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TWENTY-SIXTH  
ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
CITY OF BIDDEFORD,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1881,  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE MAYOR,  
HON. ELISHA E. CLARK.



BIDDEFORD:  
UNION AND JOURNAL STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINT.  
1881.

## CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN }  
MARCH 21, 1881, }

ORDERED,

That the committee on Printing be and are hereby authorized and directed to have printed for distribution Five hundred copies of Annual Reports of 1880.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 21, 1881.

Read and passed S. D. F. C.

ATTEST: CHARLES H. PARCHER, City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 21, 1881.

Read and passed in concurrence.

ATTEST: FRANK B. EMERY, Clerk.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF THE MAYOR,

HON. ELISHA E. CLARK.

# MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

As we enter upon a new municipal year, I know, no more fitting way of showing our gratitude to the kind Providence who has so long watched over our city, than by returning thanks to Him and praying for continued wisdom in the administration of its affairs.

I have had the honor of being a member of the Board of Aldermen for the past year, but have given no special attention to the details of the management of the government, except so far as the committees I have served upon were concerned, so that I frankly admit a sincere distrust of my ability to perform my duty as Mayor, satisfactorily to myself and profitably to the city, without relying largely upon your advice and assistance.

Our first duty is to perfect such an organization as shall equally distribute amongst us the varied and important duties which rest upon us, as custodians of the general welfare and safety of the city, and I stand before you to-day ready and willing to assume that share of responsibility incumbent upon the office I am elected to fill, and ask your hearty cooperation in the same.

Good feeling must prevail in all our deliberations and we must allow our sober judgment rather than personal preference to guide us in the selection of the men to fill the various offices in the gift of this government.

You must be well aware from the condition of public sentiment at this present time that our every act will be closely scrutinized, so that it behooves us, as men of high moral standard and having the prosperity of the city and citizens at heart, to shape our course regardless of the personal abuse that has been heaped upon many of us, by those from whom we had a right to expect better things, not only on account of their professed virtues, but their *charitable* relations to society at large. We cannot expect to secure the approval of those we serve, in everything, for our best efforts are not always followed by the results anticipated,



but we can show ourselves above a desire for retaliation, and faithfulness in everything pertaining to the welfare of the city and impartiality towards all can only result in good government and continued prosperity.

It gives me great pleasure to present the financial standing of the city and too much credit cannot be given our immediate predecessors for their careful management of the public funds. The following exhibit speaks for itself:

#### LIABILITIES.

6 per cent. City Bonds,	\$75,200.00	
5 " " " "	20,000.00	
4½ " " " "	50,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$145,200.00
Notes outstanding against the City,		40,650.00
Balance due County for tax,		2,000.00
" " State for tax,		28,434.06
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Total,		\$216,284.06

#### RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury Jan. 31, 1881,	\$25,185.27
Due from tax of 1875,	145.60
" " " " 1876,	312.93
" " " " 1878,	79.10
" " " " 1879,	7,648.31
" " " " 1880,	24,548.74
" " State Treasurer,	5,951.21
" " Rents of City Building,	22.50
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	\$63,883.66

Leaving a net indebtedness of \$152,400.40.

An increase of \$2861.97 which comes from the expense incurred by building the new bridge, for which no appropriation was made, and which cost, including the additional piers found necessary to be put in, about \$5,000. Aside from this, the statement would show a reduction of more than \$2,000.

The bonds outstanding are as follows:

Amounts.	When due.
\$700,	May 1, 1880
31,000,	July 1, 1881.
2,500,	Oct. 1 1884.
41,000	May 1, 1885.
20,000	July 2, 1887.
25,000,	May 1, 1890.
25,000,	May 1, 1895.

You will see by the above that \$700 of these bonds are already due, and that \$31,000 will become due July 1st. of the present year. During the past year there was issued \$50,000 in bonds, bearing interest at 4 1-2 per cent, and the money arising from these was used to redeem \$29,000 of bonds bearing interest at 6 per cent., which became due during the past year, and also to take up about \$20,000 in notes bearing the same interest (6 per cent.) thereby saving to the city a large amount in the interest account; and I would recommend that the same course be adopted by us in regard to such bonds and notes as are coming due the present year.

Much praise is due the Street Commissioner of District, No. 4 for his efficient management of the department during the past year. Many necessary improvements have been made, and the condition of our streets is greatly improved. Much still remains to be done, and as some permanent improvements should be made every year, aside from the repairs that are constantly needed, as liberal an appropriation as is consistent with public policy should be given to this department.

I know from experience and observation that our citizens take pride in having their public buildings well kept and preserved. It is well known to everyone that our City Building, especially the Hall, needs many improvements, and I would suggest that an extra appropriation be made for that purpose, that our hall may compare favorably with our sister cities. Such an appropriation, I am confident, would meet the approval of every taxpayer in the city.

I shall not attempt to advise or recommend in the matter of schools, yet I am sure that you all agree with me in thinking that

everything possible should be done to improve them, the education of the people being the foundation of our free government. While I do not wish nor intend to reflect upon the present condition of our schools, I am of the opinion that the election of a committee and supervisor, such as provided for by the law passed by our present legislature, would raise our schools to a point of excellence never before attained: an opinion that is confirmed by the results in those cities where the supervisor system has been introduced. A supervisor devotes his entire time to the perfection of the schools under his charge and of course, if he be the right man, can accomplish more than a committee which devotes only a small portion of its time and energy, and that at stated seasons of the year, and it seems to me that if supervision accomplishes anything, the former method is preferable to our existing system.

The business of the police department has been such during the last year that extra men have been required in the force, and while I would not advise reducing the number, of men, if thus the public safety and the necessary protection of persons and property should be diminished, yet, in justice to the tax-payers, I would recommend that the same economy be practised in this as in other departments, and that the force be guided as to their powers and duties by the City Charter, in which they are amply defined.

The officers have shown themselves to be efficient and faithful in the discharge of their duties and ever ready to enforce the law, and you will find that they compare favorably with those of other cities, and rank high in the esteem of the people.

Our Fire Department at the present time is conceded by all to be most trustworthy and efficient, and has shown itself such during the past year. We have had several large fires which have tested not only the courage and endurance of its members, but shown them to be men of judgment and equal to any emergency that may arise. They have proved by their deeds that they have a claim upon the respect of every property holder, and of every citizen who admires such merits as they have shown themselves to possess.



The house of the Hook and Ladder Co., together with the truck, was destroyed by fire several months since. A new truck has been contracted for and is now nearly ready for use. Some provision should be made at once for a house, as this is an important branch of the department and should be prepared to do its part of duty in case of need. I would suggest in this connection that a building be erected on the site of the old hook and ladder building, or in that vicinity, to be occupied by one of the steam fire engines, and that the new hook and ladder truck be placed in the house occupied by the engine, as I believe by so doing you will obviate many objections that the present near location of the two engines is now subject to.

The engine houses are in good condition, having recently been painted and repaired. Other suggestions ought possibly to be made, but I refrain until I have made myself more acquainted with the needs of this department. It is an important branch of our city government, and I think we all should endeavor to become familiar with its details and strive to do all in our power to improve its efficiency and promote the comfort of its members.

In conclusion, Gentlemen of the City Council, allow me to congratulate you as a whole, upon that well deserved record for honesty, sobriety, and intelligence, accorded you by your constituents, and assure you that I rest content with the knowledge that in every department of this government safe and reliable men will be found at the helm, and that nothing will be left undone that is necessary to command the respect and gratitude of an intelligent people.

ELISHA E. CLARK.

GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
CITY OF BIDDEFORD.  
1881-82.

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**MAYOR.**  
HON. ELISHA E. CLARK.

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**CITY CLERK.**  
CHARLES H. PARCHER.

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**ALDERMEN.**  
WARD 1.—ARTHUR DAVIS,  
“ 2.—ELISHA LIBBY,  
“ 3.—FOXWELL B. STAPLES,  
“ 4.—GEO. W. DONNELL,  
“ 5.—CHAS. E. HUSSEY,  
“ 6.—GILMAN P. LITTLEFIELD,  
“ 7.—DANIEL O. S. HOOPER.

## COMMON COUNCILMEN.

CHARLES H. BRACKETT,	PRESIDENT.
WARD 1, HENRY GOLDTHWAIT,	
“ GEORGE E. GOOKIN	
“ MARK GORDON, JR.,	
WARD 2, CHARLES H. BRACKETT,	
“ CHARLES W. PIERCE,	
“ WILLIAM BARDSLEY,	
WARD 3, SOLOMON S. ANDREWS,	
“ LUCIUS H. KENDALL,	
“ MICHAEL B. TARBOX,	
WARD 4, JOSEPH ETCHHELLS,	
“ JOSEPH O. LORD,	
“ JOHN F. HAINES,	
WARD 5, JAMES H. WHITTEN,	
GREENVILLE J. DEARBORN,	
JOHN BONSOR,	
WARD 6, JOHN MURPHY,	
JOHN H. HOOPER,	
JOSEPH F. QUARTER,	
WARD 7, JAMES O. TARBOX,	
JAMES O. BENSON,	
FRANK E. HOOPER,	
FRANK B. EMERY,	CLERK.

## WARD OFFICERS.

Wardens.	Ward Clerks.
WARD 1, JOHN B. GOLDTHWAIT,	JOHN R. STAPLES,
“ 2, IRA B. RAMSDELL,	GEORGE A. ANTHOINE,
“ 3, FREEMAN W. ELDEN,	EUGENE O. ALLEN,
“ 4, JOHN MOODY,	JOHN B. LEIGHTON,
“ 5, JAMES H. FOGG,	JOSEPH O. ROSS,
“ 6, NICHOLAS MCBRIDE,	FRANK B. EMERY,
“ 7, CHARLES O. MEANS.	GEORGE B. BOSTON,

## CONSTABLES.

WARD 1, IRA N. DAVIS,
“ 2, JAMES MURPHY,
“ 3, HENRY C. FOLEY,
“ 4, CAMILLE P. LETOURNEAU,
“ 5, ROSCOE F. JELLESON,
“ 6, ARTHUR RICKER,
“ 7, LUCIEN MCINTIRE.

**Judge of Municipal Court.**

CHARLES W. ROSS.

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**Recorder of Municipal Court.**

JESSE GOULD.

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**City Solicitor.**

HARRY J. TATTERSON.

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**City Physician.**

W. B. WHITING, M. D.

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**Assessors.**

REUBEN W. RANDALL,  
JOHN P. WARD,  
ENOCH H. MCKENNEY.

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**Overseers of Poor.**

HORACE FORD,  
ELISHA P. PARCHER,  
JOSEPH O. ROSS.

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**Health Officers.**

ADDISON BRAWN, M. D.,  
FRANK B. TARR,  
WAKEFIELD E. STAPLES.

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**Engineers of Fire Department.**

CHARLES H. BLOOD, Chief Engineer,  
MILLARD HALLETT, 1st. Ass't Engineer,  
MELVILLE SMITH, 2nd. " "

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**Superintending School Committee.**

NATHANIEL B. WALKER,  
JOHN TUCK,  
WILLIAM W. PRESCOTT.



**School Agents,**

District No. 1.	WILLIAM A. ROBERTS,
" " 2.	JESSE I. WADLIN,
" " 3.	OSCAR G. BEMIS,
" " 4.	W. W. PRESCOTT,
" " 6.	LORENZ D. MITCHELL,
" " 7.	JAMES TARBOX,
" " 8.	RUFAS MCKENNEY,
" " 9.	LEWIS A. DAVIS,
" " 10.	FREDERICK A. BURNHAM,
" " 11.	SAMUEL H. HOLT,
" " 12.	CHARLES H. ROBBINS,
" " 13.	CHARLES A. GOWEN,

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**Commissioners of Streets and Roads.**

Street Com.	Highway Dist., No. 4	ALFRED GOODWIN.
Road	" Pool Dist.	JOHN H. HUSSEY.
"	" Oak Ridge Dist.	JAMES H. ROBBINS.
"	" River Road Dist.	CHARLES A. THOMAS.
"	" Newtown Dist.	GEORGE I. GOLDFHWAIT
"	" Ward 7, Eastern Div.	TRISTRAM HOOPER, JR.
"	" " Western Div.	EBEN EMERSON.
"	" Fortunes Rocks Dist.	HORACE DAVIS.

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**Harbor Master.**

JOHN CURTIS.

**Sealer of Weights and Measures.**

SILAS M. EMERSON.

**Superintendent of Burials.**

JOTHAM BENSON.

**City Marshall.**

WILLIAM C. BRACKETT.

**Regular Policemen,**

BENJAMIN A. KINISON,  
 DAVID F. WOODMAN,  
 HENRY C. FOLEY,

JOHN W. HANSON,  
 JAMES MCGEE,  
 JOHN TERRAULT.

**Special Policemen.**

Orin Mayo,  
 William F. Bradbury,  
 James F. Tarr,  
 John Moody,  
 Charles H. Andrews,  
 James E. Carter.  
 Jotham Benson,  
 David Morris,  
 James E. Gowen,  
 Jonas Blackstone,  
 James M. Laffan,  
 George McGrath,  
 William W. Lane,  
 Henry Goodrich,  
 Joseph Lumb,  
 Hiram L. Hackett,

Leonard Andrews,  
 George W. Bryant,  
 Charles B. Berry,  
 Benj. M. Bradbury,  
 Lucien McIntire.  
 Samuel Gray,  
 Thomas P. Warren,  
 Lewis Rose,  
 Tristram Hooper, Jr.  
 Abel Dennett,  
 Arthur Ricker,  
 John B. Dennis,  
 Frank Irish,  
 Obed Stackpole,  
 Camille P. Letourneau,  
 Nathaniel P. Variel.

**Fence Viewers.**

John H. Hussey,  
 Albus R. Witham,  
 James H. Robbins,  
 Mark Proctor,

Charles H. Roberts,  
 Josiah H. Drew,  
 Charles Davis,  
 John R. Lowell.

Jeremiah B. Bunker.

**Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark.**

Joseph G. Brackett,  
 William F. Libby,  
 John M. Goodwin,  
 Nathan D. Witham,  
 Edwin Bardsley,  
 William H. Smith,  
 Lyman J. Ayer,  
 Charles A. Dudley,  
 William C. Brackett,  
 Dayton T. Moore,  
 Michael F. Callahan,  
 Joel Bean,  
 Frank Irish,  
 Levi G. Hanson,  
 Charles A. Wardwell,  
 Jeremiah B. Bunker,

John F. Goldthwait,  
 Francis Meeds,  
 Frank E. Hooper,  
 James H. Fogg,  
 Simon S. Andrews,  
 Nathaniel E. Kimball,  
 James Costello,  
 Levi W. Stone,  
 Charles E. Pilsbury,  
 John Cosgrove,  
 Henry I. Lord,  
 Octavus D. Dolliff,  
 John R. Staples,  
 William H. Hanson,  
 Cyrus K. Banks,  
 Owen Smith,

John C. Haley,

**Surveyors of Logs.**

Simon S. Andrews,  
Levi G. Hanson,  
Tristram Goldthwait, Jr.

Frank Irish,  
Wm. H. Hanson,  
Octavius D. Dollitt.

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**Pound Keeper.**

Rishworth Jordan.

# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

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## On Finance.

The Mayor,	Councilman James O. Tarbox,
Alderman George W. Donnell,	“ James O. Benson,
	“ John F. Haines.

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## Accounts.

Alderman, C. E. Hussey,	Councilman Joseph O. Lord,
	“ Lucius H. Kendall,
	“ G. J. Dearborn.

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## Public Property.

The Mayor,	Councilman John Murphy,
Alderman G. P. Littlefield,	“ Wm. Bardsley,
	“ C. W. Pierce.

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## Public Instruction and City Library.

The Mayor,	Councilman John Murphy,
Alderman Elisha Libby,	“ John H. Hooper,
	“ Henry Goldthwait.

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## Fire Department.

The Mayor,	Councilman James H. Whitten,
Alderman F. B. Staples.	“ F. E. Hooper,
“ G. P. Littlefield,	“ C. H. Brackett.

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## Printing.

Alderman C. E. Hussey,	Councilman M. B. Tarbox,
	“ Joseph Etchells,
	“ Mark Gordon, Jr.

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## Poor.

The Mayor,	Councilman George E. Gookin,
Alderman D. O. S. Hooper,	“ C. H. Brackett,
“ Arthur Davis,	“ John Bonsor.



**Ordinances.**

Councilman, John F. Haines,  
 " L. H. Kendall,

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**Streets, Sewers, Drains and Street Lights.**

The Mayor,	Councilman J. H. Whitten,
Alderman Geo. W. Donnell,	" Wm. Bardsley,
" D. O. S. Hooper,	" Solon S. Andrews,
	" Jos. F. Quarter.

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**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN,****On Police.**

The Mayor, Aldermen, George W. Donnell,  
 Gilman P. Littlefield.

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**On Elections.**

Aldermen Chas. E. Hussey, Arthur Davis,  
 Elisha Libby.

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**On Licenses.**

The Mayor, Alderman Foxwell B. Staples.

**On Enrolled Bills.**

Aldermen Gilman P. Littlefield Geo. W. Donnell.

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**STANDING COMMITTEES OF COMMON COUNCIL,****On Elections and Returns.**

Councilmen Charles W. Pierce, James O. Tarbox,  
 Joseph Etchells.

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**On Enrolled Bills.**

Councilmen L. H. Kendall, Joseph O. Lord,  
 Greenville J. Dearborn.

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Gentlemen: In accordance with the act establishing the Fire Department, I herewith submit to you the annual report relating to said department, for the year ending Jan. 31st. 1881.

## FORCE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The force of the department consists of a Chief Engineer, two Ass't. Engineers, two Steam Fire Engine companies of nineteen men each, and one Hook and Ladder Company of twenty-two men. Total force sixty-three men.

## MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer, GEORGE W. BRYANT.

1st. Assistant, JAMES BEAUMONT.

2d. Assistant, CHARLES H. BLOOD.

RICHARD VINES, S. F. E. CO. NO. 1.

Foreman, HENRY W. GOODWIN,	Assistant, HENRY GOODRICH.
Clerk, ETHNI BAKER,	Driver, OBED STACKPOLE,
Engineer, WM. BRYANT,	Fireman, WM. SULLIVAN,
Pipemen, N. P. VARRIEL,	THOS. HANSON,

*Hosemen.*—A. HALEY, M. NEWELL, E. ABBOTT, J. LARKIN, F. COLE, DAVID MORRIS, C. GRAHAM, C. PATRICK, A. HANSON. L. EMERY, GEO. VARRIEL.

## PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF COMPANY.

1 Steam Fire Engine, with whipple-tree, yokes, and chains; 1 Hose Carriage, 1 hand pole, 1500 feet of "Paragon" Hose, 500 feet of "Eclipse" Hose, 350 feet of Leather Hose (old), 22 feet suction hose, 5 reducing couplings for hose and hydrants, 20 feet small rubber hose, 2 brass pipes, 5 nozzles, 15 spanner belts, 15 spanners, 2 hydrant spanners, 1 hammer, 2 one gall. oil cans, 1 oiler, 1 shovel, 1 ax, 2 water-pails, 2 stoves with funnel, 1 bench

vise, 19 Beaver Overcoats (old), 2 Elastic pipes, 2 fork wrenches, 1 monkey wrench, 1 fire poker, 1 crow-bar, 1 Jack screw, 2 fire buckets, 2 wall-lamps, 2 torches, 1 wool mat, 1 double globe lantern, 6 rubber valves for pump, 11 valve springs, 2 rubber coats (new).

### EBEN SIMPSON, S. F. E. CO.

Foreman, C. E. HOYT,  
Clerk, T. W. HENEY,  
Engineer, J. ANDERSON,  
Pipemen, F. B. WILLIAMS,

Ass't. JOHN GOODIER,  
Driver H. CHASE,  
Fireman, E. S. GOWEN,  
DANIEL KERWIN,

*Hosemen.*—J. E. GOWEN, EDWARD STACKPOLE, H. JELLISON, F. G. SCOTT, ANSEL UNDERWOOD, MICHAEL FINNEL, J. SPELLMAN, C. H. SKINNER, ALBION SHAW, SAMUEL EVANS.

### PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF COMPANY.

1 Steam Fire Engine, with whipple-tree, yokes, and chains, 1 Hose carriage, 1 hand pole, 1500 feet "Paragon" hose, 500 feet of "Eclipse" hose, 350 feet of leather hose, 22 feet of Suction hose (new), 22 feet of Suction hose (old), 6 reducing couplings for hose and hydrants, 50 feet of small rubber hose, 2 brass pipes, 5 nozzles, 12 spanner belts, 1 hammer, 2 one gall. oil cans, 1 oiler, 1 shovel, 1 ax, 2 water-pails, 2 stoves with funnel, 1 bench vise, 1 monkey wrench, 19 Overcoats (old), 2 rubber overcoats (new), 2 elastic pipes, 20 spanners, 2 torches, 1 fire poker, 2 Hydrant wrenches, 1 hydrant spanner, 2 fire buckets, 1 jack screw, 1 crowbar, 1 wool mat, 6 ladder straps, 1 sett leather plungers, 7 rubber valves, 21 valve springs, 2 double globe lanterns, 1 copper bottomed boiler, (10 gals.).

Hook and Ladder Co. has in charge: 22 Beaver overcoats. I would recommend a re-organization of this part of the Fire Department, with a force of from 12 to 15 men. I would further recommend that they be paid as the other companies are, and placed under the same rules.

### PROPERTY IN CHARGE IN CITY STABLE.

5 horses, 1 hay cutter, 2 sets double harnesses, 2 whips, 1 fork, (old), 3 curry combs, 4 brushes, 1 feed box, 1 pitch-fork, 2 sets of whipple-trees and yokes, 2 brooms, 2 sets lead bars and



chains, 1 hammer, 1 monkey wrench, 1 wheel jack, 1 set sleds, 2 four wheeled dump carts, 2 shovels, 1 coal shovel, 2 water buckets, 2 snow plows.

#### SALARIES.

The regular salaries of members of Fire Department are as follows:

Chief Engineer,	\$200 00
First Assistant Engineer,	60 00
Second Ass't. Engineer and Secretary,	60 00
Two Foremen of S. F. E. Companies each,	50 00
“ Ass't Foremen of S. F. E. Companies, each,	37 00
Two clerks, of S. F. E. companies, each,	42 00
“ Engineers of S. F. E. each	200 00
“ Firemen “ “ “ “ “	75 00
“ Drivers “ “ “ “ “ (per month,)	52 00
Four Pipemen “ “ “ “ “	37 00
Twenty-two Hosemen, each,	20 00
Hook and Ladder Co.,	450 00

The regular salaries of the Fire Department amount to a total of \$450.00.

#### FIRE APPARATUS.

The fire apparatus consists of two second class “Amoskeag Steam Fire Engines” in fair condition.

As the boilers of the engines had never been inspected, it was thought best to employ an inspector to examine them. Accordingly a U. S. Inspector of Boilers was employed to examine them. He made full examination and pronounced them in fair condition.

During the year (Nov. 25th.) the hook and ladder truck with ladders, hook and all the apparatus carried, was burned. A total loss.

The Chief Engineer with the Fire Committee were authorized to procure a new truck with ladders, etc. They have accordingly contracted with Mr. Henry Whitten of this city to furnish hook and ladder truck, with ladders, etc., to be drawn by one or two horses.

#### HORSES.

There are at present five horses in this department. A new horse has been purchased this year to fill the place of one which has become worn out in the service. The old horse is still in the stable but is useless to the fire dept.



## HOUSES.

The buildings of this department (with the exception of the Hook and ladder house) are in good condition. The H. & L. house was badly damaged by fire the past year. Should you deem it proper to build a new house I would recommend that it be built suitable for a Steam Fire Engine. I think it would add to the efficiency of the fire department, if one engine were taken from Washington St., and placed near Elm St. The hook and ladder truck could be placed on Washington St. in the house vacated.

## HOSE.

There have been purchased this year one thousand (1000) feet of cotton hose. Hose now on hand, three thousand (3000) feet Paragon, one thousand feet of Eclipse, and seven hundred feet of leather. A total of four thousand seven hundred (4700) feet.

The leather hose on hand is not reliable but will do for such service as filling reservoirs, &c.

## RESERVOIRS.

Whole number of reservoirs nineteen. No new reservoirs have been built this year. The reservoir on Green street has been newly covered and the one at King's Corner cleaned out and repaired. I would recommend that a new reservoir be built on South street above King's Corner. The water supply is very deficient in that locality and in case of a large fire we should be almost helpless.

Reservoirs are located as follows:

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

No. 12,	Washington street near 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 St. corner of Adams street,
" 4,	York street near Pepperell Counting Room,
" 5,	Washington street near Main street,
" 6,	" " " Alfred "
" 7,	Corner of Main and Lincoln "
" 8,	Lincoln street near Hardy Machine Co.

## FIRES AND ALARMS.

During the year there have been forty-four (44) fires and alarms of fire.

Number of fires,	20
" " alarms from a probable cause,	17
" " false alarms,	7

## FIRES AND ALARMS.

1880.

Feb.	5—12.30 A. M.	Fire in Marble Block, Main St.
"	5—9.30 A. M.	" " Hooper's " " "
"	10—3.45 A. M.	" " Biddeford' House Block Main street,
Mar.	5—9.10 P. M.	False alarm,
"	22—12.25 A. M.	Fire on Everett street, house of Mr. Herring, partial loss; main house saved, somewhat damaged.
"	24—6.45 P. M.	Alarm caused by burning out of chim- ney near B. & M. R. R.
"	24—11.00 P. M.	Fire on Summer St., house of Levi Howe, roof burned.

Apr. 4—8.15 P. M.	Fire on Main street old Meeds Block. No damage.
“ 7—10.10 P. M.	Fire on Pike street, stable of Jos. Eon.
“ 11—3.50 P. M.	Fire on Cottage street, house occupied by G. Marsh. No damage.
“ 13—8.15 P. M.	False alarm.
“ 17—8.30 P. M.	Fire in Traynor House, Laconia street. Damage slight.
“ 25—7.45 P. M.	Alarm caused by fire in woods on Pool street.
“ 26—8.30 P. M.	False alarm.
May 2—10.00 P. M.	Alarm caused by fire out of town.
“ 4—11.30 P. M.	“ “ “ “ “ “ “
“ 7—12.10 A. M.	“ “ “ “ on Boom Road.
“ 8—12.30 A. M.	“ “ “ “ in Saco.
“ 8—8.30 A. M.	Fire at corner of Elm and South Sts. Damage slight.
“ 20—1.30 A. M.	Fire on Hill street, house of Jordan & Bryant. Badly damaged.
“ 25—8.45 P. M.	False alarm.
June 17—9.10 P. M.	Alarm caused by explosion of lamp in Marble Block.
“ 26—12.05 P. M.	Alarm caused by fire in York Co. yard Saco.
July 18—6.30 A. M.	Alarm caused by fire in Saco. Ice-house
“ 25—2.45 A. M.	Fire at Kings Corner, store of Andrews & Co. Roof burned off and end of building damaged.
Aug. 13—10.30 P. M.	False alarm.
“ 17—10.40 P. M.	“ “
“ 25—10. A. M.	Fire in Mosher's Block. No damage.
Sept. 2—9.15 P. M.	Alarm caused by explosion of lamp in Stockman's store, Main street.
“ 2—10.45 P. M.	Alarm caused by fire at Old Orchard.
“ 6—10.40 P. M.	Alarm caused by fire in woods off Pool street.
“ 11—10.45 P. M.	Fire in Benson Bros. store, Alfred St. No damage.
“ 29—7.30 P. M.	False alarm.



Oct.	11---9.45 P. M.	Fire in Saco, Buck's stable and storehouse, Biddeford department all over to fire.
Nov.	9---9.45 A. M.	Fire No. 17 Water street, No damage.
"	9---9.30 P. M.	Fire in store of R. Jordan, Smith's Corner. Damage slight.
"	25---1.30 A. M.	Fire in Hook and ladder house Main St. House badly damaged and Hook and Ladder truck with ladders a total loss.
Dec.	3---5.30 P. M.	Fire on Pearl St., Pepperell cotton house. Saco dept. called over. Fire confined to lower end of building.
"	4---12.30 A. M.	Alarm caused by fire in York yard Saco
"	9---5.45 P. M.	Alarm caused by a slight fire in Harri- gan's Court.
"	25---12.15 A. M.	Alarm caused by fire in Saco, Main St.
1881.		
Jan.	2---1.30 P. M.	Fire at Nos. 64 and 66 Elm St. Dam- age slight.
Jan.	8---6.30 P. M.	Alarm caused by fire in Saco.
Jan.	9---2.15 P. M.	Alarm caused by unjointed stove pipe, Waterboro' Block.

I cannot conclude my report without calling your attention to the inadequate supply of water in case of a large fire. I need not tell you that we *have* many chances for large fires, but will call your attention to a few places such as Alfred St. beginning at Odd Fellows' Block; Corner of Main and Laconia Sts; Main street from Quinby & Sweetsir's Block up, and the large shoe shops on Elm street.

Our Fire Department is not as large as other cities of our size, but until we have a better supply of water I see no use in increasing the number of engines. I would suggest an examination of the "Holly system of Water Works" for your consideration.

There is great difficulty in obtaining water in the winter season in case of fire on Water St. the lower end of Pike street, and High street. White's Wharf, which was formerly used, is unsafe



to drive on. I will leave this matter of a water supply for your consideration and hope it will receive the attention it merits,

In conclusion I would tender my heartfelt thanks to the Mayor and Fire Committee for their hearty co-operation at all times, to the Assistant Engineers, and to *all* members of the Fire Department who have striven to do their duty I would heartily say *thank you !*

In behalf of the Fire Department, I have to thank City Marshal Andrews and his Police force for the valuable aid they have at all times rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. BRYANT,  
Chief Engineer.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### CITY MARSHAL.

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*To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Biddeford.*

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby submit the annual Report of the Police Department under my charge for the years 1880—81.

The Department consists of Marshal, Assistant Marshal, six Patrolmen, two Sunday Police, one Hall Police and thirty-five special officers.

I find the whole number of arrests to be as follows:

Assault and Battery,	48
Larceny,	17
House Breaking,	2
Intoxication,	104
Receiving Stolen Goods,	1
Rape,	1
Keeping open shop Sunday,	1
Selling Goods without License,	3
Single sale of Intoxicating Liquors,	6
Search and seizure Intoxicating Liquors,	20
Vagrants,	3
Violating City Ordinance,	3
Assault on Officers,	2
Malicious Mischief,	1
Breaking and Entering,	10
Fast Driving,	1
Night Walking,	2
Total,	<hr/> 225

Number of lodgers including prisoners under arrest 442.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. ANDREWS,  
City Marshal,

# REPORT

## OF THE

### STREET COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 4.

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

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

#### BRIDGES.

The first and most urgent work was the repair of the Bridges.

BRADURY BRIDGE was very unsafe because of the very rotten condition of one of the trusses on it, and a new one was built and put in place, and another one repaired, and the bridge replanked with two inch stuff without disturbing the travel over it. This Bridge being in such a bad decayed condition it will be absolutely necessary to entirely rebuild it within a year or two.

SPRINGS BRIDGE side walk has also been replanked with two inch stuff and also newly timbered.

GOOCH ISLAND BRIDGE has been replanked on the roadway with two inch plank laid over the old planking, this being thought the best manner to repair this bridge.

MAIN STREET BRIDGE to Factory Island (formerly the Covered Bridge). On this bridge the old covering had become so very rotten it was taken up and replaced with four inch spruce planking.

SOMES BRIDGE. This bridge having become so excessively rotten, it became in my opinion, absolutely necessary to rebuild the portion within the City limits, and the attention of the City Government was called to its condition and they decided to not only rebuild the superstructure but also to put in additional stone

piers in place of some of the wooden ones which had been temporarily built under it between the original stone piers, the old stone ones having been built so far apart that it was not only difficult but unnecessarily expensive to be obliged to get such long stringers as were suitable for it every time it became necessary to rebuild it, therefore the new stone piers were built. It was also found best to raise the grade at the centre of the bridge it having been originally constructed with such a slight grade that water did not run freely off it, thereby causing it to decay much faster than it should. It was accordingly raised about three feet in its centre higher than the old one was at its junction with the Saco line, which will require a similar action on the part of that City, and thereby give both cities a much better bridge than there ever was there before.

This Bridge has been principally reconstructed under the supervision of the Committee on Bridges, but as all the Bridges within this District come under the care of the Street Commissioner of district No. 4, and as it was so absolutely necessary that this Bridge should be rebuilt it is thought proper that I should explain somewhat fully its condition and my reasons for urging its being rebuilt.

It had really become so unsafe that I shut off all team travel from it as soon as I had thoroughly examined it.

#### GRADING AND IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS.

Main street at its end near the Bridge has been graded up in the hollow as high as could be done without doing damage to any of the property there. To do this it became necessary to relay the retaining wall on the easterly side—which had fallen in—to prevent the filling from running down on to the adjoining estates, and a heavy granite wall was laid, it being the only suitable one for the situation.

ALFRED STREET has been repaired by graveling it up between Gould's Hill and Mr. Fogg's residence, and from there to Five Points it was necessary to plough and throw up the side of the road to get it into proper form and then to gravel it, which has been done, and now it is in much better condition for travel than it has been for some years, as all the large rocks in the road bed



have been thus covered up. A hollow, however, remains in the road near Mr. Fogg's house, which should be filled up as soon as practicable.

GRANITE STREET has been gravelled up its entire length from Birch Street to West Street. On a portion of it, beyond the Gravel Pit it was necessary to put in two culverts across the road and then grade it up above them in turnpike form, all the way from Mr. Smith's house to West Street, raising the grade some two and a half feet.

HILL STREET has been gravelled its entire length from Birch Street to Mr. James Andrews' house.

MIDDLE STREET at and near the junction of Acorn Street has been graded by excavating a large amount of ledge which material was used for filling up a hollow part of it between Acorn and Pool Streets.

OAK STREET has also been much improved, a culvert having been put in there on top of the ground in a hollow part of it, and the street graded up over it.

On the extension of BRADBURY STREET, rock has been excavated to the amount of 550 cubic yards and the material used for filling on that and various other streets. This portion of Bradbury street had never had anything done to it previously and has not been passable until now.

FOSS STREET between Summer and Vernon streets was very steep, scarcely passable, and an amount of 1275 cubic yards of rock was taken from it, thus easing the grade so that the street is now very much improved.

That portion of PIKE STREET above Pool street which was laid out and accepted several years since, has been for the first time made passable by the excavation of 225 cubic yards of ledge.

POOL STREET has been graded up in front of Mr. Gove's house, the ledge beyond and near Mr. Bragdon's house has been very much reduced, the hollow at its junction with Nason's Hill street has been graded up about five feet, and a wall adjoining the field on the southerly side of the street, opposite Nason's Hill street, which was nearly in the middle of Pool street, has been removed and the street graded out to its full width.



SPRINGS ISLAND. The road across it had never been built out to its full width and at a narrow place, nearly opposite Mr. Deering's office, where the road was sloping towards the Saw Mill, an accident occurred to a carriage and its occupants, and it was decided to build up a retaining wall at this place on the line of the street which has been done, thus preventing any future accidents at this point from this cause.

THE NEW STREET, not yet named, leading from Elm to Bradbury street, between the residences of Charles J. Wedgwood and James B. Hanson, has been partially graded up.

CROSS WALKS. Four new cross walks have been put in as follows: one at River street, at Smith's Corner; one across Pearl street, lengthwise of Elm street, near the Shoe Factory; one across Elm street to connect with it, and one on Alfred street at the head of Washington street, and also one concrete one on Main street, and the cross walks at the head of Lincoln street and Laconia and Foss streets have been raised and otherwise improved.

All these cross walks except the Concrete one were paved with Granite blocks.

CULVERTS. The stone culverts on Granite street were each forty feet long, and the one on Oak street was forty-five feet long.

CURB-STONES. New curb stones have been set on Alfred, Oak, Sullivan, Pool, Summer, and Chapel streets to the amount of 1165 feet in length, and also a large amount of old curb-stones have been reset in various streets.

#### SEWERS HAVE BEEN LAID AS FOLLOWS:

500	feet	of	15	inch	Cement	pipe	in	Lincoln	street,
300	"	"	15	"	"	"	"	Summer	"
80	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	Smith	"
36	"	"	8	"	"	"	"	Hill	"
38	"	"	8	"	"	"	"	High	"
40	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	Water	"

CESS POOLS have been built at the curb-stones as follows: Six in Main street, four in Lincoln street, and two in Smith street. These have been connected with the main sewers by lateral cement pipes leading from them to the main sewers in the streets, and in all these cases they have relieved the gutters near them.

from places which have been heretofore, I may say, nuisances, because of the puddles of water which have constantly stood in them for days after heavy rains.

**SIDE WALKS.** The past winter, as we all know, has been a very inclement one, much snow having fallen and the side walks have been so badly obstructed that it was not possible to keep them clear from ice, but the snow plow has been put to work immediately on the cessation of the storms and the walks thus put in as good condition as possible, still so much cold weather has caused the walks to be unusually slippery, and therefore it has been necessary to very frequently sand and gravel them to keep them in good traveling condition, and they have been kept in such good order that, fortunately, not an accident has happened to any person by the accumulation of either ice or snow on any one of them.

**PAVING OF GUTTERS ON MAIN STREET.** On the easterly side of Main Street from opposite the Pepperell Counting Room to Laconia Street, the gutter has been paved with small granite blocks, and also the gutter in front of Deering's and Warren's Blocks. Small granite blocks have been used in preference to large ones, because the proper form for the gutter could be better laid with small than with large blocks.

**CLEANING THE STREETS.** The mud has been scraped up and hauled off the business portion of Main, Elm, and Alfred streets, but no gravel has been put on them because it has been found to grind up into mud very quickly, and these streets have been kept in very good order simply by repairing them with granite chips, and it is recommended that they be kept in repair in a similar manner hereafter, the granite chips making less mud than gravel, and lasting much longer.

I have also to thank the Street Committee for the interest which they have taken in behalf of this department, and for the zeal with which they have entered into the investigations of the wants of the department, thereby encouraging the Commissioner in his efforts to do all that which was most conducive to the welfare of the City, in his department.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ALFRED GOODWIN,

Street Commissioner of District No. 4.

Biddeford, March 1st. 1881.

# R E P O R T

## OF THE

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Annual Report of the Pauper Department for the Fiscal year ending January 31, 1881.

Amount appropriated by the City Council	\$9550 00
Amount of credits from other sources	499 57

Total resources,	10049 57
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Expended as follows:

On account of Paupers at City Farm,	3833 09
“ “ “ City Farm for manure,	194 80
“ “ “ “ “ 280 ft. under-ground drain.	84 00
“ “ “ “ “ Repairs on house,	25 00
“ “ “ Building of Water Closets,	25 00
Repairs on Stable,	10 00
Paupers on the street,	4876 78
Prescriptions given by City Physician,	374 57

Total amount of warrants drawn,	9422 99
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Unexpended Balance,	626 58
Amount of warrants drawn,	9422 99
“ “ Credits,	499 57

Leaving the net Pauper expense,	8923 42
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Total number of Paupers assisted for the year 695

“ “ “ “ “ on Farm,	62
“ “ “ “ “ “ Street,	549
“ “ “ “ Sent out of State,	84

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695

The average number of Paupers on the Farm, 52

Buried from the Farm,	6
“ on the Street,	29

Total,	35
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The City Farm for the past year has been superintended by Frank Irish and wife. Their management of the farm house and its inmates has been to the entire satisfaction of the Overseers, Mr. Irish having a faculty of controlling the Paupers without those outbreaks which so often occur among a mixed class of Americans, Irish and French. The house and its inmates are kept clean and in order. The Overseers deem it just to say that in their judgment it would be a difficult task to improve upon this branch of the Pauper Department.

The farm when we took charge of the department we found run down generally, indeed little was in the condition it should be in the hands of a practical farmer.

The work of the previous fall had been neglected. No Fall ploughing had been done but all left to be done in the Spring. This should not be so. It should be the duty of either the Superintendent of the farm or the overseers to see that the farm work is kept up at all seasons of the year. The evident policy has been to run every thing as cheaply as possible by previous Overseers, leaving it to some future Board to improve and put in proper condition.

We have attempted such improvements the past year as the limited amount we could use from our appropriations would allow and have accomplished considerable, but much remains yet to be done. About four acres of intervale land, the finest soil on the farm, was completely overgrown with basket willows, and the land had become worthless. This has been cleared and ploughed and if properly handled will be the finest piece of grass land on the farm.

We have manured and seeded down nine acres of land that had been cultivated for years and was only in condition for a crop of ragweed. We used eight cords of manure to the acre and predict two tons of hay to the acre this year in place of the ragweed. We have top dressed some four acres with street scrapings as an experiment, for we feel confident that it will pay to secure all the scrapings on the most used portions of Alfred, Main, and Elm streets.

The plowing is all done for next season's crop, having between nine and ten acres ploughed with the manure on the land or

conveniently near to be used for planting purposes and we would recommend that the City Government see that there is a small outlay of money each year until the farm is in a paying condition.

The house needs repairs of various kinds, especially some different mode of heating and warming the house. 'This present winter there have been 12 fires run daily and we would recommend that the City Government examine into the matter and see if there is not a more safe and cheaper way of warming the house than the present. And we would further recommend that the City Government take into consideration the propriety of passing an ordinance defining the duties of each overseer, so that there may not be any conflict of authority and it might be thought advisable to adopt the system of Portland or Lewiston.

And we would further recommend that an office be provided for the use of the Overseers, so that Paupers may know where the Overseers can be found at certain hours of the day.

HORACE FORD,  
EDWIN BARDSLEY,  
E. P. PARCHER



# REPORT

## OF THE

### CITY PHYSICIAN.

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*To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:*

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with custom I have the honor to submit to you my report for the municipal year ending Mar. 16, 1881.

I have treated in all eighty-two patients requiring five hundred visits. There have been two births—one at the City Farm and one in the City proper. There have been eight deaths among the patients under my care the past year, six at the City Farm, and two in the City proper. The names and ages are as follows: Joseph Haley, age 76, old age, Apr. 8; Jotham Emery, age 72, Diabetes, Apr. 18; Margaret Whitehead, age 62, May 19, Cancer; Madame Blais, age 50, Apr. 28, Consumption; Mademoiselle Bufort, age 23-4, Typhoid Fever; Mrs. Rickerson, age 80, July 22, Heart disease and dropsy; Geo. Mackey, age 76, Oct. 2, Apoplexy; John Gilman, age about 75, old age, March. There have been no diseases of an epidemic character at the city farm during the last municipal year. In my opinion this freedom from epidemic diseases is due to the excellent sanitary condition in which the farm is kept by the worthy Superintendent, Mr. Frank Irish, and his wife.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED QUINBY, M. D.

City Physician.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### CITY SOLICITOR.

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*To the City Council of the City of Biddeford:*

The greater part of the labor of this office during the past year has been advisory, especially in the earlier part of the year, when there was an entirely new board of officers.

There has been very little litigation for or against the City. Chadbourne vs City and Coker vs City were received as a legacy from the previous administration, and are for damages received near the lower bridge in 1878. They still remain on the Docket and have been continued from term to term of the Court in hopes of a favorable settlement. I should advise that they be settled at once or a trial demanded at the next term of Court.

The case of Elias Clark and others, alleged lessees of City Hall, against the City was entered 'neither party' at the last May term.

The petition of Warren Bryant for increase of damages on account of the location and laying out of the Fortunes Rocks road was settled without litigation.

There have been seven prosecutions of parties for violation of the City Ordinances, all of which have been settled. In August last suit was brought against the City by the Inhabitants of St. George, Knox County, for pauper supplies furnished to one Elizabeth Montgomery and children. There is a good defense to the action and I should advise a vigorous prosecution of the same at the September term of Court, to which time it has been continued. This case and those of Chadbourne and Coker are the only ones in which the City at present is a party.

There has been entrusted to me for collection by the Chairman of the Health Committee quite a number of bills against

different parties for work done by that department upon said parties' premises. I have notified them all of their liability but, with one exception, no attention has been paid to my communications, and I think that the City Solicitor should be instructed by your Honorable Board to collect the same by suit.

The above is an outline of the work done by me the past year, all of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. TATTERSON,  
City Solicitor.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### BOARD OF HEALTH

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

The Board of Health submit the following report of the expenditures of the Health Department for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1881:

Amount appropriated by City Council,	\$300 00
Amount of warrants drawn, this fiscal year,	200 56
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Leaving unexpended,	99 44
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We have placed in the hands of the City Solicitor for collection, bills due the City for abating nuisances to the amount of \$81 54. Deducting this from amount of warrants drawn there remains \$119 02 as the net expenses of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRAUN, M. D.  
FRANK B. TARR,

## ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

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O. H. McIntire, Expenses to Augusta with Insane person,	\$20 75
F. W. Roberts, preparing annual report,	25 00
F. W. Roberts, writing Check Lists,	15 00
F. W. Roberts, recording Births. Deaths, Marriages &c.	15 00
J. B. Pare, assisting Assessors,	2 00
F. M. Burnham, Stationery, Envelopes, Pencils &c,	35 10
Jos. Newcomb, for use of polling place,	5 00
A. H. Jelleson, for use of polling place and damage to same,	6 20
Andrews & Co, for use of polling place,	10 00
J. E. H. Townsend, services in City Clerk's office,	16 25
J. E. H. Townsend, Box to file bills,	2 00
John Hanscom, Printing	46 00
J. H. Shaw, examining walls of Marble Block,	5 00
John A. Tucker, extra labor on School House,	15 00
Maine Insane Hospital,	254 67
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., for Infantry Hall,	11 70
James Slade, services as Civil Engineer,	9 00
Geo. R. Andrews, expense to Augusta with Insane person,	18 50
E. F. Pilsbury, Postage Stamps, Cards, &c.,	37 99
Charles Hersey, 1-2 ton coal for Infantry Hall,	3 50
Owners of Exchange Block,	87 50
State Reform School,	26 00
Saco Water Power Co., Land Rent,	26 25
H. Fairfield, Land damages and costs, by reason of location of road at Newtown,	100 00
York County, Land damage and costs,	137 52
Fred Quinby, examination of Mrs. Hanson for Insanity,	3 50
Stephen Berry, Printing Bonds,	29 00
J. H. Small, Insurance Policy,	7 50



Edwin Campbell, for carrying Check Lists to and from Ward one,	6 00
A. H. Chadbourne, shade trees,	12 00
Will. H. Watson, printing,	1 75
C. H. Parcher, recording Oaths, notifying committees &c.,	17 70
James Slade, services as Civil Engineer,	57 25
H. W. Seavey, helping Civil Engineer,	15 25
B. F. Tarbox 1-2 day's labor on Summer St., School House lot,	63
Wm. H. Gookin, for taking polls and personal property,	15 00
J. F. Goldthwait & Co., Measures and Weights for Sealer,	3 00
S. W. Luques, for legal services in Divorce suit of Chas. Blake and wife,	6 00
John Hanscom, printing,	5 00
“ “ “ Bills for Fire Dept.,	4 00
C. S. Patten, examining accounts,	60 00
P. C. Stone, Binding annual reports,	16 50
Saco & Biddeford Gas Light Co. for Infantry Hall,	2 10
John F. Johnson, To Marshal E. Curtis' and return,	2 00
George A. Hobbs, Printing,	10 50
Oliver Butler, for 500 City Reports as per contract,	125 00
“ “ “ 150 School Reports,	10 00
E. H. Banks, expenses to Portland, negotiating loan,	11 77
A. S. Hamilton, Horse Hire,	23 50
Sheridan Post, G. A. R. for Memorial Day,	200 00
Thomas Judge, for assisting Assessors,	26 00
Onesime Dubois, for assisting Overseers,	3 50
N. W. Kendall, Stationery, Blank Books, &c.,	38 05
John Shevenell assisting Assessors,	11 00
C. H. Andrews, “ “	30 00
Jacob Smith, 1-2 cord wood,	2 50
Prescott Bros., Printing,	49 00
J. O. Lord, Team to Alfred,	3 00
E. F. Pilsbury, Postage Stamps, cards, &c.,	10 00
James Slade, services as Civil Engineer,	36 00
Owners of Exchange Block,	87 50
State Reform School,	32 86

John F. Johnson, labor digging well on Pool Road,	5 00
A. H. Jelleson, Rent of store for polling place and damage to same,	6 50
Fred Quinby, examination of Mrs. Brogan an Insane person,	1 00
C. H. Parcher, making Check Lists,	15 00
Thomas Hill, use of team,	5 50
Nat. Bell Telephone Co. for rent of Telephones,	80 00
O. E. Cote, care and board of Louis Gagne,	40 00
Charles I. Hill, Stationery, Ink, &c.,	17 46
A. L. Ayer, stock and labor in Hearse House and Cemetery,	47 50
C. P. Berry, assisting City Clerk, revising check lists,	8 00
Marshall E. Curtis, building new road as per contract,	300 00
F. J. Goodwin, Insurance Policy,	37 25
Andrew J. Small, Printing,	9 32
O. E. Cote, 2 day's services,	3 00
A. S. Hamilton, for teams for committees,	21 75
N. W. Kendall, for Stationery for Clerk's Office,	14 05
" " " " " " Court Room	8 08
Charles I. Hill, " " " " "	4 45
" " " " " Assessors,	19 70
J. O. Lord, Team for posting Election Warrants,	2 50
Daniel Ross, for cleaning Offices,	28 50
John Thomas, Damage in consequence of building new road at Newtown,	50 00
A. L. Ayer, 22 days' work in Cemetery,	33 00
Prescott Bros. Printing,	47 00
H. J. Tatterson, On acc't of legal services as City Solicitor,	35 00
A. H. Jelleson, use of store for Election,	5 00
Timothy Elliott, Tax Book,	1 75
James E. Carter, for cleaning school house after Election,	2 00
" " " " Making box for filing Bills,	62
Horace Ford, Expense to Augusta for Mrs. Nason,	14 65
Joseph Newcomb, use of Hall for two Elections,	10 00
George Johnson, reboarding Rifle Range,	3 00
Edwin Stone, for Insurance Policies,	41 25

R. P. Tapley, for legal services,	57 00
Benjamin Abbott, for assisting James Slade,	75
George R. Andrews, Posting Election Warrants,	4 00
F. M. Burnham, Stationery,	2 45
S. W. Luques, services in procuring State Pension,	5 00
Stephen Seavey, damage by defective highway,	250 00
Andrew J. Small, Printing,	58 65
C. H. Parcher, Notifying Committees, &c.,	10 30
Hanson & Staples, for Trunk,	4 00
Mary A. Lowell, for damage on acc't of defective side-walk,	100 00
Herbert Milliken, for Ice for Assessors' Office,	4 25
Oscar G. Bemis, for labor and material on Private Way near Hollis Road,	16 50
Andrew J. Small, Printing,	1 50
John H. Small, for Insurance,	40 00
J. N. Anthoine & Son, material for Target Range,	8 86
Maine Insane Hospital,	288 24
Prescott Bros., Printing,	39 99
E. F. Pilsbury, Postal Cards and Stamps,	10 50
J. H. Whitten, posting notices for new Street at Fortunes Rocks,	2 00
C. E. Pilsbury, Broom for Assessors' Office,	25
Charles H. Parcher, Cash paid for Express &c.	6 25
James Slade, services as Civil Engineer,	32 25
C. H. Parcher, notifying Committees, City Gov. &c., Oaths, Births and Marriages,	18 00
Charles H. Robbins, taking out Vault Pipe and storing,	2 00
A. L. Ayer, moving Hearse House and setting out trees,	28 50
N. W. Kendall, Stationery, Blank Books &c.,	11 13
G. A. Hobbs, Printing,	95 25
B. A. Kinison, meals and lodgings furnished destitute people,	5 00
John R. Staples, Digging Well,	70 00
Maine Insane Hospital,	300 53
Geo. R. Andrews, examining City Books and Vouchers,	25 00
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co., for Infantry Hall,	4 80
Geo. R. Andrews, services as Truant Officer,	25 00
C. H. Parcher, on acc't of keeping Mayor's Books,	37 50



Hoyt, Fogg and Donham, 4 copies of Maine Register,	5 00
B. A. Kinison, for serving notices for Health Officers,	2 00
C. H. Parcher, on acc't of keeping Mayor's Books,	112 50
James Slade, services as Civil Engineer,	18 75
J. O. Lord, Team for Street duty,	3 00
E. F. Pilsbury, Postage Stamps, cards &c.,	13 25
E. Chapman, closets for Light Infantry,	60 00
Jesse Gould, obtaining State Pension for Michael Hynes,	5 00
H. J. Tatterson, on acc't of services as City Solicitor,	60 00
Owners of Exchange Block,	87 50
John H. Small, 1 Lithographic Tablet,	3 00
J. A. Stafford, 1 Force Pump and labor at Dudley Block,	5 50
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co., for Infantry Hall,	15 90
John H. Small, Insurance Policy,	7 50
Spofford and Young, for painting in Infantry Hall,	20 70
B. A. Kinison, services as Truant Officer,	25 00
James Slade services as Civil Engineer,	14 50
Saco Water Power Co., Land rent,	39 12
R. W. Randall, extra services as Assessor,	50 00
Geo. O. Burnham, extra services as Assessor,	50 00
John P. Ward, " " " "	50 00
Dennis O'Connor, wood for Assessors 1879,	2 00
C. H. Parcher, recording Oaths, Marriages, Births and Deaths, notifying Com., City Government, &c.	11 80
Daniel Ross, for cleaning in City Building,	16 95
Horace Ford, Expenses to and from Augusta,	15 15
C. H. Parcher, cash paid for Express,	6 88
James E. Carter, Ringing School Bell July 4,	2 00
Prescott Bros., Printing,	19 50
National Bell Telephone Co. talking to Portland,	30
Prescott Bros., Printing,	9 75
J. O. Lord, on acc't of services as Com. on Acc'ts,	17 50
J. H. Whitten, repairs on Hearse,	14 75
J. O. Lord, Team to post Election Warrants,	1 50
" " " " for committee on Rifle Range.	1 00
A. S. Hamilton, teams for committees,	14 50
B. A. Kinison, serving summonses on persons to appear before Board of Aldermen,	5 00



B. A. Kinison, expense to and from Augusta with insane person,	15 65
B. A. Kinison, posting Election Warrants,	4 00
John Hanson, for use of team from June to Sept.,	10 00
C. H. Parcher, notifying committees and special meetings	8 50
James E. Carter, cleaning school house after election,	2 00
Maine Insane Hospital,	279 23
National Bell Telephone Co., for rent of Telephone,	40 00
Daniel Ross, for cleaning Offices, Hall, &c.,	50 85
C. S. Patten, for work on Valuation and Commitment Book,	82 00
C. P. Berry, assisting City Clerk on check list,	10 00
Geo. W. Bryant, expenses to New York, Boston and Portland,	54 20
G. P. Littlefield, expenses to Portland and Boston,	17 00
J. H. Whitten, expenses to and from New York for Fire Department,	38 00
J. H. Whitten, Rent of room for Voting place, 2 Elections,	15 00
State Reform School,	13 00
Owners of Exchange Block,	87 50
Daniel Ross, cleaning Offices,	33 25
Lord & Ross, services rendered in the case of Louis Gagne, an insane person,	16 00
Andrew J. Small, Printing,	10 50
Will H. Watson, Printing Bill Heads,	3 75
Saco Water Power Co., Land Rent,	28 12
Rufus S. McKenney, Back Bounty	100 00
Mary Freeman, Land taken for location of Summer St.,	150 00
George Johnson, services with team hauling Timber for Target Range,	30 00
George Johnson, services on Target Range,	36 87
John Littlefield, labor on New Street,	50 00
Warren C. Bryant, for damage in consequence of New Street at Fortunes Rocks,	55 00
John Littlefield, labor on New Street	49 00
W. H. & L. G. Hanson, Lumber for Target Range,	88 03
Geo. W. Edwards, for injuries received while employed by the city,	100 00

Greenough & Co., for 5 City Directories,	7 50
Alpheus Miller, for 1 qt. Ink,	60
Samuel Tripp and Lyman J. Ayer, for money paid for what proved to be a defective title at a Tax sale Mar. 1, 1876. and Aug. 1, 1877,	54 53
F. W. Roberts, for keeping Mayor's Books,	50 00
John M. Akerly, Posting bills for meeting,	2 00
Thomas Hanson, furnishing meals,	17 18
C. B. Day, furnishing meals to Fire Department,	15 75
F. M. Gove, for services in procuring Overcoats,	10 00
Israel Hill, for services rendered,	55 25
Benj. M. Bradbury, Special Police duty at Reading Room on Alfred Street,	20 00
Lewis Stuart, Assistance rendered City Clerk,	25 00
R. M. Johnson, Horse hire for use of Committee on Streets,	21 25
J. E. H. Townsend, use of Team for Committee on Streets,	25 00
John E. Hill, services in procuring Overcoats,	10 00
J. E. H. Townsend, Storing Tools and Powder while building Union Avenue,	10 00
Samuel F. Parcher, services on Finance Committee,	30 00
James G. Brackett, services as Committee on Streets,	30 00
A. Paré, Assisting City Clerk,	12 00
John M. Akerly, Lumber, Glass, &c.	19 40
Ansel L. Jelleson. Stationery, Ink, &c.,	29 65
John Hanscom, Printing Election Warrants, &c.,	3 50
Daniel Boulter, repairing Guide Board at Five Points,	1 25
F. M. Gove, services on Finance Committee,	30 00
Oliver Butler, Printing,	16 00
John E. Hill, services on Finance Committee,	30 00
John Q. Dennett, Committee work,	30 00
Charles B. Harmon, serving summonses,	7 44

REPORT  
OF THE  
CITY TREASURER.

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

I have the honor to present a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the City Treasurer for the year ending January 31, 1881.

Cash in Treasury February 1, 1880,	\$ 3,332 34
Received from all sources during the year,	242,130 05
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	\$245,462 39

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Total payments for the year,	\$220,287 12
Cash on hand January 31, 1881,	25,175 27
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	245,462 39

Dr. E. H. Banks, Treas., in Account with City of Biddeford.

To Cash balance February 1, 1880,	\$ 3,332 34
“ Rents of City Building,	2,425 81
“ Rents of City Hall,	853 00
“ Fire Department Teams, &c.,	597 50
“ Pauper Department,	499 57
“ General Expense,	31 93
“ Highways District No. 4,	13 00
“ Non-Resident Tax, 1878,	56 50
“ “ “ 1879,	238 50
“ School Houses in District No. 4,	18,600 00
“ School District No. 13,	54 77
“ Tax of 1877, George R. Andrews, Collector,	100 02
“ “ “ 1878, “ “ “	4,157 37
“ “ “ 1879, F. Haines, Collector,	17,003 30
“ “ “ 1880, Timothy Elliott, Collector,	94,882 54
“ State Treasurer, Rent of Armories,	533 34
“ “ “ for State Pensions,	288 00
“ Notes Payable,	50,850 00
“ “ Receivable,	940 00
“ City Bonds,	50,000 00
“ “ Cemetery,	4 00
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	\$245,462 39



# E. H. Banks, Treas., in Account with City of Biddeford, Cr.

Paid Notes Payable,	\$ 66,873 00
“ City Bonds,	28,800 00
“ Pauper Department,	9,474 98
“ Fire Department,	6,989 29
“ Police Department,	5,605 24
“ General Expense,	6,615 55
“ Salaries,	4,584 00
“ Interest,	10,219 56
“ City Building,	1,881 36
“ City Hall,	50 00
“ City Library,	17 50
“ County Treasurer, balance of 1879,	3,201 82
“ “ “ in part for 1880,	2,276 08
“ State Pensions,	108 00
“ Contingent Fund,	2 333 55
“ Health Department,	195 14
“ Sewers and Drains,	2,434 08
“ Sidewalks,	2,608 25
“ Street Lights,	2,688 19
“ Bridges,	6,097 22
“ Reservoirs,	69 75
“ Highways No. 4,	8,393 80
“ “ Ward 7, East Division,	1,029 96
“ “ “ “ West “	384 31
“ “ River Road,	593 99
“ “ Pool,	383 26
“ “ Oak Ridge,	563 39
“ “ Newtown,	319 16
“ Abatement of Taxes,	2,830 87
“ Discount on Taxes,	4,626 53
“ Schools,	19,100 56
“ School Houses in District 4,	18,557 23
“ Non-Resident Tax of 1879;	381 50
“ Cash on hand January 31, 1881,	25,175 27
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	\$245,462 39

## CITY BONDS.

May 1, 1880,	6,	\$ 700 00
July 1, 1881,	6,	31,000 00
Oct. 1, 1884,	6,	2,500 00
May 1, 1885,	6,	41,000 00
July 2, 1887,	5,	20,000 00
May 1, 1895,	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ,	25,000 00
May 1, 1896,	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ,	25,000 00
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		\$145,200 00

6 per cent Bonds,	\$75,200 00
5 per cent Bonds,	20,000 00
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Bonds,	50,000 00
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\$145,200 00	

### RESOURCES.

Cash,	25,175 27	
Due from Tax 1875,	145 60	
“ “ “ 1876,	312 93	
“ “ “ 1878,	79 10	
“ “ “ 1879,	7,648 31	
“ “ “ 1880,	24,548 74	
“ “ State Treasurer,	5,951 21	
“ “ Rents of City Building,	22 50	
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### LIABILITIES.

Bonds,	\$145,200 00	
Notes,	40,650 00	
One-half County Tax,	2,000 00	
State Tax,	28,434 06	
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Net debt of City,		<hr/>
		\$152,400 40

APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1880-81.

DEPARTMENT.	APPROPRIA- TIONS.	RECEIPTS.		TRANSFERR- ED TO OTHER DEPAR'M'TS	TOT'L CRED- ITS & TRANS FERS MADE.	WARRANTS DRAWN INCLUDING INT. AND DISCOUNT ON TAXES.	OVER DRAFTS.	BALANCE UNEXPEND- ED.
		BY TRANSFER	From oth- er Sources					
Bridges,.....	1000 00	99 09	5000 00	.....	6099 09	6099 09	.....	.....
City Building,.....	.....	.....	3271 37	1245 66	2025 71	2025 71	.....	.....
City Library,.....	200 00	.....	.....	181 70	18 30	18 30	.....	.....
Contingent,.....	2000 00	.....	.....	44 66	1955 34	1955 34	.....	.....
Discount on Taxes,.....	4400 00	226 53	.....	.....	4626 53	4626 53	.....	.....
Fire Department,.....	6000 00	176 56	877 50	.....	7054 06	7054 06	.....	.....
General Expense,.....	8000 00	.....	31 43	810 76	7220 67	7220 67	.....	.....
Highway Dist. No. 4,.....	8000 00	435 23	.....	.....	8435 23	8435 23	.....	.....
“ Oak Ridge District,.....	500 00	42 65	.....	.....	542 65	542 65	.....	.....
“ Pool District,.....	350 00	34 08	.....	.....	384 08	384 08	.....	.....
“ River Road District,.....	550 00	31 26	.....	.....	581 26	581 26	.....	.....
“ Ward 7 East Division,.....	800 00	331 57	.....	.....	1131 57	1131 57	.....	.....
“ Ward 7 West Division,.....	450 00	.....	.....	59	449 41	449 41	.....	.....
“ Newtown,.....	200 00	155 81	.....	.....	355 81	355 81	.....	.....
Health Department,.....	300 00	.....	.....	99 44	200 56	200 56	.....	.....
Interest,.....	11000 00	.....	.....	780 44	10219 56	10219 56	.....	.....
Pauper Department,.....	9550 00	.....	499 57	626 58	9422 99	9422 99	.....	.....
Police Department,.....	5000 00	617 54	.....	.....	5617 54	5617 54	.....	.....
Reservoirs,.....	200 00	.....	.....	117 20	82 80	82 80	.....	.....
Salaries,.....	4000 00	741 20	.....	.....	4741 20	4741 20	.....	.....
Sewers and Drains,.....	2000 00	498 69	.....	.....	2498 69	2498 69	.....	.....
Sidewalks,.....	2000 00	325 69	.....	.....	2325 69	2325 69	.....	.....
Street Lights,.....	2000 00	191 13	.....	.....	2191 13	2688 24	497 11	.....
Schools,.....	13500 00	.....	5695 26	.....	19195 26	18429 16	.....	766 10
Total,.....	\$82,000 00	3,907 03	15,375 13	3,907 03	97,375 13	97,106 14	497 11	766 10

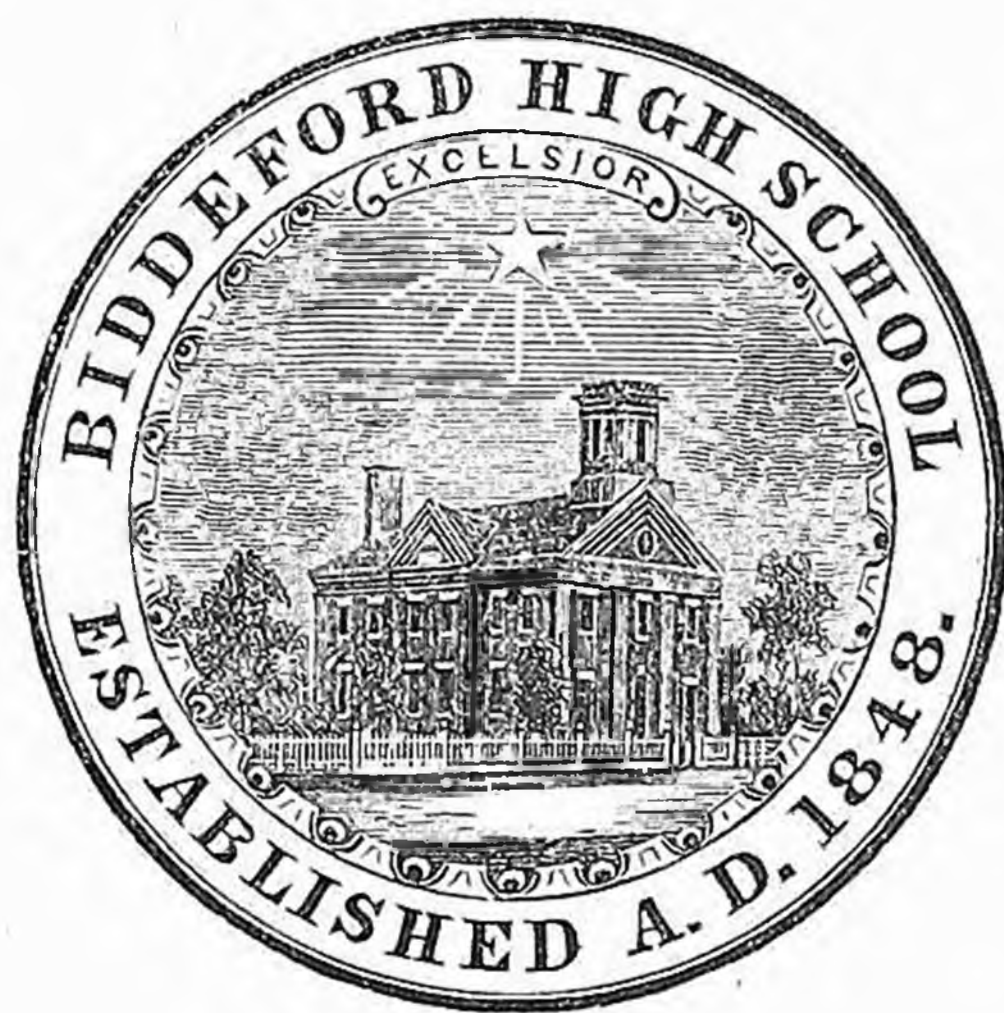
# REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

CITY OF BIDDEFORD,



FOR THE YEAR 1880-1.



# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



NATHANIEL B. WALKER,

JOHN TUCK,

W. W. PRESCOTT.

# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

I have the honor to submit, in behalf of the Superintending School Committee, the following report of the schools of this city, for the year ending February 1, 1881.

At the annual election of municipal officers for 1881, John Tuck having been re-elected, the school board continued unchanged until near the close of the fiscal year, when Enoch F. Pilsbury who had served on the board for nearly three years resigned. The vacancy thus occasioned was filled by the election of William W. Prescott.

During the year there has been an unusual demand upon the time of the committee in the organization of new schools. For several years past the lower grades of schools in many sections of the city have been overcrowded, rendering the work of the teacher much more laborious, besides exerting a baneful influence upon the moral and physical development of the pupils, but we are pleased to report this evil abated and that by means of the erection of two new buildings with a seating capacity for over three hundred pupils, we are provided with sufficient school accommodations to meet the wants of the city for considerable time.

In the organization of these new schools we have been obliged to make a greater or less change of pupils in all the grades in District No. 4 below the High School. This reorganization of schools caused some confusion for a time in the Primary grades, but as the studies in these schools are the same throughout the district, the interruption to the progress of the pupils was comparatively slight.

Besides the break caused by these changes, it was thought advisable to suspend the three schools on Foss Street, Intermediate, First and Second Primary, for some ten days during the Winter term on account of the diphtheria which had broken out in that vicinity, prostrating several of the pupils of those schools. With these exceptions the work of the schools has been carried on through the year without interruption.

In general the progress and discipline of the pupils in the various schools has been quite satisfactory, the work which was done comparing very favorably with that of previous years.

With few exceptions the course of study remains the same, our impression being that a change of studies is not so much to be desired as the imparting to the studies now pursued a more thorough and practical connection with outside business life. Our teachers are very generally active in all that pertains to improvement, and there is existing among them a generous spirit of rivalry which can but operate for the good of the schools.

While it is evident that they are working for success it may be well to inquire how much interest parents are taking in the education of their children. How many of them ever visit the school room to advise and consult with the teacher? The number is very small, it appearing from the teachers' registers that there were but eighty (80) visits by parents and friends during the year. Our teachers and children are certainly deserving of better treatment in this respect, and parents are earnestly invited to make frequent visits to the schools, for their presence can but operate as a factor in making them better.

For information regarding the wants of the individual schools and the work accomplished the past year, reference is made to the various topics of this report.

## STATISTICS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Population of the City of Biddeford,	12,652
Number of School Children in City between 4 & 21,	3,911
“ “ “ “ “ District No. 4,	3,474
“ “ Different Children registered during year,	2,387
Value of school property in City,	\$65 000
“ “ “ “ “ District No. 4,	\$52 000

Amount of money appropriated by City Council for schools,	12,500 00
Amount of money appropriated by City Council for High School,	1,000 00
Received from State, (School Fund,)	1,620 79
“ “ “ (Mill Tax,)	4,074 47
“ “ “ (Free High School,)	250 00
Total,	\$19,445 26

Amount appropriated by City Council in excess of amount required by law,	\$3,478 40
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## TEACHERS SALARIES.

Salary High School Principal,	\$1,200 00
“ “ “ 1st Assistant,	650 00
“ “ “ 2d “	600 00
“ Grammar School Principal,	1,000 00
“ “ “ “	500 00
“ “ “ Assistants,	400 00
“ Intermediate School,	360 00
“ First and Second Primary School,	336 00

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE CORPS OF TEACHERS HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE YEAR.

Mr. Charles Walker from Assistant Summer St. Grammar to Principal Birch St. Grammar.

Miss Jennie Tibbetts, resigned.

“ Esther Hogan, “

“ Mahala Gould, Washington St. Intermediate school re-



moved to Birch St.

Miss May Plumer, from Spruce St. Second Primary to assistant Summer St. Grammar School.

Miss Hattie E. McKenney, from Sullivan St. Second Primary to Birch St. Second Primary.

Miss Fannie M. Hackett, from Sullivan St. First Primary to Spruce St. Second Primary.

Miss Alma F. Brawn, from Spruce St. First Primary to Washington St. First Primary.

Miss Susan C. Smith, school changed from First to Second Primary.

Miss Fannie Lincoln, elected.

“ Laura Foss, elected.

“ Belle Cushman, elected.

“ Abbie Fairfield, “

“ Ida E. Sutherland, “

“ Grace Hill, elected.

#### ENROLLMENT IN GRADED SCHOOLS.

	Spring Term.	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.	No. of Teachers.
High School,	81	73	77	73	3
Grammar Schools,	212	188	205	199	5
Intermediate Schools,	182	181	182	180	5
Second Primary Schools,	284	275	323	368	9
First Primary Schools,	567	614	563	575	12
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Total,	1326	1331	1350	1405	33

#### MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUND.

The Ministerial and School Fund which was many years ago received from the sale of lands granted from the State for ministerial and School purposes now amounts to \$3456.46. Its history and purposes are somewhat obscure and should receive the attention of the city and its income applied to the purposes designed. Of the above sum \$2656 46 is deposited in the Biddeford Savings Bank and \$800 invested in the State of Maine bonds. Several hundred dollars belonging to this fund were lost many years ago by allowing individual notes to become outlawed.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Two new buildings for school purposes have been erected during the past year one on Birch street and one on Bradbury street. The Birch street building is two stories in height and contains beside the wash and dressing rooms four rooms for schools, two on each floor. It is heated by furnaces and is provided with the most improved methods of ventilation. The interior of the building is finished in ash and walnut and the rooms furnished with the best grades of school furniture. The exterior of the building is highly ornamented. With the exception of the new Bradbury street building it is the most thoroughly constructed school building in the city and much the finest in architectural design.

The building was planned so that the two rooms upon the second floor if necessary can be used in the future for the accommodation of a full grade grammar school. At present one of the upper rooms is occupied by a grammar grade formerly comprising a portion of the second and third classes in the Summer and Spruce street grammar schools. The other room upon the same floor is occupied by an intermediate school which was removed from Washington street. Of the other rooms upon the first floor, one is occupied by a recently established second primary school and the other left vacant for the present. On account of the lateness of the season when this building was completed it was found impossible to complete the grading of the lot without extra expense. It is to be hoped that it will not be suffered to remain ungraded as has been the case with the Summer Street school lot.

The building on Bradbury street is one story and contains two rooms with a seating capacity of one hundred and ten pupils and is occupied by two first primary schools, recently organized. This building was constructed in the same manner and furnished with the same means of heating and ventilation as the building on Birch street.

Both were planned to secure the comfort and promote the welfare of pupils as well as to present a creditable appearance, and they stand as monuments indicating the interest and liberality of our citizens in educational matters.

The cost of these buildings including the lots on which they stand was \$18,638 72. The cost of the lot on Birch street was \$2250 and of the lot on Bradbury street \$1500. Of this sum \$18 600 has been raised upon the credit of the district. (No. 4 ) and is to be paid in three equal annual instalments, the first becoming due in 1881. \$2000 of this sum bears an interest of 4 1-2 per cent. and the balance 4 3-4 per cent.

A more than usual amount has been expended in addition to the above, in repairing and changing over school buildings. The house on Foss street has been raised, a large cavity under the building where water collected rendering the premises somewhat unhealthy at certain seasons of the year filled up, the rooms papered and the building painted.

The grammar school house on Summer street has been painted and the small wooden structure which was attached to the Spruce street building taken down and removed to Wentworth street and made into sheds for the accommodation of the schools there. Commodious sheds have also been erected for the accommodation of the schools in Williams Court. By these repairs and changes the school buildings have been placed in a good condition and will necessitate a less expenditure the coming year. The most pressing necessity for improvement and change at present exists in the two first primary school rooms on Washington street, on account of the furnace pipes for the upper rooms, which pass through these rooms, rendering them unsightly in appearance besides preventing good control over the heating and ventilation of the rooms. This evil has already existed too long and some means should be devised to remedy it.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The primary grade, comprising two departments First and Second Primary, is the lowest in the system. In these schools are embraced more than fifty per cent. of all the pupils in the graded schools and considerably less than fifty per cent. of those who register here ever advance to the next or Intermediate grade. For which reason it has been attempted to make the course as thorough and comprehensive as the age and development of the pupil would permit. As now constituted the pupil on completing it has acquired considerable proficiency in Reading, Intel-



lectual Arithmetic, Geography, and Penmanship, having advanced through Appleton's First, Second, Third Reader and through the first third of Appleton's Fourth Reader. In Intellectual Arithmetic, through Eaton's to fifth section; in Monteith's Primary Geography, through geography of United States; in writing they have learned the formation of the letters and apply their knowledge daily in writing exercises in spelling.

The value of the true teacher in this grade is inestimable but it does not arise so much from the degree of knowledge imparted as from her ability to interest and the tact exercised in the discipline and moral training of the pupils under her control. Here more than in the higher grades teachers must have a love for children in order to meet their many and varied demands upon her care and attention. A large portion of the children in this grade are for the first time withdrawn from the oversight and control of the parent and come before the teacher and the school with very little or no knowledge of what is required of them. A person who has no appreciation of their difficulties and no attraction toward them cannot in justice to herself or in the interest of the schools assume the responsible position of their teacher. It is in this grade of schools that the greatest number of changes have occurred during the year but as before stated the effects of the changes are rapidly disappearing and in some instances have entirely disappeared.

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

The only change made in this grade during the year was the removal of Miss Gould's school from Washington street to the new building on Birch street. The course of study requires two years for completion. The studies in reading, intellectual arithmetic, geography begun in the Primaries are continued and one new study, Written Arithmetic, taken up and pursued to Properties and Relations of Numbers. The dropping out of pupils noticed in the Primaries still continues, but has prevailed to an unusual extent the past year, the number of scholars attending these schools being less than the number attending the grammar schools.

Exercises in oral and written composition in connection with the study of some Primary Language Lessons may with profit



be introduced into this grade, and, in fact so far as grammar is concerned the whole

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL

course needs revising. The book now in use treats throughout too largely of technical grammar, and during the three years of study given to it the scholars are confined to the dry and almost fruitless work of analysis and parsing, in the knowledge of which they certainly excel; but evidently, this is not the kind of knowledge which the pupil will make use of most extensively in after years. What they will need can be acquired only by the association of both technical grammar and composition. By spending much time upon analysis and parsing the synthesis of language may be learned incidentally to some extent but skill in practical synthesis or in composing correctly, the real object in the study of grammar, is not gained. This grade, for the reason that over sixty per cent. of those who enter it never go into the High school, is the most important grade in the city. It is here, as the course is at present arranged, that the scholars complete the study of Arithmetic, English Grammar, U. S. History and Geography and at the time of entering the High School, have acquired a good knowledge of common business forms and computation, of the English sentence, of all the leading events in the history of our country, and a familiar acquaintance with the leading geographical features and characteristics of the different countries. One new school of this grade has been formed during the past year by combining a portion of the second and third classes of the Summer and Spruce St. schools. This school was located in the new building on Birch street, and placed in charge of Mr. Walker, formerly assistant in the Summer street grammar school. The vacancy in the Summer Street school was filled by the promotion of Miss Plummer from the Spruce street Second Primary. The studies in these schools extend through three years.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

This school presents to the pupil two courses of study, an English and a Classical course, each extending through four years, but for several years the English course has been practically obsolete, the pupils when making their election choosing

the classical course. By consulting the appended course of studies in this school, the nature and studies of each course may be readily perceived. Considering the advantages offered here for a liberal education in Mathematics, Science and Languages the number of pupils who register, is much too small for a city of the size of ours, the average attendance during the year having been but seventy. It has long been regarded as the duty of this city to maintain a course of study which should be the connecting link between the common schools and the college. There has now grown up a reasonable demand that a course of study should be provided for another class of pupils, and much the larger, preparatory for business and the trades. The former has long been established and should be carefully guarded. The latter may be easily inaugurated without inconvenience by disposing with the "smattering of some studies" now obtained, and by making others now in the course more prominent. In connection with such a course the study of Arithmetic and grammar which are now completed in the grammar schools at an age when the pupil is comparatively young should be taken up and reviewed. In accordance with a resolve of the Legislature the study of the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Maine have been introduced into this school but the book prepared for this work is not of such a character as to awaken in the general student an interest in the subject, and too much work is thrown upon the teacher if anything more than a *technical* compliance with the resolve is *attempted*, or if it should be attempted to teach Civil Government in connection therewith a work similar to Townsend Civil Government would produce much more satisfactory results.

### SUBURBAN DISTRICTS.

There are within the City of Biddeford eleven ungraded district schools with an aggregate school population of four hundred and thirty seven. The greatest number of weeks schooling in any one of these districts was thirty-four, the least number, sixteen, and the average number twenty-five. The amount of money appropriated for these schools was \$2032.85. They have maintained their usual standing, but it would be unreasonable to expect of them the same proficiency that is found in the gra-

ded schools, not from lack of opportunity alone but because of the irregular attendance in them. The present standing could be raised if the same teachers, when successful, were continued in the school for longer periods. Where a new teacher is placed in charge of a school every term, as is the case in some of these districts, much valuable time is lost before she becomes acquainted with the advancement and condition of the various classes. This change of teachers is owing largely to a change of agents, and therefore when an agent is doing well in his office it is folly and against the interests of these schools to make a change.

The school buildings are in very good condition.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

It will be seen from the preceding changes and additional sources of expense and by bearing in mind that teacher's salaries have been raised that the appropriations of last year will be insufficient to meet the demand of this. But we have no reason to doubt but this department of our city will now as in the past receive every necessary assistance by way of appropriations.

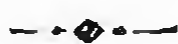
N. B. WALKER,  
For S. S. Committe.



# REPORT

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### PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.



*To the School Committee of the City of Biddeford;*

GENTLEMEN.

The condition of the High School has not varied materially from last report. The daily ranking compares well with former years, but the average attendance is not quite so good. The absence occurs mostly upon stormy days. When there was a fair certainty of one session for stormy days scholars were permitted by parents to be in attendance, now most come but one half day, while many do not come at all. During all of last year (ending June '80) the Principal gave from 30 minutes to an hour to topics suggested by historical days. This was found both beneficial in reviewing history and in obtaining much other valuable matter.

At the commencement of the Fall term, the U. S. Constitution was put into 3 classes, but as no place was made for it in the regular course, it was placed in the Saturday's work. Once a week gives a result disproportionate to the demand of such a subject. Each of these classes has another study upon Saturday besides Composition and Rhetorical exercises once in three weeks on an average. These make too much work for both teachers and scholars for the best results. I respectfully suggest that some change in the course be made so that the Constitution be studied in the regular course, as a daily study for one or more terms. Some changes seem advisable in the time given to Phy-



osophy and Geometry. Each now occupies a year's time. Geology and Astronomy might exchange places as the harder of the two comes during the two short terms of the year. Some change in the time given to Latin also seems desirable. A thought is suggested by the question, what is a High School? It is the climax in our school system. As the H. S. is supported and cherished so the whole system is kept in working order. Every Primary teacher knows that the Intermediate determines her amount of work and gives the incentive to scholarship. The Grammar fixes the standard for the Intermediate. The High does the same for the Grammar. Elevate the head and the other grades come up. Reduce it and the others are depressed. The work is downward in influence but upward in scholarship.

Each grade has its especial work, but because of an occasional slip it is not to be condemned. Each should fit every scholar for the next grade, but occasionally a scholar slips through and the High must add to its own grade a part of all those below.—spelling, arithmetic, grammar &c., while the scholar has become used to all this slipping and feels like doing no more than he pleases. Yet the High is held responsible for all—its own and those below, so far as the lower contributes to its work. No grade is practical *per se*. Each is and must be primarily disciplinary. Yet each grade and study whether in Primary, Intermediate, Grammar or High may be made practical when it conserves an end in life or business. Arithmetic is practical to the accountant, Grammar to the speaker, Latin to the teacher and student of Language, Geometry to the Architect Trigonometry to the surveyor and science, Algebra to the same, and so on through the course. Very few parents know what they want their children to become, or can determine what the child's especial fitness is. Besides, the changes that come of maturity and fortune are beyond the ken of any man. If the child be educated one way, he may turn another. A thorough course of mental discipline then is adapted to most cases. What the High is to the city schools, the College is to the High School.

High schools that have trimmed their sails to the College fitting course are ranked higher than others. Ours fits directly for

College. Many other schools fit but by extra and outside work. The College gives the incentive to the classics. The sciences need an incentive too, that they may keep pace with other branches. The classics require little beside the books and a good teacher, while the sciences need a good supply of *room, time for experiments and a well assorted apparatus*. The development of scientific knowledge is so much greater and modern methods of study are so much improved that the old ways of 50 or 25 years since fail to meet the wants of the day, or hold the sciences in their proper places. A number of High Schools are putting in expensive apparatus and special teachers and are recognizing the necessity of better work and the amount of time the teacher needs in the work. But this costs money, yet without it classics and book studies will override. Your serious attention is called to this matter. Especially in a city where so many and so large industries constitute the leading occupations.

The last class graduated 3 in College course and 13 in Classical course. The honors were bestowed upon the highest ranking Miss. Berry valedictorian, Miss Georgie Staples, Salutatorian, Miss Hill, Prophetess and Miss Emerson historian.

The whole number registered 114. Whole number in attendance each term respectively, 81, 73, 77, 73. Average, 74 1-4, 69 1-2, 72 1-2, 64 1-2,

## TABLE OF ATTENDANCE AND RANK.

NAMES.	Attendance.	Days	Department.	Scholarship.	NAMES.	Attendance.	Days	Department.	Scholarship.
GRADUATES.					Bryant, Millie D.	63	9	98	9 72
Berry, Livie G.	84	10	9	99	Bowker, Abbie B.	85	10	9	40
Carter, Walter W.	84	9	89	9 07	Boston, Alice A.	40	10	9	30
Cushman, Belle	82	9	99	9 70	Chadbourne, Annie B.	184	9	96	9 91
Chick, Hattie F.	75	9	99	8 95	Dow, Ella L.	140	10	9	69
Emerson, Helen M.	84	10	9	95	Fuller, Fannie A.	185	9	98	9 90
Hatch, Emma R.	85	9	45	9 95	Ford, Frank	77	1-2	9	80 6 75
Hill, Mary H.	82	1	2	10 9 96	Goodwin, Octave J.	172	9	94	9 83
Horigan, Cornelius	74	8	85	9 0	Huff, Alice A.	185	1-2	9	96 9 92
Ingersoll, Minnie S.	85	9	97	9 84	Hill, Jennie B.	188	9	72	9 88
Kelley, Mamie E.	80	9	96	9 80	Hanson, Eugene	82	9	98	9 35
Lincoln, Fannie F.	85	10	9	94	Leavitt, Sophia S.	188	9	96	9 90
McKenney, Carrie E.	82	9	8	19	Leonard, Michael	134	9	61	9 10
Morton, Cora E.	85	10	9	40	Moore, Alice M.	84	10	9	75
Ricker, Fred K.	65	8	8	65	Libby, Rose E.	126	1-2	9	9 33
Staples, Georgia H.	85	10	9	98	Milliken, Harry E.	182	9	71	9 79
Sutherland, Ida	84	1-2	9	88 9 85	Murphy, Timothy	183	9	96	9 82
*Tripp, Chas. A.	79	1-2	7	40 7 90	Morton, Charles O.	43	9	9	8 90
SENIOR CLASS.					Smith, Susie C.	75	9	96	9 30
Banks, Nellie W.	182	9	80	9 90	Stimpson, Mattie F.	184	1-2	10	9 98
Blackstone, Edwin	137	1-2	9	12 9 22	Whitten, George S.	82	1	2	9 90 9 85
Baker, Emma	178	1-2	9	71 9 24	Webster, Frank A.	184	1-2	9	93 9 85
Cole, Sallie P.	185	1-2	9	99 9 97	West, Winfield C.	55	9	97	9 60
Day, Annie R.	181	1-2	10	9 96	York, Ellen B.	135	10	8	73
Green, Bion	188	1-2	10	9 99	Harper, Mary W.	55	10	9	80
Littlefield, Bertha	181	8	86	9 91	SUB-JUNIOR CLASS.				
Staples, Lillie A.	165	9	99	9 69	Bond, Cora	72	1-2	10	9 98
Thomson, Edwin L.	144	9	91	9 70	Bacon, Susie E.	98	1-2	9	99 8 30
Tucker, Hattie W.	184	1-2	9	99 9 96	Buckley, Dennis	97	1-2	10	9 83
Welch, Susie E.	183	1-2	9	63 9 85	Burnham, Atherton	105	9	99	9 94
†Gooch, Roland E.	66	9	89	7 62	Bragdon, Emma L.	101	1-2	10	9 92
SUB-SENIOR CLASS.					Cook, Eugene E.	94	1-2	10	9 78
‡Brackett, Inez S.	153	9	92	9 80	Cleaves, Adams	97	8	9	85
Burnham, Harry H.	182	1-2	9	84 9 64	Cleaves, Ben. F.	85	8	99	9 67
Cole, Emma E.	154	1-2	9	97 9 61	Emery, Georgia	104	9	99	9 96
Chadwick, Nellie S.	190	9	95	9 94	Fenderson, Hattie E.	97	1-2	10	9 93
Campbell, Ellen	55	10	9	31	Foss, Alice M.	105	10	9	98
‡Donovan, Maggie	40	10	9	53	Foss, Lizzie E.	105	10	9	97
Fairfield, Minnie W.	119	10	9	91	Fogg, John S.	102	1-2	9	99 9 88
Goodwin, Emma W.	152	1-2	9	96 9 64	Gordon, S. Belle	105	9	99	9 99
Horigan, Michael	42	1-2	9	00 9 10	Goodier, Annie	105	10	9	99
Littlefield, Sadie C.	190	9	99	9 96	Hooper, Alice	98	1	2	10 9 94
Lunt, Clara A.	189	1-2	9	99 9 96	Pierce, W. Leslie	50	9	90	8 50
Lunt, M. Captolia	190	9	35	9 59	Kerns, John P.	89	1-2	9	97 9 88
Mitchell, Abbie H.	83	1-2	9	94 9 51	Littlefield, A.	104	1-2	9	95 8 50
Meeds, Hattie Z.	187	9	99	9 91	Moody, Mabel	55	9	99	9 75
Morris, Bessie E.	180	1-2	9	96 9 88	Mernan, Thomas	61	8	95	7 50
Milliken, Willie	168	10	9	63	Morton, Willie	99	9	70	8 95
Murphy, Patrick M.	81	1-2	9	20 9 40	Newcomb, Blanche	86	1-2	10	9 92
McKenney, Carlos H.	179	1-2	9	96 9 74	Pilsbury, Emma	105	9	99	9 97
†Mason, Fred. M.	186	9	70	9 46	Read, Estelle	105	10	9	98
Newcomb, Angie P.	176	1-2	9	96 9 82	Ricker, Edith E.	102	1-2	10	9 90
‡Pilsbury, L. Mamie	172	1-2	9	99 9 93	Staples, Albertina	103	1-2	10	9 99
‡Rich, Fannie P.	183	1-2	9	90 9 74	Staples, Roceltha M.	103	1-2	10	9 99
Staples, Harry L.	63	1-2	9	40 9 15	Smith, Albion M.	102	9	95	9 71
Woodman, Ida E.	181	1-2	9	99 9 96	Skinner, Evelyn	101	9	99	9 92
Witham, Hattie L.	42	9	91	9 30	Stone, Edward C.	102	9	99	9 94
JUNIOR CLASS.					Squires, Winnie	92	1-2	10	9 95
Adams, Alton D.	171	1-2	9	95 9 39	Tripp, Mabel	73	10	9	99
					Pike, Annie	33	9	95	8 20

NOTE. \* Did not graduate. † Special course. ‡ Only two studies. α Work behind.  
 ‡ Died in course.



# BIDDEFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

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## ENGLISH COURSE OF STUDY.

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### SUB-JUNIOR, OR FOURTH CLASS.

TERM.

I.	Algebra, Phys. Geog. and Map Drawing,	Nat. History.
II.	“ “ “ “ “	“ “
III.	“ English Language,	Physiology.
IV.	“ “ “	“

### JUNIOR, OR THIRD CLASS.

I.	Geometry,	Nat. Philosophy,	English History.
II.	“	“ “	“ “
III.	“	“ “	Rhetoric.
IV.	“	“ “	“

### SUB-SENIOR, OR SECOND CLASS.

I.	Trigonometry,	Chemistry,	Eng. Literature.
II.	“	“	“ “
III.	French,*	Botany,	“ “
IV.	“ *	“	American Authors.

### SENIOR, OR FIRST CLASS.

I.	French,*	Astronomy,	Political Economy.
II.	“ *	“	“ “
III.	“ *	Geology,	Mental Philosophy.
IV.	“ *	“	“ “

\*Optional with some study of the other course.

GENERAL EXERCISES. — Elocution, Composition. Book-Keeping, Spelling, Declamation, Select Readings, during the course.

## CLASSICAL AND COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE.

### SUB-JUNIOR, OR FOURTH CLASS.

I.	Algebra, Phys. Geog. and Map Drawing,	Nat. History.
II.	“ “ “ “ “	“ “
III.	“ Latin	Physiology.
IV.	“ “	“



## JUNIOR, OR THIRD CLASS.

I.	Geometry,	Nat. Philosophy,	Cæsar.
II.	"	" "	"
III.	" Greek or	" "	"
IV.	" "	" "	"

## SUB-SENIOR, OR SECOND CLASS.

I.	Ancient Geography,	Anabasis or Chemistry,	Cicero.
II.	" "	" "	"
III.	Latin Prose,	Anabasis or Botany,	"
IV.	"	" "	"

## SENIOR, OR FIRST CLASS.

I.	Ancient History,	Anabasis or Astronomy,	Virgil.
II.	" "	" "	"
III.	Reviews,	Iliad or Geology,	"
IV.	"	" "	"

GENERAL EXERCISES. — Elocution, Composition, Book-Keeping, Spelling, Declamation, Select Readings, during the course.

## NAMES OF TEACHERS.

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### HIGH SCHOOL.

W. O. Fletcher, principal.

Augusta Burbank, assistant.

Olive Moulton, assistant.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Thomas H. Emery, principal Summer street Grammar School.

Royal E. Gould, principal Spruce street Grammar School.

Charles Walker, principal Birch street Grammar School.

Lizzie S. Knights, assistant, Spruce street Grammar School.

Mary F. Plummer, assistant, Summer street Grammar School.

### INTERMEDIATE.

Sophia Tarbox, Spruce street.

Susie L. D. Emerson, Sullivan street.

M. E. Gould, Birch street.

Fannie E. Cowan, Washington street.

Ella Lunt, Foss street.

### SECOND PRIMARY.

Kate C. Chadbourne, Foss street.

Mrs. Annette Hooper, Wentworth street.

Belle P. Morris, Washington street.

Hattie E. McKenney, Birch street.

Ida F. Porter, Sullivan street.

Ida Sutherland, Sullivan street.

Fannie M. Hackett, Spruce street.

Susan C. Smith, Williams court.

## FIRST PRIMARY.

Ella Small, Williams court.  
Henrietta H. Lunt, Foss street.  
Mrs. Martha Kinsley, Washington street.  
Lizzie Tarbox, Sullivan street.  
Ellen M. Goodwin, Sullivan street.  
Abbie Fairfield, Sullivan street.  
Alma F. Brawn, Washington street.  
Mrs. Cora B. Smith, Spruce street.  
Grace Hill, Pool street.  
Laura Foss, Wentworth street.  
Belle Cushman, Bradbury street.  
Fannie F. Lincoln, Bradbury street.

## UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Kezia Emery, Morrill School.

# NOTICE.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,  
CITY OF BIDDEFORD, April, 1881. }

Persons having claims against the City should carefully note the name of the individual who orders the articles or service, and should inquire to what department the charge should be made.

When there are charges made to different departments, separate bills must be made, including only charges belonging to each department. What these are, may be readily seen by reference to the foregoing accounts.

Unless this is done, the claimant will be put to the trouble of making out his account the second time.

The claimant should then have the bill approved by the person who authorized the charge, and then presented to the City Clerk.

All bills thus prepared and delivered to the City Clerk, will be laid before the Committee on Accounts, who meet on

Wednesday Evening of Each Week,  
at 7½ o'clock.

Bills not thus prepared and delivered will lay over one week.

CHARLES H. PARCHER,  
*City Clerk.*