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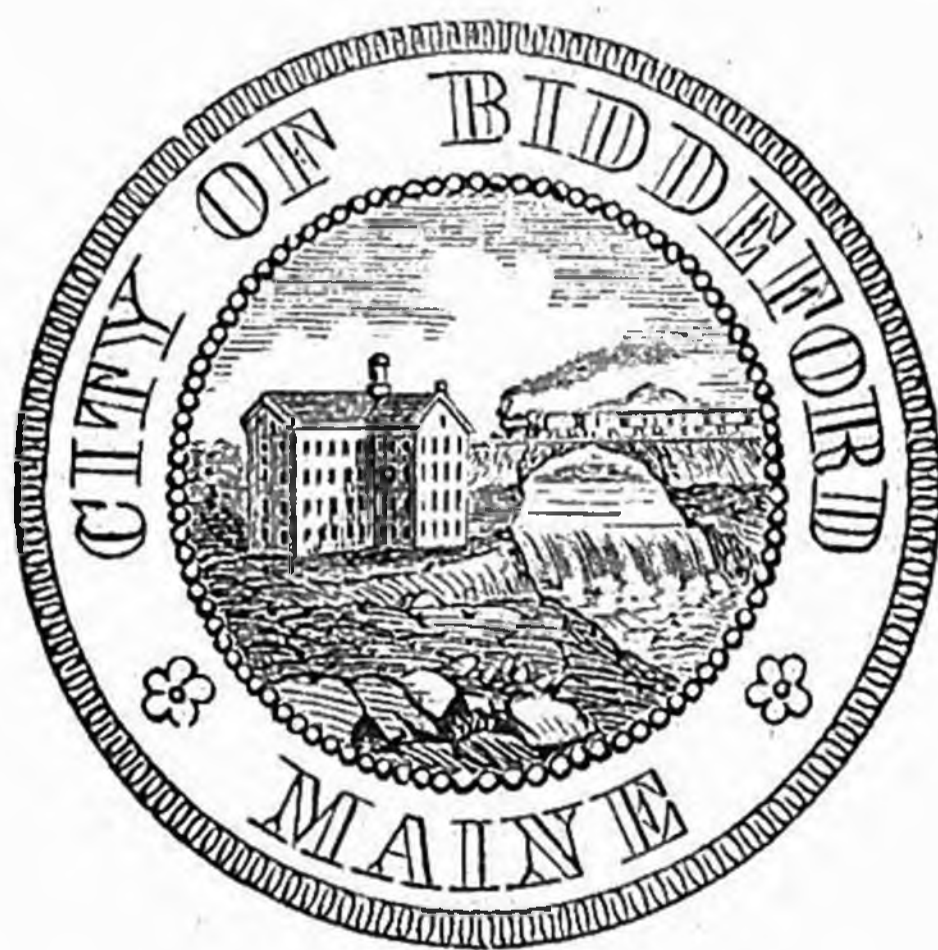


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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF THE MAYOR,

HON. CHARLES M. MOSES.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL : —

Having been elected by the citizens of Biddeford to the different offices, the duties of which we are about to assume, I hope we are fully aware of the care and responsibility resting upon us, and the great necessity of having for our only object the honest administration of the affairs of government, to accomplish which we must recognize the need of unity of action in dealing with the various matters which may be brought before us from time to time during the year for our consideration and decision ; of making the different departments and their workings as nearly perfect as it is possible for them to be ; of appointing to the offices to be filled only men of character, ability, good judgment, and possessing the confidence and respect of those who have elected us to administer their affairs.

We enter upon the year with brighter surroundings than we have known for several years. The dark cloud of business depression, with its consequent hardships and evils, that has been hanging like a pall over our city and the whole country, has been lifted, and we see around us, instead of depression and want, a rush of business and general prosperity, causing good feeling among all classes of our citizens. Our shops and mills are full of work, scarcely able to keep up with the demand for their products ; our stores and places of business of all kinds are having their old time prosperity and success, all tending to make our people happy and contented, benefiting our worthy laboring men as well as all classes, and giving the former the means of supplying themselves and their families with the necessities of life, which has been a terrible struggle for many of them during the past two or three years.

Under these conditions there is no reason why our city should not share in this general prosperity, if we avoid the lavish expenditure of the peoples' money for extravagant and unnecessary (so-called) improvements, and give to its affairs in all their details the careful and business-like management which they should receive, and to aid most materially in this direction, I would recommend that we make strong and earnest endeavor to devise and inaugurate some method whereby the enormous debt of our city shall be gradually reduced, without bearing too heavily upon those who pay the taxes.

The financial condition of the city, January 31st, 1880, as given me by the Treasurer, was as follows:

LIABILITIES.

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| 6 per cent. City Bonds, | \$104,000 00 |
| 5 " " " " | 20,000 00 |
| Notes outstanding against City, | 56,673 00 |
| Due County Treasurer for balance on taxes 1879 & 1880, | 3,201 00 |
| Total, | <hr/> \$183,874 82 |

RESOURCES.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash in Treasury, Jan. 31, 1880, | \$3,332 34 |
| Due on Tax of 1875-6, | 180 52 |
| " " " " 1876-7, | 4,312 93 |
| " " " " 1877-8, | 100 02 |
| " " " " 1878-9, | 4,236 47 |
| " " " " 1879-80, | 24,651 61 |
| Due from Note held by City, | 1,000 00 |
| " " State for State Pensions, | 180 00 |
| Total, | <hr/> \$37,993 89 |

Making the net indebtedness of the city \$145,880.93 against \$135,766.46 Jan. 31st. 1879, and showing an increase of \$10,-114.47 during the past year, the cause of which you must determine for yourselves, as I only notice the fact at this time in order that you may place the responsibility of this increase upon the shoulders of those to whom it belongs, and to allow you to know the exact financial standing of the city at the beginning of your administration.

Right here I wish to call your attention to a subject which, though a matter of State concern, has a direct bearing upon our city affairs. I refer to the recent attempt to steal the State, and to thwart the will of the people as expressed at the polls in September, 1879, by the party in power at that time. We know that the voice of the people was so strong in the defence of their rights that the wicked plot was defeated, that our beloved State was saved from anarchy, and the question of popular government settled for all time, and we may now realize the cost of that attempt, when we see the State tax raised to five mills on this account, making a difference to us in this city of five thousand dollars, a large sum in addition to what we have already to pay. This unexpected increase will demand from us unusual exertion in so governing expenditures as to meet this additional burden without increasing the rate of taxation, and teach us for

the future to be careful how we put corrupt and unprincipled men in places of trust and responsibility.

The bonds outstanding are as follows :

| AMOUNT. | WHEN PAYABLE. |
|---------------|-----------------|
| \$29,500 00, | May 1st, 1880. |
| 31,000 00. | July 1st, 1881. |
| 2,500 00, | Oct. 1st, 1884. |
| 41,000 00, | May 1st, 1885. |
| 20,000 00, | July 2nd, 1887. |
| <hr/> | |
| \$124,000 00, | Total. |

You will notice by the above statement that the whole amount of bonds due from the city is \$124,000.00. It would have been better had the annual appropriation of \$10,000.00 for a sinking fund, commenced in 1872, been continued to meet the bonds as they became due, but as that was not done, it will be necessary for us as early as possible, to provide for the \$29,500.00 of the bonds falling due May 1st, and I would recommend the issue of \$50,000.00 in new bonds, payable in ten years from May 1st, 1880, at such a rate of interest as you may determine upon. This amount will enable us to pay the bonds before mentioned, together with the notes, amounting to \$20,000.00, which will become due during the year, \$1,523.00 of which are due April 1st, and \$13,100.00 May 1st.

An appropriation of \$10,000.00 as a sinking fund, should be made this year, to prepare in part for the payment of \$31,000.00 bonds due July 1st, 1881. By care and economy on the part of those entrusted with the interests of the city, the debt can and should be reduced in some degree until it is wiped out of existence. Issuing bonds to pay those becoming due does not pay the debt, but the laying aside every year of \$10,000.00 as a sinking fund, will soon accomplish it.

But while I advise economy and strict accountability in the administration of the different departments, I do not wish to be understood as advocating meanness or niggardly dealing, which only serve to detract from their efficiency. On the other hand, I believe we should be fully alive to the fact that there has been a great increase in business during the past year and a consequent increase in the price and cost of the necessities of living, making it obligatory, and but justice on our part, to consider and act upon the propriety of making the compensation of the employes of the city such as to meet this advance, so far as it may be practicable and in accordance with good judgment.

Take our schools, for instance. During the dull and depressed times it was thought necessary and but right, that the pay of the teachers of every grade should be reduced in order

to conform to the general state of business of all kinds, thus relieving in a measure the burden imposed upon our people in the shape of taxes. To the credit of the teachers they submitted without a murmur to the reduction, knowing, as they did, the necessity for it. Now in view of these facts, I would recommend that the salary of the teachers be made the same as they were before the reduction, and I feel sure that I express the sentiments of all when I make the recommendation. Our schools, in the opinion of those who are interested and capable of judging, are in a very flourishing condition and a credit to the city, and let us show the teachers, who labor so hard and earnestly for their success, that we appreciate their efforts.

The Fire Department is in good working order, and will not require much outlay besides its running expenses. It is well supplied with hose in good condition, and the houses within the past two years have been thoroughly repaired and painted; but I find it will be necessary to purchase two horses for one of the steamers to take the place of two we now have, which are very old and fast getting useless. It would be well for the Committee and Board of Engineers, who have this department in charge, to attend to this matter at once, for the city cannot afford to have its fire department in any way defective, and if it should be found so in time of need, the neglect upon the part of those responsible would be considered criminal.

The Pauper Department is one that should have a great deal of attention, and few realize the immense amount of care that rests upon those who have it directly in charge, and their trials and perplexities when they are faithful to their duties, and perform them for the interest of the unfortunate ones under their charge, as well as for the good of the city. It is of the utmost importance that men should be chosen to manage this department, with special reference to their knowledge of, and fitness for, its responsibilities; and it seems to me without any desire or intent to criticize past administrations, that with proper care and attention this department could be so managed as to make the expense much less and be fully as satisfactory to all concerned. With times, it would seem that the number of worthy poor must of necessity correspondingly decrease, and so relieve us to some extent. The Buildings at the farm are in good repair. In regard to the farm itself, it is my opinion and that of a large number of citizens who have devoted some thought to the subject, that it would be greatly to the advantage of the city to dispose of the land, reserving enough for a garden in the immediate vicinity of the buildings. I do not make this as a recommendation but as a suggestion for your future consideration, my reasons being, briefly, that it does not pay for

the city to attempt the management of such a farm, and that the farm superintendent, if he does his duty by the inmates of the house, must devote the greater part of his time to them and to the proper and economical management of the house, it being impossible for him to devote much time to the farm, necessitating, as it does, the employment of a large force of men in order to make it in any way a source of income. This employment of men, with the many other expenses attendant upon its right management, makes the cost to the city far beyond the benefit derived, and puts the expense of the department far in excess of what it would be, were the land disposed of. It has not been properly worked for several years and has been not only an outset to the department but an unnecessary burden to the city. The land could be sold, I have no doubt for a good sum, which could be applied to the reduction of our debt.

For our streets, I would recommend as liberal an appropriation as possible, not for the purpose of developing new streets or making extended improvements but for putting those we now have, some of which are sadly out of repair, in better condition. There are many of our streets where a little can and should be done, for the benefit of the traveling public, costing a comparative trifle now and saving in the end a great deal of expense. Last year there was appropriated \$1000, for the purpose of beginning the paving of Main Street, but for some reason nothing has been done in that direction. I would recommend that a like appropriation be made this year and that the money be expended for that purpose, for it is a waste of money to constantly haul gravel upon such a street only to be hauled off again in the shape of mud, which keeps the street in a well-nigh impassable condition at all times.

The other departments it is not necessary for me to mention at this time, but I am sure they will all be well taken care of in your hands.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I will simply say, let it be our aim to so conduct the affairs of the City, that none can find just cause of complaint, but all can honestly commend.

CHARLES M. MOSES.

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD,
1880-81.

MAYOR.
HON. CHARLES M. MOSES.

CITY CLERK.
CHARLES H. PARCHER.

ALDERMEN.
Ward 1.—Horace V. Hill,
“ 2 —Elisha Libby,
“ 3.—Foxwell B. Staples,
“ 4.—George W. Donnell,
“ 5.—Elisha E. Clark,
“ 6.—Gilman P. Littlefield,
“ 7.—William C. Brackett,

COMMON COUNCILMEN,

ENOCH H. MCKENNEY,

PRESIDENT.

FRED H. MCKENNEY,

CLERK.

| | |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Ward 1, | Henry Goldthwait, |
| " | Joseph M. Gilman, |
| " | John F. Johnson. |
| Ward 2, | Charles H. Brackett, |
| " | Charles W. Pierce, |
| " | William Bardsley. |
| Ward 3, | Solon S. Andrews, |
| " | Lucius H. Kendall, |
| " | Michael E. Tarbox. |
| Ward 4, | Joseph Etchell, |
| " | Waldo B. Anthoine, |
| " | Joseph O. Lord. |
| Ward 5, | James H. Whitten, |
| " | John Bonsor, |
| " | Greenville J. Dearborn. |
| Ward 6, | Enoch H. McKenney, |
| " | John Murphy, |
| " | John H. Hooper. |
| Ward 7, | Orren G. Nash, |
| " | James O. Tarbox, |
| " | James O. Benson. |

WARD OFFICERS.

| WARDENS. | | WARD CLERKS. |
|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ward 1, | John B. Goldthwait, | Edwin E. Campbell, |
| " 2, | Ira B. Ramsdell, | George A. Anthoine, |
| " 3, | Hiram Chase, | John F. Wilkinson, |
| " 4, | George S. Watson, | Edward E. Sawtelle, |
| " 5, | James H. Fogg, | Joseph O. Ross, |
| " 6, | Dennis Murphy, 2nd, | Webster Hendrie, |
| " 7, | Frank E. Hooper. | George F. Boston. |

CONSTABLES.

| | |
|---------|------------------------|
| Ward 1, | James D. Bruell, |
| " 2, | James Murphy, |
| " 3, | Alexander Wilson, |
| " 4, | William B. Sullivan, |
| " 5, | Roscoe F. Jelleson, |
| " 6, | Benjamin F. Coolbrith, |
| " 7, | Lucien A. McIntire. |

JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT.

Charles W. Ross.

RECORDER OF MUNICIPAL COURT.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

Esreff H. Banks.

CITY SOLICITOR.

Harry J. Tatterson.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

Fred Quinby, M. D.

ASSESSORS.

George O. Burnham,
Reuben W. Randall,
John P. Ward.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Horace Ford,
Edwin Bardsley,
Elisha P. Parcher.

HEALTH OFFICERS.

Addison Brawn, M. D.,
Frank B. Tarr,
Charles H. Robbins.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

George W. Bryant, Chief Engineer.
James Beaumont, 1st Assistant.
Charles H. Blood, 2nd Assistant.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Enoch F. Pilsbury,
Nathaniel B. Walker,
John Tuck.

SCHOOL AGENTS.

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| District No. 1. | Perry Moulton. |
| “ 2. | Bradford Cousens. |
| “ 3. | Samuel W. Smith. |
| “ 4. | { Enoch F. Pilsbury, |
| “ | { John Tuck. |
| “ 6. | Lorenzo D. Mitchell. |
| “ 7. | Joseph Edwards. |
| “ 8. | Isaac Bickford. |
| “ 9. | Lewis A. Davis. |
| “ 10. | Albias Witham. |
| “ 11. | Thomas E. Davis. |
| “ 12. | John R. Staples. |
| “ 13. | Lewis G. Foss. |

COMMISSIONERS OF STREETS AND ROADS.

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Street Com. | Highway District No. 4, | Alfred Goodwin. |
| Road “ | Pool District, | Jeremiah B. Bunker. |
| “ “ | Oak Ridge District, | Charles Davis. |
| “ “ | River Road District, | John B. Goldthwait. |
| “ “ | Newtown District, | George I. Goldthwait. |
| “ “ | Ward 7 Eastern Division, | Tristram Hooper, Jr. |
| “ “ | Ward 7 Western Division, | Eben Emerson. |

HARBOR MASTER.

Howard Hussey.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Nathaniel Wilson.

SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS.

Amzi L. Ayer.

CITY MARSHAL.

George R. Andrews.

REGULAR POLICEMEN.

Benjamin Kiniston, Deputy Marshal.

Henry Foley,
James McGee,David F. Woodman,
John W. Hanson.

SPECIAL POLICEMEN.

James F. Tarr,
 James E. Gowen,
 David Morris,
 Albion L. Durgin,
 James E. Carter,
 Stephen Flood,
 Orin Mayo,
 Frank Gilbo,
 James Hickey,
 Benjamin F. Coolbrith,
 Jesse W. Muttart,
 Jonas Blackstone,
 Jonathan W. Hill,
 Warren Davis,
 John White,
 John Moody,
 Jotham Benson,
 Daniel O. S. Hooper,
 George McGrath,
 James Freeman,
 Leonard Andrews,

Abner McDonald,
 George W. Bryant,
 Alexander Wilson,
 John Terrault,
 Samual Hirst,
 Charles B. Berry,
 James Lumb,
 Benjamin M. Bradbury,
 Joseph Thebo,
 Lucien McIntire,
 William S. Fowler,
 Samuel Gray,
 John H. Hill,
 Lewis Rose,
 Michael Lybrego,
 Tristram Hooper, Jr.,
 William E. Tileston,
 James E. Randall,
 Abel Dennett,
 Anthony C. Campbell,
 Arthur Ricker,

John B. Dennis.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, WOOD AND BARK.

Joseph G. Brackett,
 John M. Goodwin,
 Edwin Bardsley,
 Lyman J. Ayer,
 John F. Goldthwait,
 Frank Irish,
 Levi G. Hanson,
 Joseph Newcomb,
 Francis Meeds,
 James H. Fogg,
 Nathaniel E. Kimball,
 Levi W. Stone,
 Dayton T. Moore,
 John R. Staples,
 John M. Trafton,
 George Clark,

William F. Libby,
 Nathan D. Witham,
 William H. Smith,
 Chas. A. Benson,
 Joel Bean,
 Joseph B. Palmer,
 William H. Hanson,
 Cyrus K. Banks,
 Ivory Bickford,
 Simon S. Andrews,
 James Costello,
 Chas. E. Pilsbury,
 Octavius D. Dolliff,
 Joseph W. Fairfield,
 Chas. A. Wardwell,
 Owen Smith,

Tristram Goldthwait, Jr.

FENCE VIEWERS.

John H. Hussey,
James H. Robbins,
Chas. H. Roberts,
Thomas J. Chick,

Jeremiah Tucker.
Silas M. Emerson,
Josiah H. Drew,
John R. Lowell.

John Curtis.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON FINANCE.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| The Mayor, | Councilman John H. Hooper, |
| Alderman Geo. W. Donnel, | “ James O. Tarbox, |
| | “ W. B. Anthoine. |

ON ACCOUNTS.

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Alderman W. C. Brackett, | Councilman J. O. Lord, |
| | “ Henry Goldthwait, |
| | “ L. H. Kendall. |

ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| The Mayor, | Councilman J. F. Johnson, |
| Alderman E. E. Clark, | “ Wm. Bardsley, |
| | “ Chas. H. Brackett. |

ON PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY.

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| The Mayor, | Councilman Joseph M. Gilman, |
| Alderman Horace Hill, | “ G. J. Dearborn, |
| | “ W. B. Anthoine. |

ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| The Mayor, | Councilman Joseph Etchells, |
| Alderman G. P. Littlefield, | “ Chas. W. Pierce, |
| “ G. W. Donnell, | “ John Murphy. |

ON PRINTING.

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| Alderman F. B. Staples, | Councilman M. B. Tarbox, |
| | “ J. O. Benson, |
| | “ O. G. Nash. |

ON POOR.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| The Mayor, | Councilman John Bonser, |
| Alderman Elisha Libby, | “ O. G. Nash, |
| “ G. P. Littlefield, | “ Chas. H. Brackett. |

ORDINANCES.

Councilmen John Murphy and G. J. Dearborn.

STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| The Mayor, | Councilman J. H. Whitten, |
| Alderman E. E. Clark, | “ Solon S. Andrews, |
| “ Wm. G. Brackett, | “ Wm. Bardsley, |
| | “ E. H. McKenney. |

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ON POLICE.

The Mayor, Aldermen Wm. C. Brackett, Gilman
P. Littlefield.

ON ELECTIONS.

Aldermen E. E. Clark, Horace V. Hill, Elisha Libby.

ON LICENCES.

The Mayor, Aldermen Foxwell B. Staples, George
W. Donnell

ON ENROLLED BILLS

Aldermen George W. Donnell, G. P. Littlefield.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF COMMON COUNCIL.

ON ELECTIONS AND RETURNS.

Waldo B. Anthoine, Charles Pierce, James O. Tarbox.

ENROLLED BILLS.

Lucius H. Kendall, Joseph O. Lord, Greenville J.
Dearborn.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

GENTLEMEN :—In compliance with the ordinance establishing the Fire Department, I herewith present for your consideration the customary annual Report, showing the condition of the Department, a record of fires and alarms that have occurred during the year, with the names of the owners and occupants of the buildings burned, also showing the number and location of the hydrants and reservoirs, together with a roll of the officers and members, and also giving other statements relating to the management of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1880.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Alarms of fire in the city, | 23 |
| Alarms of fire out of the city, | 9 |
| Extinguished without alarm, | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | 33 |

HOUSES.

The houses in which the apparatus is kept are in good condition, requiring only such ordinary repairs as may be needed, except the Hook & Ladder house on Main street, which can be very much improved by being raised ; as it is now situated the water runs into the house from the street, and causes great inconvenience.

APPARATUS.

There has been no increase to the apparatus. Such repairs have been made as were necessary. The general condition of the several pieces of apparatus will compare favorably with that of previous years.

HOSE.

The Hose of the Department consists of three thousand (3,000) feet of Paragon rubber lined cotton hose and 1,000 feet of leather hose. The leather hose now on hand is getting old, is not reliable, and we would accordingly recommend the purchase of new hose to take its place, as we have not at present a sufficient amount of trustworthy hose in the Department.

HORSES.

The whole number of horses in the Department is four; one of them is aged, but at present shows ability to perform the required work. During the year there has not been any sickness or accidents.

FORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The force of the Department consists of a Chief Engineer, two Assistant Engineers, two Steamer Companies, of nineteen men each, one Hook & Ladder Company, of twenty-two men. Total force of active firemen, sixty-three.

ENGINEERS.

CHIEF ENGINEER, JAMES HUNT, JR.

1st ASSISTANT, GEORGE W. HARRIMAN.

2ND ASSISTANT, CHARLES E. HOYT.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., RICHARD VINES, No. 1.

Foreman, T. W. GREEN. Assistant, WM. H. GOODRICH..

Clerk. JOHN S. BROWN. Engineer, JOSEPH GRAHAM.

Fireman, FRANK HARMOND. Driver, HENRY GOODWIN.

Pipemen, EDWARD CURRIER, CHAS. PATRICK.

Hosemen.—Erastus Abbott, N. P. Varril, Albert Haley, Moses Forsyth, John Monday, Thomas Hanson, Ethnia Baker, George Hooper, George P. Dennet, Charles Coffin, William McClentock.

PROPERTY IN CHARGE.

1 Steam Fire Engine, with whipple-tree, yokes and chains;
1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hand Pole, 1500 feet Paragon Rubber Lined Cotton Hose, 500 feet Leather Hose (old), 22 feet Suction Hose, 2 Reducing Couplings for Suction Hose, 2 Reducing Couplings for Leading Hose, 2 Reducing Couplings for Hy-

drants, 20 feet Small Rubber Hose (old), 2 Brass Pipes, 5 Nozzels, 20 Spanner Belts, 1 Hammer, 2 One Gallon Oil Cans, 1 Oiler, 1 Shovel, 1 Axe, 2 Water Pails, 2 Stoves and Funnel, 1 Bench Vice, 19 Beaver Overcoats (new), 2 Elastic Pipes (1 new), 20 Spanners, 2 Hydrant Spanners, 2 Fork Wrenches, 1 Monkey Wrench, 1 Fire Poker, 1 Crowbar, 1 Jack Screw, 2 Fire Buckets, 2 Wall Lamps (new), 2 Torches, 1 Wool Mat (new).

STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., EBEN SIMPSON, NO. 2.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Foreman, WM. H. GOODWIN, | Assistant, MILLARD HALLETT. |
| Clerk, C. M. WATSON. | Engineer, CHASE GOODWIN. |
| Fireman, E. S. GOWEN. | Driver, DAVID ELLIOTT. |

Pipemen, ABEL DENNETT, JAMES E. GOWEN.

Hosemen.—John White, Geo. W. Bryant, Melville Smith, S. W. Hubbard, John Goodier, Cyrus Sopher, John R. Staples, Daniel Kerwin, Edward Randall, Fred Sears, Ansel Underwood.

PROPERTY IN CHARGE.

1 Steam Fire Engine with whipple-tree, yokes and chains; 1 Hose Carriage, 1 Hand Pole, 1500 feet Paragon Rubber Lined Cotton Hose, 500 feet Leather Hose (old), 22 feet Suction Hose, 2 Reducing Couplings for Suction Hose, 2 Reducing Couplings for Leading Hose, 2 Reducing Couplings for Hydrants, 50 feet Small Rubber Hose, 2 Brass Pipes, 5 Nozzles (old), 12 Spanner Belts, 1 Hammer, 2 One Gallon Oil Cans, 1 Oiler, 1 Shovel, 1 Axe, 2 Water Pails, 2 Stoves and Funnel, 1 Bench Vice, 1 Monkey Wrench, 19 Beaver Overcoats (new), 2 Elastic Pipes, 20 Spanners, 2 Torches, 1 Fire Poker, 2 Hydrant Wrenches, 1 Hydrant Spanner, 2 Fire Buckets (new), 1 Jack Screw, 1 Crowbar, 1 Wool Mat, 6 Ladder Straps (new),

GENERAL CANBY HOOK & LADDER CO., NO. 1.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Foreman, WILLIAM D. HURLEY. | Assistant, WM. E. WHELAN. |
| Clerk, MAURICE WHELAN. | Steward, EDWARD RENNICKS. |

Hook & Laddermen.—John Hussey, John Hackett, James Laffin, Michael Neary, John M. Whelan, John Hobbins, John Neary, John Rennicks, Dennis McNally, Stephen Ryoan, Thomas Kerwin, John Casey, Michael Bowen, Patrick Welch, Timothy Holland, John O'Brien, William Donahoe, Thomas Judge.

PROPERTY IN CHARGE.

1 Hook & Ladder Truck, 22 Beaver Overcoats (new), 1 Bangor Patent Extension Ladder, 1 Hook and Ropes, 8 Small Hooks and Poles, 4 Forks, 139 feet of Ladders, 4 Axes, 2 Picks, 2 Crowbars, 2 Hand Lanterns, 1 Signal Lantern, 1 Drag Rope (new), 1 Monkey Wrench, 1 Stove and Funnel, 1 Shovel, 4 Wall Lamps, 18 Rubber Coats (old), 1 Clock, 1 Pail, 1 Wheel Jack, 1 Broom, 22 Keys to Hook & Ladder House, 1 One Gallon Oil Can, 1 Auger.

PROPERTY IN CHARGE IN CITY STABLE.

4 Horses, 1 Hay Cutter, 2 Setts Double Harnesses, 2 Whips, 1 Fork (old), 3 Curry Combs, 4 Brushes, 1 Feed Box, 2 Stall Blankets (old), 1 Pitch Fork, 2 Sets of Whipple-trees & Yokes, 2 Brooms, 2 Sets of Lead Bars and Chains, 1 Hammer, 1 Monkey Wrench, 1 Wheel Jack, 2 Horse Blankets, 1 Set of Sleds, 2 Four-wheeled Dump Carts, 2 Shovels, 1 Coal Shovel (new), 1 Fork (new), 2 Water Buckets, 2 Snow Ploughs.

RESERVOIRS.

Whole number of Reservoirs nineteen. No new Reservoirs have been built the past year, but five have been repaired.

HYDRANTS.

The number of Hydrants set are as follows :

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| Post Hydrants, | 7 |
| 2 1-2 inch Hydrants, | 1 |
| | — |
| Total number, | 8 |

During the past year we have repaired three ; one in front of the Biddeford House, one on Elm street, one on Main street near Harmon's Corner.

LOCATION OF RESERVOIRS AND HYDRANTS

RESERVOIRS.

| | | |
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| No. 1. | Sullivan street, | corner of Bacon street. |
| 2. | Oak | “ near corner of Pool street, |
| 3. | Hill | “ “ “ Main “ |
| 4. | Pool | “ “ “ Hill “ |
| 5. | Bacon | “ “ “ Foss “ |
| 6. | Birch | “ “ “ Summer street. |
| 7. | Foss | “ School house yard. |
| 8. | Alfred | “ near corner of Birch street. |
| 9. | “ | “ “ “ Pool “ |
| 10. | Franklin | “ “ “ Alfred “ |
| 11. | Main | “ “ “ Washington street. |

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| 12. | Washington street, near corner of Jefferson street. | |
| 13. | Main | “ “ “ Lincoln “ |
| 14. | South | “ “ “ Jefferson “ |
| 15. | Green | “ “ “ Birch “ |
| 16. | Elm | “ “ “ South “ |
| 17. | Elm | “ “ “ Main “ |
| 18. | Pool | “ “ “ Pike “ |
| 19. | Alfred | “ “ “ Brick yard. |

HYDRANTS.

- No. 1. Main street, near Bradbury street.
 2. Elm “
 3. Jefferson street, corner of Adams street.
 4. York “ near Pepperell Counting Room.
 5. Washington street, near Main street.
 6. “ “ “ Alfred “
 7. Corner of Lincoln and Main street.
 8. Lincoln street, near Hardy Machine Co.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

1879.

- Feb. 4,— 9 A. M. A. Burnham's house, consumed. Five Points, Alfred street. Department out.
 Feb. 24,— 9·20 P. M. Fire in Saco. Tallow Factory, off Ferry Road. Consumed. Department out.
 Feb. 28,— 8.15 P. M. False alarm. Department out.
 March 7,—10.55 P. M. Fire in Saco. Ridlon's house and barn, off Buxton road. Consumed. Department out.
 March 14,— 7.35 P. M. False Alarm. Department out.
 March 16,— 2 P. M. Fire in Hayford's house, Cottage street. Damage slight. Department out.
 March 18,— 1 A. M. Fire off Portland road. Department out.
 March 21,— 4.45 P. M. Gas explosion in Meeds House. Department out.
 March 25,—11 P. M. Fire off Goodwin's Mills. Department out.
 March 26,— 4.30 A. M. Fire, A. P. Quinby's candy manufactory. Consumed. Department out.

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| April | 16,— | 8.45 P. M. | False alarm. Department out. |
| April | 17,— | 10.45 A. M. | Fire, John Crowley's house, Gooch street. Damage slight. Department out. |
| May | 2,— | 1.30 A. M. | Fire in Saco. Huff's house. Damage slight. Department out. |
| May | 14,— | 5 P. M. | False alarm. Department out. |
| May | 25,— | 6.15 P. M. | False alarm. Department out. |
| May | 26,— | 1.50 A. M. | Fire, Mrs. Lane's house, Foss street. Partially consumed. Department out. |
| May | 26,— | 6.45 P. M. | Fire, Thomas Potts' house, Pool road, Lower Biddeford. Consumed. Department out. |
| June | 24,— | 10.45 P. M. | Fire off Portland road. Department out. |
| June | 24,— | 4.45 P. M. | Fire, Woodman's Machine Shop. Damage slight. |
| June | 25,— | 10.30 P. M. | Fire in Joel L. Roberts' farm buildings, on the Pool road. Consumed. |
| June | 30,— | 9.45 P. M. | False alarm. Department out. |
| August | 6,— | 1.30 P. M. | Fire, Daniel Wakefield's barn. Consumed. Department out. |
| August | 8,— | 2.45 P. M. | Fire, Waterboro' Block. Damage slight. Department out. |
| August | 9,— | 11.15 A. M. | Fire, Luques and Ford's Block. Damage slight. Department out. |
| August | 13,— | 1.15 A. M. | Fire, Margaret Rennicks' house, High street. Partially consumed. Department out. |
| August | 19,— | 8.10 P. M. | False alarm. Department out. |
| Sept. | 7,— | 1 A. M. | Fire, Charles Burnham's barn, Alfred street. Consumed. Department out. |
| Sept. | 10,— | 12 P. M. | Fire, Simon Cleaves' farm buildings, off Alfred road. Department out. |
| Oct. | 22,— | 7 P. M. | Fire, York Corporation building, Saco. Department out. |
| Oct. | 25,— | 10.30 A. M. | In Saco, on Common street. Department out. |

Nov. 22,— 9 A. M. Fire, Laconia Boarding Block. Damage slight. Department out.
 Dec. 18,—12.30 A. M. Fire, Eastern R. R. Depot, Saco. Consumed. Department out.
 Feb. 1,— 3 P. M. Fire, Chimney in the Pierson House, Ship Yard. Department out.

CONCLUSION.

I would return my thanks to the officers and members of the Fire Department for the commendable manner in which each member of the Department has served. I would especially remember the Assistant Engineers for their counsel and cooperation at all times. I also tender my thanks to His Honor Mayor Strout and to the City Council, and particularly to the Committee on Fire Department, for the cordial support and many favors granted me. In justice to the Marshal and Police force I wish to express myself thankful to them for the ready service they have rendered me. My trust is that the present condition of the Department, as shown in the foregoing report, will be the evidence of the faithful and efficient labors of those to whom the management of the Department was entrusted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HUNT, JR.,

Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE STREET COMMISSIONER OF DISTRICT NO. 4.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the usual custom I have the honor, at the expiration of the municipal year 1879–80, to submit to you 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 (in March, 1879), I found many of them in a generally bad and defective condition, several being hardly passable.

To at least *temporarily* remedy this very objectionable condition of a large portion of our highways was my first and immediate endeavor, and to so repair and reconstruct the streets as to make them *permanently* safe and acceptable, I attempted to do afterwards. Whether my efforts were successful or not, I will leave it for you, gentlemen, and others to say, who have seen the work.

GRAVELING.

A large amount of graveling has been done during the year; the following named streets having received a necessarily large supply:—New street off Elm above King's Corner, Main, Bradbury, South, Elm, Lincoln, Sullivan, Hill, King, Foss, James, Pike, Pool, Adams, Birch, Alfred, Emery and Stone streets.

CURB-STONE.

Two thousand four hundred and seventy-seven feet of granite curb-stone have been set during the year, as follows :

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| On South Street, | 338 feet. |
| Cutts “ | 256 “ |
| Green “ | 50 “ |
| Emery “ | 212 “ |
| Bacon “ | 22 “ |
| King “ | 153 “ |
| Foss “ | 133 “ |
| Hill “ | 473 “ |
| Sullivan “ | 60 “ |
| Water “ | 100 “ |
| Birch “ | 75 “ |
| James “ | 290 “ |
| Western Avenue, | 315 “ |
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| Total, | 2,477 feet. |

In addition to this, a large number of curb-stone has been re-set, which was originally set in previous years.

CROSS-WALKS.

Five cross-walks have been laid as follows : One on Hill St., one on Bacon, Jefferson, Adams and Pearl streets,

EXCAVATION.

Five hundred and fifty-three cubic yards of rock have been excavated from King and Hill streets.

BRIDGES.

Spring's Bridge and two sidewalks on Bradbury Bridge have been replanked.

WALL.

Six hundred and fourteen feet of retaining wall have been erected on South and Union streets and Western Avenue.

NEW STREETS.

Two new streets have been constructed or built : Western Avenue, leading from Main street (near residence of Mr. Reuben W. Randall), towards South street ; and Union street, from Alfred street to Elm street (near residence of Mr. Edward S. Morris).

BRICK SEWER.

Two thousand three hundred and sixty-eight feet of brick sewer have been laid as follows :

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| On South street, | 957 feet. |
| State “ | 800 “ |
| Foss “ | 176 “ |
| Sullivan “ | 435 “ |
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| Total, | 2,368 feet. |

DRAIN PIPE.

Four hundred and seventy-eight feet of cement drain pipe have been laid as follows :

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| On South Street, | 70 feet. |
| State “ | 75 “ |
| King “ | 23 “ |
| Mount Vernon “ | 180 “ |
| Pike “ | 130 “ |
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| Total, | 478 feet. |

In closing, I will take the opportunity to express my thanks to the members of the City Government, particularly the Mayor, Hon. J. A. Strout, and the Joint Standing Committee on Streets for their words of counsel and encouragement and for the courteous treatment I have received from them during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA ANDREWS,

Com'r of Streets, Dist. No. 4.

REPORT
OF THE
CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the Hon. City Council of the City of Biddeford :

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned would beg leave to submit the following report, for the municipal year ending March 16, 1880 :

The whole number of persons who have received medical treatment from the city, by the City Physician for the past fiscal year, has been seventy-five. Deaths during that time, three ; one at the alms-house and two on the street. Births during the same time, one, at the alms-house.

In attending upon these persons, there were made three hundred and twenty visits,

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK S. WARREN, City Physician.

REPORT

OF THE

CITY MARSHAL.

To the Hon. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with custom and the duties of my office I have the honor to submit to you my report of the Police Department of this city for the year ending Feb. 29, 1880.

The regular Department consists of Marshal, Assistant Marshal and six Patrolmen.

The Special force consists of forty-five men; two of these are on duty each Sabbath, and one acts as Police for City Hall.

The whole number of arrests for the year were 192, for the following offences, viz:

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| Assault and Battery, | 47 |
| Larceny, | 15 |
| Robbery, | 1 |
| Intoxication, | 80 |
| Affray, | 1 |
| Disturbing the Peace, | 5 |
| Rape, | 1 |
| Keeping open shop Sunday, | 1 |
| Selling goods without License, | 1 |
| Single sale Intoxicating Liquors, | 5 |
| Search and seizure Intoxicating Liquors. | 1 |
| Vagrants, | 15 |
| Assisting Prisoner to escape, | 1 |
| Simple Assault, | 3 |
| Gambling. | 3 |
| Keeping House of Ill-Fame, | 1 |
| Assault on Officers, | 3 |
| Malicious Mischief, | 2 |
| Malicious Trespass, | 3 |
| Breaking and Entering, | 2 |
| Fast Driving, | 1 |

Total,

192

Four hundred and twenty calls have been responded to by the Police, many of these being on account of disturbances which were quelled by the prompt arrival of the Police, who did not find it necessary to make arrests.

The doors of forty stores and places of business upon our streets have been found open by the Police, after being left by their occupants at night, and were taken charge of by the officers and closed.

A large number of truant children have been taken charge of and compelled to attend school.

Stolen property to the amount of \$385 has been recovered by the officers and delivered to the owners.

The number of persons supplied with lodgings and food at the Station, aside from prisoners, was 314. This with 192 prisoners make a total number of 506 persons in our immediate care during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. HARMON,

City Marshal.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford :

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report of the Pauper Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1880.

| | |
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| Whole amount of warrants drawn, | \$12,107 51 |
| Credits received from all sources, | 721 99 |

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| | \$11,385 52 |
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The Overseers for the present municipal year, assumed the duties of their office March 19, 1879.

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| Warrants drawn during the year for bills contracted previous to March 19, 1879, | \$3,483 89 |
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A portion of this amount is for old bills coming into the present fiscal year, and the remainder is for the legitimate expenses from February 1 to March 19, 1879.

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| Warrants drawn during the year for bills contracted by present Board of Overseers from March 19, 1879, to January 31, 1880—the close of the fiscal year—, | \$8,623 62 |
| Credits received, | 721 99 |

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| | \$7,901 63 |
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Divided as follows :

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| On City Farm, | \$3,027 14 |
| Less credits, | 369 92 |

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| | 2,657 22 |
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| Away from Farm, | \$5,596 48 |
| Less credits, | 352 07 |

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| | \$5,244 41 |
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It is but justice to state that a small proportion of the above credits accrued previous to March 19, 1879, though since received by us.

The City Farm has during the past year been under the superintendence of Mr. Frank Irish and wife, assisted by other members of their own family, and they have all, as we think, conscientiously performed the various duties required of them. The position here is at best a difficult and trying one, requiring a rare combination of firmness, patience and kindness, not often found in the make up of a single individual; and while not wishing to detract or overestimate, we can say no less than that they have been as successful as could be reasonably expected under such unpleasant circumstances.

The policy of yearly or frequent changes in the superintendence of the City Farm is, as we think, a mistaken one, and prejudicial to the best interests of the City. In our judgment, when the right man has been once secured, he should, if possible, be retained for a series of years, or at least so long as his services are satisfactory.

As to the general management of the Farm, while a variety of opinions are entertained as to the details, we venture the suggestion, in which we think all, who have given the matter any consideration, will agree—that it should at once be put in better condition by a liberal outlay, on the buildings, to increase their capacity and convenience, and especially on the soil, to increase its productiveness. But as no Board of Overseers, acting for a single year, could do this to any great extent from their limited appropriations, it would seem to be the truest economy for the City Council to make special yearly appropriations for that purpose.

The whole number of paupers on the Farm at the close of the year was forty-nine. This number has not varied much during the year, though there has not been a larger number at any one time. There are thirty-six adults and thirteen children.

The number of paupers away from the Farm has been larger than usual during the past year, and much sickness has prevailed among them.

With regard to this class of our population we can only say that we have acted on our best judgment under all the circumstances, recognizing alike our responsibility to those who receive and those who bestow the public charity.

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| JOHN Q. ADAMS, | } OVERSEERS | |
| JAS. COSTELLO, | | |
| PAUL V. LABONTE. | | |
| | | OF THE |
| | | POOR. |

REPORT
OF THE
TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

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

I submit my Report as Treasurer of the City of Biddeford, from Feb. 1, 1879, to Jan. 31, 1880.

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| Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1879, | \$23,099 44 |
| Received during the year, | 163,298 38 |

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| Paid during the fiscal year, | \$186,397 82 |
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FERGUSON HAINES, TREAS.

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

I submit my Report as Collector of the City of Biddeford, for the fiscal year, 1879.

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| Amount of City Tax, 1879, committed to me, | \$80,543 22 |
| “ County “ “ “ “ | 6,201 82 |
| “ State “ “ “ “ | 22,751 66 |

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total, | \$109,496 70 |
| Amount collected to Jan. 31, 1880, | 84,772 09 |

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| Balance uncollected, | \$24,724 61 |
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FERGUSON HAINES, COLLECTOR.

DR. FERGUSON HAINES, TREAS. IN ACCT. WITH CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

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| Cash balance on hand, February 1, 1879, | \$23,099 44 |
| Received Notes payable, | 48,500 00 |
| “ Rents of City Building, | 2,991 88 |
| “ “ City Hall, | 1,016 50 |
| “ Sale of lots in City Cemetery, | 20 00 |
| “ Grass on City Thatch bed, | 6 00 |
| “ Interest on Deposits and Note, | 288 00 |
| “ Fire Department (teams), | 670 86 |
| “ Pauper Department (teams, etc.), | 721 99 |
| “ General Expense, | 27 36 |
| “ School Dist., No. 4, | 10 08 |
| “ “ “ “ 7, | 35 |
| “ “ “ “ 13, | 61 80 |
| “ Free High School, | 500 00 |
| “ State School Fund, 1879, | 1,654 25 |
| “ “ Mill Tax, “ | 3,816 12 |
| “ “ Railroad Tax, “ | 8 12 |
| “ Tax of 1875, E. W. Wedgwood, Col., | 210 48 |
| “ “ 1876, “ “ “ | 905 68 |
| “ “ 1877, Geo. R. Andrews, “ | 300 00 |
| “ “ 1878, “ “ “ | 16,233 00 |
| “ “ 1879, Ferguson Haines, Col., | 84,772 09 |
| “ Non-Resident Tax, 1877, | 81 47 |
| “ “ “ “ 1878, | 502 35 |
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| | \$186,397 82 |

FERGUSON HAINES, IN ACCOUNT WITH CITY OF BIDDEFORD. CR.

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| Paid Notes payable, | \$43,600 00 |
| City Bonds, | 200 00 |
| Pauper Department, | 12,282 74 |
| Fire “ | 7,528 98 |
| Police “ | 5,493 84 |
| General Expense, | 9,624 78 |
| Salaries. | 6,658 26 |
| Interest, | 11,267 48 |
| City Building, | 6,567 61 |
| City Library, | 87 20 |
| County Treasurer, balance of 1878 Tax, | 2,938 99 |
| “ “ 1879 Tax, in part, | 3,000 00 |
| State Treasurer, 1879 Tax in full, | 22,751 66 |
| State Pensions, | 180 00 |
| Contingent Fund, | 1,260 58 |
| Health Department, | 55 31 |
| Sewers and Drains, | 2,683 74 |
| Sidewalks, | 1,011 75 |
| Street Lights, | 2,251 95 |
| Bridges, | 586 11 |
| Reservoirs, | 115 21 |
| Special Loan, | 8 87 |
| Highways, Dist. 4, | 11,548 27 |
| “ Ward 7, East Division, | 1,027 65 |
| “ “ 7, West “ | 479 57 |
| “ River Road District, | 445 44 |
| “ Pool “ | 369 38 |
| “ Oak Ridge “ | 588 31 |
| “ Newtown “ | 510 32 |
| Abatement Tax of 1875, | 210 48 |
| “ “ 1876, | 664 11 |
| “ “ 1877, | 149 48 |
| “ “ 1878, | 1,195 30 |
| “ “ 1879, | 244 23 |
| Schools, | 21,502 40 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 3,975 48 |
| Cash balance on hand, | 3,332 34 |
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| | \$186,397 82 |

APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1879.

| DEPARTMENT. | APPROPRIA- TIONS. | RECEIPTS. | | Transferred to other De- partments. | Total Credits.— Transfers made. | Warrants drawn including Inter- est and Discount on Taxes. | Overdrafts. | Balance Unexpe'd. |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------|----------------------|
| | | By transfer. | From other sources. | | | | | |
| Abatement,..... |  | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | \$877 59 | \$877 59 | ..... |
| Bridges,..... | \$1,000 00 | ..... | ..... | 503 98 | 496 02 | 496 02 | ..... | ..... |
| City Building,..... | | 72 36 | 4,008 38 | ..... | 4,080 74 | 6,177 23 | 2,096 49 | ..... |
| City Library,..... | 250 00 | ..... | ..... | 162 80 | 87 20 | 87 20 | ..... | ..... |
| Contingent Fund,..... | 2,000 00 | ..... | ..... | 720 48 | 1,279 52 | 1,279 52 | ..... | ..... |
| Discount on Taxes,..... | 4,400 00 | ..... | ..... | 424 52 | 3,975 48 | 3,975 48 | ..... | ..... |
| Fire Department,..... | 6,000 00 | 576 13 | 670 68 | ..... | 7,246 81 | 7,246 81 | ..... | ..... |
| General Expense. | 9,000 00 | ..... | 498 34 | 5 20 | 9,493 14 | 9,493 14 | ..... | ..... |
| Highway District No. 4,..... | 8,000 00 | 2,587 14 | ..... | ..... | 10,587 14 | 11,492 54 | 905 40 | ..... |
| “ Oak Ridge District,..... | 500 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 00 | 514 39 | 14 39 | ..... |
| “ Pool District,..... | 350 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 350 00 | 356 54 | 6 54 | ..... |
| “ River Road District,..... | 550 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 550 00 | 491 50 | ..... | 58 50 |
| “ Ward 7, East Division,... | 800 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 800 00 | 981 95 | 181 95 | ..... |
| “ Ward 7, West Division,... | 450 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 450 00 | 451 67 | 1 67 | ..... |
| “ Newtown Division..... | 200 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | 438 90 | 238 90 | ..... |
| Health,..... | 300 00 | ..... | ..... | 56 69 | 243 31 | 243 31 | ..... | ..... |
| Interest,..... | 11,000 00 | ..... | ..... | 20 52 | 10,979 48 | 10,979 48 | ..... | ..... |
| Pauper,..... | 8,000 00 | ..... | 721 99 | ..... | 8,721 99 | 12,107 45 | 3,385 46 | ..... |
| Police,..... | 5,000 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5,501 07 | 5,501 07 | ..... | ..... |
| Paving,..... | 1,000 00 | ..... | ..... | 1,000 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Reservoir,..... | 200 00 | ..... | ..... | 89 29 | 110 71 | 110 71 | ..... | ..... |
| Salaries,.... | 3,500 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3,500 00 | 5,145 78 | 1,645 78 | ..... |
| Sewers and Drains,..... | 2,000 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2,000 00 | 2,490 74 | 490 74 | ..... |
| Sidewalks,..... | 2,000 00 | ..... | ..... | 993 87 | 1,006 13 | 1,006 13 | ..... | ..... |
| Street Lights,..... | 2,000 00 | 240 65 | ..... | ..... | 2,240 65 | 2,240 65 | ..... | ..... |
| Schools,..... | 11,500 00 | ..... | 5,976 74 | ..... | 17,476 73 | 17,946 86 | 470 12 | ..... |
| | \$80,000 00 | \$3,977 35 | \$11,876 13 | \$3,977 35 | \$91,876 13 | \$102,132 66 | 10,325 03 | \$58 50 |

REPORT

OF THE

CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford :

The following Report, pertaining to such matters as have properly come to my notice, as City Solicitor, during the fiscal year A. D. 1879-80, and concerning which the citizens generally would desire information, is respectfully submitted.

At the beginning of my official term, the following cases were pending in the Supreme Judicial Court :

City of Biddeford vs. S. P. McKenney ; Same vs. Same ; Peter Martin et ux vs. City of Biddeford ; Ira C. Guphill vs. Arthur Ricker et City of Biddeford Tr.

The first was entered neither party at the May Term. The second was defaulted at same Term and continued for judgment.

Execution issued on the Judgment at the January Term, 1880, and the same has since been satisfied.

The suit, Martin et ux vs. the City, was entered at the Jan. Term, 1877.

The Plf's writ alleged that Mrs. Martin, when on the way to her place of employment, on the 7th of Jan., 1876, by reason of the unsafe, dangerous and icy condition of the sidewalk on Sullivan St., fell and fractured her arm—and the suit was brought to recover for the injuries then sustained.

So far as I was able to learn, no effort had been made by any one, to obtain any evidence for the city, to show the condition of the sidewalk, where and when the accident occurred. An investigation showed that persons, whose attention had not been called to the actual condition of the sidewalk, when the accident happened, could not be relied upon for testimony as to material facts, in defense of the action.

After submitting this state of facts to Mayor Strout, it was deemed advisable to settle the suit, which was done by paying the Plfs \$150, with costs amounting to \$40, and the action was entered neither party at the Sept. Term.

The action, Guptill vs. Ricker et City Tr., was entered at the Jan. Term, 1879, but no disclosure was made by the Tr. at that Term. By agreement it was dismissed at the Sept. Term.

At the May Term, the following actions were entered, and they are all that are now pending in the S. J. Court, in which the city is a party :

James M. Chadbourne vs. City of Biddeford; Albert M. Coker vs. Same.

Both were brought to recover damages, received in the Summer of 1878, by reason of an alleged defect in Main street near the new bridge at the foot of the falls.

As soon as my attention was called to these cases, I gave them personal attention, and have given my successor the names of witnesses, who are cognizant of the condition of the street at the time the alleged defect existed, and such other information as will, I believe, enable him to make a successful defense to both actions.

Three cases are pending in the County Commissioners' Court.

These are appeals for an increase of damages from the award of the Street Com., by the owners of lands taken for the location of the Newtown road, and a new way leading from the "Ridge" road to Fortune's Rocks.

These can, without doubt, be settled with small expense to the city, and to the satisfaction of the parties.

E. STONE, City Solicitor.

ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

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|---|--------|
| J. Goldsbrough, Repairing Armory Stove, &c., | \$9 30 |
| A. & B. E. Cutter, Coal for City Clerk's Office, | 16 00 |
| C. P. Berry, | 18 00 |
| Daniel Ross, Cleaning offices in City Building, | 6 95 |
| R. T. Larrabee, Teams for police, | 8 50 |
| Town of Cape Elizabeth, (board of Smith boy at Reform School), | 51 85 |
| Dr. H. E. Hill, Consultation with Dr. Brawn, City Physician, &c., | 3 00 |
| Chas. I. Hill, Stationery, &c , | 18 43 |
| S. W. Luques, Services in and about State Bounty applications, | 12 00 |
| F. M. Burnham, Stationery, | 19 65 |
| R. W. Randall, Matches, | 2 30 |
| Geo. H. Andrews, Damage to team, | 10 00 |
| Jesse Gould, Attending to suit vs. Wm. Cluff, | 10 00 |
| Webster & Co., Work on shed near City Building, | 2 00 |
| Hooper Bros., Furniture for Police Station, | 30 00 |
| Samuel Parsons, Posting City ordinances, | 1 50 |
| A. & B. E. Cutter, Coal for Treasurer's office, | 8 00 |
| F. C. Bryant, Ice for Clerk's office, | 5 00 |
| G. A. & T. A. Hobbs, Printing, | 56 75 |
| Mrs. Thomas Doherty, Damage for personal injury, | 75 00 |
| Daniel Ross | 2 25 |
| W. F. Lunt, Services in Mrs. Horace Ford case, | 143 00 |
| Thomas Hill, Team for posting notices, | 1 00 |
| James Slade, Surveying, &c., | 60 00 |
| George R. Andrews, Expenses at Augusta, &c., | 16 00 |
| Geo. W. Bruce, Charcoal for City Building, | 6 60 |
| J. G. Garland, Extra services as Assessor, | 75 00 |
| J. F. Goldthwait, " " " " | 75 00 |
| R. H. Ford, " " " " | 75 00 |
| J. G. Garland, Wood, &c., for Assessor's office, | 5 50 |
| C. H. Leighton, Services on committees, | 75 00 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co., gas for City Building, | 39 90 |
| B. A. Keniston, Services as truant officer, | 50 00 |
| Timothy Elliott, " " " " | 50 00 |

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| C. P. Berry, | 40 00 |
| Geo. W. Donnell, Services on committee, | 30 00 |
| Geo. N. Ward, " " " | 30 00 |
| Daniel Ross, Cleaning offices in City Building, | 5 75 |
| C. M. Moses, Services on committee, | 75 00 |
| Alfred Goodwin, " " " | 25 00 |
| Geo. W. Ward, " " " | 30 00 |
| James H. Whitten, " " " | 30 00 |
| Charles P. Berry, Assisting City Clerk, | 18 00 |
| A. J. Small, Publishing notice in Daily Times, | 2 19 |
| C. E. Pilsbury, Soap, soda, &c., for Clerk's office, | 2 24 |
| C. P. Berry, Keeping Mayor's books, | 75 00 |
| Geo. S. Watson, Work about City Building, | 3 15 |
| Jos. T. Mason, Painting guide boards, | 3 21 |
| Chas. I. Hill, Stationery, | 5 25 |
| W. H. Hanson, Services on committee, | 30 00 |
| R. T. Larrabee, Teams for police, | 7 00 |
| Geo. S. Watson, Work about City Building, | 75 |
| Dresser McClellan & Co., Blank books for Assessors, | 7 75 |
| G. C. Libby, Two ladders, | 8 84 |
| E. R. Clark, Services on committee, | 25 00 |
| A. J. Small, Printing notice for city meeting, | 1 50 |
| Jos. Hobson, Lumber for Police Department, | 1 10 |
| A. J. Small, Publishing Election warrants, | 6 25 |
| A. J. Small, Publishing Financial Report, | 20 00 |
| W. B. Whiting, M. D., Medical services at Police station, | 2 00 |
| James A. Hooper, Labor on new streets, | 115 00 |
| C. P. Berry, Recording marriages, births, notifying special meetings, &c., | 57 40 |
| Stephen Gowen, Teams for Police, | 1 50 |
| B. P. Ross, Cleaning school house, | 2 00 |
| G. A. & T. A. Hobbs, Printing, | 49 25 |
| Oren Nason, Land damages, | 50 00 |
| Jos. Newcomb, Use of store for Ward Room, | 10 00 |
| R. W. Randall, Matches and soap for Clerk's office, | 1 71 |
| C. P. Emery, Services on Committee, | 25 00 |
| B. F. Hamilton, Services as Attorney, | 254 50 |
| Z. R. Folsom, Teams for Committees, | 50 50 |
| Francis L. Jones, Damage for personal injury, | 300 00 |
| A. & B. E. Cutter, Coal for Infantry Hall, | 8 25 |
| " " " " Treasurer's Office, | 8 00 |
| " " " " Clerk's Office, | 15 50 |
| A. L. Jelleson, Stationery, &c., | 6 37 |
| R. T. Larrabee, Team for Police, | 4 50 |
| R. H. Ingersoll, Services on Committee, | 40 00 |

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| Daniel Ross, Cleaning offices in City Building, | 3 00 |
| Hampton E. Hill, M. D., Medical attendance at Police Station, | 3 00 |
| E. Simpson, Straps, &c., for Supt. of Burials, | 90 |
| J. H. Whitten, Repairing City Clerk's desk, | 75 |
| Chas. I. Hill, Stationery, | 7 80 |
| F. G. Warren, M. D., Use of store for Ward Room, | 6 00 |
| James Chadbourne, Taking Polls for Assessors, | 8 25 |
| F. W. Roberts, Taking testimony in Ward 3 hearing, | 12 00 |
| James H. Staples, Taking Polls for Assessors, | 10.50 |
| Edwin E. Campbell, Carrying Check lists to Ward 1, for year 1878-79, on election days, | 6 00 |
| W. H. Watson, Printing, | 17 00 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas L. Co., Gas for Infantry Hall, | 3 60 |
| Smith & Lovett, On account for "fire escape", | 250 00 |
| Owners of Exchange Block, Rent of Infantry Hall, | 87 50 |
| S. A. Welch, Rent of blacksmith shop for Ward Room, | 5 00 |
| Maria L. & Horace Ford, Damage for personal injury, &c., | 1,623 55 |
| Chas. H. Andrews, Taking polls for Assessors, | 34 25 |
| B. F. Hamilton, Postage stamps, &c., for C. P. Berry, City Clerk, | 27 40 |
| B. F. Hamilton, Postage stamps, &c., for Geo. R. Andrews, Treasurer & Collector, | 9 00 |
| Daniel Boulter, Damage from defective highway, | 15 00 |
| A. Peyser, For Oriental Powder Mills, fuse for work rear City Building, | 2 30 |
| D. B. Brooks, Writing ink, | 1 25 |
| D. F. Woodman, Taking polls for Assessors, | 8 25 |
| Saco Water Power Co., land rent engine houses, | 26 25 |
| T. Goldthwait, Jr., Taking polls for Assessors, | 20 00 |
| Maine Insane Hospital, Board, &c., for insane persons, | 246 95 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co., Extra gas lights, | 1 20 |
| " " " " " Gas for Infantry | 3 90 |
| J. B. Murphy, Painting, | 2 16 |
| B. F. Hamilton, Postage stanmps, | 4 00 |
| W. H. Watson, Printing, | 3 00 |
| F. A. Sawyer, Stove, &c., for Assessor's office, | 25 00 |
| Elizabeth Wild, Damage for fatal injury to husband, | 400 00 |
| State Reform School, Board, &c., for inmates from Biddeford, | 39 00 |
| Arthur S. Hamilton, For B. F. H. postage, &c., | 5 00 |
| Saco Water Power Co., Land damage, | 300 00 |
| W. A. Fall, Committee service in Ward 3 hearing, | 25 00 |
| R. M. Johnson, " " " " " | 25 00 |
| Geo. W. Donnell, " " " " " | 25 00 |

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| G. A. Hobbs, Printing City Report for 1878-79, | 180 00 |
| F. W. Roberts, Keeping Mayor's books, | 25 00 |
| Hall L. Davis, Stationery, | 8 20 |
| Stephen Worth, Labor in City cemetery, | 16 88 |
| Ann Simpson, Cleaning Assessor's office, | 1 00 |
| N. D. Witham, Elm trees, | 36 00 |
| Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, "Maine Registers," | 5 00 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co., Gas for Infantry Hall, | 9 00 |
| Maine Insane Hospital, Board, etc., for insane persons, | 248 55 |
| State Reform School, Board, etc., for inmates from Biddeford, | 39 00 |
| Samuel Tripp, Work in Clerk's office, | 39 00 |
| Owners of Exchange Block, Rent of Infantry Hall, | 87 50 |
| Saco Water Power Co., Land rent, | 37 25 |
| C. B. Harmon, Expense taking insane person to Augusta, | 10 15 |
| J. H. Small, Agent, Insurance Policy, | 5 00 |
| N. W. Kendall, Stationery, | 4 00 |
| F. M. Burnham, " | 50 44 |
| C. A. Wardwell, Pitcher and goblet for City Hall, | 90 |
| F. W. Roberts, Keeping Mayor's books, | 25 00 |
| C. B. Harmon, Services as truant officer, | 25 00 |
| Mason & Weymouth, Attys for Martin et al, Damage for personal injury to Martin, | 190 00 |
| W. H. Watson, Printing, | 10 25 |
| C. B. Harmon, Expenses conveying sick insane person from Augusta, | 17 65 |
| O. H. McIntire, Services as truant officer, | 25 00 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co., Extra gas lights, | 1 20 |
| " " " " " " " " | 6 00 |
| " " " " " Gas for Infantry Hall, | 3 30 |
| P. C. Stone, Binding City Reports, | 12 00 |
| F. W. Roberts, Posting street notices, | 3 00 |
| Joseph W. Foss, Expense in case of Josiah Foss, insane, | 10 00 |
| F. W. Roberts, Preparing report of amendments to City Ordinances, | 25 00 |
| F. Adams, Assisting City Clerk in meeting to revise check lists, | 8 00 |
| C. B. Harmon, Serving summons for Aldermen, | 16 74 |
| Dr. F. G. Warren, Use of store for Ward Room, | 5 00 |
| John Hanscom, Printing, | 15 75 |
| Maine Insane Hospital, Board, etc., of insane persons, | 267 44 |

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| E. F. Pilsbury, Postage stamps, etc., | 20 75 |
| State Reform School, Board of inmates, | 39 00 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co., Gas for Infantry Hall, | 3 60 |
| A. H. Jelleson, Use of store for Ward Room, | 5 00 |
| R. M. Johnson, Services on Committee, | 25 00 |
| J. E. H. Townsend, " " " | 25 00 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co., Gas for Infantry Hall, | 3 30 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co., Gas for Infantry Hall, | 9 00 |
| C. B. Harmon, Services as truant officer, | 25 00 |
| C. B. Harmon, Expense to Augusta to convey insane person, | 14 65 |
| Owners of Exchange Block, Rent of Infantry Hall, | 87 50 |
| O. T. Garey, Agent Insurance Policies, | 60 00 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co., Gas for Infantry Hall, | 4 50 |
| John Hanscom, Printing, | 3 25 |
| R. M. Johnson, Service on Committee, | 30 00 |
| A. J. Dolliff, Team used by Assessors, | 4 00 |
| O. H. McIntire, Service as truant officer, | 25 00 |
| J. L. Roberts, Service on Committee, | 30 00 |
| J. E. H. Townsend, Service on Committee, | 30 00 |
| T. A. Hawes, Rubber stamp for Clerk's office, | 1 95 |
| W. H. Watson, Printing, | 4 50 |
| E. Stone, Agent, Insurance Policy, | 30 00 |
| E. F. Pilsbury, Postage stamps, &c., | 24 40 |
| E. Stone, Agent Insurance Policy, | 37 50 |
| Carlos Heard, Service on Committee, | 25 00 |
| Town of Cape Elizabeth, Board of paupers, | 34 50 |
| Carr Ricker, Service on Committees, | 30 00 |
| J. A. Strout, " " " | 75 00 |
| State Reform School, Board of inmates, | 33 00 |
| Wm. Hill & Co., Coal for Light Infantry, | 3 75 |
| Ferguson Haines. Expense to Augusta, &c., | 9 40 |
| A. J. Small, Publishing Collector's notice, | 3 00 |
| F. M. Burnham, Stationery, | 53 24 |
| Jos. Dearborn, Service on Committee, | 30 00 |
| B. M. Bradbury. Posting Mayor's notices, | 2 00 |
| Carlos Heard, Service on Committee, etc., | 35 00 |
| Saco Water Power Co., Land rent, | 117 25 |
| Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co., Gas for Infantry Hall, | 8 40 |
| F. E. Libby, Repairing stove in Infantry Hall, | 9 50 |
| Bean & Day, Repairing locks, | 1 60 |

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| L. J. Ayer, Water pails, | 80 |
| Jas. Slade, Surveying, | 3 00 |
| Oliver Butler, Printing, | 41 00 |
| F. M. Burnham, Stationery, | 72 30 |
| A. L. Jelleson, “ | 30 70 |
| A. & B. E. Cutter, Coal for Infantry Hall, | 12 00 |
| Owners of Exchange Block, Rent of Infantry Hall, | 87 50 |
| Edwin Stone, Legal services, etc., | 196 40 |
| S. P. Mckenney, Preparing State valuation, | 220 00 |
| T. Shaw. Jr., “ “ “ | 250 00 |
| S. F. Parcher, Examining accounts of Treasurer, | 30 00 |
| F. A. Sawyer, Preparing State valuation, | 250 00 |

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| Total “General Expenses” for year, beginning Jan. 31, 1879, and ending Jan. 31, 1880, | \$9,493 14 |
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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the City Council :

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance submit the following Report of the Liabilities and Cash Assets as per Treasurer's books of the city, at the close of the fiscal year, January 31st, 1880 :

| LIABILITIES. | |
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| 6 per cent. City Bonds, | \$104,000 00 |
| 5 per cent. City Bonds, | 20,000 00 |
| Notes outstanding against the city, | 56,673 00 |
| Due the County for Tax of 1879-80, | 3,201 82 |

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| Total, | 183,874 82 |
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| RESOURCES. | |
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| Cash in the City Treasury, | \$3,332 34 |
| Due on Tax of 1875, | 180 52 |
| “ “ “ 1876, | 312 93 |
| “ “ “ 1877, | 100 02 |
| “ “ “ 1878, | 4,236 47 |
| “ “ “ 1879, | 24,651 61 |
| Notes held by City, | 1,000 00 |
| Due from Rents of City Building, | 22 50 |
| Due from State, | 500 00 |

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| Total, | 34,336 39 |
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On another page we give the bonds outstanding and time when the different amounts are payable.

As these figures give an erroneous impression as compared with the debt of the city as shown in the Report of the fiscal year ending January 31, 1879, we refer to the additional expense account as published in an appendix to said Report, \$13,600.91 ; to the salary of the City Treasurer, the warrant

for which was drawn in January, 1879, but paid in February, \$1,400.00, and to last quarter's salary or expense of schools in said fiscal year, \$3,335.08,—the whole amounting to \$18,335.99, which being added to the *actual* debt of the city at the close of the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1879, would place the entire matter in its proper position.

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| J. A. STROUT, | } | JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. |
| SAMUEL F. PARCHER, | | |
| JOHN E. HILL, | | |
| FRANCIS M. GOVE. | | |

BONDS OUTSTANDING.

| AMOUNTS. | WHEN PAYABLE. |
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| \$29,500 00 | May 1st, 1880 |
| 31,000 00 | July 1st, 1881 |
| 2,500 00 | Oct. 1st, 1884 |
| 41,000 00 | May 1st, 1885 |
| 20,000 00 | July 2d, 1887 |

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

CITY OF BIDDEFORD,

FOR THE YEAR 1879-80.



BIDDEFORD, MAINE:
From the Press of the Biddeford Advance.
1880.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ENOCH F. PILSBURY,

JOHN TUCK,

NATHANIEL B. WALKER.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN:—We will not bore you with the customary exhortation of School Reports, nor presume on your ignorance of the importance of Common Schools.

The information supposed to be sought by you and the public is simply the present condition and prospective wants of your Schools. This we will try to give in as few words as possible, to the end that our Report may not be so tiresome that you will not care to peruse it. The matter before us is one of fact, and of work, rather than of talk and theory.

From the testimony of teachers longest in the service, and of observing parents, as well as from their own observation, the Committee believe that your schools were never more prosperous, or perhaps quite so satisfactory on the whole as now. The little children are not whipped as much as formerly, and we think they behave as well or better, are happier, and learn a little faster. As much as this you have a right to demand, and we to expect of live and wide-awake teachers. Experience is expected to bring along with it renewed ability, wisdom, success. The pupils like their teachers because their teachers “have first loved them,” and all concerned combine to make the school-room as much as possible like a well-regulated home for agreeable work. If there are exceptions to this, they are growing fewer in number, and less in degree. The task-master is moving to the rear, the friend and teacher to the front, and good conduct and smiling faces of the little ones, are proof that it is so. As machine instruction is gradually discarded, and living ideas take the place of empty words, the school becomes more and more a delight, and less and less a torment to him who learns, and to him who teaches. And flowing from this improvement as naturally as Summer verdure follows vernal warmth, comes the improved deportment in a moral sense of the pupils themselves.

This is seen no less out of the schools than in them, where ever the children congregate, in the yards and on the streets. The teacher's ability to govern, his personal influence and qualifications, or the want of them, are here reflected as in a mirror; and if defective, no flattering words in a School Report could conceal the fault. An insult offered to a passer-by on the street by a pupil of any grade, low or high, is not less damaging to the teacher's reputation than to the pupil's personal good name. "The moral effect" says Francis W. Parker, Superintendent of the Quincy schools, "of filling children's heads full of good thoughts, and their hands full of pleasant absorbing work, is the formation of good habits of thought and action. The attractive influence of real teaching will render punishment and compulsion in attendance unnecessary. But," he adds, "a higher result is the steady growth in good character of the boys and girls in our public schools"

THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Committee have given special attention to this grade. In this more than in the higher grades, the moral character of the coming man and woman is moulded for good or ill. Delicate chords are here touched that will vibrate in manhood and old age, and whose music may not cease till the end of time, nor even then. The per centage of ruin and misery that will befall the next generation is here to a great extent determined, and here the school work of reducing it to its minimum must be largely done.

The defalcations of the times, the fraudulent acts in high places, the fearful aggregate of dishonesty and meanness, undermining the foundations of social happiness and public security, admonish parents and teachers alike of past dereliction of duty somewhere, and of the gravity of the work before us, that must be done for the moral salvation of our children, and our country. May the future fall and ruin of no little one suggest hereafter to the teacher of to-day, that she once neglected her opportunity. This moral work is not best done with formality. It must be rather the silent influence of the teacher permeating like "leaven" the school through the whole day. That which is most naturally and heartily, is most skillfully done.

Therefore, in selecting teachers, we look for honesty depicted on the countenance, no less than for learning or brilliancy. In this grade too, a taste or a distaste for the school-room and school work, is engendered quite in accordance with the teacher's skill and ability. And it may be here observed for the benefit of all who think of becoming teachers, in this grade especially, that without a conscious instinctive love for children,

that young ladies will do better not to apply for schools or for certificates to teach. Without it they may succeed in other vocations, but not in this. To be successful the teacher must have the ability to draw to her, to interest, control and direct the young mind. If nature has not vouchsafed this prerequisite, education will not make up for the deficiency. But a deficiency in one kind of talent does not necessarily imply a lack in another. A good general may be a failure as an orator; and the polished orator is seldom a good soldier. So nature has not fitted all good people for teachers. A score of applicants stand ready to fill every vacancy that occurs in your schools, and however well qualified they may be, it is evident that most of them must be disappointed in their aspirations. In these cases the common remark of the parent is like this: "My daughter has been through all the grades of the schools, has graduated and has a diploma. I do not see the use of all this, unless she teaches. This has all along been the object of her education."

Admit the force of this reasoning, and education becomes a useless expenditure; for by abolishing the office of teacher, the necessity for knowledge would cease. But real education is its own reward. An applicant was once asked how she liked natural Philosophy. "Oh! it is *Physics* you mean is it? I do not like it. There is so much to commit to memory, *I hate it.*" Poor girl! she has traveled by "the still waters" of nature, all sparkling with the gems of God's own truths, yet had gathered no pearls, and had seen none. An hour's examination could not have revealed more clearly the poverty of her acquirements. Her struggles with technicalities, words and phrases, had distracted her attention from the wealth of ages of research open to her inspection, and waiting her possession. But the fault was not her own. The text-book or the teacher had left her not only *unqualified* to teach natural science, but had forever *disqualified* her to learn it or love it. And her experience was but the repetition of hundreds of others.

Some of the Primary Schools have been very much crowded during the whole year. The average attendance for the last three terms is given on another page, by which it will be seen that several are more than full, and that some of the teachers have been subjected to burdens unusually heavy, which they have borne with great patience and success, and which some of them could not have done without more than ordinary ability and powers of endurance. One of these, on Foss street, (Miss Lunt's), has had 100 different pupils in the year, and has averaged 65 for the last three terms. A new First Primary school is the only possible remedy. It would be an act of injustice to

the First and Second Primary teachers as a body, to omit to give them the credit of unusual ability, fidelity and success.

THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

remain under the same teachers who taught the year previous to this, and have fully maintained their former creditable standing.

The Committee have seen nothing in the experience of the year to lead them to suppose that any city in the State has better Intermediate schools than ours. But perfection is the boast of no one, and our general remarks are as applicable to this grade as to any other.

If teachers do not improve by experience, they must inevitably retrograde. Ours we trust have not yet reached their highest point.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The importance of this grade of your schools is increased by the fact that the great majority of pupils here complete their scholastic education, and on leaving it go into the practical business of life. Your two schools, having each two large rooms and two teachers, have become crowded with pupils the past year to an unprecedented extent, showing a more extended interest and a better attendance. The necessity for more room will be spoken of elsewhere.

The school on Summer street, in care of our senior Principal, Mr. Thomas H. Emery, deserves more than a passing notice. It has been said of his school, and very truly, that no pupil can long attend it without feeling ashamed to be guilty of an unworthy deed. Government here seems to take care of itself, and obedience and freedom are in harmony.

The pupil's mind is so much absorbed in business, which is made enjoyable, that he has little leisure or inclination for mischief. Mr. Emery has gratuitously given to his classes an extra half-hour each day since Jan. 1st, to instruct the school in the general knowledge of the natural sciences, especially of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy. He uses no particular text-book, illustrating everything by pertinent examples, comparisons, and anecdotes. He opens to them the curiosities of the dew, the rain, and the snow-flake, inspires them with sublime conceptions, in considering the earthquake and the volcano, and shows them other worlds swinging in the heavens just like the earth. He thus leads them on from small things to great, from the known to the unknown, not telling them anything till he has first made them "crazy" to find it out.

The pupils are free to ask questions and refuse to let a matter pass till they understand it. This instruction in the rudiments of Natural Science is not given at the expense of neglecting

either of the three leading branches belonging to the Grammar School. On the contrary, his pupils have unusually clear ideas of those branches, especially Grammar.

The Principal is fortunate in having for his Assistant Mr. Charles Walker, who has good ability and judgment, and never recommends his pupils to the higher room till they are well prepared to enter it.

The other Grammar School, on Spruce street, under the instruction of Mr. Royal E. Gould, has made creditable progress through the whole year. Mr. Gould gives to his pupils his whole attention and his best thought, and it is evident they appreciate him the better the longer he is with them. They evince this by good discipline and by polite deportment.

The moment a stranger enters a school he may divine its character by the countenances of the pupils just as easily as he could tell a cultured family from a coarse and ill-bred one.

The silly giggle, or the insolent smile, like damaged furniture, may tell a tale of previous usage more readily than mere words could reveal the secret. Work is an excellent remedy for many an ill, and Mr. Gould gives his pupils enough to do.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

This institution is prosperous under the faithful tuition of the Principal, Mr. W. A. Fletcher, now near the end of his second year in this school, assisted by Miss Burbank and Miss Moulton, well known as experienced teachers of tact and ability in their respective departments.

The Latin classes fall to the Assistants, and Miss Burbank has the classes in French.

The Natural Sciences, for the most part, except Physiology, Natural History and Physical Geography, taught by Miss Moulton, fall to the Principal, as do also the classes in Greek. The report of the Principal will be herewith submitted according to custom. The school has improved in its general moral tone and discipline the past year. The highest number registered for a single term was 85. The average 80, and the average for the last three terms 75.

The question, *What shall be taught* in our free schools when pupils are prepared to advance beyond the customary rudimentary branches, is receiving everywhere merited consideration. In mixed schools and in High Schools the question is constantly occurring. The people must decide this for themselves as is their right. A branch of the same question on which opinions differ, is whether it is for the greatest good of the greatest number, and whether it is good economy to make the High School in its special provisions completely College preparatory.

A class of four boys in Greek in the last year before entering College requires time which perhaps \$400 or \$500 a year would hardly pay the teacher for giving, while a class of 15 or 20 would demand but little additional attention.

The present graduating class has four boys preparing for College. That of last year had none, while that of next year will have three. This, too, is a subject for the people to consider. The Committee wish to make no violent or abrupt changes, and would be sorry to make any in the wrong direction. A *gradual* advance is best.

Some times the pupil, in ignorance of what will be most useful to him, will naturally take the branch the teacher happens to be most willing or best able to teach, and is liable to spend much time to little purpose. To a parent or pupil in doubt, when the College course is out of the question, common sense would seem to suggest something like this:—"If you are to be a lawyer, you must know something of Latin, the more the better; if a minister, you must know Greek; if you are to go to France, study French; if to Spain, Spanish; if to Berlin German; but if you are to remain in America, and be a mechanic, a farmer, or a merchant, as most people are, then the English language will answer your purpose very well, unless you have leisure for the Classics.

"But, in this age, you cannot afford to live in any Country, Christian or Pagan, without knowing the natural laws that govern the universe; that pertain to force, motion and health.

"Therefore, if you cannot know all, know the vitally important. Know the air you breathe, the soil you stand on, the vegetation that clothes and adorns it, the sun, moon and stars, that daily or nightly circle the firmament, and the make of your eyes, by which God has opened up to your inspection and enjoyment the unnumbered curiosities and beauties of nature. Chemistry, Physiology, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy will tell you of these, will add to your enjoyment, and come into practical use every day of your life."

Had the managers of the Free High Schools of the State been always guided by their better common sense, and chosen the practical before the high sounding or ornamental, so called, those schools might have been in better repute to-day. Even in a very backward country school, a class in Latin or Algebra (that most useless practically of all the Sciences,) is sometimes called out, when the absurdity of the thing might be illustrated by the example of the bare-footed boy, who said, "he could do nicely without shoes, but thought he *must* have a bosom pin."

In our Report of last year some remarks were made on *Text-books* and their legitimate uses in the school as aids rather than

ends in the work of the teacher. A year's subsequent experience and observation have tended to confirm the writer in those views.

The best judgment is required to select suitable books, as well as the rarest talent to make them. We have in our schools some poor books which we simply tolerate, but only temporarily, it is to be hoped. When the befogged author loses sight of the real object to be attained, the teacher must nevertheless keep it steadily in view, and not be diverted from it.

But the true man of Science who writes a book, makes it like a box full of valuable articles and beautiful curiosities, which the teacher is to present to the pupils in a way to excite their interest and win their admiration for the property they are to appropriate to their own use and behoof forever; they being made to feel themselves the rightful legatees of that of which God and nature is the donor.

How can the book or the teacher be a successful guide in fields unfamiliar, or exhibit well the jewels whose beauty the author or the teacher has failed to see or appreciate? Many of our school-books on Natural Science are no more the work of Scientific men, than are our almanacs the work of Astronomers.

This is a great cause of most of the superficial and aimless teaching, which naturally produces superficial and conceited scholars.

A dry statement of theories or of facts is a common method of depreciating what is in fact the true riches of the present age. Next in importance to a good teacher is that of a good text book, and for this reason changes will be made with great caution and deliberation.

THE UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

There are eleven of these schools, and the majority of them are very small, and more backward than they ought to be. This seems to be a defect of long standing, and difficult to remedy. Energetic teachers must be employed by the Agents if they are to expect improvement.

The Committee will require a better standard of qualifications than hitherto.

A few schools have done well the past year. Mr. J. F. McKenney, who taught seven weeks in No. 12 and eight weeks in No. 8, and Mr. Albert L. Cleaves, 10 weeks in No. 6, deserve mention as having done good work.

Miss Jennie W. Berry, who took the little school in No. 11, soon drew into it pupils enough to more than double the former average number. This was accomplished by first doubling the interest of those who attended.

Miss Laura E. Foss was successful in District No. 1 and No. 13 ; and also Miss Cousens in No. 6.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

From what has already been said it will be seen that you must have one more First Primary school, and seem to need one more room for the Grammar grade, with the probability of needing another before long.

A meeting of the voters of the District will determine what provision is to be made for this want. The Committee do not recommend very large buildings. Two schools in one house is enough for comfort, but three can be put in if the lot is large enough. Let the rooms be all on the ground floor. This is better and cheaper where land is not more valuable than here. In crowded cities the case is different. Give the children good rooms, good air, and large play grounds.

Some of the buildings are much out of repair, some rooms having rotten flooring timbers with water standing below. The appropriations for last year did not enable the Agent to do the usual repairs, and more than double the usual amount must be expended the present year. Several of your school-rooms are in need of new seats, and new out-buildings must be provided.

Gentlemen of the City Council :

In some important things we shall ask your advice and take your direction. That you will be liberal with the schools no one doubts. To question it, would be to impugn your patriotism, if not your enlightened parental regard. Therefore we have only this further to say, that the funds you will place in the treasury at our disposal, as your Committee or Agents, will be deemed a sacred trust to be wisely and economically devoted to the best interests of the schools ; and should the appropriations exceed the need, the ballance will remain in the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN TUCK,
For the S. S. Committee.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

The Committee make few rules for the guide of Teachers because of our confidence in their judgment and good sense.

When we have reason to distrust their fidelity, it will be time enough to print a code of regulations. Teachers are expected to use discretion, and therefore discretion is given them. They are expected to begin and end their sessions properly, and at the regular times according to custom; to look after the furniture, the books, the apparatus, and see that nothing is abused that is committed to their keeping for the accommodation of their pupils. They are expected to investigate cases of needless damages done in the school-room, the yard, and especially to the windows and out-buildings. Breaking glass and general carelessness of furniture, and neglect of cleanliness, are not to be tolerated any more than kindred bad habits.

While obedience and discipline in spirit and letter are always demanded, any thing like tyranny or cruelty is to be avoided.

The children are not to be mortified for honest mistakes, but kindly corrected.

The fragile are not to be pushed beyond their strength; the lazy are not to be allowed to throw away time. Avoid partiality. Use sound judgment.

One half-day in the first term, and one-half day in the third term are allowed to teachers for visiting other schools, provided they notify the Committee beforehand of the time of such visit and the school to be visited.

The school year is 39 weeks, begins the first Monday in September, has four terms and the usual vacations.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To Superintending School Committee:

The Report of High School from Feb. 1st, 1879, to Feb. 1st, 1880, is herewith respectfully submitted for your consideration.

I. Our library needs replenishing in the departments of science and reference books. Some are worn out, others have been out of the library for years. If any former student has books belonging to the H. S. Library, will he not return them? Master Cornelius Horigan, the Librarian, has taken much care to keep the books in cover, and to prevent loss. A few hundred dollars in books would be appreciated.

II. We are cramped for time and room to use apparatus properly and profitably. The demand of the age is Science *well* taught; and that means with apparatus and room. If the public demand more Science, they should be pleased to pay for it. The teaching of the languages needs little beside the black-board and books, but the Sciences are not learned from books, but from nature.

Invention and skill have put it in our power to bring nature into the school-room by means of apparatus. We must have chemicals to show reaction. Geological specimens to test and study. (We may have embryo miners in school.) Philosophical apparatus to illustrate the laws of matter, and the charts (or better forms) in Physiology. Each department demanding its own kind.

We have a few pieces of apparatus, but no convenient room for operating, and the teacher has been obliged to take extra hours for experiments. We need a good telescope for Astronomy, and a microscope for Natural History and Botany.

Your consideration is earnestly solicited in devising ways and means of meeting this need.

III. The sanitary condition of the High School building is not above criticism. Scholars and teachers are often attacked with colds and other diseases. These may arise from any of the

three following causes. 1st. Imperfect sewerage on the lot to the East of the building, water from an open sewer stands a good portion of the year. 2nd. Furnaces have supplies of cold air from bottom of cellar, *in part* at least. Comment is unnecessary. 3rd. Improper ventilation, especially in First Assistant's room. Your careful scrutiny is called to these defects.

IV. Strict classification, while it falls heavily upon a few sensitive ones, brings into line the delinquents. This together with the rigid enforcement of requiring all lessons "made up," keeps the standard good. Yet the teachers ask that at the close of each school year, only those who have attained a certain standard of work be promoted by written passes, while those who have merely "*hung on*" shall not pass. We have found this in other schools a most efficient means of inspiring good work. When such promotion comes from Committee it is *forcible*.

V. The school in general has worked well, and maintained its usual reputation of a first-class school. This is possible where the same teachers are retained from year to year. In this connection comment upon the valuable services of the Assistants, Misses Burbank and Moulton, is unnecessary.

On the 27th of June, 1879, we had the pleasure of presenting to the citizens of Biddeford, in City Hall, a graduating class of ten young ladies. The parts were assigned upon relative standing during the whole course. Accordingly Carrie Pilsbury took Valedictory, Ella Small Salutatory, Ina Tripp Prophecies, and Alice Greenough Class History. This rule is simple and just to all, without respect to age or sex. The young lady is equal with the young gentleman. All stand then upon an equal footing. It is regretted that so small a proportion of young men are found in all the classes. It should be a serious question with parents, how to induce or *force* their boys to attend school more generally. *Force* would not injure their manhood.

VI. Supervision. With all due respect for our Committee, we would say that *more* supervision and more rigid examinations would increase the efficiency of our school.

In conclusion we would express our thanks to you for the many kind offices and words of encouragement from time to time, and may each year see the bond that exists between teacher and officer, and between them and the scholar stronger. When scholars can see that it is love and justice that prompts acts of teacher and officer, and when the teacher and officer can feel that they can do more for the scholar when there is little

or no friction, all will find that a great stride is made in education.

The following statistics and table are appended :

Whole number during the year, 103. 1st term, whole number, 72, average, 68 1-2 ; 2nd term, whole number, 68, average, 65 3-4 ; 3rd term, whole number, 84, average, 79 1-2 ; 4th term, whole number, 85, average, 79.

W. O. FLETCHER, Principal.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE AND RANK.

| | Attendance in Weeks, | Deportment, | Scholarship. | Average, | | Attendance in Weeks. | Deportment. | Scholarship. | Average, |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|---|----------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| GRADUATES. | | | | | Goodwin, Rosa T..... | 15.8 | 10 | 9.91 | 9.95 |
| Davis, Alma E..... | 16.8 | 10 | 9.75 | 9.87 | Horgan, Michael..... | 38.2 | 9.97 | 9.79 | 9.88 |
| Greenough, Alice E..... | 13.4 | 9.99 | 9.96 | 9.97 | Littlefield, Sadie C..... | 38.9 | 10 | 9.97 | 9.98 |
| Newcomb, Maud †..... | 16.8 | 9.98 | 9.99 | 9.98 | Lunt, Clara A..... | 39 | 9.99 | 9.97 | 9.98 |
| Pillsbury, Carrie F..... | 16.9 | 9.99 | 9.99 | 9.99 | Lunt, Captolia N..... | 39 | 9.98 | 9.81 | 9.89 |
| Rumery, Nellie..... | 16.5 | 9.96 | 9.96 | 9.96 | Mitchell, Abbie H..... | 38.7 | 9.99 | 9.85 | 9.92 |
| Small, Ella E..... | 17 | 10 | 9.98 | 9.99 | Meeds, Hattie Z..... | 39 | 9.99 | 9.88 | 9.93 |
| Smith, Clara A..... | 17 | 10 | 9.90 | 9.95 | Morris, Bessie E..... | 38.6 | 9.99 | 9.75 | 9.87 |
| Staples, Hattie C..... | 13.9 | 9.99 | 9.91 | 9.95 | Milliken, Willie..... | 37.4 | 9.99 | 9.87 | 9.93 |
| Staples, Carrie E..... | 15.1 | 9.98 | 9.49 | 9.73 | Murphy, Patrick M..... | 38.6 | 9.95 | 9.90 | 9.92 |
| Tripp, Ina E..... | 16.7 | 9.96 | 9.98 | 9.97 | McKenney, Carlos H..... | 39 | 9.99 | 9.90 | 9.91 |
| SENIOR. | | | | | Newcomb, Angie P..... | 38.6 | 10 | 9.78 | 9.89 |
| Berry, Livie G..... | 38.9 | 10 | 9.99 | 9.99 | Randall, Etta M..... | 8.4 | 10 | 9.39 | 9.69 |
| Brackett, Emma D..... | 8.4 | 10 | 9.52 | 9.76 | Rich, Fannie P..... | 31.2 | 10 | 9.35 | 9.67 |
| Carter, Walter W..... | 37.6 | 9.91 | 9.38 | 9.64 | Smith, Olive A..... | 38.4 | 9.99 | 9.81 | 9.91 |
| Cushman, Belle..... | 36.8 | 9.99 | 9.81 | 9.90 | Staples, Harry L..... | 38 | 9.96 | 9.63 | 9.79 |
| Chick, Hattie F.*..... | 27 | 10 | 9.24 | 9.62 | Stimpson, Chas. S..... | 14.2 | 10 | 7.25 | 8.62 |
| Emerson, Helen M..... | 39 | 10 | 9.98 | 9.99 | Witham, Hattie L..... | 38 | 10 | 9.76 | 9.88 |
| Hatch, Emma R..... | 39 | 9.98 | 9.97 | 9.97 | Woodman, Ida E..... | 39 | 9.99 | 9.98 | 9.98 |
| Hill, Mary H..... | 38.9 | 10 | 9.98 | 9.99 | Merrill, E, Wentworth.... | 29 | 9.96 | 9.79 | 9.87 |
| Horgan Cornelius..... | 34.8 | 9.93 | 9.79 | 9.86 | Nash, Leonard W..... | 19.4 | 10 | 9.53 | 9.75 |
| Ingersoll, Minnie S..... | 38.5 | 10 | 9.64 | 9.82 | Pillsbury, L. Mamie*..... | 20.4 | 10 | 9.48 | 9.74 |
| Kelley, Mamie E..... | 38.4 | 9.99 | 9.86 | 9.92 | Meson, Fred M..... | 10 | 9.99 | 8.10 | 9.04 |
| Leavitt, Mary E..... | 15.5 | 10 | 9.94 | 9.97 | SUB. JUNIOR. | | | | |
| Lincoln, Fannie F..... | 38.8 | 10 | 9.97 | 9.98 | Adams, Alton D..... | 21.6 | 9.99 | 9.75 | 9.87 |
| McKenney, Carrie E..... | 38.6 | 9.95 | 9.32 | 9.63 | Bryant, Millie D..... | 21 | 9.92 | 9.92 | 9.92 |
| Morton, Cora E..... | 38.5 | 10 | 9.46 | 9.73 | Bowker, Abbie B..... | 22 | 10 | 9.10 | 9.55 |
| Ricker, Fred K..... | 35.4 | 9.91 | 9.83 | 9.81 | Bragdon, Stacy..... | 21.9 | 9.87 | 9 | 9.43 |
| Sutherland, Ida *..... | 30 | 9.97 | 9.82 | 9.84 | Boston, Alice A..... | 21.6 | 9.97 | 9.89 | 9.93 |
| Staples, Georgia A..... | 39 | 10 | 9.99 | 9.99 | Chodbourne, Annie B..... | 22 | 9.99 | 9.93 | 9.96 |
| Tripp, Charles A..... | 37.3 | 9.66 | 9.27 | 9.46 | Dow, Ella L..... | 22 | 9.99 | 9.94 | 9.96 |
| SUB. SENIOR. | | | | | Fuller, Fannie A..... | 22 | 9.98 | 9.95 | 9.96 |
| Banks, Nellie W..... | 36.6 | 9.92 | 9.93 | 9.92 | Ford, Frank..... | 21.2 | 9.77 | 8.70 | 9.23 |
| Benson, Ida M..... | 13.8 | 9.99 | 9.98 | 9.98 | Goodwin, Tavia J..... | 22 | 9.97 | 9.91 | 9.94 |
| Blackstone, Edwin..... | 34.2 | 9.69 | 9.61 | 9.65 | Harper, Mary W..... | 22 | 10 | 9.96 | 9.98 |
| Baker, Emma..... | 36.6 | 9.95 | 9.76 | 9.85 | Huff, Alice A..... | 21.4 | 9.99 | 9.97 | 9.98 |
| Cole, Sallie P..... | 36.8 | 9.09 | 9.93 | 9.92 | Hutchinson F. B..... | 21.9 | 9.93 | 9.81 | 9.87 |
| Day, Annie L..... | 38.9 | 10 | 9.91 | 9.95 | Hill, Jennie B..... | 22 | 9.99 | 9.94 | 9.96 |
| Gooch, Rolland E*..... | 37.8 | 9.97 | 9.63 | 9.80 | Hanson, Eugene..... | 19.6 | 9.96 | 9.52 | 9.79 |
| Googins, Lulie E..... | 11 | 9.99 | 9.79 | 9.89 | Leavitt, Sophia S..... | 22 | 9.98 | 9.92 | 9.95 |
| Green, Blon..... | 38.9 | 10 | 9.99 | 9.99 | Leonard, Michael..... | 21.8 | 9.78 | 9.50 | 9.64 |
| Littlefield, Bertha..... | 36.6 | 9.72 | 9.79 | 9.75 | Libby, Rose E..... | 20.8 | 9.99 | 9.94 | 9.96 |
| Staples, Lillie A..... | 37.4 | 9.99 | 9.90 | 9.90 | Moore, Alice M..... | 21.4 | 9.98 | 9.78 | 9.88 |
| Thompson, Edwin L..... | 30.8 | 9.98 | 9.64 | 9.81 | Milliken, Harry E..... | 21.9 | 9.93 | 9.90 | 9.91 |
| Tucker, Hattie W..... | 37.6 | 9.99 | 9.95 | 9.97 | Murphy, Timothy..... | 22 | 9.91 | 9.90 | 9.92 |
| Wardwell, Jennie A..... | 3.2 | 10 | 8.50 | 9.25 | Morton Charles O..... | 19 | 9.99 | 9.45 | 9.72 |
| Welch, Susie E..... | 38 | 9.93 | 9.82 | 9.87 | Smith, Susie C..... | 20.8 | 9.96 | 9.63 | 9.84 |
| JUNIOR. | | | | | Whitten, Geo. S..... | 21.5 | 9.98 | 9.88 | 9.93 |
| Brackett, Inez S..... | 39 | 9.97 | 9.86 | 9.91 | Webster, Frank A..... | 22 | 9.99 | 9.71 | 9.86 |
| Burnham, Harry H..... | 38.9 | 9.96 | 9.89 | 9.92 | West, Winfield C..... | 18 | 9.97 | 9.73 | 9.85 |
| Cole, Emma E..... | 35.6 | 9.99 | 9.65 | 9.82 | York, Ella B..... | 22 | 10 | 9.20 | 9.60 |
| Campbell, Ellen S..... | 38.9 | 10 | 9.67 | 9.83 | Simpson, Mattie F..... | 20.6 | 10 | 9.97 | 9.98 |
| Chadwick, Nellie S..... | 39 | 9.99 | 9.93 | 9.96 | * Work not made up, or in partial course. † Made up all back work, | | | | |
| Dow, Mabel..... | 16 | 10 | 9.10 | 9.55 | | | | | |
| Donovan, Maggie M..... | 38.6 | 9.99 | 9.94 | 9.96 | | | | | |
| Fairfield, Minnie W..... | 37.2 | 9.99 | 9.94 | 9.96 | | | | | |
| Goodwin, Emma W..... | 37.6 | 9.99 | 9.81 | 9.90 | | | | | |

NAMES AND SALERIES OF TEACHERS IN DIST. NO. 4,

And the average number of Pupils in each School for
the last three Terms.

HIGH SCHOOL.

| | Average No. of pupils. | Salaries. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| W. O. Fletcher, Principal, | 75 | \$1200 |
| Augusta Burbank, First Assistant, | | 600 |
| Olive Moulton, Second Assistant, | | 550 |

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|--|----|------|
| Thomas H. Emery, Principal, Summer street, | 53 | 1000 |
| Charles Walker, Assistant, " " | 48 | 400 |
| Royal E. Gould, Principal, Spruce street | 47 | 1000 |
| Lizzie S. Knights, Ass stant, " " | 45 | 400 |

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|-----|
| Ella M. Lunt, Foss street, | 46 | 360 |
| Fannie E. Cowan, Washington street, | 28 | 360 |
| M. E. Gould, " " | 28 | 360 |
| Sophia Tarbox, Spruce street, | 36 | 360 |
| Susie L. D Emerson, Sullivan street, | 30 | 360 |

SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|----|-----|
| Kate C. Chadbourne, Foss street, | 39 | 336 |
| Mary F. Plumer, Spruce street, | 43 | 336 |
| Mrs Annette H Hooper, Wentworth street, | 58 | 336 |
| Belle P. Morris, Washington street, | 35 | 336 |
| Ida F. Porter, Sullivan street, | 22 | 336 |
| Hattie E. McKenney, Sullivan street, | 24 | 336 |

FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---|----|-----|
| Susan C. Smith, William's Court, | 33 | 336 |
| Ella Small, Assistant, " " | 40 | 200 |
| Henrietta W. Lunt, Foss street, | 67 | 336 |
| Mrs. Martha Kinsley, Washington street, | 45 | 336 |
| Lizzie Tarbox, Sullivan street, | 32 | 336 |
| Ellen M. Goodwin, " " | 32 | 336 |
| Fannie M. Hackett, " " | 32 | 336 |
| Alma F. Brawn, Spruce street, | 42 | 336 |
| Cora B. Bickford, " " | 46 | 336 |
| Esther E. Hogan, Pool street, | 54 | 336 |
| Jennie Tibbetts, Wentworth street, | 38 | 336 |

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|
| Kezia H. Emery, Morrill School, | 11 | 336 |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|

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|---|------|----------|
| Total, (Average for three terms,) | 1129 | \$12,862 |
| The whole number registered, Fall term, | | 1363 |
| Average attendance, " " | | 1160 |
| Average gain the last year, | | 60 |