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CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

FIFTEENTH

Annual Report

OF THE

SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

AS MADE TO THE

CITY COUNCIL.

WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the Municipal Year 1869-70.

BIDDEFORD:
WATSON BROTHERS, PRINTERS.
1870.
GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD.
1869.

MAYOR.
JAMES R. CLARK.

CITY CLERK.
FREDERICK D. EDGERLY.

ALDERMEN.

Ward 1, JOHN P. WARD.
" 2, N. THAYER MOULTON.
" 3, SILAS P. ADAMS.
" 4, CHARLES W. HOLMES.
" 5, HORACE FORD.
" 6, JACOB K. COLE. *
" 7, EDWIN W. WEDGWOOD. †
" 8, SAMUEL K. HAMILTON.

*Deceased. †Elected to fill vacancy.
COMMON COUNCILMEN.

GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH, - - - President.

ELIJAH H. HAYES, - - - Clerk.

WARD 1, JOHN H. HUSSEY,
" " NAHUM TARBOX,
" " JOHN R. STAPLES.

WARD 2, GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH,
" " LINCOLN WATERHOUSE,
" " JOHN M. TRAFTON.

WARD 3, SETH FAIRFIELD,
" " WILLIAM R. BENSON,
" " ALBERT G. LUNT.

WARD 4, JAMES A. GRAHAM,
" " CHARLES A. SHAH,
" " GEORGE F. HUNTRESS.

WARD 5, SIMON NEWCOMB,
" " THOMAS L. MERRILL,
" " JOHN M. PEAVEY.

WARD 6, JOEL L. ROBERTS,
" " WARREN C. BRYANT,
" " NAPOLEON B. OSGOOD.

WARD 7, THOMAS J. CHICK,
" " JOHN R. LOWELL,
" " FLANDERS NEWBEGIN.

Treasurer and Collector.
TIMOTHY SHAW, JR.

City Marshal.
JOHN H. HILL.

City Solicitor.
SIMEON P. MCKENNEY.

City Physician.
HORACE BACON.

Overseers of the Poor.
ARIJAH TARBOX,
JOHN A. GOULD,
AARON WEBBER.
ASSessors.
Aaron Webber,  
George H. Gilpatrick,  
Dominicus Ricker.

Superintendent of Burials.  
Stephen Worth.

Health Officers,  
Frank Hazeltine,*  
John H. Hill,†  
Jeremiah Tucker,  
David F. Woodman.

Street Commissioner, District 4.  
Philemon M. Haines.

Road Commissioners.  
Ward 1, Pool District, Thomas Smith.  
Ward 1, Oak Ridge, John G. Benson.  
Ward 7, Eli Smith.

Engineers of Fire Department.  
Ebenezer Simpson, Chief Engineer.  
Joseph W. Brooks, 1st Assistant.  
William P. Yates, 2d Assistant.

Harbor Master.  
Lyman F. Verrill.

Pound Keeper.  
Rishworth Jordan, Jr.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.  
Greenleaf W. Parker.

Cullers of Hoops and Staves.  
Greenleaf W. Parker.  
Benjamin Hobbs.

Regular Police.  
Rishworth Jordan, Jr.,  
Ivory Goodwin,  
Lorenzo D. Staples,  
Isaac York.

*Resigned. †Elected to fill vacancy.
SPECIAL POLICE.

AMOS S. BRACKETT, DANIEL STONE.
JOHN E. DURGIN, CYRUS K. BANKS.
ALVAH L. HATCH.

Without Pay.

JOHN R. PIKE, DANIEL WAKEFIELD.
FRANK HAZELTINE, JACOB K. GOODWIN.
WILLIAM A. CHADBourn, OREN HILL.
HENRY CHARLES, GEORGE DEARBORN.
ENOCH SMITH.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE, AND SCHOOL AGENTS FOR:

DISTRICT NO. 4.

EDWARD S. MORRIS,*
EDWIN STONE,
CHARLES TENNEY,
JOHN A. STAPLES.†

SCHOOL AGENTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1, GEORGE H. GILPATRICK.
1, JAMES A. HOOPER.
2, DANIEL HILL.
3, JOSEPH NEWCOMB.
4, JOSEPH HALEY.
5, THOMAS CRAIG.
6, FRANCIS G. BENSON.
7, STEPHEN WORTH.
8, ELI遂KIM EMMONS.
9, CHARLES STAPLES.
10, JOSEPH HILL.

JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT.
ABEL H. JELLESON.

RECORDER OF MUNICIPAL COURT,
GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, WOOD AND BARK.

SETH GORDON, SAMUEL GRAY.
TRISTRAM GOLDBThWAIT, JR., JOHN A. GouLD.
GEORGE CLARKE, JAMES F. HArLOW.

*Resigned. †Elected to fill vacancy.
WILLIAM HAYWARD, PHULEMON M. HAINES,
DANIEL HOLMAN, PORTER FORD,
JOSEPH NEWCOMB, IVORY GOODWIN.
ABEL II. JELLESON, JEREMIAH STIMSON,
JOSHUA MOORE, WILLIAM H. SMITH.
LINCOLN WATERHOUSE, JACOB K. COLE,*
AARON WEBBER, NICHOLAS WAKEFIELD.
DANIEL TIBBETTS, WILLIAM H. HANSON,
BENJAMIN F. DAY, JEREMIAH HOBSON,
OBED FOSS, JOHN DREW,
JAMES G. BRACKETT, HENRY H. HOOPER,
CHARLES H. BRACKETT, SAMUEL GILPATRICK,
JOSEPH ETCHELLS, JOHN M. GOODWIN,
JOSEPH WHITTLER, GEORGE H. GILPATRICK,
FRANCIS MEEDS, SIMEON T. ANDREWS,
HARDEN TAYLOR.

Surveyors of Logs.

JACOB K. COLE,* JACOB CURTIS,
WILLIAM H. HANSON, SAMUEL GILPATRICK,
NICHOLAS WAKEFIELD, JEREMIAH STIMPSON,
JOHN DREW, GEORGE H. GILPATRICK,
FRANCIS G. BENSON, SIMEON T. ANDREWS.

Fence Viewers, Field Drivers and Hog-Reeves.

JOSEPH HALEY, IVORY GOODWIN,
MARK GORDON, JACOB K. COLE,*
LINCOLN WATERHOUSE, TIMOTHY H. LOCKE,
JOSHUA MOORE, JOEL L. ROBERTS,
ISAAC STAPLES, HARDEN TAYLOR,
THOMAS F. FOSS, JOHN P. SUHR,
JEREMIAH TUCKER, KING S. HOOPER,
DANIEL WAKEFIELD, JEREMIAH H. TARBOX,
MOSES S. MILLIKEN, GEORGE N. WALKER.

STEPHEN ROBERTS.

♦Deceased.
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

On Finance.

THE MAYOR,

**Aldermen,**

N. THAYER MOULTON,

**Councilmen,**

CHARLES A. SHAW,

SIMON NEWCOMB,

GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH,

THOMAS L. MERRILL,

WARREN C. BRYANT.

On Accounts.

**Aldermen,**

JACOB K. COLE,*

SILAS P. ADAMS,

**Councilmen,**

GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH,

THOMAS L. MERRILL,

GEORGE F. HUNTRESS.

On Public Property.

**Aldermen,**

SAMUEL K. HAMILTON,

N. THAYER MOULTON,

**Councilmen,**

JAMES A. GRAHAM,

FLANDERS NEWBEGIN,

SIMON NEWCOMB.

On Sewers and Drains.

THE MAYOR,

**Aldermen,**

JACOB K. COLE,*

HORACE FORD,

**Councilmen,**

CHARLES A. SHAW,

JOHN M. TRAFTON,

THOMAS L. MERRILL.

On Public Instruction.

THE MAYOR,

**Aldermen,**

SAMUEL K. HAMILTON,

CHARLES W. HOLMES,

**Councilmen,**

GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH,

CHARLES A. SHAW,

JOHN M. PEAVEY,

WARREN C. BRYANT,

ALBERT G. LUNT.

*Deceased.*
On Printing.

Alderman, JACOB K. COLE,*

Councilmen, CHARLES A. SHAW,
THOMAS J. CHICK.

On Fire Department.

Aldermen, SAMUEL K. HAMILTON,
CHARLES W. HOLMES,
SILAS P. ADAMS,

Councilmen, JAMES A. GRAHAM,
JOHN M. TRAFTON,
CHARLES A. SHAW,
SIMON NEWCOMB,
WARREN C. BRYANT.

On the Poor.

Aldermen, CHARLES W. HOLMES,
JOHN P. WARD,

Councilmen, FLANDERS NEWBEGIN,
JOHN R. LOWELL,
NAPOLEON B. OSGOOD,
JOHN R. STAPLES,
SETH FAIRFIELD.

On Ordinances.

The Mayor,

Councilmen,
WILLIAM R. BENSON.
GRIIIAM N. WEYMOUTH.

On Streets.

The Mayor,

Councilmen,
N. THAYER MOULTON,
JACOB K. COLE,*

LINCOLN WATERHOUSE,
JOEL L. ROBERTS,
SIMON NEWCOMB,
JAMES A. GRAHAM.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR
AND ALDERMEN.

On Police.

The Mayor.

Aldermen.

N. THAYER MOULTON.
SAMUEL K. HAMILTON.

*Deceased.
ON LICENSES.

Aldermen,
SAMUEL K. HAMILTON,
SILAS P. ADAMS,
JACOB K. COLE.*

ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Aldermen,
HORACE FORD,
CHARLES W. HOLMES,
JACOB K. COLE.*

ON ELECTIONS.

Aldermen,
JACOB K. COLE.*
CHARLES W. HOLMES,
JOHN P. WARD.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

ON ELECTIONS AND RETURNS.

Councilmen,
GEORGE F. HUNTRESS,
NAPOLEON B. OSGOOD,
WILLIAM R. BENSON.

ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Councilmen,
CHARLES A. SHAW,
THOMAS L. MERRILL,
JOEL L. ROBERTS.

WARD OFFICERS.

WARD 1. THOMAS D. EMERY,
2. AARON WEBBER,
3. ALFRED GOODWIN,
4. JOHN Q. ADAMS

WARD CLERKS.

DANIEL F. CARLTON,
BARZILLA A. CLARK,
JAMES M. ROBERTS,
HENRY M. RHINES.

*Deceased.
WARD 5, LYMAN J. AYER, WILLIAM A. FOSS,
6. LEVERETT S. BALDWIN, JAMES REED,
7. CHAS. L. GILPATRICK. JOHN GILPATRICK.

CONSTABLES.

WARD 1. JOHN F. JOHNSON.
2. THOMAS CULLEN.
3. CHARLES S. WAKEFIELD.
4. (No Election.)
5. JOHN MOODY.
6. AMOS S. BRACKETT.
7. ABIJAH TARBOX.
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

By our acceptance of the trust delegated to us in the recent municipal election, we have given the strongest assurance of our intention to perform the resulting duties with energy and fidelity during our brief official term. No renewed promises, at the present time, can add any weight of obligation or give additional confidence to those who have heretofore favored the selection or disapproved the popular choice. Our acts must determine whether that choice has been judiciously made.

To perform our duties well will require time and labor, a prompt attention to all subjects that properly claim notice, and an honest desire to promote the public interests. It will be fortunate for us, and the interests we have in charge, if we can justly feel, at the close of the year upon which we now enter, that our official conduct has been prompted by such motives as the candid judgment of our fellow citizens shall approve.

Some important changes in municipal affairs have occurred in the last year. The radical change in the administration of the Fire Department, and the large outlays necessary to effect it, have made the year somewhat famous in our local history. But the general and generous approval of the property holders of the city, who recognize the advantage of the new system in the more efficient protection of their property from destruction by fire, has made the change much easier than was at first anticipated. The police office and watch house which have been provided within the same period, supplies a deficiency that had been observed for years, and renders the administration of the Police Department more effective.

Considerable change was made in the school system within District No. 4, by joining the duties and office of school agents with those of superintending school committee. So far as I have learned, it has proved a satisfactory innovation upon the former method. If I am rightly informed, the Legislature has, by a recent enactment, provided that the powers of school agents throughout the State shall be exercised hereafter by the superintending committee, or supervisors, within their town.

I shall not attempt to give a statement in detail of the appropriations and expenditures of the last year. A proximate general statement shows the appropriations, exclusive of interest and discount items, to be a little
more than $71,000. The amount of warrants drawn by the Mayor are but slightly in excess of $70,000. The bills for which warrants have not been drawn will probably equal the unexpended balance. The reports of the proper officers will be laid before you soon, from which full and accurate details may be learned. It is believed they will present a satisfactory financial exhibit for last year, and show substantial and permanent improvements in the property of the city, corresponding to the increased expenditures.

The amount of outstanding notes is now, $24,502 00
The amount of outstanding bonds is 182,300 00

Making a total of $206,802 00
The total of last year was 208,156 00

Showing a reduction within the year of $1,354 00

These figures show the entire amount of outstanding obligations, without the set-off of any resources at the command of the treasury for the liquidation of any portion of the indebtedness.

The suggestions so forcibly made by Mayor Clark in his address in relation to the propriety of funding the floating debt of the city and providing for the payment of bonds that will soon mature, apply with increased force at the present time and will deserve early attention. In this connection, I suggest that the State bonds belonging to the city, by virtue of the law providing for a limited reimbursement of municipal war debts, may be made available by exchange or sale, for the payment of most of the outstanding notes, now overdue, and of those bonds which will fall due at an early day. I learn that the sum of $44,041 67 in State bonds is awaiting the call of the Treasurer, and as, by the terms of the law, they are to be applied to the extinguishment of such indebtedness as accrued prior to March 7, 1868, it seems peculiarly appropriate to make the application to the payment of that portion of the debt which is due upon demand.

The public schools merit, and will receive much of your careful thought. Expenditures for the support of the common school system have usually been of such liberal character as to demonstrate the general interest of the whole community in the subject. Notwithstanding the rapid development of new and stirring facts in the world of science and of art, thinking men are still persuaded that the intelligence of the large numerical portion of citizens must be founded in the instruction and discipline which pertain, substantially, to our public school system, and feel that every circumstance which surrounds us demands increasing interest in the subject of general education. Population is advancing, and it is of the utmost importance that the ability for self government, which is founded upon the intelligent training of early life, shall at least keep equal pace with increasing numbers.
Different nationalities are meeting here and taking on the relations of citizenship, and it is desirable that the present and future generations of our country, from whatever ancestry derived, shall be united in support of this system which has proved so efficient in fitting the citizen for the performance of the duties of a freeman.

The efficiency of the Fire Department seems secure beyond a reasonable doubt. Experience has already demonstrated its capacity, and leaves no room for fear of its failure under any circumstances that are likely to occur. The report of the Chief Engineer will furnish you with such facts and recommendations as properly belong to this department.

The subject of reservoirs is of great importance, inasmuch as they furnish in many portions of the city the only supply of water to extinguish fires in their vicinity. I have been informed that defects exist in some of them, and therefore suggest an early and careful survey of them by those who shall have the matter specially in charge. They are perhaps more liable to neglect because concealed from ordinary observation. The Chief Engineer has pointed out several localities where new reservoirs will be needed as soon as the city can afford the necessary outlay. The subject is presented, however, without expectation that any unusual work will be undertaken the present year.

The opening and repair of streets, the laying of drains and the building of sewers has become a subject of great and continuing importance. The natural formation of lands in highway District No. 4 makes it difficult and expensive to open streets and establish easy grades for travel. Suitable sewerage is correspondingly difficult and expensive. In every year, therefore, there is required the application of the best judgment of those who have the care of this department. The report of the Street Commissioner in this district, for the last year, exhibits a commendable economy. The expenditures under his direction have been considerably below the appropriations made.

I suggest the sale of one of the engines which belonged to the former fire department, and in this connection call your attention to the fact that the building on Main street, formerly occupied by the Pioneer Engine Company, seems scarcely required by the present or probable future needs of the city. The city is now subject, if I understand aright, to the payment of $14 as an annual ground rent. It deserves to be considered whether the sale or removal of the building is not desirable.

I recommend that monthly reports be made to the Council by the Overseers, of the amount of expenditures upon the city farm and for the support of the poor.

The appropriations for the year will deserve very strict attention. While careful to provide sufficient for the economical wants of each department, you doubtless feel the importance of meeting the general expectation of a reduction from the appropriations of last year. The accomplishment of
changes alluded to, which rendered the action of last year necessary, leaves us at liberty to meet that expectation without detriment to the general interests.

In closing this brief reference to the present condition of affairs, let me repeat that we must feel that our time and service are due to the city throughout the year whenever subjects requiring deliberation and action may arise. Individual responsibility cannot properly be avoided by charging errors to the many unless each shall have striven to prevent the completion of the wrong. The same interest and attention to public affairs which prudent men give to their own business will ensure the best results to the city which we are capable of producing.

It would be folly to anticipate a faultless municipal administration, but it is a duty to render it productive of all the good we can. Entering upon our duties in this spirit and maintaining it to the close of the year, we can then cheerfully leave to our successors the places we now occupy.

E. W. WEDGWOOD.
REPORT
OF THE
CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford:
The undersigned submits the following as his report:
As I stated in my report one year ago to the City Council, that there was then pending in the Supreme Judicial Court, in and for the County of York, a cause; Haven Chick vs. the Inhabitants of the City of Biddeford, "as was alleged in the plaintiff's writ, for so building and making, and failing to make, within the city, the street known and called Jefferson street, whereby his property was injured;" this cause was in order for trial at the May Term of said Court, but before the session of Court, in which the cause would have been tried, it was settled by the City; the sum paid Mr. Chick I have never been told by the parties settling it; nor was I consulted by any party, having authority to inquire, as to the legality or illegality of Mr. Chick's claim; I had spent considerable time in having a survey made by a competent surveyor, and in looking up the testimony in the case, and was satisfied beyond a doubt, that Mr. Chick had no legal claim against the City.
There was notice given the City by the County Commissioners that a view and hearing upon a petition of William Curtis and one hundred and thirty-four others, praying that said Commissioners would locate a road, commencing near the house of Israel Emmons, in Biddeford, and passing in a direct line to the sea-wall; passing only a short distance in Biddeford, to Little River; thence across said river, a short distance below Scadlock Falls, into Kennebunkport; thence through Kennebunkport to Little River again; thence across said Little River to Biddeford; and thence to the sea-wall. The Commissioners made an examination, and then heard the parties and their witnesses, and adjourned to Alfred, where the cause was argued and after a patient investigation and examining of the law, they decided that they could not locate the road, and as I understand, because the road, if located, would cross Little River twice, and that being tide water, they had not jurisdiction without an act from the Legislature giving authority; consequently they reported against the location.
And at the January Term, 1870, of the Supreme Judicial Court at Saco, the Grand Jury found a bill of indictment against the City, for failing to keep in repair a supposed road leading from the foot of Nason's Hill to the "Cleaves Wharf," so called. Being unable to find a record of a location, either at Alfred or in the City Records, of a way in that place, and on investigation, I found that the Government relied upon establishing the way by user, and believing that to be a dangerous precedent to establish, I finally agreed upon a report of the cause, and the cause to go to the Law Court, upon that issue alone; and should the law be decided against the City, then the indictment comes back for trial; but if in favor of the City, that ends the cause. Thus, gentlemen, you will see that this indictment is all the cause that the City now has in Court; and I think I am correct in saying that at no time before, for more than twenty years, has the City been so free from litigation, all of which, most certainly, should be attributed to the Government of our City affairs.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. P. McKENNEY, City Solicitor.
REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending February 28, 1870:—

Whole number of Burials, 39

The persons died of the following diseases:

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Adults, 16
Youths and Children, 23

The number of Cemetery Lots sold is 5.

STÉPHÉN WORTH,
Superintendent of Burials.
REPORT
OF
STREET COMMISSIONER.
HIGHWAY DISTRICT No. 4.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The several appropriations the past year were as follows, viz:—
For Highways, District No. 4, $7000.00
" Sewers and Drains, 4000.00
" Reservoirs, 2000.00
" Sidewalks, 1200.00
" Bridges, 2500.00

The amount expended from above sum is 10830.89

Leaving unexpended, March 1st, 1870,
Bills approved by me against the Fire Department, $31.87
Bills " " " for Lamps, lamp-posts, repairs of City pumps against general expense, 120.89

DRAINS AND SIDEWALKS.

Washington St., Cement Drain, 18 in. calibre 741 ft.; Brick 200 ft., 941 ft.
Sullivan " " Brick " 16 " " 182
South " " " " " 255
Elm " " " " " 288 feet, and Stone, 409
Main St., Brick Drain, 20 in. calibre, 55
Cutts " " " 15 " " 252 ft.; stone, 20 in. calibre, 40 ft., 252
Wentworth St., drains and other cross-drains, cement, 10 in. calibre, 170

Length in feet, 2305
Thirty-seven pieces of cement pipe purchased, is now on hand. Sidewalks have been formed the length of Center St., Gooch St., and from Gould’s Hill to Dr. Haley’s, on Alfred St., without curb stone: beside 2228 feet of curb stone set, and laid with brick furnished by individuals or filled and gravelled by the City. Four hundred and twenty-nine yards of concrete sidewalk have been put down this year, at a cost to the City of thirty cents per yard, the remainder being paid by private enterprise.

Three new streets, Bradbury, Acorn, and Middle, have been built, each requiring a large amount of blasting. A heavy job of blasting and grading has been done on Sullivan Street, which was greatly needed. Alfred Street has had its needed share of filling, blasting, graveling, and widening, making its repairs thorough and permanent. Elm Street has been widened in several places by blasting ledges and graveling, and that part of it above Mile Brook, so dangerous for years past in the Spring, has been thoroughly repaired and so drained, that it is hoped no more trouble will be hereafter experienced. Gooch Street is once cleared of water and rubbish, and the stone tunnel lengthened across the street, was firmly done by Mr. Gooch, at a cost to the City of about $375. Cutts Street has been widened by blasting off ledge, and built to its terminus. And Lincoln Street has been filled, macadamized, pounded, rounded and sound ed to the top. I hope to the eventual satisfaction and benefit of all.

The cleaning of Jefferson Street drain was a hard, doubtful job, but works to a charm. Many of our stone drains were so full of debris and gravel that they were of no use. They have all been cleared, and now take the water well, but any stone drain is very liable to clog up and become useless. A drain is greatly needed on Water Street at the foot of Nason’s Hill, and if cold weather had not prevented, I should, by consent of the Committee have put one in. saving by so doing, every year, gravel enough to doubly warrant the expense. Mount Vernon Street has been gravelled, and its rocky roughness smoothed. A dangerous ledge has been removed at the head of King Street, as well as many other projecting fragments on several other streets. Considering the narrowness of our streets, many made so by the continued encroachments upon their width, a full rod from their location, and the practice of throwing all the filth and rubbish into them, they are in as good condition as we could reasonably expect. It is to be regretted that the street laid out to the river, by the Council last spring, to give the citizens all a convenient privilege to the water, in a City like ours, so imperatively demanded, seems partially to have failed.

On some of our streets, Lincoln Street included, the sidewalks are in disproportion to the width of the street, rendering it impracticable to raise the street properly without making the top too narrow for teams to pass with safety.

Two of the bridges were repaired and newly planked, the others were kept as nearly as practicable, considering their rottenness. In a safe and
passable condition. The planking lengthwise of the Covered Bridge, if not always, are without constant attention, dangerous, becoming loose by the constant springing of the plank beneath.

Thus, Gentlemen, you have a brief sketch of my doings, coming much short of my own desires even, but I hope faithfully, if ignorantly performed. Our streets are difficult to construct, and a very large majority of us are ignorant of the best, cheapest and most permanent method of grading streets, designing drains, and building bridges, or if not, each has his own peculiar idea, dogmatical in itself and selfish in its end. I would therefore humbly suggest the seeming important necessity of a competent civil engineer to mark the way straight, make the descent uniform, the knotted and hubbly, smooth, and the bridge over the river of time, safe. Much money would be saved to the City by this, and what was done would be scientifically and well done.

P. M. HAINES, Street Commissioner.
REPORT
OF THE
CITY MARSHAL.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford:

I beg leave to submit the following Report for the Municipal year ending February 28, 1870.

There are many things that could be mentioned, perhaps, relating to the Police Department, which would be of some importance, provided they could be carried into effect, but it would be useless to recommend any thing which would increase the expenses of this department. Our expenses for the past year have been a little less than $3,000, aside from the building of our Police Station; that you all well know was an unavoidable expense. Our Police force here is small compared with many other places of this size. We have had four Night Watch, which I think have attended to their duty promptly. I think that the prompt attention in guarding our property and preserving order by night speaks well for them. We have had but very little mischief done on our streets the past year. There have been but three breaks and entries, the first and only one that was of much importance was last April—Mr. Littlefield's Gunsmith shop. His loss was sixty or seventy dollars; the others were but a few dollars loss. Aside from those there have been no depredations committed of any importance, more than some little petty stealing. And as our small city is at the present time very thickly peopled it brings upon our streets by day a great many idlers that are loafing about in shops and different localities, which I think requires the services of a day police, and I would recommend a good day police for the safety of our property, and also to preserve order upon our streets. We have had four police on duty Sundays; perhaps some may think that is useless; but when you think for a moment how many boys there are that are confined here through the week in the Factories, and have them all let loose Sundays, you must know that they need a little watching, and I trust that all of our good law-abiding citizens will look upon this matter in its true light. There is a great responsibility which rests upon the City Marshal, even in a small place like this, and in discharging his duty he is very liable to offend more or less of his friends. Under the circumstances in which I
have been placed. I have tried to discharge my duty impartially, and I
thank my fellow citizens for their kind treatment and respect which they
have all shown me; and also, all the officers that have served under me
during the year.

I will give you the number of arrests made and also their different
crimes. Whole number of arrests 151, as follows:

- Drunkenness, 99
- Assault and Battery, 26
- Larceny, 7
- Malicious Mischief, 3
- Horse Stealing, 2
- Breaking the Peace, 3
- Robbery, 1
- Breaking and Entering, 1
- Violation of City Ordinances, 2
- Arson, 2
- Conspiracy, 4
- Gambling, 1

We have furnished lodging to 163 persons that were so unfortunate as
to be obliged to call upon the police or shelter.

JOHN II. HILL. City Marshal.
REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford:

In conformity to the City Ordinance I herewith submit my annual report of the Fire Department.

The Reservoirs have been repaired the past season, except those on Pool and Alfred streets, which will have to be repaired this year.

No new Reservoirs have been constructed for the last three years, and there are many locations in our city where it appears to the Board of Engineers a necessity exists for a better supply of water. Some of the most important places are as follows: One at the corner of Cross and Pike streets; one on Pool, near the head of Pike street; one on Birch, near Hill street; one on Alfred street, near Mr. John T. Smith's house; one in the vicinity of the Catholic church. These locations are from one thousand to two thousand feet from any reservoir. At these points and surroundings is a large amount of property, and with it much which is of a very combustible nature. I would therefore recommend that immediate measures be taken to construct reservoirs in these localities. There are other locations which undoubtedly need a better supply of water, but those named seem to demand immediate attention.

In order to give more security to the locations, I would recommend the purchase of a four wheeled Hose Carriage to run in connection with the Steamers.

The Hose Carriages connected with the Steamers can carry only seven hundred feet of hose each. If a fire should be a thousand feet or more from a reservoir, there would be great danger of a large amount of property being destroyed before we could send and get hose from the Engine Houses. We have about eleven hundred feet more hose than we can carry; and should we have an occasion to use it we are obliged to hire teams to get it for us, which is no easy matter, in time of fire. I would therefore ask your careful investigation of the matter.

I would recommend the purchase of the lot of land west of the new engine house on Washington street, and that the Gun House, so called,
be moved on to the same, thereby saving land rent. The back part of
the lot is large enough to store carts, sleds and wagons belonging to the
Department, for which in a short time there will be no vacant lot.

I would recommend the sale of one of the hand engines; also of the Pio-
nee engine house, as we have no further use for them, and I think you will
readily see that it will save quite an amount to the Department in the way
of land rent. There is a large lot of old hose stored in the engine house
which is not worth repairing, and I would recommend that it be sold.
Since my last annual report the City has furnished the Department with
another Steam Fire Engine, which was received last June, and was put in-
to service the first of July, and of its working qualities we leave to the
citizens to judge.

On the 18th of Sept. last, an order was passed by the City Council, re-
quiring me to notify the two Hand Engine Companies that their services
as firemen would not be required after Oct. 2d, and they were paid up to
that time. It was thought by many at the time that it was bad policy, but I
think all must agree that the new Department works well and should re-
ceive our entire support.

I would also recommend that the upper part of Engine House No. 2,
which is not used, be finished into a tenement; it would be very convenient
for the teamster and better for the City to have him near the Engine all of
the time.

The Fire Department consists of two Steam Fire Engines and a Hook
and Ladder Carriage, which are officered and equipped as follows, to
wit:

EBENEZER SIMPSON, Chief Engineer.
JOSEPH W. BROOKS, 1st As't
WILLIAM P. YATES, 2nd

STEAM FIRE ENGINE "RICHARD VINES" CO. NO. 1.

CHARLES BROWN, Foreman,
CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL, Assistant,
CHESTER REDMAN, Clerk,
JAMES HUNT, Engineer,
GEORGE GILMAN, Fireman,
JOHN ANDERSON, Assistant Fireman.

Number of members eighteen.
The Engine has a span of horses and one set of Harnesses.
1,000 feet of good Leather Hose.
250 feet of Combination Hose.
22 feet of Suction Hose.

JOHN R. PIKE, Foreman,
DANIEL MORSE, Assistant Foreman.
JAMES BEAUMONT, Clerk,
MONTGOMERY ANDERSON, Engineer,
JOSEPH GRAHAM, Fireman,
JOSEPH HEANEY, As't Fireman.

Number of members eighteen.
The Engine has a span of Horses and one set of Harnesses.
1,000 feet of good Leather Hose.
250 feet of good Combination Hose.
24 feet of Suction Hose.

CONQUEROR HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

CHARLES MILLIKEN, Foreman,
GEORGE HARRIMAN, 1st As't Foreman,
GEORGE JOHNSON, 2d "
STANLEY DEARING, Clerk.

Number of members thirty.
The Hook and Ladder Carriage has 139 feet of Ladders.
2 Large Hooks, 12 Small Hooks,
3 Forks, 2 Rakes,
4 Axes, 2 Picks,
1 Iron Bar, 4 Hand Lanterns,
1 Signal Lantern,

To Ebenezer Simpson, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

The Department has been called out fifty-three times; there has been thirty-eight fires, and fifteen false alarms.

April 1, 12 p. m. Fire in stable on Alfred street.
" 2, 2 a. m. Fire in barn on South street.
" 2, 2.30 a. m. Fire in barn on Green street.
" 4, 1 " Fire in store corner Main and Pleasant Sts., Saco.
" 6, 11.45 p. m. Fire in shop on Lincoln street.
" 7, 8.45 " Fire in chimney on Emery street.
" 20, 1.30 a. m. Fire in shop corner Alfred and Bacon streets.
" 20, 1.30 " Fire in shed on Smith street.
" 20, 7.45 " False alarm from Saco.
" 24, 11.15 p. m. Fire in stable of Philip Eastman, Saco.

May 12, 8.30 " Fire in foundry, Spring's Island.
" 21, 8.00 " Brush fire on Boom road, Saco.
" 29, 8.00 a. m. Chimney of Ne Plus Ultra Collar Co.
June 5, 8.30 P. M. Fire in Ripley's Furniture store, Pepperell Sq., Saco.
" 13, 10.45 " Fire in Littlefield's saloon, Main street, Saco.
" 26, 11.00 A. M. Fire in house of Albert Allen, Foss street.
July 5, 9.30 P. M. Fire in Owen's Awning, Main street, Saco.
" 20, 8.40 " False alarm.
Aug. 1, 8.45 " Fire in store-house of Jos. G. Deering, on wharf, Saco.
" 8, 5.29 " Fire in rear of Crystal Arcade.
" 10, 9.30 " Fire in Quinby & Sweetser's block, Main street.
" 12, 2.00 " Fire on Smith street.
" 21, 9.30 " False alarm.
" 24, 11.00 A. M. Fire in chimney, corner of Main and Hill streets.
" 27, 9.00 P. M. False alarm.
" 30, 11.45 " Fire in George Lane's saloon, Main street.
Sept. 2, 9.00 A. M. Fire in barn of Obed Emery, on Hollis road.
" 10, 8.45 P. M. False alarm.
" 12, 8.30 " " "
" 13, 8.45 " " "
" 17, 8.30 " Fire on Buxton road, Saco.
" 19, 5.30 A. M. Fire in house rear of Prospect street.
" 24, 8.45 P. M. False alarm.
Oct. 19, 1.50 A. M. Fire in Gurney's store, Main street, Saco.
" 27, 12.25 " Fire in D. S. Hooper's block, cor. Main & Smith streets.
Nov. 14, 4.15 " Fire in Union block, Main street.
" 21, 11.45 P. M. Fire in house of S. Adams, Pool road.
" 27, 8.00 " Fire in Water Power shop.
" 30, 3.30 " Fire in York Mills, Saco.
Dec. 1, 11.00 A. M. Fire in Hardy's Machine shop, Lincoln street.
" 13, 8.30 P. M. False alarm.
" 18, 9.00 " " from Saco.
1870.
Jan. 8, 6.00 " False alarm from Saco.
" 13, 9.30 " False alarm.
" 21, 6.00 A. M. Fire in Wadleigh's shop, Gooch street.
" 21, 6.30 P. M. False alarm from Saco.
Feb. 6, 3.00 " Fire in store corner Main and Storer streets, Saco.
" 6, 11.00 " Fire in barn of S. Adams, Pool road.
" 16, 10.45 A. M. Fire in barn of Ariel Hide, Boom road, Saco.
" 16, 8.00 P.M. False alarm from Saco.
" 23, 5.30 A. M. Fire in Biddeford House.
" 25, 1.00 " Fire in Rock store, corner Main & Pep. Sq., Saco.

A true copy attest: 

JOSEPH W. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Board of Engineers.
I cannot close this report without tendering my sincere thanks for the support I have always received from the Department, the City authorities, and especially to the Mayor and Committee on Fire Department for a generous response to all my requests, and to my assistants for the prompt aid and co-operation.

I have striven to give unity and energy to the service, and my reward has been in its accomplishment, and in the warm appreciation of my efforts by those who pay for it.

EBENEZER SIMPSON. Chief Engineer.
REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN:—We herewith beg leave to submit our annual report:

Last year we recommended an appropriation of $1500 to raise up and commence repairs on the house on the City Farm. In pursuance of that recommendation the Council appropriated that sum, of which we have expended the sum of $1075.28. We have raised up the whole house four feet and two inches, filled up the cellar two feet with gravel, cemented it, and finished off a nice dairy. The work has been done in a thorough and careful manner, and left so that further repairs can be profitably prosecuted when the City sees fit to appropriate the money therefor. Some improvements have been made by painting the barns, putting a vane on one of them, and building substantial fences around the barn-yard and pig-styes, and in front of the pasture. We bought one hundred cords of wood in Lyman, for which we paid $2.25 per cord, and have cut 63 cords of wood on the Nason Farm, (so called), which we have hauled with the farm teams, with the exception of a few loads.

The average number of Paupers supported on the farm during the year, is thirty-two. Considering it a solemn duty, we have used our utmost efforts to render the existence of these persons, miserable at best, as comfortable as our circumstances would permit. We have aided one hundred and fifteen families away from the farm, and hauled one hundred and ninety loads of wood to poor persons.

Sickness has prevailed among the poor to an unusual extent and has been attended with unusual fatality. We have furnished, the last year, at the expense of the City, forty-nine coffins, and buried fifty persons.

There is a lack of pasturing connected with the farm and we would recommend the purchase of the Mosher lot (so called) for that purpose.
The following is a statement of our account:

OVERSEEERS OF THE POOR

IN ACCOUNT WITH PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

Dr.

To cash received for Hay, $588 83
  " from other Towns, 235 83
  " from sale of Pigs, 70 00
  " for Pasturing, 48 00
  " from sale of Pork, 54 42
  " for work of Team, 124 35
  " from sale of Garden Sauce, Beef, Veal, Hides, &c., 145 43
  " from Horse Carts, &c., 604 00
  " in hands of Overseers at commencement of year, 9 52

$1,880 36

Cr.

By cash paid City Treasurer, 1,301 81
  " Railroad fares, 150 25
  " Hauling wood, 18 00
  " Meals for travelers, 14 00
  " George Dearborn, small bills, 71 13
  " Freight and expenses, 8 46
  " Telegraphing, 5 47
  " Expenses to Boston, Portland, Buxton, Standish, Wells, Lyman, Gt. Falls, Kennebunk, Lewiston and Kennebunkport. 41 50

By cash paid for School Books and Stationery, 16 22
  " Clothing, &c., 37 00
  " Board and nursing, 38 50
  " Funeral expenses, 9 50
  " Seeds and Plants, 13 08
  " Pork, &c., 14 06
  " Labor on farm, 25 00
  " Manure, 19 00
  " Measuring wood, 12 50
  " Other towns, 6 29
  " Weighing hay, 4 33
By cash paid for House rent,  
  " For Pig,  
  By balance on hand,  

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

**ABIJAH TARBOX,**  \( ) \ Overseers  
**JOHN A. GOULD, \( ) \ of the Poor.**
REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Public Property beg leave to submit their annual report, as follows:

Schedule of property owned by the City, February 5, 1870.

City Building and Lot, $50,000 00
Eben Simpson Engine House and Lot, 3,500 00
Pioneer Engine House, 1,200 00
Armory House, 800 00
Richard Vines Engine House, Stable and Lot, 4,500 00
Steamer Eben Simpson and Hose Carriage, 4,250 00
  " Richard Vines and Hose Carriage, 4,250 00
Two thousand feet Leather Hose for steamers, 3,000 00
Five hundred feet Rubber Hose and couplings, 800 00
Two Hand Fire Engines and apparatus, 1,200 00
Hook and Ladder Carriage and apparatus, 650 00
One long dump cart, 135 00
One short dump cart, 115 00
Sleds and Cart, 40 00
One set Double Harnesses, 20 00
  "  "  " 85 00
One pair Horses, 500 00
  "  "  " 700 00
Blankets, Halter and Stable Furniture, 15 00
Whippletree, Crow-bar and Chains, 10 00
Furniture in Court Room, 50 00
Furniture in Council Room, 150 00
Hall Settees, 700 00
Hearse and Harness, 400 00
Cemetery Lots unsold, 300 00

Amount carried forward, $77,370 00
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<td>Eighteen bushels of Parsnips</td>
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<td>Ten lbs. of Rolls</td>
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. K. HAMILTON,  
N. THAYER MOULTON,  
JAMES A. GRAHAM,  
FLANDERS NEWBEGIN,  
SIMON NEWCOMB,  
Committee on Public Property.
REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The undersigned, Committee on Finance, in compliance with the require­ments of the City Ordinances, certify that we have examined the follow­ing account of Timothy Shaw, Jr., City Treasurer, and find the same cor­rectly cast, and all payments therein charged against the City properly vouched for.

We find that the Treasurer has received into the Treasury during the fiscal year ending February 28, 1870, including the balance on hand March 1, 1869, the sum of one hundred and thirty-two thousand and thirty-one cents ($132,031.31); and that he has paid out from the Treasury, one hundred and thirty-one thousand and forty-seven dollars, and seventy-one cents, ($131,047.71), leaving in the Treasury, February 28, 1870, nine hundred and eighty-two dollars and sixty cents, ($982.60.)

JAS. R. CLARK,
N. THAYER MOULTON,
CHARLES A. SHAW,
SIMON NEWCOMB,
GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH,
THOMAS L. MERRILL,
WARREN C. BRYANT.
ACCOUNT

OF

TIMOTHY SHAW, JR.,

CITY TREASURER,

FROM

FEBRUARY 27, 1869, TO FEBRUARY 28, 1870.
Dr. TIMOTHY SHAW, JR., in account

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N. B. I hold in my hands, as Collector, cash and vouchers amounting to $39,890 83, it being the amount assessed for State and County tax, for the year 1869, viz:

State Tax, $32,167 48
County Tax, 7,723 35

$39,890 83
### With CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

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### CITY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1869.

For Interest on City Debt, $13,000 00
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" Schools, 16,000 00
" Streets and Highways, District No. 4, 7,000 00
" " Ward 1, Pool District, 800 00
" " 1, Oak Ridge District, 400 00
" " 7, 1,800 00
" Sewers and Drains, 4,000 00
" Bridges, 2,500 00
" Sidewalks, 1,250 00
" Reservoirs, 2,000 00
" Salaries, 1,500 00
" Health Department, 250 00
" Discount on Taxes, 8,500 00
" Fire Department, 14,000 00
" Paupers, 6,500 00
" Repairs on Poor House, 1,500 00
" Police and Night Watch, 3,000 00
" Police Station, 800 00
" City Library, 500 00
" General Expense, 7,000 00
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**Total:** $10,203 10
EXPENSES IN FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1869-70.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Charles A. Shaw. insurance, $177 25
James Boyd & Sons, hose, 1,520 00
G. P. Littlefield, repairs, &c., 23 75
J. & B. K. Moore. for lanterns, 21 00
Expense of committee buying steamer, 54 00
Moulton & Bodwell, oil suits, 100 00
Watson Brothers, printing, 16 75
Jacob D. Wadleigh, repairs, 23 90
A. Haley. bill for hauling engine, &c., 100 00
C. H. Bagdon, stone for engine house, 440 90
Hardy Machine Company, sundry bill, 208 01
E. B. Hooper, vane. &c., 37 90
W. C. Bryant, oil, &c., 87 63
Owen Smith and Thos. Chick, engine house, 2,850 00
C, W. Holnes & Co., grain, &c., 130 31
Morgan Welch and N. Shackford. labor on engine house lot, 34 00
Dean Brothers, oil, &c., 20 00
Samuel Green and D. Elliot, labor on engine house lot, 18 37
Alfred Pierce & Co., crackers, &c., 29 49
Jesse Whitney, shoeing horses, 9 00
A. & B. E. Cutter, coal, 170 24
B. F. Haley, blacksmith work, 27 22
Justin Lord, repairs on engine, 25 50
B. E. Cutter & Son, sundries, 31 64
John Ham, blacksmith work, 39 80
Paul Webber, drawing plan of engine house, 15 00
Israel Hill, bricks and plastering, 104 20
Patrick Hickey and Morgan Welch, labor, 18 00
Lincoln Waterhouse, committee on engine house, 20 37
James Beatty & Co., combination hose, 800 00
Owen Smith, lumber &c., for old engine house, 391 42
Same for extra labor and lumber on new house, 100 03
Geo. E. Tate, watching engine house, 66 00
O. H. Staples, pipemens' coats, 54 00
Goodwin & Jelleson, coal, 59 27
Joel L. Roberts, sundries, 32 86
Pepperell Manufacturing Co., steam and gas used in engine house, steamer "Richard Vines," 125 00
Geo. S. West, sundries, 43 42

Amount carried forward, $8,028 59
Amount brought forward,

Eben Simpson, committee on engine house,  $8,026.50
S. K. Hamilton,  170.00
City Farm, for pair horses, carts, harnesses, &c.,  32.00
Brooks & Parcher, furniture, &c.,  664.00
Geo. H. Monroe, painting engine house,  17.35
G. F. Warren, sundries,  240.00
Amos Whittier, attending sick horse,  10.02
Jerre Wadlin, hay,  20.00
Samuel Dow, hay,  23.25
Thomas Galligher, labor,  9.28
E. H. Hayes, insurance,  28.87
H. H. Hooper, hay,  37.50
Benjamin A. Kenison, clearing reservoirs,  12.24
Sundry small bills,  20.00
Dolliff & Bean, oil, &c., 1868,  75.22
Geo. W. Hatch, blacksmith work, 1868,  9.48
Samuel Dow, hay,  15.15

$9,351.85

STEAMER “EBEN SIMPSON.”

Amoskeag M’fg Co., steamer “Eben Simpson” and hose carriage,  $4,246.50
Laconia Company, waste,  10.00
J. H. Jordan, services as clerk,  10.83
Samuel Moore, hoseman,  4.50
Montgomery Anderson, engine man,  50.00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Company,  7.55

$4,329.39

STEAMER “RICHARD VINES.”

John Stone, services as driver,  $50.25
Salary of firemen to March, 1869,  330.00
Sweetser & Quimby, rent of room,  32.50
Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co.,  13.86
Hardy Machine Company, repairs,  4.00
Henry Charles, services as driver,  322.00
Jacob D. Wadleigh, repairs,  7.15

Amount carried forward,  $765.76
Amount brought forward, $765 76
Pepperell M'fg Co., waste, 5 00
A. L. Turner, services as captain, 17 50
Charles Pilleren, hoseman, 12 00
Thomas C. Bradbury, engineman, 36 92
Frank J. Smith, clerk, 21 68
Edward Owen, hoseman, 13 50
Charles F. Smith, services, 20 92
Samuel Stimpson, rent of stable, 20 67
Charles Tripp, hoseman, 12 00
Adams & Co., waste, 4 14
Thomas E. Leavitt, services, 6 00

TRIUMPH ENGINE COMPANY.

Salary for 1868 and part of '69, 450 00
Porter Ford, oil. lamps and chimneys, $22 24
Charles O. Gould, setting glass, 2 25
Geo. W. Hatch, repairs on engine house, 15 00
A. & B. E. Cutter, coal, 7 69
Eben Simpson, wood, leather, &c., 7 15
Repairs, &c., on engine, done by the Co., 150 00
Salary to Oct., 1869, 262 50

PIONEER ENGINE COMPANY.

Salary for 1868 and '69, 862 50
Goodwin & Jelleson, for coal, 18 00
Geo. H. Monroe, paint and varnish, 3 50
Saco Water Power Co., rent of lot, 40 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Company, 31 08
T. K. Lane & Sons, oil, &c., 3 00
J. & B. K. Moore. lamp chimneys, &c., 1 44

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

Salary for year to March, 1869, 225 00
Goodwin & Jelleson, coal, 15 18
Saco Water Power Company, rent of land, 30 00

$270 18
RECAPITULATION.

General Expenses, $9,351.85
Steamer "Eben Simpson," 4,329.39
Steamer "Richard Vinces," 936.07
Pioneer Engine Company, 710.12
Triumph Engine Company, 916.83
Hook and Ladder Company, 270.18

Sum $16,514.44

Less credit for work of horses, 295.79

Total $16,218.65

Included in the above expenditures for the Fire Department, there is about $2,000, which belonged to the account of 1868-69, and about the same amount of this year's bills are outstanding.
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### STATEMENT OF CITY DEBT.

#### LIABILITIES.

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#### RESOURCES.

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| Liabilities,                                                                | **$206,802 00** |
| Resources                                                                  | 60,892 52      |

**Total**: **$145,990 48**
REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford:

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Superintending School Committee of the City of Biddeford is herewith submitted:

To present a full and impartial report of all the schools of the City requires a more intimate acquaintance with them, and in the City generally than we possessed at the time of assuming the duties of the office. The office is one of importance, and it has been, we trust, with a proper appreciation of its importance, that we have endeavored to discharge the duties pertaining to it. Those duties were considerably increased by the action of the City Council, in uniting the office of School Agents for District No. 4, with that of S. S. Committee. With what satisfaction this additional labor has been performed, we leave for you to determine, not wishing to influence your action in regard to the propriety of continuing or discontinuing the practice.

We attempt no comparison as to the relative standing and progress of the schools the present year, with years previous, but confine ourselves to a statement of their present condition, the amount of money appropriated for school purposes, its distribution, the amount expended in each district, together with such comments and suggestions as we deem to be of general interest to all.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

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The preceding figures exhibit the financial condition of each District, the larger number of which it will be seen, have an unexpended balance in their favor. District No. 4, in previous years, has overdrawn its appropriations to the amount of $3,416.60. By rigid economy, that indebtedness has been reduced the present year, $1,279.37, leaving the district still a debtor to the city, to the amount of $2,167.32. We refrain from making any suggestions in regard to the amount of money sufficient in our opinion, to meet the necessary school expenses for the ensuing year, believing that those who have this matter in charge will not allow our educational interests to suffer for want of proper support.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Contrary to the custom heretofore practiced in reporting these schools, we shall not speak of them in detail, but refer to them all in a general way. With few exceptions, the Summer Schools were unprofitable. This result is to be attributed to the teachers who proved themselves incompetent for the position they were selected to fill. We are aware that some of them encountered difficulties in their schools from the beginning, but a little extra effort on their part would have overcome them.

The Winter Schools under male instructors have given far better satisfaction; with perhaps two exceptions, they have been better than the average of country schools. The registers returned show a fair average attendance. The deportment of the scholars has been good, and they have shown a disposition to make a proper use of their time. In some of these districts the teachers have been assisted very materially by the manifest interest of the parents. This was particularly noticeable in District No. 6, where the effect of frequent visits to the school by them, and their co-operation with the excellent teacher was plainly apparent at the closing examination. It is in their power to render all these schools better and more efficient. New school houses are needed in some of the districts, especially in No.'s 6 and 7. All should be better supplied with proper school furniture, such as blackboards, globes, and outline maps. A small amount of money expended for these articles would yield a rich return.

GRADED SCHOOLS. DISTRICT NO. 4.

If we devote quite a portion of our report to the schools of this district, we trust it will not seem that we give them undue prominence, when all the facts are fully considered. Several reasons contribute to make this necessary. This district embraces five-sixths of the whole number of scholars in the city and therefore includes a large proportion of the school expenditure, and the schools in it require the constant care and attention of the committee. More than one hundred and fifty visits have been made to these schools during the year, varying in length from one
hour to an entire day. The examinations at the close of each term have been thorough and searching. Especially was this so at the close of the school year, when those prepared, were promoted from the lower to the higher grades. Upon consultation it was agreed that all pupils in schools of the same grade should be subject to the same examination, and the same degree of thoroughness and proficiency in their studies should be required of each. This rule was rigidly enforced. No favoritism was indulged. All were judged by their attainments without regard to family distinction or nationality. It was considered positively injurious to the schools to promote scholars who were not fully prepared to sustain themselves creditably in the schools to which they were advanced, and if so to the schools, it certainly is still more so to the scholars, who, not having become familiar with the fundamental principles of the subjects taught in the lower schools, are thrust forward in the higher grades, to parts of their book beyond their capacity to comprehend. There may have been individual instances of dissatisfaction because all in the same class, in the same school, were not promoted; but if this matter is carefully investigated, we believe all will recognize the necessity of strictly adhering to this rule in order to maintain the present standard of the schools. If scholars, for lack of application or irregular attendance, fail to rank well, or to pass a satisfactory examination, the remedy is in their own hands. If they are wanting in ability that others of corresponding age possess, it is certainly injustice to them for their parents to desire to put them into classes where this difference is more perceptible each day. Parents and teachers too often forget that children are not all created with the same mental powers, and that they do not mature with equal rapidity. The development of their minds should be the daily study of those to whose care they are committed.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teachers—Edward Parker, Jr., Principal.

Miss Annie N. Davis, " Augustine S. Burbank, } Assistants.

That this school has steadily advanced in the good opinion of the citizens generally, its increasing numbers clearly indicate. A class of thirty entered it from the Grammar Schools the present year. Several students from Saco and the adjoining towns have been in regular attendance throughout the year. This is an acknowledgment of its merit. Under its present management, we think this school will compare favorably with any of like grade in this part of the State. The course of study now prescribed gives the student as good a preparation for college, as he can obtain in any classical school. All scholars connected with it are required to be present at the close of each term for examination. Heretofore it has been the practice of some to absent themselves for a short time pre-
vions to the examinations, much to the injury of the school, as well as to themselves. To avoid this growing evil, it was decided that any one absent at such time without good cause, before being allowed to pursue their studies in the subsequent term, should make up those of the former, and pass a satisfactory examination. The result has been as was anticipated. The attendance has been more regular and the classes larger at the close of each term than formerly. This requirement is but justice to the teachers, as well as to the pupil. It is not deemed sufficient to entitle students to a diploma, for them to advance from class to class and finally graduate without having performed their work in a creditable manner.

The several examinations during the year have evinced good discipline and thorough instruction. In this connection we suggest the propriety of making some additions to the library, chemical and philosophical apparatus each year to meet the growing wants of the school.

The following statement from the teacher's register exhibits the attendance through the year:

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GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS.

Sullivan Street, THOMAS H. EMERY, Principal.
Miss KATE MORRIS, Assistant.

Spruce Street, EDWARD S. MORRIS, Principal.
Miss NATHIL FARNAM, Assistant.

Of these schools little need be said. That the teachers and pupils have performed well their parts during the year has been verified by the thoroughness they have exhibited in frequent examinations. They are schools of which any community may well be proud. As it is in them that by far the greater portion of our young men and women prepare themselves for the active duties of life, so far as their educational qualifications are concerned, it is all important that those who have the care and charge of them as teachers and officials should not suffer the interest and zeal with which they are now conducted to abate in the least. Many visitors have attended the exercises at the close of the terms and we hope the practice will be more general hereafter. Nothing so cheap can be of so much value to the schools.
INTERMEDIATE AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS.

Intermediate Schools.
Lizzie S. Knight, Spruce street.
Susan F. Deering, Washington street.
Fannie M. Woodman, Foss street.
Clara A. Goodwin, Sullivan street.

Mixed Schools.
Ellen S. Junkins, Washington street,
Ellen S. Bent, Morrill school.

Primary Schools.
Lucy M. Tufts, Spruce street,
Sophia Tarbox, " "
Annie S. Bowker, " "
Mary E. Demerritt, Wentworth street.
Eliza Huff, Williams' Court.
Rose E. Tufts, Jefferson street.

Fannie E. Priest, Foss "
Maiha A. Gould, " "
Keziah H. Emery, Pool "
Inez D. Parker, Sullivan "
Abbie Littlefield, " "

We propose to speak of these grades in the same connection. It is not because we think they deserve less attention, or that we consider them of less importance, that we class them together. Their wants in many respects are similar. The obstacles to be overcome, before they can fully accomplish their mission exist in both alike. Both are equally important to prepare the pupil for the superior grades, and it is equally important that they be in the same comparative working condition as those grades. Duty compels us to state that such is not the fact.

The rooms occupied by these schools, have seats for the accommodation of about eight hundred pupils. About nine hundred and fifty as appears by teachers' registers now attend them, and almost daily applications are made for lines to admit others to them. To refuse them admission as we have been obliged to do in many instances, has been an unpleasant duty for your Committee. The crowded condition of these schools is a manifest evil. It is no unusual thing to visit them and find every available seat occupied. On a recent visit to one of the Primaries we found seventy-nine children seated in a room, where only forty-eight at most should have been found. No teacher can do anything like justice to this number of pupils. Quite a number of the Primaries have over sixty scholars in them. An average attendance of forty is considered all that one teacher should have the care of.
Their position is one of responsibility. The children in these schools are of an age to require the constant care and vigilance of the teacher to keep them tolerably quiet and correct in their deportment. Many of them do not know their letters, and there are many others who do not speak nor even understand one word of the English language on their advent to these schools. Each one of them must receive the personal attention of the teacher several times every day, or they can make but little progress. It is here that the child receives his first impressions of the educational process, and if it is true that early impressions are lasting, it is highly desirable that these impressions be of a favorable character. It is at this period that the mind is forming; that the habits of the scholar are formed. He emerges from these schools with his perceptive faculties aroused, with a zeal and love for study, or with an aversion to it that continues through all his school-going days.

That this important work cannot be satisfactorily performed by the teachers, in the present crowded condition of their schools, cannot reasonably be expected.

It is true that a large percentage of the children attending them is of foreign parentage; and the same is true of those who now seek admission to them. The foreign population now constitutes an important element in our community. They bear the burdens of governmental expense equally with the native citizen, and they have the right to demand for themselves and their children the same immunities and privileges that the native citizen enjoys. They and their children are to be indoctrinated with American ideas. What means more adequate to accomplish this result than our free school system? Neglecting to provide them the necessary means to obtain these ideas in the present, is to endanger our institutions in the future. The demand for additional room for these grades of schools should no longer be disregarded. To make this necessary provision, we are aware, will incur additional expense to the citizen, but the want is so apparent, the benefit so mutual, that we believe all will submit cheerfully to the expense to remedy this existing wrong. We do not propose to point out the course to be pursued to effect this purpose, but suggest that a meeting of the voters of the district be held as early as practicable for the purpose of giving the subject the attention and consideration that it deserves.

The responsibility rests entirely with them, and we assure them they can not move in the matter too soon.

TEACHERS.

The vacancies that have occurred by the resignation of teachers during the year have been quite numerous. Most of them have been voluntary and have been accepted with reluctance. It has caused your Committee no little anxiety to supply the places thus made vacant. With one exception the selections made have given very good satisfaction.
Miss Porter and Mr. Berry, Assistants of the High School, severed their connection with the school at the close of the year. Miss Davis and Miss Burbank commenced their labors in it at the beginning of the Fall Term, and by their efficiency have contributed materially to the present good standing of the school.

In June, Mr. Haines, Principal of the Spruce Street Grammar School, tendered his resignation, to accept the office of Supervisor of Common Schools for York County. Mr. Morris, then Chairman of the S. S. Committee, accepted the position thus made vacant. The interest Mr. Morris has ever evinced in all our schools, the faithfulness with which he performed his duties while upon the Committee, are a sufficient guarantee that this school under his management will maintain, if not surpass, its former rank.

Miss Perkins, Assistant in the Grammar School, on Sullivan street, and Miss Libby, of the Intermediate School on the same street, resigned at the close of the year. The former is succeeded by Miss Kate Morris, and the latter by Miss Clara A. Goodwin.

The death of Miss Hill, of the Intermediate school on Washington street, created a vacancy in the community, as well as in our corps of teachers, hard to be filled. Since her decease the school has been under the care of Miss Susan F. Deering.

Miss Ellen S. Bent succeeds Miss Smith in the Morrill school.

Miss Demerritt was transferred from the Primary school on Sullivan street, to the Primary on Wentworth street, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Carl. Miss Inez D. Parker now has the school formerly taught by Miss Demerritt.

Miss Seavy, of the Primary school on Washington street, resigned at the close of the Fall Term, and Miss Ora Andrews has since had charge of the school. All the other schools remain in charge of the same teachers as last year.

CONCLUSION.

A few observations of a general character suggest themselves to our mind in concluding this imperfect notice of the present condition of our schools. It is a fact worthy of record that no acts of insubordination have occurred in any of them, during the year, to interrupt or destroy their usefulness. This alone considered, speaks well for the teachers and pupils. The lack of interest of parents is the glaring want in them. They also need a more thorough supervision by school officials. The demand for a gradual elevation of the standard of scholarship in all our schools, is made imperative by the higher degree of thoroughness and proficiency that is now required of all students pursuing their studies in the higher institutes of learning, in this and in all other States.

Whatever elementary instruction the schools fail to give, the college must supply. The revolutions accomplished in almost all other fields of
labor, present most valuable suggestions for the educators of our children. The spirit of the age is progressive. The advance is, perhaps, hardly perceptible from year to year; but a review of the last decade indicates marked changes, and these all in one direction.

The course of education necessary to prepare the youth of our land for the discharge of the duties so soon to devolve upon them, should be more comprehensive and complete than what was requisite in the early days of our country's history. It should be such as to develop to the fullest extent, the mind power of the people; for upon this power depends all the elements of material greatness.

Many innovations upon our school system have been made of late by legislation. Whether all these changes will prove beneficial or not, remains to be seen. At present, we must regard some of them as experiments, and in connection with other proposed changes, of very doubtful expediency.

Our common schools are of equal interest to all. The rich and the poor share their benefits alike. Their influence is felt in every home. They need the care and support of all, or they fail in a great measure to accomplish the purpose for which they were established.

Our thanks are due to parents, teachers and pupils, for the uniform courtesy and kindness we have received from them, since the commencement of our labors in their schools.

EDWIN STONE, for the Committee.

Biddeford, Feb. 28, 1870.
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