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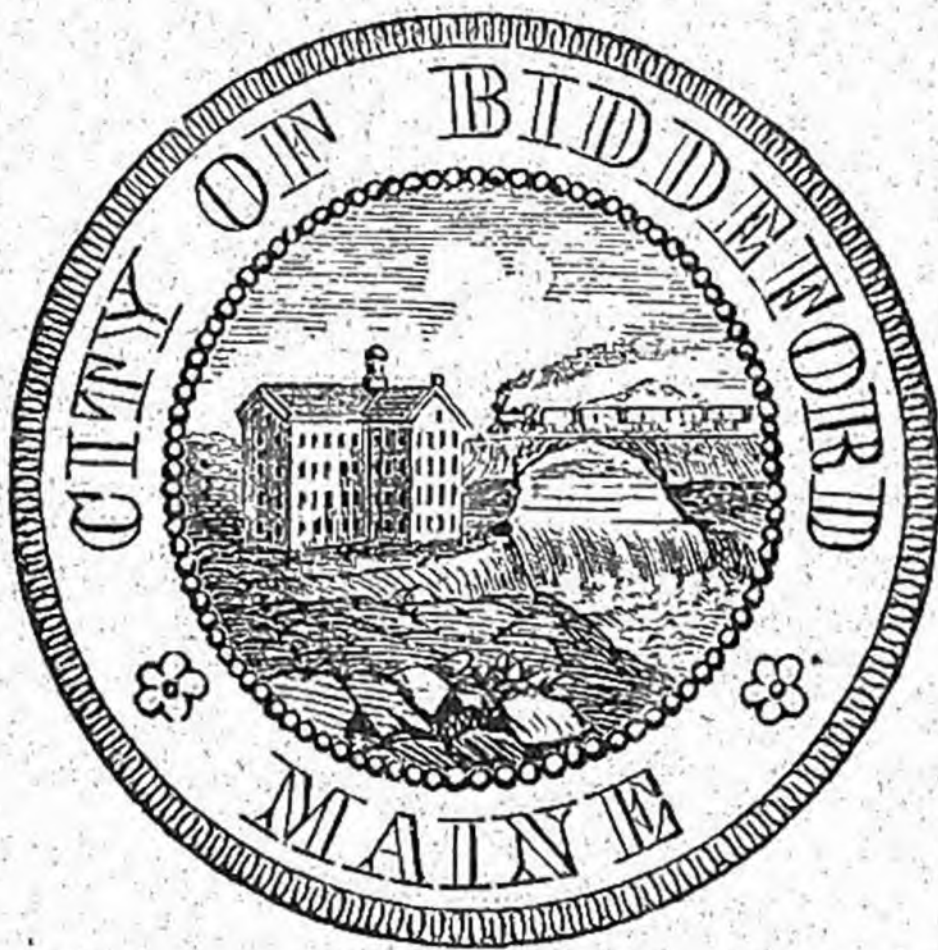
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TOGETHER WITH THE
INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE MAYOR,
HON. SAMUEL F. PARCHER.

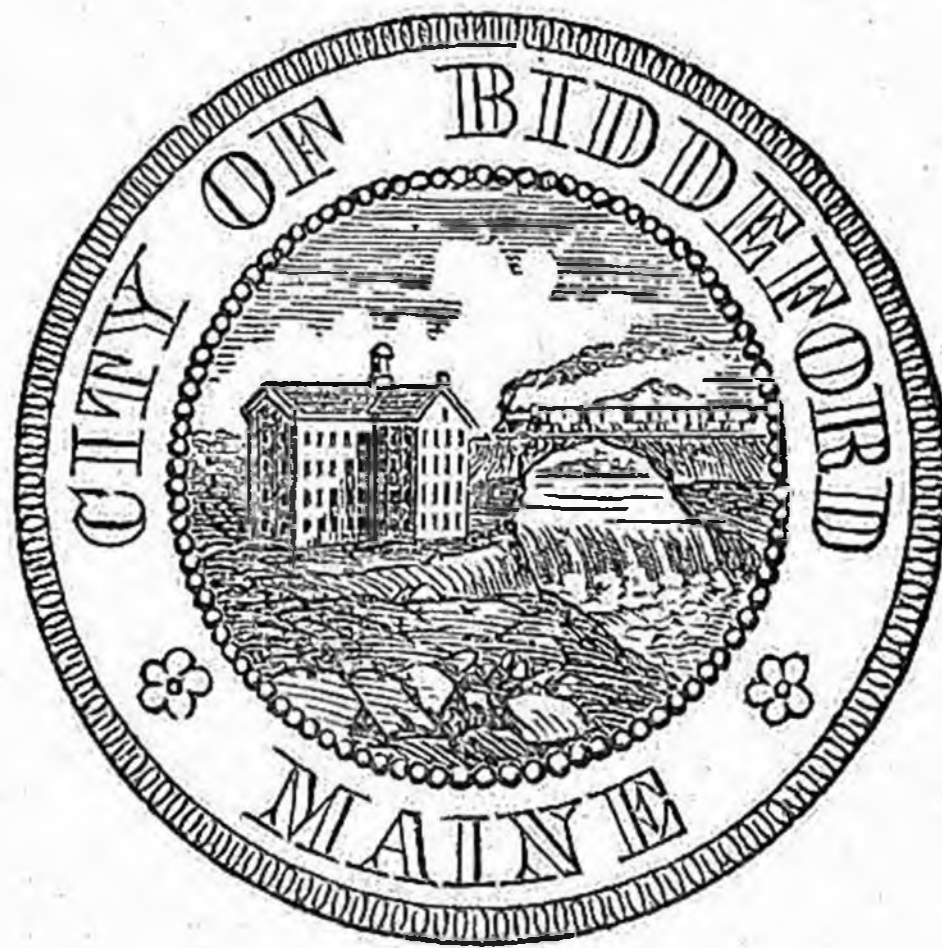


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CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

In Board of Aldermen, March 21, 1887.

ORDERED :

That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to have printed for distribution five hundred copies of Annual Reports of 1886.

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

Attest: EDGAR A. HUBBARD, CITY CLERK.

In Common Council, March 21, 1887.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: J. W. FAIRFIELD, CLERK.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In accordance with usage I lay before you a statement of the financial condition of the City at close of the municipal year ending Jan. 31st, 1887, as shown by the report of the City Treasurer:

LIABILITIES.

City Bonds,	\$230,000 00	
Notes,	95,925 00	
Due to school Districts,	569 09	
	<hr/>	\$326,494 09

ASSETS.

Cash,	\$23,761 63
Due from school Houses, District No. 1,	207 12
Due from School Houses, District No. 4,	5,194 44
Real estate bought for Taxes,	5 00
Due from Tax of 1875,	145 60
“ “ 1876,	312 93
“ “ 1878,	35 80
“ “ 1880,	750 35
“ “ 1881,	4,251 33
“ “ 1882,	5,903 97
“ “ 1883,	4,938 12

Amount carried forward,	<hr/>	\$45,506 29
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Amount brought forward,	\$45,506 29
Due from Tax of 1884,	13,836 54
“ “ 1885,	19,165 48
“ “ 1886,	25,888 63
Due from Non-residents, 1882,	10 00
“ “ 1883,	5 00
“ “ 1884,	18 98
“ “ 1885,	597 30
City building,	80,000 00
Stock in Liquor Agency,	1,674 86
Due from State Treasurer's school fund and mill tax,	7,324 73
	<hr/> \$194,027 81
Net debt,	<hr/> \$132,466 28

The denominations, rates and due-date of the notes and bonds payable are as follows, viz :

NOTES.

No.	Rate,	Due.	Amt.
787			\$425 00
791			500 00
884			30,000 00
885			20,000 00
887	4 per cent,	March 26, 1887,	80,000 00
889	4 “	Oct. 14, 1887,	15,000 00
			<hr/> \$95,925 00

BONDS.

Due.	Rate.	Amt.
July 2, 1887,	5 per cent.	\$20,000 00
May 1, 1895,	4 1-2 per cent.	25,000 00
“ 1, 1900,	4 1-2 “	25,000 00
July 1, 1897,	4 per cent.	25,000 00
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$95,000 00

Amount brought forward,		\$ 95,000 00
July 1, 1901,	4 per cent.	25,000 00
May 15, 1904,	4 “	50,000 00
“ 1905,	4 “	50,000 00
Sept. 1, 1906,	4 “	10,000 00
		<hr/>
		\$230,000 00

On the first of September, by authority of the city council, bonds were issued for sewerage purposes to the amount of ten thousand dollars, to run twenty years, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, and were sold at a premium of five per cent.

Later in the year the treasurer was authorized to issue six thousand dollars of bonds to provide for the new iron bridge, but owing to the nearness to the close of the year, and the advice of the treasurer of Massachusetts who was to negotiate them, their issue was deferred, and I recommend a renewal of authority early this year.

SEWERS.

This department still needs a greater outlay than it would be advisable to raise by taxation, and I recommend the negotiation of a loan of ten thousand dollars to be expended in the extension of the system. The laying of the sewers through the sections where there seems to be absolute necessity, is so expensive, that this sum is none too great.

It is to be borne in mind that an extension of sewerage means an improved sanitary condition.

STREETS.

The condition of our streets being in the main, good, the appropriation can be safely reduced without detriment to the public interest.

PAVING.

While there are yet several streets, notably Elm and Washington, which need paving, yet it is considered advisable to limit

the amount to that portion of Main street between Foss and Emery streets.

SIDEWALKS.

A good sidewalk is conceded to be as important a public convenience as there is; hence it should be the policy to extend them during the coming year. To do this will require a liberal appropriation, which, without doubt, will be made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This department is made more effective each year, and the interest manifested by its members should be recognized by allowing such accessions as are called for to a reasonable extent. There certainly should be an effort to establish a better means for an alarm. The bell upon the high school building is quite inadequate, and an improved method should be sought without delay.

HEALTH.

The good management of this important department cannot be ignored, and it is to be hoped that its work will be pushed forward in the course marked out during the past year.

TAXES.

Aside from the desire for permanent improvements, the interest of the people is believed to be unanimous in a desire for a reduction of taxes, I therefore invite your co-operation in an effort for its accomplishment, which must be successful.

I close with these few suggestions, believing that developments will bring into view subjects of importance, which will be treated as they occur, among which, I trust, will be found that of a public park.

SAMUEL F. PARCHER.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD,
1887-8.

MAYOR.
HON. SAMUEL F. PARCHER.

CITY CLERK.
EDGAR A. HUBBARD.

ALDERMEN.

CHAIRMAN, - - - - - JOHN H. BURNHAM.

WARD 1, GEORGE F. PIPER,
“ 2, MICHAEL LEONARD,
“ 3, ALBERT G. LUNT,
“ 4, JOHN F. SMITH,
“ 5, VOLNEY A. SPRAGUE,
“ 6, JEAN B. PARE,
“ 7, JOHN H. BURNHAM.

COMMON COUNCILMEN.

PRESIDENT, - - - - - WILLIAM W. CENTER.

WARD 1, WALDO S. VERRILL,
 " ANSEL DAVIS,
 " CHARLES O. JOHNSON,
 " 2, PAUL SENEY,
 " CAMILE P. LETOURNEAU,
 " TIMOTHY COUNTY.
 " 3, WILL STONE,
 " JOHN MOODY,
 " JAMES B. CAMPBELL.
 " 4, WILLIAM H. STUART,
 " EDWARD J. JONES,
 " JOSEPH ETCHELLS.
 " 5, JOHN F. NOURSE,
 " BENJAMIN F. LOMBARD,
 " FRANK O. DEARING.
 " 6, FRED C. BUKER,
 " MICHAEL CLEARY,
 " JOSEPH DESCOTEAUX.
 " 7, WALTER I. GORDON,
 " PATRICK MEEDS,
 " WILLIAM W. CENTER.

WARD OFFICERS.

WARDENS.

WARD 1, JOHN R. STAPLES,
 " 2, GEORGE O. SMITH,
 " 3, GEORGE F. ELLIS,
 " 4, NATHANIEL B. WALKER,
 " 5, NATHAN F. SAWYER,
 " 6, CARLOS H. McKENNEY,
 " 7, ALBERT H. WOODMAN.

WARD CLERKS.

WARD 1, HORACE B. EVANS,
“ 2, EDGAR R. CLARK,
“ 3, LEVI H. WEBBER,
“ 4, HENRY J. CHURCH,
“ 5, SOLON ABBOTT,
“ 6, HENRY A. PARE,
“ 7, GEORGE F. GOODWIN.

CONSTABLES.

WARD 1, IRA N. DAVIS,
“ 2, WILLIAM MURPHY,
“ 3, HERBERT GRAY,
“ 4, WILLIAM B. SULLIVAN,
“ 5, DENNIS SULLIVAN,
“ 6, CHARLES T. HURD,
“ 7, FRED A. TARBOX.

JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT.
CHARLES S. HAMILTON.

RECORDER.

EDWIN J. CRAM.

CITY TREASURER.

CHARLES E. GOODWIN.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

GEORGE A. BERRY.

CITY SOLICITOR.

EDWIN STONE.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

CALEB J. EMERY.

ASSESSORS.

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JOHN B. FORTIN,
FRANK MCGARTY.

OVERSEERS OF POOR

JOHN H. COSGROVE,
JOHN B. HAMELIN,
JOHN C. HALEY.

HEALTH OFFICERS.

DANIEL COTE,
JOSEPH H. STONE,
DR. C. J. EMERY.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM BOSTON, CHIEF ENGINEER.
CHARLES E. HOYT, 1st Ass't. ENGINEER.
JAMES BEAUMONT, 2nd Ass't. ENGINEER.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ROYAL E. GOULD.

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JOHN H. BURNHAM,
TRISTRAM HANSON,
EDGAR R. CLARK,
CORNELIUS HORIGAN,
GEORGE H. MUNROE,
ANSEL L. JELLESon,
DENNIS MURPHY,
JOHN B. LOWELL,
ORIN H. STAPLES.

SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS.

STEPHEN WORTH.

COMMISSIONERS OF STREETS AND ROADS

DISTRICT No. 4,	JERE G. SHAW,
POOL DISTRICT,	THOMAS CRAIG,
OAK RIDGE DISTRICT,	FORREST L. BENSON,
FORTUNE'S ROCKS,	DANA GOODRICH,
RIVER ROAD, WESTERN DIV.,	WILLIAM R. DOYLE,
RIVER ROAD, EASTERN DIV.,	ORIN B. EDWARDS,
NEWTOWN DISTRICT,	FRANK PROCTOR,
KENNEBUNK ROAD DISTRICT,	JOSEPH H. HOLMES,
WARD 7, EASTERN DIVISION,	WILLIAM M. LOWELL,
WARD 7, WESTERN DIVISION,	ELBRIDGE M. DEARBORN.

JANITOR OF CITY HALL.

WILLIAM P. YATES.

HARBOR MASTER.

DANIEL GOLDTHWAITE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

JOHN B. LOWELL.

CITY LIQUOR AGENT.

GEORGE F. GOODWIN.

POUND KEEPER.

JOHN W. ROBINSON.

CITY MARSHAL.

JOHN E. BANKS.

POLICEMEN.

George W. Harriman,
Elroy Davis,
Henry Carroll,
Leonard Andrews, 2nd,
Anthony Romeo,
Michael Ryan,
George Melvin,
James Laffan,
George E. Hale,
Washburn T. Emerson,
Nathaniel M. Milliken,
George K. Burnham,
Israel Velandrie,
Ethni C. Baker,
Arthur Ricker,
John M. Akerly,
Mitchell Lebarge,
Evander Stuart,
William G. Parker,
George P. Bates,
Patrick Judge,

Lewis Stuart,
Thomas Cullen,
Alexander Velandrie,
Sylvester Kerwin,
Fred E. Tate,
David Kerwin,
Ambrose P. Rose, Jr.,
John Nason,
Forest L. Benson,
Frank Emerson,
Irving W. Mason,
Lewis Thompson,
John P. Fenderson,
John Flinn,
William Warren,
Frank M. Chase,
James R. McKeen,
Frank H. Rumery,
Anthony Dwyer,
Louis O. Chabot.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES, 1887.

ON FINANCE.

The Mayor,	Councilman W. W. Center.
Alderman J. H. Burnham,	“ Fred C. Buker.
	“ John F. Nourse.

ACCOUNTS.

Alderman John B. Pare,	Councilman Walter I. Gordon,
	“ William H. Stuart.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Mayor,	Councilman Paul Seney.
Alderman Michael Leonard,	“ Edward J. Jones,
	“ Waldo S. Verrill.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY.

The Mayor,	Councilman C. P. Letourneau,
Alderman John H. Burnham,	“ William W. Center.
	“ Fred C. Buker,
	“ Will Stone.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman John F. Smith,	Councilman Edward J. Jones.
“ John B. Pare,	“ J. B. Campbell,
	“ Walter I. Gordon.

PRINTING.

Alderman John F. Smith,	Councilman Jos. Descoteaux,
	“ Benj. F. Lombard.

POOR.

Alderman Michael Leonard,	Councilman C. P. Letourneau,
“ George F. Piper,	“ Timothy County,
	“ William H. Stuart.

ORDINANCES.

The Mayor,	Councilman Patrick Meeds,
	“ Ansel L. Davis.

STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS.

The Mayor,	Councilman Edward J. Jones,
Alderman Michael Leonard,	“ C. P. Letourneau,
“ John F. Smith,	“ John Moody,
	“ Joseph Etchells.

*Standing Committees of Board of Aldermen.**ON POLICE.*

The Mayor,	Alderman John H. Burnham,
	“ Albert G. Lunt.

ON ELECTIONS.

Alderman John F. Smith,
“ John B. Pare,
“ George F. Piper.

ON LICENSES.

The Mayor,	Alderman Michael Leonard,
	“ Volney A. Sprague.

ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Alderman Michael Leonard,
“ John B. Pare,
“ John F. Smith.

REPORT
OF THE
CITY TREASURER.

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

The following statement for this department is respectfully submitted:

Cash on hand January 31, 1886,	\$18,820 72	
Received from all sources,	389,667 64	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$408,488 36
Total payments during the year,	\$384,726 73	
Cash on hand January 31, 1887,	23,761 63	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$408,488 36

A statement of receipts and expenditures in detail will be found appended herewith.

On the 1st of September, by authority of the City Council, bonds were issued for sewerage purposes, amounting to (\$10,000), ten thousand dollars, to run twenty years, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and were sold at a premium of 5 per cent., a higher premium than has ever been received by any other city in Maine for a similar bond.

Respectfully,

O. F. PAGE, TREASURER.

 OSTINELLI F. PAGE, TREASURER,

 IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Tax for 1882,	\$2,510 17	
“ “ 1883,	2,920 82	
“ “ 1884,	3,984 27	
“ “ 1885,	14,829 98	
“ “ 1886,	82,941 96	
“ “ 1881, non-resident,	1 50	
“ “ 1882, “ “	1 50	
“ “ 1883, “ “	11 30	
“ “ 1884, “ “	393 39	
“ “ 1885, “ “	13 20	
City Liquor Agency,	9,370 96	8,862 51
Fire Department,	1,473 36	8,787 41
Pauper Department,	890 39	20,074 02
Notes,	255,000 00	212,150 00
City Building,	3,233 77	5,060 81
City Cemetery,	16 00	135 64
City Hall,	369 03	
General Expense,	109 53	6,793 41
Sewers and Drains,	10,567 59	10,439 29
Contingent Fund,	200 00	3,538 39
Interest,	103 83	12,190 27
State Pensions,	75 00	75 00
Railroad and Telegraph Tax,	137 35	
Bridges,	64 56	6,995 90
Sidewalks,		5,083 54
Police Department,		7,757 26
School District No. 1,		195 66
“ “ “ 2,	50 80	204 01
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$389,270 26	\$308,343 12

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Amount brought forward,	\$389,270 26	\$308,343 12
School District No. 3,		387 50
“ “ “ 4,	250 00	23,034 95
“ “ “ 6,		347 95
“ “ “ 7,		192 90
“ “ “ 8,		513 86
“ “ “ 8, Kennebunkport,		20 59
“ “ “ 9,		247 13
“ “ “ 10,		296 63
“ “ “ 11,		192 23
“ “ “ 12,		175 58
“ “ “ 13,	147 38	241 50
City Library,		226 03
Salaries,		3,283 51
Reservoirs,		22 42
Hydrants,		3,000 00
Health Department,		676 83
Street Lights,		4,048 52
Paving,		9,316 97
School Houses, Dist. No. 4,		6,222 65
Discount on Taxes, 1886,		5,579 95
Highways, Dist. No. 4,		8,561 22
“ Pool Dist.,		325 61
“ Kennebunk Road,		227 88
“ Oak Ridge,		318 88
“ River Road,		227 94
“ Fortune's Rocks,		530 99
“ Newtown District,		584 54
“ Ward 7, East Div.,		1,759 60
“ “ “ West Div.,		600 55
Amount carried forward,	\$389,667 64	\$379,508 03

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Amount brought forward,	\$389,667 64	\$379,508 03
Highways River Road, East Div.,		298 83
“ “ West Div.,		829 12
Abatement of Taxes,		51 20
“ “ 1882,		923 67
“ “ 1883,		1,272 04
“ “ 1884,		24 20
“ “ 1885,		1,264 45
“ “ 1886,		555 19
Cash on hand January 31, 1886,	18,820 72	
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 LIABILITIES.

City Bonds,	\$230,000 00	
Bills payable.—Notes.	95,925 00	
Due to School Districts,	569 09	
	<u> </u>	\$326,494 09

 ASSETS.

Cash,	\$23,761 63	
School Houses, Dist. No. 1,	207 12	
“ “ 4,	5,194 44	
Real Estate—bought for taxes,	5 00	
Tax for 1875,	145 60	
“ 1876,	312 93	
“ 1878,	35 80	
	<u> </u>	
Amount carried forward,		\$29,662 52

Amount brought forward,	\$29,662 52	
Tax for 1880,	750 35	
“ 1881,	4,251 33	
“ 1882,	5,903 97	
“ 1883,	4,938 12	
“ 1884,	13,836 54	
“ 1885,	19,165 48	
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“ 1883, “	5 00	
“ 1884, “	18 98	
“ 1885, “	597 30	
City Building,	80,000 00	
Stock in Liquor Agency,	1,674 86	
Due from State Treasury, School Fund and Mill Tax,	7,324 73	
	<u> </u>	\$194,027 81
Amount of Liabilities,	\$326,494 09	
Amount of Assets,	<u>194,027 81</u>	
Net Debt,		\$132,466 28

CITY BONDS.

Due July 2, 1887,	5 per cent.,	\$20,000 00
“ May 1, 1895,	4 1-2 per cent.,	25,000 00
“ May 1, 1900,	4 1-2 per cent.,	25,000 00
“ July 1, 1897,	4 per cent.,	25,000 00
“ July 1, 1901,	4 per cent.,	25,000 00
“ May 15, 1904,	4 per cent.,	50,000 00
“ May 15, 1905,	4 per cent.,	50,000 00
“ Sept. 1, 1906,	4 per cent.,	10,000 00
		<u> </u>
		\$230,000 00

OUTSTANDING NOTES.

Note No. 787,	\$425 00	
“ “ 791,	500 00	
“ “ 884,	30,000 00	
“ “ 885,	20,000 00	
“ “ 887,	30,000 00	
“ “ 889,	15,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$95,925 00

REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the ordinance for the government of Fire Department, I have the honor to submit to you my fourth annual report of the department for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31st, 1887.

This report will be found to contain a statement of all fires and alarms that have occurred during the year, also a list of the officers and members of the several companies, together with the location of hydrants and reservoirs, condition of the engines, horses and buildings, and such other information, which I hope may prove of interest to your honorable body, the citizens, and the Department.

This has been a very favorable year, and the loses by fire are not very large.

The manual force of the Department consists of a Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers, and forty-eight (48) active members.

The Department consists of two Steam Fire Engines, one Hose Wagon, and one Hook and Ladder Carriage.

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

Foreman, HENRY B. HAYES, Ass't. Foreman, IRVING W. MASON,
 Clerk, BENJ. GOODIER, JR., Engineer, JOHN GOODIER,
 Fireman, GEO. W. LEAVITT, Driver, HENRY W. GOODWIN.

Hosemen.—MAURICE W. NEWELL, GEORGE BOWE, DANIEL
 KERWIN, JOS. BARDSLEY, HERBERT WARREN, OREN SKILLINGS,
 CHAS. O. PATRICK, NATHANIEL P. VERRILL, CHAS. H. GRANT.

Torch Boys.—SAMUEL HIRST, OWEN BURNHAM.

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

Foreman, C. M. WATSON, Ass't. Foreman, WM. F. SNOW,
 Clerk, THOS. W. HEENEY, Engineer, CHASE GOODWIN,
 Fireman, ERWIN S. GOWEN, Driver, DAVID ELLIOTT.

Hosemen.—JOHN DEANE, NAPOLEAN DUCHARME, H. J. GOOD-
 WIN, EDWIN RUMERY, S. W. HUBBARD, WM. SULLIVAN, J. E.
 GOWEN, CHAS. BLAIR.

Torch Boys.—JAMES LOWD, EDWIN STAPLES.

Welcome Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.

Foreman, A. H. WARDWELL, Ass't Foreman, G. E. HALEY,
 Clerk, ALONZO F. HALEY.

GEO. H. HOOPER, GEO. BOUTIN, JOHN DOYLE, CHAS. BONSOR,
 CHANDLER PEAVEY, C. F. NELSON, C. H. HALEY, J. O. SMITH.

Torch Boys.—ROBERT B. HAMILTON, HARRY SAWYER.

The Department has been prompt and efficient in the discharge
 of their duties, and have I trust, at all times, whether on parade
 or on duty at fires, conducted themselves in such a manner as to
 merit the approbation of your honorable body and the citizens
 generally.

ENGINES.

The "Richard Vines" is in the same condition as it was three
 or four years ago, and is only used in case of emergency.

The "Eben Simpson" is in good order, and will probably
 need but few repairs.

The "Welcome" Hook and Ladder Truck will need some repairs the coming year.

HOUSES AND STABLE.

The buildings are in fair condition, with the exception of the Hook and Ladder House, which remains the same as last year.

The Engine Houses and Stable will need painting and some few repairs the ensuing year.

HORSES.

There are four (4) horses in the Department all in good condition, and I would again strongly recommend that another pair be purchased for the Hook and Ladder Truck. The horses would pay for themselves in working, and the Department be increased in efficiency.

The horses have earned the past year about \$1400.

HOSE.

There is now in the Department five thousand (5,000) feet of hose, three thousand (3,000) of which is reliable, and the other two thousand (2,000) could not be relied upon in case of a heavy pressure, and I would recommend that 1000 feet be purchased the coming year.

HOSE WAGON.

A new Hose wagon has been purchased from the American Hose Co. the past year. The wagon is built and finished in the most thorough and workmanlike manner, and is provided with all the necessary modern improvements, and will no doubt, reflect honor upon the department and city.

The Richard Vines S. F. E. being placed in reserve and used only in case of emergency.

Also there has been purchased two sets of Swing Harnesses with the latest improvements, two pipes, and two Haley Shut off nozzels, which make the Department more efficient and prompt in the discharge of their duties.

SUGGESTIONS.

In my report for the last few years I have called attention to the poor condition of the engine house occupied by the Hook and Ladder Co. I again call your attention to the matter, that it may not escape the minds of those in authority.

This is a standing disgrace to the Department and city, and should be remedied at the earliest opportunity, as all know who have been acquainted with the affairs of the city in the past.

This building was formerly occupied as a store house for carts and sleds of the Department, and although some changes were made at the time the H. and L. Co. took their quarters there, it is but little better than a store house now. I sincerely hope some way may be devised whereby a better place may be furnished for the company.

I would earnestly again recommend that the city purchase the lot adjoining house No. 1, and erect a good substantial house with a hose tower attached, sufficient to meet the wants of the Department. The saving in hose alone would of itself more than pay the interest on the money invested, and the change could be nothing but beneficial.

By reason of the city being lighted by electric lights, some steps will have to be taken very soon in relation to a fire alarm of some kind.

When the streets are lighted by the new system it will be almost impossible to judge correctly about the locality of a fire. We were formerly guided, to a great extent, by the light thrown out by the burning buildings.

There ought to be some system of electric fire alarm connecting the different parts of the city with the fire department, or a larger bell placed on the city building.

I would recommend that the different systems of fire alarms may be examined and that one suitable to a city of this size be introduced at as early a day as possible.

LOCATION OF HYDRANTS.

- 1, City Farm yard.
- 2, Main street, corner of Highland St.
- 3, " near Eastern R. R. depot.
- 4, " corner of Western avenue.
- 5, " " Bradbury St.
- 6, " " Elm St.
- 7, " " Jefferson St.
- 8, " " Adams St.
- 9, " " Lincoln St.
- 10, " " Washington St.
- 11, " " Franklin St.
- 12, " " Alfred St.
- 13, " " Emery St.
- 14, " " Hill St.
- 15, Water street, " Sullivan St.
- 16, " " Pike St.
- 17, Pike street, " Cross St.
- 18, Pool street, " Oak St.
- 19, " near residence of G. W. Leavitt.
- 20, " corner of Clifford St.
- 21, " near residence of J. S. Dudley.
- 22, Sullivan street, corner of Bacon St.
- 23, Hill street, between Main and Bacon St.
- 24, " corner of Pool St.
- 25, " " Acorn St.
- 26, " " Fall St.
- 27, " near residence of Geo. W. Ward.
- 28, Emery street, corner of Bacon St.
- 29, Foss street, " Pool St.
- 30, " " Mount Vernon St.
- 31, " " Fall St.
- 32, Alfred street, corner of Bacon St.

- 33, Alfred street, corner of Pool St.
- 34, " near corner of Mount Vernon St.
- 35, " near " Birch St.
- 36, " opposite Myrtle St.
- 37, " corner of Union St.
- 38, " near residence of Israel Emmons.
- 39, " " J. H. Fogg.
- 40, " Five Points.
- 41, Washington street, corner of Jefferson St.
- 42, South street, corner of Jefferson St.
- 43, " " Green St.
- 44, " " Elm St.
- 45, " near corner of State St.
- 46, " near residence of Geo. O. Burnham.
- 47, " " Tristram Hooper.
- 48, " corner of Highland St.
- 49, Highland street, in center of St.
- 50, Elm street, corner of Walnut St.
- 51, " " Gooch St.
- 52, " " Emery St.
- 53, " near residence of Geo. A. Berry.
- 54, " corner of Union St.
- 55, " near B. & M. R. R. depot.
- 56, Hooper street, top of the hill.
- 57, Lincoln " near corner of Pearl St.
- 58, Green " corner of Birch St.
- 59, Union " " Graham St.
- 60, Summer " near residence of J. W. Wormwood.
- 61, Smith " opposite Water Power Foundry.
- 62, Wentworth street, near school house.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

The Department has been called out sixteen (16) times on fires and alarms during the past year.

1886, March 26, fire 6.45 A. M.,

Pepperell cotton house, Main St., no
damage.

Department out.

March 27, fire 8.45, P. M.,

Hook and Ladder house, Washington St.

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April 9, false alarm, 9.20 P. M.

“

April 11, fire 10.20, A. M.,

House on Elm St. near French church.

“

April 19, fire 9.30 P. M.,

Woods on Alfred road near Greenwood
Cemetery,

“

May 23, fire 12.30 P. M.,

House on Elm St. owned by Thomas
Emery, near Main St. Partially con-
sumed,

“

May 21, fire 11 A. M.,

York Corporation.

“

July 11, fire 12.45 P. M.,

House and barn of Chas. Hill, Portland
road.

“

July 25, false alarm, 1.30 P. M., Saco.

“

Aug. 11, fire 10.45 P. M.,

Woods on Hollis road.

“

Sept. 1, fire 7.40 P. M.,

House and shed, Main St., near corner
of Elm St. Partially consumed.

“

Oct. 22, fire 6.15 P. M.,

Steam Mill chimney, Saco.

“

Oct 30, fire 10.40 P. M.,

No. 13 York Boarding house, Saco.

“

Nov. 22, false alarm, 9.20 P. M.,

“

Dec. 8, fire 4 P. M.,	Department out.
House on Pike St., chimney.	“
1887, Jan. 7, fire 12.30 P. M.,	
Seth Warren's Hardware store, Main St.	“

CONCLUSION.

In closing this, my 4th annual report, I wish to thank the different officials of the City Government, the Board of Engineers, for their hearty co-operation in all matters tending to the improvement and efficiency of department, to the officers and members of the Department for their support and good will on all occasions, also to the Police Department I wish to return my sincere thanks for past favors and their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BOSTON, CHIEF ENGINEER.

JAMES BEAUMONT, Secretary.

REPORT

OF

CITY MARSHAL.

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

The undersigned, City Marshal of said city, begs leave to submit his report of the annual doings of the Police Department for the year ending March 19, 1887.

The Police force has been composed of

- 1 City Marshal.
- 1 Policeman acting as Assistant Marshal.
- 6 Policemen, on regular patrol duty.
- 4 Policemen on Sunday patrol duty.
- 2 Policemen on duty at Hall.
- 30 Policemen specially on a reserve force.

The number of arrests made and crimes charged, are as follows :

For Intoxication,	89
“ Breaking the Peace,	42
“ Assault and Battery,	53
“ Assault upon an Officer,	10
“ Violation of City Ordinance,	4
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No. carried forward,	198

No. brought forward,	198
For Larceny,	18
“ Malicious Mischief,	7
“ Adultery,	1
“ Robbery,	2
“ Breaking and Entering,	2
“ Refusing to assist an officer,	2
“ Fast Driving	2
“ Vagrancy,	9
“ Setting Fires,	5
“ Affray,	10
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	256
Number persons given lodgings,	460
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The whole number in custody during the year,	716

Those given lodgings as well as those held for crime have been furnished with such food as seemed to be right and proper under the circumstances.

I feel myself under obligation to the Mayor and City Council, for the courtesy with which they have treated me, and to the Police force for their earnest and generous co-operation in the suppression of crime.

The Judge and Recorder of the Municipal Court have treated me with a courtesy and consideration for which I am truly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BANKS,
City Marshal.

REPORT
OF THE
CITY SOLICITOR.

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

I herewith submit my report as City Solicitor for the Municipal year A. D. 1886-7.

On assuming the duties of the office I found but one case pending in any court in which the city was directly interested.

This was the case of Francis G. and Harriet N. Warren, petitioners to the court of County Commissioners, for abatement of tax assessed in the year 1885. The amount involved was \$35.20.

The trial occupied the court three days, and resulted in an order for an abatement of \$22.

But two actions against the city have been begun during the year.

One of these was by the town of Aetna to recover the value of supplies furnished paupers.

I had no knowledge of this claim until after service of the writ on the city.

An investigation of the facts convinces me that the city has no legal defence to the action, and I recommend a settlement before the next term of the court in Penobscot county, to save further costs.

Mary Harvey claimed to have sustained injuries from an alleged defect in the sidewalk on Main street, near the crossing of the B. & M. railroad. She brought suit to recover damages therefor, claiming \$2000, but before the action was entered in court she accepted \$200 in full settlement of the same.

Notices have been given by several parties that they have claims against the city for injuries received on account of alleged defective ways, but it is believed that no legal liability rests upon the city in any of these cases.

I am gratified to be able to report that the city is now entirely free from litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. STONE, City Solicitor.

ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

John Hanscom, printing,	\$225 25
John Hanscom, printing reports, &c.,	186 00
W. H. Watson, printing,	227 75
Maine Insane Hospital,	1,667 78
Owners of Exchange Block,	350 00
Townsend Bros., work on sprinkler,	6 75
T. D. Sullivan, M. D.,	2 00
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.,	12 00
N. W. Kendall,	30
McLellan, Mosher & Co., blank books, &c.,	51 25
W. A. Hooper, labor,	31 25
C. J. Emery, vaccinating,	119 25
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co.,	14 63
W. H. & L. G. Hanson, lumber,	3 85
Biddeford & Saco Water Co ,	125 00
F. M. Burnham, stationery, &c.,	56 99
C. B. Harmon, truant officer,	50 00
Geo. Hooper,	2 25
Fred Hampson, labor,	3 00
Carlos Heard,	3 00
Thomas J. Gallagher,	75
Joseph F. Kittridge, posting notices,	2 00
J. A. Stafford,	1 63
Geo. W. Tate, keeper Currier estate, "taxes,"	12 00
John Doyle, labor on trees,	6 75
Emery Johnson, labor on trees,	4 50

Noel Velandrie, labor on trees,	\$11 81
Moses Ricker, " "	5 25
Carlos Heard, " "	10 12
Geo. O. Hooper, " "	4 50
Thomas J. Gallagher, labor on trees,	4 50
J. A. Stafford,	1 80
State Reform School,	16 00
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.,	10 00
Geo. A. Berry,	10 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co.,	9 00
Walter Q. Gordon, warden,	2 00
Frank W. Roberts, ward clerk,	2 00
Fremont K. Tarbox, warden,	2 00
John Leonard, warden,	2 00
Timothy Holland, ward clerk,	2 00
Frank Proctor, com. on streets,	35 00
Frank McGarty, warden,	2 00
James H. Murphy, warden,	2 00
J. E. H. Townsend, ward clerk,	2 00
N. F. Sawyer, warden,	2 00
F. F. Beauregard, ward clerk,	2 00
J. T. Emery, ward clerk,	2 00
Chas. S. Waterhouse, warden,	2 00
Louis Chartier, ward clerk,	2 00
Chas. L. Plummer, warden,	2 00
Alvin G. Johnson, rent, election,	7 00
N. P. Dion, rent election,	20 00
Geo. Marcille, ladder,	6 00
Emery Johnson, labor on trees,	1 50
John Doyle, " "	2 25
Geo. O. Hooper, " "	3 00
T. J. Gallagher, " "	3 00
Hugh Allison, rent, election,	8 50
C. M. Foster,	2 00

ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

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T. J. Gallagher, labor on trees,	\$8 00
Geo. O. Hooper, " "	8 00
F. E. Tate, expenses at Augusta,	15 00
Carlos Heard,	7 00
W. A. Hooper, labor on trees,	30 00
Geo. A. Bowe, " "	4 13
Emery Johnson, " "	8 00
Moses Ricker, " "	8 00
John Quinby, coal,	14 50
T. J. Gallagher, labor on trees,	8 00
Moses Ricker, " "	9 00
Emery Johnson, " "	9 00
Geo. O. Hooper, " "	9 00
Geo. A. Bowe, " "	8 25
A. L. Jelleson, stationery, &c.,	21 60
S. Gowen, team,	1 50
Jotham Perkins, sewer on Elm St.,	13 75
T. J. Gallagher, labor on trees,	6 00
G. O. Hooper, " "	6 00
Emery Johnson, " "	6 00
Moses Ricker, " "	6 00
Carlos Heard, " "	6 00
J. F. Johnson,	4 25
W. H. Hanson, Jr., wood,	3 00
C. J. Emery, examination,	2 00
Andrews & Co., rent, election,	10 00
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co.,	11 25
J. P. Dion & Co., rent,	20 00
T. J. Gallagher, labor on trees,	7 00
Emery Johnson, " "	6 00
Moses Ricker, " "	6 00
Geo. A. Bowe, " "	3 75
G. O. Hooper, " "	7 00
Carlos Heard, " "	4 00
E. Stone, "cash paid witnesses,"	20 44

Daniel Hanson, ass't assessor,	\$20 00
Geo. O. Hooper, labor on trees,	4 00
Emery Johnson, " "	4 00
W. M. Burbank, " "	7 00
Moses Ricker, " "	4 00
T. J. Gallagher, " "	4 00
R. G. Milliken, ass't. assessor,	20 00
F. E. Tate, expenses at Augusta,	15 25
W. A. Hooper, labor on trees,	32 50
J. T. Emery, ass't assessor,	20 00
A. Tarbox, "	28 00
Anthony Dyer, "	1 50
Geo. A. Roberts, "	20 00
S. F. Parcher, paid for directories,	12 00
Townsend Bros., work on sprinkler,	101 00
A. L. Jelleson,	7 20
Townsend Bros., iron work,	10 00
C. H. Prescott, printing,	62 70
J. B. Lebran, assisting assessor,	6 00
Louis O. Chabot, "	4 00
J. A. Stafford,	60
F. M. Burnham, assessor's books, &c ,	60 70
S. & B. Gas Co.,	10 13
McLellan, Mosher & Co.,	10 00
Elroy Davis, expenses at Augusta,	16 86
Geo. A. Shaw, ass't. assessor,	25 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co., blank books, &c.,	23 16
T. D. Sullivan, M. D.,	2 00
C. H. Andrews, wall on Wentworth St.,	40 00
Saco Water Power Co.,	81 00
Mason & Weymouth,	2 00
C. J. Emery,	4 00
Mark Wakefield,	5 00
Benj. Goodier, Jr., labor on target,	30 88
Western Union Tel. Co.	90

ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

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W. H. & L. G. Hanson, lumber,	\$3 00
Geo. W. Harriman, team,	2 50
A. S. Hamilton,	3 00
Post Sheridan G. A. R.,	200 00
S. & B. Gas Co.,	7 20
Geo. W. Tibbetts, road machine,	249 00
Louis E. Marcille, ass't. assessor,	8 00
C. E. Hoyt, “	25 00
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.,	9 00
B. & S. Water Co.,	125 00
Geo. W. Harriman, teams for commit'ee,	18 00
F. M. Burnham, stationery, &c.,	77 78
H. E. Brooks, ass't. clerk,	46 00
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, books,	10 00
McKenney & Heard,	4 54
J. E. Banks, expenses of Tardef family to Canada,	46 57
S. & B. Gas Co.,	7 06
Alex. Marcille, ass't. assessor,	7 00
J. A. Stafford,	75
J. E. Banks, expenses to Augusta,	16 00
A. J. Small, printing,	5 00
S. J. Bassford,	2 00
Townsend Bros.,	9 25
B. F. Chadbourne, services for bridge Com.,	27 80
McLellan, Mosher & Co.,	3 38
Geo. Norwood, lumber,	11 25
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co.,	3 38
McLellan, Mosher & Co.,	9 35
J. A. Stafford,	2 17
Stephen Berry, printing,	6 25
B. & M. R. R.,	16 36
A. J. Small,	14 50
McLellan, Mosher & Co.,	5 63
Joseph Coolbrith, labor, town landing,	90 16

Saco & Biddeford Gas Co.,	\$4 05
J. E. H. Townsend, ward clerk,	2 00
F. F. Beauregard, ward clerk,	2 00
N. F. Sawyer, warden,	2 00
H. Charles, warden,	2 00
W. W. Curtis, ward clerk,	2 00
J. S. Fogg, Jr., ward clerk,	2 00
Hugh Allison, rent,	10 00
Geo. O. Fall, warden,	2 00
F. K. Tarbox, ward clerk,	2 00
F. A. Tarbox, ward clerk,	2 00
Dennis T. Buckley, warden,	2 00
Patrick Lynch, ward clerk,	2 00
E. S. Morris, ward clerk,	2 00
J. B. Hamelin, warden,	2 00
F. P. Waterhouse, warden,	2 00
A. G. Johnson, rent,	7 00
Alex Velandrie, truant officer,	25 00
N. P. Dion, rent,	20 00
Andrews & Co., rent,	10 00
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.,	6 00
C. J. Emery,	2 00
Henry F. Jenks, drinking fountains,	508 00
N. P. Dion, rent, fall election,	20 00
B. & S. Water Co.,	10 41
“ “	10 41
“ “	7 96
“ “	28 25
“ “	9 14
“ “	15 96
J. A. Stafford,	6 50
J. E. Brooks,	5 00
W. G. Parker, posting,	2 00
Townsend Bros.,	6 75

ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

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McKenney & Heard,	\$1 50
F. S. Warren,	2 00
C. J. Emery,	2 00
County of York, costs in case F. G. Warren vs. city,	49 80
F. M. Burnham,	29 00
S. & B. Gas Co.,	10 35
G. H. Munroe,	3 75
S. & B. Gas Co.,	13 40
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M ,	10 00
W. A. Hooper, labor,	2 00

APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, *FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1886-7.*

BRIDGES.

Appropriations,	\$1,500 00	
Credit as per Treasurer's book,	64 56	
Authorized loan,	6,000 00	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$7,564 56
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$6,927 67	
Transferred to Contingent fund,	636 89	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$7,564 56

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Overlay,		\$1,259 64
Abatements,	\$1,700 31	

CITY BUILDING.

Credit as per Treasurer's book,	\$3,602 80	
“ by transfer from Con. fund,	1,429 63	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$5,032 43
Expended by warrants drawn,		5,032 43

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	579 95	
	<u> </u>	\$5,579 95
Expended by warrants drawn,		5,579 95

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$7,500 00	
Credit as per Treasurer's book, work of teams, &c.,	1,473 36	
	<u> </u>	\$8,973 36
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$7,182 07	
Transferred to Con. fund,	1,791 29	
	<u> </u>	\$8,973 36

GENERAL EXPENSE

Appropriation,	\$4,000 00	
Credit as per Treasurer's book,	109 53	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	2,373 67	
	<u> </u>	\$6,483 20
Expended by warrants drawn,		6,483 20

INTEREST

Appropriation,	\$12,500 00	
Credit as per Treasurer's book,	103 83	
	<u> </u>	\$12,603 83
Expended as per Treasurer's book,	\$12,190 27	
Transferred to Con. fund,	413 56	
	<u> </u>	\$12,603 83

HIGHWAYS, DISTRICT NO. 4.

Appropriation,	\$8,000 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	179 97	
	<hr/>	\$8,179 97
Expended by warrants drawn,		8,179 97

HIGHWAYS OAK RIDGE DISTRICT.

Appropriation,	\$275 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	110 83	
	<hr/>	\$385 83
Expended by warrants drawn,		385 83

HIGHWAYS, NEWTOWN DISTRICT.

Appropriation,	\$250 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	357 05	
	<hr/>	\$607 05
Expended by warrants drawn,		607 05

HIGHWAYS, POOL DISTRICT.

Appropriation,	\$350 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	7 15	
	<hr/>	\$357 15
Expended by warrants drawn,		357 15

HIGHWAYS, RIVER ROAD.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$151 40
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HIGHWAYS, RIVER ROAD, EASTERN DIVISION.

Appropriation,		\$350 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$331 07	
Transferred to Con. fund,	18 98	
	— — — —	\$350 00

HIGHWAYS, WARD 7, EASTERN DIVISION.

Appropriations,	\$1,500 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	375 53	
	— — — —	\$1,875 53
Expended by warrants drawn,		1,875 53

HIGHWAYS, WARD 7, WESTERN DIVISION.

Appropriation,	\$325 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	240 93	
	— — — —	\$565 93
Expended by warrants drawn,		565 93

PAUPER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation,	\$16,000 00	
Credit as per Treasurer's book,	890 39	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	3,118 10	
	— — — —	\$20,008 49
Expended by warrants drawn,		20,008 49

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$7,500 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	96 81	
	— — — —	\$7,596 81
Expended by warrants drawn,		7,596 81

RESERVOIRS.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$10 00
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SEWERS AND DRAINS.

Credit as per Treasurer's book, author- ized loan, &c.,		\$10,567 59
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$10,451 38	
Transferred to Con. fund,	116 21	
	<hr/>	\$10,567 59

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	104 56	
	<hr/>	\$5,104 56
Expended by warrants drawn,		5,104 56

SALARIES.

Appropriation,		\$4,800 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$3,083 51	
Transferred to Con. fund,	1,716 49	
	<hr/>	\$4,800 00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$685 83	
Transferred to Con. fund,	314 17	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation,	\$3,500 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	655 72	
	————	\$4,155 72
Expended by warrants drawn,		\$4,155 72

CITY LIBRARY.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$220 81	
Transferred to Con. fund,	79 19	
	————	\$300 00

CITY CEMETERY.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$155 99
Credit as per Treasurer's book,	\$16 00	

HIGHWAYS, FORTUNE'S ROCKS DISTRICT.

Appropriation,	\$450 00	
Credit by transfer from Con. fund,	108 81	
	————	\$558 81
Expended by warrants drawn,		558 81

PAVING.

Appropriation,	\$8,000 00	
Credit from Con. fund,	1,182 04	
	————	\$9,182 04
Expended by warrants drawn,		9,182 04

HIGHWAYS, RIVER ROAD, WESTERN DIVISION.

Appropriation,	\$550 00	
Credit from Con. fund,	277 87	
	<hr/>	\$827 87
Expended by warrants drawn,		827 87

HIGHWAYS, KENNEBUNK ROAD DISTRICT.

Appropriation,		\$250 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	\$240 50	
Transferred to Con. fund,	9 50	
	<hr/>	\$250 00

HYDRANTS.

Expended by warrants drawn,		\$3,000 00
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CONTINGENT FUND.

Expended by warrants drawn,	\$3,588 54	
Transferred to City Building,	1,429 63	
“ Discount on Taxes,	579 95	
“ General Expense,	2,373 67	
“ Highways, Dist. 4,	179 97	
“ “ Oak Ridge,	110 05	
“ “ Newtown,	357 05	
“ “ Pool.	7 15	
“ “ Ward 7, E. Div.,	375 53	
“ Pauper Department,	3,118 10	
“ Police Department,	96 81	
“ Highways, Ward 7, W. Div.,	240 93	
“ Sidewalks,	104 56	
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Amount carried forward,		\$12,561 94

Amount brought forward,	\$12,561 94	
Transferred to Street Lights,	655 72	
“ Highways, Fortune’s Rocks,	108 81	
“ Paving,	1,182 04	
“ River Road, Western Div.,	277 87	
	—————	\$14,786 38
Appropriation,	\$4,500 00	
Credit as per Treasurer’s book,	303 83	
Credit by transfer from Fire Department,	1,791 29	
“ “ “ Highways, River		
“ “ “ Road, Eastern,	18 93	
“ “ “ Sewers and Drains,	116 21	
“ “ “ Salaries,	1,716 49	
“ “ “ Health Department,	314 17	
“ “ “ Library,	79 19	
“ “ “ Highways, Kenne-		
“ “ “ bunk Road Dist.,	9 50	
“ “ “ Interest,	413 56	
“ “ “ Bridges,	636 89	
To Balance,	4,886 32	
	—————	\$14,786 38

S. F. PARCHER,	} COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
N. P. DION,	
J. H. HATCH,	
NAHUM S. DROWN,	

REPORT

OF THE

STREET COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 4.

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

I herewith submit for your consideration the following as my report for the municipal year 1886-7 :

BRIDGES.

A new Iron Bridge was built across the Saco River in connection with the city of Saco, from Spring's Island to Saco, known as Spring's Bridge. The bridge takes the place of a wooden bridge built in 1873 which considered unsafe, and in putting on the iron bridge it was found to be necessary to lengthen out the piers, and it was done ; and I think I can safely say that we have the best bridge and piers there are on Saco River. The roadway is planked with 3 inch red oak plank.

STREETS.

The following streets have been graveled : Main St. from B. & M. R. Road to Eastern R. Road. Alfred St. from Pool to residence of J. H. Fogg and from Five Points to residence of Daniel Littlefield. Pool St. from Alfred to Pike, Middle St., Acorn street, Myrtle street, West Myrtle street, Clark street, Hill street from Main to Bacon and from Birch to residence of Geo.

W. Ward. Birch street from Alfred to Green. A part of Oak street, Elm from Spruce street to Cutts. Cutts street, State street. Bradbury street, South street from Wentworth street to Eastern R. Road. Smith street, Harvey street and West Cutts street.

SIDEWALKS.

A new granite cross-walk has been put in on Elm street at King's Corner; one on Elm street at its junction with Mason st.; one on Elm street at its junction with Lincoln street; one on Main street at Bradbury street; one on Pearl street, at Lincoln street; one on Jefferson street at Washington street; one on Hill at junction of Bacon street; also re-laid 4 cross walks.

The following concrete cross walks were put in:

One across Summer street, at Alfred street.

One across Washington street, at Alfred street.

One across Sullivan street, at Water street.

One across High street, at Water street.

One across Emery street, at Bacon street.

One across Foss street, at Main street.

One across Foss street, at Bacon street.

One across Elm street, near Bradbury bridge.

One across Green street, at South street.

One across Main street, above Eastern R. Road.

Also used about 600,000 brick in new sidewalks on the following streets:

Elm street from River street to Spring's Bridge, one side of the street.

Gooch street from Elm street to Gooch Island Bridge, one side of the street.

Lincoln street, from Main to Elm on one side of the street, excepting concrete already laid in front of Pepperell Waste House.

South street from O. H. Staples' lot to Elm street, one side of the street.

On Jefferson street from Washington street to Adams street, on one side of the street.

On Alfred street, brick and concrete from Bacon street to Mt. Vernon, on one side of street, and from Washington street to Birch street on the other side of the street.

Also in front of residence of J. M. Goodwin, Birch street.

On Center street, from Jefferson street to Kossuth street, on one side, and from Dr. F. G. Warren's block up to the Newbegin property on the other side of Center street; on Main street, from Adam's Block to Elm street, excepting in front of property of D. O'Conner & Levi W. Stone; and on the Southerly side, in front of property of Joseph Gooch, and from Elm street to Bradbury street.

On Elm street, Westerly side, from Main street to residence of Jeremiah Moore, and on Easterly side, in front of property of Parcher & Simard.

On Cutts street, both sides from Elm to Bradbury street, and on Bradbury street, Easterly side, from Cutts to South, excepting in front of Hugh Simpson's lot.

Jefferson street, from Center street to South street on Westerly side.

On Bacon street, lower side, from Odd Fellow's Block to Hill street, and on the upper side from Alfred street to High street.

On Sullivan street, Easterly side, from 1 Bacon street to Chapel street.

On Washington street, Westerly side, from Ford Block to Jefferson street, and on the Easterly side from High School Lot to Alfred street.

On Adams street in front of residence of F. Haines.

Also graveled sidewalks as follows:

South street from Elm street to Eastern R. Road. State street, Westerly side, from South to Cutts.

Cutts street from State to Bradbury, both sides.

Bradbury street, Westerly side, from Cutts street to South street.

Pool street, lower side, from Hill street to residence of Joshua Moore.

High street, Easterly side, from Cross street to Pool street.

Main street, one side, from Eastern R. Road to residence of F. E. Hooper.

Hill street, Westerly side, from Water street to Bacon street.

Emery street, Easterly side, from Main street to Bacon street.

Pool street, upper side, from Foss to Hill street.

Also, put in over two hundred loads of stone on Union street, to fill sidewalks in front of residence of Joseph T. Mason and vacant lot adjoining.

SIDEWALKS.

12,164 feet of Edgestone have been set on the following streets, and filled to grade :

Alfred, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Gooch, Elm, Hill, Cutts, Main, Lincoln, Center, Sullivan, Pool, Hazel, Bradbury, Bacon, Foss, Vetromile, South, Harvey, Birch, State, Wentworth, Adams, Graham, Emery and Everett streets.

Also a bank wall was put in on Wentworth street, 4 feet high and 46 feet long in front of lot of Bernard Goodwin.

Also one on State street, 4 feet high and 131 feet long.

Also one on Adams street, 18 feet long and 5 feet high.

Also one on lower side of Jefferson street, from Washington street to Alfred street, 312 feet long and 3 feet high.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

The brick sewer on Alfred street was extended 310 feet to Myrtle street, also a sewer of 12 in. pipe, laid from Alfred to Prospect street, on Myrtle street, and the same size the entire length of West Myrtle street. Also extended up Prospect 150 feet. Also on Foss street from School lot to Birch street.

Also on Elm street, from Mason street to Mile Brook, nearly one fourth of a mile.

Also on Adams, from residence of Ferguson Haines to Jefferson street and down Jefferson street to Washington street.

A large portion of the Elm street and Adams street sewers had to be blasted through ledge and at a large expense.

Also the sewer on Horigan Court had to be extended some 200 ft. to the river; also the Franklin St. sewer extended some over 100 ft.; also on Middle St. from Pool St. to upper side of Ralph Prescott's lot; also on Chadwick's Court the whole length; also on Sullivan St. from Bacon up to residence of Mrs. Odell.

The following new sewer pockets were put in:

2 on Alfred street.

1 on West Myrtle street.

2 on Myrtle street.

4 on Prospect street.

1 on Hill street.

1 on Bacon street.

1 on High street.

1 on Mt. Vernon street.

1 on Crescent street.

2 on Elm street.

3 on Adams street.

1 on Jefferson street.

1 on Foss street.

1 on Lincoln street.

2 on Sullivan street.

1 on Chadwick Court.

1 on Middle street.

1 on Franklin street.

2 on Main street.

Also rebuilt 18 pockets.

A bad break in the Main St. sewer near the lower bridge was repaired. Repairs were also made on the brick sewer on State street, and on the sewer in front of the Biddeford House.

PAVING.

There have been 112,285 granite paving blocks laid on Lincoln St., Elm St., Main St. from Alfred to Emery St., and on Main

St. from Water St. to the bridge ; also side walk across Stone St. at junction with Lincoln was paved with granite blocks.

There were 3 cup fountains for drinking purposes set, one at Main and Alfred Sts., one at Main and Water Sts., and one at Elm and River Sts. ; also 2 large fountains for horses, one at King's Corner and one at Five Points.

The one at Five Points had to have a well provided at some expense, to take the overflow, and in grading around it there was some 300 loads of gravel used.

Respectfully,

CARLOS HEARD,

Street Commissioner.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

OFFICE OF OVERSEERS OF POOR, }
BIDDEFORD, Jan. 31, 1887. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—With the conclusion of the year 1886, it became our duty to submit to you our annual report. It is unnecessary to remind you that the past winter has been one of the hardest for many years. The general depression of business and the severity of the winter added to the already large demands in our department.

PAUPERS OUTSIDE THE ALMS HOUSE.

We have rendered assistance to one hundred and seventy-seven families, numbering eight hundred and seventy-eight persons; to these we delivered 235 cords of wood and 33 tons of coal, besides provisions, clothing and medicine. The number of deaths outside the Alms House, 31, and the number of persons sent out of the city, 146. The amount paid to other towns and cities for aid rendered persons that were chargeable to this city, \$256.60, and the amount received from other cities and towns, \$216.28. The total expenditure of the above department \$11,769.35.

CITY FARM AND ALMS HOUSE.

At commencement of the year, Mr. Nathaniel M. Milliken was re-elected Superintendent and the experience he had acquired in the past three years greatly aided him in conducting the Farm. The number of inmates during the year, 87; number discharged, 32; number of deaths, 7; number at present, 48. Many necessary improvements have been in this department during the year.

FINANCIAL.

Amount appropriated by the City Council,	\$16,000 00	
Cash turned in to Treasurer,	890 39	
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Total amount of resources,	\$16,890 39	
Excess of our drafts,	681 65	
	<hr/>	\$17,572 04

EXPENITURES.

On account of City Farm,		\$5,802 69
Credit to Farm on account of work done on streets,	\$496 84	
Cash turned in to Treasurer,	235 00	
	<hr/>	\$781 84
Expense of City Farm less credit,		<hr/> \$5,070 85

We visited the Farm and took an account of the Alms House furniture, tools and stock, and the value of the crops raised on the Farm, and the same is on record at the office, which in value is about the same as previous years.

It will be seen that the above figures do not compare with those of the Treasurer's report, owing to *bills* charged for the month of January, 1886, on our books, and showing for February in the report of City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. COSGROVE,
JOHN B. HAMELIN,
JOHN C. HALEY.

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT
OF THE
CITY PHYSICIAN.

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

I have the honor to submit the following as my report for the municipal year 1886-87.

Our city has been remarkably free from endemic diseases during the past year, due, in my opinion, in a great extent, to the efforts of our efficient Board of Health.

In many localities where typhoid fever and diphtheria had prevailed quite extensively in years past, very few cases have been reported. In company with myself they visited many places in different parts of the city, ordering drains put in, vaults cleaned, and wells which were found unfit for use filled.

I was pleased to find that most of our landlords have put in the aqueduct water, and hope that the end of another year will find every house within reach of city water supplied with it, and in this way do away with a large percentage of disease which is undoubtedly produced by contaminated well water.

I need not call your attention to the necessity of looking well to our sewers ; the increased amount of sewerage which must flow through them renders it necessary that a competent person should have charge of them. Would call special attention of those who have water closets, etc., flowing into sewers, to see that they are properly trapped.

There has been three births and seven deaths at the City Farm ; four old people between the age of sixty and eighty years of age, one sixteen, a chronic paralytic, and two infants.

Have had four births and six deaths outside of City Farm ; have prescribed for one hundred and seventy-three at my office, and made two hundred and seven calls, including those at Farm, all of which is respectfully submitted.

C. J. EMERY, M. D.

City Physician.

REPORT

OF THE

CITY LIQUOR AGENT.

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

The undersigned most respectfully submits the following report of the City Liquor Agency for the year ending February 1st, 1887.

Stock and fixtures on hand, February 1st, 1887,	\$1,441	86	
Cash deposited with City Treasurer,	9,413	21	
Bills receivable,	11	15	
	\$10,866	22	

Stock and fixtures on hand February 1st, 1886,	\$814	39	
Paid State Commissioners,	6,944	17	
Paid for jugs, bottles, corks, &c.,	156	00	

EXPENSES.

Including salary, freight and carting, store and water rent, gas, insurance, tools, fuel, wrapping paper, &c. Also one Morris & Ireland safe, and one stove purchased this year,	\$1,445	96	
Outstanding bills,	902	05	
	\$10,262	57	
Balance,		\$603	65

GEO. F. GOODWIN, AGENT.

REPORT

OF THE

MILK INSPECTOR.

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

The office of Milk Inspector was vacant the latter part of the year 1886, and no business was done.

I assumed the duties of the office the twentieth of Jan., 1887. Since that time, I have examined fourteen samples of milk.

Number found below the standard,	12
“ “ above “	2
Diseased milk,	0
No. of licenses issued,	83
Divided as follows:	
Owners of carts driving into the city,	45
“ cows in the city proper,	9
Grocery-men and dealers on the streets,	30

There seems to be almost a uniform rate of two per cent. below the standard on tests made by myself, and also by my predecessor.

The term “below the standard” means this: The total solid matter of milk with the fat should be fifteen per cent. of the whole bulk, when it falls below that it is “below the standard”.

Doubtless some of the milk is watered, or cream extracted before it is sent to market; but it cannot be pronounced so unless it falls from five to seven below, although any person is liable to complaint and prosecution for selling milk that does not come fully up the standard.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. AYER, INSPECTOR OF MILK.

REPORT
OF THE
COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

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

I submit my report as Collector of the City of Biddeford for the fiscal year 1886.

Amount of City Tax, 1886, committed to me,	\$111,400 00
Amount of County Tax Committed to me,	5,585 79
Amount of State Tax Committed to me,	22,069 74
Amount of School Dist. Tax No. 4,	6,170 94
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	\$145,226 47
Amount collected to January 31, 1887,	109,975 56
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Balance uncollected,	\$35,250 91

GEO. A. BERRY, Collector for 1886.

MINOR CITY OFFICIALS.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, WOOD AND BARK.

Joseph G. Brackett,
William F. Libby.
John Meserve.
Lysander Emmons.
Levi G. Hanson.
Charles A. Wardwell.
Jeremiah B. Bunker.
John C. Haley.
William H. Hanson.
George W. Carter.
Geo. R. Andrews.
Harden Taylor.
Melville Woodman.
Geo. H. Hussey.

John F. Goldthwaite.
Francis Meeds.
James H. Fogg.
Simon S. Andrews.
Nath'l E. Kimball.
Dennis O'Connor.
John H. Cosgrove.
John W. Randall.
John R. Staples.
Owen Smith.
Cyrus K. Banks.
Waldo Hill.
Nathaniel Kimball.
E. F. Pilsbury.

D. L. Jelleson.

SURVEYORS OF LOGS.

Simon S. Andrews.
Levi G. Hanson.

C. K. Banks.
Lysander Emmons.

William H. Hanson.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

George W. Harriman.

Alexander Velandrie.

MILK INSPECTOR.

M. C. Ayer.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF HEALTH.

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

The Board of Health for the Municipal year A. D. 1886-7, submit the following report:

Amount appropriated by City Council for		
this Department, was		\$1,000 00
Amount expended, was	\$685 83	
Amount transferred to other Departments,	814 17	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

A thorough investigation by the full Board, early in the season, disclosed many existing nuisances in different parts of the city, and we resolved to make a persistent and vigorous effort to have them abated.

Many citizens aided us materially by giving valuable information concerning long existing nuisances, such as polluted wells and open drains, into which was discharged the accumulated filth of stables, sink spouts, &c., &c.

We early discovered that if we did our duty to the people, we should incur the enmity of some parties in the infected districts, but this did not deter us from our duty.

We had water taken from numerous wells and analyzed by the late Prof. Hitchings, who reported the result of his work to us, in writing. If the analysis of the water of any well showed that

it was not suitable for domestic purposes, notice was at once given to the owner of the premises and to those taking water therefrom.

As a result, numerous wells were abandoned, some entirely filled up, and others cleansed and rendered fit for use by stopping the source of pollution.

It is a well known fact that Franklin street has long been recognized as a most foul and unhealthy location, on account of the numerous stables on it and Washington street, only one of which having sewer connection.

Continued and persistent effort wrought a complete change in this respect.

About eighty feet of sewer were laid in Franklin street, and connections made therewith, so that the stagnant pools of filthy water from the above mentioned stables, open drains and vaults, are no longer a standing menace to the health of the people in that vicinity and a disgrace to the city.

Some ninety feet of sewer were laid in Middle street and it has resulted in a most desirable change in the sanitary condition in that locality.

Water street was another district which received our early attention, and while time and space do not permit us to go into details in this report, in regard to the sanitary condition in which we found many tenement houses in that section of the city, or the kind and amount of work done there, it is, we think, at least safe to say, that the people in that vicinity are now living in a healthier atmosphere than for many years before.

Since the building of the Boston and Maine extension, every person having occasion to cross its track on Main street, in the Summer season, has had his senses of seeing and smelling outraged by the pool of filthy water on the North East side of and near that street. The Railroad Co. was notified to abate this long standing nuisance, and after some delay, it did so.

The old reservoir, on Birch street, owned and operated so many

years by the Saco Water Power Co., was, after notice, emptied, cleansed and repaired, and it is believed that the water now furnished therefrom is much purer for this work.

In this brief report we have simply called attention to some of the more important matters to which we have given much time and labor, and which we confidently believe will show most satisfactory results.

Much more remains to be done. We leave a fruitful field for our successors, and we only hope that they will be much more zealous and efficient therein than we have been.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL COTE.
EDWARD H. STAPLES,
RICHARD SIMPSON,

Board of Health.

C O N T R A C T
BETWEEN THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD AND BIDDEFORD &
SACO WATER COMPANY.

This memorandum of agreement made and entered into at Biddeford, in the State of Maine, this third day of January, A. D., 1884, by and between the City of Biddeford, a body corporate and politic established by law, by the Mayor of said city, hereunto duly authorized by vote of the city council, approved March 24th, 1884, and acting within the scope of said order, party of the first part, and the Biddeford and Saco Water Company, a corporation established and organized under the laws of the State of Maine, and having a place of business at Biddeford, party of second part.

Witnesses :

That for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, the party of the second part agrees with the party of the first part, that water from the Saco river shall be introduced into said city of Biddeford by a twenty (20) inch hydraulic main, within one year from January 1st, 1884, and shall lay before October 1st, 1886, not less than the following quantities of pipe in addition to the twenty inch main, viz.: 4,000 feet of sixteen (16) or twelve (12) inch pipe, 10,000 feet of eight (8) inch pipe, 10,000 feet of six (6) inch pipe, 6,000 of four (4) inch pipe, and that said party of the second part will furnish water for the extinguishment of fires for such number of post hydrants, not less than forty (40), as said first party may locate, at any time on any street or place where said company may locate and lay down its pipes while the works are under construction, and until January 1st, 1886, and order set with suitable gates, pipes, and connections, so as to connect said hydrants with the pipes of the Company. All hy-

drants, gates, pipes, and connections required by said City until January 1st, 1886, shall be furnished and the work done at the sole expense of the party of the second part, provided, however, that after January 1st, 1886, the said City may at its own expense furnish hydrants, gates and pipes, and lay the same ready to be connected by said Company with the pipes, and said Company shall connect the same at the expense of said City.

Said party of the first part agrees to pay said second party for each and every hydrant set by said Company, or by said City, and maintained and kept in good repair by said Company, the sum of fifty (50) dollars per annum, payable in advance, one-half each on the first day of July and January of each year until July 1st, 1895, provided that after July 1st, 1895, all hydrants shall become the property of said City, and shall be maintained and kept in repair at the expense of said City.

The said Company shall furnish all hydrants owned by said City with water for the extinguishment of fires after July 1st, 1895, without charge being made to said City; said party of the second part also agrees to furnish said party of the first part, without charge being made therefor, water for three (3) drinking fountains for man and beast, the flow of water to be sufficient for a supply of water for said fountains.

Also for five (5) cup fountains, with self-closing cocks, to be used for persons only; all said fountains to be furnished, set and connected with the pipes of said Company at the expense of said City.

In consideration of the premises, the party of the first part agrees to exempt the property of said corporation necessary and used for the purpose of supplying water under its charter, and its capital stock from taxation for the term of thirty (30) years from Oct. 1st, 1883, and during the said thirty years the said Company shall have the exclusive right to lay pipes in the streets of said city for supplying water for municipal, domestic and manufacturing purposes, and to establish tariff rates therefor, and said Company agrees to furnish said City with water during said time for

the purposes above enumerated; but in case of accident or the extension of said work, time is to be given for repairs and making said extension.

It is further mutually agreed that the water to be furnished as above specified shall be supplied and regulated by such reasonable rules and regulations as said Company may establish for its management, provided that the location and elevation of the reservoir at the time of location shall be satisfactory to the Committee on Water, but it shall not be less than two hundred (200) feet above mean low tide to the top of the cap stone, and that the kind of post hydrants to be adopted and set in said City shall be satisfactory to the Committee on Fire Department.

In the event of any dispute or disagreement which may hereafter arise between the City of Biddeford and the said Water Company by reason of this agreement or any other cause which may occur between the said Water Company and City, it shall be settled by reference to three disinterested men, one to be selected by said City, one to be selected by said Company, and the third to be selected by the two parties already named, and their decision, when made, shall be final and binding upon both parties.

The party of the second part reserves the right to annul this contract, provided said party of the second part cannot within six months from January 1st, 1884, for a satisfactory compensation, acquire from the corporations claiming to own the water of said river for manufacturing purposes, the right to take and use the water of Saco river for the purposes named in the charter of the party of the second part.

In witness whereof we have hereunto interchangably set our hands and seals this third day of January, A. D. 1884.

Biddeford and Saco Water Company, by

J. P. GILMAN, President. [L. s.]

GEO. P. WESCOTT, Treasurer, [L. s.]

E. W. STAPLES, Mayor, [L. s.]

Countersigned by

N. B. WALKER, City Solicitor.

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