

## Report of Police Commissioners.

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The following is a report of the doings of the Police Commissioners for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897:

April 30, 1897. Met at the office of Morrill & Danforth. The resignation of Charles E. Kelley, a regular police officer, was presented and accepted.

H. C. Oaks, George N. Fellows and Oliver Tappan were appointed special police officers.

Adjourned, to meet at the call of the chairman.

May 11, 1897. Met at the office of Morrill & Danforth. John G. Putnam was appointed a regular police officer.

Adjourned, to meet on call of the chairman.

August 2, 1897. Met at the office of Morrill & Danforth. Thomas P. Davis and Irving B. Robinson were appointed special police officers.

Adjourned, to meet on call of the chairman.

December 21, 1897. Met at the office of Morrill & Danforth. The resignation of Eugene H. Davis, a special police officer, was presented and accepted.

Samuel L. Batchelder was appointed a regular police officer.

Charles E. Kelley and Milton Colby were appointed special police officers.

Adjourned, to meet on call of the chairman.

GILES WHEELER,  
Clerk Police Commission.

## Report of 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 1897.

### ON HAND JANUARY 1 AND PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR 1897.

Wines and liquors on hand January 1 per report was 225 gallons, 100 bottles liquors and malt liquors .....	\$1,203.46
Purchased of Geo. W. Weeks, liquor commissioner, wines and liquors, 448 4-8 gallons, 108 bottles liquors and malt liquors.....	1,314.84
Total, 673 4-8 gallons, 208 bottles liquors and malt liquors.	
Freight, cartage and express on goods purchased..	9.30
Empty bottles on hand January 1, 42.....	.92
Empty bottles purchased during the year, 188.....	6.00
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	\$2,534.52

### 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 the year.....	18.72
Gas .....	5.55
Water .....	1.00
Postage stamps.....	.50
4 gross corks.....	1.68
E. M. Cogswell, sealer and measure.....	.40
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	\$3,469.37

SOLD DURING THE YEAR 1897.

Wines, liquors and malt liquors, number of sales, 3,385, and 478 6-8 gallons, 68 bottles liquors and malt liquors.....	\$1,943.75
Empty bottles sold during the year, 201.....	16.35
Empty casks sold, 12.....	12.00
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	\$1,972.10

ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1898.

Wines and liquors, 185 2-8 gallons, 144 bottles liquors and malt liquors.....	\$1,239.80
Less shortage, 13 1-8 gallons.....	39.50
Empty on hand January 1, 129.....	2.90
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	\$1,203.20
Cost of goods sold and expenses.....	\$1,387.80
Wines, liquors and malt liquors.	
Empty bottles sold during the year, 201, cost.....	4.02
Other expenditures .....	934.85
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	\$2,326.67
Cash on hand January 1, 1897.....	\$ 12.60
Cash received for sales in 1897.....	1,972.10
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Cash deposited with city treasurer.....	\$1,975.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1898.....	9.70
	\$1,984.70

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES LADD, Liquor Agent.

## PUBLIC PARKS.

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### REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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The park commissioners submit herewith their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1897:

The appropriations for the last year were made as follows:

White Park,	\$3,250.00
Rollins Park,	750.00
Penacook Park,	100.00
Parks and commons,	175.00

#### WHITE PARK.

The most marked improvement at White Park during the season has been the completion of the stone bridge and the surroundings, making a most harmonious effect. The increase of completed area in the park brings with it an increased expense for maintenance. Much filling has been accomplished this year and sub-draining. The season was so wet last summer that the necessity of a water supply was not needed, yet that cannot always be counted upon and provisions will have to be made to meet any emergency.

The improvements have reached such a stage that any marked improvement gives a completeness to the plan which has been followed, so that the coming year this new work should be increased. There are important additions that should be made at an early date: First, the completion of the play-ground with the accessories to such a place in the way of bicycle paths, tennis courts, etc. This is needed very much as it has been so difficult to exercise control over the other parts of the park. People, not perhaps always wilfully, but thoughtlessly, do that which has caused much time and labor and which

is, to say the least, aggravating to the commissioners and superintendent to see destroyed. It would seem the best way to provide certain localities for certain purposes, and that would in a more or less degree obviate any complaint.

Another needed improvement, which is a necessity, is the building of a tool house, in which to house and protect the property of this department, which now suffers from lack of sufficient protection. This can be built at an expense of not over \$600.

Another improvement is the great need of a combination shelter and public comfort building at the entrance of Pine street, which can be constructed in a very substantial and artistic manner for a reasonable figure. The commissioners have had plans made along these lines, and hope that they will be able under the appropriation that will be made this year to carry out these needed improvements.

The temporary fence has been extended to the corner of Beacon and White streets, along which have been planted a row of Lombardy poplars, which will be a great feature of that part of the park. The commissioners would also call attention to that piece of ground which belongs to the park, but which the city has not paid for, and they would suggest that an appropriation should be made for this.

The wet season has developed more or less malaria upon that part of the ground which has not as yet been reclaimed, and this was the cause of a serious illness which incapacitated our superintendent for a few months.

The appropriation has been exceeded by a small amount, which came about from some unpaid bills of the previous year, which could not be gotten in.

#### ROLLINS PARK.

The appropriation at Rollins Park has been insufficient to carry out the desires of the committee in charge. The needs of this park demanded the services of a man continuously, so that during the summer there has been a man on the ground all the time working out the contemplated improvements, also taking charge of the park. A very attractive artificial pond has been constructed and shrubs and trees have been planted; water has

been introduced, providing a drinking fountain. Tables have been erected and seats placed in different parts of the park. The right has been obtained to use a spring in an adjoining piece of land, and a pump has been put in to draw the water.

During the season the commissioners have consulted with landscape architects, and as a result of this a rustic shelter has been constructed in the center of the park, which will prove a very attractive feature. Other pieces of rustic work are contemplated. Plans have also been submitted to the commissioners for the improvement of other parts of the park, including a system of ponds and walks. This will necessitate a greater expenditure than we have heretofore made, but the features already incorporated in the park, and the popularity of the same, have demonstrated the wise use of the funds.

The appropriation has been exhausted and over-run, but comes within the original appropriation which has been received heretofore.

#### PENACOOK PARK.

The appropriation for Penacook Park has been exceeded by \$3.72. The income has been less from different sources from this park and some needed repairs have been made which has caused this; otherwise, the same results have been obtained as last year, the care consisting mainly in keeping the grounds clean and the buildings in repair.

#### PARKS AND COMMONS.

The piece of ground which has been developed under the head of parks and commons has been given a fitting and appropriate name by the city government as Bradley Park. The amount appropriated for this piece of improvement, which was begun the previous year, was insufficient, as a correct estimate could not be made as to its completion. However, the appropriation was not over-run very much, and the completion of the park has been very satisfactory and only demonstrates what can be done along the same lines in other sections of the city,—the more we have of just such bits of adornment, the more attractive will our city become.

The tract which has been recently donated to the city at the West End can be made a very attractive spot, and we are glad to see that our citizens are beginning to appreciate the work already begun, and anticipate results which will arise from such improvement.

There are other pieces of ground which should be taken up at no late day and improved.

ALBERT B. WOODWORTH, Chairman.  
JOHN F. JONES,  
BENJ. S. ROLFE,  
BENJ. C. WHITE,  
WILLIS G. C. KIMBALL,  
GEORGE A. YOUNG,  
WILLIAM P. FISKE.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES BY THE PARK  
COMMISSIONERS.

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WHITE PARK ACCOUNT.

Labor . . . . .	\$2,305.01	
Lumber . . . . .	204.78	
Stone bridge . . . . .	313.13	
Loam . . . . .	132.00	
Trees, shrubs, and seed . . . . .	67.40	
Horse and care . . . . .	109.77	
Tools . . . . .	58.46	
Incidentals . . . . .	84.03	
Interest . . . . .	70.00	
	\$3,344.58	

ROLLINS PARK ACCOUNT.

Labor . . . . .	\$447.06	
Piping and plumbing . . . . .	130.47	
Tools and hardware . . . . .	59.66	
Construction of shelter . . . . .	151.63	
Trees, shrubs, and seed . . . . .	150.80	
Incidentals . . . . .	44.22	
	\$983.84	

PENACOOK PARK ACCOUNT.

Labor . . . . .	\$73.45	
Incidentals . . . . .	30.27	
	\$103.72	

BRADLEY PARK ACCOUNT.

Labor . . . . .	\$53.70	
Trees, shrubs, and seed . . . . .	105.90	
Loam . . . . .	31.80	
Incidentals . . . . .	27.33	
	\$218.73	
Balance . . . . .	6.27	
	\$225.00	

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GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand :			
Penacook Park . . . . .		\$26.57	
Rollins Park . . . . .		42.12	
Cash received :			
Wood sold, account White Park . . .		3.00	
“ “ “ . . . . .		4.00	
“ “ Rollins Park, from J. H. Rowell . . . . .		10.50	
Rebate, account subscription to “Garden and Forest” . . . . .		2.38	
Income from Penacook Park . . . . .		11.00	
		<hr/>	\$99.57
Bills paid :			
J. M. Crossman, account Penacook Park,		\$5.55	
C. H. Stevens & Co., “ “		2.50	
O. F. Richardson, “ “		2.95	
E. Coutchi, account parks and commons,		4.50	
Geo. Malcolm, “ “		15.00	
“ “ “		7.50	
Morgan, Crossman & Co., rubber stamp,		.90	
Subscription to “American Gardening,”		2.00	
Balance paid to city treasurer . . . . .		58.67	
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## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

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To the City Council: Your commissioners of cemeteries, in making their annual report, look with no little satisfaction upon the work accomplished during the past year. The larger part of the appropriation placed at our disposal has been expended in grading, and removing the unsightly gravel hill, which has so long marred the beauty of Blossom Hill Cemetery. The Old North Cemetery has been put in good condition and will need no great outlay during the coming year.

There have been one hundred and sixty (160) burials during the year, a fact that calls our attention to the rapidity with which our cemeteries are being occupied, and also testifies to the wisdom of your honorable body in providing for the future by the purchase of the additional land on the south of Blossom Hill Cemetery.

We had hoped that you could see your way clear to make an appropriation for a chapel and waiting room this year. Of its necessity there is no doubt. When we consider that almost all of the money appropriated for cemeteries finds its way back to the treasury of the city, it seems to us that such appropriation would meet with public favor, and therefore merit your early attention.

Having already made your appropriation for cemeteries, any suggestions from your commissioners would appear unnecessary. We had hoped for a larger one, but shall endeavor to expend what you have named in a manner to win your approval.

GEORGE O. DICKERMAN,  
Secretary Board of Commissioners.

**MILLVILLE CEMETERY.***To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:*

Financial report of the Millville Cemetery Committee:

## RECEIPTS.

Received from city treasurer.....	\$100.00	
Received from interested individuals.....	33.00	
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Total .....		\$133.00

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid A. H. Britton & Co., mower and hard- ware .....	\$12.65	
C. W. Brown, hauling loam.....	17.10	
W. Oscar Proctor, work.....	17.50	
J. N. Abbott.....	2.00	
W. H. Currier.....	6.75	
C. H. Martin & Co., lead and oil.....	8.60	
added to fund.....	25.00	
Paid the amount "expended above receipts" as per last report.....	13.89	
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Total .....		\$103.49
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Balance on hand.....		\$29.51

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. ABBOTT,  
F. G. PROCTOR,  
A. 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 1897.

The precinct department responded to thirty-two (32) box alarms and eighty (80) still alarms.

At Penacook thirteen (13) alarms were responded to; at East Concord six (6), and at West Concord two (2).

### BOX ALARMS.

Box 24. Jan. 16th, 5:12 P. M. Slight fire in room 17, upper Stickney block, occupied by H. H. Buzzell. Caused by stove blacking igniting while being applied to stove. No loss. Recall, 5:16 P. M.

Box 42. Jan. 18th, 12:57 P. M. Fire in closet in residence rear of 65 So. Main St., owned by J. J. Lee and occupied by Edward Ryan. Cause unknown. 450 feet hose wet. Recall, 1:10 P. M.

	Value	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,000.00	\$15.00	\$2,000.00	\$15.00
Contents,	—————	30.00	None.	None.

Box 49. Jan. 20th, 9:14 P. M. Slight fire in residence 74 West St., owned by Mrs. Sophia Shaw and occupied by J. J. Mills. Caused by over-heated chimney. Extinguished with pony extinguishers. Recall, 9:25 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,000.00	\$6.55	\$1,000.00	\$6.55

Box 24. Feb. 27th, 7:21 A. M. Fire in photograph gallery,

corner Centre and No. Main Sts., owned by W. J. Chadbourne and occupied by W. W. Brown. Cause unknown. 650 feet hose wet. Recall, 7:33 A. M.

	Value	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$615.00
Contents,	\$1,000.00	700.00	700.00	622.08

Box 37. Mar. 17th, 12.33 A. M. Fire in out-buildings corner No. Fruit and Pleasant Sts., owned by L. D. Brown. Cause, incendiary. Recall, 2:54 A. M. 200 feet hose wet.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$150.00	\$150.00	None.	None.
Contents,	200.00	200.00	None.	None.

Box 24. Mar. 21st, 4:46 P. M. Slight fire in Carroll House, Centre St. Caused by kerosene stove. Recall, 4:51 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,500.00	\$20.00	\$2,000.00	\$20.00

Box 24. April 4th, 12:43 P. M. Fire in residence 15 Centre St., owned by Guild of St. Paul and occupied by Dr. A. W. Hill. Residence adjoining, owned and occupied by Ella A. Wadleigh damaged. Cause of fire unknown. 2,750 feet hose wet. Recall, 1:03 P. M.

Guild of St. Paul

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$542.00
Contents,	2,000.00	100.00	None.	None.

E. A. Wadleigh

Building,	\$3,000.00	\$89.25	\$2,500.00	\$89.25
Contents,	————	7.50	————	7.50

Box 36. April 13th, 1:33 P. M. Fire in tenement house, 6 and 8 So. Spring St., owned by Fred P. Smart and Horace Thompson. Occupied by J. F. Liberty, B. G. Tucker, G. H. May, and E. B. Craddock.

Box 36. April 13th, 1:40 P. M. Second alarm. Cause of fire unknown. 3,450 feet hose wet. Recall, 2.28 P. M.

Building :	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
F. P. Smart	\$2,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,050.00
H. Thompson	2,500.00	1,200.00	2,100.00	1,200.00

Building.	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
J. F. Liberty,	\$1,400.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$390.34
B. G. Tucker,	300.00	200.00	None.	None.
G. H. May,	100.00	50.00	None.	None.
E. B. Craddock,	————	20.00	None.	None.

Box 49. April 22nd, 4:50 P. M. Grass fire Pillsbury St. Needless alarm. 250 feet hose wet. Recall, 4:59 P. M.

Box 23. April 24th, 1:25 A. M. Fire in building, 210 No. Main St., known as the Union House. Owned by Jacob Chadwick. Practically destroyed by previous fire. Unoccupied. Cause incendiary. 2,250 feet hose wet. Recall, 1:50 A. M.

Box 35. April 24th, 6:15 P. M. Fire in shed rear C. H. Martin's drug store. Extinguished by Chemical Co. See still alarm same date. Recall, 6:19 P. M.

Box 19. May 21st, 10:01 P.M. False alarm. Recall, 10:08 P. M.

Box 9. May 22nd, 11:20 A. M. Brush fire near Claremont R. R. crossing. Alarm given in West Concord also. 2,050 feet hose wet. No loss, although for some time this fire had a very serious aspect, valuable houses being in imminent danger. Recall, 12:17 P. M.

4-4-4. May 23rd, 9:00 P. M. Brush fire near J. H. S. Willcox property, Millville road. Extinguished by detail from fire department. Wood owned by Lewis B. Hoit destroyed.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Wood,	\$292.50	\$50.00	\$255.70	\$50.00

Box 37. June 22nd, 8:16 P. M. Fire in barn rear 167 Pleasant St., owned by E. G. Harris. Caused by over-turned lantern. Extinguished before the arrival of department. No loss. Recall 8.22 P. M.

Box 42. July 7th, 10:15 P. M. Slight fire in residence, 20 Concord St., owned by Mrs. Sarah J. Adams. Unoccupied. Caught in waste paper. Cause unknown. No loss. Needless alarm.

Box 13. Aug. 18th, 7:30 A. M. Fire in residence, 95 Franklin St., owned by James M. Collins and occupied by James Mc-

Bain. Caught in shavings in cellar from some cause unknown. 400 feet hose wet. Recall, 7:58 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,000.00	\$150.00	\$2,500.00	\$115.00
Contents,	1,000.00	15.00	None.	None.

Box 56. Sept. 26th, 6:00 P. M. Slight fire in residence of W. H. Foster, Hopkinton road near St. Paul's School. Caused by curtain coming in contact with gas jet. Extinguished before arrival of department. No loss. Needless alarm. Recall, 6:14 P. M.

Box 14. Oct. 9th, 7:38 A. M. Slight fire in wardrobe in residence, 19 Perkins St., owned by James E. Randlett and occupied by Everett Eddy and Richard H. Tippet. Cause, children playing with matches. No hose wet. Recall, 7:58 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$2,800.00	\$20.00	\$2,000.00	\$20.00
Contents,	————	40.00	None.	None.

Box 24. Oct. 12th, 8:44 A. M. Fire in building, 135 1-2 No. Main St., owned by Mrs. Ellen O'Brien and occupied as follows: P. Descoteau, boot and shoe store, E. S. Carroll, residence, Chin O'Kee, laundry, Leonard Mudgett, and Chas. H. Fradd, storage. Cause, unknown. 1,650 feet hose wet. Recall, 8:59 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$1,500.00	\$319.75	\$1,000.00	\$319.75
Contents:				
P. Descoteau,	————	250.00	800.00	132.80
E. S. Carroll,	————	300.00	None.	None.
Chin O'Kee,	————	20.00	None.	None.
L. Mudgett,	————	100.00	None.	None.
C. H. Fradd,	————	150.00	None.	None.

4-4-4. Oct. 16th, 11:13 P. M. Brush fire near Odd Fellows' Home. Extinguished by detail from fire department. No loss.

4-4-4. Oct. 17th, 4:48 A. M. Brush fire near Odd Fellows' Home. Extinguished by detail from fire department. No loss.

11-11. Oct. 17th, 3:20 P. M. Call from Bradford, N. H.,

for assistance. Gov. Hill steamer, relief reel and 1,800 feet of hose sent. Engine worked one hour.

4-4-4. Oct. 25th, 11:50 A. M. Brush fire head of Call St., near N. H. State Prison. Extinguished by detail from fire department. No loss.

Box 35. Oct. 31st, 8:33 P. M. Fire in J. C. Norris & Co.'s bakery, 18 So. Main St. Extinguished by Chemical Co. Cause unknown. Recall, 8:50 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$8,000.00	\$100.00	\$4,000.00	\$100.00
Contents,	15,000.00	None.	8,000.00	None.

Box 12. Nov. 3rd, 8:40 A. M. Slight fire in closet in residence, 170 No. State St., owned by John Healey and occupied by E. Swedmark. Cause unknown.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$2,500.00	\$5.00	\$1,500	\$5.00
Contents,	—————	15.00	None.	None.

Box 23. Nov. 6th, 7:59 P. M. Fire in unoccupied building in old N. R. R. yard. Cause, unknown. 1,950 feet hose wet. Recall, 8:08 P. M. Building of no material value.

Box 14. Nov. 10th, 9:12 P. M. Slight fire in residence of C. J. French, 5 Perkins St. Cause, unknown. Recall, 9:20 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$1,600.00	None.	\$1,000.00	None.
Contents,	1,500.00	\$25.00	950.00	\$25.00

Box 47. Nov. 20th, 2:49 P. M. Fire in shed adjoining residence, 47 Downing St., owned by Mrs. D. D. Brainerd and occupied by F. W. Story and Lewis Brown. Cause, unknown. 1,650 feet hose wet. No water, however, used in the building. Recall, 3:12 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$1,000.00	\$104.50	\$700.00	\$100.00
Contents,	500.00.	15.00	None.	None.

Box 41. Nov. 24th, 3:59 A. M. Fire in residence, 37 South St., owned by John B. Baker and occupied by W. G. Fletcher. Cause, unknown. 1,100 feet hose wet. Recall, 5:05 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$2,500.00	\$906.25	\$1,500.00	\$906.25
Contents,	600.00	250.00	None.	None.

Box 42. Nov. 26th, 3:00 A. M. Fire in residence, 34 So. State St., owned by Mrs. Sarah T. Colby and occupied by Dr. Fred Dessaint. Cause, over-heated chimney, 2,550 feet hose wet. Recall, 3:44 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$4,500.00	\$315.00	\$3,500.00	\$315.00
Contents,	2,000.00	300.00	1,800.00	300.00

## STILL ALARMS.

Jan. 7th, 7:01 P. M. Chimney fire in residence, 6 Downing St., owned by Mrs. C. B. Lawrence and occupied by Rosanna Paradis.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,500.00	\$20.00	\$2,000.00	\$20.00

Jan. 8th, 9:55 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of F. C. West, 16 Pierce St. No loss.

Jan. 10th, 10:00 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Miss Hattie Tucker, 44 Downing St. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

Jan. 13th, 9:12 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of F. E. Nelson, corner Warren and Merrimack Sts. No loss.

Jan. 17th, 5:35 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Abial Thompson, 131 Warren St. No loss.

Jan. 18th, 6:37 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of John Maguire, 4 Downing St. No loss.

Jan. 26th, 1:05 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Fred Leary, 7 1-2 So. State St. No loss.

Jan. 26th, 9:30 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Stephen Sewall, 90 Warren St. No loss.

Jan. 26th, 3:45 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. Olive A. Evans, 18 Short St. No loss.

Jan. 30th, 3:47 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of J. E. Emerson, 18 Water St. No loss.

Feb. 6th, 4:20 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Henry McCloud, 19 Prince St. No loss.

Feb. 10th, 8:40 A. M. Chimney fire in Union St. school-house. No loss.

Feb. 19th, 1:00 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Michael

Bateman, 17 Green St. Extinguished by Central station men. No loss.

Feb. 20th, 8:57 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, 20 Thorndike St. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

Feb. 27th, 4:58 P. M. Chimney fire in Currier's block, No. Main St. No loss.

Mar. 3rd, 9:25 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of E. A. Cushing, 19 So. Main St. No loss.

Mar. 5th, 3:04 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of James Burns, 63 Franklin St. No loss.

Mar. 9th, 9:10 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Jeremiah Smith, 25 Fayette St. No loss.

Mar. 11th, 6:20 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of H. H. Bean, 121 Rumford St. No loss.

Mar. 12th, 7:02 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. E. R. Sanborn, 31 Fayette St. No loss.

Mar. 16th, 3:39 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Rev. D. C. Babcock, corner Thompson and State Sts. No loss.

Mar. 18th, 1:57 A. M. Fire in residence, 3 Wentworth Ave., owned by Joseph Wentworth and occupied by Geo. Reed. Caused by over-heated chimney.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,000.00	\$60.00	\$1,000.00	\$60.00

Mar. 20th, 7:05 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. J. B. Coleman, 2 Montgomery St.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Contents,	\$1,200.00	\$15.00	\$700.00	\$15.00

Mar. 29th, 8:08 A. M. Chimney fire in W. J. Chadbourne's photograph gallery, Exchange block. No loss.

Mar. 31st, 8:53 A. M. Chimney fire in W. J. Chadbourne's photograph gallery, Exchange block. No loss.

April 2nd, 5:12 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Miss Nora Cull, 5 Jefferson St. No loss.

April 6th, 8:56 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Wm. Yeaton, 66 1-2 No. State St. No loss.

April 7th, 7:40 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Wm. R. Dudley, 65 Pleasant St. No loss.

April 11th, 8:45 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Frank Magnam, 71 Downing St. No loss.

April 13th, 11:45 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Wm. O'Connor, 171 Rumford St. No loss.

April 13th, 1:15 P. M. Brush fire in rear of J. H. Dodge's grain store. Extinguished before arrival of firemen.

April 13th, 2:10 P. M. Fire on roof of residence, 57 Pleasant St., owned by the Amos Wood estate. Caused by brand from burning Smart-Thompson property. Extinguished by detail from the fire department.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,500.00	\$8.00	\$2,500.00	\$8.00

April 14th, 10:42 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of A. V. Morrison, 20 Broadway. No loss.

April 19th, 8:10 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of A. W. Bond, 9 Dakin St. No loss.

April 19th, 1:15 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of J. A. Pillsbury, 34 Washington St. Extinguished by members of Alert Hose Co. No loss.

April 19th, 2:49 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of E. D. Clark, Millville road. No loss.

April 24th, 6:15 P. M. Fire in shed rear C. H. Martin's drug store. No loss.

April 26th, 7:05 P. M. Fire on dumping ground Free Bridge road. Extinguished by detail from Kearsarge and Eagle Cos. 200 feet hose wet.

May 18th, 10:45 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Henry Ash, 29 Pierce St. No loss.

May 20th, 1:05 P. M. Fire in pile of old sleepers in B. & M. R. R. yard near shoe factory. Extinguished by detail from Eagle, Kearsarge and Alert Cos. 200 feet hose wet.

May 22nd, 11:05 A. M. Brush fire near Claremont railroad crossing. See alarm from box 9, same date.

May 23rd, 10:15 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of John Maguire, 4 Downing St. No loss.

May 23rd, 10:50 P. M. Brush fire on Long Pond road. Extinguished by detail from fire department. No loss.

May 25th, 9:26 A. M. Chimney fire in McShane's block, Warren St. Extinguished by Central station men. No loss.

June 23rd, 10:37 A. M. Fire in residence, 194 No. State St., owned by Mrs. Clara McIntire and occupied by Frank Plankey. Caused by explosion of kerosene lamp. Extinguished before the arrival of firemen.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$1,000.00	\$12.00	\$700.00	\$12.00

June 30th, 7:00 P. M. Fire in residence, 63 Perley St., owned by Patrick Haggerty and occupied by Geo. L. Conant and J. Callahan. Caused by child playing with Japanese lantern. Extinguished by owner before the arrival of firemen.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$2,000.00	\$6.00	\$1,800.00	\$6.00
Contents,	-----	15.00	None.	None.

July 4th, 4:14 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of J. E. Thompson, 41 Warren St. Extinguished by Central station men. No loss.

July 7th, 4:22 A. M. Fire in house, 210 No. Main St., known as the Union House. Unoccupied. Third fire in same building. No loss.

July 10th, 7:30 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of R. Bishop, 228 No. Main St. No loss.

July 31st, 11:47 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Thomas Downs, 25 Concord St. No loss.

Aug. 3rd, 12:48 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Homer Shippee, 12 Ford's Ave. No loss.

Aug. 7th, 9:21 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of F. Palmer, rear 68 No. Main St. No loss.

Aug. 28th, 9:45 P. M. Slight fire in basement of Y. M. C. A. building, corner Warren and State Sts. Extinguished by occupants before the arrival of firemen. No loss.

Sept. 3rd, 5:40 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of John Maguire, 4 Downing St. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

Sept. 8th, 9:50 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of C. F. Welcome, 28 Warren St. No loss.

Sept. 18th, 2:46 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of F. W. Brown, 43 Laurel St. No loss.

Sept. 19th, 1:42 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Patrick Bray, 26 1-2 Warren St. No loss.

Sept. 23rd, 3:23 P. M. Fire in shed rear 23 Mills St. Owned by Victor Breton and used as a store house for shingles. Caused by boys playing with matches.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$10.00	\$10.00	None.	None.
Contents,	8.00	5.00	None.	None.

Sept. 27th, 5:25 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of John H. Kelley, 11 Pierce St. No loss.

Oct. 3rd, 3:35 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Wm. McFarland, 196 No. Main St. No loss.

Oct. 3rd, 6:50 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Edward Norton, 21 Concord St. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

Oct. 11th, 6:46 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Geo. Smith, 17 Morton St. No loss.

Oct. 14th, 3:40 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of O. R. Farrar, 87 No. Spring St. Extinguished by members of Alert Hose Co. No loss.

Oct. 19th, 3:58 P. M. Fire on dumping ground, Free Bridge road, near H. O. Marsh & Co.'s coal shed. Extinguished by detail from the fire department. 250 feet hose wet.

Oct. 22nd, 9:15 A. M. Slight fire in residence, 56 Centre St., owned by C. C. Webster and occupied by William S. West. Cause, over-heated furnace. Extinguished by owner before the arrival of firemen.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,000.00	\$12.00	\$2,000.00	\$12.00

Oct. 25th, 4:45 A. M. Slight fire in rubbish rear Dow's block, Free Bridge road. No loss.

Nov. 6th, 6:30 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of E. L. Peacock, 67 So. State St. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

Nov. 7th, 9:00 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Cornelius Dougherty, 9 Freight St. No loss.

Nov. 19th, 11:22 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of James Benson, 4 Perley St. No loss.

Nov. 19th, 9:15 P. M. Slight fire in residence, 112 No. State St., owned by J. C. French and occupied by P. A. Murphy. Caused by over-heated chimney.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$2,500.00	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$25.00
Contents,	750.00	18.00	500.00	12.00

Nov. 22nd, 10:24 A. M. Chimney fire in grocery store, 163 No. State St., occupied by E. Isabel. No loss.

Nov. 23rd, 7:45 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. Lydia A. Abbott, 8 Chapel St. Extinguished by members of Alert Hose Co. No loss.

Nov. 26th, 4:35 A. M. Fire discovered breaking out anew in residence, 34 So. State St., after dismissal of department. See alarm from box 42 same date. Alarm given by detail left to watch. Chemical engine and Kearsarge wagon sent. 250 feet hose wet. No loss.

Dec. 1st, 10:45 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of A. W. Thompson, 114 So. State St. No loss.

Dec. 1st, 7:30 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of A. W. Thompson, 114 So. State St. No loss.

Dec. 7th, 10:24 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Dr. F. W. Grafton, 41 Green St. No loss.

Dec. 11th, 9:50 A. M. Slight fire in closet in drug store, 81 No. Main St., occupied by Underhill & Kittredge. Building owned by the Hill Associates. Cause, unknown.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$45,000.00	\$25.00	\$25,000.00	\$25.00
Contents,	—————	95.00	—————	95.00

Dec. 24th, 10:35 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mary C. Caswell, 121 Warren St.

Dec. 29th, 7:28 P. M. Chimney fire in Merchant's block, No. Main St., owned by Geo. D. B. Prescott and occupied on first floor by owner and H. C. Bailey.

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	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$9,000.00	\$5.00	\$5,000.00	\$5.00
Contents,	5,000.00	6.50	3,500.00	6.50

Dec. 31st, 5.44 P. M. Chimney fire in Lee's block, Chandler St. No loss.

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

PENACOOK.

Jan. 19th. Chimney fire in residence of Isaac J. Tetreault, Main St. No loss.

Feb. 9th, 3:40 A. M. Fire in store house owned and occupied by C. M. & A. W. Rolfe near Penacook R. R. station. Two freight cars owned by B. & M. R. R. also damaged. Cause, stove in one of the cars.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Contents,	2,388.97	2,388.97	750.00	750.00
Cars,	—————	199.00	Blanket	199.00

April 9th, 7:45 P. M. Fire in block, Main St., owned by A. C. Alexander and occupied by Isaac Baty, merchant. Caused by fall of kerosene lamp.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$10,000.00	None.	\$6,500.00	None.
Contents,	7,000.00	\$20.00	3,500.00	\$20.00

April 19th, 9:35 A. M. Fire on roof of residence occupied by W. A. Bean, Centre St. Caused by sparks from chimney. No loss.

June 12th, 8:20 P. M. Fire in residence, corner of Spring and Centre Sts., owned by Rev. J. W. Bean and occupied by Herman Frost, Mrs. Moses Bean and James H. Moody. Cause kerosene stove in shed.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$2,500.00	\$525.00	\$1,600.00	\$525.00
Contents:				
Rev. J. W. Bean,	50.00	50.00	None.	None.
H. Frost,	500.00	100.00	None.	None.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Mrs. Moses Bean,	450.00	50.00	None.	None.
J. H. Moody,	200.00	50.00	None.	None.

June 28th. Fire on roof of Chadwick's block, Main St., owned by John Chadwick and occupied by J. F. Hastings, M. S. Peaslee and F. E. Bean. Caused by sparks from chimney.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$4,000.00	\$5.00	\$2,000.00	\$5.00
Contents,	6,000.00	None.	1,100.00	None.

Oct. 6th. Chimney fire in residence of John D. Fife at the Borough. No loss.

Oct. 9th. Brush fire near Willow Hollow. No loss.

Oct. 9th. Fire in store house owned by the Penacook Gun Club. Caused by boys playing with matches.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$15.00	\$15.00	None.	\$15.00*

(\* Paid by boys' parents.

Oct. 10th. Brush fire near Willow Hollow. No loss.

Oct. 11. Chimney fire in residence of Mary Jones, Cross St. No loss.

Oct. 15th. Fire in residence on Merrimack St., owned by the Bean and Warren heirs and occupied by Felix Guyette and David La Duke. Cause unknown.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$1,500.00	\$125.00	\$800.00	\$125.00
Contents:				
F. Guyette,	75.00	75.00	None.	None.
D. La Duke,	75.00	None.	None.	None.

Dec. 2nd. Fire in residence of John H. Taylor, Charles St. Caused by over-heated chimney.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$2,000.00	\$34.44	\$1,550.00	\$34.44

#### WEST CONCORD.

Mar. 7th, 7:55 A. M. Fire in residence, Main street, owned by Concord Manufacturing Co. and occupied by James Williams. Cause unknown.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$2,000.00	\$20.00	\$2,000.00	\$20.00
Contents,	500.00	75.00	500.00	75.00

May 22nd, 11:20 A. M. Brush fire near Claremont crossing.  
See alarm from box 9, same date.

EAST CONCORD.

April 22nd, 4:00 P. M. Brush fire on land owned by O. W. Coon.

April 22nd, 9:30 P. M. Brush fire on land owned by O. W. Coon.

April 29th, 6:30 P. M. Brush fire on land owned by J. T. Batchelder.

May 9th, 8:00 P. M. Brush fire on land owned by J. T. Batchelder.

Oct. 11th, 8:00 P. M. Brush fire on land owned by E. C. Eastman.

Oct. 18th, 4:00 P. M. Brush fire on land owned by John Potter.

SUMMARY.

	value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.	Net loss.
<b>Buildings.</b>					
Precinct.....	\$120,460.00	\$6,534.30	\$74,400.00	\$5,591.80	\$942.50
Penacook.....	20,415.00	1,303.44	12,700.00	1,153.44	150.00
W. Concord.....	2,000.00	20.00	2,000.00	20.00	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$142,875.00</b>	<b>\$7,857.74</b>	<b>\$89,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,765.24</b>	<b>\$1,092.50</b>
<b>Contents:</b>					
Precinct.....	\$32,890.50	\$3,482.00	\$18,205.70	\$1,656.22	\$1,825.78
Penacook.....	16,738.97	2,733.97	5,350.00	770.00	1,963.97
W. Concord.....	500.00	75.00	500.00	75.00	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$50,129.47</b>	<b>\$6,290.97</b>	<b>\$24,055.70</b>	<b>\$2,501.22</b>	<b>\$3,789.75</b>
<b>Buildings.....</b>	<b>\$142,875.00</b>	<b>\$7,857.74</b>	<b>\$89,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,765.24</b>	<b>\$1,092.50</b>
<b>Total buildings and con-</b>					
<b>tents.....</b>	<b>\$193,004.47</b>	<b>\$14,148.71</b>	<b>\$113,155.70</b>	<b>\$9,266.46</b>	<b>\$4,882.25</b>

These figures are taken from the blanks returned by those who have suffered loss by fire, and, small as the net loss apparently is, it is far larger than the facts warrant. In justice to the insurance companies and the fire department, hereafter, no net loss will be recognized in cases where the amount of insurance carried is sufficient to cover the loss, unless notice is given at the time of adjustment that said adjustment is unsatisfactory.

## 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 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 company, at East Concord (30 men), has a 4 1-2-inch cylinder Hunneman hand-engine.

HOSE.

Fabric:	
Precinct .....	8,450 feet.
Penacook .....	2,200 "
West Concord .....	750 "
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	11,400 feet.
Leather:	
East Concord .....	450 feet.

PUBLIC RESERVOIRS.

	Capacity, cubic feet.
1. Main street, opposite Abbot-Downing Co.'s.....	1,000
2. Main street, middle front state house yard.....	1,500
3. Main street, 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

\* Brick, cemented.

While the number of alarms has exceeded all previous records it has been the city's good fortune to enjoy comparative immunity from fire loss.

The apparatus is in good condition. The supply wagon has been retouched and varnished.

Steamer Gov. Hill has been thoroughly repaired.

Steamer Pioneer has been painted and varnished.

This was done by B. J. Cate, permanent driver, and is a very creditable piece of work.

The apparatus rooms at the Central Fire Station have been painted. A new set of flues has been placed in the stationary boiler at the Central Fire Station, and the chimney rebuilt from the roof to top.

Two horses, five dozen aluminum fire hats and a chief's wagon have been purchased.

All of the hose purchased prior to the year 1893 has been tested and eleven hundred feet have been relined. Sixteen hundred feet are being re-lined at present.

The fire alarm telegraph system is in good condition. The storage battery is doing, in an excellent manner, all that is required of it.

Four fire alarm boxes and three direct action tappers have been added to the system and the main line has been extended about one mile.

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

In the interest of economy and safety new heating apparatus should be placed in the Good Will Hose house and the Old Fort Engine house, the former consuming fuel at a ratio disproportionate with results obtained, and the latter being not only unsatisfactory but unsafe.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. GREEN,  
Chief Engineer.

## ROLL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

**Permanent Chief Engineer.**

WILLIAM C. GREEN, Office, Central fire station.

**Assistant Engineers.**

## PRECINCT.

JOHN J. McNULTY, 1st Asst., Machinist, 7 Railroad square.  
 WILLIAM E. Dow, 2d " Painter, 13 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.

GEO. W. KEMP, Overseer, Main St., West Concord.

## "KEARSARGE" STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY No. 2.

## OFFICERS.

SYLVESTER T. FORD, *Captain.* A. H. BRITTON, *Lieut. 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 Holt st.
15	James H. Sanders,	Carriage painter,	45 Perley st.
16	Frank E. Heath,	Salesman,	38 Perley st.
18	Charles H. Burgum,	Carpenter,	5 Laurel st.
84	Thomas J. Morrison,	Carriage painter,	32 Downing st.
19	Charles Powell,	Teamster,	62 Rumford st.
85	Earle Bodwell,	Carpenter,	29 Warren st.
20	Elba F. Horne,	Carpenter,	10 Liberty st.
22	Geo. B. Davis,	Carriage painter,	28 North Main st.
21	J. E. Morrison,	Janitor,	8 Thorndike st.
14	B. J. Cate,	Permanent driver,	Central station.
87	F. J. Young,	Permanent driver,	Central station.

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

## OFFICERS.

W. J. COFFIN, *Captain.*J. C. MCGILVRAY, *Lieut. and Clerk.*

## MEMBERS.

<i>Badge Nos.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
24	Walter J. Coffin,	Shipping-clerk,	5 Rumford st.
25	John C. McGilvray,	Jig-sawyer,	26 Maple st.
35	L. W. Tozier,	Barber,	3 Prince st.
30	Thomas D. Gannon,	Machinist,	16½ Downing st.
88	Charles H. Sanders,	Machinist,	112 Pleasant st.
31	John H. Spellman,	Blacksmith,	33 Concord st.
36	Orrin C. Hodgdon,	Stationary engineer,	31 Beacon st.
32	David J. Adams,	Janitor,	White's opera house.
34	William W. Brown,	Photographer,	23½ Pine st.
38	William A. Sewall,	Expressman,	90 Warren st.
27	Geo. H. Downing,	Electrician,	12 South st.
29	Oscar Pelkey,	Harness-maker,	12 Lyndon st.
89	William J. Bailey,	Permanent driver,	Central station.

## GOVERNOR HILL STEAMER, No. 4.

## 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, *Captain.*GEO. L. OSGOOD, *Lieut. 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,	43 Lyndon st.
38	George L. Osgood,	Book-keeper,	45 Green st.
39	James Jepson,	Carpenter,	51 Franklin st.
40	James Crowley,	Barber,	115 Warren st.
41	J. H. Seavey,	Stone-cutter,	Alert Hose house.
42	C. H. Rowell,	Carpenter,	23 Concord st.
43	L. B. Putney,	Carpenter,	3 Abbott st.
44	Joseph Brunell,	Blacksmith,	60½ Washington st.
45	C. J. French,	Stone-cutter,	5 Perkins st.
46	Charles C. Chesley,	Carpenter,	11 Prince st.
48	Ira W. Sanborn,	Permanent driver,	Alert Hose house.



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

*Penacook.*

## OFFICERS.

JOHN H. ROLFE, *Captain.*EDDIE C. DURGIN, *Lieut. and Clerk.*JOHN B. DODGE, *Treasurer.*HENRY ROLFE, *Foreman of Hose.*WALTER H. ROLFE, *Engineer.*LESLIE H. CROWTHER, *Steward.*

## 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. Ackerman,	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,	Cabinet-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, *Captain.*  
GEO. O. ROBINSON, *Lieut. and Clerk.*

JOHN C. HUTCHINS, *Treasurer.*  
CHARLES P. WHITE, *Steward.*

## MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Elbridge Emery,	Butcher,	Potter st.
George O. Robinson,	Salesman,	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.
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.
Ross W. Cate,	Blacksmith,	Shawmut st.
Charles P. White,	Stone-cutter,	Pembroke st.
William E. Virgin,	Carpenter,	Penacook st.
Arthur Swain,	Moulder,	Penacook st.
Chase Boynton,	Belt-maker,	Penacook st.
Daniel Pettingill,	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.
John Cate,	Carpenter,	Mills st.
Bert Knowles,	Carpenter,	Shawmut st.
Edward Atwood,	Butcher,	Potter st.
Wm. A. Cowley,	Merchant,	Penacook st.

## CATARACT ENGINE COMPANY, No. 2.

*West Concord.*

## OFFICERS.

JEREMIAH COTTER, *Captain.*                      ANDREW J. ABBOTT, *Treasurer.*  
 HIRAM E. QUIMBY, *Lieut. and Clerk.*              PATRICK CONWAY, *Steward.*  
 PATRICK RYAN, *Foreman of Hose.*

## MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Jeremiah Cotter,	Blacksmith,	Main st.
Hiram E. Quimby,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Andrew J. Abbott,	Farmer,	Main st.
Patrick Conway,	Engineer,	Main st.
Patrick Ryan,	Stone-cutter,	Hutchins st.
James E. Fannon,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Abial C. Abbott,	Quarryman,	Main st.
Thomas P. Hearn,	Engineer,	Main st.
Nathan Martin,	Mill operative,	Main st.
James W. Welsh,	Expressman,	Main st.
Fred W. Peabody,	Steam driller,	Main st.
John Caldbeck,	Mill operative,	Main st.
James W. Powers,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Lawrence E. Hearn,	Mill operative,	Main st.
John P. Benson,	Quarryman,	Lake st.
William N. Harrington,	Mill operative,	Hutchins st.
Lemuel O. Peabody,	Stone contractor,	Main st.
Frank C. Blodgett,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Theodore Wilmot,	Mill operative,	Main st.
Edward Lovering,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
James Abbott,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
John P. Harrington,	Stone-cutter,	Hutchins st.

## VETERANS' AUXILIARY COMPANY.

## OFFICERS.

J. J. McNULTY, *1st Lieut.*              D. B. NEWHALL, *Captain.*              FRED LEIGHTON, *2d Lieut.*  
 FRED LEIGHTON, *Clerk.*

## MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Names.</i>
D. B. Newhall,	Oliver Thompson,
J. J. McNulty,	John Ahern,
Fred Leighton,	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,	Will C. Wingate,
J. Ed. Morrison,	Fred U. Lane,
Benjamin Bilsborough,	Charles E. Palmer,
William M. Lever,	Charles H. Smith,
David J. Rolfe,	Frank H. Silver,
Henry Tucker,	George A. Ordway,
Charles C. Hill,	Thomas P. Sanborn.
Charles C. Moore,	

## Report of the History Commission.

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The history commission is able to report gratifying progress the past year in both the preparation of the material for the city history and in the securing of subscriptions therefor. It is the expectation of the commission that the history will be completed and in the hands of the printer before the close of the present year. There have been no more delays and disappointments in this work than are usual in undertakings of this kind. The commission has pursued the plan marked out by it in the beginning, and conducted the enterprise upon a business basis, believing that the work, undertaken under the auspices of the city government, could be made to pay for itself. In this plan they have received the cordial coöperation of our citizens in many ways. The members of the history commission and of the present city government headed the subscription lists, and several of those who were invited to assist in the preparation of material have contributed their articles without expense to the city. The subscriptions have already exceeded the amount advanced by the city government, and there is now every reason to believe that whatever is advanced by the city to pay for the preparation and publication of the history will be returned to it immediately after the history is put on sale.

JAMES O. LYFORD,  
*Secretary.*

## The Auditor's Report.

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The ordinance creating the office of auditor and defining his duties has been in force nearly two years, and a brief review of the work accomplished under it may not be amiss at this time. The retirement of the present occupant of the position at an early day permits him to speak with entire freedom of the duties of the office and of the system of conducting the city business, which has been the outgrowth of this ordinance. At the time the ordinance was passed, nearly all of the departments drew their appropriations in bulk and made their disbursements directly to their employes, paying all bills or expenses incurred, and, at the end of the year, returning their vouchers to the city clerk. An annual examination was made of the accounts of the city treasurer and city clerk, but, until after the auditor ordinance, no general examination was made of the several departments. With the exception of the tax collector for the years 1891 to 1895, there is no reason to believe from subsequent examinations made that these departments were conducted otherwise than honestly and with due regard to the interests of the city. In changing the system from that of several treasurers to one, and requiring all disbursements to be made directly by the city treasurer upon orders of the city clerk, the auditor has met with the coöperation of every department, and so satisfactorily has the system worked that not one of these departments would return to the old methods of paying the bills of the city.

In accordance with the spirit of the auditor ordinance, there has been a radical change in the method of making appropriations for the several departments. Until 1897, these appropriations were made in lump sums for each department, without specifying how the money should be used. Each department

was the sole judge of its purchases within the scope of its appropriation. The estimates made by them at the beginning of the year were general in their character, indicating little more than the gross sum that would be needed for the department during the fiscal year. A system of transfers prevailed by which, at the close of the year, the unexpended balances of one department could be used for another that had exceeded its appropriation. If the department kept within its appropriation, it was assumed that it had done well. The public, who knew nothing of the details, judged the several departments by the gross sums that were appropriated for their service. When it was first proposed to itemize the appropriation bills, it was urged by some of the departments that it would be difficult to estimate for the entire year; but the record of the year shows that these estimates were made with an intelligent knowledge of the needs of the departments, for in very few instances did it become necessary, at the close of the year, to modify the appropriations made at the beginning. There is another advantage to this method of making appropriations which is appreciated by all of the departments, and that is that the public thoroughly understands at the beginning of the year how it is proposed to expend the appropriations; and that, while the aggregate in some instances may seem large, the departments are relieved of criticism when a scrutiny of the specific items shows that there is neither extravagance nor wastefulness.

The method of keeping the accounts of the city has been made to correspond with this detailed system of appropriating the money, so that the books of the auditor show at any time the exact standing of each individual item of the appropriation bill. Each department has been furnished with a book that corresponds in form to that kept by the auditor, thus enabling it to have as complete knowledge as the auditor of the expenditures made under each item.

Before the passage of the auditor ordinance, some of the departments were in receipt of funds popularly known as the "earnings" of those departments, which, though deposited in the treasury, were expended by them in connection with their appropriations. These funds are now no longer deposited to

the credit of these departments, but follow the course of other receipts of the city, and can only be used upon vote of the city government. The cost of each department is therefore entirely shown in the appropriations made therefor.

The auditor being a salaried official, his services have been very properly called in requisition by the city government and its committees for work that was formerly done by these committees. The members of the city government receive no pay for their services as such, and only a nominal compensation for committee work. Being for the most part busy men, they have felt that more time could be given and fuller investigations made by the auditor than if the work were performed by themselves. The principal work of the auditor in examining the accounts of the departments is necessarily in the tax collector's office. Here a new system of receipts has been instituted, with the approval of the city government and of the board of assessors. In brief, it comprises receipt books for each ward, in the form of a check book, which are prepared by the auditor from the list book as submitted by the assessors. The stub contains the same information as the receipt, and the latter bears on the back thereof the official certification of the auditor. Before this method was introduced, no satisfactory examination of the tax collector's books could be made until near the close of the year, except by making inquiries of all tax payers whose taxes appeared unpaid. This was not feasible until near the close of the fiscal year, because the greater number of the tax payers do not pay their taxes until after the time of discount has expired. The present system would be more perfect in its accountability if some change could be made in the method of collecting poll taxes. At present, the tax collector practically waits upon the convenience of the tax payer who pays simply a poll tax, and the small fee of twenty cents which he is authorized to collect of delinquents who do not pay by the first of September, is undoubtedly the hardest earned of his compensation. It is probably not feasible to make a change this year, but another year it may well be the subject of consideration.

When the office of auditor was created, there was but a vague impression in regard to its duties. An examination, however,

of the auditor ordinance, which is republished in this report, will, with this resumè of what has been accomplished, give a pretty clear idea of the importance of the office and the time taken in the discharge of its duties. It is a position second to none in the city government, and it calls for the exercise of judgment and tact as well as a thorough knowledge of city affairs. The mere examination of bills and accounts as they are presented is but a small part of its labor, and it is an office that can be made valuable or valueless to the city according to the character of its occupant. The legislature of the state, several years ago, authorized cities to create the office, and, in the cities of this state and other states where such an officer has been employed, the conviction prevails that his salary is an economical expenditure of money in the results attained. Naturally, changes made by the auditor in the system of doing business in a municipality would be more marked the first year or two after the creation of the office; yet any new incumbent of the position here should enter upon his duties with the expectation that still further improvements can be made, which will suggest themselves to him as he familiarizes himself with the work and which will meet the approval of the city government when they are thoroughly understood.

In leaving the office, the present incumbent desires to express his deep obligations to the mayor, the members of the city council, and the heads of all departments, for the kindly manner in which they have received his suggestions of changes and for the cordial coöperation with which they have aided him in the discharge of his duties.

JAMES O. LYFORD,  
*City Auditor.*

# Auditor Ordinance.

CITY OF CONCORD.

*In the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Six.*

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, DEFINING HIS DUTIES, PROVIDING FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AND PAY, AND ALSO IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTERS 4 AND 37 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES RELATING TO FINANCES AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN EXPENDITURES AND THE SALARY OF THE CITY CLERK, AND CHAPTER 33 OF SAID REVISED ORDINANCES RELATING TO PRINTING OF THE CITY REPORTS.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed at the commencement of each municipal term a joint standing committee on accounts and claims, to consist of two members of the board of aldermen and two members of the common council. There shall also be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the board of aldermen, at the commencement of each municipal term, an auditor, who shall continue in office during said term and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

He shall give bond satisfactory to the board of mayor and aldermen in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the faithful performance of his duties.

In case of any vacancy by death, resignation, removal, or inability to perform his duties, a successor shall be appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

He shall receive in full for his services the sum of one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

He shall occupy an office in the city building, and have the use of a safe belonging to the city.

SEC. 2. All accounts and claims against the city shall be laid

before said auditor, who shall carefully examine the same and see that they are correctly cast, and present the same, folded, filed, and numbered, with his approval endorsed thereon, to the committee on accounts and claims. No account or claim, except judgments of judicial courts, shall be received or acted upon by said auditor, or said committee, unless such account or claim shall be accompanied with the approval of the officer, committee, or agent authorized in behalf of the city to make the contract, or cause the expenditures to be made. In case there are bills or accounts which said auditor shall not approve, he shall present them to said committee on accounts and claims, with his reasons for refusing to approve the same. The committee shall then consider them, and allow or reject them as they shall see fit.

Said committee shall meet once, at least, in each month, and carefully examine and audit all accounts and claims so approved and laid before them, and shall allow and pass the same if found to be correct and justly due, and make report thereof to the city council.

All claims which are not otherwise provided for shall be referred to said committee, and their decision shall be laid before the city council for action.

The auditor shall keep a book in such manner and form as the said committee shall direct, wherein he shall enter the date and amount of every account and claim against the city as finally corrected and allowed by said committee; and also the name of the person to whom the same has been allowed, designating the fund or appropriation from which the same shall be paid. He shall be under the general control and supervision of the committee on finance and the committee on accounts and claims, in regard to the due and proper discharge of all his duties, and shall act as clerk of said committees and keep a proper record of their proceedings.

SEC. 3. The auditor, under the direction of the committee on finance, shall keep a book or ledger, in which he shall enter the various appropriations made by the city council, each under its appropriate head, and charge to each the different payments and expenditures which from time to time shall be made therefrom.

Whenever any appropriation has been expended, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the mayor, the city council, and to said committee on accounts and claims, and neither the auditor nor the committee shall pass or allow any claim or account

chargeable to such appropriation until the city council shall have provided the means of paying the same. The auditor shall also open an account with the city treasurer, charging him with the amount of loans to the city and all sums of money paid to him on behalf of the city; and also with all bonds, notes, mortgages, or other securities in the hands of the treasurer, or which may pass into his hands, belonging to the city, to the end that the amount and value thereof may, at any time, be seen on his books.

SEC. 4. No money shall be drawn out of the city treasury, except upon the written order of the mayor, addressed to the treasurer and countersigned by the city clerk, and numbered so as to correspond with the account or claim it shall be drawn to pay; and no account or claim against the city, arising from any contract or agreement for labor or for the purchase or sale of any materials, goods, wares, or merchandise in which any member of the city council, or any officer or agent appointed by the city council, or either branch thereof, has been directly or indirectly interested in a private capacity, shall be approved by the auditor or said committee, nor shall any order therefor be drawn upon the city treasurer, unless such contract or agreement shall have been authorized or ratified by the city council; but such restrictions shall not be construed to prevent the purchase of ordinary supplies from members of the city council who may be engaged in trade, nor the employment of the members of the council in their ordinary vocations, by duly authorized heads of departments.

SEC. 5. In all bills against the city, which shall be presented for payment, each item shall be specifically set forth; and no claim for medical services shall be allowed, unless such services were authorized by one or more of the overseers of the poor; and no claim shall be allowed and paid, unless approved by the city council. The mayor is hereby authorized to draw orders, countersigned by the city clerk, on the treasurer for the payment of all accounts and claims allowed, as provided in this chapter; but he shall not draw an order in payment for any services rendered or any materials furnished for any department beyond the sum specifically appropriated therefor by the city council.

SEC. 6. Any sum of money which shall have been specifically appropriated for the payment of principal or interest due on any

note or other security of the city, or for state or county taxes, may be drawn from the treasury, and paid by the order of the mayor, countersigned by the city clerk, for the purpose for which it was appropriated, without any action on the part of the committee on accounts and claims; and whenever it shall be necessary to pay money in advance on contracts made, or for work begun but not completed, the mayor, upon being satisfied of such necessity, may draw his order, countersigned by the city clerk, on the treasurer for a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars at any one time, taking a proper voucher for the same. The mayor, immediately after drawing the orders provided for in this section, shall notify the auditor thereof.

SEC. 7. Whenever any money shall be drawn from the treasury for the purposes specified in the preceding section, the auditor shall report the same and the amount thereof to the committee on accounts and claims at their next meeting, and shall charge the same under the appropriate head of expenditures.

SEC. 8. All city officers, who shall in their official capacity receive any money on behalf of the city from any source, shall pay to the treasurer the amount in their hands once in thirty days, or oftener if required, except the collector of taxes, who shall make such payment daily whenever the sum in his hands shall amount to five hundred dollars. All other persons, who shall at any time have money in their hands belonging to the city, shall forthwith pay the same to the treasurer. No money received under the provisions of this section shall be used by any department unless the same has been specifically appropriated by the city council.

SEC. 9. In all cases of the payment of money to the city treasurer, he shall give his receipt for the amount to the person paying the same, and shall forthwith deliver to the auditor a duplicate copy of said receipt, to be filed in his office. All city officers and agents receiving money in behalf of said city, shall deliver to the auditor, once in thirty days, a report in detail of the amount received, and what disposition has been made thereof, except in cases otherwise provided.

SEC. 10. The city treasurer shall keep, in a book provided for the purpose, an accurate and true account of all receipts and payments on behalf of the city, making the same conform, in mode of entry, as nearly as may be, with the accounts kept by the city auditor. He shall not pay any money out of the treas-

ury, except upon orders of the mayor, drawn in the form prescribed in the fourth section of this ordinance. He shall, at the end of each six months, certify to the auditor all amounts by him paid for maturing bonds, interest, state or county taxes, or any other purpose; and the auditor shall enter each of said amounts in the ledger under its appropriate head, as provided in section three of this ordinance. He shall, at the close of each fiscal year and when required, lay before the city council a statement of the condition of the treasury, and of all moneys received and paid by him on city account. Whenever he is authorized by the city council to borrow money on the credit of the city, all notes and certificates of indebtedness given therefor shall be signed by the mayor and city treasurer and countersigned by the city clerk, and all such notes and certificates shall be registered in books, kept for that purpose, in the offices of the city treasurer and the city auditor, respectively. Such registers shall describe said notes and certificates by number, date, and amount, the name of person to whom payable, when payable, the rate of interest, and the date of the ordinance or resolution authorizing the same; and no such note or certificate shall be valid until such record shall be made, and the same, when paid, with the date of payment, shall be entered on each of said registers.

SEC. 11. There shall be appointed at the commencement of each municipal term a joint committee on finance, consisting of the mayor, two members of the board of aldermen, and two members of the common council, which committee shall negotiate all loans which shall be authorized by the city council, and shall report the amount to the city treasurer.

SEC. 12. The auditor shall, at the beginning of each financial year, present to the committee on finance, in writing, an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the current year, under the respective heads of appropriations, and recommending the ways and means for obtaining the same. The committee on finance, after considering the same and making such changes and recommendations as may seem to them desirable, shall lay the same before the city council. All unexpended balances of appropriations, at the close of each fiscal year, shall be covered into the treasury, and no transfer of any unexpended balance shall be made from one appropriation to another. The auditor, at the close of each financial year, shall prepare and

lay before the city council a statement of all the receipts and expenditures of the preceding financial year, giving in detail the amount of appropriation and expenditure for each department. He shall also, at each regular meeting of the city council, present a statement of all expended appropriations, both general and special, with the respective amounts expended and unexpended in each of the same.

He shall annually, in the month of January, make an inventory of the real estate and personal property belonging to the city in the hands of any and all of its officers, agents, or committees, with an estimate of the value thereof in detail, and shall keep a record of all property bought during the year. Such inventory shall be recorded, and an abstract thereof printed in the city report.

Every officer, committee, or agent who shall buy any property for the city, shall immediately notify the auditor in writing, stating what property has been purchased, the date of the purchase, and the price paid.

SEC. 13. The auditor shall, at the close of each financial year, and as much oftener as he shall deem it expedient, examine and audit the accounts of the city treasurer, city clerk, collector of taxes, city marshal, commissioner of highways, city engineer, and all other officers and departments of the city that receive or pay out any money belonging to the city, and for that purpose shall have access to all the books and vouchers in the possession of any of said officers, or of said departments. Said auditor shall not only compare said accounts with the vouchers thereof, but shall ascertain whether all moneys due the city have been collected and accounted for. He shall examine all bonds, notes, and securities in the treasurer's hands belonging to the city, and make report thereof to the city council. The printing of the annual city report shall be under his direction and supervision. Said report shall be prepared and issued on or before March 1st in each year.

SEC. 14. The financial year shall begin and end on the first day of January in each year, and the accounts of all officers of the city shall be made up accordingly.

SEC. 15. Coupon bonds issued by the city of Concord may be registered on the books of the treasurer, and shall thereafter be payable, principal and interest, at the time provided by said bonds only to the registered owner or his order, on the signing

of a receipt therefor, which receipt shall be a voucher for the amount so paid by the treasurer.

SEC. 16. The coupons of bonds registered shall be cut off and destroyed, and a certificate of such destruction shall be recorded on the bond register, and attested by the mayor, city clerk, and treasurer. On the face of the bond shall be printed, "This bond is payable only to —— or order and is transferable only by assignment on the back, and registration thereof in the register of bonds kept by the treasurer," which certificate shall be signed by the treasurer. Bonds so registered shall thereafter be transferable only by assignment in writing on the bond, and registration of such assignment in the bond register. The bond register shall be kept by the treasurer, and in it shall be recorded the number and description of each bond so registered, the name of the owner, the certificate of the destruction of the coupons, blanks for transfers, and blanks in which shall be noted the date and amount of each payment of interest. When the bond is paid in full, the holder shall receipt therefor on the bond register.

SEC. 17. After the close of the present municipal term, the city clerk shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly, in full for his services as city clerk, and in lieu of all fees which he shall receive or be entitled to from any source, by virtue of said office. He shall pay over to the city treasurer, in quarterly payments, all fees and perquisites by him received or to which he may be entitled on account of holding said office, and at the same time shall submit to the auditor a statement in detail of the amount so received, from whom, and on what account.

SEC. 18. Immediately after the passage of this ordinance, an auditor shall be elected, who shall hold office until the commencement of the next municipal term and until his successor is chosen and qualified. He shall give bond and be subject to all the provisions of this ordinance, and shall receive, pro rata, the salary provided for in section one of this ordinance.

SEC. 19. So much of the provisions of chapter four, chapter thirty-three, and chapter thirty-seven of the city ordinances as are inconsistent with this ordinance, and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 20. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed May 12, 1896.

## Mayor's Address.

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*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

We have closed the business of the year 1897, and it may be profitable to take a retrospective view of the past, in the hope that it may give definiteness to our knowledge of affairs and better fit us for our duties in the year to come. The fact that the different departments in their relations with each other, as well as with the chief executive, have been entirely harmonious, is a condition of things that cannot be too greatly appreciated by us all. It is but justice for me to say, as I can with all sincerity, that the more I become acquainted with the plans and purposes of the heads of departments, the more fully I recognize their honest endeavors to faithfully serve the city that has placed them in their positions of trust and responsibility.

With two or three exceptions, all the departments have kept their expenditures within the appropriations, and these exceptions are in great part cases where the excess of expenditure could not have been anticipated. That of streets and highways, in spite of the unprecedented rains that worked so much havoc at three different times, has come to the end of the year with a small unexpended balance, December having proved to be a month requiring an exceptionally small outlay. I want to recommend with all urgency that the names of the streets be placed at all the corners, and that this duty be attended to at the earliest possible moment. In this connection, it may be mentioned that the commissioner of highways should be provided with a proper and convenient stable. It would, in my judgment, be better for the city to own and work more teams of its own. As I stated last month, more than a mile of macadamized road has been made the past year.

The extraordinary repairs necessitated by bad breaks in the

sewers at the time of the heavy rains exhausted the regular appropriations in the sewer department and necessitated the using of sufficient funds from the precinct appropriation for street lighting, and there was no increase of indebtedness to the precinct on this account.

The chief engineer's report shows that the losses by fire in the precinct aggregate \$10,016.30, the net loss being but \$2,768.28. Great saving from the damaging use of water has been effected by the use of the chemical engine, and we can but be thankful for the small loss sustained the past year. It is to be hoped that with such a showing the underwriters may see their way clear to make us a reduction in the rate of insurance. From thorough inspection, I can state that everything connected with the fire department is kept in the very best order, the horses are well trained, and every appliance is kept in readiness for immediate response to a call. The amount that had to be expended over the appropriation for this department, and to be provided for, is accounted for almost wholly by three items which could not be foreseen when the estimates were made. A new set of flues was required in the Central Fire Station, which caused the expenditure of \$56. An alarm box at the new workshops at the railway was put in at a cost of \$130, and the Governor Hill steamer, which was damaged at the Bradford fire, had to be repaired at an expense of \$126. These three items alone aggregate \$312, or nearly the entire amount of the additional appropriation of \$350.

Two small additional appropriations will need to be made, on account of salaries. In appropriating for the salary of auditor, the appropriation was made at the reduced salary, to take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year, but, as the auditor was paid at the old rate up to the 26th of January, the difference will have to be provided for by an appropriation at this time. This is, therefore, not an increase. The sum of \$2,700 was appropriated for the pay of the assessors, who receive a per diem compensation. Their aggregate bills are \$130 in excess of this appropriation.

The appropriation for parks has been exceeded by about \$400. Had the original estimates of the park commissioners

for Rollins park and parks and commons been granted by the finance committee and the city council, the expenditures in their department would have required no additional appropriation.

In our sanitary condition and in the public health we have been greatly favored. Nothing at all serious has interfered with our physical well-being, and we constantly reap the benefit of the "ounce-of-prevention" policy, which is, to keep the city clean and wholesome. Money used for this purpose is always well spent.

Careful observation leads me to believe that the removal of the police department from the domain of politics has been a good thing for the efficiency of our service. I believe the present force is adequate to the protection of our city, and that there will have to be no increase of appropriations in this department.

Contracts made with the Concord Gas company have made quite a saving in the cost of lighting our streets and public buildings. We are very well lighted now, and it is desirable that there should be but few calls for additional street lamps the coming year.

The income from the water-works continues to be satisfactory, and in their improvements for the year they have completed the core wall from the Hopkinton road to the south side of the pond, making it secure at the outlet, so that there need be no apprehension of danger from high water. During the great freshets of the past year, the management of affairs was fully equal to the demand for safety, and it may be of interest to know that water has fallen over the spill-way one hundred and seven days of the year.

Repairs on the roof of the city library are an immediate necessity, and demands in this line will be cheerfully met because of the ever-increasing excellence and efficiency with which all affairs connected with this admirable institution are carried on.

The cemetery commission and the committee on cemeteries, having had a meeting to confer together on the purchase of the Bradley lot to enlarge Blossom Hill cemetery, reported in favor of that purchase, and the city council accepted the report. As

this movement is a provision for the long future, it seems entirely proper that a twenty-year bond should be issued to provide for its payment. This lot includes about thirty acres, and the sum paid is \$5,000. In this connection, I would suggest that the note for \$1,400, carried by the park commissioners for an addition to the White park, be included in the bond.

Our city treasurer has demonstrated the fact that our credit stands high, by the sale of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. bonds, to the amount of \$25,000, for the South End sewer extension, at such a premium that it nets the city a  $3\frac{1}{8}$  per cent. rate. I wish to further suggest, that the city pay a fixed rate of interest for money left in trust for the cemeteries, from the time it is received. By the present arrangement, such funds are liable to lie idle till they can be safely invested, and, as the city will probably be always a borrower of money, it would seem to be well to use cemetery funds, and become directly responsible for them.

The city engineer and his assistants have been kept very busy during the year, and largely in the work of sewers. For the immediate future, the work of defining and re-establishing street lines will be pressing.

We began the new year with a floating indebtedness of \$25,000. Before the taxes of 1897 became available, it was necessary to make an additional temporary loan of \$15,000. These loans, aggregating \$40,000, have both been paid, and, except in anticipation of the taxes of 1898, it will not be necessary to borrow any money this year. The bonded indebtedness of the city has been reduced as follows: \$10,000 of the Water Precinct bonds, maturing November 1, 1897; \$15,000 of the Union School District bonds, maturing July 1, 1897; \$5,000 of the Memorial Arch bonds, maturing July 1, 1897; and \$500 of School District No. 20 bonds, maturing July 1, 1897, have been paid, reducing the interest charges for the coming year by more than \$1,200.

An effort will be made by the finance committee in preparing the appropriations for the current fiscal year to secure a still further reduction in the tax rate of the city. In inviting the departments to make their estimates for this year, they have been reminded that this is the desire of the people of the city, and they

have been requested to ask for no appropriation for improvements or new work where these undertakings can be postponed without detriment to the city. Since the beginning of the new year, there have been many inaugurations of new city governments in different New England cities, and the burden of the song, in nearly all cases, seems to be greater indebtedness and a constantly increasing tax rate. This condition of affairs in so many other places makes us especially appreciate the fact that both our indebtedness and our tax rate are on the descending scale.

The report of the tax collector, that comes before us to-day, showing that but \$356.45 of the 1896 tax remains uncollected, of which \$285.57 is secured by real estate, is a most creditable one. The commissions of the tax collector paid for collections of 1896 and 1897 taxes, exceed the appropriation by \$16.92; but the commissions on \$8,000 of the taxes of 1896, collected in December, 1896, were paid from the appropriation for 1897. The commissions on collections made this year would come within the appropriation.

While we have no official connection whatever with the various industries and business enterprises which engage our citizens, they are the concerns that make up the city, for whose government we are at present responsible, and so they are of real concern to us. Some of our business interests have not been as prosperous for the past year as we could wish. Concord has suffered more from business depression during the last two years than at any time since the panic of 1893, but no more than other localities in the state.

While looking hopefully to the future for a revival of business, it is a cause of especial congratulation that we have been able to look upon the growth of a great industry in this city, which, when completed, is to add largely to the population and the material wealth of the capital. It is all the more gratifying that it has come at a time when other industries have been depressed by the financial situation of the past few years. It has come naturally and easily, and largely through the efforts of some of our citizens, who have long been identified with Concord. It is, therefore, with pleasure that I call attention to the

growth of the railway interests here, which for two years past have gone on so quietly, in a vicinity just a little removed from daily public observation, that probably not many of our citizens realize their great importance.

In order that this growth may be better understood, I have compiled certain facts in relation thereto. I am indebted to Hon. B. A. Kimball for the data.

Concord is, as we all know, a convenient central station between Boston and the termini of its three upper roads. It is likewise convenient to various branch lines which diverge from the main stems. For many trains it is the natural terminal of all these roads. It is a point for exchange of train crews, for the renewal of fuel and material, and for the repair of engines, cars, and all other equipments.

These opportunities existed before the local roads were leased to the Boston & Maine company, but it was not until these roads were consolidated into one system between Boston and the Canada line on the north, and Boston and the Connecticut river on the west, that the public could secure the full benefits that the situation offered, and through reduction of operating expenses enjoy the better service which came with the union of the roads.

Everything favored the development of the railway interests at this point. Land contiguous to the existing railway tracks was vacant, and there was abundant space for growth. The removal of the railway buildings north of the passenger station, and the enlargement of the yard at the north end of the city, presented opportunity for new industries in that locality.

This, then, was the situation when the Boston & Maine company, in 1895, took a lease of the Concord & Montreal Railroad, and began a reorganization of its system between Boston, Worcester, Portsmouth, northern New Hampshire, Vermont, and Canada—a reorganization tending to public convenience and to economical management. This reorganization made Concord a clearing station for the traffic between Boston, Canada, northern New England, and many Western states. Out of this determination grew the construction, at a cost of about \$150,000, of the great freight yard lying east of the passenger

station, and occupying an area of fifty acres. This yard is operated by use of switching engines at either end. The operating force of the yard is composed of eleven switching crews, and such service requires the labor of one hundred and ten men. A special independent telegraph station has been established in this yard, for the prompt and safe handling of the traffic of this valley.

The total length of railway side-tracks within the city limits is forty and one-half miles, of which about one half has been built since the date of the lease to the Boston & Maine Railroad.

At the southern approach to the whole railway yard, a new signal and switching system is in process of installation, and another will shortly be put in at the northerly approach, and thus will be completed the most efficient railway freight yard in New England. The cars that are handled here daily number about 1,400, without including those employed in the local work of Concord. So complete is this freight-train service, so widespread are the Boston & Maine connections, and so much available land borders on the railway tracks, that I cherish the hope that manufacturing plants of various kinds may seek locations in so advantageous a place as Concord.

The central situation which Concord holds in this great railway system has been more generously recognized in the construction of the new and extensive repair shops. They occupy an area of five acres, and have six and one-tenth miles of side-track. The yard in which they stand encloses more than twenty-eight acres. In building the shops, large quantities of granite (mostly from Concord quarries) were used. These shops have more than twice the area under roof of all the former railway shops of the Concord and Northern railroads, and by the use of modern machinery and methods their capacity has been increased in still greater proportion. This capacity is three or four times as great as was that of the old shops, and the new buildings are so arranged that this capacity may be doubled whenever enlargement becomes desirable.

The shops have been built with an outlook to the future. The best features of the most advanced plants in the country

were incorporated in this plant, and they have had from their inception the intelligent personal care and critical monthly inspection of President Tuttle, who manifests the deepest interest therein.

Some details relating thereto may be permissible. The present boiler capacity is 600 horse-power. There are four steam engines of various patterns, and an electric-light plant which furnishes power for the shops, and light for the shops, yards, and stations from Langdon street to Penacook street. There are two electric cranes, capable of lifting the largest engine and carrying it as if it were a toy. There is an organized fire department (a chief engineer, two assistants, and four hose companies of eight men each), with high-pressure city water service, and its own fire-alarm system will be provided.

It takes one locomotive and a crew of men to wait upon the new shops. There are now employed about six hundred men, and when the shops are fully occupied, the number will be from eight hundred to one thousand men. It is expected that fully one half of the entire Boston & Maine equipment will be repaired at these shops. When we consider those who are employed by the railroad in this city, and those who are directly and indirectly dependent upon them for their support, we shall see that Concord's population who have a connection with this great railroad plant numbers from four thousand to five thousand people.

In this connection, attention should be called to the railroad department of the Young Men's Christian Association, to the establishment and support of which, in the two years just past, the Boston & Maine management has contributed nearly \$6,000. The annual cost of maintenance to the company is something more than \$2,000. The association provides baths and dormitories, as well as evening classes in the English branches, mechanical drawing, and lectures on practical subjects throughout the year. The membership of the association is 318; those enrolled in evening classes number about 100, and the average attendance on Sunday services is 42. The average daily visitors to the building are about 100. Opportunities are provided for physical, mental, and spiritual improvement, and evidences