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HARLAN P. SARGENT.

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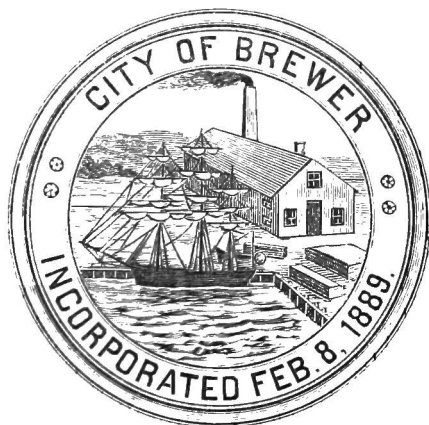
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MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

It has been many years since I have held any town or city office other than that of Law Adviser to the city. I have not therefore had special occasion to keep myself well informed as to the business of the city or its wants or needs; and, being engrossed in the practice of an exacting profession, I have not done so; and I have had little time or opportunity to procure such information since I was elected Mayor.

I do not feel that I have now a sufficiently good working knowledge of what needs to be done in and about the city's business to make, at the present time, any very definite recommendations. I shall therefore content myself with giving you some statistics of interest to the citizens of Brewer gathered from the reports of the different city officers and making such suggestions in connection with them as the subjects matter may naturally suggest, not forgetting, however, that a majority of you have served in the City Council before and have a more accurate knowledge of the city's business and wants than I have.

THE CITY DEBT.

The City's debt the first day of the present month of March—that being the day of settlement with the officers of the City—was \$34,035, for principal: to obtain the whole indebtedness

of the City something should be added to this sum for accrued interest.

This debt is represented by a considerable number of outstanding promissory notes, held by different persons, all the notes bearing interest at 4 per cent per annum. \$13,485 of this debt becomes due the first day of next May, \$3,000 in June next; the rest matures later at different times during the present and next year.

The assets of the City available for the payment of this debt were as of March 1st.

Cash in the treasury,	\$ 465 69
Uncollected taxes.	2,791 76
Uncollected sewer and concrete sidewalk assessments,	979 06
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Total,	\$4,236 51

Deducting the amount of these assets, at their face value, from the \$34,035 which the city owes and the balance of debt against the city will be \$29,798.49. To obtain the real balance of indebtedness however, something should be added to this sum for accrued interest and something, perhaps, for abatements upon the uncollected taxes and assessments; the city owes, net, about 3 1-3 per cent. upon the value of the property in it as appraised by the assessors for 1890, that valuation being \$987,740

This debt has been largely contracted in making permanent improvements—building three new school houses, rebuilding the City Hall and putting down sewers and concrete sidewalks.

It will be necessary to hire money to meet the city's indebtedness that falls due in May and June. This whole subject matter of the city's debt, how best to provide for it and pay it, I commend to your careful consideration.

I think that the citizens of Brewer do not want this debt increased, that their wish is that it shall gradually be paid, and that the future expenses of the city should be met by a sufficient assessment of taxes, so that we may pay as we go. I share this wish. It is sometimes necessary to incur debts, it seems to have been so with our own city, but debts, whether of

individual or towns, are a burden to be got rid of as soon as may be.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1890.

The appropriations made by the City Council for the municipal year 1890 and the expenditures in the different departments were as follows:

Appropriation for highways, bridges and sidewalks of all kinds,	\$5,200 00
Expended,	7,532 60

This includes what was spent for concrete sidewalks; the new bridge at South Brewer: the cutting down of Chapel hill, and widening the street at Cemetery hill.

For common schools,	\$3,200 00
Received from the State mill tax,	2,042 11
From town school fund,	58 16

Total,	\$5,300 27
Spent,	\$7,592 16
Free High School,	1,000 00
Received from State,	250 00
Spent,	1,446 56

There is included in the cost of schools as above given expenditures subsequent to March first and down to the close of the winter term.

For school books,	\$ 300 00
Spent,	601 62
Water rents,	1,300 00
Spent,	1,308 75
Sewers,	1,000 00
Spent,	2,529 64
The sewer assessments for 1890, were	1,425 00
Received for licenses to enter old sewers,	175 00
Net cost to the city of sewers,	929 64
Fire Department,	800 00
Spent,	893 99
For support of poor,	1,400 00
Expended,	1,200 94

In this estimate of cost no allowance has been made for work done upon the streets by the keeper of the almshouse or his teams. Making such allowance, the net cost of the poor is considerably less and the cost of the highways so much more than as given above.

For Police department,	\$ 700 00
Cost, including the Marshal's salary.	772 77
For Street lights.	300 00
Cost,	371 69
Salaries of City officers,	2,200 00
Cost, not including the salary of City Marshal,	1,518 51
Abatements on taxes,	200 00
Abatements made,	400 43
Discount on taxes.	1,700 00
Discounts made,	1,921 64
For interest on loans.	1,200 00
Interest paid,	1,321 21
For payment of loans.	1,000 00

Some loans to the city heretofore made have been paid during the past year, but more money has been borrowed during the year by the city than it has paid, so that this appropriation may be considered as having been used for other purposes.

For contingent expenses,	\$2,500 00
Spent,	3,695 48

SUMMARY.

The expenditures of the city for the year 1890 for municipal purposes, were \$30,767.88. This sum makes no allowance for moneys received back by the city from any source. Add to this the city's State and County taxes, \$2,968.35 and you have the total cost for the year of carrying on the city, \$33,736 23. The city has received from the State and School fund on account of schools, \$2,350.27; from sewer and sidewalk assessments and licenses to enter sewers for 1890, \$773.96; from miscellaneous sources, \$1,008.56; the taxes assessed for 1890, aggregated \$24,913.73. The abatements and discounts already made are \$2,322.07; sewer and sidewalk assessments for 1890

uncollected are \$979.06. If the city should realize the full amount of the unpaid taxes and assessments for 1890, the expenditures for the year would exceed the year's income, the sum of about \$6,000.00. This is approximately correct. The data that I had did not enable me in the short time at my command to obtain this sum with strict accuracy.

I am not aware that there is any pressing need for any considerable expenditure of money this year for purposes outside of the ordinary appropriations. The payment of interest upon loans, something upon the principal of the debt, increased State and County taxes that will probably come from a new State valuation, added to such appropriations as must be made for the ordinary expenses of the city will prevent a low rate of taxation.

There is one matter to which I wish to call your especial attention now because, if anything is to be done about it, it must be done at once, and that is the state valuation. You will remember that once every ten years the Legislature, upon report of a State Commission previously appointed to make investigation, puts a valuation upon the taxable property in each city and town in the State upon which to apportion State and County taxes.

The State valuation of Brewer in 1881 was \$735,169. The valuation of Brewer proposed by the present Commission and just reported, is \$1,307,970, an increase in round numbers of \$672,000, and an addition of \$320,000 to the valuation of the city for the year 1890, as made by its assessors. There has doubtless been, with the increase of population in Brewer, an increase of taxable property, but no so great increase it seems to me, as these figures of the Commission indicate. The only considerable manufacturing establishment that has been built in Brewer in the past ten years is, so far as I remember, the pulp mill. The valuation put upon the property in Brewer, by this Commission is, I believe, relatively higher than that which they have put upon property in other cities and towns generally, and if their valuation should be adopted by the Legislature, I

think an injustice would be done us. I advise you to give this matter immediate consideration.

I have spoken so far, almost wholly of money and money matters, but I do not forget that there are other things besides money and some things of more worth. The people of Brewer want an orderly city, a temperate city, a moral city, they want protection for person and property, they want good schools and I believe are willing to pay for having good schools.

And now in conclusion, addressing myself to the citizens of Brewer generally, I thank them for the honor they have done me in electing me without distinction of party to the office of Mayor.

JASPER HUTCHINGS.

CITY GOVERNMENT, 1890,

MAYOR:

HARLAN P. SARGENT

ALDERMEN:

A. A. KENNEY,
J. H. SMITH,
H. F. TEFFT,
G. B. HOOK,
W. C. STONE.

J. N. V. LANE,
A. P. BENNETT,
HUGH O'BRIEN.
E. P. MAYO,
W. B. SNÖW.

WARDENS:

WARD 1—George Curtis.
WARD 2—C. E. Lunt.
WARD 3—O. C. Farnham.
WARD 4—F. E. Collins.
WARD 5—G. W. Patten.

WARD CLERKS:

WARD 1—W. H. Gardner.
WARD 2—Jos. Holyoke.
WARD 3—A. H. King.
WARD 4—E. L. Howes.
WARD 5.—W. H. Sargent.

CONSTABLES:

WARD 1—George W. Glidden.
WARD 2—C. D. Harriman.
WARD 3—Henry Reaviel.
WARD 4—Henry Gregg.
WARD 5—D. S. Nickerson.

CITY CLERK—F. H. Nickerson.

CITY TREASURER—E. P. Farrington.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—A. A. Barstow.

STREET COMMISSIONER—George W. Glidden.

CITY MARSHAL—George H. Lunt.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT—Charles A. Harlow.

CITY SOLICITOR—Jasper Hutchings.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS—Fannie P. Hardy.

SCHOOL AGENT—S. A. Hall.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

ASSESSORS :

F. E. Collins, J. D. Holmes, Wm. Spurling, H. M. Farrington.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

H. T. Sparks, H. M. Farrington, A. Y. Bolton.

BOARD OF HEALTH :

E. A. Stanley, W. H. Gardner, I. Getchell.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance and Accounts.—Mayor Sargent, Aldermen Snow and Mayo.

Public Property.—Aldermen Tefft, Kenney and Bennett.

Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.—Aldermen Smith, Hook, Bennett, O'Brien and Stone.

Drains and Sewers.—Aldermen Hook, Stone and Mayo.

Fire Department.—Aldermen Smith, Bennett and Lane.

Schools and School Houses.—Aldermen Tefft, Kenney and Stone.

Engrossed Bills, Ordinances and Printing.—Mayor Sargent, Aldermen Tefft and Lane.

Water.—Aldermen Snow, Hook and Smith.

Street Lights.—Aldermen Kenney, Lane and Stone.

Police.—Mayor Sargent, Aldermen Smith and Bennett.

Elections.—Aldermen Tefft, Bennett and Lane.

Licenses.—Aldermen Smith, Hook and Bennett.

Cemeteries.—Aldermen Smith, Lane and O'Brien.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1890.

Highways, bridges and sidewalks,	\$2,500 00	
Common schools,	3,200 00	
High school,	1,000 00	
Free text books,	300 00	
Poor,	1,400 00	
Fire department.	800 00	
Police,	700 00	
Interest,	1,200 00	
Concrete sidewalks.	500 00	
Contingent.	2,500 00	
Discount on taxes.	1,700 00	
Abatements.	200 00	
Street lights.	300 00	
Payment of loans,	1,000 00	
Water rents.	1,300 00	
Sewers.	1,000 00	
Salaries of city officers.	2,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$21,800 00
State tax,	\$1,662 09	
County tax,	1,306 26	
Overlayings on taxes.	117 93	
	<hr/>	\$24,886 28

SALARIES.

Mayor,	\$100 00
City clerk,	100 00
City Marshal and Night Police,	600 00
Supervisor of schools,	200 00
School agent \$2 per day,	
Supt. of alms house,	200 00
Street Commissioner,	300 00
Treasurer,	100 00
City Solicitor,	50 00
Health Officers,	45 00
Secretary of the Board,	25 00
Chief Engineer,	25 00
First assistant,	10 00
Second assistant,	5 00
Engineer of steamer,	25 00
Supt. of hose and janitor of engine house.	50 00
Fireman of steamer,	10 00
Auditor,	25 00
Supt. of cemeteries \$2 per day,	
Wardens,	5 00
Ward Clerks	5 00
Janitor of City Hall,	100 00
Overseers of Poor \$2 per day.	
Assessors \$2 per day,	

VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1890.

On real estate of residents,	\$568,815	
personal estate of residents,	174,305	
real estate of non-residents,	201,050	
personal estate of non-residents,	43,570	
	<hr/>	\$987.74

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1890.

On real estate of residents,	\$12,513 93
personal estate of residents,	3,834 71
real estate of non-residents,	4,423 10

personal estate of non-residents,	958 54	
1,052 polls at \$3.00 per poll,	3,156 00	
	<u> </u>	\$24,886 28
Supplemental Tax.		27 45
Percentage \$2.20 on \$100.		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. P. FARRINGTON, Treasurer, DR.

1890-91.

To cash of S. H. Woodbury, Treasurer 1889-90,	\$ 2,127 45
This includes \$233.35 paid by Collector to S. H. Woodbury after close of financial year.	
To cash of A. A. Barstow, taxes coll'd,	21,392 75
State Treasurer, school and mill tax,	2,042 11
" " Free High School,	250 00
" " R. R. and Tele- graph tax.	212 25
Loans,	13,700 00
Rent of City Hall,	258 00
Sewer Assessments and entries.	949 81
Assessment on acct. concrete walks,	113 96
F. P. Hardy, Supr. Schools for tuition books, etc.,	56 10
License of Dogs.	156 00
G. H. Lunt, City Marshal, fines, costs of arrests,	56 01
State Pensions,	336 00
G. W. Glidden, excess of order above amount of June bill,	221 56
G. W. Glidden, excess of order above amount of June bill,	84
F. P. Hardy, excess of order above amount of March bill,	20 00
G. A. Coleman, excess of order above amount of March bill,	10 00

John Small, on account Edgar Arris, State Reform School,	52 00
Watering vessel, "Celia F."	8 00
Brewer Water Co., rep. streets by Street Commissioner,	160 21
Sewer Department, rep. streets by Street Commissioner,	42 95
F. H. Duffy, refund on acct. concrete walks,	12 00
Interest on school fund,	58 16
Refund on bill, order drawn twice,	12 67
Nickerson & Barstow, excess of order above bill,	5 00
State Bounty on Crows,	1 00
Town of Kingman on acct. pauper supplies,	16 00
Town of Holden on acct. pauper supplies,	83 54
Town of Denmark on acct. pauper supplies,	62 40
S. A. Hall, Undertaker, use of hearse out of city,	16 50
S. A. Hall, School Agent,	2 05
M. Garrity, Estate, Insane Hospital,	82 23
R. Sutherland, on acct. Mary Suther- land,	68 99
George Curtis, Trial Justice,	8 50
State Treasurer on account soldier burial,	35 00
Sale of old safe,	50 00
Stone, sold from Chapel Hill,	15 75
Beef sold from Alms House,	10 65
License, W. E. Russ, Auctioneer,	2 00
License, E. C. Patten, pool table,	10 00
Rent of O'Neil house,	6 00
Interest on deposits at Veazie Bank,	28 09

\$42,752 53

In account with CITY OF BREWER, Cr.

By cash paid Mayor's Orders,	\$33,786 84	
Notes paid past year,	8,500 00	
Cash on hand.	465 69	
	—————	\$42,752 53

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS.

Balance uncollected taxes of 1889,		\$1,826 20
Abatements made by the Assessors on taxes of '89,	80 58	
Collected and paid City Treasurer to Feb. 28, 1891,	1,558 35	
Uncollected taxes 1889, Feb. 28, 1891,	187 27	
	—————	\$1,826 20
Whole amount committed July 1, 1890,		\$24,913 73
Discount on taxes paid before Sept. 1, '90,	\$1,921 64	
Abatements made by Assessors,	319 85	
Collected and paid City Treasurer to Feb. 28, 1891,	20,067 75	
Uncollected on 1890 taxes, Feb. 28, '91,	2,604 49	
	—————	\$24,913 73
Whole amount of uncollected taxes on the commit- ments made July 1, '89 and July 1, '90,		\$2,791 76

NOTES OUTSTANDING.

City of Brewer, note dated May 1, 1889, three years, 4 per cent,	\$ 625 00
City of Brewer, note dated May 1, 1889, two years 4 per cent.	1,800 00
City of Brewer, note dated May 1, 1889, two years, 4 per cent,	200 00
City of Brewer, note dated May 1, 1889, two years, 4 per cent,	7,135 00
City of Brewer, note dated May 1, 1889, two years, 4 per cent,	1,500 00
City of Brewer, note dated May 1, 1889, two years 4 per cent,	200 00

City of Brewer, note dated May 1, 1889, two years, 4 per cent,	150 00
City of Brewer, note dated May 1, 1889, two years, 4 per cent,	500 00
City of Brewer, note dated May 1, 1889, two years, 4 per cent,	2,000 00
City of Brewer, note dated June 1, 1889, three years, 4 per cent,	725 00
City of Brewer, note dated June 1, 1889, two years, 4 per cent,	2,500 00
City of Brewer, note dated June 18, 1889, two years, 4 per cent.	500 00
City of Brewer, note dated Sept. 20, 1889, two years, 4 per cent., for repairing City Hall,	2,000 00
City of Brewer, note dated Oct. 5, 1889, two years 4 per cent., for repairing City Hall,	2,000 00
City of Brewer, note dated Dec. 2, 1889, two years, 4 per cent., for repairing City Hall,	600 00
City of Brewer, note dated Dec. 24, 1889, two years, 4 per cent., repairing City Hall,	400 00
City of Brewer, note dated Jan. 27, 1890, two years, 4 per cent., repairing City Hall,	2,000 00
City of Brewer, note dated Feb. 22, 1890, two years, 4 per cent., repairing City Hall,	500 00
City of Brewer, note dated Feb. 27, 1890, two years, 4 per cent., repairing City Hall.	1,500 00
City of Brewer, note dated Oct. 6, 1890, one year 4 per cent., rebuilding bridges,	1,500 00
City of Brewer, note dated Dec. 26, 1890, one year, 4 per cent., grading Chapel Hill,	300 00
City of Brewer, note dated Dec. 26, 1890, one year, 4 per cent., building sewers,	1,000 00
City of Brewer, note dated Dec. 26, 1890, one year 4 per cent., laying concrete sidewalks,	400 00
City of Brewer, note dated Feb. 24, 1891, one year, 4 per cent., to pay note due Nov. 22,	2,000 00
City of Brewer, note dated Feb. 24, 1891, one year, 4 per cent., uncollected tax,	2,000 00

NOTES PAID.

City of Brewer, note dated June 5, 1890, four months, 5 per cent.; (paid Oct. 5, 1890)	\$1,500 00
City of Brewer, note dated June 5, 1890, four months, 5 per cent.; (paid Oct. 5, 1890)	2,000 00
City of Brewer, note dated April 23, 1890, six months, 4 per cent.; (paid Oct. 23, 1890)	1,000 00
City of Brewer, note dated May 21, 1890, six months, 5 per cent.; (paid Nov. 21, 1890)	2,000 00
City of Brewer, note dated Feb. 18, 1890, one year, 4 per cent.; (paid Feb. 24, 1891)	2,000 00

TRUST FUNDS.

SCHOOL FUND,

Amounting to \$969.36, loaned to the city at 6 per cent. interest, amounting to \$58.16, has been paid in to the School Department. (See Treasurer's Report)

WHEELER FUND,

Amounting to \$50, loaned to the city at 4 per cent. interest, \$2.00 to be expended annually by the Superintendent of Cemeteries in keeping Daniel Wheeler's lot in Oak Hill Cemetery in repair for all time. \$2.00 has been paid Geo. A. Snow for that purpose during the past year.

INTEREST.

Paid interest on notes,	\$1,321 21
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SCHOOLS.

Paid Teachers,	\$4,590 85
Repairs,	678 85
Books,	601 62
Janitor's services,	472 15
Fuel,	774 98
Error in fuel bill,	10 10
Supplies,	146 95
Water,	105 00
Entering sewer,	50 00

Insurance, Page and Excelsior,	113 00	
Stationery and postage,	11 22	
Horse hire,	24 75	
P. Conroy, transporting scholars from Day to Liberty school,	34 00	
Furniture,	97 65	
Orders in excess of vouchers,	47 40	
	<hr/>	\$7,758 52

See Treasurer's Report.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Teachers,	\$991 00	
Supplies,	167 66	
Apparatus and Chemicals,	121 90	
	<hr/>	\$1,280 56

CONTINGENT.

Paid H. B. Washburn, painting City Hall,	\$669 90
C. W. Currier et al., labor City Hall,	57 51
Harlow Bros., hardware. City Hall,	126 86
Charles E. Dole, electrolier for City Hall,	62 50
Electric light fixtures, City Hall,	210 20
Smith's Planing Mill Co., lumber City Hall,	155 18
Fred S. Palmer, fixtures for light- ing City Hall,	67 50
Currier & Hook, stage curtain and fixtures City Hall,	7 21
Sparks, Wentworth & Woodbury, City Hall,	21 93
Wood, Bishop & Co., stove. City Hall,	7 50
Nickerson & Barstow et al.,	13 16
M. Lynch, keys for City Hall,	2 00
F. H. Duffy, concrete walk City Hall,	262 79
C. E. Lyons, curtains, City Hall,	9 10
A. H. Roberts & Son, oil cloth carpet, etc., City Hall,	45 93

Dole Bros., mirrors City Hall,	13 10
G. W. Merrill, settees for City Hall,	95 64
Entering sewer from City Hall,	25 00
Insurance on City Hall,	101 67
Nickerson & Barstow. seed, City Hall grounds,	9 40
Green & Avery, et al., fertilizer for City Hall grounds,	17 50
B. B. Merrill, supplies, City Hall,	4 15
Water for City Hall,	25 00
D. V. Nickerson, janitor, City Hall,	20 00
G. H. Lunt, janitor, City Hall,	15 00
J. H. Lawson, janitor, City Hall,	37 50
E. & I. K. Stetson, coal, City Hall,	189 75
T. G. Stickney, coal, City Hall,	66 67
Bangor Electric Light and Power Co., lighting City Hall,	31 20
Elbridge W. Sawyer, land damage,	176 29
Chas. P. Stetson, legal service,	13 00
A. Gould, hearse-straps,	5 50
B. A. Burr, printing,	125 65
Boutelle & Burr, printing,	5 38
Duplicate of above,	5 38
P. P. Holden, pump and repairs,	26 00
S. A. Hall, labor in Oak Hill Cemetery,	6 00
S. A. Hall, burying J. Torrens children,	5 00
Z. M. Shaw, one pair horses,	450 00
Z. M. Shaw, balance on one horse,	155 38
F. Durgin, team harnesses,	50 00
Insurance on City Farm buildings,	34 00
S. E. Stone, memorial service,	40 00
P. P. Spratt, memorial service, N. Brewer,	20 00
Bridge toll,	8 32
E. G. Crabtree, printing,	1 80

F. A. Floyd, searching records,	2 00	
Lumber for Lint and Conley houses,	36 88	
Baldwin & Coombs, engincers,	105 30	
James McDonough, hauling hose carriage to fire,	2 00	
F. H. Nickerson, postage and searching records,	4 50	
D. Bugbee & Co., books, etc.,	27 35	
E. P. Farrington, books, postage.	1 95	
A. A. Barstow, postage.	14 95	
G. A. Snow, care Wheeler lot,	2 00	
J. E. Greenan, bounty on crows,	1 00	
		\$3,695 48

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Sparks, Wentworth & Woodbury, sewer pipe,	\$ 4 62
M. S. Hodgdon for granite,	27 38
Mt. Waldo Granite Works, granite,	164 38
E. Lawson, moving S. Lint's house,	72 56
E. Lawson, moving Conley house.	27 52
Estate C. A. Green, scraper and plow,	15 00
R. E. Jones, sharpening picks, etc.,	6 26
R. Winslow, hay for horses,	7 00
John McPherson, blasting Chapel Hill,	350 00
B. B. Farrington, hay for team,	56 67
B. F. Young & Co., feed for team,	9 35
W. F. Hunter, damage to buildings,	1 91
W. C. Stone, pay roll on bridge S. Brewer,	571 39
O. H. Harriman, labor on bridge S. Brewer,	89 00
R. Sutherland, labor with team,	17 00
C. H. Downes, labor with team,	6 00
F. H. Duffy, laying concrete walk, etc.,	1,219 16
F. H. Duffy, laying concrete walk,	7 25

Thomas Loftus, concrete sidewalk,	5	62
George W. Glidden, bills to June 1st,	509	11
“ “ “ July 1st,	210	91
“ “ “ Aug. 1st,	645	33
“ “ “ Sept. 1st,	477	80
“ “ “ Oct. 1st,	1066	53

I. W. Powers, watering trough		
'90-'91,	3	00
Geo. W. Glidden, bills for month Oct.	438	26
“ “ “ Oct.		
and Nov.,	679	98
Geo. W. Glidden, bills for Dec.,	343	96
“ “ “ Jan.,	179	50
“ “ “ Feb.,	97	65
Order drawn for duplicate bills,	222	40

\$7,532 50

Returned to treasury, see Treasurer's Report.

SEWERS.

Paid G. W. Glidden, et als, cleaning cesspools.	70	00
W. H. Gardner, rubber coat and mittens.	4	75
Harlow Bros., supplies,	4	03
Currier & Hook, pump.	10	00
Sparks, Wentworth & Woodbury, et als., sewer-pipe, cess-pool covers, cement, etc.,	539	15
A. Fickett, labor,	3	50
John Littlefield & Co., teaming,	1	80
John Littlefield & Co. et als., drain pipe, etc.,	665	45
Geo. B. Hook, pay roll,	1,200	96
Sargent Bros., for entering their drain,	30	00

\$2,529 64

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid E. & I. K. Stetson, coal,	\$13 00
Harlow Bros., fire alarm bell.	37 70
J. H. Lawson, painting Deluge Hose house,	19 82
E. Lawson, moving Dirigo Hose house,	25 00
A. A. Kenney, repairs on Deluge Hose house,	52 34
Repairs on Reservoir, Center St.,	1 90
Deluge Hose Co., pay roll.	50 00
A. A. Kenney et als, repairs on Deluge Hose house,	13 94
Changing hydrant on Center St.,	10 00
Dirigo Hose Co., posts, lumber,	3 76
Hose Co., Ward 5, for new Hose house,	150 00
A. A. Kenney, labor on Dirigo Hose house,	21 76
W H. Gardner, rubber coats,	52 00
H. B. Washburn, paints and oil for Deluge Hose house,	4 59
H. B. Washburn, lettering and numbering firemen's coats,	3 20
H. C. Hoxie, painting hose cart cover,	2 75
Sparks, Wentworth & Woodbury. stove, etc.,	14 90
Repairs on hose houses.	8 56
John Grindle, hauling engine to fire,	2 60
Harlow Bros., repairs,	6 42
Stephen S. Sawyer, Asst. Engi- neer, 1889-90,	5 00
Stephen S. Sawyer, Engineer, 1890 -91,	25 00

Sawyer Bros., repairs,	3 75	
Sawyer Bros., repairs on Hook and Ladder carriage,	11 00	
Rescue Hook and Ladder Co., pay roll,	50 00	
Dirigo Hose Co., pay roll,	50 00	
Eclipse Hook and Ladder Co., pay roll,	50 00	
Excelsior Hose Co., pay roll,	50 00	
Eagle Hose Co., pay roll,	50 00	
Chas. French, Asst. Engineer, 1890-91,	5 00	
A. P. Sawyer, janitor at engine house and Supt. of Hose,	65 00	
James Snow, fireman of steamer, 1890-91,	10 00	
C. H. Harlow, Chief Engineer, 1890-91,	25 00	
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HYDRANTS.

Paid for 29 hydrants, one year,	\$1,160 00	
1 faucet at engine house,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,165 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Harlow Bros. kerosene oil,	\$ 6 34	
F. W. Doane, oil,	8 48	
Simon Lint, lighting,	1 00	
John H. Lawson, labor,	4 00	
C. H. Libby, lighting,	38 17	
E. A. Stanley, lighting,	30 00	
Bangor Electric Light and Power Co.,	283 70	
	<hr/>	\$371 69

EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

Paid on account of different persons,	\$319 08
For names see Overseers of Poor Report.	

ALMS HOUSE AND CITY FARM.

Paid G. W. Glidden, salary,	\$200 00	
Water,	13 00	
Supplies,	680 90	
Repairs,	12 24	
Pigs,	5 00	
Furniture,	6 50	
Medical attendance,	62 00	
Medicine,	7 56	
Horse shoeing, etc.,	5 88	
Burial of Simon Wise,	4 00	
Mowing grass and grain,	20 20	
Hay,	39 56	
Coal,	24 52	
Repairing harness,	6 00	
Error in Nickerson & Barstow Bill,	5 00	
Duplicate in G. W. Merrill's bill,	6 50	
	————	\$1,098 86

See Treasurer's Report.

MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL.

Paid, \$136 02

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

Paid on account Edgar Arris,	\$52 00	
“ “ George Butler,	26 66	
	————	\$78 66

SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid Isaac Smith,	24 00
E. P. Hodgkins,	4 00
I. F. Trask,	4 00
C. D. Harriman,	8 00
N. W. Ladd,	4 00
L. J. Fickett,	14 85
D. S. Nickerson,	2 00

Wm. J. Richardson,	2 00
John Burbee,	10 00
Nilon Wilson,	2 00
F. W. Fickett,	3 42
J. H. Lawson,	12 50
A. P. Lunt.	20 00
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	\$110 77
Paid John Neil, handcuffs,	18 38
F. M. Lynch Police Badges,	4 50
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133 65

SALARY.

Paid H. P. Sargent, Mayor.	\$100 00
Geo. W. Glidden, Street Com.,	100 00
Geo. H. Lunt, City Marshal.	649 12
F. P. Hardy, Supervisor of School 1889, '90,	200 00
C. P. Thomas, Health Officer, 1889,	5 00
F. E. Collins, Auditor, '89, '90,	25 00
G. E. Curtis, Warden Ward 1, '89, '90,	5 00
F. A. Floyd, Warden Ward 2, '89, '90,	5 00
E. S. Burr, Clerk of Ward 5, '89, '90,	5 00
F. E. Collins, Assessor, copying State Valuation Book, mak- ing voting list for September election 1890, 61 days.	122 00
J. D. Holmes, Assessor, making voting list for Sept. and March elections, 1890, 1891 53 days.	106 00
Wm. Spurling, Assessor, 40 days,	80 00
J. N. V. Lane, Clerk of Ward 3,	5 00
F. L. Nickerson, Clerk of Ward 4,	5 00
W. H. Gardner, Clerk, Ward 1, '89, '90,	5 00
J. C. Long, Warden Ward 5, '89, '90,	5 00
C. E. Lunt, Clerk Ward 2, '89, '90,	5 00

F. S. Aiken, Warden Ward 3, '89, '90,	5 00	
O. C. Farnham, Warden Ward 3, '90, '91,	5 00	
I. Getchell, Health Officer, '90, '91,	15 00	
W. H. Gardner, Health Officer, '90, '91,	15 00	
E. A. Stanley, Health Officer, '90, '91,	15 00	
F. H. Nickerson, City Clerk,	100 00	
H. M. Farrington, Overseer Poor		
11 days,	22 00	
H. M. Farrington, Assessor and		
making voting list for March		
1891 election, 4 days,	8 00	
H. M. Farrington, work on		
records 1½ days,	3 00	
E. P. Farrington, Treasurer '90, '91,	50 00	
A. Y. Bolton, Overseer of Poor 5 days,	10 00	
Jasper Hutchings, City Solicitor, '90, '91,	50 00	
G. A. Snow, Superintendent cemeteries,	10 00	
A. A. Barstow, coll'g \$21,626.05		
at 2 per cent.,	432 51	
	<hr/>	\$2,167 63

PENSIONS.

Paid K. N. Meservey,	\$96 00	
Elizabeth Eaton,	96 00	
Martha Wine,	72 00	
Levi B. Pert,	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$336 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State,	\$1,662 09	
County,	1,306 26	
	<hr/>	\$2,968 35

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of orders drawn,		\$33,786 84
Interest,	\$1,321 21	
Common Schools,	7,758 52	

High School,	1,280	56
Contingent,	3,695	48
Highways,	7,532	50
Sewers,	2,529	64
Fire Department,	893	99
Hydrants.	1,165	00
Street Lights,	371	69
Poor out of Alms House,	319	08
Alms House and City Farm,	1,098	86
Maine Insane Hospital,	136	02
State Reform School,	78	66
Special Police,	133	65
Salary,	2,167	63
Pensions,	336	00
State Tax,	1,662	09
County Tax,	1,306	26
	—————	\$33,786 84

FRANK E. COLLINS, *Auditor.*

BREWER, March 16. 1891.

Report of Fire Department.

1890.

July 10.—Carver & Son, Main Street ; cause of fire, bursting of kerosene oil lamp ; damage about	\$30 00
July 10.—Dirigo Mill ; small blaze over furnace ; little or no damage.	
July 11.—Rollins Mill ; supposed to have originated from a hot box ; damage about	75 00
Aug. 26.—Pulp Mill ; South Brewer : cause of fire, hot box ; damage about	15,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Hose house, South Brewer,	\$150 00
Stove for engine house,	14 90
16 rubber coats,	55 20
Repairing reservoirs,	3 40
Moving and repairing Dirigo hose house,	59 08
Fire alarm bell, Deluge No. 1,	37 50
Bell tower, Deluge No. 1,	52 34
Painting and paint stock, Deluge No. 1,	36 75
Painting name on Eagle Hose cart,	2 75
3 lanterns.	1 50

\$413 42

PAY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief engineer and assistants,	\$35 00	
Engineer and assistants of fire engine,	40 00	
Janitor of engine house,	65 00	
2 Hook and Ladder Companies, \$50 each,	100 00	
4 Hose Companies, \$50 each,	200 00	
	—————	\$440 00

AMOUNT OF PROPERTY IN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Engine house and lot,	\$2,500 00	
2 hose houses,	600 00	
1 steam fire engine,	3,000 00	
4 hose carts,	500 00	
3,750 ft. cotton hose,	1,875 00	
Nozzles, hose pipes, spanners, lanterns, etc.	165 00	
2 Hook and Ladder carriages and ladders,	600 00	
	—————	\$9,240 00

C. A. HARLOW,
Chief Engineer Fire Dep't.

Feb. 16, 1891.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

ALMS HOUSE AND CITY FARM.

Paid Geo. W. Glidden, salary	\$200 00
Brewer Water Co.,	13 00
W. H. Richardson, supplies,	33 11
G. W. Merrill Co., furniture,	6 50
Harlow Bros., supplies,	76 28
Sparks, Wentworth & Woodbury, iron ware, etc.,	15 65
Robinson, Paine & Co., supplies,	115 10
J. P. Elliott, whitewashing,	2 00
Dr. Getchell, medical attendance,	57 00
Dr. Thomas, medical attendance,	2 00
F. A. Gilbert, pigs,	5 00
A. A. Kenney, repairs.	10 24
J. G. Downes, blacksmithing,	5 88
B. B. Farrington, hay,	20 20
B. F. Young, supplies,	143 68
J. C. Holbrook, supplies.	100 30
A. H. Gould, team in haying,	19 20
Bunker & Clapp, supplies,	89 86
Farrington Bros., hardware,	7 28
F. B. Farrington, labor,	1 00
T. G. Stickney, coal,	24 52
H. M. Farrington, supplies,	3 47

Nickerson & Barstow, supplies,	83 11	
F. Durgin, repairing harness,	6 00	
A. G. Ray, dry goods,	8 26	
D. R. Crook, hay,	19 36	
W. H. Gardner, shoes.	7 80	
B. B. Merrill, medicine,	7 56	
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		\$1,083 36
Stock on hand Feb. 18, 1890,		710 27
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		\$1,793 63
By stock on hand Feb. 18, 1891,	\$678 18	
Rec'd of Holden for board of S.		
Rowell and medical attendance,	83 52	
Board of teamster for city team 46		
weeks. \$3 per week,	138 00	
Hay for city team for 3 months,	18 00	
Farm horse with cart or sled on		
highways 234 days. at \$1.25.	292 50	
Received for beef,	10 65	
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		\$1,220 85
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Balance against the farm,		\$572 78

INMATES OF ALMS HOUSE DURING THE YEAR.

Melvin Pratt left April 20, Stephen Rowell died June 11, Simon Wise died Aug. 17, Angus McMillan left Sept. 19, Jos. Dugas left Nov. 3, Lorana Hodgkins died Dec. 22. Remaining: Eliza Wise, Laura West, Lavina Torsey, Mary O'Niel.

EXPENSES OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

C. Gilman,	\$11 67
Lugreen Cushing,	15 41
Caro Lambert,	60 00
Joseph Ashley,	99
Lucy Segar,	30 00
James W. Torrens,	7 00

Chas. F. Lane,	10 50	
A. C. Butman,	73 11	
John Carey,	9 00	
Joseph Dugas,	12 00	
Mary Fahey,	9 00	
Melvin White,	16 00	
Elizabeth Gray,	5 00	
Mary Smith,	16 50	
Ada Hammond,	39 90	
Hugh McAdam,	2 00	
Charles Smart,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$319 08
Received from Kingman and Denmark,		78 40
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		\$240 68
Balance against the farm,		572 78
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Total expense of poor for the year,		\$813 46

We have been unusually fortunate in that the applications for aid have been so small in number and amount. This combined with the prudent management of our Alms House by those having it in charge, has reduced the expenses of our pauper department for the past municipal year so that they have been considerably lower than those of any year for the past quarter of a century.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. SPARKS,	} Overseers of Poor.
H. M. FARRINGTON,	
A. Y. BOLTON,	

MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL.

Paid for board of Mary Kennedy,	\$58 98
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Committee on Drains and Sewers.

To the City Council:

We, the undersigned municipal officers of the city of Brewer, Committee on Drains and Sewers, herewith submit their report for the year ending March 1st. 1891.

The receipts and disbursements of the sewer department as shown by the following exhibit, viz.:

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount expended on the Chamberlain street sewer,	\$1,389 08
Amount expended on the extension of Brimmer street,	371 38
Amount expended on the extension of Parker street,	406 36
Amount expended on the Main street sewer, near the store of A. H. Mann,	208 90
Amount expended on the drain for the school house at South Brewer,	90 82

Total amount expended for sewers in 1890, \$2,466 54

MATERIAL BOUGHT FOR THE SEWERS FOR THE YEAR 1890.

One pump,	\$10 00
Rubber coat and boots, W. H. Gardner's bill,	4 75

Level, lantern, etc., Harlow Bros' bill,	2 90	
	<u> </u>	17 65
		<u> </u>
		\$2,484 19

RECEIPTS.

Total amount of assessments on Chamberlain street sewer,	\$785 00	
Total amount on Brimmer street,	300 00	
Total amount on Parker street,	340 00	
Received of the Brewer Water Co., for laying water pipe in ditch,	71 41	
	<u> </u>	\$1,496 41
Total cost to the city,		987 78
Appropriation for the year 1890,		\$1,000 00
Expended by the sewer department 1890 for sewers,	\$987 78	
Unexpended balance,	12 22	
	<u> </u>	\$1,000 00

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE DIFFERENT PIECES OF WORK.

Chamberlain street sewer begins near the junction of Main and Chamberlain street, extending down Chamberlain street to the brook, thence through the lot owned by Mrs. Caroline Robinson, down the bed of the brook to the lot of Wm. Spurling, where it connects with the Washington street sewer near the junction of Washington and Holyoke streets. The part of the sewer on Chamberlain street, about 900 feet, is 12 inch J. Littlefield tile. The part in the bed of the brook is brick 2½ by 3 feet.

There is one cesspool, one manhole, and two chimneys for surface draining and one plank entrance for the brook on this line of sewer.

CHAMBERLAIN STREET SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

Simmons, G. P.	\$35 00	
Gardner, W. H.	25 00	
Morrill, John	50 00	
Crowell, Horace	25 00	
Moody, Mrs. Jane	25 00	
Hall, Sewall	25 00	
Maloney, Thomas	25 00	
Fahey, Michael	25 00	
Fahey, Michael S.	30 00	
Fahey, Michael	20 00	
Downs, John	40 00	
Walsh, Owen heirs of	40 00	
Shaw, Zenas	70 00	
Cannon, John	30 00	
School house,	50 00	
Mahany, Dennis	25 00	
McDonough, James	40 00	
Cannon, Patrick	35 00	
Wallace, John H	35 00	
Blakney, Joseph C.	25 00	
Roach, Patrick	35 00	
Spurling, Wm.	25 00	
Robinson, Caroline	50 00	
		\$785 00

Extension of the Brimmer street sewer begins and connects with the old Brimmer street sewer at the junction of Fling and Brimmer streets, extending 416 feet on Brimmer street. This sewer is of 12 inch J. Littlefield tile. There is one cesspool and one chimney for surface drain on this line of sewer.

BRIMMER STREET ASSESSMENT.

Hodgkins, Mrs. George	\$50 00
Crosby, Stephen	30 00
Arey, F. G.	40 00
McKenney,	55 00

Kent, Alvah	25 00	
Fletcher G. L.	25 00	
Brewer Building Association,	75 00	
		\$300 00

Extension of Parker street sewer begins and connects with the old Parker street sewer near the junction of East Summer and Parker streets. There is one cesspool and one chimney for surface drain on this line of sewer.

PARKER STREET SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

Rich, Preston	25 00	
Eldridge, Mrs.	40 00	
Swett, James	25 00	
Clapp, H. C.	25 00	
Swett, Samuel	25 00	
Kimball, John unknown	75 00	
Libby, Charles	25 00	
Brimmer, James D.	25 00	
Gilman, Mrs. Sarah	25 00	
Maling, Wm. H.	50 00	
		\$340 00

Sewer on Main St., near Capt. A. H. Mann's store. This drain crosses the land of F. W. Ayer & Co., going below high water mark; is built of 12 inch tile, and is about 175 feet long. There is one cesspool and one chimney for surface drain here.

There is no assessment on this piece of sewer at present, as it only crosses the street, but for future use we consider it an important piece of work, as it is possible to drain from twelve to eighteen hundred feet of sewer into this drain.

It also drains a large tract that was at that time covered with water, overflowing the street and causing much annoyance to people living near here or passing along this street.

This work has cost the city \$208.90, with no present return but a prospect for the future of an amount that will make it a good investment.

SOUTH BREWER SCHOOL HOUSE DRAIN.

This drain connects with the old one from the school house, and empties into the drain of Sargent Bros., near the railroad track. It is about 175 feet long and 6 inch tile is used for this drain.

This work cost	\$60 32	
The department paid Sargent Bros. for entering their drain,	30 00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$90 82

Sargent Bros. agree to take care of any nuisance that may be created by the sewerage from the school house.

The following list comprises the entrances into sewers built by the town prior to 1889, payable to the City Treasurer, when entering.

G. W. Gould, Main street,	\$25 00	
Miss M. W. Pye, Wilson street,	25 00	
W. E. Lane, Holyoke street,	25 00	
Chas. Holbrook, Main street,	25 00	
James R. Bennett, Main street,	25 00	
Mrs. Olive J. Smith, Centre street,	25 00	
D. S. Sargent, Stone street, So. Brewer,	25 00	
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IN CONCLUSION.

The sewer committee in submitting their report, would simply say that they have tried to have all work in their department properly done, and hope they have succeeded in doing so.

1890 was a hard year to do work of this kind, wages high and experienced men not easily to be found, especially masons to build cesspools or other brick work.

We would recommend that Centre street and Parker street sewers be extended to low water mark; also that a cesspool be built near the junction of Centre and East Summer street, where there is now a chimney that admits of the escape of foul gases.

We would recommend under certain conditions, that the

sewer on Holyoke street be extended up to and past the residence of Mr. Lovell.

We would also recommend that in the future sewer assessments under ordinary conditions should be to the extent of the law, including cesspools and all surface drains connected with same. Property owners on streets benefited by sewers should pay the greater part of the expense of same, and not property owners off the line of sewers that receive no direct benefit, but are taxed to pay for improvements they are not interested in.

GEO. B. HOOK, } *Committee on Drains*
WM. C. STONE, } *and Sewers.*

Report of City Undertaker.

To the City Council :

The undersigned would respectfully submit the following report up to date from March 25, 1890 :

Number of Protestant deaths, 45 ; number Catholic deaths, 9.
Remains brought to the city for interment, 6 ; carried out, 13.
Interments at Oak Hill Cemetery, 38.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. HALL, *City Undertaker.*

BREWER, Feb. 16, 1891.

Report of the Board of Health.

To the City Council:

In accordance with the law, electing one member of the Board of Health each year, Dr. Isaac Getchell was chosen to take the place of Dr. C. P. Thomas whose term had expired.

The board organized by the choice of Dr. Getchell, Chairman; W. H. Gardner, Sec.; E. A. Stanley, member from South Brewer.

The health of the city for the past year has been above the average—only a few cases of typhoid fever and diphtheria have appeared, most of them in light form.

Good progress has been made with the sewer system, some three thousand feet having been constructed. Many of the dwellers on the route of the extension have disposed of surface filth, by entering the common sewer; others intend to do so the coming spring.

We would again call your attention to the chimneys on the line of the old sewers. The public health requires that they be filled or replaced by the modern cess-pool. Also as soon as practicable, the trunk sewers should be extended below low water mark.

Attention of house holders is called to chapter 17, rules 9 and 10, page 66, City Ordinances, copies of which can be had at the office of the board of health, or of the City Clerk.

The number of deaths for the municipal year, as reported by the undertaker, Mr. Hall, is fifty-two. Calling the population four thousand, which is below the U. S. census report for 1890, the death rate would be thirteen to the thousand, or about $1\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GARDNER, *Sec. Board of Health.*

Report of Street Lights.

To the City Council:

The Joint Standing Committee on Street Lights herewith respectfully submit the following report.

We found it very hard to find any one who would take care of the globe lamps in this part of the city so there were no lights for six or seven weeks. About the first of September the City Council voted to contract with the Electric Light Co. to furnish the city with 13 arc lights the remainder of the municipal year, at the rate of \$75.00 per year all night and every night.

After the contract was made, we had the globe lamps picked up and stored in the engine house on Parker street. We found twenty-six globes and lamps complete, five or six broken ones, thirty-three extra lamps, two extra shades, one oiler and one ladder.

Cost of globe lights, \$77.99 ; cost of electric lights, \$283.70 ; total cost to Jan. 31, 1891, \$361.69.

A. A. KENNEY, }
J. N. V. LANE, } *Committee*
WM. C. STONE, } *on*
 } *Street Lights.*

Report of City Marshal.

To the Mayor and City Council:

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1891.

Whole number of arrests fifty, for the following offences: Intoxication, 28; assault, 8; indecent exposure, 4; larceny, 3; adultery, 1; single sale intoxicating liquor, 1; pedlar without license, 1; tramps, 4.

I have collected and paid to the treasurer as follows: dog licenses, \$156.00; costs for arrests, \$56.00; due from county treasurer for commitments to jail, \$7.44.

During the year special police have been appointed when necessary. A. P. Lunt served as watchman at the cemetery from June to Nov.

South Brewer has been without a policeman the past year. One was appointed who served two nights and resigned; no one was found to take his place.

Have made one trip to Insane Asylum, and one trip to Reform School.

Found four store doors unfastened.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. LUNT, *City Marshal.*

Report of Committee on Water Supply.

To the City Council of Brewer :

The Committee on Water Supply beg leave to submit their annual report.

The city now pays for water as follows :

For 29 hydrants, at \$40 each,	\$1.160 00
27 faucets in four school houses.	105 00
9 " City Hall,	25 00
1 " Engine House.	5 00
2 " City Farm building,	13 00
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Total,	\$1,308 00

This is same as last year with exception of an additional supply in the basement of school house at South Brewer.

There was paid for changing hydrant near corner of Center and East Summer street,	10 00
Also for team at City Farm,	75
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	\$1,318 75

WM. B. SNOW, } Committee
GEO. B. HOOK, } on
J. H. SMITH. } Water Supply.

Report of Committee on City Property.

To the City Council:

The Joint Standing Committee on City Property respectfully submit the following schedule of property belonging to the City of Brewer.

City Hall, lot, furniture and fixtures.	\$12,000 00
City Farm and buildings.	1,700 00
Two hearse houses and hearses.	900 00
Two gravel lots.	75 00
Chandelier, lamps, brackets, etc., from Town Hall,	10 00
Two box stoves, one cook stove,	4 00

SCHOOL HOUSES AND LOTS.

- No. 1. Liberty school, North Brewer.
2. Mill Dam, Main street.
3. Excelsior, Chamberlain street.
4. Page, Centre street.
5. High School, Main street.
6. Brimmer, Main street.
7. South Brewer, Main street.
8. " " " "
10. Whiting Hill, Wilson street.
11. Lambert Day road, no lot.

Total, eleven houses and ten lots, \$28,000.00.

For schedule of property belonging to Fire Department, see Chief Engineer's Report, \$92.40.

For schedule of property belonging to Alms House, see Report of Overseers of the Poor, \$710.27.

For schedule of property belonging to Street and Sewer Department, see Report of Street Commissioner and Sewer Com., \$1,131.61.

H. F. TEFFT,	}	<i>Committee on City Property.</i>
A. A. KENNEY,		
A. P. BENNETT.		

Report of Committee on Public Property.

To the City Council :

The joint Standing Committee on Public Property make the following statement, relative to the Rental of City Hall, cost of heating, lighting, and care of the entire building, from March, 1890, to March, 1891.

EXPENSES.

Paid janitor,	\$ 75 00
Cost of heating entire building,	102 50
" lighting " "	31 20
Incidental expenses,	15 00
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	\$223 70

RECEIPTS.

Received from all sources for rental of hall, from the opening night to the last engagement, Mar. 4, 1891,	258 00
Net gain,	34 30

H. F. TEFFT, } *Committee on*
A. P. BENNETT, } *Public Property.*

Report of Street Commissioner.

One pair horses and harnesses,	\$500 00	
road machine,	265 00	
“ “	50 00	
dump cart,	125 00	
jigger,	40 00	
sled,	45 00	
snow plow,	10 00	
iron scraper,	18 00	
Two plows,	10 00	
One new set machine knives,	7 00	
tool box,	3 00	
stone hammer,	1 75	
Three pickaxes,	1 50	
One chain,	2 00	
One bridle chain,	1 25	
Two shovels,	1 00	
Two and one-half tons hay,	20 00	
Three lanterns, 50 cts.,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,102 00
Whole expense of blasting Cemetery Hill,		\$318 40
225 perch of stone delivered at South Brewer,		225 00
50 perch delivered at Dyer Cove bridge,		37 50
15 perch delivered at Washington St. brook bridge,		11 25
Sold to Chas. Holbrook 60 perch, 50 cts. per perch,		30 00

G. W. GLIDDEN,

Street Commissioner.

Feb. 28, 1891.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Last year I presented a very full report; acting on that as a basis, I shall make this year's as brief as possible.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The condition of the South Brewer primary school is as bad as ever, though we have somewhat benefited the condition of the pupils (at our own disadvantage), by placing half of the school in the Grammar School building. Another new school house is imperatively needed, and two should be provided.

The Brimmer Grammar School building is overcrowded. New school furniture is needed in both rooms, especially in the lower room; and the class-room of the upper room should be enlarged as might easily be done by slight alteration of the staircase, making the present class-room into the entry, and the entry into the class-room. This would enlarge the class-room considerably.

The Lambert, or Day school, has been discontinued, because it was too small to be profitably kept up.

ATTENDANCE.

The Assessors reported 1,193 persons of school age this year against 985 last year, a gain of 108. The following table shows the attendance for the different terms:

THE ATTENDANCE FOR THE DIFFERENT TERMS.

	SPRING.			FALL.			WINTER.		
	Total.	Average.	Per cent.	Total.	Average.	Per cent.	Total.	Average.	Per cent.
1890-91.....	743	641	86.6	747	639	85.5	692	600	85
1889-90.....	683	580	85	688	562	82	655	524	80
Gain.....	57	61	1.6	59	77	3.5	37	76	5

It will be seen that the gain over what was registered last year in our then overcrowded schools has been enough to make another large school, if set off by itself. And yet this gain is not in proportion to the increase in population during the year; for we were obliged to shut out from the schools all pupils under five years of age, whereas formerly all above four years were allowed to come. No one but the teachers can tell how much harder the work has been this year on account of this increase in the number of pupils. And if the schools are full now what will the case be next year? These figures should speak for themselves, and procure for pupils more schools, more teachers, better school accommodations. The attendance this winter has been somewhat less on account of sickness.

SCHOOL APPLIANCES.

During the year we have spent \$226.81 for appliances for school work. This includes hand-bells and call-bells for all the schools, ten globes, six language charts, two Yaggy's Anatomical charts, three astronomical charts for teaching mathematical geography, two Yaggy's geographical cabinets, and other apparatus. At present all our grammar schools have the best physiological charts published and all our ungraded schools, except the Mill Dam which is of intermediate grade, have excellent picture charts illustrating the same. Most of the schools are well supplied with wall maps, though about a dozen more could be made good use of. The language charts

have proved of great service and should be placed in all the schools of all grades below the High School; about six more are *needed*. Historical and geographical cards have been purchased from the above amount and a few books of reference have been placed in the schools. A school library should be placed in every school. The value of a well selected library cannot be overestimated, and the cost is not very great.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Last year I said in my report, "If we are always to spend over \$500 for books, would it not be well to appropriate more than \$350 to meet these expenses?" But with the need just as great as ever the appropriation was cut down to \$300. Of course, I have over-run it again;—there was nothing else to do. I have spent in all for books and transportation charges, \$598.58; for the High School, \$170.11, purchasing 225 books at an average of about 75½ cents each; for the common schools, \$428.47, purchasing 1,720 books at an average of 24½ cents each. Last year the average cost of 206 High School books was 78.5 cents; and of 1,359 common school books, was 38 cents. The great decrease in price of common school books has been due in part to our buying a larger proportion of inexpensive books—spelling books cost less than large geographies; but the principal reason has been the fierce competition between publishers on account of the new free text-book law, which has induced them to cut rates in a way never before known. Never again will school books be as cheap as they have been this year. I have therefore bought largely of the kinds most needed, and have made more changes in books than would otherwise have been advisable. But the city must not expect to purchase its books another year, even if fewer are needed, for the same amount as this year. \$500 will be the least appropriation that should be made for school books, and, in my judgment, \$700 will be required if certain desirable changes are made.

The following is a list of the books now in use, with dates of introduction and contracts:

Date of Contract. Introductio	COMMON SCHOOL BOOKS.	Time of Expiration of Contract.
1884?	Barnes' Readers, 1, 2, 3, 4.	Expired.
1884?	Harper's Introductory Geography,	"
1888	Harper's School Geography,	Aug. 17, 1893.
1885	Blaisdell's Our Bodies and How We Live	Readopted '90.
1890	Blaisdell's How to Keep Well,	May 27, 1895.
1886	White's Arithmetics, primary, elementary, complete,	March 20, '91.
1890	New Franklin Readers, 1, 2, 3, 4,	No contract.
1890	Metcalf's Spelling and Language Book,	May 27, 1895.
1890	Hydes' Language Lessons, two books,	June 11, 1895.
1890	Eggleston's School History,	Sept. 5, 1895.
1889	Meservey's Single Entry Book-keeping,	No contract.

SUPPLEMENTARY READERS.

1889	Aesop's Fables,	No contract.
"	Swiss Family Robinson,	"
"	Lady of the Lake,	"
"	Tales of a Grandfather,	"
"	Tom Brown at Rugby,	"

HIGH SCHOOL BOOKS.

1883?	Steele's Zoology (Revised,)	No contract.
1884?	Greenleaf's Algebra,	"
1889	Collar & Daniell's Latin Book,	June 10, 1894.
"	Lockwood's English Lessons,	"
"	Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar,	"
"	Montgomery's English History,	"
"	Montgomery's French History,	"
"	Goodwin's Greek Grammar,	"
"	White's Greek Lessons,	"
"	Cooley's New Chemistry,	No contract.
"	Gray's School and Field Botany, Revised	"
"	Shaw's English Literature, Revised,	"
"	Le Conte's Compend. of Geology,	"
1890	Gage's Elements of Physics,	July 14, 1895.
"	Wentworth's Plain and Solid Geometry,	"
"	Allen & Greenough's Cæsar,	"
"	Young's Government Class Book,	No contract.
"	Edgren's French Grammar,	"
"	Worman's First French Book,	"
"	Sheldon's Greek and Roman History,	Oct. 10, 1895.

I believe that few, if any, schools can show a list of better text books than this. As your agent, I have endeavored to get the very best that are published, and competent authorities have declared that most of these text books stand as high as any now in the market. White's Arithmetics are not giving the best satisfaction and a change should be made the coming year. After the examination of many, I believe either Wentworth's or the revised Greenleaf's would be better. The smaller Harper's Geography is too hard, and there are now better ones. With the large number of old books on hand for exchange, a new geography could be introduced at small expense. Although excellent books, the Barnes' Readers could likewise be profitably exchanged, because they have been in use so long. It would prove to be good economy of the time of both teacher and scholars (and so of money) instead of dropping this series and using only the New Franklin, to adopt another series in place of it and use both. Too much reading matter can scarcely be provided; the more that is given, the greater will be the progress of the pupil, other things being equal.

In explanation of the large number of changes in books the past two years, I may say that in the first place, we were entirely behind the times; second, that books have been so cheap as to make the change profitable; and thirdly, that the change of course in the High School left no other alternative open there than to provide what was needed.

I would again urge the desirability of the city's furnishing all pupils with writing-books, pens, pencils, ink, paper, and all needed supplies. All the most progressive places are now doing this, and the cost is much less, while all are sure of being supplied.

RANK.

The ninety per cent, system in use the last year has worked fairly well. It is better than the old way, but still it taxes the teacher too much. Ranking is mischievous in its influence, and if we could agree to get along without it, we should be better off.

GYMNASTICS.

A number of the teachers have had regular gymnastic work this year, as was recommended in the last report. I should have made the work uniform and compulsory if the teachers had not all they could do without it.

TEACHERS.

We have been well served this year. I have been entirely satisfied with the kind of instruction and the kind of instructors in the schools, and no one is likely to be more critical than myself. We have had fewer changes than usual, only four in all, which is another great gain. I have done what I could to lighten the burden, but still I have to report to you that our teachers are overworked. We are getting the unenviable reputation of overworking and under-paying our teachers, and I have been obliged to admit the truth of the accusation. Our best teachers could earn from fifty to one hundred per cent more wages by going elsewhere, and it has been a constant surprise to me that more of them have not left on this account. I know something of the value which teachers' agencies place on the services of some of them, something also of the offers which some of them have received, ranging from thirty-five to eighty-five per cent more than their present salaries, and I believe the time will come when you will either have to pay what is paid elsewhere, or be content with poorer services.

At the beginning of the year an assistant was provided to teach half a day in each of the town grammar schools, and next year another should be supplied, so that each school may have its own assistant. It is useless to think of economizing here, no teacher can do the work unaided to her own satisfaction, unless she is content to do less than ought to be done. Besides this assistant who is so much needed, as a suggestion to be considered, I would mention the desirability of employing some suitable lady as a special teacher of singing, penmanship, gymnastics, and perhaps also drawing. All these branches should be taught in schools, and by combining them under one person's charge, they could be taught more cheaply and efficiently than

any other way. Such a teacher could go from school to school, visiting all ten of the graded schools in the course of a week. The cost would probably be not far from \$350 a year, but as we pay \$100 a year for teaching penmanship in six schools at one lesson a week, it seems that by such an arrangement as this we could not only get a great deal more for the money, but get what would prove of great advantage to the schools.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School has been very large this year, partly owing it is believed, to the new course of study, which has worked very successfully. Although not wishing to make special mention of teachers, I can assure you that all the High School teachers this year have secured from their classes a grade of work far superior to that in most high schools. Scholars themselves and thoroughly trained, they have been able to secure thorough and scholarly work. That in the languages has been excellent, and that in science deserves special commendation, not because it has been better taught than other branches here, but because it commonly is so ill taught in high schools. Experimental laboratory work has been carried on in chemistry and physics, and dissections have been conducted by the class in zoology. In chemistry the class has gone far beyond the requirement, and even done some work in organic chemistry, which usually is taught only in advanced college classes. In zoology, ordinarily the worst taught study in any school, admirable work has been done. This year Sheldon's Greek and Roman History, based on the seminary method of study used in German Universities, has been used with the best results. There is no possibility under this method of merely memorizing long lists of dates and names; it is necessary to understand the subject together with something of the art, science, architecture and life of the times. It requires a live teacher but it make live, thinking scholars.

The reading classes have bought and read the following books:—Sprague's six selections from Irving, Lonnfellow's Miles

Standish and Evangeline, Hawthorne's Tanglewood Tales, Scott's Lady of the Lake and Guy Mannering, Longfellow's Golden Legend, Tennyson's Idylls of the King, Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice and Hamlet, Dicken's Tale of Two Cities, Emerson's Essays. The value of such reading fully justifies the attention paid to it. It should be carefully and systematically kept up in the years to come.

Next year as we get farther along in the new course some additional books will be needed, especially French and Latin dictionaries for the scholars in those languages. The chemical closets will need to be replenished, and as recommended last year, a small but permanent appropriation should be made for this. The school library ought also to be largely increased. The scholars use it a great deal, small as it is, but it would be of much greater value if it contained more works on history, natural history and literature.

But there will be another need even greater. I may state confidently that Miss Abbot will not, on any account, return in the fall. I doubt if a man of the same scholarship, experience, and ability, could be found to fill her place for less than \$1,000. As no one will want to see the school deteriorate, forewarning should make us consider in season what must be done.

We have now a High School, which, if kept up to its present standard, will rank with any in the State in the quality and thoroughness of its teaching and the opportunities offered for preparation for college or work. No one who knows it can fail to be proud of it. The maintenance of its character and quality must rest with others, but we may be confident of its continuance as a Classical High School; for aside from the passage in the City Charter regarding it, even if influences adverse should rise to overthrow it, the contracts with the school book publishers would ensure its being continued on the present course for at least five years longer.

FINANCES.

The appropriations for 1890-91 were:

Common schools,	\$3,200 00	
High school,	1,000 00	
Free text books,	300 00	
	—————	\$4,500 00

This is \$150 less than the estimate which I gave last year as being the least on which I could run the schools successfully. Yet many have thought that we had been very liberal to the schools this year because we had appropriated \$350 more than the year before. Let me show just how liberal we have been. Last year we raised \$4,150 for 688 scholars (the largest number registered in one term) or \$6.03 per pupil. This year we raised \$4,500, but our pupils had increased to 747, making the average per pupil, \$6.02. This isn't the kind of liberality that allows large increase in the amount done for the schools. Nevertheless, I have given them more school books and more school apparatus than they ever had before, and two extra teachers; (for what was saved from the Lambert school has been largely devoted to those scholars and the school which they now attend). But in order to do this I have been able to give only thirty weeks school instead of thirty-two as last year. We ought to have thirty-four weeks in the school year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Received from State,	250 00	
Balance from last year,	25 18	
Tuition paid,	12 75	
Books sold,	18 63	
	—————	\$1,306 56

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages,	\$996 00
School books,	170 11

School library,	32 85	
Printing diplomas,	18 25	
Graduation expenses,	4 15	
	<hr/>	\$1,226 36
For agent's expenses.		<hr/> \$85 20

COMMON SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation by city,	\$3,500 00	
Mill tax from State,	2,042 11	
School fund,	58 16	
Tuition,	21 35	
Damages to school houses,	2 96	
Books sold,	2 11	
	<hr/>	\$5,626 69

EXPENDITURES.

Teacher's wages,	\$3,847 00	
School books,	428 47	
Apparatus,	226 81	
Horse hire,	12 25	
Postage, trucking, telegraphing,	16 76	
Temporary supplies,	51 41	
	<hr/>	\$4,582 70
For agent's expenses,		<hr/> \$1,043 99

It is not possible for me to draw a balance because not only am I unacquainted with Mr. Hall's expenses, but the municipal year and the school year being slightly different, I cannot carry forward the auditor's balance from last year. That account necessarily included bills left over from the year before, and this year's will have others left unpaid last year. My statement, both last year and this, includes all bills, whether paid or unpaid, from the time of opening the spring schools to the close of the winter schools. At present there are no outstanding bills except two very small one—one for chemicals at B. B. Merrill's and one for school supplies at D. Bugbee & Co's.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION.

Again I would urge the necessity of procuring competent and professional supervision. In no other way can the needed improvements be made. Yearly these schools are growing larger; new problems relating to their management are constantly arising. It is not enough to take turns at running them, one man this year, another next. Get a good man and keep him whatever the expense, and the results will prove the wisdom of the course.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For next year: 1, school libraries; 2, another Grammar school assistant; 3, free school supplies; 4, physical training; 5, better wages paid teachers; 6, provision for change in High School instructors.

The following is my least estimate for appropriations:

Common schools,	\$3,600 00	
High school,	1,400 00	
Free text books,	500 00	
High school apparatus,	50 00	
	—————	\$5,550 00

If free school supplies are furnished in part, \$150 should be added.

CONCLUSION.

It will be said that these estimates are too large; that so much money ought not to be devoted to the schools. This is for you to decide. I could not run them to your satisfaction on less, and it is principally because I have had no hope seeing as much money raised as will be needed, that I am not a candidate this year for the supervisorship. I have made all the improvements that I could make for you without a considerable increase in the amount of money raised; and it is time for me to withdraw. I leave the work not without regret, for much of it has been pleasant and so much remains undone; but with great relief, because this past year I have been making bricks without straw, seeing so much to be done and unable from lack of means to do it. May the one who succeeds me, care no less for your interests, but be better able to satisfy your wants.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE P. HARDY, *Supervisor of Schools.*

TABLE OF WAGES OF TEACHERS, AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE, ETC.

Grade.	Name of Teacher and School taught.	Wages, Spring Term.			Wages, Fall Term.			Wages, Winter Term.		
		Term, \$ 200	Total Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Term, \$ 200	Total Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Term, \$ 200	Total Attendance.	Average Attendance.
HIGH SCHOOL.	Ella C. Abbot, Prin.	Week	43 39	.90	Week	58 52	.90	Week	56 49	.90
		Term, \$ 200	43 39	.90	Term, \$ 200	58 52	.90	Term, \$ 200	56 49	.90
EXCELSIOR.	Helen M. Higgins, BRIMER:	Week	54 51	.94	Week	53 48	.90	Week	50 46	.92
	Lillian MacConville, SOUTH BREWER:	Week	47 41	.87	Week	53 46	.87	Week	50 42	.84
GRAMMAR.	Inez C. Pickard,	Week	27 22	.81	Week	40 30	.75	Week	35 30	.86
		Term, \$ 200	27 22	.81	Term, \$ 200	40 30	.75	Term, \$ 200	35 30	.86
INTERMEDIATE.	Margaret Higgins, BRIMER:	Week	48 44	.92	Week	44 39	.88	Week	46 42	.91
	Elizabeth P. Shaw, Eva R. Mundy,	Week	41 37	.90	Week	56 49	.87	Week	56 48	.86
EXCELSIOR.	Maude W. Brewer,	Week	47 39	.83	Week	38 34	.80	Week	35 31	.88
		Term, \$ 200	47 39	.83	Term, \$ 200	38 34	.80	Term, \$ 200	35 31	.88
PRIMARY.	Mrs. Ella H. Bolton, PAGE:	Week	73 68	.93	Week	66 59	.90	Week	63 56	.89
	Mrs. Mary G. Birker, BRIMER:	Week	75 63	.84	Week	76 66	.87	Week	65 58	.90
SOUTH BREWER.	Eva R. Mundy, Mabel E. Kent,	Week	84 67	.80	Week	67 56	.84	Week	60 54	.90
	Annie L. Nickerson, Susie M. Hart,	Week	103 86	.86	Week	97 73	.75	Week	74 56	.76
LIBERTY.	Mary F. Conroy, MILL DAM:	Week	41 34	.83	Week	41 37	.90	Week	43 40	.93
	Caro P. Swett, Jennie L. Farrington,	Week	18 15	.83	Week	20 17	.85	Week	16 15	.92
WHITING HILL.	Adlie L. Emerson, KINGSBURY:	Week	19 17	.89	Week	16 14	.90	Week	16 15	.94
	Mabel E. Kent, Louise A. Wilson,	Week	20 15	.75	Week	22 19	.86	Week	23 18	.78

Ungraded.

ASSISTANTS.

High School.—Miss Harriet O. Milliken, Spring and Fall, \$11 per week. Lora E. Guild, part of Fall and Winter, \$11 per week.

Grammar Schools.—Frances R. Upton, \$7 per week.

South Brewer Primary.—Selina Morrell, \$4 per week.

Liberty, ungraded.—Nettie M. Howard, \$4, Spring; \$5, Fall and Winter.

Penmanship.—K. J. Knowlton, \$100 per year.

Miss Fanny E. Lord, Alice Gilman and Maude Merrill, have acted as substitutes for longer or shorter times.

Spring term, 10 weeks; Fall term, 12 weeks; Winter term, 8 weeks, or common school year of 30 weeks. High School, 36 weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

SPRING	WINT.	FALL.	College.	{	Latin, Algebra, Lessons in English and Reading.
			Literary.	{	Latin, Zoology, " " "
			Scientific.	{	Algebra, Zoology, " " "
SPRING	WINT.	FALL.	College.	{	Latin, Algebra, Grecian History and Reading.
			Literary.	{	Latin, Zoology, " " "
			Scientific.	{	Algebra, Zoology, " " "
SPRING	WINT.	FALL.	College.	{	Latin, Algebra, Roman History and Reading.
			Literary.	{	Latin, Botany, " " "
			Scientific.	{	Algebra, Botany, " " "

SECOND YEAR.

SPRING	WINT.	FALL.	College.	{	Latin, (Cæsar.) Geometry, English History and Reading.
			Literary.	{	Latin, (Cæsar.) Geology, English History and Reading.
			Scientific.	{	Geometry, Geology, English History and Reading.
SPRING	WINT.	FALL.	College.	{	Latin (Cæsar.) Geometry, English History and Reading.
			Literary.	{	Latin (Cæsar.) Geology, English History and Reading.
			Scientific.	{	Geometry, Geology, English History and Reading.
SPRING	WINT.	FALL.	College.	{	Latin (Cæsar.) Geometry, French History and Reading.
			Literary.	{	Latin, (Cæsar.) Geology, French History and Reading.
			Scientific.	{	Geometry, Mineralogy, French History and Reading.

THIRD YEAR.

SPRING	WINT.	FALL.	College.	{	Latin (Cicero,) Greek, Rhetoric and Reading.
			Literary.	{	Latin, (Cicero,) French, Rhetoric and Reading.
			Scientific.	{	French, Chemistry, Rhetoric and Reading
SPRING	WINT.	FALL.	College.	{	Latin (Cicero,) Greek, Rhetoric and Reading.
			Literary.	{	Latin (Cicero,) French, Rhetoric and Reading.
			Scientific.	{	French, Chemistry, Rhetoric and Reading.
SPRING	WINT.	FALL.	College.	{	Latin, (Cicero) Greek, Civil Government and Reading.
			Literary.	{	Latin, (Cicero,) French, Civil Government and Reading.
			Scientific.	{	French, Arithmetic, Civil Government and Reading.

FOURTH YEAR.

FALL.	College.	Latin (Virgil,) Greek, English Literature and Reading.
	Literary	Latin, (Virgil,) French, English Literature and Reading.
	Scientific.	French, Physics, English Literature and Reading.
WINTER.	College.	Latin (Virgil,) Greek, English Literature and Reading.
	Literary.	Latin, (Virgil,) French, English Literature and Reading.
	Scientific.	French, Physics, English Literature and Reading.
SPRING.	College.	Latin (Horace,) Greek, American Literature and Reading.
	Literary.	Latin, (Horace,) French, American Literature and Reading.
	Scientific.	French, Physics, American Literature and Reading.

PRIMARY.

FIRST GRADE.

Reading.—"First Weeks at school," First Readers, Barnes' & New Franklin.

Spelling.—Lessons in reader and easy words. Special attention to vowel sounds.

Writing.—Slate work, letters and figures.

Number.—Counting to 50, simple combinations by numeral frame.

Language.—Use of periods and question marks, capitals I and O, capitals at beginning of sentences and names of persons. Conversation on reading lessons, requiring answers in complete sentences.

SECOND GRADE.

Reading.—Second Readers, Barnes & New Franklin; Third Reader if more work is needed. Long and short vowels and their marks.

Spelling.—Lessons in reader.

Writing.—First grade work continued. Tracing in copy book with pencil twice a week. Daily exercises in writing words and sentences.

Number.—Elementary Arithmetic, thorough drill in addition and subtraction; mental work from Wentworth's Primary;

notation and numeration to 10,000. It is recommended that addition and subtraction be taught together.

Observation Lessons.—Talks about plants and physiology.

Language.—Language Lessons from readers and charts. Drill on use of periods, question marks, exclamation point, capitals.

THIRD GRADE.

Reading.—Third Readers and Æsop's Fables.

Spelling.—From reading lessons.

Writing.—Copy-book (with pencil); drill on position at desk.

Observation Lessons.—Talks on birds and animals; oral instruction in physiology.

Language.—Readers and charts; letter writing; stories from pictures; second grade work in punctuation, adding the apostrophe and comma.

Number.—Review; thorough drill in multiplication and division. It is recommended that long division be taught *first*, using of course only one number in division. Notation and numeration to 1,000,000.

Geography.—Elementary Geography, amount covered determined by text book used.

INTERMEDIATE.

FOURTH GRADE.

Reading.—Supplementary of Third Reader grade or higher. Sounds of *a* and diacritical marks.

Spelling.—Metcalf's Language and Spelling Book.

Writing.—Copy-book (with ink); drill on position of hand and movements; written spelling lessons and language work.

Geography.—Elementary geography.

Arithmetic.—Review of four fundamental processes with thorough drill on long division; United States money, treating fractions of a cent as mills; cancellation: mental work.

Language.—Letter writing; reproduction of stories, oral and written; original stories and themes from pictures or sug-

gestions. Uses of remaining marks of punctuation. Lessons from the beginning of Hyde's Language Book, Part I.

FIFTH GRADE.

Reading.—Fourth Readers. Remaining vowel sounds.

Spelling.—Metcalf's Spelling and Language Book; and in all grades above.

Writing.—Copy Book; and in all grades above.

Geography.—Finish elementary book, unless Butler's should be used which would require another year.

Arithmetic.—Review U. S. money; take simple bills and accounts; decimals omitting reductions involving common fractions; easy work on metric system; tables and simple work in denominate numbers. The weights and measures of the metric system should be furnished the schools, so as to give a clear idea of their mass and capacity.

Language.—Hyde's Language Book, I, and work based upon it.

SIXTH GRADE.

Reading.—Fourth Readers and Swiss Family Robinson. Diphthongs, equivalent vowels, consonant sounds.

Geography.—Harper's School Geography, if Butler's is not adopted as the lower book, to British America.

Arithmetic.—Complete Arithmetic. Review decimals; take denominate numbers, tables and reductions, not demanding common fractions; factors, multiples, divisors.

Language.—Continuation of work of preceeding year, with or without text book. Practice in writing from dictation.

Physiology.—Blaisdell's How to Keep Well.

GRAMMAR.

SEVENTH GRADE.

Reading.—"Tom Brown at Rugby."

Geography.—Harper's School Geography.

Arithmetic.—Common fractions and all the reductions of denominate numbers; compound numbers and measurements.

Language.—Hyde's Language Book II, with exercises based on suggestions in it.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Reading.—"Tales of a Grandfather."

Geography.—Finish text book. Topical work from books of travel is proposed, if school libraries are provided.

Language.—Finish Hyde Language Book II.

History.—Eggleston's United States History.

Arithmetic.—Interest to stock investments; percentage and its applications. The most difficult work in interest may be left until percentage has been taken and then studied on the review.

NINTH GRADE.

Reading.—"Lady of the Lake."

Arithmetic.—Finish and review, five lessons a week the first term, three a week second and third terms.

Book-keeping.—Meservey's Single Entry, two lessons a week second and third terms.

History.—Eggleston's United States, finish and review in Fall term.

Physiology.—Blaisdell's "Our Bodies," second and third terms.

Grammar.—Finish Hyde's Lessons, if not already finished; takes extra work in analysis. A book treating of grammar and composition could be profitably used for this year's work.

Report of the School Agent.

To the City Council:

Having been elected to the honorable position of School Agent at the last annual meeting of your honorable body, I have tried to fill that office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The school buildings are not all in good repairs at present, but having been obliged from necessity to make some needed repairs on Nos. 4 and 7, at quite an expense, the others have been left undone. The furnaces at Nos. 4 and 7 were in poor condition for heating purposes, better adapted to smoking hams. On considering the matter over carefully, I had the old ones repaired, also put in an extra furnace for the benefit of the upper school rooms, and by so doing have been able to keep the rooms comfortably heated. Also at No. 9 Holly water had already been put in and by the thoughtful action of Alderman Stone at a regular meeting in the early Fall, a vote was passed to have a change made in the sanitary department of that building, and now those two buildings have been improved by putting in first class sanitary accommodations sufficient for the wants of all the schools in both buildings, now numbering four schools.

Another seeming want was a new fence on the line of the so called Sargent lot of land adjoining; that was built and other needed repairs.

Having looked over the bills now in the hands of our esteemed Treasurer, I give below an estimate of the amount expended for repairs on school buildings:

No. 1	\$ 10 00	
“ 2	18 00	
“ 3	25 00	
“ 4	160 00	
“ 5	20 00	
“ 6	35 00	
“ 7 and 8	390 00	
“ 9	5 00	
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Respectfully submitted,

S. A. HALL, School Agent.

BREWER, Feb. 16, 1891.