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FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

CITY OF CONCORD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1897,

TOGETHER WITH OTHER ANNUAL REPORTS AND PAPERS
RELATING TO THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY.



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MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS.

FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AGAINST THE CITY.

All persons furnishing materials or service for the city, or aid to the city poor, should be particular to take the name of the person ordering such service, material, or aid, and should *know* that the person is duly authorized to contract said liability.

The city will not be holden for merchandise sold or delivered on city pauper account, except on the written order of the Overseer of the Poor, and for no longer time than until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

Duplicate copies will be required of all bills payable by the city, furnished on county pauper account.

All bills against the city must be approved by the person authorizing the charge; and unless this is done, no action can be had upon the bill by the Committee on Accounts and Claims, and no order will be given for its payment.

Bills so certified should be left with the City Auditor on or before the second day of the month.

If approved by him and by the Committee on Accounts and Claims, they will be ready for payment on Thursday following the regular monthly meeting of the City Government.

The regular monthly meetings of the City Government occur on the second Tuesday of each month.

JAMES O. LYFORD,
City Auditor.

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Mayor Woodworth's Inaugural Address.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

It would be ungracious in me not to express my deep appreciation of the confidence which the citizens of Concord have shown by trusting to me the highest executive office in their gift. But I can truly say that my realization of the anxieties and perplexities of the office has been so great that I have never had any ambition to assume such responsibilities. Nevertheless, I did not feel at liberty to refuse to obey the call of my fellow-citizens; and in assuming the duties of the mayoralty of our beloved city, I can but promise to bring to it all the ability and energy that in me lie, only regretting that I have not a much greater aptitude for the requirements of the office.

It is with a profound sense of our dependence on Almighty God for the greatest blessings of life, that I enter upon the duties of so important an office,—and in the responsibilities that are shared by the strong, honest, and conscientious men constituting the board of aldermen and common council, may we ever act for the best interests of the city which we serve, remembering always that whatever honor we gain is measured only by the honor we bring to the discharge of our duties.

FINANCE.

The examinations of the auditor of the city and his compilation of the city report have proceeded far enough to enable him to give some interesting figures pertaining to the city's indebtedness. These figures may be varied slightly by the adjustment of the accounts of the several departments, but in the main are correct.

What is known as the municipal funded debt of the city remains the same as last year, no bonds maturing in 1896.

The municipal debt not funded has been reduced \$19,550, by the payment of outstanding notes.

The available assets of the city are reduced \$25,000, by the settlement with the bondsmen of Albert I. Foster.

The uncollected taxes for the years 1893, 1894, and 1895 are but \$1,148.87, George A. Foster having collected, including interest, \$15,931.55 of those uncollected at the date of his appointment.

The water debt has been reduced \$10,000, by the payment of that amount of maturing bonds.

The precinct debt has been reduced by the payment of \$8,000 of the state-house bonds, closing out this obligation of the city incurred many years ago.

The floating debt of the precinct has also been reduced by the payment of \$10,000 of outstanding notes.

The school-district debt has been reduced by the payment of \$9,000 of Union School-district bonds, and \$500 of the bonds of School-district No. 20.

After taking care of the loss occasioned by the settlement of the city with the bondsmen of Albert I. Foster, the net reduction in the aggregate indebtedness of the municipality, the precinct, the school-districts, and the sewer precincts, is about \$33,000.

The following recapitulation is substantially correct, and will only be varied by the consideration of outstanding coupons due, but not presented, and by accrued interest not yet due.

RECAPITULATION.

Net regular municipal debt above assets	\$73,019.97
Net precinct debt	727,021.67
Net school-district debt	93,330.00
Net Penacook sewer debt	19,924.17
Net West Concord sewer debt	15,109.93
Net East Concord sewer debt	2,185.00
Aggregate indebtedness over available assets, January 1, 1897	930,590.74
Aggregate indebtedness over available assets, January 1, 1896	963,960.64
Decrease during the year	\$33,369.90

It must be very gratifying to every tax-payer of the city to see this most satisfactory reduction of the municipal indebtedness during the past year. It shows that the affairs of the city have been well conducted, and that the system employed in their management is as good as can be desired, in its practical results.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

In looking over the addresses of my predecessors, it has been very gratifying to see how completely have been carried out the various wishes they have expressed for the improvement of our city. There are, indeed, but very few changes for the better, that they have recommended, which have not already been made. About twenty-five years ago, when Concord had attained considerable strength as a well-conducted municipality, there was begun a rather ample plan of permanent improvements, which have been carried on with a steadiness and persistency that have made our small city both substantial and beautiful. All this advantage which we now possess has been acquired not without large expenditures; and, from the time when it was necessary for the city to raise the large sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be continued as the capital of the state, a great deal of money has been expended for the improvements generally demanded by our citizens.

Among the first improvements were the water-works and the system of sewerage, the central fire station, and the iron bridges at Penacook and East Concord, and from that time on, the concession of betterments has had little interruption.

The ward six building, the fire stations at Penacook, East Concord, and West Concord; the Walker, Chandler, Franklin, Kimball, High, and Cogswell schools; the purchase of valuable land for the federal and state library buildings; the new police station, the lower bridge, the new iron free bridge, the wall and gateway of Blossom Hill cemetery, and the park improvements, including laying out of White street, are the principal objects which have aggregated a very large sum of money. All these works, substantial and finely built, are now our permanent possessions. We have them, and we must main-

tain them; there is no choice in the matter; and it is extremely doubtful, if the opportunity could be given to our citizens to go back to the time when we were without all these things, if any considerable number of people could be found who would for a moment entertain any such desire. We all believe that for the money laid out in public buildings, we have received its full value in the additional advantages which we have gained.

PARKS.

We are so fortunate as to have had the gift of two parks, which have added greatly to the beauty and comfort of our city. Particularly since the street railway has extended to White park, it has been most gratifying to see the great number of men, women, and children who have made use of the shady paths and the quiet resting-places so well arranged for their enjoyment. The children could be counted by hundreds who have been made happy by feeding the swans that were generously given by a lady who has not long been a resident of the town; and if her example could be followed by others in gifts that would give as great pleasure, it would be a happy thing for all.

Considering the amount of the appropriations that have been made for all the parks, the results have been surprisingly good. There is nothing that gives to a stranger a better impression of a city than a piece of land, however small, that is beautiful and adorned for the public good, nor is there anything more thoroughly appreciated by the average citizen of good, wholesome taste.

The building of a permanent fence for the south side of White park has been recommended by one of my predecessors; and that is a matter which it would be especially gratifying to me to have done, only it should extend along the east side as well. It was one of the conditions of the gift that the land should be fenced, and the temporary railing that was necessarily put up in the beginning must be replaced by a substantial fence as soon as it can possibly be provided for. When the regular appropriations are called for, for both White and Rollins parks,

it is to be hoped that they will be within limits that can be granted.

TAXES.

While the present tax rate, \$2.40, is a high one, the taxes of Concord are not high because of the low assessed valuation of a portion of the valuable property. If our assessors could get near the true value of the business property, merchandise, and money at interest, I have no doubt that the inventory would be so increased as to lower the rate to a very great degree. As an illustration of what I mean, a case can be mentioned of a piece of property that is on the tax-list at \$12,000 which recently sold for \$30,000.

Instead of trying to reduce the valuation of property to the very lowest point, there should be a disposition on the part of all, as there undoubtedly is on the part of many, to aid the assessors in getting at a true valuation. Every man should be as just in dealing with his city as with individuals. His public spirit should be great enough to insure this.

The burden of taxation is always most keenly felt by people of moderate circumstances, who have invested the largest part of their accumulations in modest homes. The frugal, thrifty, and industrious people, those who save their earnings to buy and support homes, constitute a large and most valuable part of our population. They should have absolutely fair dealing; and in order to secure this and to give perfect justice to all, those who have more property should be taxed in proportion to the full value of their possessions. It is just here that the assessors need to exercise not only sagacity and good business judgment, but above all, a spirit of fairness and impartiality. They should act as a body, and the fixing of the valuation should not be determined by the individual member of the board elected from the ward where the valuation is made. Surely this is a city where taxes ought to be cheerfully borne, we have so much to show for the expenditures of the past. I do not know that Concord will ever be a place where one can live especially cheaply; but since it combines so many advantages of city and country, has so high a moral tone, and pro-

vides so thoroughly for the educational needs of its children, it should attract in the future, as it has in the past, many who are looking for the most desirable kind of a community to dwell in, as well as for a suitable place to engage in business or manufacturing.

CHARITIES.

For scores of years, Concord has taken the lead in organizations of a helpful and charitable nature, and it has naturally become the centre of many institutions devoted to different kinds of people needing assistance. We have cause for just pride in the work that has been done for more than eighty years by the Concord Female Charitable society, the first one of the kind in New England and said to be the first in the United States. With such an influence in our midst, it is no wonder that every church in the municipality has its charitable organization which tries to reach every needy and deserving person. We have two homes for children, the Rolfe and Rumford Home for girls born in Concord, and the Orphans' Home near St. Paul's School, which was the first one in New Hampshire to care for needy little ones; and two others for adults, the Centennial Home for the Aged, and the Odd Fellows' Home. We are not called upon for direct assistance by any of these, but they are a great blessing in our midst both to those who give and receive, and they have our full sympathy.

For the Margaret Pillsbury hospital an appropriation of two thousand dollars a year has been made in the past, as is most suitable, for the support of free beds, and doubtless you will be asked to appropriate the same amount.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our public schools have attained a very high degree of practical efficiency, and each year sees some advance over the year before, as must be the case where there is healthy life. We take very young children and give them the superintending care of thoughtful and experienced teachers, where every influence is directed towards the moral and mental development of the individual pupil,—but where consideration for others is

also a strong principle. From the beginning with the smallest children to the end of the course, it is the purpose of our superintendent and teachers to train our pupils to become good citizens. In no other city of New Hampshire are the children better fitted for college and technical schools than in Concord, while we give our pupils a far better preparation for the practical duties of life in the instruction they here enjoy in wood-work, sewing, and cooking. There is a great call, not only in our own but in foreign countries, for an effort to invest manual labor with the true dignity that should belong to all honest work, and if there is any way to do this so good as to have manual training put into our schools, as a supplement to, and on a level with, intellectual work, I do not know what it is.

Whatever training there is in our schools to make our boys and girls skilful with their hands and willing to use them, commands my hearty approval. Yet, greatly as our expenses have increased in the past ten years, like those of all the other cities of the land, the cost of education per capita is smaller than in several of the towns where fewer advantages are given. Probably no intelligent or progressive citizen would wish the present educational standard to be lowered, but in this department as in all others, it is greatly to be desired that the appropriations asked for be made as low as is possible, consistent with good and effective school management.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

It is a matter for congratulation that there is nothing but good to say of the work of the board of health and their efficient sanitary officer. Under them the various sanitary regulations of the city are thoroughly and quietly carried out, and this important part of the public service is well performed.

CEMETERIES.

There is no point of interest that appeals more universally to our people than the care of our cemeteries, and nothing gives us more sincere satisfaction than to see these hallowed resting-

places of our beloved dead grow more beautiful as the years go by. Fifteen years ago, there were but seven trust funds in possession of the city for the improvement of any of the cemeteries, but now there are ninety-two, a fact that testifies to a most laudable and growing interest in their care and adornment. It would be a gracious act if some benevolent heart should feel moved, in the near future, to erect in Blossom Hill cemetery a tasteful and appropriate chapel which is so much needed for the use of those who, having severed their ties with Concord, bring back their dead for interment here. If the financial condition of the city should warrant such an expenditure, I should feel moved to recommend the building of such a chapel, since those who know the needs best feel that it is a matter which should be promptly attended to. The board of cemetery commissioners feel that a larger appropriation is needed than was given last year, and their report closes with these words: "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."

STREETS.

Probably, very few people realize the extraordinary length in miles of the streets and highways that we possess, and that must be kept in order. The town of Concord is nearly eight miles square, and six miles square is considered a large township. The last census gave 300 miles of streets and highways in Concord, while Manchester had but 147 (recent reports give 201), Nashua 80, and Dover 65 miles. The large cities of Lowell and Worcester had but 104 and 145 miles respectively, and even the great city of Boston is credited with but 408 miles of streets. This shows something of what we have to contend with comparatively in our efforts to maintain good streets and roads, and it will be well for all who have been disposed to complain that they have not all been kept in the best condition, to reflect carefully upon the stubborn facts just quoted concerning our actual state of affairs. The regular and fixed expenses

of the highway department, such as ploughing snow from the sidewalks and sanding icy places, keeping clear the catchbasins, carrying on the night cleaning of the business portions of the town, and the general cleaning of spring and fall, average about nine thousand dollars a year. All this, like many other things in life, is a necessary requirement, but has nothing to show for it.

No material interest of our city appeals more strongly to me personally than this matter of good roads, and it seems to me absolutely essential to keep those which we now have in as good condition as at present; but with the high tax-rate now required it would seem wise to keep at the very minimum appropriations for new streets, and for permanent improvements in this particular direction.

We labor under the great disadvantage of not having very good material for road building, the crushed granite, which has been mostly used, wearing away into very fine dust that is bad enough when dry, but is worse when it turns to mud in rainy weather. It is to be hoped that future experiments may bring to light something better in the way of road material that can be used to advantage on our streets. It will probably be well for the city, when it can be afforded, to buy a portable stone-crusher to save hauling stone the long distances now necessary from the crusher to the points where it needs to be used.

STREET LIGHTING.

The street lighting department shows a great increase in expenses during the past ten years, and I have no hesitation in declaring Concord to be now one of the best lighted of cities. This condition of things may be regarded as a great luxury, but it has come to seem to every one a strict necessity.

WATER WORKS.

There are water-works bonds to the amount of \$680,000, which are properly put down as a liability of the city, but they constitute in reality a valuable property, which is not only self-sustaining, but which will undoubtedly return a sufficient revenue

to meet the bonds as they become due, ten thousand dollars having been discharged the past year. It is important for all our citizens to recognise the fact that the water works are owned by the property owners of Concord, and that the officials are but our agents. The superintendent is a man to be commended for the thoroughness and impartiality of his management of this important department. The introduction of meters is increasing as fast as possible, and in using water that is measured every one pays for what he uses, so that there can be no unfairness. It is not expected that the revenue will be increased by the universal use of meters, but it is certain that a great deal of waste will be prevented, and that is a matter of the utmost importance to us all. We are favored now with higher water in Penacook lake than for many years, but we cannot tell how soon it may be greatly decreased in quantity by want of rain, and we need to prevent having it wantonly or thoughtlessly wasted. Few, probably, realize the great amount of gratuitous service given to the city by the water commissioners, and it is doubtful if any other city in the country has received anywhere near as much of this gratuitous service as Concord has in this department. We are to be congratulated that in two branches of so much importance as the water-supply and schools, we are entirely free from any political influence or interference.

SEWERS.

Next to the abundant supply of good water follows the necessity of providing for carrying it off by means of proper sewerage. Two years ago, my predecessor, in his inaugural address, indicated the pending need of the near future as follows: "We shall be asked to enlarge the central sewerage system during the year at a large expense. There will undoubtedly be a demand for the extension of the South End sewer, from its terminus at the junction of Allison and South streets into and through the Bow Brook valley, which is expected to meet the growing needs of the territory west of Bow Brook and that near the jail and west of Auburn street." Petitions for this extension were brought before the board of

aldermen and referred to the sewer committee, before which hearings were held, and the matter was referred to the incoming board. Therefore this important subject will come up, and you will be required to take action upon it. There is no doubt of the need of this extension. As I understand it, there are forty-five houses, besides the Odd Fellows' home, the jail, and Bow Brook school with eighty or more children, in great need of sewer accommodations. Wherever children go to school in large numbers, it is essential that all sanitary conditions should be so good as to offer no menace to good health. If an appropriation for this sewer extension should be granted, it might be met by a twenty-year loan, which could doubtless be carried at the rate of three and one-half per cent., and, in my judgment, long before the expiration of that time, the taxable property would be so increased, as a result of the building of the sewer, that the city would gain more than its cost.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

The engineering department, a comparatively new one, is indeed most important, embracing as it does all the work on public grounds, the care of bridges, the laying of water-pipes and sewers, the establishing of grades, and the care of all plans of public works and improvements. I am informed by the city engineer that one of the bridges over the Contocook at Penacook will need to be replaced in the near future by a new and safe structure.

POLICE.

Good order and protection of person and property are demanded of every municipal government. So far as I know, this city has been very fortunate in its police officers, and I hear no complaint of inefficiency on the part of any one of the force. Up to the time that Concord had between 14,000 and 15,000 inhabitants, a city marshal and four assistants constituted our regular police force. About ten years ago this force began to be increased considerably, and during the construction of the Sewall's falls dam, when a good many foreigners

were employed, it was only acting the part of prudence to employ a sufficient force to ensure safety and good order. It is always easier to increase than to diminish, and the police commission do not see the way clear to reduce the force when the public demand more rather than less service of this kind. The last census shows that Concord had nearly the smallest per cent. of police force to the number of inhabitants of any town or city in the United States, and as one policeman to one thousand inhabitants is considered a low average, it will be seen that we still maintain a considerably less force than comes within that limit. The request of the city marshal for pneumatic tires for the ambulance is one that seems to me should be granted, since too much care cannot be taken to ease those suffering from accidents or illness, but I am of the opinion that we cannot now afford a stable, which is asked for, desirable as it would be if conditions were different.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Our fire department is now planned on a scale that would be adequate to the needs of a considerably larger town than we are at present. During the last two years twenty-nine new tappers have been added, making the whole number connecting with houses of firemen, forty-five, and eight new fire-alarm boxes have been put in. The chief asks for three more to still further increase the efficiency of the department. The new battery service is a great improvement and is not only a great saving of expense, but it is supposed to be always in working order. The past year has been marked by but one large fire, the burning of the Prescott Piano factory; and the promptness with which calls for assistance have been met by the department has resulted in the extinguishing of such fires as it has been called upon to attend to, so that no conflagrations have occurred, with the single exception mentioned. Judging as well as I can from the necessarily superficial knowledge which I have been able to obtain, I am impressed with the belief that the chief of the department desires to keep the expenses as low as may be, and that he will do his best to

maintain its efficiency with such appropriations as you may think it wise and necessary to set apart for this department.

LIQUOR EVIL.

The liquor evil will always be with us while human passions remain as they are, and I have always been an interested observer of the practical effects upon this evil, of the different policies pursued in dealing with it. It has seemed to me that the prohibitory law was the best one for New Hampshire, since it can be thoroughly enforced in many towns, and in all of them the authorities can work towards that end. Many people are clamoring for a law that can be lived up to in this matter of intemperance, but it has always seemed to me an absurdity to limit a law to what can be absolutely enforced. "Thou shalt not" is the beginning of each prohibitory command of the Moral Law, although each one has been continually broken since it was given forth. Following that model, we do well to enact the strongest law that we can have, and then we want to work towards the best possible enforcement of that law. I have no quarrel to make with those who believe honestly in a license law. If I knew that such a law would certainly lessen the evil of drunkenness, I should doubtless favor it, since that is the end which I most desire, but I have never yet been convinced of its value as a policy for the suppression of that greatest of evils.

INDEMNITY BONDS.

In the light of recent experience, I would recommend, in every case where a bond is required from officials handling public funds, that the same be secured from some one of the fidelity insurance companies. The advantage to the official would be that he is freed from personal obligation in seeking bondsmen, and to the city that it would have the security of corporate rather than individual guarantee, as well as the supervision of the company over its insurance.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

It cannot by any one be called invidious if I state here that in no department of progress have there been such strides made as in the improvements at the public library. The new and improved methods of cataloguing and shelving of the books have entailed vast labor upon the librarian and her assistants, for it was only by their unremitting help that the great work of making the card catalogue was reduced to one year, instead of requiring the estimated two years for its accomplishment. If the public would learn briefly and completely what has been done at the library, they should read with great care the librarian's report to the trustees. The most cordial spirit of encouragement to come and use the books and periodicals, either in the reading-room or at home, is apparent to all, and while the rules are thoroughly enforced, as they must be for true efficiency and for the best good of all, every effort is made to secure to each patron exactly what he seeks. Just what the spirit of the institution is can be shown by a few words from the librarian's report, which I gladly quote: "The joy the librarian feels when a child aspires or can be led to something better in his reading, is as keen as that felt by parents or teachers over an upward step, and it is an equally great pleasure to have an adult seek and find on our shelves the literary tools he craves to make him a cleverer artisan or a more profound thinker." In this department of public growth, it is to be hoped that the usual appropriation will be cheerfully granted.

PETITIONS.

I wish to speak a word of caution about signing petitions for public improvements, because it is a notorious fact that many do this without care or thought of what they are signing. One's name should never be lightly given, and above all things, one should never sign a petition without reading it carefully, and deciding that it is in behalf of a cause which he desires to promote. If this should always be done, petitions would mean more than they do at present, and they would be of far more value to the ones to whom they are presented, as indicating the

exact wishes of their constituents. It may be added that they would not be so numerous as they now are.

With all possible earnestness I want to urge upon the heads of departments that they manage the appropriations set aside for them, with the greatest economy and care. It is by no means necessary to spend a certain sum of money because it has been appropriated, and any saving that can be made without injury to the interests entrusted to the care of public guardians will be regarded as an evidence of prudence and economical management.

One of the most gratifying characteristics of the great national campaign of last year was the intense spirit of unselfish patriotism that was shown all over the country. Men everywhere were more anxious for the well-being of the whole country than for their own individual good. We heard much about honor, integrity, and honesty as the very foundation upon which the safety and continuance of our republic rest. And it is just such a spirit of loyalty to the public good of this city that I should like to see actuating every man who has been chosen as a public servant to help administer municipal affairs. We shall have many commonplace duties to perform, but in the aggregate they will all be important as parts of a great whole, and we cannot be too careful to bring to their consideration sincere purpose and conscientious action.

Ordinances and Joint Resolutions

PASSED DURING THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 26, 1898.

CITY OF CONCORD.

ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FURNISHING OF OFFICIAL BONDS BY CITY OFFICERS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. Bonds shall be required of the following city officers as follows: City treasurer, twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars; tax collector, twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars; city auditor, five thousand (5,000) dollars; city clerk, five thousand (5,000) dollars; commissioner of highways, three thousand (3,000) dollars; city liquor agent, two thousand (2,000) dollars; city marshal, five hundred (500) dollars; assistant city marshal, five hundred (500) dollars.

SEC. 2. Bonds required of the foregoing officers shall be those of surety companies licensed by the insurance commissioner to do business in this state, if in terms such bonds comply with the requirements of the city ordinances and the laws of this state and the board of mayor and aldermen are satisfied of the financial ability of the company as such surety; otherwise, a bond may be given in double the amount specified in the foregoing section, with sureties to the satisfaction of the board of mayor and aldermen; provided such sureties are owners of unencumbered real estate to the value of the penal sum of said bond.

SEC. 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed January 26, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 13 OF CHAPTER 37 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. Each member of the board of police commissioners shall receive in full for his services the sum of fifty dollars per annum, to be paid to him at the expiration of each year during his term of office.

SEC. 2. Section 13 of Chapter 37 of the Revised Ordinances is hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed March 9, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20, STREET-LIGHTING PRECINCT.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That School District No. 20, Street-lighting Precinct, shall be, and hereby is, enlarged by the addition thereto of the territory on the southwesterly side of said precinct, beginning at the intersection of the southerly line of said precinct, with Main street; thence by said Main street to the intersection of the Borough road, so-called, with Main street near the southeast corner of land owned by John Chadwick; thence running westerly by said Borough road to the land of A. C. Bean; thence southerly and westerly by land of said Bean and Amos C. Elliot to the road leading from said Borough road to the Claremont railroad near the Ferrin ledge; thence southerly by said road to the southeast corner of the farm of the late Rufus D. Scales; thence westerly and northerly by said farm to the land of Elmer E. Welch; thence westerly and northerly by land of said Welch and land of Frank P. Davis to the Borough road, before mentioned; thence by said road to the southwest corner of the farm of the late Martha J. Morrill, meaning to include in the addition all the land included between the above described line and the present boundary of said Street-lighting precinct.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed March 9, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE PLACING CERTAIN LANDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF
THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That all the land owned by the city of Concord, formerly a portion of the city farm, lying on the northerly and westerly sides of Lake street and the highway leading in continuance thereof along the shore of Forge pond to the land purchased by the city of Concord through its board of water commissioners from Mary C. Rowell, be, and the same hereby is, placed under the management and control of the board of water commissioners.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed March 9, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
TO BE RAISED FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR FOR THE USE
OF THE CITY.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be raised, and there is hereby ordered to be raised, on the polls and ratable estates within said city the sum of fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000), to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the city for the ensuing financial year, which, together with the sums that may be raised by taxes on railroads and from other sources, shall be appropriated as follows:

For payment Memorial Arch bonds	\$5,000.00
For payment of interest	4,000.00
For support of the city poor	700.00
For incidentals and land damages, including expense of indemnity bonds for city officers	5,000.00
For committee service	1,410.00
For printing and stationery	2,500.00
For legal expenses	200.00
For beds at Margaret Pillsbury Hospital	2,000.00
For Decoration Day	345.00

For aid dependent soldiers	\$500.00
For public school text-books	2,800.00
For open-air concerts	300.00
For Blossom Hill Cemetery	2,500.00
For Old North Cemetery	350.00
For West Concord Cemetery	100.00
For Old Fort Cemetery, for completion of wall by contract	300.00
For Millville Cemetery	100.00
For Horse Hill Bridge Cemetery	50.00
For White Park	3,250.00
For Rollins Park	750.00
For Penacook Park	100.00
For improvement public commons	175.00
For lobby at Penacook, by contract not exceeding	900.00
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	\$33,330.00

FOR SALARIES.

Mayor	\$1,000.00
City clerk	1,200.00
Overseer of poor, Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9	200.00
Overseer of poor, Ward 1	30.00
Overseer of poor, Ward 2	10.00
City auditor	1,000.00
City solicitor	500.00
City treasurer	250.00
City messenger	600.00
Care of city clocks	85.00
Clerk of common council	50.00
Board of Education, Union School District	250.00
Board of Education, District No. 20	25.00
Town District school board	200.00
Nine assessors	2,700.00
Nine moderators	27.00
Nine ward clerks	90.00
Twenty-seven selectmen	135.00
Judge police court	800.00
Clerk of police court	200.00
Collector of taxes, so much as may be nec- essary of the sum of	1,600.00
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	\$10,952.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

For salary of librarian, assistants, and janitor	\$2,550.00	
For purchase of books and magazines	1,200.00	
For printing, including new fiction catalogue	400.00	
For fuel and lights	350.00	
For binding	500.00	
For incidentals	500.00	
		<u>\$5,500.00</u>

BOARD OF HEALTH.

For salary of health officer	\$800.00	
For salary of board of health	75.00	
For rent	108.00	
For lights	12.00	
For care of pest-house	15.00	
For assistance in sanitary inspection	100.00	
For bacteriological tests	150.00	
For materials for fumigation	27.00	
For incidental expenses of contagious diseases	175.00	
		<u>\$1,462.00</u>

POLICE AND WATCH.

Salary city marshal	\$1,200.00	
Salary deputy	900.00	
Salary captain of watch	850.00	
Pay nine patrolmen	7,200.00	
		<u>\$10,150.00</u>
Pay of janitor	225.00	
Pay of special policemen	300.00	
Fuel of city proper	200.00	
Fuel, Penacook	25.00	
Board of horse and shoeing	285.00	
Extra horse hire in city	30.00	
Extra horse hire in Penacook	30.00	
Lights	190.00	
Rent at Penacook	108.00	
Telephone and street gong at Penacook	50.00	
Water	28.00	
Ice	15.00	

CITY ORDINANCES.

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Repairs and incidentals	\$100.00
Helmets and buttons	75.00
Uniforms for special police	50.00
Police commissioners	150.00
New boiler	350.00
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	\$12,361.00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

For salary of commissioner of highways . .	\$1,400.00
For general maintenance and repairs . .	18,000.00
For permanent work, including portable stone crusher	8,000.00
For cleaning streets	4,000.00
For new concrete (sidewalks and crossings)	3,000.00
For repairing concrete	1,500.00
For catch basins, construction and cleaning	800.00
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	\$36,700.00

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

City engineer, salary	\$1,500.00
Assistants, salary	1,000.00
For supplies	100.00
For repairs	50.00
For rent	204.00
For incidentals	146.00
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	\$3,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief engineer, salary	\$950.00
Assistant engineers (precinct), salary	250.00
Permanent men, pay-rolls	5,568.00
Kearsarge Steamer Co., pay-rolls	1,010.00
Eagle Steamer Co., pay-rolls	1,010.00
Hook and Ladder Co., pay-rolls	1,615.00
Governor Hill Relief Co., pay- rolls	195.00
Alert Hose Co., pay-rolls	815.00
Good Will Hose Co., pay-rolls	815.00
Pioneer Steamer Co., pay-rolls	500.00
Pioneer Steamer Co., salary en- gineer	75.00

Pioneer Steamer Co., salary as-		
sistant engineer	\$25.00	
Pioneer Steamer Co., steward	30.00	
Pioneer Steamer Co., janitor	45.00	
Cataract Co., pay-rolls	240.00	
Cataract Co., salary assistant en-		
gineer	10.00	
Cataract Co., steward	15.00	
Cataract Co., janitor	15.00	
Old Fort Co., pay-rolls	240.00	
Old Fort Co., salary assistant en-		
gineer	10.00	
Old Fort Co., steward	15.00	
Rent of rooms, Veteran Fire-		
men's Association	150.00	
For extra men for vacation	218.00	
		<u>\$13,816.00</u>
For forage		1,411.00
For fuel		640.60
For lights		500.00
For water		116.50
For horse shoeing		280.00
For hats, five dozen		315.00
For three alarm boxes		225.00
For relining old hose		150.00
For new wagon for chief engineer		160.00
For one pair of horses		300.00
For horse hire		300.00
For washing		105.00
For current for fire alarm		36.00
For labor, wire, etc., fire-alarm line		300.00
For supplies for open circuit batteries		25.00
For supplies for chemical engine		50.00
For supplies for pony extinguishers		12.00
For hose and incidentals		1,257.90
		<u>\$20,000.00</u>

Passed March 30, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED ON THE PROPERTY AND INHABITANTS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE GAS AND SEWERAGE PRECINCT FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

SECTION 1. There shall be raised, and there is hereby ordered to be raised, on the polls and ratable estates within the gas and sewerage precinct of said city the sum of sixteen thousand one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$16,187.50) to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the precinct for the ensuing financial year, which shall be appropriated as follows :

For the payment of interest that may become due on sewer bonds	\$1,670.00
For the payment of city precinct note	500.00
For the payment of interest on note	17.50
For the lighting of streets in said precinct	10,500.00
For the construction and maintenance of sewers in said precinct	3,500.00
Passed March 30, 1897.	

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND INHABITANTS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PENACOOK SEWERAGE PRECINCT FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

SECTION 1. There shall be raised, and there is hereby ordered to be raised, on the polls and ratable estates within the Penacook sewerage precinct the sum of fourteen hundred and sixty dollars (\$1,460) to defray the necessary expenses and charges of said precinct for the ensuing financial year, which shall be appropriated as follows :

For the payment of the sum becoming due in accordance with an ordinance creating a sinking fund	\$500.00
For the payment of interest that may become due on precinct bonds	960.00
Passed March 30, 1897.	

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND INHABITANTS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE EAST CONCORD SEWERAGE PRECINCT FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

SECTION 1. There shall be raised, and there is hereby ordered to be raised, on the polls and ratable estates within the East Concord sewerage precinct the sum of four hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$428.75) to defray the necessary expenses and charges of said precinct for the ensuing financial year, which shall be appropriated as follows :

For the payment of the sum becoming due in accordance with an ordinance creating a sinking fund	\$100.00
For the payment of interest that may become due on precinct bonds	70.00
For the payment of maturing note	250.00
For the payment of interest on note	8.75
Passed March 30, 1897.	

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND INHABITANTS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE WEST CONCORD SEWERAGE PRECINCT FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

SECTION 1. There shall be raised, and there is hereby ordered to be raised, on the polls and ratable estates within the West Concord sewerage precinct the sum of eleven hundred and eighty dollars (\$1,180) to defray the necessary expenses and charges of said precinct for the ensuing financial year, which shall be appropriated as follows :

For the payment of the sum becoming due in accordance with an ordinance creating the sinking fund	\$500.00
For the payment of interest that may become due on precinct bonds	680.00
Passed March 30, 1897.	

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND INHABITANTS WITHIN THE STREET SPRINKLING PRECINCT FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

SECTION 1. There shall be raised, and there is hereby ordered to be raised, on the polls and ratable estates within the street sprinkling precinct of said city the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the street sprinkling precinct for the ensuing financial year, which shall be appropriated as follows :

For sprinkling streets, \$4,000.

Passed March 30, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND INHABITANTS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY WATER PRECINCT FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

SECTION 1. There shall be raised, and there is hereby ordered to be raised, on the polls and ratable estates within the water precinct of the city the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the water precinct for the ensuing financial year, which shall be appropriated as follows :

For water for hydrant service, \$6,000.

Passed March 30, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be raised, and there is hereby ordered to be raised, on the polls and-ratable estates within said city the sum of thirty-four thousand seven hundred and five dollars

(\$34,705) for the support of schools for the ensuing financial year, which, together with the income from the Abial Walker fund, shall be appropriated and divided among the several school districts according to the valuation thereof.

Passed April 13, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE ON LIGHTING STREETS TO MAKE A CONTRACT WITH THE CONCORD LAND AND WATER POWER COMPANY.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the committee on lighting streets, with the mayor added, be, and hereby are, authorized to sign a contract on behalf of said city, with the Concord Land and Water Power Company, for twelve (12) police lamps, more or less, of twenty-four (24) candle power, four thousand (4,000) hours each per year, all night, and every night, same to be lighted by the Electric Light Company, and extinguished by the police, at fifteen dollars (\$15) per annum per light. Said contract to date from the earliest possible time in which above lights can be properly equipped by the company, and to continue for five (5) years, and all lamps and material, including repairs and maintenance, be furnished by the company.

Passed April 13, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPENING AND OBSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. The authority now vested in the mayor and board of aldermen to grant licenses to persons to dig up, obstruct, or encumber the streets, sidewalks, and highways of the city, is herewith conferred upon the commissioner of highways, under such rules and regulations as he shall establish.

SECT. 2. No person shall break or dig up the ground or stones in any street or sidewalk, or erect any staging for building, or place or deposit any stones, bricks, timber, or other building materials thereon, without first obtaining a written

license from the commissioner of highways and complying in all respects with the conditions of such license.

SECT. 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or who fails to comply with the rules and regulations established by the commissioner of highways, shall be fined a sum not exceeding ten dollars (\$10.00) for each offense.

SECT. 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed April 13, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE WALL AT OLD FORT CEMETERY.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the sum of one hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$174) is hereby appropriated in addition to the sum already appropriated for the completion of the wall at Old Fort Cemetery, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed April 13, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND BUILDINGS RELATIVE TO THE CARE AND RENTING OF THE VARIOUS CITY BUILDINGS, AND IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 37, SECTION 10, OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE SALARY OF THE CITY MESSENGER.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. The joint standing committee on lands and buildings shall have the superintendence of all city buildings and all land owned by the city, excepting such as is under the supervision of a commission, and shall have the renting of all buildings, halls, or grounds for public, social, or charitable purposes. They shall charge for "City Hall," when used for social purposes, two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per hour; for "Ward rooms," when used for social purposes, one dollar (\$1.00) per hour. For public, charitable, or other purposes, they shall charge such rate as they shall deem just under the circumstances of the case.

SECT. 2. In case any part of any city building or any of the

heating or sanitary apparatus or other fixtures contained therein become, through accident or other cause, suddenly unfit for use, it shall be the duty of said committee to take all necessary means to repair the same and report such action to the next regular meeting of the city council.

SECT. 3. The city messenger shall receive for services performed when the City Hall is used in the evening for the above purposes, the sum of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per hour until midnight, and the sum of fifty cents (\$.50) per hour thereafter.

SECT. 4. So much of the provisions of chapter 37, section 10, of the Revised Ordinances as are inconsistent with this ordinance, and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed April 13, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND BUILDINGS, WITH HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ADDED, TO MAKE A CONTRACT WITH THE CONCORD LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY FOR CONCORD GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR GAS LIGHTS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the committee on lands and buildings, with His Honor, the mayor, added, be authorized, and the same hereby are authorized and instructed, to contract with the Concord Light and Power Company for the Concord Gas Light Company, to furnish gas at the rate of \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet, and to furnish and maintain Welsbach burners on all fixtures in the following buildings and offices: City Hall, Public Library, all fire department buildings, and all city buildings and city offices.

Passed April 13, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH END SEWER, PROVIDING MEANS FOR DEFRAYING THE EXPENSE THEREOF, AND AUTHORIZING AN ISSUE OF BONDS THEREFOR.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of defraying the expense of constructing the sewer authorized by vote of the board of mayor

and aldermen May 28, 1897, bonds of said city shall be issued to an amount not exceeding (\$25,000) twenty-five thousand dollars, in the manner and for the amounts hereafter specified.

SECT. 2. Bonds of said city shall be issued for the purposes aforesaid, signed by the mayor and the city treasurer, and countersigned by the city clerk, and shall in all respects comply with the provisions of the "Municipal Bonds Act of 1895." Said bonds shall be dated July 1, 1897, numbered consecutively from one to twenty-five inclusive, and shall be for the sum of one thousand dollars each, and shall be due and payable on the first day of July, 1917. Said bonds shall be payable to the bearer with interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each year, upon the presentation of the coupons attached to said bonds respectively.

SECT. 3. The treasurer is hereby authorized to procure proposals for the sale of the bonds hereby authorized, and such bids as seem for the best interest of the city shall be accepted by him, provided the same are approved by the finance committee.

SECT. 4. That all of said bonds owned by citizens of said city of Concord shall be exempt from taxation as provided in Chapter 55, Section 14, of the Public Statutes.

Passed June 8, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE GAS AND SEWERAGE PRECINCT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the unexpended balance of the appropriations for the gas and sewerage precinct for the year 1896, viz., the sum of six hundred and fifty-one dollars and forty-one cents (\$651.41) and the miscellaneous receipts credited to the account of said precinct for the year 1896, viz., the sum of sixty-nine dollars and forty-two cents (\$69.42), a total of seven hundred and twenty dollars and eighty-three cents (\$720.83), are hereby appropriated for the construction and maintenance of sewers of said precinct.

Passed September 14, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE
CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF BLOSSOM HILL CEMETERY.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the sum of twenty-seven hundred dollars (\$2,700.00) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated as an additional appropriation for the care and maintenance of Blossom Hill Cemetery.

Passed September 14, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR
ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for roads and bridges, for the construction and cleaning of catch basins.

Passed October 12, 1897.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CHANGE IN THE
LOCATION OF CONCORD STREET R. R. IN WARD ONE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the sum of six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$625) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expense incident to the carrying out of an agreement with the Concord Street R. R. for the change in the location of their track on Main street in Ward One, and that the same be charged to incidentals.

Passed October 12, 1897.

RESOLUTIONS.

A JOINT RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO PAYING SALARIES, PAY-ROLLS, AND RENTS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the mayor be and hereby is authorized to draw his warrant on the city treasurer for the payment of all salaries, pay-rolls, and rents as the same shall become due and be approved by the city auditor during the present municipal term, and all bills so paid shall be laid before the committee on accounts and claims at their next meeting.

Passed January 26, 1897.

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO A RE-APPRAISAL OF TAXABLE PROPERTY.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the assessors of said city acting together as a board are hereby requested to make a specific re-appraisal, prior to the assessment of taxes for the current year, of all property, real and personal, in the business section of the city, and of the stock in trade of all merchants.

Passed March 9, 1897.

A RESOLUTION OFFERING A REWARD OF THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby offered as a reward for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties concerned in the desecration of the grave of Mrs. Zelotus Stevens, in Blossom Hill cemetery, Sunday morning, February 21, 1897.

Passed March 9, 1897.

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF JOHN J. TRENOWETH.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the sum of thirty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents (\$37.63) be paid to John J. Trenoweth out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full settlement of his claim for unpaid salary as a member of Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 for the years 1894 and 1895.

Passed March 9, 1897.

RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF PLANS AND SECTIONS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the city clerk be authorized and instructed to permit the city engineer to take from the vaults containing the same volumes one and two of plans and sections showing street grades for use in the office of said city engineer, the same to be returned when the purpose for which they are taken is completed.

Passed March 30, 1897.

RESOLUTION EXEMPTING THE PENACOOK MANUFACTURING COMPANY FROM TAXATION.

WHEREAS, The Penacook Manufacturing company, a corporation organized under the general laws of state of New Hampshire, purposes to purchase the manufacturing plant, including real estate, machinery, tools, and other personal property known as the "H. H. Amsden & Co. plant" in Ward 1, in said city of Concord, for the purpose of putting the same in operation for manufacturing plumber's supplies of all kinds, and for the working of woods and metals. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the city council of the city of Concord, that said plant and the capital used in operating the same be exempt from taxation to said Penacook Manufacturing company, for the term of ten years from the passage hereof, according to the provisions of section 11 of chapter 55 of the Public Statutes of New Hampshire.

Provided that said company shall within thirty days invest in said plant a sum not less than fifteen thousand dollars.

Provided, also, that after one year said exemption shall continue for only such part of said ten years as said corporation shall employ a force of at least twenty-five operatives on said plant.

Passed March 30, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE ON LIGHTING STREETS TO MAKE A CONTRACT WITH THE CONCORD LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY FOR CONCORD GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR GASLIGHTS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the committee on lighting streets, with the mayor added, be and hereby are, authorized to sign a contract on behalf of said city with the Concord Light and Power company, for the Concord Gaslight company, to furnish gas, lighting and extinguishing one hundred and thirteen (113) street lamps (more or less), burning five (5) cubic feet of gas per hour, one thousand four hundred and sixty-three (1,463) hours each per year, sunset to midnight, twenty (20) nights each month, twelve dollars (\$12.00) per annum per lamp, extra nights pro rata. Said contract to be for five (5) years from March 1, 1897.

Passed March 30, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND BUILDINGS TO BUILD A LOBBY IN WARD 1.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the joint standing committee on lands and buildings of the city council be, and the same hereby are, authorized and instructed to have built a substantial brick building adjoining the fire station at Penacook, for the use of the police department. Said building to contain four brick cells, suitable sanitary arrangements, and to be heated by steam taken from fire station boiler.

Said committee to procure proposals for constructing the same, and to let the work by contract to the lowest bidder, at a total cost not exceeding nine hundred dollars (\$900.00), to be charged to the appropriation made for the same.

Passed April 13, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PREMISES BELONGING TO THE CITY HERETOFORE OCCUPIED BY KIMBALL, DANFORTH & FORREST IN THE REAR OF POLICE STATION.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the commissioner of highways is hereby instructed in behalf of said city to take possession of the premises in the rear of the police station belonging to said city, heretofore occupied by Kimball, Danforth & Forrest as a lumber yard, and to clear the same and keep the same clear and open for public use.

Passed April 13, 1897.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE REAL ESTATE VALUATION OF THE CITY ASSESSORS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the board of assessors be requested to prepare for publication in the *Daily Monitor* and *Daily People and Patriot* a list of the real estate valuations of Concord as established by them for the assessment of taxes for the year 1897, describing the property by street, number, and owner's name; and that the mayor be authorized to contract with said newspapers for publishing said list, provided such publication can be had at an expense not exceeding \$150.00 for each paper.

Passed April 13, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE A PORTABLE STONE CRUSHER.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That a committee of three, consisting of the mayor, the commissioner of highways, and Alderman Rowell, be appointed to purchase a portable stone crusher for the city, with full power to make such selection as in their judgment the interests of the city demand.

Passed May 11, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR RE-IMBURSING CERTAIN PERSONS FOR OVERPAID TAXES.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the sum of one hundred and sixty-one dollars and eight cents (\$161.08) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to be paid as follows: To Arthur Bourlet, over-valuation in 1896, twelve dollars and ninety-two cents; to B. W. Couch, excess in taxes 1895, five dollars and eighteen cents; to Henry W. Stevens, trustee Woodward estate, error in taxes, 1896, four dollars and eighty cents; to Samuel Holt, for over-charge in taxes, 1888 to 1896, inclusive, one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighteen cents. And that the same be charged to the appropriation for incidentals.

Passed June 8, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY LOAN OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) IN PAYMENT OF THE NOTE FOR THAT AMOUNT BECOMING DUE JUNE 10, 1897, THE SAME HAVING BEEN GIVEN FOR A TEMPORARY LOAN.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the city treasurer, under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, be, and he hereby is, authorized to procure, by temporary loan upon the credit of the city, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), at the lowest practical per centum, to be used in the payment of the note given by the city for a temporary loan for that amount, which said note was issued December 10, 1896, and becomes due June 10, 1897; and the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Passed June 8, 1897.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY LOAN NOT EXCEEDING IN TOTAL FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO MEET THE USUAL AND CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR AS THEY MAY BECOME DUE.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the city treasurer, under the advice and direction of the committee on finance, is hereby authorized to procure for sixty

days, by temporary loans upon the credit of the city, such sum as may be necessary, not exceeding in total fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), at the lowest practical per centum, to be used exclusively in meeting the usual and current expenses of the city during the present fiscal year, as they become due.

Passed June 8, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND BUILDINGS TO PROCURE NEW CARPETS FOR THE ROOMS OCCUPIED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY CLERK.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the committee on lands and buildings be, and is hereby, authorized to procure for the rooms occupied by the city council and city clerk, new carpets at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars, said sum to be paid from the funds in the hands of the city treasurer appropriated for incidentals.

Passed June 8, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE OLD FORT CEMETERY WALL.

Resolved by the City Council in the City of Concord, as follows:

That the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the completion of the wall of the Old Fort Cemetery.

Passed July 13, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPAIRS ON THE ROOMS IN CITY HALL BUILDING OCCUPIED BY MILITARY COMPANIES.

Resolved by the City Council in the City of Concord, as follows:

That the committee on lands and buildings be, and hereby are, authorized to cause such repairs to be made on the rooms occupied by the two military companies in City Hall building, as they may think proper, the amount to be expended not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars and to be charged to the appropriation for incidentals.

Passed September 14, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ANY UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF BONDS ISSUED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH END SEWER.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That any part of the proceeds of the sale of bonds, authorized by ordinance of the city of Concord, passed June 8, 1897, not required for the construction of the South End sewer, may be used in the construction of lateral connections therewith, and the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) of said balance is hereby appropriated for the construction of lateral connections with said South End sewer during the year 1897.

Passed September 14, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AVAILABLE CERTAIN UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That so much as may be necessary of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the fire department, allotted to the purchase of forage and horses, be and the same is hereby made available for relining old hose.

Passed September 14, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A RAILING AROUND A PORTION OF THE CITY MARKET PLACE.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows:

That the committee on lands and buildings be and are hereby authorized and instructed to expend not exceeding \$35 to defray the expense of placing railings on the city market lot, said railings to be placed as follows: One railing to be placed sixty feet south from Warren street and parallel therewith extending from the police station building to Odd Fellows' avenue, so-called; also a railing extending from the southeast corner of the police station building to the building occupied by W. G. C. Kimball; also a railing extending from the southwest corner of said building occupied by W. G. C. Kimball, westerly to Odd Fellows' avenue, so-called, along the north side of the passway leading to Main street, leaving openings for passage of teams. The

expenditure thus authorized to be charged to the appropriation for incidentals.

Passed November 9, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO THE USE OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Resolved by the City Council in the City of Concord, as follows:

That the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) appropriated for permanent work on highways be and the same is hereby made available for catch basins in addition to the amount already appropriated for that purpose.

Passed November 9, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC COMMONS.

Resolved by the City Council in the City of Concord, as follows:

That the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) appropriated for White park be and the same is hereby made available for the improvement of public commons in addition to the sum already appropriated for that purpose.

Passed November 9, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN TAXES.

Resolved by the City Council in the City of Concord, as follows:

That the sum of thirteen dollars and seventy-four cents (\$13.74) be refunded to Gustavus Walker and the sum of two dollars and seven cents (\$2.07) be refunded to A. H. Britton, these sums having been paid by them respectively in excess of the just tax assessed against them for the year 1897, and that the same be paid out of the appropriation for incidentals.

Passed November 9, 1897.

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSE OF CLEARING THE ICE ON THE POND IN WHITE PARK.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

That the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to defray the expense of keeping the ice on the pond in White park cleared of snow for skating purposes, the same to be paid from the amount appropriated for incidental expenses; the same to be expended under the direction of the park commissioners.

Passed December 14, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

That the sum of two hundred and sixty-six dollars and fifty-six cents of the appropriation for roads and bridges now allotted to sidewalks and crossings be, and the same is hereby, made available for use in cleaning streets.

Passed December 30, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING BIDS FOR PRINTING THE ANNUAL CITY REPORT.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

That the city auditor is hereby instructed to invite bids for printing the annual report of the city of Concord and the finance committee is hereby authorized to accept that bid which in its judgment is most advantageous to the city.

Passed December 30, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EXTRA SERVICES OF CITY MESSENGER.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

That the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of paying the city messen-

ger for extra services in taking care of the extra rooms used by the N. H. military companies of Concord and that the same be charged to the appropriations for incidentals.

Passed December 30, 1897.

A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN LAND FOR PARK PURPOSES.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

That the triangular tract of land situated in said city and bounded by Center street, Ridge road, and Park Ridge street be, and hereby is, accepted for park purposes from William F. Thayer, Albert B. Woodworth, Edward B. Woodworth, and Austin S. Ranney, subject to the condition that said tract shall, within two years from the passage of this ordinance, be properly graded and seeded to grass, and thereafter be suitably maintained for park purposes, and be known as Ridge Road Park, said tract to be deeded to said city of Concord immediately after the passage of this resolution.

Passed January 11, 1898.

A JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR CARE OF THE CITY POOR.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

That so much of the appropriation for aid of dependent soldiers as is necessary be made available for the payment of bills for care of city poor in excess of the appropriation for that purpose.

Passed January 11, 1898.

A JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR USE OF SEWERS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

That so much of the appropriation for lighting streets as is necessary be made available for the payment of bills for sewers in excess of the appropriation for that purpose.

Passed January 11, 1898.

JOINT RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONEY TO COVER DEFICIENCIES IN THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

That the sum of eighteen hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty-six cents (\$1,894.46) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay outstanding claims, as follows:

Fire Department	\$336.91
Auditor	34.69
Assessors	130.00
Tax Collector	16.92
Public Library	89.69
White Park	144.58
Rollins Park	233.84
Penacook Park	3.72
Blossom Hill Cemetery	430.97
Old North Cemetery	128.85
West Concord Cemetery	54.30
Liquor Agency	289.99
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	\$1,894.46

Passed January 11, 1898.

CITY GOVERNMENT,
CONCORD, N. H.

Inaugurated fourth Tuesday in January, biennially.

1897-8.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR.

Elected biennially in November by the people. Salary, \$1,000 per annum.

ALBERT B. WOODWORTH.

Office: Acquilla Building.

ALDERMEN.

Elected biennially in November by voters of each ward. No salary as such, but an allowance for committee service.

Ward 1—CHARLES E. FOOTE.
CHARLES H. SANDERS.

Ward 2—GEORGE A. HOIT.

Ward 3—FRANK E. DIMOND.

Ward 4—HARRY R. HOOD.

JOHN G. McQUILKEN.

JOHN F. WEBSTER.

Ward 5—HENRY O. ADAMS.

JAMES H. ROWELL.

Ward 6—HOWARD A. KIMBALL.

ARTHUR F. STURTEVANT.

Ward 7—HENRY E. CONANT.

ALBERT S. TRASK.

Ward 8—WILLIAM A. LEE.

Ward 9—JAMES M. KILLEEN.

CITY CLERK.

Elected Biennially in January by City Council. Salary, \$800 per annum.

JOSEPH A. COCHRAN.

Office: City Hall Building.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Elected biennially in November by voters of each ward. No salary as such, but an allowance for committee service.

PRESIDENT—GEORGE W. BUNKER.

Ward 1—**WILLIAM C. SPICER.**

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

Ward 2—**JOHN W. SANBORN.**

Ward 3—**RUSSELL P. SHEPARD.**

Ward 4—**FRED W. SCOTT.**

FRANK H. SMITH.

EBEN M. WILLIS.

Ward 5—**GEORGE W. BUNKER.**

EDWARD E. LANE.

Ward 6—**HENRY B. COLBY.**

ETHAN N. SPENCER.

Ward 7—**ALBERT P. DAVIS.**

DAVID A. WELCH.

Ward 8—**CHARLES L. NORRIS.**

Ward 9—**ALBERT GRANT.**

CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL.

Elected biennially in January by Common Council. Salary, \$50 per annum.

HARVEY P. SANBORN.

Office: Sanborn's Block.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Aldermen appointed by Mayor, and Councilmen appointed by President of Common Council, biennially in January.

On Finance—The Mayor ; Aldermen Webster and Sanders ; Councilmen Spencer and Willis.

On Accounts and Claims—Aldermen Hood and Adams ; Councilmen Colby and Shepard.

On Lands and Buildings—Aldermen Adams and Trask ; Councilmen Scott and Norris.

On Public Instruction—Aldermen Sanders and Conant ; Councilmen Willis and Shepard.

On Parks and Commons—Aldermen Kimball and Killeen ; Councilmen Davis and Smith.

On Roads and Bridges—Aldermen Rowell and Dimond ; Councilmen Smith and Welch.

On Fire Department—Aldermen Sturtevant and Lee ; Councilmen Scott and Spicer.

On Lighting Streets—Aldermen McQuilken and Kimball ; Councilmen Lane and Grant.

On Cemeteries—Aldermen Webster and Kimball ; Councilmen Taylor and Sanborn.

STANDING COMMITTEES IN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Appointed biennially by the Mayor.

On Elections and Returns—Aldermen Hood and Lee.

On Engrossed Ordinances—Aldermen Hoit and Webster.

On Bills, Second Reading—Aldermen Trask and Foote.

On Police and Licenses—Aldermen Killeen and McQuilken.

ON SEWERS AND DRAINS.

Elected biennially in January by Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor ; Aldermen Rowell, Dimond, Sanders, and Hoit.

ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

Elected biennially in January by Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor ; Aldermen Conant, Foote, and Sturtevant.

STANDING COMMITTEES IN COMMON COUNCIL.

Appointed biennially in January by President of Common Council.

On Elections and Returns—Councilmen Spencer and Taylor.

On Bills, Second Reading—Councilmen Colby and Lane.

On Engrossed Ordinances—Councilmen Spicer and Norris.

CITY TREASURER.

Elected biennially in January by City Council. Bond to the acceptance of Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Salary, \$250 per annum.

WILLIAM F. THAYER.

Office: First National Bank.

CITY AUDITOR.

Appointed biennially by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Aldermen. Salary, \$1,000 per annum.

JAMES O. LYFORD.

Office: City Hall Building.

CITY ENGINEER.

Elected biennially in January by City Council. Salary, \$1,500 per annum.

WILL B. HOWE.

Office: 17 Dutton's Block, North Main Street.

CITY MESSENGER.

Elected biennially in January by City Council. Salary, \$600 per annum.

EDWARD A. STEVENS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Elected annually in January by Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Bond within six days to satisfaction of the board. Salary, five mills for each dollar of first \$60,000; seven and one half mills for each dollar over \$60,000.

WENDELL P. LADD.

Office: Smith's Block.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Three elected annually in March by voters of Union School District. Salary, \$250 per annum for the Board.

AMOS J. SHURTLEFF,	Term expires March, 1898.
AUSTIN S. RANNEY,	“ “ “ 1898.
HENRY C. BROWN,	“ “ “ 1898.
HARRY P. DEWEY,	“ “ “ 1899.
MARY P. WOODWORTH,	“ “ “ 1899.
ELIPHALET F. PHILBRICK,	“ “ “ 1899.
JOHN C. ORDWAY,	“ “ “ 1900.
SUSAN J. WOODWARD,	“ “ “ 1900.
HENRY F. HOLLIS,	“ “ “ 1900.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Appointed annually in July by Board of Education. Salary, \$1,800 per annum.

LOUIS J. RUNDLETT.

Office: High School Building, School Street.

PENACOOK—District No. 20.

One member of Board of Education elected annually in March by voters of District. Salary, \$27 per annum for the Board.

JOHN CARTER,	Term expires March, 1898.
HENRY ROLFE,	“ “ “ 1899.
IRA PHILLIPS,	“ “ “ 1900.

TOWN DISTRICT.

Comprising all districts in the city except Union School District and No. 20. Elected annually in March by voters of district. Salary, \$125 per annum for the Board.

GEORGE T. ABBOTT,	Term expires March, 1898.
ALBERT SALTMARSH,	“ “ “ 1899.
JOHN VANNEVAR,	“ “ “ 1900.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Appointed biennially in January by Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Salary as such, none.

JAMES E. RAND.
DANIEL S. FLANDERS.
FRED N. EATON.
JAMES KELLEY.
CHARLES E. KELLEY.
CHARLES W. HALL.
W. D. BARRETT.
JOHN E. GAY.
ELMER J. BROWN.
CHARLES H. ROWE.
THOMAS P. DAVIS.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES.

Elected biennially in January by City Council. Salary, none.

Ward 1—CHARLES H. SANDERS.
Ward 2—JOHN E. FRYE.
Ward 3—PAUL R. HOLDEN.
Ward 4—JOHN M. MITCHELL.
Ward 5—AMOS J. SHURTLEFF.
Ward 6—JAMES S. NORRIS.
Ward 7—WILLIAM W. FLINT.
Ward 8—EDSON J. HILL.
Ward 9—MOSES H. BRADLEY.

LIBRARIAN.

Appointed annually by Trustees of Library. Salary, \$800 per annum.

GRACE BLANCHARD.

CITY OF CONCORD.

ASSISTANTS.

Salary, \$450 per annum.

CLARA F. BROWN.

ADAH M. COLBY.

WINNIE I. JAMES.

Fowler Library Building.

ASSESSORS.

Elected biennially by voters of each ward. Salary, \$3 per day of actual service.

Ward 1—OLIVER J. FIFIELD.*Ward 2*—WILLIAM A. COWLEY.*Ward 3*—JOSEPH E. SHEPARD.*Ward 4*—DANIEL C. WOODMAN.*Ward 5*—GEORGE F. UNDERHILL.*Ward 6*—GEORGE S. DENNETT.*Ward 7*—JONATHAN B. WEEKS.*Ward 8*—JOHN J. LEE.*Ward 9*—JAMES AHERN.**CITY WATER-WORKS.****WATER COMMISSIONERS.**

Two appointed annually in March, for four years, by Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Salary, none.

ALBERT B. WOODWORTH, MAYOR, *ex-officio*.

WILLIAM P. FISKE,	Term expires March 31, 1898.
WILLIAM E. HOOD,	“ “ 1898.
WILLIAM M. MASON,	“ “ 1899.
EDSON J. HILL,	“ “ 1899.
JOHN WHITAKER,	“ “ 1900.
EBENEZER B. HUTCHINSON,	“ “ 1900.
SOLON A. CARTER,	“ “ 1901.
FRANK D. ABBOT,	“ “ 1901.

President—WILLIAM P. FISKE.

Clerk—ARTHUR H. CHASE.