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# CITY OF KEENE.

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*In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.*

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A RESOLUTION ordering the printing of Annual Reports, &c.

*Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows: That there be printed as soon as may be, for general circulation, under the supervision of the Joint Standing Committee on Printing, a sufficient number of copies, in pamphlet form, of the proceedings attending the inauguration of the City Government in January last, together with such Ordinances and Joint Resolutions as have since been passed, or may be thought proper, with the reports of the Finance Committee, the City Marshal, City Solicitor, Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery, the Board of Health, City Clerk, City Messenger, Superintendent of Water Works, Superintendent of Streets, Engineers of Fire Department, and any other matters thought expedient.*

F. H. KINGSBURY,

*President Common Council.*

Approved December 16, 1875.

HORATIO COLONY,

*Mayor.*

A true copy. Attest:

FRANK H. STARKWEATHER,

*City Clerk.*



# ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1875, 10 A. M.

The members elect of the City Government having met for organization, agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter, the oath of office prescribed by law was administered to the Mayor elect, Horatio Colony, by Farnum F. Lane, Esq., City Solicitor, after which His Honor the Mayor administered the oath of office to the following Boards, viz:

Board of Aldermen :

SOLON S. WILKINSON,  
EDWARD FARRAR,  
JOSEPH R. BEAL,  
WILLIAM P. ABBOTT,  
REUBEN STEWART.

Board of Common Council :

FRANCIS A. PERRY.  
ASA FAIRBANKS,  
WILLIAM L. DAVIS,  
GEORGE W. HOLBROOK.  
MILES S. BUCKMINSTER,  
ASA SMITH,  
ALLEN GIFFIN,  
WILLIAM H. KNOWLTON,  
DANIEL H. SAWYER,  
CHARLES N. WILDER,  
FREDERICK H. KINGSBURY,  
CHARLES SHRIGLEY,  
WILLIAM DINSMOOR,  
REUBEN HYLAND,  
HORACE HAMBLETT.

Ballots were then passed for City Clerk. Frank H. Starkweather receiving sixteen of the twenty votes cast, was declared elected, and took the oath of office by law prescribed, before His Honor the Mayor.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George W. Brown, after which the Mayor delivered his Inaugural Address, as follows :

## MAYOR COLONY'S ADDRESS.

*Gentlemen of the City Councils :*

Fully appreciating the great honor that has been conferred upon me, by my fellow-citizens, in electing me a second time to fill the important position of Executive Officer of the City Government, allow me to hope that, in my full endeavor to recognize the undivided interests of all, I may receive your cordial co-operation and support. Our objects and desires are mutual, and the ends to be attained are the same. There is no conflict of interest between us, and it is to be hoped that the harmony that has hitherto marked every action will be undisturbed. Judgments may be divided, upon this measure or that, but it is only a different method of reaching the same end.

The solemn duties and responsibilities that we assume this day derive additional force from the fact that the interests of others are in our hands. To discharge these duties honestly and conscientiously, but, at the same time, with a just and discriminating judgment, becomes our peculiar province.

In entering upon the second municipal year of our city government, it may not be inappropriate to allude briefly to its operation during the last few months. Owing to the care and ability of my associates in the Councils, it is no longer an experiment, but its successful operation is assured. The obstacles incidental to a new and untried organization have been overcome, and the methods of transacting business reduced to form and order. The utmost harmony and good feeling have prevailed throughout all departments, and if questions have arisen, they have been those as to the best manner to conserve the public good. Every measure that has been brought before the Councils has been acted upon with care and moderation, and every disposition has been manifested to guard the minutest interests of the City.

Neither is the form of our new government of necessity more expensive than the old, while many of its features are far superior. If the number of officers has been increased, the pay attached to many of them is merely nominal compared



with the services rendered. Taking the experience we have had, I believe there can be no reasonable dissatisfaction with the change.

#### WATER WORKS.

The Committee on Finance have made no recommendation of any sum for the extension of the Water Works, as the amounts hitherto raised for that purpose, with a single exception, have been bonded. The exception was the sum of \$5,000, appropriated by the Town, last Spring. But, of this amount, only a small portion was used, in extending the main pipe near the Tannery, in the west part of the City. As the course of bonding the appropriations applied to this use has been pursued, it may be well to continue it to a limited extent. The demand is not likely to be very large, and, as we shall soon be obliged to meet the first bonds that were issued, our debt will not be materially increased.

The expense of repairs has been unusually large. This was caused by lightning striking the Tannery of Lapham & Rawson. The electric fluid passed along a service pipe until it reached the main pipe of the Water Works, which it followed for a considerable distance, damaging or destroying it. The expense of repairing this damage was \$1,105.21.

Agreeably to the recommendation of last Spring, a survey has been made of the main pipe, and the gate heads and service pipes located and recorded.

There should be an extension of the main pipe to meet any reasonable public demand. The basing the outlay upon a certain per cent. derived from the water-takers may be sound policy, but we should also take into consideration the protection afforded against the encroachment of fire.

There has been a demand for water on Pearl and Island streets, and it is thought by many that it is desirable to extend it on Winchester street, on the West side of the bridge. This could be done by extending the pipe across the river, or by Pearl street.

#### WATER LOAN DEBT.

The Water Loan Debt itself remains unchanged, and I give you the amounts issued, and the time at which they are made payable :

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Payable Jan. 1879, | \$35,800        |
| “ July 1880,       | 3,200           |
| “ Jan. 1882,       | 4,000           |
| “ July 1882,       | 6,500           |
| “ July 1883,       | 4,000           |
| “ Jan. 1884,       | 17,500          |
| “ July 1885,       | 10,500          |
| “ Jan. 1887,       | 4,000           |
| “ July 1887,       | 7,500           |
| “ July 1888,       | 500             |
| “ Jan. 1889,       | 21,700          |
| “ July 1890,       | 11,300          |
| “ Jan. 1892,       | 4,000           |
| “ July 1892,       | 9,000           |
| “ July 1893,       | 5,500           |
| Total,             | <hr/> \$145,000 |

It will be seen by this that the first class issued become payable four years from the present time, and the last in 1893. The first bonds payable take in nearly one-fourth of the entire debt. In all our municipal enterprises and expenses, we should keep in view our maturing liabilities, and never reach a point where we cannot meet them without a burdensome taxation. If it can be done, it may be for our interest to extinguish some of these bonds before maturity. Some of them are quite small, and, if we could anticipate their payment, it would seem desirable. The interest upon this debt is partially met by the income from the Water Works, and we hope the time is not far distant when it will not only pay *all* of the interest, but be a resource in extinguishing the principal.

#### FINANCES.

The last valuation of property was \$4,298,386, showing an increase of \$217,298 over the previous year. This indicates a gratifying increase, at a time when a general depression of business has affected property valuations. If we can hold our own, in times like the present, and even go farther and increase our material means, we have every reason for encouragement.

The current expenses for the coming year, as estimated by the Finance Committee, will be \$21,100, being \$6,900 less

than the estimate of last year. This does not include the sums designated and raised by law. If new grounds are purchased for a Cemetery, a special appropriation may be required.

In presenting you with the standing of the City up to Jan. 1st, 1875, allow me to congratulate you upon the sound financial basis on which we stand.

## ASSETS.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| State Bonds on hand,                              | \$12,200 00 |
| Due from Collector, 1873,                         | 3,164 92    |
| Due from Collector, 1874,                         | 11,988 13   |
| Due from Sup't Water Works on 10th<br>assessment, | 370 32      |
| Due from Sup't Water Works on 11th<br>assessment, | 1,063 17    |
| Note of E. Burr & Co.,                            | 235 00      |
| Balance in Treasury,                              | 9,942 84    |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$38,964 38 |

## INDEBTEDNESS.

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Town Bonds outstanding,               | \$19,700 00 |
| Town Note,                            | 200 00      |
| Unpaid Order,                         | 176 57      |
|                                       | <hr/>       |
|                                       | \$20,076 57 |
| Balance of Assets above indebtedness, | \$18,887 81 |

This shows a considerable sum in Assets above Indebtedness, but subject to some reductions from the Superintendent of Water Works' and Collector's accounts. Since May 5th, a note against the Town of \$4,000, and \$2,600 in Town Bonds, with the accruing interest, have been paid.

## PUBLIC DEBT.

And now a few words in relation to a public debt. I doubt whether a debt of this kind, is ever, except in rare instances, a public blessing; and especial care should be used in relation to its increase beyond a reasonable extent.

It is frequently the case that enterprises are proposed and discussed, that seem to offer the greatest inducements to the

public to engage in them. It is supposed they will increase business, and develop new resources, and that the advantages to be gained are far greater than the expenses of the outlay. There is no doubt that, in many instances, the reasoning based upon these premises has been correct, and that towns and cities which have followed a generous and liberal policy, have increased most rapidly in wealth and population. It is equally certain that when a just discrimination has not been used, they have become burdened with their liabilities, and every resource crippled and diminished.

There can be no greater drawback than a debt that cannot be overcome without a burdensome taxation, extending through a long series of years. We have many illustrations of this, and in every instance it is followed by the same results—business languishes, property valuations depreciate, enterprise is dead or decaying, and a dispirited, disheartened people seek every opportunity to find more favored localities. What can counterbalance such a condition as this? A soil of great fertility, fine physical surroundings, and all the advantages of location are not sufficient. Capital will not be invested in a place where a large per cent. is taken in taxes, and without prospect of relief; labor will not seek it, for it offers but few inducements; and thus it is, in a measure, isolated by the misfortune of debt.

But while we deprecate and avoid these things, let us not plunge into the opposite extreme; for it becomes our duty to assist and promote every healthy and legitimate enterprise. While we should exercise every care and consideration in administering and governing the various departments, and a careful economy in the distribution and application of the funds entrusted to our charge, let us not forget that we ought to foster, protect and build up those interests that would favorably affect us.

Dependent as we are in a great measure, upon the energy, enterprise and public spirit of our citizens, rather than upon our location and physical surroundings, we must look to them to assist in promoting and developing the resources we possess. Our powers should also be exercised to their legal extent in inducing labor, capital and business to establish themselves within our borders. Let us not believe that our

destiny is accomplished in the little we see around us, but rather that we have prepared the way for greater and more extended undertakings.

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

The appointment of a general Superintendent of Highways has been productive of favorable results. It has given a uniformity to our road-building and road-repairing system, that promises well for the future. The improvements upon our roads have been extensive, not only upon the main thoroughfares, but also upon those not so generally used. The repairs upon Central Park and the laying of the flagging stone in front of City Hall, were paid out of the highway fund.

In consideration of what has already been accomplished, and the present condition of highways and bridges, the Committee on Finance believe the sum of \$7,500 to be sufficient to cover all ordinary outlay for the current year.

The following new streets have been laid out during the last municipal year: one leading from the south side of Winchester street, at a point immediately west of the Ashuelot Railroad, and running south to a termination near the Ashuelot River; an extension of Prospect Street to a connection with Armory Street and an extension of Forest Street to a connection with Prospect Street. Vernon Street has been laid out to Washington Street, and Seymour Street to a connection with Roxbury Street. The Street between Spring and Taylor Streets has been widened. Considerable work has been done upon Prospect and Forest Streets, but the others have not been worked.

The facilities of new roads and streets should be equal to public requirements, and care should be taken to make them wide enough to meet any future demand that is likely to take place. The widening of streets in thickly settled locations, is frequently attended with inconvenience to the property holder, and great expense to towns and cities. A liberal policy is always economy in the end, and when we consider that among the chief attractions of our City are our broad and noble avenues, in which use and beauty are so thoroughly combined and harmonized, it ought to furnish us a guide and precedent for our own action.

The attention of the Council was called to the alleged dangerous situation of the Stone Bridge on Main Street, near the Pottery. At times of high water, the swift currents of the Branch cut into the bank, and threaten the road on the north side of the bridge. There may be no immediate danger, but it may require some care to guard against contingencies.

There has been a growing demand for an extension of Island to connect with Winchester Street, or an extension of Davis to connect with Island Street. In either case it will involve the building of a bridge, and it is for you to determine whether the necessity would warrant the outlay. It is also urged that there are a large number of scholars who are seriously incommoded by the circuitous rout they are obliged to take to reach the school in that district.

During the last season, a Committee was appointed to examine different locations in the City, with a view of purchasing gravel or other road-building material. Nothing was accomplished, although it seemed to be the prevailing opinion that something ought to be done in that direction, and, as our supply is becoming somewhat limited, it may be for our interest to take some action. The opening of Prospect Street will, however, give us a considerable supply for that vicinity.

#### BURIAL GROUNDS.

There is a necessity for the purchase and laying out of new Burial Grounds, at the earliest possible moment. The last City Government recognized the importance of this subject, but in the press of other business, it was deferred from time to time, until it was lost sight of altogether. About twenty-five vacant lots remain in Woodland Cemetery, and this number might possibly be increased to forty, but many of them are far from desirable, and will not be taken if others can be obtained. It is true the low grounds might be filled up, but this would involve considerable expense, and would defer the purchase but a short time.

I renew my recommendation of last Spring, that the grounds purchased be ample enough for the future. There are many objectionable features to the separation of Burial Grounds, and in whatever new place we may locate, we should guard against its repetition. The Councils can examine, without

the reports of intervening Committees, the few places deemed suitable for the purpose.

It seems advisable to form some general superintendency of the Burial Grounds owned by the City. While Woodland Cemetery, with its fund of \$2,833.16 derived from the sale of lots, will always receive proper attention, there are others, without funds, that are liable to be neglected. The appropriations that would be required to place them all in respectable condition, are too small to be questioned when we consider the object. Some of the grounds, removed from the centre of the City, are almost entirely dependent upon the care given them in the neighborhood where located, and receive but little if any assistance. A general supervision would overcome all this, and ought to be established.

#### CITY FARM.

The sum of \$3,000, that is estimated to cover the expenses of the Farm, and the assistance rendered through other channels, is \$500 larger than the sum appropriated last year, and this amount may be exceeded. The general depression of business has affected every branch of industry and labor. In the great business centres. large numbers have been thrown out of employment, and have thus been obliged to seek in other places, that which they have failed to find at home. The local demand will also be large. Even a casual examination of our local affairs will indicate that work can be obtained with difficulty, even at reduced prices, and that many must go unemployed. With the avenues of business either closed or diminished, some of the most industrious are obliged to seek in vain for labor. With the hardships and severity of Winter closing around us, some will apply for aid who are not in the habit of so doing. But, whatever may be the demand, I have no doubt you will take pleasure in meeting any exigency of this kind. And for that other class who, from sickness, infirmity, or any other reason, are reduced to positions of dependency and want, it should be our peculiar and sacred province to smooth a pathway so full of sorrowful vicissitudes.

The Farm, even under the best management, is exceedingly expensive in proportion to the relief extended. With a real

and personal property of over \$4,000, we have had, on an average, about four inmates. It has been the custom of the Selectmen, and, after them, of the Overseers of the Poor, to extend aid without sending to the farm, and this, in most cases, may have been the better method; but the result has been to make the farm of but little use. Unless this is changed, it would be advisable to dispose of the real estate and other property.

A visit to the City Farm House indicated that it was well kept, and the comfort of the inmates well cared for, but it is greatly in need of repairs, both inside and out. It is far from creditable that it has been allowed to reach its present condition. If it is intended to intimidate those who are likely to claim the advantage of an institution of this kind, it is admirably calculated for that purpose. If it remains in the possession of the City, I would advise the making of all needed repairs.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This Department is in good condition, and well supplied with fire-extinguishing apparatus. The sum of \$1500 is estimated as sufficient for the expenses of the current year.

From the examination we have made of the discipline and other details of the Department, we believe it to be in excellent working condition. The officers attached to the service are efficient, and the men thoroughly alive to its duties. Our Chief Engineer reports that the increase of pay has worked most favorably, and he is thereby enabled to reduce the number of men. The pay should, at all times, be sufficient to keep the ranks full, and give time to drill and practice. Too much care cannot be exercised to keep up a thorough and efficient organization. The actual service in times of fire is always severe, and is sometimes attended by great exposure and danger.

It is true that during the last year we have not been visited by fire, but the devastations that have been made around us should teach us the necessity of unremitting vigilance. We cannot afford to neglect a department of this kind, but should examine narrowly into all its details. A City like ours, built mostly of wood, could oppose but few obstacles to the spread of a conflagration, unless we have it in our power. at all



times, to throw a body of well-drilled men to a certain place, at the earliest possible moment, and to apply the best means we have to the exposed point, with skill and celerity. This is the end and object of discipline. The rare facilities that we possess in our numerous hydrants, under a great head, would be neutralized unless we had this power.

#### POLICE.

The change in the Police Department has operated favorably, not only in preventing but also in arresting crime and disorder. It is believed that a small permanent force, assisted by a special police, when occasion requires, is much better than to depend upon those who are in service only a portion of the time. It may be more expensive, but this is more than compensated by its greater efficiency. There is a general disposition on the part of the community to observe laws, and if there have been exceptional cases, they have been promptly dealt with.

There has been some demand for a night police, and it is for you to say whether its creation is necessary.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Committee, originally appointed by the Town to take into consideration the advisability of forming a Public Library, have attended to their duties. A Committee representing the interests of the shareholders of the Keene Public Library, generously offered to transfer their books to the City, on certain conditions. These conditions are, substantially, that the City shall maintain a Library in some suitable place for that purpose, and shall appropriate a sum not less than \$300 per annum for the first five years, and thereafter a sum not less than \$500 per annum, until the Library shall have an income of not less than \$1000 per annum derived from other sources, to keep the books in proper condition and add to the supply. This was reported to the City Councils, unanimously adopted, and embodied in an ordinance, the sum of \$500 appropriated, and a Committee appointed to carry out its provisions. The action of this Committee will complete all that is necessary for its establishment.

It is to be hoped that, from this small beginning, we have laid the foundations of a strong and permanent institution.

If the proper safeguards are thrown around it, and it is well regulated and well established, it will always be a source of honorable pride; and I have no doubt the Councils will take pleasure in granting any reasonable demand. It throws open to the entire public a large supply of well-selected works that it might not be possible to obtain from other sources. It furnishes the means of improving a vast amount of valuable time that might otherwise be wasted or viciously employed.

The rules and regulations guarding an institution of this kind should be simply those of protection, and the means of obtaining books comparatively inexpensive. Every facility and advantage it possesses should be extended to all, with as little restriction as possible.

#### SCHOOLS.

I have no data from Reports, either from the Union or outside Districts, but have been furnished with some statistics of the Union District, by a member of the Board of Education. The whole number of scholars in the District, between the ages of 4 and 18 years, is 1167. The whole number of scholars in school in the Primary, Secondary, Intermediate, Grammar and High Schools, during the Fall term, was 1031, showing an average attendance of 901. The weeks of session for the year are as follows: High School, 39; Grammar and Intermediate, 36; Secondary and Primary, 34. The amount appropriated for the year ending March 1, 1875, was \$9,280.48, of which about \$7,500.00 will be devoted to the salaries of Teachers.

The Committee appointed by the Union District, March 17, 1874, have not yet made their report, and, in its absence, I shall not anticipate it by anything recommendatory. They had authority to incur reasonable expense in preparing a plan for a new High School building or for remodeling the old building. The present time may not be considered favorable for any very large outlay, but the necessity for some action is apparent and cannot long be delayed. The interest we feel in our educational institutions is such that we ought to take pride in presenting to our children every intellectual advantage that it is in our power to bestow. Certain it is, that in no other institution are our public and private relations more intimately connected.

Our school houses are hardly up to the proper standard. We have built too much to satisfy our present wants, and without sufficient regard to the fact that a flourishing community would soon outgrow them. The result has been that we have outgrown them; they are not satisfactory, and yet we are not in a condition to replace them. This, gentlemen, cannot be regarded as economy. It is far better to build with due regard to permanence and our future wants, for although it is more expensive at the time, it is less so in the end, as you then have a school building that will last for a long series of years, without alteration. It is not essential that any radical change should be adopted at the present time, but that we should keep this in view when more school room is required.

I am still of the opinion that the outside districts, in consideration of taxes paid by them for improvements of which they receive no immediate benefit, ought to enjoy the advantages of our High School, free of tuition. An act of this kind would be an inconsiderable sacrifice on our part, and would tend to unite the interests that are supposed, by some, to be divided.

#### CONCLUSION.

And now, gentlemen, in closing, let me acknowledge that auspicious Providence that has protected us from the devastating effects of pestilence, fire, and flood. May its beneficent and felicitating influences continue with us in the year to come.

At the close of the Mayor's address, on motion, the Members of the City Government retired to meet in separate bodies. The Council was organized by the choice of F. H. Kingsbury, President, and L. C. Darling, Clerk.

The Council then adjourned.



KEENE  
CITY GOVERNMENT,  
1875.

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MAYOR:  
HORATIO COLONY.

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ALDERMEN:

WARD 1.  
Solon S. Wilkinson.

WARD 3.  
Joseph R. Beal.

WARD 2.  
Edward Farrar.

WARD 4.  
William P. Abbott.

WARD 5.—Reuben Stewart.

FRANK H. STARKWEATHER, *City Clerk.*

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COUNCILMEN:

FREDERICK H. KINGSBURY, *President.*

WARD 1.  
Francis A. Perry,  
Asa Fairbanks.  
Wm. L. Davis.

WARD 3.  
Allen Giffin,  
Wm. H. Knowlton,  
Daniel H. Sawyer.

WARD 2.  
Geo. W. Holbrook,  
Miles S. Buckminster.  
Asa Smith.

WARD 4.  
Charles N. Wilder,  
F. H. Kingsbury,  
Charles Shrigley.

WARD 5.  
Wm. Dinsmoor, Ruben Hyland, Horace Hamblet.

C. A. GALE, *Clerk.*

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Finance.* — The Mayor, Alderman Stewart, Councilmen Dinsmoor and Knowlton.

*Lands and Buildings.* — Alderman Abbott, Councilmen Holbrook and Sawyer.

*Bridges.* — Alderman Abbott, Councilmen Wilder and Hyland.

*Streets, Sewers and Drains.* — Alderman Abbott, Councilmen Hyland and Davis.

*Burying Grounds.* — Alderman Beal, Councilmen Buckminster and Hyland.

*Fire Department.* — Alderman Stewart, Councilmen Fairbanks and Smith.

*City Farm.* — Alderman Beal, Councilmen Hamblet and Wilder.

*Lamps and Lamp Posts.* — Alderman Wilkinson, Councilmen Buckminster and Shrigley.

*Water Works.* — Alderman Wilkinson, Councilmen Sawyer and Perry.

*Printing.* — Alderman Stewart, Councilmen Perry and Hamblett.

*Schools.* — Alderman Farrar, Councilmen Davis and Giffin.

*Claims.* — Alderman Farrar, Councilmen Knowlton and Davis.

*Engrossed Bills.* — Alderman Beal, Councilmen Knowlton and Smith.

*Public Library.* — Alderman Wilkinson, Councilmen Dinsmoor and Smith.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

*Bills on their Second Reading.* — Aldermen Beal, Abbott and Stewart.

*Licenses.* — Aldermen Stewart, Abbott and Beal.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

*Bills on their Second Reading.* — Councilmen Giffin, Shrigley and Fairbanks.

*Elections.* — Councilmen Dinsmoor, Perry and Holbrook.

## CITY SOLICITOR.

Francis A. Faulkner.

## CITY TREASURER.

George W. Tilden.

## CITY MARSHAL.

Amos Gale.

## BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Henry Colony,                      George G. Sawyer,  
Edward Joslin.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS.

Daniel H. Holbrook.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

Joshua D. Colony.

## ASSESSORS.

John L. Butler,                      George K. Wright,  
Samuel Woodward,              Lanmon Nims,  
Laton Martin.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Augustus T. Wilder.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Dexter W. Gilbert.

## JUSTICE OF THE POLICE COURT.

Edward Farrar.

## POLICE OFFICERS.

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Amos Gale.            | Lewis Bridge, Jr.,   |
| Isaac Aldrich,        | Warren W. Mason,     |
| Justice R. Rogers,    | Samuel L. Babcock,   |
| Jacob Staples,        | Francis D. Griswold, |
| Charles K. Pemberton, | E. Prescott Hardy,   |
| Lucius Thatcher,      | James H. Smith.      |





# CITY ORDINANCES.

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## CITY OF KEENE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

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AN ORDINANCE appointing a day for examination of the returns of votes for Mayor.

Be it enacted by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :—

That the City Councils shall annually meet in convention on the third Friday in the month of December, for the purpose of examining the returns of votes from the several wards for Mayor, and declaring the result thereof.

HENRY H. DARLING,

*President Common Council.*

HORATIO COLONY, *Mayor.*

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## CITY OF KEENE,

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the Public Library.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :—

That the Joint Standing Committee on the Public Library be authorized to lease the room now occupied by the Social Union in Colony's Block until one year from the first day of May next for the use of the Public Library, provided the rent for the same shall not exceed three hundred dollars a year, and that said Committee be further authorized to employ some

person to act as Librarian at a salary not exceeding three hundred dollars a year, and also to contract with the directors of the Social Union for their occupancy of said rooms during the time aforesaid, on such terms as they may deem advantageous to the City.

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION** authorizing a contract for Lighting the Street Lamps.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows :—

That the Mayor be authorized, on behalf of the City, to enter into a contract with Edward Gustine, for lighting the Street Lamps and keeping the same in repair for one year from Jan. 1st, 1875, on the following conditions, to wit: Said Gustine shall furnish Gas and light all the Street Lamps in said City, on such nights as the moon is not visible, from one hour after sunset till ten o'clock P. M., for one year from Jan. 1st, 1875, for the sum of sixteen hundred dollars, to be paid in equal quarterly payments. Provided, should there be added more Posts, not exceeding ten in number, they shall be lighted without extra charge. The Mayor or City Marshal may, whenever they deem it necessary, light, or cause said Gustine to light the Street Lamps other than such times as hereinbefore provided; also, on special occasions, cause them to burn through the entire night-time without extra charge. All lamps shall be lighted before dark, and none extinguished before ten o'clock P. M. For furnishing and putting up new Posts and Lanterns, thirty-two dollars each, except in numbers of five or more, thirty dollars each. New Iron Posts and Lanterns for Oil, twenty-seven dollars each. Said Gustine shall keep all Posts and Lanterns in thorough repair, furnish new burners, stop cocks and glass when needed; also, alcohol for keeping the pipes free from frost, and cause all Lanterns to be thoroughly cleaned at least four times during the year, for an additional sum of two hundred dollars. Provided, should any place require new Posts or Lanterns, it shall not be included in the aforesaid sum.

A JOINT RESOLUTION appropriating money for the ensuing year.

Resolved, by the City Councils, that the following amounts be raised by taxation and appropriated for the following objects, to wit: To build and repair Highways and Bridges, seventy-five hundred dollars. For salaries of City Officers and ordinary City charges, four thousand dollars. For Fire Department, fifteen hundred dollars. For Town Paupers, three thousand dollars. For interest on Water Loan, three thousand dollars. For Public Library, five hundred dollars. For Lighting Street Lamps, eighteen hundred dollars.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the care of the City Farm.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That the Joint Standing Committee on City Farm are hereby authorized and instructed to contract with some suitable person to carry on the City Farm, and take care of the paupers at said Farm, for one year from April 1, 1875, either by leasing said Farm and other property connected with the same, and contracting for boarding said paupers at some stipulated sum per week; or to employ some person at a fixed salary, as in their opinion may be for the best interest of the City and the well-being of the paupers. In case they lease the Farm and other property, they shall require from the lessee a sufficient bond for the fulfillment of the contract.

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AN ORDINANCE providing for a Superintendent of Schools.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

SEC. 1. Immediately after the passage of this Ordinance, and in the month of March, annually, there shall be chosen by the City Councils in convention, and by joint ballot, a Superintendent of Schools, who shall hold his office until the second Tuesday of March next succeeding, and until another shall be chosen and qualified in his stead.

SEC. 2. Said Superintendent shall, as to all Schools of the

City not included in the Union School District, have all the powers and perform all the duties which are by law given to and imposed on School Committees; and said Superintendent shall furnish his annual report to the City Councils by the first day of March in each year.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to School Money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That the money required by law to be assessed in the City of Keene for support of Schools, and the portion of the Literary Fund assigned to the City, be apportioned among the School Districts in said City as follows, viz:—

Seventy-five dollars to be assigned to the several Districts for each School therein, and the remainder to be apportioned according to the number of scholars in each District respectively.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to purchasing books for the Public Library.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That the Joint Standing Committee on Public Library be authorized to complete the purchase of the list of books recommended by the Select Committee appointed for that purpose, on such terms as may seem to them advantageous to the City.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the care of the City Farm.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That the management of the City Farm shall be under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on City Farm for one year from April 1, 1875.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of Stock, Tools, &c, for the City Farm.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That the Joint Standing Committee on City Farm be authorized to purchase for the use of the City Farm such stock, tools, seed and fertilizers as they may deem necessary, not to exceed in cost the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to rent of ground occupied by the Neptune and Phoenix Engine and Hose Carriage Houses.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That the Cheshire Railroad Company be paid thirty dollars a year rent for the grounds now occupied by the Neptune and Phoenix Engine and Hose Carriage Houses, until otherwise ordered by the City Councils.

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A RESOLUTION in relation to Sewerage.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That the Joint Standing Committee on Streets, Sewers and Drains be authorized to cause a survey of the City to be made with a view to the establishment of a system of Sewerage for the City, and to employ a competent engineer for that purpose, and that the Committee be requested to report an estimate of the cost of such a system of sewers as they may recommend.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION to adopt Section One of an Act of the Legislature, passed June Session, 1875, in relation to the Appraisal of Property for the Assessment of Taxes.

Be it resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That the Provisions of Section One of the Act entitled, "An Act in amendment of an Act entitled An Act to equalize the appraisal of property for the assessment of taxes," passed June session, 1875, be, and the same are, hereby adopted.

A RESOLUTION in relation to the suit in Chancery, pending against said City.

Whereas, a suit has been commenced against the City of Keene and its Officers, in the Circuit Court for the County of Cheshire, wherein the plaintiffs seek to have the City and its Officers enjoined by said Court from taking any action under the Joint Resolution passed by the City Councils in December last, granting a gratuity to the Manchester & Keene Railroad Company, which suit is now pending. Therefore,

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, that the Mayor be directed to notify the Manchester & Keene Railroad Company of the pendency of said suit, and that in the absence of the City Solicitor, or at his request, he employ such counsel as he shall think proper to appear to said suit in behalf of said City and its said Officers, and make answer and defence to the same, provided that the City and its said Officers shall be indemnified against the expense of such defence and the costs occasioned thereby.

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A RESOLUTION for the Extension of Water Works.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That the Water Commissioners be ordered to extend the Water Works so as to supply the houses on Prospect street with water.

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A RESOLUTION in relation to Cemetery Grounds.

Resolved, by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:—

That a Joint Special Committee, consisting of two Aldermen and three Councilmen be appointed to examine the several lots of ground which have been proposed for enlarging Woodland Cemetery, or establishing a new Cemetery, and report to the City Councils what grounds they would recommend for that purpose.

F. H. KINGSBURY,

*President Common Council.*

HORATIO COLONY,

*Mayor.*











# ANNUAL REPORTS.

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## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*To the City Councils of the City of Keene:*

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures from December 1, 1874, to December 1, 1875, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the City, and the value thereof, and the amount of the City debts.

### EXPENDITURES.

*City Officers and Ordinary City Charges.*

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| A. A. Bundy, tables for Council Rooms,       | \$153 00 |
| W. W. Mason, wood,                           | 11 40    |
| J. N. Morse, printing,                       | 174 00   |
| Nelson Morse, health commissioner,           | 22 50    |
| Dr. J. Kittredge, " "                        | 20 00    |
| O. G. Dort, " "                              | 20 00    |
| E. Gustine, gas fitting, City Hall building, | 109 66   |
| W. H. Spalter, record books, &c.,            | 92 63    |
| W. A. Craig, Ward Clerk,                     | 8 10     |
| W. W. Mason, " "                             | 7 72     |
| L. Martin, teams,                            | 6 50     |
| A. R. Mason, use of room,                    | 5 00     |
| H. C. Bartholomew, sawing wood,              | 7 50     |
| L. Bridge, Jr., police services,             | 9 75     |
| W. W. Mason, " "                             | 6 75     |
| Cutter, Tower & Co., sundries,               | 7 40     |

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| F. E. Newcomb, Assessor,                        | \$37 50 |
| J. T. Danforth, Jail,                           | 26 25   |
| J. H. Smith, Selectman,                         | 5 00    |
| D. D. Britton, "                                | 5 00    |
| E. S. Foster, "                                 | 5 00    |
| R. Hyland, "                                    | 5 00    |
| Charles Abbott, "                               | 5 00    |
| William P. Abbott, "                            | 5 00    |
| T. H. Leverett, "                               | 5 00    |
| F. L. Howe, "                                   | 5 00    |
| J. W. Herrick, "                                | 5 50    |
| Geo. E. Bradford, "                             | 5 00    |
| R. B. Munsell, "                                | 5 00    |
| W. P. Chamberlain, "                            | 5 00    |
| Henry N. Stone, "                               | 5 00    |
| H. S. Martin, Ward Clerk,                       | 9 70    |
| L. C. Darling, " "                              | 5 00    |
| Edward Spaulding, " "                           | 5 00    |
| M. T. Tottingham, office furniture, signs, &c., | 171 73  |
| Amos Gale, City Marshal,                        | 75 00   |
| Amos Gale, Police Officer,                      | 879 75  |
| Jacob Staples, " " "                            | 395 75  |
| J. R. Rogers, Police services,                  | 79 87   |
| S. L. Babcock, " "                              | 15 75   |
| J. A. Cressey, " "                              | 5 62    |
| C. K. Pemberton, " "                            | 22 26   |
| C. F. Holton, City Marshal,                     | 61 34   |
| A. W. Mitchell & Co., police badges,            | 5 00    |
| Bent & Bush, police caps,                       | 21 00   |
| Wheeler & Faulkner, services.                   | 199 07  |
| H. H. Darling, Clerk of Council,                | 31 25   |
| Samuel H. Kimball, City Messenger,              | 108 00  |
| Henry S. Martin, City Clerk,                    | 262 50  |
| Horatio Colony, Mayor,                          | 236 33  |
| Frank H. Starkweather, City Clerk,              | 188 00  |
| S. L. Babcock, City Messenger,                  | 150 00  |
| L. C. Darling, Clerk of Council,                | 25 00   |
| S. Wadsworth & Co., repairing clock,            | 1 25    |
| J. & J. Berry & Co., engraving seal.            | 8 10    |
| William B. Allen, printing,                     | 42 50   |

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| Sentinel Printing Co., printing,                 | \$649 75 |
| Warren Bingham, damage to team,                  | 50 00    |
| Spaulding & Hardy, sundries,                     | 2 55     |
| Fisher & Downer,                                 | 8 42     |
| Charles Davis, wood,                             | 9 00     |
| Daniel Wright, “                                 | 9 50     |
| Thomas Cuff, sawing wood,                        | 1 50     |
| H. P. Muchmore, coal,                            | 32 73    |
| Osborn & Hale, use of Vernon Hall,               | 20 00    |
| G. H. Tilden & Co., books and stationery,        | 46 95    |
| E. C. Richards, damage to team,                  | 80 00    |
| H. A. Bodwell, “ “                               | 38 30    |
| L. Fairbrother, Overseer of Poor,                | 20 00    |
| J. Whitney, “ “                                  | 35 00    |
| S. Warren, “ “                                   | 20 00    |
| D. W. Comstock, “ “                              | 20 00    |
| Horace Adams, “ “                                | 26 50    |
| Samuel Woodward, Assessor,                       | 172 50   |
| John L. Butler, “                                | 121 25   |
| George K. Wright, “                              | 136 50   |
| Lanmon Nims, “                                   | 124 00   |
| Laton Martin, “                                  | 124 00   |
| Humphrey Machine Co.,                            | 8 50     |
| Carpenter & Shepard,                             | 12 00    |
| Henry O. Coolidge, City Treasurer,               | 50 00    |
| Farnum F. Lane, City Solicitor,                  | 30 00    |
| Keene Gas Light Company,                         | 174 16   |
| Gustine & Co., lamp posts,                       | 64 00    |
| Towne & Elwell, gas burners,                     | 6 00     |
| Geo. S. Wyman, maintaining water tank,           | 3 00     |
| William O. Wilson, repairing seats at City Hall, | 6 05     |
| E. H. Ellis & Co., work at City Hall,            | 2 95     |
| Davis, Wright & Co., gutters for City Hall,      | 25 00    |
| Joseph Evans, cleaning cellar of City Hall,      | 1 50     |
| O. Seward, trucking rubbish,                     | 7 95     |
| Mrs. Mansfield, cleaning,                        | 7 50     |
| James Donnelly, plumbing at City Hall,           | 125 80   |
| O. E. Bragg, labor at City Hall building,        | 91 00    |
| J. A. Drummer, labor on brick walk,              | 8 60     |
| A. L. Harkness, painting at City Hall,           | 50       |

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| L. C. Doolittle, insurance,                             | \$125 00   |
| Ira F. Prouty, School Committee,                        | 68 00      |
| Board of Education,                                     | 180 00     |
| Methodist Episcopal Church, use of vestry,              | 30 00      |
| Hosea Foster, fees for deposition.                      | 9 25       |
| D. W. Buckminster, affidavits,                          | 1 00       |
| C. Bridgman, sundries,                                  | 53         |
| Morrill & Silsby, record books,                         | 19 00      |
| S. Wadsworth & Co., clock,                              | 17 00      |
| E. D. Kimball, maintaining water tank,                  | 3 00       |
| O. S. Gleason, repairing City Hall building,            | 123 66     |
| George G. Sawyer, Water Commissioner,                   | 31 00      |
| Henry Colony, " "                                       | 30 00      |
| Daniel Buss, " "  | 30 00      |
| D. W. Willson, damage by sand wash,                     | 17 50      |
| Edwin R. Gerould, " "                                   | 29 17      |
| A. S. Trask, plastering and whitewashing,               | 12 75      |
| G. B. Buffum & Co.,                                     | 8 10       |
| Albert Kingsbury,                                       | 23 52      |
| Knowlton & Stone, hose, couplings, &c.,                 | 10 68      |
| George W. Sturtevant, surveying,                        | 28 00      |
| Taylor & Little. " "                                    | 53 00      |
| S. Wadsworth, cutting grass at Washington st. cemetery, | 8 00       |
| Keene Post Office,                                      | 3 00       |
| Boston Marking Company,                                 | 8 00       |
| County Commissioners, services,                         | 26 80      |
| A. R. & E. S. Foster, work at Library room,             | 34 30      |
| Taylor & Little, surveying for sewerage,                | 207 00     |
| Water in City Hall building, 11th assessment,           | 13 50      |
| " " " 12th "  | 22 05      |
| D. A. Newton, for work at City Hall,                    | 6 00       |
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|   | \$7,345 70 |
| Balance of Appropriation, Dec. 1, 1874.                 | \$ 950 58  |
| Amount appropriated by Councils.                        | 6,700 00   |
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| Total,  | \$7,650 58 |











*FIRE DEPARTMENT.*

|  |         |
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| Virgil A. Wright, Chief Engineer,          | \$30 00 |
| Leonard J. Tuttle, Assistant Engineer,     | 31 25   |
| John A. Batchelder, " "                    | 33 25   |
| William H. Babbitt, " "                    | 30 75   |
| Albert O. Fiske, " "                       | 23 25   |
| John A. Drummer, " "                       | 24 58   |
| Geo. D. Wheelock, " "                      | 30 75   |
| Eugene Symonds, Steward,                   | 16 50   |
| O. C. Graves, " "                          | 15 00   |
| E. P. Carrigan, " "                        | 20 00   |
| P. O'Leary, " "                            | 5 82    |
| Warren Abbott, " "                         | 15 00   |
| Neptune Hose Co., pay roll,                | 190 00  |
| Phoenix Hose Co. No. 4, pay roll,          | 190 00  |
| Deluge Engine and Hose Co., pay roll,      | 190 00  |
| Washington Hook and Ladder Co., pay roll,  | 190 00  |
| Sentinel Printing Company, printing,       | 19 00   |
| J. N. Morse, " "                           | 47 00   |
| J. Boyd & Sons,                            | 19 00   |
| Humphrey Machine Company,                  | 39 93   |
| Keene Gas Light Co.,                       | 26 91   |
| W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery,           | 70      |
| G. H. Tilden & Co., " "                    | 1 54    |
| C. Bridgman, refreshments,                 | 4 01    |
| A. Baker, " "                              | 3 00    |
| Davis, Wright & Co., sundries,             | 7 65    |
| Skinner, Day & Co., " "                    | 2 62    |
| Knowlton & Stone, " "                      | 3 60    |
| Spencer & Co., " "                         | 11 60   |
| F. M. Hancock, extra work at fire,         | 2 00    |
| J. B. Angell, " "                          | 2 00    |
| E. P. Curtis, for hose jackets,            | 18 00   |
| Dunbar & Whitcomb, for uniform coats,      | 26 27   |
| M. T. Tottingham, sign for hose houses,    | 9 50    |
| J. D. Taylor, work at Deluge engine house, | 17 67   |
| Albert Kingsbury, work at engine houses,   | 23 20   |
| Josiah Kingsbury, work on hydrants,        | 8 25    |
| H. W. Harvey, thawing hydrants,            | 1 50    |

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| John Higgins, thawing hydrants,         | \$5 25     |
| Freeman A. White, " "                   | 1 80       |
| L. Martin, for horses and man at fire,  | 4 00       |
| Thomas M. Edwards, for ground rent,     | 81 66      |
| Cheshire Railroad, rent of land,        | 30 00      |
| David Russell, use of horse,            | 2 00       |
| Gay & Whitecomb, paper for hose house,  | 7 57       |
| J. R. Beal, rubber coats and caps,      | 35 60      |
| S. C. Bouvier, keys for hose house,     | 2 28       |
| Howland & Son, trucking hose,           | 1 25       |
| A. L. Harkness, lettering coats,        | 2 00       |
| John Barnett, sawing wood.              | 1 50       |
| Wm. D. Cole, belt stuffing,             | 14 50      |
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|   | \$1,520 51 |
| Balance of Appropriation, Dec. 1, 1874, | \$1,375 83 |
| Amount appropriated April 1, 1875,      | 1,500 00   |
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| Total,                                  | \$2,875 83 |
| Withdrawn for ordinary charges,         | 600 00     |
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|   | \$2,275 83 |

### *HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.*

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| J. D. Colony, Superintendent,           | \$8,466 84 |
| D. W. Tenney, gravel,                   | 10 00      |
| L. Martin, scraping sidewalk,           | 1 50       |
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|   | \$8,478 34 |
| Balance of Appropriation, Dec. 1, 1874, | \$1,022 46 |
| Appropriation, April 1, 1875,           | 7,500 00   |
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| Total,                                  | \$8,522 46 |

### *LAND DAMAGES.*

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Chester Nichols,         | \$28 75  |
| Osborne & Hale,          | 37 00    |
| Crossfield & Wellington, | 1,220 00 |
| D. W. Beckley,           | 80 00    |
| Oren Shelley,            | 10 00    |





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|--------------------------|------------|
| Edward Woods,            | \$40 00    |
| Amos F. Knight,          | 1 00       |
| Joseph G. Warren,        | 1 00       |
| Timothy Kelleher,        | 7 00       |
| Patrick Hayes,           | 13 00      |
| Joseph Van Ness,         | 7 00       |
| John Harty,              | 1 00       |
| Timothy O'Connor,        | 7 00       |
| Andrew Clark,            | 1 00       |
| John L. Butler,          | 25         |
| J. E. Griffith,          | 25         |
| Estate of Patrick Doyle, | 250 00     |
| Silas Hardy,             | 27 50      |
| Alfred H. Kingsbury,     | 57 50      |
| Barzilla Richardson,     | 128 75     |
| Elisha F. Lane,          | 4 00       |
| John Blanchard,          | 1 00       |
| Henry Chapman,           | 150 00     |
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|                          | \$2,073 00 |

### *CITY FARM.*

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Benjamin V. Smith, salary,            | \$285 62 |
| Joseph Willson, services,             | 1 50     |
| A. E. Metcalf, painting,              | 9 15     |
| Wright & Wilkinson, oil,              | 75       |
| F. B. Phelps, repairing wagon,        | 2 60     |
| Faulkner & Colony, boards and sawing, | 4 35     |
| William Eastman,                      | 2 62     |
| Abner Raymond,                        | 2 62     |
| Albert Hamblet, planks,               | 4 00     |
| James H. Smith, services,             | 1 00     |
| Horace Adams, horse hire,             | 3 00     |
| Dunbar & Whitecomb, clothing,         | 7 50     |
| E. E. Clark, painting floor,          | 2 00     |
| C. Bridgman, groceries,               | 72 45    |
| Pollard & Holbrook, groceries,        | 42 74    |
| A. H. Grimes,                         | 62 05    |
| Keyes & Stratton,                     | 17 64    |

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| C. G. Shedd & Co., shoes,              | \$5 00   |
| Wilson & Spaulding, "                  | 1 00     |
| Dort & Chandler, medicine,             | 2 67     |
| Spencer & Co., sundries,               | 1 65     |
| Knowlton & Stone, sundries,            | 11 80    |
| David Russell, use of team,            | 2 25     |
| A. O. Brown, harrows,                  | 4 00     |
| G. W. Whitehouse, labor,               | 8 13     |
| E. Fuller, cow,                        | 50 00    |
| J. A. Drummer, phosphate,              | 22 30    |
| Eugene S. Ellis, services,             | 1 50     |
| C. W. Wilbur & Co.,                    | 19 00    |
| Joint Standing Committee on City Farm, | 3 25     |
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|  | \$654 14 |

*ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.*

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Lizzie Pierce, | \$173 32 |
| Susan Brooks,  | 100 87   |
| Andrew Ryder,  | 170 86   |
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|                | \$445 05 |

*REFORM SCHOOL.*

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Charles S. Ruffle,             | \$104 00 |
| Abijah H. Kingsbury,           | 104 00   |
| Mary Page,                     | 6 86     |
| Ira Withington, County pauper, | 104 00   |
| Jane N. Wilder, "              | 29 30    |
| Ida M. Ruffle, "               | 21 14    |
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|                                | \$369 30 |

*PAUPERS OFF FARM.*

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| David E. Ellis,   | \$53 86 |
| Mrs. H. H. Marsh, | 68 00   |
| Abijah Wetherbee, | 57 90   |
| William Ruffle,   | 98 38   |
| James Foley,      | 65 47   |







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| J. W. Runwell,                        | \$6 50            |
| Robert Reed,                          | 9 00              |
| Charles Burns,                        | 16 92             |
| George K. Clasby,                     | 17 84             |
| A. G. Willey,                         | 8 00              |
| J. W. Abbott,                         | 15 46             |
| Gates family, Alstead,                | 76 34             |
| E. S. Greenwood,                      | 14 40             |
| Katie Brown,                          | 13 50             |
| Mrs. O'Donnel,                        | 19 50             |
| Susan Brooks,                         | 20 90             |
| A. B. Crouch,                         | 12 50             |
| Mrs. Carroll,                         | 75 46             |
| Mrs. Hastings,                        | 6 00              |
| James Mann,                           | 1 00              |
| H. Kingsbury,                         | 5 72              |
| Mrs. Bates,                           | 5 00              |
| Mr. Bemis,                            | 2 57              |
| W. P. Wheeler, for Eunice Hall,       | 16 50             |
| Charles Baldwin,                      | 30 24             |
| David Marsh,                          | 105 00            |
| Lizzie Pierce,                        | 11 64             |
| Mrs. Duncan, Acworth,                 | 3 40              |
| Patrick Fitzpatrick,                  | 21 00             |
| Eben Cheeney,                         | 84 61             |
| James Wilson,                         | 103 00            |
| James Bartlett,                       | 44 00             |
| Herbert Ellis,                        | 6 00              |
| Mrs. C. Carey,                        | 13 50             |
| J. T. Danforth, for tramps,           | 107 00            |
| Amos Pike, “                          | 10 75             |
| L. W. Cummings, “                     | 50                |
| Blanks for use of Overseers,          | 3 00              |
| Coffin for Harmon child,              | 5 00              |
| S. A. Morse, for crossing to meadows, | 1 00              |
| C. H. Whitney, for affidavits,        | 5 00              |
| G. H. Tilden & Co., school books,     | 20 25             |
| Dort & Chandler, medicine,            | 21 25             |
| Hyland & Dort, “                      | 1 07              |
| W. W. Mason, wood,                    | 24 00             |
|                                       | <u>\$1,307 93</u> |

*COUNTY PAUPERS.*

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| John Stone,          | \$ 8 17 |
| Joseph Lemere,       | 57 10   |
| C. Shehan,           | 5 50    |
| Welcome Leanard,     | 60 00   |
| L. Champaigne,       | 72 08   |
| John Buckley,        | 87 50   |
| Mary McLaughlin,     | 47 39   |
| Isaac Sheanie,       | 57 00   |
| Thomas Keaton,       | 29 75   |
| Margaret Quinlan,    | 68 00   |
| Mrs. J. Ryan,        | 39 11   |
| Mrs. Nolan,          | 23 80   |
| Samuel Underwood,    | 3 00    |
| Mrs. Burns,          | 13 00   |
| Daniel Bunker,       | 37 75   |
| John O'Connor,       | 19 50   |
| Isaac Wilder,        | 15 50   |
| J. Langan,           | 166 28  |
| J. W. Pierce,        | 59 31   |
| William Gleason,     | 27 96   |
| Newton M. Fay,       | 38 74   |
| William King,        | 45 24   |
| Mrs. Roswell Taylor, | 52 00   |
| D. Brown,            | 6 37    |
| Mrs. Timothy Carney, | 63 93   |
| Hugh Temple,         | 53 03   |
| Mrs. Whelton,        | 5 75    |
| Ellen Lines,         | 19 50   |
| Patrick McGee,       | 18 35   |
| Gabriel Rock,        | 40 56   |
| M. Georgin,          | 9 75    |
| Johanna Russell,     | 43 46   |
| Gregory Mosier,      | 45 75   |
| Eben Cheeney,        | 19 24   |
| Ellen Lee,           | 5 87    |
| G. W. Freeman,       | 14 50   |
| J. Murray,           | 5 00    |
| C. H. Derby,         | 36 50   |
| A. Bourdache,        | 45 00   |

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Mrs. Shortall,  | \$ 3 00 |
| William Ruffle,   | 11 99   |
| Mrs. Lemory,  | 11 00   |
| Thomas Ellis,   | 4 93    |
| Arba Kidder, Sexton,  | 24 00   |
| David Russell, use of teams,                                  | 10 00   |
| Hyland & Dort, medicine,                                      | 8 19    |
| Dr. Hill, medical attendance,                                 | 52 00   |
| S. White, taking paupers to County Farm,                      | 4 50    |
| Dispensed by Overseers for fares and sundries for transients, | 66 43   |
| Augustus Buskey,  | 75      |

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|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Balance of Appropriation, Dec. 1, 1874, | \$ 855 11      |
| Appropriated by Councils,               | 4,000 00       |
| Received from County,                   | 1,604 13       |
| "    "    Alstead,                      | 61 04          |
| "    "    Swanzey,                      | 12 50          |
| "    "    Acworth,                      | 3 40           |
| Rebatement of Orders,                   | 15 00          |
|   | <hr/> 6,551 18 |

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*SCHOOLS.*

|                                   | Appropriation.    | Expended.         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| District No. 1,                   | \$9,346 05        | \$6,500 00        |
| "    2,                           | 287 90            | 125 00            |
| "    3,                           | 194 00            | 135 00            |
| "    4,                           | 156 40            | 156 40            |
| "    5,                           | 162 66            | 50 00             |
| "    6,                           | 175 19            | 65 00             |
| "    7,                           | 162 66            | 162 66            |
| "    8,                           | 118 83            |                   |
| "    9,                           | 181 45            | 181 45            |
| "    10,                          | 356 78            | 160 00            |
| "    11,                          | 150 14            | 98 00             |
| Marlboro' District,               | 18 78             | 18 78             |
|                                   | <hr/> \$11,310 84 | <hr/> \$7,652 29  |
| Balance in Treasury, Dec. 1, '74, | 4,793 33          | 4,793 33          |
|                                   | <hr/> \$16,104 17 | <hr/> \$12,445 62 |

## UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Am't assessed for building school house, | \$10,000 00 |
| Paid Building Committee,                 | \$9,000 00  |

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Amount assessed for building fence, &c., | \$40 00 |
| Paid Charles Abbott, Committee,          | \$40 00 |

*PUBLIC LIBRARY.*

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| W. H. Spalter & Co.,       | \$695 11 |
| H. Vincent Butler,         | 84 00    |
| Sentinel Printing Company, | 190 25   |
| Keene Gas Light Company,   | 6 08     |
| Howland & Son,             | 5 00     |
|                            | <hr/>    |
|                            | \$980 44 |

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Amount of Appropriation, 1874,  | \$500 00  |
| Appropriated by Councils, 1875, | 500 00    |
|                                 | <hr/>     |
|                                 | \$1000 00 |

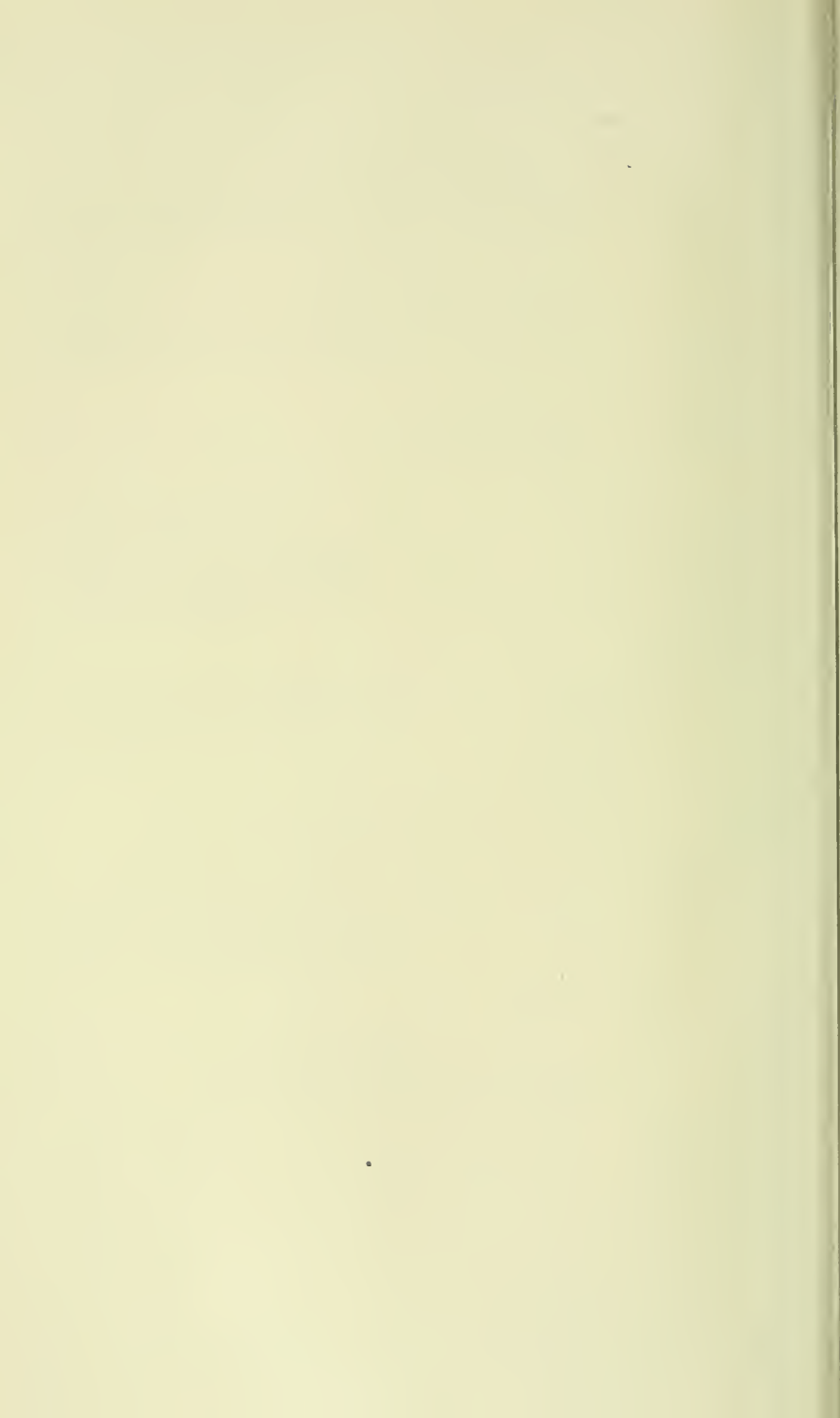
*LIGHTING STREET LAMPS.*

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| E. Gustine & Co.,                       | \$1,900 00 |
| Balance of Appropriation, Dec. 1, 1874, | \$350 00   |
| Appropriated by City Councils,          | 2,000 00   |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$2,350 00 |

*MINISTERIAL FUND.*

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| W. H. Eaton,        | \$27 35  |
| W. O. White,        | 27 35    |
| D. J. Murphy,       | 27 35    |
| Cyrus Richardson,   | 27 35    |
| J. A. Leach,        | 27 35    |
| G. W. Brown,        | 27 35    |
| D. J. Smith,        | 27 35    |
|                     | <hr/>    |
| Amount of Interest, | \$191 45 |











*SIMMONS FUND.*

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Eben Cheeney,                | \$20 00  |
| Ann Cumings,                 | 24 00    |
| Maria L. Hastings,           | 12 00    |
| Rosalinda M. Brown,          | 14 00    |
|                              | <hr/>    |
|                              | \$70 00  |
| Balance, December 1st, 1874, | \$66 00  |
| Amount of Interest, 1875,    | 60 00    |
|                              | <hr/>    |
|                              | \$126 00 |

*TOWN DEBT.*

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Interest on Water Loan,         | \$8,733 00 |
| Appropriation by City Councils, | \$3,000 00 |
| Town Bonds and Interest,        | \$3,131 00 |
| No appropriation.               |            |

*RECAPITULATION.*

## RECEIPTS.

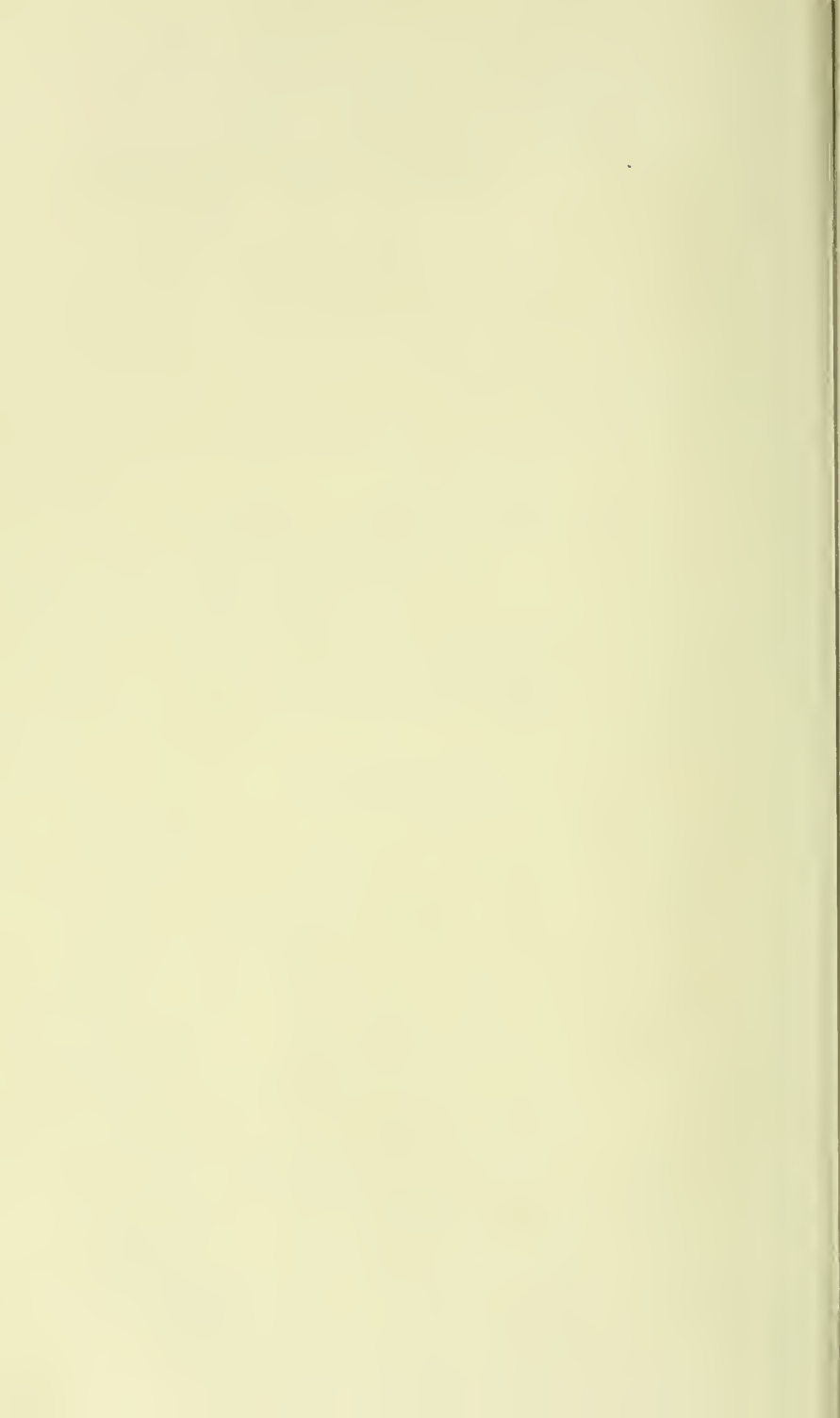
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|---|------------|
| Balance in Treasury, December 1, 1874,  | \$7,711 23 |
| Dog Fund,                               | 252 00     |
| Received from Collector, 1873,          | 700 00     |
| “ “ 1874,                               | 10,400 00  |
| “ “ 1875,                               | 44,900 00  |
| Received from County on pauper account, | 1,604 13   |
| “ Alstead “ “                           | 61 04      |
| “ Swanzey “ “                           | 12 50      |
| “ Acworth “ “                           | 3 40       |
| “ rebatement of orders, pauper account, | 15 00      |
| “ for licenses,                         | 10 00      |
| “ Savings Bank tax,                     | 7,130 51   |
| “ Railroad tax,                         | 4,067 02   |
| “ Literary Fund,                        | 535 78     |
| “ Insurance tax,                        | 162 75     |
| “ Interest on State bonds,              | 732 00     |

|          |   |             |
|----------|---|-------------|
| Received | 10th assessment. Water Works,               | \$ 837 81   |
| "        | 11th " " "                                  | 3,122 66    |
| "        | 12th " " "                                  | 4,029 06    |
| "        | for connections sold,                       | 54 37       |
| "        | from E. Farrar, Police Court fines,         | 194 00      |
| "        | H. S. Martin. City Hall store rents,        | 405 00      |
| "        | " " water and pipe rent,                    | 11 00       |
| "        | " " am't refunded on order.                 | 12 98       |
| "        | " " for produce from Farm,                  | 18 52       |
| "        | F. H. Starkweather, City Hall store rents,  | 1,650 00    |
| "        | " " water and pipe rent,                    | 21 80       |
| "        | " " ground rent,                            | 15 00       |
| "        | C. Piper, Jr., for Library catalogues sold, | 100 00      |
| "        | Amos Gale, jail fees,                       | 190 75      |
| "        | S. H. Kimball, rent of Hall,                | 111 00      |
| "        | S. L. Babcock, "                            | 354 00      |
| "        | O. D. Pratt, for use of Reservoir,          | 125 00      |
| "        | for cow and produce sold at City Farm,      | 65 33       |
| "        | note of E. Burr & Co., for cattle,          | 247 40      |
|          |   | <hr/>       |
|          |   | \$89,773 04 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| State tax,               | \$12,236 00 |
| County tax,              | 7,338 35    |
| Fire Department,         | 1,520 51    |
| Ordinary City charges,   | 7,345 70    |
| Highways and Bridges,    | 8,478 34    |
| Ministerial Fund,        | 191 45      |
| Simmons Fund,            | 70 00       |
| City paupers,            | 1,962 07    |
| County paupers,          | 1,663 03    |
| Interest on Water Loan,  | 8,733 00    |
| Public Library,          | 980 44      |
| Lighting street lamps,   | 1,900 00    |
| Town bonds and interest, | 3,131 00    |
| Land Damages,            | 2,073 00    |
| Schools,                 | 12,445 62   |
| Insane Asylum,           | 445 05      |
| Reform School,           | 369 30      |
| Repairs on Water Works,  | 821 31      |





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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Extension of Water Works,         | \$1,190 37  |
| Union School District,            | 9,000 00    |
| School District No. 6,            | 40 00       |
| Damage to sheep by dogs,          | 15 00       |
| Outstanding orders of 1874, paid, | 1,442 35    |
|                                   | <hr/>       |
|                                   | \$83,391 89 |

## ASSETS, DECEMBER 1, 1875.

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Cash Assets,              | \$6,355 65  |
| Balance Dog Fund, 1874,   | 237 00      |
| State bonds on hand,      | 12,200 00   |
| Due from Collector. 1873, | 2,200 00    |
| “ “ 1874,                 | 1,614 00    |
| “ “ 1875,                 | 21,273 62   |
| “ Water Works,            | 64 81       |
|                           | <hr/>       |
|                           | \$43,945 08 |

## INDEBTEDNESS.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Town Bonds,                                    | \$17,700 00 |
| Town Note,                                     | 200 00      |
| Unpaid Orders,                                 | 211 50      |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$18,111 50 |
| Balance of assets over and above indebtedness, | \$25,833 58 |

## SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CITY.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| City Hall Building,                            | \$25,000 00 |
| Furniture in same,                             | 800 00      |
| City Farm,                                     | 2,300 00    |
| Personal Property on Farm,                     | 1,062 85    |
| Fire Dep't engines, hose-carriages, hose, &c., | 10,000 00   |
| Liquors at City Agency,                        | 526 03      |
| Lawn-mower, hose, rakes, &c.,                  | 30 00       |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$39,718 88 |

We have examined the Treasurer's books and those of the City Clerk, and find that all the payments therein recorded

are duly authenticated by appropriate vouchers, and that the several items are correctly cast.

HORATIO COLONY,  
R. STEWART,  
WM. DINSMOOR,  
W. H. KNOWLTON,  
*Committee on Finance.*

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*To the City Councils of the City of Keene:*

The Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the ensuing financial year, and recommend that the same be raised by taxation, viz :

|  |                 |   |
|--|-----------------|---|
| To build and repair highways and bridges,            | \$7,000 00      |   |
| Salaries of City Officers and Ordinary City charges, | 5,500 00        | — |
| For Fire Department,                                 | 1,700 00        | — |
| City paupers,  | 1,500 00        | — |
| Interest on water loan,                              | 3,000 00        |   |
| Public Library,                                      | 500 00          | — |
| Lighting street lamps,                               | <u>1,800 00</u> | — |

And for the support of schools and State and County taxes,  
the amounts required by law. 21,500 00

HORATIO COLONY,  
R. STEWART,  
WM. DINSMOOR,  
W. H. KNOWLTON,  
*Committee on Finance.*



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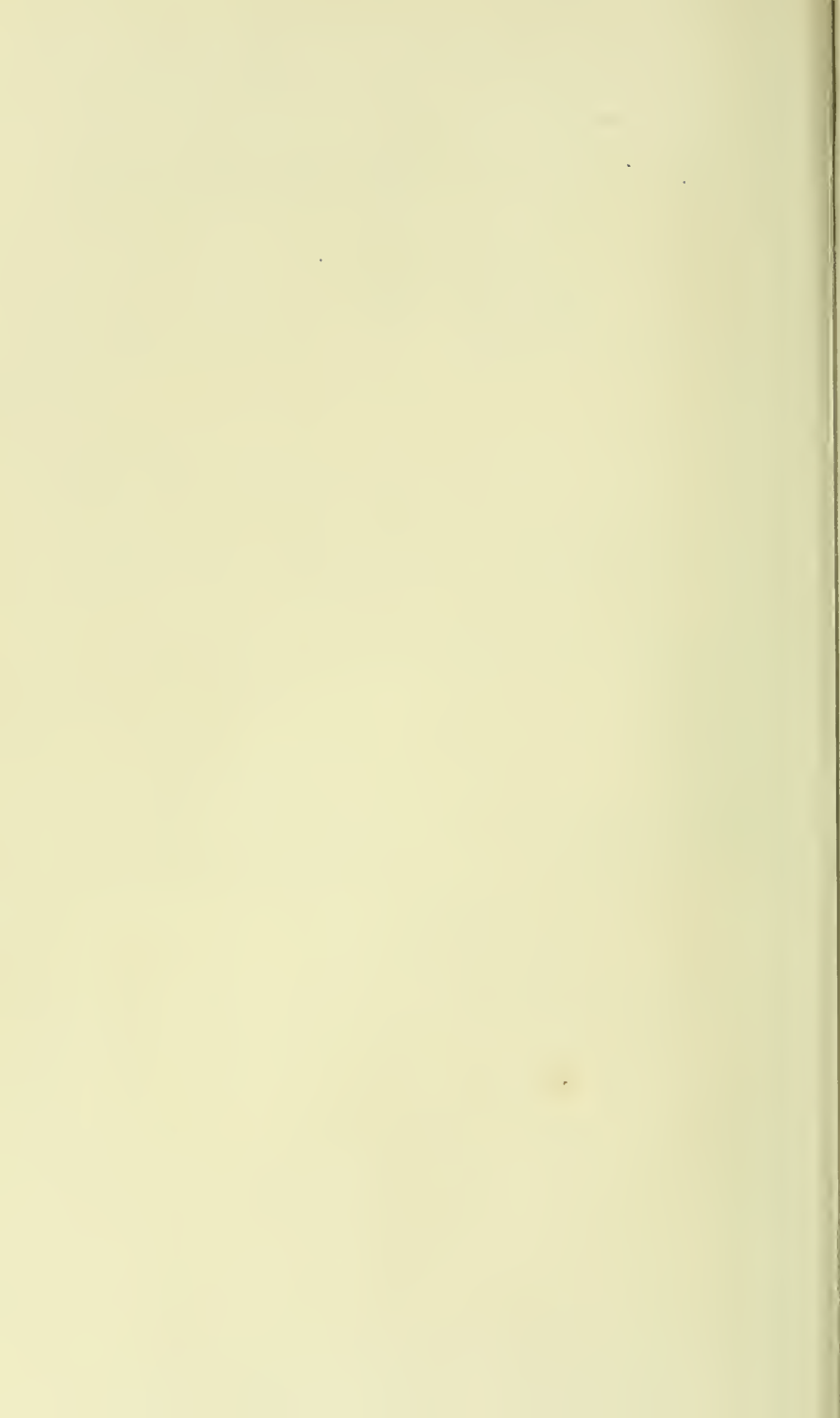
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## Report of the Superintendent of Highways.

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KEENE, December 1, 1875.

*To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Keene:—*

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my Report of the Highway Department for the year ending November 30, 1875.

From various causes, the expenditures have been large. The expense of breaking roads and for plowing snow from sidewalks during the Winter and Spring, was very large, and it was with difficulty that the roads could be kept in a passable condition. Repairs on Beaver Brook road, as usual, have been quite large, and it will always be an expensive road, as the material for repairing has to be hauled a long distance. It is now in very good condition. The amount expended on the South Keene roads has been large, but much less than the amount expended last year, and a less sum will be required to keep them in good repair the coming year. Expensive repairs have been made on Court, Main, Washington and Winchester streets, by covering the wet portions with Branch gravel. This is the best material we have for repairing our wet streets, and nearly double the amount has been used this year over any previous year. No doubt the coming year it will be extended on Main street to cover the remaining wet portion, the expense of which will be about \$150.00. The hill on the Swanzey road south of the Stone Bridge, has been graded and covered with gravel, and the remainder of the road from D. W. Robinson's to Swanzey line has been thoroughly repaired. A large amount of work has been done on Elm and Pearl streets. In addition to other repairs, a new bridge with stone abutments has been built on each, to take the place of

culverts, which were too small for the amount of water in the streams to pass through. Quite expensive repairs have been made on Dunbar, Roxbury, Water and West streets. Also, repairs have been made on various other streets, as will be seen by table annexed. Several new streets have been built, sidewalks repaired, and new ones made; but further repairs will be needed. It is difficult finding a good material for sidewalks. Many of the walks are good when dry, but *miry* when wet. Branch gravel, not very coarse, makes a good walk, but not desirable until it becomes hard and smooth. The repairs of bridges, and the construction of new ones, have been expensive. Three new bridges, with stone abutments, have been built; six new timbered and new planked; three new planked, and repairs on several others have been made. The Spring freshet carried off the Branch bridge near the Esty mill, and removed a portion of the stone abutments. The timber and plank were nearly all saved. The expense of repairs cost about fifty dollars, which is included in the bill of Charles Eveleth for repairing highways.

Repairing sewers has been quite a large item in the expenditures; also the building of new culverts and repairing old ones. Most of the sewers and culverts that have been repaired have been enlarged and made much better than when new, and as good as they can be made with the poor material used in their construction. Paving of gutters with cobble stone has been introduced this year, and 1580 feet in length by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide have been paved on Church, Roxbury and Beaver streets. In many localities the paving is much better than drain pipes or culverts. No doubt more of this kind of work will be done on other streets the coming year. The following improvements need to be made: the grading of Main street, from Central Square to the railroad crossing; Marlboro' street, at "Cole's Hill," widening and cutting down. It would improve the grade very much, and widen the street from 18 feet, the present width, to 28 feet. A large part of the surplus cutting over the filling will be wanted to fill and grade for a sidewalk from Eastern avenue, on the north side of Marlboro' street, to some six rods west of Beaver Brook bridge. The abutments of the bridge will need extending to the north line of the street. The sum estimated by the Fi-

nance Committee necessary to be raised to build and repair highways and bridges (\$7,000.00) will be sufficient to make these and all other necessary improvements and repairs, and build all new streets that will be required. The accompanying tables and statements show the amount of money received and expended. The expenditures are also classified, to show the cost of each different kind of work.

## Cash Account, Dec. 1, 1875.

### AMOUNT RECEIVED.

|          |  |      |            |
|----------|--|------|------------|
| 1874.    |  |      |            |
| Dec. 31. | Rec'd of Moses Ellis & Co., old plow points, | \$ 3 | 40         |
| "        | " H. O. Coolidge, City Treasurer,            | 46   | 80         |
| 1875.    |  |      |            |
| Jan. 6.  | Received of H. O. Coolidge, City Treasurer,  | 500  | 00         |
| May 4.   | " G. W. Tilden,                              | "    | 504 66     |
| "        | " " " " "                                    | "    | 237 95     |
| June 13. | " " " " "                                    | "    | 948 69     |
| July 6.  | " " " " "                                    | "    | 1,486 90   |
| "        | " " " " "                                    | "    | 250 00     |
| Aug. 11. | " " " " "                                    | "    | 835 15     |
| Sept. 7. | " " " " "                                    | "    | 990 62     |
| Oct. 4.  | " " " " "                                    | "    | 1,092 35   |
| Nov. 5.  | " " " " "                                    | "    | 1,000 59   |
| Nov. 19. | " " " " "                                    | "    | 125 00     |
| "        | " Moses Ellis & Co., old plow points,        | 3    | 50         |
| Nov. 30. | " G. W. Tilden, City Treasurer,              | 448  | 13         |
|          |  |      | \$8,473 74 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| John L. Butler, bill sand,                       | \$10 00 |
| J. C. Field, bill stone.                         | 1 60    |
| L. Bridge, Jr., two days with team,              | 10 00   |
| " use of stone boat,                             | 1 50    |
| " filing saw and sawing down tree,               | 75      |
| Charles Eveleth, error in bill of Nov. 30, 1874, | 2 00    |
| M. S. Buckminster, bill stone,                   | 1 50    |
| David B. Stearns, repairing bridge,              | 2 75    |

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|--|--------|
| Geo. H. Tilden, land rent,   | \$5 00 |
| Faulkner & Colony, bill lumber,  | 4 98   |
| A. G. Nims, repairing Daniel Thompson road,  | 5 00   |
| Horse and buggy to carry men to work on<br>Beaver Brook road,                        | 3 00   |
| Postage,   | 62     |
| D. W. Tenney, bill gravel,   | 1 50   |
| J. D. Colony, salary for 1874,   | 500 00 |
| Hugh Temple, shoveling snow,   | 1 00   |
| Patrick Mulvee, " "  | 1 00   |
| M. King, " "   | 50     |
| J. W. Raymond, cutting ice,  | 2 50   |
| L. M. Adams, " "   | 2 50   |
| Wm. A. Barrett, " "  | 4 00   |
| Wm. Winn, labor,   | 11 85  |
| M. Connell, "  | 7 05   |
| F. Fairbanks, "  | 1 00   |
| John Lawrence, bill breaking roads,  | 10 00  |
| S. Gurler, " "   | 5 00   |
| J. H. Smith, " "   | 71 20  |
| A. H. Hamblett, " and snowing<br>bridge,   | 54 45  |
| E. N. Gunn, " "  | 10 50  |
| Howland & Son, bill plowing snow from<br>sidewalks,                                  | 32 00  |
| I. Curtis, bill breaking roads,  | 27 75  |
| C. Abbott, bill "  | 12 75  |
| J. W. Nye, bill " and cutting ice,   | 4 65   |
| J. Kingsbury, bill plowing snow from<br>sidewalks,                                   | 13 25  |
| I. J. Prouty, " " "  | 12 00  |
| E. D. Kimball, bill breaking roads,  | 13 30  |
| Daniel Darling, " "  | 25 00  |
| S. A. Towne, " "   | 23 00  |
| J. H. Robbins, bill breaking roads and<br>cutting ice,                               | 22 76  |
| T. Grimes, repairing road from his house to<br>Chesterfield road,                    | 4 00   |
| L. Martin, bill plowing snow from sidewalks,   | 18 00  |
| L. Bridge, Jr., bill breaking roads, cutting ice<br>and work on culverts and drains, | 68 50  |

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|---|---------|
| D. B. Stearns, bill breaking roads,                       | \$ 2 50 |
| Nourse & Dean, bill covering stone for culvert,           | 25 65   |
| D. Woodward, bill breaking roads,                         | 17 00   |
| Labor pay roll for April,                                 | 47 80   |
| Team work for April,                                      | 117 00  |
| H. T. H. Pierce, bill plowing snow from side-<br>walks,   | 32 50   |
| H. L. Goodnow, " " "                                      | 20 75   |
| Miles Davis, breaking roads,                              | 7 50    |
| George F. Starkweather, bill gravel,                      | 12 40   |
| Labor pay roll for May,                                   | 182 65  |
| Team work "   | 296 55  |
| A. H. Hamblet, repairing drain,                           | 1 00    |
| John Lawrence, Beech Hill road,                           | 42 30   |
| Bemis & Russell, bill gravel and loam,                    | 15 00   |
| J. W. Raymond, bill cutting ice,                          | 3 70    |
| M. Gorman, " "  | 1 00    |
| P. McGee, labor,  | 50      |
| George F. Starkweather, bill gravel,                      | 15 50   |
| J. L. Butler, bill sand,                                  | 13 00   |
| S. Nourse, bill breaking roads and repairing<br>highways, | 44 00   |
| J. R. Livermore, building culvert,                        | 37 50   |
| Faulkner & Colony, bill lumber,                           | 47 03   |
| Knowlton & Stone, bill hardware,                          | 31 86   |
| Wm. H. Brooks, bill blacksmithing,                        | 2 25    |
| Hope Mills, bill lumber,                                  | 57 18   |
| Calvin Benton, bill South Keene Roads.                    | 157 67  |
| Labor pay roll for June,                                  | 301 88  |
| Team work "   | 429 00  |
| J. Lawrence, Beech Hill road,                             | 22 20   |
| Charles Abbott, Old Walpole Road,                         | 29 87   |
| E. D. Kimball, from Surry road to Gilsun<br>line,         | 32 75   |
| E. N. Gunn,   | 17 25   |
| H. D. Dickinson, Old Westmoreland road,                   | 32 00   |
| B. V. Smith, road to City farm,                           | 9 00    |
| C. B. Billings, bill snowing bridge,                      | 9 00    |
| J. W. Nye, Middle road, Beech Hill,                       | 22 45   |
| Miles Davis, North " "                                    | 90 03   |

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|---|---------|
| A. I. Esty, bill repairing road scraper,                      | \$ 4 75 |
| I. Curtis, old Westmoreland road,                             | 72 00   |
| S. Gurler, new Walpole road,                                  | 46 50   |
| J. R. Livermore, Pearl street bridge,                         | 78 33   |
| George F. Starkweather, bill gravel,                          | 32 90   |
| C. Pressler, bill sand,                                       | 9 90    |
| I. Rand, bill sand,   | 8 50    |
| S. A. Towne, from his house to Durrell's                      | 29 92   |
| J. Lahiff,  | 11 25   |
| C. Benton, South Keene roads,                                 | 21 35   |
| Knowlton & Stone, bill hardware.                              | 4 25    |
| J. H. Robbins, Chesterfield road,                             | 102 48  |
| Faulkner & Colony, bill lumber,                               | 69 34   |
| Labor pay roll for July,                                      | 338 00  |
| Team work " "   | 282 50  |
| W. & A. E. Metcalf, bill cutting ice and rail-<br>ing poles,  | 12 85   |
| W. B. Allen, printing blanks,                                 | 1 75    |
| James H. Smith, roads in west part,                           | 92 86   |
| Faulkner & Colony, bill lumber,                               | 16 49   |
| Knowlton & Stone, bill hardware,                              | 6 10    |
| J. L. Butler, bill sand,                                      | 3 60    |
| D. B. Stearns, road from his house to Chester-<br>field road, | 23 50   |
| Bemis & Russell, gravel delivered,                            | 57 50   |
| J. D. Colony, salary,   | 250 00  |
| Labor pay roll for August,                                    | 297 90  |
| Team work " "   | 276 25  |
| C. Evleth, road East side of branch,                          | 85 50   |
| I. Rand, bill sand,   | 3 50    |
| C. Benton, South Keene roads,                                 | 21 20   |
| Faulkner & Colony, bill lumber,                               | 112 95  |
| Knowlton & Stone, bill hardware,                              | 34 07   |
| C. Randall, east and west Surry roads,                        | 52 73   |
| Bemis & Russell, gravel delivered,                            | 34 50   |
| A. R. & E. S. Foster, bill lumber and labor,                  | 72 02   |
| Labor pay roll for September,                                 | 310 20  |
| Team work, " "  | 471 50  |
| J. Kingsbury, labor,  | 80      |
| L. B. Page, bill gravel,                                      | 2 00    |



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|---|---------|
| E. D. Kimball,  | \$21 50 |
| Faulkner & Colony, bill lumber,                           | 26 73   |
| Knowlton & Stone, bill hardware,                          | 4 98    |
| A. R. & E. S. Foster, bill lumber,                        | 27 60   |
| J. R. Livermore, stone work and planking<br>bridge,       | 101 00  |
| J. L. Butler, bill sand,                                  | 14 40   |
| Gay & Whitecomb, bill painting,                           | 26 14   |
| Miles Davis, Beech Hill road,                             | 63 00   |
| H. D. Dickinson, old Westmoreland road,                   | 22 50   |
| Labor pay roll for October,                               | 261 30  |
| Team work " "   | 445 05  |
| Lewis Bridge, railing poles,                              | 15 57   |
| J. Graves, road to his house,                             | 10 00   |
| Geo. W. Buckminster, trucking,                            | 50      |
| D. W. Robinson, Branch gravel,                            | 62 40   |
| C. W. Wilcox, bog hoe handle,                             | 35      |
| Orlando Seward, hauling stone,                            | 50      |
| C. W. & F. G. Waldo, bill blacksmithing,                  | 5 40    |
| John Lawrence, Beech Hill roads,                          | 57 00   |
| Bemis & Russell, gravel delivered,                        | 25 50   |
| C. Randall, east Surry road,                              | 11 45   |
| C. Benton, South Keene roads,                             | 99 74   |
| Knowlton & Stone, bill hardware,                          | 5 83    |
| Labor pay roll for November,                              | 130 65  |
| Team work " "   | 121 50  |
| C. Abbott, old Walpole road,                              | 6 25    |
| Geo. W. Ball, old timber,                                 | 3 50    |
| N. G. Woodbury, bill gravel,                              | 12 60   |
| Wm. Dickinson, " "  | 8 40    |
| Geo. F. Starkweather, " "                                 | 6 10    |
| J. L. Butler, bill sand,                                  | 9 15    |
| Geo. Holmes, bill blacksmithing,                          | 23 87   |
| Faulkner & Colony, bill lumber,                           | 57 41   |
| Knowlton & Stone, bill hardware,                          | 2 48    |
| C. Pressler, bill sand,                                   | 6 90    |
| Keyes & Stratton, bill grass seed,                        | 79      |
| Orlando Seward, trucking,                                 | 70      |
| F. D. Reed, repairing highway,                            | 10 00   |
| E. Gustine, repairing road from railroad to<br>gas works, | 10 00   |

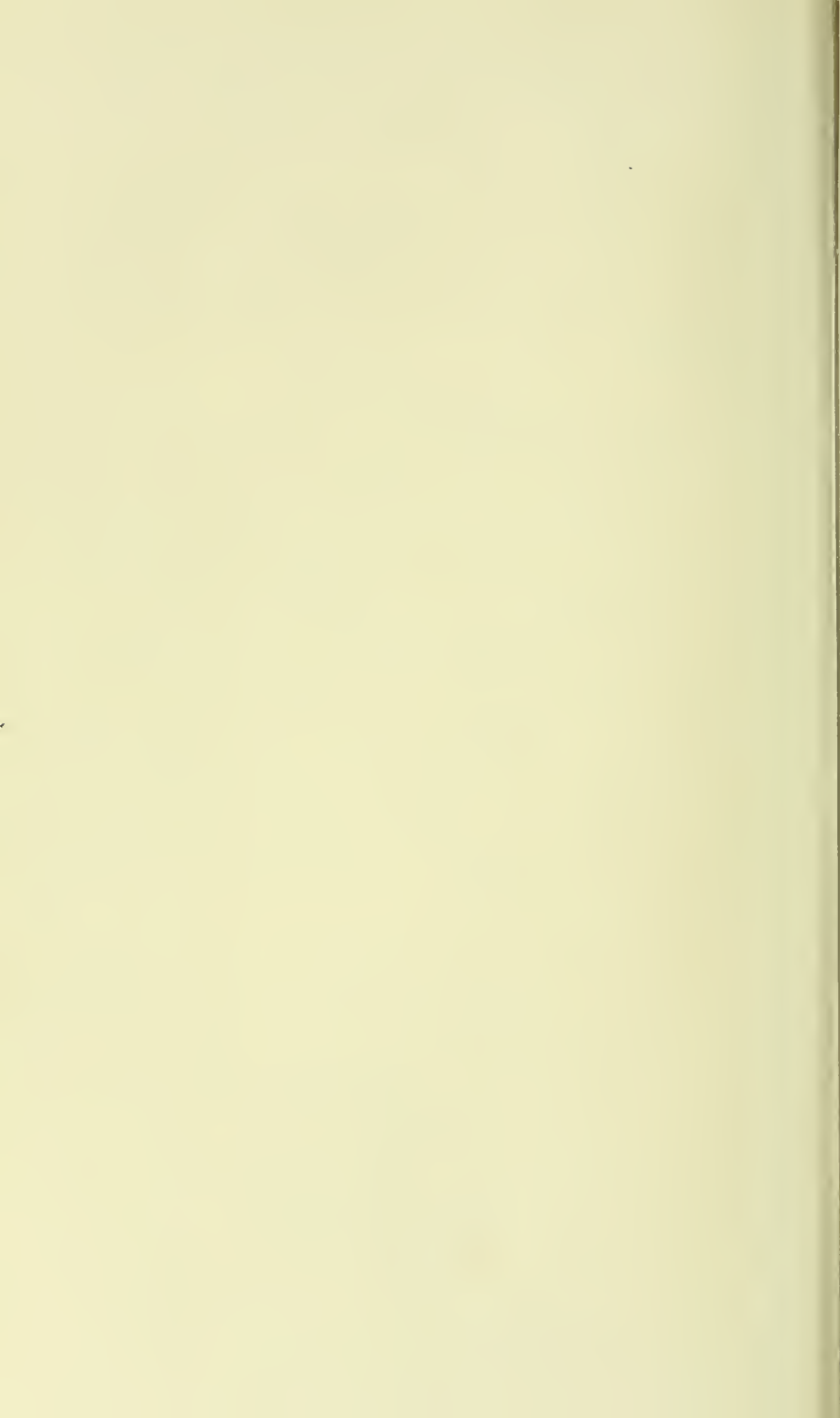
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|---|------------|
| I. Rand, bill sand,                     | \$ 2 88    |
| L. Bridge, Jr., oak plank and oil.      | 4 20       |
| C. S. Coburn, filing saws,              | 1 25       |
| Bemis & Russell, bill gravel delivered, | 33 00      |
| J. D. Colony, salary,                   | 125 00     |
|   | \$8.473 74 |

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*REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.*

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| C. Randall, east road to Surry,                                  | \$32 68 |
| “ west “   | 31 50   |
| David B. Stearns, road from his house to<br>Chesterfield road.   | 26 25   |
| John Lawrence, Beech Hill,                                       | 121 50  |
| Sewell Gurler, new Westmoreland road,                            | 46 50   |
| James H. Smith, from Durrell's to Swanzey<br>line and West Hill, | 92 86   |
| E. N. Gunn, road from his house to West-<br>moreland road,       | 17 25   |
| I. Curtis, old Westmoreland road,                                | 72 00   |
| Charles Abbott, old Walpole road,                                | 36 12   |
| John W. Nye, Beech Hill,   | 22 45   |
| E. D. Kimball, from Surry road to Gilsum<br>line,                | 54 25   |
| Sam'l A. Towne, from his house to Durrell's,                     | 21 67   |
| John H. Robbins, Chesterfield road,                              | 102 48  |
| Thomas Grimes, from Chesterfield road to<br>his house,           | 4 00    |
| Miles Davis, Beech Hill and Concord road,                        | 153 03  |
| Sylvester Nourse, Beech Hill,                                    | 30 00   |
| H. D. Dickinson, old Westmoreland road,                          | 54 50   |
| B. V. Smith, road to City Farm,                                  | 9 00    |
| Charles Eveleth, Branch road,                                    | 85 50   |
| A. G. Nims, Daniel Thompson road,                                | 5 00    |
| Road from D. W. Robinson's to Swanzey line,                      | 221 50  |
| Road from Bridge place to Sullivan line,                         | 27 00   |
| Chapman road,  | 36 00   |
| Swanzey road, from Factory road to Swanzey<br>line,              | 10 50   |





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|---|------------|
| South Keene roads,                                | 389 62     |
| Beaver Brook road,                                | 377 10     |
| F. D. Reed, from old Walpole road to his<br>farm, | 10 00      |
| E. Gustine, road to Gas Works,                    | 10 00      |
|   | \$2,100 26 |

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*REPAIRS OF STREETS.*

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Beaver street,           | 38 25  |
| Baker “                  | 13 50  |
| Court “ to Stone Bridge, | 392 20 |
| Church “                 | 12 50  |
| Carroll “                | 13 00  |
| Castle “                 | 2 25   |
| Colorado “               | 10 00  |
| Dunbar “                 | 86 75  |
| Dover “                  | 40 00  |
| Davis “                  | 13 00  |
| Elm “                    | 196 25 |
| Eastern Avenue,          | 28 50  |
| Franklin street,         | 3 00   |
| Harrison “               | 37 55  |
| Lincoln “                | 17 50  |
| Mechanic “               | 25 50  |
| Middle “                 | 26 25  |
| Main “                   | 397 20 |
| North “                  | 25 50  |
| Pearl “                  | 145 30 |
| Pleasant “               | 7 50   |
| Pine “                   | 6 50   |
| Roxbury “                | 107 55 |
| Railroad “               | 40 50  |
| Reservoir “              | 10 50  |
| Summer “                 | 26 00  |
| Spring “                 | 20 00  |
| Spruce “                 | 8 00   |
| Vernon “                 | 24 50  |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Winchester street to Swanzey line,     | \$197 18   |
| Water " "                              | 74 50      |
| Washington " and to W. H. Trask's,     | 206 74     |
| West " "                               | 127 50     |
| Street from Church to Railroad Street, | 24 00      |
| " North of Glass Factory lot,          | 10 75      |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$2,415 72 |

*CONSTRUCTION OF NEW  
STREETS.*

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Prospect street,                             | \$175 00 |
| Seymour " "                                  | 93 00    |
| Vernon " extension,                          | 140 25   |
| Kellehea " "                                 | 9 00     |
| Street from Roxbury street to Church street, | 28 75    |
| " Court " Middle "                           | 40 50    |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$486 50 |

*SIDEWALKS.*

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Beaver street, | \$13 00 |
| Court " "      | 41 25   |
| Cross " "      | 7 50    |
| Church " "     | 5 00    |
| Carroll " "    | 6 50    |
| Davis " "      | 2 00    |
| Dunbar " "     | 25 00   |
| Elm " "        | 5 00    |
| Elliot " "     | 7 50    |
| Emerald " "    | 7 50    |
| Franklin " "   | 7 00    |
| Grove " "      | 5 50    |
| Harrison " "   | 34 65   |
| Main " "       | 30 00   |
| Marlboro' " "  | 26 00   |







|            |   |          |
|------------|---|----------|
| Madison    | “ | \$ 3 00  |
| Roxbury    | “ | 28 00    |
| Pearl      | “ | 12 50    |
| Spring     | “ | 4 00     |
| Union      | “ | 4 50     |
| Vernon,    | “ | 22 50    |
| Winchester | “ | 71 00    |
| Washington | “ | 66 88    |
| Water      | “ | 67 75    |
|            |   | <hr/>    |
|            |   | \$503 53 |

### *BRIDGES.*

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Water street bridge,                           | \$59 47 |
| East bridge on Baker street,                   | 12 00   |
| West “ “                                       | 16 53   |
| New bridge on Pearl street, stone abutments,   | 101 35  |
| Ash Swamp meadow road bridge,                  | 13 46   |
| New bridge on Elm street, stone abutments,     | 43 50   |
| East bridge, near Joseph Wilson's mill,        | 31 54   |
| West Bridge, near Joseph Wilson's mill,        | 18 50   |
| Beaver street bridge,                          | 38 50   |
| Bridge on Ralston street,                      | 10 16   |
| Bridge near Horace Hamblet's, stone abutments, | 123 33  |
| Bridge near Elijah Blake's,                    | 17 26   |
| Repairs on sundry other bridges,               | 19 00   |
| <hr/>  |         |
| \$504 60                                       |         |

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Railings,                        | 85 87  |
| Plank drains,                    | 139 63 |
| Central Park,                    | 15 25  |
| Repairing sewers,                | 272 92 |
| Building and repairing culverts, | 202 18 |
| Paving gutters,                  | 142 50 |
| Painting railings,               | 26 14  |
| Postage,                         | 62     |
| Printing blanks,                 | 1 75   |

|  |          |            |
|--|----------|------------|
| Breaking roads and cutting ice,                  | \$429 96 |            |
| Plowing snow from sidewalks,                     | 128 50   |            |
| J. D. Colony, salary for 1874,                   | 500 00   |            |
| “ “ the three quarters<br>ending Sept. 30, 1875, | 375 00   |            |
| New tools,                                       | 44 09    |            |
| Repairing tools,                                 | 61 62    |            |
| Filling wells,                                   | 32 10    |            |
| Land rent,                                       | 5 00     |            |
|  |          | <hr/>      |
|  |          | \$2,463 13 |
|  |          | <hr/>      |
|  |          | \$8,473 74 |

|                               |            |
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| Unexpended Dec. 1, 1874,      | \$1,022 46 |
| Appropriation,                | 7,500 00   |
| Received for old plow points, | 6 90       |

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\$8,529 36

Expenditures, 8,473 74

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\$ 55 62

The following bills do not appear in the Statement, as they were presented to the City Clerk and have been paid :

|   |        |         |
|---|--------|---------|
| Laton Martin, plowing snow from sidewalks,        | \$1 50 |         |
| D. W. Tenney, for gravel had by the Town in 1871, | 10 00  |         |
|   |        | <hr/>   |
|   |        | 11 50   |
|   |        | <hr/>   |
| Unexpended,                                       |        | \$44 12 |

The following is a list of tools on hand :—

1 large road scraper, 1 small road scraper, 2 iron scrapers, 2 plows, 2 iron bars, 1 large and 1 small stone hammer, 1 paving hammer, 2 drills, 5 round point shovels, 7 square point shovels, 2 hoes, 1 bog hoe, 6 picks, 2 axes, 1 branding iron, 1 cold chisel, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 saw.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. COLONY,

*Superintendent of Highways.*





# KEENE WATER WORKS.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT,

December 1st, 1875.

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The Superintendent of Keene Water Works would respectfully submit the following report :

On assuming the superintendence, Feb. 2, he found the Works in very good running condition, with the exception of many supplies and some of the mains frozen by the long continued cold and the open ground during the first of the winter, and, as a natural consequence, when the ground thawed out there were numerous leaks. Cottage street suffered most on account of freezing of any street. Several breaks in that four inch main occurred soon after the ground thawed out, and were repaired with the pipe removed from Elm street.

The whole number of service pipes connected with the Works, Dec. 1st, 1875, is 764.

Of this number 12 are owned by the City, the value thereof being \$231.90, and the rates assessed amount to \$29.56 ; amount paid \$28.03.

The whole number of families supplied with water, as shown by the 11th assessment, ending June 1, 1875, was 733 ;

“ 12th “ “ Dec. 1, 1875, was 804.

There are at the present time about 50 tenements supplied with water, which are vacant.

The amount of service pipe owned by the City, December 1st, 1874, amounted to \$263.75

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Amount owned by City Dec. 1, 1875,                                  | \$231 90       |
| Collected for pipe sold,  | 5 85           |
| Abated on pipe sold,  | 26 00          |
|   | <hr/> \$263 75 |
| Amount water rents due Feb. 1st, 1875, on<br>10th assessment,       | 199 84         |
| Amount collected on 10th assessment,                                | 140 84         |
| “ abated “ “  | 56 00          |
| “ now due “ “   | 3 00           |
|   | <hr/> 199 84   |
| Amount of water rents payable Dec. 1st,<br>1874, 11th assessment,   | 3,365 74       |
| Am't collected by Horace Adams, Sup't,                              | 2,536 32       |
| “ abated “ “ “  | 107 87         |
| “ collected by D. H. Holbrook, “                                    | 586 34         |
| “ abated “ “ “  | 133 21         |
| “ now due,  | 2 00           |
|   | <hr/> 3,365 74 |
| Am't water rates, payable June 1, 1875, on<br>12th assessment,      | 4,858 34       |
| Amount collected on 12th assessment.                                | 4,029 06       |
| “ abated and discounted on same,                                    | 768 92         |
| “ due Dec. 1st, 1875,   | 60 36          |
|   | <hr/> 4,858 34 |
| Making the income for water for the year,<br>ending Dec. 1st, 1875. | 7,151 72       |

The receipts otherwise than for water have been as follows :

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Of F. E. Amidon, for connections and pipe,           | 8 06  |
| “ G. W. Ball, for 9 ft. 2 in. pipe and 1 T,          | 3 00  |
| “ L. W. Cumings, balance on connection<br>and pipe,  | 2 50  |
| “ E. H. Ellis, balance on connection and<br>pipe,    | 1 46  |
| “ B. Griffith, for shovel,                           | 25    |
| “ C. Hastings, balance on connection and<br>pipe,    | 25    |
| “ Geo. Howe, for 40 ft. 2 in. pipe,                  | 10 00 |
| “ T. H. Leverett, balance on connection<br>and pipe, | 2 10  |
| “ Wyman Lawrence, for old pipe,                      | 25    |
| “ Henry O'Dowd, bal. on conn. and pipe,              | 1 00  |

|  |         |          |
|--|---------|----------|
| Of Geo. B. Twitchell, for right to connect<br>with 2 in. pipe laid for street watering<br>hydrant, | \$25 50 |          |
|  | <hr/>   | 54 37    |
| On 12th assessment paid,   |         | 4,029 06 |
|  |         | <hr/>    |
|  |         | 4,083 45 |

The following named persons are chargeable with pipe rate, as follows, subject to a discount of 10 per cent. if paid within thirty days from date of bill :

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Elbridge Clark,                          | \$2 25 |
| Eagle Hotel,                             | 2 75   |
| Davis & Wright,                          | 2 75   |
| Charles Fletcher,                        | 1 75   |
| P. Howland, (Dr. Adams' place),          | 2 75   |
| W. H. Knowlton,                          | 2 25   |
| Wm. E. Merriam,                          | 2 75   |
| S. W. Hale, (Dr. Twitchell's old place), | 2 75   |
| Mrs. Perkins, (Dr. Barstow place),       | 2 75   |
| Jonathan Robinson,                       | 2 75   |
| Daniel W. Robinson,                      | 2 75   |
| E. C. Thayer,                            | 2 75   |

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### *EXPENDITURES.*

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| E. Gustine :  |          |
| For 1081 3-4 feet 4-in. iron pipe,                          | \$649 05 |
| “ 1008 1-3 feet 2-in. iron pipe,                            | 164 57   |
| “ other fixtures, trucking, freight, and tar-<br>ring pipe, | 85 24    |
|   | <hr/>    |
|   | 898 86   |
| Humphrey Machine Co :                                       |          |
| For post hydrant,   | 45 00    |
| “ 4 angle couplings,  | 16 00    |
| “ 1 Ludlow valve,   | 20 00    |
| “ pipe, cutting and laying,                                 | 29 40    |
| “ other pipe appendages,                                    | 16 90    |
|   | <hr/>    |
|   | 127 30   |
| Daniel H. Holbrook :  |          |
| For laborers on repairs and extension to<br>July 30,        | 177 54   |

|  |       |            |
|--|-------|------------|
| Sanborn & Hubbard :                                  |       |            |
| For blacksmith work and cutting pipe,                |       | \$12 37    |
| Knowlton & Stone :                                   |       |            |
| For cement, twine, white lead, &c.,                  |       | 47 17      |
| F. W. Clark :  |       |            |
| For labor on repairs and trucking,                   |       | 13 34      |
| D. H. Holbrook :                                     |       |            |
| For assisting G. W. Sturtevant on surveys and plans, |       | 25 00      |
| E. Gustine :   |       |            |
| For 52 feet 4-in. pipe, with trucking and freight,   |       | 35 16      |
| Albert E. Pond :                                     |       |            |
| For repairs on fence at pond,                        |       | 5 00       |
| Humphrey Machine Co. :                               |       |            |
| For repairs on hydrant and fountain,                 |       | 4 50       |
| Howland & Son :                                      |       |            |
| For trucking,  |       | 10 60      |
| E. H. Ellis & Co. :                                  |       |            |
| For work on repairs and pipe in street,              | 64 18 |            |
| Less credit on connections and pipe,                 | 15 53 |            |
|  | <hr/> | 48 65      |
| Mohawk & Hudson Mf'g Co. :                           |       |            |
| For 4-in. hub valve,                                 |       | 18 36      |
| Charles Wright :                                     |       |            |
| For repairs on fence at pond,                        |       | 5 00       |
| David Russell :                                      |       |            |
| For horse hire,                                      |       | 16 00      |
|  |       | <hr/>      |
|  |       | \$1,444 85 |

The amount of pipe laid during 1875 was: 1,065 feet 4-in. tarred iron pipe on Main street, from D. W. Robinson's to J. S. Taft & Co.'s pottery; 286 feet 2-in. pipe on South avenue; 366 feet 2-in. pipe on Forest street, connecting the same with Court street.

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### *CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.*

The following bills are chargeable to the construction account:—



|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| E. Gustine, bill,                     | \$898 86     |
| Humphrey Machine Co., bill,           | 127 30       |
| D. H. Holbrook, bill to the amount of | 105 40       |
| E. Gustine, bill,                     | 35 16        |
| Mohawk & Hudson Co., bill,            | 18 36        |
|                                       | <hr/>        |
|                                       | 1,185 08     |
| Amount reported Dec. 1. 1874,         | 150,240 32   |
|                                       | <hr/>        |
|                                       | \$151,425 40 |

The following property is now on hand, belonging to the City :—

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| 1 4-in. gate, of the value of                      | \$20 00  |
| 4 2-in. connection valves with fixtures,           | 60 00    |
| 3 2-in. hydrant valves.                            | 18 00    |
| 3 1 1-4 in. “ “                                    | 6 00     |
| 115 feet 4-in. wrought iron pipe,                  | 69 00    |
| 475 feet 2-in. “ “                                 | 120 00   |
| 48 feet 6-in. cast iron pipe,                      | 60 00    |
| 8 stop cocks,                                      | 10 00    |
| Lot of rubber cloth,                               | 30 00    |
| Lot of twine,                                      | 8 00     |
| 14 hand shovels,                                   | 12 00    |
| 6 picks,   | 10 00    |
| 2 pairs tongs,                                     | 10 00    |
| 1 hammer wrench,                                   | 1 50     |
| Lanterns, oil-can, pails and rubber mitts,         | 6 00     |
| 1 pair snips \$3.00, 2 pairs rubber boots \$5.00,  | 8 00     |
| 2 bush hooks \$3.00, 8 bands and fixtures \$25.00, | 28 00    |
| Lot of pig lead,                                   | 20 00    |
| 900 feet second-hand cement lined pipe. 4 in.,     | 100 00   |
| 140 feet 4-in. sheet iron pipe, not lined,         | 30 00    |
| 1 4-in. cross tree,                                | 8 00     |
| Lot of white lead,                                 | 50       |
| 2 broken hydrants, \$16.00,                        | 32 00    |
| 3 gate covers, \$1.50,                             | 4 50     |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$671 50 |

*CURRENT EXPENSES.*

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Repairs,    | \$198 67 |
| Incidental, | 71 60    |
|             | <hr/>    |
|             | \$270 27 |

There have been two cases where the water has been shut off by order of the Commissioners, and let on again by their order, and the Superintendent has received no consideration therefor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL H. HOLBROOK, *Superintendent.*

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CITY OF KEENE, Dec. 24, 1875.

*To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:—*

The undersigned, Board of Water Commissioners, have the honor to present herewith, for your information, the Report of the Superintendent of the Water Works, setting forth the gross receipts and net income from the same for the year ending November thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five; also amount of repairs, and total cost of same.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY COLONY,  
EDWARD JOSLIN,  
GEO. G. SAWYER.

*Commissioners.*









# FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

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*To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Keene :*

GENTLEMEN :—In compliance with the General Statutes of New Hampshire, I hereby submit the following report of the condition and doings of the Fire Department, for the year ending Nov. 30, 1875 :

No important changes have occurred in the Department the past year. The members composing the different companies I believe to be men who can be relied upon for promptness and efficiency in the discharge of their duties.

The apparatus is in good condition, and most of it is well adapted to the needs of the Department.

The houses are in good condition and sufficient for the accommodation of the companies.

The following is the roll of the Department, with the occupation, residence, and yearly pay of the members :

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Leonard J. Tuttle, Chief, blacksmith, Church st.,        | \$30 00 |
| John A. Batchelder, 1s Ass't, pattern maker, Elliot st., | 25 00   |
| Albert O. Fiske, 2nd " machinist, Cross st.,             | 25 00   |
| Wm. H. Babbitt, 3rd " painter, Taylor st.,               | 25 00   |
| Geo. D. Wheelock, 4th " & Clerk, agent, Church st.,      | 25 00   |
| Freeman A. White, 5th " pattern maker, Baker st.,        | 25 00   |
| Geo. E. Bradford, 6th " carpenter, Dunbar st.,           | 25 00   |

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\$180 00

## DELUGE HOSE CO , NO. 1—20 MEN.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| John D. Taylor, Foreman, carpenter, Church st.,    | \$9 50   |
| T. F. Barrett, 1st Ass't, soap maker, Cottage st., | 9 50     |
| L. J. Barrett, 2nd " farmer, Barberry street,      | 9 50     |
| Jas. O'Leary, 3rd " currier, Beaver st.,           | 9 50     |
| F. Hammond, 4th " mechanic, Howard st.,            | 9 50     |
| J. W. Murphy, Clerk, tanner, West st.,             | 9 50     |
| Patrick O'Leary, tanner, Beaver st.,               | 9 50     |
| Mike Collins, mechanic, Howard st.,                | 9 50     |
| George Carroll, mason, Court st.,                  | 9 50     |
| D. C. Coats, painter, Elm st.,                     | 9 50     |
| J. W. Ingalls, painter, Davis st.,                 | 9 50     |
| Peter Bouvier, blacksmith, Howard st.,             | 9 50     |
| J. Bouvier, mechanic, Howard st.,                  | 9 50     |
| George E. Forbes, carpenter, Roxbury st.,          | 9 50     |
| Henry H. Asheroft, carder, West st.,               | 9 50     |
| Samuel E. Howard, Carpenter, Roxbury st.,          | 9 50     |
| John F. McCurdy, cloth finisher, West st.,         | 9 50     |
| Wm. O'Leary, Tanner, West st.,                     | 9 50     |
| John Leahy, blacksmith, Ashuelot st.,              | 9 50     |
| Patrick Conway, currier, Douglas st.,              | 9 50     |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$190 00 |

The above Company is to be increased to forty men, and the Deluge Engine is to be run by them in connection with the Hose Carriage. The additional men will be appointed as fast as suitable ones can be found.

## NEPTUNE HOSE CO., NO. 2—20 MEN.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Chas. A. Bouvier, Foreman, blacksmith, Elm st., | \$9 50 |
| Jerry Doyle, 1st Ass't, laborer, Emerald st ,   | 9 50   |
| Thomas Madden, mechanic, Emerald st.,           | 9 50   |
| James Hannan, mechanic, Pearl st.,              | 9 50   |
| Hugh Bierne, laborer, High st.,                 | 9 50   |
| H. W. Eastman. 2d Ass't. carpenter, Green st.,  | 9 50   |
| Daniel Coffey, tanner, Ashuelot st.,            | 9 50   |
| S. C. Bouvier, mechanic, Central Square,        | 9 50   |
| Wm. H. Trask, carpenter, Howard st.,            | 9 50   |
| C. H. Fairfield, carpenter, Taylor st.,         | 9 50   |
| James Coffey, Clerk, tanner, Pearl st..         | 9 50   |



|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Roswell Lowe, carpenter, West st.,          | \$9 50   |
| Wm. Shea, blacksmith, Winchester st.,       | 9 50     |
| Daniel Sweeney, mechanic, Island st.,       | 9 50     |
| Eugene Symonds, carpenter, Howard st.,      | 9 50     |
| Wm. C. Clarey, machinist, Howard st.,       | 9 50     |
| Martin ———, currier, Beaver st.,            | 9 50     |
| Daniel O'Leary, blacksmith, West Court st., | 9 50     |
| A. R. Mansfield, carpenter, Washington st., | 9 50     |
| John Coffey, mechanic, Emerald st.,         | 9 50     |
|   | <hr/>    |
|   | \$190 00 |

## PHENIX HOSE CO., NO. 4—20 MEN.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| George L. Whitney, Foreman, machinist, Beech st.,   | \$9 50   |
| J. S. Richardson, 1st Ass't, mechanic, Cottage st., | 9 50     |
| H. W. Harvey, 2d Ass't, machinist, Lincoln st.,     | 9 50     |
| Charles C. Stearns, clerk, mechanic, Butler st.,    | 9 50     |
| A. C. Hemmenway, carpenter, Madison st.,            | 9 50     |
| E. P. Carrigan, machinist, Douglas st.,             | 9 50     |
| R. W. Smith, machinist, Dunbar st.,                 | 9 50     |
| L. D. Darling, mechanic, Franklin st.,              | 9 50     |
| Martin O'Grady, machinist, Lincoln st.,             | 9 50     |
| John McGerry, carpenter, Church st.,                | 9 50     |
| F. M. Hancock, box-maker, Dover st.,                | 9 50     |
| George H. Smith, machinist, Church st.,             | 9 50     |
| Albert E. Fish, carpenter, Franklin st.,            | 9 50     |
| A. G. Bryant, blacksmith, Washington st.,           | 9 50     |
| J. S. Tucker, mechanic, Green st.,                  | 9 50     |
| F. C. Vose, mechanic, Butler st.,                   | 9 50     |
| Enoch Aiken, blacksmith, Elm st.,                   | 9 50     |
| J. S. Warner, machinist, Roxbury st.,               | 9 50     |
| A. W. Howard, mason, Carroll st.,                   | 9 50     |
| C. F. Hemmenway, mechanic, Madison st.,             | 9 50     |
|   | <hr/>    |
|   | \$190 00 |

## WASHINGTON HOOK &amp; LADDER CO., NO. 1. 20 MEN.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Geo. N. Peck, Foreman, shoemaker, Church st.,    | 9 50 |
| J. G. Harvey, 1st Ass't, mechanic, Prospect st., | 9 50 |
| Chas. Abbott, 2d " machinist, School st.,        | 9 50 |
| J. H. Goldsmith, Clerk, carpenter, Church st.,   | 9 50 |
| B. F. Skiff, mechanic, Elm st.,                  | 9 50 |

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| H. H. Barker, teamster, Castle st.,      | \$9 50   |
| Albert Carpenter, machinist, Church st., | 9 50     |
| J. A. Cressey, machinist, Colorado st.,  | 9 50     |
| J. M. Cone, machinist, Seymour st.,      | 9 50     |
| T. T. Drew, machinist, Main st.,         | 9 50     |
| H. W. Evans, machinist, Baker st.,       | 9 50     |
| W. H. Kendall, carpenter, Forest st.,    | 9 50     |
| A. L. Parker, mechanic, Lincoln st.,     | 9 50     |
| W. H. Preckle, machinist, Church st.,    | 9 50     |
| A. Richardson, teamster, Howard st.,     | 9 50     |
| A. Spaulding, merchant, Spring st.,      | 9 50     |
| J. A. Maxham, painter, Emerald court,    | 9 50     |
| S. J. Tidd, machinist, Island st.,       | 9 50     |
| James M. Gowdy, machinist, School st.,   | 9 50     |
| Warren Abbott, machinist, Union st.,     | 9 50     |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$190 00 |

### *RECAPITULATION.*

|                             |         |        |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|
| Board of Engineers,         | 7 men,  | 180 00 |
| Deluge Hose Co., No. 1,     | 20 men, | 190 00 |
| Neptune " No. 2,            | 20 men, | 190 00 |
| Phoenix " No. 4,            | 20 men, | 190 00 |
| Washington Hook and Ladder, | 20 men, | 190 00 |

Making a total of 37 men, who are paid, \$940 00

For other expenses, see Report of Financial Committee.

Estimated amount of money that will be needed next  
year for the ordinary expenses of the Depart-  
ment, \$1,700 00

The Niagara Engine is stationed at South Keene, and run by the workmen in the chair shop, not paid; Hose Carriage No. 5 is stationed near Hope Mills, and run by the workmen in the mills, not paid; Hose Carriage No. 7 is stationed on West street, near the Tannery, and run by the workmen in the Tannery, not paid.

The following is a schedule of property, and location of same:—

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Deluge Hose Carriage, No. 1, rear of City Hall, | \$600 00 |
| Phoenix Hose Carriage, No. 4, near Depot,       | 500 00   |
| Neptune, 2 Hose Carts, No. 2, " "               | 250 00   |
| No. 5 Hose Cart, near Hope Mills,               | 125 00   |

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| No. 7 Hose Cart, West st., near Tannery,                                      | \$125 00    |
| Washington Hook and Ladder Truck No. 1, near Depot,                           | 300 00      |
| Niagara Engine and Hose Cart, South Keene,                                    | 600 00      |
| Deluge Engine, No. 1, rear City Hall,   | 700 00      |
| Deluge Engine and Hose House, rear City Hall,                                 | 1200 00     |
| Neptune Hose House and Washington Hook & Ladder House, near Depot,            | 800 00      |
| Phoenix Hose House, near Depot,   | 800 00      |
| Fire Alarm, City Hall,  | 100 00      |
| 3,519 ft. 2 1-2 in. Leather Hose,   | 3,850 00    |
| 500 ft. 2 1-2 in. Linen Hose,   | 450 00      |
| 450 ft. 2 in. old Leather Hose,   | 180 00      |
| 100 Uniforms, 40 at Deluge and 20 each at Neptune, Phoenix and Hook & Ladder, | 300 00      |
| Total valuation,  | \$10,880 00 |

Distribution of hose nearly as follows :—

|                               |            |             |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| At Deluge house,              | 2 1-2 in., | 1,219 feet. |
| “ Neptune “                   | “          | 1,300 “     |
| “ Phoenix “                   | “          | 950 “       |
| “ No. 5 station, H. M.,       | “          | 250 “       |
| “ No. 7 station, West st.,    | “          | 300 “       |
| “ South Keene chair shop,     | 2 in.,     | 275 “       |
| “ J. S. Taft & Co.’s pottery, | “          | 175 “       |
| Total length of hose,         |            | 4,469 feet. |

List of fires and alarms that have occurred the past year :

1st. April 12, 11 o’clock, A. M.—J. S. Taft & Co.’s Pottery, near Water street, was discovered to be on fire. The firemen were on the ground as soon as possible ; but the flames had made such progress before the alarm was given, that they arrived too late to save anything but the surrounding buildings. Loss \$10,000 : insurance \$4,000.

2d. May 28, 8 o’clock, P. M.—Alarm, caused by the explosion of a lamp at City Hotel. Loss trifling.

3d. June 4, 3 1-2 o’clock, P. M.—Peter Bouvier’s dwelling house, on Howard st., was discovered to be on fire. The firemen were on the ground promptly, and the flames were extinguished before they had made much progress. This fire was caused by children playing with matches in a room up stairs. Two unfortunate children were injured so badly by smoke and heat before they could be rescued, that they died soon

after. Loss, on house and furniture, \$76.00 ; fully insured.

4th. July 2, 6 1-4 o'clock, P. M.—The roof of the Kimball house, on Roxbury street, was discovered to be on fire, caused by sparks from the chimney. Extinguished without much loss.

5th. Nov. 20, 5 o'clock, A. M.—The furniture shop owned and occupied by N. G. Woodbury, on Washington street, was discovered to be on fire. The firemen were on the ground as soon as possible ; but the flames had made such progress when it was discovered, and the distance was so great, that they arrived too late to save the buildings. Loss \$10,000 ; no insurance.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Total amount of loss by fires this year, | \$20,076 00 |
| Total amount of insurance,               | 4,076 00    |

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Making a loss, above insurance, of | \$16,000 00 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|

On the 24th of July last the Department was called out for the annual parade and inspection and trial of skill, and most of the men responded cheerfully. The appearance and behavior of the men on that occasion, and the condition of the apparatus, was eminently satisfactory.

### *RECOMMENDATIONS.*

I would join with my predecessor in recommending a Steam Fire Engine as soon as the City authorities shall feel warranted in making the outlay. Until that time I believe we ought to have at least one Hand Engine manned. It would be well to procure, say, 500 feet of hose next year, and an extension ladder or two.

In conclusion, I would tender my thanks to the members of the City Councils for their general interest, courtesy and esteem evinced towards the Department at all times. To the Mayor, the Finance and Fire Committees I am especially grateful, for their disposition and efforts to answer all requirements ; to the City Marshal and his assistants, for aid rendered in our behalf ; to the Superintendent of Water Works, for valuable suggestions ; and finally, to my assistants and to all the members of the Department, for their cordial support and prompt and united exertions in the discharge of their duties, for which much praise is due.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. TUTTLE, *Chief Engineer.*











## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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*To the Honorable City Councils of Keene :*

The Overseers of the Poor, in presenting their Annual Report, would say that during the year past there has been a greater amount of suffering and privation among the poor than for many years previous, and it has required a much greater outlay.

In consequence of the change in the law, many that were City paupers became County paupers, and all those at our City Farm were thus disposed of, and all but one invalid lady have left the Farm ; and the opinion of the Overseers is that the City is making a large sacrifice of property by keeping and running the Farm longer.

A very large expense was caused by Mr. James Wilson breaking his leg in August last, and the necessity of boarding him at the City Hotel.

The tramps for the past year have been a great nuisance, and the expense, as seen by the Report of the Committee on Finance, is very large.

For names of Paupers and amount paid each, see tables prepared by the Committee on Finance.

The Overseers would respectfully represent to the City Councils that the salaries of the Overseers is very inadequate to the labors performed, and would respectfully ask the consideration of the Hon. City Councils in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

P. HOWLAND,  
 THOMAS WRIGHT,  
 HOSEA FOSTER,  
 SHUBAEL WHITE,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

H. FOSTER, *Secretary of Board.*

## REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

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*To the Honorable City Councils:—*

The City Clerk respectfully submits the following Report of receipts of this office, from January 5 to Dec. 1, 1875:—

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| From S. Wadsworth, rent,          | \$450 00   |
| “ “ water rates,                  | 2 80       |
| “ “ interest on water pipe,       | 75         |
| “ Spaulding & Hardy, rent,        | 375 00     |
| “ “ water rates,                  | 2 80       |
| “ “ interest on water pipe,       | 75         |
| “ C. H. Osborne, water rates,     | 2 80       |
| “ A. H. Grimes, rent,             | 375 00     |
| “ “ water rates,                  | 2 80       |
| “ “ interest on water pipe,       | 75         |
| “ E. Burr & Co., rent,            | 450 00     |
| “ “ water rates,                  | 2 80       |
| “ “ interest on water pipe,       | 75         |
| “ S. Babcock & Son, water rates,  | 4 05       |
| “ “ interest on water pipe,       | 75         |
| “ Knowlton & Stone, rent of land. | 15 00      |
| “ Lanniers Troupe, for license,   | 10 00      |
|                                   | \$1,696 80 |
| Deposited with Treasurer,         | \$1,696 80 |

FRANK H. STARKWEATHER,

*City Clerk.*





## REPORT OF CITY MESSENGER.

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*To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen :*

I have the honor to submit my report, as City Messenger, from January 19th, to December 1st, 1875.

|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| Rent of City Hall for month of January, |          | \$40 00  |
| “ “ “ February,                         |          | 31 00    |
| “ “ “ March,                            |          | 45 00    |
| “ “ “ April,                            |          | 52 00    |
| “ “ “ May,                              |          | 20 00    |
| “ “ “ June,                             |          | 33 00    |
| “ “ “ July,                             |          | 15 00    |
| “ “ “ August,                           |          | 30 00    |
| “ “ “ September.                        |          | 30 00    |
| “ “ “ October,                          |          | 59 00    |
|   |          | \$355 00 |
| Paid City Treasurer,                    | 354 00   |          |
| Paid for Incidentals,                   | 1 00     |          |
|   | \$355 00 |          |

Yours Respectfully,

SAM'L L. BABCOCK,

*City Messenger.*

## WOODLAND CEMETERY.

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*To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :*

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3, in the Ordinance relative to Woodland Cemetery, I submit the following Report for the financial year ending Nov 30, 1875 :—

|   |            |  |
|---|------------|--|
| Received for lots,  | \$723 00   |  |
| In my hands Nov. 30, 1874.  | 4 78       |  |
|   | \$727 78   |  |
| Paid out for work in Cemetery, . . .  | \$84 25    |  |
| "    superintending and collecting,   | 50 00      |  |
| "    team,  | 1 25       |  |
| "    axe and helve,   | 1 50       |  |
| "    cement,  | 25         |  |
| In my hands,  | 5 53       |  |
| Deposited in Savings Bank,  | 585 00     |  |
|   | \$727 78   |  |
| Deposits and interest in the Savings Bank, in favor<br>of the Cemetery, Dec. 1, 1875. | \$3,570 35 |  |

SETH WADSWORTH,  
*Superintendent.*

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## LIQUOR AGENCY.

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KEENE, December 1, 1875.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Amount of liquor purchased since December 1, 1874, | \$31 15 |
| Amount of liquor sold since Dec. 1, 1874,          | 212 20  |
| Amount on hand,                                    | 526 03  |
| Number of sales, 468.                              |         |

LYMAN GAY, *Agent.*







## REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

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*To the City Councils :*

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to present for your consideration my report of the business of the Police Department of the City of Keene for the year ending Dec. 1st, 1875.

The whole number of arrests made during the year was 124, as follows :

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Intoxication,               | 82  |
| Larceny,                    | 4   |
| Bound over to higher court, | 1   |
| Discharged,                 | 3   |
| Paid fines,                 | 6   |
| Under bonds,                | 2   |
| House of Correction,        | 3   |
| Reform School,              | 1   |
| Tramps,                     | 17  |
| Selling liquor,             | 1   |
| Common drunkards,           | 2   |
| Disorderly house,           | 1   |
| Breaking and entering,      | 1   |
|                             | 124 |

Of the above cases 32 were arraigned before the Police Court, charged with the following offences, to wit :

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Intoxication,   | 12 |
| Larceny ; sent to the House of Correction,              | 3  |
| Bound over to higher Court ; drunk and assault,         | 1  |
| Discharged, having no proof,                            | 3  |
| Paid fine at the Police Court ; intoxication,           | 6  |
| Under bonds, to appear when called,                     | 2  |
| Sentenced to House of Correction for intoxication,      | 3  |
| Sentenced to Reform School ; larceny,                   | 1  |
| Tramps ; to the House of Correction,                    | 17 |
| Selling liquor ; sent to House of Correction,           | 1  |
| Common drunkards ; sent to House of Correction,         | 2  |
| Keeping disorderly house ; sent to House of Correction, | 1  |
| Breaking and entering ; under bonds to higher Court,    | 1  |
|   | 53 |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Whole number of lodgers accommodated at the Station<br>House during the year.                     | 124 |
| Whole number prisoners and lodgers.   | 297 |
| Discharged from custody, without complaint, for what<br>seemed to be good and sufficient reasons. | 71  |

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS GALE,

*City Marshal.*

Keene, Dec. 1st, 1875.





## REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

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*To the Honorable City Councils:—*

I have the honor to report that the only case now pending in any court in which the City of Keene, or any of its officers, is interested, so far as I am informed, is the suit in equity of Francis A. Perry and others against said City and certain officers designed to enjoin them from paying to the Manchester & Keene Railroad Company the gratuity voted by the City last year. At the October Term of the Circuit Court, with a view to obtain, as early as possible, a decision of the questions of law, which were believed to be the only material questions in the case, a case embodying all the material facts was agreed upon by the Counsel for the petitioners and the defendants, which was transferred to the Superior Court of Judicature for the determination of those questions of law. The opinion of the Court, when obtained, will, it is believed, put an end to all controversy as to the liability of the City. By an arrangement made with parties interested in the Manchester & Keene Railroad Company, neither the City nor any of its officers is to be subjected to any expense growing out of this litigation.

The two cases reported by my predecessor as standing upon the Docket of the Circuit Court have since been disposed of. The petition of William A. Wilder and others for a new highway in Gilsum and Keene was heard before the Commissioners in May, and their report declining to lay out such highway was accepted at the October Term; and the appeal of James B. Elliot from the award of damages to him by the Selectmen in laying out Elliot street was terminated by a satisfactory agreement entered into by him and the Solicitor, with the advice and sanction of Alderman Abbott. Beside attending to the above named cases, I have furnished an opinion in writing to the Committee on Claims, have drawn such papers as have been desired, and furnished advice to various Officers of the City Government when requested.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. FAULKNER,

*City Solicitor.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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*To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Keene :*

The Board of Health submit the following Report :—

We have attended to forty cases on complaint ; some of them two or three times. We have served nine written notices ; some have been slightly tardy, on account of arrangements which they wished to make for a more permanent sewerage. On the whole we have found among our citizens a disposition to comply with the health ordinances of the City. We would recommend to the City to make a small appropriation of money, to be expended under the direction of the Committee on Sewers and Drains, to clean and straighten our natural channels and drains from the City to the River and Beaver Brook.

JESSENAH KITTREDGE,  
NELSON MORSE,

*Board of Health.*

## REPORT OF POLICE JUSTICE.

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*To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Keene :*

The Justice of the Police Court submits the following Report :—

Forty-six civil actions have been entered in said Court during the past year.

During the same time there have been ninety-six arraignments of persons charged with offences as follows :—

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Illegal voting,                 | 1  |
| Mortgaging encumbered property, | 1  |
| Receiving stolen property,      | 1  |
| Obstructing officer,            | 1  |
| Threatening violence,           | 1  |
| Being stubborn and disobedient, | 1  |
| Being a disorderly person,      | 1  |
| Lascivious conduct,             | 1  |
| Being a vagabond and idler,     | 1  |
| Disorderly conduct,             | 2  |
| Malicious mischief,             | 2  |
| Forgery,                        | 2  |
| Fast driving,                   | 2  |
| Being common drunkards,         | 2  |
| Keeping disorderly houses,      | 3  |
| Assault and battery,            | 8  |
| Being intoxicated,              | 9  |
| Burglary,                       | 9  |
| Violating liquor law,           | 14 |
| Larceny,                        | 17 |
| Being tramps,                   | 17 |

These cases were disposed of as follows :—

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Sentenced to pay fines,                   | 26 |
| Sentenced to Jail or House of Correction, | 21 |
| Bound over to Circuit Court,              | 24 |
| Sent to Reform School,                    | 6  |
| Discharged on trial,                      | 6  |

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Complaints <i>nol prossed</i> or dismissed,                                | 10       |
| Complaints not disposed of,  | 2        |
| Ordered to find sureties of the peace,                                     | 1        |
| Of those sentenced to pay fines, sixteen paid their<br>fines, amounting to | \$184 00 |
| Nine, whose fines amounted to<br>were committed for non-payment.           | 134 00   |
| One, who was sentenced to pay a fine of<br>appealed to the Circuit Court.  | 20 00    |
|  | <hr/>    |
| Amount of fines imposed,   | \$338 00 |

EDWARD FARRAR, *Justice.*









