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ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31ST, 1883.



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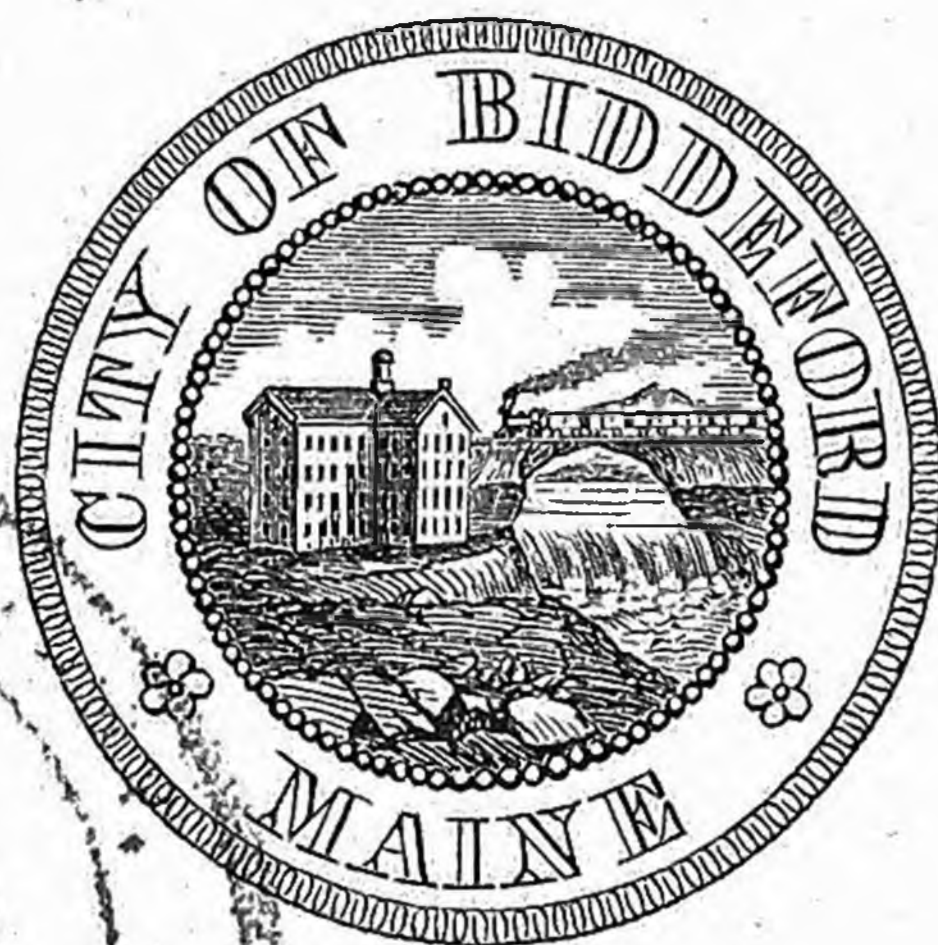
City of Bidddeford,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1883,

TOGETHER WITH THE

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE MAYOR,

HON. EDWARD W. STAPLES.



★ BIDDEFORD :

W. G. & S. J. STEAM JOB PRINT.

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# CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

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*In Board of Aldermen, March 19, 1883.*

ORDERED :

That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to have printed for distribution five hundred copies of Annual Reports of 1882.

*In Board of Aldermen, March 19, 1883.*

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

Attest : CHARLES H. PARCHER, CITY CLERK.

*In Common Council, March 19, 1883.*

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest : FRANK B. EMERY, CLERK.



# MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND OF THE COMMON COUNCIL :

We come together this morning to organize the municipal government for the ensuing year. Our fellow-citizens will look to us to see that the laws securing individual rights, as well as the good order of the city, are administered in a manner to accomplish the object and end for which they were made.

Let us endeavor to execute this trust with a conscientious purpose so to perform our duties, as to meet the reasonable demands of our citizens.

I now call your attention to the finances of our city, as the Treasurer's books show Jan. 31st, 1883 :

LIABILITIES.	
6 per cent. City Bonds,	\$43,500 00
5   "   "   "   "	20,000 00
4 1-2   "   "   "	50,000 00
4       "   "   "	50,000 00
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	\$163,500 00
Notes outstanding against the City,	\$41,325 00
County Tax, (half),	3,000 00
State   "       "	26,478 14
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Making a total of	\$234,303 14

## RESOURCES.

Cash on hand,	\$16,139 58
Due from Tax of 1875,	145 60
“ “ 1876,	312 92
“ “ 1878,	35 80
“ “ 1879,	198 31
“ “ 1880,	2,013 91
“ “ 1881,	10,095 69
“ “ 1882,	27,762 89
Due from State Treasurer,	6,666 48
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	\$63,371 18

Liabilities,	\$234,303 14
Resources,	63,371 18

Debt Jan. 31st, 1883,	<hr/> \$170,931 96
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There has been paid out by the Treasurer since Jan 31, 1883, and up to March 14, 1883, \$10,812.43, making our city debt March 14, 1883, \$181,744.39. The above statement shows an increase of the city debt the past year of \$15,494.93. If there should be more old bills come in, it will increase the debt still more. I understand we are paying six per cent. interest on the notes outstanding against the city. I recommend the issue of four per cent. bonds, enough in amount to pay all notes now due. The bonds outstanding are as follows:

\$ 2,500, 6 per cent., payable	Oct. 1, 1884.
41,000, “ “ “	May 1, 1885.
20,000, 5 “ “	July 2, 1887.
25,000, 4 1-2 “ “	May 1, 1895.
25,000, “ “ “	May 1, 1900.
25,000, 4 “ “	July 1, 1897.
25,000, 4 “ “	July 1, 1901.
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\$163,500	

## STREETS AND SEWERS.

I would recommend that Main street be paved from the corner of Alfred to the west side of Washington street. I also recommend that Main street be widened between Franklin street and Exchange block. Your attention will be called to other improvements in the future, as I see the best interest of our city demands. I would recommend that the sewer on Alfred street, now extended to Birch street, be continued to a point that the committee may recommend in the near future.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

No department of our municipal affairs stands charged with more responsible duties than the Fire Department. All property holders look to it for protection against destructive conflagrations. Its best recommendation is, that it has always been equal to the emergency. Every consideration of duty to ourselves and fellow citizens, should prompt us to see that the engines, and all other property of this important department, are kept in perfect order for instant use. Whether its brave men who not infrequently risk their lives to save our property, are sufficiently paid, is a subject to which I direct your attention. In this connection, I suggest another topic, deserving, in my judgment, your most thoughtful consideration. All observing men are aware that there are standing upon Main street many aged buildings, which we all hope, on account of the growth and prosperity of our city, as well as the public spirit and enterprise of their owners, must soon give place to new structures. Shall they be replaced by frame buildings? No thoughtful citizen would favor it. The time has come when the city should prohibit by a duly enacted ordinance, the erection of any more frame buildings on Main street between Elm street and the river, and I most earnestly recommend the early passage of such an ordinance.

## POLICE.

Our force last year consisted of a Chief Marshal, Assistant Marshal, and five Patrolmen. I will not now recommend an increase of the force, but I believe our laws should be enforced three hundred and sixty-five days in the year, and if seven men



cannot enforce them, I shall recommend an increase of the force.

#### SCHOOLS.

I recommend to the City Council to appropriate whatever sum is necessary for the maintenance of the schools on a liberal basis, after which our responsibility for them ceases.

#### CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY.

Town of St. George vs. City of Biddeford. Plaintiff claims pay for the support of pauper which they say belongs to the city of Biddeford. This case has had trial, and verdict rendered for plaintiff. Exceptions filed. Also, Town of St. George vs. City of Biddeford. This case is brought to recover amount paid out for same family, since verdict was rendered, up to date of suit.

Dolby vs. City of Biddeford. Suit brought to recover damages for injury sustained on account of defective sidewalk near the bridge on Main street.

Minnie Bond vs. City of Biddeford. For injury sustained by the Bradbury bridge in 1881.

Dr. Brawn vs. City of Biddeford. Suit brought to recover payment for services and other charges about \$300.

In the cases of Cousens vs. City, and Scott vs. Alfred Goodwin, Street Com., City obtained verdicts in both cases, in January last. I understand exceptions have been filed in both cases.

Other departments which are not mentioned in this address, will soon be fully reported and brought to your notice.

In conclusion, gentlemen, permit me to add that the success of the ensuing year depends largely upon the manner in which the committees of the different departments perform their duties.

EDWARD W. STAPLES.



GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
CITY OF BIDDEFORD,  
1883-4.

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MAYOR,  
HON. EDWARD W. STAPLES.

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*CITY CLERK,*  
EDGAR A. HUBBARD.

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*TREASURER,*  
OSTINELLI F. PAGE.

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*COLLECTOR,*  
RICHARD M. JOHNSON.

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*ALDERMEN,*  
WARD 1, JOEL L. ROBERTS.  
“ 2, JAMES S. DUDLEY,  
“ 3, LUCIUS H. KENDALL.  
“ 4, GEORGE EMERY.  
“ 5, FRANK S. WARREN.  
“ 6, NAPOLEON B. OSGOOD.  
“ 7, JAMES HUNT, JR.

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*COMMON COUNCILMEN.*

FRANK J. SMITH, - - - PRESIDENT.

SAMUEL F. PARCHER, - - CLERK.

WARD 1, DANIEL M. TARBOX.

“ DAVID B. LEGALLE.

“ DANIEL T. FOSS.

“ 2, EDGAR R. CLARK.

“ THOMAS O'NEIL.

“ NARCISSE THIVIERGE.

“ 3, ALBERT G. LUNT.

“ WILLIAM LUMB.

“ WALDO E. BRIDGES.

“ 4, WARREN J. CONLAN.

“ SILAS M. EMERSON.

“ JOSEPH CARTIER.

“ 5, FRANK J. SMITH.

“ FRED J. GRANT.

“ GEORGE MARCILLE.

“ 6, ROWLAND HILL.

“ GEORGE F. GOODWIN.

“ JEREMIAH HORIGAN.

“ 7, ELMORE A. GILPATRICK.

“ JOSEPH DEARBORN.

“ MAURICE H. WHELAN.

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*WARD OFFICERS.*

*WARDENS.*

WARD 1, GEORGE K. BURNHAM.

“ 2, EDWIN STUART.

“ 3, GEORGE F. ELLIS.

“ 4, JAMES F. WORMWOOD.

“ 5, NATHAN F. SAWYER.

“ 6, FREDERICK E. TATE.

“ 7, ASA M. SEAVEY.

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*WARD CLERKS.*

WARD 1, WILLIS ROBERTS.  
“ 2, FRANK C. NOYES.  
“ 3, ALONZO R. SMALL.  
“ 4, LEONARD P. ANDREWS.  
“ 5, JOSEPH HENEY.  
“ 6, ALONZO F. HALEY.  
“ 7, CLARK WAKEFIELD.

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*CONSTABLES.*

WARD 1, ELROY DAVIS.  
“ 2, THOMAS DONOVAN.  
“ 3, JOHN J. TRAYNOR.  
“ 4, WILLIAM H. GOODRICH.  
“ 5, CHARLES C. KELLEY.  
“ 6, SAMUEL A. DOLLIFF.  
“ 7, ABIJAH TARBOX.

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*JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT.*  
CHARLES W. ROSS.

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*RECORDER OF MUNICIPAL COURT.*  
JESSE GOULD.

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*CITY SOLICITOR.*  
NATHANIEL B. WALKER.

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*CITY PHYSICIAN.*  
ROSCOE G. MILLIKEN.

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*ASSESSORS.*  
CARLOS HEARD.  
JOHN T. SMITH.  
TRISTRAM GOLDTHWAIT, JR.

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*OVERSEERS OF POOR.*  
OTIS T. GAREY.  
PAUL V. LABONTE.  
JOHN H. COSGROVE.



*HEALTH OFFICERS.*

JAMES O. EATON.

FERDINAND BERNIER.

MARK WAKEFIELD.

*ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.*

WILLIAM BOSTON, CHIEF ENGINEER.

CHARLES E. HOYT, 1st Ass't ENGINEER.

JAMES BEAUMONT, 2nd Ass't ENGINEER.

*SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND AGENTS.*

DENNIS MURPHY.

GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH.

GEORGE R. ANDREWS.

CHARLES A. MOODY.

NATHAN W. KENDALL.

CHARLES E. HUSSEY.

SAMUEL F. PARCHER.

ORIN H. STAPLES.

CALEB J. EMERY.

*COMMISSIONERS OF STREETS AND ROADS.*

HIGHWAY DIST. No. 4,

JAMES A. STROUT.

POOL DIST.

IRVING H. TARBOX.

OAK RIDGE DIST.

JOHN H. BENSON.

FORTUNES ROCKS DIST.

JOSHUA H. TARBOX.

RIVER ROAD DIST.

WASHBURN T. EMERSON.

NEWTOWN DIST.

SYLVESTER TARBOX.

WARD 7, EASTERN DIV.

CHARLES H. ANDREWS.

" " WESTERN DIV.

MILLARD HILL.

*HARBOR MASTER.*

DANIEL GOLDTHWAIT.

*SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.*

GEORGE SCOTT.

*SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS.*

HERBERT JELLESON.

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*CITY MARSHAL.*  
CHARLES B. HARMON.

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*REGULAR POLICEMEN.*

LEWIS STUART.                      GEORGE W. HARRIMAN.  
ALEXANDER VELANDRE.      CHARLES C. KELLEY.  
THOMAS DONOVAN.              ELROY DAVIS.

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*SPECIAL POLICEMEN.*

Leonard Andrews, 2nd.	Irving W. Mason.
Henry Carroll.	James E. Carter.
Joseph W. Brooks.	James Hickey.
John M. Ackerly.	Nozive Velleux.
David Kerwin.	Jeremiah Donovan.
Thomas Cullen.	Frank Emerson.
John Dennis.	Antoine Lauziervé.
Sylvester Kerwin.	Thomas P. Warren.
Noël Velandre.	Fred E. Tate.
John F. Harris.	John W. Tarr.
James Harvey.	George E. Haley.
Israel Velandre.	Alpheus T. West.
John Nason.	Joseph Beatty.
Frank Buswell.	Oliver H. McIntire.
James M. Laffam.	Herbert E. Brooks.
Isaac Beatty.	

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*FENCE VIEWERS.*

John H. Hussey.	Jesse I. Wadlin.
Albus R. Witham.	Josiah Drew.
James H. Robbins.	Charles Davis.
George I. Goldthwait.	John R. Lowell.
Henry Goldthwait.	

# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

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## *On Finance.*

The Mayor,	Councilman David B. Legalle,
Alderman James Hunt, Jr.,	“ Rowland Hill,
	“ George Marcille.

## *Accounts.*

Alderman Frank S. Warren,	Councilman Frank J. Smith,
	“ Rowland Hill.

## *Public Property.*

The Mayor,	Councilman Joseph Cartier,
Alderman James S. Dudley,	“ Fred J. Grant,
	“ Maurice H. Whelan.

## *Public Instruction and City Library.*

The Mayor,	Councilman Edgar R. Clark,
Alderman Napoleon B. Osgood,	“ Silas M. Emerson,
	“ Warren J. Conlan.

## *Fire Department.*

The Mayor,	Councilman Edgar R. Clark,
Alderman James Hunt, Jr.	“ George F. Goodwin,
“ Frank S. Warren,	“ Narcisse Thivierge.

## *Printing.*

Alderman L. Harvey Kendall,	Councilman George Marcille,
	“ Thomas O'Neil,
	“ Joseph Dearborn.

## *Poor.*

The Mayor,	Councilman Joseph Dearborn,
Alderman Joel L. Roberts.	“ Jeremiah Horigan,
“ Napoleon B. Osgood,	“ William Lumb.



The Mayor,  
Councilman Albert G. Lunt,  
“ Daniel T. Foss.

The Mayor,	Councilman Elmore A Gilpatrick,
Alderman Frank S. Warren,	“ Daniel M. Tarbox,
“ James S. Dudley.	“ Frank J. Smith,
	“ Thomas O’Neil.

## On Police.

The Mayor,  
Alderman Joel L. Roberts,  
“ James Hunt, Jr.

Alderman Frank S. Warren,  
 “ George Emery,  
 “ James S. Dudley.

The Mayor, Alderman N. B. Osgood,  
“ Frank S. Warren.

Alderman James Hunt, Jr.,  
 “ George Emery,  
 “ James S. Dudley.

## On Elections and Returns

Councilman Edgar R. Clark,  
 “ Waldo E. Bridges,  
 “ George F. Goodwin.

Councilman David B. Legalle,  
 “ Warren J. Conlan,  
 “ Narcisse Thivierge.

# REPORT

OF THE

## STREET COMMISSIONER,

### DISTRICT No. 4.

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

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the usual custom I submit a statement of the work done under my direction as Street Commissioner for Dist. No. 4 during the past year.

When I took charge of the streets, as is usual the case in the spring, they were in bad condition. State street was hardly passable ; it has been graded and gravelled from Cutts to South street ; in addition to this Prospect, Myrtle, Porter, and many more streets all through the district have been gravelled. Main street from near the end of Water street to the bridge has been graded up, filling the hollow about three feet. Acorn street has been improved by blasting near Hill street, and the material was used to build a street from Hill to Summer street. A new street from Alfred to Prospect street has been built.

#### WALL.

Four hundred and thirty feet of retaining wall has been erected on the new street leading to the City Farm.

#### SIDEWALKS.

The sidewalks have been improved in many parts of the district, and new ones built, and curb-stones have been set on James, South, Adams and Maple streets. In addition to this a large number of curb-stones have been reset. Also a large amount of brick paving has been done on Main street.

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CROSS-WALKS.

Five cross walks have been laid, three of granite and two of concrete.

## SEWERS AND DRAINS.

In Lincoln street 480 feet of fifteen inch pipe has been laid. In the street leading from Main to the river 200 feet of ten inch pipe has been laid. In Elm street near Mr. Taylor's residence 80 feet of six inch pipe has been laid. In Alfred street 400 feet of twenty-two inch brick drain has been laid. Many of the old sewers have been opened and cleaned out, they being nearly full.

## BRIDGES.

Spring's bridge was in bad condition, the stringers being rotten, two new ones having to be put in, and repaired generally, and newly planked. Gooch Island bridge and the bridge at the lower end of Main street will require to be replanked next year.

I have also to thank the Street Committee for the interest which they have taken in behalf of this department.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ABNER McDONALD,

Street Commissioner of District No. 4.

Biddeford, March 17th, 1883.



# 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 requirements of Section 5 of the ordinance establishing and maintaining a Fire Department, I herewith present a report of the condition of the department, together with a list of fires and alarms, membership and other matters appertaining to the same for the municipal year ending January 31st, 1883.

### FORCE.

The force of the department consists of a Chief Engineer, two Ass't Engineers, two Steam Fire Engine Companies of fifteen (15) men each, and one Hook and Ladder Company of thirteen (13) men. The department is officered and manned as follows:

CHIEF ENGINEER, MILLARD A. HALLETT.

1st Ass't, MELVILLE SMITH.

2nd Ass't, SAMUEL W. HUBBARD.

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

Foreman, HENRY W. GOODWIN, Assistant, ALBERT B. HANSON.

Clerk, DAVID ELLIOTT, Engineer, GEORGE W. BRYANT.

Fireman, JOSEPH HENEY, Driver, JAMES EMERSON.

*Hosemen.*—ERASTUS ABBOTT, FRED COLE, DANA GOODRICH, JAS. W. WADLEIGH, JAMES LARKIN, WM. M. NEWELL, CHAS. O. PATRICK, SAMUEL GREEN, CHAS. E. HOYT.

## EBEN SIMPSON S. F. E. COMPANY, No. 2.

Foreman, CLARENCE M. WATSON, Assistant, JOHN GOODIER,  
Clerk, THOMAS W. HENEY, Engineer, JOHN ANDERSON,  
Fireman, ERWIN S. GOWEN, Driver, CHAS. A. LIBBY.

*Hosemen.*—EDWARD STACKPOLE, ALBION P. SHAW, WM. R. HUBBARD, H. J. GOODWIN, WILLIAM SNOW, ANSEL UNDERWOOD, JOHN DEAN, ABRAM KAY, FRED M. IRISH.

## WELCOME HOOK &amp; LADDER COMPANY No. 1.

Foreman, JOHN WHITE, Assistant, EDWIN M. PIPER,  
Clerk, WILLIAM D. BOSTON. Driver, JAMES E. GOWEN.

*Laddermen.*—JOHN DOYLE, DANIEL KERWIN, FRANK DOYLE, DANIEL C. CHAPMAN, MICHAEL ROMEO, SAMUEL ASHFORD, HERBERT COLTSON.

## APPARATUS.

The fire apparatus belonging to this department consists of two second class "Amoskeag" Fire Engines and one Hook and Ladder truck.

Soon after the organization of the City Council for the year 1882, the Mayor with the Committee on Fire Department made an inspection of the department apparatus, and they decided that it would be necessary for the proper protection of the city that the steamer "Richard Vines" should be thoroughly overhauled and the old boiler replaced by a new one. Correspondence was opened with several repair companies, but the proposition of "The La France Fire Engine Co." at Elmira, New York, in the judgment of the committee, was the most favorable, and the machine was sent to that place, where the necessary repairs were made and one of the Company's "Patent Nest Tube Boilers" put on in place of the old one. After the return of the engine to this city it was taken out and given a public trial which proved perfectly satisfactory to the Committee. To cover the expense of these repairs the City Council made a special appropriation of fourteen hundred dollars. This steamer is now in first-class condition and a credit to the city.

The steamer "Eben Simpson" has now been in active service for fourteen years, and during that time has done a large

amount of fire duty. This engine should also be sent to the repair shop at an early date, as it is of the utmost importance that the fire apparatus should be reliable.

The "Welcome" Hook and Ladder truck is in good condition and barring all accidents will need no repairs for some time to come.

#### *HOUSES.*

The houses belonging to this department are in a bad condition and they reflect no credit upon the city. New houses should be built of a more modern pattern and fitted up with the conveniences which are actually necessary for the use for which they are intended. Extensive repairs will have to be made the coming year upon the present houses.

#### *HORSES.*

There are four horses belonging to the Fire Department. As they are now matched they are not suitable for the duty which they are called upon to perform and should be exchanged for new horses while they are worth something.

#### *HOSE.*

During the past year one thousand (1000) feet of Paragon hose was purchased, making now in the department five thousand (5,000) feet,—four thousand (4,000) Paragon and one thousand (1,000) Eclipse. The six hundred (600) feet of leather hose which was on hand at the beginning of the year was disposed of as it was of no use to the department. No new hose will have to be purchased the coming year.

#### *HYDRANTS AND RESERVOIRS.*

No new hydrants or reservoirs have been put in during the year. Early in the summer the reservoir on Alfred street, near the house of John Murphy, caved in and it became necessary to rebuild the same. The reservoir on South street has been new timbered and planked, and the one on Hill street repaired. The reservoirs on Washington and Franklin streets having become partly filled up and dangerous to public travel have been closed up, there being no actual need of them in that part of the city as there is a good hydrant supply of water.



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*FIRES AND ALARMS.*

Feb. 17, 1882, 7.20 P. M.,

Slight fire in house of M. J. Ayer on Centre street. No water put on by department.

Feb. 18, 8.30 P. M.,

Fire in house of Joel Roberts on Pool road. No water to be procured. Buildings destroyed.

Feb. 22, 8.05 P. M.,

Fire in cellar of Carter's shoe shop in Hooper's block, Main street. No damage to stock.

March 5, 2.25 A. M.,

Alarm caused by fire in Saco.

March 7, 8.50 P. M.,

Alarm from Saco.

March 26, 4.50 P. M.,

False alarm.

March 28, 11.10 P. M.,

Fire in Mrs. Cook's millinery store in the City Building. Loss \$1,900.

April 6, 7.20 A. M.,

Slight fire in Exchange block. No damage.

April 6, 11.00 A. M.,

Fire in house of Gurney heirs, on Alfred street. Slight damage.

April 7, 1.20 P. M.,

Fire in house occupied by "Dr." Ross, in rear of City Building, on South street. No water used by department.

April 7, 8.45 P. M.,

Alarm from Saco.

April 13, 2.15 A. M.,

Fire in house owned by Jordan & Bryant, in Shaw's Court, Alfred street. Loss, \$300. Incendiary.

April 25, 11.25 A. M.,

False alarm.

May 2, 8.25, P. M.,

Alarm caused by burning out of chimney, corner of Washington and Alfred streets.

June 22, 4.10 P. M.,

Fire in picker of York Corporation. Biddeford department called over and put on water.

June 27, 2.10 A. M.,

Alarm from Saco.

July 12, 3.00 A. M.,

Fire on Hollis road in house of Fred S. Jelleson. No alarm. Loss \$1,000.

July 14, 11.00 P. M.,

Fire in pipe shop of Laconia Co. Damage slight. No water used by department.

Aug. 13, 1.05 P. M.,

Fire in house of Lawrence Brodigan on Gooch street, caused by defect in chimney. Loss \$300. Adjoining building slightly damaged.

Aug. 25, 5.15 P. M.,

Alarm from Saco.

Aug. 31, 1.10 A. M.,

Alarm from Saco, caused by the burning of the "Brunswick" and "Pleasant" houses at Old Orchard. Department not out.

Oct. 26, 12.20 P. M.,

Alarm caused by slight fire in Lord's block, Alfred street. No damage. No water used by department.

Oct. 28, 4.05 P. M.,

Fire in Charles Hurd's stable, Gooch street. Slight damage.

Nov. 6, 9.30 A. M.,

Alarm caused by the receival of a dispatch from Portland asking aid. Responded to by sending the steamer "Eben Simpson."

Nov. 27, 4.25 A. M.,

Fire in J. O. Lord's stable, Main street. Destroyed. Adjoining building occupied by Michael Conlan and owned by Jordan & Bryant also consumed.

Dec. 7, 10.35 A. M.,

Slight fire in Laconia block. No. 3. No water used by department. Damage slight.

Dec. 19, 5.15 P. M.,

Slight fire in paint shop of Water Power Co. No damage.

No water used by department.

Whole number of fires and alarms 27.

#### CONCLUSION.

The past year has been a fortunate one for the city in regard to fires as none have occurred where the loss has been very large, consequently the department has not suffered much from the wear and tear of its apparatus, which is all in good condition with the exception of the steamer "Eben Simpson." Your immediate attention should be given to the subject of putting this machine in a perfectly reliable condition at as early a date as possible, as it is of great importance that the fire apparatus should be kept in good condition, and it is a duty that you owe to the citizens of this city to see that everything is done that lies in your power that they may be protected from the ravages of fire. There are many places in the city, where if a fire should break out it would require the united force of both cities to hold in check, and should one of our steamers give out a large amount of property would be placed in danger.

The attention of your honorable body is also called to the inadequate water supply. While some parts of the city are well supplied, there are others that are entirely destitute of a reliable supply of water for fire duty. The attention of the City Council has been called to this matter year after year in former reports of Chief Engineers, and the reading of them was the last attention ever given to the subject.

The force of the department, although small, numbering only forty-six, is in good working order and has always responded promptly whenever called upon.

In closing my report I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Mayor, Committee on Fire Department, Assistant Engineers, members of the different companies, and to all who have assisted me in carrying out the work of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLARD A. HALLETT,

Chief Engineer.

Biddeford, Feb. 21, 1883.



# REPORT

## OF THE

# CITY SOLICITOR.

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*To the Honorable City Council:*

I have the honor herewith to submit my report as City Solicitor for the official year 1882-3.

Actions pending for and against the city at the commencement of my term of office :

Sarah E. Cousens v. Biddeford, for damages alleged to have been received at Mile brook, on Elm street. This action was tried at the January term of S. J. C., held at Saco, resulting in a verdict for the City. Exceptions and motion for new trial was filed by plaintiff, and the case is now pending, marked "Law."

Mary J. Scott et al. v. Alfred Goodwin, for alleged trespass in removing the fence in front of their house on South street. Mr. Goodwin was Street Commissioner at the time and removed the fence by order of City Council, the city claiming that the fence was within the limits of the street. This case was also tried at the January term of S. J. C., resulting in a verdict for the city. Exceptions and motion for new trial was filed by plaintiff, and the case is now pending marked "Law."

Inhabitants of St. George v. Biddeford. Tried at Rockland in Dec. 1881, and taken to the Law Court on exceptions, where it is still pending.

Biddeford v. James B. Roberts, same v. Julia A. Gurney, same v. Frances M. Rumery. These actions were brought by my predecessor in the S. J. C., "for the purpose of compelling defendants to reimburse the city for money expended by it in

abating nuisances upon their premises.” The Roberts suit I understand has been settled by the Health Committee. The Gurney suit has been settled by entry “neither party,” upon payment of twenty dollars by the defendant. The Rumery suit is now pending.

State v. Biddeford. Indictment for defective highway (Pike street). By agreement with County Attorney this case was to have been dismissed the last term of S. J. C., without cost to the city, but on account of sickness he was unable to attend Court the last week of the term, so the case had to go over to the next term, when I have no doubt it will be dismissed on the same terms.

Actions commenced since my official term, viz :

Charles W. Ross v. Biddeford. This was a special action on the case for injuries received on Elm street caused by the workmen of the Boston & Maine railroad company leaving a large stone on the side walk. I notified the R. R. Co. of the pendency of the suit, and requested the company to assume the defence, which it did, and settled the case with Mr. Ross, and last term of Court the suit was entered “neither party.”

Minnie Bond v. Biddeford, for personal injuries alleged to have been received by the falling of Bradbury bridge, on Elm street, in 1881. The case is now pending in S. J. C.

Addison Brawn v. Biddeford. Assumpsit for services alleged to have been rendered in 1881, attending small pox patients ; now pending.

Frank H. Cousens v. Biddeford, for damages alleged to have been received at Mile Brook bridge, on Elm street. This action was settled at last term of S. J. C., by entry “neither party.”

Rhoda Dolby and husband v. Biddeford. Special action on the case for injuries received on Main street near the site of the old covered bridge. I understand the injury to Mrs. Dolby was caused by the owner of the block, (Michael Bolin,) placing steps and leaving stones on the sidewalk within the limits of the street. This suit is now pending.

I have carefully investigated all the cases now pending for and against the city, and am satisfied that their final determination, (if prosecuted and defended,) will result in favor of

the city. The Mayor, Hon. E. E. Clark, has been indefatigable in his endeavors to adjust and compromise all cases now pending, at the same time protecting the rights of the city, and having failed to perfect a settlement he has been equally as persevering in enforcing and protecting these rights, spending a great deal of time taken from his own business in these endeavors. I am under many personal obligations to him for his aid and assistance rendered me in the discharge of my official duties.

I have attended to the various duties assigned me by the city ordinances and City Council, and I have in the Municipal Court prosecuted all criminal cases at the request of any citizen of Biddeford in addition to the requests of the police. I have also advised the different departments of the city government when requested upon all matters arising in the execution of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. HAMILTON, 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 for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1883:

Amount appropriated by City Council,	\$2,500 00
Amount received from other sources,	463 36
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Total,	\$2,963 36
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$2,963 36

We wish to call your attention to the Warrant Book, in which you will find that over \$2,000 of this amount was drawn to pay outstanding bills contracted before the present Board came into power.

At the commencement of the year we received from our predecessors a case of small pox, which was soon followed by two more cases. During the year there have been nine cases in all, five of which have been treated at the Hospital and four at their homes, none of which have proved fatal.

We have built a carriage house on the Hospital grounds and have fenced in the lot.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. DAVIS.

E. STAPLES.

# REPORT

OF THE

## CITY MARSHAL.

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*To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of Biddeford:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit to you herewith my annual report, showing briefly the condition of my department, and a synopsis of the work done by it during the year ending Jan. 31, 1883.

The department consists of a Marshal and six regular Police officers; the special force consists of fifty men, two being on duty each Sabbath, and one as officer of the Hall.

The whole number of arrests for the year were 206, for the following causes:

Intoxication,	99
Larceny,	36
Assault and battery,	22
Cruelty to animals,	15
Truants,	19
Vagrancy,	3
Breaking and entering,	6
Robbery,	3
Violation of city ordinance,	2
Indecent exposure of person,	1
Total,	<hr/> 206

Three hundred and three calls have been answered by the department, also one hundred and eighty-nine disturbances have been quelled by the timely arrival of the officers; also, a

large number of truant children have been sent to school; the number of lodgings provided at our station-house during the year has been three hundred and forty-one, which, with two hundred and six prisoners make a total of five hundred and forty-seven persons in our care during that period. Would it not be economy for our city, and county as well, to establish a work-house here, where all tramps could be sheltered and given something to eat in the morning, for which they should be required to render an equivalent in some kind of work?

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to his Honor the Mayor, and to the members of the City Government, for the courtesy extended to me on all occasions, and to Judge Ross for kindness shown while transacting business before the Court; and finally I desire to express my thanks to the Police force for the prompt and faithful manner in which they have performed their duties during the year, thereby assisting me to enforce the statutes of the State and the ordinances of the city.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY ELLIOTT,  
City Marshal.



# REPORT

OF THE

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Overseers of the Poor submit the following as their report of the pauper department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1883:

Amount appropriated by City Council,	\$8,000 00
Amount overdrawn,	1,857 84
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Total expense less credits,	\$9,857 84
Amount expended on account of City Farm, \$5,865 48	
Less credits from produce sold,	938 48
Net expense of City Farm,	<hr/> \$4,927 00
Amount expended away from Farm,	\$5,145 20
Less credits from other towns,	214 36
Net expense away from Farm,	<hr/> \$4,930 84
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Net total expense,	\$9,857 84

The average number of inmates at the Farm has been 59, an increase of 10 over last year.

There remains unsold of hay and produce about \$600 worth.

The City Farm has been under the superintendence of Ly-sander Emmons and wife, and the manner in which they have attended to their duties has been to the entire satisfaction of the Overseers. As much labor has been performed by the paupers at the Farm as could be expected considering their age and health.

Although the past season was unfavorable, on account of

dryness, for the raising of large crops, we were so fortunate as to harvest one of the best crops ever raised on the Farm.

The Farm is in a good state of cultivation, excepting the pasture. The pasture is overgrown with running juniper to a great extent, and should be cleared, plowed up and seeded down. We have the past season cleared some fifteen acres and plowed two acres of the same. The buildings are neither large enough or suitably arranged, and will at least need some repairs. The house should be enlarged and remodeled, as there is not a suitable room for cooking purposes, neither are there any rooms suitable for hospital uses, consequently the sick and crippled are distributed all over the house. The interests of the city as well as the comfort of the unfortunate paupers call for a change in the house.

Should the hay crop be as good next season as the last the barn will either have to be enlarged or a new barn built.

HORACE FORD,	}	OVERSEERS
J. W. FAIRFIELD,		OF THE
J. O. ROSS,		POOR.

# REPORT

OF THE

## CITY PHYSICIAN.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to herewith submit to you my annual report for the year ending March 19, 1883:

During the past year I have had 47 cases at the City Farm and 329 cases in the city proper. Have treated in all 1,160 visits. Have had two births, one at City Farm and one on Main street. Most of the cases treated were suffering from obstinate affections of the digestive system. There have been no continued fevers, which is almost miraculous, considering the horrible lack of sanitary regulations. A radical improvement in sewerage and vault systems is imperatively demanded. It would be money well invested if the city fathers would secure the services of a competent sanitary engineer to suggest and superintend these improvements. Another thing which demands immediate attention, is utter lack of accommodation for the sick at the City Farm. At present the house is so overcrowded that both the sick and the well are herded together like cattle, in small, low-studded, and illy-ventilated rooms. For humanity's sake, if for nothing else, this should be at once remedied. A hospital of at least two stories in height is absolutely necessary. The first might be utilized as a kitchen, and the second should be divided into a male and female ward. Each ward should be under the care of an experienced nurse.

We have been again visited with that scourge, small pox, but by prompt and decided action on the part of the Board of Health and myself its extensive spread was prevented. In this



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connection I would recommend that compulsory vaccination be insisted on, and that no child be allowed to become a pupil in any of the public schools without having been previously vaccinated.

In conclusion, gentlemen, accept my hearty thanks for your many favors during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED QUINBY, City Physician.

# APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1882-3.

## BRIDGES.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$1,214 61
Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Rec'd by transfer from Highway Dist. 4,	196 38	
“ “ Sidewalks,	18 23	
	<hr/>	\$1,214 61

## CITY BUILDING.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$9,351 82
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00	
Rec'd by rent of Stores, &c.,	2,770 73	
“ “ City Hall,	1,353 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,123 73
Overdrawn,	2,228 09	
	<hr/>	\$9,351 82

## DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Amount paid as per Treasurer's book,		\$4,887 82
Appropriation,	\$4,000 00	
Overdrawn,	887 82	
	<hr/>	\$4,887 82

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$6,682 70
Appropriation,	\$6,000 00	
Rec'd by sale of old Hose,	69 28	
“ transfer from General Expense,	424 36	
“ “ Library,	189 06	
	<hr/>	\$6,682 70

*GENERAL EXPENSE.*

Appropriation,	\$8,000 00	
Credits as per Treasurer's book,	614 19	
	<u>          </u>	\$8,614 19
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$8,189 83	
Unexpended and transferred to Fire Dept.,	424 36	
	<u>          </u>	\$8,614 19

*INTEREST.*

Amount paid as per Treasurer's book,		\$10,345 12
Appropriation,	\$10,000 00	
Overdrawn,	345 12	
	<u>          </u>	\$10,345 12

*HIGHWAYS DISTRICT NO. 4.*

Appropriation,		\$7,000 00
Unexpended and transferred to Bridges,	\$196 38	
“ “ Reservoirs,	30 76	
Expended by warrants drawn,	6,772 86	
	<u>          </u>	\$7,000 00

*HIGHWAYS, OAK RIDGE DISTRICT.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$362 07
Appropriation,	\$250 00	
Overdrawn,	112 07	
	<u>          </u>	\$362 07

*HIGHWAYS, NEWTOWN DISTRICT.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$370 42
Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Overdrawn,	170 42	
	<u>          </u>	\$370 42

*HIGHWAYS, POOL DISTRICT.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$934 96
Appropriation,	\$350 00	
Overdrawn,	584 96	
	<u>          </u>	\$934 96

*HIGHWAYS. RIVER ROAD DISTRICT.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$1,074 66
Appropriation,	\$550 00	
Overdrawn,	524 66	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,074 66



*HIGHWAYS, FORTUNES' ROCKS DISTRICT.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$349 74
Appropriation,	\$250 00	
Overdrawn,	\$99 74	
	<hr/>	\$349 74

*HIGHWAYS, WARD 7, EASTERN DIVISION.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$1,251 52
Appropriation,	\$800 00	
Overdrawn,	451 52	
	<hr/>	\$1,251 52

*HIGHWAYS, WARD 7, WESTERN DIVISION.*

Appropriation,		\$450 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$405 35	
Unexpended and transferred to Reservoirs,	44 65	
	<hr/>	\$450 00

*PAUPER DEPARTMENT.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$11,795 58
Appropriation,	8,000 00	
Received from Highway District No. 4,	\$28 00	
"    "    Health Department,	23 10	
"    "    Products of Farm,	972 01	
"    by transfer from Contingent,	1,216 93	
"    "    "    Library,	10 94	
Overdrawn,	1,544 60	
	<hr/>	\$11,795 58

*POLICE DEPARTMENT.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$6,153 83
Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Overdrawn,	1,153 83	
	<hr/>	\$6,153 83

*RESERVOIRS.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$429 80
Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Rec'd by transfer from Highway Dist. 4,	30 76	
"    "    "    Ward 7, W. Div.,	44 65	
"    "    "    Contingent,	54 39	
	<hr/>	\$429 80

*SEWERS AND DRAINS.*

Appropriation,	\$2,000 00	
Credits as per Treasurer's book,	11 20	
	<hr/>	\$2,011 20
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$866 86	
Unexpended, transf'd to Alfred St. Sewer,	1,144 34	
	<hr/>	\$2,011 20

*SIDEWALKS.*

Appropriation,	\$2,000 00	
Credits as per Treasurer's book,	23 17	
	<hr/>	\$2,023 17
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$1,979 44	
Unexpended, transf'd to Alfred St. Sewer,	25 50	
"    "    Bridges,	18 23	
	<hr/>	\$2,023 17

*SALARIES.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$8,042 11
Appropriation,	\$4,000 00	
Overdrawn,	4,042 11	
	<hr/>	\$8,042 11

*HEALTH DEPARTMENT.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$2,963 36
Appropriation,	\$2,500 00	
Overdrawn,	463 36	
	<hr/>	\$2,963 36

*STREET LIGHTS.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$3,219 05
Appropriation,	\$2,500 00	
Overdrawn,	719 05	
	<hr/>	\$3,219 05

*CONTINGENT FUND.*

Appropriation,		\$2,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$728 68	
Unexpended, transferred to Reservoirs,	54 39	
"    "    Pauper Dept.,	1,216 93	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00

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*CITY LIBRARY.*

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Uxexpended, transferred to Fire Dept.,	189 06	
"                "                Pauper Dept.,	10 94	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

*ALFRED STREET SEWER.*

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$2,169 84
Appropriation,	1,000 00	
Rec'd by transfer from Sewers and Drains,	1,144 34	
"                "                "    Sidewalks,	25 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,169 84

*REPAIRS ON STEAM FIRE ENGINE.*

Appropriation,	\$1,400 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$1,400 00



REPORT  
OF THE  
CITY TREASURER.

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

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of this department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1883:

Cash in the treasury, Feb. 1, 1882,	\$25,573 35	
Received from all sources,	202,794 66	
	<hr/>	\$228,368 01
Total payments during the year,	\$212,228 43	
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1883,	16,139 58	
	<hr/>	\$228,368 01

E. H. BANKS, Treasurer.

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E. H. BANKS, TREASURER,  
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

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	RECEIVED.	PAID.
City Building,	\$2,770 73	\$ 9,351 52
City Hall,	1,353 00	
Pauper Department,	1,011 11	11,785 97
Police       “		6,100 11
Fire         “	69 28	6,688 22
General Expense,	614 19	8,428 15
Interest,		10,345 12
Salaries,		6,900 46
Health,		2,794 64
Street Lights,		3,276 80
Contingent Fund,		837 68
Highways, Dist. 4,		6,808 52
“     Newtown,		411 47
“     River Road,		1,092 41
“     Pool,		905 77
“     Oak Ridge,		361 22
“     Fortunes Rocks,		349 27
“     Ward 7, West Division,		452 99
“     Ward 7, East     “		1097 70
Reservoirs,		427 44
School Houses in Dist. 4,	6,505 05	7,150 34
Schools, Dist. 1,	3 00	304 88
“     “     2,	48 07	257 09
“     “     3,		283 30
“     “     4,	250 00	16,799 32
“     “     6,		305 36
“     “     7,		129 25
“     “     8,		391 17
“     “     9,		107 25
“     “    10,		255 30
“     “    11,		84 75
“     “    12,		121 82
“     “    13,	56 81	115 00
“     “    8, Kennebunkport,		21 51
Notes,	67,400 00	61,000 00

	RECEIVED.	PAID.
State Pensions,	252 00	252 00
Tax of 1882,	99,208 34	
“ 1881,	15,453 86.	
“ 1880,	1,015 24	
“ 1879,	650 00	
“ 1878,	43 30	
Non-Resident Tax, 1880,	105 00	
“ “ “ 1881,	287 60	504 47
Repairs of Steamer,		1,400 00
Abatements of Tax, 1881,		250 87
“ “ 1882,		28 50
“ “ 1880,		126 20
“ “ 1879,		344 00
Sewers and Drains,	11 20	1,172 62
Sidewalks,	23 17	1,889 56
Bridges,		1,214 61
County Tax,		5,585 79
State Treasurer,	5,643 71	26,730 14
City Cemetery,	20 00	
Alfred St. Sewer,		2,100 05
Discount on Tax of 1882,		4,887 82
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1882,	25,573 35	
Cash on hand, Jan 31, 1883,		16,139 58
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	\$228,368 01	\$228,368 01



## CITY BONDS.

Due October 1, 1884, 6 per cent.,	\$ 2,500	
Due May 1, 1885, 6 per cent.,	41,000	
Due July 2, 1887, 5 per cent.,	20,000	
Due May 1, 1895, 4 1-2 per cent.,	25,000	
Due May 1, 1900, 4 1-2 per cent.,	25,000	
Due July 1, 1897, 4 per cent.,	25,000	
Due July 1, 1901, 4 per cent.,	25,000	
	<hr/>	\$163,500
6 per cent. Bonds,	\$43,500	
5 per cent. Bonds,	20,000	
4 1-2 per cent. Bonds,	50,000	
4 per cent. Bonds,	50,000	
	<hr/>	\$163,500

## LIABILITIES.

City Bonds,	\$163,500 00	
City Notes,	41,325 00	
County Tax, (half)	3,000 00	
State Tax,	26,478 14	
	<hr/>	\$234,303 14

## RESOURCES.

Cash February 1, 1883,	\$16,139 58	
Due from Tax of 1875,	145 60	
Due from Tax of 1876,	312 92	
Due from Tax of 1878,	35 80	
Due from Tax of 1879,	198 31	
Due from Tax of 1880,	2,013 91	
Due from Tax of 1881,	10,095 69	
Due from Tax of 1882,	27,762 89	
Due from State Treasurer,	6,666 48	
	<hr/>	\$63,371 18
Liabilities,	\$234,303 14	
Resources,	63,371 18	
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Net Debt,	\$170,931 96	

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CITY NOTES OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 1, 1883.

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No.	AMOUNT.	No.	AMOUNT.
705	\$ 300	781	\$1000
712	1500	782	1000
721	2000	784	500
724	2000	787	425
726	1050	788	500
731	300	789	600
733	400	791	500
735	500	792	1000
736	200	793	350
741	300	798	700 Pest House.
743	500	799	2000 Iron Bridge.
745	3000	800	2000 Iron Bridge.
756	500	801	1500 Iron Bridge.
757	2200	806	400
762	500	807	500
768	3000	808	2000
774	1350	811	3000
779	2600	813	500
780	650		
Total,			<hr/> \$41,325

# APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1882-3.

DEPARTMENT.	Appropriations.	Received by Transfer.	Received from other sources.	Transferred to other departments.	Total credits including transfers made.	Warrants drawn including interest and discount on taxes.	Unexpended.	Over-drawn.
Bridges,	1000 00	214 61			1214 61	1214 61		
City Building,	3000 00		4123 73		7123 73	9351 82		2228 09
Discount on Taxes,	4000 00				4000 00	4887 82		887 82
Fire Department,	6000 00	613 42	69 28		6682 70	6682 70		
General Expense,	8000 00		614 19	424 36	8189 83	8189 83		
Interest,	10000 00				10000 00	10345 12		345 12
Highway District, No. 4,	7000 00			227 14	6772 86	6772 86		
“ Oak Ridge District,	250 00				250 00	362 07		112 07
“ Newtown District,	200 00				200 00	370 42		170 42
“ Pool District,	350 00				350 00	934 96		584 96
“ River Road District,	550 00				550 00	1074 66		524 66
“ Ward 7, Eastern Division,	800 00				800 00	1251 52		451 52
“ Ward 7, Western Division,	450 00			44 65	405 35	405 35		
Pauper Department,	8000 00	1127 87	1023 11		10250 98	11795 58		1544 60
Police Department,	5000 00				5000 00	6153 83		1153 83
Reservoirs,	300 00	129 80			429 80	429 80		
Sewers and Drains,	2000 00		11 20	1144 34	866 86	866 86		
Sidewalks,	2000 00		23 17	43 73	1979 44	1979 44		
Salaries,	4000 00				4000 00	8042 11		4042 11
Health Department,	2500 00				2500 00	2963 36		463 36
Street Lights,	2500 00				2500 00	3219 05		719 05
Contingent Fund,	2000 00			1171 32	728 68	728 68		
City Library,	200 00			200 00				
Highways, Fortune's Rocks,	250 00				250 00	349 74		99 74
Repairs on Steamer,	1400 00				1400 00	1400 00		
Schools,	16000 00		4517 36		20517 36	18784 67	1732 69	
Alfred Street Sewer,	1000 00	1169 84			2169 84	2169 84		
Total,	\$88,750 00	3,255 54	18,382 04	3,255 54	99,132 04	110,726 70	1732 69	13,327 35



# ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

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Edwin Stone, insurance,	\$62 50
Timothy Elliott, collecting school tax in Dist. No. 4,	250 00
James Slade, making surveys on various streets,	30 00
R. F. Jelleson, moving safe and other furniture from J. M. Andrews' office,	5 00
George W. Bruce, charcoal,	6 12
Israel Shevenell, for plowing snow,	20 00
Bullock & Whitehead, service of subpoena,	4 78
A. J. Small, printing,	5 50
Owners of Exchange Block, rent of B. L. I. hall,	87 50
C. E. Hussey, services as Committee on Accounts,	50 00
Wm. Bardsley, " " Streets,	35 00
N. P. Varrell, washing hall floor twice,	6 00
J. H. Small, insurance,	75 00
J. O. Lord, services as Committee on Accounts,	50 00
Prescott Bros., for printing,	20 25
John F. Johnson, services on committees,	12 00
G. J. Dearborn, services as Committee on Accounts,	50 00
E. E. Clark, services on various committees, includ- ing extra services,	160 00
F. J. Goodwin, insurance,	75 00
Thomas Hill, teams used by committees at rifle range,	7 00
Same, teams used by Collector,	6 50
John Meserve, amount of tax illegally assessed,	2 50
F. H. Spear, " " "	3 00
R. H. Ingersoll, plans and services in the alteration of City Hall,	75 00
A. C. Campbell, removing ice from city pump,	1 50
John Murphy, services on committees,	25 00

L. H. Kendall, services as Committee on Accounts,	\$35 00
Geo. W. Donnell, " " Streets,	35 00
Solon S. Andrews, " " "	35 00
D. O. S. Hooper, " " "	
and use of team,	40 00
C. E. Hussey, one thousand bricks,	6 00
N. P. Varrell, washing hall three times,	10 00
Geo. R. Andrews, for abatement of taxes,	66 00
James Chadbourne, for injuries received,	50 00
Frank E. Hooper,	25 00
James O. Benson, services as Committee on Finance,	25 00
J. H. Whitten, " " Streets,	
including horse,	50 00
J. M. Andrews, furniture, coal, etc., in office,	30 00
Josiah Drew, assisting James Slade,	75
Joseph F. Quarter, services as Committee on Streets,	35 00
Geo. W. Donnell, " " Finance,	25 00
James Slade, services as civil engineer,	22 00
Geo. W. Bruce, charcoal for B. L. I hall,	1 00
J. H. Hooper, services on committee,	25 00
John Curtis, ten days' labor,	15 00
Benj. Mosher & Co., coal of Clerk's office,	8 50
James Slade, assisting City Clerk,	22 50
A. J. Small, printing,	74 25
E. E. Clark, telegraphing, express, etc.,	4 91
A. Goodwin, expense to Ballardvale to inspect bridge,	5 00
J. W. Fairfield, reward for apprehension of burglars,	100 00
H. J. Tatterson, legal services and advice,	85 48
W. C. Ross, cleaning of school room on Pool street,	5 00
Maine Insane Hospital,	307 51
Asa L. Ricker, copy of deeds,	1 00
H. Allison, use of store for election purposes, 3 times,	21 00
F. J. Goodwin, insurance,	9 50
J. H. Small, " "	4 25
N. W. Kendall, stationery, blank books, etc.,	11 51
Loring, Short & Harmon, tax books,	3 50
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting B. L. I. hall,	27 60
Same, lighting reading room,	16 20

Henry Gould, ice for Clerk's office,	5 00
State Reform School,	1 57
John Moody, box for filing papers,	75
Francis Longvalle, use of store for election,	15 00
Alvin G. Johnson " hall for four elections,	20 00
William Ross, cleaning police station,	3 25
John Gregoire, use of shop for polling place,	18 00
Owners of Exchange Block, rent of B. L. I. hall,	87 50
J. O. Lord, team for James Slade,	3 00
F. G. & F. S. Warren, visiting Wm. Bond's child,	4 00
John W. Rumery, wood for Assessors' office,	2 25
N. P. Varrell, washing hall floor, etc.,	7 50
Wm. Falvey, labor in station house,	6 25
Saco Water Power Co., land rent and use of water,	39 62
F. G. & F. S. Warren, examination of Mrs. Dolby, in Dayton,	10 00
John H. Small, insurance,	1 25
Dresser, McLellan & Co., record book,	12 00
James Slade, services in City Clerk's office,	15 00
Nat. Bell Telephone Co.,	6 67
F. M. Burnham, stationery,	1 20
Edward Randall & Co., stationery, etc.,	13 53
F. M. Burnham, stationery, etc.,	12 33
C. H. Andrews, taking polls and personal property,	50 00
F. J. Goodwin, insurance on library,	12 50
J. H. Whitten, use of room for four elections,	20 00
Post Sheridan, for Memorial Day,	200 00
James Slade, services as civil engineer,	40 00
Timothy Elliott, expense to Augusta with insane person,	12 00
Francis Meeds, desk for City Clerk's office,	30 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books,	5 50
Fred Quinby, examination of an insane person,	1 50
J. H. Whitten, expense to Manchester and Boston,	20 00
Hooper Bros., lumber for sprinkler,	50
Same, book-case and two tables for Mr. Burrier's office,	50 00
A. Paré, one day's services taking polls,	2 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting reading room,	4 20
Joseph D. Staples, repairing targets for rifle range,	10 75



Ansel L. Jelleson, for Portland Daily Press,	8 40
Millard Hallett, expenses to Manchester and Boston,	11 00
A. J. Small, printing,	25 25
Edwin Stone, insurance,	25 00
N. P. Varrell, washing hall,	3 00
Wm. C. Brackett, taking polls and personal property,	36 00
J. O. Lord, teams for James Slade,	4 00
James H. Robbins, discharging vault at City Building,	5 00
William Hill & Co., coal for armory,	9 00
Maine Insane Hospital,	310 18
C. H. Prescott, printing,	27 25
Jas. McGee, expense to Augusta with insane person,	12 00
James Slade, services as civil engineer,	50 00
E. E. Campbell, taking polls and personal property,	15 00
N. W. Kendall, stationery, blank books, etc.	59 20
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, 5 copies Maine Register,	6 25
J. H. Small, insurance,	26 67
N. W. Kendall, stationery, etc.,	10 47
S. J. Bassford, examination of an insane person,	1 50
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting reading room.	3 90
Millard Hallett and C. M. Watson, expenses to and from Elmira, N. Y., with steamer Richard Vines,	78 80
E. F. Pilsbury, postage stamps,	13 00
B. F. Hamilton, legal services,	153 60
Saco Water Power Co., land rent and use of water,	39 62
State Reform School,	13 00
A. S. Hamilton, team for B. F. Hamilton on legal business,	3 00
J. A. Stafford, labor and material on sprinkler stand,	34 10
Owners of Exchange Block, rent of armory,	87 50
J. O. Lord, use of team for Timothy Elliott, collect- ing taxes,	2 00
Fred Quinby, examination of an insane person,	1 50
J. T. Mason, labor and material in Mr. Burrier's office,	17 50
F. A. Day, carpets for Mr. Burrier's office,	72 00
James Slade, services as civil engineer,	45 00
C. P. Letourneau, assisting C. H. Andrews taking polls,	10 00
Z. R. Folsom, team for target range by Mr. Elliott,	1 00

## ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

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Timo. Elliott, expense to Augusta with insane person,	20 18
Brooks & Son, furniture for Mayor's office,	21 70
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting reading room,	2 10
A. J. Small, printing and binding annual reports,	150 00
A. J. Small, printing,	6 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting B. L. I. hall,	9 60
James Slade, services as civil engineer,	29 50
E. H. Gove, clerical work for Assessors,	75 00
J. B. Goldthwait, carrying check list to and from Ward 1,	6 00
Lewis Nedean, making platform for sprinkler,	3 75
Fred Quinby, examination of Israel Hill,	2 00
Nat. Bell Telephone Co.,	19 50
C. H. Prescott, printing,	2 50
B. A. Kenison, services as truant officer,	50 00
A. R. Witham, discharging vault at City Building,	2 00
Timothy Elliott, expense to Augusta with John Seidel,	17 00
John Ham, for moving fence,	5 00
Greenough & Co., 6 copies City Directory,	9 00
Lorenzo T. Davis, services as truant officer,	50 00
F. E. Libby, stove and pipe in Supervisor's office,	19 00
Maine Insane Hospital,	390 43
N. P. Varrell, cleaning out Mrs. Cook's store,	1 50
F. S. Warren, examination of David F. Wood,	1 50
Thomas Hill, team for notifying city government,	3 00
S. J. Bassford, examination of insane person,	1 50
Leonard Andrews, labor on well in City square,	14 75
Geo. W. Ward, building and repairing platform for sprinkler,	73 39
Fred Quinby, examination of insane persons,	3 00
Haley Bros., repairs on sprinkler,	5 50
Joseph D. Staples, work on rifle range,	5 00
N. P. Varrell, cleaning out Mr. Slade's office,	1 50
J. O. Lord, team for Collector,	2 00
A. H. Jelleson, use of store for election,	5 00
N. P. Varrell, washing City Hall,	3 00
Same, repairing door on privy, etc.,	1 25
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting reading room,	5 40

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E. F. Pilsbury, postage stamps,	7 00
Fred Quinby, examination of an insane person,	1 50
State Reform School,	13 00
Henry Gould, ice for Clerk's and Assessors' office,	8 75
Timothy Elliott, expense to Augusta with F. A. Perkins,	16 50
C. H. Prescott, printing,	7 00
Same, printing,	34 00
E. H. Gove, clerical work in the Assessor's office,	75 00
N. W. Kendall, stationery, etc.,	15 85
Asa L. Ricker, copies of deeds and plans,	5 50
Daniel Ross, washing paint in Mrs. Cook's store,	1 50
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting reading room,	4 50
J. A. Stafford, labor and material used on sprinkler,	3 25
D. O. S. Hooper, services in making school-tax and other extra services as Assessor,	300 00
Joseph Smith, 4th, do.	300 00
Geo. O. Burnham, do.	300 00
Hugh Allison, use of store for election,	5 00
J. N. & W. B. Anthoine, repairs on sprinkler,	85
J. D. Wadleigh, writing table for Mayor's office,	10 50
J. N. & W. B. Anthoine, material for sprinkler,	5 17
Timothy Elliott, expense to Augusta with Mrs. Wilson,	9 25
Owners of Exchange Block, rent of armory,	87 50
Fred Quinby, examination of insane persons,	3 00
Abial Jones, repairs on desk in City Hall,	3 50
Twambley & Cleaves, repairs on City Hall clock,	2 50
F. J. Goodwin, insurance,	26 25
A. J. Small, printing,	47 75
Edwin Stone, insurance,	30 00
Stephen Gowen, team for use of Street Committee,	3 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co., two blank record books,	24 00
Geo. W. Bruce, charcoal for City Building,	8 25
Clerk of Courts of Penobscot County, copy of writ,	2 00
Stephen Gowen, teams to carry insane persons,	5 75
Nat. Bell Telephone Co.,	19 50
Same,	10 60
Carter & Pilsbury, use of store for polling place,	5 00
Geo. R. Andrews, matches for Clerk's office,	55



## ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

49

S. J. Bassford, examination of an insane person,	1 50
J. E. Gowen, carting counter, etc., to Ward 6,	1 00
Dr. C. W. Foster, examination of Mrs. Wilson,	5 00
C. H. Prescott, printing,	26 25
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting reading room,	4 80
Amos L. Allen, certified copy of record,	5 00
Albus J. Johnson, use of store for polling place,	5 00
P. A. Freeman, repairing clock in Clerk's office,	1 00
C. H. Robbins, discharging vault in City Building,	5 00
F. J. Goodwin, insurance,	31 25
W. S. Dennett, services as civil engineer,	61 00
N. P. Varrell, washing City Hall,	3 00
Maine Insane Hospital,	461 21
Timo. Elliott, expense to Augusta with insane person,	22 00
Saco Water Power Co., land rent and water,	235 12
Fred Quinby examination of two insane persons,	3 00
F. J. Goodwin, insurance,	6 25
W. S. Dennett, services as civil engineer,	42 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, two tax books,	4 15
John Parker, money refunded for taxes illegally assessed,	14 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting reading room and B. L. I. hall,	21 60
Geo. K. Burnham, carrying check lists to Ward 1,	9 00
B. & M. R. R., old ties for rifle range,	2 00
N. W. Kendall, stationery,	18 55
E. F. Pilsbury, postage stamps, cards, etc.,	14 00
State Reform School,	13 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas C., lighting B. L. I. hall,	2 75
Saco Water Power Co., land rent and water,	39 62
Millikin's Express, carting to rifle range,	75
J. N. Anthoine & Son, use of stove and pipe for elec- tion purposes,	6 35
H. Gould, ice for City Clerk's office,	3 00
C. E. Pilsbury, matches for Clerk's office,	55
Nat. Bell Telephone Co.,	19 50
E. E. Clark, cash paid for witnesses in Cousens' case,	12 70
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting reading room,	4 75
George W. Bruce, charcoal,	14 13



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McLellan, Mosher & Co., common council record,	12 00
C. H. Prescott, printing,	20 25
C. H. Parcher, for extra services, keeping Mayor's book, etc.,	382 59
J. F. Tarr, extra services in the several offices in the City Building,	120 00

# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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

The financial standing of the several districts at the close of the municipal year (Jan. 31. 1883,) was as follows :

DISTRICT.	CR.	DR.
District 1,	\$4 77	
“ 2,		\$25 88
“ 3,	344 61	
“ 4,		309 94
“ 6,	228 97	
“ 7,	10 96	
“ 8,	141 42	
“ 9,	8 12	
“ 10,	140 76	
“ 11,		13 32
“ 12,		3 22
“ 13,		18 63
“ 8, K. Port,	3 68	

We now have three terms of school in District 4, instead of four as formerly ; and the school year ends the last of June. The cost of the third term added to the \$309.94 will give the standing of the district. You will see by the above statement that there should be a large increase in the appropriation ; and it should be sufficiently large to support the schools in the large districts, and at the same time to permit of taking from them and giving to the small districts as provided for by law, if the district system is to be continued.

In District 4 we have made only such repairs as we felt obliged to make. In some of the suburban districts the school houses need quite extensive repairs, which will require more than the ten per cent. of the school money allowed by law for repairs. The requisite amount can be raised by the districts, to be paid by taxation on the property in the district. We would recommend, however, that you abolish the districts, as authorized by Chapt, 14 of the Acts of 1875. This change, beside avoiding the inconvenience of assessing a separate tax for school purposes, would give to the suburban districts an increased amount of schooling. Their school houses could then be put in good repair and furnished with blackboards, maps, globes and other things necessary for school purposes, which are wanting in nearly all of these districts, and which can now be furnished only at the expense of the property in the districts, except to the amount of ten per cent. of their small share of the school money.

For statistics and further particulars in regard to the schools we respectfully refer you to the report of the Superintendent which will be published hereafter and will include the work of the whole school year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN STONE,

CHARLES M. MOSES,

SIMON NEWCOMB,

DENNIS MURPHY,

GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH,

GEORGE R. ANDREWS,

CHARLES A. MOODY,

NATHAN W. KENDALL,

CHARLES E. HUSSEY.