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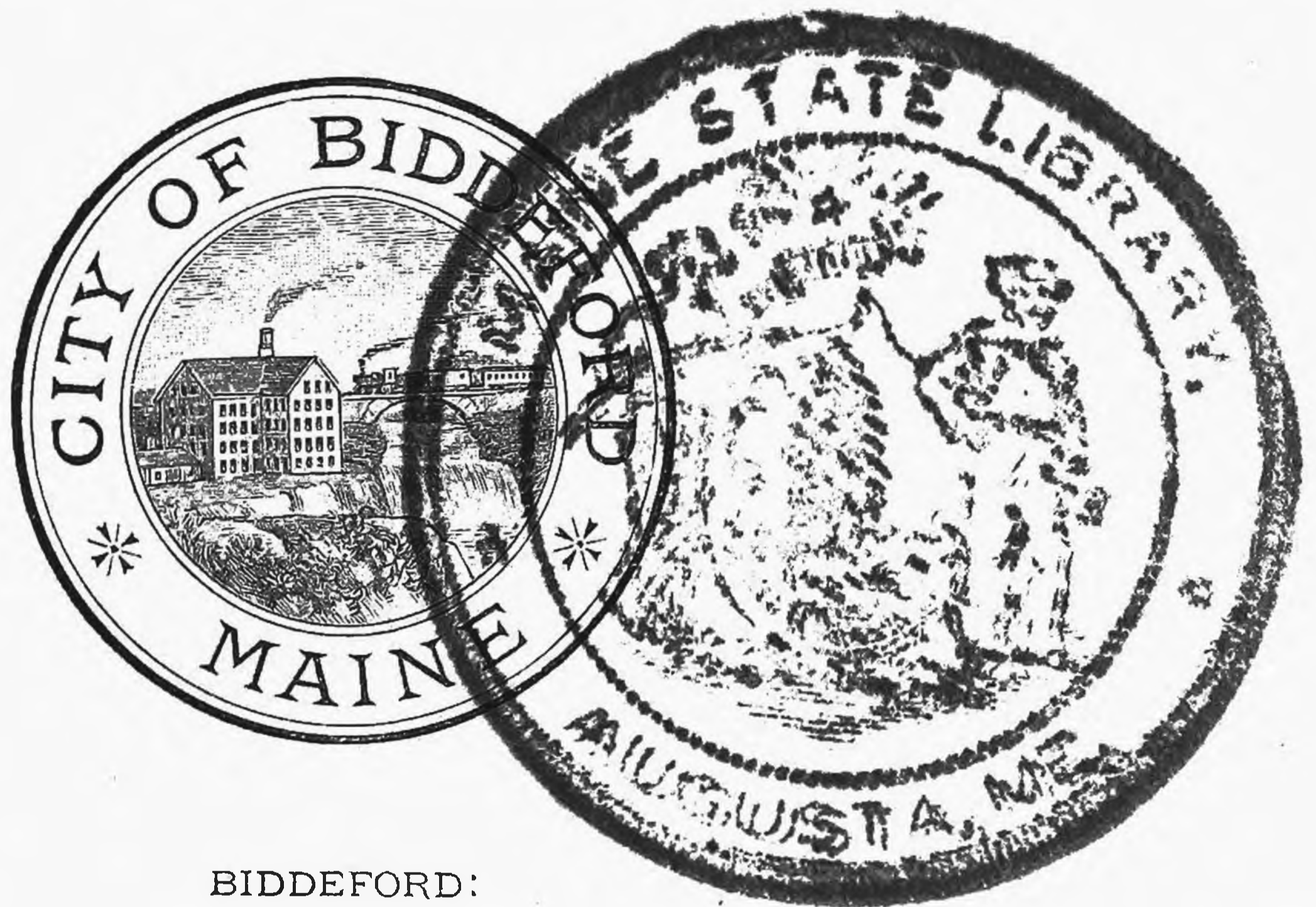
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THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1888.

TOGETHER WITH THE
INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE MAYOR,
HON. CHARLES E. GOODWIN.



BIDDEFORD:
PRESS OF STANDARD PUBLISHING COMPANY.
1888.

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CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, FEB. 13, 1888.

ORDERED:

That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to have prepared and printed for distribution five-hundred copies of Annual Reports of 1887-8.

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

Attest: EDGAR A. HUBBARD, CITY CLERK.

In Common Council, Feb. 13, 1888.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: CARLOS H. McKENNY, CLERK.

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MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The electors of the City of Biddeford, by their ballots thrown at a legally called election have committed the management of the affairs of our city to our hands for the year, commencing today. We were elected to do certain duties, to fulfill certain trusts, and we have taken the oaths required by the constitution and laws of the State for the faithful performance of the same. I need not remind you that our administration of the affairs of the city, will rightfully be the subject of scrutiny and criticism by those whose servants we are. Therefore, every consideration of trust, honor and the care of our own reputations as business men, should prompt us to a faithful discharge of the duties that severally devolve upon us. We are no longer politicians engaged in the excitement incident to a heated campaign, but are the servants of an exacting people, to whom we are responsible for the manner in which we perform our duties. I call your attention to the financial condition of the city.

LIABILITIES.

City Bonds	\$240,000 00	
Notes, (Bills Payable)	171,925 00	
Due to School Districts	424 13	
" " School House Account	1,230 50	
Discount on Taxes	5,000 00	
Total,		\$418,579 63

ASSETS.

Cash	\$13,392 53	
Due from School House Dist. No 1	207 12	
Real Estate bought for Taxes	5 00	
Due from Tax of 1875	145 60	
" " 1876	312 93	
" " 1878	35 80	
" " 1880	750 35	
" " 1881	1,929 05	
" " 1882	5,903 97	
" " 1883	4,938 12	
" " 1884	13,310 09	
" " 1885	11,534 65	
" " 1886	30,352 87	
" " 1887	76,196 96	
Due from Non-Residents, 1883	5 00	
" " 1884	17 83	
" " 1885	321 20	
" " 1886	547 38	
Due from School Districts	1,724 55	
Due from School Tax of 1887	7,684 47	
Due from State Treasurer's School Fund and Mill Tax	7,492 97	
Stock in Liquor Agency	575 00	
City Building	80,000 00	
Total,		\$257,383 44
Net Debt,		161,196 19
Total,		\$418,579 63

[NOTES AND BONDS PAYABLE.]

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

NOTES.

No.	Rate.	Due.	Amt.
787	4 per cent.	Demand	\$425 00
791	4 "	"	500 00
904	6 "	Feb. 9, 1888,	10,000 00
905	6 "	" "	10,000 00
906	6 "	March 27, 1888,	5,000 00
907	6 "	" " "	5,000 00
908	6 "	" " "	5,000 00
909	6 "	April 17, 1888,	5,000 00
910	6 "	" " "	10,000 00
911	4 "	Nov. 6, 1888,	5,000 00
912	4 "	" " "	1,000 00
914	6 "	Feb. 12, 1888,	10,000 00
915	6 "	March 12, 1888,	5,000 00
916	6 "	Sept. 17, 1888	20,000 00
917	6 "	April 30, 1888,	30,000 00
918	6 "	May 30, 1888,	5,000 00
919	6 "	July 1, 1888,	25,000 00
920	6 "	July 15, 1888,	10,000 00
921	6 "	" " "	10,000 00
Total,			3171,925 00

BONDS.

May 1, 1895,	4½ per cent.	\$25,000 00
May 1, 1900,	4½ 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
July 2, 1897,	4 per cent.	20,000 00
July 1, 1907,	4 per cent.	10,000 00
Total,		\$240,000 00

CITY DEBT.

You will notice that the city debt has increased about twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000,) and the explanation of such increase is as follows: viz.

1st. By authority of the city council, bonds were issued for sewerage, to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000,) to run twenty years from July 1st, 1887, and bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum. Sept. 15th, 1887, it was also ordered by the city council that the city treasurer be authorized and instructed to hire the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000,) to be expended in sewers. Five thousand of which was to be expended on Alfred and Clark Street sewer.

2d. On the 8th of August, 1887, it was ordered by the city council that the treasurer be authorized and instructed to hire the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000,) for improvements on Pike Street.

3rd. July 2nd, 1887, it was ordered that the treasurer be instructed to credit School District No. 4, (meaning school house account Dist. 4,) the sum of five thousand eight hundred and eighty-one dollars and nineteen cents, (\$5,881.19,) the same being the amount of the school district tax assessed in 1886, and which was by mistake credited to the city tax of that year, and as this amount was called an asset in the year ending Jan. 31st, 1887, it now appears for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1888, an increase in the city debt.

4th. There has been expended on the fire alarm the sum of one thousand four hundred forty-five dollars and seventy-one cents, (\$1,445.71,) for which no appropriation was made.

5th. Abatements for various years, that have been paid by the treasurer of 1887, amount to three thousand five hundred eighty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents, (\$3,588.57). In speaking of abatements, I suggest that as most of them are allowed on account of polls, which are assessed, and which I know it is impossible to collect, that an overlay from 25 to 40 per cent. of such

taxes should be made to meet the abatements, which are sure to be asked for in the final settlement of, and collections of said taxes.

You can see that the various departments, as ordered by the city council, over and above the appropriations of \$111,250.00, amount to \$32,915.47, and while this amount is more than the increase of debt, the overlay of \$1,132.75 and sundry unexpended balances makes up the difference in favor of the city.

EXCHANGE OF BONDS.

By authority of the city council bonds to the amount of \$20,000.00 for a term of ten years, from July 2nd, 1887, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, have been issued to fund a like amount, that matured at the date mentioned at five per cent. This exchange of bonds does not change the indebtedness of the city, although it lessens its interest account two hundred dollars (\$200) a year.

BEQUESTS.

It was ordered by the city council that the bequest of one thousand dollars (\$1,000,) given to the city by Almira C. Dummer, by her will, be accepted under the conditions attached to it, viz:

That the interest on said sum be used for the use of the poor of the city, and the same shall be called the "Cleaves Fund."

The treasurer has received the said sum, and has deposited the same in a savings bank in the name of the City of Biddeford, where it is drawing four per cent. interest.

SUGGESTIONS.

I have no particular recommendations to make or suggestions to offer at this time, but shall take occasion to do so at some future time. The varied interests of the city are committed to our charge. The schools, the health department, the pauper and fire departments and the street department, including the sewerage of the city, will demand your close attention.

Allow me to suggest that it is absolutely necessary for the members of the two bodies of the city council to be punctual in attendance on the meetings of their respective boards, that the business coming before them may be promptly and intelligently performed. Let it not be said of either branch of the government of the city during our municipal year, that at any of its meetings business could not be transacted for want of a quorum.

CHARLES E. GOODWIN.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD,

1888-9.

MAYOR,
HON. CHAS. E. GOODWIN.

CITY CLERK,
EDGAR A. HUBBARD.

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

WARD 1, GEORGE F. PIPER.
“ 2, MICHAEL LEONARD.
“ 3, ALBERT G. LUNT.
“ 4, NATHANIEL B. WALKER.
“ 5, NAHUM S. DROWN.
“ 6, JEAN B. PARE.
“ 7, JOHN H. BURNHAM.

COUNCILMEN,

PRESIDENT,-----NORTH M. WEST,
 CLERK,-----CARLOS H. McKENNY.

WARD 1, CHAS. O. JOHNSON,
 GEO. H. HUSSEY,
 EDWARD H. GOLDTHWAITE.
 " 2, J. B. F. WATERHOUSE,
 JOSEPH DION, JR.,
 JAMES GIBLIN.
 " 3, J. B. CAMPBELL,
 WILL STONE,
 JOHN MOODY.
 " 4, WILLIAM H. STUART,
 EDWARD J. JONES,
 DAVID GARNACHE.
 " 5, SAMUEL C. MILLIKEN,
 GEO. W. LIBBY,
 ADOLPH SIMARD.
 " 6, FRED C. BUKER,
 PETER SCANLAN,
 NORTH M. WEST.
 " 7, WALTER I. GORDON,
 PATRICK MEEDS,
 THOMAS STONE.

WARD OFFICERS.

WARDENS,

WARD 1, JOHN R. STAPLES,
 " 2, GEORGE O. E. SMITH,
 " 3, ALONZO R. SMALL,
 " 4, DANIEL O. CONNER,
 " 5, JOHN E. M. TOWNSEND,
 " 6, HENRY CHARLES,
 " 7, ALFRED J. WOODMAN.

WARD CLERKS,

WARD 1, HORACE B. EVANS,
" 2, BERNARD FLOOD,
" 3, OSCAR E. HANSCOM,
" 4, ARTHUR W. VERRILL, JR.,
" 5, WILBUR S. CLEAVES,
" 6, GEORGE H. PIPER,
" 7, JOHN W. EMERY.

CONSTABLES,

WARD 1, JAMES H. ROBBINS,
" 2, JAMES DUNN,
" 3, LOUIS LAMORE, JR.,
" 4, JOHN H. TIGHE,
" 5, JOHN T. WALKER,
" 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, M. D.

ASSESSORS,
OTIS T. GAREY,
JOHN B. FORTIN,
FRANK MCGARTY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
TRISTRAM HANSON,
JOSEPH O. ROSS,
WILLIAM TWOMEY.

HEALTH OFFICERS,
DANIEL COTE,
JOSEPH H. STONE,
JAMES BEAUMONT.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT,
WILLIAM BOSTON, CHIEF ENGINEER,
CHAS. E. HOYT, 1ST ASS'T. ENGINEER,
JOHN LEONARD, 2ND ASS'T ENGINEER.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
ROYAL E. GOULD.

S. S. COMMITTEE AND AGENTS,

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

COMMISSIONERS OF STREETS AND ROADS,

District No. 4,	JEREMIAH G. SHAW,
Pool District,	IRVIN H. TARBOX,
River Road, Western Div.,	GEORGE P. BATES,
Oak Ridge District,	THOMAS BENSON,
Fortune's Rocks,	MARSHALL E. CURTIS,
Newtown District,	A. O. NASON,
Kennebunk Road District,	JOSEPH H. HOLMES,
Ward 7, Eastern Division,	JOSEPH DEARBORN,
Ward 7, Western Division,	E. P. SEAVY,
River Road, Eastern Div.,	JOSEPH HALEY.

JANITOR OF CITY HALL,

WILLIAM P. YATES.

CITY LIQUOR AGENT,

GEORGE F. GOODWIN.

HARBOR MASTER,

DANIEL GOLDTHWAITE.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER, WOOD AND COAL,

JOSEPH G. BRACKETT,
LYSANDER EMMONS,
CHARLES A. WARDWELL,
WILLIAM H. HANSON,
GEORGE R. ANDREWS,
JOHN F. GOLDTHWAITE,
FRANK R. HOOPER,
SIMON S. ANDREWS,
NATHANIEL KIMBALL,
JOHN R. STAPLES,
OWEN SMITH,
JOHN E. BANKS,
DANIEL COTE,
WM. F. LIBBY,
LEVI G. HANSON,
JOSEPH B. BUNKER,
GEO. W. CARTER,
HARDEN TAYLOR,
FRANCIS MEEDS,
JAMES H. FOGG,
NATHANIEL E. KIMBALL,
DENNIS O'CONNOR,
JOHN W. RANDALL,
CYRUS K. BANKS,
DANIEL L. JOHNSON,
FRED J. PILSBURY,
SAMUEL C. HAMILTON, Jr.

SURVEYORS OF LOGS,
SIMON S. ANDREWS,
LYSANDER EMMONS,
WILLIAM H. HANSON,
LEVI G. HANSON,
TRISTRAM GOLDTHWAITE,
SAMUEL C. HAMILTON.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,
JAMES GLEASON.

TRUANT OFFICERS,
GEORGE W. HARRIMAN,
ALEXANDER VELANDRIE.

MILK INSPECTOR,
MELVILLE C. AYER.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CITY MARSHAL,

BENJAMIN F. CHADBOURNE.

POLICE,

George W. Harriman,
John P. Fenderson,
John Tighe,
James R. McKeene,
Wm. P. Yates,
Sylvester Kerwin,
David Kerwin,
James Dunn,
John M. Akerly,
Irving W. Mason,
Michael Ryan,
Charles T. Charland,
George E. Haley,
Alexander Velandrie,
John Flynn,
Michael King,

Louis O. Chabot,
Edward F. Hayford,
George S. Coburn,
Fred E. Tate,
William Warren,
Narcisse Provencal,
Leonard Andrews, 2nd,
George K. Burnham,
Patrick Judge,
Thomas Cullen,
Wm. G. Parker,
Henry Carroll,
Joseph Provencher,
Elroy Davis,
Fred G. Scott,
Edward Raymond,

Israel Velandrie.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES, 1888.

ON FINANCE,

The Mayor,	Councilman Fred C. Buker,
Alderman Albert G. Lunt,	“ David Garnache,
	“ Samuel C. Milliken,

ACCOUNTS,

Alderman Jean B. Paré,	Councilman Wm. H. Stuart,
	“ Walter I. Gordon,

PUBLIC PROPERTY,

The Mayor,	Councilman Fred C. Buker,
Alderman John H. Burnham,	“ Patrick Meeds,
	“ Joseph Dion, Jr.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND CITY LIBRARY,

The Mayor,	Councilman North M. West,
Alderman Geo. F. Piper,	“ Edward J. Jones,
	“ Thomas Stone.

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Alderman Nathaniel B. Walker,	Councilman North M. West,
“ Nahum S. Drown,	“ J. F. B. Waterhouse,
	“ Adolphe Simard.

PRINTING,

Alderman Michael Leonard,	Councilman Chas. O. Johnson,
	“ G. H. Hussey.

POOR,

Alderman Nahum S. Drown,	Councilman North M. West,
“ Geo. F. Piper,	“ Peter Scanlan,
	“ J. Byron Campbell.

ORDINANCES,

The Mayor,	Councilman Will Stone,
	“ Ed. H. Goldthwaite.

ON STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS AND STREET LIGHTS,

The Mayor,	Councilman Samuel C. Milliken,
Alderman Nathaniel B. Walker,	“ Geo. W. Libby,
“ Jean B. Paré,	“ North M. West,
	“ Fred C. Buker.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ON POLICE,

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

ON ELECTIONS,

Alderman N. B. Walker,
“ J. B. Paré,
“ Geo. F. Piper,

ON LICENSES,

The Mayor,	Alderman Michael Leonard,
	“ Nahum S. Drown.

ON ENROLLED BILLS,

Alderman John H. Burnham,
“ Geo. F. Piper,
“ J. B. Paré.

APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1887-8.

We herewith submit a statement of the expenditures of the City, in each department, during the municipal year, ending January 31st, 1888, including what transfers have been made.

BRIDGES.

Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$1,799 77
Appropriation.....	\$1,500 00
Transferred from Contingent fund.....	299 77
	\$1,799 77

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid R. M. Johnson.....	\$ 526 45	
“ Timothy Elliot.....	1,596 48	
		\$2,122 93
Overlay for Abatement.....	\$1,132 75	
Overdraft.....	990 18	
		\$2,122 93

CITY BUILDING.

Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$4,673 07
Received for rents, &c., as per treasurer's book.....	\$4,390 33
Transferred from Con. fund.....	282 74
	\$4,673 07

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Expended by warrants drawn.....		\$5,169 24
Appropriation.....	\$5,000 00	
Overdraft	169 24	
		<u>\$5,169 24</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$6,500 00	
Credit for work of teams, &c.....	1,227 00	
		<u>\$7,727 00</u>
Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$7,557 04	
Transferred to Con. fund.....	169 96	
		<u>\$7,727 00</u>

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Expended by warrants drawn.....		\$7,511 84
Appropriation.....	\$5,000 00	
Credit as per treasurer's book.....	120 00	
Transferred from Con. fund.....	2,391 84	
		<u>\$7,511 84</u>

INTEREST.

Expended as per treasurer's book.....		\$18,824 56
Appropriation.....	\$12,500 00	
Credit as per treasurer's book.....	55 61	
Overdraft.....	6,268 95	
		<u>\$18,824 56</u>

HIGHWAYS, DISTRICT NO. 4.

Expended by warrants drawn.....		\$6,720 01
Appropriation	\$5,000 00	
Credit as per transfer book.....	600 00	
Transferred from Con. fund.....	1,120 01	
	<hr/>	\$6,720 01

OAK RIDGE DISTRICT.

Expended by warrants drawn.....		\$300 30
Appropriation	\$250 00	
Transferred from Con. fund.....	\$50 30	
	<hr/>	\$300 30

NEWTOWN DISTRICT.

Expended by warrants drawn.....		\$415 64
Appropriation	\$300 00	
Transferred from Con. fund.....	115 64	
	<hr/>	\$415 64

POOL DISTRICT.

Expended by warrants drawn.....		\$301 07
Appropriation	\$300 00	
Transferred from Con. fund.....	1 07	
	<hr/>	\$301 07

RIVER ROAD, EASTERN DIVISION.

Expended by warrants drawn.....		\$449 58
Appropriation	\$300 00	
Transferred from Con. fund.....	149 58	
	<hr/>	\$449 58

WARD 7, EASTERN DIVISION.

Appropriation.....	\$1,200 00
Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$1,028 03
Transferred from Con. fund.....	171 97
	<u>\$1,200 00</u>

WARD 7, WESTERN DIVISION.

Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$416 55
Appropriation.....	\$400 00
Transferred from Con. fund.....	16 55
	<u>\$416 55</u>

PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$17,000 00
Credit as per treasurer's book.....	806 93
	<u>\$17,806 93</u>
Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$17,299 21
Transferred to Con. fund.....	507 72
	<u>\$17,806 93</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$7,500 00
Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$7,339 21
Transferred to Con. fund.....	161 79
	<u>\$7,500 00</u>

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

Authorized loans.....	\$15,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$14,098 56
Unexpended balance.....	901 44
	<u>\$15,000 00</u>

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$5,000 00	
Credit as per treasurer's book	203 75	
		\$5,203 75
Expended by warrants drawn	\$5,086 22	
Transferred to Con. fund	117 53	
		\$5,203 75

SALARIES.

Appropriation	\$5,000 00	
Expended by warrants drawn	\$4,894 78	
Transferred to Con. fund	105 22	
		\$5,000 00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Expended by warrants drawn	\$ 984 45	
Transferred to Con. fund	1,015 55	
		\$2,000 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Expended by warrants drawn	\$7,217 40	
Appropriation	\$7,000 00	
Credit as per treasurer's book	14 00	
Transferred from Con. fund	203 40	
		\$7,217 40

CITY LIBRARY.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expended by warrants drawn	\$248 12	
Transferred to Con. fund	51 88	
		<u>\$300 00</u>

CITY CEMETERY.

Cash received as per treasurer's book		\$20 00
Expended by warrants drawn	\$17 25	
Transferred to Con. fund	2 75	
		<u>\$20 00</u>

HIGHWAYS, FORTUNE'S ROCKS DISTRICT.

Expended by warrants drawn		\$528 87
Appropriation	\$400 00	
Transferred from Con. fund	128 87	
		<u>\$528 87</u>

PAVING.

Expended by warrants drawn		\$16 00
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CITY LIQUOR AGENCY.

Cash received as per treasurer's book		\$11,793 24
Expended by warrants drawn	\$10,933 37	
Transferred to Con. fund	859 87	
		<u>\$11,793 24</u>

HIGHWAYS, RIVER ROAD, WESTERN DIVISION.

Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$696 47
Appropriation.....	\$500 00
Transferred from Con. fund.....	196 47
	<u>\$696 47</u>

KENNEBUNK ROAD DISTRICT.

Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$219 96
Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Transferred from Con. fund.....	19 96
	<u>\$219 96</u>

HYDRANTS.

Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$4,650 00
Appropriation.....	\$3,600 00
Transferred from Con. fund.....	1,050 00
	<u>\$4,650 00</u>

PIKE STREET.

Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$1,844 42
Unexpended balance.....	155 58
	<u>\$2,000 00</u>

ALFRED STREET SEWER.

Authorized Loan.....	\$5,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$3,083 30
Unexpended balance.....	1,916 70
	<u>\$5,000 00</u>

FIRE ALARM.

Expended by warrants drawn.....	\$1,945 71
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CONTINGENT FUND.

Expended by warrants drawn	\$5,257 23
Transferred to Bridges	299 77
" " City Building	282 74
" " General Expense	2,391 84
" " Highways, Dist. No. 4	1,120 01
" " " Oak Ridge	50 30
" " " Newtown	115 64
" " " Pool Dist	1 07
" " " River Road, E. Div	149 58
" " " Ward 7. W. Div.	16 55
" " Street Lights	203 40
" " Highways, Fortune's Rocks	128 87
" " " River Road, W. Div	196 47
" " " Kennebunk Road	19 96
" " Hydrants	1,050 00
	—————11,283 43
Appropriation	\$6,500 00
Cr. trans. from Fire Dept	169 96
" " " Highways, Ward 7, E. Div.	171 97
" " " Pauper Department	507 72
" " " Police Department	160 79
" " " Sidewalks	117 53
" " " Health Department	1,015 55
" " " City Library	51 88
" " " Cemetery	2 75
" " " Liquor Agency	859 87
" " " Salaries	105 22
To Balance	1,620 19
	—————\$11,283 43

S. F. PARCHER,
JOHN H. BURNHAM,
FRED C. BUKER,
W. W. CENTER.

COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE.

Biddeford, March 10th, 1888.

ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

PAID:

Fred E. Tate, expenses to Augusta	\$ 19 25
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.	9 20
State Reform School	39 00
John Meserve, numbering buildings	50 00
Owners of Exchange Block, rent of Hall B. L. I.	87 50
Biddeford and Saco Water Co.	125 00
Timothy Shaw, P. M., furniture in P. O.	42 00
Maine Insane Hospital	1,676 74
Saco Water Power Co., water	91 80
Banks Bros., lumber	14 80
W. E. Hutchings, painting street signs	50 00
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., tin for signs	18 72
Megguire & Jones, door signs	3 15
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.	4 60
John Meserve, numbering buildings, &c.	57 00
C. E. Hoyt, painting street signs	40 00
McKenney & Heard, hardware	2 80
Stephen Gowen, teams	8 50
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.	4 00
F. A. Tarbox, expenses to Reform School	5 30
B. F. Chadbourne, work on ordinances	141 00
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.	2 00
W. E. Hutchings, painting street signs, &c.	46 50
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.	1 00
John Hanscom, printing	15 00

Alex Velandrie, truant officer.....	25 00
John Meserve, putting up street signs and numbering buildings.....	68 50
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., tin for signs.....	4 68
Megguire & Jones, door signs.....	8 46
McLellan & Mosher, blanks, &c.....	42 00
G. W. Harriman, teams for committees.....	6 25
W. E. Hutchings, painting and numbering signs.....	42 50
Elroy Davis, expense to Augusta.....	20 00
T. Shaw, P. M.....	20 00
A. C. Campbell, repairs on pump.....	1 50
W. H. Watson, printing.....	56 50
G. W. Harriman, teams for committee.....	3 00
John Meserve, putting up signs and numbers.....	39 55
John Hanscom, printing.....	3 50
F. M. Burnham, stationary, &c.....	51 62
H. H. Hill, trucking.....	3 75
John Lord, M. D., examination of insane persons.....	4 00
J. W. Fairfield, clerk Common Council.....	50 00
N. F. Sawyer, warden.....	2 00
W. W. Center, ward clerk.....	2 00
F. F. Beauregard, ward clerk.....	2 00
J. E. H. Townsend, ward clerk.....	2 00
N. M. Milliken, warden pro tem.....	2 00
H. Charles, warden pro tem.....	2 00
F. P. Waterhouse, warden.....	2 00
G. O. Fall, warden.....	2 00
Joseph Dion, Jr., warden pro tem.....	2 00
A. W. Verrill, Jr., warden pro tem.....	2 00
Patrick Lynch, ward clerk.....	2 00
A. Paré, ward clerk.....	2 00
John S. Fogg, Jr., ward clerk.....	2 00
F. K. Tarbox, ward clerk.....	2 00
G. W. Harriman, truant officer.....	50 00
H. Allison, rent of ward room.....	10 00

A. G. Johnson, rent of ward room.....	7 00
J. E. Banks, posting election warrants.....	5 00
W. H. Watson, printing.....	47 00
John Hanscom, printing.....	10 50
Cyclostyle Co.....	12 00
N. B. Osgood & Co, ice.....	6 00
F. E. Tate, posting notices.....	3 50
John Meserve, putting up signs and numbers.....	69 85
Owners of Exchange Block, rent of Hall, B. L. I.....	87 50
State Reform School.....	39 00
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.....	7 60
Samuel G. Somes, street signs.....	13 50
O. Drown, labor.....	22 50
Andrews and Co., rent of ward room.....	10 00
R. G. Milliken, assisting assessors.....	20 00
M. L. O'Conner, assisting assessors.....	25 00
Almira Johnson, rent of ward room.....	20 00
F. E. Tate, assisting assessors.....	28 00
J. T. Emery, assisting assessors.....	25 00
John Hanscom, printing.....	16 00
Abijah Tarbox, assisting assessors.....	30 00
Dana Goodrich, assisting assessors.....	30 00
C. E. Hoyt, assisting assessors.....	26 50
F. C. Noyes, enrolling militia.....	10 00
Townsend Bros., repairs on sprinkler.....	18 00
C. E. Hoyt, paint.....	3 72
Elroy Davis, expenses to Augusta.....	17 00
C. H. Prescott, printing.....	39 25
J. E. Banks, expenses State Reform School.....	5 80
John Meserve, material, etc. for street signs.....	3 75
F. M. Burnham, assessors books, &c.....	94 15
T. Shaw, P. M.....	2 00
F. C. Noyes, enrolling militia.....	40 00
C. J. Emery, M. D., examination of insane person.....	2 00
J. A. Stafford, repairs.....	4 96

Alexander Langlois, assisting assessors.....	5 00
W. H. Watson, printing.....	19 50
T. Shaw, Jr.....	4 00
Cyclostyle Co.....	1 90
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.....	3 80
John Hanscom, printing.....	21 50
Post Sheriden, G. A. R.....	200 00
W. H. Watson, printing.....	14 00
A. G. Goodwin, labor.....	7 75
W. H. Watson, printing.....	12 00
G. W. Harriman, teams for committees.....	6 00
C. P. Letourneau, care street lights.....	14 87
A. J. Small, printing.....	17 25
Brooks Bros., desk, &c.....	21 50
John Quinby, coal.....	7 75
Saco and Biddeford Water Co.....	30 80
Frank Emerson, building fence at cemetery.....	46 25
N. P. Dion, furniture for courtroom.....	27 00
C. J. Emery, M. D., examination of insane person.....	2 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co.....	9 25
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.....	2 00
J. E. Banks, expenses to Augusta.....	13 50
W. H. Watson, printing.....	35 50
Biddeford and Saco Water Co.....	125 00
F. O. Baily & Co., furniture for court room.....	46 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co., blank books.....	50 00
Biddeford and Saco Water Co.....	42 85
State Reform School.....	32 14
John Hanscom, printing annual reports.....	164 25
F. G. Scott, painting.....	18 24
J. F. Johnson, care of pump.....	3 00
Owners of Exchange Block.....	87 50
G. M. Donham, Maine Registers.....	12 00
John Hanscom.....	3 00
McKenney & Heard, hardware.....	155 56

J. E. Banks, expenses to Augusta.....	12 00
W. H. Watson, printing.....	43 50
J. M. Akerly, labor on target.....	13 62
McKenney & Heard, hardware.....	6 37
Owen Smith, labor on land stand.....	40 50
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.....	10 20
Mrs. Nicholas McBride.....	35 00
C. H. Andrews, edge stone.....	35 00
N. Kimball & Son, bricks.....	72 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co., blank bonds.....	50 00
John Meserve, putting up signs and numbers.....	30 60
J. E. Banks.....	10 05
C. H. Andrews, stone for watering trough and use of derrick.....	113 00
J. E. LaRocque, M. D.....	2 00
T. Goldthwaite, Jr., coal.....	6 50
Briggs & Co, Maine Business Directory.....	4 00
A. J. Whitten, labor on band stand and City Building.....	6 75
E. S. Hamilton & Co., lumber.....	24 03
Elroy Davis, expenses to Augusta.....	15 50
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.....	7 00
J. E. Banks, expenses to Augusta.....	9 00
Israel Shevenell, sprinkling.....	25 00
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.....	22 00
Biddeford and Saco Water Co.....	10 43
G. W. Harriman, teams for committees.....	7 75
F. S. Warren, M. D., examination of insane person.....	2 00
C. J. Emery, M. D., examination of insane persons.....	16 00
Alex Velandrie, truant officer.....	25 00
W. H. Watson, printing.....	25 75
F. M. Burnham, stationery, &c.....	58 51
Owners of Exchange Block.....	87 50
Frank McGarty, furnishing statistics for labor bureau.....	35 00
O. T. Garey, furnishing statistics for labor bureau.....	35 00
Townsend Bros, repairs on sprinkler.....	19 50

B. F. Chadbourne, expenses, approval of ordinances.....	11 50
A. L. Jelleson.....	9 50
N. Kimball & Son, bricks.....	20 80
N. Kimball & Son, bricks.....	5 60
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.....	7 60
State Reform School.....	33 71
C. O. Milliken, posting notices.....	1 90
Banks Bros., lumber.....	21 89
McLellan, Mosher & Co.....	22 75
C. E. Goodwin.....	16 50
B. F. Chadbourne, expenses, approval of ordinances.....	13 50
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.....	7 00
G. W. Harriman, six months' services truant officer.....	25 00
C. H. Andrews, use of derrick.....	28 00
May H. Scott and Lydia J. Farnham, land damage, on South Street.....	400 00
J. A. Stafford.....	1 70
Gouch & Haines, stone for monument.....	290 50
C. H. Andrews, stone for monument.....	187 15
Patrick Sullivan, work on monument.....	17 00
S. F. Parcher, cash paid for sign posts.....	5 25
C. H. Prescott, printing.....	17 25
W. H. Watson.....	36 75
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.....	4 00
N. B. Osgood & Co., ice.....	9 00
T. Shaw, Jr., P. M.....	25
Saco and Biddeford Gas Co.....	5 00
J. A. Stafford.....	1 64
W. H. Watson, printing.....	8 75
Biddeford and Saco Water Co.....	150 00
J. A. Stafford.....	75
F. A. Day, cocoa matting B. L. I. Hall.....	30 69
McLellan, Mosher & Co.....	21 50
Edwin Stone, cash paid in Buck case.....	15 94

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, 1887,	\$ 23,761 63	
Received from all sources,	466,122 44	
	<hr/>	\$489,884 07
Total payments during the year,	\$476,491 54	
Cash on hand January 31, 1888,	13,392 53	
	<hr/>	\$489,884 07

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

Respectfully,

C. E. GOODWIN, TREASURER.

 CHARLES E. GOODWIN, TREASURER,

 IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Tax for 1881,-----	\$2,322 28	
“ “ 1884,-----	526 45	
“ “ 1885,-----	7,630 83	
“ “ 1886,-----	4,988 38	
“ “ 1887,-----	36,185 79	
“ “ 1882, non-resident,-----	10 00	
“ “ 1884, “ “-----	1 15	
“ “ 1885, “ “-----	276 10	
City Liquor Agency-----	11,793 24	\$11,194 40
Fire Department-----	1,227 00	7,708 87
Pauper Department-----	806 93	17,502 65
Notes-----	351,000 00	275,000 00
City Building-----	3,177 04	4,771 95
City Cemetery-----	20 00	37 60
City Hall-----	1,213 29	
General Expense-----	120 00	7,329 69
Sewers and Drains-----	10,000 00	14,286 17
Contingent Fund-----		5,568 34
Interest-----	55 61	18,824 56
State Pensions-----	276 00	276 00
Railroad and Telegraph Tax-----	63 87	
Bridges-----		1,831 21
Sidewalks-----	203 75	5,070 13
Police Department-----		7,357 90
School District No. 1-----		213 25
“ “ “ 2-----		255 05
“ “ “ 3-----		277 00
“ “ “ 4-----	250 00	25,920 00
“ “ “ 6-----		417 50
Amounts carried forward-----	\$432,147 71	\$403,842 27

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Amounts brought forward.....	\$432,147 71	\$403,842 27
School District No. 7.....		232 03
“ “ “ 8.....		592 21
“ “ “ 8 Kennebunk Port..		31 72
“ “ “ 9.....		231 02
“ “ “ 10.....		321 75
“ “ “ 11.....		220 94
“ “ “ 12.....		181 37
“ “ “ 13.....		218 64
City Library.....		242 12
Salaries.....		4,894 78
Hydrants.....		4,650 00
Health Department.....		975 86
Street Lights.....	14 00	7,217 40
Paving.....		16 00
School Houses, Dist. No. 4. (Old.).....		165 00
School Houses, “ “ 4. (New.).....	6,036 00	11,511 72
Highways, Dist. No. 4.....	600 00	6,651 44
“ Pool Dist.....		322 58
“ Kennebunk Road.....		209 32
“ Oak Ridge.....		310 33
“ River Road.....		2 25
“ Fortune's Rocks.....		532 81
“ Newtown Dist.....		459 40
“ Ward 7, Eastern Div.....		945 41
“ “ 7, Western Div.....		448 43
“ River Road, Eastern Div.....		480 32
“ “ “ Western Div.....		682 72
“ Pike Street.....		1,791 43
Abatement of Taxes, 1881.....		2,322 28
“ “ “ 1882.....		10 00
“ “ “ 1884.....		527 60
Amounts carried forward.....	\$438,797 71	\$451,241 15

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Amounts brought forward.....	\$438,797 71	\$451,241 15
Abatement of Taxes, 1885.....		308 70
“ “ “ 1886.....		258 73
“ “ “ 1887.....		161 26
Fire Alarm.....		1,445 71
Alfred Street Sewer.....		3,075 99
City Bonds.....	20,000 00	20,000 00
School and Mill Tax.....	7,324 73	
Cash on Hand January 31, 1887.....	23,761 63	
Cash on hand January 31, 1888.....		13,392 53
	<u>\$489,884 07</u>	<u>\$489,884 07</u>

 LIABILITIES.

City Bonds.....	\$240,000 00
Notes, (Bills Payable.).....	171,925 00
Due to School Districts.....	424 13
Due to School House account.....	1,230 50
Discount on Taxes.....	5,000 00
Total	<u>\$418,579 63</u>

 ASSETS.

Cash.....	\$13,392 53
Due from School House Dist. No 1.....	207 12
Real Estate bought for Taxes.....	5 00
Due from Tax of 1875.....	145 60
“ “ 1876.....	312 93
“ “ 1878.....	35 80
“ “ 1880.....	750 35
Amount carried forward.....	<u>\$14,849 33</u>

Amount brought forward.....	\$14,849 33	
Due from Tax of 1881.....	1,929 05	
“ “ 1882.....	5,903 97	
“ “ 1883.....	4,938 12	
“ “ 1884.....	13,310 09	
“ “ 1885.....	11,534 65	
“ “ 1886.....	30,352 87	
“ “ 1887.....	76,196 96	
Due from Non-Residents, 1883.....	5 00	
“ “ 1884.....	17 83	
“ “ 1885.....	321 20	
“ “ 1886.....	547 38	
Due from School Districts.....	1,724 55	
Due from School Tax of 1887.....	7,684 47	
Due from State Treasurer's School Fund and Mill Tax.....	7,492 97	
Stock in Liquor Agency.....	575 00	
City Building.....	80,000 00	
Total,		\$257,383 44
Net Debt,		161,196 19
Total,		\$418,579 63

BONDS.

May 1, 1895,	4½ per cent.	\$25,000 00
May 1, 1900,	4½ 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
July 2, 1897,	4 per cent.	20,000 00
July 1, 1907,	4 per cent.	10,000 00
Total,		\$240,000 00

NOTES.

No.	Rate.	Due.	Amt.
787	4 per cent.	Demand	\$425 00
791	4 "	"	500 00
904	6 "	Feb. 9, 1888,	10,000 00
905	6 "	" "	10,000 00
906	6 "	March 27, 1888,	5,000 00
907	6 "	" " "	5,000 00
908	6 "	" " "	5,000 00
909	6 "	April 17, 1888,	5,000 00
910	6 "	" " "	10,000 00
911	4 "	Nov. 6, 1888,	5,000 00
912	4 "	" " "	1,000 00
914	6 "	Feb. 12, 1888,	10,000 00
915	6 "	March 12, 1888,	5,000 00
916	6 "	Sept. 17, 1888	20,000 00
917	6 "	April 30, 1888,	30,000 00
918	6 "	May 30, 1888,	5,000 00
919	6 "	July 1, 1888,	25,000 00
920	6 "	July 15, 1888,	10,000 00
921	6 "	" " "	10,000 00
Total,			<u>\$171,925 00</u>

REPORT

OF THE

STREET COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 4.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD:

I herewith submit my report as Street Commissioner, for the
municipal year, A. D., 1887-8.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

The following sewers have been laid during the year, viz:
Pool Street sewer 1117 ft., 24 inch glazed pipe. Six hundred ft.
of this sewer was blasted through solid flint rock, average depth
of ledge excavation seven feet; also found in excavating for this
sewer about one hundred ft. in length of quicksand, all of which
largely increased the expense.

Alfred Street sewer was extended from Myrtle St. 600 ft., 24
inch pipe, to Staples Block. Fifty ft. of excavation through
ledge.

Pine St., 240 ft. 8 inch pipe was laid entering Saco River.

90 ft., 8 inch pipe, Main and Lincoln sts.

79 ft., 8 inch pipe, laid on King st.

98 ft., 8 inch pipe, laid on Main st., leading from main sewer to the Frost property.

50 ft., 12 inch pipe, on Elm st., Harmon's Corner.

20 ft., 8 inch pipe, on High and Water sts.

78 ft., 8 inch pipe, on South and Kossuth sts.

200 ft., 12 inch pipe, on West Cutts st.

20 ft., 12 inch pipe, on Cutts st., near J. Gould's house.

50 ft., 24 inch pipe, on West st.

217 ft., 8 inch pipe, on Mason st. Forty ft. of this excavation was ledge.

210 ft., 12 inch pipe, on Sullivan st. Seventy-five ft. of this excavation was solid ledge.

1367 ft., 15 inch Cement pipe, on West Cutts, Western Avenue, Main st. and Horrigan Court to Saco River. Seventy-five ft. of this excavation was flint ledge.

27 new sewer pockets with drain stone were put in, requiring 150 ft. 8 inch pipe, viz: Alfred, Main, Cutts, Mason, Pool, Sullivan, Western Avenue, Kossuth and Pine sts; also rebuilt 13 sewer pockets and put in 8 new traps for pockets, viz: On Main, South, Cutts and Kossuth sts.

Repairs were made on brick sewer on South st. in several places, also on the corner Hill and Main sts., near M. Burns house, also on State st., and several other sewers.

SIDEWALKS.

The following new granite cross-walks have been put down :

One on Main and Bradbury sts.

One on Elm and Vetromile sts.

One on Alfred and Jefferson sts.

One Elm and St. Joseph's Church.

One Centre and Green sts.

One Summer st.

The following stone cross-walks have been relaid, viz:

One cor. Main and Elm sts.

One on Elm and Pearl sts.

One on Alfred st.

One on Main and Western ave.

One on Bacon and Hill st.

One Hooper and Elm sts.

One recut cor. Main and Franklin sts.

The following concrete cross-walks were laid, viz:

Two on South st.

Three on Elm st.

Three on Cutts st.

Two on Harvey st.

One on Vetromile st.

One on Union st.

One on Chadwick's court.

One on Jefferson st.

One on Summer st.

One on Kossuth st.

The following brick sidewalks were laid, viz:

Main st. Westerly side from Eastern Depot to Bradbury st., excepting concrete already laid in front of Peter Marcelle lot, (Walk 13 ft. wide.)

On the Northerly side of Main st., beginning at Lewis F. Small's lot and running to land of James Stafford.

On Western ave. from Main to West Cutts st.

From Dr. Bacon's on Main to Elm, thence on Elm st. to M. W. Webber's land.

On Elm st. Southerly side from Parcher & Simard's land to Centre st., thence on Centre st. to land of J. F. Dolliff.

On Westerly side Elm st. from J. H. Dearborn's to Mason st., on Easterly side from Samuel W. Berry's to South st., thence down South st. to land of Mrs. Stevens.

On Alfred st. from Washington to Franklin, and on Franklin including Harper property.

Both sides of Jefferson st. from Alfred to Washington st.

On Alfred st. from Main to Kendall's Block.

On Washington st. Easterly side, from Thomas Hill's to Jellison's stable.

On Green st. front Israel Shevenell's and Louis Pinard's property.

On Hooper st. in front of Mrs. Cole's property.

Relaid 100 ft. on Gooch st., and 100 ft. on Main.

Graveled the following sidewalks, viz:

Vetromile, Hazel, Water and Bacon sts. from Hill to Sullivan, thence down Sullivan to Warren C. Bryant's property.

Alfred from Union st. to Mrs. Goodwin's.

Birch st., front E. Stone's property.

Westerly side of Franklin st.

West Myrtle st., from Alfred to N. Drown's property.

South st., from Bradbury to F. A. Day's.

South st., from May st. to Geo. Smith's front gate.

From Main st., on Western Ave. to Cutts st., thence down Cutts st. to C. K. Bank's lot.

On Summer st. round James Freeman's property.

On Northerly side Union st., from Alfred st. to land of Volney Sprague.

On Southerly side of Union st., from Elm st. to land of James G. Brackett.

On Easterly side of Elm st. from Pearl st. to Lincoln st.

On Elm st. from M. W. Webber's to Mrs. James Smith's.

On Easterly side of High st. from Bacon st. down to Cross, also 300 ft. on Easterly side from Cross st. down.

On Pike st., Westerly side from Pool to Water st.

On Southerly side of Mason st., from Bradbury to Elm st.

On Westerly side of Wentworth st. from land of O. T. Garey to South st. thence on South st. to land of J. B. Palmer.

6406 ft. of edgestone have been set on the following sts., viz:

Alfred, Main, Green, Wentworth, Washington, Elm, South, Kossuth, Jefferson, Adams, Cutts, Sullivan, Bacon, Hill, Hooper, Western ave., Summer, Centre, Pike, Gooch and Birch sts.

Also laid concrete sidewalk on Pike st., front of Eben Simpson and Nadeau property.

Also concreting gutter Westerly side Pike st. hill, 3 ft. wide, length of hill.

Repaired concrete walk on Foss and Main sts.

Bank wall 105 ft. on Southerly side of Dean's hill.

38 ft. Westerly side Wentworth st.

38 ft. Easterly side extension Wentworth st.

60 ft. on West Cutts st.

459 ft. bank wall on Main st and Western Ave.

279 Perch retaining wall on Main st., above Eastern Depot near Highland st. Filled sidewalk to grade.

Also 10 ft. bank wall on Gooch st.

Blasted ledge in sidewalk in front of James Hanson's property, Elm st.

PAVING.

Granite paving blocks were laid 5 ft. wide from Biddeford House Block on Adams st. to the Church.

Repairs were made at Harmon's Corner, Post Office Square, Lincoln st., under B. & M. R. R. bridge, Hooper st. and several other places during the year.

The paving on Main, Lincoln and Elm sts. was thoroughly cleansed twice a week during the season.

BRIDGES.

The Somesville bridge has been replanked with 3 inch spruce plank.

Bradbury bridge has had several new planks furnished.

Laid new stone culvert on Alfred st., and repaired others.

STREETS.

The following sts. have been graveled, viz:

Pike st. from Pool to Water; the fill at the foot of Pike st. hill to Cross st., would average 5 ft.

Graveled and clayed Pool st. hill below Pike.

Clayed Foss st. hill and graveled Foss st. from Summer to Bacon st.

Graveled Western ave. and Cutts st.

Horrigan's court.

Northerly side of Harvey st.

Alfred st. from Main to Washington st.

Jefferson from Adams to Alfred st.

Washington from Alfred to Jefferson st.

South from S. Newcomb's to J. R. Libby's.

Clayed and graveled two hills on Green st.

Clayed and graveled Elm st. from Main st. to Mile Brook.

Centre st. from Green to Elm.

Granite from West to Hill st.

West st. from Westbrook to Westerly side Granite, and the hill on West st.

Oak st. from Granite to property of C. B. Harmon.

Fall st. from Foss to Summer st.

Birch st. from N. Kendall's to Hill st.

Foss st. from Myrtle to Birch st.

Clayed and graveled from ft. of Mt. Vernon st. to Summer st.

Sullivan st. from Water st. to W. Bryant's.

High st. from Pool to Water st.

Dean's hill and Water st. to Sulliuau st.

Elm st. from Lincoln to Spruce st.

Main st. from B. & M. R. R. to Bradbury st.

Vetromile st. from Elm st. to St. Mary's Church

The extension of Mason st., from Bradbury st. to land of Alphonso E. Libby, rendered necessary the removal of 42 yards of Ledge, which was blasted and used for grading the same; also filled and graveled the street.

The extension of Summer st. rendered necessary the removal by blasting of 185 yards of ledge.

Also made repairs on Gooch st. after the freshet.

Graded Gooch st. from bridge to foundry building.

Also on Gooch st from Elm to Falvey property.

Set one large drinking fountain for horses on Summer st.

Cleaned the gutters and dug up the grass in every st. in the city.

The heavy snow storm in the Spring of 1887, and the numerous snow storms of the past Winter blocked the streets and sidewalks to an unusual extent, and the heavy rain falls during the Summer, washed out many of the streets in the city, and caused large expenses in opening the streets and sidewalks and repairing the same.

Respectfully,

JERE G. SHAW,

Street Commissioner.

REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD:

GENTLEMEN: By an ordinance of the City, it becomes my duty as Chief Engineer, and I herewith present my Fifth Annual Report of the Fire Department, which as now organized has One Chief and Two Assistant Engineers, and Forty-two Active Members.

The members are divided so as to efficiently man our two steam fire engines, one hose wagon, and one hook and ladder truck.

The "Richard Vines," No. 1, the "Eben Simpson," No. 2, Hose Wagon, No. 1, and "Welcome" Hook and Ladder, No. 1.

It is with pleasure that I can report at the close of this municipal year that all the apparatus connected with this department is in good condition.

The number of Fires and Alarms have been Twenty-three, ending Jan. 31, 1888.

The dates and location will be found in the annexed schedule:

 BIDDEFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

CHIEF ENGINEER, WILLIAM BOSTON.
 1ST ASS'T " CHAS. E. HOYT.
 2ND " " JAMES BEAUMONT.

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

Foreman,..... Benjamin Goodier, Jr.
 Ass't Foreman,..... Daniel Kerwin,
 Clerk, Joseph T. Bardsley.
 Engineer,..... John Goodier.
 Fireman,..... Geo. W. Leavitt.
 Driver,..... Henry W. Goodwin.
 Pipeman,..... George Bowe.
 " Irving W. Mason.
 Hoseman..... Orrin Skillings.
 " Chas. Grant.
 " Herbert W. Warren.
 " Nathaniel P. Verrill.
 " Israel Velandrie.
 " George Coburn.
 " Fred Grant.

EBEN SIMPSON S. F. E. CO. NO. 2.

Foreman,..... Clarence M. Watson.
 Ass't Foreman,..... William F. Snow.
 Clerk,..... Charles E. Rumery.
 Engineer,..... Chase Goodwin.
 Fireman,..... Erwin S. Gowen.
 Pipeman,..... John Deane.
 " Hartley J. Goodwin.

Hoseman,	Napoleon Ducharme.
"	Samuel W. Hubbard.
"	William Sullivan.
"	Charles D. Blair.
"	James E. Gowen.
"	Edward Stackpole.
"	Everett Holt.
Driver,	David Elliott.

WELCOME HOOK AND LADDER CO., NO. 1.

Foreman,	Albert H. Wardwell.
Ass't Foreman,	Geo. E. Haley.
Clerk,	Charles H. Bonser.
Axeman,	John Doyle.
"	George Boutin.
"	Charles H. Haley.
"	George H. Hooper.
Ladderman,	James O. Smith.
"	John R. Bonser.
"	Chas. F. Nelson.
"	Walter B. Mildon.
"	John B. Lovely.

THE APPARATUS.

The "Richard Vines," which is now out of active service, being used only in cases of emergency, is in good repair, being kept at all times ready for service.

The "Eben Simpson" remains in good condition, and will probably not require more than trivial repairs.

"Welcome" Hook and Ladder Truck will require considerable repair the coming year.

The Hose Wagon, which was purchased last year, as anticipated, proves to be a valuable addition to the department.

The swing harnesses bought last year have aided materially the promptness of the department, and have justified their adoption.

HOUSES AND STABLE.

The Engine Houses will need painting as soon as practicable, and though in fair condition, are inadequate for the purpose for which they are used. I hope that you will give this important subject immediate and careful study.

HORSES.

There are four horses belonging to the department. \$1,227.00 has been received for their labor during the past year.

I would especially urge upon you the desirability of purchasing a pair of horses for the Hook and Ladder Truck. The work of the horses would more than pay the interest upon the money invested, and the department be more improved.

HOSE.

There is about 4000 feet of good reliable hose on hand, the remainder is not reliable. Good hose is an absolute necessity, and I recommend that a liberal supply of hose be kept ready for use at all times.

Probably 1000 feet of new hose will be required the coming year.

THE NEW BELL.

In accordance with a vote of the City Council, a bell weighing 3462 lbs. was purchased of the Troy Bell Co., of Troy, N. Y., and placed upon the City Building. As, at the time of making this report, it has not been fully tested I cannot speak positively, but have no doubt but that it will prove satisfactory in every respect.

SUGGESTIONS.

I have for a number of years called attention to the building occupied by the "Welcome" Hook and Ladder Co. It is a standing disgrace to the city as well as to the department, and should be removed.

It might revert to its original use as a store-house for tools, &c., but should not be occupied longer for its present purpose, for the simple reason that it is totally unfit.

I would once more call attention to the advisability of erecting a good substantial hose tower, on the lot adjoining Engine House, No. 1.

More hose is ruined by improper drying than by actual use in fire service, and by our present system it is impossible to wash and dry hose as it should be. The saving of hose alone would justify the expenditure of the amount necessary. At present, during the Summer, it is impossible to keep hose from mildewing in the apologies for towers we now have.

A building for the Hook and Ladder Truck might be built in connection with the Hose Tower.

I would respectfully call your attention to the need of new hydrants, notably the necessity of one on Adams st., near the residence of George W. Donnell, also on Oak st., and possibly one or two more in other sections of our city.

I would recommend that in future we insist that nothing less than six inch pipes shall be used for supply pipes.

I now come to the great need of our department, and that is the introduction of an Electric Fire Alarm. As a city, we have been very fortunate, in that we have never had an extensive fire to contend with, as have many cities and towns, but we cannot with any show of reason expect to be so fortunate always. Our turn will come, and it behooves us to be prepared; a little delay some day, as will certainly occur, where our hap-hazard system of alarms are given, and we shall have a fire beyond our control.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” and at no time is the truth of the old saying stronger than at a fire.

By adopting an Electric Fire Alarm system we shall not again be in danger of having our firemen going to Gooch Island when the fire is at “Five Points,” or to the Ship Yard when their services are required at the Eastern Depot.

Delays are dangerous, and especially in a city built like ours. I recommend that the Gammell system be adopted, as being the best, in fact, the only reliable service; that a few boxes be put in at once, and that each year a few boxes be put in, until the whole city is covered. We have a bell as a starting point, and I have no doubt but that you will give this subject that consideration which its importance merits.

The introduction of electric lights into our city brings another source of danger, and it would be well for everybody to remember that in case of fire or breaking of the wires from any cause, a touch of the line, if the current is on, would undoubtedly prove fatal.

In case of a burning building where the electric light is used, the safest plan would be to turn off the light, by means of the “cut off,” before entering the building.

Fires in 1887.

Feb. 5th, fire at 2:45 P. M.,

Building on Gooch st., owned by Jordan
& Bryant. Partially consumed.

Department out.

Feb. 5th, fire at 8:30 P. M.,

No. 9 Laconia Block. Chimney..

“ “

April 9th, fire at 8:30, P. M.,

House near City Farm. All consumed.

“ “

April 16th, fire at 12:15, P. M.,

Kennebunkport.

“ “

April 16th, fire at 2 o'clock, A. M., Large fire at Kennebunk. Aid was called for. The Richard Vines was sent by order of Chief Engineer.		
April 21st, fire 12, M., Summer St. Block, Alfred st. No damage. Department out.		
April 27th, fire 4 P. M., Shaw's Block. No use for Department.	"	"
May 22nd, fire 8:45, P. M., Exchange Block, Dr. Cobb's Office.	"	"
August 1st, fire 10:30, P. M., Simon Blake's house shed and carriage house, burned, barn being saved. Ken- nebunk Road.	"	"
August 4th, 1:45, P. M., Wild's house and barn above Eastern Rail- road Depot.	"	"
Sept. 10th, fire 5 o'clock, A. M., West & Calderwood bake shop, Main st.	"	"
Sept. 16th, fire 4:45, P. M., Water Power Lumber House, Gooch st. No damage.	"	"
Sept. 19th, fire 8 o'clock, P. M., Pool Road, near Newtown Road.	"	"
Sept. 21st, fire 7:50, P. M., J. O. Ross' Law Office and Davis' Dental Rooms, Main st.	"	"
Sept. 22nd, fire at 1:30, A. M., Barn on Lincoln st., Saco.	"	"
Sept. 24th, fire at 8:30, A. M., Chimney, corner Cross and Pike st.	"	"

Oct. 18th, fire at 10:15, P. M.,		
Building on Laconia st.	No damage.	Department out.
Oct. 21st, fire at 1:30, A. M.,		
Building on Buxton Road, Saco.	"	"
Nov. 3rd, fire 11:40, P. M.,		
Saco.	"	"
Dec. 4th, fire 2 o'clock, A. M.,		
Meeds' Block, Main st.	"	"
Dec. 11th, fire 1:30, A. M.,		
Hanson Bros.' Saw Mill, near Eastern De-		
pot, Main st.	"	"

Fires in 1888.

Jan. 1st, fire 2:40, A. M.,		
Saw Mills, Water st., Saco.	"	"
Jan. 16th, fire at 10:40, P. M.,		
Chimney, Water st., Saco.	"	"

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.

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- 13, Main street, corner of 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 George 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, " " near corner of Pool st.
 - 34, " " near corner of Mount Vernon st.
 - 35, " " near corner of Birch st.
 - 36, " " opposite Myrtle st.
 - 37, " " corner of Union st.
 - 38, " " near residence of Israel Emmon's.
 - 39, " " near residence of 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 George O. Burnham.
 - 47, " " near residence of Tristram Hooper.

- 48, South street, corner of Highland st.
- 49, Highland street, in center of st.
- 50, Elm street, corner of Walnut st.
- 51, " " " " Gooch st.
- 52, " " " " Emery's court.
- 53, " " near residence of George A. Berry.
- 54, " " corner Union st.
- 55, " " near B. & M. R. R. depot.
- 56, Hooper street, top of hill.
- 57, Lincoln " near corner of Pearl st.
- 58, Green " corner of Birch st.
- 59, Union " corner of Graham st.
- 60, Summer " near residence of J. W. Wormwood.
- 61, Smith " opposite Water Power Foundry.
- 62, Wentworth street, near school house.

CONCLUSION.

In closing this, my fifth annual report, I would express my obligations to the City Government and the Board of Engineers for their uniform courtesy and co-operation in all matters connected with the Fire Department, and to the officers and members of the different companies for their prompt response to all calls.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BOSTON, CHIEF ENGINEER.

JAMES BEAUMONT, Secretary.

REPORT

OF THE

CITY MARSHAL.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as City Marshal
from March 19th, 1887, to March 23rd, 1888.

The Police Force of the City under my charge, consisted of

City Marshal,	1
Police Officer, acting as Deputy Marshal,	1
Police Officers on regular duty,	6
“ “ “ Sunday duty,	4
“ “ “ City Hall,	2
“ “ “ Special on reserve force,	30

The number of arrests made, and the charges under which
they were made, were as follows:

Intoxication,.....	118
Breaking the Peace,.....	40
Assault and Battery,.....	47
Assault with dangerous weapon,.....	1
Assault with intent to rape,.....	1
Larceny,	9
Malicious Mischief,.....	7
Fornication,.....	2
Vagrancy,	12
Use of obscene language,.....	1
Violation of City Ordinance,.....	1
Common drunkard,.....	2
Affray,.....	4
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Total charged with crime,	245
Persons given lodging,	317
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Total,	562

I cannot close my report and term of service without expressing my sincere thanks to your honorable body, as well as to those who have served as officers under my charge, for the uniform kindness and courtesy with which one and all have treated me. Nor can I forget the Judge and Recorder of the Municipal Court, for the kindness and consideration they have manifested toward me. My intercourse with one and all has been so pleasant, that all the trials incident to my office are forgotten, and hidden in pleasant memory.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BANKS, CITY MARSHAL.

REPORT
OF THE
CITY LIQUOR AGENCY.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD:

The undersigned respectfully submits the annual report of the
Liquor Agency, for the year ending January 31st, 1888.

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By stock and fixtures on hand, Feb. 1, 1888 \$575 00

Rec'd from sale of liquors, bbls., jugs, bottles,

etc, and same paid to City Treasurer, --\$11,750 99

Bills Receivable,----- 18 45

----- \$12,344 44

Amount brought forward.....\$12,344 44

Dr.

To stock and fixtures on hand, Feb. 1, 1887, \$1,441 46

Paid state commissioner for liquors and
commissions, 8,536 73

Paid for jugs, bottles, corks, labels, etc.,---- 243 12

Expenses, including salary, rent, gas, in-
surance, fuel, freight, trucking, etc.,--- 1,251 47

Outstanding bills,..... 289 95

————— \$11,763 13

Balance, \$581 31

Respectfully,

GEO. F. GOODWIN, AGENT.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF HEALTH.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report, covering the work of this department for the municipal year, 1887-8.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality statistics, as near as we have been able to collect them by consulting the different undertakers of the city, and which we ought to be able to find recorded at City Clerk's office, as it is in every other city of this size in other states, shows the city's sanitary condition to be very favorable.

The number of deaths reported during the year is 362, making the annual death-rate 40 per thousand.

Consumption heads the list with 50, diphtheria follows close with 41 victims, and in nearly every instance the latter disease has been found to be due to imperfect drainage or contam-

inated well water, and your Board has used a large amount of their small appropriation in correcting this evil, as we will show hereafter.

SEWERAGE.

Immediately connected with this subject is that of public sewerage. A large number of our streets are yet without sewers. Some of these streets are built up and occupied, and as the houses are provided with river water, without the facilities for drainage, the ground about them is becoming saturated with sewerage, and must result in disease sooner or later.

Amount appropriated by City Council for this department was.....	\$2,000 00
Amount expended,.....	\$984 45
Transferred to other departments,.....	1,015 55
	————— \$2,000 00

A large amount of this was expended in putting in sewers on Mason, Main, Sullivan, Hill and Pearl streets, and we should have exceeded our appropriation had not the street commissioner in district No. 4, kindly come to our assistance in many instances, and put in pieces of sewers at expense of his department, where we thought it for the welfare of the public. At our suggestion traps were put in pockets of sewers on South and Main streets, which entirely did away with the foul emanations which have been a public nuisance and source of danger to the health of the neighborhood.

NUISANCES.

We early in the season called the attention of the committee on public property to the filthy condition of the yard, in rear of City Building, caused largely by maintenance of the obsolete privy vault, which is a disgrace to any city with the facilities for

water closets which we possess. We trust this evil will be remedied as early as possible. We put an extra waste cart on early in the season, continuing it till September, thereby accommodating a large number of inhabitants who have heretofore had to dump their offal in the back yard, there to rot and breed disease.

SANITARY.

The indifference of the public generally, with regard to proper hygienic conditions is inexcusable. They appear to be content to live in houses with untrapped drains and sink spouts, filthy cellars and yards, and overflowing privy vaults, which have not been cleaned for years. Their natural instincts, if not their education, should teach them better.

Number of complaints to Secretary,.....	474
“ “ vaults found in bad condition,.....	210
“ “ cellars in bad condition,.....	37
“ “ places from which swine have been removed,....	11
“ “ visits made on account of contagious diseases,....	114

The new law requires house-holders and physicians to report to the Board of Health all cases of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, etc., but we are sorry to add that a very limited number of the latter complied with the law, and we have yet to record more than one instance where the former attended to their duties. It being the first year since the passage of the new law, we have been very lenient, but hereafter we shall enforce the law, and call the attention of physicians and house-holders, particularly to section 26.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Whenever cases of contagious diseases have been reported to the Board, immediate notice has been given to the Supervisor of Schools, and the City Physician, who is also a member of the

local Board, has been dispatched to the premises to investigate and quarantine, if found necessary.

We have thus briefly sketched the work of the Board of Health for the past year. Much remains to be done, and we trust our successors may take a step in advance.

It has been our object, throughout all that has been done, to impress upon the community in the simplest manner, that health is best promoted by cleanliness.

Respectfully,

DANIEL COTE,
C. J. EMERY, M. D.,
JOSEPH STONE.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

REPORT

OF THE

CITY PHYSICIAN.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD:

I have the honor to submit the following report of this office for the municipal year, ending Jan. 31st, 1888.

The duties of this office have been considerably augmented the past year by the appearance of diphtheria and the scarlet fever in our midst. At first confined largely to our foreign population, but at this writing, notwithstanding the efforts of the board of health, it bids fair to become quite prevalent. They are in mild form, and have proved fatal in only a few instances. I have on hand at this writing about a dozen cases, and as many more have been reported to me as health officer during the past fortnight.

In every case of diphtheria reported thus far, unless the individual has come in actual contact with the disease, I have found the cause to be defective drainage. In several instances the parties had been to considerable expense, building cess-pools, (or

death traps) where there were no sewers to accommodate them, and neglected to properly trap and ventilate same; when their attention was called to the danger, they were quickly attended to and the disease as quickly disappeared.

I have attended eighteen cases of diphtheria, three of which proved fatal, and thirty-seven of scarlet fever, with only one fatal case. Have had eighteen deaths during the year, only four of which were on the farm. A tabulated statement is appended.

I would suggest that hereafter no person be permitted to bury a body or transport the same from the city without a certificate from the city clerk, and he not to issue one without first having one from the attending physician, or city physician, stating cause of death, etc., the same to be duly recorded in clerk's office.

I have prescribed for two hundred and four at my office, and made two hundred and eighty-six calls, including those at city farm. Have had seven births, all outside of the city farm. Have investigated thirteen cases of supposed small-pox; found nothing but varicella or chicken-pox, and scabies or itch.

Respectfully,

C. J. EMERY,
CITY PHYSICIAN.

Tabular Statement of deaths occurring under care of City Physician, for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1887.

	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	TOTAL.
DISEASES.													
Consumption,			1		1	1			1				4
Apoplexy,			1								1		2
Syphilis,								1					1
Cancer,				1				1					2
Croup,			1										1
Diphtheria,	1			3									4
Chronic Diarrhoea,			1										1
Meningitis,												1	1
Accident,									1				1
Scarlet Fever.										1			1

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

OFFICE OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR, }
CITY OF BIDDEFORD, JAN. 31ST, 1888. }

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF BIDDEFORD :

GENTLEMEN:—We have the honor to submit the following
report for the municipal year 1887–8.

PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

We have rendered assistance to one hundred and sixty-three families, numbering seven hundred and thirty-eight persons. To these we have delivered 238 cords of wood and 28 tons of coal, besides provisions, clothing and medicines.

Number of deaths outside the alms house, 36.

Number of persons sent out of the city, 61. Of the above one family of five, and one young woman, were sent to Cork, Ireland, and one to the British Provinces, at an expense of \$84.90.

Paid to other towns and cities, for aid rendered persons that were chargeable to this city, \$161.

Amount received from other cities and towns 238 dollars.

Total expenditure of the above department \$10,857 05, (warrants drawn.)

CITY FARM AND ALMS HOUSE.

At the beginning of the year Mr. James R. McKeen was elected superintendent to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Nathaniel M. Milliken, and the board have had no reason to regret the choice they made at the time. When Mr. McKeen took charge of the farm, the stock was in a very poor condition, but he has since made changes that place it second to none in York County. We bought a new Warrior mowing machine and a horse rake, to replace the old ones, believing they would pay for themselves in a short time.

Many other needed improvements were made during the year, that have added to the comfort of the inmates of the house.

The number of inmates during the year, 59.

Number discharged, 6.

Number of deaths, 6.

Number at present, 47.

FINANCIAL.

Amount appropriated by the City Council,.....	\$17,000 00
Cash turned in to City Treasurer,.....	806 93
Total amount of resources,.....	\$17,806 93

EXPENDITURES.

On account of City Farm, (warrants drawn).....	\$6,442 16
Credit for work done on streets,.....	\$194 00
By cash turned in,.....	459 83 653 83
Expense of City Farm, less credit,.....	\$5,788 33
Expense of poor outside of City Farm,.....	\$10,857 05
Unexpended balance,.....	\$507 72

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. COSGROVE,
JOHN B. HAMELIN,
JOHN C. HALEY.
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT
OF THE
CITY SOLICITOR.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD:

I conform to a practice long since established, and herewith submit my report as City Solicitor, for the municipal year, 1887-8.

Fortunately the city has not been involved in any expensive litigation during the year.

The town of Winslow began an action in May, in the Superior Court for Kennebec Co., to recover the value of supplies furnished a family of paupers while living in that town. I had no knowledge of the claim until after the suit was brought.

By agreement the action was continued to the Sept. term. Before that time the family returned to this city, and I then learned that there was no legal defence to the action, and a settlement of the case was subsequently made.

Sunday evening after Christmas of 1886, Elijah Buck, of Saco, drove his horse on to the iron grate in the ditch, which covers a

manhole of the sewer on Elm street. In some way, one of the horse's hind feet became fast in the grate, and he was so injured that he had to be killed.

Mr. Buck claimed that the injury was caused by a defect in the street, and brought an action against the city to recover the value of this horse, one hundred and fifty dollars.

The action was tried before a jury last Jan., and after the testimony for the plaintiff had been introduced, it was agreed to report the same to the Law Court, for such judgment as the law and facts of the case would warrant.

The case will be in order for argument before the Law Court in Portland, next July, and I confidently predict that the decision will be in favor of the city.

This is the only action now pending, in the Supreme Court, in which the city is a party.

I have been called upon many times during the year, to investigate and report upon claims presented by different individuals against the city, and I have spent much time to obtain reliable information in all of these cases.

In most instances I have found that these claims were not based upon any legal liability of the city, and have so reported to the City Council.

In a few cases, where there seemed to be a reasonable doubt in regard to the rights of the parties, I have advised settlements, when this could be effected on a fair basis, rather than a resort to litigation, always expensive to municipal corporations.

Respectfully submitted,

E. STONE, CITY SOLICITOR.

JOINT RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

CITY COUNCIL.

RULE 1. At the commencement of the municipal year the following joint standing committees shall be appointed by the Mayor, unless otherwise ordered by the respective Boards, viz:

ON FINANCE—to consist of the Mayor, one Alderman, and three members of the Common Council.

ON ACCOUNTS—to consist of one Alderman, and two members of the Common Council.

ON PUBLIC PROPERTY to consist of the Mayor, one Alderman, and three members of the Common Council.

ON PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, AND CITY LIBRARY—to consist of

the Mayor, one Alderman, the President and two members of the Common Council.

ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT—to consist of two Aldermen, and three members of the Common Council.

ON PRINTING—to consist of one Alderman, and two members of the Common Council.

ON THE POOR—to consist of two Aldermen, and three members of the Common Council.

ON ORDINANCES—to consist of the Mayor, and two members of the Common Council.

ON ROADS, STREETS, SEWERS, DRAINS, AND STREET LIGHTS—to consist of the Mayor, two Aldermen, and four members of the Common Council.

On all joint committees wherein it is provided that the Mayor shall be a member, in case of the non-election, decease, inability, or absence of that officer, the chairman of the Board of Aldermen shall act ex officio.

The member of the Board of Aldermen first named on every joint committee, of which the Mayor is not a member, shall be its chairman; and in case of his resignation or inability, the other members of the same board in the order in which they are named; and after them the member of the Common Council first in order, shall call the meetings of the committee, and act as chairman.

RULE 2. In every case of disagreement between the two branches of the City Council, if either Board shall request a conference, and appoint a committee of conference, and the other

Board shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committees shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed upon by their chairmen, meet and state to each other verbally, or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons of their respective Boards, for and against the matter in controversy, confer freely thereon, and report to their respective branches.

RULE 3. When either Board shall not concur in any action of the other, notice of non-concurrence shall be given, by written messages.

RULE 4. Either Board may propose to the other, for its concurrence, a time to which both Boards shall adjourn; and neither shall adjourn without giving notice to the other Board, and receiving notice from said other Board that it is also ready to adjourn.

RULE 5. In all votes, when either or both branches or the City Council express anything by way of command, the form of expression shall be "ORDERED;" and when either or both branches express opinions, principles, facts, or purposes, the form shall be "RESOLVED."

RULE 6. No committee shall act by separate consultation, and no report shall be received, unless agreed to in committee actually assembled.

RULE 7. It shall be the duty of every joint committee, to whom any subject may be specially referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or to ask for further time.

RULE 8. The reports of all committees, agreed to by a majority of the members, shall be made to the Board in which the business referred to originated, and all committees may report by ordinance, or otherwise.

RULE 9. All reports and other papers, submitted to the City Council, shall be written in a fair hand; and no report of any kind shall be endorsed on the memorials or other papers referred to the committee of either branch; and the Clerk shall make copies of any papers to be reported by committees, at the request of the respective chairmen thereof.

RULE 10. No business shall be transacted by the City Council in convention, except such as shall have been agreed upon, unless by unanimous consent.

RULE 11. After the annual appropriations have been passed, no subsequent expenditure shall be authorized for any object, unless provision for the same shall be made by a specific transfer from some of the appropriations contained in the annual resolutions, or by expressly creating therefor a city debt; but no such debt shall be created, unless the resolution authorizing the same, pass by the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the whole number of each branch of the City Council, voting by yeas and nays.

RULE 12. Every joint resolution shall have as many readings in each Board, as the rules of each Board require, after which the question shall be on passing the same; and when the same shall have been passed, it shall be sent to the other Board for concurrence; and when such resolution shall have been passed by each Board, the same shall be enrolled by the City Clerk, and examined by a committee of the Common Council; and on being found correctly enrolled, without further reading or question, shall be signed by the President of the Common Council, and sent to the other Board, where a like examination shall be made by a committee of that Board; and if found correctly enrolled, the same shall be presented to the Mayor for his signature.

RULE 13. Every ordinance shall have as many readings in each Board as the rules of each Board require, after which the

question shall be on passing the same to be enrolled, and it shall be sent to the other Board for concurrence; and when such ordinance shall have so passed to be enrolled in each Board, the same shall be enrolled by the City Clerk, and examined by a Committee of the Common Council; and on being found by said committee to be correctly enrolled, the same shall be reported to the Council, when the question shall be on passing the same to be ordained; and when said ordinance shall have so passed to be ordained, it shall be signed by the President of the Common Council, and sent to the other Board, where a like examination shall be made by a committee of that Board; and if found to be correctly enrolled, the same shall be reported to the Board, and the question shall be on passing the same to be ordained; and when the same shall have passed to be ordained, it shall be signed by the Mayor.

RULE 14. No enrolled ordinance or resolution shall be amended.

RULE 15. No chairman of any committee shall audit or approve any bill or account against the city, for any supplies or services which shall not have been ordered or authorized by the committee.

RULE 16. No vote by which an order, resolve, or ordinance has been passed in its final stage, shall be reconsidered in either Board, after the same has been finally acted upon in the other Board, unless the motion for reconsideration be made, or notice given, at the same meeting at which the vote to be reconsidered passed; and when any order, resolve, or ordinance, shall have been rejected, no other, substantially the same, shall be introduced by any committee, or member, during the municipal year, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

RULE 17. No member of either Board shall be allowed to serve or vote on any committee to which any question is referred where his private right or interest is concerned, distinct from the public interest.

RULE 18. None of the foregoing joint rules and orders shall be suspended, amended, or appealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto.

RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

RULE 1. The Mayor shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting, and call the members to order; and a quorum being present, shall cause the minutes of the preceding meeting to be read. In the absence of the Mayor, the Board shall elect a president, pro tempore.

RULE 2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board, by motion regularly seconded; and no other business shall be in order till the question on the appeal is decided.

RULE 3. He may read sitting, but shall rise to state a motion or put a question.

RULE 4. He shall declare all votes; but if a vote is doubted, he shall cause a return of the members voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without debate.

RULE 5. He shall take the sense of the Board in yeas and nays, on all questions whatsoever, provided any member shall so request.

RULE 6. After a motion is stated or read by the presiding officer, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, and shall be disposed of by vote.

RULE 7. When a question is under debate, the presiding officer shall receive no motion but to adjourn, lay on the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

RULE 8. Every member when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities. No member shall speak while out of his place without leave.

RULE 9. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by a call to order, or to correct a mistake.

RULE 10. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Board, nor more than once until other members choosing to speak shall have spoken.

RULE 11. Every member, who shall be present when a question is put, shall give his vote unless the Board shall excuse him.

RULE 12. Every ordinance shall pass through the following stages, before it shall be considered as having received the final action of this Board, viz:—first reading, second reading, passage to be enrolled, passage to be ordained; and every joint resolution shall have two several readings, before the question shall be taken on its final passage.

RULE 13. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the presiding officer shall so direct, or any member request it.

RULE 14. The following standing committees of the Board shall be appointed, viz:

On Elections,

On Police,

On Licenses,

On Enrolled Bills.

The Committees on Police and on Licenses to consist of the Mayor and two Aldermen, and each of the others to consist of three Aldermen.

RULE 15. Committees of the Board, to whom any matter is specially referred, shall be required to report within four weeks, or ask for further time.

RULE 16. All committees shall be appointed and announced by the Mayor, unless the Board shall determine otherwise.

RULE 17. The foregoing rules and orders shall be observed in all cases, unless suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, for specific purposes.

RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

RULE 1. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour appointed for the meeting, and shall call the members to order. Before proceeding to business, he shall cause the minutes of the preceding meeting to be read. In the absence of the President the oldest member present shall call the Council to order, and preside until a president pro tempore be chosen.

RULE 2. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Council by any two members.

RULE 3. He shall rise to address the Council, to state facts or to put a question, but may read sitting.

RULE 4. He shall declare all votes; but if a vote be doubted the President shall, without further debate, require the members voting in the affirmative and negative to rise and stand until they are counted, and he shall declare the result.

RULE 5. He may call any member to the chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment; and when out of the chair, the President may express his opinion on any subject under debate, and he shall not resume the chair while the same question is pending.

RULE 6. All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature, except that in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

RULE 7. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be disposed of by a vote of the Council, unless the mover withdraw it before a decision or amendment.

RULE 8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that, and the motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 9. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment and further debate of the main question.

RULE 10. When two or more members happen to rise at the same time, the President shall name the member who is to speak first.

ELECTION AND DUTY OF CLERK.

RULE 11. The Clerk of the Council shall be elected by written ballots.

RULE 12. The Clerk shall keep brief minutes of the votes and proceedings of the Council, entering thereon all accepted resolutions; shall notice reports and memorials and other papers submitted to the Board, only by their titles, or a brief description of their purport.

RIGHTS, DUTIES AND DECORUM OF MEMBERS.

RULE 13. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, upon the request of any two members present.

RULE 14. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall rise in his place and respectfully address the presiding officer, confining himself to the question under debate, and avoiding personality.

RULE 15. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by a call to order, or to correct a mistake. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Council, the President shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case the member so called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Council, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member so called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed, if otherwise, he shall not proceed without the leave of the Council.

RULE 16. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without obtaining leave of the Council.

RULE 17. While the President or any other member is speaking, none shall stand up, or pass unnecessarily before the person speaking.

RULE 18. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it.

RULE 19. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have the preference in the order in which they are arranged; and no motion to postpone or commit shall be allowed twice in the same day in the same stage of the ordinance or proposition.

RULE 20. A motion for the reconsideration of a vote shall be open to debate, but such motion shall not be considered unless made by a member voting with the majority, or unless notice thereof be given at the meeting at which the vote passed, in which case the motion shall be made at the next meeting after; and only one motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be permitted.

RULE 21. Every member who shall be in the Council when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Council for special reasons excuse him.

RULE 22. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of an amendment.

RULE 23. All motions and reports may be committed or re-committed at the pleasure of the Council.

RULE 24. The division of a question may be called for when the sense will admit of it.

RULE 25. When the reading of a paper is called for and objected to, it shall be determined by a vote of the Council.

RULE 26. No rule or order of the Council shall be repealed or amended without one day's notice being given of the motion

therefor, nor unless a majority of the whole Council concur therein.

RULE 27. No member shall be obliged to serve on more than two committees at the same time, or be the chairman of more than one.

RULE 28. Members of the Council may attend meetings of any of its Committees, but shall not vote thereat.

RULE 29. Every member shall take notice of the day and hour to which the Council stands adjourned, and shall give his punctual attendance accordingly; and shall attend all special meetings properly called.

RULE 30. The rules and orders of the Council shall be observed in all cases unless suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, for specific purposes.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, &C.

RULE 31. All memorials, and other papers addressed to the Council, shall be presented by the President, or by a member in his place, who shall explain the subject thereof, and they shall be taken up in the order in which they were presented, unless the Council shall otherwise direct.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

RULE 32. All ordinances and resolutions shall have two several readings before they shall be finally passed by the Council.

RULE 33. No ordinance or resolution imposing penalties or authorizing the expenditure of money, shall have more than one reading the same day.

POWER AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

RULE 34. All Committees, except such as the Council determine to select by ballot, shall be nominated by the President.

RULE 35. Standing Committees shall be appointed on the following subjects; On Elections and Returns, on Enrolled Bills—each to consist of three members.

RULE 36. No Committee shall sit during the sitting of the Council, without special leave, except the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

RULE 37. The rules of proceeding in the Council shall be observed in Committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking.

RULE 38. When a Committee is nominated by the chair, the person first named shall be the chairman. In elections of Committees by ballot, when a chairman is not specially chosen, the person having the highest number of votes shall act as chairman, and in case of an equality of votes between two or more candidates of a Committee, the members thereof shall choose a chairman.

RULE 39. All Committees of the Council shall consist of three members, unless a different number be specially ordered. And no report shall be received from any Committee, unless agreed to in Committee actually assembled, and all reports shall be in writing.

RULE 40. It shall be the duty of every Committee of the Council to whom any subject may be specially referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or ask for further time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Regular monthly meeting, Second Monday Evening in each month, at 7:30 o'clock.

Tuesday of each week is PAY DAY on all bills approved and allowed.

All bills against the city must be presented at the City Clerk's office on Monday of each week, on or before 9 A. M., for inspection of Committee on Accounts. All bills not so presented will remain over to the next week.

All bills presented for payment must be approved by the proper officers; and must specify what the article or articles were for, and for what department; and when for labor, where it was performed, with proper dates.

Items charged to different departments, MUST be made on separate bills.

When bills have been presented ascertain if allowed before duplicating the amount on a subsequent bill, as is sometimes done.

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