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OF THE  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1972.

TOGETHER WITH THE  
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HON. CHARLES M. MOSES.



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## CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, }  
March 4, 1878. }

ORDERED,

That the Committee on Finance cause to be printed four hundred copies of the Annual Reports of the various departments for distribution together with the Mayor's address.

Read and passed and sent down for concurrence.

Attest: CYRUS P. BERRY, City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 4, 1878.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: CLARENCE M. WATSON, Clerk.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS  
OF THE MAYOR,  
HON. CHARLES M. MOSES.

## MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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### GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Entering upon the duties of the offices to which we have been elected and which we have made oath to faithfully and impartially perform, we must meet squarely and honestly the different questions that will be brought to our notice. One of the most important that we must contend with and one which is at the present time engaging the attention of all our citizens is the present financial distress and business depression in all branches of industry, not only in our city but throughout the whole country, with no prospect of improvement, and we must all realize the great necessity of the strictest economy and care in the conduct of the affairs confided to our management, not only in general but in the smallest detail, and let us bear in mind that while extravagance is inexcusable in our personal affairs in these it is a crime.

Owing to the able government of the past year we are relieved from any unusual or extraordinary expenses, they having done much that has long been needed but long neglected.

The accounts of the various departments have all been made up and are ready for your examination, a gratifying fact that our citizens have not always been favored with, but which is simply required by law.

From time to time as matters are presented to you for your consideration you must settle them according to your best judgment and in such a manner as to meet the approval, as near as you can, of those who have placed us here.

It is one of your first duties to strive for the reduction of the taxes, (that bane of human nature) which bears so heavily upon our people. Unfortunately for us in this respect, more especially at this time, our present State Legislature has been compelled to increase the State Tax one third, which you must endeavor to overcome without increasing the amount to be assessed by you as taxes for the ensuing year, and you can do this if you so de-

termine by being careful in your appropriations and reducing the expenses of the various departments which I believe can be done without material injury to their efficiency.

When a great reduction is made at one time in the rate of taxation it is fully appreciated, but I believe but few realize the fact that in our city there has been a gradual reduction since 1872 from \$26 per thousand to \$21 for the past year, and if you can, as there seems to be no doubt, meet the increase of the State tax and so govern your appropriations for the city expenses that the rate may be still farther reduced, you will have the approval not only of our business men and large tax payers but of the poor man upon whom a tax however small is a heavy burden, and a reduction is a great blessing.

In all of your expenditures you must be governed by the true principles of economy, without meanness or waste, always having in mind that the eyes of the people are upon you and that they expect unusual efforts upon your part to lessen the expenses of the city and thereby lessen taxation.

We cannot attempt to make improvements of any kind in order to be enterprising and can only expend money for necessities which are impossible to avoid.

The financial condition of our city Jan. 31st, 1878, as by the Treasurer's account, was as follows :

LIABILITIES.	
City Bonds,	\$124,200 00
“ Notes,	55,528 00
Balance due Schools,	5,748 59
	<hr/> 185,476 59
RESOURCES.	
Cash in Treasury,	\$16,072 16
Due from taxes 1874,	57 24
“ “ “ 1875,	1,000 00
“ “ “ 1876,	9,877 93
“ “ “ 1877,	17,519 89
Due from State on Schools,	5,537 37
Due for rent of City Building,	808 82
	<hr/> 50,873 41

Leaving a net debt of \$134,603 18  
and showing a reduction for the past year of \$2,408 38, and taking into account the many improvements made and of a



permanent kind, one of the most important being the new bridge, it is a showing which must be gratifying to all.

It is not necessary for me to mention at length the different departments as their several reports are before you and speak for themselves, and I would not presume to attempt any recommendations or criticism in regard to them at the present time, not being fully familiar with them in detail. It would be well in this connection, if our charter could be so amended that the inauguration of our government could take place two weeks after the election, rather than one as now, as it would give the members more time to study affairs pertaining to the city and they would be prepared at the commencement to present a detailed statement of the condition of the same. You should, and I have no doubt will, give your best efforts throughout the year, making changes if needed wherever and whenever circumstances seem to demand and warrant.

Our Schools will require some changes at your hands in order to keep them at the standard required in New England, that all may be educated, and before electing a School Committee it would be well for you to consider whether you will not abolish the present system and choose a Supervisor for a term of years, in order that the system and man may have a fair trial.

I think by this change our schools can be made much more satisfactory and the expense to the city very much reduced from what it is at the present time.

Our Fire Department must be kept in a good condition, as upon this depends the protection of property from fire.

Our Streets and sidewalks must be kept in good order, for safety and protection from injury to life and to avoid all claims as far as possible for damages on account of injuries which might be received from any defects, and which almost invariably result in great expense to the city.

The Poor must be humanely and properly cared for.

The police in a city like ours requires much attention, as it is one of its most important branches, and we must give the present force much credit for the efficiency which they have shown for the past year.

The Health Department and all others not mentioned should

have careful consideration, and if a saving can be made in any, however small, it should be done.

In conclusion, I will only say that your first duty is one upon which in a great measure depends the success of your administration, the election of officers for the ensuing year, and I trust you will throw aside all personal feelings and prejudices and only be governed in your selection by the desire for the advancement of the prosperity of the city, and elect men who will not only faithfully perform the duties assigned them, but will be of assistance to us, and interested with us in our efforts to administer the affairs of the government in an economical, upright and business-like manner, so that the people will have no cause to complain, but rather to approve. CHAS. M. MOSES.



GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
CITY OF BIDDEFORD,  
1878.

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**MAYOR.**  
HON. CHAS. M. MOSES.

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**CITY CLERK.**  
CYRUS P. PERRY.

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**ALDERMEN,**  
WARD 1.—JOHN B. GOLDTHWAIT,  
“ 2.—CARLOS HEARD,  
“ 3.—ALFRED GOODWIN,  
“ 4.—CHARLES H. LEIGHTON,  
“ 5.—RICHMOND H. INGERSOLL,  
“ 6.—WILLIAM H. HANSON,  
“ 7.—ZOPHER R. FOLSOM.

**COMMON COUNCILMEN.**

CHARLES F. EMERY,

PRESIDENT.

WARD 1,	JEREMIAH B. BUNKER,
"	JAMES H. ROBBINS,
"	HORACE HILL.
WARD 2,	EDGAR R. CLARK,
"	JONATHAN S. LUNT,
"	REUBEN P. ROBINSON.
WARD 3,	GEORGE W. WARD,
"	ALBERT ALLEN,
"	MELVILLE WOODMAN.
WARD 4,	HERSCHELL BOYNTON.
"	GEORGE EMERY,
"	GEORGE W. DONNELL.
WARD 5,	SIMON NEWCOMB,
"	GEORGE N. WARD,
"	JAMES H. WHITTEN
WARD 6,	CHARLES P. EMERY,
"	CHARLES H. PARCHER,
"	PATRICK MURPHY.
WARD 7,	CHARLES O. MILLIKEN,
"	WILLIAM F. SMITH,
"	LEONARD H. RUMERY.

FRANK H. COUSENS,

CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL.

**WARD OFFICERS.**

<b>Wardens.</b>		<b>Ward Clerks.</b>
Ward 1,	EDWIN E. CAMPBELL.	JOHN R. STAPLES.
" 2,	JOSHUA MOORE.	ROWLAND HILL.
" 3,	HENRY E. SMITH.	ROBERT B. CAMPBELL.
" 4,	WALDO ANTHOINE.	JOHN MOODY,
" 5,	ALFRED S. DEERING.	CHARLES E. PILSBURY.
" 6,	CHARLES CHURCH.	DENNIS MURPHY, 2D.
" 7,	TRISTRAM HOOPER, JR.	FRANK H. COUSENS.

**CONSTABLES.**

WARD 1,	JOHN F. JOHNSON.
" 2,	JEREMIAH DONOVAN.
" 3,	OREN MAYO.
" 4,	JOTHAM W. GILPATRICK.
" 5,	JAMES E. GOWEN.
" 6,	BELONIE LAUZIERRE.
" 7,	ROBERT M. STEVENS.

**Judge of Municipal Court.**

SAMUEL W. LUQUES.

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**Recorder of Municipal Court.**

JESSE GOULD.

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**Treasurer and Collector.**

GEORGE R. ANDREWS.

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**City Solicitor.**

CHARLES W. ROSS.

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**City Physician.**

ADDISON BRAWN.

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**Assessors.**

JAMES G. GARLAND.

JOHN FRED GOLDTHWAIT,

RADCLIFFE H. FORD.

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**Overseers of Poor.**

JOHN N. ANTHOINE,

ISRAEL SHEVENELL,

WM F. HUTCHINS.

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**Health Officers.**

E. P. PARCHER,

FRANK B. TARR,

THOMAS P. S. DEARING.

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**Engineers of Fire Department.**

CHARLES H. BROWN, Chief Engineer.

JAMES F. WORMWOOD, 1st Assistant.

WM. H. ANTHOINE, 2nd Assistant.

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**SuperIntending School Committee.**

ROYAL E. GOULD,

ENOCH F. PILSBURY,

JOHN TUCK.

**School Agents.**

DISTRICT No. 1.	THOMAS KUMERY.
" 2.	JUSTUS HILL.
" 3.	UBED HOOPER.
" 4.	{ ROYAL E. GOULD,
	{ E. F. PILSBURY,
	{ JOHN TUCK.
" 6.	NATHANIEL WILSON.
" 7.	CHARLES A. TARBOX
" 8.	DANIEL HOLMAN.
" 9.	LEWIS A. DAVIS.
" 10.	JAMES O. BENSON.
" 11.	GEORGE I. GOLDTHWAIT.
" 12.	JOSEPH GILMAN.
" 13.	JOSEPH M. HILL.

**Commissioners of Streets and Roads.**

Street Comr.	District No. 4,	CHARLES H. BRAGDON.
Road "	Pool District,	JOHN H. HUSSEY.
" "	Oak Ridge District,	JOTHAM DAVIS
" "	River Road District,	BENJAMIN ROBERTS.
" "	Ward 7 Western Div.,	EBENEZER EMERSON.
" "	Ward 7 Eastern Div.,	DANIEL O. S. HOOPER.

**Harbor Master.**

JOHN H. HUSSEY.

**Scaler of Weights and Measures.**

NATHANIEL WILSON.

**Superintendent of Burials.**

AMZI L. AYER.

**City Marshal.**

TIMOTHY ELLIOTT.

**Police Officers and Night Watch.**

BENJAMIN A. KINISON,	JOHN HANSON,
HENRY C. FOLEY,	NICHOLAS O'BRIEN,
ARTHUR RICKER.	

**Special Policemen.**

Henry E. Smith,	Charles B. Berry,
James E. Carter,	Frank Greenwood,
Frank Irish,	Wm. H. Anthoine,
Frank Emerson,	Jeremiah McCarty.
Benjamin Ross,	Robert O'Brien,
James E. Gowen,	Charles M. McKenney,
Joseph B. Richards,	Joseph Lavigne,
Jeremiah Rogers,	David Morris,
Alexandre Velandre,	George W. Eryant,
William E. Tileston,	George S. Peterson,
Ira B. Ramsdell,	Jonathan Hill,
Louis Rose,	Roscoe F. Jelleson,
William H. Goodwin,	James Owens,
John Moody,	Isaac Staples,
Charles H. Gowen.	

**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 W. Hanson,	Charles E. Pilsbury,
John M. Goodwin,	William H. Hanson,
Daniel Cote,	Nathan D. Witham,
Octavius 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,
Harden Taylor,	Charles A. Wardwell,
Samuel Hanson,	Simon S. Andrews,
George Clark,	Joseph Etchells,
Henry N. Hooper,	Tristram Goldthwait,
Charles L. Gilpatrick,	James Costello,
Owen Smith.	

**Surveyors of Logs.**

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



# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

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## **On Finance.**

The Mayor,	Councilman Geo. N. Ward,
Alderman R. H. Ingersoll,	“ Geo W. Donnell.

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## **On Accounts.**

Alderman C. H. Leighton,	Councilman C. P. Emery,
	“ E. R. Clark.

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## **On Public Property.**

The Mayor,	Councilman C. O. Milliken,
Alderman R. H. Ingersoll,	“ C. H. Parcher.

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## **On Public Instruction and City Library.**

The Mayor,	Councilman Simon Newcomb,
Alderman Wm. H. Hanson,	“ Herschell Boynton.
	“ J. S. Lunt.

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## **On Fire Department.**

The Mayor,	Councilman Albert Allen,
Alderman Z. R. Folsom,	“ George Emery,
“ Carlos Heard,	“ J. B. Bunker.

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## **On Printing.**

Alderman J. B. Goldthwait,	Councilman W. F. Smith,
	“ R. P. Robinson.

**On Poor.**

The Mayor,	Councilman Patrick Murphy,
Alderman Alfred Goodwin,	" L. H. Rumery,
" J. B. Goldthwait,	" J. H. Robbins.

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**On Ordinances.**

The Mayor,	Councilman Melville Woodman,
"	" Horace Hill.

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**On Streets, Sewers, Drains and Street Lights.**

The Mayor,	Councilman G. W. Ward,
Alderman Wm. H. Hanson,	" J. H. Whitten,
" Z. R. Folsom,	" C. H. Parcher,
	" C. O. Milliken.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

**On Elections.**

Aldermen R. H. Ingersoll, Wm. H. Hanson,  
Z. R. Folsom.

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**On Police.**

The Mayor, Aldermen Alfred Goodwin, Charles H.  
Leighton, J. B. Goldthwait.

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**On Licences.**

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

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**On Enrolled Bills.**

Aldermen J. B. Goldthwait, Z. R. Folsom, Charles H. Leighton.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

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**On Elections and Returns.**

Councilmen James H. Robbins, Reuben P. Robinson,  
Charles H. Parcher.

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**On Enrolled Bills.**

Councilmen Herschell Boynton, Charles O. Milliken,  
George N. Ward.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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*To the Hon. Boards of Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council :*

Pursuant to the requirements of law and custom I have the honor to submit for your consideration my annual report of the condition of the Department, embodying in detail an account of the duties performed by it during the year just past. Also an inventory of property belonging to the Department and the location of the same. You will also find a list of the fires and alarms to which the Department responded during the year. This has been a very favorable year, and the losses from fire have been very small.

The Department has been called out thirty nine times to twenty-four fires and fifteen false alarms. The alarms were mostly given from fires just out of the city.

#### APPARATUS.

The apparatus consist as follows :

2 Steam Fire Engines, locate 1 on Washington street. 1 Hook and Ladder Truck on Main street.

All the apparatus is in good working order. The Hose Carriages having been repaired are now as good as new.

The horses in the Department are in good working order, a new pair having been bought during the year for the Richard Vines, the old ones not being heavy enough for fire duty. During the year one of the new horses has been off duty 2 days for sickness caused by change of feed and climate. The horses on the Eben Simpsons have not been off duty during the year.

#### HOSE DEPARTMENT.

The Hose Department is not in as good condition as it should be. We have purchased during the year 1,000 feet of new

cotton rubber lined hose and condemned 1,000 feet of old leather hose, leaving 3,050 feet of hose now in use, and 600 feet of old rubber hose fit for filling reservoirs from hydrants. The 2,050 feet of leather hose now in use is not trustworthy, therefore we recommend the purchase of 1,500 feet of new cotton rubber lined hose at once.

The manual force of the Department consists of 1 Chief Engineer, 2 Assistant Engineers, Steam Fire Engine No. 1, 19 men, Steam Fire Engine No. 2, 19 men, 1 Hook and Ladder Truck, 22 men.

#### BUILDINGS.

During the year we have had the stables in rear of Engine Houses raised 18 inches, new sills, floors and stalls put in, with windows in the cellar for ventilation. No. 1 Engine House has had a new board floor and piers underneath, but as the sills are 8 inches under ground and all rotten, the building should be raised 1 foot and new sills and floors laid.

No. 2 Engine House is in a bad condition. The sills and floor timbers are rotten and the building sets so low that water runs in from the street on the floor in wet weather. The building should be raised 1 foot and new sills and timbers put in.

The Hook and Ladder House is in a bad condition also, being lower than the sidewalk, and should be raised ten inches or more.

I would respectfully call your attention to this branch of the Department, the Hook and Ladder Truck. The house is too far from the central part of the city to make it as efficient as it should be. With a fire in the upper part of a building, the rooms full of smoke, it is impossible to do anything without ladders, and two or three minutes' time gives a fire an advantage hard to overcome. This Truck should be drawn by a horse if it remains in its present locality.

We have had a storehouse built on Washington street for carts, sleds and sprinkler, a building which the Department has been much in need of a few years past.

#### RESERVOIRS AND HYDRANTS.

We have during the year put in a new hydrant at the head of Washington street, and repaired the one at the foot of the street,

and would recommend that one or two hydrants be put in near the City Building ; would also recommend that a new reservoir be built at the corner of Harvey and Cutts streets ; another at or near Five Points, so called.

Now another great disadvantage we have in this city when there is a fire is the time it takes the officers to get to the bell, they sometimes having a great distance to run, the steamers sometimes getting out before the bell rings, and not enough men on hand to man them properly This could be changed to our advantage by placing a new bell on the City Building.

And, gentlemen, as we have passed through the year without anything serious happening you will please accept my thanks for the courtesies which you have shown me and the other members of the Department, and I would also thank the Police Department for the promptness that has been shown by them at all times and the assistance rendered the Department in the discharge of their duties ; and I wish particularly to return my thanks to those who have been my Assistants, for the many duties which they have performed and their kindness toward me. Also to all the officers and members of the Department for their willingness to obey all orders and the promptness that has been shown by them during the past year ; and I hope in the years hat are to come you may be as successful in coping with that devouring element as you have been in the year just past.

S. P. ADAMS,

Chief Engineer Biddeford Fire Department.

BIDDEFORD, January 31, 1878.

## LOCATION OF RESERVOIRS AND HYDRANTS.

### RESERVOIRS.

No. 1.	Sullivan street, corner of Bacon street.				
2.	Oak	"	near corner of	Pool street.	
3.	Hill	"	"	Main	"
4.	Pool	"	"	Hill	"
5.	Bacon	"	"	Foss	"
6.	Birch	"	"	Summer street.	

7. Foss street School house yard.
8. Alfred " near corner of Birch street.
9. " " " " Pool "
10. Franklin " " Alfred street.
11. Main " corner of Washington street.
12. Washington street, near corner of Jefferson street.
13. Main " " " Lincoln "
14. South " " " Jefferson "
15. Green " " Birch street.
16. Elm " " corner of South street
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 Main street.
6. " " " Alfred street.

## DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF ENGINEER, SILAS P. ADAMS.

1ST ASSISTANT, CHAS. H. BROWN.

2ND ASSISTANT, GEORGE HARRIMAN.

## RICHARD VINES, No 1

Foreman, A. P. ROSE.	Assistant, CHAS. HOYL.
Clerk, T. W. GREENE.	Engineer, JAMES HUNT.
Fireman, F. L. HAMMOND.	Driver, H. W. GOODWIN.
Pipemen, C. H. BLOOD, M. NEWELL.	

*Hosemen.*—E. Baker, A. Haley, G. Dean, Wm. Folsom, D. Morris, H. G. Leighton, John Dean, E. B. Clark, H. Tarbox, T. Hanson, E. Coffin, Jr.

## EBEN SIMPSON, No. 2.

Foreman, G. W. BRYANT. Assistant, A. V. HUTCHINSON.  
 Clerk, CLARENCE M. WATSON. Engineer, J. HENEY.  
 Fireman, C. GOODWIN. Driver, J. EMERY.  
 Pipemen, W. DAVIS, W. H. GOODWIN.

*Hosemen*.—W. H. Goodridge, M. Hallet, W. Hencles, J. Emerson, J. White, J. Finnard, S. W. Hubbard, D. Elliott, J. E. Gowen, A. Dennett.

## GEN. CANBY HOOK AND LADDER CO., No 1.

Foreman, JOHN CASEY. Assistant, JAMES MCGEE.  
 Clerk, JOHN PINDERGAST. Steward, JOHN DOYLE.

*Hook and Ladder men*.—J. Hussey, J. Hackett, Wm. Hurley, J. Donovan, M. Murphy, W. Whalen, E. Petty, J. Morgan, M. Neary, E. Rinisc, J. Rinisc, C. Petty, J. Neary, J. Laffin, J. Finley, S. Kerwin.

## FIRES AND ALARMS.

Feb.	10,— 9.30 P. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.
Feb.	14,—10.30 P. M.	Fire in B. Hamilton's barn, near City Farm. Department out.
Feb.	18,—12 40 A. M.	Fire in Exchange Block store occupied by A. L. Oakes. Damage slight. Department out.
March	20,— 7.30 P. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.
April	3,—11.45 P. M.	Fire on Birch street, in woodshed of N. O. Kendall's. All consumed. Department out.
April	15,— 2.30 A. M.	Fire at depot, car of cotton. Damage slight. Department out.
April	16,— 3.30 A. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.
April	25,— 5.30 P. M.	False alarm in Saco. Department out.
May	10,— 5 P. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.
May	14,— 7.30 P. M.	Fire in Greenough & Brackett's window. Damage slight. Department out.



May	17,— 8.20 P. M.	False alarm in Saco. Department out.
June	28,— 9 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
June	29,— 10.40 P. M.	Fire in Andrews' blacksmith shop, Pool street. Department out.
July	4,— 6 P. M.	Fire in Thompson house on Pool street. Department out.
July	6,— 10.30 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
July	11,— 9 P. M.	Fire in Jelleson's house on Sullivan street. Partially consumed. Department out.
Aug.	2,— 5 A. M.	Fire in Shaw's Court. Damage slight. Department out.
Aug.	7,— 8.30 P. M.	Fire in barn near North Chapel. Department out.
Aug.	30,— 9.40 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Sept.	2,— 11 A. M.	Fire in Shaw's Block, Boston Boot and shoe store. Department out.
Sept.	6,— 12.10 A. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.
Sept.	7,— 12.15 A. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Sept.	7,— 10.30 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Sept.	13,— 10 P. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.
Sept.	18,— 3 A. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.
Sept.	26,— 7.35 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Sept.	27,— 8.30 A. M.	Fire in storehouse of Water Power. Lincoln street. Department out.
Oct.	4,— 8.30 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Oct.	21,— 8 P. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.
Nov.	11,— 12.15 A. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Nov.	16,— 9.50 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Nov.	17,— 9.50 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Nov.	25,— 4.5 A. M.	Fire in Anthoine's Block. Damage slight. Department out.
Dec.	8,— 1.20 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.

Dec.	13,—	8.40 P. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.
Dec.	29,—	9 15 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Jan.	4,—	4.38 P. M.	False alarm. Department out.
Jan.	15,—	6.15 P. M.	Fire in picker on the Pepperell. Damage slight. Department out.
Jan.	27,—	8 P. M.	Fire in Saco. Department out.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Property report the following as a full schedule of the property belonging to the city Jan. 31, 1878, with their appraisal of its value :

City Building and Lot,	\$80,000 00
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#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Eben Simpson Engine House and Lot,	\$4,500 00
Richard Vines Engine House and Lot,	4,300 00
Stable and Outbuildings with Lot,	1,000 00
Storage Building (new) for Carts, etc.,	200 00
Steamer Richard Vines,	4,250 00
Steamer Eben Simpson,	4,250 00
Hook and Ladder Truck with apparatus,	700 00
Pioneer Hand Fire Engine,	200 00
4 Sets Double Harnesses,	175 00
4 Horses,	1,000 00
1 Sprinkler,	200 00
2 Dump Carts,	290 00
2 Sets Sleds,	55 00
2 Snow Ploughs,	125 00
Chains,	10 00
Hay Cutter, Feed Box and Stable Tools,	30 00
5 Stoves,	100 00
2,050 Feet Leather Hose,	2,700 00
1,000 Feet Cotton Rubber Lined Hose, (new),	1,000 00
600 Feet Old Rubber Hose,	300 00
	\$25,185 00

## PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

City Farm,	\$10,000 00
Household Furniture on Farm,	700 00
Provisions and Household Supplies,	450 00
Coal,	12 00
12 Cords of Wood,	48 00
100 Bushels Oats,	45 00
500 lbs. Shorts,	6 25
28 Tons Hay,	426 00
2 Tons Oat Straw,	20 00
35 Cords Manure,	140 00
8 Cows and Heifers,	460 00
8 Hogs,	125 00
17 Fowl,	3 25
3 Horses,	325 00
1 One Horse Wagon,	55 00
1 Two Horse Wagon,	50 00
1 Tip Cart,	15 00
2 Riding Wagons,	75 00
2 Double Sleds,	20 00
1 Single Sled,	15 00
1 Sleigh,	15 00
2 Hay Racks,	10 00
1 Hay Cutter,	5 00
1 Horse Hoe,	5 00
1 Cultivator,	10 00
3 Harrows,	40 00
1 Mowing Machine,	25 00
1 Seed Sower,	5 00
3 Ploughs,	15 00
2 Horse Rakes,	35 00
4 Scythes and Snaths,	1 50
2 Drag Rakes,	2 00
10 Hay Forks,	4 00
3 Garden Rakes,	1 00
9 Hoes,	3 00

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$13,167 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$13,167 00
4 Manure Forks,	2 00
6 Shovels,	5 00
9 Rakes,	2 50
4 Axes,	2 00
3 Woodsaws,	1 50
1 Handsaw,	50
1 Crowbar,	50
1 Wheelbarrow,	4 00
5 Bushel Baskets,	1 00
2 Grindstones,	5 00
1 Tackle and Fall,	8 00
1 Ten Gallon Oil Can,	1 00
7 Ox Chains,	7 00
3 Ladders,	4 00
1 Farmers Boiler,	10 00
2 Sets Double Harnesses,	60 00
2 Sets Single Harnesses,	35 00
4 Horse Blankets,	3 00
2 Whips,	1 00
2 Pairs Steelyards,	2 00
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	\$13,322 00

Your Committee report the City Farm, buildings and property on the Farm in good condition, and are pleased to testify to the judicious management for the past year by the Board of Overseers and Farm Superintendent and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gilpatrick. The house as it is at present demands your especial attention. It does not accommodate the inmates as it should ; the old and infirm being crowded into attic chambers without proper ventilation or chance for escape in case of fire.

The buildings for the Fire Department are in good condition generally, but some repairs are needed on the Richard Vines, the sills being much decayed.

During the past year the stable has been raised and put in excellent repair. Your Committee have also erected on Washington street a building for storage of Sprinkler, Carts, Sleds, &c., which were found to be decaying from exposure to the weather.

During the year your Committee sued for and obtained a writ of possession for one office in City Building, the occupant of which was some four years in arrears for rent. This office room has been painted and refitted and placed at the disposal of the Committee on Public Library.

The Clerk's and Treasurer's offices have been painted, carpeted, re-furnished, and needed improvements made in the Post Office, City Marshal's office and rooms occupied by the First National Bank.

In the City Hall two of the three set of double iron doors have been changed to swing outward instead of inward as before. Though expensive it was thought trifling to compare with what might occur in case of a panic with an audience in the hall.

Thus we have reported most of the principal points which the Committee has been called upon to deal with the year past.

A. PIERCE,  
JOHN B. GOLDTHWAIT,  
SAMUEL G. TWAMBLEY,  
W. F. HUTCHINGS.

# REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

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*To the City Council of the City of Biddeford.*

GENTLEMEN:—It becomes my duty to report to you the operations of the Police Department for the year past, and in accordance with that duty I beg leave to submit the following report:

The regular force during the year has been a Deputy Marshal and five patrolmen, the Deputy and one patrolman serving by day and four patrolmen serving as night watch.

The special police duty has been light, being two specials serving from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. each Sabbath, and one special acting as officer of the hall. A large force of men were employed during the celebration of the fourth of July, and some special duty was required during the prevalence of the small pox last spring.

To the casual observer the amount expended and the number of men employed may seem large, yet knowing as I do in some measure the various duties to be attended to and the calls made upon the Department, I think I may safely say that for the number and character of the population of this city the expenditures in the Police Department will rank among the most economical of any city in New England.

The whole number of arrests for the year were 135, for the following causes:

Vagrancy,	40
Intoxication,	26
Assault and Battery,	22
Larceny,	20
Disturbing Peace,	6
Night Walking,	5

Violation of Lord's Day,	3
False Alarms of Fire,	3
Robbery from the Person,	2
Receiving Stolen Goods,	2
Malicious Mischief,	1
Fast Driving,	1
Truancy,	1
Compound Larceny,	1
Highway Robbery,	1
Adultery.	1

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Total,

135

Stolen property to the amount of \$316.00 has been recovered and restored to the owners. The number lodged at the station for the year has been 654; the largest number any one night, 20, Dec. 20, 1877. As will be seen above, of this number 40 have been taken before the court on the charge of vagrancy, and the most of them sentenced to Alfred or Portland for the period of 30 days, the longest time allowed by law. It seems to me that one of the most pressing needs of this County is a work house located in this city or Saco where the "*traveling gentry*" (and other criminals) can be made to work, thus earning a portion, at least, of their living during their confinement, and at the same time receive a measure of punishment, and the public become rid of one of the worst nuisances of the present time, for it has been no common occurrence to have these vagrants come to me desiring to be brought before the Court and sent to Alfred during the continuance of the cold weather, they well knowing that there they would receive good board and lodging, and at the same time not have any work to do, this latter being a condition just suited to their natures. In conclusion, I beg leave to extend my heartfelt thanks to the officers of the Department for their courtesy and gentlemanly conduct, and the willingness with which they have executed every command. Also to the citizens, irrespective of party, for their kindness and readiness to overlook the faults committed. Hoping, gentlemen, that in the discharge of the duties of this office—which was accepted with reluctance and against my natural inclinations—I may have met with a measure of your approbation, I respectfully submit the above for your approval.

CHARLES E. HUSSEY, City Marshal.



# REPORT

## OF THE

### CITY SOLICITOR.

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

I have the honor to submit my report of the business in the office of the City Solicitor during the past municipal year.

Upon assuming the duties of my office in March, 1877, I found notices of the pending of the petitions of Thomas H. Cole, Susan Brown and Thomas G. Thornton before the Court of County Commissioners, for increase of damages for land taken in opening the road from Guinea School House to Newtown. A committee was appointed but no hearing has been had. At the May Term of the Supreme Judicial Court there were four suits pending against the city for damages claimed to have been received on defective ways, to wit: the suit of Charles A. J. Blake, claiming \$1,000 for injuries received on Alfred street; the suit of Pelome Martin, claiming \$5,000 for injuries received on Sullivan street; the suit of Hiram Chase, for injuries received on West street, claiming \$100; and the suit of Maria L. Ford, claiming \$15,000 damages for injuries received on Jefferson street. The suit of Blake was adjusted without cost to the city at the September Term. The Martin suit is still pending. The Chase suit was settled for \$60 including costs.

The most important pending suit was Mrs. Ford's. At the September Term at Alfred, after a trial of several days, the jury disagreed. At the January Term, 1878, the case was tried the second time at Saco, many witnesses being called by each party. The jury finally returned a verdict against the city with damages fixed at \$1,200. By order of the Mayor I filed a motion to set aside the verdict on the ground that it was against

law and evidence and the weight of evidence, and I also filed exceptions which were allowed by the Court. The case now stands to be entered at the Law Term in July, 1878, for argument upon the questions of law thus raised. The preparation for the trial of the Ford case involved many days labor in the investigation of the facts. So many months had elapsed before it came to my hands that it was a work of extremest difficulty to find witnesses cognizant of the facts concerning the matters in issue.

Before the first trial, many who knew important facts kept silent and I only learned by accident or extensive inquiry that they were material witnesses. The labor of preparation was greater than the work at the trial. It is an avoidance of a plain duty on the part of a citizen of the city to suppress or neglect to make known important facts which the interests of the city require should be published, because by so doing the rights of the people are jeopardized and the difficulties in the way of obtaining justice greatly increased.

The expenses in the trials of the Ford case were quite heavy, but not more so than in the suits of private individuals involving matters of so much importance.

After the first trial the citizens began to manifest an interest in the result of this suit and this interest constantly increased up to the time of the verdict, and it was apparently the wish of a large majority of our people that the case should be carried to the full Court. The expenses of additional counsel fees which would ordinarily be incurred in the trial of similar causes have been avoided.

I have spent much time in investigating the facts involved in the other suits now pending against the city, and can give to my successor information of much value whenever he is required to prepare them for trial. Upon the written order of the Mayor proceedings were instituted against S. P. McKenney to recover possession of the office occupied by him in City Building. Judgment for possession was obtained in the Municipal Court of Saco, a writ of possession issued and the city put in possession, but the suit is now pending on McKenney's appeal in the Supreme Court. I also began a suit in the Supreme Judicial

Court, entered at the January Term, 1878, against Mr. McKenney to recover for about three and one-half years rent of his office, which has never been collected, and the suit is now pending. There are no other suits pending for or against the city.

Many matters not of general interest have been disposed of during the past year, and the office of the City Solicitor has not been a *sinecure*.

In conclusion I acknowledge my indebtedness to the Mayor for intelligent and prompt support in my endeavors to maintain the legal rights of the city.

Very respectfully,

WILBUR F. LUNT.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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

GENTLMEN:—The Overseers of the Poor, submit the following report of the expenditures of the Pauper Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1878.

Amount appropriated by the City Council,	\$8,000 00	
Amount expended, deducting credits,	7,097 90	
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Unexpended balance,		\$902, 10
Divided as follows:		
Expended on account of City Farm,	\$3,151 64	
Less credits as follows:		
Produce sold from Farm,	\$717 76	
Labor of teams on highway,	321 00	
Hay sold Fire Department,	111 58	
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	\$1,150 34	
Total expense of Farm,		\$2001 30
Expended away from Farm,	\$5,572 82	
Less credits as follows:		
Reimbursements from other Towns,	\$291 51	
Highway Dist. 4, (labor of Paupers,)	181 25	
Received from other sources,	33 29	
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	\$ 506 05	
Total expense away from Farm,		\$5,071 77

A portion of the credits of this department, to the amount of \$507 45, were not rendered to the Treasurer until after the 31st of January, consequently they do not appear upon his books for

this year, but will be passed to the credit of this department for the following year. Therefore the total amount of expenses of this department, (deducting the credits,) according to his books is \$7,580 52.

The average number of paupers at the Farm during the year has been thirty-five. Respectfully,

WILLIAM ANDREWS, ) OVERSEERS  
THOMAS GARTLAND, } OF THE POOR.

REPORT  
OF THE  
CITY PHYSICIAN.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your City Physician would beg leave to present the following report, for the municipal year ending March, 1878 :

The whole number of persons who have received medical treatment from the city, has been one hundred and twenty-seven. Deaths during the year, six ; two at the alms-house and four in families in the city. Births during the same time, five ; one at the alms-house and four in families in the city.

In attending upon these persons, there were made five hundred and forty-nine visits, of which eighty-one were at the alms-house. The remaining four hundred and sixty-eight were made in families, per order of the Overseers of the Poor.

There have been also during the year, not included in the above statement, seven cases of small-pox, all of which recovered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRAUN, City Physician

R E P O R T  
OF  
STREET COMMISSIONER,  
DISTRICT No. 4.

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

I have the honor to submit herewith, a statement of the condition of the streets, sidewalks, etc., at the time of my assuming the care of the same, with a brief resume of the work and improvements, to the close of the Municipal year of 1877-87.

I found the streets generally in very bad condition, consequent upon the material out of which they had been constructed, and the heavy teaming they were constantly subjected to. Many of the streets East of Alfred St. have been built upon and in use for more than 30 years; have never been gravelled, and were quite impassable in the late fall and early spring months. To gravel these and others East of Alfred St. I have taken more than two thousand cubic yards of gravel from Alfred road, near the residence of Mr. Peaslee, thereby greatly improving that locality in the grade of the street, as well as affording the material for graveling the streets before referred to. From the Farm gravel pit many of the streets West of Alfred St., have been repaired; more would have been done but for the earnest desire to keep within the limit of the appropriation as near as possible. City Square has been widened by removing more than 300 cubic yds. of rock, at a cost of \$324.60. On Jefferson and Centre Sts. there has been taken 249 c. yds. of stone and earth, under a contract with N. F. Sawyer at a cost of \$373.50. Nearly two (2) miles of edge-stone have been set, and the walks gravelled. Jefferson Street, near the Universalist Church, has been widened and graded, under a contract with Ira Andrews, at a cost of \$330.75. A large amount of brick paving has been done on Main, Alfred and South streets, necessitating the re-setting of

edge, and in many instances the fence stone, to conform with grade of the street. Concrete walks have been laid on City Square, Alfred, Bacon and Elm Sts., also cross walks on Hooper, Thornton, Spruce, Vetromile, South and Crescent streets. Retaining walls built on Mt. Vernon, Birch and Foss Sts., and these streets filled to their proper width. Fence has been built on Main and Mt. Vernon Sts., and railing put up at Westbrook Bridge. Somes' Bridge has been repaired by three additional stringers and planking repaired; one new trestle put under the same. The Bradbury Bridge has had the planking repaired and a new truss put up to support the foot walk, and Gooch Bridge has had the planking repaired. Stone drains have been put in Gould's hill on Alfred Street, plank drains built on Alfred and Hill Sts.

471 feet of 18 in. Cement Pipe Drain on Summer Street.							
263	"	12	"	"	"	"	Alfred "
100	"	8	"	"	"	"	Pike "
144	"	"	"	"	"	"	Cross "
270	"	8	"	"	"	"	Lincoln & Main Sts.
45	"	8	"	"	"	"	Main St. Miss Day's.
30	"	8	"	"	"	"	Cutts St.
350	"	10, 12	"	"	"	"	West Cutts St.
210	"	12	"	"	"	"	Elm above South.
250	"	12	"	"	"	"	Pool to drain on Alfred St.

For the cost of the above work I have to refer you to report of Committee on Finance, under date of February 1st, 1878.

Very respectfully submitted,

LEONARD ANDREWS,

Com'r of Streets, Dist. No. 4.



# REPORT

## OF THE

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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*To the Honorable City Council :*

The undersigned Library Committee for the current year, beg leave to report the condition of library as found by them, and its present condition after much earnest thought and labor have been expended upon it.

When we took charge of the matter it had been closed to the public nearly if not quite two years, and the room occupied by it had been divided and a portion devoted to another purpose. The books were in a sad condition, nearly all needing covering, many out of the binding, with leaves torn and some gone, making them unfit for further use.

We were at a loss for a long time what to do about it, but at last concuded to use the appropriation, \$200, for the preservation of the books for future use.

During the summer a careful hand was set at work to examine the books, with instructions to throw out such as was beyond redeeming, and to make a minute of broken sets—so if possible they might be replaced—also, to cover those needing it. When the above instructions had been carried out, it was found that about 2800 books were left, nearly if not quite two-thirds having been newly covered. At this stage of the work it was found that our appropriation was used up, so we stopped where we were. After numerous calls from our fellow citizens, we concluded to ask for an additional appropriation, and if granted we would undertake the task of opening the library to the public. At the January meeting of the City Council \$400 was asked for and it was cheerfully given. On the strength of the additional funds, the library was moved to a new and more convenient room.

This room is at the head of stairs as you go in from main entrance. For the sake of economy we used the old book cases, counters and other furniture, as far as they would go in the new room.

We found the old catalogue blind and incorrect in many respects, necessitating a new one. It was a great undertaking to prepare one, but we went to work, and you have before you the result of our labor.

There have been added nearly 100 new books, also old books repaired for use again. And from the \$400 voted we have an unexpended balance of about \$125.

This day, March 16, '78, your committee closed their labors, by opening the Library to the inspection of the public and for the circulation of books.

A. PIERCE,	}	Committee on Public Library.
ENOCH F. PILSBURY,		
A. L. AYER,		

R E P O R T  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEALTH.

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*To his Honor the Mayor and City Council of Biddeford:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Health submit the following statement of the expenditures of the Health department, for the fiscal year, ending Jan. 31, 1878.

Amount appropriated by City Council,	\$3,500 00
Bills standing unpaid against this department	
on last year's account,	\$1004 35
Amount expended this fiscal year,	1627 76
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Leaving unexpended,	\$867 89

We suggest now as heretofore, that a suitable building be erected by the city, for the accomodation and use of patients with contagious diseases, thereby saving a vast expense to the city.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WHITING, M. D.	} Board of Health.
JOHN A. TUCKER,	
FOXWELL B. STAPLES,	

# REPORT

## OF THE

### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance submit the following report of the Liabilities and Cash Assets of the City, at the close of the fiscal year, Jan. 31, 1878.

The liabilities of the City consist of:

City Bonds, (old)	\$104,200 00
City Bonds, (new)	20,000 00
Notes outstanding against the City,	55,528 00
Due the State for tax of 1877-8,	16,812 98
Due the County for tax of 1877-8,	2,983 45
Due the different School Districts,	5,748 59

Making a total of	\$205,237 02
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Cash resources:

Amount of Cash in Treasury,	\$35,868 59
Due on Tax of 1874,	57 24
“ “ “ “ 1875,	1,000 00
“ “ “ “ 1876,	9,877 93
“ “ “ “ 1877,	17,519 89
Due from the State for Schools,	5,537 37
Due from Rents of City Building,	808 82

Making a total of	\$70,669 84
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Leaving amount of City debt, less resources,	\$134,603 18
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Amount of City debt, less resources, Jan. 31, 1877,	\$137,011 56
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1878,	134,603 18

Actual reduction of debt the past year,	\$ 2,408 38
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Your committee would also report that the Ten Year Bonds, to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, which the City Council ordered issued at five per cent interest. to fund outstanding demand notes bearing six per cent interest. have all been taken at a premium and the proceeds used for the purpose above mentioned. Several notes bearing six per cent interest have been replaced with notes at a much lower rate, thus saving quite an amount annually in interest.

On another page we give the Bonds outstanding, and time when the different amounts are payable.

A. PIERCE,	}	Joint Standing Com. on Finance.
ENOCH F. PILSBURY.		
J. R. LIBBY,		

## BONDS OUTSTANDING.

### AMOUNTS.

\$ 200 00  
 29,500 00  
 31,000 00  
 2,500 00  
 41,000 00  
 20,000 00

### WHEN PAYABLE.

October 1st, 1879.  
 May 1st, 1880.  
 July 1st, 1881.  
 October 1st, 1884.  
 May 1st, 1885.  
 July 2d, 1887.



# REPORT

## OF THE

### CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

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

I submit my Report as Treasurer of the City of Biddeford, from Feb. 1, 1877, to Jan. 31, 1878.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1877,	\$ 9,927 13
Received during the year,	190,129 47
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	\$200,056 60
Paid during the fiscal year,	164,188 01
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Balance in Treasury,	\$35,868 59

THOMAS H. COLE, Treas.

Pr. A.

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

I hereby submit my Report as Collector, 1877.

Amount of City Tax, 1877,	\$ 94,488 88
“ State “ “	17,069 26
“ County “ “	5,966 91
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Total,	\$117,525 05
Amount collected to Jan. 31, 1878,	100.005 16
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Balance uncollected,	\$ 17,519 89

THOMAS H. COLE, Collector.

Pr. A.



## Dr. Thomas H. Cole, Treas., in Account with City of Biddeford.

Received balance in Treasury, Jan 31, 1877,	\$ 9,927 13
" School District No. 6, Tax, 1872,	11 29
" " " " 7, " "	12 17
" " " " 8, " "	7 38
" " " " 4, " "	101 14
" " " " 6, " 1875,	23 62
" " " " 12, " "	105 12
" " " " " " 1876,	5 36
" " " " 7, " 1877,	37 86
" Non-Residents Tax, 1874,	141 63
" " " 1875,	245 28
" " " 1876.	856 87
" Tax, 1872,	1,401 09
" " 1874,	246 02
" " 1875,	3,893 34
" " 1876,	11,025 00
" " 1877,	100,005 16
" Notes payable,	37,430 96
" City Building,	2,831 39
" " Hall,	1,059 00
" " Interest,	542 15
" Licenses,	300 00
" Fire Department,	615 50
" Pauper "	1,148 94
" Sewers and Drains,	75 00
" Highway District, No. 4,	92 87
" General Expenses,	133 74
" State Pensions	318 00
" " School Fund and State Treasurer,	7,245 94
" School District, No. 2,	96 18
" " " " 4,	24 00
" " " " 13,	70 72
" Police Department,	2 00
" Health "	18 00
" City Thatch Bed,	3 00
" New Bonded Loan,	20,000 00
" Bridges,	3 75
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	\$200,056 60

## Thomas H. Cole, Treas, in Account with City of Biddeford, Cr.

Paid Notes payable,	\$58,067 96
Pauper Department,	8,114 90
Fire " "	7,012 80
General Expense,	10,536 32
Salaries,	2,722 11
Police,	4,546 62
Interest,	11,259 40
City Building,	3,066 63
City Library,	209 52
Health Department,	2,625 76
Sewers and Drains,	3,531 32
Sidewalks,	3,411 01
Reservoirs,	254 11
Bridges,	5,660 28
State Pensions.	186 00
" Treasurer	256 28
County Treasurer,	2,983 46
Contingent Funds,	1,244 00
Discount on Taxes,	4,647 07
Highway, Ward 1, R. R. District,	720 60
" " 1, Pool " "	386 49
" " No. 4 " "	10,082 91
" Oak Ridge " "	689 12
" Ward 7, Eastern Division,	943 45
" " 7, Western " "	472 89
Abatement Tax, 1872,	8 20
" " 1875,	811 33
" " 1876,	498 98
" " 1877,	243 48
" " School Dist., No. 4, 1872.	40
Street Lights,	1,808 31
Abatement School H. District No. 6,	1 05
School House District No. 12, Tax 1875,	224 00
" " " " 2, " 1876,	145 00
Bonds,	16,516 25
Schools,	300 00
Balance Cash on hand,	35,868 59
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	\$200,056 60



REPORT  
OF THE  
CITY EXPENDITURES FOR 1877-8.

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*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, 1878, also the aggregate of unexpended balances and overdrafts.

A. PIERCE,	}	COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
ENOCH F. PILLSBURY,		
J. R. LIBBY,		

# APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1877.

	APPROPRIATIONS	RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL AMOUNT OF RESOURCES.	TRANSFERS TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS	TRANSFERS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.	Appropriations and Income with Transfers	AMOUNT EXPENDED.	OVER-DRAWN.	UNEVEXPENDED BALANCE.
Bridges, .....	1250 00	5 75	4253 75	1536 00	.....	5809 75	5782 03	.....	27 72
City Building, .....	.....	3702 80	3702 80	.....	.....	3702 80	3022 80	.....	680 00
City Library, .....	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	.....	200 00	209 52	9 52	.....
Contingent Fund, .....	4150 00	.....	4150 00	.....	2506 00	1244 00	1244 00	.....	.....
Discount on Taxes, .....	4000 00	.....	4000 00	.....	.....	4000 00	4047 07	647 07	.....
Fire Department, .....	6500 00	615 50	7115 50	.....	.....	7115 50	7034 79	.....	80 71
General Expense, .....	12608 81	973 81	13582 62	.....	2385 00	11197 62	10725 24	.....	472 38
Health Department, .....	3500 00	18 00	3518 00	.....	.....	3518 00	2632 11	.....	885 89
Highway Dist No. 4, .....	8000 00	92 87	8092 87	1950 00	.....	10042 87	10126 48	83 61	.....
Oak Ridge District, ..	550 00	.....	550 00	135 00	.....	685 00	667 06	.....	17 94
"    Ward 7 East Division, ..	890 00	.....	890 00	.....	.....	890 00	858 24	.....	31 76
"    Ward 7 West Division, ..	500 00	.....	500 00	.....	.....	500 00	487 24	.....	12 76
"    Pool District, .....	400 00	.....	400 00	.....	.....	400 00	346 90	.....	53 10
"    River Road District, ..	600 00	.....	600 00	.....	.....	600 00	649 59	49 59	.....
Interest, .....	10900 00	489 00	10489 00	.....	.....	10489 00	10778 96	289 96	.....
Pauper Department, .....	8000 00	1064 88	9064 88	.....	.....	9064 88	8199 02	.....	865 86
Police Department, .....	5000 00	2 00	5002 00	.....	.....	5002 00	4545 07	.....	456 93
Reservoirs and Hydrants, ..	500 00	.....	500 00	.....	.....	500 00	249 61	.....	250 39
Sewers and Drains, .....	3000 00	75 00	3075 00	900 00	500 00	3475 00	3551 70	76 70	.....
Sidewalks, .....	2000 00	.....	2000 00	1250 00	.....	3250 00	3411 01	161 01	.....
Salaries, .....	3500 00	.....	3500 00	.....	.....	3500 00	2722 11	.....	777 89
Street Lights, .....	2000 00	.....	2000 00	.....	.....	2000 00	1836 31	.....	163 69
Schools, .....	13500 00	7179 65	20679 65	.....	.....	20679 65	19546 45	.....	1133 20
Total, .....	\$93,648 81	\$14,217 35	107,866 16	\$5791 00	\$5791 00	107,866 16	103,273 31	1317 46	590 31

Amount of Appropriations, .....

Received from other Sources, .....

Total Income, .....

Amount Expended, .....

Unexpended Balance, .....

Deduct Unexpended balance due Schools, .....

Balance unexpended aside from Schools, .....

## CITY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1877.

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Bridges,	\$4,250 00
City Library,	200 00
Contingent Fund,	4,150 00
Discount on Taxes,	4,000 00
Fire Department,	6,500 00
General Expense,	12,608 81
Health Department,	3,500 00
Highway District No. 4,	8,000 00
"    Oak Ridge,	550 00
"    Ward 7 Eastern Division,	890 00
"    Ward 7 Western Division,	500 00
"    Pool District,	400 00
"    River Road,	600 00
Interest,	10,000 00
Pauper Department,	8,000 00
Police Department,	5,000 00
Reservoirs and Hydrants,	500 00
Sewers and Drains,	3,000 00
Sidewalks,	2,000 00
Salaries,	3,500 00
Street Lights,	2,000 00
Schools,	13,500 00
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	\$93,648 81

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

IN THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS

FOR 1877-8.

## *Bridges.*

Appropriation,	\$4,250 00	
Transferred from Contingent Fund,	556 00	
Transferred from General Expenses,	1,000 00	
Cash received,	3 75	
	<hr/>	5,809 75
Expended by warrants drawn	5,782 03	
Unexpended,	27 72	
	<hr/>	5,809 75

## *City Building.*

Income from City Hall and rents collected, &c.,		3,702 89
Expended by warrants drawn.	3,022 80	
Unexpended,	680 09	
	<hr/>	3,702 89

## *City Library.*

Appropriation,		200 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	209 52	
Overdrawn,	9 52	

## *Contingent Fund.*

Appropriation,		4,150 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	1,244 00	
Transferred to Highway District 4,	1,200 00	
"    " Sidewalks,	500 00	
"    " Sewers and Drains.	650 00	
"    " Bridges,	556 00	
	<hr/>	4,150 00

*Discount on Taxes.*

Appropriation,		4,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	4,647 07	
Overdrawn,	647 07	

*Fire Department.*

Appropriation,	6,500 00	
Received for labor of teams, &c.,	615 50	
	<hr/>	7,115 50
Expended by warrants drawn,	7,034 79	
Unexpended,	80 71	
	<hr/>	7,115 50

*General Expense.*

Appropriation,	12,608 81	
Cash received from various sources,	973 81	
	<hr/>	13,582 62
Expended by warrants drawn,	10,725 24	
Transferred to Highway, Oak Ridge,	135 00	
"    Sidewalks,	750 00	
"    Bridges,	1,000 00	
"    Sewers and Drains,	250 00	
"    Highway, Dist. No. 4.	250 00	
Unexpended balance,	472 38	
	<hr/>	13,582 62

*Health Department.*

Appropriation,	3,500 00	
Cash received for Licences,	18 00	
	<hr/>	3,518 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	2,632 11	
Unexpended,	885 89	
	<hr/>	3,518 00

*Highway, District No. 4.*

Appropriation,	8,000 00	
Cash received,	92 87	
Transferred from Sewers and Drains,	500 00	
"    "    Contingent Fund,	1,200 00	
"    "    General Expense,	250 00	
	<hr/>	10,042 87
Expended by warrants drawn,	10,126 48	
Overdrawn,	83 61	



*Highways, Oak Ridge.*

Appropriation,	550 00	
Transferred from General Expense,	135 00	
	<hr/>	685 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	667 06	
Unexpended,	17 94	
	<hr/>	685 00

*Highways, Ward 7, Eastern Division.*

Appropriation,		890 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	858 24	
Unexpended,	31.76	
	<hr/>	890 00

*Highways, Ward 7, Western Division.*

Appropriation,		500 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	487 24	
Unexpended,	12 76	
	<hr/>	500 00

*Highways, Pool District.*

Appropriation,		400 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	346 90	
Unexpended,	53 10	
	<hr/>	400 00

*Highways, River Road.*

Appropriation,		600 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	649 59	
Overdrawn,	49 59	

*Interest.*

Appropriation,	10,000 00	
Cash received on Bonds, &c.,	489 00	
	<hr/>	10,489 00

Amount of interest paid, as per Treas- urer's statement,	10,778 96	
Overdrawn,	289 96	

*Fauper Department.*

Appropriation,	8,000 00	
Sales from Farm and labor of teams,	1,064 88	
	<hr/>	9,064 88
Expended by warrants drawn,	8,199 c 2	
Unexpended,	865 86	
	<hr/>	9,064 88

*Police Department.*

Appropriation,	5,000 00	
Cash received,	2 00	
	<hr/>	5,002 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	4,545 07	
Unexpended,	456 93	
	<hr/>	5,002 00

*Reservoirs and Hydrants.*

Appropriation,		500 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	249 61	
Unexpended,	250 39	
	<hr/>	500 00

*Sewers and Drains.*

Appropriation,	3,000 00	
Transferred from Contingent Fund,	650 00	
“ “ General Expense,	250 00	
Cash received for Sewer Entrances,	75 00	
	<hr/>	3,975 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	3,551 70	
Transferred to Highway, District No. 4,	500 00	
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	4,051 70	
Overdrawn,	76 70	

*Sidewalks.*

Appropriation,	2,000 00	
Transferred from Contingent Fund,	500 00	
“ “ General Expense,	750 00	
	<hr/>	3,250 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	3,411 01	
Overdrawn,	161 01	

*Salaries.*

Appropriation,		3,500 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	2,722 11	
Unexpended,	777 89	
	<hr/>	3,500 00

*Street Lights.*

Appropriation,		2,000 00
Expended by warrants drawn,	1,836 31	
Unexpended,	163 69	
	<hr/>	2,000 00

*Schools.*

Appropriation,	13,500 00	
Amount received from State,	7,179 65	
	<hr/>	20,679 65
Expended by warrants drawn,	19,546 45	
Unexpended,	1,133 20	
	<hr/>	20,679 65

## ITEMS OF GENERAL EXPENSE

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Simeon P. McKenney, Val. Com., 1876,	\$139 50
Joshua Moore, " " "	55 00
J. W. Fairfield, " " "	55 00
Abijah Tarbox, " " "	55 00
Zopher R. Folsom, " " "	48 00
Timothy Shaw, Jr., Assessor of 1875,	346 25
John H. Burnham, Service on Com., 1876,	90 00
C. H. Nelson, " " " "	15 00
Joseph Newcomb, Rent of Ward Room,	15 00
John M. Goodwin, Services in various suits, 1876,	129 00
William Boston. Street Lights,	120 00
Josiah Drew, Costs of suit Haley vs. Drew,	18 57
J. N. Coffin, Services taking care of Hall,	20 85
John Ham, Salary and serving notices,	65 50
Fairfield & Hill, Wood for Assessors' office, 1876,	3 50
E. W. Wedgwood, Making deeds,	6 35
G. C. Libby, Repairs on Street Lights, 1876,	69 50
W. A. Chadbourne, Truant Officer, 1876,	36 00
M. E. Curtis, Service Com., 1876,	10 00
Hardy Machine Co., Repairs on Street Lights, 1876.	22 13
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., Street Lights,	89 69
Stephen Gowen, Coach to funeral,	5 00
Oren A. Nason, Work on New Road,	1 25
Mark Proctor, " " " "	1 25
Wm. B. Nason, " " " "	7 50
Arthur N. Curtis, " " " "	1 25
Samuel Tripp, Salary and recording oaths, marriages, &c.,	96 90
J. M. Dearing, for Coffin, robe, &c.,	12 50
Isaac Bickford, Land damage,	50 00
Charles E. Cole,	10 00
Royal E. Gould, Labor in Clerk's office, 1876,	24 00
F. S. Warren, City Physician,	37 50
C. A. Wardwell, Soda, soap, &c.,	1 06
Ivory Littlefield, Land damage, New Road, 1876,	100 00
F. C. Bryant, Ice,	7 00
Daniel Ross, Cleaning outbuilding,	5 00
Twambley & Cleaves, Repairing clocks,	4 00
Samuel Thurston, for Desk,	150 00

*Amount carried forward,*

\$1,924 05

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,924 05
Dresser, McLellan & Co., Books,	5 80
James Smith, for Ward Room,	8 00
State Reform School,	66 00
B. F. Hamilton, Stamps, envelopes, &c.,	108 92
Saco & Biddeford Gas Co., Gas in Armory,	25 83
J. B. Bunker, Carrying and returning check lists, Ward 1,	9 00
S. W. Luques & Co., Rent of Armory,	350 00
M. Watson & Sons, Printing,	190 67
Wm. S. Noyes, " "	260 25
C. E. Hussey, Expense carrying insane persons to Augusta,	89 77
E. F. Pillsbury, Books and stationery,	135 67
R. H. Ford, Expense to Alfred for copy of record,	6 00
Leonard Andrews, Expense to Lewiston,	5 90
Redlon & Co., Brooms,	6 75
P. C. Stone, Binding Reports,	12 50
City of Lewiston, Expense of insane person,	41 00
Dr. H. E. Hill, Examination of insane persons,	5 00
City of Calais, Expense of insane person,	245 50
A. J. Small, Printing,	50 05
Luther Bryant, Ward Room,	5 00
Saco Water Power Co., Water for streets, 1876,	75 00
A. Pierce, Expense to Boston for hose,	10 30
Sheridan Post, 28 G. A. R.,	200 00
Elisha Ayer, Repairs on Cemetery,	42 00
James M. Fernald, Maine Registers,	6 25
James Slade, Surveying streets,	733 82
F. Meeds, Boarding agent of fire alarm,	2 00
Jere. Rogers, Watchman at covered bridge,	172 19
C. P. Berry, Paid for pens,	7 00
J. S. Grant, Boxing trees on streets,	32 35
Will A. Woods, " " " "	19 50
J. R. Libby, Treas. of Com. on fourth of July celebra- tion,	500 00
Cape Elizabeth, Expense at Reform School,	13 00
George W. Harriman, Boarding tramps,	7 50
Eastern Argus, Printing notice to contractors,	3 00
Samuel Tripp, Assistance preparing Report, 1876,	15 00
Insane Hospital,	1046 95
J. T. Mason, Painting,	36 81
R. T. Larrabee, Teams for Committees,	61 75
N. W. Kendall, Stationery and books,	21 75
J. G. Dearing, Lumber for Cemetery,	31 65
C. P. Berry, Work on Mayor's books,	50 00

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*Amount carried forward,* \$6,639 48

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,639 48
W. F. Lunt, Expense in various suits vs. city,	80 22
“ “ “ Ford suit vs. city,	784 52
Hardy Machine Co., Piping for watering trough,	102 76
A. C. Tuxbury, Pickets for boxing trees,	13 24
I. Shevenell, Hauling water,	3 50
F. M. Burnham, Stationery, &c.,	35 22
J. Hobson, Lumber for trees and building carriage shed,	72 65
Valentine Free, Coloring cloth for hearse,	2 50
John Hanscom, Printing,	52 25
C. S. Patten, Work on Treasurer's books,	21 00
T. H. Cole, Expense negotiating loan on City Bonds,	25 00
R. H. Ford, Work in Assessors' office,	30 00
D. C. Tapley, Repairs on hearse,	4 15
E. Aubrey, Painting and repairs on hearse,	16 00
T. L. Merrill, Com. service,	37 50
W. Lester Watson, Printing,	24 75
Chas. E. Hussey, Serving notices and summons,	19 00
John Rouke, Damage to wagon,	5 00
A. H. Jelleson, for Ward Room,	10 00
J. E. Butler & Co., Printing,	62 95
John R. Staples, for Graveling new road,	100 00
Marston & Durgin, Bricks for watering trough,	4 20
F. G. Warren, for Ward Room,	11 00
Greenough & Co., Directories,	9 00
Geo. O. Worcester, Atlas,	10 00
Samuel Parsons, Posting notices,	9 00
A. M. Kimball, Repairing wagon,	1 75
J. F. Goldthwait, Assessor,	370 25
Jas. G. Garland, “	380 55
J. H. Fogg, “	282 50
John P. Ward, Carrying and returning check list	
Ward 1,	6 00
Asa R. Bryant, Trimming trees,	7 50
Owen Smith, Service on Committees and expense to	
Lewiston,	50 00
Amos L. Allen, for Copy of Report of County Com-	
missioners on B. & M. R. R. crossing,	1 56
W. T. Hayward, Dress for Mrs. Bates,	99
E. Simpson, Repairing harness,	1 25
Libby & Golding, Hat for Mrs. Bates,	2 00
E. H. McKenney, Ford suit vs. city,	30 00
C. P. Berry, Copying plans of Alfred street,	9 00
John T. Smith, Committee, 1876,	25 00
John Q. Adams, “ “	10 00

*Amount carried forward,*

\$9,363 24

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$9,363 24
J. R. Libby, Shawl for Mrs. Bates,	5 00
Jesse Gould, Val. Com., 1876,	15 75
Gooch & Haines, Watering trough, boundary posts and paving stones,	162 50
B. A. Kennison, Truant Officer,	6 50
John H. Small, Insurance,	30 00
W. H. & L. G. Hanson, Lumber for carriage shed,	33 15
Pay Roll,	7 50
C. K. Banks, Lumber,	26 84
A. E. Libby, Labor on carriage house,	20 81
John Moody, " " " "	20 81
W. F. Hutchins, " " " "	26 25
J. N. Anthoin, Nails, hardware, &c.,	12 44
Dr. John Parker, Examination of insane person,	2 00
Simon Fenson, Land damage, location of new road, 1876,	200 00
Dr. A. Brawn, Examination and attendance, insane person,	5 00
B. F. Gowen, Damage to carriage,	5 00
Amos L. Allen, Costs in suit, Randall et al. vs. city,	199 80
G. A. & T. A. Hobbs, Printing,	42 75
Libby & Ayer, Coffin, &c.,	12 00
J. R. Libby, Service on Com. and expenses,	84 25
George E. Corliss, Service on Com.,	25 00
J. M. Dearing, Filing saw,	25
Ivory Phillips, Boots and shoes, insane person,	4 50
Daniel Boulter, Land damage,	15 00
Charles H. Robbins, Back bounty,	152 00
Goldthwait heirs, Land damage, new road, 1876,	90 00
Allen Brothers, Stamp for Treasurer office,	7 00
O. H. Staples, Clothing for Bates boy,	1 70
R. W. Randall, Matches, pails, soap, &c.,	2 70
Geo. B. Cutter, Service on Com. and expense,	75 00
A. & B. E. Cutter, Coal for Armory,	16 00
D. L. Powers, Com. service,	12 50
C. J. Emery, Examination of insane person,	4 00
Stephen Gowen, Hacks to farm,	3 00
S. G. Twambley, Com. service,	10 00
Jere. G. Shaw, " "	25 00

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