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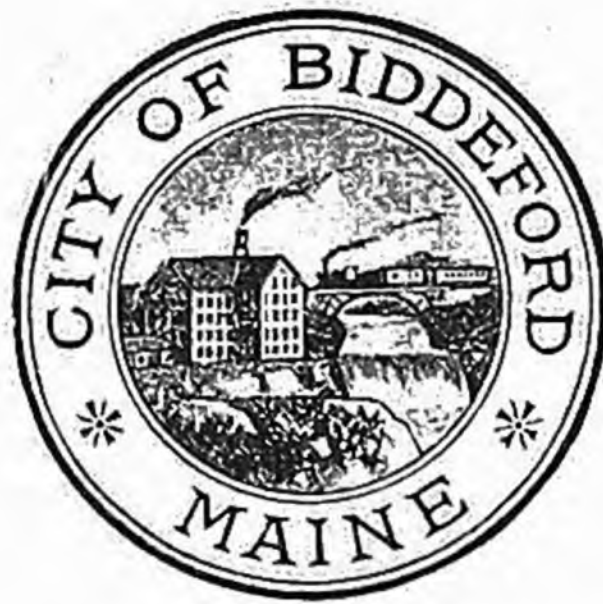
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CITY OF BIDDEFORD

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year 1923-1924

Together with The Mayor's Address

The Biddeford Record, 1924

AUG 14 1924



MAYOR EDWARD H. DRAPEAU

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The Mayor's Address

Gentlemen of the City Council:

One year ago today I had the honor to address you, in this conventional manner, as mayor. At that time I called your attention to the fact that the council and myself were on trial. Today I feel that I will be pardoned if I suggest that the people have called us for service indefinite. The volume and tone of their expression of approval last Monday certainly can be so understood. I do not advert to this most gratifying result of the recent election, as it affects either me or the political party with which I am affiliated; but as the expression of opinion and approval by the people of service well performed under a government of the people themselves.

During the past year a majority of the present council represented their constituents in the several wards from which they were chosen. The new faces among us will undoubtedly prove no less faithful during the ensuing year, and renewing my pledge of a year ago to do my best, I now bespeak for you a similar determination.

Problems of the most grave character confront us, more difficult even than those of one year ago, when we found ourselves involved with a financial burden, out of the ordinary, of nearly \$75,000 and these figures do not include the cost of constructing the Mile Brook sewer, nor the thousands which we have expended in so-called permanent highway improvement.

At this time it would not be possible for me to enter into details relative to finances, and for the reason that the magnitude of the problem will require the careful and studious co-operation of each of you, and time for that has not been available since the election of Monday last.

But, I may, and feel it an imperative duty at this time, advise you that some extraordinary attention must be given to the matter of local taxation; and this for the purpose of raising sufficient money with which to administer the affairs of the city, and also that inequalities in matter of valuation may be corrected.

I trust that every one of us will be able to see this most important matter as I have referred to it, and be willing to devote his very best effort and thought to its solution.

We can not safely go on from year to year with appropriations that will just pull us through. There are always emergencies. Right at the moment we have the tremendous expense of caring for ice and snow, probably never known within the memory of living men in the middle of the month of March. And this will be but a trifling percentage of the cost which we have borne during the Winter as a whole. Our snow bill has been far and far beyond any disclosed by the records during many years past, and I fear, as I refer to this matter, that in the so-called outlying districts there has been expended a sum equal to the usual appropriation for the entire year.

In short, in such suggestions as I shall now make, for our consideration from time to time, the absolute necessity of retrenchment must not be permitted to escape our minds.

Schools

At the moment, to my mind, the most important matter for our serious thought is our High school, and also perhaps the most difficult to care for, because of the financial

condition of the city'. But it is a cold fact that the present accommodations for our children are not sufficient, and I trust that you will devote to this subject the most careful consideration. As to the common schools, so called, it affords me great pleasure to advise that they appear to be in excellent condition, generally, but we cannot afford to permit any lack of attention to them, as they will easily deteriorate.

Fire Department

For a long time there has been earnest, and in most instances honest, advocacy of a motorized equipment in our fire department, and undoubtedly we all would be pleased to see this brought about. But again keeping in mind the cost of such a change, and the happy fact that our present apparatus is in good condition, I feel that we should postpone action for a time. Of course, we must not permit our fire-fighting branch of the government to become weakened. While considering the matter of protection against fire I feel that we should give some attention to the matter of possible strengthening and restrictive ordinances.

Department of the Poor

It gives me extreme pleasure to call your attention to the fact that our department for the care of the poor and less fortunate among us is in good hands. The expense has been materially decreased and this may be attributed in a considerable degree to the fact that the closest attention is given to each case as it arises. The management of the city farm is under trained and experienced management, and every dollar that can be spared should be there expended.

Police

We are most happy in the realization that our police protection in character is all that could be desired, and when

we remember that few, if any city of the size of Biddeford, have as small a force of patrolmen, we should congratulate ourselves. When our finances shall be rearranged I have no doubt but that we will have a larger police force.

Streets, Sewers and Drains

During the year last past we have made a most gratifying beginning in the matter of permanent and needed improvement, and I regret that I can not recommend continuance on the same scale for the coming year, but again looms up the matter of cost. But here, also, we must not allow any neglect of what we now have.

I have not alluded to the various other departments by specific reference, but all such have been well managed during the past year, and I know that you will keep them all in mind and see that their reasonable needs are cared for, as they shall become apparent.

In conclusion, gentlemen, let me ask that here and now, although in silence it may be, we all pledge ourselves to an effort to make our city the best possible, forgetting absolutely political partisanship and working for what all can approve.

Biddeford, Maine, March 19, 1923.

City Government, 1923

Mayor

EDWARD H. DRAPEAU

City Clerk

Arthur H. Hevey

Aldermen

Ward 1—Herbert F. Johnson

Ward 2—Ulric Cabana

Ward 3—Benjamin Goodier

Ward 4—Fred Valliere

Ward 5—Elmer O. Davis

Ward 6—Jerome St. Ours

Ward 7—James J. Neilon

Common Councilmen

President, Harry F. Twomey

Ward 1—Willard V. Chadbourne

John Harper

Benjamin F. Young, Jr.

Ward 2—Napoleon Trudeau

William Binette

George T. Mullen

Ward 3—Louis A. Pariseau

William J. Martin

Alexis Bisailon

Ward 4—Joseph J. Salvas

Lawrence Duross

Elvin M. Stone

Ward 5—C. Wilson Place

Albert E. Pare

George F. O'Connor

Ward 6—George P. Gartland

Henry Lamirande

James E. Watson

Ward 7—Jean Baptiste Beauchemin

Harry F. Twomey

Everett F. Meserve

Wardens

- Ward 1—Edwin B. Wormwood
 Ward 2—Henry Lauzon
 Ward 3—Ernest J. McMullen
 Ward 4—Jean B. Ste Marie
 Ward 5—Patrick Hazeltine
 Ward 6—Israel Bouthilette
 Ward 7—Walter F. Hampson

Ward Clerks

- Ward 1—Frank L. Gross
 Ward 2—Antonio Lamb
 Ward 3—William T. Mooney
 Ward 4—Jeremiah J. Murphy
 Ward 5—Rodolphe Beauchemin
 Ward 6—John P. Buckley
 Ward 7—James T. Descoteaux

City Treasurer

John J. Dunn

Tax Collector

Helena Lemire

City Solicitor

Clarence B. Rumery

City Auditor

Harry Scott

Judge of Municipal Court

John A. Snow

Recorder of Municipal Court

Fillmore P. Harris

Chief of Police

Ernest H. Robbins

City Physician

Dr. George C. Precourt

Chief Engineer Fire Department

James O. Smith

First Assistant Engineer

Jeremiah Twomey

Second Assistant Engineer

Napoleon Verrier

Engineer City Building

Charles M. Bradbury

Watchman City Building

Maurice Hickey

Harbor Master

Wilbur Goldthwaite

Board of Registration

Chairman, Joseph Paquin

Charles T. Read

William H. Whelan

Assessors

James Murphy

William A. Cosgrove

Everett M. Staples

Chief Assessor

William A. Cosgrove

Assistant Assessors

Ward 1—Claude Garnache

Ward 2—Antonio Lamb

Ward 3—Ernest J. McMullen

Ward 4—George Gagne

Ward 5—Lawrence Hobbins

Ward 6—Henri Desmarais

Ward 7—Jeremiah O'Leary

Board of Health

Napoleon Blanchette

Joseph Lamontagne

Overseers of Poor

Municipal Officers

Clerk of Overseers of Poor

Arthur Plante, Jr.

Superintendent City Farm

Grace E. Googins

Inspector of Buildings

Fred Cadorette

Superintendent of Burials

Frederick H. Rumery

Superintendent of Schools

C. A. Weed

Superintending School Committee

Chairman, Edward H. Drapeau

Napoleon Emond Mrs. Maud C. Kendall Thomas Flanagan

John W. Robinson

Park Commissioners

Dennis T. Sullivan

Christopher Prescott

E. H. Goldthwaite

Trustees Woodlawn Cemetery

Edward H. Drapeau

Samuel L. Wilson

Truant Officer

Will Stone

Police Commissioners

Napoleon L. Nadeau

Mark Gordon

William B. Sullivan, Jr.

City Weighers

Alberic Simard

Frank Dennis

Frank Precourt

Filmore Hooper

Alfred Sicard

Henry Knight

Charles Tibbetts

William Smith

Joseph St. Ours

Fred Smith

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark

John Murphy	Mark Gordon
Edgar Small	Sidney A. Staples
Howard Small	Rose Gregoire
Herbert E. Haley	Alice L. Janson
Eugene Boisvert	Alfred L'Heureux
Eddie Casper	Ernest M. Laliberte
James Rankin	Dennis Dineen

Street Commissioner Dist. No. 4

Orren L. Mayo

Road Commissioners in Outlying Districts

Pool Road District—Joseph W. Haley
 Pool District—Horace Evans
 Newtown District—Carl Lowell
 Oak Ridge District—Napoleon Corriveau
 Fortune's Rocks—Charles V. Tanner
 Ward 7 North—William Boisvert
 Ward 7 East—Frank McIntyre
 Ward 7 West—Jere L. Dearborn
 Hollis Road District—Herbert M. Hussey

Milk Inspector

Eugene H. Boisvert

Standing Committees

Board of Aldermen

ELECTION RETURNS—Aldermen Cabana, Johnson and Neilon.

ENROLLED BILLS——Aldermen Goodier, St. Ours and Valliere.

LICENSES—Aldermen Davis, Cabana and Neilon.

Joint Standing Committees

FINANCE—The Mayor, Alderman Neilon, Councilmen Meserve, Place and Lamirande.

ACCOUNTS—Alderman Cabana, Councilmen Twomey and Watson.

PUBLIC PROPERTY—The Mayor, Alderman Davis, Councilmen Place, Pariseau, Beauchemin and Martin.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND LIBRARY—The Mayor, Alderman Valliere, Councilmen Trudeau, Mullen and Salvas.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—The Mayor, Aldermen Goodier and St. Ours, Councilmen Binette, Pare and Gartland.

PRINTING—Alderman St. Ours and Johnson, Councilmen O'Connor, Duross and Stone.

POOR DEPARTMENT—Aldermen St. Ours and Johnson, Councilmen Bisailon and Young.

ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Alderman Johnson, Councilmen Pariseau and Harper.

STREET DEPARTMENT—The Mayor, Aldermen Goodier, Valliere and Cabana, Councilmen Pariseau, Meserve, Martin and Twomey.

General Expense Account, 1923-1924

For Month of February

Reliance Ribbon and Carbon Co., type shine	\$ 2.00
Old Corner Book Store, office supplies	2.05
Arthur H. Hevey, 150 2c stamps	3.00
New England Telephone Co., tel.	5.35
Biddeford Journal, Auditor's notice	12.00
York County Power Co., lights, Armory	20.72
Biddeford Record, Tax Collector's Unpaid Taxes, notice and bill head	37.75
Underwood Typewriter Co., typewriter	107.50
Fred Parson, reporting one marriage .....	.25
Elie Hevey, reporting one marriage .....	.25
H. G. McCann, reporting one marriage .....	.25
Stephen Ferri, reporting one marriage .....	.25
Arthur Watson, reporting one marriage .....	.25
Leroy Haley, reporting one marriage .....	.25
William F. Sherrige, reporting one marriage .....	.25
Alexandre Dugre, reporting one marriage .....	.25
Arthur Stray, reporting one marriage .....	.25
Moses Karkoff, reporting one marriage .....	.25
M. A. Clery, reporting one marriage .....	.25
Moses Shehet, reporting one marriage .....	.25
R. B. Seidel, reporting two marriages .....	.50
Harold C. Curtis, reporting one marriage .....	.25
Charles F. Bennett, reporting one marriage .....	.25
J. D. Pendleton, reporting one marriage .....	.25

J. W. Judson, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
B. F. Hudson, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
V. Deskalolis, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
Edwin Williams, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
L. L. Dunn, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
Philip Schuieler, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
E. B. Deschene, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
E. Benard, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
G. G. Powers, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
J. A. Lesieur, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
A. D. W. Paul, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
Clyfton Hewes, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
J. R. Clifford, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
Howard Mitchell, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
E. A. Fortin, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
R. S. Grace, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
Robert L. Maybury, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
William H. Stone, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
Charles Jones, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
Rev. Guay, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
M. Stavides, reporting three marriages . . . . .	.75
C. Enwright, reporting three marriages . . . . .	.75
P. Harris, reporting three marriages . . . . .	.75
C. E. Proulx, reporting three marriages . . . . .	.75
R. C. Upham, reporting three deaths . . . . .	.75
A. H. Hevey, reporting three marriages, one birth	1.00
Z. B. Decary, reporting four marriages	1.00
George B. Wood, reporting five marriages	1.25
Dr. D'Aoust, reporting three births, two deaths ..	1.25
C. Emery, reporting three births, 10 deaths	3.25
Dr. Haley, reporting five births	1.25
Walter F. Whitney, reporting six marriages	1.50
C. Thompson, reporting four births, two deaths ..	1.50

L. E. Willard, reporting two births, four deaths ..	1.50
C. H. Temple, reporting seven marriages	1.75
I. C. Holmes, reporting seven marriages	1.75
T. J. Mahoney, reporting seven marriages	1.75
W. J. Maybury, reporting four births, four deaths	2.00
J. D. Haley, reporting four births, five deaths ..	2.25
John A. Hayward, reporting six births, four deaths	2.50
F. E. Small, reporting two births, eight deaths ..	2.50
Dennis O'Brien, reporting 12 marriages	3.00
M. H. Ferguson, reporting seven births, five deaths	3.00
Carl Dennett, reporting five births, nine deaths ..	3.50
J. F. Trull, reporting five births, 10 deaths	3.75
C. F. Traynor, reporting 17 deaths	4.25
Dr. Cochrane, reporting deaths and births	4.50
P. S. Hill, reporting 10 births, seven deaths	4.75
J. A. Laflamme, reporting marriages	5.00
Edward Nadeau, reporting 24 marriages	6.00
H. Willis Hurd, reporting deaths and births	6.50
A. M. Decary, reporting 48 marriages	12.00
Laura B. Stickney, reporting 36 births, 13 deaths	12.25
D. E. Dolloff, reporting 26 births, 30 deaths	13.25
L. O. Lesieur, reporting 56 births, six deaths	15.50
George C. Precourt, reporting 222 births, 63 deaths	71.25
J. R. Larochelle, reporting 267 births, 68 deaths ..	83.75
New England Tel. Co., tel.	3.25
York County Power Co., lights and sign	12.50
A. H. Hevey, reporting 69 births, 29 deaths, two birth depositions, 42 oaths, 58 out-of-town marriages, out-of-town deaths, out-of-town births, 300 2c stamps, 21 out-of-town mar- riages, 16 out-of-town deaths, nine out-of-town births	77.15
E. J. Gove, P. M., 1,000 No. 9 Envelopes	22.88

Robert Maybury, four births reported	1.00
Kendall & Whitney, four test bottles	1.13
New England Tel. Co., tel.	1.15
Energy Electrical Co., bulbs	1.38
Biddeford Record, bill heads	8.00
York County Power Co., light, Armory	15.36
Society St. John Baptiste, rent, three months	300.00
Walter F. Whitney, reporting four marriages	1.00
W. Lacroix, killing and burying 14 dogs	14.00

Month of March

Mollie Welch, clerical work	\$ 3.00
La Justice, Auditor's notice	20.13
Old Corner Book Store, stationery	5.16
Eugene Boisvert, express and stamps	7.00
Mollie B. Welch, clerical work	2.00
A. J. Huston, Laws, 1916	3.30
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., Tel.	8.20
York Co. Power Co., sign and Infantry Hall light	23.88
Albert Hevey, clerical work	7.50
Mollie B. Welch, clerical work	25.00
Lawrence Hackett, posting dog tax notices	3.75
Thomas Butler, Jr., posting Assessors' notice	4.00
Everard J. Gove, 10,000 No. 5 envelopes	219.20
G. G. Knight, use of team to Pool	8.00

Month of April

James Curtis, burying one dog	\$ 1.00
George Ellis, burying one dog	1.00
Reny Bros., 400 seals, seals weight and measurers	5.50
William Lacroix, chloroform	9.20
Jeremiah O'Leary, Assistant Assessor	25.00
T. L. Evans & Co., tacks .....	.20
Frank Bradbury, killing and burying one dog ...	2.00

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	3.00
Burroughs Adding Machine, repairs	3.54
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	5.15
A. H. Hevey, 300—2c stamps	6.00
Biddeford Record, Assessors' notices	6.50
Old Corner Book Store, stationery	8.20
La Justice, Assessors', Milk Insp. and Bldg. Insp. notices	11.20
York County Power Co., sign light	12.50
Strouts', bouquet and wreaths	15.50
F. C. Lander, abstract of deeds	62.70
N. W. Kendall, Assessors' and Tax Collector's books	240.00
Jerry O'Leary, interpreters use	12.00
Joseph Pruneau, interpreter, assisting Assessor ..	12.00
York County Power Co., light, Armory	13.23
E. J. Gove, P. M., 1,000 plain envelopes	21.72
Biddeford Journal, Building Insp., Milk Insp. notices	25.20
Claude Garnache, Assistant Assessor, Ward One .	65.00
Henry Desmaris, Assistant Assessor, Ward Six ...	65.00
Lawrence E. Hobbins, Assistant Assessor, Ward Five	65.00
George Gagne, Assistant Assessor, Ward Four ...	65.00
Antonio Lamb, Assistant Assessor, Ward Two ...	65.00
Jerry O'Leary, Assistant Assessor, Ward Seven ..	90.00
Roberts' Office Supply, office supplies	55.49
Biddeford Record, Bldg. Insp. notice, Cumber- land Light notice, Assessors' notice	94.50
Ernest McMullan, assisting Assessor	65.00
Claude Garnache, team hired, Assistant Assessor Ward One	8.00
Reliance Ribbon and Carbon, carbon and ribbon .	37.00
Biddeford Journal, Assessors' notice	48.45

E. Bergeron, making out 1923 blotter and dog book	175.00
J. Curtis, burying one dog	1.00
Biddeford Record, Daylight Saving notices	5.00
Blackbird Pen Co., 3 gross pens	5.25
Evan Williams, team hired	6.00
D. T. Hickey, killing 3 dogs and team hired on complaint City Clerk	10.00
A. Petrin, auto hired, street inspection	25.00
A. Doudelin, auto hired, street inspection	25.00
H. A. Scott, auto hired, street inspection	25.00
Roberts' Office Supply, office supplies	26.02
Painchaud's Band, service Memorial Day	75.00
Philip Tighe Post, expenses Memorial Day	100.00
Sheridan Post, G. A. R., expenses Memorial Day	100.00
U. S. Grant Post, expenses Memorial Day	100.00
Col. L. H. Kendall, S. W. V., expenses Memorial Day	100.00
Henry Huot Post, expenses Memorial Day	100.00

Month of May

James Curtis, burying one dog	\$ 1.00
G. Ellis, burying one dog	1.00
H. A. Scott, use of car, State complaint	5.00
P. J. Farley, labor on safe	10.00
La Justice, Assessors', Milk Insp and Bldg. Insp. notices	22.58
Biddeford Record, Poll Tax notices, Tax Bills, 500 City Reports, Day Light Ballots	280.00
Oliver La Blanc, auto hired, posting notices	2.00
H. G. Hutchinson, paper	2.75
L. Hackett, posting tax collector's notices	4.00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	5.90
Rose Mitchell, dinners to street inspection party ..	50.00

La Justice, City Electrician blanks	50.50
York County Power Co., light on sign	12.50
E. Bergeron, commitment book, valuation book ..	130.00
T. L. Evans Co., supplies	138.00
Western Union, telegraph to Boston by City Treas.	2.43
John Coffey, killing and burying two dogs	4.00
La Justice, printing	8.75
York County Power Co., lights, Armory	11.47
Biddeford Record, letter heads	2.50
Roberts' Office Supply Co., supplies	26.52
American Express, express .....	.38
H. H. Hutchinson, paper	3.00

Month of June

Biddeford Record, printing	\$ 7.50
Portland Mailing Co., automobile list	2.63
Atlantic Express, express	2.85
Old Corner Book Store, office supplies	3.05
H. G. Hutchinson, paper	4.50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	7.70
Roberts' Office Supply, office supplies	1.21
M. B. Welch, clerical work	30.00
G. McCarthy, clerical work	30.00
E. Bergeron, making street books, men and women, listing personal property and personal prop- erty not returned	220.00
E. J. Gove, 2,000 No. 13 envelopes	43.68
Society, St. Jean Baptiste, rent of Armory, three months	375.00
York County Power Co., lights, Armory	10.55
La Justice, printing	21.50
U. Bolduc, auto hire .....	.50
A. Petrin, auto hire	1.00
Portland Mailing Co., auto list	1.74

Roberts' Office Supply, dog licenses	4.72
La Justice, brown tail moth cards	11.50
W. A. Cosgrove, auto hire, Assessors	152.00
A. H. Hevey, 300—2c stamps	6.00
W. Lacroix, killing 73 dogs	146.00

Month of July

W. I. Dennett, funeral of old soldier	\$ 100.00
Portland Mailing Co., auto list	1.95
La Justice Pub. Co., Bldg. Insp. blanks	7.50
Old Corner Book Store, supplies	8.70
Henry Renouf, ringing bell St. Joseph's	10.00
Roberts' Office Supplies, supplies	31.85
Biddeford Journal, electrical ordinances	79.20
Oliver LaBlanc, auto hire	2.00
Biddeford Record, electrical ordinances	2.60
Portland Mailing Co., auto list	1.13
Roberts' Office Supplies Co., supplies	3.12
York County Power Co., lights, Armory	8.84
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	11.65
York County Power Co., 75 watt lamps and fuses	18.00,
Eliott Addressing System, envelope sealer	45.00
Thomas Sullivan, ringing bell, July 4th	5.00
Jerry Twomey, ringing bell, July 4th	5.00
Eugene Ricker, ringing bell, July 4th	5.00
Napoleon Verrier, ringing bell, July 4th	5.00
E. J. Gove, P. M., 1,000 plain envelopes, No. 9 ..	22.88
W. Lacroix, killing 25 dogs and expenses	60.00

Month of August

La Justice, advertising	\$ 7.50
Roberts' Office Supply, office supplies	17.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	7.10
Biddeford Record, advertising Fishing Licenses ..	9.60

Biddeford Journal, advertising Fishing Licenses .	10.40
Roberts' Office Supply, office supplies	17.00
E. Martel, burying one dog	1.00
P. Breen, burying one dog	1.00
Painchaud Sign Works, painting two cards, Tax. Co.	3.00
Charles Cimon, ringing bell, Aug. 3rd, Pres. Harding's death	3.75
Eugene Champagne, ringing bell Aug. 3rd, Pres. Harding's death	3.75
H. A. Scott, auto hire, on complaint of State	10.00
Eugene Cote, burying dog	1.00
A. Pratt, auto hire	1.00
H. G. Hutchinson, paper	2.50
Harry Twomey, auto hire for meeting	3.00
Cumberland County Power Co., lights, Armory ..	5.00
Roberts' Office Supply, office supplies	13.89
H. A. Scott, auto hire, complaint, Public Utility Commission	7.00
Ralph Burbank, making valuation and collector's books	265.00

Month of September

H. A. Scott, auto hire, for meeting	\$ 5.00
E. H. Drapeau, auto hire, posting notices 7 wards	10.00
W. Lacroix, killing and burying 9 dogs	18.00
O. Leblanc, auto hire	1.00
Reliance Ribbon Co., one bottle type cleaner	1.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	3.95
T. L. Evans Co., supplies	1.10
Biddeford Record, post cards, tax bills, notices and letter heads	30.50
Cumberland County Power Co., lights, sign and Armory	43.33

H. A. Scott, auto hire, meeting	3.00
Albert Hevey, posting Tax Collector's notices	4.00
Genevieve McCarthy, clerical work	30.00
Frank P. Bridges Co., 1 gross pens	1.75
Old Corner Book Store, supplies	3.35
Roberts' Office Supply, office supplies	13.36
Ernest J. Hevey, returned names not returned by Assistant Assessors	100.00

For Month of October

New England Tel. Co., tel.	\$ 10.05
Cumberland Power Co., light on sign	12.50
Biddeford Record, 31,050 warrants	98.75
James Curtis, killing and burying one dog	2.00
H. A. Scott, auto hire, June 17, Oct. 2	6.00
A. H. Hevey, 300 2c stamps	6.00
A. Petrin, auto hire	1.00
D. T. Hickey, killing and burying one dog	2.00
Reny Bros., seals of weights and measures	3.10
H. G. Hutchinson, paper	5.00
Cumberland County Power Co., light, Armory	6.11
Eugene Boisvert, stamps	2.00

For Month of November

Boston & Maine R. R., freight	\$.25
Mollie B. Welch, clerical work	2.00
A. Eon, auto hire	2.00
Blackbird Pen Co., 3 gross pens	5.75
Reliance Ribbon & Carbon Co., type shine and roll cleaner	7.00
Cumberland County Power Co., light, sign	12.50
La Justice, letter heads and envelopes	17.50
U. Bolduc, auto hire .....	.50
Berlingham Pen Co., 1 gross pens	1.50

Biddeford Record, postal cards	3.00
Old Corner Book Store, office supply	4.55
Cumberland County Power Co., lights, Armory ...	9.81

For Month of December

H. A. Scott, auto hire	\$ 5.00
Cumberland County Power Co, lights, Armory	9.99
New England Tel. Co., tel.	11.03
Cumberland County Power Co., light and sign ...	12.50
U. Bolduc, auto hire	1.00
R. A. Wing, floor brushes	23.26
A. H. Hevey, stamps, P. P.	10.00
E. H. Boisvert, express and auto hire	30.00
W. Lacroix, killing and burying eight dogs	16.00

For Month of January

U. Bolduc, auto hire	\$ 2.50
G. Lemire, posting unpaid taxes notices	4.00
New England Tel. Co., tel.	6.75
A. H. Hevey, to recording 687 births at 25c; 262 marriages at 25c; 335 deaths at 25c; 78 out-of- town deaths; 18 out-of-town marriages; 17 out-of-town births; 37 depositions on births; 2 depositions on marriages; 3 depositions on deaths; 130 oaths at 20c; return of tax collec- tor on unpaid taxes	401.25
E. J. Gove, part payment 10,000 No. 5 envelopes	22.88
E. H. Boisvert, bottles, crates, express, parcel post and travel	62.37

Treasurer's Report

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the City during the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1924.

Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1923	\$ 21,640.93
Received from all sources	745,108.60
	\$ 766,749.53
Total payments for the year	\$ 761,927.23
	\$ 4,822.30

	Receipts	Expenditures
Abatement of Taxes	\$	\$ 3,478.86
Bridges		2,989.17
Bonds		15,000.00
City Building	10,272.13	13,572.49
Homestead	523.95	9,843.18
City Library	350.00	3,972.22
Contingent		5,913.08
County Tax		17,804.24
Dog License	388.44	
Election Dept.		3,584.75
Fire Dept.		29,506.20
Free Text Books		2,186.32
General Expense	639.90	7,128.81

Health Dept.		4,136.25
Highway, District No. 4	5,227.09	34,789.72
Fortunes Rocks		2,336.41
Hollis Road		980.81
Newtown Road		1,334.35
Oak Ridge		1,411.80
Pool District		1,819.79
Pool Road District		2,241.51
Ward 7 East		786.35
Ward 7 North		1,051.28
Ward 7 West		1,470.39
Rental of Hydrants		19,320.85
Insane	40.00	574.42
Interest	487.57	25,095.78
General License	334.45	
Mile Brook Sewer		1,541.56
Notes	245,000.00	240,000.00
Parks		496.31
Pauper Dept.	4,667.69	22,697.94
Police Dept.	864.46	23,917.97
Resurfacing Streets		12,054.97
Salaries		10,262.65
Schools	28,646.59	82,783.54
School Repairs, Supplies and Ins.		9,227.61
Supt. of Schools Salary	800.00	3,000.00
Evening School	1,507.59	2,671.01
Manual Training	1,285.00	4,562.25
Domestic Science	766.66	1,250.54
Sewers and Drains	960.60	15,277.43
Sidewalks	511.19	4,331.31
State of Maine Tax		85,430.35
State of Maine Pensions	1,241.57	1,232.57
Street Lights		18,000.52
Tax Deeds	32.62	

Tax of 1918	12.00	
Tax of 1919	40.00	
Tax of 1920	180 00	
Tax of 1921	187.28	
Tax of 1922	9,130.02	
Tax of 1923	427,782.76	
Woodlawn Cemetery	75.00	1,171.63
Care of Cemetery Lots	159.00	159.00
Brown Tail Moths		540.96
State Road		4,488.08
Bonds, Stock and R. R. Tax	2,995.04	
Tarvia B		4,500.00

Resources

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1924	\$	4,822.30
Tax of 1918		8.91
Tax of 1919		147.00
Tax of 1920		88.93
Tax of 1921		3,242.72
Tax of 1922		2,975.67
Tax of 1923		11,622.48
State Pension due from State		234.00
Balance Account Feb. 1, 1924		436,857.99
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	\$	460,000.00

Liabilities

Refunding Bonds outstanding	\$	220,000.00
Sewer Bonds outstanding		55,000.00
Street and Sidewalk Bonds		60,000.00
Bradbury Bridge Bonds		45,000.00
Mile Brook Sewer Bonds		50,000.00
Permanent Improvement		25,000.00
Temporary Note		5,000.00
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	\$	460,000.00

Balance Acct. Jan. 31, 1924	\$ 436,857.99
Balance Acct. Jan. 31, 1923	433,804.16
Increase in Amount	\$ 3,054.83

Outstanding Bonds of the City of Biddeford

Amount	Rate	Time	Issue	Matures
\$ 45,000	4 p. c.	20 yrs.	July 1, 1917	July 1, 1937
\$ 25,000	5 p. c.	20 yrs.	May 1, 1920	May 1, 1940
\$ 25,000	5½ p. c.	20 yrs.	July 1, 1921	July 1, 1941
\$ 50,000	3½ p. c.	20 yrs.	May 1, 1905	May 1, 1925
\$ 50,000	4 p. c.	20 yrs.	May 15, 1914	May 15, 1934
\$ 25,000	4 p. c.	20 yrs.	May 1, 1915	May 1, 1935

\$220,000

Sewer Loan—\$5,000 Due Yearly

\$ 5,000	4 p. c.		July 1, 1913	1922	1923
\$20,000	4 p. c.		May 15, 1914	1924	1928
\$25,000	4 p. c.		July 1, 1916	1929	1933
\$ 5,000	4 p. c.	Refunded	July 16, 1919	1929	

\$55,000

Streets, Sidewalks Improvement Loan \$5,000 Due Yearly

\$30,000	4 p. c.		May 15, 1915	1922	1929
\$25,000	4 p. c.		May 1, 1916	1930	1934
\$ 5,000	4 p. c.	Refunded	June 16, 1919	1929	

\$60,000

Bradbury Bridge Bonds—\$5,000 Due Yearly

\$45,000	6 p. c.	1-12 years	Sept. 1, 1920	1922	1932
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Mile Sewer Bonds

\$50,000	4½ p. c.	payable \$5,000	Yearly	1927 to 1936	inclusive.
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Street Construction Bonds

\$25,000 4¼ p. c. payable \$5,000 Yearly 1927 to 1931	
Refunding Bonds	\$ 220,000.00
Sewer Bonds	55,000.00
Street and Sidewalk	60,000.00
Bradbury Bridge	45,000.00
Mile Brook Sewer	50,000.00
Street Construction	25,000.00
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	\$ 455,000.00

JOHN J. DUNN,
Treasurer.

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, 1924.

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, and everybody was kept as comfortable as possible.

Below is a list of expenses for different departments:

	Street	Medical
February	\$ 2,549.38	\$ 98.00
March	2,740.86	506.40
April	1,855.77	76.65
May	1,821.42	172.81
June	1,471.50	101.00
July	1,440.82	231.00
August	1,145.87	
September	1,383.17	227.05
October	2,010.79	10.00
November	1,557.73	125.10
December	1,480.81	352.93
January	709.10	
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	\$ 20,167.22	\$ 1,900.94
Total Expenditures		<hr/> \$ 22,068.16

Credits

Other Cities	\$	207.98
Mothers' Aid		902.50
From State for State Paupers		3,082.63
State Soldiers' Pensions		260.08
Other Credits		214.50
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	\$	4,667.69
Appropriation ... \$ 18,000.00	Paid out	\$ 22,068.16
	Credit received .	4,667.69
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	\$	17,400.47
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Balance	\$	599.53

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Municipal Officers, the City Physician, and everybody for the assistance rendered this year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR PLANTE, Jr.

Clerk of Overseers of Poor.

Biddeford, Me., Jan. 31, 1924.

Park Commissioners' Report

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

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to report the following work done, and expenditures made, during the year ending January 31, 1923.

Arrangements were made and work planned with strict economy to keep within the appropriation. Competent management with able assistants left nothing undone to make the park a pleasurable resort.

Construction and Repairs

Roads leading into and through park were ballasted and graveled and kept in repair. Band stand, lawn swings, seats and settees were painted and repaired. Tent caterpillars were numerous and necessitated many hours of labor to destroy them, burning process being resorted to.

Recreation

Our play ground is under the supervision of a competent teacher and with the co-operation of the community teachers, has had a reliable staff. Every day found a large attendance there, teachers devoting every minute of their time to the pleasures of the children. Folk dancing and basket making were taught, and then the story hour, closing an interesting and joyous day.

Summary

Parks are for the people and the community that makes

its beauty spots easy to enjoy, declare an extra dividend of pleasure, on its park investment. No more beautiful spot can be found than Clifford Park, with its natural rugged scenery and pleasant shade trees. Sunday afternoon a splendid musical program is rendered by Painchaud's Band, which attracts a large number of people.

Clifford Park has proved that it is a valuable public institution and a popular place in the life of the community. The children and young folks, to whose interest and welfare, this park is chiefly dedicated, derive full benefit from the investment and the older people enjoy the beautiful scenery and take pleasure in watching the happy children at play.

Amount appropriated	\$ 500 00
Amount of expenditure	496.31
Balance	\$ 3.69

Recommendations

That the present appropriation is inadequate. Improvements, with increased cost, cannot be accomplished without further appropriation.

That see-saws, chutes, community swings, merry-go-round, swings and horizontal bars be purchased to make our park attractive.

We would recommend flower beds at both sides of the park entrance.

DENNIS T. SULLIVAN,
E. H. GOLDTHWAITE,
CHRIS. PRESCOTT,

Commissioners.

Tax Collector's Report

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

In compliance with the law I respectfully submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the fiscal year 1923-24:

Amount of May and September commitments ..	\$ 437,848.20
Supplemental Tax Jan. 31, 1924	1,157.04
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	\$ 439,005.25
Paid City Treasurer on Tax account 1923	\$ 426,203.62
Cash on hand	\$ 1,854.19
Paid Treasurer on interest account	\$ 484.83

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA LEMIRE,
Collector of Taxes.

Building Inspector's Report

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to report the following for the year ending January 31, 1924:

I have issued 156 permits for building during the year, have witnessed the construction of same and have attended to the usual complaints.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED CADORETTE,
Building Inspector.

Report of Homestead

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of my Department for the year ending January 31st, 1924.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditures

February	\$ 1,041.86
March	731.94
April	1,149.11
May	1,018.07
June	818.41
July	798.49
August	785.70
September	631.33
October	589.41
November	527.40
December	1,165.05
January	589.37

\$ 9,846.14

Receipts 8,523.75

Debit Balance \$ 1,322.39

Farm Implements

1 Single work wagon.

2 Horse rakes.

1 Democratic wagon.	1 Corn planter.
1 Double hay rick.	2 Cultivators.
1 Single sled.	1 Spring tooth harrow.
1 Top buggy.	1 Mowing machine.
2 Sets double harness.	1 Seed sower.
2 Sets single harness.	1 Horse hoe.
1 Double sled.	1 Manure spreader.
1 Traverse runner pung.	1 Seeding harrow.
2 Plows.	1 Potato sprayer.

Amount expended for repairs at Homestead\$ 925.00

Number of Inmates at Homestead at Close of Each Month.

February	23
March	22
April	20
May	19
June	18
July	18
August	18
September	19
October	20
November	21
December	22
January	23

Number of Deaths at Homestead during the year3

Products Raised at the Homestead

Potatoes	150 bushels
Beans	50 bushels
Turnips	25 bushels
Cabbage	3 tons
Hay	90 tons

Stock of Homestead

Horses	3
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Cows	7
Heifers	1
Hogs	4
Hens	50

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE E. GOOGINS,
Superintendent.

Report of Board of Police

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

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1924.

Chief of Police Ernest H. Robbins has submitted the following report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1924:

Arrests for

Intoxication	210
Idle and disorderly conduct	3
Assault	25
Employment of minors	2
Adultery	3
Larceny	15
Single sale of intoxicating liquor	2
Unlawful possession intoxicating liquor	5
Non-support of wife	1
Affray	2
Concealing escaped prisoner	2
Operating motor vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor	6
Manslaughter	2
Reckless driving motor vehicle	6
Gambling	15
Assault on officer	2
Using profanity on public way	1
Malicious mischief	1

Operating motor vehicle, no license	2
Assault, intent to kill	3
Keeping gambling place	1
Issuing check, no funds in bank	1
Disturbing public meeting	1
Threatening to shoot and kill	1
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	333
Application for lodging	339
Doors found not locked	126
Children lost and found	32

ERNEST H. ROBBINS,
Chief of Police.

February 11, 1924.

We wish to recommend that a padded cell be installed in the station, as we are in need of same to detain insane persons.

Under the supervision of our Chief and Captain the department has worked together faithfully and have discharged their duties in an efficient and courteous manner and we wish to express our appreciation for the work performed by the police department.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Police,
NAPOLEON NADEAU, Clerk.

Librarian's Report

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

The report of the Biddeford Public Library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1924 is as follows:

The Library was open 303 days, bank holidays and Sundays only being excepted. The regular library day is 11 hours during 10 months of the year, but during July and August the library closes at 6 o'clock except Thursday and Saturday evenings.

The total circulation was 47,082 volumes; average daily circulation, 155; the largest full week's circulation was 1,180 for the week of March 8th; the smallest, 665 for the week of June 14th.

There were 624 new names registered, representing 10 nationalities; 57 were non-residents who deposited a dollar, which is refunded on demand.

Seven hundred twenty-six books were added exclusive of state and government reports; 409 were purchased from city and state appropriation; 17 from Association funds; 27 were gifts; 114 by binding magazines; 159 from fine money.

One hundred and nine were rebound and several hundred repaired in the library; 33 were lost in circulation; two from fires; two from diptheria; seven were paid for by borrower; 131 were worn out and discarded.

One hundred thirty-one periodicals are received regularly, 37 of which are gifts.

The story hour on Saturday mornings has had an average attendance of 24.

The attendance of the classes from the schools for library instruction was 251. This instruction has resulted in a greater cooperation between the library and the schools, a large increase in the use of reference books, and in fitting pupils to know how and where to seek the information they want.

Both reading rooms are used daily to the full extent of their capacity to serve.

Children's Book Week in November was observed for the fifth year, with an attractive display and a large attendance, the children taking more advantage than the grown people, for whose information in regard to children's reading it was partly planned.

The Maine Library Association held its annual meeting at Bangor in May, in the Bangor Public Library, a fine building and very well equipped. The program was interesting and instructive, and the librarians were hospitably entertained.

Now and then the library receives a setback in its work by losing a valuable assistant, and having to train a new assistant. Miss Graves, who has been with us two years, and who has given satisfaction in every way, desired to prepare herself for a wider field in library work, and entered Pratt Institute for training last September. Miss Beaulieu has been elected to be Assistant Librarian and is showing adaptability and making good progress in the work.

We wish thanks to the friend who gave fifty dollars to the library; to Mr. Henry Gay, who gave a manuscript for our collection, dated 1800, in regard to building a schoolhouse; to Mr. Jere Gordon for the loan of the York County map of 1856, which has interested a good many old residents; to Joseph Curtis for a Chinese chop stick; to the

publishers of "The Nation's Business" for a set of Joseph Pennell's etchings, and 12 reproductions in colors of paintings of noted artists, representing the "Spirit of Transportation"; also for the following gifts of books and magazines:

- C. S. Aaron, book.
- Alpha Aids, periodical.
- Amer, Committee for relief in Ireland, book.
- American Issue, periodical.
- American Relief Clearing House, book.
- Appleton Co., book.
- Gov. Percival P. Baxter, book.
- Bible Student, periodical.
- Biddeford Journal.
- Biddeford Record, two copies.
- Boston Ideas.
- Brentano's Book Chat.
- Caldwell, Morse & Williams, book.
- Centurion.
- Daughters of American Revolution Magazine.
- Donnelley's Red Book.
- Mr. George A. Emery, book.
- Executors of Susan B. Anthony Estate, three books.
- Federal Council Bulletin.
- Federation News.
- William S. Hart, two books.
- How to Sell, periodical.
- Humane Review, periodical.
- Journal of American Judicature.
- La Justice.
- Kennebunk Enterprise.
- Kiwanis.
- Knox Messenger.
- W. F. McCoombs, book.

Mandaznan.
 C. Q. Murphy, book.
 National Republican.
 Netherlands Chamber of Commerce, book.
 New Near East.
 Old Orchard Transcript.
 Our Dumb Animals.
 The Piper.
 Rays of the Rose Cross.
 Renssalaer Polytechnic.
 Rotarian.
 W. N. Roundy, book.
 Saco-Lowell Shops, book.
 State Library, five books.
 U. S. Shipping Board, 1 book.
 Universalist Leader.
 Voyageur de France.
 Wilson Bulletin.
 World's Crisis.
 York County Farm Bureau News.
 Y. M. C. A., two books.
 Zion's Herald.
 Three Greek publications.

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	\$ 261.85
Books	716.71
Fuel	535.10

Salaries	2,010.00
Light and gas	326.34
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	\$ 3,850.00

Bills paid from Association funds

A. L. A. membership fee	\$ 5.00
Binding	2.66
Books	18.73
Bond	5.00
Expenses to Library meeting	20.80
Insurance	126.62
Labor	215.20
Periodicals	315.15
Repairs	116.38
Salaries	1,006.14
Supplies	114.35
Telephone	45.10
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	\$ 1,991.13

Statement of money received at desk

Balance from last year	\$ 74.97
Auditorium	70.00
Deposits	57.00
Fines	244.48
From Treasurer for labor	204.40
Sale of cards, stamps, junk, etc.	13.54
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	\$ 664.39

Paid:

To Treasurer for Auditorium	\$ 70.00
Books and magazines	220.16
Express	9.24
Labor	204.02
Refunded on deposits	43.00

Stamps	10.44
Supplies	21.36
Balance in bank	72.35
Cash on hand	13.82
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	\$ 664.39

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA HATCH, Librarian.

Street Commissioners' Report

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

Work has been done on most every street in Highway District No. 4. The streets that have had the most attention are the following: Hill, Acorn, Kossuth, Harrison avenue, Prospect, Taylor and Beacon avenue. These streets have had a coat of gravel.

Tarvia

The following streets were treated: Pool, Alfred, Beacon avenue, Amherst, South, Western avenue, Main, West Myrtle, Granite, May, Orchard, Union, Graham and Cleaves.

Sewers

This department practically was called upon to do a lot of sewer construction this year. Sewers were laid on the following streets: Pool, 600 feet 6 inch pipe through ledge; Prospect street, 1,650 feet 12 inch pipe laid to West, with catch basin and man-holes; Westfield street, 704 feet 8 inch pipe; Granite street, 250 feet 10 inch pipe; Freeman street, 136 feet 6 inch pipe; Alfred street, two sewers, 936 feet each laid of 12 inch pipe; May street, 850 feet 15 inch pipe through ledge to Mile Brook sewer; Beacon avenue, 450 feet 12 inch pipe laid, connecting in the May street sewer.

Bridges

The Deering bridge on Elm street was replaced this

year and work was done on the Main street bridge also.

Would recommend that the Main street bridge be re-blocked this coming year as the expense of patching is too great. I also recommend that all bridges have a coat of paint.

Sidewalks and Curbing

New sidewalks were made on the following streets: High street, from Pool to Water on one side; King street to Hill, from Foss street; Foss street, from King to Pool; also brick sidewalk on Elm street had to be replaced.

Snow

Our snow bill in this department accumulated from last year and will total up to a large amount. This Winter this department has not been obliged to fight the snow as it did last Winter, which will greatly help District No. 4 this year.

My recommendations for this year for District No. 4 are the following: A new Motor Sweeper that will do away with the old way, which is becoming out of date, complaints being made by the business of the city; Reo one ton truck; 500 feet hose; also a new stone crusher.

I humbly submit this my annual report for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1924.

O. L. MAYO,
Street Commissioner.

Report of Department of Health

For the Year 1923

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

Gentlemen:—The Health Officer submits the third annual report of the work done by the Department of Health during the past year.

In common with most duties which the citizens delegate to their public servants, the work of safeguarding the community's health has an ever widening horizon of activity. No branch of science progresses more rapidly than that of applied medicine and hygiene, and their advance is of vital importance in promoting the health and prolonging the lives of all of us. This progress is inevitably reflected in the expansion in scope of public health work that goes on from year to year and the corresponding increase in the value of its service to the community at large. The Health Department has endeavored to keep pace with present day practice in its field. This report is intended to summarize briefly the main features in the work of the Health Officer during the preceding year.

By-Law Passed During the Year 1923

The policy of this department has been to secure municipal legislation where regulation on matters essential to public health is needed.

At a meeting of the City Government held November 19, 1923, it was voted by the Board of Aldermen and the Com-

mon Council that the following ordinance be passed:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Biddeford as follows:

Section 1—Within that part of the city included within Highway District No. 4 every householder occupying a dwelling house or any building used as a dwelling house shall provide suitable and sufficient water-tight vessels, cans or containers for garbage, swill and all putrescible household waste substances, and shall place or cause to be placed said waste substances in a container so provided, and shall not permit any accumulation or deposit of such waste substances in or about the premises occupied by him except as provided herein.

Section 2—It shall be the duty of every such householder in said district to keep or place such vessels, cans or containers in a place convenient for removal of the contents thereof by persons authorized to collect and take away the same, and shall keep such vessels, cans or containers so covered as to prevent ingress or egress of flies, rats and other animals and shall not permit such vessels, can or containers to become foul or offensive. In all cases where any such householder lives above the first floor of the building occupied by him it shall be his duty to keep or place such vessels, cans or containers so that the persons authorized to collect the contents thereof may remove the same without being required to ascend beyond the first floor of such building.

Section 3—Within Highway District No. 4, any person, firm or corporation owning, operating or being in charge of any market, store, fruit stand, restaurant, lunch counter, dining room or other place where animal, vegetable or other putrescible waste accumulates shall not permit the deposit or accumulation of such putrescible waste in or about the building or premises controlled by him, them or it, except in water-tight vessels, cans or containers kept, so covered as to

prevent the ingress and egress of flies, rats or other animals and shall not permit such vessels, cans or containers to become foul or offensive and shall place or cause to be placed such vessels, cans or containers in a place convenient for removal of the contents thereof by persons authorized to collect the same.

Section 4—No person, firm or corporation shall transport any swill, garbage or other putrescible animal or vegetable waste over any public way, street, lane or place within that part of the City of Biddeford, including within Highway District No. 4, except in water-tight vessels, cans, containers or vehicles, and such vessels, cans, containers or vehicles shall be kept tightly covered except during the act of filling or emptying them, and no such vessel, can or container or vehicle shall be permitted to become foul or offensive.

Section 5—No person, firm or corporation, shall engage in the business of, or use any vehicle for the purpose of collecting and transporting any garbage, swill or putrescible waste within that part of the city included within Highway District No. 4, without obtaining a license therefor from the Health Officer; and it shall be the duty of the Health Officer to license one or more persons, firms or corporations, upon the payment of one dollar for the use of the city, to engage within said District in the business of and to use vehicles for the purpose of collecting and transporting garbage, swill and putrescible waste under such regulations therefor as the Health Officer may prescribe not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance. But no such license shall extend beyond one year from the commencement of the municipal year in which it is given; and any such license may be revoked at any time by the Health Officer.

Section 6—Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of not exceeding ten

dollars to be recovered by complaint to the use of the city. But nothing in this ordinance shall be construed so as to require any householder, person, firm or corporation to deliver garbage, swill or putrescible waste produced upon his, their or its own premises to persons authorized to collect the same by the Health Officer, provided such garbage, swill or waste so produced is otherwise properly disposed of as often as twice a week; nor shall anything in this ordinance be construed so as to prevent any householder, person, firm or corporation from conveying away without license therefor from the Health Officer any garbage, swill or putrescible waste produced on his, their or its own premises provided such garbage, swill or waste be conveyed away in water-tight vessels, cans or containers kept tightly covered during such transportation and provided the same are not allowed to become foul or offensive.

Section 7—All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Approved November 19, 1923.

EDWARD H. DRAPEAU,
Mayor, City of Biddeford, Maine.

Community Health Conditions

General health conditions during 1923 were normal except for high mortality, due to pneumonia, bronchial and lobar. The inroads of this disease are largely attributable to the severe Winter of 1922-1923 and the shortage of coal for domestic use.

Pneumonia—Pneumonia has proven to be a fatal infectious disease and too much stress cannot be laid on its care and treatment. There were 70 deaths from pneumonia and 29 of this number were children under one year of age.

Pneumonia is preventable and it seems on the face of such a high morbidity report that care and treatment must have been lax in many cases.

Diphtheria—Seventeen cases were reported, but no deaths. Prompt administration of antitoxin even when the presence of the disease was in doubt has been a successful precautionary measure. Strict enforcement of quarantine regulations has also aided in suppressing the spread of infection. In suspicious cases cultures were taken and submitted for laboratory examination. Clinical cases were treated with antitoxin and two successive negative cultures were required before releases. The control of diphtheria has been made more certain by the development of the Schick test and the Toxin-antitoxin mixture. By the former it is possible to determine whether a given subject is susceptible to diphtheria or immune; by the latter it is possible to induce the development of an active permanent immunity.

Typhoid Fever—We have had only two cases of typhoid, resulting in one death. In both instances a prompt survey was made of the surroundings.

Small Pox—During the latter part of January there occurred an outbreak of small pox with five cases, but no deaths. Immediate preventive measures were placed in effect. Every exposed person was vaccinated and a rigid quarantine was instituted to the extent of posting guards at houses whose inmates were infected. Electric and steam railroad officials were notified to be on their guard for suspicious cases. Special precautions were also taken in disinfecting and fumigating infected premises. The effectual suppression of the disease is attested by the small number of cases.

Tuberculosis—Twelve cases were reported and 10 deaths. Several patients have been sent to the Central Maine Sanatorium by physicians and the Health Officer, but

it is a matter for regret that in some instances patients have returned who should have remained until a cure was effected. The results were inevitable. Though much has been done to educate the public to the danger from tuberculosis and its proper treatment, many are still in utter ignorance about this disease.

Vital Statistics

Births by Months (Including Still Births)

January	57
February	57
March	72
April	48
May	54
June	70
July	50
August	63
September	66
October	61
November	41
December	48
	687

Deaths by Months

January	29
February	45
March	42
April	26
May	16
June	22
July	23
August	23
September	23
October	34

November	25
December	27
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	335
Total number out-of-town deaths	81

Deaths Under One Year

January	8
February	5
March	5
April	6
May	1
June	2
July	3
August	5
September	7
October	7
November	2
December	5
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	56
Still Births	31

Cases Reported

Chickenpox	27
Diphtheria	17
German Measles	8
Influenza	50
Measles	46
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1
Pneumonia	37
Scarlet Fever	9
Smallpox	5
Tuberculosis	12
Typhoid Fever	2
Whooping Cough	16

Deaths Registered

Chickenpox	0
Diphtheria	0
German Measles	0
Influenza	3
Measles	0
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1
Pneumonia	70
Scarlet Fever	0
Smallpox	0
Tuberculosis	10
Typhoid Fever	1
Whooping Cough	0

Tabulation of the vital statistics shows a total of 687 births and 335 deaths, or a birth rate exceeding twice the death rate.

There were from all causes 304 deaths during the year, excluding still births. On the basis of a population estimate of 21,000, the death rate is 15 per thousand. Of all deaths reported 56 occurred under one year or at a rate of 3 per thousand.

Milk and Water Supply

Conditions with respect to the city's milk supply have been much improved. A campaign started in October, 1922, with a view to better the quality of this important food demonstrated results at a meeting held January 10 at the City Council Chambers.

This meeting was called for all milk producers and distributors serving the city, of whom about 50 were present, in order to present the results of tests upon the last samples taken by the State inspectors. Of these samples, 35 in number, but one was seriously contaminated, a very gratifying

showing. Forrest Barbour, Dairy Inspector, State Department of Agriculture, presided, and there were addresses by Dr. Thomas Tetreault, Health Officer of Portland, Dr. Gross, chemist, Bowdoin College, and Dr. Purcell, veterinary. Methods for preventing contamination of milk and the use and need of inspection tests furnished the main subject for these addresses.

Samples have been taken during the year by Milk Inspector for analysis. Only in one case was a license revoked and this case has since made such improvement that license was returned. Practically all the herds have been tuberculin tested and the year 1924 will show a favorable average to the standards established.

The municipal water supply furnished by the Biddeford and Saco Water Company is tested several times a year by the State authorities. The latest report from Director Elmer W. Campbell, Division of Sanitary Engineering, upon a complete bacteriological examination of a sample of city water taken January 3, states that it conforms to the standards for the purity of drinking water and may be considered safe for all usual purposes. During the year the company installed a chlorinizer, which treats with 16 pounds chlorine the two and a quarter million gallons of water pumped every 24 hours. This furnishes the public an added insurance against contaminated water.

General Sanitation

The Department of Public Works has continued its policy of extending sewer construction as fast as appropriations allow. Two and one-half miles of new sewers have been laid and pockets have been installed at several points where they were much needed.

Samples of ice taken from the field of the Pelletier Ice Company on the Saco river were found to contain intestinal

bacteria in as small amounts as 10 per cent. Mr. Press, the Treasurer, was notified and required to cut at a point 500 feet above Thacher's Creek. This request was complied with and, no doubt, the ice obtained from this location is as pure as any on the Saco river. The greatest danger to health lies in the method of handling and distributing ice. All companies were notified to clean their delivery vehicles daily.

The State law on common drinking cups has been strictly enforced. A few complaints received in this regard were satisfactorily disposed of. Restaurants and lunch rooms were inspected, and as a result the license was suspended in one instance. In the matter of venereal diseases, several cases have been investigated. With the cooperation of the Police Department, infected persons have been placed under restriction.

Complaints

As usual the Health Officer has been called on to adjust a number of complaints. One hundred eighty-seven were received during the year, but a large proportion had no serious basis. Appropriate action was promptly taken in every case where circumstances warranted.

The most prolific cause for grievance among citizens is the unsatisfactory manner in which garbage is collected by individuals, engaging in the work on their own account. In November 1923 an ordinance was passed, licensing garbage collectors, but to date the results have been only fair. Unless the city takes over the collection of garbage, no satisfaction can be guaranteed. Several plans for securing the voluntary cooperation of individual collectors have been tried, but none with any marked success.

Recommendations

The following recommendations have been submitted

before in substantially the same form. The past year has only served to emphasize the desirability of their being given serious consideration by the municipal authorities:

1. The establishment of a system of municipal collection and disposal of garbage. The present system is inadequate. Garbage is now collected by individuals who are irresponsible, and in many sections of the city no collections are made and complaints are continually reported. An adequate appropriation for covering this expense should be provided.

2. The designation of a City Physician as medical inspector in the public schools, and the appointment of a nurse as an assistant in routine inspection.

3. The establishment of a school clinic where those who are unable to pay for service may have the attention of physician and dentist.

4. That the school committee insist on vaccinating every child entering school so that the city might be protected against any spread of smallpox.

5. The re-establishment of the clinic for patients infected with venereal diseases which functioned with success during 1920.

6. That a laboratory be established, preferably in our High school, for the purpose of conserving the public health; first, by promptly discovering the earliest cases of certain infectious diseases, such as diphtheria—epidemics can be more easily prevented by taking proper measures before the disease has become widespread in the community; second, by discovering the healthy carriers of infection; third, the laboratory can often supply positive proof of the source; fourth, for the chemical analysis of milk.

7. That a proficient bacteriologist be employed to attend to the work in the laboratory, and in addition assist in the High school as teacher of hygiene, if this be thought advisable.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. MAHONEY,
Health Officer.

Report of Board of Health

To the Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council and Board of Aldermen:

The Board of Health reports for the year 1923 that full co-operation was given. This year we were more than fortunate in the low record of infectious diseases reported.

This board has investigated each and every complaint that has come under its observation and has used every preventative measure to combat disease.

During the year we have had many complaints in regard to garbage and we find that the present system is inadequate.

We would recommend that the City Government make an appropriation sufficient to cover the collection of garbage. A municipal piggery could be established and prove a paying investment.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH LAMONTAGNE, Jr., Sec.
NAPOLEON BLANCHETTE.

City Physician's Report

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit to you the following report for the year ending January 31, 1924:

Deaths at Homestead	3
Deaths at hospital	3
Home calls	167
Office calls	603
Confinements	13

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE C. PRECOURT,
City Physician.

Chief Engineer's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

In accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinances, I have the honor to submit the annual report of the Biddeford fire department for the year ending January 31, 1924. The report embraces the amount expended, the condition of all apparatus, buildings and horses included within this department.

Recommendations

I would respectfully call the attention of the City Council at this time to the fact that more attention should be given to this department if it is to be kept on a plane with departments of other cities of the size of Biddeford, or where like conditions prevail, if the department is to be maintained at a standard of efficiency which will allow the proper fire protection to be given to all taxpayers of the city proper and the outskirts to which they are reasonably entitled.

Building has been going on in this city for the past 10 years at an unprecedented rate. Several sections of the city have been congested with tenement houses of wooden construction where formerly were open spaces and fields. Many valuable buildings have been added, both in the main business section and in the tenement districts.

While all this building has been going on no new apparatus has been added to the fire department and very few hydrants have been installed anywhere in the city proper. These facts tend to hamper the efficiency of the fire depart-

ment in giving increased fire protection demanded on account of the increase in the number of buildings, their location and existing conditions caused by the expansion, as the department has not kept pace with the changing conditions.

Apparatus

The apparatus of the department has become antiquated and while it has met the needs of the city up to the present time in a seemingly adequate manner attention must be given the apparatus at once to keep up the department efficiency. No new apparatus has been added since the purchase of the truck several years ago. This truck has done good service as a chemical, but is not a modern piece of apparatus by any means. The remainder of the apparatus is similar to that which is rapidly being discarded by every progressive community. A start should be made this year toward replacing the present apparatus with pieces of modern construction to cope with existing conditions.

I would especially recommend the purchase as soon as possible of a modern motor driven pump of one of the accepted standard makes. One mounted on a reliable chassis and equipped so that it can be used as a combination chemical and pump and similar in type to those which have proved adaptable to conditions in this section of New England. With such a motor pump in the department changes could be made so that with the converting of the present truck and a later addition of a tractor for the hook and ladder truck, an entire motorized department would be had for answering bell alarms and the present horse drawn apparatus could be left on the floor for use in case of an exceptionally bad fire. An investment in such a motor pump, I feel, would bring good returns.

Formerly the purchase of a motor pump was urged for

the protection of property in the outskirts of the city. At the present time there is fully as much need for such a piece of apparatus right in the city proper. With the changes brought about by the many new buildings there are congested areas where a high water pressure will be necessary within a few minutes after the start of a fire or much damage will be occasioned. With one of these pumps it is possible to start pumping water with practically no loss in time after arriving at the fire, in addition to making much faster time. On the outskirts of the city the truck would also be very useful as it could make a fast run and also be stationed at a well, creek or brook as well as any regular water supply and much property could be saved.

Hydrants

There is immediate need of the addition of a great number of new hydrants throughout the city. In many sections of Ward two, in the Piper field, the extension of Graham street and several sections of Wards three and four where many new buildings have been erected, more protection is necessary. In the Congress street section, Atlantic avenue, Harrison avenue and other streets in that part of the city there are not near enough hydrants and a policy must be inaugurated which will provide for the installation of new hydrants as fast as is consistent with the financial condition of the city allowing the appropriation of money for this purpose. In some of these sections it is necessary to run out a line of hose 1,000 feet to get to a fire and in many places even longer lines. If more streams were needed than those from one hydrant it would be necessary to lay two or three times this amount of hose to the next nearest hydrant. A serious fire in many of these sections would require the laying of every foot of hose in the department and still the firemen would be handicapped in handling the fire through lack of water.

Waste Collection

The collection of waste during the past year has been made by the fire department and evidently satisfaction has been given but, nevertheless, this work is yearly proving more of a handicap to the department. At several times alarms have come in with the apparatus horses doing work on the waste teams in far sections of the city, necessitating two long runs and the consequent retarding of the movement of the fire apparatus. This department is also eating into the regular appropriations for the fire department as the service is being constantly broadened to take in new streets at the extreme ends of the city. A special appropriation should be made for this work or the regular fire department appropriation increased to care for the extra expense, so that the monies designed for fire department purposes can be used exclusively for the improvement of the department.

The most plausible solution of the difficulties brought to the department through waste collections, appears to be that which should be done for the betterment regardless of consideration of the waste problem; motorization of the department would help to some extent. In this way the horses used to draw the apparatus and waste teams could be used regularly on the waste teams and held ready for any emergency which would call for the use of the reserve horse drawn apparatus. This would appear to be the most inexpensive thing to do and would care for the situation for the next few years. It will probably be only a few years before the entire department is motorized, but some solution must be made to care for the efficient working of the department until that time comes.

Apparatus

At the present time there are three steam engines, two hose wagons, one motor combination hose and chemical, one

ladder truck, two hose pungs, one supply wagon, one hose reel at The Homestead, one at Biddeford Pool, one at Fortunes Rocks, one on Pool road, near the Piper blacksmith shop, one Invincible nozzle, two dump carts and sleds used in the collection of waste.

Horses

There are seven horses in the department. The fact must not be lost sight of that these horses are rapidly approaching the age when they will be unfit for use in the department and steps must soon be taken toward the replacement of these horses by younger ones more fitted for the work.

Fire Alarm System

The fire alarm system is at present in excellent working order although much work has been necessary during the year. As a result of some of the severe storms a great deal of work was necessitated on the wiring in several parts of the system. All faulty wiring has been replaced and the system should be in good condition for some time to come.

Inspection

All new buildings erected in the city during the past year have been inspected while in process of erection and a rigid inspection of all blocks in the business section was made during the year. A general inspection was conducted early in the year and many other inspections of some of the principal buildings have been made from time to time. The yards and alleys surrounding buildings and the rear driveways of those in the congested centers have been inspected and many owners have been notified to take precautions to prevent fires.

Hose

There are 10,800 feet of hose available for the use of the

department at the present time. Of this amount there are 500 feet at The Homestead, 500 feet at Fortunes Rocks, 300 feet on Pool road, 1,000 feet at the Pool and 500 feet on the Kennebunk road. This hose is of the two and one-half inch size. Much of the hose is in very poor shape at the present time as the amount purchased from year to year for replacement purposes has not proved sufficient to replace the amount which has become unfit for service. The use of hose under such severe conditions as prevailed at some of the recent big fires, when all available hose in the department was in use at the same time, raised havoc with much of the stock of the department and a heavy purchase of hose must soon be made for the use of the department.

Activities of Department

The department has responded to 150 alarms during the year. Of these 42 were bell alarms and 108 were stills. A total of 720 gallons of chemical were used at the various fires during the year. There were 40,050 feet of two and one-half inch hose laid at the fires during the year.

Fires

(Losses, Insurance, Valuation)

Loss on buildings during the year	\$ 70,825.04
Loss on contents during year	70,042.16
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	\$ 140,867.20
Insurance on buildings where fires occurred ...	\$ 347,205.56
Insurance on contents of these buildings	170,871.34
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	\$ 518,076.90
Valuation of buildings where fires occurred ...	\$ 511,250.00
Valuation of contents during year	254,744.95
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Total valuation of property endangered by fire	\$ 765,994.95

Finances

Appropriation for fiscal year	\$ 30,000.00
Amount expended for department during year	29,506.53
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Credit balance at end of fiscal year	\$ 493.47

At this time I wish to take the opportunity to express my personal appreciation and that of the other members of the board of engineers for the cooperation received during the year from Mayor Edward H. Drapeau, the members of the committee on fire department, members of the city council and the men of the department for their loyal assistance in the conduct of the department during the year, also to Chief of Police Ernest Robbins and his officers for their aid given in the handling of fires when the occasion demanded such assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O. SMITH,
Chief Engineer.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Biddeford, Maine, Feb. 11, 1924.

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor of presenting this, my fourth annual report of the schools of the City of Biddeford.

Everyone either directly or indirectly contributes to the support of the public schools and should, therefore, be interested in knowing the progress made in our schools from year to year.

While the relative amount spent for public education has probably not increased materially during the past quarter-century, the expenses in the aggregate have increased enormously. There is no escape from this annual outlay of public funds, no thoughtful person wishes to escape. Schools are just as essential to our well-being as food, clothes, and shelter. It has long been recognized that education is essential to the perpetuity of any nation; this is especially true in democracy.

The same economic law prevails in relation to education as in relation to anything else of an economic nature, that is, you get what you pay for.

The following pupils were graduated from the grades and rural schools:

Vera L. Allen

Carl Andrews

Elizabeth Anderson

Alex Aranovitch

Albert Beaudoin	Emma E. Horsfield
Blanche M. Belanger	Alice M. Johnson
Ervin E. Burleigh	Ruth A. Jordan
Doris D. Burnham	Eleanor M. Kearney
Carlton A. Burrill	Grace M. Kelley
George H. Cantara	Edith Lemovitz
Raymond K. Clark	Harry V. Lemovitz
Harry Cohen	Harry W. Martin
Mildred E. Cressey	Joseph P. McCarthy
Leona M. Driscoll	M. Isabelle McKenney
Alfreda R. Dumas	Raymond C. Means
Ruth L. Edwards	Francis J. Mogan
Selden W. Emery	Henry C. Morrill
Doris I. Emmons	Albert H. Norwood
Frances C. Flanagan	Betty L. Place
Dorothy A. Goodwin	Chandler K. Roberts
Guy S. Goodwin	Ida Silverman
Harry D. Goldberg	Albert E. Simard
Ralph Green	Mildred M. Smith
Constance Hartley	Constance D. Wood
	Maxine E. Wormwood

Rural Schools

Raymond W. Goldthwaite	Chandler Lee Goldthwaite
Henry Hebert	Arieta I. Church
Annie Evelyn Knight	Edgar A. Roberts
Albert Goodale	Beatrice H. Quigley

The following pupils were graduated from Biddeford High School:

Dora Alexander	Ernest Dominic Buckley
Eva Edith Aranovitch	Francis Edmand Cantara
Simone Renne Beaulieu	Albert Day Center
Elizabeth Ellen Brown	Charlotte Cole

William Frederick	Fred Alvin Johnson
Helen Emma Davis	Robert M. Johnson
Merrill Dix	Harold Palmer Kelley
Norman Horace Dolloff	Cecilia Margaret Laffan
Edith Frances Donahue	Arline Marcille
Ernest James Donahue	Thomas Albert Martin
James Emmet Donovan	Harold Frederick Meserve
Ralph Mitchell Dow	Dorothy Frances Michie
Florence Elizabeth Driscoll	Robert William Michie
Pauline Loyola Dunn	Reuben Polakewich
Clarence Edward Eon	Catherine Cecilia O'Connor
Sarah Hutchins Fairfield	Elizabeth O'Sullivan
Alice Blanche Gagnon	Alfred Hardy Sellers
Beatrice Olinette Guilbault	David Bernard Silverman
Ira Donald Hayford	Irel George Tate
Marion Elizabeth Hayford	George Edward Twomey
Miriam Blanche Hooper	Leroy Clifton Villandry
Doris Fillebrown Johnson	Thomas R. Wildes

Following are the State and City appropriations:

	Appro. by City	Receipts from State
Text Books	\$ 2,000.00	
Schools, including \$500.00 for Free High School	52,500.00	28,440.98
Schools, Repairs, Supplies and In- surance	6,000.00	
Superintendent's salary	2,200.00	800.00
Manual Training	4,000.00	1,285.00
Domestic Science	1,300.00	766.66
Evening School	2,600.00	1,507.59
Total	\$ 70,600.00	\$32,800.23

Miscellaneous receipts, \$80.06.

Frequent changes of the teaching force of any school system do not bring best results. Except for a few changes in the grades and high school and several in the rural schools, the force remains about the same. Miss Blanche Eldridge was elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Ruth E. Keene, assistant in the commercial department at the high school. Mr. Hugh S. Caldwell was elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. Edgar O. Hawkes, of the manual training department and Miss Alice E. Graffam to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Bernette Stair, of the domestic science department.

The resignation of Mrs. Anna T. Stebbins caused a vacancy in the fifth grade of the Emery school- which vacancy was filled by transferring Mrs. Ruth Collins from district No. 8.

Four other vacancies were made by the resignation of teachers in districts No. 2, No. 6, No. 11, No. 13. These vacancies were filled by the election of Miss Madeline R. Murphy, Mrs. Fred E. Tarbox, Miss Louise Schneider, Miss Harriette H. Hutchins and Miss Catherine Neilon, respectively.

The department is fortunate in being able to fill these vacancies with normal school graduates, teachers of experience, or teachers having a partial normal school course, thus raising the standard of the rural school.

Registration and attendance at the kindergarten has been very good this year. More than ever is the parent realizing the benefit derived from the early training received in this department.

Although Anton Hall has been secured for physical training and basket-ball games, it does not take the place of the gymnasium in the annex at the high school which is so sorely needed. The instructors are doing the best possi-

ble, meeting the situation with confidence that the future holds much in store for their charges in way of adequate room and equipment. The physical training work in the grades together with the work of the Modern Health Crusade will do much toward developing healthy bodies and sound minds.

Parents who fail to visit the manual training and domestic science classes miss much that is to their advantage to see. Under competent instructors the work shows fine progress and this from a very practical point of view.

It was predicted the advent of the phonograph would lessen the desire on the part of children for a musical education. This is quite the contrary, for at no time has there been as widespread a request for music and musical instruments as at present. Many pupils are playing in the school orchestras and taking part in the public school music recitals. Greater interest is shown in the music memory contest than was anticipated and many more pupils are beginning to love and appreciate the beautiful in music.

School buildings are kept in the best possible repairs that the appropriations will permit, and this year was no exception to the many unforeseen repairs that are found necessary during the year. The year 1927 is the limit of time given by the State in which the school department must have all rural schools equipped with sanitary toilets. District No. 10 has been so equipped this year and ways and means must be found to equip several others each year in order that we suffer not the penalty of having State school funds with-held.

The plan at the Emery school to serve hot lunches prepared at the domestic science school, to pupils who live too far from home to go to dinner, is working out well. The cost of material is very small and is borne by those served. In the rural schools where pupils remain for lunch, the

teachers are also preparing one hot dish, soup, cocoa, etc. At the Bradbury Street school pupils are served with a glass of milk daily, the expense being borne by parents of these pupils.

I feel that the school department is working together harmoniously and that from the kindergarten through the grades, the rural schools and high school, a fine spirit is prevalent. Teachers are giving unstinted of their time and "Progression" is the watchword along all lines of school work.

Let me once more bring to your attention the intense need of more room at the high school, in order that pupils may do better work and that teachers can get much better results for the energy put forth.

I would also ask that vocational training for pupils desiring to learn the local industries be given some real thought. The day is coming when this training will be the rule rather than the exception.

Greater vigilance should be shown in the provision made for the health of school children; we still need a school nurse, a dental clinic and a school physician.

Evening schools are doing all that is possible for those who desire to assist themselves. Attendance is good but not all that is desired. We need many more of those two thousand illiterates in this city, if the State is to have its illiteracy wiped out by 1927.

In concluding this report I desire to express my appreciation of the conscientious work of the teachers in the Biddeford schools. It is such work that makes good schools in any town. I wish, too, to thank the Board of Education for the consideration you have shown me in dealing with the problems of the schools.

EXPENDITURES

Special Teachers' Salaries	\$ 9,439.86
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High School Teachers' Salaries . . .	15,888.91	
Elementary Teachers' Salaries	28,935.62	
Rural School Teachers' Salaries . .	9,407.64	
Evening School Teachers' Salaries	2,240.50	
Substitute Teachers' Salaries	451.00	\$ 66,363.53
Fuel		8,956.91
Janitors		7,575.35
Transportation		3,352.50
Repairs and Insurance		7,835.43
Supplies		3,419.10
Text Books		2,084.69
Board and Office Expense		1,400.23
Water		219.28
Evening Schools		448.32
Miscellaneous		1,316.09
Domestic Science		127.95
Manual Training		101.53
Superintendent		3,000.00
Total		<u>\$106,200.91</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
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Fuel

Biddeford & Saco Coal Co. \$	8,074.55
Biddeford Box Co.	93.70

Cumberland County Power Co.	633.16	
O. J. Benson	36.00	
L. A. McIntire	7.00	
Charles V. Tanner	26.00	
Mrs. Jennie M. Hooper	25.50	
Cecile A. Talbot	1.50	
Ferdinand Martineau	7.00	
Anthony Eukaitis	15.00	
Anthony Ledoux	10.00	
Byron L. Hill	23.50	
E. P. Seavey	4.00	\$ 8,956.91

Janitors

Dennis T. Sullivan	\$ 1,590.00
George Gendron	1,537.00
Samuel Brackett	1,484.00
Mrs. Estelle Wildes	288.80
Mrs. Nora Stout	259.00
Mrs. Emma Gendron	302.20
Mrs. Mary Roberts	259.00
Mrs. Annie Meehan	39.00
Mrs. Julia Curley	98.25
Daniel Ready	52.00
Alvin Johnson	36.80
Mrs. George Guimond	76.45
Mrs. Margaret Darcy	73.20
Mrs. Carrie Simmons	72.00
Mrs. Sallie Brackett	81.00
Paul Johnson	14.80
Eva Hill	114.25
Mrs. Frank Hood	26.05
E. P. Seavey	60.00
Ellen Hood	30.00
Alphonse Brunelle	40.35

Charles Turgeon	19.50	
Mrs. Samuel Emerson	110.00	
John Amber	18.00	
Ruth Collins	22.00	
Nelson Sprague	19.50	
George Hutchins	54.00	
Hugh McCarn	54.00	
Byrl Tillson	54.00	
Louis Staples	54.00	
Albert Bellerose	4.50	
Evelyn Howe	10.75	
Mrs. Eva O'Brien	68.40	
Mrs. Margaret Dorgan	68.40	
Mrs. Joseph Gagnon	18.00	
Mrs. Philibert Blais	61.20	
Laurette L'Heureux	6.52	
Mrs. Mary Sicard	7.53	
Mrs. Benj. B. Hutchins	17.40	
Biddeford Window Cleaning Co. .	264.00	
Joseph Sicard	109.50	\$ 7,575.35

Transportation

Charles J. Knight	\$ 1,595.50	
Atlantic Shore Railroad	150.00	
Biddeford & Saco Railroad	25.00	
Mrs. Ruth Collins	29.00	
James Crowley	52.00	
C. A. Weed	350.00	
Edward M. Deering	116.00	
Joseph C. Sicard	666.00	
A. M. Norman	359.00	
W. C. Thompson	10.00	\$ 3,352.50

Repairs and Insurance

George A. Anthoine	\$ 278.76	
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William F. Mahaney	386.73
O. Drown	1,068.38
Christopher Prescott	533.50
Underwood Typewriter Co.	12.35
City Garage	1.75
A. L. Emerson	1.00
C. J. Murphy	3.50
J. E. N. Townsend	8.00
Sam's Place	23.32
Remington Typewriter Co.	10.90
Dinan, The Jeweler	1.25
James W. Wood	118.26
John Guiney	48.62
F. E. Fuller	2.70
Curbing at Emery School	264.37
Fred Amnotte	3.00
Frank Morin	5.00
Pearly Hamilton	10.00
George N. Lewis	63.00
Ira T. Wormwood	35.88
Libby & Johnson	14.40
George T. Simard	724.00
Ralph Pugsley	2.00
Dyer & Reardon	18.80
Palmer & Sanborn	36.60
Milton J. Foss	24.50
Jesse W. Muttart	69.68
Jeremiah O'Leary	3.75
Pierre Perron	38.50
J. A. Benoit	392.70
Edwin C. Wormwood	10.80
N. W. Kendall .....	.57
The H. H. Goodwin Co.	540.60
C. Wilson Place	771.15

Renouf & Lachance	201.70	
W. E. Grenier	171.93	
Joseph Cartier	331.08	
J. F. Twomey Agency	411.20	
Charles T. Read	411.20	
Lytton E. Staples	200.00	
Daniel Doherty	200.00	
Napoleon Langelier	200.00	
D. T. Moore & Sons	180.00	\$ 7,835.43

Supplies

J. L Hammett & Co. \$	752.90
Milton Bradley Co.	97.53
Edward E. Babb	405.39
Dowling School Supply Co.	44.72
N. W. Kendall	49.05
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	84.88
McKenney & Heard	110.67
Carlos McKenney	57.75
T. L. Evans & Co.	17.94
Roberts Office Supply Co	12.78
Banks Bros	168.50
J. G. Deering & Son	12.48
Harry L. Merrill	53.24
Denoyer-Geppert Co	93.50
C. J. Murphy	12.75
Joseph Carrier	12.10
Webster Publishing Co.	14.47
H. P. Atkinson & Sons	41.71
Hamilton Paper Co.	17.87
Maine Institution for the Blind ...	16.25
C. A. Weed	1.97
Mentzer, Bush & Co.	4.47
Cote's Grocery Store	17.17

Rose M. Staples	18.19
Georgia A. Staples	1.00
C. W. Smith	5.15
John H. Amber .....	.50
Great Northern Chair Co.	108.00
Bibeau Bros. ....	.90
Pepperell Mfg. Co.	23.90
The Biddeford Record	122.50
Loring, Short & Harmon	90.00
The Fuller Brush Co.	2.25
Reny Bros. Printers	4.45
Library Bureau	13.60
Modern School Supply	37.50
Boston Bank Note	50.00
C. J. Lundstrom Mfg. Co.	12.75
Remington Typewriter Co.	2.50
L. C. Smith Bros.	2.00
Royal Typewriter Co.	2.00
Morin Drug Co.	21.85
New England Supply Co.	1.00
P. Lamothe Co.	4.83
Underwood Typewriter Co.	3.50
Cotton Goods Supply Co.	59.29
F. O. Goldthwaite .....	.75
Dinan, The Jeweler	25.75
Benj. Higginbotham	13.15
Harris & Gilpatric	60.92
West Disinfecting Co.	97.75
Orient Spray Co.	90.00
Stanislaus Langelier	9.75
Gifford Supply Co.	4.84
Maine Public Health Association ..	8.79
Starkey & Toner	210.00
W. C. Lowe	5.00

Samuel Lewis	19.00
Jones' Drug Store	60.00
Cumberland County Power Co. ...	5.25
W. L. Severance Co.	79.00
Central Scientific Co.	41.40 \$ 3,419.10

Text Books

Allyn & Bacon	\$ 237.91
American Book Co.	133.66
D. C. Heath & Co.	41.43
Ginn & Company	682.03
Benj. H. Sanborn	164.59
Silver-Burdett & Co.	87.02
The MacMillan Company	38.06
Rand, McNally & Co.	16.91
Gregg Publishing Co.	21.33
Scott-Foresman & Co.	21.42
Little, Brown & Co.	10.36
Charles E. Merrill	40.20
Laidlaw Brothers	36.10
Mentzer-Bush & Co.	8.95
The Arthur P. Schmidt Co.	3.56
Lorenz Publishing Co.	3.24
Oxford University Press	3.26
Houghton-Mifflin Co.	9.80
A. N. Marquis & Co.	6.75
D. H. Knowlton & Co. ....	.36
Milton Bradley Company	20.42
Edward E. Babb	115.01
World Book Co.	61.17
Regents Publishing Co.	15.22
Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge	1.89
Herbert C. Libby	75.00
F. J. Barnard & Co.	120.30

Ivan Bloom Hardin	6.05	
John C. Winston	6.30	
Charles Scribner's Sons	40.08	
N. W. Kendall	37.00	
Isaac Pitman & Sons	11.60	
J. L. Hammett & Co.	7.71	\$ 2,084.69

Board and Office Expense

C. A. Weed	\$ 80.08	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	115.82	
Biddeford Record	27.75	
Library Bureau	32.37	
American School Board Journal ...	3.00	
National Geographic Society	3.00	
Frank W. Weeks	1.20	
Literary Digest	4.00	
Underwood Typewriter Co.	3.50	
Roberts Office Supply	12.62	
T. L. Evans & Co.85	
N. W. Kendall	3.05	\$ 287.23

Water

Biddeford & Saco Water Co.	\$ 219.28	\$ 219.28
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Evening Schools

Biddeford Journal	\$ 48.60
Biddeford Record	22.50
Dennis T. Sullivan	105.00
George Gendron	50.00
Samuel Brackett	50.00
American Book Company	27.99
J. L. Hammett	4.91
Isaac Pitman & Sons	17.36
World Book Company	30.00
John Sellers	16.01

Paradis Bros.	8.15	
Ginn & Company	32.13	
Daniel A. Brady	35.67	\$ 448.32

Miscellaneous

American Railway Express	\$ 12.25	
Atlantic Express Co.	13.27	
Mr. Harry H. Burnham	25.91	
Census	464.85	
P. J. Farley's express	149.81	
Mrs. C. O. Milliken	35.00	
C. A. Weed	27.00	
Doubleday, Page & Co.	2.50	
Sprague's Journal	2.00	
J. B. Doyle	144.50	
John Dunn and Daniel Ready	250.00	
Bertram Murphy	6.00	
E. H. Boisvert	10.00	
Peter Murphy	4.00	
The Chamber of Commerce	7.50	
F. U. Beaudoin	2.50	
Journal of Rural Education	3.00	
City Opera House	156.00	\$ 1,316.09

Domestic Science

Paradis Bros.	\$ 60.86
John Sellers	20.67
Fosdick Department Store	1.03
LeClair's Store	13.75
Singer Sewing Machine Co. ....	.60
T. L. Evans & Co.	9.50
Rose M. Staples .....	.92
Chapman's Laundry	2.96
B. Higginbotham	14.75

Pelletier Ice Company	1.95		
W. E. Youland .....	.96	\$	127.95

Manual Training

Banks Bros.	\$	31.99	
Andrews & Horigan .....		.75	
McKenney & Heard		12.09	
The Biddeford Record		48.50	
Joan Cosgrove .....		.25	
Sam's Place .....		.75	
J. D. Boucher		5.04	
Fosdick Department Store		2.16	\$ 101.53

Superintendent

C. A. Weed	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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Superintendent's Secretary

Margaret L. Stone	\$	1,113.00	\$ 1,113.00
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\$106,200.91

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WEED,
Superintendent of Schools.

Assessors' Report

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

We herewith submit our list of abatements of taxes made by the Board of Assessors during the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1924:

For Eva Smith, Collector, tax of 1921	\$ 166.08
For Helena Lemire, Collector, tax of 1922	1,730.02
For Helena Lemire, Collector, tax of 1923	1,582.76
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Total abatements	\$ 3,478.86

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. MURPHY,
WILLIAM A. COSGROVE,
EVERETT M. STAPLES,
Assessors of Taxes, 1923-24.

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.
1923-24 Edward H. Drapeau, Democrat and Independent.



CITY CLERK ARTHUR H. HEVEY

City Clerks of Biddeford Since 1885

- 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.
1923-24 Arthur H. Hevey.

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, 1924, in accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinance:

	Appropriations	Receipts from other Sources	Total Receipts	Expenditures	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
Bridges	\$ 2,500.00	\$	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,972.67	\$ 472.67	\$
City Building	2,500.00	10,272.13	12,772.13	13,616.82	844.69	
City Farm (Homestead)	8,000.00	523.75	8,523.75	9,846.14	1,322.39	
City Library	3,500.00	350.00	3,850.00	3,850.00		
Contingent Fund	2,000.00		2,000.00	5,777.28	3,777.28	
Election Department	5,000.00		5,000.00	3,928.00		1,072.00
Fire Department	30,000.00		30,000.00	29,506.53		493.47
General Expense	8,000.00	1,362.79	9,362.79	7,360.98		2,001.81
Health Department	3,500.00		3,500.00	4,170.00	670.00	
Highways, District No. 4	24,000.00	5,227.09	29,227.09	34,398.72	5,171.63	
Fortunes Rocks	1,200.00		1,200.00	2,336.41	1,136.41	
Hollis Road	1,000.00		1,000.00	877.76		122.24
Newtown Road	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,304.72	204.72	
Oak Ridge	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,321.90		78.10
Pool District	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,823.07	623.07	
Pool Road District	1,500.00		1,500.00	2,145.45	645.45	
Ward Seven, East	700.00		700.00	885.61	185.61	
Ward Seven, North	700.00		700.00	1,053.86	353.86	
Ward Seven, West	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,206.88	206.88	
Hydrants, Rental of	18,200.00		18,200.00	19,320.85	1,120.85	
Insane	300.00	40.00	340.00	589.39	249.39	
Mile Brook Sewer	3,669.75		3,669.75	1,527.68		2,142.07
Pauper Department	18,000.00	4,667.69	22,667.69	22,068.16		599.53
Police Department	20,500.00	864.46	21,364.46	23,970.65	2,606.19	
Parks	500.00		500.00	496.31		3.69
Salaries	10,250.00		10,250.00	10,843.97	593.97	
Superintendent of Schools	2,200.00	800.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Manual Training	4,000.00	1,285.00	5,285.00	4,562.25		722.75
Free Text Books.....✓	2,000.00	18.91	2,018.91	2,186.32	167.41	
Evening Schools	2,600.00	1,507.59	4,107.59	2,719.01		1,388.58
Domestic Science	1,300.00	766.66	2,066.66	1,253.49		813.17
Schools, Repairs, Supplies, Insurance.....✓	6,000.00		6,000.00	9,227.16	3,227.16	
Schools, including \$500.00 for Free High school.....✓	52,500.00	28,627.68	81,127.68	83,491.27	2,363.59	
Woodlawn Cemetery	800.00	75.00	875.00	1,171.63	296.63	
Brown Tail Moths	500.00		500.00	540.96	40.96	
Sidewalks	5,000.00	511.19	5,511.19	5,648.87	137.68	
Street Lights	16,000.00		16,000.00	18,000.50	2,000.50	
Sewers and Drains	10,000.00	960.60	10,960.60	14,304.69	3,344.09	
Resurfacing Streets	5,000.00		5,000.00	12,054.97	7,054.97	
State Road	4,471.00		4,471.00	4,286.48		184.52
Tarvia B.	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00		
Interest	27,000.00	478.50	27,478.50	25,095.78		2,391.72
Retiring Sewer Bonds	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		
Retiring Sidewalk Bonds	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		
Retiring Bradbury Bridge Bonds	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		
Total	\$ 329,090.75	\$58,339.04	\$387,429.79	\$414,243.19	\$38,818.05	\$12,013.65

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

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY A. SCOTT, Auditor.