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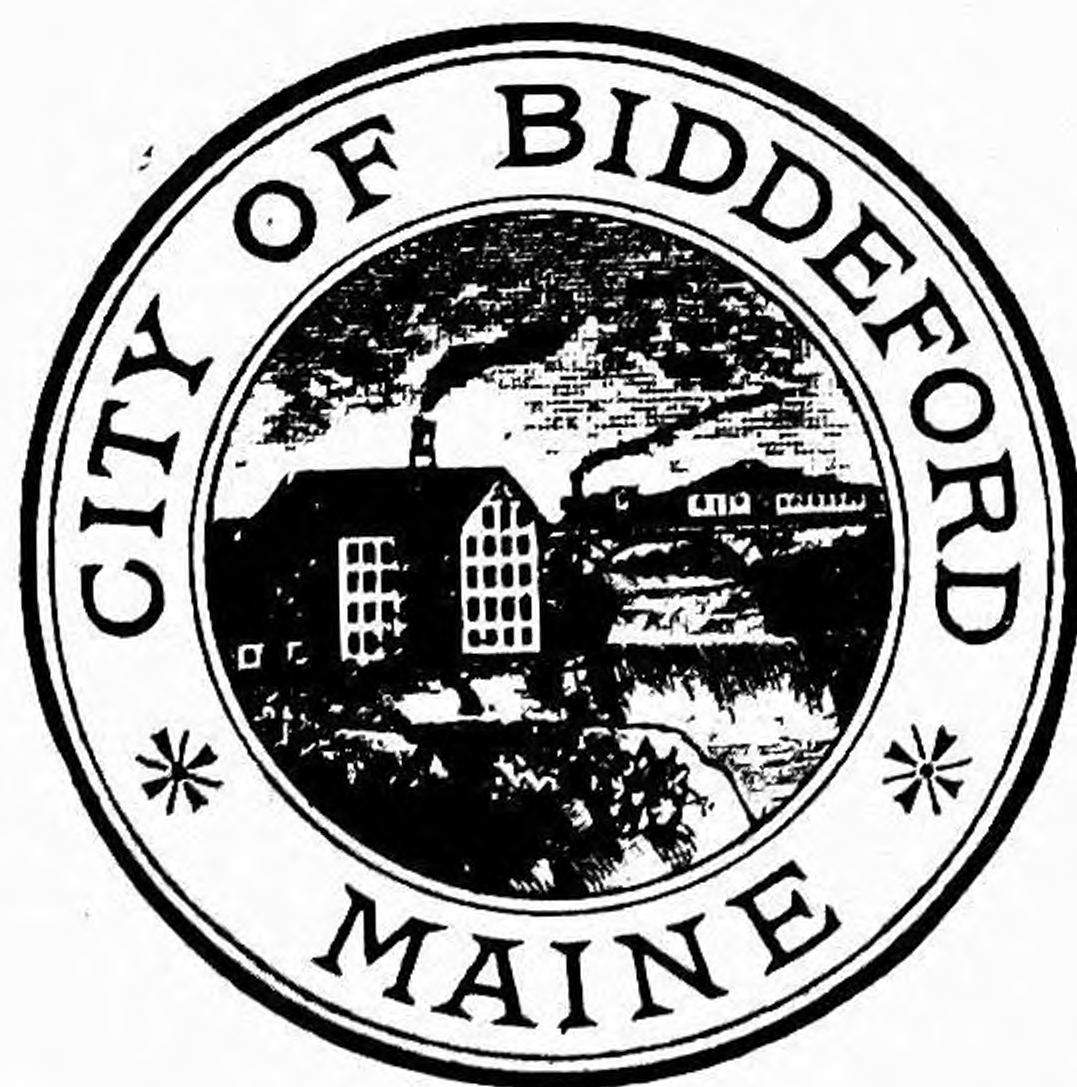
ANNUAL REPORT  
CITY OF BIDDEFORD

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 1927

AND ENDING JANUARY 31, 1928

TOGETHER WITH THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS



*BIDDEFORD, MAINE*  
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**MAYOR GEORGE C. PRECOURT**

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## Mayor's Address

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Gentlemen of the City Council:

You are called together today to organize the municipal government for the year 1927-28, having been selected by a majority of the citizens at the polls on March 14.

I would request you at the outset to put aside the idea that you represent any political or racial group. The business of administering the municipal affairs must be considered "big business," and its success or failure depends wholly upon the fact whether petty partisanship or the welfare of the entire citizenship is to be your guide. If the former, then we will be unfaithful to the trust that has been imposed upon us; if the latter, we can rest assured that we will have given the best that is in us, and will give us individual satisfaction as citizens and merit the approbation of the citizenship at large.

We must realize that the demands upon the public funds for this or that improvement will be great and many, and these must be considered without fear or favor, with one idea solely in mind, and that being, will our finances be equal to the task?

I will dwell with you a moment on the different departments and will refer to them in a general way, as time will not permit my going into detail on each one.

During the year just passed our financial system has had a complete overhauling under the direction of Ansel W. Reeves of the state auditor's office. Investigation in this line, for some years prior to our taking office, showed some irregularities, and these were presented to the proper authorities. For a detailed report

of these activities, I would refer you to the city clerk's department.

A complete statement of the exact financial condition will be found in the report of the city treasurer for the last year.

The department of streets and sewers will have the same careful attention this year that characterized that department last year, and if possible permanent improvements will be made, but consistent only with our ability to pay.

During the year we have added to the fire department an Ahrens-Fox 75-foot aerial ladder truck, with a portable fire escape, a water tower and equipment. Some criticism has been made because of this purchase, but if one life may be saved through this apparatus, it will have merited the expenditure, regardless of its usefulness in saving property.

The valuation of property on fire last year was approximately one-half million dollars, while the actual loss was \$30,000.

We should take a great deal of pride in our present fire department when we realize that the per capita loss in the United States was \$5.17, while in Biddeford for the last fiscal year it was \$1.92.

The pauper department is a vital one in our affairs and during the year much pruning has been done in this department, as we found some receiving assistance that could get along without it and these have been dropped and more worthy cases given relief. The Homestead has been efficiently conducted under the direction of Mr. Bergeron. And my wife has been of valuable assistance in each branch of this department by her close scrutiny of all claims and her humane treatment of those found worthy.

The police and school departments are in the hands of commissions and while we appropriate the necessary money they have the disbursing of it and we should, at

all times, consider the welfare and protection of our people and their property through the police department, and the building of better men and women from our school children, and give the most careful consideration to the appropriations for these departments.

I fully appreciate that at this time it is customary to recommend a particular programme for each department. This I have refrained from doing for the reason that the strictest economy must prevail. The needs of Biddeford are numerous and I cannot advocate anything that would have a tendency to increase the burden now upon the taxpayers of our city. It is relief for them that shall receive my earnest attention, and you, gentlemen of the city council, should bear this important matter in mind.

There is one matter that should be given attention, but that is the function of the assessing department rather than the city council, and that is the inequality of valuation in our city. We do not receive enough revenue to maintain our departments in a proper manner, and, if there are any parcels of property escaping their just burden to the detriment of the others, then it becomes our duty, in justice to all our people, to hastily remedy this defect.

In conclusion let me say that you cannot secure good government by platitudes as to its necessity. You must first know the things required and then bend your efforts to put them in practice. A certain spirit and temper has to be strived for and this can be attained by an intelligent and unprejudiced interest in public affairs. What should be the creation of new ideas is the tyrant of it and reckless accusations of party disloyalty are made against the man or group of men who think for themselves. Loyalty to party is a quality that has much to recommend it. We may or may not agree with this or the other action of the party we represent. But if we allow our desire, for fear of being branded as a de-

serter, to silence our speech of protest when things that are morally wrong are being countenanced, then we abdicate from those broad principles that are the bulwark of our form of government.

# City Government

## Mayor

GEORGE C. PRECOURT

## City Clerk

Alfred Lantagne

## Deputy Clerk

Mollie B. Welch

## Aldermen

Ward 1—Harry A. Legallee

Ward 2—Liniere Doyon

Ward 3—Joseph E. Neault

Ward 4—Amedee Hamel

Ward 5—Harry W. Foley

Ward 6—Gedeon Bertrand

Ward 7—John J. O'Sullivan

## Common Councilmen

President—Alexis Bissaillon

Ward 1—Cyrille Derouin

John E. Wildes

Frank Gross

Ward 2—Augustin Greenwood

Henry A. Palardy

Aurore LaBranche

Ward 3—George Butler

Alexis Bissaillon

Edgar E. Martel

Ward 4—Fred S. Doyle

Ralph Duchesne

Andre Poissant

Ward 5—George W. Mitchell

Albert Chretien

Omer J. Poulin

Ward 6—Albert Robida

Walter H. Brown

Edmond Duchesne

Ward 7—Ralph E. Hight

Jean B. Beauchemin

Robert E. Murphy

Clerk of Common Council—Antoine Petit



**Wardens**

Ward 1—Charles A. Smith

Ward 2—Henry DeHetre

Ward 3—Frank M. Small

Ward 4—Eva M. Smith

Ward 5—Philippe Romeo

Ward 6—Jeremiah Buckley

Ward 7—Alphonse E. Renouf

**Ward Clerks**

Ward 1—Ernest Wormwood

Ward 2—Ernest E. Belanger

Ward 3—Theode Z. Langevin

Ward 4—Victor U. Broadhvest

Ward 5—Philippe Poirier

Ward 6—Ralph Beaudoin

Ward 7—Alphonse J. Petrin

**City Treasurer**

Arthur F. Maxwell

**Tax Collector**

Jennie Cantara Nadeau

**City Solicitor**

Henry C. Hamel

**City Physician**

George Levesque

**City Auditor**

Fred F. Beauregard

**Judge of the Municipal Court of Biddeford**

Fillmore P. Harris

**Recorder of Municipal Court**

Guy Durgin

**Chief of Police**

Ernest H. Robbins

**Chief Engineer of Fire Department**

Eugene T. Ricker

**First Assistant Engineer**

Frank Cantara

**Second Assistant Engineer**

John T. Garside

**Engineer City Building**

Arthur Grondin (day)

Ernest W. Doyle (night)

**Board of Registration**

Chairman, Ernest Petit

Charles T. Read

Ray A. Burleigh

**Assessors**

William A. Cosgrove

Joseph P. Gendron

Carl W. Richards

**Chief Assessor**

Carl W. Richards

**Assistant Assessors**

Ward 1—Frank Robbins

Ward 2—Oscar Caouette

Ward 3—Calixte Lambert

Ward 4—Adelard Poissant

Ward 5—Kerwin Twomey

Ward 6—Leon Dansereau

Ward 7—Theodore Kearney

**Health Officer**

John W. Mahoney

**Overseer of Poor**

Henry D. Lemire

**Superintendent City Homestead**

Noe Bergeron

**Inspector of Buildings**

William Pinette

**Superintendent of Burials**

Frederick H. Rumery

**Superintendent of Schools**

Chester A. Weed

**Superintending School Committee**

Chairman, Dr. George C. Precourt

Mrs. Maud C. Kendall                      Thomas Walker

Edward Reny                                      Andre Painchaud

**Park Commissioners**

William E. Shaw

Christopher Prescott

Herve H. Nadeau

**Trustees Woolawn Cemetery**

Dr. G. C. Precourt

Frank Nield

**Truant Officer**

Will Stone

**Police Commissioners**

Dr. David E. Dolloff

George Beauchemin

Theode Sevigny, deceased Nov. 11, 1927.

Joseph Cormier, elected to fill the unexpired term.

**City Weighers**

John Murphy

Mark Gordon

Edgar Small

Sidney A. Staples

Howard Small

Rose Gregoire

Augustin Greenwood

Alice L. Janson

Eddie Casper

Alfred L'Heureux

James Rankin

Denis Dineen

Isabelle A. Benson

Irene M. Laplume

Elliott R. Smith

**Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark**

Alberic Simard  
 Frank Precourt  
 Alfred Sicard  
 Charles Tibbetts  
 Joseph St. Ours

Frank Dennis  
 Fillmore Hooper  
 Henry Knight  
 William Smith  
 Fred Smith

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

Alfred Blouin

**Road Commissioners in Outlying Districts**

Pool Road District—Orin Edwards.  
 Pool District—George Orcutt.  
 Oak Ridge—George M. Robbins.  
 Fortunes Rocks—Roy Emmons.  
 Newtown Road—Samuel Hurst.  
 Ward 7, North—Wilfrid P. Hebert.  
 Ward 7, West—William Deasey.  
 Ward 7, East—Arthur Brunelle.  
 Hollis Road Dist.—J. Edwin Roberts.  
 Mountain Road Dist.—Alfred Belanger.

**Milk Inspector**

Arthur Simard, Jr.

**Electrical Inspector**

Leslie L. Dearborn

**Inspector of Plumbing**

George Garnache

## Standing Committees

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ELECTION RETURNS—Aldermen Doyon, Legallee and Hamel.

ENROLLED BILLS—Aldermen Neault, Foley and Bertrand.

LICENSES—Aldermen Doyon, Neault and O'Sullivan.

## Joint Standing Committees

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1927—28

FINANCE—The Mayor, Alderman Neault, Councilmen LaBranche, Doyle and Poulin.

ACCOUNTS—Alderman Doyon, Councilmen Butler and Bissaillon.

PUBLIC PROPERTY—The Mayor, Alderman Hamel, Councilmen Chretien, Palardy and Martel.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND LIBRARY—The Mayor, Alderman Legallee, Councilmen R. Duchesne and Brown.

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

PRINTING—Alderman O'Sullivan, Councilmen Robida, Ed. Duchesne and Poissant.

POOR DEPARTMENT—Aldermen Bertrand and Hamel, Councilmen Wildes and Drouin.

ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Alderman O'Sullivan, Councilmen Hight and Poulin.

STREET DEPARTMENT—The Mayor, Aldermen Doyon, O'Sullivan and Hamel, Councilmen Beauchemin, Doyle and Greenwood.

## General Expense

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### FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
1—	Dr. A. J. Stimpson, reporting one birth	.25
2—	Rev. A. E. Scott, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
3—	Rev. J. X. Martin, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
4—	Rev. P. M. Pajoir, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
5—	Rev. Jos. Kalen, reporting one marriage	.25
6—	J. W. Vallentyne, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
7—	J. Harrison Thompson, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
8—	Rev. R. Sloggett, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
9—	Willis M. Davis, reporting one marriage	.25
10—	Rev. G. E. Kneeland, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
11—	J. H. Roberts, reporting one marriage.	.25
12—	W. Warren Harmon, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
13—	H. Economakos, reporting one marriage	.25
14—	Rev. W. J. Fitzpatrick, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
15—	James H. Carns, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
16—	Howard A. Mitchell, Dr. reporting one death . . . . .	.25
17—	Dr. Fred P. Webster, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
18—	Dr. S. A. Cobb, reporting one death . .	.25

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
19—	A. Lantagne, reporting one death, by order of W. I. Dennett, patient had no doctor . . . . .	.25
20—	Dr. B. M. Moulton, reporting one death . . . . .	.25
21—	Dr. Wm. Maybury, reporting one birth and one death . . . . .	.50
22—	Rev. Felix Martin, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
23—	Rev. Edwin Williams, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
24—	Henry Hamel, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
25—	Fillmore P. Harris, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
26—	Clarence B. Rumery, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
27—	Rabbi Moses Shohet, reporting two marriages . . . . .	.50
28—	Dr. C. E. Thompson, reporting two births, and one death . . . . .	.75
29—	Rev. R. G. Schell, reporting three marriages . . . . .	.75
30—	Dr. L. E. Willard, reporting births and deaths . . . . .	1.00
31—	Rev. Edouard Nadeau, reporting four marriages . . . . .	1.00
32—	Dr. W. Bolduc, reporting two births and two deaths . . . . .	1.00
33—	Rev. Z. B. Decary, reporting five marriages . . . . .	1.25
34—	Rev. Leon E. Grubaugh, reporting five marriages . . . . .	1.25
35—	Dr. R. L. Maybury, reporting births and deaths . . . . .	1.50
36—	Dr. J. D. Haley, reporting two births and four deaths . . . . .	1.50

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
37—	Dr. G. R. Love, reporting six births and two deaths . . . . .	2.00
38—	Rev. S. J. Willis, reporting eight marriages	2.00
39—	Rev. Royal Brown, reporting eight marriages . . . . .	2.00
40—	Rev. M. F. Drain, reporting eight marriages . . . . .	2.00
41—	Rev. T. J. Mahoney, reporting nine marriages . . . . .	2.25
42—	Dr. C. F. Traynor, reporting ten deaths	2.50
43—	Dr. F. E. Small, reporting four births and six deaths . . . . .	2.50
44—	Dr. A. D'Arche, reporting deaths and births . . . . .	3.25
45—	Rev. Paul Dube, reporting fourteen marriages . . . . .	3.50
46—	Dr. R. C. Upham, reporting births and deaths . . . . .	4.00
47—	Rev. A. Thibeault, reporting seventeen marriages . . . . .	4.25
48—	Dr. C. J. Xaphes, reporting fourteen births and three deaths . . . . .	4.25
49—	Rev. J. A. Laflamme, reporting eighteen marriages . . . . .	4.50
50—	Dr. Carl Dennett, reporting ten births and ten deaths . . . . .	5.00
51—	Dr. W. H. Hurd, reporting births and deaths . . . . .	7.50
52—	Dr. P. S. Hill, reporting twenty-one births and fourteen deaths . . . . .	8.75
53—	Rev. A. M. Decary, reporting forty marriages . . . . .	10.00
54—	Dr. George Levesque, reporting thirty-two births and ten deaths . . . . .	10.50



Voucher No.	Name	Amount
55—	Dr. L. O. Lesieur, reporting eight births and eight deaths . . . . .	4.00
56—	Dr. D. E. Dolloff, reporting twenty-nine births and thirty-six deaths . . . . .	16.25
57—	Dr. L. B. Stickney, reporting seventy- four births and thirteen deaths. . . . .	21.75
58—	Dr. G. C. Precourt, reporting one hun- dred twenty-six births and fifty-eight deaths . . . . .	46.00
59—	Dr. J. R. Larochelle, reporting one hun- dred ninety-eight births and seventy- three deaths . . . . .	67.75
60—	Rev. Linden J. Carter, reporting one marriage . . . . .	.25
61—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs . . . . .	16.00
62—	Rosaire Frechette, repairs in City Clerk's office, lights, etc. . . . .	15.21
63—	New Eng. Tel and Telg. Co., telephone	17.45
64—	Cum. Co. Power and Light, light, armory . . . . .	7.77
65—	Jennie E. Nadeau, mailing registered letters . . . . .	6.60
66—	Justice Pub. Co., printing, manifest sheets . . . . .	18.50
67—	Roberts Office Sup. Co., 2 boxes type- writer paper . . . . .	3.08
68—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies	1.60
69—	Everard J. Gove, 1,000 No. 9 en- velopes . . . . .	22.88
70—	Blackbird Pen Co., pens . . . . .	5.50
71—	George Eon, auto hire for alderman meeting . . . . .	5.00
72—	Roberts Office Sup. Co, 2 McMillan transfer binders . . . . .	12.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1927		
73—	Rochester Germicide Co., 5 gals. olive leaf soap . . . . .	8.00
74—	St. Jean Baptiste Society, rent, St. John's Armory . . . . .	375.00
75—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office supplies . . . . .	3.94
76—	Walker's Window Cleaning Co., cleaning windows, City building . . . . .	15.00
77—	Roberts office Supply Co., office supplies . . . . .	1.91
78—	New Eng. Tel, Telg. Co., City Mission, telephone . . . . .	4.25
79—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs . . . . .	22.00
80—	Biddeford Journal, printing 30 reports of examiners . . . . .	63.00
81—	Biddeford Journal, printing 500 Annual Reports . . . . .	205.20
82—	McKenney and Heard, 1 ball heavy cotton twine . . . . .	.40
83—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Co., lights, armory . . . . .	10.73
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1927		
84—	E. J. Gove, P. M., 12,000 envelopes No. 5, at \$22.48 per 1,000 . . . . .	269.76
85—	Dalton Adding Mch. Adding Machine.	100.00
86—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs . . . . .	26.00
87—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies	3.05
88—	J. C. Hall Co., 6 full canvas sheet holders . . . . .	13.86
89—	Alfred Lambert, forty days work making blotter for Assessors' Office. . . . .	20.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
90—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Co., lights, armory . . . . .	6.75
91—	A. F. Maxwell, railroad fare to Augusta and return . . . . .	5.48
92—	Strout's Inc., 2 doz. Carnations for In- auguration Day . . . . .	3.00
93—	Frank C. Lander, abstracts of convey- ances from April 1, to March 31 . . . . .	32.25
94—	Biddeford Journal, printing 1,000 re- ceipts, printing 75 Assessors' notices, printing Building Inspector's notice, printing Milk Inspector's notice . . . . .	74.25
95—	Louis A. Daigneault, framing pictures, documents for offices . . . . .	13.27
96—	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Co., telephone	14.70
97—	Reny Bros., 400 seals . . . . .	6.90
98—	Napoleon Langelier, insurance, compen- sation, for insurance of city employees	977.74
99—	A E. Martell Co., 10 receipt books in triplicate . . . . .	10.43
100—	Henry C. Hamel, attending hearings Legislature, March 22nd and April 5, including fare . . . . .	40.96
101—	Edmond Guilbert, posting Assessor's notices . . . . .	5.00
102—	Oscar Caouette, posting Assessor's notices . . . . .	5.00
103—	American R. R. Ex., express . . . . .	.80
104—	Justice Pub. Co., printing Assessors, Milk Inspector and Building Inspectors Notices . . . . .	48.30
105—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office sup- plies . . . . .	4.65

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
106—	Alfred Carrier, services rendered to B. & M. R. R. (sealer of weights and measures) . . . . .	5.50
107—	Alfred Lambert, posting assistant assessors' returns . . . . .	60.00

## FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1927

108—	Alfred Lambert, six days work making poll tax collection book . . . . .	30.00
109—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies . . . . .	.95
110—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office supplies . . . . .	46.55
111—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office supplies . . . . .	6.13
112—	N. W. Kendall, supplies for Tax Collector's Office . . . . .	262.19
113—	N. W. Kendall, office supplies . . . . .	6.15
114—	Alfred Lantagne, expenses to Augusta, (Hearing) . . . . .	6.33
115—	Roberts Office Supply Company, office supplies . . . . .	7.02
116—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs . . . . .	23.00
117—	Alfred Lambert, making dog book and posting personal property in blotter . . . . .	40.00
118—	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Co., telephone, City Mission . . . . .	4.55
119—	R. A. Lemire, painting two pole tax signs for Tax Collector's office . . . . .	2.00
120—	Justice Publishing Company, printing . . . . .	5.40
121—	Mrs. Geo. Goldthwaite, dinners, during street inspection . . . . .	24.99

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
122—	Biddeford Journal, printing, tax receipts, poll tax receipts; letter-heads, for City Clerk; Building Inspector's notice; Milk Inspector's notice . . . . .	58.50
123—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Co., lights, Armory . . . . .	9.62
124—	Alfred Lambert, posting personal property . . . . .	40.00
125—	Fred L. Tower Co., 876 Auto Registrations, Biddeford . . . . .	7.22
126—	Roberts Office Supply Company, office supplies . . . . .	31.24
127—	Oscar G. Parent, seven days work on names not returned by the Assistant Assessors . . . . .	35.00
128-129-130—	Void, vouchers cancelled.	
131—	Roberts Office Supply Company, office supplies . . . . .	3.30
132-133-134-135—	Void, (cancelled vouchers)	
136—	Becker Bros., office supplies . . . . .	3.99
137—	Alfred Lambert, posting and making return in valuation book . . . . .	40.00

## FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1927

132-A—	Oscar G. Parent, six days work on names not returned by the Assistant Assessors . . . . .	30.00
133-A—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days work posting names in the valuation book . . . . .	40.00
134-A—	St. Jean Baptiste Society, rent of Armory . . . . .	375.00
135-A—	Sheridan Post, G. A. R., defraying expenses, Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00
136-A—	U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., defraying expenses, Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
137-A	—Col. L. H. Kendall Camp, defraying expenses, Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00
138	—Philip Tighe Post, defraying expenses, Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00
139	—Biddeford Post, V. F. W., defraying expenses, Memorial Day . . . . .	100.00
140	—Treasurer of Painchaud's Band, defraying expenses, Memorial Day . . . . .	75.00
141	—Alfred L. Lambert, five days work on the valuation book . . . . .	33.33
142	—Oscar G. Parent, five days work on names not returned by the Assistant Assessors . . . . .	25.00
143	—New England Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone . . . . .	8.20
144	—Biddeford Journal, printing 5,000 billheads, printing Dog Officers Notice . .	38.25
145	—Old Corner Book Store, office supplies	1.50
146	—Justice Publishing Co., printing material for the City Clerk's office . . . . .	14.50
147	—Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on the valuation book . . . . .	40.00
148	—Oscar G. Parent, six days work on names not returned by the assistant assessors . . . . .	30.00
149	—Oscar G. Parent, six days work on names not returned by the assistant assessors . . . . .	30.00
150	—Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on the valuation book . . . . .	40.00
151	—New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone.	.10
152	—U. S. Mfgr. Co., Extension Leatheroid Files . . . . .	13.98
153	—Biddeford and Saco Paper Co., wrapping paper for general use . . . . .	1.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
154—	Cum. Co. Power & Light Co., lights, Armory .....	7.03
Nos. 155-156-157-158-159-160 and 161, void, (cancelled vouchers)		
162—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs .....	49.00
163—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on the valuation book .....	40.00
164—	Oscar G. Parent, six days work on names not returned by the Assistant Assessors .....	30.00
165—	Lewis D. Shaban, Assistant in returning the names of Turks and Albanians..	12.00
166—	Joseph P. Gendron, use of auto inspect- ing new buildings, Assessing Dept..	10.00
167—	Carl W. Richards, use of auto inspecting new buildings .....	15.00
168—	Calixte Lambert, Assistant Assessor, ward 3 .....	65.00
169—	Leon Dansereau, Sr., Assistant Assessor ward 6 .....	65.00
170—	Adelard Poissant, Assistant Assessor, ward 4 .....	65.00
171—	Theodore Kearney, Assistant Assessor, ward 7 .....	90.00
172—	Frank Robbins, Assistant Assessor ward 1 .....	65.00
173—	Kerwin Twomey, Assistant Assessor, ward 5 .....	65.00
174—	Oscar R. Caouette, Assistant Assessor, ward 2 .....	65.00
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1927		
175—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on the valuation book .....	40.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
176—	Underwood Typewriter Co., oil . . . . .	.25
177—	James R. Gooding, one F. and E. Check writer . . . . .	35.00
178—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office sup- plies . . . . .	2.25
179—	U. S. Mfgr. Co., 50 red rope extension folders . . . . .	10.25
180—	Henry C. Hamel, commission of unpaid taxes collected . . . . .	28.16
181—	Oscar G. Parent, two days work on names not returned by the Assistant Assessors . . . . .	10.00
(Nos. 182-183—Cancelled)		
184—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on the valuation book . . . . .	40.00
185—	R. J. Gove, P. M., 1,000 No. 5 en- velopes . . . . .	22.82
186—	Alfred Lantagne, recording unpaid taxes of the year 1926 . . . . .	5.00
187—	Henry C. Hamel, commission for col- lecting unpaid taxes, year 1926 . . . .	36.60
188—	John Hctor, ringing bell, July 4th . . .	4.00
189—	Arthur Baillargeon, ringing bell, July 4th . . . . .	4.00
190—	Frank Cantara, ringing bell, July 4th . .	4.00
191—	Biddeford Journal, printing 200 postals, printing Tax Collector Notice . . . . .	10.75
192—	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Company, tele- phone . . . . .	4.45
193—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on the valuation book . . . . .	40.00
194—	Roberts Office Supply Company, dog license book . . . . .	3.10
195—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Co., lights, Armory . . . . .	6.57



Voucher No.	Name	Amount
196—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on the valuation book . . . . .	40.00
197—	Henry C. Hamel, commission on unpaid taxes, of 1926, collected in 1927 . . .	56.27
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1927		
198—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on valuation book . . . . .	40.00
199—	Oscar G. Parent, five days work on names not returned by the Assistant Assessors . . . . .	25.00
200—	Henry C. Hamel, commission for collecting unpaid taxes of 1926 . . . . .	19.92
201—	Void, cancelled.	
202—	Alfred L. Lambert, four days work on valuation book; two days work on commitment book . . . . .	40.00
203—	Biddeford Journal—Printing 400 letterheads, printing 1,000 pay-roll sheets, printing Tax Collector's notices . . . .	19.25
204—	New Eng. Tel. & Telg. Co., telephone . . . . .	4.66
205—	Alfred Lantagne, 1,000 stamped envelopes . . . . .	22.88
206—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on the commitment book . . . . .	40.00
207—	Roberts Office Supply Company, office supplies . . . . .	3.00
208—	Henry C. Hamel, commission for collecting unpaid taxes of 1926 . . . . .	26.89
209—	Joseph P Gendron, twelve days extra work, revaluation . . . . .	60.00
210—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days work on commitment book . . . . .	40.00

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
211—	Henry C. Hamel, commission for collecting unpaid taxes of 1926 . . . . .	29.52
212—	Roberts Office Supply Company, office supplies . . . . .	1.00
213—	Blackbird Pen Company, pens . . . . .	3.50
214—	Fred L. Tower Co., mailing list automobiles . . . . .	4.24
215—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs . . . . .	14.00
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1927		
216—	Everard J. Gove, P. M., 1,000 No. 5, plain envelopes . . . . .	21.72
217—	Alfred L. Lambert, six days' work making the supplemental poll list . . . . .	40.00
218—	Henry C. Hamel commission, collecting unpaid taxes of 1926 . . . . .	16.29
219—	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Company, telephone . . . . .	4.55
220—	Biddeford Journal, printing 5,000 Real Estate Tax bills, 100 plumbing regulations and 200 plumbing license blanks . . . . .	60.00
221—	New Eng. Insurance Ex., 10 National Electrical Codes . . . . .	1.00
222—	W. and L. E. Gurley, material used by the Sealer of Weights and Measures . . . . .	29.44
223—	Old Corner Book Store, office supplies . . . . .	.90
224—	Societe St. Jean Baptiste, rent of Armory . . . . .	375.00
225—	Henry C. Hamel, commission for collecting unpaid taxes of 1926 . . . . .	16.64
226—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Co., lights, Armory . . . . .	6.48

## FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1927

Voucher No.	Name	Amount
227—	Underwood Typewriter Co., set cushion keys . . . . .	4.00
228—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs . . . . .	26.00
229—	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Co., telephone	4.65
230—	Henry C. Hamel, compensation for col- lecting unpaid taxes of 1926. . . . .	23.82
231—	Reny Bros., Printers, printing material for sealer of weights and measures. . .	30.75
232—	Libby and Dow, one-half of expense of making plan of school. . . . .	8.00
233—	Henry C. Hamel, recording four deeds	3.85

## FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1927

234—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Co., lights, armory . . . . .	5.81
235—	N. W. Kendall, office supplies. . . . .	1.25
236—	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Co., telephone, City Mission . . . . .	4.25
237—	Biddeford Journal, printing material for Sealer of Weights and Measures. . . .	9.00
238—	Portland Directory Co., one copy of Maine Register . . . . .	5.00
239—	Carl W. Richards, expense, trip to Au- gusta, Assessing Dept. . . . .	6.23
240—	Fred L. Tower Co., automobile regis- tration list . . . . .	5.88
241—	Cum. Co. Power and Light Company, lights, Armory . . . . .	7.93
242—	Sam's Place, material for Sealer of Weights and Measures . . . . .	3.70

## FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1927

243—	La Societe St. Jean Baptiste, rent of Armory . . . . .	275.00
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Voucher No.	Name	Amount
244—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs . . . . .	31.00
245—	Biddeford Journal, printing ordinances	26.16
246—	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Co., telephone City Mission . . . . .	4.25
247—	Biddeford Journal, printing letter-heads and blank cards . . . . .	2.40
248—	Remington Rand Business Service, maintenance agreement on Dalton Mch. . . . .	25.00
249—	Everard J. Gove, P. M., 500 No. 9 en- velopes . . . . .	11.44
250—	Alfred Lantagne, use of car, serving notices for meeting of Nov. 30, 1927	2.00
251—	H. G. Hutchinson & Co., one box manuscript covers . . . . .	2.00
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1928		
252—	Justice Pub. Co., printing 2,000 notices	2.50
253—	Roberts Office Supply Co., office sup- plies, books, etc. . . . .	31.26
254—	Alfred Lantagne, recording out-of-town deaths (127); out-of-town marriages (7); out-of-town births (6); deposi- tions (58) . . . . .	49.50
255—	Alphonse Poirier, killing and burying dogs . . . . .	18.00
256—	New Eng. Tel. and Telg. Co., telephone	4.45
257—	Biddeford Journal, printing tax re- ceipts, printing milk inspector's no- tices . . . . .	27.00
258—	Cum. Co. Power and Light, lights, Armory . . . . .	3.37
259—	Canceled until later.	
260—	Alfred Lantagne, recording 544 births, recording 254 deaths, recording 162 marriages during the year 1927 . . . . .	240.00

## Treasurer's Report

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

I have the honor to submit the following report of  
the fiscal operations of the City of Biddeford for the  
year ending January 31, 1928:

	Receipts	Payments
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1927 . . . . .	\$ 15,622.43	
Departmental (For detail see Auditor's report)	39,629.04	\$ 467,115.59
Tax Anticipation Notes.	555,000.00	638,000.00
Current Expense Notes..	150,000.00	77,000.00
Bonds . . . . .	45,000.00	81,000.00
State Pensions . . . . .	854.44	854.44
Tax Deeds . . . . .	999.71	2,062.34
Dog Licenses . . . . .	594.27	
General Licenses . . . . .	317.00	
1925 Taxes . . . . .	1,000.00	
1926 Taxes . . . . .	26,800.00	
1927 Taxes . . . . .	561,200.00	
State School Fund . . . . .	54,735.60	
Bank, Railroad and Tele- phone Taxes. . . . .	3,905.19	
Trust Funds . . . . .	1,282.31	1,282.31
Burial Soldier's Widow (Reimbursement) . . . . .	100.00	
Bills Receivable . . . . .	2,273.98	
1926 County Tax. . . . .		19,430.62
1927 County Tax. . . . .		20,469.98
1926 State Tax. . . . .		88,380.54
1927 State Tax. . . . .		26,834.58
Dependent Children . . . . .		1,722.90
Tax Abatements . . . . .		9,612.25
Fire Engine Note. . . . .		15,500.00

Mayor's Warrants Prior Years .....	29.40
Maintenance of Patrol- led Highways .....	213.60
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1928 .....	9,805.42
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	\$1,459,313.97
	\$1,459,313.97

## BALANCE SHEET FEB. 1, 1928.

## ASSETS

Cash .....	\$ 9,805.42
Accounts Receivable .....	689.29
Brown Tail Moth Assessments .....	885.80
Tax Deeds, all years .....	2,695.24
Taxes 1920 .....	10.00
Taxes 1921 .....	2,895.19
Taxes 1922 .....	1,171.37
Taxes 1923 .....	2,463.91
Taxes 1924 .....	7,703.42
Taxes 1925 .....	9,603.37
Taxes 1926 .....	13,103.24
Taxes 1927 .....	34,100.21
Net City Debt .....	702,216.63
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	\$787,343.09
Trust Funds .....	9,598.11
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	\$796,941.20

## LIABILITIES

Bonds .....	\$572,000.00
Current Expense Notes .....	150,000.00
Due State of Maine Bal. 1927 Tax .....	64,501.09
Dog Licenses .....	842.00
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	\$787,343.09

Trust Funds .....	9,598.11
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	\$796,941.20

## NET CITY DEBT

Feb. 7, 1927 .....	\$779,884.13
Feb. 1, 1928 .....	702,216.63
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Reduction .....	\$ 77,667.50

## BONDS OUTSTANDING FEB. 1, 1928

## Refunding Bonds

Date	Rate	Amount	Maturity
May 15, 1914	4%	\$50,000	May 15, 1939
May 1, 1915	4%	25,000	May 1, 1935
July 1, 1919	4½%	5,000	July 1, 1929
Aug. 1, 1919	4½%	5,000	Aug. 1, 1929
May 1, 1920	5%	25,000	May 1, 1940
July 1, 1921	5½%	25,000	July 1, 1931
May 1, 1925	4%	50,000	May 1, 1945
May 1, 1926	4¼%	25,000	May 1, 1936
Aug. 1, 1927	4¼%	45,000	
	\$5,000 Annually		Aug 1, 1928-1936
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		\$255,000	

## Sewer Bonds

May 15, 1914	4%	\$ 5,000	May 15, 1928
July 1, 1916	4%	25,000	
	\$5,000 Annually		July 1, 1929-'33
July 5, 1922	4¼%	45,000	
	\$5,000 Annually		July 5, 1928-'36
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		\$75,000	

## Street and Sidewalk Bonds

May 1, 1915	4%	\$10,000	
	\$5,000 Annually		May 1, 1928-'29

May 15, 1916	4%	25,000	
		\$5,000	Annually May 15, 1930-'34
July 5, 1922	4¼%	20,000	
		\$5,000	Annually July 5, 1928-'31
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		\$55,000	

#### **Bradbury Bridge Bonds**

Sept. 1, 1920	6%	\$25,000	
		\$5,000	Annually Sept. 1, 1928-'32

#### **High School Annex Bonds**

April 1, 1925	4%	\$150,000	
		\$10,000	Annually April 1, 1928-'42

#### **State Road Construction Bonds**

July 1, 1926	4%	\$12,000	
		\$1,000	Annually July 1, 1928-'39

#### **Summary**

Refunding Bonds .....	\$255,000.00
Sewer Bonds .....	75,000.00
Street Bonds .....	55,000.00
Bridge Bonds .....	25,000.00
High School Bonds .....	150,000.00
State Road Bonds .....	12,000.00
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	\$572,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. MAXWELL,

City Treasurer.



## Report of Assessors

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

We herewith submit our list of abatements of taxes  
made by the Board of Assessors during the fiscal year  
ending January 31st, 1928.

For Jennie E. Nadeau, collector, tax of 1927, \$3,636.80

Respectfully submitted,

CARL W. RICHARDS,

JOSEPH P. GENDRON,

Assessors of Taxes 1927-28.

## Report of Board of Police

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

Gentlemen:

We have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1928. We recommend that the Motor Cycle Police be continued on the Pool Road, and be increased in the city. This department has been obliged to care for beacons, and paint the street without any extra appropriations; a larger appropriation will be required on account of this work and the Motor Cycle Police.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. has informed the Board that the present signal system in the police station is obsolete equipment and that they wish to dispose of it either by sale to the city, or by its removal. A change will have to be made at no very remote time. We have been credibly informed that this change to a modern system would cost about \$15,000.

We also recommend a new coat of paint for the Police Station.

Chief of Police Robbins has submitted the following report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1928.

DAVID E. DOLLOFF,  
JOSEPH CORMIER,  
GEORGE E. BEAUCHESNE,  
Board of Police.

## Report of Chief of Police

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Honorable Board of Police Commissioners, Biddeford,  
Maine.

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor herewith to submit my report as Chief of Police for the twelve months, February 1, 1927, to January 31, 1928.

Intoxication . . . . .	115
Breaking and Entering and Larceny . . . . .	11
Indecent Exposure . . . . .	3
Larceny . . . . .	17
Nuisance . . . . .	1
Violation Public School Law . . . . .	2
Taking Team Without Consent of Owner . . . . .	1
Assault and Battery . . . . .	17
Unlawful Possession Intoxicating Liquor . . . . .	1
Malicious Mischief . . . . .	4
Burning Brush Without Permit . . . . .	1
Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence Liquor . . . . .	13
Attempted Robbery . . . . .	1
Lascivious Speech and Behaviour . . . . .	1
Waywardness . . . . .	1
Assault with Intent To Kill . . . . .	1
Operating Motor Vehicle Without License . . . . .	2
Adultery . . . . .	2
Speeding with Motor Vehicle . . . . .	3
Non-support . . . . .	2
Idle and Disorderly . . . . .	3
Vagrancy . . . . .	3
Gambling . . . . .	4
Kidnapping . . . . .	1
Operating Motor Vehicle Recklessly . . . . .	1

Manslaughter .....	4
Breaking and Entering with Intent To Steal.....	2
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Motorcycle Officer Boston has made survey of cars operated after sunset, and from record at different periods reported an average of between six and seven cars per night with unsatisfactory lights.

Applications for lodging.....	505
Business places found to have been left unlocked...	129
Lost and strayed children found, and returned to their mothers .....	40

Respectfully,  
 ERNEST H. ROBBINS,  
 Chief of Police.

January 31, 1928.

# Department of Health

## CITY OF BIDDEFORD

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

Gentlemen:

Herewith is submitted the seventh annual report of the Health Officer, which comprises an account of the work carried on by the Health Department during the year 1927.

This department, as constituted at present, has been in existence for seven years, superseding the Board of Health, which up to that time had nominally undertaken the task of safeguarding the public health. A brief resume of the more important accomplishments which the administration of this department has to its credit may be in order at this time.

There has been no serious outbreak of any contagious disease in the past seven years. This is in marked contrast to the frequent epidemics of such diseases as smallpox and diphtheria, that are a matter of painful memory to many of our residents not yet in middle life. To this end the advance in medical science and the technical excellence of our physicians have been most important contributors, but another important contribution has been the vigilant and active campaign of prevention and education, which has been constantly waged by the Health Officer and his associates.

There has been an evident improvement in the general sanitary conditions of our city. When this department was organized, it found an ordinance already in force requiring the installation of modern sanitary plumbing within the limits of the city proper. This ordi-

nance was at that time widely disregarded. The department immediately proceeded to enforce compliance with the regulations.

The food supply of the city has been safeguarded by a regular system of inspection, under which conditions of absolute cleanliness are required of all dealers in meat, groceries, milk and cooked foods, the latter classification taking in restaurant keepers and victuallers. The state law requiring the registration of all handlers of food has been enforced in this connection. Previous to the inception of the Health Officer, no such system of inspection had existed, except those undertaken by the state.

The offensive conditions which formerly existed at dumps, open sewers, and similar localities, have been eliminated by the simple process of removing the cause of the conditions. A well organized system was installed for the collection and disposal of garbage, which has been abandoned during the past year due to the unfortunate lack of funds available for the purpose.

The foregoing instances indicate the general trend of the accomplishments of the Health Department, during its existence, but in no way represent a category of its activities. They suffice to show the nature of the valuable service which the department is rendering the community.

### **General Health Conditions**

The statistical tables show that health conditions during 1927 were satisfactory in the main. There has been, however, an increase in cases of tuberculosis, which is no doubt traceable to the unfavorable economic conditions of the last two years.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births by Months

(Including Still Births)

January .....	29
February .....	34
March .....	37
April .....	53
May .....	34
June .....	56
July .....	60
August .....	57
September .....	37
October .....	61
November .....	37
December .....	46
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### Deaths by Months

January .....	23
February .....	25
March .....	24
April .....	17
May .....	16
June .....	26
July .....	17
August .....	26
September .....	16
October .....	26
November .....	20
December .....	18
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Deaths exclusive of still births .....	231
Still births .....	23
Deaths under one year .....	27
Total number of out-of-town deaths .....	62

### RATE PER 1,000

(On Population Estimate of 20,000)

Births .....	25.90
Deaths .....	11.55

### Infectious Diseases

#### CASES REPORTED BY MONTHS

	January...	February..	March.....	April.....	May.....	June.....	July.....	August....	September.	October....	November..	December..
Chickenpox .....	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	2—12
Diphtheria .....	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—3
Influenza .....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—4
Measles .....	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4—11
Mumps .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1
Paratyphoid Fever ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1
Scarlet Fever .....	2	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	2	5	4	1—21
Pneumonia .....	8	7	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1—23
Tetanus .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—1
Tuberculosis .....	0	0	2	3	2	2	3	1	6	0	1	2—22
Typhoid Fever .....	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1—6
Whooping Cough ...	6	15	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	5—38
German Measles ...	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0—7

#### DEATHS REGISTERED

Diphtheria .....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1
Cerebro Spinal .....												
Meningitis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1
Pneumonia Bronchial	5	7	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0—19
Pneumonia Lobar ..	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1—4
Tetanus .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—1
Tuberculosis .....	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	4	0	0—15
Typhoid Fever .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1
Syphilis .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0—1

### Infectious Diseases

With regard to infectious diseases, it is desired to stress the necessity of immediate reporting of such cases by the attending physician. Also a more widespread use of the State Biologic Laboratories by physicians is to be recommended. This station is at the disposal of physicians for bacteriological investigations, which offer a decided advantage in verifying the presence of communicable diseases.

There has been no general vaccination of school children in this city since the epidemic which occurred in 1914. The period of immunity from the disease has long since passed for those who were inoculated at that time.



This means that a large section of our population is without adequate protection against smallpox. As a first step toward remedying this situation vaccination should be made compulsory in the schools, and the treatment should be made available to the school children without charge.

### **Diphtheria**

The number of cases reported during 1927 was the lowest since 1920; there were three cases, one of which resulted in death. This disease may be effectively checked by the general administration of the toxin-antitoxin immunization treatment.

### **Scarlet Fever**

Twenty-one cases were reported of scarlet fever which existed in a light form throughout the year without a death. Scarlet fever antitoxin was administered in nearly every case to the members of the patient's family. More care should be exercised by parents in calling a physician when the first symptoms of the disease appear.

### **Tuberculosis**

The past year was marked by an unnecessarily high death rate from tuberculosis. There were fifteen deaths and twenty-two cases were reported. It should be a matter of immediate concern to the community to remedy this unfortunate condition. A free clinic, to which local physicians might contribute their services, would be of great value in combatting the disease in its initial stages. The Public Health Nurses are now listing every case in the endeavor to establish early preventive measures among those who do not realize the seriousness of the disease.

### **Typhoid Fever**

Six cases of typhoid fever occurred during the twelve month period, and in the instance of a patient who

contracted tuberculosis during convalescence and died therefrom, the disease may be considered the contributory cause of one death. As is customary, a thorough investigation of the circumstances attending the contracting of the disease was made in each case. It was proven that of the six cases two were contracted while patients had been outside the city. The probable source of another was unclean milk obtained from a farm outside our city. The origin of the three remaining cases could not be discovered.

### **Milk Supply**

The annual survey of dairies supplying this city with milk disclosed a general disposition to comply with health regulations on the part of the producers. It was found necessary to correct unhygienic conditions of a minor nature in several instances, and in the case of a major infraction of this sort to prevent one distributor from delivering milk. This individual has since abandoned his business. The inspection samples found only one producer vending milk below the standard of cleanliness.

### **Water Supply**

The municipal water supply consistently maintains a high standard of purity, which is checked by periodical examinations at the state laboratories. Individual supplies of water obtained from wells have been a constant problem, and several samples of water have been tested during the year. When the analyses proved unsatisfactory the owners of the wells were ordered to close them in with concrete tops after first thoroughly cleaning them.

### **Inspections**

The regular inspections of places where food is exposed for sale have been made. Sanitary conditions were good; some of the restaurant keepers were warned against careless practices, but no actual violations of the

regulations were found. The roadside eating places and tourist auto camps have also come in for inspection. The attendants at these places are required to hold health certificates.

### **Garbage Disposal**

The contract for garbage disposal expired April 16th of this year; the Health Officer was required to take over the responsibility for this service. Five collectors have been authorized to cover the city, and results are quite as good as may be expected from such a system. The collection of garbage should be under the supervision of an inspector, or else the contract for its disposal should be let on a paid basis. In any case the responsibility does not properly belong to the health authorities.

### **Complaints**

The usual types of complaints are constantly being received. These generally are concerned with trivial matters, but none are neglected.

#### **Distribution of Complaints**

Business Places .....	10
Householders and Private Premises .....	48
Dumps .....	1
General .....	123

#### **Annual Clean-up Campaign.**

This has become an institution and is generally observed to the profit of the community.

#### **Recommendations**

1. The establishment of a school clinic for medical and dental attention.
2. Compulsory vaccination of school children at public expense.

3. The establishment of a clinic for patients infected with tuberculosis.

4. The submission of victuallers' licenses to the Health Department before being acted upon by the Municipal officers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MAHONEY,

Health Officer.

## Report of School Nurse

J. W. Mahoney,  
Health Officer,  
City of Biddeford, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit to you my second annual report of the health work in the schools of Biddeford.

The work has been carried on as in the previous year, namely: Inspections and health talks.

A great many home visits were made and a fair percentage of defects corrected.

The teachers are correlating work in all possible ways; this important factor is making the work most successful.

There is a decided decrease in the number of skin diseases (scabies and impetigo) and fewer cases of pediculosis.

Defective teeth are our greatest problem—and we solicit the cooperation of the parents to aid us in this difficulty.

### ANALYSIS OF WORK IN SCHOOLS

Classroom inspections .....	151
Children given full inspection by nurse .....	4,188
Children partially inspected by nurse.....	2,498
Children with defects .....	2,696
Children who have had defects corrected .....	471
Excluded for:	
Pediculosis .....	15
Skin Disease .....	2
Symptoms of communicable disease .....	35
Sanitary inspections of buildings and grounds .....	
..... All school buildings and grounds	
Classroom talks .....	40
Home visits to school children .....	252

## DEFECTS AND CORRECTIONS FOUND IN SCHOOL CHILDREN

	Defects	Corrections
Vision .....	409	118
Eyes .....	15	0
Hearing .....	63	0
Throat and nasal passages .....	468	46
Teeth .....	2,035	261
Skin .....	2	0
Lungs, symptoms of disease .....	0	0
Heart .....	2	0
Glands .....	0	0
Posture .....	2	0
Nervous symptoms .....	1	0

Respectfully submitted,  
**HARRIET E. PENLINGTON,**  
 School Nurse.

# Department of Health

City of Biddeford

Personal for 1927

Harriet E. Penlington, R. N.,	Public Health Nurse
George E. Garnache,	Plumbing Inspector
Arthur Simard,	Milk Inspector

Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year 1927-1928

Appropriation for Health Department . . . . .	\$2,000.00
Credit . . . . .	117.60
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	\$2,117.60

## EXPENDITURES

Salary of Health Officer . . . . .	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses . . . . .	1,170.60
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	\$2,170.60

## BALANCE

Appropriation for Health Department . . . . .	\$2,000.00
Expenditures for 1927-1928 . . . . .	2,170.60
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Credit . . . . .	117.60
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Deficit . . . . .	\$ 53.00

## Report of City Physician

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February 1, 1928.

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

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor of presenting to you my report  
as City Physician for the year ending January 31st,  
1928:

Office calls .....	448
Home calls .....	259
Homestead calls .....	79
Confinement . . . . .	1
Night calls .....	23
Contagious diseases .....	5

Respectfully submitted,  
GEORGES LEVESQUE,  
City Physician.



## Report of Plumbing Inspector

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

Dear Sir:

I respectfully submit the following account of work done since my appointment April 4, 1927:

Permits to plumbers .....	46
Permits for repairs .....	21
Permits for new installations .....	25
Investigation of defective plumbing .....	1
Calls with regard to plumbing .....	35

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. GARNACHE,

Plumbing Inspector.

## Report of Inspector of Buildings

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

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to report the following for the year ending January 31, 1928.

I have issued 130 permits for building during the year, and have witnessed the construction of same.

As usual, the Inspector of Buildings has been called a number of times to adjust complaints which had no serious basis.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM PINETTE,  
Inspector of Buildings.

## Report of City Electrician

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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council.

As required by the ordinance passed Dec. 13, 1926, I am submitting my report for year ending Jan. 31, 1928.

Number of written requests for inspection, 185, including five at Biddeford Pool, three at Fortunes Rocks, two at Hills Beach, and one at Curtis' Point. The above figure does not give the correct number of inspections as in numerous cases I have made from one to five visits on jobs before the building would be in a safe condition to have the current turned on. A number of fires which have occurred during past year have been investigated and reported to fire underwriters. With the increase of electrical energy and the standard the Underwriters require, I would suggest that the next City government put in force an ordinance which will protect and remove all hazards of life and property, making it an offense not to notify the Electrical Department of the City of Biddeford when any work was to be done.

Also when granting permits to any firm, corporation, or individual to operate or intending to operate wires, cables or conductors, within the limits of the City of Biddeford, either underground or overhead, it should be obligatory to file with the Electrical Department, a map or maps made to scale, showing the street, avenue or highway required to be used for said purposes and give location, dimension and course of the underground conduit, or overhead construction.

I wish to call attention to the progress which has been made the last year and a half in regards to correcting and overcoming electrical hazards in our city. But

before enumerating some of the changes, I wish to personally thank the legitimate electrical contractors in Biddeford and Saco for their co-operation for without their aid I would have been helpless to have made any progress whatsoever. The major part of the city at present time is on a grounded system and the same system should be universal, as my records show that no fire has occurred when the building was properly grounded. McArthur Library, St. Andre's Church, Robinson Syndicate, the Berry and Boucher property, residence at 20 Ray St., have all had their defects in electrical equipment corrected and approved by the New England Insurance Exchange.

The defects in the electrical equipment and wiring at the Biddeford High School, which would have caused a substantial rate in Insurance, have been corrected. The wiring was inspected and approved by Mr. N. L. Abbott of the New England Insurance Exchange February 13th.

In regards to Electrical Supplies, they should be bought through a purchasing department and the City Electrician should be consulted, as in a number of cases I have found that the City did not get full value for what it had paid for.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. DEARBORN,

City Electrician.

## Report of Librarian

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

The report of the librarian of the Biddeford Public Library for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1928, follows:

Except Sundays and legal holidays the library was open 11 hours a day, ten months of the year. During July and August it is customary to close at 6 o'clock four evenings a week, making 54 hours a week for those months.

The total circulation was 49,292 volumes; the largest circulation was in March and the smallest, in September.

There were 440 new cards issued; 30 to non-residents, making the required deposit of one dollar.

876 new books were added; 444 were purchased from City and State appropriation; 20 from Association funds; 45 by binding magazines; 267 from fine money; 100 were gifts. State and Government reports are not included in these figures.

363 books have been rebound; 64 were lost, 2 of which were paid for by the borrower; 3 destroyed on account of infectious disease; 146 were worn out.

The Story Hour had an average attendance of 27 children. This winter the story-telling was interrupted for a time at the request of the health officer.

Children's Book Week was observed by its eleventh annual exhibition of the best and most attractive books for young people. An interesting addition to the display was a collection of posters, the work of Portland students in the grades. The collection was loaned to the

library through the kindness of Mr. Campbell of Loring, Short and Harmon of Portland.

The classes for instruction in the use of the library had an attendance of 159 pupils.

Outside of the circulation, the work of the library is increasing. The students of both the grades and high school use the library more each year.

The reading rooms are largely patronized, not only by school children, but by their elders also, and the newspapers are used so much that there is little left for permanent files. The library furnishes 92 periodicals and there are 41 gifts in addition.

A new stack has been installed this year, giving a slight relief to our over-crowded condition, for the present.

In May, Mrs. Emerson, assistant librarian, attended the school of instruction called the Round Table, which is provided each year by the Bureau of Library Extension of the Maine State Library. It was a two day session held at Wilton, Maine. Both librarian and assistant attended the annual meeting of the Maine Library Association at Waterville in October. The program was interesting and included a visit to the Public Library and the Library of Colby College, and also to a new and very attractive little library across the river in Winslow.

We have been favored this year with the gift of a handsome rug from Miss McArthur, and a new set of Kipling's works from Mrs. Jane McArthur Owen. The Hispanic Society of America has sent us 29 books and plates on the art and artists of Spain; Mr. Oscar O'Sullivan has given 15 books, chiefly on the great war; the Saco and Biddeford Garden Club gave a new garden book that promises to be of practical use, as it has been in circulation ever since it was received; Miss Mary S. Dunn of Rochester, N. Y., continues sending the subscription to Everyland.

We have had an exchange of telephone books with Springfield, Waterbury, and New London, at the request of the librarians of those places.

Acknowledgments and thanks are also due for the following gifts of books, magazines and pamphlets:

Alpha Aids.  
 Ambition.  
 American Issue.  
 American Theosophical Society. 5 books.  
 American Window Glass Mfg. Co. 1 book.  
 Antioch Notes.  
 Aquariain Age.  
 K. E. Backus. 2 books.  
 Bangor Public Library.  
 Bates College Bulletin.  
 Bay Path Institute.  
 Bell Telephone Quarterly.  
 G. Berube. 2 books.  
 Biddeford Daily Journal.  
 Binders Board Mfg. Co. 1 book.  
 Blair Academy.  
 B'Nai B'Rith.  
 Boston Ideas.  
 Brentano Book Chat.  
 Buick Bulletin.  
 Chautauqua Quarterly.  
 Christian Leader.  
 Christian Register.  
 Columbia Magazine.  
 Columbia University.  
 Daughters of the American Revolution.  
 Dennison Mfg. Co. 6 books.  
 Dependable Highways.  
 Edison Pollard Cement Co. 1 book.  
 Mrs. E. B. Emerson. 2 books.

Federal Council Bulletin.  
 Henry Ford. 1 book.  
 Franklin Union.  
 C. B. Going. 1 book.  
 J. L. Hill. 2 books.  
 How To Sell.  
 Howell & Schroeder. 1 book.  
 Humane Review.  
 Insurance Pictorial.  
 International Conciliation.  
 Japan Society. 1 book.  
 Jewish Tribune.  
 Journal of American Judicature.  
 Judson Press. 1 book.  
 La Justice.  
 Otto Kahn.  
 Kiwanis.  
 Lauriat's Book Review.  
 Leslie Woman Suffrage Committee. 1 book.  
 Lewiston Public Library Bulletin.  
 Little & Ives. 1 book.  
 Rev. L. W. Lucky. 1 book.  
 Maine Bulletin.  
 Maine Business Institute.  
 Mass. College of Osteopathy.  
 Model Maker.  
 Motion Picture.  
 National Republic.  
 New Bedford Textile School.  
 National Society of Prison Information. 1 book.  
 New England Council.  
 New England News Letter.  
 New York State Library Bulletin.  
 Northeastern University.  
 Oregon Agricultural College Bulletin.  
 Pepperell Sheet.



Pharmacal Advance.  
 Phillips Exeter Academy Bulletin.  
 The Piper.  
 Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. 1 book.  
 L. P. Post. 1 book.  
 Railway Statistics.  
 Rays of the Rose Cross.  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.  
 C. M. Remey. 2 books.  
 Retail Bookseller.  
 Rockefeller Foundation.  
 Rotarian.  
 Royal Baking Powder. 1 book.  
 Julius Rosenwald. 1 book.  
 Service Talks.  
 Lieut. Col. Sherrill. 1 book.  
 Sheet Metal Trade Co. 1 book.  
 E. H. H. Simmons. 1 book.  
 Standard.  
 Standard Book Catalogue Bi-monthly.  
 Stokes Library Bulletin.  
 Telephone Topics.  
 University of Chicago.  
 A. Vranitis. 1 book.  
 La Voyageur.  
 Wheel.  
 Wilson's Bulletin.  
 World Crisis.

### Financial Statement

#### Source of funds:

City of Biddeford .....	\$3,500.00
State stipend .....	341.25
Rebate on Maine Register.....	1.00
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	\$3,842.25

## Paid from above:

Binding .....	\$ 298.81
Books .....	695.42
Fuel .....	496.80
Light and gas .....	312.22
Salaries .....	2,010.00
Supplies .....	29.00
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	\$3,842.25

## Paid from Association funds:

Books .....	\$ 36.06
Fuel .....	238.20
Insurance .....	219.10
Labor .....	400.45
Periodicals .....	326.92
Repairs .....	143.68
Stack .....	157.00
Supplies .....	177.19
Salaries .....	883.18
Telephone .....	60.05
Other expenses .....	49.38
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	\$2,691.21

## Report of money received at the desk:

Balance Jan. 31, 1927 .....	\$ 72.28
Rent of Auditorium .....	10.00
Deposits .....	30.00
Fines .....	278.07
Gift .....	25.00
Junk .....	.50
Phone .....	.05
Postage .....	14.99
Treasurer .....	295.62
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	\$726.51

Paid:	
Books .....	\$287.65
Express .....	11.14
Labor .....	277.82
Postage .....	18.12
Refunded deposits .....	24.00
Repairs .....	21.75
Supplies .....	19.33
Treasurer .....	10.00
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	\$669.81
Cash in Drawer .....	12.46
Deposited in bank .....	44.24
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	\$726.51

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA HATCH,  
Librarian

# 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 herewith submit my report as clerk of the Overseers of the Poor for the year ending January 31st, 1928.

This has been another hard year for the department. Work has been scarce, and our industries could employ but little help, because of lack of orders to keep the help employed; which made it necessary for many people to call on this department for assistance. I feel, however, that the degree of comfort and help that this department has been able to bring families in distress, has been more than worth the expenditures.

The following is a list of expenses for different departments.

<b>Pauper Department</b>		
	Expenses	Medical Care
February .....	\$ 4,292.27	26.15
March .....	4,017.53	397.60
April .....	2,549.54	203.45
May .....	2,323.11	160.50
June .....	2,057.26	9.00
July .....	1,915.66	46.25
August .....	1,427.49	10.85
September .....	2,621.38	453.19
October .....	2,117.84	123.50
November .....	1,908.63	112.74
December .....	3,173.43	83.00
January .....	2,155.12	164.19
	<hr/> \$30,559.26	<hr/> 1,790.42

Appropriation .....	\$32,000.00
Credits received from State and Out-of-Town	
Pauper Departments .....	3,440.91
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Total Credits .....	\$35,440.91
Total Expenditures .....	32,349.68
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Balance .....	\$ 3,091.23
Due from State .....	\$1,021.92

	Mothers Aid	Insane
February .....	\$ 275.00	24.70
March .....	275.00	107.60
April .....	275.00	29.65
May .....	275.00	30.00
June .....	275.00	100.60
July .....	255.00	81.70
August .....	255.00	-----
September .....	255.00	-----
October .....	245.00	25.90
November .....	320.00	-----
December .....	320.00	33.40
January .....	295.00	76.70
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	\$3,320.00	510.25

Appropriation .....	\$2,250.00
Credit from State .....	1,637.50
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	\$3,887.50
Expenditures .....	3,320.00
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Balance .....	\$ 567.50

Appropriation .....	\$600.00
Credits .....	126.70
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	\$726.70
Expenses .....	510.25
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Balance .....	\$216.45

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

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. LEMIRE,

Clerk of Overseers of the Poor.

Biddeford, Maine, Jan. 31, 1928.

# Report of Street Commissioner

FOR THE YEAR 1927—1928

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Biddeford, Maine,  
January 31st, 1928.

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending January 31, 1928:

Sixty thousand (60,000) gallons of liquid asphalt and twenty-eight thousand (28,000) gallons of road oil were used on the streets during the year.

The following streets were treated with liquid asphalt:—

Main St., from B. & M. crossing to Western Ave.  
South St., from May to Mt. Pleasant.  
Bradbury St.  
St. Mary's St.  
Elm St., from Deering bridge to Main.  
Elm St., from Union to Five Points.  
May St., from South to Orchard.  
Beacon Ave.  
Orchard St.  
Amherst St.  
Webber Hospital entrance.  
Alfred Road—Elm to cemetery.  
Union—Elm to Alfred.  
Mason—Elm to Graham.  
Green—Crescent to Mason.  
Wentworth—South to Mason.  
Graham—Crescent to Alfred.  
West Myrtle—Graham to Alfred.

Alfred—Westerly side; Union to Five Points.

Clark St.

Myrtle—Alfred to Prospect.

Porter St.

Granite—Hill to Atlantic Ave.

Cleaves—Lafayette to George.

Pool Road—Pike to Biddeford Pool.

Road oil was applied to the following streets:—

Lafayette, Simard's Ave., Gove, Hill, Bacon to Birch; Granite, Atlantic Ave. to West; Prospect, Porter to West; Harrison Ave., Harding, Graham, Alfred to West; Mason, May and Main St., Highland to top of hill.

Streets scarified, graded and rolled are as follows:

May St., Mason St., Green St., Union St., from Crescent to Alfred; Main from B. & M. crossing to Western Ave.; Alfred Road, Elm to Greenwood Cemetery; Clark St., Myrtle, Alfred to Prospect St.; Porter St., Hill St., Pool to Birch St.; Granite St., Atlantic Ave. to West; Prospect St., Porter to West; Whites Wharf, Sullivan St., Water to Bacon; Oak St., Pool to Acorn; Pike and School, above Pool; South St., from May to Eastern R. R. bridge, and Pool Road from Pike to Biddeford Pool.

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

Lafayette St., Simard's Ave., Miller Ave., Gove St., Cleaves St., from Lafayette to end of Street; Round Hill St., Dartmouth St., Summit St., Roberts St., Yale St., West Cutts St., Atlantic Ave., Harding St., and Harrison Ave.

Gravel roads were built on the following Streets:—

Gooch St., Elm to bridge.

Pike St., School to Water.

Hill St., Granite to Harrison Ave.

Gravel road built on South St., caused by raising of B. & M. overhead bridge, was paid for by B. & M. R. R.



## SEWERS

A new sewer of 15 inch pipe was built on Sullivan St., from Water St., to St. Andre's School. This was a big undertaking requiring the blasting of blue ledge of an average depth of 6 feet for a distance of 220 feet. This sewer is 450 feet in length.

A new sewer 458 feet in length of 8 inch pipe on Amherst St., and a new sewer 500 feet in length of 12 inch pipe on May Street were constructed.

New pockets built are as follows:—

One on Congress St., one on Alfred, corner of Ray St., one on Ray St., one on Maple St., one on Walnut St., one on Cadorette Ave., one on Prospect St. and four on Sullivan St.

Two new manholes were built on Sullivan St.

## SIDEWALKS.

A cement curb and sidewalk was built on South Street. This had to be done on account of raising of the B. & M. overhead bridge. This sidewalk is 200 feet in length.

A new sidewalk of tar concrete was built and curbing reset on Cleaves Street.

New sidewalks of brick and tar concrete were built on both sides of Wentworth St., and curbing was reset.

On the easterly side of Bradbury St. the broken bricks were removed and a new sidewalk of cinders was built.

A sidewalk of cinders was also built on the opposite side of Bradbury Street and curbing reset.

Sidewalks of brick were relaid or repaired on many of our streets and about 2,500 feet of curbing was reset.

## BRIDGES

Repairs were made in the foot paths of the Deering Bridge. The Somesville Bridge and the roadway and foot path of Gooch Street were repaired.

The Deering Bridge, the Somesville Bridge and the Main St. Bridge were treated with an asphalt preparation.

A new bridge was built on Main Street at Thacher's Creek, and retaining walks of granite were built on both sides. These bridges were as follows:

One of 80 feet and one of 100 feet in length.

### STATE AID ROADS

State aid road of cement 9 inches thick on the outside, steel reinforced, was laid on Alfred Street, from a point opposite the residence of George C. Fogg to the Five Points. This road from Strout's to the Five Points averages a little in excess of 31 feet, making a smooth and safe driving surface over the electric car turn-out, which was moved from Elm Street to Alfred Street, this past summer.

State aid road of gravel was built on West Street, from Granite, a distance of eleven hundred (1100) feet. This road will be continued this year.

### RECAPITULATION

Many sewers were dug up and pipe ranging from 8 inches to 24 inches were replaced. Hundreds of loads of gravel and ashes were put on sidewalks and on the streets.

Many trees were cut down and limbs removed also shrubs, bushes and weeds were removed from the highways. Gutters were dug and about 100 driveway boxes placed.

I recommend that a Mack Dump Truck of three and one-half tons capacity be purchased for the coming year, as this department is much in need of same.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED BLOUIN,

Street Commissioner.

## Report of Collector of Taxes

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

Greetings:—

I herewith respectfully submit my report as Collector of taxes for the fiscal year 1927:

Amount of May and September commitments for 1927 .....	\$592,711.20
Amount of supplemental tax January 31, 1928 . . . . .	2,589.01
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Total Commitment .....	\$595,300.21
Paid City Treasurer on account of taxes . . .	\$558,000.00
Paid City Treasurer on interest account . . . . .	600.00
Cash on hand .....	\$ 3,063.00

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE E. NADEAU,  
Collector of Taxes for 1927-28.

# Report of Chief Engineer

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Biddeford, Maine, Feb. 13, 1928.

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

In compliance with the City Ordinance, I have the honor of submitting for your consideration the annual report of the condition and operation of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1928.

## ORGANIZATION

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

## PERMANENT FORCE

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

## CALL FORCE

Two assistant chiefs, three captains, three lieutenants, three clerks, two engineers (steam fire engines), two stokers (steam fire engines), eighteen hosemen and nine laddermen.

## APPARATUS

The equipment of the department, January 31, 1928, consisted of:

Motor apparatus:—

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

Fox 75 foot Aerial Ladder truck, equipped with 347 feet of ladders and ladder pipe; one Combination Hose and Chemical truck with G. M. C. chassis and motor.

Horse drawn apparatus:—

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

### HORSES

Two pairs of horses used on steamer and hose wagon.

### HOSE

There are 199 feet of 1-inch hose used as booster line on Engine 1.

Also 192½ feet of ¾-inch hose used as chemical line on Combination, Hose and Chemical No. 1.

At the present time, the actual amount of 2½-inch rubber lined cotton jacket fire hose in active service at the Central Station is 9,400 feet. We turned over 500 feet of this type of fire hose to District No. 4 on account of depreciation. The amount of 2½-inch hose distributed throughout the city is as follows:

At The Homestead, 500 feet; Biddeford Pool, 900 feet; Pool Road in Piper's Garage, near watering trough, 300 feet; Kennebunk Road, in Ralph Hight's barn, Elm St., 500 feet.

### CHEMICALS

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

## ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

A new radiator was installed in the back of the Central Fire Station to keep the room warm for the Mack Truck used by the Street Department.

A new 36 ft. triple extension ladder and 24 ft. extension roof ladder was put in service on Engine 1 so as to enable the firemen responding to a still alarm with Engine 1, to gain access to all three-story buildings.

A new fire alarm box No. 43 was installed at the corner of Alfred and Birch Sts. to replace the old type box that was put out of commission by lightning. This box is of the latest type known as a "succession and non-interfering box."

During the year, we placed in service 1,000 feet of 2½-inch rubber-lined cotton jacket fire hose. Five hundred feet of this hose is "Wax Treated" and is wonderful fire hose. It will not freeze in cold weather and we certainly had the opportunity to put it under severe tests at our winter fires.

One of the greatest improvements this year was the installation of five traffic sirens that are controlled from the fire station and are situated at five of the most dangerous corners of our city. These sirens are started blowing at the same minute that an alarm is received at the fire headquarters and they are a wonderful protection to the lives of our citizens, and firemen who are riding on the apparatus, as well as to the apparatus itself, which is very costly. These sirens are located at the following corners: Corner of Main and Washington Sts., corner of Main and Alfred Sts., corner of Alfred and Jefferson Sts., corner of Main and Elm Sts., and the corner of Elm and South Sts.

One 3-gallon Fire Foam extinguisher added to equipment of Engine 1. This special type of extinguisher is used exclusively to combat oil, gasoline and grease fires, being very effective in subduing same.

One new tire for Chemical 1 was purchased this year, also one new tire which is kept as a spare for Engine 1 and Ladder 1.

The Chief and Lieutenant Arthur L. Girard, with permission of the City Government, attended the Boston Fire Department Drill School and graduated from the school. Each received a certificate showing that they successfully completed the course in instructions in the most modern methods of fire fighting. The Lieutenant was appointed Drill Master by the Chief and every member of the department, including the call force, is receiving the same instructions that the chief and lieutenant received at the Boston Fire Department Drill School. Regular classes are held and as a result, the firemen are receiving systematic training.

Two "Pompier Life Belts" were added to the equipment. These are used in saving life by the "life line," and are also used so that a man directing a stream of water from a ladder can have free use of his hands, by using these belts.

Two pieces of 3-inch soft suction hose, 10 feet long, were purchased and connected to the suction inlets of the motor pumper. This move speeds up the efficiency of the department because it enables us to connect the pumper to any hydrant that water is already flowing from, without shutting down the hydrant, when a siamese is used in making the hydrant connection.

A patrol desk has been installed on the apparatus floor. Each permanent member of the department gets a two-hour watch at the desk every day and he keeps a record in the house journal of every movement of the apparatus and alarms. He answers all telephone calls and operates the different signals and is held solely responsible for all records and fire calls. When a telephone call is received, the man on desk patrol immedi-

ately sounds the house gongs, writes the exact location on a blackboard and turns the blackboard so that it can be read from the seat of each piece of apparatus. He checks each man when he goes to meals and checks him again on returning from meals. When reporting for desk patrol duty, he records the condition of the weather, the temperature, the pressure on the air gauge of the whistle tanks and tests the siren switch board.

During the year, the permanent members of the department painted the interior of the second floor of the fire station and thereby saved the city a lot of money. The city furnished the material and the boys did the rest.

Two new bedrooms were made to care for the two extra permanent men, assigned to Ladder 1.

A "Bresnan Cellar Nozzle" has been added. This nozzle is used to combat cellar and blind attic fires, and is used by lowering through a hole cut in the floor or roof and will throw 587 gallons of water per minute at 55 lbs. nozzle pressure, revolving at the same time, and will cover 1,600 square feet of area.

A "Buster Bar" was purchased. This is a special tool used to gain entrance to heavy doors and also doors that are barred from inside.

We extended our fire alarm system into the Saco Fire Station. Every alarm that sounds in Biddeford also strikes on the gong in the Saco Fire Station. This enables us to receive assistance from Saco directly, even though our whistle does not sound. The City of Saco is also extending their fire alarm system into the Biddeford Station for the same purpose. This new arrangement is known as a mutual aid system. When we get a second alarm fire, the Saco chemical truck comes to Biddeford immediately and backs in the station to cover in. When Saco gets a second alarm the Biddeford chemical truck goes to Saco and backs in the station to cover in. If it



had not been for this new arrangement, a very serious fire would have swept through the Masonic Building recently, as the Biddeford whistle failed to work at that time and when Saco was called on for assistance, they received the call on our tapper in their fire station.

We built a chimney spray nozzle to handle bad chimney fires with and it has proved very successful. It not only extinguishes the fire in a chimney, but it also washes all four sides of the chimney.

We made up a reducer to connect garden hose on the tip of our 1 1/8-inch nozzles so as to cut down on the water loss when extinguishing the remaining embers of any size fire.

The Ladder Company has been trained in salvage work and after every fire is extinguished, this company enters the building with brooms, squeegees and mops and sweeps out the water and dries up the floor. This arrangement also cuts down on water damage and is very much appreciated by the unfortunate people who are the victims of fire,

Arrangements are now underway to connect an automatic signal bell with the sprinkler system at Biddeford High School. This innovation will act as a silent watchman and the fire department will be notified immediately when the first head opens in the sprinkler system. This improvement was suggested by City Electrical Inspector Leslie L. Dearborn.

#### FIRES, INSURANCE, VALUATIONS AND LOSSES

During the fiscal year the department responded to 55 box alarms, 145 telephone alarms, 6 still alarms and 2 automatic alarms, making a total of 208 alarms responded to during the fiscal year. This is 47 more alarms than were responded to last year.

Outside aid was rendered twice to Goodwins Mills (Lyman), North Kennebunkport once and Kennebunk once. The department also responded to a call from

Hills Beach. Two 2-alarm fires occurred during the past year.

The amount of hose laid at fires in the city was 27,050 feet. The amount laid out of the city was 2,050 feet, making a total of 29,100 feet laid by this department during the fiscal year.

The amount of chemical used at fires was 1,242½ gallons. One quart of Pyrene was used and the booster line from Engine 1 was used 28 times.

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

Losses on buildings . . . . .	\$ 28,901.26
Losses on contents . . . . .	11,906.72
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Total loss, buildings and contents . . . . .	\$ 40,807.98
Valuation of buildings . . . . .	\$678,300.00
Valuation of contents . . . . .	319,305.00
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Total value of buildings and contents . . . . .	\$997,605.00
Insurance on buildings . . . . .	\$418,600.00
Insurance on contents . . . . .	261,530.00
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Total insurance on buildings and contents . . . . .	\$680,130.00

### RECOMMENDATIONS

One of the most important recommendations that I have to make is that your Honorable City Council purchase a one thousand gallon per minute capacity modern motor pumping engine of the same make and type as our present 750 gallon per minute pumper. I pray that if your finances will allow, you will give this recommendation your fullest consideration, and in the name of every man, woman and child whose lives and property are dependent upon this fire department for protection against the ravages of fire, I beg of you to fulfill this recommendation. Dur-

ing this past week, we had four very serious fires to combat and only one modern motor pumper to depend upon for efficient protection. While the department was fighting one of these very serious fires, another alarm was received for a bad fire in one of our best business blocks, the Masonic Building. We were forced to respond without a motor pumper and were obliged to call the City of Saco for assistance. As luck would have it, the Saco department was out on the Portland Road, having just extinguished a fire, and therefore was able to respond to our call. If the call to the Masonic Building had been received about one-half hour earlier, there are all possibilities that the Masonic Building would have been completely gutted by fire.

Again, I ask you to have your fire alarm system changed to a more modern system. It is really antique and obsolete, including about 20 boxes that have been in service over forty years.

I would recommend that a committee be appointed to work with the chief to determine if it would benefit the citizens of Biddeford to follow out the Fire Insurance Underwriters' recommendations and have this city put in a class "B" rating instead of class "C" which we are in at the present time. The chief of fire department has the Underwriters' recommendations in his office and they are available to any member of the City Government at any time.

I would further recommend that this department be given authority to purchase a life net, to be carried on the apparatus. The cost of this net would only be \$125, and I am sure you will agree with me that \$125 is a very small iota compared with one life. With the type of construction in most of our dwellings and tenement houses, some time in the future some one may be compelled to jump from the upper stories of a building

on fire and possibly the firemen will not have time to raise a ladder.

Again I ask you to consider the advisability of having the assistant chief a permanent man. I would suggest that the second assistant chief's position be eliminated and the \$250 that is paid out to that position be used towards helping to finance the position of a deputy chief on permanent duty. In case of the absence of the chief, the deputy chief would automatically become acting chief and the senior captain would automatically become acting deputy chief, and in case of the absence of the deputy chief, the senior captain would automatically become acting deputy chief. I feel reasonably sure that if this arrangement is carried out, it will have a wonderful effect in increasing the efficiency of the department.

The sub-station at Biddeford Pool should certainly receive more attention this coming year and in consideration of this, I suggest that the Underwriters' requirements be followed out.

Once again I recommend that the rubbish collection be taken out of the fire department. This is a very serious matter and should receive your worthy consideration.

The old Chemical truck should be replaced with a speedy two-ton truck with hose carrying body as this piece is 11 years old and is fast going to pieces.

In conclusion, I would recommend that as far as the city's finances would permit, that more fire alarm boxes and hydrants be installed.

#### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES

In reference to the appropriation, it must be taken into consideration that it cost about \$5,500.00 out of the fire department appropriation to pay the expense of collecting rubbish. Also the large woods fire cost \$1,100.00; the purchase of 500 extra feet of fire hose this year and

the installation of red lights over fire alarm boxes made up for the overdraft.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$36,000.00
Credits . . . . .	325.80
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Total . . . . .	\$36,325.80
Expenditures . . . . .	\$38,278.28
Appropriation and Credits . . . . .	\$36,325.80
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Overdraft . . . . .	\$ 1,952.48

I desire to record here the wonderful spirit of co-operation manifested by the Mayor, the Committee on Fire Department, the City Council, all the heads of the different departments, especially Street Commissioner Alfred Blouin, and all the citizens of Biddeford in all matters concerning the Biddeford Fire Department.

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

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE T. RICKER,  
Chief Biddeford Fire Department.

## Report of 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, 1928.

### Financial Statement

February	\$ 660.75
March	784.95
April	824.63
May	625.75
June	1,784.20
July	1,448.30
August	706.70
September	1,100.88
October	1,175.85
November	1,106.21
December	836.53
January	766.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,820.97</b>

### Farm Implements

1 Sulky Plow	1 Disk Harrow
1 Manure Spreader	2 Cultivators
1 Spring Harrow	1 Weeder
1 Corn Planter	1 Horse Hoe
1 Horse Rake	1 Single sled
1 Mowing Machine	1 Two-seated wagon
1 Two-seated Sled	1 Single working sled
1 Concord rubber tire wagon	1 Single working harness
1 Double working sled	1 Single harness R
1 Double working wagon	1 Single harness
2 Single working harnesses	2 Bay harnesses
8 Horse Blankets	1 Sleigh blanket
2 Walking Polws	

Valuation, \$1,563.50.

**Number of Inmates at Homestead at Close  
of Each Month.**

February	30
March	30
April	28
May	26
June	24
July	25
August	25
September	26
October	30
November	31
December	32
January	30

Number of deaths at Homestead during the year . . . . . 2

**Products Raised at the Homestead**

Potatoes	41 bushels
Beans	52 bushels
Beets	65 bushels
Turnips	15 bushels
Carrots	25 bushels
Hay	35 tons
Hungarian Hay	3 Tons
Green Oats	5 Tons
Squash	2 Tons
Pumpkins	2 Tons
Cabbage	1 Ton
Fresh Pork, Jan. 26	3,440 lbs.

**Stock of Homestead**

Horses	2
Cows	9
Fifteen mos. heifer	1
Hens	60
Hogs	13
Small pigs, 5 mos. old	11

Valuation . . . . .	\$3,493.00
Total receipts from farm products . . . . .	\$2,620.17
Paid for miscellaneous items from receipts . . .	1,166.97
Balance handed to City Treasurer, Jan. 31, 1928 . . . . .	\$1,453.20

### Receipts at Homestead During the Year 1927-28

Milk . . . . .	\$ 895.30
Fresh Pork . . . . .	205.55
Eggs, 105 doz. . . . .	46.70
Potatoes, 104 bushels . . . . .	336.66
Squash, pumpkins . . . . .	27.00
Beans, other products . . . . .	241.16
Livestock . . . . .	125.00
Calves (3) . . . . .	14.00
Sawdust . . . . .	32.80
Wood . . . . .	696.00
Total receipts from products . . . . .	\$2,620.17
Paid from receipts . . . . .	1,166.97
Balance at close of year . . . . .	\$1,453.20

### Expenditures

Groceries . . . . .	\$2,251.77
Grain . . . . .	1,728.41
Doctor's medicine . . . . .	444.63
Soap and disinfectant . . . . .	173.55
Dry goods . . . . .	410.84
Furniture:	
Beds, mattresses, springs . . . . .	475.09
Power and Light . . . . .	182.25
Water . . . . .	104.88
Plumbing, repairs . . . . .	922.22
Carpenter repairs . . . . .	769.97
Hardware . . . . .	282.09
Blacksmith, repairs . . . . .	343.50
Tobacco . . . . .	207.42



Coal (last year's) .....	628.55
Coal (stove) .....	271.59
	43.76
	————— 227.83
Insurance .....	63.00
Salary .....	2,186.37
Livestock .....	240.00
Barber's work .....	109.45

### Furniture at Homestead

32 Beds	6 Tables
100 Chairs	2 Ice Chests
1 Clock	1 Barber Chair
1 Electric Washing Machine	
3 Stoves	
1 set of dishes	
Valuation .....	\$2,891.00
Stove .....	175.00
New Tool Shed .....	500.00
New barn repairs .....	604.49
Boiler repairs .....	467.92
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	\$4,638.41

Respectfully submitted,

NOE BERGERON,

Superintendent.

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

February 13, 1928.

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

Gentlemen:

As superintendent of schools, I have the honor to present, for your consideration, my eighth annual report for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1928.

Although the school census taken April 1, 1927, showed a loss of four hundred and thirty-six persons between the ages of five and twenty-one, approximately seventy-one per cent of this number were within the compulsory school age.

The table given below will serve to show a comparison between the years 1926-1927 and 1927-1928 and the distribution of pupils in the city and parochial schools:

	ENROLLMENT	
	1926-1927	1927-1928
Number enumerated .....	6,701	6,265
Attending High school .....	280	270
Attending Emery school .....	354	368
Attending Washington Street (including Special English) .....	233	221
Attending Birch Street .....	118	101
Attending Wentworth Street .....	48	56
Attending Bradbury Street .....	68	85
Attending Rural Schools.....	210	197
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Total in Public Schools .....	1,311	1,298
Attending St. Mary's School .....	267	258
Attending St. Joseph's School .....	1,087	1,050
Attending St. Andre's School .....	1,203	1,191
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Total in Parochial Schools .....	2,557	2,499

As part of the State School Fund is based on Aggregate attendance of Pupils, and School Census, it can very readily be seen that this exodus from our city each year materially decreased the amount of money received.

Due to freedom from severe epidemics, and the cooperation of Attendance Officer, Mr. Will Stone, the attendance has been very good. Three hundred and thirty cases were given attention; of these fifteen were truants, fifteen were without suitable clothing, thirteen had moved away, and one case was prosecuted.

In presenting my last report I had each special teacher prepare an outline of the year's work. However, it does not seem necessary that this be done each year as the work in each special branch is similar from year to year and conducted along well-defined lines. As new and approved methods are instituted in their courses our teachers are quick to grasp and apply them in whatsoever way seems beneficial. While the introduction and maintenance of special studies has been criticised rather unjustly, investigation shows that the pupils of this age, in addition to carrying these special subjects, are showing a higher grade of proficiency in the three Rs than was attained a decade ago. It has been my policy to teach in our schools such subjects as will serve to develop in the child those mental, moral, physical, and aesthetic qualities which will make him a better citizen.

While I do not advocate the introduction and adoption of every pet scheme that some educator holds out as the panacea for all the ills of education, I do believe in adopting those methods, devices, and projects which, having been tried in the foremost educational cities and institutions throughout the country, have proved successful and if they fit in with our particular locality and environment. A few years ago, we introduced departmental work in the upper grades of the Emery school. This change has worked out so well and the results

proven so satisfactory, that it would seem a pity to return to the old system. Education will not be bound by tradition of a dead past. For years a minimum of four years has constituted the high school course. If, on the other hand, the merging of the upper grammar grades with the first year of high school (Junior High School) is productive of greater good for a greater number of pupils and, as I have said, fits the community, it would be wise and just on the part of that school department to at least give the proposition due consideration.

Two changes which seemed advisable to the Board of Education have been made this year at the high school; one, the change from sixteen points to seventeen points required for graduation—this was due to the adoption of a compulsory course in physical training which credits the pupil with one point for the successful completion of four years' work. The second change was the time schedule, changed from 8.00-12.30 to 8.30-1.00.

High school enrollment, while smaller than might be expected in a city the size of Biddeford, has, no doubt, been caused in the past few years by removal of many families from this city on account of the labor situation. Nevertheless, the attendance has been good and the excellent grade of work produced has been attested by honor grades received at college by our high school graduates.

That an excellent foundation is laid in the grammar grades, equal to that of other schools throughout New England, is proven by the fact that five pupils who were graduated from our Emery school and who moved to other cities were reported as graduating from secondary schools last year with honor grades, one of these from the Boston Latin School.

Miss Helene Douglas, a teacher of English at the

high school, resigned in June and Miss Elizabeth O'Sullivan was elected to fill the vacancy.

Miss Beatrice Randall, a teacher in the commercial department, resigned and Miss Ella M. Perry was elected to fill the vacancy.

Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Randall are proving very capable and are doing good work.

The recent resignation of Mrs. Walter Lobo (nee Miss Kathleen Mahoney) caused another vacancy in the high school and Miss Pauline Dunn was elected to this position. Miss Dunn is a graduate of Biddeford High and St. Elizabeth's college; she comes well recommended and a good grade of work is expected as a result of her efforts.

Few other changes were found necessary in the teaching staff. Miss Martina E. Green was elected to fill the vacancy in the Domestic Science school, Foss Street, caused by the resignation of Miss Alice Graffam. Miss Louise Schneider was transferred from district No. 8, Pool school, to the sixth grade, Wentworth Street, this vacancy being caused by the resignation, after a long and successful teaching career, of Miss Mary E. Kelley. Mrs. Cora E. Tarbox was transferred from district No. 7 to district No. 8.

District No. 7 has been closed and the pupils from both districts No. 6 and No. 7 are being transported to the Emery school. Transportation of pupils by the bus, provided by the department, is proving so satisfactory and the advantages to the children so commendable, that a recommendation by the Board to serve other communities in a similar way would be deemed advisable.

The annual tour of inspection impressed upon the Board of Education the many repairs needed in school buildings. Bradbury Street school was painted, as was also the outside woodwork at the Emery school. The big proposition was the Washington Street school. Al-

though much work had previously been done in this building, such as renovating and painting the roof and putting up new metal ceilings throughout, it was thought advisable to put this building in a complete state of repairs as new floors, new and added toilet facilities, and the remodelling of the stairway were needed. While this work was under way it was found necessary to replace some of the old sills and renew the beams in the belfry. Washington Street school building in its present state of repairs will need little or no expenditures for several years. Other buildings should be attacked in the same way and put in a similar condition.

The work of the Red Cross nurse, functioning in both public and parochial schools, is proving the wisdom of this measure. Pupils are given regular inspection, classroom talks presented, pupils and parents visited in the homes and timely advice given. As a result, many corrections are made and pupils are better able to carry on the work of the grade. The spread of disease is prevented and the city is thus spared an epidemic. Let me urge, at this time, that some provision be made providing for a dental clinic in our schools. The sooner we realize that health is wealth and that preventive measures are of greater value than corrective, the sooner we will find that a normal child in good health will respond to the classroom work and produce much better results.

It is gratifying to be able to report the excellent spirit of co-operation from teachers, parents, and pupils with the School Banking System. Deposits are received regularly and the lesson of thrift and systematic saving now learned will be of great value to the pupils in their future life.

Attendance at evening high school classes has been very good this year. A growing interest is being shown by older girls and boys who avail themselves of the opportunities which the city is providing, whereby they may

fit themselves for advancement in their special line of work.

Classes in Americanization and General Evening schools have held out fairly well but too few people who need this help are taking advantage of the opportunities offered. Several men have been assisted in taking out their first papers. There are over five million illiterates in the United States, many of whom could be helped through the agency of free evening school courses.

Graduation exercises of both the high school and the grammar school were held in the gymnasium at the high school building. Excellent programs were rendered, demonstrating the grade of work being accomplished by an efficient corps of teachers.

Following are lists of graduates and the respective programs as presented:

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

### The Renaissance of New England

Invocation,	Rev. Clarence M. Fogg
The New England Heritage, with Salutatory,	Lincoln Orrin Spencer
A Voyage of Discovery,	Helen Mary Finn
The Renaissance in Literature	Louise Margaret Lamothe
The Crux of the Industrial Renaissance	Albert Edward Simard
Music	
The Alpha of Style	Betty Louise Place
The Omega of Character, Honor Essay	Esther Elizabeth Murphy
Young Man, Stay in New England, with Valedictory	Edmund Joseph Curtis
Music	
Awarding of Medals	Hon. George C. Precourt
Presentation of Diplomas	Supt. C. A. Weed

### GRADUATES

Carl Andrews	Marion Rose Carroll
Sofokli Adams Anton	Raymond Kenneth Clark
Ernest Earle Barney	Harry Charles Cohen
Albert Joseph Beaudoin	Emily Elizabeth Cole
Oliva Armand Belisle	Charles Malcolm Cousens
Doris Marjorie Boisvert	Edmund Joseph Curtis***
Harold Daniel Carroll	Leona Margaret Driscoll*

Ruth Lydia Edwards	Elmer Louis LeTourneau*
Selden Wakefield Emery*	Eleanor Alice Mahaney
Doris Irene Emmons*	Edna Pauline McCarn
Helen Mary Finn**	Joseph Paul McCarthy
Frances Claire Flanagan	Francis James Mogan
Max Fleischer	Mary Kathleen Mullally
Harry Dave Goldberg	Esther Elizabeth Murphy**
Constance Hartley*	Betty Louise Place**
Margaret Maura Hoctor	Edgar Allen Roberts
Mary Cecilia Hoctor*	Albert Edward Simard**
Emma Evelyn Horsfield	Mildred Mae Smith*
Alice Mildred Johnson*	Lincoln Orrin Spencer***
Eleanor Margaret Kearney*	Earl Thompson*
Ethel Margaret Kearney	Drostan Paul Twomey
Kathleen Rose Kearney	Jeremiah Oscar Twomey
Grace Maude Kelley	William Henry Velandry, Jr.
Louise Margaret Lamothe**	Marjorie L. Verrill
Catherine Elizabeth Lane	Urban Leroy Woodsome

\*\*\*Highest Honor

\*\*High Honor

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION

March	Graduates
Prayer	
	Rev. Leon E. Grubaugh
Chorus, "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes,"	Old English
	Eighth Grades
"My Country,"	Drury
	Sebina Regina
"The State of Maine,"	Frye
	Carl Sneider
"The Men To Make a State,"	Doane
	Bernice E. Dickerson
"Americanism,"	Roosevelt
	Elmer E. Bardsley
"Our Future,"	Ireland
	Pauline A. Carter
Boys' Chorus—"Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground,"	
	Eighth Grades
Saxophone Solo, "Nola,"	Felix Arndt
	Gilman E. Seaver
Piano Solo, "Butterflies,"	Charles Huerter
	Bernice E. Dickerson
Dance—"Glow Worm,"	
	Elizabeth M. Bennett, Pauline A. Carter, Elizabeth M. Charles, Beatrice A. Cohen, Bernice E. Dickerson, Marion G. Driscoll, Eleanor G. Gowen, Annie Horsfield, Phyllis E. Merryman, Ivy Metcalf, Georgia A. Prevost, Sebina H. Regina, Vera L. T. Rogers, Ruth Shapiro, Tena Simensky, Natalie Staples, Bertha Tufts, Olivia Willis.



## Dumb-Bell Drill—

Isadore Aranovitch, Elmer E. Bardsley, Emmanuel E. Brikiatis, Earl B. Center, Raymond C. Cole, Socrates V. Coronios, John E. Dryden, Francis J. Gallant, Marcel A. Laliberte, Paul C. Martin, Daniel P. Perkins, Louis Spill, Gilman E. Seaver, Carl Sneider, Arthur Stern, George P. Vlahakos, Joseph Zaitlin.

## Italian Folk Dance, "Tarantella,"

Eighth Grade Girls

"Mr. Travers' First Hunt," Davis

Gilman E. Seaver

"One Niche the Highest," Burritt

Edwin G. Walker

"The Highwayman," Noyes

Beatrice A. Cohen

"Knee-Deep in June," Riley

Ruth Shapiro

Chorus, "Windlass Song," Elgar

Eighth Grades

## Awarding of Scholarship Medals,

Chairman of Board of Education, Dr. George C. Precourt

## Presentation of Diplomas,

Superintendent of Schools, Chester A. Weed

## Exit March

## Graduates

Isadore Aranovitch

Frank M. Jones

Elmer E. Bardsley

Marcel A. Laliberte

Elizabeth M. Bennett

Paul C. Martin

Freeman E. Bradbury

Phyllis E. Merryman

Emmanuel E. Brikiatis

Ivy Metcalf

John F. Burchill

Marjorie Morgan

John P. Caddigan

Daniel P. Perkins

Margaret A. Caddigan

Georgia A. Prevost

Pauline A. Carter

Sebina H. Regina

Earl B. Center

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Edwin G. Walker

Herbert V. Hartley

George P. Vlahakos

Solomon Hoffman

Olivia E. Willis

Annie Horsfield

Joseph Zaitlin

## FIRST HONORS:

Eighth A—Edwin G. Walker.

Eighth B—Sebina H. Regina.

Eighth C—Ruth Shapiro.

Rural:

Philip P. Snow, District No. 8.

Dorothy G. Young, District No. 8.

Education is the biggest single business in the country. It is safe to say that at least one-fourth of the population is in some way engaged in this work, either as students, teachers, manufacturers and salesmen of school supplies, or in the building trades. To maintain schools, funds are necessary. In the State of Maine these funds are mostly from two sources—State Common School Fund and City or Town Appropriations. As superintendent of schools, I estimated that ninety thousand dollars would be necessary to meet the needs of the Common School department. From the State the city received \$26,834.58, and from the City, \$55,000.00, a total of \$81,834.58; this amount just about covered expenditures for teachers, salaries, fuel, and janitors. Therefore, to meet the expenses of transportation, board and office, school nurse, water, etc., it was necessary to overdraw the account by more than six thousand dollars.

Emergency repairs on the Washington Street building required over four thousand dollars. As only four thousand dollars were appropriated for repairs on other buildings and general miscellaneous repairs incurred throughout the year, it was necessary to overdraw this account.

The unforeseen expenditure for the purchase of lockers in the girls' dressing room at the high school gymnasium, some new desks for the Emery school, new shades for the Washington Street school, and a piano for the kindergarten accounts for the five hundred thirty-two dollars and twenty-five cents overdraft in the "Supply" account.

It can readily be seen that these were necessary items and needed expenditures but no provision made for them.

The financial report in full is given herewith. Every effort was made by this department to curtail expenditures but if insufficient appropriations are provided, an overdraft is unavoidable. The schools must be maintained.

**Fiscal Report of Department of Education, City of Biddeford, Maine, Year 1927-1928**

	Appropriation	Received	Expenditures	Balance	Over-Draft
	From State	During Yr.	\$		\$
Schools	\$26,834.58	\$1,674.82	\$ 90,057.94		6,548.54
Repairs			6,920.47		2,920.47
Supplies and Insurance			3,532.25		582.25
Free Text Books			2,000.33		.33
Evening Schools	1,202.86		1,922.02	280.84	
Domestic Science	1,433.33		2,977.73		44.40
Manual Training	800.00				
Physical Training	1,085.00		5,302.38	82.62	
Supt. of Schools	800.00		3,300.00		
	\$32,155.77	\$1,674.82	\$116,013.12	\$363.46	\$10,045.99
Total Expenditures, \$116,013.12.	Total Resources, \$72,500.00	\$106,330.59.	Over-Draft, \$9,682.53.		

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Schools—Tuition, Secondary	\$1,346.80
Tuition, Elementary	36.00
Transportation	37.02
***Miscellaneous	255.00
	<u>1,674.82</u>

***Sold to Mr. Binette old settees at Emery	\$ 5.00
Part payment from Pepperell for rental of Prospect park	250.00
	<u>\$255.00</u>

In closing I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the Board of Education for their cooperation and assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WEED,  
Superintendent of Schools.

## 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, Demcorat.
1869	James R. Clark, Democrat.
1870-1	E. W. Wedgewood, Democrat.
1872	Francis G. Warren, Democrat.
1873	James H. McMullan, Republican.
1874-5	Francis G. Warren, Democrat.
1876	John H. Burnham, Democrat.
1877	Alfred Pierce, Republican.
1878	Charles M. Moses, Republican.
1879	James A. Strout, Democrat.
1880	Charles M. Moses, Republican.
1881-2	Elisha E. Clark, Republican.
1883-5	E. W. Staples, Democrat.
1886-7	Samuel F. Parcher, Democrat.
1888-9	C. E. Goodwin, Democrat.
1890-3	E. W. Staples, Democrat.
1894-5	Charles S. Hamilton, Republican.
1896-7	Carlos Heard, Citizen and Democrat.
1898-9	Levi W. Stone, Citizen and Republican.
1900-1	Nathaniel B. Walker, Citizen, Democrat and Republican.

- 1902 Joseph Gooch, Citizen, Republican and Democrat.
- 1903 Joseph Gooch, Citizen and Republican.
- 1904-5 Nathaniel B. Walker, Citizen and Republican.
- 1906-7 Gilman P. Littlefield, Citizen and Republican.
- 1908-9 Cornelius Horigan, Democrat and Independent.
- 1910-12 Albert O. Marcille, Democrat and Independent.
- 1913-15 James G. C. Smith, Democrat and Independent.
- 1916 Leopold A. Girard, Democrat and Independent.
- 1917-19 Hartley C. Banks, Democrat and Independent.
- 1920 Thomas F. Locke, Democrat and Independent.
- 1921 Ulysses E. Fosdick, Republican and Citizen.
- 1922-26 Edward H. Drapeau, Democrat and Independent.
- 1926-27 George C. Precourt, Progressive and Republican.

## City Clerks of Biddeford Since 1855

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1855-7	Levi Loring, Jr.
1857-9	Frederick D. Edgerly.
1860	George H. Knowlton.
1861-9	Frederick D. Edgerly.
1870-2	John A. Staples.
1873-4	Cyrus P. Berry.
1875-6	Samuel Tripp.
1877-8	Cyrus P. Berry.
1879	Frank W. Roberts.
1880-2	Charles H. Parcher.
1883-93	Edgar A. Hubbard.
1894-5	Charles E. Pillsbury.
1896-7	William P. Freeman.
1898-9	Dennis Murphy.
1900-3	Dayton T. Moore.
1904-6	Daniel H. B. Hooper.
1907-9	Albert O. Marcille.
1910-17	Thomas F. Locke.
1918-21	Edmond Bergeron.
1922	Ernest Petit.
1923-26	Arthur H. Hevey.
1926-27	Alfred Lantagne.

# CITY OF BIDDEFORD, BIDDEFORD, MAINE

## Statement of Appropriation Accounts for the Year Ended January 31, 1928

Title of Accounts	Appropriations	Cash Receipts	Accounts Receivable	Transfers to	Total Credits	Cash Payments	Accounts Payable	Transfers from	Total Debits	Balance Unexpended	Overdrafts
Bridges . . . . .	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,259.46			\$ 2,259.46		\$ 659.46
Browntail moths . . . . .	500.00				500.00	158.73			158.73	\$ 341.27	
City building . . . . .	3,000.00	11,036.16	\$ 450.00		14,486.16	11,768.51			11,768.51	2,717.65	
City homestead . . . . .	6,000.00	4,310.15		\$ 1,400.00	11,710.15	12,971.05	7.68		12,978.73		1,268.58
City library . . . . .	3,500.00	342.25			3,842.25	3,842.25			3,842.25		
Contingent fund . . . . .	20,000.00	1,108.00			21,108.00	19,677.01		\$5,318.53	24,995.54		3,887.54
County tax . . . . .	20,469.98				20,469.98	20,469.98			20,469.98		
Day nursery . . . . .	600.00				600.00	600.00			600.00		
Election department . . . . .	4,500.00	9.36			4,509.36	4,320.14			4,320.14	189.22	
Fire department . . . . .	36,000.00	325.80			36,325.80	38,278.28			38,278.28		1,952.48
General expense . . . . .	7,000.00	826.00		1,500.00	9,326.00	7,950.13			7,950.13	1,375.87	
Health department . . . . .	2,000.00	117.60			2,117.60	2,170.60			2,170.60		53.00
Highways, district 4 . . . . .	37,000.00	2,201.91			39,201.91	31,890.69			31,890.69	7,311.22	
Resurfacing streets . . . . .	19,000.00				19,000.00	24,725.25			24,725.25		5,725.25
State Road . . . . .	2,500.00	4,118.50			6,618.50	10,167.97			10,167.97		3,549.47
Fortunes Rocks . . . . .	2,000.00				2,000.00	2,489.77			2,489.77		489.77
Hollis Road . . . . .	600.00				600.00	598.98			598.98	1.02	
Mountain Road . . . . .	400.00				400.00	303.41			303.41	96.59	
Newtown Road . . . . .	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,302.83			1,302.83		102.83
Oak Ridge district . . . . .	1,500.00			477.00	1,977.00	2,142.74			2,142.74		165.74
Pool district . . . . .	1,500.00				1,500.00	3,378.47			3,378.47		1,878.47
Pool Road district . . . . .	3,200.00				3,200.00	4,930.86			4,930.86		1,730.86
Ward Seven, east . . . . .	350.00				350.00	340.90			340.90	9.10	
Ward Seven, north . . . . .	500.00				500.00	543.99			543.99		43.99
Ward Seven, west . . . . .	300.00				300.00	126.89			126.89	173.11	
Hydrants . . . . .	19,000.00				19,000.00	18,613.15			18,613.15	386.85	
Insane . . . . .	600.00	51.70			651.70	515.25			515.25	136.45	
Interest . . . . .	42,000.00	1,940.28			43,940.28	40,267.16			40,267.16	3,673.12	
Mothers' aid . . . . .	2,250.00	1,637.50			3,887.50	3,320.00			3,320.00	567.50	
Parks . . . . .				68.87	68.87	68.87			68.87		
Pauper department . . . . .	32,000.00	2,743.48			34,743.48	32,378.68			32,378.68	2,364.48	
Police department . . . . .	23,000.00	907.11			23,907.11	23,600.66			23,600.66	306.45	
Retiring bonds:											
Bradbury bridge . . . . .	5,000.00				5,000.00	5,000.00			5,000.00		
High school annex . . . . .	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00			10,000.00		
Sewer . . . . .	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00			10,000.00		
State Road, south . . . . .				1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00			1,000.00		
Street and sidewalk . . . . .	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00			10,000.00		
Fire engine notes . . . . .	15,500.00				15,500.00	15,500.00			15,500.00		
Salaries . . . . .	11,000.00				11,000.00	11,356.88			11,356.88		3,566.88
Schools . . . . .	55,000.00	1,674.82	26,834.58		83,509.40	90,057.94			90,057.94		6,548.54
School repairs, supplies and insurance . . . . .	7,000.00				7,000.00	10,452.72			10,452.72		3,452.72
Domestic science . . . . .	1,500.00	1,505.33			3,005.33	2,977.73			2,977.73	27.60	
Evening schools . . . . .	1,000.00	1,130.86			2,130.86	1,922.02			1,922.02	208.84	
Free text books . . . . .	2,000.00				2,000.00	2,000.33			2,000.33		.33
Manual training . . . . .	3,500.00	1,885.00			5,385.00	5,302.38			5,302.38	82.62	
Superintendent's salary . . . . .	2,500.00	800.00			3,300.00	3,300.00			3,300.00		
Sewers and drains . . . . .	7,000.00	289.00		872.66	8,161.66	8,053.89			8,053.89	107.77	
Sidewalks . . . . .	6,000.00	320.23			6,320.23	3,186.34			3,186.34	3,133.89	
State tax . . . . .	92,294.53				92,294.53		92,294.53		92,294.53		
Street lights . . . . .	22,300.00				22,300.00	22,574.42			22,574.42		274.42
White pine blister . . . . .	300.00				300.00	298.88			298.88	1.12	
Woodlawn cemetery . . . . .	800.00	240.00			1,040.00	700.18			700.18	339.82	
Tax abatements . . . . .	9,612.25				9,612.25	9,612.25			9,612.25		
General licenses . . . . .		325.00			325.00					325.00	
Bank stock tax . . . . .		3,060.33			3,060.33					3,060.33	
Railroad and telegraph tax . . . . .			958.86		958.86					958.86	
Overlay . . . . .	26,434.44				26,434.44					26,434.44	
Supplementary assessment of taxes . . . . .	2,589.01				2,589.01					2,589.01	
Totals of all columns . . . . .					\$671,868.55	\$549,468.62	\$92,302.21	\$5,318.53	\$647,089.36	\$56,919.52	\$32,140.33
Net unexpended balance . . . . .									24,779.19		24,779.19
Totals to balance the columns . . . . .	\$595,300.21	\$43,006.37	\$28,243.44	\$5,318.53	671,868.55				\$671,868.55	\$56,919.52	\$56,919.52



# City of Biddeford, Biddeford, Maine

## Balance Sheets Compared

Title of Accounts	January 31, 1927	January 31, 1928	Increase	Decrease
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash . . . . .	\$ 15,622.43	\$ 9,805.42		\$ 5,817.01
Taxes, 1920 . . . . .	10.00	10.00		
1921 . . . . .	2,895.19	2,895.19		
1922 . . . . .	1,171.37	1,171.37		
1923 . . . . .	2,463.91	2,463.91		
1924 . . . . .	7,703.42	7,703.42		
1925 . . . . .	10,603.37	9,603.37		1,000.00
1926 . . . . .	39,903.24	13,103.24		26,800.00
1927 . . . . .		34,100.21	\$ 34,100.21	
Due from State:				
School fund . . . . .	27,901.02			27,901.02
Paupers . . . . .	948.33			948.33
Burial of soldier's widow	100.00			100.00
Refund of dog licenses	124.27			124.27
R. R. and Tel. tax . . . . .	844.86			844.86
Tax deeds before 1926 . . . . .	1,632.61	1,498.61		134.00
Tax deeds of 1926 . . . . .		1,196.63	1,196.63	
Accounts receivable:				
Diamond Match Co. . . . .	1,000.00			1,000.00
J. P. Rundle . . . . .	333.33			333.33
J. J. Dunn . . . . .	239.29	239.29		
Rent due Jan. 31 . . . . .		450.00	450.00	
Moth assessments . . . . .	885.80	885.80		
Trust funds invested . . . . .	8,955.16	9,598.11	642.95	
<b>Total assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$123,337.60</b>	<b>\$ 94,724.57</b>		<b>\$ 28,613.03</b>
Net City Debt . . . . .	779,884.13	702,216.63		77,667.50
<b>Net decrease . . . . .</b>		<b>106,280.53</b>		<b>\$106,280.53</b>
<b>Totals to balance . . . . .</b>	<b>\$903,221.73</b>	<b>\$903,221.73</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Refunding bonds . . . . .	\$255,000.00	\$255,000.00		
Sewer bonds . . . . .	85,000.00	75,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Street and sidewalk bonds	65,000.00	55,000.00		10,000.00
Bradbury bridge bonds . . . . .	30,000.00	25,000.00		5,000.00
State road construction				
bonds . . . . .	13,000.00	12,000.00		1,000.00
High school annex bonds	160,000.00	150,000.00		10,000.00
Fire engine note . . . . .	15,500.00			15,500.00
Current expense notes . . . . .	77,000.00	100,000.00	23,000.00	
Taxes notes . . . . .	83,000.00	50,000.00		33,000.00
Mayor's orders:				
Before 1926 . . . . .	604.75			604.75
For 1926-1927 . . . . .	819.91			819.91
Due to State:				
Dog licenses . . . . .	372.00	842.00	470.00	
Dependent children . . . . .	1,158.75			1,158.75
County tax for 1926 . . . . .	19,430.62			19,430.62
State tax for 1926 . . . . .	88,380.54			88,380.54
State tax for 1927, balance				
due . . . . .		64,501.09	64,501.09	
Cemetery trust funds . . . . .	8,955.16	9,598.11	642.95	
<b>Total liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>\$903,221.73</b>	<b>\$796,941.20</b>	<b>\$ 88,614.04</b>	<b>\$194,894.57</b>
<b>Net decrease . . . . .</b>		<b>106,280.53</b>	<b>106,280.53</b>	
<b>Totals to balance . . . . .</b>	<b>\$903,221.73</b>	<b>\$903,221.73</b>	<b>\$194,894.57</b>	<b>\$194,894.57</b>

# City of Biddeford, Biddeford, Maine

## Explanation of Changes in the Balance Sheets

Liabilities, decrease of:	
Bonds paid . . . . .	\$ 36,000.00
Fire engine notes paid . . . . .	15,500.00
Current expense notes and taxes notes, net decrease . . . . .	10,000.00
Mayor's orders . . . . .	1,424.66
County tax . . . . .	19,430.62
State tax, difference between the amount due last year and this year . . . . .	23,879.45
Due State, net decrease of all accounts . . . . .	688.75
<b>Total decrease of all liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>\$106,923.48</b>
Assets, decrease of:	
Cash . . . . .	\$ 5,817.01
Due from State, all accounts . . . . .	29,918.48
Accounts receivable, net decrease of all items . . . . .	883.33
<b>Gross decrease . . . . .</b>	<b>\$36,618.82</b>
Assets, increase of:	
Taxes uncollected . . . . .	\$6,300.21
Tax deeds unredeemed . . . . .	1,062.63
<b>Net decrease of Assets . . . . .</b>	<b>29,255.98</b>
<b>The remainder is the decrease of City Debt . . . . .</b>	<b>\$77,667.50</b>

F. F. BEAUREGARD, Auditor.

These statements were prepared by the advice of Mayor George C. Pre-court for the purpose of conveying to the public adequate information of the financial condition of the City of Biddeford as of January 31, 1928. To the best of my knowledge and belief the statements are correct.

GEORGE M. GRAFFAM,  
Certified Public Accountant.

Portland, Maine, Feb. 4, 1928.