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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
City of Biddeford,
FOR THE
Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1877,
TOGETHER WITH THE
MAYOR'S ADDRESS,

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Compliments of

Alfred Pierce.

MAYOR.

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CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.)
March 13, 1877.)

ORDERED,

That the Committee on Finance be authorized to have three hundred copies of their reports printed, together with the Treasurer's report and the reports of the several departments.

Read, passed and sent down for concurrence.

Attest: SAMUEL TRIPP, City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 13, 1877.

Read, and passed in concurrence.

Attest: GEORGE A. BERRY, Clerk.

Approved.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 13, 1877.
JOHN H. BURNHAM, MAYOR.

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF THE MAYOR,

HON. ALFRED PIERCE.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

The people of this City have selected us for the coming year, as their agents to look after and be active for their interests, to promote their welfare, and to secure to them all safety in person and property, so far as lies in our power. In fulfilling these duties, all selfish or personal interests must be laid aside. In selecting our public officers, integrity, capacity, and fitness must be the test. In the distribution of the City work, we must let those most needy have the preference if competent. In all cases which may arise respecting appointments, employment or policy, there is one very safe guide, which is this : Would we do this were we acting for ourselves individually? Let us follow our mental answer, and we may safely trust the result.

FINANCES.

I find by the Treasurer's books that our City debt was, Jan. 31st of this year,

City Bonds,	\$104,500 00	
Notes outstanding,	76,165 00	
Due School Districts,	2.050 38	
	<hr/>	\$182,715 38

RESOURCES.

Due for Taxes, about	\$28,000 00	
“ from State on account of School money,	6,745 94	
Due for rent of City Building,	898 75	
“ from State, State Pensions,	132 00	
Cash in Treasury,	9,927 13	
	<hr/>	\$45,703 82
Making a total of		<hr/> 137,011 56

In addition to the above I find on an examination of the books of the Treasurer, that there was an error in the resources as published last year. The amount of school money, \$7,249.50, due from the State being omitted, which would have made the resources \$53,017.35, instead of \$45,767.85; thus reducing the city debt to \$132,832.91, instead of \$140 082.41 as published.

There are outstanding against the City, demand notes to the amount of \$28,592. I call your attention to the point, whether it is policy to allow so large an amount to remain outstanding on demand.

SCHOOLS.

Our schools claim our especial attention; and I urge upon your consideration some of the most important changes needed. The location of the Spruce street schools, by their close proximity to the railroad, is a constant source of annoyance and danger. Our two Grammar schools are said by our School Committee to be too full for their efficiency.

Our Primary schools are too crowded, and it is the opinion of your Committee that new schools should be established to relieve them.

There are many children growing up in our city without any education whatever; and I trust you will devise some means to gather them all into day or evening schools, where they may at least learn to read and write.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In regard to our Fire Department. I refer you to the very full and complete report of the Chief Engineer on file. He reports the Department as efficient and the "Steamers" in good order, but urges the need of a larger supply of new Hose, enlargement of some of the Reservoirs, and points to the need of two more Hydrants, with some other changes to which your attention will be called at another time. He considers a system of Fire Alarm an actual necessity, to which I wish to call your especial attention. I believe the cost of this would be saved our citizens in any year of ordinary number of fires.

POLICE.

Our Police Department, I am sorry to say, has not been the year past what our citizens require. Character, judgment, courage, and stature, are all very necessary qualifications for a police officer. I trust we shall be able in the future to secure a police force who will be efficient, and elevate the standing of that department.

STREETS, SEWERS AND SIDEWALKS.

Our streets and sewers annually call for a large part of our attention. Thus far in the history of our City, I am not aware that any particular *system* has been adopted. I shall early present for your consideration a plan for the establishment of permanent grades for our streets, and a system of sewerage.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

I trust that you will take early steps towards placing our Public Library on a safe and sure footing, with such an appropriation as will locate, repair, and replenish that important and valuable institution.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor reports four cases entered against the City for damages by defective Highways; and one case carried up by appeal from the Supreme Court.

OF APPROPRIATIONS,

I have only to say that we should apply strict business principles to that part of our duty. Let us do just what we can afford to and no more. The real point is in the *manner* of the expenditure of the people's money in this department.

CONCLUSION.

It is to be regretted the Finance Committee, Treasurer's, Solicitor's, and Chief Engineer's reports are the only ones on file, and I feel called upon to say that it is a neglect of duty when Heads of Departments or Committees fail to place on file before the expiration of each Municipal year, at least a brief statement of the condition of their respective departments, with such suggestions as their experience might present.

To the future of Biddeford, gentlemen, let me briefly call your attention. Are we to remain *supine*, satisfied with what we *are*, ambition almost dormant, while cities around us, enjoying no greater natural advantages than we do, are advancing, and drawing from us our best men, and capital? Or will we start on a new era of prosperity, throwing broadcast all the inducements we can command; doing all in our power to make our City attractive; bidding for and fostering a diversity of industries; never resting or faltering until we rank equal with our sister manufacturing cities on either side of us.

ALFRED PIERCE.

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CITY OF BIDDEFORD,
1877.

MAYOR.
HON. ALFRED PIERCE.

CITY CLERK,
CYRUS P. BERRY.

ALDERMEN,
WARD 1—JOHN B. GOLDTHWAIT,
“ 2—CARLOS HEARD,
“ 3—GEORGE F. EMERY,
“ 4—OWEN SMITH,
“ 5—ENOCH F. PILSBURY,
“ 6—WM. H. HANSON,
“ 7—JEREMIAH G. SHAW.

COMMON COUNCILMEN.

THOMAS L. MERRILL, - - - PRESIDENT

WARD 1, JEREMIAH B. BUNKER,
 " BENJAMIN ROBERTS,
 " WILLIAM F. HUTCHINS.

WARD 2, EDGAR A. CLARK,
 " JONATHAN S. LUNT,
 " REUBEN P. ROBINSON.

WARD 3, GEORGE B. CUTTER,
 " SAMUEL F. PARCHER,
 " AMOS CHASE.

WARD 4, GEORGE E. CORLISS,
 " DANIEL L. POWERS,
 " AMZI L. AYER.

WARD 5, THOMAS L. MERRILL,
 " SAMUEL G. TWAMBLEY,
 " JOSEPH R. LIBBY.

WARD 6, WILLIAM BROWN,
 " CHARLES W. BANKS,
 " FERGUSON HAINES.

WARD 7, JAMES O. BENSON,
 " WILLIAM A. ROBERTS,
 " JESSE I. WADLIN.

CLARENCE M. WATSON, CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL.

WARD OFFICERS**Wardens.****Ward Clerks.**

WARD 1, JOHN P. WARD.	EDWIN E. CAMPBELL.
" 2, JOHN E. TOWNSEND.	CHARLES M. McKENNEY.
" 3, EDWIN A. COFFIN.	EDGAR ALLEN.
" 4, CLARENCE A. STAPLES.	ALPHONSO E. LIBBY.
" 5, PHILLIP L. PILLERIN.	A. B. ANDERSON.
" 6, NATHAN F. SAWYER.	DAVID F. WOODMAN.
" 7, TRISTRAM HOOPER, JR.	FRANK H. COUSENS.

CONSTABLES.

WARD 1,	GEORGE J. KNIGHT.
" 2,	JEREMIAH DONOVAN.
" 3,	FRANK RICKER.
" 4,	ROSCOE F. JELLESON.
" 5,	JAMES E. GOWEN.
" 6,	JAMES OWEN.
" 7,	FRANK EMERSON.

Judge of Municipal Court,
SAMUEL W. LUQUES,

Recorder of Municipal Court.
JESSE GOULD.

Treasurer and Collector,
THOMAS H. COLE.

City Solicitor,
WILBUR F. LUNT.

City Physician,
ADDISON BRAWN.

Assessors,
JAMES G. GARLAND,
JAMES H. FOGG.
JOHN F. GOLDTHWAIT,

Overseers of Poor,
WILLIAM ANDREWS,
THOMAS GARTLAND,
ISRAEL SHEVENELL.

Health Officers,
WALTER B. WHITING,
JOHN A. TUCKER,
FOXWELL B. STAPLES.

Engineers of Fire Department.

SILAS P. ADAMS, CHIEF ENGINEER.
CHARLES H. BROWN, 1ST ASSISTANT.
GEORGE W. HARRIMAN, 2ND ASSISTANT.

Superintending School Committee,

EDWIN STONE
ROYAL E. GOULD,
LEVI W STONE

School Agents

DISTRICT No. 1. THOMAS RUMERY.
" 2, BRADFORD COUSINS,
" 3, DANIEL O S. HOOPER.
" 4. LEVI W. STONE,
" 6. ANTHONY C. CAMPBELL,
" 7, JOSEPH J TARBOX.
" 8, DANIEL H. DAVIS.
" 9, ARTHUR DAVIS,
" 10, FRED A. BURNHAM,
" 11, NAHUM TARBOX,
" 12, HIRAM BENSON,
" 13, THOMAS SUHR

Commissioners of Streets and Roads,

Street Comr.	District No. 4,	LEONARD ANDREWS
Road	" Pool District,	CHRISTOPHER M. GOLDTHWAIT
"	" Oak Ridge District,	JOHN R STAPLES.
"	" River Road District,	CHARLES O. JOHNSON.
"	" Ward 7 Western Div	NATHAN D. WITHAM
"	" Ward 7 Eastern Div.	SAMUEL BRADBURY.

Harbor Master.

JOHN C. HUSSEY.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.,

NATHANIEL WILSON.

Superintendent of Burials,

ELISHA AYER

City Marshal,
CHARLES E. HUSSEY.

Police Officers and Night Watch,

BENJAMIN A KENNISON,	LOUIS SHEVENELL,
TIMOTHY ELLIOTT,	NICHOLAS O'BRIEN,
JOHN HANSON,	HENRY FOLEY.

Special Police Officers,

George Hussey,	Frank C. Allen,	Arthur Ricker,
David F. Woodman	George Peterson,	Patrick Gartland.
George W. Harriman,	Charles F. Rollins.	Henry E. Smith,
Alec. Velandre,	Thomas Cullenan,	Jonathan W. Hill,
James Owen,	William Goodrich,	Charles Gowen,
Frank Emerson,	James E. Carter,	Charles W. Ross.

Fence Viewers,

Horace Davis,	Charles H. Roberts.	Eliakim Seavey,
Jeremiah Tucker,	Josiah H. Drew	John R. Lowell,
John F. Johnson,	Thomas J. Chick,	John Curtis.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark,

Charles H. Brackett,	Charles F. Staples,	Levi W. Stone,
Alphonse Pare,	Levi G. Hanson,	Charles E. Pilsbury,
John M. Goodwin,	William H. Hanson,	Daniel Cote,
Nathan D. Witham,	Octavus D. Dolliff,	J. W. Gooch,
Thomas Gartland,	Cyrus K. Banks,	John R. Staples,
William H. Smith,	Ivory Bickford,	George W. Chadwick,
Lyman J. Ayer,	Francis Meeds,	Napoleon B. Osgood,
Orin G. Nash,	Forrest Johnson,	Charles A. Wardwell,
Samuel Hanson,	Harden Taylor,	George Clark,
Joseph Etchels,	Simon S. Andrews,	Tristram Goldthwait,
Charles L. Gilpatrick	Henry N. Hooper,	Owen Smith.
	James Costello,	

Surveyors of Logs,

Simon S. Andrews,	Levi G. Hanson,	Charles L. Gilpatrick,
Tristram Goldthwait, Jr.,	Ivory Bickford	

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Finance,

The Mayor,	Councilman Joseph R. Libby,
Alderman Enoch F. Pillsbury,	" Feignson Haines.

On Accounts,

Alderman Wm. H. Hanson,	Councilman Thomas L. Merrill,
	" Samuel F. Pacher.

On Public Property,

The Mayor,	Councilman Sam'l G. Twambley,
Alderman J. B. Goldthwait,	" Wm. F. Hutchins,
	" Charles W. Banks.

On Public Instruction and City Library,

The Mayor,	Councilman Anzi L. Avel,
Alderman E. F. Pillsbury,	" Thomas L. Merrill,
	" Jonathan S. Lunt.

On Fire Department,

The Mayor,	Councilman Daniel L. Powers,
Alderman Wm. H. Hanson,	" Jere. B. Benson.
" Carlos Heard,	" R. P. Robinson.

On Printing,

Alderman John B. Goldthwait	Councilman James O. Benson,
	" Amos Chase.

On Poor.

Alderman Owen Smith,	Councilman Benjamin Roberts,
“ George F. Emery,	“ Jesse I. Wadlin,
	“ William Brown.

On Ordinances,

The Mayor,	Councilman William A. Roberts,
	“ Edgar A. Clark.

On Streets, Sewers, Drains and Street Lights,

The Mayor,	Councilman Joseph R. Libby,
Alderman Owen Smith,	“ George E. Corliss,
“ Jeremiah G. Shaw,	“ Thomas L. Merrill,
	“ George B. Cutter.

Standing Committees of the Board of Aldermen.

On Elections,

Aldermen Enoch F. Pilsbury, William H. Hanson,
George F. Emery.

On Police,

The Mayor, Aldermen Wm. H. Hanson, Carlos Heard.

On Licenses,

The Mayor, Aldermen Owen Smith, Jeremiah G. Shaw.

On Enrolled Bills,

Aldermen Enoch F. Pilsbury, John B. Goldthwait, Geo. F. Emery.

Standing Committees of the Board of Common Council

On Elections and Returns.

Councilmen Joseph R. Libby, James O. Benson
Samuel F. Parker

On Enrolled Bills,

Councilmen Wm. F. Hutchins, Ferguson Haines, George I. Corliss

REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Hon. City Council of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of the ordinance establishing a Fire Department in the City of Biddeford, the Board of Engineers herewith present their annual report of the department, showing its condition and working during the year ending January 31. 1877. With this report, in conformity with common usage, we respectfully submit such recommendations and suggestions as are, in our judgment, pertinent and calculated to increase the efficiency of the department. We also include a list of fires and alarms that have occurred during the year.

The manual force of the department consists of a Chief Engineer, with two (2) assistant Engineers; thirty-eight (38) members of the Steamer companies, including drivers; twenty-two (22) members of the Hook and Ladder company, making a total of sixty-three (63) men in the department.

DEPARTMENT.

The Department is composed of two (2) Steam Fire Engines; "Richard Vines" No. 1, and "Eben Simpson" No. 2, both of which were built by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, Manchester, N. H. One (1) Hook and Ladder company, "Gen. Canby" No. 1, also, one (1) Hand Engine, "Pioneer" No. 2, (no organization) officered and manned as follows:

WILLIAM BOSTON, CHIEF ENGINEER.

JAMES BEAUMONT, 1ST ASSISTANT.

ANDREW. J. STUART, 2ND ASSISTANT.

"Richard Vines" Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1.

JAMES F. WORMWOOD, Foreman. AMBROSE P. ROSE, Assistant.
 TRISTRAM W. GREENE, Clerk. JAMES HUNT, JR., Engineer.
 WILLIAM BRYANT, Fireman. HENRY W. GOODWIN, Driver.
 WILLIAM M. NEWELL, CHARLES BLOOD, Pipemen !

Hosemen.—Wm. B. Sullivan, Charles E. Hoyt, Frank Ham,
 Joseph Emery, Wm. T. Welch, Wm. Lowell, Ethnia Baker, Frank
 Hammond, Adelma Bailey, Geo. Deane, Wm. Folsom.

"Eben Simpson" Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 2.

JOHN R. PIKE, Foreman. SAMUEL A. DOLLIFF, Assistant.
 EDWARD OWEN, Clerk. JOSEPH HENEY, Engineer.
 WM. H. HENEY, Fireman. CHANDLER PEAVY, Driver.
 GEO. E. HALEY, WARREN DAVIS, Pipemen.

Hosemen.—F. C. Noyes, Chas. F. Knights, John E. McDonald,
 F. G. Scott, N. P. Verrill, S. W. Hubbard, Geo. Craigie, Joseph
 Graham, Patrick McCue, Samuel Greene, Wm. C. Hines.

"Gen. Canby" Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1.

JOHN CASEY, Foreman. THOMAS DONOVAN, Assistant.
 JOHN PENDERGAST, Clerk. WILLIAM WHALEN, Steward.
 JOHN DOYLE, WILLIAM HURLEY, MICHAEL NEARY, JAMES MCGEE,
 Axemen.

Hook & Laddermen.—John Hussey, John Hackett, James Moran,
 Joseph Traynor, Michael Murphy, Bernard Moran, John
 Tighe, John Donovan, John Winnie, Edward Petty, John Murray,
 John Blake, John Neary.

STEAM FIRE ENGINES.

The Engines are both in good working order, needing but very few repairs during the past year. We have endeavored to have all the repairing done in a thorough and workmanlike manner. "Patching up" a Steam Fire Engine, to have it give out in time of need may be cheaper, but it is the "penny wise and pound foolish" economy.

The Hose Carriages connected with both Steamers are in a very bad condition liable at any time to "give out." Under the present arrangement new Hose Carriages will have to be purchased during the coming year. We would, however, recommend the purchasing of one (1) large Hose Carriage instead of two (2) small carriages, for the following reasons:

The Hose Carriages connected with the Steamers, carry about six hundred (600) feet of hose only. This is oftentimes an insufficient amount and the consequence is that one Steamer uses the hose of both and but one stream can be put upon the flames until more hose has been procured from the Engine House, frequently at some distance from the fire. By the time this is received the building is in ruins, or beyond control, or, as it sometimes happens, other property is in imminent danger. This could be obviated by the addition of a Hose Carriage capable of carrying one thousand (1,000) feet. The hose, under this arrangement, would be all laid, so that when the steamers arrived at the fire, all that would be necessary for them to do, would be to connect, thus adding to the celerity of the Department. The number of Engine men could be considerably reduced. In fact, enough could be transferred from the two companies, without being detrimental to their usefulness, to form a good company for the Hose Carriage. Thus the expense of the Department would not be materially increased.

HOSE DEPARTMENT.

The hose department is not in as good condition as we wish. The amount of Hose on hand is as follows:

Good reliable hose, 2,000 feet; Old leather hose, 1,000 feet; Old rubber hose, 600 feet. Total amount of hose, 3,600 feet.

Of the sixteen hundred (1600) feet of old hose, eight hundred (800) feet is worthless, the balance might be pressed into service in case of emergency, but cannot be relied upon. We have purchased during the year one thousand (1,000) feet of leather hose, of Josiah Gates & Son, Lowell, Mass., for which we paid twelve hundred and twenty dollars and forty cents (\$1,220.40.) This, with one thousand (1,000) feet purchased in 1875, is the only reliable hose in the department. We would respectfully urge upon your

consideration the absolute necessity of purchasing at least two thousand (2,000) feet of hose as soon as possible. The actual need of more hose can be readily seen when we state that had a fire broken out immediately after the burning of "Adam's Block," as well as at other times during the Winter, we should have been powerless, because our hose was wet and frozen, useless for the time being. We would recommend purchasing light hose, because more can be carried upon the reels.

It frequently happens that a fire is so far from a Reservoir that all the hose carried by both Steamers has to be laid for one stream, consequently one Steamer is obliged to remain idle until more hose can be procured. This, unfortunately, occurs frequently, and should by all means be remedied.

ENGINE HOUSE AND STABLE.

Engine House No. 1 will require new flooring and a few slight repairs. Engine House No. 2 is in the best possible repair. The Stable is in bad condition, new sills, &c., are imperatively demanded.

STORAGE HOUSE.

We have during the year, built a small Storage House between Engine House No. 2 and the Stable, for the storage of coal, hose and other supplies. A similar house should, in our judgment be built between Engine House No. 1 and the Stable. This would provide suitable storage for all the supplies of the department.

HORSES.

The horses are in the very best condition. The horses on Engine No. 1 should be sold and a new pair purchased. Age has rendered them unreliable, and they are altogether too light for the purpose for which they are required.

WATER SUPPLY.

We have during the year put in one (1) new Reservoir, viz: on Pool street, near Pike street, and thoroughly repaired four, (4) viz: South street, Franklin street, Bacon street, and Main, corner of Lincoln street. We would again call your attention to the need of a better water supply. A Hydrant is needed at the head of Washington street, also two (2) Hydrants, or a good substantial Reservoir should be put in near the City Building.

A Reservoir should, by all means, be put in near the 'Five Points.' The need of this Reservoir has been seriously felt three (3) times during the past year.

We would recommend the gradual enlargement of all the Reservoirs in the city.

LOCATION OF RESERVOIRS AND HYDRANTS.

RESERVOIRS.

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

HYDRANTS.

- No 1. Main street, near Bradbury street.
2. Elm "
3. Jefferson street, corner of Adams street.
4. York " near Pepperell Counting Room.
5. Washington street, near corner of Main street.

There are three (3) other Hydrants which the department are permitted to use in case of fire; one at each end of the Laconia blocks.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

The following suggestion which we made in our last report. is as pertinent to-day as it was then, and believing it to be of vast importance to the welfare of the city, we embrace it in the present report. "A Fire Alarm Telegraph, is in our opinion greatly needed, and would be a most important addition to the Fire Department. It is, in fact, essential to have its aid, in order to insure the complete working of the Department. A good Telegraph suitable for this city could be put in operation for about fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars."

NEW BELL.

The bell now used for a fire alarm is too light. On this account it frequently occurs that the firemen do not hear the alarm. We would respectfully suggest the wisdom of having a heavier bell upon the City Building.

DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION.

We would respectfully call your attention to the important subject of a larger appropriation for the Fire Department. We believe it to be better, for all concerned, to have such an appropriation as will obviate the necessity of "over drawing," which cannot be avoided with the present amount. Take the past year as an example. The appropriation was \$6,500. The salaries of the firemen (and certainly none will contend that they are over-paid,) amount to \$3,598. One thousand feet of hose, including expressage, \$1,250. Leaving only \$1,652 with which to pay for coal, gas, hay, and grain for four (4) horses, and repairs and supplies for the whole department. We think it is only necessary to invite your attention to this matter, believing that a glance at the facts will show you the need of a larger appropriation.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

The Department has been called out twenty-nine (29) times; twenty-two (22) times in Biddeford, and seven (7) times in Saco, as follows:

1876.

Feb. 4,— 6.10 P. M. Fire in French Catholic Church, Alfred street, Biddeford. All consumed, Department out.

Feb.	7,—12 15 A. M.	Slight fire in School House, Summer street, Biddeford. Department out.
Mar.	4,— 2.00 A. M.	Fire on corner of Main and Emery streets, Biddeford. All consumed. Department out.
Mar.	7,—12.00 M.	Slight fire in Day's Blacksmith shop Thornton Avenue, Saco. Department out.
Mar.	13,— 8.30 P. M.	Slight fire in No. 3 Picker. Laconia Co., Biddeford. Department out.
Mar.	14,—12 15 A. M.	Slight fire in O. F. Page's barn, Stone street, Biddeford. Department out.
April	7,— 3.00 P. M.	Slight fire in tenement house, Franklin street, Biddeford. Department out.
April	20,— 1.40 A. M.	Slight fire in Dolliff's Building, Smith's corner, Biddeford. Department out.
May	6,—10.40 P. M.	Fire in Mrs. Stevens' house, Elm street, near French church, Biddeford. Department out.
May	19,— 1.15 A. M.	Fire in Hooper Building, corner of Main and Laconia streets, Biddeford. Department out.
May	30,—11.45 A. M.	Fire in the Old Pest House, Saco. Department out.
June	1,—10.25 P. M.	Fire in Huff's house and blacksmith shop, Five Points, Biddeford. All consumed. Department out.
June	14,— 9.15 P. M.	Slight fire in Wentworth's house, Green street, Biddeford. Lamp exploded. Department out.
Aug.	8,— 9.50 P. M.	Slight fire on Water street, Biddeford. Department out.
Aug.	8,—11.45 P. M.	Fire in Paper Collar Co. Building, Main street, Biddeford. Partially consumed. Department out.
Sept.	5,— 1.30 P. M.	Fire in house of J. Scott, Mrs. Murphy and others, Pike street, Biddeford. Department out.

- Sept. 5 — 8.30 P. M. Fire in Shaw and Yates' ice house near City Farm, Biddeford Department out
- Sept. 7,— 2.50 P. M. Fire in T. Hill and T. Waterhouse's house. Elm street near Five Points. Biddeford. All consumed. Department out
- Sept. 13.— 8.30 P. M. Fire in Chas Small's house and barn, Elm street, near Five Points, Biddeford All consumed Department out.
- Sept. 25,— 1 00 A. M. Fire at Old Orchard Camp Meeting Association, Saco Department out.
- Oct. 18,— 7 30 P. M. Fire in Hardy's stable, Water street, Saco, All consumed Department out
- Oct. 30,— 5 40 P. M. Slight fire in City Hall, Saco. Department out.
- Nov. 3,—12.30 P. M. Fire in C. Cleaves' house and barn, Boom road, Saco. Department out.
- Nov. 7 — 4.30 A. M. Fire in car load of cotton at Boston & Maine R R depot, Biddeford. Department out.
- Nov. 27,— 9 00 P. M. Fire in G. W. Whitten's barn, Saco. Department out.
- Dec. 8,—11.30 P. M. Fire in Chas. Banks' barn. Stone street, Biddeford, owned by Pepperell Co. All consumed. Department out.
- Dec 13,—10.40 P. M. Slight fire in house on Granite street, Biddeford. Department out.

1877.

- Jan. 14,— 9.50 P. M. Slight fire in house of Daniel Leary, Gooch street, Biddeford. Department out.
- Jan. 28,— 2.15 A. M. Fire in Adam's Block, Alfred street, Biddeford. Department out.

CONCLUSION.

We would here publicly return thanks to the members of the City Government for their assistance and co-operation ; also, to the officers and members of the different companies for their promptness. The companies have greatly improved during the past year, and we can, without egotism, truthfully say that no city has better firemen than Biddeford, a credit to themselves and to the city.

WILLIAM BOSTON, Chief Engineer.

JAMES BEAUMONT, Secretary for Board of Engineers.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford :

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Property beg leave to submit the following as their report for the year 1876. They find the property of the City to consist of

City Building and Lot, including Furniture therein,	\$80,000 00
Property in charge of Fire Department, as per schedule,	24,926 00
Property in charge of Pauper Dept., as per schedule,	13,606 15
Two Gravel Pits and Thatch Bed,	300 00

\$118,832 15

JOHN H. BURNHAM,) Committee on
GEORGE F. EMERY, } Public Property.

BIDDEFORD, February 20th, 1877.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eben Simpson Engine House and Lot	4,500 00
Richard Vines House, Lot and Stable,	5,000 00
Hook and Ladder House,	800 00
Steamer Richard Vines,	4,250 00
" Eben Simpson,	4,250 00
Hook and Ladder Truck.	700 00
Hand Tub,	200 00
Four set Harnesses,	175 00
Four Horses,	1,000 00
One Sprinkler,	200 00
Two Dump Carts,	290 00
Two set Sleds,	55 00
Five Stoves,	100 00
2083 Feet Leather Hose,	2,736 00
600 Feet Rubber Hose,	350 00
1600 Feet old Leather Hose,	300 00
One Hay Cutter and Feed Box,	10 00
Chains,	10 00
Total,	\$24,926 00

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AT THE CITY FARM.

City Farm,	\$10,000 00
Household Furniture,	700 00
9 Cows,	360 00
3 Heifers,	60 00
35 Fowl,	8 75
3 Horses,	350 00
6 Hogs,	100 00
20 bushels Oats,	11 00
32 tons Hay,	576 00
1 1-2 tons Oat Straw,	15 00
1 one Horse Wagon,	60 00
1 two " "	75 00
Amount carried forward,	\$12,315 75

Amount brought forward,	\$12,315 75
1 Tip Cart,	10 00
2 Riding Wagons,	75 00
1 Cart,	15 00
2 Double Sleds,	20 00
1 Single Sled,	10 00
1 Sleigh,	15 00
2 Hay Racks,	10 00
1 Horse Hoe,	5 00
1 Cultivator,	10 00
2 Harrows,	10 00
1 Mowing Machine,	50 00
1 Seed Sower,	5 00
3 Ploughs,	15 00
1 Hay Cutter,	5 00
2 Churns,	5 00
16 Rakes of all kinds,	5 33
Forks, Hoes, Shovels, all kinds.	12 00
4 Scythe Snaths,	1 50
4 Axes,	2 00
3 Wood Saws,	1 50
1 Hand Saw,	50
1 Crowbar,	1 00
1 Wheel Barrow,	4 00
4 Baskets,	1 00
2 Grindstones,	5 00
1 Tackle and Fall,	10 00
110 gal. Oil Can,	1 00
4 Ox Chains,	4 00
3 Ladders,	5 00
1 Farmers' Boiler,	10 00
15 Cords Wood,	75 00
2 set double Harnesses,	70 00
2 set single Harnesses,	30 00
3 Horse Blankets,	3 00
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$12,817 58

Amount brought forward,	\$12,817 58
1 Whip,	1 00
2 pair Steelyards,	2 00
30 cords of Manure,	160 00
7 barrels Pork,	161 00
1-2 barrel Beef,	4 00
225 lbs. Ham,	28 12
300 bushels Potatoes,	255 00
100 bushels Mangel-wurzels,	40 00
10 bushels table Beets,	6 00
40 gallons Molasses,	19 20
150 lbs. Lard,	19 50
25 lbs. Butter,	7 50
1 1-2 barrels Flour,	13 50
1-2 barrel Crackers,	2 00
7 bushels of Beans,	21 00
17 bushels of Corn,	12 75
10 bushels of Meal,	7 50
7 bushels of Onions,	10 50
200 head of Cabbage,	15 00
Lbs. Sugar,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$13,606 15

REPORT

OF THE

CITY MARSHAL.



To the Hon. City Council of the City of Biddeford

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with the general custom, I herewith submit my Annual Report of the doings of the Police Department for the year ending January 31, 1877.

The regular Police force consists of five patrolmen—one by day and four by night and one regular on Sunday. The special duty, aside from the small pox case, has been a mere trifle. The appropriation for Police was cut down last spring five hundred dollars; still the bills have been kept within the appropriation, consequently the expense has been much less than previous years. Our City has been very quiet and orderly during the last year, and the number of arrests has been smaller than any previous year since we have been a city. Whole number of arrests, 79, and have been brought before the city for the following offences :

Intoxication and Disturbing the Peace,	32
Assault and Battery,	25
Larceny,	11
Breaking and Entering,	6
Selling Intoxicating Liquor,	2
Vagrancy,	1
Malicious Mischief,	1
Assault on Officer,	1

Also, several boys have been brought before the Court for robbing fruit trees.

We have accommodated with lodgings in the Station House seven hundred and seventy-five, some of which have been fed.

In conclusion, I would thank the Police for the very prompt and efficient manner in which they have performed their duty, and also the citizens at large for their kind support. Some will say that the Police of this City have a very easy job for their money. but my judgment is, that if a policeman attends to his duty he richly deserves all he gets. Their pay is two dollars per day when on duty. The salary of the City Marshal is one hundred and fifty dollars per year. The whole amount of salary and fees last year will fall short of four hundred dollars. I have no doubt there are plenty of men willing to accept the position even at that salary, but in order for a man to make a living from the office (which if he attends to his duty it will take his whole time) somebody must suffer. So that in order for the Marshal to be honest and humane to the unfortunate subjects who are liable to fall into his hands, the City, to say the least, should pay him five hundred dollars per year. That, together with the fees of last year, would make his pay about equal to that of one of the Police.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HAM, City Marshal.

REPORT

OF THE

CITY SOLICITOR.

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

As City Solicitor, I present the following Report of the position of the City in relation to suits and controverted matters in Court.

In the matter of the City of Biddeford, on appeal from the County Commissioners, locating a street on the petition of R. W. Randall *et als*, the committee appointed by the Court, after view and hearing, affirmed the doings of the County Commissioners, and presented their Report at the September Term, 1876, of the Supreme Judicial Court. At the January Term, 1877, at a hearing on the motion to accept the Report, objection was made that the County Commissioners never acquired jurisdiction in the matter, and the case was afterwards carried by report to the Law Court.

In case of John T. Smith vs. Francis York and City of Biddeford trustee, a discontinuance as to trustee was entered at January Term, 1877.

At the last named Term of the Supreme Judicial Court four suits were entered against the City. The alleged cause of action in each of these suits is a claim for damages on account of defective streets or highways. The suits are as follows :

Charles A. J. Blake vs. City of Biddeford.

Peter Martin and ux. vs. City of Biddeford.

Maria L. Ford vs. City of Biddeford.

Hiram Chase vs. City of Biddeford.

Any discussion of the merits of these cases would be out of place in this Report. The cases are continued to the May Term of the Court, at which time, or at the September Term, 1877, unless otherwise disposed of, they will probably have to be tried.

Respectfully,

JOHN M. GOODWIN, City Solicitor.

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford:

GENTLEMEN — The Overseers of the Poor submit the following statement of the Expenditures of the Pauper Department, for the fiscal year, ending January 31, 1877

Amount appropriated by City Council,	\$8,000 00	
Amount expended, deducting credits,	5,799 67	
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Unexpended balance,		\$2,200 33
Whole amount expended,	\$7,024 23	
Less credits,	1 224 56	
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Total expenses,		\$5,799 67
Divided as follows:		
Expended on account of City Farm,	\$3,020 32	
Less credits from produce sold. &c.,	1,049 88	
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Total expenses on City Farm,		\$1,970 44
Expended away from Farm,	\$4,003 91	
Less reimbursed from other towns, &c.,	174 68	
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Total expenses away from Farm.		\$3,829 23

There are no bills outstanding against this Department except that there are a few small unsettled accounts with other towns with the balance in our favor. Respectfully,

JOHN Q. ADAMS, } OVERSEERS
DANIEL COTA, } OF
MICHAEL BURNS. } THE POOR

REPORT

OF THE

CITY PHYSICIAN.

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

The following is the Report of your City Physician for the Municipal year, ending March, 1877.

The whole number of persons who have received medical attendance from the City, during the fiscal year, has been one hundred and three. Deaths during that time two ; one at the Alms House, and one on Main Street. Birth during the same time one, at the Alms house.

I have recorded on my books three hundred and 18 visits, of which one hundred and seven were at the Alms House ; the other two hundred and eleven visits were made in families receiving aid of the City, per order of the Overseers of the Poor.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK S. WARREN, City Physician.

BIDDEFORD. March 19, 1877.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

We have examined the accounts of Edwin W. Wedgwood, Treasurer of the City of Biddeford, from February 1st, 1876, to January 31, 1877. Compared the items with the entries in his books, and find them properly vouched and correctly stated.

Amount Received,	\$163,862 15
" Paid,	153,935 11
	\$9 927 04
Balance in Treasury, January 31, 1877,	

JOHN H. BURNHAM.	}	COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
C. H. NELSON,		
S. A. GOODWIN,		

BIDDEFORD, March 7, 1877.

REPORT

OF THE

CITY TREASURER.

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

I submit my Report as Treasurer of the City of Biddeford, from February 1, 1876, to January 31, 1877.

Balance in Treasury, February 1, 1876,	\$14 867 61
Received during the year,	148,994 54

163,862 15

Paid during the fiscal year,	153,935 11
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\$9,927 04

Balance in Treasury, January 31, 1877,

The amount of State Tax for 1876,	\$21,331 06
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“ “ “ County “ “	5,938 99
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\$27,270 05

Has been received by me as Collector, and is not included in the foregoing account.

EDWIN W. WEDGWOOD.

Dr. E. W. Wedgwood, Treas., in Account with City of Biddeford.

Received balance in Treasury, January 31, 1876,	\$14,867 61
“ School District No. 4, Tax of 1873,	178 59
“ “ “ “ 6, “ 1873,	12 35
“ “ “ “ 6, “ 1874,	2 13
“ “ “ “ 6, “ 1875,	94 74
“ “ “ “ 7, “ 1873,	9 00
“ “ “ “ 7, “ 1874,	18 16
“ “ “ “ 12, “ 1875,	113 71
“ “ “ “ 12, “ 1876,	125 62
“ “ “ “ 2, “ 1876,	53 25
“ Tax of 1873,	1,346 06
“ “ 1874,	3,414 13
“ “ 1875,	13,000 00
“ Non-Resident Tax of 1874,	80 00
“ “ “ “ 1875,	5 63
“ From State on Account of Schools for year 1875,	7,249 50
“ “ Notes Payable,	53,100 00
“ “ Sinking Fund	5,000 00
“ “ Interest on Deposits,	475 42
“ “ City Hall,	1,212 01
“ “ City Building	2,065 50
“ “ General Expense	35 51
“ “ Redemption of Tax Sales,	127 73
“ “ Highway District No 4,	25 00
“ “ School “ “ 4,	25 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1,	3 61
“ “ “ “ “ 6, abatement,	1 06
“ “ Pauper Department,	1,224 56
“ “ Fine “	1,102 50
“ “ State Pensions,	108 00
“ “ Health Department,	12 00
“ “ Tax of 1876,	58,773 72
	<hr/> \$163,862 15

E. W. Wedgwood, Treas., in Account with City of Biddeford, Cr.

By Paid Schools,	\$24,178 74
" City Bonds,	19,900 00
" Notes Payable,	30,650 00
" Discount on Taxes,	7,014 46
" General Expense,	18,069 26
" Interest,	10,632 13
" Pauper Department,	7,369 80
" Police Department,	4,648 53
" Fire Department,	8,040 54
" Highway District No. 4,	7,954 72
" Sidewalks,	2,534 80
" Sewers and Drains,	2,146 63
" Reservoirs,	745 48
" Highway, Ward 7, Eastern Division,	1,003 75
" " " Western " "	474 12
" " River Road District,	570 32
" " Pool District,	326 08
" " Oak Ridge District,	486 42
" " City Building,	3,088 10
" " Bridges,	119 53
" " City Library,	80 87
" " State Pensioners,	132 00
" " Redemption of Tax Sales,	127 73
" " Health Department,	251 70
" " School District No. 6, Tax of 1875,	260 00
" " Abatements, Tax of 1874,	1,949 13
" " " " 1875,	808 83
" " " " 1876,	59 02
" " " School District No. 2, Tax of 1876,	1 12
" " Extension of Birch Street,	50 00
" " School House District No. 12, Tax of 1875,	261 00
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	\$153,935 11
By Balance in Treasury, January 31, 1877,	9,927 04
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	\$163,862 15

REPORT

OF THE

CITY EXPENDITURES FOR 1876-7.

To the City Council of the City of Biddeford :

We submit a statement of the expenditures under each appropriation, during the Municipal year ending Jan 31, 1877, also the aggregate of unexpended balances and overdrafts.

JOHN H. BURNHAM,	} COMMITTEE	
CHARLES H. NELSON,		ON
ALPHONZE PARE,		} FINANCE.
SETH A. GOODWIN,		

REPORT OF THE CITY EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR 1876-7.

Departments.	Appropriations.	Income from other sources.	Total amount of income.	Amount expended.	Unexpended	Oversdrawn.
Bridges.....	\$ 500 00		\$ 500 00	\$ 119 83	\$ 380 17	
City Library.....	400 00		400 00	80 87	319 13	
The Department.....	6,500 00	1,102 50	7,602 50	7,807 51		\$ 205 01
General Expenses.....	15,500 00		15,500 00	18,317 00		2,817 00
Health Department.....	250 00		250 00	237 11		7 11
Interest.....	10,000 00		10,000 00	10,632 13		632 13
Highway Dist. 4.....	5,000 00	1,011 04	6,011 04	7,909 83		1,898 79
" Oak Ridge.....	450 00		450 00	433 02		3 02
" Pool Dist.....	400 00		400 00	392 21	7 79	
" River Road.....	450 00		450 00	638 57		188 37
" Ward 7, East Div.....	800 00		800 00	1,058 78		258 78
" 7, West Div.....	500 00		500 00	488 22	11 78	
Pauper Department.....	8,000 00	1,180 18	9,180 18	7,027 98	2,152 20	
Police Department.....	4,500 00		4,500 00	4,347 18		47 18
Reservoirs.....	1,000 00		1,000 00	876 43	123 57	
Sewers and Drains.....	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,067 82		97 82
Sidewalks.....	1,500 00		1,500 00	2,334 88		834 88
Discount on Taxes.....	8,000 00		8,000 00	8,000 00		
Schools.....	12,000 00	6,746 93	18,746 93	20,229 57		1,482 64
City Building.....		3,843 84	3,843 84	3,068 45	745 39	
	<u>\$77,750 00</u>	<u>\$13,884 49</u>	<u>\$91,634 49</u>	<u>\$96,433 19</u>	<u>\$3,740 03</u>	<u>\$8,558 73</u>

Amount of Appropriations, Received from other sources,	\$77,750 00	Overdrafts above income,	\$8,558 73
	<u>13,884 49</u>	Less unexpended balance,	<u>3,740 03</u>
Total income, Schools,	\$91,634 49	Amount expended above receipts, Warrants drawn and paid on bills due, prior to Feb. 1, 1876,	\$4,818 70
	<u>18,746 93</u>	Excess of Expenditures above receipts for the fiscal year, 1876,	<u>2,544 00</u>
Amount expended above receipts,	\$72,887 56		
	<u>4,818 70</u>		
Total expenditures aside from Schools,	\$77,706 26		
Amount expended for Schools,	<u>20,229 57</u>		
Total Expense for the year including Schools,	<u>\$97,935 83</u>		

CITY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1876.

Bridges,	\$500 00
City Library,	400 00
Fire Department,	6,500 00
General Expenses,	7,000 00
Interest Account,	10,000 00
Highway District No. 4,	5,000 00
" Oak Ridge District,	450 00
" Pool District,	400 00
" River Road District,	450 00
" Ward 7, Western Division,	500 00
" Ward 7, Eastern Division,	800 00
Pauper Department,	8,000 00
Police,	4,500 00
Reservoirs,	1,000 00
Sewers and Drains,	2,000 00
Sidewalks,	1,500 00
Schools,	12,000 00
Discount on Taxes,	8,000 00
Health Department,	250 00
Contingent Account,	8,500 00
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	\$77,750 00

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

IN THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

FOR 1876-7.

Bridges.

Appropriation,		50000
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$ 119 83	
Unexpended,	380 17	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

City Library.

Appropriation,		\$400 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$80 87	
Unexpended,	319 13	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

Fire Department.

Appropriation,	\$6,500 00	
Rec'd for labor of teams, &c.,	1,102 50	
	<hr/>	\$7,602 50
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$7,803 51	
Overdrawn above income,	201 01	
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General Expenses.

Appropriation,	\$7,000 00	
Transferred from Contingent fund,	8,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$15,500 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$18,317 00	
Overdrawn,	2,817 00	
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Interest Account.

Appropriation,		\$10,000 00
Amount of Interest paid as per Treasurer's Statement,	\$10,632 13	
Overdrawn,	632 13	

Highway, District No. 4.

Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
By School District No. 4,	25 50	
Transferred from District on taxes,	985 54	
	<hr/>	\$6,011 04
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$7,999 83	
Overdrawn,	1 988 79	

Highway, Oak Ridge District.

Appropriation,		\$450 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$453 02	
Overdrawn,	3 02	

Highway, Pool District

Appropriation,		\$400 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$392 21	
Balance unexpended,	7 79	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

Highway, River Road District

Appropriation,		\$450 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$638 37	
Overdrawn,	188 37	

Highway, Ward 7, Eastern Division.

Appropriation,		\$800 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$1,058 78	
Overdrawn,	258 78	

Highway, Ward 7 Western Division.

Appropriation,		\$500 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$488 22	
Unexpended,	11 78	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

Pauper Department.

Appropriation,	\$8,000 00	
Sales from farm and labor of teams,	1,180 18	
	<hr/>	\$9,180 18
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$7,027 98	
Balance unexpended,	2,152 20	
	<hr/>	\$9,180 18

Police Department.

Appropriation,		\$4,500 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$4,547 18	
Overdrawn,	47 18	

Reservoirs.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Expended by Warrants drawn	\$876 43	
Balance unexpended,	123 57	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

Sewers and Drains.

Appropriation,		\$2,000 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$2,097 82	
Overdrawn,	97 82	

Sidewalks.

Appropriation,		\$1,500 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$2,334 88	
Overdrawn,	834 88	

Schools.

Appropriation by City Council,	\$12,000 00	
Amount Rec'd from State,	6,746 93	
	<hr/>	\$18,746 93
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$20,229 57	
Overdrawn,	1,482 24	

Discount on Taxes.

Appropriation,		\$8,000 00
Amount of Discount as per Collector's		
Books,	\$7,014 46	
Transferred to Highway District No. 4,	985 54	
	<hr/>	\$8,000 00

Health Department.

Appropriation,		\$250 00
Expended by Warrants drawn,	\$257 11	
Overdrawn,	7 11	

City Building

Income of City Hall and Rents collected,		\$3,843 84
Expended,	\$3,098 45	
Unexpended,	745 39	
	<hr/>	\$3,843 84

ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE.

Simeon P. McKenney,	Val. Com.,	\$521 60
Zopher R. Folsom,	" "	507 10
John Tuck,	" "	392 68
Benj. F. Day,	" "	258 62
Zebulon G. Staples. Assistant,	" "	10 00
William M. Lowell,	" "	4 50
Daniel M. Tarbox.	" "	2 00
G. C. Libby, Lighting Streets,		96 66
William Boston, " "		540 00
Libby & Mason, Rep. St. Lamps,		170 69
R. P. Robinson, " " "		55 75
John H. Burnham, Posts " "		18 45
G. C. Libby, Painting Lamp Posts,		93 29
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co (Bills of 1874, 1875-6,)		1,355 61
" " " " Rep. Gas Fixtures,		68 35
Joel L. Roberts, St. Lanterns,		44 97
McKenney & Heard, Glass " "		69 87
Rent of Ward Rooms,		78 00
John Hanscom, Printing,		92 88
M. Watson & Son "		91 50
Wm S. Noyes, " Reports, &c ,		271 55
John E. Butler & Co , " Mu. Court		127 00
Frank L. Roberts,		5 00
J. D. Wadleigh, Chair,		8 00
Owners of Exchange Block Rent for B L I ,		350 00
John H. Burnham, Mayor's salary,		200 00
Samuel Tripp, City Clerk,		658 02
Joseph N. Coffin, Janitor of City Building,		250 00
E. W. Wedgwood, Treasurer and Collector,		1,483 29
Amount carried forward,		<u>\$7,825 38</u>

Amount brought forward,		\$7,825 38
James Costello, City Marshal, 1875,		150 00
John M. Goodwin, City Solicitor,		99 00
G. C. Libby, Lighting Streets,		49 00
R. G. Milliken, City Physician,		37 50
F. S. Warren, " "		112 50
Committees, 1875,		114 00
John Q. Adams, Overseer of Poor,		300 00
" " " " " 1875,		75 00
Michael Burns, " " "		100 00
" " " " " 1875.		25 00
Daniel Cota, " " "		100 00
" " " " " 1875,		25 00
R. P. Robinson, Committee, "		5 00
F. G. Warren, " "		50 00
J. F. B. Waterhouse " "		8 00
J. W. Fairfield, " "		9 19
Luther T. Mason, " "		31 60
Daniel L. Powers, " "		25 00
Frederic Greene, " "		25 00
Geo. F. Emery, " "		25 00
Charles H. Nelson, " "		20 00
Marshal E. Curtis, " "		25 00
Irving Smith, " "		25 00
George E. Corliss, " "		35 00
John Garside, " "		35 00
William Brown, " "		35 00
Geo. A. Berry, Clerk Com. Council,		50 00
E. W. Wedgwood, Pension Agent, &c.,		29 79
Wm. A. Chadbourne, Truant Officer,		36 00
B. A. Kennison, " "		30 00
John Ham, City Marshal, &c.,		130 50
Abijah Tarbox, Assessor, 1875,		35 00
John T. Smith, " "		50 00
Royal E. Gould, " Clerk, "		16 00
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$9,743 46

Amount brought forward,		\$9,743 46
Royal E. Gould, Assessor, Clerk,		100 00
Joshua Moore, "		292 50
Jas. W. Fairfield "		356 50
Abijah Tarbox, "		382 50
Benj. F. Hamilton, Postage Stamps,		19 25
John Gains, Services as Coroner,		12 00
Saco Water Power Co., Land Rent,		45 00
Stephen Worth, Cemetery,		55 00
James Chadbourne, "		174 00
William E. Lord, "		45 75
D. B. Hodgdon, "		24 72
Wm M. Burbank, "		21 37
Joseph Hobson, " Lumber,		102 67
W. H. & L. G. Hanson, " "		11 42
John Ham, " Smith's Iron Work,		38 00
McKenney & Heard, " Nails, &c ,		28 31
Hardy Machine Co., " Lumber, &c.,		53 88
Elden & Tucker, " Trees,		24 00
Wm. Tilliston, " Painting fence,		186 75
J. G. Deering, Lumber for Cemetery		40 45
Cyrus K. Banks, " " " and Pound,		66 50
James Chadbourne, Labor on Pound,		36 98
Garey & Shaw, Insurance,		138 50
F. J. Goodwin, "		75 00
State Reform School,		100 00
Samuel Tripp, Mayor's Book,		100 00
Pepperell Manufacturing Co , Water for Streets,		68 25
Samuel Hirst, Land Dam., Birch St.,		450 00
Charles O. Gould, " " " "		800 00
Oliver Perkins, " " Chapel St ,		362 77
Maine Insane Hospital.		1,003 77
Ivory Fenderson Building new road in Ward 1,		1,000 00
Arthur L. Curtis et als. Graveling " " " "		345 25
B. F. Hamilton, Services at Augusta.		73 70

Amount carried forward.

\$16,378 25

Amount brought forward,	\$16,378 25
William Hill, Coal,	54 00
William Bradbury, Injuries rec'd on Alfred St.,	100 00
Ansel L. Jellison, Stationery,	64 84
F. M. Burnham, "	134 98
Hall L. Davis, " for check lists,	5 00
Bailey & Noyes, Assessors' Book, &c.,	22 00
Charles E. Cole, Numbering Streets,	66 00
F. G. Warren, Attendance of Alfred Daudlin,	64 00
Wedgwood & Stone, Legal services in Knights Case,	153 30
Post Sheridan G. A. R., Memorial Day,	200 00
Stephen Gowen, Hack hire, &c.,	10 50
Biddeford Light Infantry, Repairing Hall,	30 00
S. P. McKenney, Legal services, Mandamus,	18 00
Nathan F. Sawyer, Water Pipe,	140 00
E. W. Wedgwood, Paid bill of Stationery,	14 25
T. W. Emerson, Constable fees.	6 00
W. S. Dennett, Engineer,	31 00
Dennis O'Connor, Hearse, &c.,	16 50
A. J. Whitten, Rep. in Court Room,	15 50
A. & B. E. Cutter, Coal,	25 25
Edwin A. Varrill, Land Damage.	15 00
Seth A. Goodwin, Com. on Streets.	25 00
Francis G. Warren et al, Execution on Injunction.	129 20
N. B. Osgood, Watchman,	8 00
John A. Tucker, "	8 00
A. H. Jellison, Ward Rooms,	12 00
Geo. H. Milliken, " "	8 00
James Stone, Binding Court Records,	5 00
James Smith, Ward Room,	10 00
F. G. Warren " "	6 00
James G. Garland, Treasurer and Collector, 1874,	181 33
E. F. Pilsbury, Stationery,	2 95
James A. Strout, "	3 75
N. O. Kendall, Assessor, 1874,	32 50
Sundry Small Bills,	275 02
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	\$18,317 00

About twenty-six hundred dollars of the General Expense account accrued prior to the Fiscal year, 1876.

STATEMENT OF CITY DEBT.

LIABILITIES.

City Bonds Payable,	\$105,000 00
City Notes Payable,	71,965 00
Due School Districts,	2,027 14
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	\$179,092 14

RESOURCES.

Due for Rent of City Building to Jan. 1, 1877,	\$ 898 75
Due on Tax of 1872,	1,429 99
“ “ 1874,	303 26
“ “ 1875,	4,893 34
“ “ 1876,	21,832 43
Due from State on Account of Schools for 1876.	6,745 94
Balance in Treasury, Jan 31, 1877,	9,927 04
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	\$46,030 75
 Liabilities,	 \$179,092 14
Resources,	46,030 75
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	\$133,061 39

MEM.—Amount Due from State on Account of Schools for 1875, viz. : \$7,249.50, was not included in Report of Resources of City for 1875.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
1876-7.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



EDWIN STONE,
JOHN M. GOODWIN,
ROYAL E. GOULD.

R E P O R T

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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To the City Council of the City of Biddeford :

The undersigned, in behalf of the Superintending School Committee of the City of Biddeford, respectfully submits the following report of the progress and condition of the schools for the year ending January 31st, 1877.

The work of the year both in point of discipline and in that of instruction, has been attended, generally, with an excellent degree of success ; and will compare favorably, we think, with that of any previous year. It has been the aim of your committee to raise the standard of the schools by every means within their power. They have endeavored to impress upon teachers and scholars the importance of performing thorough work ; that progress should not be measured by the amount of work gone over during a term or year, but by the amount of knowledge actually gained. "Better be untaught than ill taught" is as true to-day as when it was first uttered.

The following statement will show the amount appropriated by the City Council, and the amount received from other sources for school purposes.

Amount appropriated by City Council,	\$12,000 00
Received from State on account of School Fund,	2,889 64
“ “ “ “ “ “ School Mill Tax,	3,859 86
“ “ “ “ “ “ Free High School,	500 00
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	\$19,249 50

The total amount expended in the various school districts, was \$20,229 57, an excess of \$980 07 over the amount distributed.

SCHOOLS.

The whole number of schools in District No. 4, is 25, consisting of four grades, viz: Primary, Intermediate, Grammar and High. The plan is to allow three years in the Primary, two in the Intermediate, three in the Grammar, and four in the High School. It is a regular succession of steps from the beginning to the end; the distance from one grade to another is no farther than from one class to another. It is just as far from the third class to the second in the Grammar School, as from the first class in the Grammar School to the fourth in the High School. Examinations are as critical for promotion from one class to another, as from one grade to another. There is but one examination for promotion during the year, which is at the close of the Summer term; pupils who fail to obtain passes for promotion then, have to remain in the same class another year. Let us now glance at the different grades of schools.

PRIMARY.

The Primary Schools, although the lowest in grade, are by no means the least in importance. Here is the beginning of education with our youth; here impressions are produced, destined to exert in the end a more far reaching influence, than anything which may come afterward, when the mind of the pupil is less plastic. It is here more than in any other school that an unskilled instructor should not be employed. In no position is a clear and thorough understanding of human nature from personal contact more needed than in dealing with little children. The teacher should possess the peculiar faculty of continually interesting the pupils, of making their lessons pleasant and engaging, and of exciting their attention by variety and novelty in the conduct of recitations, and the general exercises of the school-room. In certain respects the trials and difficulties of other teachers do not compare with those of teachers in these schools; nor can we overrate the importance of this branch of our school service.

With few exceptions the teachers of this grade are both faithful and skillful, so that in three years at most, the pupil, starting from the very beginnings of knowledge, acquires very respectable fa-

cility in the reading and spelling of simple words, an accurate knowledge of the four tables in Arithmetic and some knowledge of the elements of geography.

INTERMEDIATE.

It adds to the necessity of competent instruction in the Intermediate schools, so called, that nearly one-third of the pupils who enter this grade terminate their studies here. Whatever of educational attainment many carry into practical out door life, is acquired here. If so many, then, are to receive all their education for business, which they are to get from the schools, here, it is important that it should be as broad and thorough as possible. They should know how to read, spell and write well. Their knowledge of Arithmetic should be such as to enable them to solve all ordinary problems which occur in common business, such as the mass of them are destined to pursue. They should have such a knowledge of language as will enable them to communicate their thoughts intelligently to others, either orally or in writing. The number of teachers employed in this grade is five, a force laborious enough to merit sympathy, and successful enough to win the approval of the citizens.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

There has been one change in the teaching force of the Grammar Schools since the last report. In July last, Mrs. Kate Beebe, assistant teacher in the Summer St. Grammar School, resigned. Mrs. Beebe's success as a teacher, was well understood. She united to a talent for discipline and instruction, that personal presence and bearing which in a teacher always commands the respect and affection of scholars. It was with many regrets of the Board that she resigned a position she had filled so long and faithfully. The vacancy occasioned by Mrs. Beebe's resignation, was filled by the appointment of Miss Antoinette D. Ayer. Miss Ayer has had an extensive experience in rural and academic schools, where she has been uniformly successful. The interest she has manifested in her present position, justifies us in the prediction that success will follow her labors here as elsewhere. We have called attention to the fact that in the Intermediate Schools one-third of those who enter,

finish their attendance there. The number of those who close their studies in the Grammar Schools is still more striking. Children of both sexes are obliged to drop out to contribute by their earnings to the support of the family. It is this majority of pupils that have the highest claim upon our school system. These scholars, we are aware, cannot be made *savans*, but they can be provided with the rudiments of an education, which shall enable them to become intelligent and useful citizens.

The course of study in the Grammar School is thoroughly practical and essential to the intelligent and successful business man. The pupil, who spends nine or ten years in school, ought to come out well prepared in all the fundamental principles of a business education. We would earnestly recommend to parents the importance of having their children complete the course of study in the Grammar Schools. We sincerely feel that any scholar, although possessed of but a single talent, who shall diligently attend to the instruction of the faithful and earnest working teachers of this department, must, of necessity be able to perform the duties pertaining to the business of every day life.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School, of which a very full report is given at the close of this general report, is in very excellent condition. The year has been a very prosperous and successful one. The committee commend the school without qualification. The teachers are earnest, skillful and faithful; their personal relations with the pupils are most pleasant and harmonious. The course of study in the High School, is liberal and comprehensive. Objection is sometimes made to some of the studies prescribed, that they are not sufficiently practical, that they have no reference to the business of every day life. We might reply, however, with entire truth, that every study which requires mental exertion is a practical one. Besides, the school pursuits of our children should be arranged not only to increase their money-making power, but to widen their range of vision, and to multiply the sources of their happiness. "The boy or girl who faithfully pursues the study of Astronomy, will ever after live in a new world. A new heaven will bend over them, and the stars, no longer 'mere gimlet holes in the sky,' will become the centres of revolving worlds."

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

With few exceptions, the schools in the suburban districts have been well attended and under good instruction. On account of the small attendance in District No. 11, we would suggest the advisability of discontinuing the school in this district, and uniting it with others near by. We would call the attention of the Agents to some of their duties. You have it in your power to a great extent, to have a good school or a poor one. It is your duty to hire the teacher, and in performing this duty, you should always remember that a good teacher is a cheap one, and that a poor one is exceedingly dear at any price. Having selected your teacher, it is your duty to notify the Committee, in writing, when your school will begin and close. We were unable to visit a number of the schools the past year on account of the Agent's neglect in this respect. It is your duty to see that your school houses are in good repair at the commencement of each term; and that they are supplied with all the apparatus necessary to a proper understanding of the studies pursued. Every school house should be well supplied with black-boards, and as far as possible, with globes and maps for the scholars to get a good understanding of their studies. There should be a uniformity of text books to as great a degree as possible, by that means the number of classes would be lessened and the pupils would be able to make more and better progress.

DUTIES OF PARENTS.

Parents should not forget, not overlook, nor ignore the fact, that they have duties in connection with those of the teacher, which, if neglected, must necessarily be attended with consequences equally fatal to the progress of the children. It is to be feared that very many parents think, that when they have furnished their children with the means of attending school, their whole duty in regard to them in educational matters, is discharged. This, I conceive, is only the beginning of a series of duties, which every parent owes them, and which they are in duty bound faithfully to discharge. If you would have your children benefitted by the school, keep them constantly in it, and let nothing but absolute necessity cause their absence. It is utterly useless to talk about interesting and ad-

vancing pupils in their studies, while they are allowed to be absent any considerable part of the time; especially is this so if the time thus unwisely abstracted from study, is spent in idleness and loitering about the streets, as is too frequently the case. Let your children see that you place a high value upon their school privileges and they will soon learn to esteem them as you do. See that they are punctual in attendance and not keep them at home half the term, and then find fault because they do not learn well. You should also go yourselves and visit the schools and see how your money is being expended. Your schools should always receive your constant care and attention. Everything that conduces to the sound and thorough education of the young in the varied branches of learning, you should ever hold in the highest estimation. The manner in which the sons and daughters of to-day are educated will determine to no inconsiderable extent the destinies of the coming age.

ATTENDANCE

The average attendance of pupils during the year, has been quite too small for the whole number registered. Irregularity in attendance not only deprives the scholars of a large amount of needed instruction, and causes them to lose their relish for study, but it forms in them a character for irregularity which will abide by them in all after life and seriously interfere with their prosperity and usefulness. There are too many children in our city who do not attend our public schools at all but are idling away their time at the corners of our streets and in our shops; and are not only growing up in ignorance of useful learning, but are becoming adepts in vice, and candidates for the poor house or jail. It seems high time that our truant laws should be more rigidly enforced not only for the benefit of truant and vagrant children among us but as a necessity for our self-protection both against their present and future influence for evil. We certainly have full grown tares enough in our city to warn us against permitting the adversary to sow any more seed of this kind for a future harvest for want of timely and sleepless vigilance on our part.

SUGGESTIONS.

In view of what has been said in previous reports in regard to change of text books, and the manner in which it has been received, it seems almost useless to speak of it in this, but we would earnestly suggest that a change be made, during the coming year, in Readers and Arithmetics. We believe a change in these text books would add greatly to the efficiency of our schools, and the tax upon parents would be comparatively slight. The Readers now in use have been in our schools over fifteen years, and the selections have become an old story to both teachers and pupils. In addition to this, the books are badly printed. The Greenleaf Arithmetics have been in use here over twenty years and are far behind the times.

The B & M. Railroad, being in such close proximity to the school building on Spruce St., renders it dangerous for small children to attend school there, and the noise and bustle occasioned by passing trains, is a constant source of annoyance to both teachers and pupils. In addition to this, the present building is not large enough to accommodate all the scholars that belong in those schools. We would, therefore, recommend that some measures be taken to procure a lot in a more convenient locality, and to erect a larger building upon it, that will take the place of this one.

We would also recommend that something be done toward ridding the district of the school building now on Foss St. It is a mere shell, utterly unfit for a school house, and a scandal to the district. It was built about twenty years ago, as a temporary structure, until a larger and more substantial building could be put in its place. There has been scarcely anything done to the building during that time, except as the demand for more school room became apparent, a small addition was made. This addition is about twenty feet long by twelve wide and about ten feet high, with a seating capacity of sixty. This room, like the others in the building, is ventilated by opening the windows and door, and at the last examination contained seventy pupils.

The subject of proper and perfect ventilation of school buildings is of the greatest importance. Much of the lassitude and apparent weariness manifested in many of our school rooms toward the

close of the school day, is in a large degree to be attributed to impure air. Were the school rooms well ventilated, we should have none of that complaint of headache and exhaustion, now by no means infrequent by both teachers and pupils, and many complaints against the high pressure system would be silenced. Several plans for ventilating our school buildings have been brought to our attention, but as yet, none has sufficiently recommended itself to warrant its adoption. The problem is a formidable one, but should be attacked at once, and the best mode of ventilation adopted. In

CONCLUSION.

It is hoped that the appropriations for our schools the coming year will be sufficient to meet the actual wants. There is no one interest or combination of interests in which all are so generally to share as in our public schools. They are accessible and open alike to the children of all classes, and should receive generous appropriations, be wisely and carefully superintended, and faithfully instructed. Let all then study their wants, freely contributing their means and influence for their benefit. By so doing we shall give the young what is more valuable than houses and lands.

ROYAL E. GOULD, for the Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Superintending School Committee:

The following Report of the High School for the year ending February 3, 1877, is respectfully submitted:

It is to be noticed that the fiscal year to which this Report conforms, embraces the last half of the former and the first half of the present school year.

The corps of Teachers is the same as on former years, and my assistants, Miss Burbank and Miss Moulton, fully sustain their previous reputation.

The Departments of the school remain the same, but there have been a few slight changes in the courses of study to bring them more fully up with the times; they are appended as at present pursued.

The number of scholars registered during the year is 114; the number the third term 78, average 74; the number the fourth term 73, average 70; the number the first term 88, average 85; the number the second or last term 87, average 80.

The following table is an extract from the High School Records for the year. Scholars excused from any one of the regular studies for the year are marked thus*; scholars otherwise deficient in any of their studies at the close of the last term of their attendance, and not having made them up, are marked thus†; the scale of marking is from 10, which is perfect, down to 5.

Table of Attendance and Rank.

	Weeks' Attendance	Depotment.	Scholarship.	Average.		Weeks' Attendance	Depotment.	Scholarship.	Average.
GRADUATE S.									
Belle Bickford,	17 1 10	9 18 9 71			Alma E. Davis,	39 7 10	9 36 9 68		
Carrie Blackett,	17 5 10	9 99 10			Nellie E. Day,	36 7 10	9 86 9 23 9 55		
Emma J. Davis,	17 3 10	9 94 9 97			Elvaid D. Emerson,	17 7 10	9 99 9 30 9 65		
Ella Dawley,	18 10	9 97 9 99			Grace A. Gulland,	36 7 10	9 96 9 84 9 92		
Lizzie Hill,	18 10	9 95 9 98			Alice L. Greenough,	37 8 9	9 75 9 93 9 84		
Daniel L. Jellison,	17 3 9	9 13 8 16 8 71			Susie N. Ham,	38 8 9	9 68 9 92 9 90		
Mary McLachon,	17 5 10	9 80 9 90			Frank W. Jones,	8 4 9	9 95 9 50 9 73		
Nellie I. Newcomb,	18 10	9 99 10			Fannie H. Ladd,t	27 8 9	9 99 9 93 9 96		
Wilbur E. Rumery,	16 2 9	9 87 7 58 8 73			Clara E. Lowell,	35 8 10	9 10 9 55		
George O. E. Smith,	17 1 9	9 38 8 79 9 09			Maggie McLachon	40 10	9 80 9 90		
Frank Verrill,	17 8 9	9 95 8 92 8 94			Maude Newcomb,	20 7 10	9 96 9 98		
Charles S. Dennett,	17 3 9	9 75 8 79 9 27			Marion A. Perkins,	36 7 10	9 41 9 18 9 30		
Walter L. Perkins,	16 8 8	9 15 9 33 8 89			Carrie K. Pilchury,	35 10	9 98 9 99		
POST GRADUATE S.					Fannie Pierce,	9 3 10	8 90 9 45		
Belle Bickford,	12 10	9 94 9 97			Lillian Pierce,t	28 5 9	9 82 9 61 9 72		
Ella Dawley,	12 10	9 94 9 97			Charles Ross,	16 8 9	9 98 9 33 9 66		
Charles S. Dennett,	20 5 9	9 99 9 51 9 90			Nellie Rumery,	39 7 10	9 96 9 98		
FIRST CLASS					Feddie Smerman,t	17 7 9	9 93 7 50 8 72		
Herbert W. Ayer	38 2 9	9 66 9 9 33			Ella K. Smith,	39 9 10	9 99 10		
Kate Bacon,	17 1 10	9 97 9 99			Clara A. Smith,	38 6 9	9 75 9 78 9 77		
Alma Brown,	39 8 10	9 92 9 96			Carrie E. Staples,	38 1 9	9 81 8 46 9 14		
Fred Baker,	38 8 9	9 45 8 65 9 05			Hattie C. Staples,	37 7 9	9 98 9 88 9 93		
Harry H. Goodwin,	17 7 9	9 35 7 77 8 56			Hattie I. Stinson,t	15 9 9	9 97 6 7 99		
Biron S. Hobbs,	39 7 9	9 34 8 96 9 15			Ida Suteland,t	34 5 9	9 93 9 77 9 85		
Leon K. Moore,t	39 9	9 94 8 80 9 37			Ina E. Tripp,	37 5 10	9 97 9 99		
Ada B. Smith,	39 8 9	9 98 9 75 9 87			Lucy M. Verrill,	37 6 10	9 94 9 97		
Charles Walker,	39 6 10	9 74 9 87			Waldo S. Verrill,t	32 8 9	9 87 8 80 9 34		
Frank L. Watson,	36 4 10	9 82 9 92			FOURTH CLASS.				
SECOND CLASS.					Flora M. Anderson,	22 9	9 99 9 50 9 75		
L. Pitt Andrews,	39 6 9	9 67 9 59 9 63			Nellie M. Bailey,	21 9 9	9 73 9 15 9 44		
Fannie Atkinson,t	8 4 10	9 50 9 75			Livie G. Berry	21 1 10	9 98 9 99		
John Chubbaine,t	7 8 5	7 50 6 29			Emma D. Brackett,	21 7 10	9 87 9 91		
George Day,t	14 9	9 13 8 59 8 86			Andrew Buckley,	21 9 10	8 45 9 23		
Nora Dollitt,	40 10	9 52 9 76			Willie E. Butland,	21 5 9	9 81 9 80 9 82		
Abbie Lamfield,	39 6 10	9 99 10			Frank D. Campbell,	21 9 9	9 99 9 10 9 75		
Charles H. Togg,	38 8 9	9 66 9 54 9 60			Walter Carter	22 9	9 68 9 45 9 37		
Lama A. Ross,	40 9	9 97 9 84 9 91			Hattie E. Chick,	21 6 10	9 58 9 79		
May R. Freeman,t	39 8 9	9 82 9 80 9 81			Carrie L. Edzecomb,	22 10	9 80 9 90		
Forrest J. Goodwin,	17 7 9	9 79 9 76 9 74			Helen M. Emerson,	22 10	9 98 9 99		
May E. J. Rudy,	38 7 9	9 97 9 66 9 81			James E. Etchells,	22 10	9 98 9 99		
Wright Goldthwaite,t	20 7 7	9 99 8 61 8 30			John W. Etchells,	22 10	9 78 9 89		
Florence L. Hill,	35 6 8	9 50 9 65 9 08			Lena L. Fuller,	21 1 9	9 99 9 40 9 70		
Grace W. Hill,	38 8 9	9 67 9 73 9 70			Albert R. Goodwin,	21 4 9	9 97 9 65 9 81		
Gertie Knowlton,	39 8 9	9 75 9 78 9 62			Josie E. Goodwin,	20 1 9	9 95 9 78 9 87		
Gertrude I. Libby,	39 2 9	9 96 9 87 9 92			Frank Graves,	22 10	9 96 9 98		
Annie W. Lord,	33 10	9 88 9 94			Florence L. Ham,	21 6 10	9 25 9 63		
Binnie Merrill,	38 8 9	9 69 9 50 9 66			Annie J. Harper,	37 6 9	9 98 7 82 8 90		
Arthur E. Morris,	35 9	9 94 9 83 9 89			Emma R. Hatch,	22 9 99	9 88 9 94		
May C. Moulton,	39 1 9	9 81 9 68 9 75			Mary H. Hill,	22 10	9 98 9 99		
Orra L. Quimby,	36 5 9	9 76 9 38			Cornelius Houtman,	22 9	9 80 9 63 9 73		
Jennie H. Tibbetts,	38 9	9 72 9 61 9 67			Annie S. Ingersoll,	21 8 10	9 92 9 96		
Willie H. Tibbetts,	35 9	9 63 9 29 9 46			Mamie B. Kelley,	22 10	9 35 9 68		
THIRD CLASS.					Mary E. Leavitt,	22 10	9 98 9 99		
Mary N. Anthome,	39 5 9	9 99 9 48 9 74			Lannie F. Lincoln,	21 7 10	9 96 9 98		
Dina S. Ayer,	38 9 9	9 54 8 71 9 12			Carrie Belle McKenney,	19 8 9	9 78 9 95 9 78		
Nella A. Berry,	9 7 9	9 80 7 70 8 75			Cora E. Moulton,	21 1 10	9 53 9 74		
Alvah Blanchard,t	9 7 9	9 98 7 8 46			Addie Plummer,t	6 10	9 30 9 65		
Estelle Butler,	39 5 10	9 49 9 75			Edith Prior,	21 7 10	9 99 10		
Leonard H. Cleaves,	14 8 9	9 98 8 15 9 22			Fred K. Ricker,	19 4 9	9 99 9 35 9 67		
Fordyce P. Cleaves,	26 7 10	9 28 9 64			Georgia H. Staples,	21 6 10	9 98 9 99		
					Leonard H. Stiles,t	7 6 9	9 99 7 8 50		
					Charles A. Tripp,	21 6 9	9 80 9 50 9 65		
					Annie H. Watson,	19 8 10	9 90 9 95		

The graduating exercises took place at the City Hall, Friday evening, June 30th. The Valedictory was by Miss Nellie F. Newcomb, the Salutatory by Charles S. Dennett, the Prophecies by Miss Ella Dawley and the Chronicles by Miss Lizzie Hill.

The first eleven graduates took the Classical course, and the last two, the College Preparatory. This class and the one preceding secured to the school a valuable Cabinet Organ. The Laboratory has received from time to time during the year many much needed chemicals and some apparatus. The Library, consisting of about five hundred volumes, is well managed by the Librarian, Mr. Walker of the First Class, and is much used by the school. The last addition to it, however, was made several years ago.

The small amount of tardiness, absence and dismissal is commendable; let it be kept at its minimum it will then be quite too great, and the attendant evils too marked.

The policy of strict classification which has been adhered to two years and more, is productive of the most satisfactory results.

It is generally known that there are four graduating honors, the Valedictory, the Salutatory, the Prophecies, and the Chronicles; they are assigned as follows:—

The scholar of the first class having the best rank for the course, has the Valedictory; the boy of the first class, if there be one and he does not take the Valedictory, otherwise the scholar having the next best rank for the course, has the Salutatory; the scholar of the first class having the next best rank for the course, has the Prophecies; the scholar of the first class having the next best rank for the course, has the Chronicles.

Since the Centennial year is past, thus completing the events of the first one hundred years of the Republic for record, the following statements pertaining to the school may not be wholly out of place here. The High School has been in existence twenty-eight years. Its supervision during the first ten years was entrusted to a committee of three; during the next five, to a Supervisor; and during the remaining sixteen, to a committee of three again.

The first teacher of the school was William K. Vaill, who taught about four months; the second teacher was Horace Piper, who after two years, was assisted the remaining eight of his service by

Miss Nancy N. Shaw four years, by Miss Maria C. Gray, a former member of the school, one term, by Miss C. Isabel Symonds one and three-fourths years, by Miss Artemissa S. Morton one term, by Miss Marilla J. Butler one and one-fourth years, and by Frank A. Hill one term.

The second Principal of the school was Edward A. Rand, who taught two years. He was assisted by Frank A. Hill six months, by Miss J. A. Thompson one term, and by Miss A. C. Waterman one and one-fourth years. The third Principal was Chase P. Parsons who taught one and one-fourth years, and was assisted during the time by Miss A. C. Waterman. The fourth Principal was Frank A. Hill, a former graduate of the school and assistant, who taught one and three-fourths years and was assisted during the time by Miss A. C. Waterman. The fifth Principal was Edward Parker, Jr., who taught seven and one-half years. He was assisted by Miss Mary E. Gordon four years, afterwards by two assistants; first, by Loren F. Berry, a former graduate of the school, one year, by Miss Annie E. Stearns one term, and by Miss Susan E. Porter the remaining three terms; secondly, by Miss S. Augusta Burbank one and one-half years, by Miss Annie M. Davis one year, and by Miss Susan F. Deering the remaining half year.

The sixth Principal was Joseph W. Keene, who taught three-fourths of a year and was assisted during the time by Miss S. Augusta Burbank and Miss Susan F. Deering.

The seventh Principal was Moses R. Chase, who taught two and three-fourths years, and was assisted during the time by Miss Augusta Burbank, by Miss Susan F. Deering one year, and by Miss Olive Moulton the remaining year and three-fourths. The eighth Principal was the present incumbent, with whose second year closed the Centennial. He was assisted during the time by the present assistants, Miss S. Augusta Burbank and Miss Olive Moulton.

There are one hundred and ninety-two graduates of the school of whom one hundred and forty-five are ladies and forty seven are gentlemen. Thirteen have taken a collegiate course and two are now in College. Eighty have taught more or less since their graduation, and eleven have died.

The professions are represented as follows : Ministers 4 ; Lawyers 3 ; Doctors 3 ; Teachers 19. Many of the other graduates are holding important positions and all, so far as known, are good citizens.

ANSON L. KEYES, Principal.

BIDDEFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

COURSES OF STUDY.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

FOURTH CLASS.

TERM.			
I.	Algebra,	Physical Geog. and Map Drawing,	Latin Gr. and Reader.
II.	"	"	"
III.	"	Physiology,	"
IV.	"	"	"

THIRD CLASS.

I.	Algebra,	Physiology,	Cæsar.
II.	Geometry,	Natural Philosophy,	"
III.	"	"	"
IV.	"	"	"

SECOND CLASS.

I.	French,	Chemistry,	Cicero.
II.	"	"	"
III.	"	Botany,	"
IV.	"	"	"

FIRST CLASS.

I.	French,	Astronomy,	Virgil
II.	"	"	"
III.	"	Geology,	"
IV.	"	"	"

COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE.

FOURTH CLASS.

I.	Algebra,	Physical Geog. and Map Drawing,	Latin Gr. and Reader.
II.	"	"	"
III.	"	Physiology,	"
IV.	"	"	"

THIRD CLASS.

I.	Algebra,	Greek Gr. and Lessons,	Cæsar.
II.	Geometry,	"	"
III.	"	"	"
IV.	"	"	"

SECOND CLASS.

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

FIRST CLASS.

I.	Greek Prose,	Anabasis,	Virgil.
II.	"	"	"
III.	Reviews,	Iliad,	"
IV.	"	"	"

SEMI-WEEKLY EXERCISES: First Class—English Literature. Second Class—Rhetoric. Third Class—Book Keeping. Fourth Class—English Analysis and Spelling. The First, Second and Third Classes—Elocutionary Drill.

WEEKLY EXERCISES: Declamations, Select Readings, and Compositions.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

The following rules relating to the management of the graded schools in the city of Biddeford were adopted by the district agents and Superintending School Committee, May 10, 1873.

Teachers are required to become familiar with them, and to see that they are faithfully observed.

1. The School Year shall be forty weeks in length, and shall be divided into four terms. The first term shall commence on the last Monday of August and continue eleven weeks, to be followed by a vacation of one week. The second term shall commence on the Monday succeeding the Fall vacation and continue eleven weeks, to be followed by a vacation of two weeks. The third term shall commence on the Monday succeeding the Winter vacation and continue ten weeks, to be followed by a vacation of one week. The fourth term shall commence on the Monday succeeding the Spring vacation and continue eight weeks.

2. The regular holidays shall be Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and Fast Day. No other holiday shall be allowed except by special permission.

3. There shall be two sessions of three hours each in all the schools each day. There shall be a recess of ten minutes for every scholar each session, and the recess in all the schools shall occur as nearly as possible at the close of the first half of the session. No pupil shall be deprived of his recess; though for punishment he may not be allowed to take it at the regular time.

4. The first session shall commence at 9 A. M., and continue to 12 M. The second session shall commence at 1.30 P. M and continue to 4.30 P. M.

5. The school rooms shall be opened, both forenoon and afternoon, at least fifteen minutes before the time fixed for the ses-

sions to begin, and the teachers shall always be present while the rooms are open. Teachers shall require pupils to be in their seats, and shall commence and close the exercises punctually at the prescribed hours.

6. Teachers are required to take daily care that the school-houses, furniture and apparatus in the same, as well as the out-buildings, fences and all the other property within the school yards, are not unnecessarily defaced, or injured in any manner by the scholars. They will be held responsible for any want of neatness about the school houses and premises generally, and the out houses in particular. They shall also give special attention to the temperature and ventilation of the school rooms, avoiding extremes of heat and cold and securing change of air regularly at recesses, and at the close of each session.

7. Teachers shall report to the Committee any damage done to the school property of any description, and by whom, if known. Pupils so transgressing will subject their parents or guardians to full payment for all damage thus caused.

8. The reading of the scriptures shall be a daily exercise at the opening of all the schools. The Committee recommend that this be followed by the repetition of the Lord's Prayer by the teacher and pupils, in concert.

9. Teachers of primary schools are particularly enjoined to allow frequent changes of position, and such alternation from study to rest and from one recitation to another as will best promote the physical health and comfort of their pupils.

10. Teachers shall keep a register, on which they shall record the pupil's names, ages, attendance, date of admission and leaving, and such particulars as shall give the committee a correct idea of the condition of the schools.

11. No teacher shall communicate to his school any public notice, or advertisement, or permit any person to exhibit therein any book, publication, or any article of any kind.

12. Teachers are forbidden to visit other school rooms during the sessions of their schools.

13. No pupil shall be admitted to any public school without a written permit from the S. S. Committee.

14. Every pupil is expected to attend to school regularly, to conform to the rules of the school, and obey promptly all demands of the teacher; to refrain entirely from the use of profane and vulgar language, and to be clean and neat in person.

15. Every pupil not present at the time appointed for opening school shall be marked as tardy. All cases of tardiness and absence must be satisfactorily accounted for to the teacher. Teachers having charge of pupils who are truants, shall report their names and residences to the truant officers.

16. Absence from recitation shall be regarded as a failure to recite, and be so marked on the register or class book. Omitted lessons shall be subsequently recited out of the regular school hours, at such times as may be convenient to the teacher, but the recitation shall not be marked as high as if made at the regular time, except in case of sickness.

17. Pupils who fall behind their classes on account of absence, inattention or inability, may be placed in the class below, at the discretion of the teacher.

18. Any pupil absenting himself from a regular examination of his school, without the permission of his teacher, or rendering a satisfactory excuse, shall be reported to the Committee, and shall not be again allowed to enter any public school in the city, without the written consent of the Committee.

19. No pupil under censure in one school shall be admitted to any other.

20. The regular period for promoting scholars from schools of one grade to those of another, shall be at the close of the school year, but pupils may be promoted at other times for sufficient cause.

21. The regular examination of all the schools shall occur at the close of the second and fourth term.

Names of Teachers Employed in School District No 4.

ANSON L. KEYES, Principal High School.
 AUGUSTA S. BURBANK, Assistant High School.
 OLIVE MOULTON, Assistant High School.
 THOMAS H. EMERY, Pri. Grammar School, Summer St.
 ANTOINETTE D. AYER, Assistant.
 EDWARD S. MORRIS, Pri. Grammar School, Spruce St.
 LIZZIE S. KNIGHT, Assistant.
 ELLEN S. JUNKINS, }
 SOPHIA TARBOX, }
 FANNY WOODMAN, } Teachers of Intermediate Schools.
 SUSIE EMERSON, }
 FANNY COWAN, }
 MYRA MILLIKEN, Morrill School.
 MAHALA E. GOULD, }
 ESTELLE MORRIS, }
 Mrs. ANNETTE HOOPER, } Teachers of 2d Prim. School.
 KATE CHADBOURNE, }
 MARY F. GOULD, }
 FLORA PAGE, }
 KESIAH EMERY, }
 BELLE MORRIS, }
 ELLEN W. GOODWIN, }
 IDA PORTER, }
 HANNAH SMITH, } Teachers of 1st Prim. School.
 SUSAN C. SMITH, }
 Mrs. ANNIE BOWKER, }
 MARY F. PLUMMER, }
 LIZZIE TARBOX, }
 EMMA TIBBETTS, }



