Notes on Books, (gift).
Outing.
Outlook.
Out West.
Popular Science Monthly.
Portland Argus.
Power.
Public Libraries.
Puck.
Putnam's Monthly.
Readers' Guide to Periodicals.
Review of Reviews.
Rudder.
St. Nicholas.
School Review.
School Journal.
Scientific American.
Scientific American Supplement.
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Slim Princess, A228.
Marquise Sabine, 840 A282.1.
Crabbe, B C841.
Moral Overstrain, 170 A39.
As a Man Thinketh, 130 A42.
Cyclopedia of Electricity, 5 vol.
Cyclopedia of Textile Work, 7 vol.
General Physics, 530 A51.
Constantinople, 2 vol., 914.96 A51.
Holland, 2 vol., 914.92 A51.
Morocco, 2 vol., 916.4 A51.
Spain, 2 vol., 914.6 A51.
As the Hague Ordains, A797.
Gray Mist, T731.1.
Long Day, 331 L89.
Real Life in Ireland, 827 R22.
Reve Blanc, 840 A676
Compendium of Chemistry, 540 A75.
Cyclopedia of American Agriculture, 4 vol.
Plant-breeding, 635 B15.
Education as a Science, 370 B16.
Youngsters of Centreville, B173.
Comparative Art, 701 B18, (gift).
Balch, T. W. Balch Genalogica, 929 B18, (gift).
Bancroft Some Cities and San Francisco, 917.94 B22.
Barbour Book of School and College Sports, 796 B23.
" Half-back, B234.3.
" On Your Mark, B234.2.
" Spirit of the School, B234.4.
Barham Ingoldsby Legends, 821 B23.
Bates Spanish Highways and Byways, 914.6 B31.
Baxter Saint’s Rest, 234 B33, (gift).
Bazin Taché d’Encre, 840 B348.1.
Bellamy Wonder Children, B613.
Benson Altar Fire, 824 B44.1.
" Edward Fitzgerald, B F576.
" From a College Window, 824 B44.2.
" Rossetti, B R735.
" Upton Letters, 824 B44.
Birrell Biddeford & Saco Directory.
Black William Hazlitt B H339.
Blackstone Friendship, 177 B56
" Practice of Self-culture, 177 B56.1.
" Work, 177 B56.2.
Blanc, ed. Pieces That Will Take Prizes, 808 B56.
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Bourdon Bible in Spain, 914.6 B64.
Bourget Ruth et Suzanne, 840 B665.
Bourg L’Étape, 840 B667.3.
Blaize L’Art de Dire, 840 B579.1.
Bradley William Cullen Bryant, B B841.1.
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Memorandum of Agreement between City of Biddeford and Biddeford & Saco Water Co.

This Memoranda of agreement made and entered into at Biddeford, in the State of Maine, this 21st 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 Dec. 20th, 1898, and acting within the scope of said order, party of the first part, and the Biddeford & 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 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 (3,900) dollars in two semi-annual payments of one thousand nine hundred and fifty (1,950) dollars each, the first on the first day of July, 1899, and the second on January of each hear, 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 day 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 standpipes, 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 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 plumbers' 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.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of,

JOHN M. GOODWIN.
City of Biddeford by its Mayor,
LEVI W. STONE.
Biddeford & Saco Water Company by its Treasurer,
GEORGE P. WESCOTT.
This memorandum of agreement, made and entered into at Biddeford, in the State of Maine, this third day of January A. D. 1884, 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 March 24th, 1884, 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:

WITNESSETH;—That for the consideration, hereinafter mentioned, the party of the second part agrees with the party of the first part that water from Saco River shall be introduced into said City of Biddeford by a twenty (20) inch hydraulic main within one year from January 1st, 1884, and shall lay before October 1st, 1886, not less than the following quantities of pipe in addition to the twenty inch main, viz: 4,000 feet of sixteen or 12 inch pipe; 10,000 feet of eight inch pipe; 10,000 feet of six inch pipe; 6,000 feet of four inch pipe. And that said party of the second part will furnish water for the extinguishment of fires for such number of post hydrants, not less than forty, as said party of the first part may locate at any time, on any street or place, where said company may locate and lay down its pipes while the works are under construction, and until January 1st, 1886, and order set with suitable gates, pipes and connections so as to connect said hydrants with the pipes of the company. All hydrants, gates, pipes and connections required by said city until January 1st, 1886, shall be furnished and the work done at the sole expense of the party of the second part, provided, however, that after January 1st, 1886, the said city may at its own expense furnish hydrants, gates and pipes and lay the same ready to be connected by said company with its pipes, and said
company shall connect the same at expense of the said city.

Said party of the first part agrees to pay said party of the second part for each and every hydrant set by said company or by said city and maintained and kept in good repair by said company, the sum of fifty (50) dollars per annum, payable in advance, one-half each on the first day of July and January of each year until July 1st, 1895, provided that after July 1st, 1895, all hydrants shall become the property of said city and shall be maintained and kept in repair at the expense of said city.

The said company shall furnish all hydrants owned by said city with water for the extinguishment of fires, after July 1st, 1895, without charge being made to said city.

Said party of the second part also agrees to furnish said party of the first part, without charge being made therefor, water for three (3) drinking fountains for man and beast, the flow of water being sufficient for a supply of water for said fountains, also for five (5) cup fountains with self-closing cocks to be used for persons only. All said fountains to be furnished, set and connected with the pipes of said company at the expense of the said city.

In consideration of the premises the party of the first part agrees to exempt the property of said corporation, necessary and used for the purpose of supplying water under its charter and its capital stock, from taxation for the term of thirty (30) years from October 1st, 1883, and during the said thirty years, the said company shall have the exclusive right to lay pipes in the streets of said city for supplying water for municipal, domestic and manufacturing purposes, and to establish tariff rates therefor. And said company agrees to furnish said city with water during said time for the purposes above enumerated, but in case of accident or the extension of said works, time is to be given for repairs and making said extensions.
It is further mutually agreed that the water to be furnished, as above specified, shall be supplied and regulated by such reasonable rules and regulations as said company may establish for its management, provided that the location and elevation of the reservoir at the time of its location shall be satisfactory to the committee on water, but it shall not be less than two hundred (200) feet above the mean low tide to the top of the cap stone, and that the kind of post hydrant to be adopted and set in said city, shall be satisfactory to the committee on Fire Department.

In the event of any dispute or disagreement which may hereafter arise between the City of Biddeford and the said Water Company, by reason of this agreement, or any other cause which may occur between the said Water Company and city, it shall be settled by reference to three disinterested men, one to be selected by said city, one to be selected by said Water Company and the third to be selected by the two parties already named, and their decision, when made, shall be final and binding on both parties.

The party of the second part reserves the right to annual this contract, provided said party of the second part cannot within six months from January 1st, 1884, for a satisfactory compensation acquire from the corporations claiming to own the water of said river for manufacturing purposes the right to take and use the water of Saco River for the purposes named in the charter of said party of the second part.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto interchangeably set our hands and seals this third day of January, A. D. 1884.

Biddeford & Saco Water Company.

By (signed)  J. P. GILMAN, President.

GEO. P. WESCOTT, Treasurer.

E. W. STAPLES, Mayor.

Countersigned by
(Signed)  N. B. WALKER, City Solicitor.
Portland, Maine, December 21, 1898.

At a special meeting of the Directors of the Biddeford & Saco Water Company, held at the office of George P Wescott, 191 Middle Street, Portland, Maine, on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1898, a quorum of the Directors being present, it was

VOTED, That the memorandum agreement between the City of Biddeford and this Company, submitted to the Directors by its Treasurer, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver the same in the name and behalf of the Biddeford & Saco Water Company, and that the contract be spread upon the records of the corporation, and that all action taken by the Treasurer of the corporation with reference to said contract, be, and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

A true copy of record.

ATTEST: GEORGE P. WESTCOTT, Clerk.
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