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ANNUAL REPORT
CITY OF BIDDEFORD

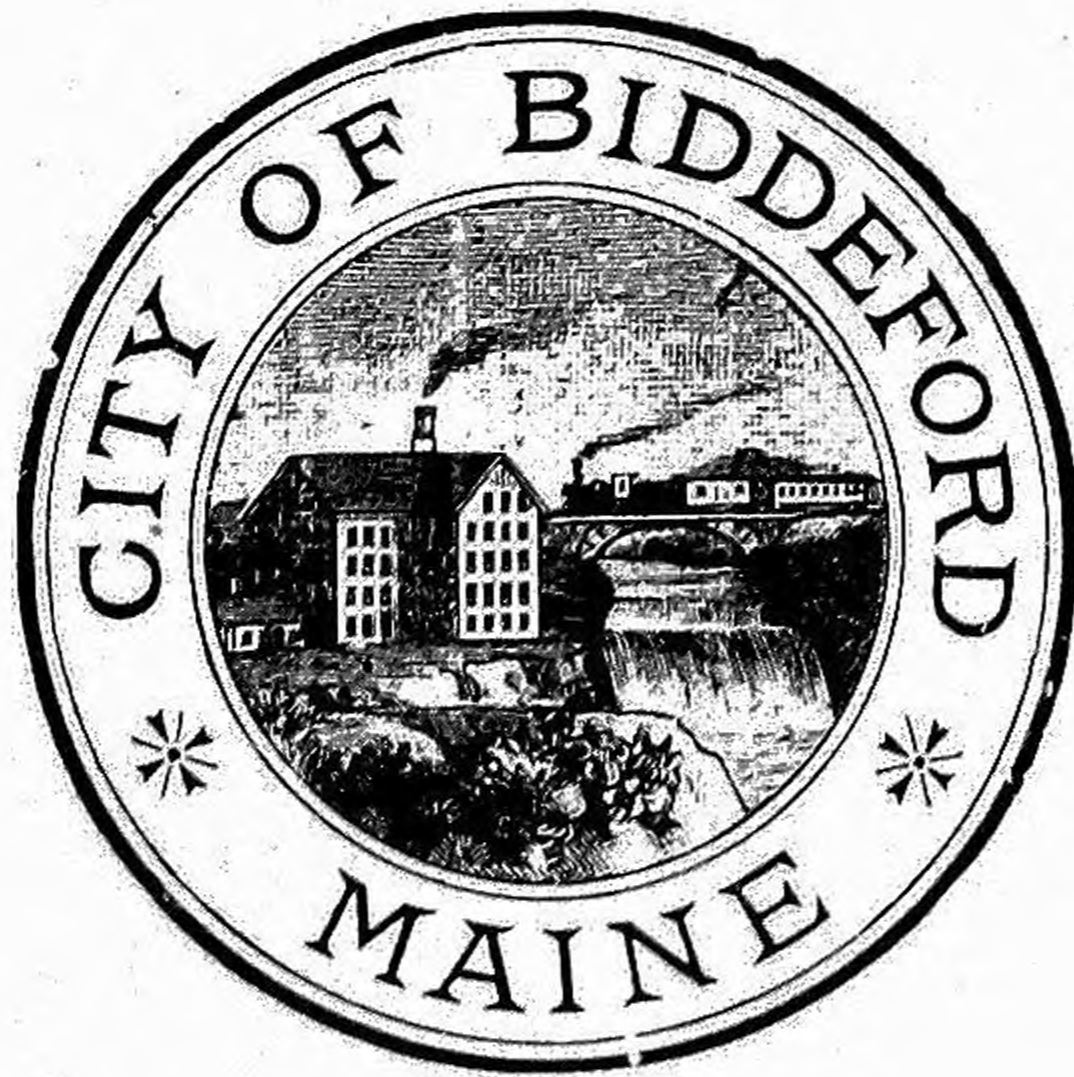
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 1929

AND ENDING JANUARY 31, 1930

TOGETHER WITH THE

MAYOR'S ADDRESS



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MAYOR GEORGE C. PRECOURT

Mayor's Address

Gentlemen of the City Council and Friends:—

In accordance with the long established custom we again assemble to institute our Government for another year, and while this will be my fourth inaugural the conditions are not the same, as each year brings its own problems. It must be remembered that this is a government, not of party, but of men, and I ask you to acquaint yourself with your duties as representatives of this great city of ours, in order that we will give an administration as we would like to have given us were we not the representatives.

Destiny is not a matter of choice, it is not to be waited for, it is a termination to be achieved. No man can see the consequences from the beginning, but everyone can make his procedure to the right under all circumstances. The main purpose of the course of our government was to secure for the public a trustworthy and sound administration, and a sincere desire to safeguard the people. Up to this time that purpose has been faithfully and fully acknowledged. Our task, Sir, is to reconcile a City. It is to curb the fury of a party spirit. It is to introduce a loftier and manlier tone everywhere in the political life; above all, Sir, it is to protect absolutely and regard the rights of the poorest and the richest, of the most ignorant and the most intelligent citizen, and I trust this purpose will be most outstanding.

There must be retrenchment in order that no greater burden will be placed upon our taxpayers. Economize to the limit but not to the neglect of necessary matters. To deny that which is necessary would not be economy but would at some later period result in extra expense. While there are many matters that I would like to take up with you in detail, time will not

permit. These will be brought to your attention during the year. I must, however, make a general survey of past achievements. One fact is clear and undisputed, the public were aroused to a quarrel on taxation. First, I want you to know that your good judgment during the past year made it possible for Biddeford to save one of its major industries. Little do we know concerning the exact conditions. We were faced with the possibility of the loss of the Saco-Lowell Shops, and regardless of those who were crying, Wolf, Wolf, and attempting to blind your better judgment with prejudice, we did what we thought was the only thing to do under the then existing conditions, grant them an exemption from taxation. This was not only charity, but sound business judgment and we are now reaping the benefits of our position. We cannot all appreciate what a benefit that was, but happiness gave way to gloom, on the street, in our homes, and the dawn of a new era seemed at hand. Biddeford came again into its own and I feel that the little concession we made again places Biddeford in the sun of industrial activity.

The question with me is not whether you have the right to render your people miserable, but whether it is not your interest to make them happy. It is not what a lawyer tells me I may do, but what humanity, reason and justice tells me I should do. I must tell you that so far as my principles are concerned, principles that I hope will depart only with my last breath, I have no idea of a liberty unconnected with honesty and justice, and no man carries further than I do the policy of making a government pleasing to the people. And now, Gentlemen, let me tell you, that I have not sacrificed the slightest of your interests, in a single instance, to my ambition. Let those who, for the past week, have been prophesying my opinion without knowing what it was, who at this moment are calumniating my speech without understanding it, let them accuse me of misdemeanor.

Our numerous departments have been well conducted during the year and these are detailed in the recent city report which is printed for the benefit of our citizens.

I feel that attention should be called to our fire department which is now up to a high standard of efficiency. While we have not been visited by any great conflagration we must always bear in mind that we are not immune and I would ask that every citizen do his share to lessen the fire hazard. Attention to debris in cellars and many other precautions should naturally keep our slate clean to the end that our insurance rates, if possible, be decreased.

Education is of most importance and I will do everything possible to promote encouragement along this line only when I am certain that we are getting value from the amount of money spent to carry on this department. There are naturally many innovations that large cities inaugurate in their schools and the idea generally reaches the smaller places and an increased demand is made for frills. These the smaller cities can very well do without, and particularly can this city as we have not the means, even though we had the inclination, to adopt the so-called modern methods. Let us leave well enough alone until such time when such so-called advanced ideas have proved their worth. In regard to learning, last year I forcibly suggested getting back to the three R's, which is the foundation and will be the most practiced study of the child's future years. This year let us put it more securely into operation. In the meantime I do not have any great fear that our children will suffer.

I am pleased to say that our schools are now in excellent repair condition, as we made several improvements of different schools during the past year, and it is our wish to have them closely attended to at all times. The athletic field which was sponsored by the Aldermen

and Alumni will become a reality, due to the co-operation of public spirited citizens who understand that a City Government must have the moral support of all concerned.

There was a touch of sadness in our last administration, in the death of Alderman Raoul C. Girard of Ward Four. Mr. Girard passed away from among us soon after he was renominated for another term. He has departed but is not forgotten. He served his City as he served his country in its time of need, very well, always manifesting a great interest in all matters pertaining to the benefit of all the people. One of Alderman Girard's last wishes was connected with the interest of the city. It was this: He took particular interest in finding out some way in which the ledge at the corner of Lambert and Alfred Streets could be removed at as least expense possible. It being his last wish that this matter should be attended to, and having agreed to grant this request this year, if possible, I trust that with the sanction of the incoming city government we shall carry this request through; for his last wishes should be respected. To you, Mrs. Girard, and to the mother and father of our colleague Raoul C. Girard, I will say that you were justly proud of your husband and boy, for he lived as a true American should live, having served his country in the Navy, served his City as Alderman to the satisfaction of his conscience and the people who had elected him. He will be sadly missed and I would ask that you pause now for a few moments, on this solemn occasion, as a mark of respect to his memory.

(Pause)

In conclusion, let me ask you today for your earnest cooperation. Let us forget trifles and, standing shoulder to shoulder, let us give our thoughts and our hearts to what is before us in the new municipal year just inaugurated. Let us do our best and when we have reached the end of this year, let our work be such that we can

look each other face to face and to our citizens we can honestly say we have done the best we could. No man could do more.

Biddeford, Maine, March 18, 1929.

City Government

Mayor

GEORGE C. PRECOURT

City Clerk

ALFRED LANTAGNE

Deputy Clerk

MOLLIE B. WELCH

Aldermen

Chairman—Harry W. Foley

Ward 1—Orrin B. Edwards

Ward 2—Henry A. Palardy

Ward 3—Philippe E. Paquet

Ward 4—Gustave J. Pepin

Ward 5—Harry W. Foley

Ward 6—Alcide Villandry

Ward 7—Harry J. Michie

Common Councilmen

President—George H. Perkins

Ward 1—Harry A. Legallee, Jr. Rudolphe Payer

Carlton W. Libby

Ward 2—Ludger J. Caouette Philiass Pinette

Leon St. Marie

Ward 3—Omer Binette Elroy E. Moore

Alfred A. Prejean

Ward 4—George H. Perkins Andre Poissant

Aurel Dube

Ward 5—Albert Chretien Patrick J. Mahaney

Delphis Dubuc

Ward 6—James Wynne, Jr. Albert Sevigny

Peter Place

Ward 7—Albert Mathieu Richard O'Brien

Rudolphe Beauchemin

Clerk of Common Council—Alexis Bisailon

Wardens

Ward 1—Arthur D. Hutchins

Ward 2—Ernest E. Belanger

Ward 3—Geo. A. McKenney

Ward 4—Arthur B. Wheeler

Ward 5—Philippe Romeo

Ward 6—Edward F. Rivers

Ward 7—Edward Kelleher

Ward Clerks

Ward 1—Mayde J. Tanner

Ward 2—Ernest E. Belanger

Ward 3—Louis P. Gendron

Ward 4—Joseph Cyr

Ward 5—Philippe Poirier

Ward 6—G. Edward Twomey

Ward 7—Eugenie Faucher

City Treasurer

Arthur F. Maxwell

Tax Collector

Alphonse E. Renouf

City Solicitor

Henry C. Hamel

City Physician

Roscoe C. Upham

City Auditor

Ernest J. Nadeau

Judge of the Municipal Court of Biddeford

Fillmore P. Harris

Recorder of Municipal Court

Guy Durgin

Chief of Police

Oscar G. Parent

Chief Engineer of Fire Department

Eugene T. Ricker

First Assistant Engineer

Frank Cantara

Second Assistant Engineer

Edmund Pate

Engineer City Building

Arthur Grondin (day)

Ernest W. Doyle (night)

Board of Registration

Chairman—Ernest Petit

Ray A. Burleigh

C. Wilson Place

Assessors

Carl W. Richards

Joseph P. Gendron

James E. Goodwin

Chief Assessor

Carl W. Richards

Assistant Assessors

Ward 1—Edna Lowell

Ward 2—Edgar Simard

Ward 3—Louis Bouffard, Jr.

Ward 4—Joseph Cyr

Ward 5—Joseph Chretien

Ward 6—Albert Morin

Ward 7—Jerome Murphy

Road Commissioners Outlying Districts

Pool Road District—Joseph J. Tarbox
 Pool District—William F. Quinney.
 Oak Ridge District—Cyrille Drouin
 Newtown Road—Carlton E. Fowles
 Ward 7, North—Wilfred P. Hebert
 Ward 7, West—William Deasey
 Ward 7, East—Joseph E. Gilpatrick
 Hollis Road District—J. Edwin Roberts
 Mountain Road—John H. Littlefield

City Weighers

John Murphy	Svdnev Staples
Edgar R. Small	Rose Gregoire
Howard Small	Alice Janson
Augustin Greenwood	Dennis Dineen
Eddie Casper	Irene M. Laplume
James Rankin	Albert Fecteau
Isabel Benson	Alfred L'Heureux
Elliot R. Smith	George Dumont
Mark Gordon	

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark

Frank Precourt	Henry Knight
Alberic Simard	William Smith
Charles Tibbetts	Fred Smith
Jerome St. Ours	Henry Morrow
Frank Dennis	Ruthford Wilcox
Philmore Hooper	

Health Officer

John W. Mahoney

Overseer 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

Chester A. Weed

Superintending School Committee

Chairman, Dr. G. C. Precourt

George Burchill

T. B. Walker

M. Harry Whelan

~~Henry Reny~~
Edward H. Reny**Trustees Woodlawn Cemetery**

Dr. G. C. Precourt

Samuel Wilson

Frank Nield

Truant Officer

Will Stone

Police Commissioners~~George Beauchemin~~
George E. Beauchesne

Amedee Hamel

George Butler, 2nd

Street Commissioner, Dist. No. 4

Alfred Blouin

Milk Inspector

Arthur Simard, Jr.

Electrical Inspector

Eugene J. Lavigne

Inspector of Plumbing

George Garnache

Standing Committees

ELECTION RETURNS—Aldermen Palardy, Pepin and Edwards.

ENROLLED BILLS—Aldermen Paquet, Foley and Villandry.

LICENSES—Aldermen Pepin, Foley and Palardy.

Joint Standing Committees

FINANCE—The Mayor, Alderman Philippe E. Paquet, Councilmen Harry A. Legallee, Jr., Andre Poissant, Alfred A. Prejean.

ACCOUNTS—Alderman Harry W. Foley, Councilmen Albert Chretien, Philias Pinette.

PUBLIC PROPERTY—The Mayor, Alderman Henry A. Palardy, Councilmen Albert Chretien, Omer Binette, Delphis Dubuc.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION and LIBRARY—The Mayor, Alderman Alcide Villandry, Councilmen Rodolphe Beauchemin, Albert Sevigny.

PRINTING—Alderman Harry J. Michie, Councilmen Ludger J. Caouette, Aurel Dube.

POOR DEPARTMENT—Aldermen Gustave J. Pepin, Orrin B. Edwards, Councilmen George H. Perkins, Rudolphe Payer, Carlton W. Libby.

ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Alderman Gustave J. Pepin, Councilmen Elroy E. Moore, Patrick J. Mahaney.

STREET DEPARTMENT—The Mayor, Aldermen Philippe E. Paquet, Henry A. Palardy, Harry J. Michie, Councilmen Leon St. Marie, Patrick J. Mahaney, Albert Mathieu.

General Expense

For the Month of February 1929

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
1—	Rev. Ward R. Clark, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
2—	C. C. Koch, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
3—	Vasilios Markopoulos, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
4—	Edwin Williams, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
5—	Rev. Alex. Dugre, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
6—	Homer T. Waterhouse, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
7—	Rev. A. E. Scott, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
8—	Rev. Philippe Schuyler, reporting one marriage cancelled . . . . .	.25
9—	Rev. R. L. Slogget, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
10—	Rev. Eliot White, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
11—	C. Wallace Harmon, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
12—	E. F. Fitzpatrick, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
13—	Charles A. Gifford, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
14—	Thomas Whiteside, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
15—	P. H. Grenier, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
16—	Clifton Hewes, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
17—	T. Beaudoin, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
18—	Rev. Leo J. Bourque, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
19—	Dr. Francis M. Dooley, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
20—	A. G. Wiley, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
21—	Dr. R. S. Graves, reporting one birth . . . . .	.25
22—	H. G. Emery, reporting one death . . . . .	.25

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
23—	Elias Coplan, reporting one marriage. . .	.25
24—	A. J. Stimpson, reporting one death. . . . .	.25
25—	Dr. Henry Reny, reporting one death. . .	.25
26—	J. H. McDonald, reporting one death and one birth . . . . .	.50
27—	C. E. Thompson, reporting one death and one birth . . . . .	.50
28—	Dr. J. A. Randall, reporting two deaths. .	.50
29—	R. C. Maybury, reporting two births. . .	.50
30—	Rev. Z. B. Decary, reporting two mar- riages . . . . .	.50
31—	Dr. J. D. Haley, reporting one birth and two deaths . . . . .	.75
32—	Rev. C. W. Fogg, reporting three mar- riages . . . . .	.75
33—	Rev. J. A. Fredette, reporting three mar- riages . . . . .	.75
34—	Rev. James Hickey reporting three mar- riages . . . . .	.75
35—	Dr. William Maybury, reporting one birth and two deaths . . . . .	.75
36—	Dr. E. S. Hawkes, reporting two births and two deaths	1.00
37—	L. Willard, reporting two deaths and two births	1.00
38—	Rev. Felix X. Martin, reporting four mar- riages	1.00
39—	Rev. Leon E. Grubaugh, reporting six marriages	1.50
40—	Royal Brown, reporting six marriages. . .	1.50
41—	Dr. F. E. Small, reporting two births and five deaths	1.75
42—	Rev. S. J. Willis, reporting seven mar- riages	1.75

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
43—	Dr. G. R. Love, reporting three deaths and five births	2.00
44—	H. C. Hamel, reporting eight marriages . .	2.00
45—	Rev. G. P. Dugal, reporting nine mar- riages	2.25
46—	Dr. H. W. Hurd, reporting ten deaths and one birth	2.75
47—	Rev. M. F. Drain, reporting nine mar- riages	2.25
48—	Rev. J. A. Laflamme, reporting fifteen marriages	3.75
49—	Rev. A. Thibeault, reporting thirteen mar- riages	3.25
50—	Dr. Geo. Levesque, reporting thirteen births and two deaths	3.75
51—	Dr. P. S. Hill, reporting sixteen deaths and four births	5.00
52—	Dr. R. C. Upham, reporting eleven births and fourteen deaths	6.25
53—	Rev. A. M. Decary, reporting twenty- seven marriages	6.75
54—	Dr. C. J. Xaphes, reporting fifteen deaths and twenty-four births	9.75
55—	Dr. C. G. Dennett, reporting seventeen births and fifteen deaths	8.00
56—	Dr. D. E. Dolloff, reporting thirty-eight deaths and twenty-two births	15.00
57—	Dr. L. B. Stickney, reporting sixty-eight births and nineteen deaths	21.75
58—	Dr. J. R. Larochelle, reporting forty-eight deaths and one hundred and forty- nine births	49.25
59—	Dr. G. C. Precourt, reporting two hundred and six births and seventy-five deaths	70.25

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
60—	Alfred Lantagne, postage for reports to State, and for various kinds of licenses	3.60
61—	Alfred Lantagne, recording five hundred and thirty-seven births; two hundred seventy-seven deaths and one hundred and thirty-four marriages	237.00
62—	Alfred Lantagne—Administrating two hundred eighty oaths; sixty-nine depositions, and out-of-town births, deaths and marriages	121.25
63—	American City Magazine, The American City	2.00
64—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Co., lights, Armory	3.24
65—	Alvah Bushnell Co., Universal Files	9.11
66—	Roberts Supply Office, office supplies	1.80
67—	Everard J. Gove, envelopes	22.88
68—	W. and L. E. Curley, sealers receipt and record book	6.21
69—	La Societe St. Jean Baptiste, rent of Armory	375.00
70—	The Reliance Ribbon and Carbon Co., carbon paper and ribbons	24.00
71—	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Company, telephone	4.65
For the Month of March 1929		
72—	N. W. Kendall, one flag and office material	10.50
73—	Charles F. Traynor Co., Hubbard's Germicide and sprayer	1.60
74—	Remington Rand Business Service, adding machine ribbons	1.00
75—	Cum. Co. Power and Light, lights	2.97
76—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	22.00
77—	Cancelled No.	
78—	Justice Publ. Co., 5,000 return slips	5.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
For the Month of April 1929		
79—	Reny Bros., 75 Assessors' notices	7.75
80—	N. W. Kendall, collector's record book, poll tax book, valuation book and other various books for the Assessors' department	239.15
81—	Becker and Company, typewriting paper and bands	5.78
82—	Roberts Office Supply Co., 4 dog license books and postage	6.75
83—	Biddeford Journal, printing Annual Re- port, publishing resolution, publishing Assessors' notice	220.90
84—	American Railway Express Co., express from Boston . . . . .	.71
85—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone . .	4.45
86—	Reny Bros., 2,000 receipt blanks	7.25
87—	The Old Corner Book Store, office sup- plies . . . . .	.30
88—	Everard J. Gove, 6,000 envelopes	130.80
89—	Justice Publ. Co., milk inspector's notices	6.00
90—	Reny Bros., printers, 5,000 vouchers, 1,000 blanks	47.25
91—	Justice Publ. Co., Assessors' notices . . .	23.40
92—	Frank C. Lander, abstracts of conveyances	66.50
Month of May 1929		
93—	Reny Bros., printers, 125 cards and en- velopes	5.00
94—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	42.00
95—	Reny Bros., printers, 550 Gov. postals, 4 cards	9.25
96—	Justice Publ. Co., 200 permit blanks	4.40
97—	New Eng. Tel. and Tel., telephone	8.80

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
98—	Justice Publ. Co., Tax Collector's bills	21.00
99—	Cancelled.	
100—	American Railway Ex., express . . . . .	.74
101—	Jeannette Dubuc, making blotter, dog book, poll tax book, first payment. .	150.00
102—	Cum. Co. Power & Light Co., lights	5.99
103—	Roberts Office Supply Co., record book and postage	32.76
104—	Biddeford Journal, advertising notices. .	26.57
105—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies . .	4.20
106—	Edna E. Lowell, assistant assessor, Ward 1	65.00
107—	Amable Hubert, attending City landing	50.00
108—	Everard J. Gove, P. M., 1,000 No. 9, en- velopes	22.88
109—	Cum. Co. Power & Light Co., lights, armory	9.68
110—	Painchaud's Band, Memorial Day ex- penses	75.00
111—	Biddeford Post, expenses, on Memorial Day	100.00
112—	Philip Tighe Post, expenses, on Memorial Day	100.00
113—	U. S. Grant Post, expenses, on Memorial Day	100.00
114—	Sheridan Post, G. A. R., expenses, on Memorial Day	100.00
115—	Col. L. H. Kendall, S. P. W. V., expenses, on Memorial Day	100.00
116—	Carl W. Richards, use of automobile, 12 days, Assessors' Dept.	30.00
117—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	30.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
Month of June 1929		
118—	La Societe St. Jean Baptiste, rent of Armory	375.00
119—	Remington Rand Business, noiseless type- writer, No. 6	139.50
120—	Fred L. Tower Co., registration list of au- tomobiles	51.34
121—	Jeannette Dubuc, making Assessors' books, 2nd payment	150.00
122—	Becker and Company, office supplies . .	28.00
123—	J. C. Hall Co., full canvas sheet holders	22.00
124—	Biddeford Journal, advertising	79.75
125—	Biddeford Journal, dog officer's notices.	3.00
126—	John Beauchemin, engraving	5.00
127—	Roberts Office Supply Company, office supplies	2.90
128—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone..	5.56
For the Month of July 1929		
129—	Reny Bros., printers, 700 letter heads . . .	6.45
130—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	47.00
131—	Edgar Simard, assistant assessor, Ward 2	65.00
132—	James Duranceur, ringing bell on City Building	4.00
133—	Edmond Pate, ringing bell on City Bldg.	4.00
134—	Andrew Janelle, ringing bell on City Bldg.	4.00
135—	Jeannette Dubuc, making out books for Assessors	150.00
136—	Sam's Place, keys	1.25
137—	Roberts Office Supply Company, index cards	4.34
138—	Albert Morin, assistant assessor, Ward 6	65.00
139—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone . .	5.66

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
For the Month of August 1929		
140—	Louis Bouffard, assistant assessor, Ward 3	65.00
141—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	28.00
142—	Justice Publ. Co., advertising	7.50
143—	Jeannette Dubuc, 4th payment making out Assessor's books	150.00
144—	Fred L. Tower Co., automobile registra- tion	17.31
145—	Jerome Murphy, assistant assessor in Ward 7	90.00
146—	Alfred Lantagne, post cards for City use.	.60
147—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Company, lights	2.11
148—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office supplies	2.34
149—	Joseph Chretien, assistant assessor, Ward 5	65.00
150—	Joseph Cyr, assistant assessor, Ward 4..	47.50
151—	Dearborn News Co., blotters .....	.40
152—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	19.00
153—	Henry C. Hamel, recording at Alfred, Registry of Deeds	11.00
154—	American R. R. Express Co., express ...	.60
155—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone..	5.66
156—	La Societe St. Jean Baptiste rent, Armory	375.00
157—	E. J. Gove, P. M., envelopes for City Clerk's Office and Tax Collector's Office	87.86
Month of September 1929		
158—	E. J. Gove, P. M., envelopes	21.36

159—Void	
160—Oscar R. Caouette, tracing names for the Assessors' Dept.	40.00
161—Biddeford Journal, advertising	25.03
162—Jeannette Dubuc, bal. for making books for assessors	200.00
163—Cum. Co. Power & Light Co., lights	2.61
164—Reny Bros., printers, 7,000 tax bills	24.75
165—Remington Rand Business Service, Rem. ribbon	1.00
166—New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone ..	5.66
167—Reny Bros., printers, printed forms	14.75
Month of October 1929	
168—Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	26.00
169—Dearborn News Company, office supplies	1.85
170—E. J. Gove, P. M., 1,000 stamped envelopes	22.48
171—New Eng. Tel & Telg. Co. ,telephone ..	6.26
172—Berry Paper Co., excise tax receipts in books	38.45
Month of November 1929	
173—Flax Mfgr. Co., typewriting carbon	3.00
174—Biddeford Journal, publ. discontinuance of way	12.75
175—Roberts Office Supply Co., general record book and postage	34.46
176—Cum. Co. Power & Light Co., lights	7.21
177—William S. Owen, dog tax due to the State	382.00
178—Fred L. Tower Company, Maine Register	6.00
179—New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone ..	5.86

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
180	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	21.00

Month of December 1929

181	American City Magazine, The American City	4.00
182	La Societe, St. Jean Baptiste, rent, Armory	375.00
183	Blackbird Pen Co., pens	5.25
184	Roberts Office Supply Co., office supplies	4.47
185	Biddeford Journal, advertising bids, garbage	15.30
186	Cum. Co. Power and Light Co., lights	4.14
187	Automotive Service Bureau, automotive reference manual	4.25
188	Keystone Envelope Company, 1,647 Red Rope files	9.84
189	Remington Rand Business Service Co., maintenance agreement on Rem. Nois. typewriter	17.00
190	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Company, telephone	5.76
191	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	17.00
192	Alfred Lantagne, administrating one hundred and sixty-four oaths of office	32.80

Month of Januery 1930

193	Reny Bros., printers, 5,000 blanks, Manifest No.	44.50
194	Biddeford Journal, pub. taxes	24.00
195	Roberts Office Supply Co., office supplies, record books	43.28
196	Dearborn News Co., office supplies	1.50
197	Fred L. Tower Co., directories	16.00
198	C. W. Smith, ice salt	3.60

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
199—	Biddeford Ice Co., ice	2.50
200—	The Biddeford Journal, cancelled	33.73
201—	Mrs. Paul Chenard, Christmas wreaths..	2.00
202—	The Old Corner Book Store, office sup- plies .....	.90
203—	N. W. Kendall, office supplies	29.90
204—	Am. R. R. Express, express .....	.58
205—	H. G. Hutchinson Co., office supplies...	2.00
206—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs	15.00
207—	Wensell and Co., duplicator roll	6.18
208—	W. and L. E. Gurley, sealers receipts and record book	7.21
209—	New Eng. Telephone Company, telephone	6.06
210—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Company, Armory lights	5.27
211—	Reny Brothers, printing blanks for use in City Clerk's Office	9.75
212—	Everard J. Gove, envelopes	34.04
213—	Roberts Office Supply Company, office supplies	4.90

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED LANTAGNE,

City Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

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, 1930.

	Receipts	Payments
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1929	\$ 26,028.10	
Departmental (For detail see Auditor's Report)	34,819.97	444,566.83
Tax Anticipation Notes	480,000.00	505,000.00
Current Expense Notes		119,000.00
Bonds	200,000.00	51,000.00
1929 Taxes	519,496.00	
1928 Taxes	84,540.20	
1927 Taxes	<u>1,000.00</u>	
State Pensions <i>80 v. 036, 20</i>	1,359.20	955.92
Tax Deeds	8,945.17	14,561.64
Trust Funds	1,472.85	1,472.85
Dog Licenses	500.00	
General Licenses	449.00	
Bank, R. R. and Telephone Taxes	2,335.68	
Accounts Receivable	750.00	
1929 County Tax		22,447.33
1928 State Tax		66,073.77
Tax Abatements		101,436.20
Mother's Aid	1,145.00	
Ahrens Fox Fire Engine Notes		12,500.00
Maintenance of Patrolled Highways		227.40

Excise Taxes 1930.....	12,000.00	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1930		35,599.23
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	\$1,374,841.17	\$1,374,841.17

Balance Sheet at January 31, 1930

Assets and Net City Debt

Cash		\$ 35,599.23
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	9,603.37	
Taxes 1926	15,695.42	
Taxes 1927	4,900.41	
Taxes 1928	9,281.32	
Taxes 1929	41,517.92	95,242.33
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Due from State of Maine:		
State School Fund	24,890.87	
Supt. Schools' Salary	1,200.00	
Railroad Tax	759.22	
State Pensions	66.00	26,916.09
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Accounts Receivable:		
J. J. Dunn	239.29	
City Building Rents	525.00	764.29
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Tax Deeds:		
Prior to 1926	1,043.24	
1926	1,157.90	
1927	2,295.72	

1928	7,067.78	11,564.64
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Net City Debt		\$689,379.34
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		\$859,465.92
Trust Funds		10,582.64
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		\$870,048.56

Liabilities and Reserves

Bonds Outstanding	\$680,000.00	
Temporary Loans	55,000.00	
1929 State Tax	105,644.92	
Dog Tax due State of Maine	1,021.00	841,665.92
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Reserves:		
Unpaid Bills Accrued	6,000.00	
Net Amount Collected on Account of 1930 Auto- mobile Excise Tax	11,800	17,800.00
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		\$859,465.92
Trust Funds		10,582.64
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		\$870,048.56

CITY OF BIDDEFORD OUTSTANDING BONDS

Refunding Bonds

Date	Rate	Amt.	Maturity
May 15 1914	4%	\$50,000	May 15 1939
May 1 1915	4%	25,000	May 1 1935
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
Aug. 1 1927	4¼%	35,000	5,000
Sept. 15 1929	4½%	200,000	Aug. 1 1930-36
			Sept. 15 1949
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		435,000	

Sewer Bonds

July 1 '16	4%	20,000	5,000	July 1 '30-33
July 5 '22	4¼%	35,000	5,000	July 5 '30-36
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		55,000		

Street and Sidewalk

May 15 '16	4%	25,000	5,000	May 15 '30-34
July 5 '22	4¼%	10,000	5,000	July 5 '30-31
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		35,000		

Bradbury Bridge

Sept. 1 '20	6%	15,000	5,000	Sept. 1 '30-32
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High School Annex

Apr. 1 '25	4%	130,000	10,000	Apr. 1 '30-42
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State Road

July 1 '26	4%	10,000	1,000	July 1 '30-39
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Summary

Refunding	\$435,000
Sewer	55,000
Street	35,000
Bridge	15,000
High School	130,000
State Road	10,000
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	\$680,000

Comparison of Net City Debt

Net City Debt February 1, 1929	\$696,969.89
Net City Debt February 1, 1930	689,379.34

Reduction	\$ 7,590.55

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. MAXWELL,

City Treasurer.

Certificate:

The foregoing report of Arthur F. Maxwell, City Treasurer, has been audited by me. I hereby certify that it is correct.

George M. Graffam,

Certified Public Accountant.

Portland, Maine, February 8th, 1930.

Report of Street Commissioner

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

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1930:

Twenty thousand (20,000) gallons of liquid asphalt and thirty thousand (30,000) gallons of road oil were used on the streets during the past year.

The following streets were treated with liquid asphalt:

Main Street from B. & M. R. R. crossing to Eastern R. R.

Elm Street from Union to Five Points.

South Street from May to B. & M. bridge.

Orchard Street from Elm to May.

Webber Hospital driveways.

Alfred Road, Elm to cemetery.

Graham Street, Crescent to Alfred.

Mason Street, Graham to Elm.

Prospect Street, Porter to West.

Granite Street, Hill to Atlantic Avenue.

Cleaves Street, Lafayette to George.

Pool Road, Pike to Biddeford Pool.

Road oil was applied to the following streets:

May, Taylor, Harrison Avenue, Harding, Prospect, Graham Street extension, West from Graham to Gagne place; State, Hill, Bacon to Harrison Avenue; Sullivan, Bacon to Water; Gove, Judge, Simard's Avenue, Orchard, Lambert, Summit, Summer, Birch to Harrison Avenue; Fall, Porter to Hill; Lafayette, Cleaves, Lafayette to Westbrook; Pool Road, Westbrook to Mile Stretch; several streets at Pool, and Hills Beach Road.

Streets scarified, graded and rolled are as follows:

Pool Road, Westbrook to Biddeford Pool.

Graham Street, Crescent to West.

May Street, Orchard to South.

South Street, May to B. & M. bridge.

Main Street, B. & M. crossing to Eastern Division.

Granite, Atlantic Avenue to West.

Porter and Fall Streets.

Mason, Graham to Elm.

Birch, Graham to Green.

Streets on which the road machine was used are as follows:

Cleaves, Lafayette, Simard's Avenue, Miller Avenue, Gove, Clifford, Sullivan, Granite, Hill, West, Oak, Mason, State, Round Hill, Dartmouth, Summit, West Cutts, Highland and Mount Pleasant.

Gravel roads were built as follows:

Lafayette, Simard's Avenue, Miller and Cadorette Avenues, George, Clifford, Highland, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Vernon, Foss to Summer; Lambert was widened and graveled. It was necessary to remove a ledge 37 feet long, 19 feet wide, of an average height of five feet, at a cost of \$425.00.

SEWERS

The sewer on the Alfred Road from May Street to the cemetery was dug up cleaned and relaid.

Pockets were built on Upper Main, Oak and Fremont Streets.

Many pockets were dug up and broken outlets repaired or cleaned out.

A source of much expense is the breaking of grates and rims caused by heavy trucks running over them.

SIDEWALKS

A cement sidewalk was built on the westerly side of Hill Street, from Bacon to Main.

A cement curb was built on Clifford Street from the Bertrand house to Judge Street, a distance of 750 feet.

A tar concrete sidewalk with appropriate driveways was built on this street.

Because of taking land of abutters it was necessary to build a retaining wall of cement on the Bertrand property, and rebuild wall on the Hackett property, also build retaining wall on Murphy property.

A cement sidewalk was built on Alfred Street in front of store of Max Brandt.

A cement sidewalk was built on Franklin Street from the King barber shop to filling station.

A cement curb and sidewalk was built on South Street from the Hutchinson house to end of Tarr lot, a distance of 221 feet. A cement retaining wall was built on the southwesterly side of the B. & M. overhead bridge Eastern Division. The B. & M. R. R. was charged with this wall and a part of the curb and sidewalk.

Sidewalks of brick were repaired on many streets and about six hundred feet of curbing was reset.

BRIDGES

The Pine Street bridge was replanked by one course of 3-inch hemlock and one course of 4-inch yellow pine. The footpath was also entirely renewed.

This bridge was treated with creosote and asphalt.

Two bridges were replanked and treated with creosote and retaining walls of concrete built on opposite sides of one of these bridges.

The bridge on the Goodwins Mills Road was also replanked.

STATE AID ROADS

State Aid Road on West Street was continued this year from a point near the home of Fred Lamirande, a distance of one thousand feet.

This road will be continued this year.

RECAPITULATION

There were used 199 yards of gravel at the ap-

proaches of the B. & M. bridge on South Street. This job is charged to the B. & M. R. R.

Hundreds of loads of gravel and ashes were spread upon the streets and sidewalks. Many trees, limbs, shrubs, bushes and weeds were removed from highways and gutters dug and some twenty-five driveway boxes placed.

The ice storm caused havoc among our trees, some of which are ruined, and many more will be ruined unless expert tree surgeons are employed to care for them. They should be taken care of before the sap begins to run.

The city is badly in need of a cement mixer.

The present tractor should be turned in and another secured as repairs on the present tractors are very expensive and of frequent occurrence. This tractor was a second-hand tractor when purchased four years ago and has been almost constantly employed since.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED BLOUIN,

Commissioner.

Report of Chief Engineer

To the Honorable Mayor and the City Council of Biddeford:

In compliance with the City Ordinances, 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 Jan. 31, 1930.

ORGANIZATION

Engine Company No. 1, Engine Company No. 2, Ladder Company No. 1 and Chemical Company No. 1.

PERMANENT FORCE

Chief, first assistant chief, captain, lieutenant, two enginemen assigned to Engine 1, two enginemen assigned to Engine 2, one chauffeur, one tillerman and one ladderman assigned to Ladder 1, one chauffeur assigned to Chemical 1, one driver for horse-drawn Steamer No. 3, and one driver for horse-drawn Hose No. 1.

CALL FORCE

One assistant chief, three captain, three lieutenants, three clerks, one engineer (steam fire engine), eighteen hosemen and ten laddermen.

APPARATUS

The equipment of the department, Jan. 31, 1930, consisted of:

Motor apparatus:—

One Ahrens-Fox combination booster, hose and pumper of 750 gallons per minute capacity, Engine 1; one Ahrens-Fox combination booster, hose and pumper, Engine 2, of 1,000 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 hose wagon, one fuel wagon and two hose sleds for winter use.

HORSES

Two pairs of horses generally used for ashes and waste collection.

HOSE

There are 200 feet of 1-inch rubber hose used as booster line on Engine 1; 200 feet of rubber 1-inch hose used as booster line on Engine 2, and 175 feet of 1-inch hose connected to 50 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch rubber hose and used for chemical line on Chemical No. 1.

At the present time the actual amount of 2½-inch rubber lined cotton jacket fire hose in active service at Headquarters is 9,500 feet. Of this amount 3,000 feet is single jacket and 6,500 feet is double jacket hose.

The amount of 2½-inch hose distributed throughout the city is as follows:—

At the Homestead, 500 feet; Biddeford Pool, 900 feet; Pool Road near watering trough, 300 feet; Kennebunk Road in Ralph Hight barn, Elm Street, 500 feet.

CHEMICALS

There are two chemical tanks of 35 gallons capacity each, on Chemical No. 1; fifteen 3-gallon pony extinguishers distributed on the apparatus; two 3-gallon pony extinguishers in reserve, and two 3-gallon Fire Foam extinguishers for oil, grease and gasoline fires carried on the apparatus.

ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

The turret nozzle was changed from the horse-drawn hose wagon to the Chemical Truck, so that it will be available for immediate use at fires where it is needed. This work was done by the permanent firemen.

Six automatic sprinkler alarms were connected to an annunciator installed in the fire station. This signal system is connected with the sprinkler systems in the following buildings: St. Joseph's School, Biddeford High School, St. Andre's Church, Shoe Shop on State Street, the Bugbee & Brown warehouse on Washington Street and the Shoe Shop on Western Avenue. When the sprinkler head in any of these buildings melts, the number of the building automatically registers on the annunciator, giving the fire department the exact location at once. This work was done by the permanent firemen without any labor cost to the city.

Two hundred feet of 1-inch rubber hose was purchased and put in service as booster line on Engine 1 to replace same amount unfit for further use, caused by five years of hard service.

A Bullard-Davis Inhalator was purchased by direction of the mayor. This is used to revive persons who are suffocated or rendered unconscious from smoke or gas inhalation, drowning or electric shock. The permanent firemen are thoroughly trained in the proper use of this equipment and as a life saving unit it has no equal.

A First Aid Kit was purchased and placed in service on Engine 2.

The roof of the Biddeford Pool fire house was covered with fire resistive shingles. This work was done none too soon, as the old wooden shingled roof was in a deplorable condition. The City Council authorized this work to be done.

With the permission of the mayor, six smoke and gas masks were purchased and put in service this year.

These masks are of the most modern type and have certainly proved their worth since added to the department.

Having obtained the permission of the Committee on Fire Department, the permanent men in the fire station demolished five unused horse stalls and refinished the large opening with sheathing. By doing this work themselves, the permanent firemen saved the taxpayers of this city \$1,500.00.

Upon the recommendation of a representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the Committee on Fire Department, the permanent firemen scraped the rust off the electrical conduit and off the steel girders in the basement of the fire station and covered the same with red lead. The taxpayers were also saved another item of considerable expense by the permanent firemen doing this work.

The Chemical Truck went out of commission due to rear end trouble and it was repaired and put back in running condition by one of the permanent firemen.

There have been numerous other repair jobs that the permanent firemen have done to save the taxpayers of Biddeford considerable expense, such as plumbing, carpenter-work, painting and electrical work, and I desire herein to publicly express to the permanent firemen my sincere appreciation of their whole-hearted cooperation at all times and under all circumstances in saving the taxpayers' money when possible for them to do so.

Following the regular routine, in order to come up to our hose equipment, one thousand feet of "Para Gum and Wax Treated" 2½-inch double jacket, rubber-lined fire hose was purchased and put in service.

Having obtained permission from the mayor, we purchased a Tape Punching Register to record the box number of fire alarms coming in on the system. This is the most modern equipment and replaces the old anti-

quoted indicators, which, in the past, said indicators have given us a lot of trouble in registering the wrong box number.

In the month of December last, this fire department was handicapped by having the entire fire alarm system out of commission due to the bad ice storm, and it was brought to our attention that we should have a Transmitter so as to enable us to sound any box in the city from the station, upon the receipt of a telephone or verbal alarm. With the approval of the mayor in this emergency, a Transmitter of the latest type was purchased and put in service. This addition is a wise move in the right direction to speed up the efficiency of the department.

Having been authorized by a vote of the City Council, a new fire alarm box of the latest type was installed on the corner of Pike and Cross Streets.

An emergency telephone has been installed in the fire station to be used exclusively for calls for fire. We were obliged to make this installation because the regular phone was being used too frequently for business calls, and on several occasions people have tried to get the fire station for fires when the regular telephone was being used at the same time.

On the recommendation of the chief of the fire department, Rev. J. A. Laflamme purchased and installed a fire alarm box and private school system in the new St. Louis School at the Corner of Birch and Graham Streets. Also, upon same recommendation, the Board of Education purchased and have had installed a fire alarm box with a private school system in the Birch Street grammar school. In our estimation, this move means money well invested in the protection of the lives of the children attending these schools as well as an added protection to the buildings.

One of the most important improvements made by

the City Council this last fiscal year was the adopting of the Two-Platoon System in this fire department. Too much praise cannot be given the members of our governing body for their foresight in putting into effect this most progressive and efficient movement. It is something, I am sure, they will never regret and the future will prove and surely convince that this was a wise move in the right direction.

FIRES, INSURANCE, VALUATIONS AND LOSSES

During the fiscal year, the department responded to 243 calls for fire. Of this amount, 54 were box alarms, 167 telephone alarms, 18 still alarms, 3 automatic sprinkler alarms, and 1 aid call to Saco in response to a second alarm to cover-in. These alarms also include 1 call to Kennebunkport, 2 calls to Biddeford Pool, 3 calls to Fortunes Rocks, 1 call to Hills Beach, 1 call to North Kennebunkport, 1 call for assistance to Old Orchard and 1 call for assistance to Portland. One two-alarm fire occurred during the past fiscal year.

The total amount of hose laid by this department during the past year was 28,150 feet. Of this amount 24,250 feet was laid at fires in the city and 3,900 feet was laid at fires out of the city limits.

The amount of chemical used at fires was 1,696 gallons. Pyrene was used six times and the booster line was used 34 times. There were 55 lines of hose laid and the pumping engines worked at fires $13\frac{1}{4}$ hours. The department raised 2,373 feet of ladders last year.

Listed below are the following figures taken from the "Fire Record" book for the fiscal year:

Losses on buildings, insured and uninsured . . .	\$17,939.03
Losses on contents, insured and uninsured . . .	13,048.10
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Total Fire Loss	\$30,987.13

Valuation of buildings involved in the fires	\$660,050.00
Valuation of contents involved in the fires	562,083.90

Total Valuation	\$1,222,133.90
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Insurance on buildings involved in the fires	\$537,450.00
Insurance on contents involved in the fires	538,783.00

Total Insurance	\$1,076,233.00
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Fire Loss for fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1929	\$68,863.20
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Fire Loss for fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1930	30,987.13
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Reduction of Fire Loss this fiscal year	\$37,876.07
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Under this heading of "Recommendations," Gentlemen of the City Council, I wish it would be distinctly understood that anything I recommend for this fire department is for the benefit of the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of this municipality and not for my own personal benefit or glory.

I recommend once more that a life net should be purchased as soon as possible. The cost of a net is only \$125.00, and what does this insignificant sum amount to in comparison with the saving of one life only. In order to bring this recommendation more forcibly to your attention, here is what actually happened on Jan. 27th of this year. Trapped on the third floor of a building in Newport, R. I., with all means of escape cut off by fire, three girls were saved by jumping into a life net held by firemen. The same situation may arise in Biddeford, and if it does, where do the firemen get off without a life net?

This is the only city in the State of Maine of any

size that does not provide a car for their fire chief for official fire department business. We have got at least two months' work ahead of us on the fire alarm system and we will be obliged to hire a car for this work if the city does not buy one, so I recommend that a car be purchased. It will be an investment to do so.

A dangerous condition exists that I consider my duty to bring to your immediate attention. Since the traffic lights were installed at the corner of Pool and Hill Streets a very dangerous situation has resulted because of the fact that an automobile having the right of way on the green light and coming down Pool Street is liable to crash into a piece of fire apparatus going up Pool Street in responding to an alarm. In order to remedy this life hazard, I would recommend that a siren be installed at said corner to warn traffic of approaching fire apparatus.

In conclusion, I recommend that the necessary number of hydrants and a fire alarm box be installed in the vicinity of the so-called "Piper's Field" section of the city, off Mason Street. Also, that additional fire alarm boxes and hydrants be installed as far as your finances will permit.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Regarding the expenditures, it is understood that the fire department appropriation also took care of the collection of ashes and rubbish. An order has been passed authorizing the transfer of this ash and rubbish collection to the Street Department of District No. 4. This is one of the most efficient moves that has been made in this fire department for years.

I wish to publicly express to the citizens of the town of North Kennebunkport our deep appreciation of their gift of \$100.00, which they gave the City of Biddeford

in recognition of services rendered to them by this fire department.

Appropriation	\$34,000.00
Credit	73,80
Transfer from Contingent Fund	3,500.00
Rec'd from Town of North Kennebunkport	100.00
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Total	\$37,673.80
Expended for salaries	\$30,429.05
Expended for general running expenses	7,422.76
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Total expenditures	\$37,851.81
Amount expended	\$37,851.81
Appropriations, credits, etc.	37,673.80
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Overdrawn	\$ 178.01

This overdraft was due to paying the call firemen for permanent duty in the fire station on account of the ice storm in December.

I desire to here record the wonderful spirit of co-operation manifested by the Mayor, the Committee on Fire Department, the City Council, the heads of the various departments of the City Government, who have assisted us in any way. I also wish to thank Chief John L. Pendleton and the officers and members of the Saco Fire Department for their valuable assistance during the past year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE T. RICKER,
Chief Biddeford Fire Department.

Report of The Homestead

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

1929-1930

Financial Statement

February	\$2,123.81
March	2,269.97
April	663.39
May	813.22
June	396.29
July	570.65
August	1,436.05
September	656.79
October	645.43
November	239.00
December	235.06
January	420.06
Total	\$10,469.72

Paid to Arthur Maxwell, treasurer of the City, from the State for two paupers at the Homestead, \$431.25, which is with the credit we received from the City.

Farm Implements

1 Sulky Plow	1 Horse Hoe
1 Manure Spreader	1 Single Sled
1 Spring Harrow	1 Two-Seated Wagon
1 Corn Planter	1 Single Working Sled
1 Horse Rake	1 Single Working Harness
1 Mowing Machine	1 Single R. Harness
1 Two-Seated Sled	1 Sleigh Blanket
1 Concord Wagon	2 Bay Harnesses
2 Double Working Wagons	1 Double Hay Rack
1 Double Working Sled	1 Single Hay Rack
2 Walking Plows	1 Wood Rack
2 Single Working Harnesses	2 Hitching Falls
1 Disk Harrow	1 Platform Scale
2 Cultivators	1 Market Wagon
1 Weeder	1 Old Working Harness

Number of Inmates at The Homestead at Close of Each Month

February	26	August	21
March	25	September	21
April	26	October	21
May	23	November	22
June	22	December	23
July	21	January, 1930	22
Deaths		3	

Stock at Homestead

Horse	1	Hens	60
Cows	9	Hogs	6
Heifers (two years old)		2	

Furniture at Homestead

32 Beds	1 Set of Dishes
100 Chairs	6 Tables
1 Clock	1 Ice Chest
1 Electric washing machine	1 Barber Chair
2 Kitchen Stoves	1 Electric Refrigerator

Products Raised at Homestead

Potatoes	165 bushels
Kidney Beans	25 bushels
Beets	28 bushels
Carrots	17 bushels
Turnips	29 bushels
Hay	70 tons
Squash	1½ tons
Pumpkins	2 tons
Cucumbers	10 bushels
String Beans	64 bushels
Mushmelons	700 lbs.
Cabbage	2 tons
Corn Silage	20 tons
Green Hungarian	4 tons
Green Oats	3 tons
Tomatoes	30 bushels
Fresh Pork to Jan.	3276 lbs.

Farm Receipts

924 cans of milk	\$ 646.80
298 lbs. fresh pork	57.69
341 lbs. salt pork	67.49
143 dozen of eggs	56.40
33 lbs. of butter	16.60
28 small pigs	189.00
2 cows	115.00
4 calves	38.65
Sold hay for and amount of	231.58
Sold wood for and amount of	159.25
5 days' work with team	42.00
72 loads of filling	9.00
1 gasoline stove	25.00
Sold farm products for	266.12
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Sold	\$1,920.58
Paid out	1,219.63
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Bal. of receipts	\$700.95
Bal. of last year	134.47
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Bal. in all	\$835.42
Return to Treasurer Maxwell	818.33
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Bal. at close of year	\$17.09

Accounts Receivable

For wood	\$117.00
For hay	50.13
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Total	\$167.13

Expenditures of Homestead

Groceries	\$ 1,576.70
Grain	2,093.16
Dry Goods	247.82

Salary	2,380.87
'Doctor and drugs	401.77
Blacksmith	160.30
Water, telephone and electricity	456.97
Undertaker	225.25
Hospital	17.00
Insurance	287.80
Tobacco	122.52
Hardware	197.77
Coal	444.98
Plumbing and carpenter and other expenses for repair of farm implements	906.81
Electric machine for the Frigidaire	950.00
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Total	\$10,469.72

Respectfully submitted,

NOE BERGERON,

Superintendent.

Report of Clerk of Overseers of Poor

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinances, I hereby submit my report as Clerk of the Overseers of the Poor for the year ending January 31, 1930.

This department has given personal attention to the families in distress, and the distribution of the necessities of life has only been made after a most careful, personal investigation of the facts.

The calls have been many, especially in the months of February, March, April and December of 1929, and January of 1930. I feel, however, that the help that the department has been able to bring to those distressed families has been more than worth the expenditure.

Following are monthly expenses of the several department.

Expenses of the Pauper Department for Year 1929-30

	Expenses	Medical	
February	\$ 4,204.74	\$ 6.50	
March	3,018.78	360.95	
April	4,351.00	149.75	
May	3,030.81	3.75	
June	2,279.55	31.15	
July	1,933.71	336.50	
August	1,973.33	18.00	
September	1,852.88	328.75	
October	2,614.27	12.80	
November	2,192.22	84.30	
December	3,445.04	206.50	
January	2,129.52	88.05	
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Expenses	\$33,025.85	\$1,627.00	
Appropriations			\$30,000.00
Credits from State and Out of Town Paupers			4,659.54
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Total			\$34,659.54
Expenses			34,652.85
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Balance			\$ 6.69
There is due from the State, for State Paupers			1,009.90

Expenses of Mothers Aid Department

February	\$ 385.00	
March	385.00	
April	385.00	
May	391.00	
June	371.00	
July	36.00	
August	16.00	
September	16.00	
October	16.00	
November	608.50	
December	27.67	
January	626.00	
Expenses	\$3,273.17	
Appropriations		\$3,250.00
Credits from State		1,145.00
Total Credits		4,395.00
Expenses		3,273.17
Balance		\$1,121.83

Expenses for the Insane Department

February	\$	
March		
April	61.20	
May	35.00	
June	6.70	
July		
August		
September	46.70	
October	95.10	
November	7.15	
December	42.20	
January	75.00	
Expenses	\$ 369.05	
Appropriations		\$ 400.00
Credits		37.00
Total Credits		\$ 437.00
Expenses		369.05
Balance		\$ 67.95

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Municipal Officers, the City Physician and the Superintendent of The Homestead for the assistance rendered during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. LEMIRE,

Jan. 31, 1930.

Clerk, Overseers of the Poor.

Report of Department of Health

CITY OF BIDDEFORD

Financial Statement for the Fiscal Years 1929-1930

Appropriation for Health Department \$2,000.00

Expenditures

From February, 1929, to February, 1930

Salary of Health Officer \$1,000.00

Miscellaneous Expenses 692.46

\$1,692.46

Balance Sheet

Health Department:

Appropriation \$2,000.00

Expenditures 1,692.46

\$ 307.54

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

Gentlemen:

Herewith is submitted the ninth annual report of the Health Officer, recording the work of the Health Department during the year 1929.

It has long been recognized that the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases and the control of epidemics are vital to the existence of a community. These functions have been lodged with health departments or agencies acting in a similar capacity. The support of the activities of these bodies is considered without question to be a duty which the community as a unit owes to its members. The per capita expenditure for protection against infectious diseases is small in comparison with the

cost of protection against fire or crime. Yet health protection is perhaps the most essential of all.

Modern developments have shown that the preservation of community health is a matter immunizing against the danger of disease, of guarding the sources of food and water supplies against contamination, and of educating the public to avoid the common dangers to health. Instead of waiting for appearance of disease before fighting it, the health worker searches out the source of the disease and vigorously combats it at the source.

While a city of moderate size and of primarily industrial character like our own is necessarily limited in the expenditures for health work, appropriations should be available to apply on a modified scale the methods that have been so successful in suppressing disease in the larger cities. The Health Department has during its existence applied the preventive measures sanctioned by the leading authorities, and has conformed closely to the policies of the State Department of Health. Additional appropriations will be required if the city is to give adequate protection to its residents along the lines recommended below in this report.

VITAL STATISTICS

Accurate vital statistics, covering records of births and deaths, require the exercise of care and judgment on the part of physicians in filling out certificates. Many certificates are so illegible as to be difficult to read. Certificates should be typewritten if possible.

BIRTHS		DEATHS	
January	44	January	52
February	35	February	26
March	50	March	26
April	36	April	30
May	32	May	25
June	42	June	24
July	49	July	17
August	52	August	22

September	47	September	25
October	52	October	20
November	48	November	30
December	50	December	23
	—		—
Total	538	Total	320
Deaths (Exclusive of still births)			280
Still births			40
Deaths under one year from pneumonia			11
Deaths under two years from pneumonia			1
Deaths under three years from pneumonia			3
Deaths under one year cholera infantum			4
Deaths under three years, other diseases			8
Rate per thousand (estimated population 20,000)			
Births			26.9
Deaths			14.0

Sanitary Surveys and Inspections

The supply of milk in our city is of good quality. Its sources are investigated to make sure that cleanliness and sanitary conditions prevail. To be absolutely safe, milk delivered in the city should be pasteurized at a central station, and distributed from this point. All cattle in the vicinity have been tuberculin tested so that there is comparatively little danger from this milk borne infection.

The water consumed in the city is furnished by a privately owned corporation. Bi-monthly examinations of samples of the water are made by the state, and daily tests are made at the station.

Garbage Collection

The collection of garbage is still in the hands of private individuals. The city has recently negotiated a contract whereby collectors on payment of a stated sum will assume full responsibility for the collection and disposal of the garbage.

Sanitation Campaign

The spring clean-up campaign was conducted this year with the help of the Chamber of Commerce and the co-operation of the Street and Fire Departments. Pub-

lic attention was called to this movement by the press and response was very gratifying.

Infectious Diseases

The past year has been notable for the few contractions of communicable diseases due to contacts in schools. In November, a case of diphtheria necessitated taking nose and throat cultures of about fifty children at St. Joseph's Parochial School. All of these proved negative.

Health conditions throughout the year were normal with the exception of January and February. At this time an epidemic of influenza occurred and many cases of pneumonia followed. There were one hundred and sixty-five cases of influenza in January and February, and fifty-four cases of pneumonia for the year.

Diphtheria

Three cases of diphtheria were reported during 1929 with two deaths; both cases could have been saved had a physician been called in time. When there is the least suspicion of diphtheria, anti-toxin should be administered. There are many indications to mark this disease, and if the physician should note one of these symptoms, it would be safe to use anti-toxin at once. Parents who neglect to have their children immunized against diphtheria are taking serious risks with the children's health.

Influenza

There were one hundred and sixty-five cases during January and February and five deaths. This epidemic of influenza was the contributory cause of many cases of pneumonia.

Scarlet Fever

Twelve cases were reported but no deaths. Close inspection of their children by parents and teachers will

help to control this disease. Physicians should report this disease to the Health Department immediately following their diagnosis.

Tuberculosis

Eleven cases were reported and ten deaths. This disease is of special importance and should be reported on clinical diagnosis. Some physicians do not report to this department when the patient is sent to a sanatorium. The State Department of Health specifies that tuberculosis shall be reported at once to the local Health Department.

Pneumonia

There were fifty-four cases reported and forty-one deaths, of lobar and bronchial pneumonia. Fifteen cases were children under three years. This disease is contagious and care should be exercised in nursing and allowing persons coming in contact with patients. Pneumonia is a preventable disease; the fact that it is unquestionably contagious should not be disregarded.

Infectious Diseases—Cases Reported by Months

Chickenpox	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0—	3
Diphtheria	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—	3
Influenza	145	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	165
Measles	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0—	6
Pneumonia	17	5	3	15	6	2	1	0	0	0	4	1—	54
Scarlet Fever	2	3	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0—	12
Tetanus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—	1
Tuberculosis	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	3—	11
Typhoid Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0—	2
Whooping Cough	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0—	5
Para Typhoid	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—	2
Syphilis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	1
Mumps	0	2	6	3	17	5	0	3	0	0	0	0—	36

Deaths Registered

Diphtheria	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—3
Influenza	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—5
Pneumonia Lob.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0—8
Pneumonia Bron	16	2	2	6	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	2—33
Tuberculosis P.	0	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1—10
Tuberculosis, All forms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0—1
Tetanus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—1

Recommendations

1. A clinic to be supported by the municipality should be established for tuberculosis patients. Such an institution would be of value in checking the disease at the incipient stage.

2. Compulsory vaccination of school children should be enforced. No child should be admitted to school without first being vaccinated. The expense should be borne by the city where parents are unable to provide medical attention.

3. The immunization of all children under ten years of age should be encouraged by making the treatment available for school children.

4. Application for victuallers' licenses should be submitted to the Health Department for approval before they are acted upon by the municipal officers.

5. The office of Milk Inspector should be combined with that of Health Officer in order to unify action and control.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MAHONEY,
Health Officer.

Report of Plumbing Inspector

J. W. Mahoney, Health Officer, Biddeford, Maine:

Dear Sir:

I respectfully submit report of activities for the year 1929:

Licenses granted	20
Permits for new installations	70
Calls for adjustments	15

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. GARNACHE,

Plumbing Inspector.

Report of School Nurse

January 31, 1930.

To the Honorable Mayor, School Committee and Citizens of Biddeford.

The Annual Report of School Nursing and Health Education is hereby submitted:

Number of visits to Class Rooms	195
Number of pupils inspected	4,846
Number of pupils with defects	1,520
Number of pupils having defects corrected	765
Number of pupils excluded for symptoms of communicable disease	19
Instructive Health Talks in Class Rooms	59
Home Visits to School Children	284
Diphtheria Cultures taken	34

Defects and corrections as follows:

DEFECTS		CORRECTIONS	
Vision	100	Vision	100
Hearing	12	Hearing	2
Teeth	847	Teeth	847
Throat and Nose	263	Throat and Nose	29
Nervous Symptoms ..		Nervous Symptoms	

This is the fourth year of Nursing Service in the schools, and the above analysis shows the progress of Health Education and its appreciation. As an incentive to the students the "Six Point" Health Program, under the direction of the State Child Health Education Service is being used. Regardless of the marked increase in Dental Corrections, the defects are outstanding.

It may be recommended, from an economic angle, that the services of the Itinerant Dental Hygienist, (under the direction of the Maine Dental Society) be secured for a few weeks each year to examine, and give Prophylaxis in the first three grades.

This service is being used all through the States and is very satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET E. FOSS, R. N.,

School Nurse.

Report of Police Department

Biddeford, Maine, January 31, 1930.

To the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners:—

Gentlemen:—

The annual report for the year ending January 31, 1930, is hereby submitted to you in accordance with our City Ordinance. Herein will be found a statement and summary of the different cases treated by the Police Department this past year.

The appropriation by the City Council for the year ending January 31, 1930, was	\$24,000.00
Receipts	2,134.83
Ordered	26,131.64
Balance	3.19

Our department force consists of a chief, one captain, one day janitor at police station, with title of Sergeant, one night turnkey at station and nine officers; three during the day, including a traffic officer, and six officers at night; also two special officers for Sunday work.

This force of officers is inadequate for the big area of territory necessary to cover, including the heavy increasing traffic each year. I make the suggestion to the City Council that an addition of three more police officers be added to cover the large area which is not sufficiently protected because of lack of officers.

The following is a summary of the different offences taken care of by the police department during the fiscal year ending January 31, 1930:—

Intoxication	91
Larceny	9
Larceny,—automobiles	2

Operating automobiles under influence of liquor	9
Reckless driving	5
Driving, without a license	7
Speeding	1
Departing from scene of accident without reporting	1
Wilfull abstraction of public ways	1
Parking side of hydrants	2
Breaking rules of Parking Ordinances ..	2
Passing red lights	6
Operating car without license	2
Making a U turn on red lights	1
Operating motor vehicle without proper lights	15
Rape	1
Adultery	2
Assault	17
Non-support	3
Gambling	3
Tramps	5
Loitering	2
Malicious mischief	3
Extreme punishment of minor	1
Illegal possession	1
Fornication	1
Forgery	1
Breaking, entering and larceny	6
Affray	2
Unlawful possession	2
Keeping pool room open in violation of ordinances	1
Pro-juvenile cases	71
Auto collisions	397
Doors found open, business places	219
Cars stolen	11

Car recovering	11
Cars recovered for other cities	3
Persons injured, and sent to hospitals, in auto accidents	75
Persons killed in this city in auto acci- dents	6
Lodgers cared for at police station	660
Breaking and entering, day and night	20
Cases taken care of by the Municipal Court	277
Cases taken care of through the Police Department	1391

I hereby recommend that our appropriation be increased.

I appreciate the good work done by each and every officer in the department and sincerely thank the police commissioners for their hearty support and co-operation, and also each and every one connected with the department.

Respectfully submitted,
OSCAR G. PARENT,
Chief of Police.

The Board is appreciative of the efficient manner in which the duties of the Police Department have been handled by the chief of police, captain, sergeant and members of the police force. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE BUTLER,
GEORGE E. BEAUCHESNE,
Members of the Board of Police,
Biddeford, Maine.
GEORGE BUTLER,
Chairman.
GEORGE E. BEAUCHESNE,
Clerk.

Report of Milk Inspector

Biddeford, Maine, January 31, 1930.

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, 1930:

I have issued seventy-five (75) permits for milk inspection and found conditions as reasonable as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR SIMARD, JR.,

Milk Inspector.

Report of Assessors

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

We herewith submit our list of abatements of taxes made by the Board of Assessors during the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1930.

For Alphonse E. Renouf, Collector of Taxes	
for 1929	\$51,483.60
Saco Lowell	\$49,996.00
General Abatement	\$1,487.60
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Total	\$51,483.60

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH P. GENDRON,

JAMES E. GOODWIN,

CARL W. RICHARDS,

Assessors of Taxes 1929.

CARL W. RICHARDS,

Chief Assessor.

Report of City Electrician

Biddeford, Me., January 31, 1930.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:—

I have the honor of submitting my report for the year ending January 31, 1930.

Number of written requests for inspection	88
Number of inspections without written request	10
Number of inspections accepted	98
Number of inspections one or more times	15

The National Board of Fire Underwriters supplied this city at my request with 25 National Code Manuals, which I have distributed to local electrical contractors.

Plans and specifications are being drawn by Ralph D. Winship, under the supervision of Mr. Wetherbee, illuminating engineer from the C. C. P. & Light Co., and the city electrician for rewiring the Central Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE J. LAVIGNE,

City Electrician.

Report of Tax Collector

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 1929.

Amount of May and September commit- ments for 1929	\$560,039.92
Amount of Sup. Tax Jan. 31, 1930.....	974.00
Total Commitment	\$561,013.92
Interest to date	380.19
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Total	\$561,394.11

Paid City Treasurer on account of Taxes..	\$519,446.00
Cash on hand	\$3,687.98

Respectfully submitted,

ALPHONSE E. RENOUF,

Collector of Taxes for 1929-1930.

Collected on 1930 Excise Tax	\$12,000.00
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A. E. R.

Report of Building Inspector

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

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to report the following for the
year ending January 31, 1930:

I have issued 137 permits for buildings 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.

The estimated value of the construction for the
year was \$375,000.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PINETTE,

Inspector of Buildings.

Report of City Physician

Biddeford, Maine, January 31, 1930..

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City
Government, Biddeford, Maine:—

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor of presenting to your honorable
body my report as City Physician for the year ending
January 31st, 1930.

Office patients	467
Visits	193
Homestead patients, visits and treatments	110

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. UPHAM, M. D.,

City Physician.

Report of Librarian

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

The report of the librarian of the Biddeford Public Library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1930, is as follows:

With the exception of Sundays and holidays, the library was open every day during the year. The hours are from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. except during July and August, when the library closes at 6 p. m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays; Thursdays and Saturdays regular hours are observed.

The total circulation was 53,172; the largest week's circulation was 1,263 books, for the week of Feb. 25th; the smallest, 692 for week of June 10th; the average daily circulation was 177.

There were 553 new registrations, 25 of which were non-resident, who by the deposit of one dollar, received all library privileges.

Nine hundred and nine new books were added: 460 from City and State appropriations; 45 from Association funds; 219 from fine money; 69 by binding magazines; 116 were gifts.

One hundred and fourteen books have been rebound, 272 have been worn out and discarded; 9 were destroyed on account of infectious disease; 45 were lost in circulation, six of which were paid for by borrowers.

The story hour had an average attendance of 23 children. Mr. E. D. Yorke has taken an interest in the story-telling, and for the past few Saturdays has relieved Mrs. Emerson.

Children's Book Week was observed as usual. Many new books were displayed, giving the children, also parents and teachers, an opportunity to examine and browse to their heart's content, before the books were put into

circulation; graded book lists and little books for keeping record of their reading were given out to the children.

The attendance of the classes of school children of the grammar grades, who come to the library each term, for instruction in library methods and usage, was 302. The advantage of this instruction is shown by the ease in which the pupils learn to use the reference books in connection with their school work.

The Reading Rooms are largely patronized every day; 101 periodicals are furnished by the library, and there are many gifts besides. The list includes a good number of technical and educational magazines, but it is so diversified that all tastes and interests are considered. There is some valuable material in the line of Business Research by the Metropolitan Insurance Company.

The New Encyclopedia Britannica has been added to the reference department, a new set of the World Book and The Human Interest Library to the children's room. The reading of non-fiction by a greater number of people is undoubtedly true in this library, especially in the line of biography and travel, but the borrowers take so much longer to read such books, that it does not show up appreciably in daily circulation.

The American Library Association held its annual convention in Washington, D. C., during the week of May 13th. The librarian attended the convention. It was a very crowded week with many valuable programs to choose from, with the opportunity of seeing and hearing some of the ablest leaders in the library and educational world in the wonderful setting of our national capital. There was a good attendance of Maine librarians.

The Round Table of the Maine Library Association met at East Sebago Sept. 19th and 20th, for a two-day program. Mrs. Emerson represented this library.

Through the kindness of Mr. E. D. Yorke the McArthur Library Association was able to give the public a series of informal "Book Talks," showing the resources of the library. These talks were most interesting, tracing the history of civilization by touching on the high lights and on the inspiring lives of the great of all times. These talks were free to the public, and were thoroughly enjoyed by a deeply interested and attentive audience. Mr. Yorke has planned a second series on modern literature. The Dyer Library of Saco has joined this library in promoting the interest in this series on "Book Talks." The first of the series was given on Jan. 25th; the subject was "Modern Fiction."

We wish to express thanks to the Biddeford Journal for many courtesies; to Mrs. Daniel E. Owen for the donation of twenty-five dollars; to Mr. Daniel E. Owen for the gift of 55 books; to the Saco and Biddeford Garden Club for the set of Bailey's Standard Cyclopaedia of Horticulture; also following gifts of books and magazines:

American Asso. for Alumni and Adult Education 1 book
 American City Magazine 1 book
 Antioch Notes
 Bahai Publishing Society 1 book
 Bangor Public Library Bulletin
 Bates College Bulletin
 Boston University 1 book
 B'Nai B'Rith Magazine
 Biddeford Journal
 Buick Bulletin
 Christian Leader
 Christian Register
 Commission for Relief in Belgium 2 books
 Commonweal
 W. W. Cook 2 books
 John Costello 5 books
 Dennison Mfg. Co. 5 books
 Daughters of American Revolution magazine
 Miss E. S. Dudley 1 book
 Encyclopedia Britannica 1 book
 W. A. Fairburn 2 books
 Frigidaire Corporation 1 book
 Miss Bernice Graves 5 books

C. W. Huntington 1 book
 C. A. Ingraham 1 book
 Jewish Tribune
 La Justice
 Kalends
 Kiwanis
 Knights of Columbus magazine
 Lewiston Public Library Bulletin
 Mrs. Lina McKenney 4 books
 Maine State Library State reports and 4 books
 D. E. Marion 1 book
 Motion Picture Producers 1 book
 National Woman's Party 1 book
 New Covenant Fellowship 1 book
 New York Stock Exchange 1 book
 M. S. Nichols 1 book
 N. E. L. A. 1 book
 Outdoor Advertising Asso. 1 book
 A. Pearson 1 book
 Pepperell Sheet
 Phillips Exeter Academy Bulletin
 A. Pierce 1 book
 Railway Statistics
 Rotarian
 Royal Baking Powder 1 book
 W. B. Shaw 1 book
 Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War magazine
 Successful Farming
 L. E. Swartz magazine
 United Fruit Co. 1 book
 U. S. Aviation Quarterly
 Virginian
 War Cry
 World Crisis
 E. D. Yorke 4 books
 Young People's Union 3 books
 And many pamphlets and catalogues

Financial Statement

Source of funds:

City of Biddeford	\$3,500.00
State Stipend	350.00
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	\$3,850.00

Paid from above funds:

Binding	\$ 142.56
Books	898.46
Heat	494.52

Light	304.46
Salaries	2,010.00

\$3,850.00

Paid from McArthur Library Association's funds:

Books	\$ 37.51
Insurance	50.32
Labor	244.46
Periodicals	330.33
Repairs	523.23
Salaries	1,303.66
Supplies	198.15
Telephone	63.95
Other expenses	118.33

\$2,869.94

Report of money received at desk:

Balance Feb. 1st, 1930	\$ 57.51
Received Deposits	25.00
Fines	272.83
Junk	4.00
Rent	15.00
Stamps	9.63
Telephone	4.05
Treasurer	3.00

\$391.02

Paid Books, etc.	\$ 258.05
Express	9.56
Labor	3.00
Postage	11.04
Refunded	22.00
Repairs	2.25
Supplies	13.57
Treasurer	15.00

\$ 334.47

Unexpended	56.55
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	\$ 391.02

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA HATCH,

Librarian.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Biddeford, Me., February 10, 1930.

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

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor, as superintendent of schools, to present for your consideration, this my tenth annual report for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1930.

The school census taken in April, 1929, shows a loss of one hundred and thirty-eight persons between the ages of five and twenty-one, thus reducing our State stipend by four hundred and fourteen dollars.

The table following is for comparison of the distribution of pupils of school age over a period of three years:—

ENROLLMENT

	'27-'28	'28-'29	'29-'30
Number enumerated	6,265	5,885	5,747
Attending High School	270	282	309
Attending Emery School	368	341	343
Attending Washington Street (including Special English)	221	214	216
Attending Birch Street	101	129	137
Attending Wentworth Street	56	68	51
Attending Bradbury Street	85	91	69
Attending Rural Schools	197	170	189
Total in Public Schools	1,298	1,295	1,314
Attending St. Andre's School	1,191	1,140	1,170
Attending St. Joseph's School	1,050	1,074	1,085
Attending St. Mary's School	258	281	288
	2,499	2,495	2,543

Attendance for the year was very good. The kindly cooperation of parents is gratifying as uninterrupted attendance advances the progress of pupils. Two hundred and seventy-five cases were investigated by

the attendance officer, Mr. Will Stone; fourteen were truants, sixteen were without suitable clothing; eighteen moved away, and three cases were prosecuted. This department has no desire to inflict a hardship upon any parent but those who persist in keeping their children from school are violators of the law and as such are liable to prosecution.

One outstanding and commendable reflection upon our school system is its ability to retain, from year to year, practically the same staff of capable and energetic teachers. One or two changes are inevitable and at this time it is necessary to report the resignation of Leslie Pearson, sub-master at the high school, and that of Miss Georgia A. Staples, for forty-five years a teacher in our public schools, together with the granting of a year's leave of absence to Miss Cecile Talbot, who is now enrolled as a member of the senior class at Farmington Normal School.

Mr. Roy A. Robinson was elected to the sub-mastership at the high school, and Mrs. Ruby G. Gove was transferred from the Special English department of the Washington Street school to the Emery school. Miss Corinne Reny was elected to District No. 2, Goodwins Mills school; Miss Madeleine Murphy was transferred to the Washington Street school. District No. 3, Poor Farm school, was closed on account of small attendance and Mrs. Jennie Hooper was transferred to District No. 1, Hollis Road. Mrs. Cora Tarbox was transferred to the Newtown school and Miss Elizabeth E. Brown was transferred to the Pool district.

Early in the year plans were made to remodel District No. 10 and the work was completed during the early fall. One room was added to the old structure and we now have a model rural school meeting all the standards of lighting, heating, ventilating, and sanitation as required by the State Department of Education. This

school has a large playground, boys' and girls' basements, steam heat with an oil-burning furnace, flush closets, bubbler fountains, and electric lights. Miss Arline Marcille was retained as principal of this school and Miss Catherine O'Connor was transferred from District No. 13 to this school to teach the lower grades. Miss Dorothea M. Seidel was elected to teach in District No. 13.

Due to a defective chimney a fire broke out at District No. 10 shortly after completion of remodeling. Much damage was done to one end of the building, the roof, floor, and ceilings. The loss was covered by insurance and a satisfactory adjustment made.

Miss Margaret O'Connor was elected as a temporary teacher to take care of an overcrowded condition in the sixth grade of the Emery school.

Very satisfactory arrangements for transporting pupils from the outlying districts of West St. and Five Points were made with Mr. Alex Petrin. This work is done with dispatch in a fine pullman bus in which the children are kept warm, dry, and comfortable. Pupils living on the Pool road are still being transported to the Emery school by Mr. Orin Edwards.

Evening school classes in commercial subjects are conducted at the high school and are well attended.

The School Banking System, put into operation a few years ago, is continuing to be well patronized; many rooms are displaying banners for perfect records as depositors. This, I feel, is one of the most important branches in our schools for besides teaching thrift it also teaches regularity of depositing, budgeting of finances, and coordinates arithmetic with the actual processes in accounting.

The school year has been lengthened by one week. This was thought advisable especially at the High

School on account of the amount of work necessary to prepare students in the College Course.

A list of graduates from the Grammar School and High School, together with their respective programs is tabulated below.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION

March	Class
Prayer	Rev. S. J. Willis
Chorus. "Indian Lullaby"—Wilson	Eighth Grades
"Americanism"—Roosevelt	Lester B. Orcutt
"Our National Ideals"—Guitteau	Catherine K. Cullinan
"Abraham Lincoln"—Lowell	Rena H. Peck
"Skyscraper"—Sandbury	Leonora Anton
"Our National Flag"—Beecher	G. Gordon Cheney
Chorus. "Who-oo?"—Wilson	Eighth Grades
Acrobatic Work:	
Max Brandt, Royal Brown, Jr., Daniel Caddigan, Arthur Cadorette, Jr., James Chacamaty, Gordon Cheney, Tryon Cutter, James Driscoll, Clarence Ellis, Phillips Folsom, Oscar Gonnevillie, Joseph Hartley, Arthur Ladakakos, Louis Ladakakos, Chester Littlefield, Frank Mariello, Joseph Mariello, George Olsen, Lester Orcutt, Wilson Place, Jr., Manton Richards, Charles Stone	
Racquet Drill:	
Enid Church, Pauline Clough, Catherine Cullinan, Blanche Gauthier, Lorena Havey, Marion Milliken, Marion Provencal, Arlene Record, Esther Spirounia, Virginia Spirounia, Grace Tselike, Alice Tufts, Helene Twomey, Anne Whelan, Phyllis Wilcox, Dorothy Wildes	
Athletic Dance, "Paprika":	
Leonora Anton, Phyllis Center, Dorothy Doyle, Athena Droggittis, Betty Goldthwaite, Mary Jane Lariviere, Florence Peck, Rena Peck, Sadie Shapiro, Mary Souza, Annie Thorner, Edna Wildes	
"The Genuine Mexican Plug"—Mark Twain	Dorothy M. Wildes
"Barefoot Boy"—Whittier	Annie Thorner
"Caudle's Wedding Day"—Jerrold	Lucille E. Goldthwaite
Piano Duet, "Qui Vive!"—Ganz	
	Lorena Havey and Pauline Clough
"New England Weather"—Mark Twain	C. Wilson Place, Jr.
"The Open Road"—Bliss Carman	Dorothy D. Doyle
"Laska"—Desprez	Sadie M. Shapiro
Chorus, "Sundown"—Londonderry Air	Eighth Grades
Awarding of Scholarship Medals	
Chairman of Board of Education, Dr. George C. Precourt	
Presentation of Diplomas	
	Superintendent of Schools C. A. Weed
Exit March	School Orchestra

GRADUATES

Leonora Anton	Joseph Mariello
Max O. Brandt	Marion R. Milliken
Royal W. Brown, Jr.	George Olsen
Daniel J. Caddigan	Lester B. Orcutt
Arthur J. Cadorette, Jr.	Florence M. Peck
Phyllis E. Center	Rena H. Peck
James Chacamaty	C. Wilson Place, Jr.
G. Gordon Cheney	Marion M. Provencal
Enid E. Church	Beatrice Randall
Pauline Z. Clough	Arlene A. Record
Catherine K. Cullinan	Benjamin P. Remar
Tryon H. Cutter	Manton E. Richards
Dorothy D. Doyle	Sadie M. Shapiro
Athena M. Droggittis	Mary L. Souza
James J. Driscoll	Esther Spirounia
Clarence W. Ellis	Virginia Spirounia
Phillips E. Folsom	Saul I. Stern
Blanche A. Gauthier	Charles L. Stone
Lucille E. Goldthwaite	Annie Thorner
Oscar L. Gonneville	John C. Thorp
Joseph E. Hartley	Grace P. Tselike
Lorena A. Havey	Alice Tufts
Hortense J. Keith	Helene W. Twomey
Arthur Ladakakos	Anne H. Whelan
Louis J. Ladakakos	Phyllis M. Wilcox
Mary Jane Lariviere	Dorothy M. Wildes
Chester J. Littlefield	Edna L. Wildes
Frank C. Mariello	

RURAL

*Arden N. Davis, Dist. No. 9
 Florence Olive Lowell, Dist. No. 11
 Evelyn Crawford Robinson, Dist. No. 11

FIRST HONORS

Eight A—Catherine Keef Cullinan
 Eight B—Clarence Wilson Place, Jr.
 Eight C—Annie Thorner

*Certificate

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Ports of Call

Invocation,	Rev. A. E. Scott
Harbors and Commerce, with Salutatory,	Bella Shapiro
Famous Harbors of Antiquity,	Margaret Elizabeth Hood
Music	
Two Golden Gates,	Shirley Aranovitch
The Romance of Cargoes, Honor Essay	Ethelyn May Libby
Music	
Havens of Rest,	Mary Gove St. John Folsom
Unknown Ports, with Valedictory	Kanely Anthony

Music

Awarding of Medals,
Presentation of Diplomas,

Hon. George C. Precourt
Supt. Chester A. Weed

GRADUATES

Kanely Anthony***	Byron Franklin Kimball
Shirley Aranovitch**	Eva Lambert*
Iris Lillian Burnham	Mary Dorothea Lane
James Callahan	Mary Lerman*
Leo Joseph Callahan	Ethelyn May Libby**
Leonard Spencer Charles	Melbourne Franklin Means
Alice Jeannette Cookson	James Albert Merryman
Henrietta Louise Cote	John Baptiste Morin
Carleton Frederic Davis	Zelma Diantha Nield
Kenneth John Dickerson	John Joseph O'Connor
Weslene Janet Dolloff*	Gerard Maurice Pepin
Katherine Christine Donovan*	Alfred Otis Robbins*
Georgia May Emmons*	Ella Addie Rice
Robert Osgood Emmons*	Catherine Agnes Ryan*
Mary Gove St. John Folsom**	Irving Sandler*
Bessie Frank**	Bella Shapiro**
Daniel James Gurney*	Frances Shapiro**
Elizabeth Shaw Haley*	Eleanor Olive Staples
Alice Jane Hanson*	Gerard John Twomey
Ruth Evelyn Hayes*	Robert Matthew Whelan
Margaret Elizabeth Hood**	*** Highest Honor
Mary Dillon Jones**	** High Honor
John Emmett Kearney	* Honor

The annual enigmatical problem of finances confronted the Board of Education. It is impossible, with the present appropriations, to keep the schools properly maintained. A great amount of repair work has been left for another year. Other rural schools should be remodelled similar to District No. 10; Birch street school needs a considerable outlay to put it in first class condition; the Emery school needs weatherstripping, and the gymnasium entrances at the high school should be given needed attention.

Windows and doors at the Emery school have been calked. A fire alarm box and signal system and fire escapes have been installed at the Birch street school but the financing of these projects were in anticipation of funds for the coming year.

Tax payers are the stockholders in this business of

Education. Assessments are the taxes levied for carrying on this business. When the assessments are so low that equipment and building cannot be maintained satisfactorily, production is retarded. Dividends are the progress made each and every day pupils are in school. Investment in educational stock is the soundest and wisest investment made by the American Public.

A comparison of the amounts expended per capita for school maintenance in cities and towns of over two thousand school census shows Biddeford as the lowest with \$4.57 and Millinocket the highest with \$18.60; fifteen of the other twenty-one in this group pay over \$10.00 per capita. Biddeford also enjoys almost the lowest school rate of taxation in York County, .0045, while the rate for Alfred and Waterboro is over .015; thus the cost of school maintenance in Biddeford is not burdensome.

The teachers of Biddeford are being paid from one hundred and fifty dollars to five hundred dollars less than teachers in a representative group of cities and towns in the State of Maine. I recommend that steps be taken to meet their request for an adjustment in salary that will place them on a level with other cities.

The splendid work of the school nurse, both in public and parochial schools, is doing much to maintain and promote the health of pupils. The incentive to become a Seven-Point child is being instilled into the children at school and should receive equal support from parents in the home.

The financial statement enclosed is indicative of the appropriations needed to carry on the schools from year to year.

In closing I wish to thank the members of the Department of Education for their constructive advice and help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WEED,

Superintendent of Schools.

FISCAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CITY OF BIDDEFORD, ME.
YEAR 1929-1930

	Appropriation		Received During Year	Expenditures	Balance	Over-Draft
	From State	From City				
Schools	24,890.87	68,000.00	1,160.00	93,990.87	60.00	
Repairs		6,000.00		5,998.25	1.75	
Supplies & Insurance . .		*5,000.00	42.75	4,542.44	.31	
Free Text Books		2,000.00		1,999.96	.04	
Evening Schools	222.00	300.00	32.00	553.02	.98	
Domestic Science	1,435.30	1,500.00		2,928.06	7.24	
Manual Training)	800.00					
Physical Training)	1,112.00			5,711.92	.08	
Supt's Salary	1,200.00	2,100.00		3,300.00		
	<u>29,660.17</u>	<u>88,200.00</u>	<u>1,234.75</u>	<u>119,024.52</u>	<u>70.40</u>	

Total Resources, \$119,094.92—Total Expenditures, \$119,024.52—Balance, \$70.40

RECEIVED DURING YEAR

SCHOOLS Tuition, Secondary	\$1,160.00
EVENING SCHOOL Tuition	32.00
SUPPLIES	
Credit on empty drums	\$17.50
Rebate from Rochester Germicide Company	12.25
Replaced keys for lockers at High School	13.00
	<u>42.75</u>

*\$500.00 Transferred from "Supplies & Insurance"
to "Manual Training"

LIABILITIES

H. P. Atkinson & Sons	\$ 52.00
Chamberlin Metal Weather Strip	145.20
L. L. Dearborn	215.99
The Diamond Match	614.27
Lucien Fortin	472.04
Joseph Havey	554.07
Robert Jordan	68.24
Painchaud Paint Co.	328.33
R. C. Parker	782.64
Clark Wakefield	86.62
James Wood	75.00

Biddeford & Saco Coal Co.	<u>\$3,394.40</u>
	<u>3,341.78</u>
	<u>\$6,736.18</u>

Mayors of Biddeford Since 1855

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—9 George C. Precourt, Progressive and Republican.

City Clerks of Biddeford Since 1855

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—9	Alfred Lantagne.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

I have the honor to submit the following report for
the year ending January 31st, 1930, in accordance with
the provisions of the City Ordinance:

	Appropriation	Receipts	Orders	Balance	Over- drafts
Bridges	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 2,947.76	\$ 52.24	
Browntail Moths	400.00		250.46	149.54	
City Building	2,000.00	11,162.50	11,701.68	1,460.82	
Homestead	6,000.00 ✓	4,478.08	10,469.82	8.26	
City Library	3,500.00 ✓	350.00	3,850.00		
Contingent Fund	10,000.00	6,802.35	15,063.64	1,737.71	
Elections	5,000.00		3,802.52	1,197.48	
Fire Dept.	34,000.00 ✓	3,673.80	37,851.81		178.01
General Expense	7,000.00	510.07	6,874.96	635.11	
Health	2,000.00 ✓	16.60	1,709.06	307.54	
Highways, No. 4	29,000.00 ✓	3,369.11	34,832.06		2,462.95
Fortunes Rocks	1,000.00 ✓		1,059.41		59.41
Hollis Road	900.00 ✓		867.14	32.86	
Mountain Road	400.00 ✓		375.79	24.21	
Newtown Road	1,000.00 ✓		972.81	27.19	
Oak Ridge	2,000.00 ✓		1,845.78	154.22	
Pool District	1,500.00 ✓		1,497.03	2.97	
Pool Road District	1,500.00	450.00	1,950.38		.38
Ward 7, East	1,000.00		995.22	4.78	
Ward 7, North	800.00		799.98	.02	
Ward 7, West	200.00		198.91	1.09	
Hydrants	22,420.92 ✓	732.99	23,249.25		95.34
Insane	400.00	37.00	369.05	67.95	
Interest	42,000.00	1,571.99	39,586.78	3,985.21	
Mothers' Aid	3,250.00 ✓	1,145.00	3,273.17	1,121.83	
Pauper Dept.	30,000.00 ✓	4,671.54	34,664.35	7.19	
Police Dept.	24,000.00 ✓	2,134.83	26,131.64	3.19	
Resurfacing Streets	17,300.00 ✓	3,600.00	19,436.23	1,463.77	
Salaries	11,400.00		11,166.84	233.16	
Schools	60,000.00 ✓	26,050.87	85,990.87	60.00	
Schools, Rep.	6,000.00 ✓		5,998.25	1.75	
Schools, Sup., Ins.	5,000.00 ✓	42.75	5,042.44	.31	
Domestic Science	1,500.00 ✓	1,435.30	2,928.06	7.24	
Evening School	300.00 ✓	254.00	553.02	.98	
Free Text Books	2,000.00 ✓		1,999.96	.04	
Manual Training	3,300.00 ✓	2,412.00	5,711.92	.08	
Supt. Salary	2,100.00	1,200.00	3,300.00		
Sewers and Drains	7,000.00 ✓	25.00	3,051.90	3,973.10	
Sidewalks	5,000.00	834.62	5,942.92		108.30
Street Lights	22,902.10	800.00	22,455.80	1,242.30	
Woodlawn Cemetery	800.00	290.00	764.55	325.45	
Abatements	51,440.20	49,996.00	101,436.20		
Totals	\$430,313.22	\$128,046.40	\$542,973.42	\$ 18,290.59	\$2,904.39

I wish to express appreciation to His Honor, the
Mayor, also to the City Council and heads of various
departments for their co-operation in last year's work.

ERNEST J. NADEAU, Auditor.