

SANITARY CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

April 21, the board of education were notified of the imperative necessity of immediate improvement in the West Concord school, and of a desire on our part to meet them or their agents at an early date to confer in regard to the sanitary condition of that and other schools under their jurisdiction. Agreeably to the above we met together May 10, and after a lengthy and exhaustive discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

“*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this conference that before the beginning of the next school year, such changes and repairs should be made at the West Concord school building as will remedy the existing defects in the matters of ventilation, danger from fire, and sanitary arrangements.”

It was also the sense of the meeting that other specific changes should be made in other school buildings, and during the summer vacation, and since then, many improvements have been made.

The Manual Training and Sewing schools have discontinued their outhouses and made connection with the public sewer, though some further change must be made in the flushing system at the Sewing school. Jacketed stoves have been placed in the Plains and East Concord schools, thus allowing some fresh air to be introduced—an improvement on the old method of depending on the windows and doors. Changes have been made in the ventilating systems at the Walker and Franklin schools, and recently a radical alteration in the heating and ventilating of the Merrimack school has been agreed upon. All of the buildings have undergone a general cleaning-up and an application of paint and whitewash so as to markedly improve their physical appearance. There yet remain, however, many things to be done before the buildings can be said to be in first-class sanitary condition, and during the coming year it is hoped there will be a continuation of the good work so promisingly commenced this summer.

COLLECTION OF GARBAGE.

The board are satisfied that an improvement in the manner of collecting garbage about the city is one of the needs of Concord's sanitary situation at the present time. The use of receptacles which will protect the public from the smell and sight of the contents of waste barrels, and a service sufficiently frequent and regular to prevent the accumulation of filth and decaying animal matter, will remedy the most striking defects in the present haphazard system of house to house garbage collection. In many places these improvements are brought about by city ordinances fixing the kinds of carts and other receptacles to be used, and, in some instances, prohibiting all but licensed collectors from engaging in the business. In a city of the size of Concord perhaps all the collectors who make the rounds at present could not afford to go the expense of equipping themselves with closed carts and receptacles, but doubtless such a number as could cover the city at intervals sufficiently frequent to care for all the waste of houses and institutions would be able to meet such requirements as your honorable body might establish.

VENTILATION IMPROVEMENTS.

We are glad to state that the ventilation of the blacksmithing department of the railroad shops at the south end has been improved to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. That the smoke in their shop was not only a nuisance but dangerous to the health of the employees, there was no doubt, but how it could be satisfactorily remedied was apparently a difficult problem. Similar shops were visited and a careful inspection of their ventilating systems was made. Mr. Charles H. Wiggin, master mechanic, cheerfully rendered every assistance in his power, and after several experiments perfected a system which seems to meet every requirement.

It affords us pleasure to record that the work of Health Officer Charles E. Palmer has been fully up to the high standard of previous years. Ever ready to carry out the instructions of the board and cheerfully accepting added duties, he

has labored faithfully and well to keep Concord abreast of the times in sanitary matters. Reference to the accompanying detailed report of the work done by this officer will show that he has been far from idle. The health officer is daily brought in contact with all classes and conditions of people in the city, and is often called upon to exercise much firmness or tact, as the case may require. That he is uniformly successful in performing his duties with the least amount of friction is no small credit to his ability.

During the past year Dr. E. A. Clark has retired from this board after a continuous service of twelve years. Dr. Clark was a faithful and efficient public official, and gave freely of his time and experience that the sanitary condition of the city might be brought to a satisfactory standard. For the important improvements which have been brought about during the past few years he is entitled to a full share of credit.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. SULLIVAN, M. D.,
RUSSELL WILKINS, M. D.,
EDWARD N. PEARSON.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY OFFICER.

To the Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of this department for the year ending December 31, 1899.

The statements presented comprise reports upon the sanitary inspection, inspection of sewers, care of contagious diseases, and other sanitary matters, together with a mortuary report of the vital statistics for the year 1899.

The total number of deaths for the year was 365, an increase over the previous year of sixty-two. This includes all that died at hospitals and other institutions, a large number of whom came here for treatment, and are eliminated from the death rate.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of cases of contagious diseases reported during each month of the year and the deaths resulting therefrom :

MONTHS.	Diphtheria.		Scarlet fever.		Typhoid fever.		Measles.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
January	3	2					3	
February.....					1	1		
March							3	
April.....							1	
May							22	
June.....			1				68	
July.....	2						42	
August	1	1	15		3		27	
September.....			26		3		23	
October.....	2	2	20	1	5		21	
November.....	1		20		1		47	
December.....			17		1		42	
Totals	9	5	99	1	14	1	299	

Number of cases of typhoid fever reported from hospitals, 4; died, 1.

RECORD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BY WARDS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total.
Diphtheria.....	.....	3	.....	2	.....	1	.....	2	1	9
Scarlet fever.	1	.....	.....	43	3	6	2	3	41	99
Typhoid fever.....	.....	1	.....	2	1	2	5	1	2	14
Measles.....	4	3	87	124	17	20	25	5	14	299

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

The following table contains the number of cases of contagious diseases and the deaths resulting therefrom, for the years since and including 1890 :

YEARS.	Diphtheria.		Scarlet fever.		Typhoid fever.		Measles.		Totals.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
1890.....	6	2	9	.....	17	5	6	.....	38	7
1891.....	12	3	7	.....	14	6	2	.....	35	9
1892.....	13	3	37	3	7	1	2	.....	59	7
1893.....	48	.....	41	.....	13	.....	300	.....	402	.....
1894.....	17	3	113	6	13	3	21	.....	164	12
1895.....	55	8	4	.....	15	5	452	.....	526	13
1896.....	38	8	44	8	21	3	158	.....	261	19
1897.....	13	1	22	1	17	2	138	.....	190	4
1898.....	4	.....	8	.....	8	4	120	.....	146	4
1899.....	9	5	99	1	14	1	299	.....	421	7

SCARLET FEVER.

The outbreak of this disease about August 1, has continued during the remainder of the year, and has been the cause of some uneasiness. There were ninety-nine cases reported, with one death. The type was a very mild one. In many instances medical aid would not be called until desquamation had commenced, or until the occurrence of secondary cases in the same family; therefore these cases were not reported until a large number of children had been exposed.

Quarantine and isolation of cases was enforced, school-houses were fumigated, and every possible effort was made to check the disease. In one instance, where it was found impossible to establish isolation, quarantine of the entire home was necessary, and as a result we had ten cases in one family. This experience has demonstrated more strongly than ever before the need of some suitable building for a contagious disease hospital, and I trust the matter will be given earnest consideration.

DIPHTHERIA.

As will be seen by the above table, nine cases were reported during the year, five of which proved fatal. Antitoxine was used in four cases where death resulted, but was used too late.

TYPHOID FEVER.

Fourteen cases were reported, one proving fatal, not including those brought to the hospital for treatment.

MEASLES.

Two hundred and ninety-nine cases of measles were reported, but no deaths are recorded from this cause. Four deaths are charged to pneumonia following measles, thus showing the importance of strictly guarding mild cases of measles.

DISINFECTION.

By your direction I have adopted the process of formaldehyde disinfection. The method is briefly as follows: the rooms to be disinfected are sealed and prepared as usual for sulphur disinfection; all surfaces are exposed as much as possible; closet doors are thrown open, and their contents, together with the contents of drawers, are removed and scattered about, and drawers left open; mattresses and pillows are spread on chairs and other objects, so as to expose all sides; books are opened and leaves spread—in short, the contents are so exposed as to admit the free access of the gas to all parts as fully as possible. Upon this preparation largely depends the thoroughness of the disinfection. For every thousand cubic feet of space in a room, is suspended by one edge an ordinary bed sheet from a line stretched across the middle of the room; properly sprinkled, this will carry without dripping five ounces of formaline, the forty per cent. solution of formaldehyde, which is sufficient to disinfect one thousand cubic feet of space. As many sheets as are necessary are hung at equal distances apart. The sprinkling is done by means of a spray producer. When all is ready the disinfector sprinkles each sheet rapidly, being careful to spray as evenly as possible, and no space more than once. The evolution of gas is so rapid that the air becomes irrespirable in a very short time. The room is left closed from twelve to twenty-four hours, after which it is opened up as freely as possible to light and air, and the family are instructed to have all wood-work well scrubbed and the furniture wiped over with cloths dampened with diluted formaline, one part formaline to twenty parts water.

So far as we have been able to make test of the above method by our bacteriologist, Dr. A. K. Day, the result has been satisfactory.

NUISANCES, COMPLAINTS, INSPECTIONS.

The number and nature of requests for inspection, complaints of existing nuisances, and those found by house inspection, are given in the following table:

Accumulation of decayed fruit, and coal ashes	21
Bad sink drainage	18
Broken sewer traps	4
Catch basins not trapped	14
Dead animals	36
Decayed meat and fish	3
Defect in house sewer	10
Dumping rubbish	20
Dropping manure in the streets	2
Defective plumbing	14
Filthy stables	3
Filthy cellars	6
Filthy swill barrels	9
Filthy yards	7
Filthy alleyways	6
Foul and offensive cesspools	3
Keeping hogs	10
Keeping hens	6
Offensive manure heaps	9
Offensive privy vaults	34
Odor arising from water	5
Offensive odor in house	14
Offensive odor from stables	4
Privy vaults full	15
Private sewers obstructed	5
Sinks found without traps	4
Sewer gas in house	3
Sewerage backed into cellars	6
Stagnant water on vacant lots	3
Street sewers obstructed	7
Sewers not properly ventilated	3
Slaughter houses	5
Surface sink drains	5
Throwing swill in alleyways	3
Throwing ashes in street	5
Throwing slops in street	4
Water closets without water supply	3

Water closets foul and offensive	9
Water closets not ventilated	8
Water closets out of repair	7
Water in cellars	4
Total	<u>360</u>

Where nuisances have existed which have been a menace to the public health, they have been dealt with vigorously, considerably, and as speedily as possible.

HOUSE INSPECTION.

House inspection has been continued in the compact portion of the city, as time would permit. The following table will give the amount of work done in this direction :

Dwelling houses inspected	89
Tenement houses inspected	110
Stores inspected	38
Stables inspected	38
Meat and fish markets inspected	6
School houses inspected	19
Business blocks inspected	31
Alleyways inspected	34
Inspection of Penacook Lake	8
Inspection of reservoir	10
Total	<u>383</u>

SEWER INSPECTION.

In compliance with a provision of city ordinances I have inspected eighty-two private sewers, and made the usual records and reports of the same. The following table shows the various sizes and kinds of pipes used :

316 feet of 6-inch Akron pipe,
 4,194 feet of 5-inch Akron pipe,
 30 feet of 3-inch Akron pipe,
 424 feet of 5-inch iron pipe,
 323 feet of 4-inch iron pipe.

A total of 5,287 feet and an average of 64 feet to each lateral sewer.

This amount of drainage has been furnished to the following classes of buildings :

Private dwellings	35
Tenement houses	40
Business block	1
Public institution (school-house)	1
Stables	4
Market	1
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Total	82
Water closets put in	97
Privies abolished	44
Cesspools abolished	20
Surface drains abolished	17

DISPOSAL OF WASTE AND GARBAGE.

A long delayed sanitary necessity remains unprovided for in the city, viz., a satisfactory gathering of house garbage. No city of this size can be considered well taken care of, which makes no provision for this purpose. The present method of removing garbage is for any one who desires to engage in the business, with filthy barrels and open carts, often leaky and unsuitable, making doubly offensive the odors which pollute the air through every street where such vehicle may be driven. Suitable persons should be licensed, the kind of vehicle to be used for the transportation of garbage specified, and regular collections made under the supervision of the board of health.

PUBLIC URINALS.

I desire to call your attention to the necessity of a public urinal, because not only strangers but our own people are compelled to use the alleys, or enter some store or other place of business. I regard this as a necessity and think they should be provided.

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SUMMARY.

Houses placarded in cases of contagious diseases	327
Placards removed	310
Visits made to contagious diseases	1,721
Rooms fumigated	397
Pieces of bedding and clothes burned	79
Pieces of clothing disinfected at pest house	54
Library and school books fumigated	24
Burial permits issued	365
Burial permits issued to non-residents	87
Transfer permits issued	87
Peppermint tests of plumbing made	19
Water tests made	3
Number of reports of contagious diseases sent to state board of health	47
Number of monthly mortuary reports sent in exchange to other cities	1,200
Number of certificates issued for children to return to school	264

EXPENSES OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Salary of sanitary officer	\$800.00
Salary of board of health	75.00
Rent of office	27.00
Lights	1.20
Bacteriological tests	46.50
Fumigator's supplies	115.05
Incidentals	183.60
Total	<u>\$1,248.35</u>

A table appended exhibits the mortuary statistics for the year 1899.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to his honor the mayor, members of the city council, and the board of health for the aid and encouragement they have freely given, and many courtesies shown me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. PALMER,

Sanitary Officer.

MORTALITY REPORT.

REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN.

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council:

I have the honor to make the following report for the year ending December 31, 1899:

Number of calls made, 22.

Office consultations, 5.

Insane persons examined, 1.

School children vaccinated, 40.

I wish to endorse that portion of the report of my predecessor, Dr. Adams, which recommends placing a supply of medical and surgical appliances at the police station, and the setting apart and proper equipment of a suitable cell for the use of the sick who are detained at that institution. I think some action should be taken looking toward the carrying out of these suggestions.

These ideas could be carried out at very small expense, and almost no trouble at all.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. COOK,
City Physician.

18 South State St., Concord, N. H.
January 18, 1900.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1899.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned herewith submits the thirty-second annual report of expenditures for the poor, including Wards 1 and 2, for the year ending December 31, 1899, 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. T. H. Clark	\$270.57
Robert P. Blake	49.55
Charles W. Diedrich	2.00
Albert Shaw	25.00
Mrs. John B. Tyler	43.50
Alvertus Evans	24.00
Patrick Hackett	104.28
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	\$518.90

COUNTY POOR.

Annie Rushlow	\$120.00
Bridget Collins	75.75
James B. Fraser	41.75
Fred W. Story	47.75
Robbins T. Orr	188.25

Mrs. Ella Friend	\$131.24
Michael J. O'Connell	146.48
Mrs. Ethel Perry	134.97
Maxim Melanson	130.00
Isaac Leonard	109.79
Lydia S. Couch	105.00
Mrs. J. Melanson	81.00
John Storin	115.50
Charles Truchon	161.26
Mrs. Charles Dennen	173.57
William S. Paige	42.00
Mary Byrne	84.00
Chester F. Laird	274.45
John F. O'Neil	199.14
Mrs. William Hunneman	170.49
Joseph Previe	47.12
Samuel Truett	127.72
Mrs. Helen Ham	136.00
Mrs. Coleman Bray	91.99
James J. Veasey	205.99
Frederick Paradis	184.67
John B. Lemay	96.00
John J. Greeley	181.92
Mrs. Peter Olson	84.07
Joseph Goodie	12.00
C. L. Cook	7.00
Kate Donovan	48.00
Mrs. C. E. Howe	16.50
George E. Hannaford	12.62
George S. Drew	157.83
Herbert L. Cross	14.79
Lena Ayotte	5.40
Joseph Miner	71.03
Edward Osier	91.15
Edward Miner	78.54
Charles Dennis	25.99
James Dougan	30.50
Albert Mason	15.33

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Mrs. Clara Wiggin	\$10.59
Mary Durgin	91.45
Fannié Groux	17.68
Frank Houston	128.65
Lewis Caron	9.12
William H. Ash	31.00
W. G. Tandy	99.00
Joseph Stoneham	18.50
Charles L. Quimby	21.38
Mrs. James Clinton	87.00
Frank Bodeau	12.00
Joseph Benoit	3.50
Mrs. John Dupree	107.58
Myron H. Sessions	36.25
Mrs. M. Howe	24.00
Ellen Cotter	34.10
Minnie Forrest	72.75
George N. Ash	23.75
Anna Jones	70.62
Peter Morris	30.14
Elmer S. Quimby	14.12
John Welcome	13.00
Frank H. Ash	10.00
Mrs. Polly Woodbury	8.00
George I. Estes	24.41
Mrs. E. I. Davis	18.00
Thomas Mitchell	48.09
Felix Previe	12.32
Carter Sales	30.24
George W. Smith	33.00
Margaret Speed	3.12
Mary Collins	2.00
Mary Carter	20.00
Mrs. James Jenness	10.90
William H. Knights	3.00
J. A. Elliott	7.80
Prudence A. Roberts	58.81

Mary McAvoy	\$6.33
Fred E. Berry	3.00
Joseph Geddis	9.50
Thomas Previe	33.80
Mrs. Eliza Cummings	96.00
Tyler Philbrick	2.00
Frank Laundry	12.00
Fred W. Nudd	30.45
Melinda Howard	19.25
John J. Malony	5.00
James H. Craigue	30.75
John H. Kelley	42.50
George Tonkin	19.50
W. H. Connelly	36.63
Mrs. Louis Rushlow	22.03
Edward C. Dow	49.04
Antoine Landry	13.50
W. C. Wilmot	74.73
Fred Fredette	17.54
Wesley L. Ham	13.00
Thomas O'Brien	5.75
Henry McLeod	3.00
Michael Daley	6.00
Paul Jerome	2.00
Mary Pratt	25.00
Mary Williams	3.50
Fred Cyr	5.00
Fred Charette	30.00
Transients	215.30
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	\$6,352.52
Amount paid for support of city poor	\$518.90
Amount paid by the city for the support of county poor	6,352.52
Total amount paid on account of poor	<hr/> \$6,871.42

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. COCHRAN,

Overseer of the Poor.

Aid to Dependent Soldiers and their Families Rendered during the Year 1899.

CHARGEABLE TO CITY.

Mrs. Henry M. Sanborn	\$36.23
Stephen Lamprey	96.00
Orrin Larkin	36.75
Leonard W. Bean	19.24
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	\$188.22

CHARGEABLE TO COUNTY.

Michael Storin	\$182.00
E. N. Pinkham	256.23
Honora Sullivan	159.02
William Wallace	110.09
N. W. Davis	175.98
Lester Fletcher	56.00
Mary J. Oakley	133.25
Otis H. Reister	123.25
W. H. Sargent	164.50
Emeline C. Drew	46.00
Harriet Ash	49.50
Lucretia A. Danforth	28.00
Helen L. Griswold	23.20
Mrs. Wm. D. Locke	96.86
George W. Johnson	33.18
Eliza B. Tandy	23.00
Horace Page	16.50
Charles M. Davis	30.00
Mrs. John H. Heath	50.00
Charles Stevens	6.00
Morris A. Lamprey	18.50
John F. Guild	6.37

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CITY OF CONCORD.

George B. Tilton	\$18.95
John Walker	8.24
Charles H. Norton	83.50
Eli Sturgeon	7.00
James English	2.00
John F. Townsend	3.50
Charles T. Much	30.00
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					\$1,940.62
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Total amount	\$2,128.84

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1899.

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 be of interest to all.

VALUATION OF THE CITY.

Number of polls assessed :			
In 1898	.	.	4,691
In 1899	.	.	4,760
			69
Increase of	.	.	69
Improved and unimproved lands and buildings, 1898	\$9,425,735		
“ “ “ “ 1899	9,398,027		
			\$27,708
Decrease of	.	.	\$27,708
Horses :			
Number of horses in 1898	.	.	1,621 \$77,398
“ “ 1899	.	.	1,651 81,612
			30 \$4,214
Increase of	.	.	30 \$4,214
Oxen :			
Number of oxen in 1898	.	.	44 \$2,160
“ “ 1899	.	.	34 1,700
			10 \$460
Decrease of	.	.	10 \$460
Cows :			
Number of cows in 1898	.	.	1,239 \$26,327
“ “ 1899	.	.	1,351 28,675
			112 \$2,348
Increase of	.	.	112 \$2,348

Neat stock :					
Number of neat stock in 1898	.	.	.	141	\$1,120
“ “ “ 1899	.	.	.	158	1,941
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Increase of	17	\$821
Sheep :					
Number of sheep in 1898	.	.	.	255	\$506
“ “ 1899	.	.	.	279	560
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Increase of	24	\$54
Hogs :					
Number of hogs in 1898	.	.	.	29	\$240
“ “ 1899	.	.	.	50	394
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Increase of	21	\$154
Carriages :					
Number of carriages in 1898	.	.	.	213	\$21,975
“ “ 1899	.	.	.	213	21,701
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Decrease of		\$274
Stock in public funds, 1898	.	.	.		\$26,400
“ “ “ 1899	.	.	.		41,850
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Increase of		\$15,450
Stock in banks, 1898	.	.	.		\$269,447
“ “ 1899	.	.	.		242,626
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Decrease of		\$26,821
Corporations out of state, 1898	.	.	.		\$ 9,960
“ “ “ 1899	.	.	.		16,960
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Increase of		\$7,000
Money on hand or on deposit, 1898	.	.	.		\$215,464
“ “ “ “ 1899	.	.	.		122,015
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Decrease of		\$93,449

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Stocks in trade, 1898	\$553,037
“ “ 1899	703,223
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Increase of	\$150,186
Mills and machinery, 1898	\$46,790
“ “ 1899	81,602
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Increase of	\$34,812

VALUATION OF WARDS, 1899.

Valuation of Wards, 1899.		Assessors.
Ward 1	\$787,818	Oliver J. Fifield.
Ward 2	306,407	William A. Cowley.
Ward 3	402,155	Joseph E. Shepard.
Ward 4	2,424,213	Daniel C. Woodman.
Ward 5	3,120,792	George F. Underhill.
Ward 6	2,064,400	George S. Dennett.
Ward 7	938,110	Jonathan B. Weeks.
Ward 8	868,800	John J. Lee.
Ward 9	306,191	James Ahern.
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Total	\$11,218,886	

APPROPRIATIONS, TAX RATE, AND VALUATION OF CITY AND
PRECINCTS.

GENERAL TAX.	Appro- priations.	Per cent. added.	Tax rate on \$1,000.	Valuation of City and Precincts.
State.....	\$29,499.00			
County.....	42,062.00	\$7,606.40	\$14.00	\$11,218,886
General school and city.....	80,567.00			
School, Union.....	39,600.00	1,980.00	4.20	9,823,007
School, Town.....	700.00	35.00	1.00	720,612
School, District 20.....	1,660.00	83.00	2.60	675,267
City gas and sewer.....	14,203.00	710.15	1.60	9,189,510
Sprinkling.....	2,000.00	100.00	.20	8,432,395
Penacook sewer.....	1,260.00	63.00	2.00	657,620
Penacook lights.....	1,300.00	65.00	2.00	674,856
East Concord sewer.....	170.00	8.50	5.30	33,000
West Concord sewer.....	1,180.05	20.00	4.20	285,840
Total.....	\$214,201.00	\$10,671.05		

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. UNDERHILL,
Chairman of Board of Assessors.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

I herewith submit my annual report of the police department for the year 1899 :

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Whole number of arrests (including Penacook) .	699	697	720	649	876	876	958	467
Whole number of arrests at Penacook	72	50	44	65	83	73	98	47
Brought before the court	487	560	628	617	720	698	752	375
Discharged by the court .		2	17	4	8	2	20	2
Discharged without being brought before the court	140	110	93	85	157	178	186	74
Total amount received for fines and costs : 1891, \$3,306.92 ; 1892, \$3,027- 78 ; 1893, \$5,352.19 ; 1894, \$4,396.60 ; 1895, \$6,418.92 ; 1896, \$5,874- 16 ; 1897, \$7,078.72 ; 1898, \$7,174.82 ; 1899, \$1,601.24								
Whole number of lodgers (including Penacook) .	584	936	1,166	908	854	1,099	1,345	1,089
Whole number of lodgers at Penacook	94	170	251	201	158	316	460	356
Number of doors found open and secured (in- cluding Penacook) .	103	68	184	290	252	233	200	164

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Number doors found open and secured at Penacook	11	6	9	22	18	26	26	10
Lost children returned to their parents	18	15	21	18	14	21	15	14
Called to quell distur- bances	44	61	80	72	81	90	95	56
Stray teams found	13	13	16	12	7	3	6	6
Stray horses found					3	3	3	
Number times city ambu- lance required	29	38	28	31	49	59	52	57
Number of duty calls rung in on police signal from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31							19,438	29,030
Assault	31	18	19	16	17	19	15	21
Assault on officer								2
Assault with intent to kill								1
Aggravated assault		3	1	1	1	1	1	
Attempt to commit abor- tion							1	
Attempt to set fire								2
Breaking and entering	1	14	14	18	9	3	8	2
Bastardy		1	3	5	2	1	3	2
Bigamy							1	
Burning cotton								1
Burning house								2
Common seller								5
Cruelty to animals								1
Defaulter							1	
Disturbing religious meet- ing							1	
Drunkenness (including Penacook)	399	340	365	378	488	425	507	244
Drunkenness at Penacook		35	30	60	63	54	60	27
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	1

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	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
False statement in hiring a horse							1	
Firing crackers							5	1
For out of town officers				2	1	11	8	6
Fornication								4
Fast driving								2
Fugitive from justice								1
Hunting deer unlawfully								1
Horse stealing								1
Idle and disorderly persons	1	1	1	1	7	5	15	2
Insane	9	6	8	4	11	6	8	4
Injury to personal property								1
Keeping dogs without a license			10	9	6	2	4	2
Keeping malt liquor for sale	13	64	53	77	54	69	63	20
Keeping malt liquor for sale, second offence					4	5	5	
Keeping spirituous liquor for sale	7	47	33	57	49	60	51	21
Keeping spirituous liquor for sale, second offence						1	1	1
Keeping disorderly house								1
Larceny							32	14
Larceny from the person					1	5	1	
Neglecting to support family					1	2	3	3
Non-payment of fine							1	
Obtaining money under false pretences							1	2
Obtaining goods under false pretences								1
Over-driving horse							2	
Peddling without license							1	1
Prostitute								1
Rude and disorderly conduct	18	14	13	6	7	29	10	20
Rape								1
Riding bicycle on side- walk				9	5	3	4	

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Riding bicycle in White Park							1	
Safe keeping	59	87	45	41	89	116	105	33
Stealing	25	28	28	5	19	22	10	6
Selling spirituous liquor	2	4	1	2	7	10	10	
Selling malt liquor							3	
Selling cider							2	2
Selling mortgaged property							1	1
Street walkers					4	1	1	
Stubborn children	7	3	6	1	3	2	1	3
Subornation of perjury								2
Throwing snowballs							2	
Threatening to do bodily harm								1
Truants							13	
Vagrants								5
Number arrests made by James E. Rand	88	144	135	157	155			30
Number arrests made by Daniel S. Flanders	21	34	66	70	54			35
Number arrests made by Fred M. Eaton	69	49	48	24	1			14
Number arrests made by Whitney D. Barrett	19	39	47	43	56			27
Number arrests made by James Kelley	11	25	40	30	54			17
Number arrests made by John E. Gay	1	27	85	78	138			63
Number arrests made by Charles W. Hall	1	20	39	63	67			40
Number arrests made by Charles H. Rowe			8	82	105	115		48
Number arrests made by John G. Putnam					62	90		32
Number arrests made by Samuel L. Batchelder					6	69		39

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	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Assisting making arrests, James E. Rand	65	33	37	19	11	16
Assisting making arrests, Daniel S. Flanders	42	53	34	57	24	24
Assisting making arrests, Fred M. Eaton						11
Assisting making arrests, John E. Gay	3	29	21	19	31	30
Assisting making arrests, Charles W. Hall	9	7	3	31	5	8
Assisting making arrests, Whitney D. Barrett	7	5	4	9	2	5
Assisting making arrests, James Kelley	9	5	1	4	2	1
Assisting making arrests, Charles H. Rowe		2	24	45	31	28
Assisting making arrests, John G. Putnam				12	24	12
Assisting making arrests, Samuel L. Batchelder					6	23
Arrests made by special officers	38	50	34	20	54	31
Special officers assisted in making arrests	48	32	7	6	26	12
Number of liquor searches made						1,027

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

POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Josiah E. Dwight, Giles Wheeler, Myron J. Pratt.

G. Scott Locke, city marshal Appointed June 30, 1888
 James E. Rand, assistant marshal " April 16, 1861
 Daniel S. Flanders, captain night watch " Jan. 26, 1889

REGULAR POLICE AND NIGHT WATCHMEN.

Fred M. Eaton,	Appointed Jan. 27, 1891 .
Whitney D. Barrett, Penacook,	“ Jan. 24, 1893
James Kelley, Penacook,	“ March 23, 1893
John E. Gay,	“ Aug. 6, 1894
Charles W. Hall,	“ April 3, 1894
Charles H. Rowe,	“ Dec. 10, 1895
John G. Putnam,	“ May 11, 1897
Samuel L. Batchelder,	“ Dec. 21, 1897

SPECIAL RESERVE OFFICERS.

George H. Silsby, captain.

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

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.

The police signal service has proved to be very useful and satisfactory. The number of duty calls that have been rung in by police officers during the past year is 29,030, besides a large number of emergency calls, and I would recommend that three (3) boxes be added at an expense of about \$30, one to be located near the corner of Downing and South streets, one near the corner of Thompson and South streets, and one on Washington near Spring street.

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.

I would respectfully call the attention of the city government to the sanitary condition of the police station at Penacook, as I consider that it is detrimental to the health of anyone who is unfortunate enough to be confined therein, and I would recommend that a new station be built.

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.

The receipts from fines and costs have been \$1,601.24.

In submitting my report I desire to express my gratitude to the board of police commissioners and the city council for their considerate treatment of this department. Thanks are due Harry G. Sargent, city solicitor, for valuable assistance rendered. To all who have contributed to our success we extend our thanks. To the members of the force my grateful acknowledgment and thanks are tendered for their efficiency and promptness in the discharge of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

G. SCOTT LOCKE,
City Marshal.

REPORT OF CLERK OF POLICE COURT.

To the City Council:

The clerk of the police court submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1899:

Number of civil cases entered, 159.

Received entry fees in civil cases	\$79.50
Received trial fees	7.00
Received continuances	2.85
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	\$89.35
Paid city treasurer	89.35

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. HOOD,
Clerk of Police Court.

REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Council:

I respectfully submit my annual report as solicitor:

The case of Edward Rhobidas against the city of Concord, referred to in my last annual report, is still pending before the law term, no decision having been rendered. It will probably be decided in March.

The suits in favor of Arthur Henry, Edward M. Proctor, Laura P. Clough, Honor M. Clough and John Callahan against the city, for damages caused by surface water on account of the alleged raising of the grade of Pine street, have been disposed of. In the suits in favor of Laura P. Clough and Honor M. Clough, the plaintiffs withdrew during the trial, and in the other suits a verdict was rendered in favor of the city by the referee, Hon. James W. Remick.

The claims for damages in favor of Henry A. Cleaveland, John G. Hook and Nellie A. Merrill, guardian of Joshua B. Merrill, referred to in my last report, have been disposed of, the city paying a small amount in the Cleaveland and Merrill cases, by my advice, and in the Hook case the plaintiff has neglected to press the claim.

The suits of Bertha E. Braley, Edward E. Hodgdon and Mary J. Gay, William H. Gay and Walter C. Gay against the city are still pending. No trial has been had because the plaintiffs in the first case have taken no action to have a hearing, and in the other two cases the counsel for the plaintiff being his honor, the mayor, nothing could be done with them.

The suit of Higgins against Concord, referred to in my last report, has been terminated, the plaintiff voluntarily withdrawing, and a judgment has been entered in favor of the city.

A suit in favor of Dwight Hall, executor, against the city has been brought for damages alleged to have been caused by changing the grade of a highway. The suit is now pending in court, but the plaintiff has notified the solicitor that the suit will not be pressed and judgment will be entered in favor of the city at the coming April term.

A suit has been commenced against the city in favor of Elvira B. Lane for alleged damages to a tract of land, caused by dumping rubbish upon her lot. This will be in order for trial at the April term.

The present year has been an unusually busy one in this department. At the commencement of the year written opinions were required of the solicitor by the city government in a great many matters, some of them being matters of importance and requiring a good deal of time and investigation, in order to answer the questions asked intelligently and correctly.

An unusually large amount of criminal complaints and warrants have been made in the office of the solicitor, mainly by order of the mayor in liquor cases; the number in the last three months amounting to over two thousand.

In addition, the solicitor has given advice and assistance to the different committees of the city council, and to the heads of departments.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY G. SARGENT,
City Solicitor.

CONCORD, N. H., December 31, 1899.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

To the City Council :

I herewith submit the report of collection of taxes to the close of business December 31, 1899 :

	Year 1896.	DR.	CR.
Total amount submitted for collection, including interest collected . . .	\$264,376.26		
Cash paid treasurer			\$253,909.59
Amount of discounts allowed . . .			3,611.31
Abatements ordered by board of assess- ors			6,830.18
Account adjusted			25.18
	\$264,376.26	\$264,376.26	

	Year 1897.		
Total amount submitted for collection, including interest collected . . .	\$236,016.51		
Cash paid treasurer			\$227,705.64
Amount of discounts allowed . . .			3,404.02
Abatements ordered by board of assess- ors			4,906.85
	\$236,016.51	\$236,016.51	

Year 1898.

Total amount submitted for collection, including interest collected	\$223,316.44	
Cash paid treasurer		\$215,693.32
Amount of discounts allowed		2,879.84
Abatements ordered by board of assess- ors		4,692.23
Cash in office December 31, 1899, at closing		12.06
Uncollected December 31, 1899, at closing		38.99
	<u>\$223,316.44</u>	<u>\$223,316.44</u>

Year 1899.

Total amount submitted for collection, including interest collected	\$221,699.28	
Cash paid treasurer		\$177,500.00
Abatements ordered by board of assess- ors to date		3,234.76
Cash in office December 31, 1899, at closing		231.05
Uncollected December 31, 1899, at closing		40,733.47
	<u>\$221,699.28</u>	<u>\$221,699.28</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WENDELL P. LADD,
Tax Collector.

CONCORD, January 1, 1900.

REPORT OF CITY LIQUOR AGENT.

To the City Council:

I herewith submit my report of the City Liquor Agency from the date of my appointment, April 17, 1899, to the end of the financial year, December 31, 1899, inclusive.

GOODS ON HAND APRIL 17, 1899.

Wines and liquors, 219 $\frac{5}{8}$ gallons; bottled goods, 82 bottles. Cost of both classes	\$681.07
Purchased from George W. Weeks, state agent, between April 17, 1899, and January 1, 1900:	
Wines and liquors, 1,985 gallons; bottled goods, 6,915 bottles. Cost of both classes	6,046.08
Total cost of goods	\$6,727.15

GOODS SOLD FROM APRIL 17, 1899, TO JANUARY 1, 1900.

Wines and liquors, 1,774 $\frac{9}{8}$ gallons; bot- tled goods, 6,350. Received for same	\$7,429.40
Sale of barrels and kegs	35.00
	\$7,464.40

Number of bottled goods on hand April 17, 1899	82
Number of bottled goods purchased	
since April 17, 1899	6,915
	6,997
Sold since April 17, 1899 6,350	
Breakage	20
On hand January 1, 1900	627
	6,997

Wines and liquors on hand April 17, 1899	219 $\frac{1}{8}$ gals.	
Purchased since April 17, 1899	1,985 “	
	—————	2,204 $\frac{1}{8}$ gals.
Wines and liquors sold since April 17, 1899	1,774 $\frac{1}{8}$ gals.	
Wines and liquors on hand Jan- uary 1, 1900	430 $\frac{5}{8}$ “	
	—————	2,204 $\frac{1}{8}$ gals.
Expenses of Agency as per vouchers		\$1,101.50
Paid city treasurer, for which I hold his receipts		\$7,464.40

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN F. TUCKER,

Agent.

PUBLIC PARKS.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The report of the park commissioners is herewith presented :

The appropriations made for the past year were as follows :

White park	\$1,500.00
Rollins park	400.00
Penacook park	75.00
Bradley park	25.00

These limited appropriations have been used in maintenance, for no new work could be carried on, and some of the work already begun has been sadly neglected. At White park the work has been looked after by the superintendent, with one man during the season, and an extra man during the summer months. The usual custom has been to buy a horse for necessary work through the summer, but that has been dispensed with, and, if needed, one has been hired; thus, much of the territory of grass plots has not been kept down by the mower.

It would seem wise that this park should be brought to completion as soon as possible, then only a fixed sum for maintenance would be required. A permanent fence is very much needed to properly inclose the park, and much planting should be done.

The playground should be finished and trees planted.

The expenditures have been: For labor, \$1,422.02; repairs, \$17.75; tools, \$19.65; clearing ice, \$11.25; shrubbery and seed, \$29.95; loam, fertilizer and teaming, \$88.00; grain, \$8.40; water, \$15.00; incidentals, \$8.84; water pipe, \$56.87; or a total of \$1,677.73.

At Rollins park nothing has been done except keeping up the present condition, and that not satisfactorily. The undergrowth, which has been such an attractive feature, is fast disappearing, and work done by those interested has been neglected. Plans are in hand to greatly improve this park, but they cannot be carried out without a liberal appropriation. The general use of this park is such that more careful supervision is needed, so that it will not deteriorate. Police supervision should be inaugurated, especially to control large gatherings which may be held there.

The city has the past year purchased a tract of land, consisting of between three and four acres, adjacent to the park, which can be adapted with it to great advantage. The price paid was \$1,250. The expenditures have been as follows: Labor, \$289.90; tools, \$19.99; water, \$6.00; incidentals, \$41.58; grade, \$16.05; repairs, \$13.57; or a total of \$387.09.

Bradley park has been kept in good condition, and is a continued bit of satisfactory work. It was hoped that the appropriation would admit of the purchase of some settees, but only enough was set apart to care for the same. There is an opportunity for some generous-minded citizen to place a monument to some military or naval hero, or to commemorate some historical event, in this enclosure. The expenditures have been: For labor, \$15.00; fertilizer, \$22.50; water, \$4.00; incidentals, \$3.00; or a total of \$44.50.

Penacook park has engaged the same attention as heretofore. Owing to the high water in the lake, it has, perhaps, been used more than of late, but the endeavor has been to keep it in a tidy condition. The expenditures have been: For labor, \$65.63; hardware, \$6.68; incidentals, \$5.35; or a total of \$77.66.

A beginning has been made on the parcel of land given by residents at the West End, and with more money this can be made an attractive spot. The ground was leveled and seeded under the charge of the superintendent.

Since the inauguration of the park work in our city, the last year has been the least satisfactory of any. Such a con-

dition, we feel, does not represent the wish or the desire of our citizens, who would like to see these matters carried to completion; furthermore, it is not in accord with the best sentiment of the day. "Art is becoming not only a part of the educational scheme of our people, but its principles and the knowledge of its effects on their lives are becoming interwoven in the daily affairs, and the recognition that 'a thing of beauty is a joy forever' is the influential factor in the vast improvements made in many departments of applied art. This includes art in its broader application, as well as in peculiar lines."

Somehow, our citizens do not come up to the measure of their privilege, for we have so few who are willing to contribute to the city's ornamentation. So much of attractive interest might be given by the construction of entrances to our parks, the gift of parcels of land for park purposes, the marking of historical places, which abound among us, the gift of statuary, the planting of trees, and in numerous other ways to contribute to this end. One has but to look at many smaller places to see what has been done for the public good.

One illustration we have of those who, in generations gone, planted our noble elms, which calls upon us to emulate their example. These things are not done wholly for to-day, but they go on and on to succeeding generations, and illustrate an unselfish desire to benefit others.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL E. MARTIN, *Chairman*,
BENJAMIN C. WHITE,
WILLIS D. THOMPSON,
GARDNER B. EMMONS,
GEORGE A. YOUNG,
WILLIS G. C. KIMBALL,
WILLIAM P. FISKE,

Park Commissioners.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

CONCORD, N. H., March 1, 1900.

To the City Council of the City of Concord :

Your commissioners of cemeteries have but little to report.

We have endeavored to expend the appropriation placed at our disposal in a manner to merit your approval.

As we informed you in a previous report, it will not be necessary to make any large appropriation the coming year for grading.

We shall need quite a sum to complete the loaming and seeding of grounds already graded. We hope to plant a quantity of trees and shrubs the coming spring, the amount of which will of course depend on your honorable body.

Our cemeteries are gaining in beauty every year and under the immediate supervision of our efficient superintendent, Mr. E. A. Moulton, the grounds are well taken care of.

We again call your attention to the matter of a chapel and waiting-room at Blossom Hill Cemetery. We have an unexpended appropriation of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for this object, and sincerely hope it may be increased sufficiently to warrant our commencing, at least, a building which will not only be useful but an added beauty to our already beautiful "City of the Dead."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. ROBERTSON,
FRANK P. ANDREWS,
CHARLES G. REMICK,
FRANK J. BATCHELDER,
GEORGE A. FOSTER,
GEORGE O. DICKERMAN,

Commissioners of Cemeteries.

GEORGE O. DICKERMAN, *Secretary.*