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*To His Honor the Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in submitting, herewith, my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Number of visits . . . . .	36
Vaccinations of school children . . . . .	55
Office consultations . . . . .	12

There has occurred very little of interest or importance in my department during the past year.

The prevailing status of good health throughout the city, especially as to contagious diseases, lessened, materially, the demands made upon the city physician.

To the credit of our efficient Board of Health, may it be said, that this condition of things is largely due to its watchfulness and painstaking interest, whereby unsanitary conditions have been removed and the spread of contagion limited.

The custom of sanitary inspection, now in vogue, and the establishment of the office of inspector of plumbing, a movement toward which, is already on foot, will add very much toward establishing a greater sense of security in our midst. The public mind is fast becoming accustomed to hygienic improvements and less resentful toward the modern and scientific methods of preventing and handling disease.

Instead of the old feeling, born of ignorance, that their liberties are being curtailed and rights ignored, people are now looking to it themselves, that no unsanitary conditions be allowed to exist in their midst.

The world-wide reputation of the successful employment of Anti-toxin in the treatment of Diphtheria, has lost nothing, whatever, by its use in Concord, where many cases, treated promptly, are now living examples of its great efficiency. Liberal appro-

priations should be made, that the Board of Health and City Physician may not be handicapped, but able to act promptly when this dreadful disease appears in our city.

In many cities, the City Physician occupies a position on the Board of Health, either *ex-officio* or by regular appointment. I think this custom a good one, inasmuch as it would bring him into closer touch with the board and increase the efficiency of both departments. This would prove especially important during a prevailing epidemic when the two departments are necessarily brought more closely together.

On July 17th I was called, by the City Marshal, to the morgue of Louis A. Lane, to view the remains of an unknown man, found floating in Soucook River. I found the body in an excellent state of preservation, but as no signs of violence could be discovered pointing to foul play, it was not deemed best by the coroner to act further in the matter.

In my work at the Police Station, I have nothing but praise to offer for the courteous treatment shown me by the City Marshal and all of his officers, and am pleased to commend the prompt action on the part of the department in attending to the inmates, when medical or surgical aid was needed.

That better service may be rendered to the sick and injured whose condition is not serious enough to require removal to the hospital or their homes, but whose temporary retention the law requires, I would suggest that the best adapted cell for the purpose be supplied with proper furnishings to make such persons comfortable. Also, that a stock of medical and surgical supplies necessary for emergency cases be constantly provided. Both of these suggestions can be carried out with but little expense and better service can thereby be rendered.

The question of a contagious hospital, which was considered several years ago but dropped on account of serious objections made by property owners, is still just as important as at any other time. The main objection then raised by owners of adjacent property that the presence of such a hospital would injure the value and rental of property on account of the supposed danger of the diseases spreading to houses in the vicinity, are fallacious ones in the light of modern knowledge, inasmuch as the his-

tory of such diseases from year to year shows no such baneful results attending their treatment in private houses in all sections, high and low, of the city. How much less, then, would be the danger from a hospital, set a little apart from private dwellings, well-appointed and scientifically managed. In much larger cities than Concord, where land is higher and buildings more crowded, these valuable institutions are found located, either as distinct hospitals or pavilions connected with some general hospital. Such a building, modern in all of its appointments, located in connection with the Margaret Pillsbury General Hospital, heated by the same system and conducted under the same management, could be most economically run and at all times prepared to receive patients.

Such an institution would not be a menace to this section of the city, but would save the spreading of disease and the depopulation of whole families, should a severe epidemic occur in crowded tenements or blocks, or under other conditions unfavorable to its proper management and control. The conception of a contagious hospital should not embody the idea of a "pest house," as it would still be necessary to care for Small Pox in the building on the plains, but the more common diseases of Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever and Measles that at times appear in severe epidemic and malignant form.

Experiences during the last war have illustrated well, both in successes and failures, the wisdom of the old adage, "in time of peace prepare for war." So may this city not be flattered by the peaceful serenity of good health that has prevailed for several years, but prepare in season for the successful handling of contagion whenever it may come.

CHANCEY ADAMS,

*City Physician.*

# POOR DEPARTMENT.

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## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.

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TO THE CITY COUNCIL :

*Gentlemen*.—The undersigned herewith submits the thirty-first annual report of expenditures for the poor, including Wards 1 and 2, for the year ending December 31, 1898, as follows :

Families and individuals having a settlement in the city have been aided, in part or in full, during the time, to the amount set opposite their respective names.

Mrs. Thomas H. Clark	.	.	.	\$256.42
Ernest Beliveau	.	.	.	42.43
Mrs. G. S. Wilson	.	.	.	15.00
Albert Shaw	.	.	.	15.00
Patrick Hackett	.	.	.	30.00
			<hr/>	\$358.85

### COUNTY POOR.

James H. T. Crague	.	.	.	8.00
Mrs. O. Philbrick	.	.	.	32.49
Mary Byrne	.	.	.	84.00
Bridget Collins	.	.	.	71.98
Mrs. J. Melanson	.	.	.	132.99
Coleman Bray	.	.	.	152.74
Maxim Melanson	.	.	.	129.56
Chester F. Laird	.	.	.	119.62
Mrs. C. E. Howe	.	.	.	11.00
John Storin	.	.	.	110.00
Annie Rushlow	.	.	.	120.00
Frederick Paradis	.	.	.	184.20
Samuel Truett	.	.	.	128.28

## SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

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Charles L. Cook	.	.	.	47.00
W. G. Tandy	.	.	.	89.96
Robbins T. Orr	.	.	.	188.88
Kate Darnau	.	.	.	74.99
F. W. Story	.	.	.	114.48
Mrs. Charles Dennen	.	.	.	177.94
Mrs. Wm. Hunneman	.	.	.	181.71
Mrs. Polly Woodbury	.	.	.	37.00
James J. Veasey	.	.	.	138.99
Mrs. Eugene I. Davis	.	.	.	140.08
John F. O'Neil	.	.	.	33.75
Lydia S. Couch	.	.	.	104.49
Joseph Benoit	.	.	.	26.00
Levi Chenette	.	.	.	2.62
Frank Bodeau	.	.	.	21.98
Mary Durgin	.	.	.	7.75
Charles Truchon	.	.	.	109.50
Fred W. Heath	.	.	.	11.98
George E. Hannaford	.	.	.	9.74
George N. Ash	.	.	.	6.00
Joseph Minor	.	.	.	55.00
Fred Palmer	.	.	.	6.00
Helen Cotter	.	.	.	81.51
A. Lapierre	.	.	.	5.00
Mrs. John Kelley	.	.	.	3.50
Edward Osier	.	.	.	72.25
Mrs. Ella Friend	.	.	.	126.18
Isaac Leonard	.	.	.	123.96
Frank Houstun	.	.	.	2.44
Charles L. Quimby	.	.	.	17.97
George Noble	.	.	.	2.49
Wm. S. Page	.	.	.	54.00
Mrs. Dennis Donovan	.	.	.	61.00
William Silver	.	.	.	12.00
James Clinton	.	.	.	97.75
Mrs. Wm. Chenette	.	.	.	6.63
Mrs. M. Howe	.	.	.	98.02
Peter Keenan	.	.	.	108.05

Melinda Howard . . . . .	2.56
Anna Jones . . . . .	60.00
E. A. Murray . . . . .	24.00
John G. Peterson . . . . .	3.00
Wm. H. Ash . . . . .	17.77
Joseph Lavoil . . . . .	36.92
Celina Barabeau . . . . .	22.00
Henry McCloud . . . . .	34.92
Mrs. Levi Minor . . . . .	97.71
Mrs. Patno . . . . .	3.16
Charles Dennis . . . . .	16.81
M. J. O'Connell . . . . .	38.24
A. D. Harriman . . . . .	5.61
Mrs. Helen Ham . . . . .	135.99
Elmer Welch . . . . .	92.31
Mrs. John Dupery . . . . .	24.99
W. G. Smith . . . . .	13.99
Joseph Lavine . . . . .	14.25
William Davis . . . . .	16.00
Mrs. Ethel Perry . . . . .	63.24
John B. Lamay . . . . .	52.00
Timothy Gendron . . . . .	28.00
Joseph Goodreau . . . . .	39.00
Joseph Goodie . . . . .	30.00
Fanny Groux . . . . .	56.17
Mrs. Clara Wiggim . . . . .	56.20
Joseph Previe . . . . .	56.02
Mrs. James Jenness . . . . .	6.70
Myron H. Sessions . . . . .	21.88
Lewis Jarvis . . . . .	12.50
Joseph H. Stoneham . . . . .	26.75
Mrs. Eliza Cummings . . . . .	24.00
George I. Estes . . . . .	16.00
Mrs. Eugene O'Neil . . . . .	6.00
Mrs. Emily W. Shaw . . . . .	18.90
Nelson Harron . . . . .	6.50
Fred W. Nudd . . . . .	13 61
Frank H. Ash . . . . .	14.00

H. L. Cross	.	.	.	.	7.67	
John Welcome	.	.	.	.	4.00	
Albert Mason	.	.	.	.	18.99	
James Dugan	.	.	.	.	17.85	
John Rodd	.	.	.	.	6.50	
Sarah J. Hall	.	.	.	.	6.00	
Lewis H. Carron	.	.	.	.	3.50	
James B. Fraser	.	.	.	.	67.80	
Transient account	.	.	.	.	319.99	
						\$5,398.45
Amount paid for support of city poor					\$358.85	
Amount paid by the city for the support of county poor					5,398.45	
Total amount paid on account of poor						\$5,757.30

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. COCHRAN, *Overseer of the Poor.*

Aid to Dependent Soldiers and their families rendered during the year 1898.

CHARGEABLE TO CITY.

Mrs. Henry M. Sanborn	.	.	.	.	\$53.80	
Orrin Larkin	.	.	.	.	109.35	
Stephen Lamprey	.	.	.	.	104.00	
						\$267.15

CHARGEABLE TO COUNTY.

George W. Johnson	.	.	.	.	\$196.74	
W. H. Sargent	.	.	.	.	218.50	
E. N. Pinkham	.	.	.	.	273.14	
Horace Page	.	.	.	.	28.00	
Michael Storin	.	.	.	.	182.00	
Harriet Ash	.	.	.	.	46.45	
William Wallace	.	.	.	.	127.93	
Helen L. Griswold	.	.	.	.	40.23	
Otis H. Reister	.	.	.	.	79.99	
Honora Sullivan	.	.	.	.	129.25	
Charles M. Davis	.	.	.	.	18.00	

Lucretia A. Danforth	.	.	.	35.50
Eli Sturgeon	.	.	.	40.44
Mrs. John H. Heath	.	.	.	67.00
Mary J. Oakley	.	.	.	107.86
N. W. Davis	.	.	.	162.05
Lester Fletcher	.	.	.	72.00
W. C. Wilmot	.	.	.	161.70
George Papino	.	.	.	12.67
Charles H. Norton	.	.	.	19.50
Mrs. Herbert Secord	.	.	.	20.00
Emeline C. Drew	.	.	.	29.00
Arthur E. Lawrence	.	.	.	6.00
John F. Guild	.	.	.	12.36
Eliza B. Tandy	.	.	.	17.24
William D. Locke	.	.	.	67.50
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				\$2,171.05
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Total amount	.	.	.	\$2,438.20

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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*To the Taxpayers of the City of Concord:* The Board of Assessors respectfully submit for the benefit of the taxpayers of the city, such information as seems to them, would be interesting to all. In the first instance we give the total valuation of the city:

Number of Polls assessed:

in 1897 was	4,812
in 1898 was	4,691
Decrease,	122
Improved and Unimproved Lands and Buildings, 1897,	\$9,278,174
" " " " " " " 1898,	9,425,735
Increase,	\$ 147,561
<b>Horses:</b>	
Number of horses, 1635, 1897,	\$84,000
" " " 1621, 1898,	77,398
Decrease,	\$6,602
<b>Oxen:</b>	
Number of oxen, 52, 1897,	\$2,415
" " " 44, 1898,	2,160
Decrease,	\$ 255
<b>Cows:</b>	
Number of Cows, 1,216, 1897,	\$19,092
" " " 1,239, 1898,	26,327
Increase,	\$6,335
<b>Neat Stock:</b>	
Number of Neat Stock, 15, 1897,	\$ 195
" " " " 141, 1898,	1,120
Increase,	\$ 925
<b>Sheep:</b>	
Number of Sheep, 268, 1897,	\$542
" " " 255, 1898,	506
Decrease,	\$ 36

Hogs:	
Number of Hogs, 68, 1897, . . . . .	\$460
“ “ “ 29, 1898, . . . . .	240
Decrease, . . . . .	\$220
Carriages:	
Number of Carriages, 398, 1897, . . . . .	\$29,485.
“ “ “ 213, 1898, . . . . .	21,975
Decrease . . . . .	\$7,510
Stock in Public Funds, 1897, . . . . .	\$25,850
“ “ “ “ 1898, . . . . .	26,400
Increase. . . . .	\$ 550
Stock in Banks, 1897, . . . . .	\$300,609
“ “ “ 1898, . . . . .	269,447
Decrease, . . . . .	\$ 31,162
Corporations out of State, 1897, . . . . .	\$40,550
“ “ “ “ 1898, . . . . .	9,960
Decrease, . . . . .	\$30,590
Money on hand or on deposit, 1897, . . . . .	\$202,668
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1898, . . . . .	215,464
Increase, . . . . .	\$ 12,796
Stocks in trade, 1897, . . . . .	\$666,048
“ “ “ 1898, . . . . .	553,037
Decrease . . . . .	\$113,011
Mills and Machinery, 1897, . . . . .	\$69,402
“ “ “ 1898, . . . . .	46,790
Decrease, . . . . .	\$22,612
1898 Valuation by wards:	
	Assessors.
Ward 1, . . . \$ 787,551 . . .	Oliver J. Fifield.
Ward 2, . . . 293,880 . . .	William A. Cowley.
Ward 3, . . . 398,430 . . .	Joseph E. Shepard.
Ward 4, . . . 2,443,228 . . .	Daniel C. Woodman.
Ward 5, . . . 3,081,417 . . .	Geo. F. Underhill.
Ward 6, . . . 2,064,000 . . .	Geo. S. Dennett.
Ward 7, . . . 912,633 . . .	Jona. B. Weeks.
Ward 8, . . . 862,135 . . .	John J. Lee.
Ward 9, . . . 305,385 . . .	James Ahern.

\$11,148,659

GEORGE F. UNDERHILL, (Ward Five),  
*Chairman Board of Assessors.*

APPROPRIATIONS, VALUATION OF CITY AND PRECINCTS—  
5 PER CENT. ADDED FOR ABATEMENTS.

GENERAL TAX.	Appropriations	5 p.c. added	Tax rate on \$1000.00	Valuation of city and precincts.
State .....	\$29,500.00	} \$7,620.30	\$14.30	\$11,148,659.00
County .....	42,201.00			
General school .....	34,705.00			
City precinct .....	46,000.00			
City gas and sewer .....	12,545.00	622.25	1.40	9,228,744.00
City sprinkler .....	3,500.00	175.00	.40	8,355,791.00
Union school .....	39,438.00	1,521.90	3.30	9,770,185.00
Town school .....	800.00	40.00	1.10	750,658.00
West Concord sewer .....	1,180.00	59.00	4.40	282,340.00
East Concord sewer .....	170.00	None added	5.20	33,000.00
Water precinct .....	6,000.00	300.00	.00	10,337,478.00
Penacook lighting precinct ..	1,300.00	65.00	2.30	565,000.00
Penacook sewer .....	1,760.00	88.00	3.00	600,000.00
Penacook school dist., No. 20..	1,540.00	77.00	2.50	652,500.00
Total .....	\$211,639.00	\$10,568.45		

Total tax assessed in 1898, as per List Book : Resident, \$219,925.85; non-resident \$1,154.36; total, \$221,080.21.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898
Assault . . . . .	31	18	19	16	17	19	15
Aggravated assault . . . . .		3	1	1	1	1	1
Attempt to commit abortion . . . . .							1
Breaking and entering . . . . .	1	14	14	18	9	3	8
Bastardy . . . . .		1	3	5	2	1	3
Bigamy . . . . .							1
Defaulter . . . . .							1
Disturbing religious meeting . . . . .							1
Drunkenness (including Penacook) . . . . .	399	340	365	378	488	425	507
Drunkenness at Penacook . . . . .		35	30	60	63	54	60
Entering Contoocook River Park without paying . . . . .							5
Evading railroad fare . . . . .	5	1	1	3	1	3	1
Escaped from House of Correction . . . . .					5	6	6
False statement in hiring a horse . . . . .							1
Firing crackers . . . . .							5
For out of town officers . . . . .				2	1	11	8
Idle and disorderly persons . . . . .	1	1	1	1	7	5	15
Insane . . . . .	9	6	8	4	11	6	8
Keeping dogs without a license . . . . .			10	9	6	2	4
Keeping malt liquor for sale . . . . .	13	64	53	77	54	69	63
Keeping malt for sale, second of- fence . . . . .					4	5	5
Keeping spirituous liquor for sale . . . . .	7	47	33	57	49	60	51
Keeping spirituous liquor,second of- fence . . . . .						1	1
Larceny . . . . .							32
Larceny from the person . . . . .					1	5	1
Neglecting to support family . . . . .					1	2	3
Non-payment of fine . . . . .							1
Obtaining money under false pre- tences . . . . .							1
Over-driving horse . . . . .							2
Peddling without license . . . . .							1
Rude and disorderly conduct . . . . .	18	14	13	6	7	29	10
Riding bicycle on sidewalk . . . . .				9	5	3	4
Riding bicycle in White's park . . . . .							1
Safe keeping . . . . .	59	87	45	41	89	116	105
Stealing . . . . .	25	28	28	5	19	22	10
Selling spirituous liquor . . . . .	2	4	1	2	7	10	10
Selling malt liquor . . . . .							3
Selling cider . . . . .							2
Selling mortgaged property . . . . .							1
Street walkers . . . . .					4	1	1

## CITY OF CONCORD.

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Stubborn children . . . . .	7	3	6	1	3	2	1
Throwing snowballs . . . . .							2
Truants . . . . .							13
Number arrests made by James E. Rand . . . . .	88	144	135	157	155		
Daniel S. Flanders . . . . .	21	34	66	70	54		
Fred M. Eaton . . . . .	69	49	48	24	1		
Whitney D. Barrett . . . . .	19	39	47	43	53		
James Kelley . . . . .	11	25	40	30	54		
John E. Gay . . . . .	1	27	85	78	138		
Charles W. Hall . . . . .	1	20	39	63	67		
Charles H. Rowe . . . . .		8	82	105	115		
John G. Putman . . . . .				62	90		
Sam'l L. Batchelder . . . . .				6	69		
Assisting making arrests James E. Rand . . . . .	65	33	37	19	11		
Daniel S. Flanders . . . . .	42	53	34	57	24		
John E. Gay . . . . .	3	29	21	19	31		
Charles W. Hall . . . . .	9	7	3	31	5		
Whitney D. Barrett . . . . .	7	5	4	9	2		
James Kelley . . . . .	9	5	1	4	2		
Charles H. Rowe . . . . .		2	24	45	31		
John G. Putnam . . . . .				12	24		
Sam'l L. Batchelder . . . . .					6		
Arrests made by special officers . . . . .	38	50	34	20	54		
Special officers assisted in making arrests . . . . .	48	32	7	6	26		

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

## POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

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

G. Scott Locke, city marshal . . . .	Appointed June 30, 1888	
James E. Rand, assistant marshal . . .	“ April 16, 1861	
Daniel S. Flanders, captain night watch .	“ Jan’y 26, 1889	
Fred M. Eaton.	“ Jan’y 27, 1891	
Whitney D. Barrett,	} regular police and night watchmen.	
(Penacook)		
James Kelley, “		“ Jan’y 24, 1893
John E. Gay,		“ March 23, 1893
Charles W. Hall,		“ August 6, 1894
Charles H. Rowe,		“ April 3, 1894
John G. Putnam,		“ Dec. 10, 1895
Samuel L. Batchelder.		“ May 11, 1897
	“ Dec. 21, 1897	

## SPECIAL RESERVE OFFICERS.

George H. Silsby, captain.

John T. Batchelder,	Alvin H. Urann,
O. H. Bean,	Harvey H. Oakes,
Willie A. Little,	George N. Fellows,
W. A. Flanders,	Abiel C. Abbott,
George W. Chesley,	Thomas P. Davis,
W. H. H. Patch,	Irving B. Robinson,
Hoyt Robinson,	Charles E. Kelley,

Albert W. Braley.

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

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

A police telephone line from the South end to Penacook with twelve boxes at convenient points has been constructed by the N. E. Telephone Co. and has proved to be a very efficient aid to this Department.

The number of duty calls that have been rung in by police officers from May 8 December 31 is 19,438 besides a large number of emergency calls the cost being only about \$160.00 per year for use and repairs.

The total cost of the police department for the year 1898 was

\$11,203.26 the receipts from fines and costs have been \$1,174.82.

The total cost to the tax payers for the police department during the year 1898 was \$4,028.44.

On account of the increased business at the South end there is a demand for an additional night officer, only one night officer being on duty south of Pleasant street at the present time.

There is also a demand for an officer at the West End for night duty and I would most respectfully recommend that provision be made for the appointment of two additional officers.

It is customary in many cities to have one police officer for every thousand inhabitants, so it can be readily seen that we have a very small force for a city of this size.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

G. SCOTT LOCKE,

City Marshal.

## Report of Clerk of Police Court.

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*To the City Council.—*

The clerk of the police court submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1898.

Number of civil cases entered, 132.

Received entry fees in civil cases . . . . .	\$66.00
Received trial fees . . . . .	16.00
Received continuances . . . . .	3.75
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	\$85.75
Paid city treasurer . . . . .	\$85.75

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. HOOD,

Clerk of Police Court

## Report of City Solicitor.

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*To the City Councils :* I respectfully submit my annual report as solicitor :

The suit of Trueworthy L. Fowler against the city of Concord, referred to in my last annual report, was terminated at the October term, 1898, of the Supreme Court for Merrimack county by a verdict against the city for the amount of damages claimed which was less than fifty dollars. Up to the time of the trial, it appeared that the city had some defense to the action, but at that time the solicitor became satisfied from the statements of creditable witnesses who were present for the plaintiff, that the city was liable and a verdict was entered by agreement against the city for the aforesaid damages.

In 1897, Lyman Jackman instituted a proceeding to test the constitutionality of the city ordinance requiring abutting land owners to shovel the snow from the side-walks in front of their premises. This question was transferred to the law term and was twice argued orally by the solicitor and two briefs were also filed in behalf of the constitutionality of the ordinance. At the July law term, 1898, the court in an elaborate opinion, rendered by the chief justice, decided that the ordinance was unconstitutional.

At the September term, 1898, of the Supreme court for Belknap county, an action was brought in that county against the city by Edward Rhobidas in which damages were claimed against the city to the amount of ten thousand dollars. The plaintiff claimed that he had received injuries while employed in the water department of the city of Concord during the previous year for which the city was liable to the above amount. The suit was brought a very short time before the commencement of the September term and notice was served upon the city to be ready for trial at that

term. The city was greatly embarrassed by the fact that at the time of the alleged injury Rhobidas had made no claim against the city. Many of the workmen employed who knew about the circumstances attending the injury had left the employment of the city, the whole matter had been forgotten, and if the city went to a trial at the September term, it was almost certain to be crippled and hampered in its defense by reason of its inability to make adequate preparation for the defense of so important litigation. It coming to the attention of the solicitor that the plaintiff was not an inhabitant of Laconia, as alleged in his writ, but on the contrary was a resident of Canada, a plea to the jurisdiction was filed based upon the proposition that the plaintiff could not maintain any action in Belknap county, he being a non-resident.

The questions of fact and of law arising upon this plea were referred by the court to Judge W. B. Fellows of Tilton, who after a lengthy hearing decided in favor of the city and dismissed the suit.

Since the suit was dismissed the plaintiff, Rhobidas, has moved with his family to Laconia and has now brought another suit against the city claiming to recover damages to the amount of ten thousand dollars. The city has now been enabled to look up the facts in the case and are prepared to defend the case upon the merits should occasion arise. Since the last suit was brought the city solicitor has caused to be filed a special plea setting up the defense that, as the immediate management and control of the water department is vested in a board of water commissioners who have the entire charge of the management and details of operating said department, the city is not liable for the negligence of any workmen employed by such board of water commissioners who are public officials and not servants and agents of the city.

Another defense set up by said special plea is that the water precinct established by authority of the legislature does not include the whole city but only a portion thereof, and that it was provided in the act of the legislature authorizing the establishment of said precinct, that all taxes levied are to be levied and assessed upon the taxable inhabitants and property of the precinct and not upon any other part of the city, and the city as such has no beneficial ownership in said precinct except in a gov-

ernmental and legislative capacity and the city is therefore not legally responsible for injuries occasioned by any alleged negligence to the employees of the water department.

The questions of law arising upon this plea filed by the city have been transferred to the law term and will probably be argued at the June law term, 1899. If the decision is in favor of the city upon these legal points, judgment will be rendered for the city without any further trial. If the decision is in favor of the plaintiff upon these legal points, then the case will have to be tried by the jury upon the merits.

The suits against the city, referred to in my last annual report, in favor of Arthur Henry, Edmund M. Proctor, Laura P. Clough, Honor M. Clough and John Callahan for damages to the amount of two thousand dollars caused by surface water as alleged on account of the raising of Pine street have been referred to Hon. James W. Remick for decision. A hearing in said suits was commenced on the 27th day of December, 1898, and was adjourned from that time until the tenth day of January, 1899, at which time the testimony of the witnesses will probably be completed. It is necessary, however, in order to properly protect the interests of the city that a view of the street in question be taken after the snow is gone and while the ground is bare. The case will probably not be argued until some time in March or April after the view is taken.

There are at present pending against the city claims for damages in favor of Henry A. Cleveland, John G. Hook and Nellie Merrill, guardian of Joshua B. Merrill. The first two cases arise out of the change of the location of the track of the Concord street Railway at Penacook. N. H. The amount claimed by Cleveland is five hundred dollars and the amount claimed by Hook is four hundred fifty dollars.

In the Merrill case, the city government awarded three hundred dollars in full payment of the damages but the amount claimed is one thousand dollars.

There is also pending against the city at this time a suit brought by Bertha E. Braley through her attorneys Leach & Stevens to recover for alleged damages claimed to have been suffered in 1892, on account of the laying out of a highway known

as "Jackson Street Extension." This claim had been presented to the city government some years ago and was disallowed and it was supposed that the matter was ended before a new suit has now been brought as above stated. There is also pending against the city a suit in favor of Edward E. Hodgman and a suit in favor of Mary J. Gay, William H. Gay, and Walter C. Gay to recover for damages claimed to have been suffered in changing the grade of a highway and laying out a highway. It is hoped that these cases may be disposed of by an amicable settlement.

There is also pending against the city a suit in favor of Daniel Higgins. This action was entered at the October term, 1897, and should have been referred to in my last annual report. It was brought to recover for damages occasioned for the alleged negligent construction of a sewer at the north end. The suit was brought by the late Daniel B. Donovan and since his decease no counsel have been employed to carry it on. As it is claimed that the trouble with the sewer resulted from the construction of the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad across the line of sewer, the city solicitor has caused the Boston & Maine Railroad to be vouched in as a defendant. If new counsel appear to represent the plaintiff, the action will probably be tried at the April term, 1899 of the Supreme Court for Merrimack county.

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

HARRY G. SARGENT, City Solicitor.

Concord, N. H., December 31, 1898.

## REPORT OF CITY LIQUOR AGENT.

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*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 1898.

### ON HAND JANUARY 1 AND PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR 1898.

Wines and liquors on hand January 1 per report was 172 1-8 gallons, 140 bottles liquors and malt liquors . . . . .	\$1,200.30
Purchased of commissioner, liquors 492 gallons, 35 bottles liquors . . . . .	1,384.85
Total, 664 1-8 gallons. 175 bottles liquors and malt liquors.	
Freight, cartage and express on goods purchased	9.92
Empty bottles on hand January 1, 129 . . . . .	2.90
Empty bottles purchased during the year, 144 . . . . .	3.00
	\$2,600.97

### 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 . . . . .	5.10
Water . . . . .	7.00
Postage stamps . . . . .	1.00

4 gross corks . . . . .	1.85	
Wrapping paper and stationery . . . . .	1.50	
Window brush and curtain . . . . .	1.25	
3 keys to faucets . . . . .	.30	
Back pipe for stove . . . . .	1.25	\$938.97
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		\$3,539.94

SOLD DURING THE YEAR 1898.

Wines, liquors and malt liquors, number of sales, 3,279, and 473 7-8 gallons, 46 bottles of liquors and malt liquors . . . . .	\$1,874.85
Empty bottles sold during the year, 232 . . . . .	18.10
Empty casks sold during the year, 15 . . . . .	15.50
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	\$1,908.45

ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1899.

Wines and liquors, 154 2-8 gallons, 94 bottles liquors.	
Invoice cost . . . . .	\$460.54
Empty bottles on hand January 1, 50 . . . . .	1.44
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	\$461.98

COST OF GOODS SOLD AND EXPENSES.

Wines and liquors and malt liquors . . . . .	\$1,384.85
Empty bottles sold . . . . .	4.46
Other expenditures . . . . .	947.43
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	\$2,336.74
Cash on hand January 1, 1898 . . . . .	\$ 9.70
Cash received for sales in 1898 . . . . .	1,908.45
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	1,918.15
Cash deposited with city treasurer . . . . .	1,900.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1899 . . . . .	18.15
	\$1,918.15

MOSES LADD, Liquor Agent.

# PUBLIC PARKS.

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## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The Park Commissioners submit herewith their annual report :  
The appropriation for the system of parks for the past year has  
been :

White Park,	\$2,850.
Rollins Park,	650.
Bradley Park,	75.
Penacook Park,	75.

### WHITE PARK.

The appropriation has been expended during the past year, and while it has been not much more than sufficient to keep the park in good order, some new work has been accomplished.

The commissioners had hoped to construct a tool-house, also to complete the play-ground, but the funds did not admit of this. The force at work consisted of four men besides the superintendent, together with a horse and cart. The work was necessarily slow as so much grade has had to be moved in order to fill up the low and wet parts of the play-ground. If this could be completed at an early date, various questions might be settled in regard to this feature of the park, but with the scheme which is being developed in White Park, making it of use to all classes, it cannot be judged by its incompleteness, but as a whole.

“A park, being a living, growing thing, designed with an object in view that can only be realized in years, should be continuously under one management ; hence the positions of park commissioners, and especially the positions of park employes, should be of long terms and free from all political interference.”

“A park is to remain a possession of the people for all time and the measure of its perfection is to be determined by the thoroughness of its preparation.

The lot on the corner of White and Beacon streets was formally

accepted and paid for at a cost of \$1400. during the past year. The possession of this lot will not only complete the territory which is now bounded on every side by streets, but will yeild an income from the large amount of grade thereon.

It is also planned to in some way extend Beacon street to High street, thus giving a complete drive about the park.

#### ROLLINS PARK.

The work at Rollins Park has been of the usual character, but very little new work has been attempted. Plans have been made to develop the opening space bordering on Broadway, and from year to year the work can be carried out as the funds admit. The street, so generously given by Mr. John H. Lamprey, bordering the southern line of this park, should be laid out and graded by the City. The use of the park for picnic parties has been large and some of the open air concerts have been held here. The use of the park is freely offered to all, but a few try to see how much they can abuse it, and, when reprimanded, are insolent.

“Visitors should have a sense of absolute security while in a park. They should be encouraged to have a sense of ownership in the park, and to quickly resent any acts on the part of those who interfere with the pleasure and comforts of others.”

The shelter, which was built late in the fall of 1897, has proven a good feature in the park.

The lower pond has been deepened and will be crossed by a bridge, from which paths will extend following the line of the pond.

#### BRADLEY PARK.

The care of Bradley Park has cost the city about eighty dollars, and the beauty of this little bit of landscape work has been a delight to the many who pass it daily.

The coming year seats should be placed in the positions reserved for them.

Some change in the arrangement of the shrubbery may be necessary, but with an annual expenditure of \$75 or \$80 this spot can be well cared for and be a continual source of pleasure.

## PENACOOK PARK.

The sum of \$80.81 has been expended on the grounds, together with some needed repairs on the building. This park has been used but very little as compared with former years, there being no attraction to draw the crowd, yet here the lovers of nature can revel in the beautiful scenery and the magnificent sunsets, making the hours of closing day long to be remembered.

## PARKS AND COMMONS.

The triangle at the West End, according to the terms of the gifts, is to be improved this year.

The commissioners ask that an appropriation be made to enable them to put this into proper condition.

There are other pieces of ground about the city which can be beautified and made an ornament in our now increasing park system.

It would seem wise that the powers of the park commissioners be enlarged so that the planting of trees upon the new streets, also the replacing of dead and unsightly trees, may be given into their charge.

ALBERT B. WOODWORTH, Chairman.  
BENJAMIN C. WHITE,  
WILLIS D. THOMPSON,  
GARDNER B. EMMONS,  
GEORGE A. YOUNG,  
WILLIS G. C. KIMBALL,  
WILLIAM P. FISKE.

REPORT OF THE EXPENDITURES BY THE PARK  
COMMISSIONERS.

There have been approved bills amounting to

account Whites Park, . . . . .	\$2,982.60
“ Rollins Park, . . . . .	636.60
“ Bradley Park, . . . . .	78.25
“ Penacook Park, . . . . .	80.81
	3,778.26

Appropriations :

White Park, . . . . .	\$2,850
Rollins Park, . . . . .	650
Bradley Park, . . . . .	75
Penacook Park, . . . . .	75
	\$3,650

account White Park :

Wood, \$77 . . . . .									
Horse, 45 . . . . .			122						3,772.00
								Deficit,	\$6.26

WHITE PARK ACCOUNT.

Labor . . . . .	\$2,298.89
Trees and shrubs . . . . .	64.70
Horse . . . . .	50.00
Grain, hay, etc. . . . .	55.06
Stable rent . . . . .	20.00
Lumber . . . . .	50.32
Loam, grade, etc. . . . .	216.75
Fertilizer, . . . . .	22.50
Interest on \$1400 . . . . .	61.25
Hardware, . . . . .	23.61
Incidentals, . . . . .	89.52
Care of ducks and swans, . . . . .	30.00
	\$2,982.60

## ROLLINS PARK ACCOUNT.

Labor, . . . . .	\$395.52	
Teaming, . . . . .	58.70	
Lumber, . . . . .	45.91	
Hardware, . . . . .	25.23	
Plans, . . . . .	35.00	
Incidentals, . . . . .	76.24	
	<hr/>	\$ 36.66

## BRADLEY PARK.

Labor. . . . .	\$54.50	
Fertilizer, . . . . .	15.00	
Incidentals, . . . . .	8.75	
	<hr/>	\$78.25

## PENACOOK PARK.

Labor. . . . .	\$76.26	
Lumber, . . . . .	4.55	
	<hr/>	\$80.81

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

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*To the City Council of the City of Concord.*

Inasmuch as the office of Treasurer of the Commissioners of Cemeteries has been abolished, we have no such report of course to call your attention to.

The appropriation of the year past has been expended in grading and preparing the grounds for lots. The unsightly gravel banks have been entirely removed.

This work has been attended with a considerable amount of labor and expense, but we feel that the result amply justifies the expenditures. Your honorable body will not be called upon again for some years for any large appropriations for grading.

Your Commissioners feel that you should for a few years make liberal appropriations for beautifying the grounds in other respects, viz., the planting of trees and shrubs.

We should not feel that we had performed our duty, if we did not again call your attention to the matter of a Chapel. We have served under several administrations without receiving an appropriation for this much desired object. May we not expect such an appropriation at your hands?

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

*Commissioners of Cemeteries.*

GEORGE O. DICKERMAN, Secretary.

## PINE GROVE AND OLD FORT CEMETERIES.

*To His Honor the Mayor and City Council.*

At the beginning of the year 1898 we asked for an appropriation of two hundred dollars for improvements we considered necessary for the year in Pine Grove Cemetery: yet nothing was appropriated at this time for its maintenance: yet a special appropriation of twenty-five dollars was made later in the season for mowing the same, which was nearly all expended for the purpose named. The balance was expended in removing an old tree, which was liable to do damage by falling limbs.

There is now a demand for the grading of seven avenues, as practically nothing has been done to them since they were laid out, and the lots facing these avenues cannot be properly graded until this has been done.

The iron rail placed above the stone wall on the westerly side of the Cemetery should be painted or removed as it is damaging the stone by rust.

While much more is needed, we would recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars for the present year, which will make a fair beginning.

The foregoing is for Pine Grove Cemetery. It may not be understood by your Honorable Body that another cemetery known as The Old Fort Cemetery, in which a number of Revolutionary Soldiers are buried, is but a short distance from Pine Grove, for the care of which we would recommend an appropriation of at least Fifty Dollars.

Most respectfully submitted.

CYRUS R. ROBINSON,  
SCOTT FRENCH.

*Committee of Old Fort and Pine Grove Cemeteries.*

## WEST CONCORD CEMETERY.

*To the City Council.*

Your committee on West Concord Cemetery, report for the years 1897 and 1898, as follows;

	1897		
Jan. 1	Cash on hand,	\$14.81	
	Sale of lots, 1897	57.00	
		—————	\$71.81
Dec. 16	Paid W. F. Thayer,		28.50
Jan. 1	Balance Jan. 1, 1898		\$43.31
	1898		
	Sale of lots, 1898		57.00
			—————
	Paid		\$100.31
May 12	W. F. Thayer,	\$9.50	
	One Lawn Mower,	8.50	
Oct. 21	Water bill.	6.00	
Oct. 29	W. F. Thayer,	13.50	37.50 <sup>a</sup>
			—————
	Cash on hand Jan. 1 1899		\$62.81

JAMES M. CROSSMAN,  
JOHN E. GAY.  
G. R. PARMENTER.

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 1898.

The precinct department responded to twenty-two (22) box alarms and fifty-seven (57) still alarms.

At Penacook nine (9) alarms were responded to; at East Concord two (2), and at West Concord two (2).

### BOX ALARMS.

Box 19. Feb. 17th. 12:54 A. M. Fire in residence of Chas. L. Fellows, 113 School Street. Cause, attributed by experts at investigation conducted by them, to over-heated furnace. 2,950 feet of hose wet. Recall, 4:19 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$17,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Contents,	3,000.00	3,000.00	None.	None.

4-4-4. April 12th, 12:03 P. M. Brush fire on Plains. Extinguished by detail from the department. No loss.

Box 46. April 13th, 8:34 A. M. Fire in Durrell's Block, Pierce Street. Cause, unknown. 1,200 feet of hose wet. Recall, 8:48 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$6,000.00	\$40.00	\$4,000.00	\$40.00
Contents,	—————	25.00	None.	None.

Box 23. May 8th, 9:43 A. M. Fire in shed on Ferry Street, owned and occupied by W. P. Ford & Co. Cause, spark from locomotive. 1,150 feet of hose wet. Recall, 9:53 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$75.00

Box 26. May 29th, 9:40 P. M. Fire in residence corner of Maple and Union Streets, owned by Sarah L. Bourlet and occupied by E. J. Barber. Cause, gasoline explosion. 900 feet of hose wet. No water, however, used in building. Extinguished by Chemical Co. Recall, 9:51 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$1,800.00	\$53.00	\$1,500.00	\$50.00
Contents,	200.00	50.00	None.	None.

Box 24. June 26th, 9:48 P. M. Fire in bakery 157 No. Main Street, owned by Lyster Bros. and occupied by J. B. McLeod. Building south adjoining owned and occupied by Lyster Bros., also slightly damaged. Cause unknown. 450 feet of hose wet. Recall, 9:58 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Buildings,	{ \$1,200.00	\$289.50	\$700.00	\$289.50
	{ 7,000.00	12.00	4,000.00	12.00
Contents,	300.00	100.00	None.	None.

Box 37. June 30th, 5:20 P. M. Fire, residence 135 School Street, owned by Augusta M. Stiles and occupied by T. P. Davis, B. P. Davis and W. W. Odekirk. Barn in rear of house destroyed, and house and sheds adjoining, owned and occupied by C. Delage, slightly damaged. Cause, children playing with matches. 1,750 feet of hose wet. Recall, 5:50 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Buildings,				
A. M. Stiles,	\$300.00	\$195.00	\$800.00	\$195.00
C. Delage,	500.00	12.00	400.00	12.00
Contents,				
T. P. Davis,	200.00	100.00	None.	None.
B. P. Davis,	100.00	100.00	None.	None.
W. W. Odekirk,	250.00	100.00	None.	None.

Box 23. Aug. 7th, 12:58 P. M. Fire in freight cars in B. & M. R. R. yard, near Ferry Street. Three empty box cars damaged. Cause, spark from locomotive. 200 feet of hose wet. Recall, 1:13 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Cars,	\$1,200.00	\$122.00	Blanket.	\$122.00

Box 24. Aug. 17th, 6:07 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of

John Ash, 159 No. Main Street. Needless alarm. 300 feet of hose wet. No loss. Recall, 6:13 A. M.

Box 48. Sept. 2d, 1:44 P. M. Fire in residence of N. A. Duncklee, 46 South Street. Cause, electric wires. Extinguished by Chemical Co. Recall, 1:55 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$5,000.00	\$100.00	\$3,500.00	\$100.00
Contents,	2,000.00	50.00	800.00	50.00

Box 51. Oct. 1st, 10:08 A. M. No fire. The crossing of the B. & M. R. R. Co's. local, open circuit fire alarm wires caused an alarm on that system. The engineer, in pursuance of orders, immediately turned in an alarm on the city system. Recall, 10:15 A. M.

Box 12. Oct. 28th, 6:15 A. M. Fire in residence 3 Foster Street, owned by Grace E. Foster and occupied by Leo Bertrand. Cause, overheated chimney. 150 feet of hose wet. Recall, 6:43 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$1,000.00	\$40.10	\$700.00	\$40.10
Contents,	200.00	50.00	None.	None

Box 49. Nov. 9th, 5:42 P. M. Fire in barn in rear of 13 1-2 Dakin Street, owned by Alphonse Beliveau and occupied by Thomas Lapointe. Cause, unknown. 600 feet of hose wet. Recall, 5:59 P. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$50.00	\$50.00	None.	None.
Contents,	30.00	30.00	None.	None.

Box 413. Nov. 15th, 10:17 A. M. Fire in residence 47 So. Main Street, owned by Kate G. Lee and occupied by J. J. Lee. Cause, over-heated chimney. 300 feet of hose wet, but no water used in the building. Extinguished by Chemical Co. Recall, 10:35 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$3,500.00	\$40.00	\$3,000.00	\$40.00
Contents,	1,500.00	15.00	1,000.00	15.00

Box 21. Nov. 24th, 1:27 P. M. Fire in double tenement house 75,77 No. State Street, owned by Fannie W. Nutter and

Emma M. Flanders, and occupied by H. F. Elliott and W. F. Chellis. Cause, spilling of alcohol on stove. 1,450 feet of hose wet. Recall, 2:05 P. M.

Building.	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
F. W. Nutter,	\$2,500.00	\$463.00	\$2,000.00	\$463.00
E. M. Flanders,	2,500.00	196.00	2,000.00	196.00
Contents:				
H. F. Elliott,	1,200.00	65.00	800.00	65.00
W. F. Chellis,	1,000.00	90.00	500.00	90.00
E. M. Flanders,	100.00	43.75	50.00	43.75

Box 8. Nov. 29th, 11:55 P. M. Slight fire in Page Belting Co's establishment. Cause, over-heated dry-room. Extinguished by employes without assistance from the department. Recall, 12:03 P. M.

Building,	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
	\$12,000.00	None.	\$10,000.00	None.
Contents,	14,000.00	73.19	11,500.00	73.19

Box 17. Dec. 2d, 2:54 A. M. Fire in residence 3, Jackson East Court, owned by Wm. G. Mason and occupied by James Maloney. Cause, hot ashes in wooden receptacle. 550 feet of hose wet. Recall, 3:05 A. M.

Building,	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
	\$800.00	\$25.00	None.	None.

Box 5. Dec. 13th, 9:06 P. M. Fire in potato car in B. & M. R. R. yard at foot of Hill's Avenue. Extinguished by Chemical Co. Cause, overheated stove. Recall, 9:14 P. M.

Car,	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
	\$350.00	\$157.39	Blanket.	\$157.39

Box 34. Dec. 14th, 6:28 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of M. A. Branon, 7 So. State Street. Needless alarm. Recall, 6:37 A. M. No loss.

Box 12. Dec. 19th, 9:51 A. M. Slight fire in kindling wood in residence of W. H. Reed. 210 Rumford Street. Needless alarm. No loss. Recall, 10:01 A. M.

Box 47. Dec. 29th, 4:24 A. M. Fire in residence 18 Clinton Street, owned and occupied by John J. Dooning. Cause, over-heated chimney. 2,000 feet of hose wet. Recall, 4:53 A. M.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Contents,	1,100.00	900.00	400.00	380.00

Box 48. Dec. 29th, 4:27 A. M. Box pulled for preceding fire. Needless alarm.

#### STILL ALARMS.

Jan. 2d, 10:45 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Everett Runnells, 31 Union Street. Extinguished by members of Alert Hose Co.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$1,800.00	\$3.00	\$1,000.00	\$3.00

Jan. 24th, 8:53 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Rmie Belaire, 2 Foster Street. No loss.

Jan. 29th, 1:11 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Cyrus Abbott, 55 So. State Street. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

Jan. 29th, 3:16 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Joseph Odette, No. Fruit Street. No loss.

Feb. 2d, 5:25 P. M. Explosion of hot water heater in Acquilla Block, cor. Main and Pleasant Streets. No fire.

Feb. 18th, 9:36 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Judge A. P. Carpenter, 193 No. Main Street. No loss.

Feb. 18th, 11:40 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of O. F. Jenkins, 15 Washington Street. Extinguished by members of Alert Hose Co. No loss.

Feb. 21st, 12:25 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of E. D. Clark on Millville road. No loss.

Mar. 1st, 1:21 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of C. W. Davis, 10 Monroe Street. No loss.

Mar. 5th, 8:14 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Elizabeth Prowse, 56 High Street. No loss.

Mar. 14th, 1:32. Chimney fire in residence of A. L. Buck, 12 Pierce Street. No loss.

Mar. 15th, 4:44 P. M. Chimney fire in Centennial Block, No. Main Street. No loss.

Mar. 21st, 5:25 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Geo. A. Foster, 26 No. Spring Street. No loss.

March 22d, 7:15 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Daniel Shine, 5 Lewis Court. No loss.

Mar. 27th, 1:32 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Hon. Geo. A. Cummings, 6 Garden Street. No loss.

April 4th, 10:50 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of W. H. Durant, 11 Thompson Street. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

April 6th, 5:55 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Geo. H. Emery, cor. No. State and Fayette Streets. No loss.

April 7th, 6:27 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Asa Gee, 49 Perley Street. No loss.

April 10th, 11:51 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Emily C. Rines, 106 Warren Street. No loss.

April 28th, 6:55 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Cyrus Abbott, 55 So. State Street. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

May 18th, 1:31 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of J. H. Sanborn, 13 Centre Street. No loss.

May 22d, 2:40 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Timothy P. Sullivan, 49 Lyndon Street. No loss.

May 23d, 1:58 A. M. Fire in store-house in Railroad Square, owned and occupied by Ford & Kimball. Cause, unknown.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$600.00	\$25.00	None.	None.

May 30th, 9:49 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mary A. Bass, 33 Downing Street. No loss.

June 27th, 4:50 P. M. A call to investigate cause of smoke at the North Church. No fire.

June 30th, 5:19 P. M. Fire in buildings 135 School Street. See alarm from box 37, same date.

July 8th, 8:28 P. M. Fire in pile of old timber in B. & M. R. R. yard.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Timber.	—————	\$5.00	None.	None.

July 9th, 8:50 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. John Robinson, 48 Concord Street. No loss.

July 17th, 2:43 A. M. Fire in room 18, Cyrus Hill Block.  
Cause, careless use of matches.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$25,000.00	\$38.30	\$15,000.00	\$38.30
Contents,	40.00	20.00	None.	None.

July 23d, 10:35 P. M. Fire in dump on Clough Avenue. No loss.

Aug. 1st, 7:40 A. M. Chimney fire in Thompson's Block, Pleasant Street. No loss.

Sept. 13th, 2:37 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of C. W. Lynam, 68 Washington Street. No loss.

Sept. 22d, 12:35 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Rev. H. F. Hill, 69 So. Main Street. No loss.

Nov. 2d, 9:36 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of F. G. Mason, 27 Beacon Street. No loss.

Nov. 4th, 7:25 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Geo. Prentiss, 25 School Street. No loss.

Nov. 11th, 12:50 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of C. H. Brown, 11 Perkins Street. No loss.

Nov. 15th, 10:16 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of J. J. Lee, 47 So. Main Street. See alarm from box 413, same date.

Nov. 16th, 11:22 A. M. Fire in garbage crematory on Ridge Street, owned and occupied by the city. Building destroyed before the alarm was given. Cause unknown.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$75.00	\$75.00	None	None.

Nov. 21st, 5:05 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. A. M. Palmer, 15 Monroe Street. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

Nov. 22d, 4:16 P. M. Fire in residence 9 Franklin Street, owned by the J. B. Merrill estate and occupied by Frank B. Merrill. Cause, over-heated chimney. Responded to by members of Alert Hose Co. Further assistance being required, the Chemical Co. was summoned.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$4,500.00	\$24.73	\$3,000.00	\$24.73

Nov. 22d, 4:24 P. M. See preceding fire.

Nov. 24th, 1:25 P. M. See alarm from box 21, same date.

Nov. 27th, 8:05 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Mrs. L. A. Dyer, 105 Rumford Street. No loss.

Dec. 2d, 2:34 P. M. Slight fire in old overalls, etc., in Lee Bros. shop, rear 62 No. Main Street. No loss.

Dec. 4th, 8:47 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Natt Hurd, 22 Concord Street. Extinguished by members of Good Will Hose Co. No loss.

Dec. 9th, 7:53 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Fred L. Chase, 75 Centre Street. No loss.

Dec. 13th, 12:33 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Joseph Cote, 159 No. Main Street. No loss.

Dec. 23d, 1:42 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Fred Martel, 24 Clinton Street. No loss.

Dec. 24th, 8:40 P. M. Alarm given on account of trouble with electric wires in office of Capital Fire Ins. Co., cor. Main and Depot Streets. No fire.

Dec. 28, 10:26 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of W. B. Blake, 38 South Street. No loss.

Dec. 28th, 11:22 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Miss Frances Nichols, 77 Franklin Street. No loss.

Dec. 29th, 5:44 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Wm. J. Batchelder, 70 South Street. No loss.

Dec. 29th, 6:48 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Frank J. Pillsbury, 14 Thompson Street. No loss.

Dec. 29th, 7:00 A. M. Slight fire in ruins of residence 18 Clinton Street, owned by J. J. Dooning. Destroyed by fire same date.

Dec. 29th, 7:33 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Wm. J. Batchelder, 70 South Street. No loss.

Dec. 29th, 8:16 A. M. Chimney fire in residence of Frank J. Pillsbury, 14 Thompson Street. No loss.

Dec. 30th, 8:07 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of Miss Ad-tie Leighton, 1 R. R. Square. No loss.

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

#### PENACOOK.

Jan. 17th, 7:00 P. M. Chimney fire in residence of L. K.

Hall, Main Street. Still alarm. Extinguished by members of Pioneer Co. with pony extinguishers. No loss.

Feb. 8th, 7:00 P. M. General alarm given for fire on Boscawen side.

Feb. 26th, 9:50 A. M. Fire in factory of the J. E. Symond's Table Co. Cause, over-heated shafting bearing.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25.00	\$4,500.00	\$ 25.00
Contents,	10,000.00	350.00	5,000.00	350.00

Mar. 21st, 7:50 A. M. General alarm given for fire on Boscawen side.

April 18th, 7:30 P. M. Brush fire near Horse Hill. Extinguished by detail from Pioneer Co. No loss.

April 27th, 8:30 P. M. General alarm given for fire on Boscawen side.

June 8th, 8:45 P. M. Fire in Eagle Block, Main Street. Caused by curtain taking fire. No loss.

Aug. 3d, 11:30 P. M. Fire in shed on Merrimack Street, owned by B. F. Varney. Cause. spontaneous combustion. No loss

Nov. 13th, 12:10 P. M. Fire in tenement house on East Canal Street, owned by Contocook Mechanics' and Manufacturing Co., and occupied by Wm. Shepard. Cause unknown.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	————	\$25.00	————	\$25.00

#### EAST CONCORD.

April 12th, 12:30 P. M. Brush fire on plains. Extinguished by detail from Old Fort Engine Co. No loss.

Sept. 9th, 6:20 P. M. Fire in barn owned and occupied by Joseph Welcome, on Potter Street. Cause unknown.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Barn,	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	None.	None.
Contents,	100.00	100.00	None.	None.

#### WEST CONCORD.

Jan. 5th, 11:20 A. M. Fire in residence on West State Street

owned by Geo. W. Brown and occupied by Simeon Partridge.  
Cause, over-heated chimney.

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

July 21st, 2:00 P. M. Fire in residence on Tenny Street,  
owned by Rev. D. W. Clark and occupied by Ira O. Matthews.  
Caused by lightning.

	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. pd.
Building,	\$1,200.00	\$22.50	\$900.00	\$22.50

SUMMARY.

Buildings.	Value.	Loss.	Ins.	Ins. paid	Net loss.
Precinct .....	\$97,875.00	\$12,541.02	\$60,750.00	\$9,358.02	\$3,183.00
Penacook .....	5,000.00	50.00	4,500.00	50.00	—
E. Concord .....	50.00	50.00	—	—	50.00
W. Concord .....	4,200.00	42.50	2,900.00	42.50	—
Total .....	\$107,125.00	\$12,683.52	\$68,150.00	\$9,450.52	\$3,233.00
Contents :					
Precinct .....	\$22,420.00	\$4,811.94	\$15,150.00	\$716.94	\$4,095.00
Penacook .....	10,000.00	350.00	5,000.00	350.00	—
E. Concord .....	100.00	100.00	—	—	—
Total .....	\$32,520.00	\$5,261.94	\$20,150.00	\$1,066.84	\$4,165.00
Buildings .....	\$107,125.00	\$12,683.52	\$68,150.00	\$9,450.52	\$3,233.00
Total Buildings and Contents .....	\$139,645.00	\$17,945.46	\$88,300.00	\$10,517.46	\$7,428.00

## APPARATUS AND FORCE.

The apparatus and force of the department is as follows :

Precinct, located at the Central fire station, one first class Amoskeag engine, "Eagle," with modern hose wagon, attached to Eagle Steam Fire Engine Company (13 men) ; one second-class Amoskeag engine, "Kearsarge," and modern hose wagon, attached to the Kearsarge Steam Fire Engine company (13 men) ; one second-class Amoskeag engine, "Governor Hill," relief steamer, in charge of an engineer and fireman ; one double 60 gallon tank Halloway 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 (30 men).

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

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

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

HOSE.

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

PUBLIC RESERVOIRS

	Capacity, cub c 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 alarm boxes responded to during the year was thirty-three less than number for the preceding year, a glance at the summary will show the net loss to be larger. The apparatus is in good condition. The Chemical Engine has been retouched and varnished.

No extensive repairing of apparatus has been necessary.

No hose has been purchased during the year, 1650 feet having been relined. As it is fair to presume that some of the old hose will be condemned during the coming year. I respectfully recommend the purchase of 500 feet. The fire alarm telegraph system is in good condition.

One private box and two tappers have been removed and one mil-am-meter and four public boxes have been added to the system. The main lines have been extended two and one half miles.

The policy pursued by recent administrations has resulted in marked improvement in the service.

The same policy pursued for a short time longer, and but a short

time will be necessary, will result in placing the department on the basis upon which it should rest.

While it is not to be expected that all of the improvements desired can be attained immediately, it will perhaps, not be amiss to enumerate the most important of those desirable. The Central Fire Station should be remodeled and the horses placed behind the apparatus, thus saving valuable time in responding to alarms, and eliminating the danger at present incurred of injuring horses.

This would involve the expenditures of sixteen hundred dollars. Two of the four fire alarm circuits at present cover such an area that they should be divided, thus reducing the area left without protection by an open circuit fifty per cent.

This would necessitate the purchase of a new repeater which would cost thirteen hundred dollars.

The addition of two more fire alarm boxes would give the city ample protection in that line for some time to come.

A modern ladder truck should be purchased in the near future. A first class truck could be purchased for one thousand dollars. New heating apparatus should be placed in the Old Fort Engine house.

It will readily be seen that to obtain these improvements the expenditure of between four and five thousand dollars would be necessary, but as it would result in increased efficiency of the department it could be regarded as well expended.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Green.

Chief Engineer.