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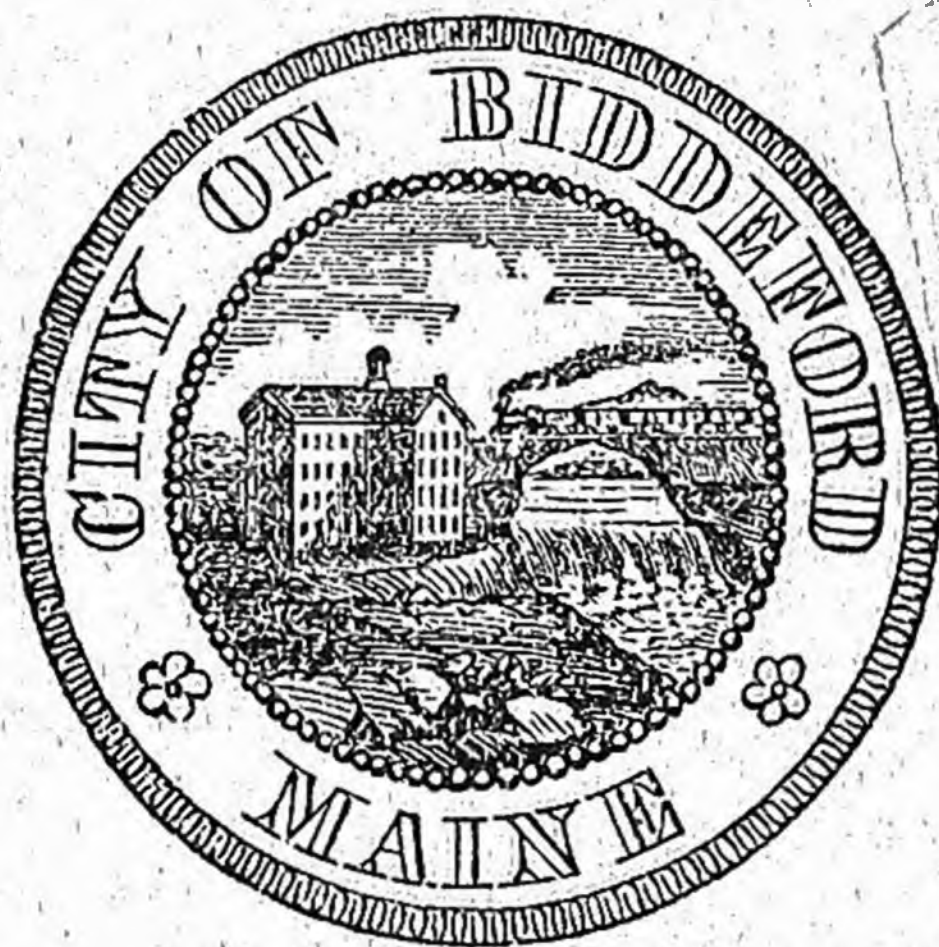
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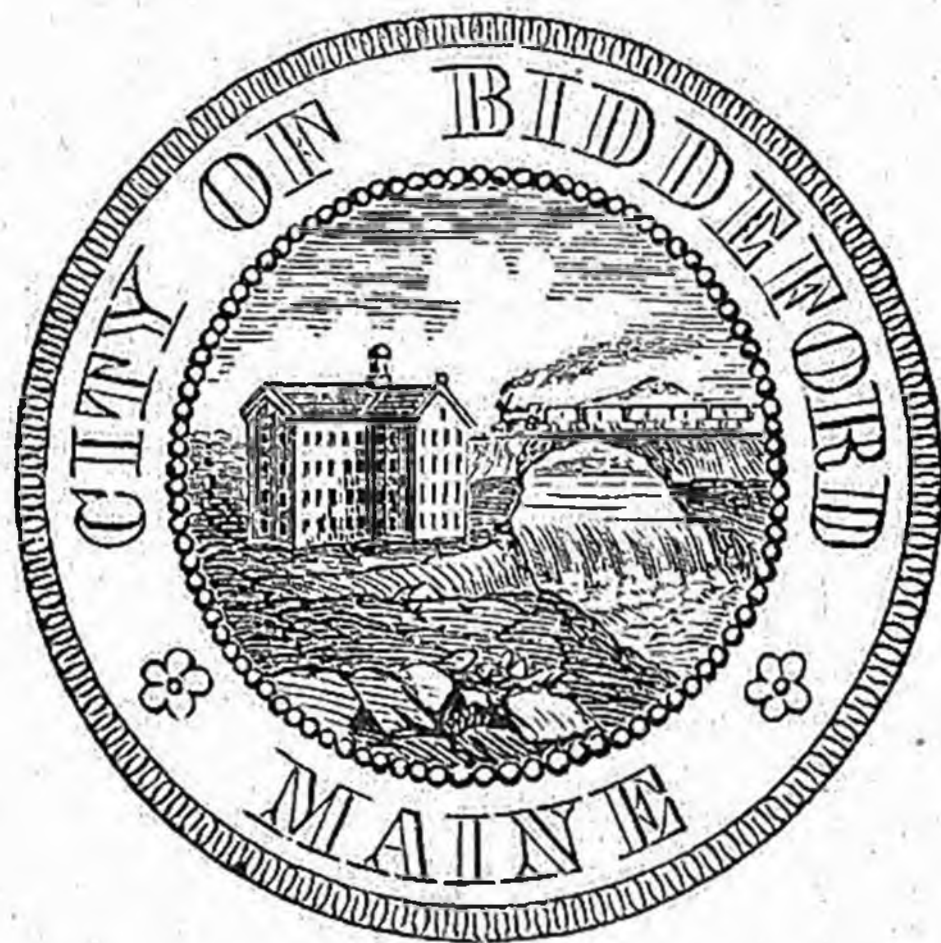
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City of Biddeford.

In Board of Aldermen, March 17, 1884.

ORDERED :

That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to have printed for distribution five hundred copies of Annual Reports of 1883.

In Board of Aldermen, March 17, 1884.

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

Attest: EDGAR A. HUBBARD, CITY CLERK.

In Common Council, March 17, 1884.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: FRANK PARCHER, CLERK.

The Mayor's Address.

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

We have assembled this morning and organized the Municipal Government for the coming year, and formally accepted the trust which has been committed into our hands. Our fellow citizens will naturally look to us, to see that the varied interests of the city are cared for. A broad and comprehensive view of the wants of the community for which we are acting, should be expected of us all.

I will first call your attention to the finances of our city, as shown by the books of the Treasurer, January 31, 1884 :

LIABILITIES.

City Bonds,	\$163,500 00
City Notes,	84,525 00
Interest on Bonds and Notes,	2,322 17
Due to School Districts,	2,605 67
Due to School House Fund, District 1,	200 00
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	\$253,152 84

RESOURCES.

[For details see Treasurer's Report.]	77,129 58
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Net debt, January 31, 1884,	\$176,023 26

I wish to call your attention particularly to the fact, that on the beginning of last year I found an accumulation of bills which should have been paid the year previous. These bills were an actual liability, amounting to \$9,384.19, and the real debt of

the city on January 31st, 1883, was \$180,316.15, instead of \$170,931.96, as reported.

So far as possible, the bills of last year have been called in and paid, and are included in the Treasurer's report. Please notice also that among the items given in the liabilities is interest on *Bonds* and *Notes*, amounting to \$2,322.07. This item has never been included in past years, though it is manifestly a part of the indebtedness, and should always be reported.

I wish you to note carefully that although the net debt of the city is \$5,091.30 more than the debt reported in 1883, there has been an actual reduction of the debt during the year of \$4,292.86, and including the item of interest on bonds and notes heretofore not included in the financial exhibits of our city, we must be accredited with having reduced the debt of our city \$6,615.03.

The city can safely issue \$50,000 twenty year 4 per cent. bonds, to take up notes bearing 4 1-2 and 5 per cent. I shall bring this matter to the attention of the Finance Committee at an early day.

STREETS.

The streets of our city are, and always should be, an important department of our care and attention. Permanent improvements, such as grading and pavement made upon them, is by no means money wasted. There have been two new streets built and graded the past year, namely, Graham and Highland streets. Main street has been widened between Exchange block and Franklin street, at an expense of \$3,500.

I would recommend that Main street be widened between Marble block and Alfred street, on a line with the front of Hooper's block ; also, that Alfred street be widened at the junction of Main and Alfred streets.

I also recommend that Birch street be graded between Alfred street and Green street. It is important that this street should be graded, as the Birch street school house lot is to be graded this season.

PAVING.

Main street has been paved the past year from Alfred street to the west side of Washington street, at an expense of \$3,749.04. I consider this money well invested, and would recommend that Main street be paved from the corner of Washington street to the west side of Jefferson street.

As our Main street is rather narrow, I would recommend that there be provided, in a central location, a wood and hay stand.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department has proved itself equal to every emergency during the past year. The Chief Engineer reports both engines in perfect order. The steamer Eben Simpson has been repaired the past year at an expense of \$1,571.82, and now is in perfect order. There have been a pair of very fine horses bought for this department the past year. There have been during the last year thirty-four fires and alarms. I refer you to the report of the Chief Engineer for full particulars of the doings of this department. The great need of this department at present is better accommodations for the Hook and Ladder truck.

THE PUBLIC CHARITIES.

An addition was made to the Alms House last year of a brick building, 44 feet long, 32 feet wide, and 3 stories high, with basement. It was constructed in a plain, substantial manner. It contains twenty-four rooms. Two of the rooms will accommodate three beds each, and two of them two beds each; the other twenty rooms one bed each. The basement contains a large work-room, good bath-rooms, &c. The entire cost of this building was \$4,503.20.

The Board of Overseers recommend that a store house be built, as it is impossible to crowd the products of the farm into the present buildings.

The receipts and expenditures of this department last year were as follows :

Drawn by warrants,	\$13,106 35
Cr., as per Treasurer's books,	728 76
Net expense,	<u>\$12,377 59</u>

POLICE.

This department has been active and vigilant during the year, and I trust all laws will be faithfully enforced for the year ensuing. Our force consists of Chief Marshal, Assistant Marshal and five Patrolmen.

PUBLIC PARK.

Our manufacturing interests are very important and are managed by men of public spirit. We should feel great pride in the system of improvements which we observe in the management. Let us second their efforts by a wise system of public improvements. To this end I recommend that measures be adopted to establish a Public Park, where, summer afternoons and evenings, our laboring people may find innocent and healthful recreation after the confining labor of the day. I believe this would tend to advance the happiness and morals of our working people, and keep them away from the beach and its evil influences. I am not in favor of any reckless expenditure of money for this purpose. Let us first secure a suitable tract of land, and then, by a wise and judicious annual expenditure, we may beautify and adorn it, and add greatly to the value of surrounding property.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY.

Town of St. George *vs.* City of Biddeford. In law court.

Scott *vs.* Street Commissioner. Verdict for city. Carried to law court.

I trust that our intercourse during the year may be marked by a spirit of kindness toward each other, and that in the performance of our duties we may be actuated by a desire for the welfare of our city.

EDWARD W. STAPLES.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD,

1884-5.

MAYOR,
HON. EDWARD W. STAPLES.

CITY CLERK,
EDGAR A. HUBBARD.

TREASURER,
OSTINELLI F. PAGE.

COLLECTOR,
RICHARD M. JOHNSON.

ALDERMEN,
WARD 1, NATHANIEL H. FALKER,
" 2, DANIEL L. JELLESON,
" 3, JOHN H. COSGROVE,
" 4, WARREN J. CONLAN,
" 5, FRANK S. WARREN,
" 6, NAPOLEON B. OSGOOD,
" 7, JAMES HUNT, JR.

COMMON COUNCILMEN.

ROWLAND HILL, — — — — PRESIDENT.
 SAMUEL F. PARCHER, — — — — CLERK.

WARD 1, GEORGE K. BURNHAM,
 “ LORENZO EMMONS,
 “ OREN B. EDWARDS.
 “ 2, VOLNEY A. SPRAGUE,
 “ THOMAS O'NEIL,
 “ JOHN SIDEBOTHAM.
 “ 3, JOHN MESERVE,
 “ ALBERT H. WARDWELL,
 “ BENJAMIN GOODIER, JR.
 “ 4, WILLIAM F. KNOX,
 “ FRANK X. FORTIN,
 “ CHARLES CHAPMAN.
 “ 5, FRED J. GRANT,
 “ GEORGE MARCILLE,
 “ ALBION E. COBB.
 “ 6, GEORGE F. GOODWIN,
 “ ROWLAND HILL,
 “ CORNELIUS HERRIGAN.
 “ 7, ELMORE A. GILPATRICK,
 “ JOSEPH DEARBORN,
 “ MAURICE H. WHELAN.

WARD OFFICERS.

WARDENS.

WARD 1, BENJAMIN F. SMART.
 “ 2, EDWIN STEWART.
 “ 3, CHARLES S. WATERHOUSE.
 “ 4, FREDERICK W. SEIVERS..
 “ 5, NATHAN F. SAWYER.
 “ 6, HENRY CHARLES.
 “ 7, ASA M. SEAVEY.

WARD CLERKS.

- WARD 1. TRISTRAM GOLDTHWAIT, JR.
“ 2, JOHN LEONARD.
“ 3, J. THACHER EMERY.
“ 4, LEONARD P. ANDREWS.
“ 5, JOHN E. H. TOWNSEND.
“ 6, JOHN B. PARE.
“ 7, CLARK WAKEFIELD.

CONSTABLES.

- WARD 1, ELROY DAVIS.
“ 2, THOMAS DONOVAN.
“ 3, GEORGE W. HARRIMAN.
“ 4, WILLIAM H. GOODRICH.
“ 5, WILLIAM WARREN.
“ 6, GEORGE W. TATE.
“ 7, ABIJAH TARBOX.

JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT.
CHARLES S. HAMILTON.

RECORDER OF MUNICIPAL COURT.
SAMUEL B. BRACKETT.

CITY SOLICITOR.
NATHANIEL B. WAEKER.

CITY PHYSICIAN.
ROSCOE G. MILLIKEN.

ASSESSORS.
CARLOS HEARD.
TRISTRAM GOLDTHWAIT, JR.
ELIAS CLARK.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.
OTIS T. GAREY.
PAUL V. LABONTE.
ANDREW BUCKLEY.

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 AGTS.

ANSEL L. JELLESON.

HENRY A. WALES.

CHARLES H. WALKER.

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.

STEPHEN JOY.

FORTUNE'S ROCKS DIST.

MARSHALL E. CURTIS.

RIVER ROAD DIST.

WASHBURN T. EMERSON

NEWTOWN DIST.

MARK PROCTOR.

WARD 7, EASTERN DIV.

CHARLES H. ANDREWS.

" " WESTERN DIV.

J. MILLARD HILL.

SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS.

DENNIS O'CONNOR.

HARBOR MASTER.

DANIEL GOLDTHWAIT.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

GEORGE SCOTT.

CITY MARSHAL.

CHARLES B. HARMON.

POLICEMEN.

George W. Harriman.
Alexander Velandre.
Elroy Davis.
Leonard Andrews, 2d.
James E. Carter.
Joseph Beatty.
William Warren.
Nozine Velleux.
George Noyes.
John F. Haines.
Hiram L. Hackett.
Frank Buswell.
John Cullen.
John Nason.
Washburn T. Emerson.

Lewis Stuart.
Thomas Cullen.
Thomas Donovan.
Fred E. Tate.
David Kerwin.
Irving W. Mason.
Frank Emerson.
Sylvester Kerwin.
George E. Haley.
George O. Fall.
Alpheus T. West.
Joseph Leroux.
James Laffan.
George H. Magrath.
Forrest Benson.

George W. Tate.

FENCE VIEWERS.

John H. Hussey.
Albus R. Witham.
James H. Robbins.
George I. Goldthwait.

Jesse I. Wadlin.
Josiah Drew.
Charles Davis.
John R. Lowell.

Henry Goldthwait.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, WOOD AND BARK.

Joseph G. Brackett:
William F. Libby.
Edwin Bardsley.
William H. Smith.
Charles A. Dudley.
Dayton T. Moore.
Lysander Emmons.
Levi G. Hanson.
Charles A. Wardwell,
Jeremiah B. Bunker.
John C. Haley.
William H. Hanson.
George W. Carter.
Daniel O. S. Hooper.
George R. Andrews.
Harden Taylor.

John F. Goldthwait.
Francis Meeds.
Frank E. Hooper.
James H. Fogg.
Simon S. Andrews.
Nath'l E. Kimball.
James Costello.
Dennis O'Connor.
Charles E. Pilsbury.
John H. Cosgrove.
John W. Randall.
Octavius D. Dolliff.
John R. Staples.
Owen Smith.
Cyrus K. Banks
Waldo Hill.

SURVEYORS OF LOGS.

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

Lysander Emmons.
William H. Hanson.
Octavius D. Dolliff.

Daniel O. S. Hooper.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON FINANCE.

The Mayor,	Councilman John Meserve,
Alderman James Hunt, Jr.,	“ Lorenzo Emmons.

ACCOUNTS.

Alderman Frank S. Warren,	Councilman George F. Goodwin,
“	George Marcille.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Mayor,	Councilman Fred J. Grant,
Alderman John H. Cosgrove,	“ Maurice H. Whelan,
“	Oren B. Edwards.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION and CITY LIBRARY.

The Mayor,	Councilman E. A. Gilpatrick,
Alderman Napoleon B. Osgood,	“ William F. Knox,
“	Albert H. Wardwell.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Mayor,	Councilman John Sidebotham.
Alderman James Hunt, Jr.,	“ Benj. Goodier, Jr.,
Daniel L. Jelleson,	“ Cornelius Horrigan.

PRINTING.

The Mayor,	Councilman John Meserve,
Alderman Warren J. Conlan,	“ Rowland Hill,
“	Frank X. Fortin.

POOR.

The Mayor,	Councilman Volney A. Sprague,
Alderman N. H. Falker,	“ Albion E. Cobb,
“ • N. B. Osgood,	“ Charles Chapman.

ORDINANCES.

The Mayor,	Councilman Albion E. Cobb,
“	E. A. Gilpatrick.

STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS, STREET LIGHTS.

The Mayor,		Councilman Joseph Dearborn,
Alderman Frank S. Warren,	“	Geo. K. Burnham,
“ John H. Cosgrove,	“	Thomas O’Neil,
	“	Geo. F. Goodwin.

Standing Committees of Board of Aldermen.

ON POLICE.

The Mayor,	Alderman Nathaniel H. Falker,
	“ Daniel L. Jelleson.

ON ELECTIONS.

Alderman James Hunt, Jr.,
“ Napoleon B. Osgood,
“ Warren J. Conlan.

ON LICENSES.

The Mayor,	Alderman John H. Cosgrove,
	“ Frank S. Warren.

ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Alderman James Hunt, Jr.,
“ Napoleon B. Osgood,
“ Nathaniel H. Falker.

Standing Committees of Common Council.

ON ELECTIONS AND RETURNS.

Councilman Joseph Dearborn,
“ Cornelius Horrigan,
“ Chas. F. Chapman.

ON ENROLLED BILLS.

“ George F. Goodwin,
“ John Meserve,
“ Cornelius Horrigan,

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

OFFICE OF OVERSEERS OF POOR AND ALMS HOUSE, }
BIDDEFORD, January 31, 1884. }

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Biddeford, Me.:

GENTLEMEN:—We herewith submit to you the annual report of our doings in the Pauper Department, for the municipal year 1883-4. In so doing we feel justified in saying that we believe that no year, since this city had an organization, has witnessed greater hardship and suffering among the poor than this. There are obvious reasons why such is the case, founded on facts over which we have had no control. The severity of the winter season, through which we have not entirely passed, and the general makeup of a floating population, contribute very materially to swell the ratio of expenditures in public charities. It is also well known by every person to whose hand has come the dispensing of charities, either public or private, that the aged are largely from that class of people who are not possessed of any permanent employment whereby they can meet the requirements of support for themselves and those dependent upon them; and even if they have, there is so much uncertainty about the income therefrom as to render their condition for support one which call forth the efforts and enlists the sympathies of society in general.

PAUPERS OUTSIDE THE ALMS HOUSE.

The number of families to which aid has been dispensed number *one hundred and forty-nine*.

The persons composing these families number *five hundred and eighty-nine*.

It has been necessary to render aid of some kind to these families every month in the year—as sickness and disease, superinduced by improper food, insufficient clothing, unhealthy location, and improper habits—call for care and attention where the hands of the provider are obliged to minister as nurse, when otherwise they would be toiling to win their daily bread. To these has been dispensed one hundred and five cords of wood, besides provisions and medicines. The number of deaths outside the Alms House, twenty-nine. And the number of persons sent out of the city, one hundred and forty-one. The expense of this class aggregates \$6,813.61. The amount included therein paid to other towns and cities, \$260.27, and the amount received from other cities and towns, \$68.36.

It has been the purpose of your Overseers to reduce to the lowest possible minimum the expense in this direction, and to that end a great deal of time has been spent in careful examination of the cases, and, after thorough investigation, our conclusions have been, in a large majority of instances, an impossibility to reduce the amount asked for; and, in all cases, believing it better to err, if at all, on the side of humanity, remembering the injunction that “Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them.”

ALMS HOUSE.

At the commencement of the past year Mr. Nathaniel M. Miliken was elected Superintendent of the Farm and Alms House, and, together with the assistance of his excellent wife, has made such fitting and needed improvements, as to confirm the wisdom of our choice. The thorough cleanliness exacted, and the per-

fect system of government inaugurated, after careful and thorough investigation of each individual case, speaks volumes for those who have so faithfully performed their duties to the unfortunates under their charge. The number of inmates one year ago, 56; number admitted, 11; discharged, 17; died, 5; remaining, 45.

CITY FARM.

It was designed to raise a large quantity of mixed crops to provide for the household at the farm considerable portion of their food, and, with one exception, our plans have not failed. The lateness of the spring so shortened the season as to prevent the maturing of that which promised to be the finest crop of corn ever raised on the farm. The hay, a very heavy crop, was secured in excellent condition. Potatoes, large quantity, of superior quality. Sweet corn, beans, peas, and garden vegetables in abundance. The labors upon the farm have been chiefly performed by the inmates of the alms house, except in the cutting of the hay. The expenditures on the farm, in the shape of improvements, and in the house for the sake of health and economy, comprise no small item in our expenses for the year just past, and with such care as should be exercised in their preservation, will not have to be duplicated for many years. Your Overseers believe that in all departments there should be furnished good tools and implements in order to attain the greatest degree of labor and largest profit, and we have no occasion to raise a word of censure against our predecessors so far as the farming tools and implements appertaining to the out-door department was concerned, as we found everything there as it should be, *in order*; but we must confess that the utensils provided for the matron in her work was nothing to stimulate, encourage, or ameliorate her labors. It was our belief that no farmer's wife should be provided with implements for her work one whit inferior to that of the farmer for his work, and on that conviction we acted, so that the furnishings in that direction are such that the city need not

feel ashamed to have inspected by visitors, and it would be a pleasure to the Overseers to have citizens interested (and all citizens should be interested) in this important department—see for themselves the improvements of the past year before forming an opinion relating thereto from any reports of ourselves or others.

CITY FARM BUILDINGS.

When we took possession of the Farm and Alms House we found the room inadequate to accomodate the inmates; that they were huddled together in rooms too small for their health or comfort, therefore on recommendation of your Overseers to the proper officers, immediate action was taken by the Committee, which, after careful inspection and thorough investigation of the premises, resulted in an appropriation for the erection of a substantial brick building of ample capacity for the wants it was intended to meet. Previous to the erection of this building it was necessary to remove the *old wooden addition*, and remodel it into a piggery and work shop. A large and comfortable hennery, with sunny exposure has been built, with a spacious run fenced with pickets. A new floor has been laid in the stable and partly new floor in the barn tie-up. Also the main house and addition have been thoroughly renovated and repaired, which, together with the fences and outside repairs generally, impart to the premises an appearance of thrift which is an advantage not to be lightly estimated.

STOCK ON THE FARM.

It has been our aim to make such changes in the stock on the farm as to induce the greatest profit, in that we ought to replace ordinary ones by the *best*, so that now there is a herd of ten as fine cows as can be found anywhere, with a superior yearling bull, raised on the farm, which took first premium at the County Fair.

HORSES.

Remain the same in number as heretofore, with a marked improvement in the team, and, under the care of so efficient a teamster as Mr. Gilbert Dearborn, we should not expect otherwise.

HOGS.

Have proved generally profitable, as they furnish the house with a large amount of food, and, in order to improve the breed, Chester Whites, we have purchased a Registered Berkshire boar, confident that the cross will bring results that cannot be otherwise than profitable.

FINANCIAL.

Amount appropriated by the City Council,	\$10,000 00
“ Credits from all other sources,	810 89
Total amount of resources,	<u>\$10,810 89</u>

EXPENDITURES.

On account of Paupers on City Farm,	\$5,756 31
“ “ Buildings, Repairs and improvements,	1,187 96
“ “ Manure,	140 91
Total Expenditures on City Farm,	<u>\$7,085 18</u>
On account of Paupers outside of Alms House.	\$6,003 34
“ “ “ “ “ “ City,	260 27
“ “ “ Salaries of Overseers.	550 00
Total amount of bills approved,	<u>\$13,898 79</u>
“ “ “ Resources,	<u>\$10,810 89</u>
Excess of draft over “	\$3,087 90

The expenses in this department have been large. We have no apologies to offer on that account, but have endeavored to place our acts in full before the people, assuring them that we have no reserve of Old Bills to carry forward to the next year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That a thorough cultivation of the pasture be continued till all the land therein is so reclaimed as to furnish pasturing for double the stock it now supports; also that the thorough cultivation and same liberal use of manure be made on the entire farm to

bring its productiveness to the highest state of perfection. It will be necessary to enlarge the barn, at a moderate expense, by adding two or more bands, in order to make its capacity accord with the ever increasing crops of hay. Wood and tool sheds are much needed and an effort should be made to bring water into the house, as a matter of necessity, to say nothing of the great saving in labor that can be well expended in other directions. It is to be hoped that ere many years a substantial work house may be brought into use, so that labor may be utilized in such a manner as to add to our resources that which to-day is entirely lost.

Accompanying the foregoing we append schedule of furniture, supplies, stock and farming tools, together with the value of crops raised the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OTIS T. GAREY, } OVERSEERS
PAUL V. LABONTE, } OF THE
JOHN H. COSGROVE, } POOR.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

ARTICLE.	VALUE.	ARTICLE.	VALUE.
5 Bbls. Flour,	\$36 00	2 Hogsheads,	\$1 50
6 " Pork,	150 00	2 Oil casks,	4 00
1 " K. Oil,	6 50	1 chest Tea,	26 00
1 " Molasses	16 00	Sugar,	3 00
1 " Salt,	1 50	Lot Spices,	5 00
2 1-2 gals. Vinegar,	1 00	5 tons Coal,	35 00
350 lbs. Fish,	28 00	50 cords Wood.	200 00
25 " Tobacco,	10 00	42 yards Sheeting,	3 15
70 " Coffee,	10 50	8 Shirts,	4 00
50 " White Lead,	3 50	4 pairs Overalls,	2 00
200 " Lard,	26 00	12 " Socks,	3 00
50 " Corned Beef,	4 00	2 " Shirts & Drawers	1 80

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ON CITY FARM.

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ARTICLES,	VALUE.	ARTICLES,	VALUE,
50 pounds Bitter,	\$15 00	15 yds. Print,	\$ 1 20
40 " "	6 00	6 yds. Flannel,	3 00
10 " Raisins,	1 50	4 Comforters,	10 00
12 bu. Beans,	36 00	Linen and cot. thread,	2 00
1 Cask ea. lime & cem't,	3 00	Medicines, etc.,	15 00
12 Pork barrels,	6 00	Sundries, lot boxes, etc.	25 00
20 Flour barrels,	2 00	1 Carpet, good,	20 00
1 Creamery,	52 00	1 Brush,	50
1 Churn,	12 00	1 Mop,	25
1 " old,	5 00	1 Match safe,	25
1 Marble slab,	15 00	24 Tin pans,	12 00
6 4 gal. Jars,	4 00	3 2 qt. Basins,	75
1 pair Scales,	5 00	3 Tunnels,	50
6 Water pails,	1 50	1 Collendar,	75
6 Brooms,	1 80	1 Steamer,	1 25
1 Cook stove & apparat.,	25 00	1 Seive,	50
1 Mirror,	1 00	7 Tin bread pans,	1 75
6 Tin pails,	3 00	4 Bro. ware,	2 00
2 " St. "	1 50	6 White bowls,	1 00
2 Wash bowls,	50	3 2 qt. Pitchers,	1 00
2 Dippers,	50	4 Stove pans,	3 00
1 Dish pan,	1 00	1 Basket,	25
1 Water pail,	25	1 1-2 doz. Chimneys,	1 50
1 Tub,	75	6 Lamp burners,	1 00
1 Lantern,	75	1 Chopping tray,	50
1 Wood box,	1 00	2 Tin cream pots,	2 00
2 Chairs,	50	1 gal. Oil can,	75
1 Rocker,	75	1 qt. " "	25
1 Shovel,	25	1 Tin dish pan,	1 00
2 Oval dishes,	75	1 Apple parer,	75
3 pt. Bowls,	50	2 Butcher knives,	1 75
3 doz. Plates,	3 75	40 bars Soap,	4 00
8 Cups and saucers,	2 00	10 lbs. Saleratus,	75
2 Sugar bowls,	75	1 Coffee mill,	75
1 Castor,	4 00	3 pt. Dippers,	25
2 Salts,	50	3 Pie tins,	75

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	ARTICLES,	VALUE.
4 Mugs,	50	3 Spice boxes,	50
1 qt. Pitcher,	25	1 Waiter,	1 00
1-2 doz. Tumblers,	75	1 Sponge,	50
3 " Spoons,	1 50	1 Tobacco cutter,	1 75
1 " Tea spoons,	25	1-4 gro. Matches,	25
1 " Knives and forks,	2 50	1 Box pipes, T. D.'s,	1 25
3 2 gal. Jugs,	2 25	2 doz. Plates,	3 00
1 Coffee pot,	1 25	1 Porcelain kettle,	1 50
1 Tea pot,	25	1 Tea and coffee pot,	1 00
4 Lamps,	1 25	1 Box sage, etc.,	1 50
1-2 doz. Glass jars,	1 50	2 Bro. ware,	50
1 " lights glass,	1 25	1 Seive,	50
1 Steam cooker,	7 00	1 Rolling pin,	25
1 Cake board,	1 25	1 Carpet, 25 yds.	12 50
1 Stew pan,	50	1 Oil cloth,	2 00
1 Soup ladle,	25	13 Pillow slips,	3 25
1 Soup pan,	25	12 Sheets,	6 00
1 Box evap. apples,	6 00	5 Yds. ticking,	1 00
1 Butter stamp,	25	5 Yds. sheeting,	25
1 Cake cutter,	15	10 Yds. crash,	1 00
1-2 Bbl. crackers,	1 50	1 Print dress,	1 00
5 Roller towels,	1 25	2 Pair slippers,	1 80
1 Doz. towels,	1 25	1 " boots,	1 25
2 Red table cloths,	3 00	1 Suit,	5 00
1 Chop knife,	1 00	1 Oil coat,	5 00
1 Curtain,	25	1 Pair blankets,	5 00
4 Lamps,	2 00	Lot salve, etc.,	1 00
8 Chairs,	4 00	500 Bu. potatoes,	200 00
1 Blk. W. dining table,	12 00	100 Hds. cabbage,	7 50
2 Curtains,	50	10 Bu. onions,	10 00
4 Sad irons,	2 00	10 Bu. turnips,	5 00
1 Lounge,	5 00	5 Tubs,	3 50
3 Curtains and fixtures,	2 40	1-2 Bu. measure,	50
1 Clock,	5 00	1-2 Bbl. pickles,	15 00
1 Par. Stuart stove,	30 00	1-2 Doz. firkins,	1 80
1 Range and app., etc.,	85 00	1 Milk measure,	15

ARTICLE.	VALUE.	ARTICLE.	VALUE.
5 Sheet-iron pans,	\$5 00	2 Rockers,	\$1 00
8 Loaf tins,	2 00	1 Clock,	3 00
50 Mugs and pitchers,	4 00	4 Tables,	5 00
1 Firkin,	25	7 Chairs,	1 75
4 Salts,	60	1 Tray,	25
2 Mixing pans,	1 50	3 Bakers,	75
4 Pepper boxes,	50	6 Pans,	1 80
2 Pint dippers,	20	1 Coal hod,	75
60 Plates,	5 00	Table covers,	3 00
6 Saucers,	12	2 Tables,	10 00
2 Pt. pitchers,	50	4 Benches,	4 00
50 Knives and forks,	12 00	10 Chairs,	2 50
1 Pt. bowl,	15	1 Coal stove,	10 00
1 Lamp and reflector,	1 00	1 Lamp and reflector,	1 50
2 Tin pails,	1 00	1 Clock,	4 00
7 Sad irons,	3 50	2 Bureaus,	5 00
1 Dinner bell,	2 00	1 Cradle,	2 00
1 Coffee pot,	1 25	1 Chest,	50
1 Tea pot,	1 25	2 Trunks,	2 00
Clothing,	15 00	7 Curtains,	1 75
1 Shovel,	1 00	25 Comforters,	25 00
1 do.	25	29 Sheets,	14 50
2 Pails,	40	38 Pillow-slips,	5 70
1 Hod,	75	14 Pillows,	14 00
1 Lamp and reflector,	1 50	10 Feather beds,	100 00
1 Coal stove,	5 00	10 Straw beds,	20 00
1 " "	10 00	6 Lamps,	3 00
1 " "	15 00	2 Iron bed steads,	7 00
12 Bed steads,	30 00	4 Blankets,	8 00
4 Light stands,	2 00	1 Mattress,	3 00
13 Chairs,	3 25	1 Chair,	50
4 Wood stoves,	8 00	1 Blanket,	1 25
2 Rubber Blankets,	2 50	Clothing on 45 inmates,	225 00
2 Chambers,	1 50		
2 Wash bowls,	50		
		Total	\$2240 17

CONTENTS OF NEW BRICK BUILDING.

ARTICLE.	VALUE.	ARTICLE.	VALUE
1 Cook stove and app.,	\$15 00	1 Sponge,	75
1 Farmer's boiler,	40 00	1 Barrel soap,	3 00
5 Water pails,	1 00	Clothes lines,	3 00
3 Chairs,	75	Clothes pins,	1 00
1 Clothes horse,	3 00	1 Mirror,	50
2 Wash boilers,	5 00	1 Chair,	1 25
1 Table,	1 75	1 Large St. coal stove,	40 00
1 Washing machine,	3 00	1 Medium " " " "	25 00
1 Wringer,	5 00	1 " " " " " "	25 00
1 Mop,	25	1 Brush,	50
4 Brooms,	1 00	1 Shovel,	25
1 Bench,	50	1 Wood stove,	2 50
1 Dust pan,	25	1 Bureau,	3 00
1 Brush,	50	1 Coal stove & piping,	25 00
2 Clothes baskets,	2 50	1 Crib,	2 50
4 Tubs,	3 00	17 Bedsteads,	42 50
2 Wash boards,	1 50	13 Coal hods,	9 75
2 Bath tubs,	50 00	4 Tables,	4 00
1 Stove and pipe,	6 00	3 Light stands,	2 25
1 Curtain,	1 25	28 Curtains and fixt's,	22 40
45 Comforters,	45 00	20 Chairs,	10 00
30 Sheets,	15 00	1 Blanket,	1 25
27 Pillow slips,	4 00	2 Rubber blanket,	2 50
26 Pillows,	26 00	7 Chambers,	5 25
10 Feather beds,	100 00	6 Water pails,	1 20
18 Straw beds,	36 00	5 Wash bowls,	1 15
7 Lamps,	3 50	1 Rocker,	50
10 Iron bedsteads,	35 00	3 Lamps and reflectors,	3 75
6 Blankets,	12 00		
3 Mattresses,	9 00	Total,	\$666 65

STOCK AND FARMING TOOLS, &C.

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	ARTICLES.	VALUE.
1 Pair horses,	\$700 00	1 Corn basket,	\$5 00
1 Horse,	100 00	1 Tackle and Fall,	10 00
10 Cows,	750 00	13 Tie chains,	4 25
1 Bull,	30 00	10 Hay forks,	5 00
2 Calves,	10 00	12 Feed boxes,	3 00
10 Hogs,	300 00	1 Grain box,	3 00
14 Hens,	10 50	1 Ice chest,	7 00
14 Hen boxes,	3 25	3 Ladders,	5 00
50 Tons hay,	600 00	2 " "	10 00
12 Bushels barley,	12 00	3-4 Coil barbed wire,	5 00
10 Bushels oats,	4 50	1 Roll tar paper,	3 00
15 Bushels meal,	22 50	3 Wood saws,	3 00
1200 Lbs. shorts,	16 00	3 Axes,	2 25
25 Bushels corn,	25 00	1 Hand saw,	1 75
25 Bushels sweet corn,	25 00	2 Fore planes,	2 00
3 Tons straw,	24 00	4 Bits and stock,	1 00
1-2 Ton corn fodder,	5 00	2 Fork hoes,	2 00
25 Cords manure, field,	150 00	2 Iron sinks,	5 00
25 Do., barn,	125 00	6 Padlocks,	3 00
25 do., sta. & pig pen,	125 00	6 Baskets,	3 00
1 Farmer's boiler,	10 00	4 Baskets,	1 00
12 Pails,	2 00	1 Set double harnesses,	40 00
Tubs, barrels and boxes,	5 00	1 " " "	25 00
1 Large rope,	3 00	1 Work harness,	20 00
1 Saw-holder or clamp,	1 00	1 Carriage Harness,	25 00
1 Sledge hammer,	1 50	1 Pung,	40 00
1 Maul,	1 00	1 Sleigh,	15 00
3 Iron wedges,	1 50	2 Robes,	8 00
1 Pick-axe,	1 00	1 Buffalo robe,	10 00
1 Stone,	1 25	1 Pair blankets,	13 00
1 Chain,	25	4 Blankets,	6 00
1 Nail bar claw,	1 00	2 Halters,	2 00
2 Augers,	2 00	Horse furniture, &c.,	5 00
4 Sprinklers,	2 00	2 Rubber blankets,	3 00

ARTICLE.	VALUE.	ARTICLE.	VALUE.
200 Feet lumber,	\$6 00	1 Hay cutter,	\$ 12 00
275 Clapboards,	5 50	1 Horse rake,	25 00
1 Drag rake,	2 00	1 Wagon,	35 00
1 Seed sower,	3 00	1 Express wagon,	10 00
50 Lbs. nails,	2 00	1 Double work wagon,	100 00
1 Work bench,	3 00	3 Carts,	50 00
1 Wheelbarrow,	10 00	1 Hay rack,	10 00
2 Collars,	5 00	1 Single work wagon,	50 00
1 Snow plow,	5 00	2 Carts and racks,	25 00
1 Pair sleds, single,	25 00	1 Pair ox-wheels, cart	
1 Pair sleds, double,	40 00	and hay rack,	50 00
1 Mowing machine,	75 00	2 Crow bars,	3 00
4 Ploughs,	40 00	1 Spade fork,	1 25
1 Horse hoe,	15 00	4 Corn hooks,	1 00
2 Harrows,	20 00	1 Drag,	2 00
1 Grind-stone, etc.,	7 00	1 Jack,	3 00
5 Scythes and snaths,	7 50	6 Chains,	15 00
6 Manure forks,	6 00	1 Grain box,	5 00
8 Manure shovels,	8 00	1 " "	2 00
8 Hoes,	2 00	1 " "	1 00
2 Garden rakes,	2 50	1 " "	75
1 Spade,	1 00		
1 "Nigger" hoe,	1 00	Total,	\$4,060 00
1 Bush cutter,	1 00		

CROPS RAISED ON FARM; ESTIMATE OF:

DESCRIPTION.	VALUE.
90 Tons of hay at \$12 00 per ton,	\$1080 00
6 Tons of straw at 8 00,	48 00
5 Tons of corn fodder at 10 00,	50 00
650 Bushels of potatoes at 40c.,	260 00
26 Bushels of onions at 1 00,	26 00
10 Bushels of beets at 75c.,	7 50
725 Heads of cabbage at 7c.,	50 75
400 Pounds of squash at 3c.,	12 00
15 Bushels of turnips at 75c.,	11 25
130 Bushels of oats at 40c.,	52 00
9 Bushels of yellow-eye beans at 3 25,	29 25
8 Bushels of white beans at 3 00,	24 00
2 Bushels of Horticultural beans at 3 50,	7 00
50 Bushels of sweet corn at 1 25,	62 50
150 Bushels of corn at 1 00,	150 00
1200 Pounds of butter at 25c ,	300 00
6000 Quarts of milk at 3c.,	180 00
10 Bushels of peas at 1 50,	15 00
Products of stock and hogs,	325 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2690 25

R E P O R T
OF THE
CITY PHYSICIAN OF BIDDEFORD.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Biddeford, Me.:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1884.

The past year has been one of unusual mortality among the poor of our city. The deaths at the farm have been five, and outside the poorhouse quite a number, which can be known by reference to report of the Overseers of the Poor.

I have made an average of three visits per day during the year, quite a number outside the limits of the city. Our poor have been well cared for as regards to comforts at the almshouse, the new extension to the building giving ample room to all the unfortunates that have been obliged by force of circumstances to find a place to lay their heads. It is evident that more could be done to alleviate the sufferings of our poor.

It seems to me that some more systematic method could be devised for the management of alms-houses, yet it is quite a task to follow any set rules in taking care of such a promiscuous family as generally inhabits those places. I am pleased to note the influence that commodious rooms and cleanly apartments have had on the inmates of our Poor house. I have found that all appreciate the change. I would recommend that the buildings be heated by a furnace and that water be introduced into the house from the adjoining creek. We have been fortunate this year in not

having been visited by small pox—quite a number of “scars” but no genuine cases. It would conduce to the health of many of the inmates of the Poor-house if instead of eating for an every day diet so much pork and beans, fine flour and heavy foods, they would subsist on lighter and coarser food. Many of the inmates suffer from dyspeptic diseases which are aggravated by the common diet usually given. It would be better to have separate apartments for that class of the sick, and diet to suit. One great defect in caring for the sick at the alms-house is the want of proper nursing. It scarcely happens that the sick can be properly nursed by any of the inmates, as “charity” is cool at such places, and the maïron of the house cannot always attend in person, yet I am pleased to note that the wants of the sick have been diligently regarded.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. MILLIKEN, M. D.

REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

In accordance with the requirements of the ordinance relative to the Fire Department, I herewith submit the annual report of the Department, for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1884, containing the state and condition of the same, the number of fires and alarms during the year and a list of officers and members; also the location of the Hydrants and Reservoirs, and such suggestions as will be of interest to your Honorable body and the citizens of Biddeford, and in our opinion promote the efficiency of the department.

DEPARTMENT.

The manual force of the department consists of a Chief Engineer and two (2) Assistant Engineers, thirty (30) members of the Steamer Companies, including drivers; twelve (12) of the Hook and Ladder Company, making a total of forty-five (45) men in the department.

The Department consists of two (2) Steam Fire Engines; one (1) Hook and Ladder, officered and manned as follows:

CHIEF ENGINEER, WM. BOSTON.

1ST Ass't, CHAS. E. HOYT.

2ND Ass't, JAMES BEAUMONT.

Richard Vines S. F. E. Company, No. 1.

Foreman, CHAS. O. PATRICK, Ass't. Foreman, HENRY B. HAYES,
Clerk, JERE W. SPELLMAN, Engineer, JOS. HENEY,
Fireman, JOHN GOODIER, Driver, H. W. GOODWIN.

Hosemen.—ERASTUS ABBOTT, JAMES LARKIN, MICHAEL NEARY,
M. W. NEWALL, FRED COLE, SAMUEL GREEN, DANIEL KERWIN.
BENJ. GOODIER, GEO. A. BOWE.

Eben Simpson S. F. E. Company, No. 2.

Foreman, C. M. WATSON, Ass't. Foreman, EDWARD STACKPOLE.

Clerk, THOS. W. HENEY, Engineer, CHASE GOODWIN.

Fireman, E. S. GOWEN, Driver, DAVID ELLIOTT.

Hosemen.—ANSEL UNDERWOOD, ABRAM KAY, JOHN DEAN, H. J. GOODWIN, WM. SNOW, GEORGE BRIGGS, GEORGE HAM, MELVILLE SMITH, EDWIN RUMERY.

Welcome Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.

Foreman, JOHN WHITE, Ass't. Foreman, FRANK DOYLE,

Clerk, DANIEL CHAPMAN.

Axemen.—GEORGE BOUTIN, JOHN DOYLE, MICHAEL ROMEO, GEO. N. BOUTIN, R. H. SMITH, LEWIS ROMEO, EUGENE GOWEN, GEO. RILEY, DAVID BLOW.

STEAM FIRE ENGINES.

The Engines are both in perfect condition.

The Steamer "Richard Vines" which was rebuilt by the "La France Engine Co.," of Elmira, N. Y., in the summer of 1882, is in thorough condition, requiring only trivial repairs from time to time, such as are incident to every day use. We found the Steamer "Eben Simpson" in a very bad and dangerous condition, and we deemed it imperatively necessary to send the machine to Manchester, N. H., for a thorough repair. Upon critical examination the boiler was found to be in a condition which necessitated a new boiler; the wheels were all worn out and were replaced with new ones; in fact the machine was thoroughly repaired and rebuilt, and is now to all intents and purposes as good as when first purchased.

"Welcome" Hook and Ladder truck is in good order and in all probability will need no repairs.

ENGINE HOUSES AND STABLES.

With the exception of needing shingling and new floors, the houses are in fair condition. During the past year we have added a new shed to No. 1 house; the lower floor of which is de-

voted to the storage of coal and other supplies for the engine, the upper floor being filled with supplies for the stable and tenements.

HORSES.

We have now four good horses in the Department in good condition. "Old Joe," after years of faithful service, died, and it became necessary to purchase a new pair of large, heavy horses.

The horses on the "Richard Vines" are too light to do the arduous work required. We strongly recommend that they be placed upon the Hook and Ladder truck and a heavier pair be placed upon the steamer.

HOSE.

There is in the Department five thousand (5,000) feet of hose; four thousand (4,000) feet is in good condition, and one thousand (1,000) feet is not reliable. We would recommend that one thousand (1,000) feet be purchased immediately.

RESERVOIRS.

The several Reservoirs throughout the city have been repaired as well as the money would allow.

We would respectfully urge upon your consideration the expediency of building a new reservoir near the corner of Pike and Cross streets, also, one at the "Five Points," and one on Main street, near Folsom's stable.

SUGGESTIONS.

We would respectfully submit for your consideration the subject of an increase in the amount appropriated for this department.

After paying the salaries of the members, (some \$4,400) and the expenses of keeping the horses, (about \$500) we have only a little rising a thousand dollars (\$1,000) with which to pay the insurance, hose, water tax, oil, coal, repairs, etc.

It is worthy of note that while our city is rapidly growing in wealth and population, new buildings being erected every day,

new streets continuously being opened and the field to be protected by this department increasing in size every year, the department remains the same, no change since 1870.

We would recommend, on economical grounds, that the engine houses be heated by steam and that the engines be connected so that steam could always be kept in the boilers of the engines, thus ensuring their prompt working.

The shed used as a Hook and Ladder house is a disgrace to the city, and it is not to be wondered at that it is extremely difficult to keep a company there. A new house is very much needed.

It having been suggested that the High School building is not well adapted to the purpose for which it was intended, the location not being desirable and that a change was contemplated, we would respectfully ask your consideration of the proposition of converting the building into an engine house, which would be amply sufficient for all the apparatus of the present department.

LOCATION OF RESERVOIRS AND HYDRANTS.

RESERVOIRS.

No. 1,	Sullivan street,	corner of Bacon street.
2,	Oak	“ near corner of Pool street.
3,	Hill	“ “ “ Main “
4,	Pool	“ “ “ Hill “
5,	Bacon	“ “ “ Foss “
6,	Birch	“ “ “ Summer street.
7,	Foss street school house yard.	
8,	Alfred	“ near corner of Birch street.
9,	“	“ “ “ Pool “
10,	Main	“ “ “ Washington street.
11,	Main	“ “ “ Lincoln street.
12,	South	“ “ “ Jefferson “
13,	Green	“ “ “ Birch “
14,	Elm	“ “ “ South “
15,	Elm	“ “ “ Main “
16,	Pool	“ “ “ Pike “
17,	Alfred	“ “ “ Brick yard.

HYDRANTS.

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

FIRES AND ALARMS.

There have been during the year thirty-four (34) fires and alarms.

1883, April 4, 3.30 A. M.,

Fire in house of Mrs. Hackett, on Pike street. Partially consumed, department out.

April 17, 6.45 P. M.,

Boston Five and Ten Cent Store. Department out.

April 27, 11.45 P. M.,

House of Jos. Smith, above Eastern Railroad depot, barn and ell consumed. Department out.

May 1, 4.45 P. M.,

Hobson steam mill, River street. Department out.

May 15, 4.40 P. M.,

House on Hill street. “ “

June 2, 3.20 A. M.,

Deering block, Main street. Slight damage. “ “

June 14, 4.30 P. M.,

House on Stone street. Slight damage. “ “

June 16, 9.55 A. M.,

Explosion of stove on Main St. No damage. “ “

July 9, 9 A. M.,

Fire in Saco, corner of Elm and Water Sts. “ “

July 4, 2.10 A. M.,

House on Pike St., caused by lightning. “ “

July 5, 1.15 P. M.,		
No. 1 Picker, Pepperell Co.	No damage.	Department out.
July 12, 11.30 P. M.,		
False alarm.	"	"
July 30, 10.45 P. M.,		
L. Dearborn dining saloon, Main street.	Slight damage.	
Department out.		
August 13, 4 P. M.,		
House on Smith street.	No damage.	Department out.
August 14, 11 A. M.,		
McDermott's foundry on Gooch street.	"	"
August 16, 10 P. M.,		
False alarm, Saco.	"	"
August 24, 9.15 A. M.,		
Barn on Hill street.	Consumed.	"
August 28, 3.40 P. M.		
West and Calderwood bakery, Saco.	"	"
August 29, 9.10 P. M.		
No. 3 Pepperell mill.	Heavy loss—some \$50,000.	De-
partment out.		
August 31, 12 o'clock.		
Beatty's tannery, Saco.		Department out.
Sept. 17, 4.30 P. M.,		
Newcomb and Co.'s shoe shop, South st.	"	"
Oct. 10, 10.15 A. M.,		
No. 2 picker, Laconia Co.	"	"
Oct. 11, 12.30 A. M.,		
House on Camp Ground, Old Orchard.	"	"
Oct 11, 6.40 P. M.,		
Hobson's heading shed, Saco.	"	"
Oct. 22, 1.15 A. M.,		
Sail boat near wharf.	Consumed.	"
Nov. 7, 12.15 A. M.,		
C. Hurd's stable on Gooch street.	"	"

Nov. 8, 12.20 A. M.,

House on Springs Island. Partially consumed. Department out.

Nov. 15, 8.45 P. M.,

Cigar box factory, Currier's building. No damage. Department out.

Nov. 18, 1.20 P. M.,

Pavilion church on Main street. Department out.

Nov. 26, 4.50 P. M.,

No. 6, Laconia block. No damage. " "

Nov. 27, 10.45 A. M.,

Mrs. Ford's barn on Green street. Partially consumed.

Department out.

Dec 21, 9.30 A. M.,

House on Franklin street. No damage. Department out.

Dec. 25, 8.30 P. M.,

House on Pike street. Damage light. " "

1884, Jan. 25, 7.15 P. M.,

House on Prospect street. Chimney. " "

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we desire to tender our sincere thanks to the officers and members of the entire Department, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have on every occasion responded to the call of duty, to the bravery and quickness of action and strict obedience to orders.

To the gentlemen constituting the Committee of Fire Department, the Board are under many obligations, for the careful attention always cheerfully given to the requirements of the Department, for the cordial support and endorsement of all matters tending to the improvement and advancement of the best interests of the Department.

Finally, the Board desire to acknowledge their gratitude to his Honor, the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, and gentlemen of the City Council, for their continued liberality to the financial wants of the Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. BOSTON, CHIEF ENGINEER.

JAMES BEAUMONT, SECRETARY.

REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The following is the report of the Board of Health of this city for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1884:

Appropriation,	\$1000 00	
Received for other services,	90 75	
	—————	\$1090 75
Expended by warrants drawn,	540 32	
Unexpended and transferred,	550 43	
	—————	\$1090 75

The city has been more fortunate than usual during the year, in that no small pox cases have been brought to our notice. We have had two calls, and an investigation proved that neither was a case of small pox.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O. EATON, FERDINAND BERNIER, MARK WAKEFIELD,	}	HEALTH OFFICERS.
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R E P O R T

OF THE

CITY SOLICITOR.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

I respectfully submit herewith my report as City Solicitor for the year ending January 31, 1884.

The following cases, in which the city was interested, were pending in court at the beginning of the year.

Sarah E. Cousens vs. Biddeford. An action for damages alleged to have been received on account of defect in Elm street. At January term, 1883, verdict was rendered for the city, and plaintiff filed exceptions, but at the May term the exceptions were withdrawn and the case dismissed.

Minnie Bond vs. Biddeford. An action to recover damages occasioned by the falling of Bradbury bridge. Verdict was, plaintiff for \$500.

Mary J. Scott vs. Alfred Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin, acting as Street Commissioner in District No 4, removed a fence of the plaintiff, on South Street, on the ground that it was within the limits of the highway, and this action of trespass was brought therefor. The case was tried at the January term, 1883, verdict being rendered for the defendant. The plaintiff filed exceptions and the case is now marked for the Law Court.

St. George vs. Biddeford. In this action the plaintiff town seeks to recover for support of Elizabeth Montgomery, a pauper. The action was tried and taken to the Law Court and would have been disposed of last July but for absence of plaintiff's counsel. I am assured by Judge Tapley, in whose charge the case was placed by the authorities of 1880, that it will be disposed of in July next.

St. George vs. Biddeford. This case is for supplies furnished subsequently to those sued for in the preceding case and is awaiting the decision in that case.

Addison Brawn vs. Biddeford. Action for services rendered in small pox case, for \$330. A settlement was effected by the payment of \$200, in full, for services and costs of court.

Rhoda Dolby and husband vs. Biddeford. This was an action for damage received on Main street by Mrs. Dolby falling upon stones placed upon the sidewalk while a building was being erected. This was settled by the owner, Michael Bolin, paying \$200 and the City the same amount.

State vs. Biddeford. Indictment for a defective street (Pike Street) in 1882. This case will be settled at the May term, probably without expense to the city.

The following matters have come up during the year :

Luther Bryant et. al. vs. Biddeford. This case grew out of the widening of Main Street between Franklin Street and Exchange Block, being an appeal from the City Council's award of damage. It was settled by the City Council's voting to increase their award to \$3500.

Saco Water Power Co. vs. Biddeford. This is an appeal from the City Council on its refusal to locate a street extending from South Street to Bradbury Street. The Street was located by the County Commissioners. Their authority in the premises is denied and remains to be determined.

Charles C. Kelley vs. Mayor. The petitioner seeks by mandamus to compel the Mayor to draw a warrant for alleged services as police officer. A hearing was had last January and judgment rendered for defendant, to which the plaintiff excepted.

In addition to the above, many actions have been brought in which the City has been made trustee, but they have usually been adjusted by the parties without much trouble to the city.

During the year, many matters have arisen requiring investigation, and considerable time has been devoted to the discharge of duties prescribed by the ordinances of the city and arising under the statutes of the State, but deeming a report of them in detail unnecessary, they have been omitted here.

N. B. WALKER, City Solicitor.

REPORT

OF THE

STREET COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 4.

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and Gentlemen of the City Council:

I herewith submit in detail a part of the improvements made in Highway Dist. No. 4, under my supervision as Street Commissioner.

STREETS.

The following named streets have been graded and graveled: Main street, from the Eastern Depot to the Boston and Maine crossing, and from the Post Office to Washington street. On Elm street, from the head of Cutts street to King's Corner; the hollow filled and graveled over Mile Bridge brook. South street, from head of Kossuth to top of the hill. The lower part of Hill street to the junction of Maine. Birch street to conform to the grade of Graham street. Union street the same. Gooch street at the junction of Elm street.

CURBSTONE.

There has been three thousand and fifty-five feet of curbstone set, as follows:

Alfred street,	369 feet.
Elm “	550 “
Cole's Hill,	60 “
Cutts street,	50 “
Western Avenue,	150 “
Vetromile street,	400 “

Main Street,	260 feet.
Summer “	45 “
Birch “	160 “
Washington “	120 “
South “	65 “
Graham “	260 “
Centre “	100 “
King “	100 “
Hill “	60 “
Foss “	100 “
Bradbury “	50 “
Lincoln “	100 “

BRICK SIDEWALKS.

There has been one hundred and forty-five thousand bricks laid on Main and Lincoln Streets. A portion of Main Street has been relaid.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Main Street,	160 yards.
Washington Street,	100 “
Centre “	100 “
Green “	100 “
Foss “	25 “
King “	25 “

CROSS-WALKS.

Main Street,	2
Elm “	1
Water “	2
Vetromile “	1

LEDGES.

There has been thirteen hundred and thirty-three yards of ledge blasted and removed, viz :

Pool Street,	117 yards.
Graham “	1176 “
New Street, off Pool,	40 “

BRIDGES.

The following bridges have been re-planked :

Somesville bridge.

Gooch Island.

Poor Farm bridge.

Main Street bridge, also the Sidewalk over Main Street bridge.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

On Elm Street, 240 feet 10 inch Cement Pipe.

“ Washington Street, 30 “ “ “ “ “

“ Franklin “ 40 “ “ “ “ “

“ Granite “ 20 “ “ “ “ “

“ Alfred “ 100 “ “ “ “ “

Stone Drain on upper Main Street, junction of Highland Street.

SEWER POCKETS, 15, VIZ :

Elm Street, 3. Washington Street, 1.

Main “ 2. Franklin “ 2.

Hill “ 2. Alfred “ 4.

Birch Street, 1.

Alfred Street sewer has been extended one hundred and forty feet—one hundred and twenty feet through a solid ledge.

There has been one new Street built—Graham Street—which was laid out and built according to survey.

PAVING.

Twenty thousand yards of granite Paving have been laid on Main Street, between Alfred Street and the upper side of Washington Street, and I would recommend that it be extended the present year to Elm Street.

J. A. STROUT,

Street Commissioner, Highway Dist. No. 4.

R E P O R T
OF THE
CITY MARSHAL.

CITY OF BIDDEFORD,

MARSHAL'S OFFICE, Mar. 17, 1884.

To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit for your consideration my report of the Police Department and its operations for the year ending March 17th, 1884.

The Department consists of a Marshal and six regular Patrolmen, and reserve force of thirty-one men, four being on duty each Sabbath and one as Officer of the Hall.

The whole number of arrests for the past twelve months is two hundred and thirty-five, for the following causes, to wit:

Intoxication,	113
Violating liquor law,	37
Assault and Battery,	34
Tramps,	22
Larceny,	13
Affray,	5
Fornication,	4
Adultery,	2
Robbery,	2
Assault with intent to kill,	1
Evading payment of railroad fare,	2
Total,	<hr/> 235

There has been one hundred and ten seizures of intoxicating liquors, and as the result of such, twelve hundred and fourteen gallons of intoxicating liquors have been destroyed. A large number of calls have been answered by the Department and sixty-seven disturbances have been quelled by the prompt arrival of the officers.

There has been furnished lodgings for six hundred and fifteen persons, aside from the prisoners, which, with two hundred and thirty-five prisoners, makes a total of eight hundred and fifty persons in our care during the year.

There has been stolen goods and money recovered by the Police and returned to the rightful owners, amounting to three hundred and forty dollars.

There has been by the Police a rigid enforcement of the prohibitory law during the entire year, causing a reduction in the number of places where intoxicating liquors were being sold of forty eight from the number of places that were in existence at the time the present Police force came into office, March 19th, 1883 ; so, at the present time, it may be truthfully said that there is not an open rum shop in the city, and but very few places where intoxicating liquors can be procured for tippling purposes under any circumstances.

The duties of the Police have been very faithfully performed. This fact is sufficiently established by the freedom of the city from any serious outbreak of a riotous character. Our city has been saved from any disastrous fires, caused by the hands of the incendiary, which may be attributed to the unceasing vigilance of our night watchmen.

I will now call your attention to the beat west of Main Street, from King's Corner, including both of the depots, Spring's Island and Gooch Island, believing it is more territory than any one man can properly cover, and I think it advisable for you to make a sufficient appropriation for the employment of another man and cause the division of said beat.

It has become a common, and I doubt not a very judicious

practice, to require the Policemen of cities to appear in uniform while on duty. Policemen are, or should be, among the representative men of the city, and so long as they act in that capacity, should be expected to present a neat and becoming appearance in their dress, and I know of no way this desirable end can be accomplished unless the City Government takes the matter into their own hands, and indicates, by order, the garb in which their servants shall be arrayed, for so long as the question is left to the individual tastes of the officers appointed, so long will each man choose such clothing as suits his own fancy.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to his Honor, the Mayor, for the courtesy extended to me on all occasions, and finally, I desire to express my thanks to the Police force for the efficient manner in which they have assisted me in the enforcement of all laws.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HARMON, CITY MARSHAL.

REPORT

OF THE

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

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

I herewith submit my report as Collector of the City of Biddeford for the fiscal year 1883-4.

Amount of City Tax and additions thereto for the year 1883, committed to me for collection,	\$96,211.98	
Amount of County Tax, ditto,	5,022.45	
Amount of State Tax, ditto,	23,539.21	
Amount of Tax and additions in School District No. 4,	7,466.14	
Total Taxes committed,		\$132,239.78
Amounts collected under the City ordinance of July 18, 1883, authorizing a discount of 5 per ct. on all taxes collected prior to Sept. 8, 1883,		
Taxes,	\$101,939.43	
Discounts,	5,082.55	
	\$96,856.88	
Amount collected since Sept. 8, 1883, to Jan. 31, 1884,	1,901.44	
Total amount received,	\$98,758.32	
Plus the Discounts,	5,082.55	
		\$103,840.87
Balance of Taxes uncollected,		\$28,398.91

Amounts paid out by me :

To O. F. Page, City Treasurer, prior to and including Feb. 2, 1884,	\$63,400.00
To O. F. Page, on acct. of School District No. 4,	6,275.26
To O. F. Page, on acct. of State Tax,	252.00
To R. S. Stanley, County Treasurer,	2,500.00

Total amount paid out,	\$72,427.26
Balance of cash on hand, Feb. 3, 1884,	26,331.06

Total cash received,	\$98,758.32
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RICHARD M. JOHNSON, COLLECTOR.

APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1883-4.

The following are the appropriations and expenditures of the different City Departments for the mucioipal year ending January 31, 1884 :

BRIDGES.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$998 56	
Unexpended and transfer'd to Con. fund,	1 44	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation,		\$2,211 98
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$1,696 25	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	515 73	
	<hr/>	\$2,211 98

CITY BUILDING.

By credit,		\$4,306 50
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$2,117 19	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	2,189 31	
	<hr/>	\$4,306 50

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$4,802 80
Appropriation,	\$4,800 00	
Unexpended and transf'd to Conting. fund,	2 80	
	<hr/>	\$4,802 80

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$7,481 01
Appropriation,	\$6,000 00	
Credit as per Treasurer's book,	1,003 91	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	480 10	
	<hr/>	\$7.484 01

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$5,407 68
Appropriation,	\$4,000 00	
Credit, as per Treasurer's books,	503 07	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	904 61	
	————	\$5,407 68

INTEREST.

Appropriation,		\$11,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$10,899 24	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	100 76	
	————	\$11,000 00

HIGHWAYS, DISTRICT No. 4.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$7,003 66
Appropriation,	\$7,000 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	3 66	
	————	\$7,003 66

HIGHWAYS, OAK RIDGE DISTRICT.

Appropriation,		\$250 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$206 87	
Unexpended and transf'd to Conting. fund,	43 13	
	————	\$250 00

HIGHWAYS, NEWTOWN DISTRICT.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$308 28
Appropriation,	\$250 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	58 28	
	————	\$308 28

HIGHWAYS, POOL DISTRICT.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$401 40
Appropriation,	\$400 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	1 40	
	————	\$401 40

HIGHWAYS, RIVER ROAD DISTRICT.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$804 97
Appropriation,	\$550 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	254 97	
	<hr/>	\$804 97

HIGHWAYS, WARD 7, EASTERN DIVISION.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$930 95
Appropriation,	\$800 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	130 95	
	<hr/>	\$930 95

HIGHWAYS, WARD 7, WESTERN DIVISION.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$465 11
Appropriation,	\$450 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	15 11	
	<hr/>	\$465 11

PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$13,106 35
Appropriation,	\$10,000 00	
Credit as per Treasurer's book,	728 76	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	2,377 59	
	<hr/>	\$13,106 35

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$6,898 78
Appropriation,	\$6,000 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	898 78	
	<hr/>	\$6,898 78

RESERVOIRS.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$292 49	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	7 51	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

Appropriation,		\$2,500 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$2,491 78	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	8 22	
	<hr/>	\$2,500 00

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation,		\$2,500 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$2,499 94	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	06	
	<hr/>	\$2,500 00

SALARIES.

Appropriation,		\$4,200 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$4,127 81	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	72 19	
	<hr/>	\$4,200 00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Credit as per Treasurer's book,	90 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,090 75
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$540 32	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	550 43	
	<hr/>	\$1,090 75

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation,		\$3,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$2,924 95	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	75 05	
	<hr/>	\$3,000 00

CONTINGENT FUND.

Expended by warrants drawn,	\$3,425 02	
By transfers,	7,283 55	
	<hr/>	\$10,708 57
Appropriation,	\$3,150 00	
Credit, as per Treasurer's book,	200 00	
By transfer,	3,646 66	
Credit, as per temporary loan,	3,711 91	
	<hr/>	\$10,708 57

CITY LIBRARY.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$201 54
Appropriation,	\$200 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	1 54	
	————	\$201 54

CITY CEMETERY.

Credit as per Treasurer's book,		\$85 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$30 35	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	54 65	
	————	\$85 00

FORTUNES' ROCKS DISTRICT.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$265 80
Appropriation,	\$250 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	15 80	
	————	\$265 80

BUILDING ON CITY FARM.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$4,503 20
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	1,503 20	
	————	\$4,503 20

REPAIRS ON STEAMER EBEN SIMPSON.

Appropriation,		\$1,600 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$1,571 82	
Unexpended and transf'd to Con. fund,	28 18	
	————	\$1,600 00

PAVING.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$3,749 04
Appropriation,	\$3,500 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	249 04	
	————	\$3,749 04

HIGHLAND STREET.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$685 72
Appropriation,	\$300 00	
By transfer from Contingent fund,	385 72	
	————	\$685 72

ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

Maine Insane Hospital,	\$1,912 10
N. P. Varriel, posting street notices,	50
N. P. Varriel, washing City Hall,	6 00
Sarah G. Bickford, making carpet for City Hall,	1 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books, &c.,	4 15
McLellan, Mosher & Co., blank book,	12 00
Treffe Lachance, am. paid Dr. Warren for med. serv's,	20 00
J. O. Lord, appraiser of G. W. Bond's horse,	2 00
C. H. Parcher, extra services, &c.,	19 55
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting B. L. I. hall,	11 50
Henry C. Foley, serving notices for Health Dept.,	2 00
N. W. Kendall, stationery, &c.,	3 80
Andrews & Co., rent of store for election,	12 00
T. Elliott, sending sick man to Great Falls, and serving notices for Board of Aldermen,	5 24
James F. Tarr, labor in Council rooms,	7 50
George W. Bruce, charcoal, B. L. I. hall,	50
J. H. Whitten, use of shop for election,	6 00
N. B. Osgood & Co., ice, Clerk's office,	50
Hugh Allison, rent of store for election,	8 50
Thomas Hill, teams,	3 50
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting B. L. I. hall,	7 00
Thomas Quimby, use of store for election,	7 50
F. M. Burnham, stationery, &c.,	26 04
F. J. Smith,	2 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting Reading Room,	4 25
E. A. Hubbard, extra services,	21 00
Post Sheridan,	200 00
John Hanscom, printing,	12 00
Samuel Hanson, taking polls,	15 00

ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

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Dennis O'Connor, appraising G. W. Bond's horse,	\$2 00
L. T. Davis, cleaning school house,	2 50
C. H. Prescott, printing,	3 75
John Hanscom, printing,	7 00
R. G. Milliken, taking polls,	15 00
W. E. Pilsbury, " "	14 50
C. H. Prescott, printing,	7 25
Owners of Exchange Block, rent of B. L. I. hall,	87 50
Saco Water Power Company, land rent,	13 12
Alvin Johnson, rent of building for election,	7 00
National Bell Telephone Company,	19 50
F. G. Warren, M. D., examination of James Oates,	1 50
F. S. Warren, M. D., " " " "	1 50
" " " " " Joseph Dextredia,	1 50
C. B. Harmon, expenses to Augusta with insane person,	11 50
State Reform School,	13 00
Abijah Tarbox, taking Polls in Wards 6 and 7,	39 00
N. B. Osgood & Co., ice for Court room and Clerk's office,	4 83
E. A. Hubbard, extra services as City Clerk,	28 50
Daniel H. B. Hooper, enrolling Militia.	58 00
John Hanscom, printing,	25 50
Fred E. Tate, expenses to Augusta with insane person,	8 00
J. M. Akerly, labor in Clerk's office,	2 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting Reading Room,	3 50
Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinkler,	138 00
T. Goldthwait, use of horse in taking polls, Ward 1,	8 00
H. H. Hill	75
C. S. Hamilton, assisting city clerk,	8 00
Stephen Gowen, teams,	36 00
J. A. Stafford, labor.	3 71
John Hanscom, printing,	27 00
E. F. Pilsbury, Postage Stamps,	4 81
J. W. Brooks & Sons, furniture for Court Room and Clerk's office,	23 80
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting Reading Room,	3 75

Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting B. L. I. Hall,	\$14 50
J. A. Stafford, labor on Hydrants and Sprinkler,	23 20
B. F. Hamilton, services in Bond case vs. City,	50 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co., blank books, &c.,	20 00
Abbie Pulsifer, transcript of testimony in Bond case,	20 00
J. W. Spaulding, Reporter of Decisions,	2 00
A. J. Small, printing,	47 00
John Ham, taking polls and personal property, Ward 3,	15 00
R. H. Ingalls, plan of building on City Farm,	15 00
H. C. Bowden, labor on target,	5 25
Joseph Staples, " " "	5 25
Noel Velandre, " " "	5 25
E. H. Banks, postage stamps,	5 50
H. H. Hill, trucking to City Farm,	2 00
McKenney & Heard, supplies for target,	54
C. E. Pilsbury, matches for City Building,	55
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, Maine Registers,	12 00
W. H. Watson, printing,	17 75
John M. Akerly, labor on target,	7 87
John Hanscom, printing,	82 00
F. M. Burnham, blank books, &c.,	21 05
" " " " for Assessors and Collector,	65 85
J. A. Stafford, labor on pipe, Washington Street,	4 88
F. G. and F. S. Warren, examination of John Dickinson,	3 00
Lewis Stuart, expenses to Augusta with insane person,	14 00
Owners of Exchange Block, rent of B. L. I. hall,	87 50
John Hanscom, printing,	28 25
McLellan, Mosher & Co., blanks,	38 00
J. E. Hewey, preparing manuscript in Bond case,	28 50
George H. Bailey, examination of horse,	10 00
Stephen Gowen, teams,	3 00
C. H. Prescott, printing Brief, Bond case,	75 00
F. E. Hooper, boxes for Court room,	6 00
J. A. Stafford, labor on watering trough,	12 00
McKenney & Heard,	4 38

Biddeford Iron Foundry, castings,	\$29 36
W. H. & L. G. Hanson, lumber for B. L. I.,	8 06
Townsend Bros., repairing sprinkler,	4 00
C. B. Harmon, services as Truant Officer,	25 00
Samuel Parsons, posting notices,	1 50
“ “ “ “	4 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting Reading Room and B. L. I. hall,	14 25
Fred E. Tate, expenses with insane person at Augusta,	12 50
E. H. Banks, postage,	14 50
Fred E. Tate, work in Court Room,	2 50
Nelson Ledrick, concrete for cross-walk,	90 80
Townsend Bros., work on sprinkler,	8 50
A. J. Small, printing annual Reports for 1882-3,	185 75
Lewis Stuart, expenses with insane person at Augusta,	13 50
Alexander Velandre, 6 months services as Truant officer,	25 00
F. G. and F. S. Warren, examination of insane persons,	8 00
Saco Water Power Co., land rent,	26 24
Owners of Exchange Block, rent B. L. I. Hall,	87 50
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting B. L. I. Hall,	3 75
Traders' Express, expressage,	50
State Reform School,	26 00
C. E. Pilsbury,	37
F. J. Smith, Committee on Streets,	35 00
“ “ “ “ Accounts,	35 00
C. B. Harmon, services in Bond case.	10 21
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting Reading Room and B. L. I. Hall,	17 00
C. E. Hoyt, setting glass broken out by blasting,	7 00
George H. Bailey, examination of horse,	5 00
F. M. Burnham, stationery, &c.,	37 11
Hamilton & Haley, services in case v. John and Stephen Traverse,	15 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting Reading Room and B. L. I. Hall,	10 75

Silas M. Emerson, labor on street,	\$ 5 00
George W. Harriman, services as truant officer,	50 00
Lewis Stuart " " " "	25 00
John Hanscom, printing,	40 90
E. H. Banks, postage stamps, &c.,	12 00
Thomas O'Neil, services as Committee on Streets,	35 00
J. A. Stafford,	3 75
George W. Bruce,	50
J. W. Brooks & Sons, 6 bedsteads for new building,	36 00
Stephen Gowen, team,	1 50
George F. Goodwin, services on Committees,	35 00
Saco Water Power Co., land and Water rent,	216 00
W. H. Watson, printing,	19 75
F. S. Warren, Committee on Accounts,	35 00
" " " " Streets,	35 00
J. S. Dudley, " " "	35 00
Rowland Hill, " " Accounts,	35 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co., blank book,	13 80
Joseph F. Kitridge, posting notices,	2 00
State Reform School,	13 00
Owners of Exchange Block, rent of B. L. I. Hall,	87 50
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting Reading Room and B. L. I. Hall,	18 75
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., lighting Reading Room and B. L. I. Hall,	10 50
C. H. Prescott, printing,	24 50
Brooks & Sons, chairs for Treasurer's office,	4 50
John B. Lowell, repairing stove,	2 50

R E P O R T
OF THE
CITY TREASURER.

*To the Honorable, the 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 January 31, 1884.

Cash in the Treasury, Jan. 31, 1883,	\$16,139 58	
Received from all sources,	202,069 31	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$218,208 89
Total payments during the year,	\$205,393 53	
Cash on hand, January 31, 1884,	12,815 36	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$218,208 89

O. F. PAGE, TREASURER.

O. F. PAGE, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

	RECEIVED.	PAID.
City Building.	\$3,298 65	\$1,969 04
City Hall,	1,007 85	
Pauper Department,	728 76	13,703 42
Police “		7,034 53
Fire “	1,003 91	7,261 43
General Expense,	503 07	6,328 58
Interest,		10,899 24
Salaries,		4,265 74
Health,	90 75	1,051 47
Street Lights,		2,935 50
Contingent Fund,	200 00	3,119 10
Highways, Dist. 4,		7,263 64
“ Newtown,		249 53
“ River Road,		737 73
“ Pool,		480 03
“ Oak Ridge,		209 84
“ Fortune's Rocks,		276 25
“ Ward 7, West Division,		464 13
“ Ward 7, East Division,		1,014 68
“ Highland Street,		612 97
Reservoirs,		313 24
School Houses in Dist. 4,	12,511 51	11,172 66
“ “ “ “	200 00	
Schools, Dist. 1,		73 05
“ “ 2,		163 98
“ “ 3,		423 92
“ “ 4,	500 50	22,213 41
“ “ 6,		349 21
“ “ 7,		125 03
“ “ 8,		290 59
“ “ 9,		187 53

	RECEIVED.	PAID.
Schools, Dist. 10,		\$312 70
“ “ 11,		101 05
“ “ 12,		148 80
“ “ 13,	52 32	135 10
“ “ 8, Kennebunkport,		25 73
Notes,	95,050 00	51,850 00
State Pensions,	252 00	252 00
Tax of 1883,	63,400 00	
“ 1882,	12,294 77	
“ 1881,	3,161 01	
“ 1880,	803 57	
“ 1882, Non-Resident,	50 50	
“ 1881, “ “	208 66	
Repairs on Steamer,		1,571 82
Abatements of Tax, 1880,		635 50
“ “ “ 1881,		552 74
“ “ “ 1882,		424 37
“ “ “ 1883,		83 64
Sewers & Drains,		2,521 89
Sidewalks,		2,734 82
Bridges,		1,078 17
County Tax,		3,000 00
State Treasurer,	6,666 48	26,226 14
Cemetery,	85 00	30 35
Alfred Street Sewer,		36 50
Library,		176 54
Paving,		3,749 00
Building on City Farm,		4,509 20
Real Estate bought for delinquent taxes,		48 00
Cash on hand, January 31, 1883,	16,139 58	
Cash on hand, January 31, 1884,		12,815 36
	<u>\$218,208 89</u>	<u>\$218,208 89</u>

CITY BONDS.

Due October 1, 1884, 6 per cent.,	\$2,500	
“ May 1, 1885, 6 per cent.,	41,000	
“ July 2, 1887, 5 per cent.,	20,000	
“ May 1, 1895, 4 1-2 per cent.,	25,000	
“ May 1, 1900, 4 1-2 per cent.,	25,000	
“ July 1, 1897, 4 per cent.,	25,000	
“ July 1, 1891, 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,	84,525 00	
Interest on Bonds and Notes,	2,322 17	
Due School Districts,	2,605 67	
Due School House Fund, Dist. No. 1,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$253,152 84

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand, February 1, 1884,	\$12,815 36	
Due from Tax of 1875,	145 60	
“ “ “ “ 1876,	312 93	
“ “ “ “ 1878,	35 80	
“ “ “ “ 1879,	198 31	
“ “ “ “ 1880,	1,210 35	
“ “ “ “ 1881,	6,619 26	
“ “ “ “ 1882,	15,468 12	
“ “ “ “ 1883,	29,200 06	
“ “ State Treasurer,	6,470 17	
“ “ Biddeford Savings Bank,	3,649 95	
“ “ School District No. 2,	16 81	
“ “ School House Fund, Dis. No. 4,	938 86	
Real Estate bought for taxes,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$77,129 58
Net Debt,		\$176,023 26

CITY NOTES OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 1, 1884.

No.	AMOUNT.	No.	AMOUNT.
721,	\$2,000.	798,	\$700.
724,	2,000.	799,	2,000.
733,	400.	800,	2,000.
735,	500.	801,	1,500.
736,	200.	806,	400.
741,	300.	807,	500.
743,	500.	808,	2,000.
745,	3,000.	813,	500.
762,	500.	822,	2,500.
774,	1,350.	823,	1,500.
779,	2,600.	826,	1,050.
780,	650.	832,	1,500.
781,	1,000.	833,	6,000.
782,	1,000.	834,	10,000.
784,	500.	835,	10,000.
787,	425.	836,	10,000.
789,	600.	837,	3,000.
791,	500.	838,	10,000.
792,	1,000.		—
793,	350.	Total,	\$84,525.

R E P O R T
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford :

In our last report we stated that the Superintendent, Mr. James Burrier, would make a full report at the end of the school year, but this he failed to do. We do not hesitate to say that a full report will be made by the present Superintendent, Mr. B. P. Snow, at the end of this school year, which will close June 27th.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount appropriated by City Council for schools,	\$15,000.00.
“ “ “ “ “ for High School,	1,000.00.
Received from State, (School Fund and Mill Tax,)	6,423.67.
“ “ “ (Free High School,)	250 00.
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Total,	\$22,678.67.

Again we ask for an increase in the appropriation, which has been too small for several years, in consequence of which the debt of Dist. No. 4 is being increased every year. Another reason for an increased appropriation is that teachers in the Evening School should be paid for their services. We respectfully recommend that the appropriation be increased \$3,000.

“ MINISTERIAL FUND. ”

In the year 1851, the sum of \$413.12 was deposited in the “ Biddeford Savings Institution,” the income of which was to be used for school purposes. On our petition, your Honorable Body passed an order directing the City Treasurer to draw said income and turn it over to our department. The amount of which was \$3,649.95, and the same has been distributed pro rata among the districts.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, JANUARY 31, 1884, INCLUDING MINISTERIAL FUND.

District No. 1, cash on hand,	\$157 60
“ “ 2, overdrawn,	16 81
“ “ 3, cash on hand,	228 35
“ “ 4, “ “ “	1142 83
“ “ 6, “ “ “	264 33
“ “ 7, “ “ “	155 67
“ “ 8, “ “ “	299 49
“ “ 9, “ “ “	35 19
“ “ 10, “ “ “	142 13
“ “ 11, “ “ “	95 36
“ “ 12, “ “ “	78 72
“ “ 13, “ “ “	2 41
“ “ 8, Kennbunkport, cash on hand,	3 59

WAGES OF TEACHERS.

Dist. No. 1, Female teacher, including board,	\$7 50 per week.
“ “ 2, “ “ “ “	6 00 “ “
“ “ 4, Principal of High School, salary,	1000 00 per year.
1st Assist't in “ “ “ “	650 00 “ “
2d “ “ “ “	600 00 “ “
Principals Gram'r Schools, “	1000 00 “ “
Assistants in “ “ “	425 00 “ “

Dist. No. 4, Intermediate Schools,	salary	\$375 00	per year.
1st and 2d Primary Schools	"	350 00	" "
New Teacher for 1st Prim'y,	"	270 00	" "
New Teacher for 2d	" "	300 00	" "
Dist. No. 6, Male Teacher, including board,		40 00	p. month.
" " " Female	" " "	8 00	per week.
" " 7, " " "	" " "	6 00	" "
" " 8, " " "	" " "	8 50	" "
" " " Male	" " "	50 00	p. month.
" " 9, Female	" " "	6 00	per week.
" " 10, " " "	" " "	6 00	" "
" " " Male	" " "	40 00	p. month.
" " 11, Female	" " "	6 00	per week.
" " 12, " " "	" " "	6 00	" "
" " " Male	" " "	28 00	p. month.
" " 13, Female,	" " "	6 00	per week.

Salary of the Superintendent, \$1300 00 per year.

Wages of Janitor, - - \$1.75 per day.

Wages of Assistant Janitor, during Winter, .75 " "

HIGH SCHOOL.

We are very much gratified with the effect of the changes which have been made in the studies in this school. One of the most important results of the change is a large increase in the graduating class of this year, which numbers twenty-two,—thirteen girls and nine boys. Twelve girls and one boy in the classical division, and two girls and seven boys in the scientific division. This latter division seems to supply a great deficiency which has existed in this school for a long time, and promises to be of profit as well as interest to a large class of scholars, who, if they entered our High School at all, would attend only a short time, but for the adoption of this course of study.

We hope that this school will be so conducted in the future as to benefit the greatest possible number.

EVENING SCHOOL.

We hired the Hardy Hall at \$15 per month, put in tables and blackboards and opened an evening school four nights in a week, commencing Nov. 19, 1883, and closing March 14, 1884, at which 125 scholars were registered, and the records show a commendable average attendance. This school was under the direction of Mr. E. H. Parvin, assisted by Misses Mabel Mason and Nettie M. Milliken, who have been in almost constant attendance. They were assisted by Messrs. Samuel B. Brackett and Charles Walker, and by Misses Minnie and Josie Fairfield who were in attendance a part of the time. Our citizens all, and especially those who were benefited by the evening school, owe a great debt of gratitude to these teachers who so kindly gave their entire services. In our opinion this school is needed as much or more than any other in our city, and should be made a permanent one. We therefore recommend that the school appropriation be large enough so that a room or rooms may be properly furnished for the same and that teachers may be employed and paid for their services. As many in our midst are too poor to permit their children to attend the day school, but must have the benefit of their labor, there is no way for them to obtain any education except through the instrumentality of an evening school. And we are not doing our duty toward this class of children unless we furnish them some means of acquiring an education to some extent at least. Many of our citizens have expressed their approval of the establishing of an evening school, and will gladly pay the required increase in the appropriation for its support.

We are very much gratified to learn that Congress and many of the State legislatures realize the necessity of educating the masses and are making provisions therefor.

TEMPERANCE TEXT BOOKS.

Two years ago we were asked to introduce this kind of books into our schools, but we did not think it practicable. This con-

clusion was reached after an examination of the books then presented. A new set of school books has just been published for the purpose of teaching the physiological effect of alcohol and narcotics, and laws have been enacted in Vermont, Michigan, New Hampshire and New York requiring this subject to be taught in all of their schools. This is a progressive measure, and one that will advance whether we favor or oppose it. We would suggest therefore, that it may be wisdom on the part of our teachers to prepare for this work in our schools.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Again we recommend the abolition of the district system. Petitions asking for this to be done have been circulated in many of the districts, and will without doubt be presented to you.

The school houses in several of the districts need more repairs than the amount allowed by law to be taken from the school money for that purpose would pay for. Therefore, this system must be abolished or these districts must soon raise money themselves and repair their houses. As the number of scholars in many of these districts is now very small, thereby making their proportion of the money very small, we have taken some from Dist. No. 4, (it being our largest district.) as authorized by law, and have given it to several of the smaller districts, thereby giving them more schooling than they have had before for several years. District No. 1 raised \$200, and expended it in repairs upon its house during the year. Some repairs have been made on nearly all of the houses in these districts.

TRUANCY.

There was a time when the Truant Officers of the city looked after those who were violating the laws and city ordinances against truancy. Our school rooms afterward became crowded by reason of an increased number of scholars, and there was no room for those who were out of school. Then the officers ceased

their work in this direction, and now there is a large number of children, if we are correctly informed, who are neither employed nor attending school. This is true to some extent in the suburban districts as well as in Dist. No. 4, and should receive proper attention.

FIRE ALARMS.

We respectfully ask that some means be provided by which an alarm of fire may be given, other than ringing the High School bell, as that causes great disturbance to the school, especially in the High School building, when the alarm is given during school hours.

REPAIRS.

By authority of a vote of Dist. No. 4, we sold the school houses which were on the Wentworth street lot; also the Williams Court lot and buildings, and have erected a two story brick building for two schools, on the Wentworth street lot, of which we are not ashamed. We made quite extensive repairs in the High School building; replastered ceiling in High School room, laid new floors, painted walls, blinds, &c.; made repairs and furnished new seats for Grammar School room on Spruce street; shingled house on Summer street and put in some new blackboards; made some repairs in house on Sullivan street—and we will say here that a large amount of work still needs to be done to put this house in a suitable condition. We shingled the Morrill school house and built a fence around the yard to the same. More or less repairs have been made in many other school rooms and some of the yards have been graded. Several other yards need to be graded and fenced, which would have been done during the year if the appropriation had been sufficient.

CONCLUSION.

In closing we will say that we have a good corps of teachers who have co operated with our very efficient Superintendent, thus keeping up the standard of our schools.

We feel that a good year's work has been done in the school department of our city.

In all that we as a Committee have done, and in all the changes which we have made, we have not been influenced by political considerations, notwithstanding the inclination of many political managers in both parties to drag our schools in the slums of party politics.

The discharge of our duties has required a great deal of time and labor, for which our only compensation is the consciousness of having done what we thought to be for the highest interest of our schools.

Respectfully submitted.

GORHAM N. WEYMOUTH,	} S. S. COMMITTEE.
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