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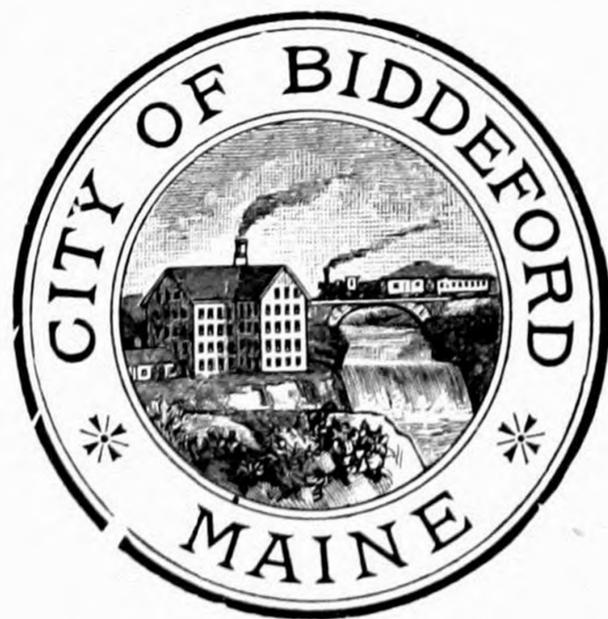
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ANNUAL REPORT  
CITY OF BIDDEFORD

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

1926-1927

TOGETHER WITH THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS



*BIDDEFORD, MAINE*  
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*1927*

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**MAYOR GEORGE C. PRECOURT**

## Mayor's Address.

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Gentlemen of the City Council:

The citizens of our city, through the medium of the ballot, have entrusted to our charge the duties of government of the municipality for the ensuing year.

We must all bear in mind this sacred principle, that the will of the majority must prevail, but I might add that only when it is right and reasonable.

You members of the city council are representative of our constituents and though, for the purpose of election, in accordance with the provisions of our charter, you are elected from a particular ward, you must have the welfare of the city as a whole in your minds and hearts, regardless of the ward you were chosen from. I believe in the principles upon which the security of our government rests, and though we are but a small part of this great Union, the same principles apply as to the local affairs.

Though elected under different political designations, the functions of government require that all political affiliations be discarded and that we devote our energy to the proper conduct of the affairs entrusted to us.

To you, then, gentlemen, who are charged with the execution of legislation, I look with encouragement for that support which may enable us to steer safely the ship of state.

Your attention is called to the following, which is but a brief outline:

### **Finances**

The finances of our city are on a shaky foundation. What the exact indebtedness is at this time I am unable

to state, but it is immaterial by whom the bills were contracted, the obligations must be met. This will have our immediate attention to the end that all may know where we stand and what course would be the wisest to pursue.

I am heartily in favor of publishing, at stated intervals, a financial statement of receipts and expenditures.

### **Fire Department**

While some additions have been made to the equipment in this department recently, it will be a vital question as to whether our financial condition will permit us to continue along the line of added improvements. I am, however, in favor of increased motorization of this department.

### **Streets**

What is the best programme for this department is problematical at this time. There is need of many improvements and these should be of a permanent nature. The usual appropriation for streets is hardly enough for maintenance, but the strictest economy will be observed here, and this can be done without serious effect. If the finances will permit, I would favor the purchase of a motorized plow and snow remover.

The work of this department is so wide and varied that it will be taken up during the coming weeks and a definite programme launched.

### **Pauper Department**

There are many people who, through force of circumstances, are in need of assistance, and a careful scrutiny of all applications for aid should be observed. Owing to the recent industrial controversy, there is, no doubt, an increased demand on this department. It is our duty to relieve the distress of any of our citizens, and it should be done in a humane manner.

The other departments I will take up with you at some future date, but I respectfully call your attention to the necessity of an appropriation for our war vet-

erans, and particularly to those members of the Grand Army, who went to the defense of the Union in 1861-65 and who are now in the sunset of their lives. On their day, the 30th of May, when they and we pay tribute to the fallen comrades we shall be able to take pride in the fact that we gave them the assistance due them.

### Schools

The education of the youth is the most important work that we will be called upon to undertake. Our public school system comes to us from the founders of this nation, and has been the bulwark of the safety of this republic.

The tendency of the present generation is to get as far away as possible from the three R's, and to introduce in their stead many innovations, the advantage of which to my mind is doubtful.

I understand that our school buildings are in good shape, and the previous administration has had constructed an annex to our present high school, and by recent vote of the committee in charge of the work, a financial report of the cost will be given us. Until that time I will refrain from making any recommendations. This department is in the hands of a board of education, and we are concerned only with the appropriation of the necessary money.

Conclusion. I fully realize that it will rarely fall to the lot of imperfect man to retire from this office with the reputation and favor which bring him into it. I ask for your confidence only as will be fair and just to our citizenry. I shall often go wrong, through defect of judgment, and when right I shall be often thought wrong by those who would put political opportunity above the welfare of the city. I ask your indulgence for my own errors, which will never be intentional, and your support against the errors of others. My future wish will be to retain the good opinion of those who have bestowed it

in advance, to be instrumental in all that is conducive to the good name of our city.

I would suggest, if possible, we should show some appreciation and pay tribute to the veterans of the World War by the erection of a suitable tablet to perpetuate the deeds of those boys and to suggest the ideal of patriotism and love of country to the future generation to the end that a government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth

# City Government.

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## Mayor

GEORGE C. PRECOURT

## City Clerk

Alfred Lantagne

## Aldermen

Ward 1—Benjamin F. Young

Ward 2—Linier Doyon

Ward 3—Joseph E. Neault

Ward 4—Amedee Hamel

Ward 5—Harry W. Foley

Ward 6—Henry Lamirande

Ward 7—John P. Darcy

## Common Councilmen

President—Alexis Bissaillon

Ward 1—Cyrille Drouin                      Harry Ward, resigned

Harry H. Gross

Ward 2—Augustin Greenwood              Henry A. Palardy

Willie Dubois

Ward 3—George Butler, 2nd.              Alexis Bissaillon

Edgar E. Martel

Ward 4—Fred S. Doyle                      Louis A. Lamarre

Ralph Duchesne

Ward 5—Alfred Lantagne, resigned      John W. Murphy

Joseph Chretien

Ward 6—George P. Gartland              Joseph J. Lachance

Arthur M. Emmons

Ward 7—Jean B. Beauchemin              Ralph E. Hight

Sylvester W. Kerwin

Clerk of Common Council—Edmour D. Cote

**Wardens**

Ward 1—Charles A. Smith

Ward 2—Henry Dehertre

Ward 3—Frank M. Small

Ward 4—Antonio Guerin

Ward 5—Philip Romeo

Ward 6—Joseph Bart

Ward 7—Alphonse E. Renouf

**Ward Clerks**

Ward 1—Edward B. Wormwood

Ward 2—Ernest E. Belanger

Ward 3—Theode Z. Langevin

Ward 4—Victor Broadhvest

Ward 5—Philip J. Poirier

Ward 6—Wilfrid Simoneau

Ward 7—Alphonse J. Petrin

**City Treasurer**

George Wilson—Resigned Dec, 27, 1926.

Arthur F. Maxwell

Elected as City Treasurer, Dec. 27, 1926.

**Tax Collector**

Jennie Cantara Nadeau

**City Solicitor**

Clarence B. Rumery

**City Physician**

R. C. Upham

**City Auditor**

Fred F. Beauregard

**Judge of Municipal Court of Biddeford**

Fillmore P. Harris

**Recorder of Municipal Court**

Guy Durgin

**Chief of Police**

Ernest H. Robbins

**Chief Engineer Fire Department**

Eugene T. Ricker

**First Assistant Engineer**

Frank Cantara

**Second Assistant Engineer**

John T. Garside

**Engineer City Building**

Arthur Grondin

**Board of Registration**

Chairman, Joseph Paquin

Charles T. Read

Ernest Petit

**Assessors**

William Cosgrove

Joseph W. Lepine

Carl W. Richards

**Chief Assessor**

Carl W. Richards

**Assistant Assessors**

Ward 1—Frank Gross

Ward 2—Ernest J. Belanger

Ward 3—Joseph Labbe

Ward 4—Stanislas Gendron

Ward 5—Albert Chretien

Ward 6—John Lynch

Ward 7—Edward M. Darcy

**Health Officer**

John W. Mahoney

**Overseers of Poor**

Municipal Officers

**Clerk of Overseers of the Poor**

Henry D. Lemire

**Superintendent City Homestead**

Noe Bergeron

**Inspector of Buildings**

William Pinette

**Superintendent of Burials**

Frederick H. Rumery

**Superintendent of Schools**

C. A. Weed

**Superintending School Committee**

Chairman, Dr. George C. Precourt

Mrs. Maud C. Kendall      John W. Robinson

Andre Painchaud      Arthur Smith

**Park Commissioners**

Hervy H. Nadeau

Dennis Sullivan

E. H. Goldthwaite

**Trustees Woodlawn Cemetery**

Dr. G. C. Precourt

Frank Nield

**Truant Officer**

Will Stone

**Police Commissioners**

Theode Sevigny

Daniel Finnell

David E. Dolloff

**City Weighers**

John Murphy

Mark Gordon

Edgar Small

Elliot R. Smith

Howard Small

Sydney A. Staples

Eugene Boisvert

Rose Gregoire

Edward Casper

Alice L. Janson

James Rankin

Alfred L'Heureux

Isabelle Benson

Ernest M. Laliberte

Irene M. Laplume

Dennis Dineen

**Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark**

Alberic Simard	Frank Dennis
Frank Precourt	Fillmore Hooper
Alfred Sicard	Henry Knight
Charles Tibbetts	William Smith
Joseph St. Ours	Fred Smith

**Street Commissioner Dist. No. 4.**

Alfred Blouin

**Road Commissioners in Outlying Districts**

Pool Road District—Orrin Edwards.  
 Pool District—George H. Orcutt.  
 Oak Ridge District—George M. Robbins.  
 Fortunes Rocks District—Roy Emmons.  
 Newton Road District—Hilaire Morin.  
 Ward 7, North Dist.—W. Hebert.  
 Ward 7, West Dist.—W. Deasey.  
 Ward 7, East Dist.—Arthur Brunelle.  
 Hollis District—J. Edwin Roberts.  
 Mountain Road District—Alfred Belanger.

**Milk Inspector**

Arthur Simard, Jr.

## Standing Committees.

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ELECTION RETURNS—Aldermen Doyon, Young and Hamel.

ENROLLED BILLS—Aldermen Neault, Foley and Lamirande.

LICENSES—Aldermen Darcy, Hamel and Doyon.

## Joint Standing Committees.

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FINANCE—The Mayor, Alderman Darcy, Councilmen Hight and Doyle.

ACCOUNTS—Aldermen Doyon, Councilmen Bissillon and Butler.

PUBLIC PROPERTY—The Mayor, Aldermen Darcy, Councilmen Kerwin, Chretien and Greenwood.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION and LIBRARY—The Mayor, Alderman Young, Councilmen Duchesne and Gartland.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—The Mayor, Aldermen Doyon and Foley, Councilmen Greenwood and Kerwin.

PRINTING—Alderman Hamel, Councilmen Lachance, Martel and Lamarre.

POOR DEPARTMENT—Aldermen Neault and Lamirande, Councilmen Murphy and Drouin.

ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Alderman Foley and Councilmen Hight and Palardy.

STREET DEPARTMENT—The Mayor, Aldermen Doyon, Darcy and Hamel, Councilmen Beauchemin, Doyon and Dubois.

# General Expense 1926-27.

## FEBRUARY

Vchr. No.	Name	Amount
1—	I. Israel, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
2—	H. Economakos, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
3—	F. E. Richardson, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
4—	Leroy Haley, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
5—	Rev. P. Dube, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
6—	Fillmore Harris, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
7—	Rev. J. J. McMullen, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
8—	Rev. W. M. Davis, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
9—	Rev. C. H. Temple, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
10—	Rev. H. L. Lemary, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
11—	J. R. Ouimet, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
12—	Rev. E. Hevey, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
13—	H. Bishop, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
14—	H. Roberts, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
15—	L. B. Walker, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
16—	C. Plummer, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
17—	G. R. Plummer, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
18—	J. A. Snow, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
19—	E. Bernard, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
20—	H. Libby, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
21—	G. E. Mossman, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
22—	E. Williams, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
23—	P. Donovan, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
24—	Rev. C. F. Bennett, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
25—	H. S. Bradley, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
26—	Rev. J. F. Brady, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
27—	N. S. Bradley, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
28—	W. Clark, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
29—	Robert Seidel, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
30—	F. E. Littlefield, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
31—	C. J. Emery Estate, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
32—	L. Adams, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
33—	E. Nichols, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
34—	R. S. Graves, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
35—	A. H. Hevey, voucher missing . . . . .	.25
36—	W. Maybury, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
37—	Rev. A. Dupre, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
38—	J. X. Martin, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
39—	Rev. J. Kalen, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
40—	H. Perry, voucher missing . . . . .	.50
41—	E. S. Hawkes, reporting one birth, one death . . . . .	.50
42—	H. C. Hamel, reporting (3) marriages . . . . .	.75
43—	Rev. C. P. Biglin, reporting (3) marriages . . . . .	.75
44—	Rev. R. G. Schell, reporting (3) mar- riages . . . . .	.75
45—	A. Constantine, reporting (3) marriages . . . . .	.75
46—	L. Baudin, reporting (3) marriages . . . . .	.75
47—	C. E. Thompson, reporting (3) deaths; (1) birth . . . . .	1.00
48—	Rev. T. J. Mahoney, reporting (5) mar- riages . . . . .	1.25
49—	A. E. Scott, reporting five marriages . . . . .	1.25
50—	Z. B. Decary, reporting five marriages . . . . .	1.25
51—	Rev. C. S. Jones, reporting five marriages . . . . .	1.25
52—	R. C. Upham, reporting five deaths . . . . .	1.25
53—	R. Hannigan, reporting five deaths . . . . .	1.25
54—	S. J. Willis, reporting (7) marriages . . . . .	1.75
55—	W. E. Sullivan, reporting seven deaths . . . . .	1.75
56—	R. Maybury, reporting 5 deaths, 2 births . . . . .	1.75
57—	F. E. Small, reporting 4 deaths, 3 births . . . . .	1.75
58—	G. R. Love, reporting 2 deaths, 7 births . . . . .	2.25
59—	Royal S. Brown, reporting 11 marriages . . . . .	2.50

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
60—	Rev. M. L. Ballou, reporting 11 marriages	2.75
61—	J. D. Haley, reporting 2 deaths, 9 births.	2.75
62—	C. Eaphes, reporting births and deaths..	4.00
63—	Rev. J. A. Laflamme, reporting nineteen marriages .....	4.75
64—	Rev. E. Nadeau, reporting 22 marriages.	5.50
65—	C. F. Traynor, reporting 20 deaths, 3 births .....	5.75
66—	H. W. Hurd, reporting births and deaths.	6.00
67—	C. C. Dennett, reporting births and deaths	6.75
68—	George Levesque, reporting 8 deaths, 19 births .....	6.75
69—	Dr. A. Darche, reporting births and deaths	7.25
70—	P. S. Hill, reporting 16 deaths, 19 births.	8.75
71—	D. E. Dolloff, reporting 27 deaths, 14 births .....	10.25
72—	Rev. A. M. Decary, reporting 45 mar- riages .....	11.25
73—	Dr. L. O. Lesieur, reporting births and deaths .....	12.25
74—	L. B. Stickney, reporting 18 deaths, 66 births .....	21.00
75—	J. R. Larochelle, reporting 39 deaths, 162 births .....	50.25
76—	G. C. Precourt, reporting 63 deaths, 111 births .....	68.50
77—	B. F. Wentworth, reporting one death...	.25
78—	C. F. Traynor, reporting two births.....	.50
79—	P. J. Farley, burying two dogs.....	1.00
80—	Biddeford Record, letter heads stock furnished .....	1.50
81—	Biddeford Record, printing plumber's license, 3 insertions .....	1.50
82—	Biddeford Journal, printing plumber's license .....	2.10
83—	H. A. Scott, auto hire .....	5.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
84—	Biddeford Record, post cards, (notice of meeting) . . . . .	5.00
85—	A. H. Hevey, voucher missing . . . . .	5.00
86—	Reny Bros., 320 seals . . . . .	5.50
87—	Old Corner Book Store, one dater . . . . .	.55
88—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg., telephone . . . . .	11.85
89—	Cumb. Co. Power Co., lights, (St. John's Hall) January to February . . . . .	14.34
90—	Cumb. Co. Power Co., lights (St. John's Hall,) Dec. to Jan. . . . .	17.39
91—	Becker & Co., office supplies . . . . .	37.80
92—	A. Desrosiers, services as dog officer . . . . .	58.00
93—	A. H. Hevey, recording 81 out-of-town deaths, 74 depositions births, 9 marriages, 2 births, recording advertised taxes, postage . . . . .	77.75
94—	Reliance Ribbon and Carbon Co., carbon paper and typewriter ribbons . . . . .	84.00
95—	J. B. Bellerose, services extra milk inspector . . . . .	114.00
96—	Urbain Bolduc, auto hire, Kennebunk Rd. and Main St. . . . .	3.50
97—	T. L. Evans ,ink . . . . .	.10
98—	E. J. Gove, P. M., 2000 2c envelopes . . . . .	44.60
99—	Oliver LeBlanc, auto hire for quorum . . . . .	5.00
100—	Peter J. Farley, killing two dogs . . . . .	2.00
101—	Blackbird Pen Co., pens . . . . .	3.50
102—	Biddeford Record, advertising non-residence taxes and tax notices . . . . .	20.75
103—	Mollie B. Welch, filing bills in all departments 1923-24-25 . . . . .	25.00
104—	Ralph Hight, killing and burying one dog . . . . .	2.00
105—	Peter Farley, killing and burying one dog . . . . .	2.00
106—	Morgan's Book Store, office supplies . . . . .	6.80
107—	Aime Desrosiers, services as dog officer . . . . .	18.00
Total for February, 1926 . . . . .		\$846.28

## MARCH

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
1—	Alex Petrin, auto hire . . . . .	2.00
2—	T. L. Evans, office supplies . . . . .	1.20
3—	U. Bolduc, auto hire . . . . .	2.50
4—	Frank P. Bridges, office supplies . . . . .	3.50
5—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg., telephone, City Mission . . . . .	4.25
6—	Biddeford Record, 500 tax bills . . . . .	7.50
7—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg., telephone . . . . .	9.40
8—	Cumb. Co. Power Co., lights, St. John's Hall . . . . .	11.66
9—	Arthur H. Hevey, stamped envelopes . . . . .	13.36
10—	Harry Scott, telephone . . . . .	25.50
11—	Genevieve McCarthy, clerical work . . . . .	30.00
12—	N. W. Kendall, office supplies, books . . . . .	32.65
13—	Arthur H. Hevey, administering 170 oaths . . . . .	34.00
14—	J. B. Bellerose, extra services, milk inspec- tor . . . . .	41.00
15—	Albert Hevey, making our list for caucus	90.00
16—	Biddeford Record, City Reports, 500 copies . . . . .	500.00
17—	Community Press, printing vouchers Fire Dept., Health Dept., Pauper Dept. and Sewers . . . . .	30.00
18—	Community Press, 500 alderman's orders . .	10.50
19—	Mollie B. Welch, clerical work, filing vouch- ers and arranging same, 1923-24-25 .	25.00
20—	Oliver Le Blanc, auto hire . . . . .	2.00
21—	U. Bolduc, auto hire . . . . .	5.00
22—	Biddeford Journal, printing 100 assessors' notices . . . . .	5.50
23—	E. J. Gove, P. M., deposit on 12,000 envelopes . . . . .	29.76
Total for March . . . . .		<u>\$916.28</u>

## APRIL

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
1—	Sylvester Kerwin, 500 bill heads . . . . .	7.00
2—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies . . .	3.20
3—	Herve H. Nadeau, posting assessors' notices	10.00
4—	La Justice, printing assessors' notices, build- ing inspector notices and mayor's notices . . . . .	20.50
5—	Underwood Typewriter Co., Inc., Under- . . wood typewriter with quiet appliance —in part payment . . . . .	82.50
6—	Painchaud Paint Co., paint . . . . .	9.57
7—	Arthur H. Hevey, recording 41 birth certifi- cates; 29 death certificates; 12 mar- riage certificates; and 30 oaths . . . . .	27.50
8—	Becker & Co., office supplies, paper, rubber bands, etc. . . . .	15.20
9—	Roberts Office Supply Co., dog license book . . . . .	13.08
10—	Journal Publ. Co., advertising assessors' notices; building inspector's notice and mayor's office hours notice . . . . .	82.20
11—	Biddeford Record, advertising assessors' notices; building inspector's notice and mayor's office hours notice . . . . .	104.00
12—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone, City Mission . . . . .	16.66
13—	James Curtis, burying dog . . . . .	1.00
14—	Fred Lamothe, use of car to Biddeford Pool, and around city—special meet- ing . . . . .	15.00
15—	N. W. Kendall, books—valuation; collec- tor's book; poll and dog book and ward books . . . . .	251.60
16—	Bolduc Taxie Co., auto hire . . . . .	.50
17—	Aime Desrosier, services, dog officer . . . . .	16.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
18—	Frank C. Lander, 295 abstracts of conveyances from Apr., 1925 to March 31, 1926 .....	44.25
19—	A. J. Huston, laws of State of Maine .....	1.25
20—	Cum. County Power & Light Co., lights, armory .....	15.08
21—	E. J. Gove, 31,000 envelopes .....	240.00
22—	E. M. Darcy, services assistant assessor, ward 7 .....	90.00
22A—	Roberts Office Supply Co., record book and marking .....	34.78
23—	Frank Cross, services assistant assessor, ward 1 .....	65.00
23A—	Biddeford Record, printing milk inspector's notice and garbage collector's notice .....	12.00
24—	Old Orchard Trans. Publ. Co., printing letter heads for mayor and City Clerk..	7.00
24A—	Ernest J. Belanger, assistant assessor, ward 2 .....	65.00
25—	Stanislas Gendron, assistant assessor ward 4 .....	65.00
25A—	Am. R. R. Express, express from Boston	.39
26—	Becker & Co., office supplies .....	4.76
27—	Orrin Edwards, team hire, posting assessors' notices .....	9.00
27A—	Albert Chretien, services assistant assessor, ward 5 .....	65.00
28—	John Lynch, services assistant assessor, ward 6 .....	65.00
29—	T. L. Evans, paper clips .....	.45
30—	Alfred Lantagne, post cards .....	1.00
31—	George Wilson, expenses to Boston to arrange for refunding bonds, order of City Council .....	9.41

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
32—	Justice Publ. Co., printing milk inspector's notice; board of health; building inspector's notice and assessors' notice.	17.50
33—	Reny Bros., stamp . . . . .	.45
34—	Juliette H. Nadeau, clerical work . . . . .	1.00
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Total for April . . . . .		\$1,488.83

## MAY

1—	Oscar Parent, checking the several assistant assessors' books, making blotter and poll tax collection book . . . . .	250.00
2—	Roberts Office Supply, office supplies, paper etc. . . . .	25.82
3—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies . . .	2.60
4—	Biddeford Journal, printing 10,000 tax bills	45.00
5—	Bolduc Taxi, taxi hire . . . . .	2.00
6—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies . . .	1.70
7—	Western Union, telegram to Augusta and Rochester . . . . .	1.13
8—	Void	
9—	Roland A. Lemire, painting signs for tax collector's office . . . . .	2.00
10—	James G. C. Smith, fare to Boston and expenses (City Business) . . . . .	8.46
11—	Mitchell Express Co., express . . . . .	.50
12—	Void.	
13—	Biddeford Journal, milk inspector's notice.	13.50
14—	Aime Desrosier, services dog officer . . . . .	16.00
15—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone . . . .	9.50
16—	George Wilson, fare to Boston, for purpose of negotiating loan, also expenses . . .	7.26
17—	Cumb. Co. Power and Light Co., lights,—armory . . . . .	35.71
18—	Edgar Simard, assorting vouchers for State Auditor . . . . .	19.25
19—	H. W. Ayer, cheese cloth for dusters . . . . .	1.40

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
20—	Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight . . . . .	.50
21—	Becker & Co., special carbon paper . . . . .	6.29
22—	Edgar Simard, assorting vouchers for State Auditor . . . . .	9.63
23—	Justice Publ. Co., printing notices for build- ing inspector . . . . .	2.75
24—	Community Press Co., printing . . . . .	6.50
25—	Portland Mailing Co., auto registration list . . . . .	5.69
26—	La Societe St. Jean-Baptiste, rent from February to May . . . . .	375.00
27—	Sheridan Post, G. A. R., defraying expenses on Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00
28—	L. H. Kendall, defraying expenses on Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00
29—	U. S. Grant Post, defraying expenses on Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00
30—	Henry Huot Post, defraying expenses on Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00
31—	Philip Tighe Post, defraying expenses on Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00
32—	Oscar G. Parent, making and checking as- sistant assessor's ward books, also dog license book . . . . .	150.00
Total for May . . . . .		<u>\$1,498.19</u>

## JUNE

1—	Blackbird Pen Co., 3 gross pens. . . . .	6.00
2—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies. . . . .	2.54
3—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office supplies, index cards . . . . .	2.93
4—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone— assessors' office . . . . .	7.60
5—	Biddeford Journal, printing tax notices. . . . .	2.40
6—	Edgar Simard, assorting vouchers for State Auditor . . . . .	12.45
7—	A. W. Reeves, Red Cap ledger, 800 PP. . . . .	7.75

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
8—	Cumb. Co. Power and Light Co., lights— armory . . . . .	15.08
9—	Edgar Simard, assorting vouchers for State Auditor . . . . .	3.88
10—	Alphonse Poirier, services dog officer . . . .	72.00
11—	Roberts Office Supply Co., 2 boxes staples	1.12
12—	Alfred L. Lambert, making out valuation book personal property and commitment book . . . . .	300.00
13—	Edgar Simard, assorting vouchers for State Auditor . . . . .	2.06
14—	Biddeford & Saco Paper Co., No. 10 Kraft	.90
Total for June . . . . .		<u>\$436.71</u>

## JULY

1—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office supply . .	10.00
2—	Roberts Office Supply Co., record book— marking treasurer's warrants, punching 1M warrants . . . . .	17.20
3—	H. J. Hutchinson Co., office supplies, paper, etc. Manuscript covers . . . . .	6.00
4—	Alphonse Poirier, services dog officer . . . .	52.00
5—	Biddeford Journal, printing tax collector's notice . . . . .	9.00
6—	Void	
7—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone City Mission . . . . .	4.25
8—	Arthur Eon, auto hire . . . . .	2.00
9—	Roberts Office Supply Co. . . . ., record book, postage and insurance . . . . .	12.95
10—	Am. Express Co., express . . . . .	.36
11—	Stanislas L. Gendron, making out commit- ment book . . . . .	200.00
12—	Cumberland Co. Power and Light Co., lights armory . . . . .	8.88

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
13—	Kerwin Print Shop, 500 letter heads and 500 tax notices . . . . .	10.00
14—	Edgar Simard, retracing 1,300 poll tax- payers for Board of Assessors . . . . .	87.50
15—	Roberts Office Supply Co., paper—1 dozen rolls adding machine paper . . . . .	1.91
Total for July . . . . .		<u>\$422.05</u>

## AUGUST

1—	George Wilson, fare to Boston and expenses (City business) . . . . .	7.61
2—	Old Corner Book Store, rubber stamp . . . . .	1.50
3—	E. J. Gove, 1,000 stamped envelopes . . . . .	22.88
4—	Reny Bros., 1 box seals plain, 500 seals . . . . .	7.00
5—	Alphonse Poirier, services dog officer . . . . .	23.00
6—	Alfred Lambert, making our commitment book and valuation book (part payment) . . . . .	50.00
7—	Stanislas Gendron, making our commitment book and valuation book . . . . .	50.00
8—	Stanislas Gendron, making our commitment book and valuation book (part payment) . . . . .	50.00
9—	Alfred Lambert, making our valuation and commitment book . . . . .	25.00
10—	Roberts Office Supply Co., record book— numbered . . . . .	31.28
11—	Arthur Simard, Jr., milk bought for inspec- tion . . . . .	3.00
12—	Am. R. R. Express Co., express—Portland . . . . .	.37
13—	Cumberland Co. Power and Light Co., lights—Armory . . . . .	9.44
Total for August . . . . .		<u>\$281.08</u>

## SEPTEMBER

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
1—	Alfred L. Lambert, making commitment book . . . . .	25.00
2—	Societe St. Jean Baptiste, rent of Armory . .	375.00
3—	Biddeford Box Co., boards for signs (13)	6.00
4—	Reny Bros., 6,000 tax bills . . . . .	22.00
5—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies . . .	2.40
6—	Alfred L. Lambert, making out supplement poll list . . . . .	50.00
7—	Cantara Sign Shop, making indicating sign	14.00
8—	T. L. Evans, office supplies . . . . .	1.00
9—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office supplies . .	3.95
10—	Alfred Blouin, gas bought for Street De- partment use . . . . .	13.39
11—	Alphonse Poirier, services dog officer . . . .	20.00
12—	Kerwin's print shop, 500 letter heads . . . .	3.50
13—	N. W. Kendall, office supplies . . . . .	1.45
14—	Roberts Office Supply Co., Neveclog staples	1.00
	Total for September . . . . .	<u>\$538.69</u>

## OCTOBER

15—	Daniel Doherty, compensation insurance for city employer . . . . .	978.28
16—	George Wilson, registered notes and bonds sent to Boston . . . . .	1.13
17—	William A. Cosgrove, auto hire—annual inspection of property . . . . .	40.00
18—	Portland Mailing Co., auto registration . . .	4.15
19—	The Old Corner Book Store, stamp . . . . .	.90
20—	The Old Corner Book Store, stamp pad . . .	.55
21—	Dist. No. 4, A. Blouin, gas for Street Depart- ment use . . . . .	20.52
22—	George Wilson, fare to Boston and return on City business . . . . .	8.31
23—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone . . . .	13.80

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
24—	George H. Eon, auto hire . . . . .	1.50
25—	The Reliance Ribbon & Carbon Co., office supplies . . . . .	2.25
26—	Cumberland Co. Power and Light Co., lights—Armory . . . . .	13.69
27—	American R. R. Express, express from Portland . . . . .	.71
28—	Roberts Office Supply Co., work organizer and postage . . . . .	4.16
29—	Arsene Fecteau, brass check valve and labor . . . . .	5.85
30—	Oscar Parent, retracing personal and real estate taxes—with use of auto . . . . .	60.00
Total for October . . . . .		<u>\$1,155.80</u>

## NOVEMBER

31—	Alphonse Poirier, services as dog officer . .	18.00
32—	American R. R. Express, express from Boston . . . . .	.42
33—	Rochester Germicide Co., office supplies . .	14.40
34—	Reny Bros., printers, 300 government postals . . . . .	5.50
35—	Biddeford Journal, printing tax notices . . . .	11.70
36—	Justice Pub Co., printing tax notices . . . . .	1.00
37—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone, City Mission . . . . .	10.95
38—	Portland Directory Co., Maine Directory (City Clerk) . . . . .	5.00
39—	Portland Directory Co., Maine Directory (Assessors) . . . . .	5.00
40—	Oscar G. Parent, retracing real estate and personal taxes, with use of auto . . . . .	60.00
41—	Alfred Blouin, gas, for use in Street Dept. . .	2.99

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
42—	H. G. Hutchinson Co., Glenwood Bond paper and manuscript covers.....	4.75
43—	Cumberland Co. Power and Light Co., lights—Armory .....	20.26
44—	J. C. Hall Co., tinted checks, First National Bank .....	140.00
45—	Cumberland Co. Power and Light Co., lamps for City Building .....	4.86
46—	Oscar G. Parent, retracing poll taxes with use of car.....	55.00
Total for November.....		<u>\$359.83</u>

## DECEMBER, 1926

47—	Arthur Eon, Auto hire.....	2.00
48—	E. J. Gove, P. M., envelopes plain, en- velopes stamped City Clerk, envelopes stamped Room No. 5, envelopes open face .....	66.22
49—	Reny Bros., printers, special stamp.....	1.50
50—	Biddeford Journal, printing ordinance.....	13.75
51—	Am. R. R. Express Co., express from Augusta .....	.98
52—	Alphonse Poirier, services dog officer.....	16.00
53—	Societe St. Jean Baptiste, rent of Armory from August to November, 1926.....	375.00
54—	T. L. Evans, ball twine.....	.40
55—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies, ink, paste, etc.....	4.10
56—	Justice Publ. Co., printing ordinances....	2.10
57—	E. J. Gove, 500 No. 9, envelopes.....	11.44
58—	Biddeford Journal, advertising taxes and printing notice of unpaid taxes.....	49.70
59—	Mrs. Jennie Cantara Nadeau, stamps for advertised letters .....	3.20

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
60—	Juliette H. Nadeau, clerical work for tax collector, 40 hours . . . . .	20.00
61—	L. Doyon, office supplies . . . . .	3.45
62—	Cumberland Co. Power and Light Co., lights—Armory . . . . .	13.78
Total for December . . . . .		\$583.62
JANUARY, 1927		
63—	Daniel Doherty, Fire Department insurance	216.00
64—	Arthur Simard, Jr., milk bought for inspection and car fare to Portland . . . . .	2.58
65—	Alphonse Poirier, services as dog officer . . .	14.00
66—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone, City Mission . . . . .	4.60
67—	Biddeford Journal, printing 1,000 notices City Electrician . . . . .	16.50
68—	Biddeford & Saco Water Co., water for six months . . . . .	6.00
69—	Mitchell & Traders Express Co., express . .	.50
70—	The First National Bank of Boston, preparing and certifying current expense notes. Certifying anticipation of taxes. Preparing and certifying coupon state road construction bonds. Cost of legal opinion relation to tax notes renewal of 1926 . . .	800.00
71—	Arthur F. Maxwell, expenses to Boston, (City business) . . . . .	7.76
72—	Cumberland Co. Power and Light Co., lights—Armory . . . . .	10.27
73—	Alfred Lantagne, recording 580 births; 163 marriages, 290 deaths, 69 out-of-town deaths, 27 depositions, out-of-town marriages, 145 oaths . . . . .	307.65
74—	Louis Daigneault, framing 4 pictures . . . . .	7.52
Total for January, 1927 . . . . .		\$1,393.38

## Treasurer's Report.

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

I have the honor to submit the following report of  
the fiscal operations of the City of Biddeford for the  
year ending January 31, 1927:

	Receipts	Payments
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1926 .....	\$ 22,163.11	
Bridges . . . . .	50.00	\$ 2,316.77
Brown Tail Moths . . . . .		1,130.26
City Building . . . . .	10,646.50	12,893.98
Homestead . . . . .	507.70	11,787.16
City Library . . . . .	328.12	4,209.57
Contingent Fund . . . . .	1,569.55	16,705.17
Election Dept. . . . .	55.00	8,116.06
Fire Dept. . . . .	10.97	34,552.22
General Expense . . . . .	33.40	10,139.94
Health Dept. . . . .		4,935.22
Highways—		
Dist. No. 4 . . . . .	1,265.03	38,161.92
Fortunes Rocks Dist. . . . .		1,895.70
Hollis Road. Dist. . . . .		612.25
Newtown Road . . . . .		1,812.37
Oak Ridge . . . . .		2,786.08
Pool Road Dist. . . . .		2,791.59
Pool Road . . . . .		1,317.25
Ward Seven East . . . . .		444.32
Ward Seven West . . . . .		208.11
Ward Seven North . . . . .		343.19
Mountain Road . . . . .		503.15
Hydrant Rentals . . . . .		20,239.49

Insane . . . . .		549.44
Interest . . . . .	390.61	41,320.03
Mothers' Aid . . . . .	1,700.00	3,635.00
Parks . . . . .		212.00
Police Dept. . . . .	408.09	24,291.53
Pauper Dept. . . . .	3,517.89	46,144.06
Resurfacing Streets . . . .	57.00	25,964.52
Salaries . . . . .		11,812.83
Schools . . . . .	1,644.53	91,213.15
Schools, Repairs, Sup- plies, Insurance . . . .	1,001.25	12,070.68
Domestic Science . . . . .	800.00	2,009.91
Evening Schools . . . . .	1,447.53	2,656.24
Free Text Books . . . . .	1.65	2,862.52
Manual Training . . . . .	2,041.41	5,438.24
School Supt.'s Salary . . .	800.00	3,300.00
Sewers and Drains . . . . .	344.20	7,755.90
Sidewalks . . . . .	1,973.61	7,245.79
State Road . . . . .		16,421.57
Street Lights . . . . .		22,961.88
Stone Crusher . . . . .	1,449.74	23.78
Tarvia "B" . . . . .	385.75	6,890.55
Day Nursery . . . . .		600.00
White Pine Blister Rust .		300.00
Woodlawn Cemetery . .	330.00	759.68
Trust Funds . . . . .	286.00	286.00
High School Annex . . . .		91,929.33
Tax Anticipation Notes .	483,000.00	400,000.00
Current Expense Notes .	77,000.00	85,000.00
State of Maine Tax 1925		88,380.54
County of York Tax 1925		19,430.62
Bond due May 1, 1925 .		1,000.00
Sewer Bonds . . . . .		5,000.00
Street & Sidewalk Bonds		5,000.00
Bradbury Bridge Bonds .		5,000.00
High School Annex bonds		10,00.00

State Road Construction		
Bonds . . . . .	13,000.00	
Refunding Bonds . . . . .	25,000.00	
State Pensions . . . . .	1,515.34	1,241.82
Dependent Children . . . . .		248.00
Taxes Abated . . . . .		109.60
Tax Deeds . . . . .	1,368.97	1,967.25
Dog Licenses . . . . .	372.00	817.00
General Licenses . . . . .	373.00	
Burial Widow of Civil War Veteran . . . . .		100.00
Taxes 1918 . . . . .	8.91	
Taxes 1919 . . . . .	70.15	
Taxes 1920 . . . . .	37.43	
Taxes 1922 . . . . .	145.30	
Taxes 1923 . . . . .	360.17	
Taxes 1924 . . . . .	1,600.00	
Taxes 1925 . . . . .	10,600.00	
Taxes 1926 . . . . .	535,000.00	
Interest on Taxes . . . . .	575.00	
Poll Taxes . . . . .	7,300.00	
State School Fund . . . . .	28,835.68	
Bank, Railroad and Tele- phone Stock Tax . . . . .	4,103.07	
Cash on hand, February 1927 . . . . .		15,622.43
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	\$1,245,473.66	\$1,245,473.66
Cash on Hand February 1, 1926 . . . . .	\$ 22,163.11	
Received from all sources . . . . .	1,223,310.55	
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	\$1,245,473.66	
Payments on all accounts	1,229,851.23	
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Cash on Hand February 1, 1927 . . . . .	\$ 15,622.43	

**BONDS OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 1, 1927****Refunding Bonds**

Date of issue	Rate	Amount	Maturity
May 15, 1914	4%	\$50,000	May 15, 1939
May 1, 1915	4%	25,000	May 1, 1935
July 1, 1917	4%	45,000	July 1, 1937
July 1, 1919	4½%	5,000	July 1, 1929
Aug. 1, 1919	4½%	5,000	Aug. 1, 1929
May 1, 1920	5%	25,000	May 1, 1940
July 1, 1921	5½%	25,000	July 1, 1931
May 1, 1925	4%	50,000	May 1, 1945
May 1, 1926	4¼%	25,000	May 1, 1936
		\$255,000	

**Sewer Bonds**

May 15, 1914	4%	\$10,000	
		\$5,000 annually	May 15, 1927 to May 15, 1928
July 1, 1916	4%	\$25,000	
		\$5,000 annually	July 1, 1929, to July 1, 1933
July 5, 1922	4¼%	\$50,000	
		\$5,000 annually	July 5, 1927, to July 5, 1936
		\$85,000	

**Permanent Improvement Street and Sidewalk Bonds**

May 1, 1915	4%	\$15,000	
		\$5,000 annually	May 1, 1927, to May 1, 1929
May 15, 1916	4%	\$25,000	
		\$5,000 annually	May 15, 1930, to May, 15, 1934
July 5, 1922	4¼%	\$25,000	
		\$5,000 annually	July 5, 1927, to July 5, 1931
		\$65,000	

**Bradbury Bridge Bonds**

Sept. 1, 1920 6% \$30,000  
 \$5,000 annually Sept. 1, 1927, to Sept. 1, 1932

**High School Annex Bonds**

April 1, 1925 4% \$160,000  
 \$10,000 annually April 1, 1927, to April 1, 1942

**State Road Construction Bonds**

July 1, 1926 4% \$13,000 July 1, 1939

**Summary of Outstanding Bonds**

\$255,000.00	Refunding Bonds
85,000.00	Sewer Bonds
65,000.00	Permanent Improvement Street and

**Sidewalk Bonds**

30,000.00	Bradbury Bridge Bonds
160,000.00	High School Annex Bonds
13,000.00	State Road Construction Bonds

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\$608,000.00

**Balance Sheet February 1, 1927.****ASSETS**

Cash . . . . .	\$ 15,622.43
Taxes, 1920 . . . . .	10.00
Taxes, 1921 . . . . .	2,895.19
Taxes, 1922 . . . . .	1,171.37
Taxes, 1923 . . . . .	2,463.91
Taxes, 1924 . . . . .	7,703.42
Taxes, 1925 . . . . .	10,603.37
Taxes, 1926 . . . . .	39,903.24

Due from State:	
State School Fund.....	27,901.62
State Paupers .....	948.33
Burial of Soldiers' Widow.	100.00
Refund Dog Licenses.....	124.27
Railroad & Telephone Tax	844.86
Tax Deeds, all years .....	1,632.61
Accounts Receivable: .....	
J. P. Rundle .....	333.33
J. J. Dunn ..,.....	239.29
Diamond Match Company.	1,000.00
Brown Tail Moth Assessments	885.80
Trust Funds, total .....	8,955.16
Total Assets .....	<u>\$123,337.60</u>
Net City Debt.....	779,884.13
	<u>\$903,221.73</u>

## LIABILITIES

Refunding Bonds .....	\$255,000.00
Sewer Bonds .....	85,000.00
Street and Sidewalk Bonds...	65,000.00
Bradbury Bridge Bonds.....	30,000.00
State Rd. Constructions Bonds	13,000.00
High School Annex Bonds...	160,000.00
Current Expense Notes.....	77,000.00
Ahrens-Fox Fire Engine Note.	15,500.00
Tax Notes, 1926-7.....	83,000.00
Mayor's Orders outstanding	
Prior years .....	604.75
1926-7 . .....	819.91
Cemetery Trusts .....	8,955.16
Due to State	
Dog Licenses, 1926.....	372.00
Dependent Children .....	1,158.75
County Tax, 1926.....	19,430.62
State Tax .....	88,380.54
	<u>\$903,221.73</u>

**Net City Debt**

February 1, 1926.....	\$722,833.21
February 1, 1927.....	779,884.13
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Net increase for year.....	\$ 57,050.92

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. MAXWELL,

City Treasurer.

# Report of Clerk of Overseers of Poor

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinances, I herewith submit my report as clerk of the Overseers of the Poor for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1927.

This department has been more active during the past year and I believe more accurate than in many years past. Lack of business in our industries increased the expense of this department as it never did before. The calls have been many, but the distributions of the necessities of life have been attended to, after a most careful, personal investigation of the facts. By doing this the expenses of the department have been kept to a minimum.

I wish to state to your honorable body that Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars was spent above the current expenses in the six weeks before I took control of this office March 15, 1926.

The following are the monthly expenses of the several departments:

	Expenses	Medical
February . . . . .	\$10,777.02	\$218.94
March . . . . .	7,108.42	203.46
April . . . . .	5,505.77	93.81
May . . . . .	3,668.40	138.93
June . . . . .	3,070.52	218.87
July . . . . .	2,679.11	11.10
August . . . . .	2,322.21	161.00
September . . . . .	2,888.17	62.25

October . . . . .	2,534.47	165.80
November . . . . .	1,800.55	2.00
December . . . . .	2,705.67	49.15
January . . . . .	1,043.51	223.50
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	\$46,103.82	\$1,548.81
Appropriation . . . . .		\$36,000.00
Received from State . . . . .		3,517.89
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		\$39,517.89
Total Expenditures . . . . .		\$46,103.82
Total Credits . . . . .		39,517.89
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		\$ 6,585.93
There is due from the State . . . . .		\$ 948.33
	Mothers' Aid	Insane
February . . . . .	\$ 225.00	\$ 85.66
March . . . . .	300.00	103.70
April . . . . .	325.00	71.90
May . . . . .	325.00	48.50
June . . . . .	325.00	43.48
July . . . . .	305.00	12.00
August . . . . .	305.00	4.90
September . . . . .	305.00	87.99
October . . . . .	305.00	33.63
November . . . . .	305.00	38.38
December . . . . .	305.00	14.30
January . . . . .	305.00	
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	\$3,635.00	\$544.44
Appropriation . . . . .	\$ 2,500.00	
Credits from State . . . . .	1,700.00	
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	\$4,200.00	
Expenses . . . . .	3,635.00	
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Balance . . . . .	\$ 565.00	

Appropriation . . . . .	\$600.00
Expended . . . . .	544.44
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Balance . . . . .	\$ 55.56

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Municipal Officers, especially the Mayor, for the assistance rendered during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. LEMIRE,  
Clerk, Overseers of Poor.

# Building Inspector's Report.

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

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to report the following for the year ending January 31, 1927:

I have issued 92 permits for building during the year and have witnessed the construction of same. As usual, the Inspector of Buildings has been called a number of times to adjust complaints which had no serious basis.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PINETTE,

Inspector of Buildings

# Tax Collector's Report.

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

Greetings:—

I herewith respectfully submit my report as Collec-  
tor of Taxes for the fiscal year 1926:

Amount of May and September commit- ments for 1926 .....	\$579,376.24
Amount of Supplemental Tax, January 31st, 1927 .....	1,527.00
Total Commitment .....	\$580,903.24
Paid City Treasurer on account of Taxes..	\$541,000.00
Paid City Treasurer on Interest account.....	575.00
Cash on hand .....	709.97

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE E. NADEAU,

Collector of Taxes for 1926-1927.

# Report of The Homestead

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

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to submit the following report of my department for the year ending January 31st, 1926.

Total expenses of each month of the year 1926 to January 31st, 1927, starting February, 1926:

February . . . . .	\$ 1,396.06
March . . . . .	1,129.98
April . . . . .	855.29
May . . . . .	1,036.29
June . . . . .	804.50
July . . . . .	681.46
August . . . . .	778.92
September . . . . .	832.82
October . . . . .	761.51
November . . . . .	1,185.76
December . . . . .	1,392.27
January . . . . .	813.81
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Amount . . . . .	\$11,668.67
Discount, Jos. Petrin . . . . .	5.55
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Total . . . . .	\$11,663.12

## Products of Homestead

Potatoes . . . . .	375 bushels
Beans . . . . .	40 bushels
Beets . . . . .	51 bushels

Turnips . . . . .	44 bushels
Carrots . . . . .	11 bushels
Hay . . . . .	40 tons
Squash . . . . .	1900 lbs.
Pumpkins . . . . .	1000 lbs.
Cabbage . . . . .	1500 lbs.
Pork, to Jan. 14 . . . . .	825 lbs.

### Number of Inmates

February . . . . .	29
March . . . . .	32
April . . . . .	32
May . . . . .	31
June . . . . .	29
July . . . . .	24
August . . . . .	22
September . . . . .	23
October . . . . .	24
November . . . . .	26
December . . . . .	28
January . . . . .	29
Deaths . . . . .	3

### Stock of Homestead

Horses . . . . .	3
Cows . . . . .	8
Five months heifer . . . . .	1
Hens . . . . .	55
Hogs . . . . .	9
Small pigs, four months old . . . . .	12

### Farm Implements

1 Sulky Plow	1 Single Working Sled
2 Walking Plows	1 Double Working Sled
1 Manure Spreader	1 Two-seated Buggy
1 Disk Harrow	1 Single Working Wagon
1 Spring Harrow	1 Double Working Wagon
2 Cultivators	1 Riding Harness, single

1 Horse Hoe	1 Single Working Harness
1 Mowing Machine	1 Bay Harness
1 Horse Rake	8 Horse Blankets
1 Single Sled	1 Sleigh Blanket
1 Two-seated Sled	

Total receipts from farm produce . . . . . \$1,069.10

Paid for miscellaneous items from receipts . . . 751.40

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Balance handed to Treasurer, Jan. 31, 1927. \$ 317.70

Respectfully submitted,

NOE BERGERON,

Superintendent.

# Report of Board of Police.

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

Gentlemen:—

We have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1927:

Chief of Police Ernest H. Robbins has submitted the following report for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1927:

We recommend that the motorcycle police be continued on the Pool Road.

On account of this and the care of beacons and the street painting, a larger appropriation will be required for the next year.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. has informed the Board that the present signal system in the Police Station is obsolete equipment, and that they wish to dispose of it either by sale to the City, or by its removal. A change will have to be made at no very remote time.

We recommend a new coat of paint for the cell room.

The department has worked efficiently and faithfully under the supervision of the Chief and Captain and we wish at this time to express our appreciation of their services.

DANIEL B. FINNELL.  
THEODE SEVIGNY,  
D. E. DOLLOFF.

# Report of Chief of Police.

To the Honorable Board of Police, Biddeford, Maine.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit to you the following list of arrests by your police department for the year 1926-27:—

Intoxication . . . . .	77
Unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor . . . . .	2
Unlawful transportation of intoxicating liquor . . . . .	1
Transporting intoxicating liquor without permit . . . . .	2
Issuing check without funds . . . . .	1
Assault and battery . . . . .	11
Larceny . . . . .	15
Taking automobile without consent of owner . . . . .	1
Vagrancy . . . . .	8
Lascivious speech and behavior . . . . .	2
Operating automobile while under influence of liquor . . . . .	8
Operating automobile without license . . . . .	6
Violation of city ordinance . . . . .	1
Breaking, entering and larceny . . . . .	3
Fornication . . . . .	2
Adultery . . . . .	2
Operating automobile in reckless manner . . . . .	3
Bastardy . . . . .	1
Operating motor cycle, without license . . . . .	1
Non-support of wife and family . . . . .	2
Indecent exposure . . . . .	2
Speeding with automobile . . . . .	3
Operating automobile without lights . . . . .	1
Operating automobile with improper registration . . . . .	1

Affray .....	2
Idle and disorderly .....	1
Assault with dangerous weapon with intent to kill...	1

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160

Applications for lodging .....	450
Doors found unlocked .....	116

Very truly,

ERNEST H. ROBBINS,  
Chief of Police.

## Report of Librarian.

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To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the McArthur Library Association:

The report of the Biddeford Public Library for the year ending January 31st, 1927, is as follows:

The library was open 304 days, 66 hours a week, except for holidays, and the summer arrangement of 54 hours a week.

The total circulation was 53,590 volumes, an average of 1,030 per week; the largest weekly circulation was on the week ending Jan. 31st, 1507 volumes; the smallest, the week ending May 29th, 774 volumes.

There were 499 new registrations; 36 of this number were non-residents.

The number of books added was 783; 315 were purchased from city and state appropriations; 7 from association funds; 224 from fine money; 114 by binding magazines; 7 by exchange; 116 were gifts. This does not include government and state reports.

Three hundred and ninety books have been rebound; 162 were worn out and discarded; 46 were lost in circulation; 5 of these were paid for by borrower.

Children's Book Week was observed for the 10th year in succession, with a display of attractive books and posters, and was well attended.

The Story Hour on Saturday mornings has had an average attendance of 52 children.

The classes for instruction in the use of the library have had an attendance of 354 students. In this connection it is interesting to quote from the State Librarian's report: "The real need at this time is instruction in

the upper grades and in the high schools on how to find information." "The surprising thing is, that it is possible for a boy to go through the grades, high school and college without learning something about a library and how to use it to help in his work."

The reading rooms are well attended, especially the Stevens reading room, which is rarely ever vacant, and judging from usage the newspapers and magazines are fully appreciated. The library subscribes for 87 periodicals, and receives 56 as gifts.

The library was represented at two meetings of the Maine Library Association during the year. In the spring both the librarian and assistant librarian, in company with the Saco Librarians, went to the Auburn meeting. There was an unusually large attendance and an excellent program was provided. It was a very profitable occasion as well as a pleasant outing.

The October meeting at Brewer was attended by the librarian only. It was a smaller gathering, somewhat overshadowed by the Teacher's Convention of same date being held across the river in Bangor. The Brewer library is charming and proved to be a delightful host. The principal benefit of these meetings is the opportunity they afford to mingle with others in the same work.

In September, Miss Simone R. Beaulieu, the efficient and popular assistant librarian, who has been with us three years, resigned in order to enter Boston University for a special course.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Emerson was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Association met with a sad loss in the death of James E. Etchells, who has been a member of the Board of Trustees for seven years, and a faithful friend of the Association and one of the liberal contributors to the fund in its beginning.

Mr. R. F. Wormwood has given the library some

magazines in braile for the use of the blind, and these are to be circulated when there is any demand for them.

Mr. Louis Shapiro presented four bound volumes of the Maine Democrat, containing dates from 1857-1867.

A collection of 42 technical books from the library of the late Donald J. McIntire was presented by his wife.

Charles Madrin of New York, a boy who formerly lived in Biddeford and was a constant reader, sent the library a package of 17 boys' books.

Acknowledgment and thanks are also due for the following gifts of books and periodicals:

Alpha Aids  
 Ambition  
 American Iron and Steel Industry  
 American Institute of Homeopathy 1 book  
 American Legion Magazine  
 American Review  
 American Society for Control of Cancer 1 book  
 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 1 book  
 American Tree Association 2 books  
 Antioch Notes  
 Aquarian Age  
 Bangor Public Library  
 Bates College Bulletin  
 P. P. Baxter 3 books  
 Biddeford Daily Journal  
 Binders Board Manufacturers 1 book  
 B'Nai B'Rith  
 Boston Ideas  
 Brentano Book Chat  
 Mrs. H. B. Bridgman 2 books  
 S. Brooks 1 book  
 Buick Bulletin  
 Burpee's Annual  
 Character Builder  
 Chautauqua Quarterly  
 Christian Leader

Christian Register  
 Contractors' and Engineers' Monthly  
 W. W. Cook 1 book  
 Cornhill Publishing Co. 1 book  
 Daughters of the American Revolution  
 Dennison Mfg. Co. 2 books  
 Dependable Highways  
 Joy Wheeler Dow 1 book  
 Doubleday, Page & Co. 2 books  
 Miss Mary S. Dunn Magazine  
 Miss Abbie H. Fairfield 1 book  
 E. C. Farnsworth 1 book  
 Federal Council Bulletin  
 How to Sell  
 Humane Review  
 International Conciliation  
 International Transportation Co. 4 books  
 Japan Society 1 book  
 I. G. Jenks 1 book  
 Jewish Tribune  
 Journal of American Judicature  
 La Justice  
 Otto Kahn pamphlets  
 Kiwanis  
 Knights of Columbus Magazine  
 Lauriat's Book Review  
 C. S. Leavenworth 2 books  
 Library Book House 2 books  
 Little Brown & Co. 1 book  
 Miss Lena G. McArthur  
 Maine Bulletin  
 Maine Central Magazine  
 Metropolitan Insurance Co. Health pamphlets  
 Thomas E. Mitten 1 book  
 Model maker  
 Motion Picture  
 Motive

National Committee on Cause and Cure of War  
 National Republican  
 New York State Library Bulletin  
 Old Orchard Transcript  
 Our Dumb Animals  
 Pepperell Sheet  
 Pharmacal Advance  
 Phillips Exeter Bulletin  
 The Piper  
 Portland Directory Co. 1 book  
 Portland Public Library  
 Rays of the Rose Cross  
 C. M. Remey 6 books  
 The Record 2 copies  
 Retail Bookseller  
 Rhineland Co. 1 book  
 Rockefeller Foundation  
 Rotarian  
 Service Talks  
 Mrs. Ellen Cole Smith 2 books  
 Saco and Biddeford Garden Club 1 book  
 Specialty Salesman  
 Standard  
 State of Maine 4 books  
 Stokes' Library Bulletin  
 Telephone Topics  
 Thursday Club 1 book  
 Trained Men  
 Tycos-Rochester  
 F. C. Upham 3 books  
 La Voyageur  
 Washington Lafayette Institute 1 book  
 Week in China  
 A. Whitman 1 book  
 Wilson's Bulletin  
 World's Crisis  
 Unknown 3 books

### Financial Statement

**Source of funds:**

City of Biddeford .....	\$3,500.00
State of Maine .....	328.12
	\$3,828.12

**Paid from above:**

Binding .....	\$ 386.35
Books .....	727.89
Fuel ..	341.00
Light and gas .....	387.88
Salaries ..	1,985.00
	\$3,828.12

**Paid from McArthur Library Association Funds:**

A. L. A. Membership .....	\$ 5.00
Bond ..	5.00
Expenses to M. L. A. Meetings	23.00
Fuel ..	177.60
Furnace (new) .....	996.89
Insurance ..	48.84
M. L. A. Membership .....	1.00
N. E. A. Membership .....	5.00
Periodicals ..	319.78
Repairs ..	108.28
Salaries and labor .....	1,464.35
Supplies ..	110.54
Telephone ..	60.20
	\$3,325.48

**Report of money received at desk:**

Balance from last report .....	\$ 56.44
Auditorium ..	70.00
Books ..	3.72
Deposits ..	36.00
Fines ..	331.71

Furnace junk . . . . .	19.77
Junk . . . . .	1.25
Postage . . . . .	11.09
Telephone . . . . .	.20
Treasurer . . . . .	299.75
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	\$ 829.93

## Paid from above money:

Books . . . . .	\$ 278.11
Express . . . . .	17.94
Labor . . . . .	293.00
Magazines . . . . .	6.00
Postage . . . . .	15.56
Refunded* . . . . .	29.00
Repairs . . . . .	12.40
Supplies . . . . .	15.87
Treasurer . . . . .	89.77
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	\$ 757.65
Cash on hand . . . . .	21.74
Deposited in bank . . . . .	50.54
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	\$ 829.93

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA HATCH,

Librarian.

# Report. of Street Commissioner.

Biddeford, Maine,  
February 14, 1927.

## **STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

For the Year 1926—1927.

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

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to submit the following report for  
the year ending January 31, 1927.

Fifty-seven thousand eight hundred (57,800) gal-  
lons of tarvia and liquid asphalt were used on the streets  
during the year.

Streets scarified, scraped, rolled and tarvia or liquid  
asphalt applied are as follows:

Pool Rd., from Simard's Ave. to pump; asphalt.

Pool Rd., from pump to Whalebone; two applica-  
tions of tarvia.

Mile stretch; two applications of asphalt.

Pool proper, from Fire Station to Church; asphalt.

Alfred Rd., Elm to B. & M. crossing; tarvia, two  
coats.

South St., May to B. & M. overhead bridge; tarvia,  
two coats.

Alfred St., Graham to Five Points; tarvia.

Graham St., Crescent to Alfred; tarvia, two coats.

Green St., and Wentworth Sts.; tarvia.

Tarvia was used on the following streets: Granite,  
Cleaves, Upper Main, Taylor, Prospect, Beacon Ave.,

Amherst; and on Granite from corner of Birch to Atlantic Ave., asphalt was used.

The following streets were also graded:—May, South, to Orchard; Union, Alfred to Graham; Lafayette, Cleaves to Pool; Cleaves, Lafayette to Greenwood's; Simard's Ave., Cleaves to Pool; Gove, Simard's Ave., to Judge; Prospect, Porter to West; West, Five Points to Granite.

#### STATE AID ROADS.

State aid road of gravel was built on Pool Road and when treated the coming year the Pool Road for its entire length will be one of the best Tarvia roads in the State. State aid road of cement 8 inches thick, steel reinforced, was built on one side of Alfred from Union to Five Points, and on the other from Union to above the residence of James Fogg. In making this latter improvement it was necessary to build a retaining wall of cement, and build a cement sidewalk in front of the property of James McConnell, because of land taken to widen the street.

#### SEWERS.

New sewers were constructed on the following streets: Dartmouth St., 454 feet of 10 inch pipe; Vine St., 620 feet of 8 inch pipe; Cadorette Ave., 350 feet of 8 inch pipe; Pool St., 175 feet of 12 inch pipe; Lafayette St., 300 feet of 18 inch pipe; May St., 275 feet of 10 inch pipe; Wilson St., 300 feet of 8 inch pipe.

Many sewer pockets were raised and repaired about the City and new pockets and manholes were as follows: Two pockets were built on Lafayette St., three pockets were built on Summit St., two pockets were built on Laurier St., one pocket was built on Ray St., one pocket was built on the corner of Ray and Alfred St., three pockets and two manholes were built on Vine St., one pocket was built on Clifford St., one pocket was built on Prospect St.

## SIDEWALKS.

Cement sidewalks were built on the following streets:

Hill St., from corner of Pool to Bacon.

Bacon St., from Hill to Pierson's Lane.

Sullivan St., from corner of Bacon to and including frontage of F. Viger's residence. On Alfred and Summer Sts. in front of property of Louis Pelletier.

New sidewalks of gravel with ash tops were built on the following streets: George St., Pool to Clifford; Alfred St., from Fogg lot to residence of J. McConnell. On Ray St., Cleaves St., Grant & Brackett Sts., sidewalks were also built.

## BRIDGES.

Repairs were made in the foot paths of the Deering Bridge, the Somesville Bridge and the Gooch St. Bridge.

The road way of the Deering Bridge was repaired several times and it was found necessary to entirely renew the road way, new stringers as well as planking.

The Deering Bridge and the Main St., Bridge were treated to an application of liquid asphalt.

## SNOW REMOVAL.

While the winter this year has not been exceedingly severe as yet and therefore, an accurate cost of snow removal cannot be figured at this time, still it must be apparent that a special appropriation for that purpose should be made. It is estimated with the modern way of handling snow storms that an appropriation of \$15,000 will be required.

## RECAPITULATION.

On many streets brick sidewalks were repaired, curbing, paving and crosswalks reset, gutters dug and fifty driveway boxes put in.

I recommend that a Mack Dump Truck of three and one-half ton capacity be purchased for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED BLOUIN,

Street Commissioner.

# Department of Health.

## CITY OF BIDDEFORD.

February 3, 1927.

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

Gentlemen: Herewith is submitted the sixth annual  
report of the Health Officer, which records the work of  
the Health Department during 1926.

Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year 1926-1927  
From March 1926 to March 1927

Appropriation for garbage collection . . . . .	\$3,000.00
Appropriation for Health Department . . . . .	\$2,000.00

### Expenditures

From March 1926 to March 1927

Garbage collection . . . . .	\$3,000.00
Health Department	
Salary of Health Officer . . . . .	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	597.34
	\$1,597.34

### Balance Sheet

Garbage collection	
Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,000.00
Expenditures . . . . .	3,000.00
Health Department	
Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,000.00
Expenditures . . . . .	1,597.34
	\$ 412.66

It has been a matter of pride with this department to point each year to an increased service rendered the community and to certain definite accomplishments that have made our city a healthier and safer place to live in. It should be stated then, in all fairness, that during this past year the policy of retrenchment followed by the city administration has made it impossible to maintain that former standard of service. This program of economy has meant that no money was available for activities which may be designated as health promotion, and that health work has been largely confined to suppressive and preventive measures only. Since this department has been organized the per capita cost of health work has been extremely small—so small in fact that any reduction in appropriation cannot help but seriously impair the efficient protection of the community health.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births by Months

(Including Still Births)

January . . . . .	51
February . . . . .	51
March . . . . .	50
April . . . . .	51
May . . . . .	48
June . . . . .	52
July . . . . .	53
August . . . . .	54
September . . . . .	46
October . . . . .	48
November . . . . .	34
December . . . . .	42
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Total . . . . .	580

## Deaths by Months

January . . . . .	22
February . . . . .	28
March . . . . .	31
April . . . . .	36
May . . . . .	29
June . . . . .	19
July . . . . .	25
August . . . . .	18
September . . . . .	22
October . . . . .	19
November . . . . .	15
December . . . . .	28

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Total . . . . . 290

Deaths exclusive of still births . . . . . 261

Still births . . . . . 29

Deaths under one year . . . . . 41

Total number out-of-town deaths . . . . . 69

Rate per 1,000 (on population estimate of 21,000)

Births . . . . . 26.24

Deaths . . . . . 12.43

## Infectious Diseases

## Cases Reported by Months

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Chickenpox . . . . .	4	10	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	22
Diphtheria . . . . .	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	9
Influenza . . . . .	0	0	5	11	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	20
Measles . . . . .	1	1	1	0	30	35	24	2	0	0	1	0	95
German Measles . . . . .	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cerebrospinal . . . . .													
Meningitis . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Mumps . . . . .	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pneumonia . . . . .	2	0	6	6	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	19
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	11

Tetanus . . . . .	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Tuberculosis . . . . .	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	2	2	2	15
Typhoid Fever . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	6
Whooping Cough . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	11
Poliomyelitis . . . . .	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Pellagra . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

### Deaths Registered

Diphtheria . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Measles . . . . .	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cerebrospinal . . . . .													
Meningitis . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
Pellagra . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Pneumonia Bronchial . . . . .	1	3	5	12	7	2	0	0	2	1	2	1	36
Pneumonia Lobar . . . . .	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Tuberculosis . . . . .	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	7
Typhoid Fever . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Deaths under one year . . . . . 42

Cholera Infantum . . . . . 2

Bronchial Pneumonia . . . . . 9

Improper Feeding . . . . . 4

Cerebrospinal Meningitis . . . . . 3

Other diseases . . . . . 24

### Infectious Diseases

The year's record for communicable diseases has been better than normal. It will be seen from the statistical tables that the death rate is low for all diseases except pneumonia. There has been a decrease in mortality due to tuberculosis and typhoid.

In the control of contagious diseases the line of attack is divided into three phases: (1) treatment of active cases; (2) prevention of infection, and (3) study and exclusion of all causative factors. The first phase is entirely in the hands of the attending physician; the other two require the cooperation of the physician and the health officer. The third phase has assumed more and more importance and on it we must depend for the eventual suppression of these diseases.

### Diphtheria

The prompt administration of anti-toxins has lowered the death rate from this disease to a minimum. Nine

cases were reported with but one death. In that instance the physician was called too late.

### **Scarlet Fever**

There was a sporadic appearance of scarlet fever during the first half of the year. There were eleven cases with no fatalities. More care should be exercised by parents in calling in a physician when the first symptoms are recognized.

### **Tuberculosis**

Fifteen cases were reported and seven deaths. The work of the Red Cross nurses and the close cooperation of physicians is showing most encouraging results here. The cases sent to the state sanitarium have shown a marked improvement.

### **Typhoid Fever**

Out of six cases reported there was one death; this was of a resident of Saco.

The history of all typhoid cases for the year is as follows:

No. 1. Patient from Sanford. Webber Hospital. Entered Sept. 24th, discharged Oct. 21st.

No. 2. Patient from Springvale. Webber Hospital. Entered Oct. 13th, discharged Nov. 20th.

No. 3. Patient from Biddeford. Webber Hospital. Entered Oct. 30th, discharged Nov. 26th. Patient was woman who lived at Old Orchard during the summer. This woman rarely left the house. The water used was supplied by the Biddeford & Saco Water Co.; the milk was from the Seavey farm, Pine Point. The Board of Health at Old Orchard was requested to investigate this farm; they stated that no infection could have come from this source.

No. 4. Patient from this city. Webber Hospital. Entered Oct. 30th, discharged Nov. 28th. Patient, a man, was in habit of taking trips in his car on Sundays. No other information on probable causative factors

could be obtained. Surroundings at home and place of occupation were clean and sanitary.

No. 5. Patient from Saco. Webber Hospital. Entered Dec. 11th, died Dec. 14th.

No. 6. Patient from this city. Webber hospital. Entered Dec. 18th. Operated on for appendicitis. Patient was a young man, a student in Canada. He was taken sick immediately after arriving home on vacation. After operation Widal test indicated typhoid. Patient is now under treatment at home.

Of the six cases of typhoid just enumerated three were non-resident. Only one of the remaining three, No. 4, seems to have contracted the disease in this city. In this case it has not been possible to trace the source of infection, even though all attendant circumstances were thoroughly investigated.

### **Survey of Milk Supply**

The annual survey of dairies indicated satisfactory conditions of production. The Milk Inspector has taken samples from all producers and distributors. One producer was required to improve conditions on his farm. He took the alternative of disposing of the property, which is now under better management.

### **Water and Ice Supply**

Monthly analyses of our water are made by the State Biologic Laboratories at Augusta. The water is of consistent purity.

The regulations covering the cutting, storage and delivery of ice are strictly observed. The present danger is rather from unclean ice boxes in homes than from any impurity in the ice itself.

## **GENERAL SANITATION**

### **Sewers**

A survey has been made of the district along West Street which is without a sewer at the present time. This section runs from Prospect to Hill Street. It was found

that in several basements of dwelling houses water stands at a level of three to four feet at different times in the year. Construction of a sewer to serve this district is recommended; the work should not be expensive as it is understood that only sand would be encountered in excavating.

### **Inspections**

The regular inspections of dealers in and distributors of food were made; this included restaurants, groceries, and confectionery and drug stores. Conditions on the whole were good, but the restaurants in particular demanded some attention. One lunch room keeper was required to quit business as a result of persistent infraction of regulations. Restaurants conducted for Greeks and Albanians were closely supervised. In cases where tubercular patients were known to be patrons of restaurants, the managers were given instructions as to the disposal of the utensils used by such persons.

The state regulations requiring all handlers of food to possess health certificates are being generally complied with; 168 certificates have been filed.

All auto camps within the city limits were inspected. These were in a very clean condition and all attendants were holders of health certificates. Those camps supplying room accommodations were instructed as to the regulation number of rooms per sanitary unit and also with regard to the general care of the premises.

### **Garbage Disposal**

The present system is so regulated as to give rise to very few complaints. According to the provisions of the municipal ordinance covering this matter garbage to be collected must be brought to the ground floor. There have been some complaints in some instances due to householders not being aware of this requirement.

### **Complaints**

Complaints of one sort or another are continually

being received by the Health Officer. Some are of a trivial nature, but the general run bear investigation. The policy has been followed of securing abatement of the nuisance where such is found by means of advice and information. As a rule the offense is not deliberate and a ready response is obtained. Of course, unless immediate corrective measures are undertaken, steps are taken toward prosecution.

### Distribution of Complaints

Business places . . . . .	25
Householders and private premises . . . . .	19
Dumps . . . . .	2
General . . . . .	95
	141

### Annual Clean-Up Campaign

This campaign, which is now an annual feature, was ordered April 30th. The cooperation of the Street Commissioner and the Fire Department was had in collecting and removing rubbish. All residents now observe Clean-Up Week and it has a salutary effect on general cleanliness.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

HARRIET E. PENLINGTON, Public Health Nurse

From February 12, 1926, to January 31, 1927

The number of children examined covers all, and many were re-examined. Work of re-examination began September 19, 1926. We found marked new corrections, especially in Parochial Schools. Defects have been corrected in 452 children, previous corrections amounting to 625, and new corrections to 173.

There were 23 tonsil and adenoid cases treated by local physicians for Red Cross Chapter in one year.

### Analysis Work in Schools

Classroom inspections . . . . .	190
Children given full inspection by nurse . . . . .	4,725
Children partially inspected by nurse . . . . .	1,138
Children with defects . . . . .	2,695
Children who have had defects corrected . . . . .	452
Children excluded for pediculosis . . . . .	29
Skin disease . . . . .	5
Symptoms communicable disease . . . . .	21
Sanitary inspections building and grounds . . . . .	11
Classroom talks . . . . .	108

### Defects and Corrections Found in School Children

	Defects	Corrections
Vision . . . . .	388	201
Eyes . . . . .	52	24
Ears and hearing . . . . .	152	4
Teeth . . . . .	2,158	297
Throat and nasal passages . . . . .	1,058	98
Skin . . . . .	29	1
Lungs . . . . .	6	0
Glands . . . . .	6	0
Posture . . . . .	16	0
Heart . . . . .	4	0

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MAHONEY,

Health Officer.

# Report of City Physician.

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

Gentlemen:

I have the honor of presenting my report for the  
year ending January 31st, 1927.

Office calls . . . . .	414
Visits to Homestead . . . . .	40
Home calls . . . . .	211
Confinements . . . . .	3
Inspection of contagious and skin diseases . . . . .	5
Night calls . . . . .	3

Respectfully submitted,

DR. R. C. UPHAM.

# Report of Chief Engineer.

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

In compliance with the City Ordinance, I have the honor of submitting for your consideration, the annual report of the condition and operation of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1927.

## Organization.

One Engine Company, one Chemical and Hose Company, and one Ladder Company.

## Permanent Force.

Chief engineer, one station captain, one station lieutenant, two enginemen assigned to Engine 1 motor pumper; one driver for motor combination hose and Chemical No. 1; two drivers and one tillerman assigned to Aerial Ladder No. 1; one driver for horse drawn steamer; one driver for horse drawn hose wagon and one relief man used to fill in on days off and meal hours.

## Call Force.

Two assistant chiefs; three captains; three lieutenants; three clerks; two engineers (steam fire engines); two stokers and one spare stoker (steam fire engines); seventeen hosemen and nine laddermen.

## Apparatus.

The equipment of the department, January 31, 1927, consisted of:

Motor apparatus:—

One Ahrens-Fox combination, booster, hose and pumper, 750 gallons per minute capacity; one Ahrens-

Fox 75-foot Aerial Ladder truck equipped with 347 feet of ladders and ladder pipe; one combination hose and chemical truck with G. M. C. chassis and motor.

Horse drawn apparatus:—

One Amoskeag steam fire engine, 700 gallons per minute capacity; one Amoskeag steam fire engine, 500 gallons per minute capacity; two hose wagons, one of them equipped with a Morse invincible nozzle; one exercise wagon; and two hose sleds for winter use.

### HORSES

Two pair of horses used on steamer and hose wagon.

### HOSE.

There are 200 feet of 1 inch hose used as booster line on Engine 1.

Also 192½ feet of ¾ inch hose used as chemical line on Combination, Chemical 1.

At the present time, the actual amount of hose in active service at the Central Station is 8,900 feet. All of it is 2½ inch. The amount of 2½ inch hose distributed throughout the city is as follows:

At The Homestead, 500 feet; Biddeford Pool, 900 feet; Pool Road in Piper's garage near the watering trough, 300 feet; Kennebunk Road in Gendron's garage at 536 Elm Street, 500 feet.

### CHEMICALS.

There are two chemical tanks of 35 gallons capacity each on Chemical truck No. 1; thirteen 3 gallon pony extinguishers distributed on the apparatus; two 3 gallon pony extinguishers in reserve and one 3 gallon Fire Foam extinguisher for oil, grease and gasoline fires. During the year we placed one 3 gallon pony extinguisher at Hill's Beach and a few weeks later it prevented a very serious fire at that resort by extinguishing a fire in a house struck by lightning.

## ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

During this fiscal year, the City Government made one of the greatest advances in the history of the city toward modern fire-fighting when they purchased the Ahrens-Fox 75 foot Aerial Ladder Truck with a ladder pipe and fire-fighting equipment of the most advanced type.

This piece of fire apparatus is a credit to the city and the administration is certainly deserving of much commendation for the good judgment shown in making this greatly needed addition to the department.

With this truck we have a portable fire escape, used as a life-saving device; a water tower, an aerial ladder and a city service truck all combined. It is in the station, ready at the call of duty to protect the lives of thousands of little children, who are in attendance at our local schools during the daytime and also to protect the lives of the city's inhabitants during the night.

A Blanchard Angle Nozzle has been added to the equipment. This is connected to the booster hose of the pumper and is invaluable in handling fires in partitions, blind attics and chimney fires, because the stream can be directed at any angle without changing the location of the line.

One new fire alarm box number 41 was installed on Prospect Street at the corner of Clarendon Street. This box was badly needed.

Box number 14 was installed at the station as a special signal and for out of town calls. This eliminates the nuisance of sounding box 55 for every special call as hereafter, when box 55 is sounded, it will be for a fire in the vicinity of the station.

A second alarm system has been inaugurated. With this system the motor apparatus answers the first alarm and the horse drawn apparatus stand ready to answer a second alarm for the first fire or to answer an alarm from

a different location. This is an added protection to the business section.

An automatic electric light switch was installed in the station. Previous to this there were six lights burning all night long every night in the year. This switch is connected to the fire alarm system and as soon as a box is pulled, the switch automatically cuts in a light in each driver's room and five lights on the apparatus floor.

The first three months previous to the installation of this switch the light bill was \$60.04. The first three months after it was installed the bill was \$21.28, which shows that since its installation it has saved many dollars for the city and has paid for itself many times.

Very frequent building inspections were made during the past year and the owners of buildings have cooperated with the fire department.

The two back partitions of the station were renovated to take care of the new aerial ladder truck. This work, which would have cost the city many dollars, was saved by the permanent men doing the work themselves, as it included carpenter work and plumbing.

During previous years the roof on the station leaked and, as a result, the ceiling in one of the rooms upstairs, fell down. A new ceiling was put in by members of the department without any cost except to buy the material.

Two new tires for the motor trucks were purchased this year.

A new horse was purchased to take the place of the one ordered killed because of an incurable disease. This new horse is an exceptionally good one and is well adapted to fire department work.

All the threads on the fire hose have been cut over from a special thread to National Standard Thread. This work was done by the permanent men at the station without any cost to the city. This was done so as to conform with the requirements of the National Board of

Fire Underwriters for a uniform fire hose thread all over the country. The New England Fire Chiefs' Association furnished the thread cutting tools to the city free of charge.

When this department was taken over this year there were only two and one-half bags of steamer coal on hand. We had to purchase 10 tons.

Five hundred feet of fire hose was purchased. This is double jacket hose.

The municipal officers authorized the installation of red lights over the fire alarm boxes. This work is to be started at once.

#### FIRES, INSURANCE, VALUATIONS AND LOSSES.

During the fiscal year the department responded to 112 still alarms and 49 bell alarms, making a total of 161 alarms.

Outside aid was rendered to Kennebunkport, Saco (Camp Ellis), Lyman (Goodwin's Mills), and the following runs were made to the outlying districts of the city: Alfred Road, Oak Ridge, River Road, Kennebunk Road, Hill's Beach, Biddeford Pool (twice), Fortunes Rocks, Drews Mills Road and Pool Road.

The amount of hose laid at fires in the city was 19,400 feet. The amount laid out of town was 2,850 feet, making a total of 22,250 feet laid by the department during the fiscal year.

The amount of chemical used at fires was 597 gallons. Three gallons of Fire Foam and one quart of Pyrene were used and the booster line from the pumper was used 30 times.

Following is a report of fires under the previous administration, which embraces a period of six weeks, Feb. 1, 1926, to March 15, 1926. This includes the first six weeks of our present fiscal year.

Losses on buildings . . . . .	\$11,508.50
Losses on contents . . . . .	4,663.00

Total loss . . . . .	\$16,171.50
Insurance of buildings . . . . .	\$15,800.00
Insurance of contents . . . . .	6,000.00

Total insurance . . . . .	\$21,800.00
Valuation of buildings . . . . .	\$23,700.00
Valuation of contents . . . . .	6,600.00

Total valuation . . . . .	\$30,300.00
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Following is a report of fires under this administration, which embraces a period from March 15, 1926, to Jan. 31, 1927. This report is for the last 10½ months of this fiscal year.

Losses on buildings . . . . .	\$8,886.45
Losses on contents . . . . .	5,645.34

Total loss . . . . .	\$14,531.79
Insurance of buildings . . . . .	\$299,990.00
Insurance of contents . . . . .	29,775.00

Total insurance . . . . .	\$329,765.00
Valuation of buildings . . . . .	\$385,550.00
Valuation of contents . . . . .	155,786.00

Total valuation . . . . .	\$541,286.00
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The per capita fire loss in the United States for one year was \$5.17. The per capita fire loss in Biddeford for this past fiscal year was \$1.92. This shows that our fire loss is very small and should help toward lower insurance rates.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

At the present time and the same as in the past, this department is depending upon a very poor system of alarms of fire from boxes being received at the station. The indicators that record the alarms are antique and cannot be depended upon to register the box correctly. On one occasion this year an alarm from box 25 registered 26 on the indicator and the apparatus responded to State Street instead of Smith's Corner and the delay almost caused a very serious fire. I recommend the purchase of an up to-date punch register such as is used by other modern fire departments.

The method of charging our fire alarm battery system is also a very poor arrangement. The electricity for this work is supplied by the Biddeford and Saco R. R. Co. and it is very irregular. When the trolley cars are pulling heavy on the line, the electricity is pulled away from our charging system and as a result the fire alarm storage batteries are not being charged until someone sees the lights are not burning on the switchboard and that person will have to go to the switchboard and start the charge all over again. This present way of charging is destructive to the plates in the batteries because of the very great variation of electrical current from the trolley line. The city should, by all means, install a motor generator similar to the one used in the Saco Fire Department.

The sub-station at Biddeford Pool is badly in need of repairs and I would suggest that the committee on fire department make a thorough inspection of the Pool station and report same to the City Council for final action.

A few more fire-fighting appliances should be added there, such as 3 gallon pony extinguishers, etc., as the valuation of property at Biddeford Pool is very large and really demands more fire protection.

Following is a list of equipment at Biddeford Pool:

Hose reel with 900 feet of single jacket 2½ inch hose. One set of ladder wheels with one 25 foot and one 30 foot roof ladders and two 35 foot wall ladders. Two nozzles, four 3-gallon pony chemical extinguishers, nine acid bottles, soda and acid; five lanterns, three axes, seven pails, ten shovels, five hydrant wrenches, ten spanners, one hose strap, two brooms, three mops and handles, one dust pan, four ladder poles, two wire cutting poles and two plaster hooks.

I would recommend the purchase of a chief's automobile so as to enable the chief to get to a fire as soon as the apparatus arrives and also to enable the chief to perform all the duties connected with his office. Some years ago, the city furnished the chief with a horse and wagon but now he has nothing, so it appears that we are slipping. There is much more work connected with this office than can be covered in a day by walking all over this city, especially in making a periodical inspection of the fire alarm system and building inspections. I understand that this administration was in no position at all to purchase a car last year owing to financial difficulties, but if there is any possible chance whatsoever, I earnestly hope they will consider this recommendation and purchase one.

The First Assistant Chief should be a permanent man on night duty and more permanent men should be added as the city's finances would allow.

Everyone with any common sense will agree that the present Motor Pumper is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, improvements this city ever made, but still we should not expect this one machine to carry all the burden of fire protection alone. We have some very dangerous fire hazards to contend with and if two fires in different parts of the city should occur at the same time you could not expect this one pumper to work at both of them.

We should not stop here, but should map out a program to continue to motorize the fire department until we are at least on an even footing with other cities much smaller than Biddeford.

Take for an example the city of Saco. The Saco Fire Department has a pumping capacity of 3,000 gallons per minute and the Biddeford Fire Department has a pumping capacity of 1,950 gallons per minute. Biddeford is three times as large as Saco and has 1,050 gallons pumping capacity less than Saco.

I, therefore, recommend the purchase of an Ahrens-Fox motor pumper of at least 1,000 gallons per minute capacity with booster.

One of the most essential things to be done this year is to change the fire alarm system to conform with the recommendations of the Fire Underwriters. This can be taken up by the Fire Committee and the Fire Chief.

The interior of the fire station should be painted and the ceilings painted also. The condition and appearance of the interior of this fire station is a disgrace to the city, it being understood, however, that no reflection is cast on this present administration, as the financial condition of the last fiscal year would not warrant the work being done.

The collection of rubbish should be taken away from the Fire Department. It is a large drain on the appropriation of the Fire Department and we get no credit for it. The territory now covered by the fire horses in the collection of rubbish extends to the city limits and this city is certainly flirting with a conflagration in keeping the fire horses on the rubbish collection.

The city should continue to install more hydrants and fire alarm boxes.

Plans should be started as soon as possible to figure on a new sub-station in the vicinity of Five Points. The Central Station is approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from houses

built in that locality and more houses are being constructed there every year.

### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES.

In reference to the appropriation for this Fire Department, I will state that the salary list alone, not including other expenditures, is \$28,060.00.

Appropriation .....	\$28,000.00	
Credits .....	741.47	
		—————
		\$28,741.47
Expenditures .....		\$33,394.80
Credits .....		28,741.47
		—————
Overdrawn .....		4,653.33
New Aerial Ladder Truck.....		\$16,500.00
		—————
Total overdraft .....		\$21,153.33

I desire to record here the wonderful spirit of cooperation manifested by the Mayor, the Committee on Fire Department, the City Council and all the citizens of Biddeford in all matters concerning the Biddeford Fire Department.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the city officials who assisted, in rendering their services to the department.

Finally, I wish to express to the Board of Engineers and all the officers and members of the Fire Department, my deep appreciation for their efficient service during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE T. RICKER,

Chief, Biddeford Fire Department.

# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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

Gentlemen: As Superintendent of Schools, I have the honor to present, for your consideration, my seventh annual report for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1927.

The school census of Biddeford, taken April 1, 1926, showed 6,701 persons between the ages of five and twenty, inclusive; this was a decrease from the previous year of 347, due probably to families moving out of town on account of industrial conditions. This depopulation affected materially the receipts from the State School Fund which is based upon school census of all persons between the ages of five and twenty and the aggregate attendance of public school pupils. However, this decrease in receipts from the State was not caused by a small enrollment in the public schools as 1,453 pupils were registered during the year 1925-1926 and 1,422 registered during the year 1924-1925, showing an increase of 31 pupils. The average daily attendance for the year 1925-1926 was 1170.28, for the year 1924-25 it was 1113.94, showing an increase of 56.34; the aggregate attendance for the year 1925-1926 was 207,566.5, for the year 1924-1925 it was 198,947.5, showing an increase of 8,619.

High school and grammar school graduation exercises were held, for the first time, in the gymnasium. These exercises were so well attended and proved so successful that this plan will be followed in the future.

Following is a list of the pupils who were graduated

from the high school, the grades and rural schools, together with a program of the exercises:

### Grammar School Graduation

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|--|-------------------------|
| Selection,   | School Orchestra        |
| Prayer,  | Rev. Royal Brown        |
| Chorus, "Old Black Joe," Foster,   | Eighth Grades           |
| "The Mission of the Public School," Hyde,  | Evelyn M. Lavigne       |
| "Scum O' the Earth," Schaufler,  | James J. Katsimantis    |
| "New England Civilization," Frye,  | Gertrude E. Harmon      |
| "A Troop of the Guard Rides Forth Today," Hagedorn,  | Dorothy G. Burchill     |
| "Grandmother's Story of Bunker Hill Battle," Holmes,   | Alma L. Peters          |
| Piano Solo, "The Rosary," Nevin,   | Martha B. Staples       |
| Girls' Chorus, "Little Moon," Bartholomew,   | Eighth Grades           |
| Dance, "Men of Valor,"   |                         |
| Dorothy G. Burchill, Elizabeth L. Gove, Gertrude E. Harmon, R. Elizabeth Johnson, Gladys E. Johnson, Evelyn M. Lavigne, Gertrude E. Means, Louise A. Mogan, Niki J. Papatheodorn, Alice E. Pendergast, Gladys R. Record, Laurette A. Savard, Martha L. Sicard, Elizabeth M. Smith, Mary N. Woodsome, Eleanor F. Wormwood.  |                         |
| Vocal Solo, Selected,  | Bertha R. Perkins       |
| Indian Club Drill  |                         |
| Archie G. Droggitis, Albert A. Elwell, Harry Horsfield, Otis L. Keith, Paul I. Lerman, Conrad J. Lessard, J. Woodrow Marcille, Vito F. Mariello, Ralph Randall, Joseph F. Regina, Raymond E. Roberts, Norman A. Staples, Isadore Thorner, Arthur A. Wilcox, Richard D. Dearborn, Parker L. Folsom, Charles O. Goldberg, Chester M. Rogers.   |                         |
| English Dances, "We Won't Get Home Until Morning"  |                         |
| "Waves of Nurney,"   |                         |
| Helena P. Beaudoin, Ethel L. Bedard, Blanche L. Charles, Irene A. Foss, Gertrude E. Harmon, R. Elizabeth Johnson, Gladys E. Johnson, Irene E. Labbe, Evelyn M. Lavigne, Gertrude E. Means, Alice G. Metayer, Philomene M. O'Sullivan, Bertha R. Perkins, Alma L. Peters, Gladys R. Record, Martha L. Sicard, Elizabeth M. Smith, Martha B. Staples, Marguerite F. Stevens, Kathryn M. Tarbox, Mary N. Woodsome, Annie Zaitlin. |                         |
| "The Little God and Dicky," Daskam,  | Ethel L. Bedard         |
| "The Man Without a Country," Hale,   | Marguerite F. Stevens   |
| "Our Rich Heritage," Thurston,   | J. Woodrow Marcille     |
| "The Unknown Speaker," Lippard,  | Philomene M. O'Sullivan |
| "Americanism," Roosevelt,  | Joseph F. Regina        |
| Chorus, "Waiting in the Shadows," Nevin,   | Eighth Grades           |

Awarding of Scholarship Medals,  
 Chairman of Board of Education, Dr. George C. Precourt  
 Presentation of Diplomas,  
 Superintendent of Schools, Chester A. Weed  
 Exit March, School Orchestra

## GRADUATES

Antonio J. Anthony	Gertrude E. Means
Helena P. Beaudoin	Alice G. Metayer
Herbert J. Beaumont	Louise A. Mogan
Ethel L. Bedard	Philomene M. O'Sullivan
Dorothy G. Burchill	Niki J. Papatheodorn
Blanche L. Charles	Alice E. Pendergast
Richard B. Dearborn	Bertha R. Perkins
Archie G. Droggitis	Alma L. Peters
Albert A. Elwell	Ralph Randall
Ray R. Emerson	Gladys R. Record
Agnes R. Farley	Joseph F. Regina
Parker L. Folsom	Emma E. Robbins
Irene A. Foss	Raymond E. Roberts
Philippe E. Gaudette	Chester M. Rogers
Charles D. Goldberg	Laurette A. Savard
Elizabeth L. Gove	Clarence A. Sicard
Herbert E. Haley	Martha L. Sicard
Gertrude E. Harmon	Elizabeth M. Smith
Harry Horsfield	Martha B. Staples
R. Elizabeth Johnson	Norman A. Staples
Gladys E. Johnson	Marguerite F. Stevens
James J. Katsimantis	Kathryn M. Tarbox
Otis L. Keith	Isadore Thorner
Irene E. Labbe	Marion G. Wakefield
Evelyn M. Lavigne	Arthur A. Wilcox
Paul I. Lerman	Mary N. Woodsome
Conrad J. Lessard	Eleanor F. Wormwood
J. Woodrow Marcille	Annie Zaitlin
Vito F. Mariello	

First Honors: Eight A Philomene M. O'Sullivan  
 Eight B James J. Katsimantis  
 Eight C J. Woodrow Marcille

## RURAL GRADUATES

John L. Chute	Emelianna Belisle
Bernard E. Harris	Kenneth Benson
Leslie E. Wyman	Sadie E. Davis
Phyllis M. Goldthwaite	Eva R. Emmons
Cornelia Taylor	Catherine Holland
Kenneth F. Young	

**High School Graduation**

Invocation,	Rev. Sidney J. Willis
Our Storied Past, with Salutatory,	M. Lucille Small
Maine, the Beautiful	Rose Banush
The Song of the Spindle,	William E. Prescott

## Music

The Call of the Big Pine,	Evelyn V. Cole
The Playground of the Nation,	Carol D. Small
The Evolution of Youth,	Elvira H. Boston
Our Hall of Fame,	John C. Finn
A Vision of the Future, with Valedictory,	Alice Peterson

## Music

Awarding of Medal,	Hon. George C. Precourt
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. C. A. Weed

## GRADUATES

Norman Anderson	Carleton F. Hooper
Rose Banush**	Robert A. Hooper*
Erminie E. Barney	Prescott L. Howard
Harry E. Belanger	Peter T. Johnson
Elvira H. Boston**	Quentin P. Johnson
Kathleen F. Caddigan	Arthur H. King
Mary E. Caddigan	Eva Noela Lemire
Evelyn V. Cole***	Paul T. Libby*
Gerald P. Crowley	William P. Lombard
Merton L. Curtis**	Frederick L. Mahoney*
Robert Dion*	Harriet E. McCormack*
Barbara H. Dolby	Donald S. McKenney
Ernest A. Donahue	Cecilia M. Murphy*
Helene F. Donovan	John P. O'Sullivan
Roy Duross	Alice Peterson***
Frederick W. Elwell	William E. Prescott**
Elizabeth E. Fildes*	Robert Rochefort*
John C. Finn***	Edgar W. Simard*
Florence H. Fuller*	Carol D. Small***
Irene T. Gallagher	Edna Small*
Louise Giguere	Margaret L. Small***
Lillian R. Goldberg*	Simon Spill**
Carlyle H. Harmon*	Helen T. Twomey
Hortense E. Hayes	Basil L. Verrill
Edward W. Goldthwaite	Dorothy B. Wilcox**
Albert Hevey*	Madeline Wormwood**

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At the close of last fiscal year the department of education was negotiating for a school physician. Lack of success in this measure led to the acceptance of a proposal from the Red Cross Association whereby the duties of a school physician could be undertaken by nurses of this Association. Excellent progress has been made during the past year and a fine spirit of cooperation on the part of teachers, parents and pupils is manifest. This

work includes all schools in the city, both public and private, it being conceded that disease germs are no respectors of boundary lines and an epidemic will readily spread from one school to another not under the same supervision.

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE.

From February 12, 1926, to January 31, 1927

The number of children examined includes all pupils in public and parochial schools.

Work of re-examination began September, 1926, and is incomplete to date. We found a marked number of new corrections, showing the splendid co-operation of teachers and parents.

Four hundred and fifty-two pupils had previously had defects corrected.

Six hundred and twenty-five pupils had defects corrected at time of re-examination, showing 173 new corrections to date.

Twenty-three tonsil cases were operated upon by local physicians and co-operation of hospitals.

### **Analysis of Work in Schools**

Class room inspections . . . . .	190
Children given full inspection by nurse . . . . .	4,725
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Lungs . . . . .	6	0
Glands . . . . .	6	0
Posture . . . . .	16	0
Heart . . . . .	4	0

HARRIET E. PENLINGTON,

Red Cross Public Health Nurse.

## REPORT OF INSTRUCTOR IN PENMANSHIP

### Penmanship

Following is the report of the instructor in penmanship:

It was not many years ago that Portland, Bangor, Biddeford and Saco were about all the cities in Maine where muscular movement writing was taught. Now it would be hard to find a place where it is not taught. The Normal schools are demanding the same standard of business penmanship as is being taught by the commercial colleges.

Movement writing is taught in our schools from the first grade. The work in the lower grades is carried on quite successfully, the teacher giving fifteen and twenty minute periods every day. In the upper grades so many activities have crept into the curriculum during the last few years that less time is available for practice in penmanship. I would suggest that, if it were possible, at least one hour per week be given to supervised practice.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. DEERING.

## REPORT OF PHYSICAL DIRECTOR

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### Physical Training

Physical Training is now being given its proper recognition in our schools and under the able instruction of Miss Joan Cosgrove and Mr. Stephen White an excellent program is being carried out in all grades. Recognizing the importance of this work, the Department of Education voted to allow one point toward graduation to all pupils who pursued the course satisfactorily for the four years.

Following are the reports of the instructors in Physical Training:

Physical education is carried on throughout the public schools of the city.

Grades 1 and 2 have a program consisting of story plays, folk dancing, and games. Story plays consist of all the exercises in a regular day's order, but are given as a story, so that the child is playing rather than working. Each story play consists of an order, a breathing exercise, an arm exercise, a leg exercise, a precipitant, and a final breathing exercise. This work is entirely informal. Folk dancing is begun in the first two grades and carried on during five or six years. These develop grace, rhythm, and ability to carry out directions accurately. This is an important phase of child training at this period. Games are the greatest aid in child training. Simple games to develop eye training, ear training, color training, leadership, poise, alertness and many other qualities, are carried on in the primary grades.

From grades three to six work consists of floor work or formal exercises, folk dancing and games. Floor work or formal exercises are given by the supervisor, aided by the grade teacher, for three months. Class leadership is then begun. This is an innovation and an improvement. It increases interest among the pupils, and is an added incentive to the teacher. It takes the

burden of the work from the teacher and makes each child responsible. This leadership is carefully supervised by the teacher. At the end of the term the amount and quality of the work can be measured and comparisons made. Folk dancing is continued and more difficult dances are given. Dances of different countries are taught in co-operation with the regular geography lesson. More complicated games are taught in these grades involving some team work. Qualities, such as initiative, alertness, honesty, fair play, leadership, cleverness, and the like are developed. All these games are carefully supervised.

In the seventh and eighth grades classes are begun for boys and girls separately. Girls' classes are carried on at the Emery school hall, Washington and Birch Street schools. Emphasis in these classes is placed upon folk dancing, character dancing, and the rudiments of aesthetic dancing. Floor work is given, consisting of free hand exercises, dumbbell drills, and Victrola exercises.

Rural schools are visited once every two weeks throughout the year. Practically the same program is carried on in these schools as in the city schools. Work to be accomplished is laid out by the supervisor, and completed by the teacher. Class leadership is also a factor.

Physical Education in the high school now has a definite place in the curriculum. Classes for the girls are held twice a week. Students show a great deal of interest in the work, and are eager to take advantage of all that the new gymnasium offers.

Floor work is given, consisting of calisthenics, dumbbell drills, Indian club drills, wand drills, exercises with the Victrola. Marching is another phase of the work. Apparatus work is taken up, consisting of parallel bars, chest weights, horizontal bar, horse and buck. Folk dancing, character dancing and aesthetic dancing are continued.

Interclass basketball is offered the student body as an extra curriculum study. A representative group competes in inter-school basketball. There is a great deal of interest manifested by the girls in this sport.

Indoor baseball will be offered as an inter-class sport in the spring.

JOAN R. COSGROVE,  
Physical Director.

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## REPORT OF COACH AND PHYSICAL DIRECTOR.

I am presenting herewith my report of work in physical training covering period from February 1, 1926, to January 31, 1927.

In March, 1926, at which time the new gymnasium was ready for occupancy, physical training was begun on a broader scale.

Marching, setting-up exercises, work with dumbbells, swinging clubs, rope climbing, parallel bars, horse, buck, travelling rings, has been the program used since entering the gymnasium.

In addition to time devoted to the high school boys, eight classes from the elementary grades receive instruction in physical training at the gymnasium.

Physical exercise improves the vital organs, develops co-ordination, and improves alertness. School life often gives rise to definite faults of posture, to improve which, corrective exercises are given..

A new phase in physical training this year is the development of student leadership, one member of the class acting as instructor, under the supervision of the teacher.

Another feature in physical training is the benefits derived from competitive sports such as football, baseball, and basketball. Aside from the physical benefits gained, these teach the boy to be fair, square, and honest

inasmuch as he must play according to rules and thus learn the true meaning of character.

STEPHEN F. WHITE,  
Coach and Physical Director.

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### Music

Under the supervision of Miss Florence Crowley, work in music is being well handled by the teachers. Much stress has been placed this year on voice training, training not only to sing sweetly, but to preserve the voice for future years; "a well modulated speaking voice is an asset in any walk of life."

An exhibition of school music was given in the McArthur auditorium, demonstrating the work as it is presented in the classrooms; singing of songs and dramatization of rote songs were given by pupils in the lower grades, while a group of pupils from the intermediate grades showed how music appreciation was developed. To demonstrate the work done in special voice training, a group of pupils recited "Lilacs." The proceeds of this exhibition were used to purchase prizes for the music memory contest, in which ninety pupils competed. Excellent work was done and each contestant received, as a prize, either a gold or a silver music pin.

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### Domestic Science and Manual Training

Classes in Domestic Science and Manual Training are progressing remarkably well. Demonstrations of work and exhibitions of finished articles were on display in the show windows of local merchants during the year.

The state inspectors of these two branches, who visited our schools recently, recommended the elimination of this work in the lower grades and the giving of longer periods to the upper grades. This matter will be given consideration and a change in the course will, no doubt, be made for the next school year.

## Report of Domestic Science in Elementary Schools

Feb. 1, 1926, to Jan. 31, 1927

February 1st, 1926, found the sewing department well under way in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades; in the seventh and eighth grades, the half year of sewing was nearly at an end, and the classes getting ready for a half year of cookery.

### Grade 4 Special English and Grade 5

February, 1926—June, 1926

Sewing aprons	Mending and patching
Machine stitching	Bureau scarf
Cutting	Home decoration
Simple embroidery	Simple embroidery
Buttonholes	Crocheting
Health Verses	

### Grade 6—February, 1926—June, 1926

Simple underwear	Nightgown
Materials suitable	Bloomers
Simple decoration	Study of cotton and linen
Niceness of finish	textiles
Slip	

### Grade 7—February, 1926—June, 1926

The seventh grade began their half year of cookery shortly after February 1, 1926.

List of abbreviations	Dishwashing
List of equivalents	Classification of foods
Measurements	Foods suitable for breakfast

#### Foods suitable for luncheon.

Cocoa	Golden Rod Toast
Cereals	Omelet
Scrambled Eggs	Muffins

Study of menu making and setting of breakfast table.

Cream Soups	Gingerbread
Cream vegetables	Cake
Scalloped dishes	Baked custard
Biscuit	

## Grade 8—February 1, 1926 to June, 1926

The new project undertaken in the sewing department was simple millinery, in the eighth grades. The trimming of commercial shapes, and color harmony were studied, and the results were very gratifying, much interest being taken in this new project. The making of telephone screens and of lamp shades were also new to the sewing department. A few basic principles of home decoration were applied in this project. The exhibitions of the shades and screens spoke for the success of this project.

The cookery department adopted, as far as possible, the new State outline for cookery classes. The eighth grades proved their ability when the emergency arose that the teacher was taken suddenly ill, and the girls on their own responsibility cooked and served a luncheon to the Board of Education.

Simple dietetics was studied in the eighth grades and an interesting exhibit of 100 c. portions of foods, and trays of foods belonging to the different classes of food were prepared in the school.

## Sept. 13, 1926—January 31, 1927

## Grade 4 Special English and Grade 5

Introduction to sewing	Hemming stitch
Sampler	Blanket stitch
Basting stitch	Single featherstitching
Running stitch	Double featherstitching
Back stitch	Overhanding
Outline stitch	
Holder	
Cutting	Blanket stitch
Back stitch	Embroidery (simple)
Overhanding	
Darning	
Bloomers	
Cutting	Attaching lace
Machine stitching	
Health verses	

## Grade 6—Sept. 13, 1926—January 31, 1927

Guest towel	
Hemstitching	Laundry
Embroidery	
Cookery uniforms	
Cutting	Hemming
Fitting	Gathering
Machine work	Buttonholes

Study of cotton and linen textiles.

The pupils of these classes organized into Health Clubs, studying ways of becoming and keeping healthy. They made many attractive posters and wrote several clever health plays. The health clubs proved to be very interesting as well as helpful to the children.

When school opened September 13, 1926, it was decided that the cookery classes would be held the first part of the school year, instead of the last part, as had been done before, getting the cookery done in the cool weather and having the sewing done in the last half of the school year.

## Grade 7—Sept. 13, 1926—January 31, 1927

List of Abbreviations	Dishwashing
List of Equivalentents	Classification of Foods
Measurements	
Foods suitable for breakfast	
Cocoa	Scrambled eggs
Cereal with fruit	Omelet
Creamed eggs on toast	Muffins
Study of Menu Making	
Breakfast Menus	
Foods suitable for luncheon	
Cream soups	Gingerbread
Creamed vegetables	Cake
Scalloped dishes	Baked custard
Biscuit	

## Grade 8—Sept. 13, 1926—January 31, 1927

Study of preservation of foods	
Open kettle method	Study of Meat
Cold pack method	Study of Fish
Jelly making	Table Setting
Apple Jelly	Table Manners

Menu Making  
Vegetable Cookery  
Biscuit  
Cake

One and two crust pies  
Cookies  
Puddings and other desserts  
Serving of a simple luncheon

ALICE GRAFFAM CLARK,

Instructor.

## REPORT OF MANUAL TRAINING

This important branch of the educational system of the Biddeford Public schools merits due consideration on the part of the citizens of Biddeford. It is here, and only here that the boys receive instruction in mechanics, and art of construction, and manipulation of tools. This instruction assists the boy to a better understanding of what his life work is to be; whether he is to enter professional or industrial fields. The basic principles of the course aim to teach the boy the proper procedure in the art of building and logical tool procedure.

The grades receiving this instruction include fourth, fifth, and sixth Special English, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the rest of the system, making a total of about three hundred pupils enrolled. The instructor aims to have every project fit some particular need in the home or useful article for the boy in his recreational life.

These articles include sleds, ironing boards, plant stands, toboggans, caneing chairs, glueing up chairs, and general repairs on household furniture, hall trees, fernery, knife and fork boxes, auto repair, beds, kitchen tables, step-ladders, pastry boards, coaster wagons, table lamps, floor lamps, foot-stools, trellises, brush holders, sewing stands, medicine cabinets, smoking stands and numerous other useful articles.

All classes report at the Emery school for instruction. There are fifteen classes, each class receiving from one to two hours per week, depending upon the class.

Aside from the articles above mentioned, the in-

structor has touched upon electrical work, plumbing, sheet metal work and cement work.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH S. CALDWELL,

Instructor.

### **Domestic Science—High School**

At the high school a class in Domestic Science was started in February, 1926, with Miss Mary Waterhouse as instructor, and in September, 1926, Domestic Science and Household Arts were offered as regular courses. Sixty-one pupils are enrolled and fine work is being done. Six combination gas ovens and broilers, Greenwood, have been added to the equipment.

Following is a report of this work at high school.

The course offered in Domestic Science is as follows:

- A. The value of foods in the home.
  - 1. Buying.
  - 2. Preparing.
  - 3. The needs of foods for individuals.  
What each class of foods do for the body.
  - 4. Care of the foods.

In Household Arts the following course is offered:

- A. Budgets and Accounts.
  - 1. The value of keeping them.
- B. Planning and Selection of a Home.
  - 1. Location
  - 2. Healthful Points.
- C. Drawing of plans for some rooms at home.  
Measurements given for rooms and the arrangement left to the scholars.

### **Commercial Course**

The enrollment of a large class of students electing the commercial course necessitated engaging an extra

teacher at the high school. Miss Beatrice Randall, a graduate of Boston University, was elected and is ably filling this position. No other changes or additions were found necessary to the teaching force of the city this year, although it was found expedient, due to the change in the balance of population, to close district No. 6 and re-open district No. 7.

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## REPORT OF KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

After a long and varied experience in the Biddeford kindergarten with children from all kinds of homes and of many nationalities, I have made out a yearly programme that seems to me to best fit the needs of the majority of these children.

Beginning with the fall term, in our morning circle talks, games and songs, we take up a week at a time, the activities of the vacation just passed, family life, human beings, birds, squirrels, etc., and then dwell on the many preparations for the sustenance, fruits, nuts, grains and vegetables, with the work of the farmer, the milkman, the baker, and the mother at home with the stove. Jack Frost and the Jack-O-Lanterns make fun for all and the term ends with the fascinating Thanksgiving and Christmas festivals. At the latter there is usually a tree decorated for the last week, but there is none of the promiscuous giving of presents from one child to certain others nor is any child told to bring money that the teacher may buy for all, a custom which makes for hardship in many families. Our tree is for parents and friends and each kindergarten child makes two or three simple presents to illustrate the principle of giving and working for those they love.

The winter term brings the New Year, the names of the months, and the days of the week, and then we learn through play (the basic principle of kindergarten) of the beauties and wonders of nature, snow and ice, the sun,

moon and stars. In February we make much of the birthday of Washington but less of Lincoln (because his problems and character are harder to adapt to the small child's mind) and then follow the trades of the more humble workers, the woodsman, the carpenter, miner, blacksmith, shoemaker, engineers, etc. In the spring term with the farmer's planting and ploughing, animals of the farmyard, the birds back from the Southland and the spring flowers finish our programme.

The new project work is most attractive to old and young alike but very expensive so what little we do is of the home-made variety. I am old-fashioned enough to think what the modern child needs is some kind of subservience to law and I believe it can best be gained by some dictation work (with the free play afterward) in "the gifts" of Froebel, the founder of the kindergarten, and so with these I try to teach each child the primary colors, the directions of back and front, left and right, up and down, the numbers, singly and then by twos up to ten. We learn the sphere, cube and cylinder in play, the circle and the square, and in the other terms, the oblong and the triangle, halves and quarters.

Except on "Banking Days" or special occasions, we have some form of manual work each day, painting, drawing, weaving, sewing, clay modelling, etc., called the "occupation work."

Some days, weeks or terms I seem to accomplish much more of the work planned than others, but my aim is ever to make it helpful as well as happy for those in the "Child Garden."

GRACE THOMPSON BURBANK,  
Kindergartener.

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### Evening Schools

Too few people avail themselves of the opportunities for self-help that is offered in the Evening Schools. The attendance at the High School classes has been

very good. Americanization and regular evening school classes have maintained an average attendance of about fifty per cent of the enrollment. The classes, while not so large as some years, are made up of diligent students who are earnest of purpose.

A number of teachers have taken summer school courses offered by the State. So long as teachers show such a professional spirit, the standard of the schools will continue to be raised. The department, appreciating this spirit on the part of teachers has provided that: "To encourage teachers to attend State approved summer courses or the equivalent thereof, a bonus of \$25.00 per year will be paid. A bonus may be earned once in three years but not more than three to any one teacher."

Bank Day, an institution which has been in effect in the private and public schools for about a year, is meeting with fine success. The Bank, parents, teachers, and pupils are giving it their hearty co-operation. About fifty per cent of all pupils enrolled in the public schools and about thirty-three and a third per cent of all pupils enrolled in the private schools participate in this activity. About \$10,000.00 has been placed on deposit through this agency. It is safe to say that seventy-five per cent of this amount would have been spent thoughtlessly except for Bank Day. The habit formed of depositing regularly in the bank is one which will be of great help to the future citizens of Biddeford.

The untiring efforts of Attendance Officer Will Stone lighten the load of the teaching force. During the past year two hundred and fifty-eight cases were reported and each case given proper attention. Of these, seventeen were truants, ten were without suitable clothing, twenty-three had moved away. Only two cases were prosecuted.

This year a much smaller appropriation than was needed was granted the school department. However, being appraised of the financial condition of the city, it

has lent its co-operation in every way possible. Certain expenditures contracted for, such as salaries of teachers and janitors, are absolutely necessary and provision must be made to meet them. Fuel, textbooks and supplies cannot be eliminated. Repairs and insurance are necessary.

This was very evident to the members of the Board of Education upon making their annual tour of inspection. So many needed repairs and so little to do with caused the committee much concern, and they are to be commended for the showing that has been made. Some of the most needed repairs were given attention, i. e., renovating the roof of the Washington Street school and the erecting of steel ceilings in six classrooms, all corridors, stairways, and ante-rooms. Chemical toilets were installed as provided by the State Department of Education, in rural schools, Districts No. 2 and 9. New roofs were laid on buildings at districts No. 1, No. 7, No. 9, and Domestic Science, Foss Street.

Among the many repairs left undone and which must have attention in the immediate future are—new floors in Washington Street school, steel ceiling and outside paint at Domestic Science school, Foss Street; outside paint on Birch Street and Bradbury Street schools, the walls and woodwork of all schools, except the high school, painted. Much repair work is needed in the rural schools. Six of these are equipped with toilet facilities as required by the State Department of Education; all others should be equipped this year. In most of the rural schools antiquated furniture is in use; this should be given attention. Only one rural school, the Guinea school, has proper and approved lighting and heating facilities. It was, therefore, plain to be seen that the department could not keep within its appropriation.

Following is the financial statement of the department:

## Fiscal Report of Department of Education, City of Biddeford, Maine, Year 1926-1927.

	Appropriation	Received	Expenditures	Balance	Over-Draft Carried Over
	From State	During Yr.			
Schools .....	27,901.02	2,064.53	88,305.21	5,839.66	2,582.20
Repairs .....	4,000.00		4,274.62	274.62	2,434.44
Supplies and Insurance .....	3,500.00	976.25	4,417.12	59.13	
Free Text Books .....	2,000.00	1.65	1,890.50	111.15	37.16
Evening Schools .....	1,440.53	7.00	2,481.15	1,566.38	16.14
Domestic Science .....	800.00		1,996.56	303.44	6.30
Manual Training .....	800.00				
Physical Training .....	1,183.00	58.41	5,409.95	1,131.46	20.25
Supt. of Schools .....	800.00		3,300.00		
	\$32,924.55	\$3,107.84	\$112,075.11	\$3,171.56	\$5,096.49
Total Expenditures .....	\$112,075.11—1926-1927			\$6,114.28	\$6,114.28
Unpaid Bills .....	5,096.49—1925-1926				\$5,096.49
Total .....	\$117,171.60				\$11,210.77
Total Receipts .....	109,132.39				
Over-Draft .....	8,039.21				

Total Over-Drafts year 1926-1927—\$6,114.28; total Balances— \$3,171.56; actual Over-Draft—\$2,942.72.

### RECEIVED DURING YEAR

School Tuition, Secondary .....	2,014.58
Tuition, Elementary .....	8.00
Transportation .....	1.00
Bd. and Office—Tolls .....	39.45
Miscellaneous (Door No. 9) .....	1.50
Supplies Rebate on Insurance .....	964.25
Victrola No. 1 .....	12.00
Text Books .....	976.25
Evening School Tuition .....	1.65
Manual Training—Stock to pupils .....	7.00
	58.41
	<u>\$3,107.84</u>

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Tuition .....	348.00
Rebate on Ins. ....	82.06
	<u>\$430.06</u>

It will be noticed that the actual over-draft for this year is only \$2,942.72, while the total over-draft is \$8,039.21 due to the fact that bills to the amount of \$5,096.49 due during the year 1925-1926 were held over for payment until the fiscal year 1926-1927.

Each year new educational theories are being put into practice. The aim of all new ideas is to improve methods of teaching and to help the individual pupil to a higher plane of achievement. More attention is given to the individual pupil at present than at any time since the passing of the old district school. Each new theory of education with its application to teaching method is a challenge to teachers to try it for themselves, to compare the new with the old, and to adopt the new where better results can be secured. Thus is progress in education attained. Biddeford teachers are striving loyally not only to keep the schools up to their previous standard, but, if possible, to make them better each year. To the efforts of the teachers, supported whole-heartedly as they are by the Board of Education and the people, is due the present excellent condition of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WEED,  
Superintendent of Schools.

## Mayors of Biddeford Since 1855

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- 1855-6 Daniel E. Somes, Republican.  
1857 James Andrews, Republican.  
1858-9 Cyrus Gordon, Democrat.  
1860 Jonathan Tuck, Democrat.  
Esreff H. Banks, Republican, unexpired term of  
Jonathan Tuck.  
1861-2 Seth S. Fairfield, Democrat.  
1863-4 John Q. Adams, Democrat.  
1865-6 Charles A. Shaw, Democrat.  
1867-8 Ferguson Haines, Democrat.  
1869 James R. Clark, Democrat.  
1870-1 E. W. Wedgewood, Democrat.  
1872 Francis G. Warren, Democrat.  
1873 James H. McMullan, Republican.  
1874-5 Francis G. Warren, Democrat.  
1876 John H. Burnham, Democrat.  
1877 Alfred Pierce, Republican.  
1878 Charles M. Moses, Republican.  
1879 James A. Strout, Democrat.  
1880 Charles M. Moses, Republican.  
1881-2 Elisha E. Clark, Republican.  
1883-5 E. W. Staples, Democrat.  
1886-7 Samuel F. Parcher, Democrat.  
1888-9 C. E. Goodwin, Democrat.  
1890-3 E. W. Staples, Democrat.  
1894-5 Charles S. Hamilton, Republican.  
1896-7 Carlos Heard, Citizen and Democrat.  
1898-9 Levi W. Stone, Citizen and Republican.  
1900-1 Nathaniel B. Walker, Citizen, Democrat and  
Republican.

- 1902 Joseph Gooch, Citizen, Republican and Democrat.
- 1903 Joseph Gooch, Citizen and Republican.
- 1904-5 Nathaniel B. Walker, Citizen and Republican.
- 1906-7 Gilman P. Littlefield, Citizen and Republican.
- 1908-9 Cornelius Horigan, Democrat and Independent.
- 1910-12 Albert O. Marcille, Democrat and Independent.
- 1913-15 James G. C. Smith, Democrat and Independent.
- 1916 Leopold A. Girard, Democrat and Independent.
- 1917-19 Hartley C. Banks, Democrat and Independent.
- 1920 Thomas F. Locke, Democrat and Independent.
- 1921 Ulysses E. Fosdick, Republican and Citizen.
- 1922-26 Edward H. Drapeau, Democrat and Independent.
- 1926 George C. Precourt, Progressive and Republican.

## City Clerks of Biddeford Since 1855

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- 1855-7 Levi Loring, Jr.  
1857-9 Frederick D. Edgerly.  
1860 George H. Knowlton.  
1861-9 Frederick D. Edgerly.  
1870-2 John A. Staples.  
1873-4 Cyrus P. Berry.  
1875-6 Samuel Tripp.  
1877-8 Cyrus P. Berry.  
1879 Frank W. Roberts.  
1880-2 Charles H. Parcher.  
1883-93 Edgar A. Hubbard.  
1894-5 Charles E. Pillsbury.  
1896-7 William P. Freeman.  
1898-9 Dennis Murphy.  
1900-3 Dayton T. Moore.  
1904-6 Daniel H. B. Hooper.  
1907-9 Albert O. Marcille.  
1910-17 Thomas F. Locke.  
1918-21 Edmond Bergeron.  
1922 Ernest Petit.  
1923-26 Arthur H. Hevey.  
1926 Alfred Lantagne.