

POOR DEPARTMENT.

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Maxim Melanson	\$133.58	
Joseph Miner	40.50	
Robbins T. Orr	177.26	
Edward Osier	77.00	
Thomas Ouellette	14.87	
Mary J. Paine	84.00	
Frederick Paradis	201.25	
Mrs. O. Philbrick	82.72	
Tyler Philbrick	4.00	
Felix Previe	12.00	
Charles L. Quimby	19.00	
J. W. Richardson	96.00	
Annie Rushlow	124.75	
Mrs. Mortimer Scanlon	24.00	
Albena Shepard	6.00	
William G. Smith	14.23	
John Storin	106.00	
Frederick W. Story	93.00	
George F. Thompson	2.75	
Charles Truchon	2.00	
B. G. Tucker	64.48	
John Welcome	2.00	
Mrs. John Williams	126.19	
Polly Woodbury	21.75	
Mrs. Stephen Young	34.36	
Transient account	105.93	
		<u>\$3,603.26</u>
Amount paid for support of city poor	\$1,137.51	
Amount paid by the city for the support of county poor	3,603.26	
		<u>\$4,740.77</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. COCHRAN,
Overseer of the Poor.

Aid to Dependent Soldiers and their families rendered
during the year 1896.

CHARGEABLE TO CITY.

George W. Johnson	\$390.53	
Stephen Lamprey	64.00	
Orrin Larkins	131.55	
Mrs. Henry M. Sanborn	24.86	
		\$610.94

CHARGEABLE TO COUNTY.

Mrs. Harriet Ash	\$52.19	
Mrs. L. A. Danforth	30.60	
N. W. Davis	70.00	
Lyster Fletcher	114.72	
Mrs. Helen L. Griswold	34.65	
James H. Kane	6.00	
Mrs. Henry W. McMichael	14.00	
Mary A. Morrison	40.78	
E. N. Pinkham	430.05	
Otis Reister	59.21	
W. H. Sargent	121.73	
Michael Storin	182.00	
Eli Sturgeon	25.94	
Honora Sullivan	114.10	
Charles D. Thompson	6.00	
William Wallace	115.45	
		\$1,417.42
Total amount		\$2,028.36

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

I herewith submit my annual report of the police department for the year 1896 :

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Whole number of arrests (including Penacook)	699	697	720	649	876
Whole number of arrests at Penacook	72	50	44	65	83
Brought before the court	487	560	628	617	720
Discharged by the court		2	17	4	8
Discharged without being brought before the court	140	110	93	85	157
Total amount received for fines and costs,—1891, \$3,306.92; 1892, \$3,027.78; 1893, \$5,352.19; 1894, \$4,396.60; 1895, \$6,418.92; 1896, \$5,874.16.					
Total amount paid out,—1891, \$462.21; 1892, \$480.50; 1893, \$363.73; 1894, \$557.23; 1895, \$933.64; 1896, \$555.35.					
Paid city treasurer in 1896, \$5,318.81.					
Whole number of lodgers (including Penacook)	584	936	1166	908	854
Whole number of lodgers at Penacook	94	170	251	201	158

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Number doors found open and secured (including Penacook)	103	68	184	290	252
Number doors found open and secured at Penacook . . .	11	6	9	22	18
Lost children returned to their parents	18	15	21	18	14
Number boys cautioned to attend school	21	21	28	19	16
Number girls cautioned to attend school	4	3	2	3	4
Called to quell disturbances	44	61	80	72	81
Stray teams found	13	13	16	12	7
Stray cow found					1
Stray calf found					1
Stray horses found					3
Number times city ambulance required	29	38	28	31	49
Assault	31	18	19	16	17
Aggravated assault		3	1	1	1
Assault with attempt to kill				3	
Attempt at robbery				4	
Abusing child under thirteen years of age				1	
Accessory to murder				2	
Adultery			2	3	5
Breaking and entering	1	14	14	18	9
Bastardy		1	3	5	2
Common drunkards	4	1	2	5	
Common seller					1
Cruelty to animals				2	4
Drunkenness (including Penacook)	399	340	365	378	488
Drunkenness at Penacook		35	30	60	63
Evading railroad fare	5	1	1	3	1
Embezzlement					2
Escaped from House of Correction					5
Escaped from jail					1

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Fast driving				2	5
Fishing unlawfully					1
Forgery					1
For out of town officers				2	1
Fornication				2	9
Gambling			16	10	2
Horse-stealing				1	1
Hens allowed to run on land of another		1	1	1	
Hotel beats					2
Idle and disorderly persons	1	1	1	1	7
Illegal fishing				2	
Insane	9	6	8	4	11
Injury to real estate					1
Incest					1
Keeping dogs without a license			10	9	6
Keeping malt liquor for sale.	13	64	53	77	54
Keeping malt for sale, 2d offence					4
Keeping cider for sale				1	1
Keeping spirituous liquor for sale	7	47	33	57	49
Keeping disorderly house				2	2
Keeping gambling house			2	1	1
Keeping saloon open after 10 P. M.				1	1
Larceny from the person					1
Noise and brawl				5	18
Neglecting to support family					1
Obtaining money under false pre- tences	5	2	5	2	4
Over-driving		2	3	1	1
Playing ball Sunday				5	
Robbery					1
Rude and disorderly conduct	18	14	13	6	7
Riding bicycle on sidewalk				9	5
Safe keeping	59	87	45	41	89
Selling obscene books				1	
Stealing	25	28	28	5	19

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Selling spirituous liquor	2	4	1	2	7
Selling mortgaged property				1	
Stealing a ride	1	1	2	3	
Street walkers					4
Stubborn children	7	3	6	1	3
Taking boat without right				1	
Threatening to do bodily harm				1	1
Tramp					2
United States prisoner	1	2	1	2	1
Unlawfully lighting street light					1
Unlawfully shipping game out of state					3
Vagrant	5	2	1	3	5
Number of arrests made by James E. Rand		88	144	135	
Daniel S. Flanders		21	34	66	
Fred M. Eaton		69	49	48	
Whitney D. Barrett		19	39	47	
James Kelley		11	25	40	
Charles E. Kelley		22	26	45	
John E. Gay		1	27	85	
Charles W. Hall		1	20	39	
Elmer J. Brown			16	21	
Irving B. Robinson			9	26	
Charles H. Rowe			8	82	
Assisted in making arrests, James E. Rand		65	33	37	
Daniel S. Flanders		42	53	34	
Fred M. Eaton		29	36	34	
John E. Gay		3	29	21	
Charles W. Hall		9	7	3	
Whitney D. Barrett		7	5	4	
James Kelley		9	5	1	
Charles E. Kelley		10	22	18	
Elmer J. Brown			9	6	
Irving B. Robinson			1	5	
Charles H. Rowe			2	24	
Arrests made by special officers		38	50	34	
Special officers assisted in making arrests		48	32	7	

The organization of the police department at the present time is as follows :

POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Charles C. Danforth, Giles Wheeler, Josiah E. Dwight.

G. Scott Locke, city marshal.

James E. Rand, assistant marshal.

Daniel S. Flanders, captain night watch.

Fred M. Eaton, regular police and night watchman.

Whitney D. Barrett, " " Penacook.

James Kelley, " " "

Charles E. Kelley, " " "

John E. Gay, " " "

Charles W. Hall, " " "

Elmer J. Brown, " " "

Charles H. Rowe, " " "

Thomas P. Davis, " " "

SPECIAL RESERVE OFFICERS.

Charles L. Gilmore, captain.

O. H. Bean, Eugene H. Davis,

George W. Chesley, Eri A. Poor,

George H. Silsby, Horace Robinson,

John T. Batchelder, George D. Worth,

W. H. H. Patch, William R. Green,

Willie A. Little, Samuel L. Batchelder,

W. A. Flanders, Alvin H. Urann.

Hoit Robinson,

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would respectfully recommend that the ambulance be fitted with rubber tires; such tires are now used in many places, and our ambulance should be fitted up so that any person who should be injured could be carried to their homes or to the hospital as comfortably as possible.

The lobby at Penacook is in a wretched condition and it is wholly unfit for use.

The boiler in the police station is defective and should be replaced by a new one.

I will renew my recommendation for a stable suitable for a horse, wagon, and ambulance.

It can be built after the same architectural design as the police station for \$1,000.

In submitting my report I desire to express my gratitude to the board of police commissioners, His Honor Mayor Henry Robinson, and the city council for their considerate treatment of this department. Thanks are due to Harry G. Sargent, city solicitor, for valuable assistance rendered.

To all who have contributed to our success we extend our thanks.

To the members of the force my grateful acknowledgment and thanks are tendered, for their efficiency and promptness in the discharge of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

G. SCOTT LOCKE,

City Marshal.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF POLICE COURT.

To the City Council:

The clerk of the police court submits the following report for the year 1896 :

Number of civil cases entered	134
Received for fees, civil cases	\$67.00
trials and continuances	3.15
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	\$70.15
Paid city treasurer	\$70.15

GEORGE M. FLETCHER,

Clerk of Police Court.

CONCORD, N. H., February 15, 1897.

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Council:

I hereby submit my annual report as solicitor.

The only causes in which the city was interested as a party, that were pending at the date of my last annual report were the suits of *Kemp v. Concord* and *Mary J. Gay et al v. Concord*. The first of the above suits was settled by my advice, by the payment of two hundred dollars (\$200) which, in view of the facts of the case, I regarded as a wise settlement for the city. The case of *Gay v. Concord* is still pending, no action having been taken by the plaintiff to bring the case to trial. During the last year, by the instruction of the city council, I have brought a few suits in favor of the city of Concord against individuals to recover taxes which were unpaid. They have nearly all been settled up and are of no public interest or importance, being for small amounts and cases where the city has no lien to enforce the payment by a sale of the property and a suit is the only remedy which the city had.

On the third day of July, 1896, by instruction of a special committee of the city government consisting of the finance committee, with the city solicitor added, I instituted suits against the bondsmen of Albert I. Foster for the years 1893, 1894, and 1895, and caused their real estate to be attached. These suits were entered at the October term of 1896 of the supreme court for this county and are still pending therein. Since the suits were brought, an offer of twenty per cent. of the amount claimed by the city was made by the bondsmen to the special committee of the city government, before referred to, and the offer was refused.

During the year advice and assistance have been furnished by me to the officers of the different departments of the city government, as requested.

HARRY G. SARGENT,

City Solicitor.

CONCORD, N. H., December 31, 1896.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

REPORTS OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

The quarterly reports of the board of police commissioners, summerized, are as follows for the year :

March 31, 1896. No business was transacted during this quarter.

April 28, 1896. A. F. Tandy, Henry J. Durrell, and A. C. Knowles, Jr., were appointed special police officers.

July 1, 1896. Edward C. Hussey, John G. Putnam, Horace B. Annis, and John Knowlton were appointed special police officers.

December 5, 1896. The resignation of Irving B. Robinson was received and accepted.

Thomas B. Davis was appointed regular police officer.

Samuel L. Batchelder and Rufus C. Boynton were appointed special police officers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY LIQUOR AGENT.

To the City Council:

In compliance with Section 10, Chapter 112, of the Public Statutes of this state, and the resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen of May 26, 1888, establishing this agency, I respectfully report the transactions of this office for the year 1896.

ON HAND JANUARY 1, AND PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR 1896.

Wines and liquors on hand January 1, per report,	
223 gallons, 126 bottles liquors and malt	
liquors	\$1,223.31
Purchased of M. S. Brown, liquor commissioner,	
532 $\frac{5}{8}$ gallons, 72 bottles liquors and malt liquors	1,607.95
Total, 755 $\frac{5}{8}$ gallons, 198 bottles liquors and	
malt liquors.	
Freight, cartage, and express on goods purchased	10.64
Empty bottles on hand January 1, 48	1.26
Empty bottles purchased during the year, 216	5.16
	\$2,848.32

MATERIAL AND EXPENSE OTHER THAN STOCK.

Salary of agent	\$600.00
Rent of office	276.00
U. S. internal revenue special tax	25.00
Fuel for two years	40.44
Gas	9.07
Water	7.00
Postage stamps	1.00

Five gross corks	\$2.05	
Three blank books and statements	15.25	
A. T. Sanger, twelve days' work	24.00	
		<u>\$999.81</u>
		\$3,848.13

SOLD DURING THE YEAR 1896.

Wines, liquors, and malt liquors; number of sales 3,822 and 523 gallons and 98 bottles of liquors	\$2,183.76	
Empty bottles sold, 222	17.40	
Empty casks, 20	23.25	
		<u>\$2,224.41</u>

ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1897.

Wines and liquors, 225 gallons, 100 bottles of liquors	\$1,231.21	
Less shortage, 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ gallons	27.75	
		<u>\$1,203.46</u>
Empty bottles on hand January 1, 4292	
		<u>\$1,204.38</u>

COST OF GOODS SOLD AND EXPENSES.

Wines, liquors, and malt liquors	\$1,612.21	
Empty bottles sold	5.48	
Other expenditures	999.81	
		<u>\$2,617.50</u>
Cash on hand January 1, 1896	\$13.19	
Cash received for sales in 1896	2,224.41	
		<u>\$2,237.60</u>
Cash deposited with city treasurer	\$2,225.00	
Cash on hand January 1, 1897	12.60	
		<u>\$2,237.60</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 MOSES LADD,
City Liquor Agent.

CONCORD, N. H., January 12, 1897.

PUBLIC PARKS.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

To the City Council:

In accordance with the ordinance, the park commissioners submit herewith their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1896.

The appropriations were made as follows:

White Park	\$3,250
Rollins Park	1,000
Penacook Park	100
Parks and commons	550

The work of improvement during the year has been more than in other years. At White Park marked progress has been made in filling, also in the planting of trees and shrubs. However, the greatest improvement has been made at the outlet of the pond by the placing of a stone bridge. The plans were drawn by Mr. George B. Howe, and the contract was awarded to Mr. Ola Anderson for \$775 and \$2.50 a perch for the stone foundation. Nothing has been attempted which has added so much to the effectiveness and adornment of the park, and when completed with grade, and shrubbery planted, it will present a most attractive appearance.

A friend interested in the development of the park has contributed the sum of fifty dollars towards the completion of the bridge, an example which we hope some of our citizens will follow.

One of the needs of the park at the present time is an entrance and a permanent fence.

The lawns have been kept in a very attractive condition this year, and work has been facilitated by the purchase of a horse lawn mower, thus enabling more and better work to be accomplished.

There has been received from the sale of wood \$116.65. Some action should be taken whereby the Rowell lot, so called, cornering on White and Beacon streets adjoining the park, could be secured, at the original cost of \$1,400. Upon this lot is a large amount of grade, and the park has already had the benefit of a large amount without cost. This has been referred to in previous reports and fully explained.

There will need to be a further appropriation for the payment of the bridge, and the question of the water supply has been considered by the park commissioners, and an appropriation will be needed to make the present supply more efficient. The use of water is a necessity during the dry months, for without it many of the shrubs and plants suffer.

It will soon be necessary to have a special policeman stationed in the park during a part of every day and a larger part of Sunday.

The use of bicycles in the park has been permitted, yet the commissioners have had many complaints in regard to same, and it is hoped when the play-ground is completed that a bicycle track will be one of the features.

With the limited appropriation that we have had from year to year, the extension and improvement of the park has been necessarily slow. When taking into consideration that within a quarter of a mile of the park, since the improvements began, there has been an increase, at a conservative estimate, of \$200,000, it is safe to say that the city has received many times over the amount that has been expended on this one park. This feature alone, it would seem, would convince the most skeptical that whatever money the city invests in its park system would be one of the best investments it could make. This has been demonstrated in many cities, and needs but a careful inquiry to satisfy one in regard to it.

We hope your honorable board will make a generous appropriation for the year 1897.

ROLLINS PARK.

Improvements at Rollins Park have been very marked. The appropriation has been nearly exhausted, and shows a

careful expenditure of same. The improvements do not reveal themselves to the casual observer, as an entrance to the park is needed to see all that has been done.

A very tasty and artistic bridge has been constructed, together with the planting of evergreens, shrubs, and trees; also some hundreds of ferns have been transplanted and rockeries built. The roads have been recoated and the grounds cleaned up.

It was decided to construct on the Broadway side of the park a stone wall, together with an entrance, which has improved the surroundings very materially. This work was entrusted to Mr. George E. Chesley, and has been constructed in a workmanlike manner. Fully one half of the entire length of the line on Broadway has been built.

Trees will be planted in the spring, and the improvements will go forward in accordance with the appropriations which will be made for the work.

The commissioners regret that the petition for a street on the north side of the park has been dismissed, for it will be a detriment to the park to have adjoining lots which cannot be controlled.

PENACOOK PARK.

Penacook Park has been under the same management as in previous years. The appropriation has not been entirely spent, the grounds have been kept in a fair condition, and have been used to some extent.

PARKS AND COMMONS.

The commissioners asked for a special appropriation to be made at the beginning of the year, and the amount of \$550 was appropriated for parks and commons. This was a new feature, and the idea was that certain localities in our city, which were lying idle, could be made attractive, thus extending our park system throughout the city where opportunity afforded. A special committee appointed to expend the money took the triangle on North State street, just south of the pumping station, and began operations late in the summer. The ground was stripped of loam and graded with

over seven hundred loads of filling, putting the loam back upon same; the whole work being carried on in conformity with a plan submitted by Mr. James H. Bowditch, of Boston.

The whole amount of the appropriation has been expended upon this, and there will be needed some more money to properly plant the grounds with shrubs. This the commissioners feel will prove a very attractive feature to our city, and after the first cost of developing, care can be maintained with very little expense; and it is hoped that its beauty and utility will demonstrate to our citizens the advisability of fixing up other plats from year to year.

It has been intimated that certain pieces of land will be donated to the city upon the acceptance and improvement of the same for park purposes.

The commissioners are continually reminded that there is a great lack of some place in the centre of the city where seats can be placed, and welcome given to strangers who may be tarrying in our city for a few hours. The piece of ground in the rear of the state house has been suggested as a very desirable place for such a purpose; and if arrangements could be made with the state for the use of same, the city could develop and care for it, thus, at small expense, carrying out a felt demand.

A city, in developing a park system, is doing something which will last, and from year to year grows better and more attractive. It is not so with much of the work done in other departments, for so much deteriorates from year to year; but as years go by, the park will be ever increasing in value and a gratification to the succeeding generations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY ROBINSON, *ex officio*,
BENJAMIN C. WHITE,
WILLIS G. C. KIMBALL,
BENJAMIN S. ROLFE,
JOHN F. JONES,
WILLIAM P. FISKE,
GEORGE A. YOUNG,

Park Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

WILLIAM P. FISKE, *Treasurer,*

IN ACCOUNT WITH PARK COMMISSIONERS.

WHITE PARK ACCOUNT.

To appropriation received from city . . .	\$500.00	
" " " . . .	478.91	
To cash received for wood sold . . .	116.65	
To cash received from C. H. Newhall for bridge	50.00	
		\$1,145.56

CR.

By paid George Abbott	\$12.41	
Thompson & Hoague	13.03	
labor, as per pay-roll	565.98	
C. S. Flanders, care of swans	18.00	
Danforth, Forrest & Morgan	65.35	
Shady Hill nurseries	20.25	
George W. Chesley, loam	282.60	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	1.32	
C. S. Flanders, for pair ducks and express	6.50	
account of bridge	160.12	
		\$1,145.56

ROLLINS PARK ACCOUNT.

To balance from last year	\$161.20	
cash from sale of wood	27.50	
cash from an unknown friend	3.00	
		\$191.70

CR.

By paid account of labor	\$145.48	
Irving Swan, paper, blueprints	4.10	
Balance	42.12	
		\$191.70

PENACOOK PARK ACCOUNT.

To balance from last year	\$15.07	
cash received for rent	19.00	
	<u> </u>	\$34.07
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By paid O. F. Richardson	\$7.50	
Balance	26.57	
	<u> </u>	\$34.07

WHITE PARK ACCOUNT.

Balance of appropriation		\$2,271.09
Bills approved and paid on approval of auditor :		
Paid account of labor	\$1,347.32	
for seed	16.70	
trees and shrubs	61.20	
tools and supplies	172.53	
lumber	16.63	
interest on note	70.00	
grade	16.50	
bridge and abutments	526.04	
plans	25.00	
incidentals	18.87	
	<u> </u>	\$2,270.79
Unexpended		\$0.30

ROLLINS PARK ACCOUNT.

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Bills paid through auditor :		
Paid account of labor	\$406.01	
wall and grade, etc.	494.95	
trees and shrubs	26.00	
labor on bridge	8.52	
incidentals	7.80	
	<u> </u>	\$943.28
Unexpended		\$56.72

PENACOOK PARK ACCOUNT.

Appropriation		\$100.00
Bills paid on approval of auditor :		
Paid for labor	\$70.97	
supplies	23.18	
	<u> </u>	\$94.15
Unexpended		<u>\$5.85</u>

PARKS AND COMMONS ACCOUNT.

Appropriation		\$550.00
Bills paid on approval of auditor :		
Paid for labor	\$286.38	
putting on grade	219.10	
plans	30.00	
grade	12.67	
incidentals	1.85	
	<u> </u>	\$550.00

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

Your commissioners of cemeteries beg leave to submit the following report :

The work of last year has been carried on in much the same manner as in previous years. A large amount of grading has been done in Blossom Hill Cemetery. The gravel hill which has marred the beauty of our beautiful cemetery so long has been mostly removed. Not having sufficient funds at our command, we could not finish the work of its removal, but hope to complete it the coming year.

We have prepared no block of new lots during this year, a large one having been graded and prepared last year ; but we shall be obliged to arrange another block during the coming year as a large amount have been taken during the year just ended.

The occupants of this " City of the Dead " are increasing rapidly. Our superintendent reports to us that the number of burials are but a little less than two hundred a year. Preparation must be made each year for a similar increase.

We feel it our duty to call your attention once more to the necessity of a chapel at Blossom Hill Cemetery. We need a granite structure ; one that will do honor to our beautiful cemetery, and be the pride of our city.

We have endeavored to be as economical as possible, and shall expend whatever you may be pleased to appropriate for cemeteries in a manner that will warrant the closest inspection.

There being no grading required at the Old North Cemetery, our work there has been mostly in repairing lots and beautifying grounds.

Whatever your appropriation may be, we shall endeavor to make it go as far as possible, yet it seems to us that it should be increased from last year.

We cannot think for a moment that any good respectable citizen ever thinks that anything is too good for the dead, or feels that taxation is burdensome, owing to too large an appropriation for this department.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. ROBERTSON,
GEORGE A. FOSTER,
CHARLES S. PARKER,
OBEDIAH MORRILL,
GEORGE O. DICKERMAN,
F. P. ANDREWS,

Board Commissioners of Cemeteries.

GEORGE O. DICKERMAN,

Secretary of Board.

MILLVILLE CEMETERY.

The Millville cemetery committee respectfully submit the following financial report for the year ending December 31, 1896 :

Receipts.

Balance 1895	\$18.05
Old hearse runners, etc.	24.40
Old fence	3.00
City treasurer	200.00
Interest from fund	33.76
From interested persons	31.00
Expended above receipts	13.89
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Total	\$324.10

Expenditures.

Paid A. H. Britton & Co., screws	\$3.61
E. B. Hanchay, irons	13.40
F. G. Batchelder, printing	1.00
E. A. Boutwell & Son, lumber	52.50
C. H. Martin & Co., lead and oil	16.00
T. C. Tandy and others, work	41.70
H. B. Currier, "	14.00
G. L. Theobald, "	8.00
Oscar Proctor, "	12.00
A. Clark, "	6.89
J. N. Abbott, "	3.00
W. H. Currier, "	12.00
Hutchinson Building Co., "	115.00
Added to fund	25.00
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	\$324.10

ISAAC N. ABBOTT,
FRANK G. PROCTOR,
ALFRED CLARK,
Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council :

I have the honor to submit the following report of the fire department for the year 1896 :

The precinct department responded to twenty-six (26) box alarms and sixty-four (64) still alarms. At Penacook eight (8) alarms were responded to, at East Concord six (6), and at West Concord four (4).

In addition to these, on July 2, fire totally destroyed a set of buildings on the Loudon road, outside of precinct, an account of which will be found in the order of occurrence.

BOX ALARMS.

Box 16. January 5, 7.39 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Emery Drew, 44 Jackson street. Needless alarm. No loss. Recall, 7.47 P. M.

Box 5. January 13, 11.18 P. M. Slight fire in passenger car in Boston & Maine Railroad car house. Caused by over-heated stove. 150 feet hose wet. Recall, 11.33 P. M.

Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
\$1,500.00	\$45.09	Blanket	\$45.09

Box 45. February 9, 12.38 A. M. Fire in Prescott Piano Factory.

Box 45. February 9, 12.44 A. M. Fire in Prescott Piano Factory. Second alarm. 3,800 feet hose wet. Recall, 4.20 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Contents,	38,000.00	36,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Employé's tools,	2,000.00	2,000.00	None.	None.
Franklin Mose- ley Estate :				
Building,	3,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,172.00
Contents,	200.00	40.00	None.	None.
T. A. Sears :				
Contents,	320.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
D. & K. Lynch :				
Building,	1,200.00	10.00	700.00	10.00
D. J. Donovan :				
Building,	3,000.00	100.00	2,500.00	15.00

Box 47. February 11, 6.24 p. m. Chimney fire, 25 Pierce street. Needless alarm. Recall, 6.30 p. m.

Box 45. February 22, 2.33 p. m. Fire in residence 131 South Main street, owned by G. B. Whittredge and occupied by David Lynch and Mrs. Thomas Hackett. Cause, defective chimney. 1,600 feet hose wet. Recall, 2.57 p. m.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$1,200.00	\$150.00	\$700.00	\$150.00
Contents,	500.00	100.00	None.	None.

Box 35. March 3, 7.54 a. m. Slight fire in building 18 South Main street, occupied by J. C. Norris & Co. Fire confined to closet. Loss, \$40.00 on clothing. No insurance. No hose wet. Recall, 7.59 a. m.

Box 32. March 3, 5.28 p. m. Chimney fire in residence of N. P. Rhines, 106 Warren street. Needless alarm. No loss.

CALL 11-11. March 13, 11.12 a. m. This alarm was sounded in response to a call from Loudon for assistance. One hose wagon with four horses and 1,000 feet of hose, one steamer with six horses, one barge with four horses, conveying firemen and 550 feet of hose, were sent. Engine worked two hours. 850 feet hose wet. Fire was confined to the building in which it originated.

Box 42. March 14, 9.40 A. M. Fire in residence 46 Concord street, owned by Michael Sullivan and occupied by John Murphy. Caused by bed coming in contact with stove. 550 feet hose wet. Recall, 9.47 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$2,000.00	\$35.00	\$1,500.00	\$35.00
Contents,	500.00	50.00	300.00	50.00

Box 17. March 22, 10.56 A. M. Fire in residence 13 Washington street, owned by C. R. Cass and occupied by Nathaniel Walker. Caused by children playing with matches. 2,150 feet hose wet. Recall, 11.11 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$2,000.00	\$55.00	\$1,200.00	\$55.00

Box 46. March 29, 6.33 A. M. Fire in residence 45 Downing street, owned by J. F. Ward and occupied by Lemuel M. Copp. Caused by defective chimney. 600 feet hose wet. Recall, 6.57 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$3,500.00	\$125.00	\$2,500.00	\$125.00
Contents,	300.00	50.00	None.	None.

Box 36. April 19, 2.46 A. M. Fire in residence corner of Pleasant and Fremont streets, owned and occupied by J. C. Lane. Cause unknown. 600 feet hose wet. Recall, 3.08 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$625.00
Contents,	\$1,000.00	500.00	200.00	200.00

CALL 4-4-4. April 26, 4.44 P. M. Brush fire on Long Pond road. Extinguished by detail from fire department. No loss.

CALL 4-4-4. May 14, 4.41 P. M. Brush fire near reservoir. Extinguished by detail from fire department. No loss.

CALL 4-4-4. May 25, 8.30 P. M. Brush fire on so-called Lamprey lot near Auburn street. Extinguished by detail from fire department.

Box 24. June 22, 9.07 A. M. Fire in store Brown's block, North Main street, occupied by Ralph Danforth. Caused by fire-works in show-window taking fire. 2,300 feet hose wet. Recall, 9.33 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$12,000.00	\$200.00	\$5,000.00	\$200.00
Contents,				
R. Danforth,	300.00	200.00	None.	None.
J. Bluto,	600.00	25.00	300.00	25.00

Box 45. June 23, 10.53 P. M. Fire in unoccupied house below lower bridge, owned by Isaac A. Hill. 1,000 feet hose wet. Recall, 11.18 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$40.00	\$40.00	None.	None.

July 2, 3.45 P. M. Set of buildings owned and occupied by Horace Robinson on Loudon road, outside of precinct. Buildings and contents totally destroyed.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Buildings,	\$800.00	\$800.00	None.	None.
Contents,	400.00	400.00	None.	None.

Box 47. July 18, 5.01 P. M. Fire in stone shed on Perley street, owned by Cummings Brothers. Cause, incendiary. 250 feet hose wet. Recall, 5.14 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$100.00	\$40.00	None.	None.
Contents,	100.00	60.00	None.	None.

Box 25. October 13, 3.55 P. M. Exhibition run. 2,000 feet hose wet.

Box 18. October 21, 2.33 P. M. Slight fire in shed adjoining residence owned and occupied by John Kimball, 3 Lyndon street. 950 feet hose wet. Recall, 2.39 P. M. No loss.

Box 42. October 22, 8.45 A. M. Fire in attic of Lee's block, Chandler street. 2,000 feet hose wet. Recall, 9.40 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$889.00
Contents,	200.00	25.00	None.	None.

Box 42. November 4, 12.33 A. M. False alarm. Recall, 12.41 A. M.

Box 21. November 4, 7.13 P. M. Slight fire in cab of locomotive in Boston & Maine Railroad upper round-house. Recall, 7.21 P. M. No loss.

Box 47. November 24, 6.10 P. M. False alarm. Recall, 6.18 P. M.

STILL ALARMS.

January 1, 8.33 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. Laura Tebbetts, 69 South Main street. No loss.

January 4, 10.10 A. M. Slight fire in residence of Col. R. H. Rolfe, 59 North State street. Caused by defective pipe from stove.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$5,000.00	\$8.60	\$2,500.00	\$8.60
Contents,	2,500.00	29.00	1,500.00	29.00

January 5, 8.44 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of George Sleeper, 12 Prince street. No loss.

January 5, 9.05 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Solon Carter, corner Main and Thompson streets. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose company. No loss.

January 6, 7.19 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Fred Martin, 145 North Main street. No loss.

January 6, 8.58 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of M. Doyle, 1 Water street. No loss.

January 7, 7.30 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of C. C. Chesley, 11 Prince street. Extinguished by members of Alert Hose company. No loss.

January 11, 6.47 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Godfrey Jacobs, 8 Montgomery street. No loss.

January 17, 2.37 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of C. E. Thompson, 33 West street. No loss.

January 20, 6.50 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of E. A. Cushing, 19 South Main street. No loss.

January 24, 5.30 P. M. Slight fire on outside of Acquilla building. Caused by electric light wires. No loss.

February 4, 12.02 P. M. Chimney fire in Boston & Maine Railroad Young Men's Christian Association building, 9 Railroad square. Needless alarm.

February 10, 3.00 A. M. Fire in ruins of Prescott Piano Factory. Extinguished by members of Kearsarge and Good Will companies. 400 feet hose wet.

February 10, 10.15 P. M. Fire in ruins of Prescott Piano Factory. Extinguished by members of Eagle and Good Will companies. 400 feet hose wet.

February 11, 6.22 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Thomas Clark, 25 Pierce street. No loss.

February 17, 8.30 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. M. E. Walker, 11 Green street. No loss.

February 17, 12.15 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of A. P. Turner, corner of State and Warren streets. No loss.

February 20, 8.48 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of F. S. Streeter, 234 North Main street. No loss.

February 21, 9.05 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of John Claremont, 143 North Main street. No loss.

March 3, 7.53 A. M. Slight fire in closet in building 18 South Main street, occupied by J. C. Norris & Co.*

March 4, 10.15 A. M. Chimney fire in Columbian block, North Main street. No loss.

March 4, 8.17 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of George Wilson, 7 South State street. No loss.

March 14, 11.25 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Thomas Sargent, corner Laurel and State streets. No loss.

March 14, 2.32 P. M. Chimney fire in Hill's block, School street. No loss.

March 24, 3.20 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Joseph Wentworth, 52 South Main street. No loss.

March 27, 12.25 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of J. R. Hosking, 8 Lyndon street.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$4,000.00	\$25.00	\$3,000.00	\$14.00

*See alarm from Box 35, same date.

House south of the above damaged to the extent of \$25.00.
Owned and occupied by W. E. Hood.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$5,000.00	\$25.00	\$4,000.00	\$25.00

March 30, 8.57 A. M. Slight fire in stable, 19 Pleasant street, owned and occupied by N. A. Dunklee. Caused by electric light wires. No loss.

April 10, 10.48 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. Mary A. Bass, 33 Downing street. No loss.

April 21, 3.15 A. M. Fire in rubbish on dump near coal sheds on Free Bridge road. No loss.

April 25, 2.15 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Oscar Thomas, corner Warren and Green streets. No loss.

April 26, 4.00 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Robert Zamb, 106 North State street. No loss.

May 1, 12.30 A. M. Fire in building on Chandler street, owned and occupied by Concord Foundry Co. Caused by furnace stack. Extinguished by Good Will and Chemical companies.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$8,291.62	\$65.00	\$2,500.00	\$65.00

May 2, 2.25 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Godfrey Jacobs, 10 Montgomery street. No loss.

May 8, 7.10 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. Laura Tebbetts, 69 South Main street. No loss.

May 13, 2.25 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Hon. George A. Cummings, 6 Garden street. No loss.

May 13, 4.20 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of E. A. Welcome, 1 Cedar street. No loss.

May 27, 10.10 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Daniel B. Dow, 145 Rumford street. No loss.

June 2, 4.04 P. M. Slight fire in store, 12 Pleasant street, occupied by Lee Brothers. Caused by electric light wires. Extinguished by occupants before the arrival of firemen. No loss.

June 18, 11.25 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of F. O. Sherman, 12 Pierce street. No loss.

July 4, 2.45 A. M. Dangerous bon-fire on Concord street. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose company.

July 4, 3.00 A. M. Dangerous bon-fire corner of State and Concord streets. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose company.

July 17, 9.30 P. M. Slight fire in shed, rear of J. C. Norris & Co.'s bakery. No loss.

July 21, 9.30 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of H. P. Foster, 55 Pleasant street. No loss.

August 21, 11.53 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of J. S. Crockett, 11 Merrimack street. No loss.

September 2, 6.05 A. M. Slight fire in Taylor Chemical Manufactory, Sewall's Falls. Caused by defective gasoline stove. Extinguished by occupants before the arrival of firemen.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$1,500.00	\$5.00	None.	None.

October 21, 3.45 P. M. Slight fire in bath room in residence of John Kimball, 3 Lyndon street. Extinguished by neighbors before the arrival of firemen. No loss.

October 22, 8.45 A. M. Fire in attic of Lee's block, Chandler street.*

October 26, 1.25 P. M. Slight fire in First Baptist church yard. Leaves and grass. No loss.

November 7, 10.05 P. M. Slight fire over entrance to store corner State and Pleasant streets, occupied by C. C. Perkins. Caused by electric light wires. Danger averted by cutting out the troublesome circuit at power station. No loss.

November 15, 8.49 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of George Stickney, 19 Prince street. No loss.

November 19, 3.13 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Dennis Donovan, 50 Concord street. No loss.

November 29, 4.25 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of David Falvey, 45 Bradley street. No loss.

December 3, 11.00 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. C. C. Lund, 38 South Main street. No loss.

*See alarm from Box 42, same date.

December 3, 1.30 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Le Roy Tandy, 9 Myrtle street. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose company. No loss.

December 4, 9.15 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of William Badger, 28 Maple street. No loss.

December 16, 3.30 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of J. F. Kelley, 8 Bowery avenue. No loss.

December 16, 9.20 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of A. M. Carter, 110 South street. No loss.

December 17, 12.55 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of J. R. Hosking, 8 Lyndon street. No loss.

December 20, 10.40 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Martin T. Spellman, 33 Concord street. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose company. No loss.

December 24, 1.20 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of S. G. Kimball, 13 Montgomery street. No loss.

December 24, 5.40 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. J. B. Coleman, 2 Montgomery street. No loss.

December 27, 3.15 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of E. A. Corser, 22 Green street. No loss.

December 28, 5.16 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of G. W. French, 27 Perley street. No loss.

December 28, 7.40 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of W. A. Kelley, 5 South State street. No loss.

All of the above not otherwise credited were extinguished by Chemical company.

PENACOOK.

February 2, 9.30 P. M. Fire in residence of Patrick Spearman, Spring street. Still alarm. Extinguished by members of Pioneer company with pony extinguishers. Caused by defective chimney.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$1,500.00	\$23.17	\$800.00	\$23.17
Contents,	500.00	None.	300.00	None.

March 28, 12.05 P. M. Fire in residence of John R. Hill, Penacook street. Caused by sparks from chimney of saw-mill falling on roof. General alarm.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$3,000.00	\$4.25	\$1,500.00	\$4.25
Contents,	1,500.00	None.	850.00	None.

April 16, 11.05 A. M. Brush fire on land owned by Patrick Kelley, Merrimack street. No loss. General alarm.

May 15, 2.00 A. M. Fire in Eagle block, Main street, owned by Chandler & Farrand. Caused by defective chimney. General alarm.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$3,000.00	\$5.55	\$2,000.00	\$5.55
Contents,	6,300.00	None.	2,300.00	None.

November 14, 12.00 M. Chimney fire in residence of Joseph M. Newsome, Washington street. Extinguished by members of Pioneer company. Still alarm. No loss.

November 21, 8.00 P. M. Fire in residence of N. A. Ketchum, High street. Caused by electric light. Still alarm.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$3,000.00	None.	\$2,000.00	None.
Contents,	800.00	\$15.65	500.00	\$15.65

December 24, 12.30 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of George W. Holmes, Charles street. Still alarm. Extinguished by members of Pioneer company. No loss.

December 31, 9.40 A. M. General alarm. Fire on Boscawen side.

EAST CONCORD.

February 21, 6.00 A. M. Set of buildings owned and occupied by John M. Potter, Potten street, totally destroyed. Cause, over-turned lantern in barn.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Buildings,	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00
Contents,	1,250.00	1,150.00	500.00	300.00

April 15, 2.00 P. M. Brush fire on Oak hill, on land owned by Charles D. Rowell and A. L. Potter. No loss.

April 15, 8.30 P. M. Brush fire on Oak hill, on land owned by Charles D. Rowell and A. L. Potter. No loss.

April 17, 2.00 P. M. Brush fire on plains, land owned by C. E. and George Robinson. No loss.

May 16, 11.00 A. M. Brush fire on plains, land owned by Samuel G. Potter and others. No loss.

July 12, 12.00 M. Set of buildings owned and occupied by A. O. Cushing on Shaker road. Cause, supposed explosion of kerosene stove. Buildings and contents totally destroyed.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Buildings,	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Contents,	850.00	850.00	600.00	505.63

WEST CONCORD.

January 1, 5.55 P. M. Fire in J. H. Flood's polishing shop. Caused by spark from locomotive. No loss.

January 5, 8.55 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Rev. D. W. Clark, Main street.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$3,000.00	\$13.78	\$2,000.00	\$13.78
Contents,	2,000.00	25.00	1,000.00	25.00

January 20, 10.05 P. M. Fire in J. H. Flood's polishing shop. Cause unknown. No loss.

January 30, 1.05 A. M. Fire in J. H. Flood's polishing shop. Cause unknown. 900 feet hose wet.

	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.
Building,	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Contents,	1,500.00	1,500.00	600.00	341.00

SUMMARY.

Buildings.	Value.	Loss.	Insurance.	Ins. paid.	Net loss.
Precinct,	\$74,031.62	\$20,232.65	\$41,400.00	\$14,388.60	\$5,844.05
Penacook,	10,500.00	32.97	6,300.00	32.97	-----
East Concord,	2,700.00	2,700.00	1,900.00	1,800.00	900.00
West Concord,	5,100.00	2,113.78	2,400.00	413.78	1,700.00
Total,	\$92,331.62	\$25,079.40	\$52,000.00	\$16,635.35	\$8,444.05
Contents:					
Precinct,	\$46,960.00	\$39,819.00	\$20,600.00	\$18,604.00	\$21,215.00
Penacook,	9,100.00	15.65	3,950.00	15.65	-----
East Concord,	2,100.00	2,000.00	1,100.00	805.63	1,194.37
West Concord,	3,500.00	1,525.00	1,600.00	366.00	1,159.00
Total,	\$61,660.00	\$43,359.65	\$27,250.00	\$19,791.28	\$23,568.37
Buildings,	92,331.62	25,079.40	52,000.00	16,635.35	8,444.05
Total,	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
buildings and contents,	\$153,991.62	\$68,439.05	\$79,250.00	\$36,426.63	\$32,012.42

APPARATUS AND FORCE.

The apparatus and force of the department is as follows :

Precinct, located at the Central fire station, one first-class Amoskeag engine, "Eagle," with modern hose wagon, attached to Eagle Steam Fire Engine company (13 men) ; one second-class Amoskeag engine, "Kearsarge," and modern hose wagon, attached to the Kearsarge Steam Fire Engine company (13 men) ; one second-class Amoskeag engine, "Governor Hill," relief steamer, in charge of an engineer and fireman ; one double 60-gallon tank Holloway chemical engine in charge of two permanent men ; one ladder truck, "City of Concord," attached to hook and ladder company (21 men). There are ten horses owned by the city kept at this station. The precinct companies have swing harnesses upon all apparatus except steamers. There are six permanent men located at the Central station and one permanent man at each hose house within the precinct.

The Alert Hose company (11 men), located on Washington street, has a modern hose wagon with permanent man and horse.

The Good Will Hose company (11 men), located on the corner of Concord and South State streets, has a modern hose wagon with permanent man and horse.

Veterans' Auxiliary company (29 men).

The "Pioneer" steamer, at Penacook (28 men), is a fourth-class Silsby, with hose wagon.

The Cataract company (30 men), at West Concord, has a Hunneman 6-inch cylinder hand-engine, and a second-class 4-wheel reel, Amoskeag make, drawn by one horse, and provided with swing harness.

Old Fort, at East Concord (30 men), has a 5-inch cylinder Hunneman hand-engine.

HOSE.

Fabric :		
Precinct	8,600	feet.
Penacook	2,200	"
West Concord	750	"
	<hr/>	11,550 feet.

Leather :

East Concord 450 feet.

PUBLIC RESERVOIRS.

	Capacity, cubic feet.
1. Main street, opposite Abbot-Downing Co.'s.	. 1,000
2. " middle front state house yard 1,500
3. " rear city hall 2,000
4. State street, corner of Washington street *	. 2,000
5. Rumford street, near Mrs. Josiah Minot's 1,000
6. Orchard street, corner of Pine street * 4,000
7. School street, corner of Summit street * 3,500
8. Centre street, corner of Union street 1,100
9. Franklin street, corner of Lyndon street * 1,500

While the net loss by fire has been far in excess of that for the preceding year the city can be regarded in no other light than very fortunate, as the loss outside of that suffered by the destruction of the Prescott Piano Factory has been very small.

The apparatus is in good condition. During the year the hose wagons "Alert" and "Good Will" have been thoroughly repaired, retouched, and varnished.

One new hose wagon has been purchased and placed in service at Penacook. Two horses, one three-way Deluge set, and four hose jackets have also been purchased.

One horse has become incapacitated through age to properly perform the arduous duties sometimes demanded of a fire department horse. This horse has run with the department a great many years, and has been an unusually intelligent and faithful animal. I respectfully recommend that it be loaned or given to the highway department, which would insure good care and light work for the remainder of life.

The department is destitute of service hats, and I respectfully recommend the purchase of five dozen aluminum hats. Also the purchase of one thousand feet of fabric hose, and one pair of horses.

*Brick, cemented.

The fire-alarm telegraph system is in good condition. All of the outside boxes have been rewired. All of the fire stations within the precinct have been rewired. All of the hard drawn copper main line has been removed and iron wire substituted. One mechanical tapper and thirteen direct action tappers have been added to the system and the main line has been extended two miles.

The direct action tappers are owned by the members of the department, the city wiring to, and maintaining, them. This work was expensive, but it was necessary and has improved the service. It can therefore be regarded as money well expended.

As predicted in the last report, the extension call-bell system has been discarded and the main line removed. Prior to December, the gravity battery had been increased from 182 cells to 208 cells, when it was displaced by the storage system. There are now 190 storage cells, 95 being in service on alternate days.

There are large areas in the city unprotected by fire-alarm boxes, and I respectfully recommend that three boxes, at least, be added to the system during the coming year.

A storage battery plant and appurtenances has been purchased. By contracting for this plant at so early a date a saving of four hundred and twenty-five dollars was effected.

The thanks of the community are due to the fire department committee for being open to conviction, for so promptly investigating the merits of the storage system, and to the city government, for so promptly adopting and carrying out their recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. GREEN,
Chief Engineer.

ROLL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1896.

Permanent Chief Engineer.

WILLIAM C. GREEN, Office, Central fire station.

Assistant Engineers.

PRECINCT.

1st Asst., JOHN J. McNULTY, Machinist, 7 R. R. square.
2d Asst., WILLIAM E. DOW, Painter, Academy st.
JOHN J. McNULTY, *Clerk of Board.*

WARD 1.

ABIAL W. ROLFE, Manufacturer, Penacook st., Penacook.

WARD 2.

JOHN E. FRYE, Farmer, Penacook st., East Concord.

WARD 3.

GEORGE W. KEMP, Overseer, Main st., West Concord.

KEARSARGE STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

OFFICERS.

SYLVESTER T. FORD, *Foreman.* A. H. BRITTON, *Asst. Foreman and Clerk.*
JAMES H. SANDERS, *Engineer and Treasurer.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge Nos.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
11	Sylvester T. Ford,	Moulder,	41 South Main st.
12	A. H. Britton,	Hardware dealer,	12 Thompson st.
13	Charles H. Swain,	Carpenter,	18 Hoit st.
15	James H. Sanders,	Carriage painter,	45 Perley st.
16	Frank E. Heath,	Provision dealer,	38 Perley st.
18	Charles H. Burgum,	Carpenter,	5 Laurel st.
34	Thomas J. Morrison,	Carriage painter,	32 Downing st.
19	Charles Powell,	Teamster,	62 Rumford st.
85	Earle Bodwell,	Carpenter,	14 Ford's ave.
20	Elba F. Horne,	Carpenter,	10 Liberty st.
22	George B. Davis,	Carriage painter,	28 North Main st.
21	J. E. Morrison,	Janitor,	8 Thorndike st.
14	Martin S. Wakefield,	Permanent driver,	Central station.

EAGLE STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOSE
COMPANY, No. 2.

OFFICERS.

W. J. COFFIN, *Foreman*.J. C. MCGILVRAY, *Asst. Foreman and Clerk*.

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge Nos.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
24	W. J. Coffin,	Shipping clerk,	5 Rumford st.
25	J. C. McGilvray,	Jig-sawyer,	26 Maple st.
	L. W. Tozier,	Barber,	3 Prince st.
	T. D. Gannon,	Machinist,	113 Warren st.
	C. H. Sanders,	Machinist,	112 Pleasant st.
	J. H. Spellman,	Blacksmith,	33 Concord st.
	O. C. Hodgdon,	Stationary engineer,	31 Beacon st.
	D. J. Adams,	Janitor,	White's opera house.
	W. W. Brown,	Photographer,	23½ Pine st.
	W. A. Sewall,	Expressman,	78 Warren st.
	Geo. H. Downing,	Electrician,	12 South st.
	Oscar Pelkey,	Harness-maker,	12 Lyndon st.
	William J. Bailey,	Permanent driver,	Central station.

GOVERNOR HILL STEAMER.

RELIEF ENGINE.

<i>Badge Nos.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
17	Elmer H. Farrar, <i>Engineer</i> ,	Machinist,	78 South State st.
23	Henry O. Powell, <i>Fireman</i> ,	Blacksmith,	16 North Spring st.

ALERT HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

OFFICERS.

FRED W. SCOTT, *Foreman*.CHAS. C. CHESLEY, *Asst. Foreman and Clerk*.GEO. L. OSGOOD, *Treasurer*.

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge Nos.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
37	Fred W. Scott,	Builder,	57 Franklin st.
38	C. C. Chesley,	Carpenter,	11 Prince st.
39	James Jepson,	Carpenter,	51 Franklin st.
40	James Crowley,	Barber,	Warren st.
41	J. H. Seavey,	Stone-cutter,	Washington st.
42	C. H. Rowell,	Carpenter,	Concord st.
43	L. B. Putney,	Carpenter,	3 Abbott st.
44	Joseph Brunell,	Blacksmith,	88 Washington st.
45	C. J. French,	Stone-cutter,	Perkins st.
46	George L. Osgood,	Book-keeper,	45 Green st.
48	Ira W. Sanborn,	Permanent driver,	Alert Hose house.

GOOD WILL HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

OFFICERS.

JOHN C. MILLS, *Foreman*. HIRAM T. DICKERMAN, *Asst. Foreman and Clerk*.
CHARLES C. NUTTER, *Treasurer*.

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge Nos.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
50	John C. Mills,	Blacksmith,	34 Downing st.
51	H. T. Dickerman,	Painter,	18 Hall st.
54	G. H. Sawyer,	Blacksmith,	45 South Main st.
55	C. C. Nutter,	Painter,	39 Laurel st.
52	J. E. Gove,	Wood-worker,	154 North Main st.
53	C. A. Richards,	Wood-worker,	45 South Main st.
57	J. R. Mudgett,	Wood-worker,	98 South State st.
60	F. S. Putnam,	Packer,	96 South State st.
56	H. H. Ash,	Machinist,	26 Pierce st.
61	E. D. Clark,	Spring-maker,	26 Grove st.
58	J. A. Mills,	Permanent driver,	Good Will Hose house.

CHEMICAL ENGINE COMPANY, No. 1.

<i>Badge Nos.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
91	John H. True,	Permanent engineer and driver,	Central station.
92	Brinton J. Cate,	Permanent assistant engineer,	Central station.

CITY OF CONCORD HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY,
No. 1.

OFFICERS.

WILL A. KING, *Foreman*. ED. E. LANE, *Asst. Foreman and Clerk*.

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge Nos.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
63	Will A. King,	Machinist,	38 Franklin st.
64	Ed. E. Lane,	Carriage builder,	5 Fremont st.
65	Benjamin Ouillette,	Carpenter,	10 Jefferson st.
66	Henry V. Tittmore,	Teamster,	6 Avon st.
67	John A. Sargent,	Carpenter,	6 Fremont st.
68	Daniel B. Dow,	Teamster,	54 Church st.
69	John M. Davis,	Blacksmith,	65 Pleasant st.
70	Will F. King,	Builder,	38 Tremont st.
71	Frank T. Bean,	Carriage builder,	11 Elm st.
72	L. D. Caldon,	Carriage builder,	13 West st.
73	George W. Grover,	Carriage builder,	29 Thorndike st.
74	Fred A. Dodge,	Hackman,	35 Fayette st.
75	Herbert L. Trevette,	Stone-cutter,	71 Washington st.

CITY OF CONCORD HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY,

No. 1. — *Continued.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge Nos.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
76	Stephen P. Foster,	Carriage builder,	47 Perley st.
77	Harris Goodwin,	Carpenter,	5 North Spring st.
78	Milton S. Lull,	Carpenter,	5 Allison st.
79	John P. Kelley,	Machinist,	11 Pierce st.
80	S. B. Morgan,	Carriage builder,	10 Avon st.
81	Daniel Crowley,	Coachman,	1 Hill's avenue.
82	George W. Burkett,	Carriage builder,	8 Mills' st.
96	Amos P. Turner,	Permanent driver,	Central station.

"PIONEER" STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 3.

PENACOOK.

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. ROLFE, <i>Foreman.</i>	HENRY ROLFE, <i>Foreman of Hose.</i>
EDDIE C. DURGIN, <i>Asst. Foreman and Clerk.</i>	WALTER H. ROLFE, <i>Engineer.</i>
JOHN B. DODGE, <i>Treasurer.</i>	LESLIE H. CROWTHER, <i>Steward.</i>

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
John H. Rolfe,	Foreman of saw-mill,	Summer st.
Eddie C. Durgin,	Carpenter,	Main st.
John B. Dodge,	Asst. postmaster,	Merrimack st.
Henry Rolfe,	Carpenter,	Penacook st.
Walter H. Rolfe,	Machinist,	Merrimack st.
George H. Sager,	Machinist,	High st.
Enoch E. Rolfe,	Cabinet-maker,	Church st.
Leslie H. Crowther,	Plumber,	Summer st.
William C. Akerman,	Machinist,	Washington st.
David S. Marsh,	Cabinet-maker,	Centre st.
Samuel G. Sanborn,	Blacksmith,	Union st.
Edwin B. Prescott,	Butcher,	Main st.
George H. Tucker,	Blacksmith,	Main st.
Harper S. Allen,	Door-maker,	Merrimack st.
Frederic C. Ferrin,	Cabinet-maker,	High st.
Lester W. Prescott,	Saw-maker,	Main st.
Ruel G. Morrill,	Farmer,	Washington st.
Peter A. Keenan,	Cabinet-maker,	High st.
Daniel Smith,	Butcher,	Summer st.
Fred M. Dodge,	Glazier,	Merrimack st.
Lawrin W. Rolfe,	Carpenter,	Summer st.
William Taylor,	Carpenter,	Main st.
Clarence A. Davis,	Carpenter,	Charles st.
Harry G. Rolfe,	Book-keeper,	Penacook st.
Albert E. Huff,	Baker,	Washington st.
Fred H. Morrill,	Sash-maker,	High st.
John W. McNeil,	Shipping clerk,	Union st.

OLD FORT ENGINE COMPANY, No. 2.

EAST CONCORD.

OFFICERS.

ELBRIDGE EMERY, *Foreman.* JOHN C. HUTCHINS, *Treasurer.*
 SAM'L BACHELDER, *Asst. Foreman and Clerk.* CHAS. P. WHITE, *Steward.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Elbridge Emery,	Butcher,	Potter st.
Samuel L. Bachelder,	Clerk,	Penacook st.
John C. Hutchins,	Engineer,	Penacook st.
Cyrus E. Robinson,	Clerk,	Penacook st.
Joseph E. Plumer,	Painter,	Penacook st.
Shad. Cate,	Farmer,	Pembroke st.
Timothy Gendron,	Carpenter,	Eastman st.
Daniel B. Sanborn,	Farmer,	Shaker st.
William L. Bachelder,	Farmer,	Potter st.
William H. Smith,	Farmer,	Shaker st.
James L. Potter,	Milk-dealer,	Potter st.
Samuel G. Potter,	Milk-dealer,	Appleton st.
George O. Robinson,	Salesman,	Penacook st.
Ross W. Cate,	Blacksmith,	Shawmut st.
Charles P. White,	Stone-cutter,	Pembroke st.
William E. Virgin,	Carpenter,	Penacook st.
Arthur Swain,	Moulder,	Penacook st.
George Field,	Belt-maker,	Penacook st.
Chase Boynton,	Belt-maker,	Penacook st.
Daniel Pettengill,	Farmer,	Penacook st.
Albert H. C. Knowles, Jr.,	Stone-cutter,	Penacook st.
George Cate,	Blacksmith,	Penacook st.
Reuben Cate,	Carpenter,	Mill st.
Jefferson Durgin,	Milk-dealer,	Shawmut st.
John Spaulding,	Moulder,	East Clinton st.
Elvin Culver,	Shoemaker,	Portsmouth st.
Louis E. Radford,	Painter,	Portsmouth st.
Fred S. Farnum,	Carpenter,	Penacook st.
Arthur H. Tenney,	Milk-dealer,	Potter st.

CATARACT ENGINE COMPANY, No. 2.

WEST CONCORD.

OFFICERS.

JEREMIAH COTTER, *Foreman*. ANDREW J. ABBOTT, *Treasurer*.
 CORNELIUS A. GILES, *Asst. Foreman and Clk*. PATRICK CONWAY, *Steward*.
 PATRICK RYAN, *Foreman of Hose*.

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Jeremiah Cotter,	Blacksmith,	Main st.
Cornelius A. Giles,	Quarryman,	Main st.
Herbert B. Peabody,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Andrew J. Abbott,	Farmer,	Main st.
Patrick Conway,	Engineer,	Main st.
Patrick Ryan,	Stone-cutter,	Hutchins st.
John P. Murphy,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Hiram E. Quimby,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
James E. Fannon,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Abial C. Abbott,	Quarryman,	Main st.
Thomas P. Hern,	Engineer,	Main st.
Nathan Martin,	Mill operative,	Main st.
James W. Welsh,	Expressman,	Main st.
Fred W. Peabody,	Steam driller,	Main st.
John Calbeck,	Mill operative,	Main st.
James W. Powers,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Lawrence E. Hern,	Mill operative,	Main st.
John P. Benson,	Quarryman,	Lake st.
John T. Hallighan,	Quarryman,	Main st.
William N. Harrington,	Mill operative,	Hutchins st.
Lemuel O. Peabody,	Stone contractor,	Main st.

VETERANS' AUXILIARY COMPANY.

OFFICERS.

D. B. NEWHALL, *Foreman*. FRED S. JOHNSON, *Asst. Foreman*.
 FRED LEIGHTON, *Clerk*.

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Names.</i>
D. B. Newhall,	John Ahern,
F. S. Johnson,	Frank E. Warren,
John M. Hill,	James G. Leighton,
James A. Johnson,	Sydney S. Upham,
Henry M. Gibney,	Lewis C. Carter,
Ira C. Evans,	George A. Mitchell,
James A. Ward,	William F. Carr,
William Badger,	Oscar H. Thomas,
J. Ed. Morrison,	Will C. Wingate,
Benjamin Bilsborough,	Fred U. Lane,
William M. Lever,	Charles E. Palmer,
David J. Rolfe,	Charles H. Smith,
Henry Tucker,	Frank H. Silver,
Charles C. Hill,	George A. Ordway.

HISTORY COMMISSION.

In answer to the popular demand that a history of Concord be written, which should comprise not only the period covered by Bouton's excellent history, which closes with 1853, but also the events and progress made since that time, the city government appointed a commission to superintend the execution of this public work. It is now nearly half a century since any attempt has been made to preserve in permanent form and put in readable shape the events which constitute the history of the capital city of New Hampshire. Even Bouton's history, which deals only with Concord as a town, is not in general circulation and is now a rare volume, readily commanding from \$10 to \$15 per copy. Other towns and cities of the state, with commendable public spirit, have had prepared their histories, and the capital city, rich as it is in material, should not be behind hand in carrying to completion its present worthy undertaking.

The history commission has given to the consideration of this subject much time and thought, has heard with patience all suggestions, and has sought information from all quarters. In the preparation of the history, the commission desired to avail itself of the services of all those who are qualified for this work, and, in the division of the history, for the history is to be comprised in one volume, it has been thought best to devote from one third to one half of the book to a narrative or outline history of Concord and the remainder of the volume to special topics, in which those events and characteristics of the city deserving special attention could be amplified more than in an ordinary narrative. In doing this, it has followed in part the plan of that most excellent work, the Memorial History of Boston.

The commission has had in mind constantly, in the preparation of this work, the question of expense and it hopes to have prepared and published a work which will ultimately pay for itself. Several writers to whom special topics have been assigned will contribute their services. A good part of the history is already nearing the point of completion. Some parts are already done. There is yet some preliminary work to be completed before the commission issues its prospectus and invites subscriptions. The interest of the citizens in this work is fully shown by the requests already made by citizens for opportunity to subscribe for the work. The commission has every reason to believe that the demand for the history will be sufficient to pay for its writing, compilation, and publication.

JAMES O. LYFORD,

Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the City Council :

The city auditor is required by the ordinance creating his office to prepare for publication the annual report of the city, and to have it ready for distribution on or before March 1, following the close of the financial year. It has been the practice for a number of years to keep open the treasurer's books after the first of January, that all sums due to the city for the preceding year may be collected and that all outstanding claims may be settled. This practice has been followed for the year 1896, and the books were not closed until the latter part of January, 1897. This leaves but a brief time in which to compile and print the report. It has been impossible for the auditor to hold any part of the report for comparison and verification with any other part and have the published report ready for distribution at the time specified in the ordinance. Unless the time for the distribution of the report is fixed at a later date, it would be advisable hereafter to close the books at an earlier date in January, and report the claims unpaid as outstanding.

In accordance with the spirit of the auditor ordinance and by direction of the committee on finance, the several departments of the city have been required to present their bills to the auditor for approval, and the claimants have been required to present the orders received therefor to the city treasurer for payment. Prior to the passage of this ordinance, it was the custom for the treasurers of the several departments, or their executive officers, to draw the money in bulk and disburse it, returning receipted bills and pay-rolls as vouchers for such payments. Except in case of a few of the suburban highway districts, the present system of having all payments made by the city treasurer is without serious inconvenience to anyone, and is in accord with the methods in vogue in other municipalities.

The auditor is required to prepare estimates for appropriations for each financial year, and to submit the same to the committee on finance. In calling for these estimates, the several departments have been requested to furnish the estimates in detail instead of asking for a lump sum for the use of the department. It is suggested that the appropriations in like manner be made in detail. If this course is followed, appropriations made for one purpose cannot be used for another. The city government is then brought into closer touch with the departments in regard to their expenditures, and, in the case of purchases unprovided for at the beginning of the fiscal year, the department will be obliged to come to the city council to obtain a specific appropriation. If appropriations are made in detail, there is not that inducement to make unnecessary purchases that arises where an appropriation is for a round sum, to be expended at the discretion of the department.

Some of the departments keep an itemized account of their expenditures, and know the condition of their appropriations at all times in the year. Others have no knowledge of the standing of their appropriations until they are notified by the auditor that the appropriation is exhausted. It is only by keeping track of its appropriations that a department is able to tell whether the appropriations originally granted by the city government will be exceeded before the close of the fiscal year.

I have the honor to submit herewith a final report of the accounts of Albert I. Foster, tax collector, for the years 1893, 1894, and 1895, showing the amount of deficit for each year, the amount due from the bondsmen in accordance with the settlement authorized by the city council, the loss to the city, and the collections made of the uncollected taxes by George A. Foster, who was elected tax collector for the purpose of completing the collections of these years.

1893.

Committed to Albert I. Foster	\$207,646.15
Collected by Albert I. Foster, not on list	174.63
Interest collected by Albert I. Foster	435.93
	<u>\$208,256.71</u>
Treasurer by Albert I. Foster	\$192,574.46
Treasurer by James O. Lyford \$239.28	
Less interest and cost	25.82
	<u>213.46</u>
Discounts	3,507.25
Abatements	4,383.01
Committed to George A. Foster	1,759.89
	<u>\$202,438.07</u>
Deficit	\$5,818.64
Due from bondsmen as per settlement of city council	1,939.55
	<u>\$3,879.09</u>
Committed to George A. Foster	\$1,759.89
Interest	158.44
Paid since abatement	1.95
	<u>\$1,920.28</u>
Treasurer by George A. Foster	\$1,223.80
Abatements	500.32
Uncollected	196.16
	<u>\$1,920.28</u>

1894.

Committed to Albert I. Foster	\$222,304.95
Collected by Albert I. Foster, not on list	574.46
Interest collected by Albert I. Foster	422.07
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	\$223,301.48
Treasurer by Albert I. Foster	\$193,979.40
Treasurer by J. O. Lyford	\$665.98
Less interest and costs	43.08
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	622.90
Discounts	3,758.35
Abatements	11,109.33
Committed to George A. Foster	3,655.75
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	\$213,125.73
Deficit	\$10,175.75
Due from bondsmen as per settlement of city council	3,391.92
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Loss of city	\$6,783.83
Committed to George A. Foster	\$3,655.75
Interest	325.56
Collected, not on list	4.90
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	\$3,986.21
Treasurer by George A. Foster	\$2,596.49
Abatements	716.67
Uncollected	673.05
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	\$3,986.21

1895.

Committed to Albert I. Foster	\$217,773.55
Collected by Albert I. Foster, not on list	117.10
Interest collected by Albert I. Foster	116.97
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	\$218,007.62

Treasurer by Albert I. Foster	\$165,474.14
Treasurer by J. O. Lyford \$6,013.66	
Less interest and costs	149.82
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	5,863.84

Treasurer by F. A. Abbott through Lyford	\$369.29 *
Less interest and costs	6.59
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	362.70

Abbott's commission deducted from his collection before payment to treasurer15.00
Discounts	2,588.53
Abatements	7,614.38

Committed to George A. Foster	\$13,821.73
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Deduct receipts \$426.73	
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Taxes not on list of	
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Albert I. Foster	19.14
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	445.87

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	13,375.86

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	\$195,294.45

Deficit	\$22,713.17
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Due from bondsmen as per settlement of city council	7,571.06
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Loss of city	\$15,142.11
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Committed to George A. Foster	\$13,821.73
Paid since abatement	9.98
Interest	511.91
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	\$14,343.62
Treasurer by George A. Foster	\$12,111.26
Abatements	1,952.70
Uncollected	279.66
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	\$14,343.62

In addition to the foregoing, Mr. George A. Foster collected for the years 1891 and 1892 and paid to the city treasurer the following sums :

1891	\$14.55 interest and taxes.
1892	108.46 " "

JAMES O. LYFORD,
City Auditor.

APPENDIX.

