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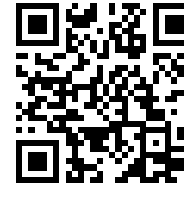

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MUNICIPAL REGISTER

OF THE

City of Pittsfield

FOR

1903,

CONTAINING

City Officers and Committees, Mayor's Address, Reports of Officers and Committees, and the Receipts and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending January 5th, 1903.

PITTSFIELD, MASS.
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CITY OF PITTSFIELD.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ORDER.

Providing for the printing of the Annual Reports and of the City Manual.

In Board of Aldermen, January 5, 1903.

Ordered: That the Joint Committee on Printing, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause to be printed five hundred copies of the annual reports of the several City Offices and Departments for the year 1902, in such style and manner as they shall deem proper.

It is further ordered that the Mayor's Address delivered January 5, 1903, be printed with the Annual Reports above provided for.

It is further ordered that said committee cause to be printed such additional number of separate reports as may be deemed necessary by the several boards and officers issuing the same, and approved by said committee on printing.

It is further ordered that the aforesaid committee cause to be printed three hundred copies of the Manual of the City Government of the current municipal year, together with the Rules and Orders of the same, in such style and manner as they shall deem proper.

In Board of Aldermen, January 5, 1903. Read twice and adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, January 7, 1903. Read twice and adopted in concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

Approved, January, 8, 1903.

H. D. SISSON, *Mayor.*

A true copy. Attest:—

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

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CITY COUNCIL 1903.

Mayor—Harry D. Sisson.

Aldermen—President, Thomas A. Macken; Ward One, Richard F. Carroll; Ward Two, J. Frederick Kahl; Ward Three, John O'Connell; Ward Four, Frank Howard; Ward Five, Thomas A. Macken; Ward Six, Patrick Condron; Ward Seven, Charles C. Francis.

Clerk—Joseph Ward Lewis.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, John Fitzgerald; Ward One, George Albert Smith, James Naughton; Ward Two, John Fitzgerald, John F. Carroll; Ward Three, George E. Cain, Almond A. Desmond; Ward Four, Allen H. Bagg, William H. Barrows; Ward Five, Matthias Jacoby, Jr., Thomas F. Conroy; Ward Six, Michael Matthews, John J. O'Connor; Ward Seven, Charles R. Foote, Chester E. Gleason.

*Temporary Clerk—Charles R. Foote.
*Clerk of Common Council not elected, March 2, 1903.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Accounts—Aldermen O'Connell and Francis, Councilmen Conroy, Jacobi and Foote.

Almshouse and Poor—Aldermen Kahl and O'Connell, Councilmen Jacobi, O'Connor and Desmond.

Assessment and Collection of Taxes—Aldermen Carroll and Howard, Councilmen Smith, O'Connor and Cain.

Claims—The Mayor, Aldermen Francis and Condron, President Fitzgerald, Councilmen Conroy and Naughton.

Finance—The Mayor, Aldermen Howard and O'Connell, President Fitzgerald, Councilmen Matthews, Smith and Bagg.

Fire Department—Aldermen Howard and Francis, Councilmen Matthews, Carroll and Naughton.

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Fuel and Street Lights—Aldermen Francis and Kahl, Councilmen Matthews, Naughton and Foote.

Highways, Bridges and Culverts—Aldermen Francis and Howard, Councilmen Carroll, Conroy and Matthews.

Ordinances—Aldermen Macken and Carroll, Councilmen O'Connor, Gleason and Barrows.

Printing—Aldermen Kahl and Francis, Councilmen Jacobi, Carroll and Gleason.

Salaries—Aldermen Condron and Macken, Councilmen Smith, Bagg and Cain.

Water—Aldermen Carroll and Condron, Councilmen O'Connor, Desmond and Barrows.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Elections and Returns—Aldermen Howard and Carroll.

Enrolled Ordinances and Resolutions—Aldermen Macken and Kahl.

Licenses, Weights and Measures—Aldermen O'Connell and Francis.

Police—The Mayor, Aldermen Howard and Kahl.

Electric Wires—Aldermen Condron and Macken.

State Aid—Aldermen Condron and Howard.

Street Railways—Aldermen Macken and Howard.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Elections and Returns—Councilmen Carroll, Conroy and Gleason.

Enrolled Ordinances and Resolutions—Councilmen Naughton, Barrows and Cain.

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City Officers, Superintendents, Etc.

Mayor—Harry D. Sisson.

City Clerk—Joseph Ward Lewis.

City Treasurer—Erwin H. Kennedy.

City Auditor—*Dennis A. Curtin.

City Solicitor—*John C. Crosby.

City Physician—*William M. Mercer, M. D.

Collector of Taxes—James W. Synan.

Inspector of Buildings—Charles E. Merrill.

Inspectors of Plumbing—William J. Cahill, Frank A. Shaw.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Michael F. Nilan.

Assessors—*Samuel S. Levy, *Francis J. McMahon and *William M. Clark.

Board of Public Works—James L. Bacon, *George W. Bailey and *Franklin A. Smith.

Clerk of Board of Public Works—Louis B. Cummings.

Inspector—Samuel A. Gourley.

Superintendent of Water Works—Thomas Martin.

Engineer of Board of Public Works—Arthur A. Fobes.

First Assistant Engineer—James C. Harding.

Superintendent of Streets and Roads—Robert A. Rice.

Foreman of Streets—Philip Knight.

Superintendent of Sidewalks—Joseph F. Biladeau.

Board of Health—*John J. Nelligan, *John J. Flynn, M. D., and *Joseph A. Langlois, M. D.

Agent of Board of Health—Joseph Ward Lewis.

Overseers of the Poor—*William Nugent, *Robert Kirk, and *Frederick Tuggey.

Superintendent of Poor—Joseph M. Fitzgerald.

Superintendent of Almshouse—William Shaw.

*Successor not elected March 2, 1903.

†Resigned March 4, 1903.

Inspector of Milk, Animals and Provisions—George N. Kinnell.

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Commissioners of the Sinking Fund—*Henry W. Taft, *James M. Barker and Irving D. Ferrey.

Registrars of Voters—James Kittle, Edward Cain, Abram E. Malcolm and Joseph J. St. James.

Civil Service Examiners—Louis B. Cummings, Morris Schaff, Joseph Tucker and Stephen C. Burton, M. D.

License Commissioners—David Rosenhein, John L. Russell and Frederick H. Printiss.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief of Police—John Nicholson.

Captain—William G. White.

Keeper of Lockup—John Nicholson.

Police Matron—Sarah M. Dean.

Patrolmen—Louis O. Bastion, George E. Chapman, James S. Creelan, James F. Dean, Michael Fahey, Daniel P. Flynn, David Garvin, John H. Hines, Dennis Hogan, John Hudner, William J. Keegan, Peter M. LaMore, David J. Mangan, William H. Marshall, Henschel A. Stubbs, Charles W. Thompson, William Tobin, William W. Van de Bogart.

Reserve Police—William E. Dunn and William P. Lasch.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer—William F. Francis.

Assistant Engineer—George H. Frey.

*Successor not elected March 2, 1903.

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ADDRESS

OF

HON. HARRY D. SISSON

MAYOR,

DELIVERED JANUARY 5TH, 1903.

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MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

It is not proposed at this time to enter into any lengthy post-mortem discussion of the many things that have been done by the different departments of the city during the past, but rather to accept conditions as they now exist and plan as best we may for the year that is ahead of us, although some reference will necessarily be made to the various departments later on.

You have been elected to the various honorable positions to which you have just sworn fidelity, by a constituency who have a right to expect from you the exercise of your best judgment in behalf of the public weal, and your official position is fraught with grave responsibilities. The eyes of a watchful and critical public are upon your every act, and your every endeavor should be to make a record that will stand the most searching scrutiny by the public you are elected to serve.

Many matters of the utmost importance, involving large expenditures from the public purse, are to come before you for final settlement. Let this inaugural day see the end of all partisan strife for the year and hereafter we are neither democrat nor republican, but servants of the whole people. Let us indeed feel that "public office is a public trust" and let the watchwords of this administration be "Business and Economy." We are the directors, if you please, of that great business corporation called the "City of Pittsfield". Let our service in behalf of Pittsfield, be such that we may hand over the trust to our successors with her fair name untarnished and with no apologies necessary to her shareholders.

I would not recommend that economy which is parsimonious and a hindrance to progress, but rather the economy

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which results in doing things and in receiving the worth of a dollar for a dollar expended.

Opinions as to what constitutes economy may differ widely, but if you will guard the city purse as you would your own, I am satisfied that the city's interests will be properly safeguarded.

CHARTER REVISION.

It is not my purpose at this time to dwell at any great length upon specific matters in which it would appear that an improvement could be made in our present charter, but rather to point out a few changes which it would appear might be desirable.

A corporation transacting private business ventures, aims to produce a maximum result at a minimum cost. It is also an established custom in private corporations to allow a fair compensation for all persons employed for the general welfare. Why then should a municipal corporation like our own city ask from its officials, services, which in private capacities would command large remunerations, without rendering a fair compensation for the actual time and energy expended in the city service. Surely the present system is not conducive to the results we sometimes hope for but seldom achieve. This is not said in criticism of any individual action in the past, but it is submitted as a business proposition seemingly worthy of consideration for the future.

It seems worthy of consideration therefore, that to have our municipal government run on a business basis, such as would result in getting a full dollar's equivalent for every dollar expended, it is but a fair proposition that the city pay every official in its service, and in order to do this, without increasing expenditures it would be necessary to somewhat reduce the number of office holders provided for under the present charter.

Were it possible to draw comparisons, as between municipal and private enterprises, I venture the opinion that the cost of conducting a volume of business equivalent to that now necessary in our city affairs, the balance would be much in the favor of the private concern. Any revision of our present charter, should, I think, contemplate some specific reforms in this direction.

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For the past two or three years we have been confronted with a propostion under our present charter, which was not contemplated by the framers of that document. I refer to the system which has become quite the fashion and what is known as the deadlock. I submit that under any charter it should be impossible for any combination of partisan interests to so hold up the functions of government as it make it impossible to elect officials for the proper transaction of the city's business. Such a condition as has obtained in our city affairs for the past few years, constitutes a miscarriage of intent, that should not be possible. The intent of our charter is that certain officials shall be elected each year, and it is my opinion that any failure to perform this function of the government, should be condemned and a repetition be made absolutely impossible, be the controlling element of whatsoever political faith it may.

The city some few years ago, took the collection of water rates from the Board of Public Works, and they were placed in the hands of the already overburdened Collector of Taxes. This in my opinion was a mistake, and my reasons for such opinion follow. Make the semi-annual periods of water rate collection at such time as you may, one of these periods must of necessity come at a time when it seriously interferes with the prescribed functions of the Collector of Taxes. Particularly is this true in the autumn. Without consultation with the present collector I believe I am stating it entirely within the bounds of reason when I say that a month is now required for the collection of water rates, when the same amount of effort applied to the collection of taxes which at this time are but slightly delinquent, would result in a saving of a large interest account now made necessary for temporary loans. The assessed taxes at this time are all due and a month of the most valuable time in the year is lost to the collector who can give the matter of delinquents practically no attention.

It is ofttimes stated and generally conceded that the authority of your executive is so limited as to make him but a figure-head in the transaction and administration of the city's affairs. It would seem that this place should be so fraught with important duties that the position would appeal to our best citizenship, and our men of honor, integrity and proven business ability would be candidates for the office which is

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now considered undesirable by many. To be Mayor of this "Gem of the Berkshires" should not be an empty honor.

I have touched upon but few matters and those without offering specific remedies. Enough has been cited, however, to show that deficiencies exist. A careful study of the charter will reveal many more, among which might be considered a general revision, which might lead to a general reorganization of our present system, with more executive authority vested in the mayor and board of aldermen and a consequent reduction of executive boards. In short, we have more red tape and a larger official family than would be considered necessary if it were possible to conduct the city more on the lines of private enterprise. It would appear pertinent that your attention be called to these matters at the beginning of your official year and I commend them to your consideration.

WIRES.

With the matter of paving our streets so closely upon us, it would seem to be the part of good judgment at least, to see that all underground utilities are in such condition, that a disturbance of any new street surface shall be as remote a consideration as possible for human ingenuity to invent. I am informed and, I believe creditably, that so far as most of our underground equipment is concerned, it is in good condition, particularly in those sections most likely to be reached by any paving that may be done this year. A public utility which has often proven a public menace is the overhead electric wire. If our fair city is to keep pace with the modern march of improvement and public safety, the wires must go under ground sooner or later, some of these high current wires have been but recently removed from some of our principal streets, but it seems to be a more or less general opinion that all should go under ground. It is also a self evident proposition that if the wires are to go under the surface, all conduits for the reception of wires should be installed before permanent paving is put down. Some action should be taken at once looking toward the accomplishment of this result, particularly in such sections as are to be paved, even if the wires are not all moved immediately. The companies to whom have been granted pole

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locations and overhead rights, are, I believe, governed by progressive and fair minded boards who will willingly co-operate with the city authorities in arriving at a just and equitable adjustment of any questions that may arise looking toward the abolition of the present overhead system. I would recommend that the city council take immediate action in the premises by appointing a committee to confer with all interested parties, to the end that a satisfactory and equitable conclusion may be speedily arrived at, and the matter definitely settled before it shall become necessary to begin street paving.

STREET PAVING.

This is a subject which has been discussed in the messages of several of my predecessors, the combined net result of whose recommendations is that our principal business thoroughfares are today in practically the same condition that they were twenty years ago. The wisdom of the recommendations made from year to year has not been questioned, but all efforts seem to have failed purely upon financial grounds. Had the foresight and wisdom of the honorable gentlemen who have preceded me, been favorably acted upon at the time, Pittsfield would today be enjoying the fruits of her public spirit and the question of paving would have been a thing of the past, with the consequent debt well on toward liquidation. A different condition confronts us today than has been the case heretofore. We need not hesitate because of any fear that public sentiment would not sustain us in the necessary expenditure. By the referendum exercised at our last election, the question of public sentiment for or against the proposition to pave, has been settled by a very strong majority in favor. The vote was so decisive that it amounts almost to a command. It is your manifest duty therefore to authorize street paving at an early date. To pave or not to pave is no longer the question.

Coupled with the paving question upon your ballots, were two others looking toward a solution of the means of accomplishing the end. In effect the questions were, first, shall the city be bonded for $100,000 for paving, or, and this is the second, shall we pay as we go out of the appropriations each year? It is undoubtedly the fact, that the questions were not thoroughly understood by the voters, for both were carried.

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Indeed, I have been informed by intelligent citizens that they voted "Yes" on all the propositions submitted. There is no doubt, however, in my mind, that the concensus of opinion, as expressed at the polls and indicated by the number of votes cast on the different questions, is strongly in favor of bonding the city, although I do not feel that this was so decisively settled as was the question in relation to paving, and I freely admit there are many good people who honestly differ in opinion as to the weight to be accorded either vote as a guide for your action. "Procrastination is the thief of time" and if we are going to stand and quibble about methods, we shall find ourselves too late to achieve results again this year. The end seems to justify the means, and I unhesitatingly recommend immediate action in securing the authority to bond, which must come from the legislature. Before the authority for bonding is petitioned for in the general court, it is evident that we should ascertain as nearly as may be, the amount of paving we shall want to put down during the next few years, and the approximate expense entailed to do it. In getting permission to bond, it would appear that we should anticipate as nearly as possible for the next two or three years, and when we have the authority to bond at all, it should be for a sufficient amount to complete the job. I would not infer that bonds be issued all at once for full amount allowable, but rather, that the bonds be issued from time to time to fund a debt as it may be needed. For instance, the limit to which we are allowed to borrow by law has not been reached into something like $150,000, we can avail ourselves of sufficient money on temporary loan to enable us to complete a season's work, when this is done the temporary debt should be funded by a bond issue, another season's work could be started and funded in the same way, making it unnecessary to go to the legislature for bonding authority again. With the questions of paving and financing once settled, you are then down to the next one of importance, as to what the paving shall be. "Aye! there's the rub." There are many men of many minds and nearly every one knows apparently just what is best, but unfortunately these many opinions are so widely at variance as to be of but little help in the final settlement of the issue. Personally I have looked into several different systems and

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while I was in favor of a certain kind of material a year since, I am free to admit that after more searching investigations on my part, I find my former opinions have somewhat changed. So far as the paving of West street is concerned, it will be conceded that it is no longer a residential thoroughfare, and with its grades, only the most substantial material upon which a strong foothold can be obtained should enter into the consideration. The element of noise is to my mind, not so essential as durability and permanency, upon this street. North street must be considered as a separate proposition and the elimination of noise should be seriously considered in dealing with it. Some of us condemn certain paving as being slippery, and while this may be a serious objection in some locations, it does not appear to be a valid one on a street so nearly level as our principal business section now occupies. All pavings are more or less slippery, but as applied to level sections I apprehend the argument is somewhat far-fetched. Nearly every man has his own particular notions on this subject, I have mine. We should be willing, however, to concede that the other fellow may have some good basis for his opinion although it differs from our own. We should not stand in the position of obstructionists if we do not all think alike. The main point is to pave. Pave with something. Pave this year. The details are up to you gentlemen, to settle.

We are now face to face with a proposition as to where we shall put down the paving, and I submit for your consideration the business way of settling this matter as it appeals to me. It is generally conceded that West street should receive attention from the depot to North street; North street of course, as far as our appropriation will allow. Aside from these two streets the question seems to have had but little public discussion. I submit that Clapp avenue, from the freight house to West street; South street from Backus corner to North, Bank row and Park place to the cross walk in front of the court house; Fenn street to Pearl; Depot street to the freight depot meeting the Clapp avenue works; a section of Columbus avenue as well as School street from the fire station, are all locations that should be fully weighed and determined in the final decision. A rough estimate would indicate that most of the above stated locations could be covered and a

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point reached on North street well toward if not quite to Wahconah street. In determining a method of procedure, it appears that inasmuch as the matter is of such importance and magnitude, appealing to the pocketbooks of the taxpayers so directly, the question should be handled in such shape as to admit of public hearings before a special committee whose province it shall be to act in conjunction with the board of public works. A further proposal to have a special committee consisting of the mayor, two aldermen, two councilmen and two citizens, the latter to be selected by the mayor and approved by the board of aldermen, to act in conjunction with the board of public works, this committee to have authority to finally determine all questions and let the contracts, also finds favor in my mind. Particular care must be exercised in determining the correct material to meet the various conditions and requirements of the different streets and after this matter has been settled, there will come the placing of the contracts. While the practice of asking for competitive bids is often a very wise one, there should always be much thought given as to the quality of work required, and if the lowest bid is such as to leave a doubt as to the product to be obtained, there should be no hesitation in rejecting it. A precedent indicating the undesirability of always closing with the lowest bidder, has been already established in the recent building of the Ashley dam. Evidently the contract was placed at a price that was absolutely below the actual cost of a structure suitable for the purpose, and the consequent annoyance on account of the failure of the contractors to complete the works might have been attended with serious as well as costly results. A repetition of this experience is undesirable to say the least. In dealing with this matter, I believe it is the point of wisdom to make haste slowly in these important details. Then again the particular surface that can be put down for the fewest dollars, may not be the cheapest in the end. We are to build for the future and if necessary a few extra dollars on the start, should not be allowed to stand in the way of securing the best material, considered not only from the standpoint of first cost, but permanency, ease of repair, and general factors. In this connection the question may arise as to what part of this work the street railway people may be called upon to per-

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form. While not professing for a moment to give any legal opinion upon this subject, I find that the Berkshire Street Railway company in the order granting them locations have agreed to the following:

"6. The said company shall pave, macadamize or harden in such manner and with such materials as the board of aldermen shall direct, the whole line of said location or any part thereof, between the rails and for a space of 18 inches outside of each rail of the said track and shall keep the same in good repair to the opproval of the board of aldermen. And if after said paving, macadamizing or hardening is done and approved as provided in this condition, the city shall determine to pave, macadamize or harden any street or to alter the paving, macadamizing or hardening of any street, and a change shall be directed in the material of the paving, macadamizing or hardening of any street or streets through which said location is granted, said company shall make such change in its paving, macadamizing or hardening as said board shall direct.

It is evident that this is not likely to help us to any great extent in any paving that may be done this year.

I find no such favorable proposition in the order granting the Pittsfield street railway a second track location on North and West streets, in the following as amended by the board of aldermen April 20, 1901, condition No. 4, reads:

"4. Said company shall pave the spaces included between the rails and to a width of 18 inches beyond its outermost rails with suitable cobble stone paving, except that upon said West street and on North street, between the corner of West and North street, and Union street, said company shall pave the spaces included between its rails and to a width of 18 inches beyond its outermost rails with suitable granite block paving and keep the same in repair to the satisfaction of said board."

In an agreement made with the city on April 1, 1901, aside from agreeing to keep the granite block paving on West and North streets in permanent repair, the company further covenants in the fourth article of the agreement to pave, macadamize or harden the spaces between rails and for a space 18 inches beyond its outermost rails with such material as shall be adopted by the city, for its permanent paving on lo-

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cations granted to the company, north of Union street as far as Wahconah street.

In the event of the adoption of paving on North street of material other than granite blocks, it is my firm opinion that the portions of the surface now covered by the Pittsfield company should be made to correspond with the material to be used on the other portions of the street. It would appear from the extracts quoted above that the company have paved as agreed, but believing the company to be composed of public spirited citizens who are interested in the welfare of the city as well as the welfare of their own enterprise, I anticipate the city's representatives will have no serious difficulty in arriving at a just and equitable arrangement with them whereby the paving may be made to conform on lower North as well as beyond Union street.

I have dwelt upon this matter at some length and have endeavored to point out some of the details which have occurred to me as important. I make no claim to having made a thorough diagnosis of the case and there will doubtless arise many problems which have not even been hinted at in this message. Urging upon you the importance of a most searching investigation into the merits of the different paving materials and the exercise of your best judgment after due reflection, I am content to leave the matter to the intelligent consideration I have no doubt you will accord it.

LIGHTING.

While the city is now lighted under a five-year contract which will not expire for four years, yet it appears that all vestiges of provincialism were not obliterated when the contract was accepted in behalf of the city. Criticism has been freely offered as to the present system and it may be advisable to seek such revision of the contract as will result in the burning of the arc lights in some of the more important residential and business districts throughout the night. The system of running the lights by the almanac is not a satisfactory one, though I surmise it was adopted from economical motives. There are moonlight nights in the winter season when lights are not essential, but when the many trees lining most of our

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streets are wearing their full complement of summer clothing, the lights are sadly needed although the moon may be shining brightly on the tree tops. An all night service in certain sections should be established and the almanac system discarded.

BURBANK PARK.

In every particular, except possibly the acceptance of the gift, the citizens of the city seem to have been very negligent in taking any steps looking toward the successful development of this beautifully located "touch of nature" that should make us all akin.

As a people we owe a debt of gratitude to the memory of the donor of this park, which has been but poorly repaid, by any action on our part. With the outstretching of the trolley in this direction, it is not only fitting but incumbent that we make a start in adapting this plot to the uses for which it was intended.

With the other large expenditures which are upon us, I would not infer that any large appropriation be made for the purpose of development this year, but I am firmly of the opinion that it is high time to begin to show appreciation of this splendid gift by adopting some suitable plans for its improvement and making at least a start at the development this year.

It has been fittingly said that opportunity usually calls during business hours and I trust this opportunity will not be longer neglected even though we have other pressing business matters also claiming our attention.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

It is generally conceded in private business enterprises, that a disinterested and competent auditor should be obtained to make a reliable audit of the financial transactions each year. Our present system of auditing important accounts seems to me a faulty one. This is usually done by a committee, who seldom devote sufficient time to make any sort of an investigation of the methods obtaining in the different departments, and I submit that a careful and intelligent audit cannot be

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made by any committee in casually glancing over a few pages of the books of entry and that in a few moments of time.

It is recommended that a suitable ordinance be drafted in this connection and the services of a competent accountant obtained to make a careful audit of the city's accounts each year making detailed report to the city council. Preferably such accountant should be a non-resident.

FRANCHISES.

What may be asked of this year's board in the way of granting concessions for public utilities is largely a matter of conjecture at this time. It is fitting, however, that we consider such requests as among the possibilities with more or less prospect of becoming probable. We have had a deal of experience in the past few years, and should therefore be sufficiently advanced in our schooling to put our past experience to practical as well as profitable use. It is well for us to remember that public concessions for private purposes, although designed to accomplish beneficial results to the public at large have value. I refer more particularly to the street railways in treating this subject, and I am giving utterance to no new facts in saying that such privileges as have been more or less freely granted in this city for the asking, are considered in some places of sufficient value to command good prices. Let my meaning be clear in this connection, for I do not wish to imply that all such privileges should command a price. It is to be recognized that the development of the city, through these channels is a factor that must at all times be taken into account. Recognizing also that infant industries need a great deal of nursing to pull them through to healthy and profitable existence, I certainly would not deem it advisable to put a price on such franchises as would in any way retard or impede their proper development as public servitors. On the other hand it hardly appears equitable that concessions of public rights should be employed only as a means to private affluence. None will question the justice of private capital being fairly recompensed in the way of dividends, for the risk assumed in the investment. Neither have we any quarrel with a fair compensation in the way of salaries for the judicious management of vast interests. With

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the street railways still as an illustration, it would appear to be a logical conclusion, that after such enterprises have had the use of our thoroughfares without cost, through the period of infancy, and have from the general patronage of the public acquired a place of stability and financial success; when in short they have reached that acme of business which entitles them to the distinction of being known as dividend payers, not only paying the entire percentage allowable by law, but good salaries as well and with a possible surplus appearing on the horizon, then I maintain, it is a tenable and logical conclusion that some percentage of the profits of such enterprises, might well be used to lessen the burden of taxation of all our people. In my opinion a suitable provision might be readily incorporated in such grants as we may be asked to make as would eventually result in some small way in remunerating the city for the valuable privileges granted.

Steam roads own their right of way by purchase, entailing enormous investments upon which dividends must be paid from the earnings. I submit, then, that our street rights are valuable. Is it then an unfair proposition that the public treasury be somewhat reimbursed from the surplus earnings of such enterprises as derive their rights to make earnings from the concessions we have granted, and that at a time in their career when such action would cripple neither their efficiency nor earning capacity?

FINANCIAL.

I shall not intrude upon your time this morning with a formidable array of figures but enough to show where we are at, is imperative. Nearly every new administration has been hampered in its progress by a legacy left by its predecessor in the shape of temporary loans that have become necessary to run the city during the last months of the year. This was true last year and it was true this. Out of the money to be raised by taxation this year, there is an indebtedness of $65,000, which must be paid. Besides raising sufficient funds to meet our necessary appropriations this year, we must also raise this $65,000 to meet deficiencies which are not properly chargeable to this administration, but when a taxpayer sees the rate upon his bill, he will undoubtedly fail to remember

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that a possible advance in the rate is due to the payment of loans with which the present administration has nothing to do and in a majority of cases he will generously give the "ins" the full benefit of having caused all the increase. As a matter of fact the rate is of comparatively small importance, being governed entirely by the valuation placed upon our taxable properties. High valuations tend toward a low rate. Low valuations to a high rate. In either event the net result to the taxpayer is the same in dollars and cents. The low cost then is dependent upon the appropriations in making which the utmost care and judgment must be exercised. It is my opinion, however, that the appropriation should be made sufficient this year to pay the temporary loans now outstanding, together with the necessary appropriations to run the city to the end of the fiscal year, even if it is at the expense of an increased rate.

A certain amount of taxes cannot possibly be collected so as to be of avail during the year in which they are assessed, and in considering the anticipated receipts this is a fact that may as well be looked squarely in the face at the outset.

When it comes to determining the total amount of money to be raised the coming year, and the matter of anticipated receipts from other sources than direct taxation are put into the estimates, I submit as the only business proposition that will land us at the end of the year without indebtedness in the shape of temporary loans to be handed over to our successors, that a reasonable reduction be made from these anticipated receipts as an offset, to the amount of 1903 taxes that will inevitably remain uncollected at the end of the year. If we can turn over to the next administration a balance sheet free from temporary loans to be paid out of next year's taxes we shall have accomplished a praiseworthy piece of financiering, which will certainly commend itself to our successors.

The financial statement, approximated as nearly as possible as of January 1, is as follows:

School debt funded,		$258.000 00
Water debt funded,	$200,000 00	
Water debt floating,	71,734 71	
		$271,734 71

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Sewer debt funded,	$160,000 00	
Sewer debt floating,	240,000 00	
		$400,000 00
Making a total city debt of		$929,734 71

The total payments during the past year on the debt have been $41,000.00 and there will be paid $4,000 before the books close for the year.

The city has no sinking fund at present, but the debt is being decreased by the following payments annually:

School debt,	$16,000 00	
Water debt,	19,000 00	
Sewer debt,	10,000 00	
A total of		$45,000 00

At this writing the outstanding temporary loans amount to $70,000, but there is a prospect that $5,000 of this will be paid off before the close of the fiscal year. Both the floating water and sewer debts should be funded June 1 next, and this will require an increase of from $20,000 to $25,000 in the amount to be annually raised to pay off the bonds.

The annual reports of the treasurer and auditor will deal with these figures more in detail and my purpose in including them here is to give a practical basis for computation before the reports of these officials will be available.

Our debt limit based on the average valuations for the past three years is	$395,479 52
Against this limit the only debt applying, is the school debt of	258,000 00
Leaving a net borrowing capacity of	$137,479 52
Our limit of taxation for municipal expenses for 1903 is	$196,094 28

We have an asset in the shape of outstanding taxes amounting to $70,000, most of which is collectable but is not

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available at the moment. There is also $2,500 in uncollected sewer and sidewalk assessments.

There are several suits pending against the city which are likely to have a bearing on the finances. These will be treated in detail in the coming report of the city solicitor and will be brought to your attention in the regular course of events.

DEPARTMENTS.

A casual inquiry fails to reveal any extraordinary expenditures in the different departments of the city which are imperative this year though improvements will be needed in the near future in several. I apprehend therefore that we will be called upon for about the usual appropriations to meet the current needs, so far as the running of the ordinary departmental business is concerned.

In the police department, I find in view of the constantly and rapidly increasing population; the extending number of amusement resorts; the greater number of cars now being run on the street railways, as well as the necessity of constantly increasing the territorial limits of the patrol service, a demand exists for more permanent patrolmen. This ever increasing demand upon the department to respond to calls so various, would seem to indicate that some system of quick communication should be adopted whereby a patrolman from any beat could be reached at short notice, and in cases of emergency the entire force could be mobilized or assigned to special service without delay. I find a recommendation in the last report of the chief of police touching upon this subject and you are referred to that report when making your investigations into the needs of the department.

In the fire department I do not find that we shall be called upon to furnish new apparatus just now, but with the tendency to build skyward, it will not be a great while before there will be a demand for more practical apparatus especially adapted to service in higher buildings. I would suggest a searching investigation into the efficiency of the department and its equipment.

"The poor we have always with us" and while I have not had sufficient time to make any extended research into the

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methods employed in this department I shall expect the committee to familiarize themselves with the details and report to this body at an early date.

Our hope of the future is based upon the work of our schools, and the results obtained are dependent upon the management of the committee and the employment of competent teachers. If competent teachers are to be secured, they must be well paid. I have been informed, perhaps not altogether creditably, that salaries are smaller here than in other cities, and there is a consequent tendency to look to other fields for more lucrative situations.

If such a condition exists in fact, I believe I voice the sentiment of the community in saying that a speedy remedy should be applied, that we want the best, and in order to get what we want we are willing to give a fair return. In my opinion this is the wrong place to begin to put in practice what I believe would be a misdirected economy.

I have referred to some of the salient features in connection with these departments, without extending either criticism or praise, for the purpose of calling to the attention of the committees who may have to deal with them, that there is work for all to do, and your committee duties should not end with the printing of your names in the city manual. I wish to emphasize the importance of committee work, particularly in learning the methods and detail in each department, so that an intelligent report may be had from any committee at short notice. Any committee is likely to be called upon without special warning for a report, and when one is needed, it should be comprehensive and authentic.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this address I am constrained to drop a note of suggestion to the city officials, whose province it is to make reports on the various departments.

Our annual register is getting to be a formidable document. It contains an amount of detail that I think could be well dispensed with, although a large amount is absolutely necessary, in order to convey intelligent information as to our transactions. My admonition to all is to cut it down as much as possible without sacrificing important matters. A

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consequent saving in printer's bills would necessarily result.

With the added admonition that our functions as city officials are not merely ornamental, I bespeak your co-operation in all that pertains to the welfare of the municipality in which we have a pardonable pride, and may it be our fixed purpose to so conduct affairs as to merit a verdict of approval from our fellow citizens.

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REPORT OF

License Commissioners

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REPORT

OF THE

Board of License Commissioners.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS,
CITY HALL.

Pittsfield, Mass., January 1, 1903.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of License Commissioners respectfully submit the following report:—

First, The report of William P. Griffin, Chairman of the License Commissioners made May 1, 1902, and found on pages 160 and 161 of the records of the Board of License Commissioners:—

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS,
CITY HALL.

Pittsfield, Mass., May 1, 1902.

The License Commissioners of the City of Pittsfield have granted the following licenses to sell intoxicating liquors which licenses will expire May 1, 1903.

FIFTH CLASS WITH BOTTLING PRIVILEGE.

Berkshire Brewing Association, corner of Columbus Avenue and John Street.

Quaid & Rice, 185 West Street, Burbank House.

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FIRST AND FOURTH CLASSES. (INNHOLDERS.)

Quaid & Rice, 217 West Street, Burbank House.
Clary Liquor Co., 198 to 204 West Street inclusive.
Plumb & Clark, 26 Columbus Avenue, American House.
Ryland Hamilton, corner West and North Streets, Wendell Hotel.
The Norwood Hotel Co., 49 Summer Street, Norwood Hotel.

FIRST AND FOURTH CLASSES. (COMMON VICTUALERS.)

William M. Byrnes & Co., 162 North Street.
Kearney & Co., 52 West Street.
Hayn & Grunow, 17 Depot Street.
Cain & Qua, 288 North Street.
Doran Bros., 36 West Street.
Colon Wine Co., 301 North Street.
Nilan & Son, 164 McKay Street.
John C. Cullen, 35 and 37 McKay Street.
Davis & Son, 239 North Street.
John McEnany & Co., 20 Depot Street.
Killian & Lew, 289 North Street.
Mara Bros., 147 North Street.
Sultaire & Renicke, 23 and 27 Morton Place.
William Frawley, 25 Liberty Street.

SIXTH CLASS. (DRUGGISTS.)

Fahey's Pharmacy, 317 North Street.
John J. Murphy, 215 North Street.
Melville Pharmacy, 308 North Street.
Ernest Engstrom, 251 North Street.
J. H. Manning & Co., 163 North Street.
Clarence H. Waite, 15 North Street.
Dr. W. H. Currier & Co., 75 North Street.
Philip A. Lowe, 103 North Street.
R. E. Willard & Son, 10 South Street.
Howard L. Brown, 128 West Street
Fred A. Hull, 38 North Street.
Carl Hydren, 154 North Street.

WILLIAM P. GRIFFIN, *Chairman,*
License Commissioners.

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It appears from said records that the following business was transacted:—

March 6:—At a meeting of the Board it was voted to advertise for applications for Liquor Licenses, and on March 7th, such notice was published in the Eagle and Journal.

March 11:—The Liquor Dealers' Association presented a petition signed by all holders of first and fourth class licenses, asking for a reduction of five hundred dollars in the price of a first class license.

The Liquor Association was represented by John C. Cullen, William H. Davis, Thomas Lew, John McEnany, Joseph Daley and their Attorney, Walter F. Hawkins.

A public hearing was had March 12, for the remonstrants, and on March 19, it was voted, License shall remain for the ensuing year, same as the year ending May 1, 1901. Fifteen hundred dollars for first class, three hundred dollars for fourth class, without privilege of bottling, with privilege of bottling eight hundred dollars more. Brewers license twelve hundred dollars, with privilege of bottling eight hundred dollars extra.

April 12, 1902:—Charles Menault, 112 West Street, Peter Hodecker, West Shore, Pontoosuc Lake, Boat Club, L. K. Albro Clerk, Pontoosuc Lake, Armstrong & Co., Boston and Albany Depot, were licensed as Common Victualers, and Arthur W. Plumb, Maplewood Hotel, as an Innkeeper.

April 30:—John D. Kenney, 159 North Street as Common Victualer.

May 12:—Peter W. Burns, 256 Wahconah Street, Martin J. Griffin, 158 West Street, W. H. Burlingham, Lake Avenue, were licensed as Common Victualers.

May 22:—Julia E. Gates, 333 North Street, Agnes White, Pavilion, Pontoosuc Lake, Thomas Carson, 236 North Street, were licensed as Common Victualers.

May 26:—It was voted that Plumb & Clark license be transferred to No. 34 Columbus Avenue.

June 20:—George E. Swan was licensed as a Common Victualer at Pontoosuc Lake.

July 7:—A license of the second class was granted to James H. Murphy at 162 McKay Street, for five hundred dollars.

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September 30:—A license of the sixth class was granted to Frederick K. Snyder, corner of Curtis and Fourth Streets.

The Board calls the attention of the licensees to the following:—That they will not tolerate the sale of liquors to minors; the sale of liquors on Sunday;—All innkeepers for their own protection should inform themselves what technically constitutes a guest;—prostitution or illegal gaming on the licensed premises.

Any licensee appearing before the Board on any of the charges specified above, if satisfactory proof is furnished will be shown no quarter.

Any person now licensed who allows a woman or women of ill repute to loiter around their licensed premises, will be considered an unfit person to exercise the sale of liquor. To our minds it furnishes a means of soliciting and a tendency to larceny and other crimes.

The burdens of the liquor dealers are many,—they are hemmed in on all sides, perhaps in some particulars unjustly.

We demand however a strict observance of the law and a faithful compliance with all the conditions of the license.

DAVID ROSENHEIN,
JOHN L. RUSSELL,
FREDERICK H. PRINTISS,
Board of License Commissioners.

In Board of Aldermen, February 2, 1903. Read and placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, February 4, 1903. Read and placed on file in concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

CITY OF PITTSFIELD.

1902.

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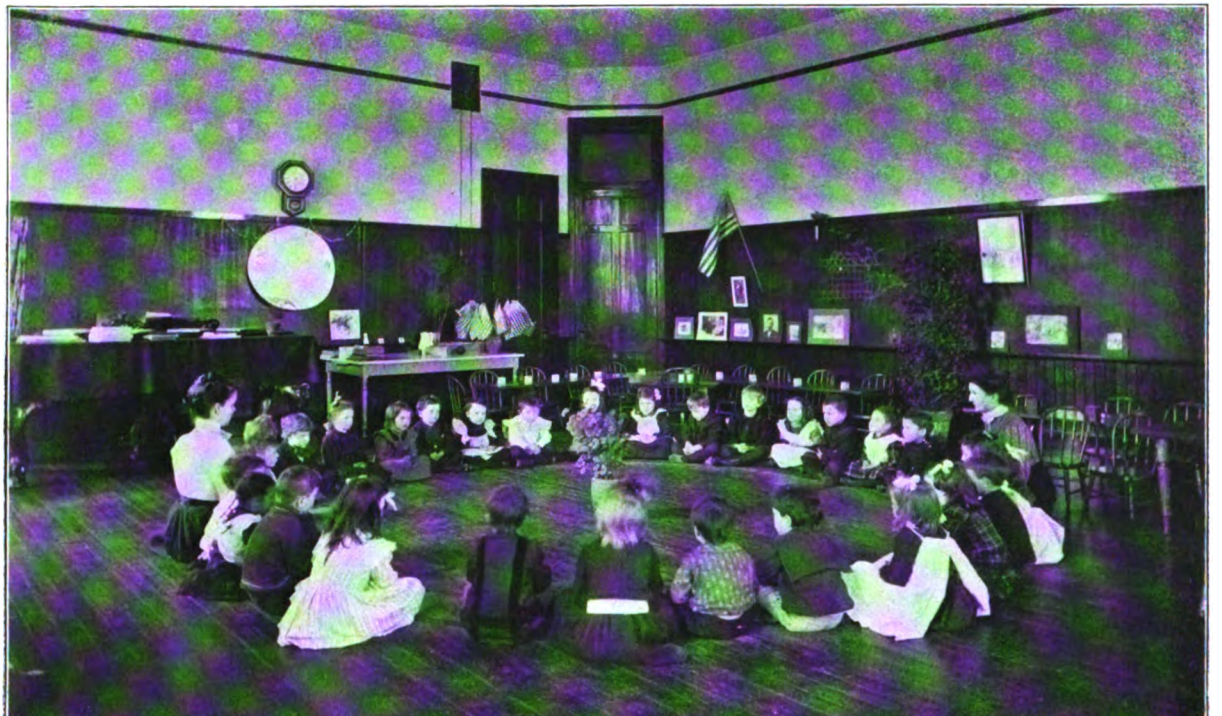

FENN STREET KINDERGARTEN.

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AN EXERCISE IN PHYSICAL CULTURE.

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1902.

Hon. DANIEL ENGLAND, Mayor.

Chairman Ex-Officio.

Hon. JOSEPH TUCKER,

Chairman in Absence of Mayor.

WILLIAM NUGENT,

Secretary.

EUGENE BOUTON, Ph. D.,

Superintendent of Schools.

MEMBERS.

		RESIDENCE.	TERM EXPIRES.
Ward 1—	Peter W. Burns,	258 Wahconah St.,	1903
	David Rosenhein,	126 Wahconah St.,	1903
Ward 2—	J. Frederick Kahl,	58 Burbank St.,	1903
	Dr. Wm. M. Mercer,	142 First St.,	1903
Ward 3—	F. F. Read,	409 Penn St.,	1905
	George E. Sprong,	63 Third St.,	1905
Ward 4—	Wm. L. Adam,	11 W. Housatonic St.,	1905
	Joseph Tucker,	105 E. Housatonic St.,	1905
Ward 5—	Fred A. Cooley,	South Merriam St.,	1904
	William Nugent,	76 Elizabeth St.,	1904
Ward 6—	John R. Feeley,	96 Dewey Ave.,	1904
	P. H. O'Donnell,	162 Onota St.,	1904
Ward 7—	Wm. B. Rice,	98 Union St.,	1905
	Dr. J. B. Thomes,	20 Reed St.,	1903

Regular meetings the first Thursday evening of each month at 8 o'clock.

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Standing Committees, 1902.

Executive Committee—Joseph Tucker, William B. Rice, David Rosenhein*.

Buildings and Sites—W. L. Adam, F. F. Read, J. F. Kahl.

Text-Books—W. B. Rice, William Nugent, Dr. J. B. Thomes.

Music and Drawing—J. F. Kahl, F. A. Cooley, G. E. Sprong.

Physical Culture—P. H. O'Donnell, W. L. Adam, F. A. Cooley.

Evening Schools—J. R. Feeley, P. W. Burns, P. H. O'Donnell.

High School—Joseph Tucker, W. L. Adam, P. W. Burns.

Grammar Schools—W. B. Rice, J. R. Feeley, P. H. O'Donnell.

Intermediate Schools—Dr. W. M. Mercer, Dr. J. B. Thomes, P. W. Burns.

Primary Schools—David Rosenhein*, P. H. O'Donnell, F. F. Read, J. R. Feeley.

Rural Schools—William Nugent, F. A. Cooley, G. E. Sprong.

Teachers and Instruction—Joseph Tucker, W. B. Rice, Dr. W. M. Mercer, David Rosenhein*, P. H. O'Donnell, William Nugent.

Fuel Committee—P. W. Burns, Dr. J. B. Thomes, G. E. Sprong.

Supplies—J. R. Feeley, P. W. Burns, P. H. O'Donnell.

Lunch Counter—Dr. J. B. Thomes.

Representative in meetings of City Council—J. R. Feeley.

*Resigned.

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School Committee's Report.

To the Mayor and City Council of Pittsfield:

Gentlemen:—In the report of the School Committee for 1901 occurs this sentence, "If we live and have faith we shall yet see the kindergarten as the foundation of our public school system, even in Pittsfield." Verily faith has removed a mountain, and the next year brought forth an appropriation for the kindergarten. But with faith work was necessary, and for that we are indebted to Mrs. Wm. L. Adam and a few more good citizens who gave several years of unremitting labor to this project. The corner stone of this department is laid, now let us test it for a short time by instructing the teachers of all schools into which graduates of the kindergarten shall come, to closely watch them and report to the Superintendent their opinions as to the influence upon the children of their kindergarten experience.

The faith and work have been so fruitful in one respect, that I quote a sentence immediately following the above quotation: "We shall some day have manual training, in proper and effective form, enter into the outfit for life that we give our boys and girls," and then the report speaks of a Cooking School and a Gymnasium. The idea is to add physical education to mental education, or rather to teach the mind and body how to work together and help each other, to teach children how to apply all their intellectual faculties to their daily work and play. This makes the difference between a workman who mechanically copies a model or follows a rule, and an artist whose work comes out of his own brain and heart.

About 1893 the city suddenly awoke to the fact that it must have at least four new, large and expensive schoolhouses. It at last realized that the town and city had for several years neg-

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lected to perform a fundamental duty; had wilfully shut their eyes to the fact that their school children were not properly or decently housed; that all this work, which should have been done at intervals during the six or seven preceding years, must all be done at once. When the city at last thoroly realized these facts, it at once proceeded to apply the remedy with great vigor, and the result was four noble, beautiful schoolhouses of which it is and may well be very proud. What is our condition now?

Every good citizen is, each in his peculiar way, striving to increase the prosperity of the city. This united effort has achieved success. Never in all its grand history has it gained so rapidly in business and population as during the last two years, and apparently this prosperity is built on a sure foundation. One of the certain blessings of prosperity is a great increase of little children, and one of the blessings of such increase of children is more schoolhouses. Shall we wait, as before, and have to build four or five at once, or build one this year, which is sorely needed at Orchard Street, and one next year?

Ponder a moment upon this extract from the report of 1900, somewhat abbreviated: At the junction of Orchard and First Streets is a building whose exterior and interior presents hardly an inviting feature. The light is very poor; the benches are both ugly and uncomfortable; the dingy and battered walls are far from inspiring to inmates; the dressing rooms are too small; the sanitary condition of the closets is not what it should be, though recently improved; in cold nights the janitor has to keep up steam at high pressure and open all the faucets to prevent pipes from freezing; about 120 tons of coal are used to heat the Orchard Street and Training Schools, and the amount of water wasted has been enormous; the boilers are venerable (one of them thirty years old, and the other a relic of the old High School). This was a moderate picture two years ago; time has only darkened it. The population has increased most largely in the Morningside district. A new schoolhouse at Orchard Street would be properly located to relieve the pressure at Morningside and remove a schoolhouse which is a disgrace to

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the city. It cannot be avoided long. Why not do it now? Within a very short time there will have to be another schoolhouse somewhere in the southeast part of the city. Why not build the first one at once? In this connection we refer you to the last report to emphasize our opinion (therein stated) of the manner of erecting our next schoolhouse.

I venture to express my individual opinion in closing, that, having been on this Board seven of the last ten years, I have never known so complete co-operation between the Committee, the Superintendent, the teachers and pupils as during the last year, and consequently have never seen so satisfactory work done by our schools.

JOSEPH TUCKER,
For the Committee.

Pittsfield, February 5, 1903.

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Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit my ninth annual report, the twelfth of the School Department of the City of Pittsfield, the thirty-fifth in our series of Superintendent's reports.

The year just closed has been in several directions notable for progress in our school system. The kindergarten has been established, expert supervision of physical culture has been provided, the evening school has been greatly strengthened and improved, teachers' salaries have been advanced, and various other betterments have been effected.

I.

INSTRUCTION.

KINDERGARTENS.

At the request of the School Committee the City Council appropriated $1,000 for the establishment and maintenance of kindergartens as a part of our school system. The Pittsfield Kindergarten Association, which had maintained a kindergarten at Russell's by public subscription since September, 1895, voted to turn over to the City its equipment, worth about $200, and the School Committee voted to establish an additional kindergarten at the Fenn Street building, these two points being so located as to accommodate the largest number. A principal and an assistant have been employed for each of these kindergartens, and the attendance at each has been large and regular. It is to be hoped that this valuable auxiliary to our school work will be extended to other parts of the City.

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The kindergartens have been fortunate in the continued devotion to their interests shown by Mrs. William L. Adam, to whose efforts the establishment of public kindergartens in Pittsfield is chiefly due, and who has bestowed upon them the most careful and helpful supervison without compensation. In connection with this work, she and the kindergartens have been very generous of time and effort in planning and encouraging in the primary grades more systematic exercises designed to cultivate manual skill.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

We have for many years required calisthenics, or physical culture exercises, in our schools. These exercises have, however, been less intelligent and less systematic than was desirable, except in those cases where the teachers had received special training in physical culture as a part of normal school work or thru outside instruction. In the summer of 1896, Miss Nash, from the Emerson College at Boston, devoted several weeks to our schools in the interest of elocution and physical culture according to the Emerson system. She aroused much enthusiasm and gave so much help to our teachers that I regretted exceedingly the unwillingness of the Committee to employ her as a regular supervisor of these subjects. Her work, however, had a lasting influence.

As a result of the agitation of this subject in the Committee near the close of last year, the City Council made a small appropriation, to be expended in promoting physical culture in our schools. After considering various plans for the most effective use of this appropriation, the Committee arranged with Miss Jessie A. Clapp of this city to devote her mornings to the supervision of this work, and she entered upon her duties in May. The results have been very satisfactory from the first. She has not only awakened an interest among teachers and pupils, but has held numerous teachers' meetings for the purpose of making all phases of the subject familiar. Her enthusiasm and

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manner of presenting and supervising the exercises have commended themselves to all concerned.

The specific benefits derived have been recognized by nearly all of our teachers. The following statement by one of our principals is in accord with the reports received from nearly all of our schools:

"The exercises in physical culture are restful to our pupils, especially if taken after a long period of study, and they are usually followed by a keener mental activity. As a result of these exercises teachers are able to secure more prompt and decidedly better attention in all of their classes. The pupils take better positions, both standing and sitting, than heretofore, and there has been a marked improvement in the carriage of many of them at all times."

The teachers find also that the pupils are more prompt in obedience and show more self-control than heretofore. Less awkardness and fewer stooping shoulders are noticed, and in many ways a more cheerful, vigorous, and wholesome personality has been cultivated.

MANUAL SKILL.

For years we have recognized that our course of study was incomplete in that it made no provision for training in manual skill, except the work in drawing and writing. While these contribute to the child's development much more than we are accustomed to think, and while they are capable of giving much more manual culture than t hey usually do, they are limited in their range and become so automatic in practice that they seem to belong to the mental rather than the manual acquisitions of the child. They do not provide such manual training as will throw the emphasis on the work of the hands rather than on the work of the brain. Lack of money and difficulty of selecting exercises that seemed feasible without shops and special teachers have prevented heretofore the introduction of systematic manual training in our schools. It has also seemed unsatisfactory to make training in manual skill a matter of one or two higher grades only. The recent attention to weaving, basket

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making, and kindred arts general thruout the country seems to open a way for the introduction of simple and inexpensive exercises that will meet our requirements and without much expense of time or money give this phase of education a recognized place in our course of study.

GRADE STUDIES.

The course of study as outlined in the Annual Report for 1901 has worked well in practice, altho it is too early to determine fully its effects upon the graduates of the grammar school course. Some adjustments in the treatment of some of the subjects may be found desirable, and possibly the time assigned to some of the subjects may require revision. I believe that the changes made were improvements.

Mathematics.—The use of a book in the hands of the pupils has been recommended in the second and third grades, it being left to the teachers, however, to accomplish the prescribed course by such means as they find by experience most effective. The course is now followed as outlined. Hornbrook's Concrete Geometry, supplied to the eighth grade, has been found peculiarly adapted to the needs of the pupils.

Reading.—Ballard's Translation of the Aeneid has been supplied to the ninth grade, and has been used during the fall term. As Vergil and the Aeneid are among the topics in the Geography of History and Literature studied during the fall term, the introduction of this book co-ordinates the reading with some of the topics and with much of the spirit of this work in history and literature. The story as translated is attractive as reading matter, and at the same time gives the pupils a very profitable introduction to ancient history and the mythology and spirit which make the study of the classics so valuable. Whoever has read the Aeneid intelligently has an acquisition which signifies much in culture and outlook. I believe it would be well if our whole course in reading were based more largely on complete masterpieces of literature. I know of

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no other course so likely to secure intelligent, thoughtful, and elevating reading.

Spelling.—The publication, under the title "Spelling and Word Building," of the list of words and phonic exercises so long used in Grades I.-III. and its adoption by the Committee for use in our schools have placed in the hands of the pupils in those grades material for study which has heretofore been in the hands of the teachers only and in much less convenient form. At the opening of the fall term the list of about 2500 words used in the fourth year was revised and reprinted. We have now in convenient form a list of words for all our grades and each teacher is expected to select from the subjects taught such additional words as are found to require special attention.

The spelling class, as it is usually called, is a good place in which to learn all about words—their spelling, their composition, their analysis, their syllabication, their pronunciation, their meanings, their synonyms, and their correct use. This seems fundamental not only to correct spelling, but to freedom in expression, oral and written, in language work and reading, and in the absorption of knowledge from other studies. In order to read, at least to read intelligently, the pupils must learn the words to be read, but many words may occur in reading which do not call for mastery by the pupils. It seems clear, therefore, that the main word study should be based on carefully selected lists, such as properly constructed spelling books provide, and careful tests have shown that a definite and properly selected list of words is an importnat instrument in learning to spell. It has been shown that, other things being equal, schools using such lists secure better results than those where words are selected with less care.

The study of phonics has been found an effective means of securing good spelling, and it is at the same time a very effective means of securing correct pronunciation and clearness of utterance in reading and speaking. The pronunciation of syllables is essential to clear ideas of the elements composing words and should be required. The division into syllables must be

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learned if pupils are to divide words correctly at the ends of lines in writing. While some object to this division, the only reason for the objection seems to be fear that the words will be written in this form outside of the spelling class. This may possibly happen to some extent among the very young children, but it does not appear to be a matter of importance. We have required the pronunciation of syllables for many years, and the words are divided into syllables in the spelling books that we use, but I have never noticed in the written work of our pupils any difficulty in this direction.

There is in some quarters also objection to diacritical marks to indicate pronunciation. It may be unnecessary and undesirable to require much reproduction of diacritical marks by pupils, but unless they know what these marks mean they can not use their dictionaries intelligently. As each pupil above the third grade is provided with a dictionary, he should be able to learn from it pronunciation of words as well as their spelling and meaning. We have found the use of dictionaries in the hands of pupils very profitable. A judicious use of diacritical marks before the dictionary is put into the hands of the pupils would be justified even as a preparation for the use of a dictionary.

The amount of time devoted to spelling in our schools averages a little over half an hour a day, and above the lowest grade the number of words assigned averages from ten to twenty a day. It is claimed by some that not more than ten words should be assigned for a lesson, and that fifteen or twenty minutes a day devoted to spelling would secure as good results, but this is not the experience of our teachers. Some seem to measure their success in teaching spelling by the number of misspelled words corrected. A better aim is such teaching as will prevent misspelling.

Language and Grammar.—As in spelling we aim to secure a fundamental and generally available knowledge of words, so in language and grammar we are aiming at such a fundamental and practical familiarity with the laws and usages of language that our pupils will express their thoughts naturally, easily, and

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effectively. The plan of devoting the third term of the eighth year to exercises in expression with only such references to the text-book in grammar as special difficulties require has been more successful and more easy in practice than our teachers anticipated. During the spring term a list of common errors in the use of English prepared by Supt. B. C. Gregory of Trenton, N. J., was considered by our teachers with a view to locating more definitely the difficulties to be overcome in teaching this subject.

Information and Culture.—The work in Domestic Science provided by the new course for Grade IX. was first undertaken during the fall term, Wilson's "Domestic Science in Elementary Schools" being placed in the hands of the teachers as the basis of instruction. The experiment seems to have been successful. The pupils have been interested, and their thoughts have been turned toward this important subject in such a way that they are likely to be much more intelligent and careful in the matters thus brought to their notice. In a way this subject supplements and enforces the instruction in physiology and hygiene.

Countries and Peoples.—About the middle of the winter term Morton's Elementary and Advanced Geographies were substituted for the text-books in use, the grading of the books and the general plan of work remaining unchanged. It appears to me that many of the recent text-books in this subject attempt to cover too many details and to treat too fully some of the topics naturally related to this study but hardly essential to a fair elementary acquaintance with the earth and its inhabitants. By whatever means it is attained, the result of a study of geography ought to be a good picture of the world as it appears on the maps of the several countries, with the location of the most striking natural features and such places and boundaries as are most likely to be noticed in reading and in current discussions. If too much time is devoted to the general but unlocated features of geographical knowledge or the separate and individual topics out of which, in a sense, geography is built, the

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minds of the children are likely to remain confused as to the great geographical features of the world. They may get together the materials out of which a knowledge of geography might be built, but they seem likely to possess it in the form of materials rather than in the form of a well planned and well built structure. I suspect that the next advance in the making of geographical text-books will be in the direction of less detail in generalities and more co-ordination of what and where.

Penmanship.—The prevalence of backhand in the first six grades is noticeable, and on the whole I am not sure that our teachers and pupils write as well as they did before the vertical text-books were introduced. Several of our teachers have expressed themselves as favoring the uniform use of one system or the other thru all the grades. While some of our schools are paying considerable attention to movement as the basis of penmanship, less emphasis is laid on this phase of the work than seems desirable.

Drawing and Music.—While there has been no special change in the line of work in drawing, Mr. Denison feels especially gratified at the improvement of the pupils in this branch. At the recommendation of the Supervisor of Music, the Committee has placed the Model Music Course Primer in the hands of the pupils of Grade II.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The closing exercises of the ninth grade occurred at the High School Auditorium at 7.30 P. M., Friday, June 27, 1902. As usual the program related to topics studied in the grammar grades, and was this year devoted mainly to extracts from Shakspere and selections illustrating the career of Napoleon. The exercises interested the large audience present and formed a pleasant and profitable conclusion of the nine years' work accomplished by the pupils. In presenting the certificates, Dr. Mercer, the representative of the School Committee, favored the pupils with many valuable suggestions as to their future efforts and achievements.

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The program of exercises and the names of pupils completing the grammar school grades were as follows:

Selections from Paradise Lost.—*Milton*, Edith M. King

Hamlet's Soliloquy—*Shakspere*, Frank H. Bush

Brutus' Speech—*Shakspere*, Olive M. Wright

Wolsey's Farewell to Cromwell—*Shakspere*, Joseph B. Wittan

Cardinal Wolsey's Soliloquy—*Shakspere*, Carrie M. Holderness

Song—"Six o'clock in the Bay,"
Ninth Grade Chorus (Orchard Street School)

Napoleon—*Robert G. Ingersoll*, Robert T. Edwards

The Victor of Marengo—*Joel T. Headley*, Oren C. Benedict

The March to Moscow—*Robert Southey*, Edith J. Bryant

Napoleon's Farewell—*Byron*, Anna M. Goodrich

The Death of Napoleon—*McLellan*, Mary Tierney

Song—"Sailing," Ninth Grade Chorus (William B. Rice School)

Merchant of Venice—Act IV.—Scene I.

Venice—a Court of Justice.

(Antonio, a merchant of Venice, has obtained a loan of money from Shylock, a money lender of Venice. Antonio's ships are destroyed and Shylock wishes the Court of Venice to give him his forfeit.)

Duke,	Bessie T. O'Connell.
Antonio,	Helen A. Parker.
Bassanio,	Hortense E. Platt.
Salarino,	Grace M. Wright.
Clerk,	Florence D. Wadhams.
Nerissa,	Margaret A. Jones.
Gratiano,	Louise M. Orr.
Portia,	Laura E. O'Hearn.
Shylock,	Alfred M. Tilden.

Song, Ninth Grade Chorus (Center Grammar School).

Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington—*Tennyson*,
Hazel Van Bergan

Toussaint L'Ouverture—*Wendell Phillips*, Carl D. Groat

Queen Catherine to the King and Court of Cardinals—*Shakspere*,
Sadye S. Goldstein

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La Tour D'Auvergne, (An incident in Napoleon's war with Austria)—*Maida Buon*, Ruth E Griffen

Song—"Juanita" Ninth Grade Chorus, (Linden Street School)

Presentation of Certificates, Dr. W. M. Mercer, of the School Committee

NAMES OF PUPILS COMPLETING GRAMMAR SCHOOL COURSE.

CENTER GRAMMAR.

Motto: "Let all the ends thou aims't at be thy country's, Thy God's, and truth's."

Lizzie A. Boice,
Blanche E. Chapin,
Robert J. Connors,
Susie Creelan,
Margaret Dale,
Margaret M. Dillon,
Amy Amelia Desmond,
Julius Agnes Doheney,
Nellie Lauretta Doheney,
Rose C. Farrell,
John Flynn,
Martha Rede Foster,
Harry Hull,
Harriet M. Jewett,
Ellis C. Jones,
Margaret Ardilla Jones,
Clarence Walter Langdon,
Clara Louisa Miner,
Marion Nugent,
Jerry J. O'Brien,
Laura Eleanor O'Hearn,
Elizabeth T. O'Connell,
Louise Myretta Orr,
Helen A. Parker,
Jennie M. Peaster,
Hortense E. Platt,
Clarence A. Read,
Florence M. Sargent,
Alfred M. Tilden,
Queenie S. E. Volin,
Florence A. Volin,
Bertha Patience Whitman,
Grace M. Wright,
Florence D. Wadhams,
Russell Whittlesey,
Albert W. Wood.

LINDEN STREET.

Motto: "On God and Godlike men we build our trust."

Anna M. Callahan,
Mary E. Coughlin,
John W. Daly,
George H. Decker,
Georgeana F. DeVall,
Anna F. Downs,
Frances R. Downs,
Rose Dunn,
Sadye S. Goldstein,
Ruth E. Griffen,
Carl D. Groat,
John J. Kernan,
Anna J. Langlois,
Lemuel G. Lloyd,

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William Noonan,
Mary M. O'Neill,
Elizabeth W. Potter,
Minnie M. Prentice,
Clifford E. Rice,
Philip Schwarz,
Bessie Smith,
Dora L. Spencer,
Hazel A. Van Bergan,
David L. White,
Edgar L. Wilson.

ORCHARD STREET.

Motto: "Let all the ends thou aims't at be thy country's, Thy God's, and truth's."

Ina Babcock,
Frank H. Bush,
Eva B. Churchill,
Lillian A. Clark,
Ethel A. Copeland,
Estrid M. Gilbert,
Margaret E. Grady,
Philip E. Goeway,
Henry F. H. Grunow,
Rowland S. Hill,
Carrie M. Holderness,
Brita A. Hydren,
Nellie L. Kelly,
Edith M. King,
Andrew A. Martin,
Mattie M. McNeece,
Ralph H. Merrill,
Sadie R. Murphy,
May M. Murphy,
Winnie F. O'Brien,
Mary F. Reagan,
Frank M. Rooney,
Grace M. Shaw,
Edward S. Smith,
Leslie P. Thomson,
Fannie E. Welch,
Jospeh B. Wittan,
Olive M. Wright.

WILLIAM B. RICE.

Motto: "I always do what I undertake."—Napoleon.

Oren C. Benedict,
Sidney M. Benedict,
Edith J. Bryant,
Robert T. Edwards,
Catherine A. Linnehan,
Mary E. Norton,
Esther E. Owen,
William Strout,
Gertrude M. Sharley,
Morell W. Starkweather,
James F. Treat.

STEARNSVILLE.

Motto: "To own thine own self be true."

Patrick J. Cahill,
Philip H. Colwell,
Thomas W. Garrity,
Anne M. Goodrich,
John D. Sheehan,
Mary Tierney.

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EVENING SCHOOLS.

The statistical record for the school year ending June, 1902, is as follows:

Schools.	Total.	Over 15.	Between 5 and 15.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Membership.	Days Actually Taught.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance to average membership.
Russell.									
First Term,	58	42	16	52	6	18 40	20	13.65	74.18
Center									
First Term,	20	20	0	13	7	18.65	20	9.75	52:27
Stearnsville.									
First Term,	13	12	1	13	0	11 40	5	8.20	71.94
Total,	91	74	17	78	13	48.45		31.60	65.22
Drawing									
First Term,	17	17	0	12	5	14 61	15	10 20	69.81
Second Term,	20	20	0	12	8	17 11	18	12.39	72 41
Year,	23	23	0	12	11	15 97	33	11 38	71.32
Entire total,	114	97	17	90	24	64 42		42.99	66.73

The teachers were as follows: At Russell's, Mr. Francis P. Cullen, Prin., Miss Alice E. Curtin, assistant; at Center, Miss Margaret E. Kearney; at Stearnsville, Miss Helena J. Jordan; Drawing School, Mr. George H. Denison.

The schools opened October 21, 1901. The Stearnsville School continued for five evenings and the schools at Russell and Center to the end of the fall term. The Drawing School was closed February 27, 1902. The attendance at the Drawing School was better than for the preceding year.

The small attendance at the evening schools for several years past has raised the question whether the schools were worth maintaining, and under the conditions existing it seemed that if the schools were to be maintained at all their character should be radically changed.

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A new element entered into the situation last fall which is set forth in the following extract from the Statutes:

Acts of 1902. Chap. 183, Sec. 1.

While a public evening school is maintained in the city or town in which any minor who is over fourteen years of age and who does not have a certificate signed by the superintendent of schools, or by the school committee, or by some person acting under authority thereof, certifying to the minor's ability to read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language resides, no person shall employ him and no parent, guardian or custodian shall permit him to be employed unless he is a regular attendant at such evening school or at a day school. * * * Whoever employs a minor in violation of the provisions of this section shall forfeit not more than one hundred dollars for each offence. * * * A parent, guardian, or custodian who permits a minor under his control to be employed in violation of the provisions of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty dollars.

This provision of the Statutes required employed minors over fourteen years of age to have a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools showing ability to read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language. Notices to minors and their employers were distributed in October, and the Superintendent's office was kept open every evening until the large number of those applying for certificates were accommodated. As had been expected, very few of the applicants failed to secure the required certificates. In fact, the ability to read and write shown by most of those examined was very gratifying and justifies the belief that our schools have accomplished excellent results during the attendance of these applicants. The examination attracted general attention to the importance of elementary education, and doubtless awakened a desire for learning on the part of many who had been either indifferent or unconscious of their deficiencies. The grading of the 906 applicants when they left school was as follows:

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Grade II.,	1	Graduates of High School,	11
" III.,	12	Educated in the United States but not in Pittsfield Public Schools,	79
" IV.,	50		
" V.,	95		
" VI.,	139		
" VII.,	154		
" VIII.,	131	Foreigners,	11
" IX.,	117	No grade given,	3
High,	103		

In this connection it will be of interest to compare the grading of those who received the regular age and schooling certificates during the year 1902.

Grade III.,	10	High,	15
" IV.,	26	Educated in the United States but not in Pittsfield Public Schools,	10
" V.	41		
" VI.,	49		
" VII.,	53		
" VIII.,	28	Foreigners,	1
" IX.,	20	No grade given,	5

In view of all the conditions, it seemed to the Committee on Evening Schools desirable to change the character of the evening school instruction by making provision not only for grade work, but also for such higher studies as relate directly to business affairs. In accordance with this rule, the following circular was issued and widely distributed:

MECHANICAL AND COMMERCIAL EVENING SCHOOL.

The School Committee desires to offer to those wishing to avail themselves of such opportunities, evening classes of a higher grade than has been customary. The Committee has in mind to provide competent instruction in the following groups of subjects:

1. Mechanical and Freehand Drawing.
2. Shorthand and English, probably with Typewriting.
3. Bookkeeping and Business Arithmetic.
4. Grammar School studies fitting for admission to above classes.

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The schools will probably be held three evenings each week, beginning at seven or half past seven, as may be found most convenient.

Under ordinary circumstances, students will be expected to confine themselves to one or the other of these courses, and to show such earnestness as indicates a genuine desire for improvement. Except in cases where circumstances plainly prevent, a regular attendance will be expected as a condition of continuing membership in the classes. The classes will open November 3, at the High School.

All persons desiring to avail themselves of such opportunities are requested to make known to the Superintendent of Schools, or to some member of the Committee on Evening Schools, either personally or by mail, what studies they wish to pursue, stating what grades in the day schools they have completed or in what other ways they have prepared themselves to take up the desired studies.

JOHN R. FEELEY,
PETER W. BURNS,
PATRICK H. O'DONNELL,
Committee on Evening Schools.

EUGENE BOUTON, Supt. of Schools.

Pittsfield, Oct. 9, 1902.

The plan was even more successful than the Committee had expected and compelled the employment of a larger number of teachers than had been contemplated. The following were engaged and have continued to the present time:

Mechanical Drawing, Mr. F. W. Hill, Foreman of Generating Department, Stanley Manufacturing Co.

Freehand Drawing, Mr. George H. Denison, Supervisor of Drawing.

Shorthand, Mr. William D. Goodwin, of the High School.

Typewriting, Mr. Michael L. Eisner, of Crosby & Noxon.

Bookkeeping and Business Arithmetic, Mr. Clark J. Harding, of the Agricultural Bank.

Grade Studies, Miss Helena J. Jordan, Miss Margaret E. Kearney, Miss Alice E. Curtin, Mr. Warren T. Cole, Miss Rose Duffy.

The average membership for the fall term was 290; the average attendance, 242; and the per cent. of attendance, 82. The number in regular attendance has been considerably less than

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the number enroled. This was expected by the Committee, and the number of those who have maintained a regular attendance has been exceedingly satisfactory. The genuine earnestness and interest of those attending has been shown by the excellent order that has prevailed practically without any disciplinary measures on the part of the teachers. Another gratifying feature of the school has been the large attendance of foreigners above the compulsory age who have desired to learn the English language.

HIGH SCHOOL.

From 1894 to 1901, the membership of the High School steadily approximated 220. The average membership for the year ending June, 1902, was 256, and the present membership is 274. About one-sixth of the pupils are taking the Business Course, the proportion being nearly the same as last year. The percentage of attendance for 1902 was 96.35, the highest shown in the records of the school with the exception of the year 1888-89, when it was 97.13. It is rather surprising, on the other hand, to find the number of cases of tardiness for the year 1201, an increase of 405, or about 50 per cent. over the preceding year, the average cases of tardiness per pupil being 4.9 against 3.6 for the preceding year. It is to be hoped that the present year will show a decided improvement in this particular.

The graduating exercises for pupils in the four-year courses were held in the High School Auditorium Thursday evening, June 26, 1902, when Mayor England presented the diplomas to six pupils in the Classical Course, twenty-one in the Scientific Course, and seventeen in the English Course.

The graduating exercises of the Business Department were held Tuesday, June 24, 1902, at 8 P. M. Certificates were presented to eight graduates by Mr. John R. Feeley, of the School Committee. The attendance was much larger than in the preceding year, and the pupils acquitted themselves very creditably.

In view of the increased membership of the school and in or-

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der to allow more time for laboratory work in the sciences, Miss Florence E. Hill, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, was added to the teaching force of the school at the beginning of the present year. To facilitate the work in first year history, a summary of the material for instruction is being printed for the use of the pupils. The printing of this outline has materially diminished the labor of the teacher in charge of the subject and can not fail to facilitate the work of the pupils.

A series of high class entertainments managed by Principal Byram has not only continued to add to the pleasure and profit of the pupils and citizens, but has contributed to the art collection and to the reference library of the school.

At the request of the pupils interested in athletics the Committee provided baths with hot and cold water for their use by taking for that purpose the room in the basement originally set apart for the use of the janitor. This action of the Committee may furnish a useful precedent should it seem best to establish baths in the grade schools for the encouragement of cleanliness among the pupils as has been done in foreign countries and several cities in this country during the past few years. The interest in athletics and the success of physical culture exercises in the grades during the last year suggest the desirability of providing in the High School a suitable gymnasium with apparatus for the use of all the pupils. The omission of the gymnasium from the original plan of the High School would not be a serious impediment, as the room originally intended for manual training has been already used for play and athletic exercises. Were some desirable apparatus placed in the room and our provision for physical culture extended to the High School, it would be, in my judgment, a desirable addition to the school's equipment and opportunities.

The program of the graduating exercises and the names of the graduates follow the special report of the Principal, to which your attention is asked for further details.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

There was no graduating class last June, and the attention of

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the Principal was given to improving the conditions of the school and the work of the regular teachers in charge of the rooms. Four candidates for the training class were admitted at the beginning of the fall term and are taking the prescribed course in preparation for teaching. To relieve a crowded condition of the lowest room of the Grammar School, a part of the fifth grade has been placed in the Training School. While this was done chiefly to secure better distribution of the pupils, it incidentally provides the Training School with an additional grade for observation and practice.

Altho there was no graduating class, public exercises were held at the school in June, at which time an exhibition of school work was arranged.

The general excellence of work has been maintained and in some respects improved during the year.

For a more detailed statement of the work of the school, your attention is invited to the special report of the Principal.

IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHERS.

For the improvement of our teachers such meetings have been held during the year as seemed likely to be of the most benefit. The following interesting and helpful addresses have been given upon special invitation by the speakers named:

January 9: Medial Penmanship in the Grammar Grades, Mr. A. W. Clark, Boston.

April 24: The Conquest of the Mississippi Valley, Hon. Joseph Tucker, Chairman of the School Committee.

November 25: Virgil and the Aeneid, Mr. H. H. Ballard, Librarian of the Berkshire Athenaeum.

December 3: Sicily and the Sicilians, Mr. William Stearns Davis.

The thirty-sixth annual session of the Berkshire Teachers' Association, held at the High School building, November 7, 1902, furnished many valuable suggestions to our teachers. The problem of Mental Hygiene and Fatigue was discussed by Professor Will S. Monroe, of the Westfield Normal School, and Pro-

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fessor William H. Burnham of Clark University. The Study and Teaching of English in the High School was presented by Mr. D. O. S. Lowell, of the Roxbury Latin School, Boston; Methods in Nature Study by Mr. Charles B. Wilson, of the State Normal School, Westfield; English Literature by Mr. J. W. MacDonald, Agent of the State Board of Education; Psychology by Dr. Charles H. Thurber, of Boston. Other profitable addresses and exercises were given by various teachers of the county.

April 10, an unusually interesting lecture on Birds was given to the pupils and teachers of the public schools at the High School Auditorium by Mr. Charles D. Kellogg, one of the lecturers of the Kindergarten Course. The Auditorium was filled and the attention of the pupils was held without interruption to the close.

Special exercises illustrating class work for the benefit of the teachers of the grades named were given as follows:

January 27: Language and Physical Culture, Grades I. and II., Miss Frances L. Boland, of the Pontoosuc School.

March 5: Spelling, Grade II., Miss May A. Pratt, of the Training School.

Arithmetic, Grade III., Miss Arabella Roach, Principal of the Training School.

April 22: Music, Grade III., Miss Augusta P. Edwards, Principal of the Fenn Street School.

Music, Grade IV., Miss Grace L. Skinkle, of the Center Intermediate School.

May 28: Music and Language, Miss Ellen J. Hagerty, of the Russell School.

Music and Phyiscal Culture, Miss Mary Toohey, of the Russell School.

Numerous other meetings for conference with the teachers of the several grades as to courses of study and methods of instruction have been held during the year. Miss Clapp, Supervisor of Physical Culture, has held numerous meetings for the consideration and practice of exercises in that subject.

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ART.

The teachers of some of our schools have secured additional works or art during the year, tho less effort in this direction has been made than in the preceding year. The additions reported by the teachers are as follows:

High—Castle of Sant' Angelo, given by the Class of 1901.
The Roman Forum, given by the Class of 1902.

Linden Street—Birth of Our Nation's Flag.

Redfield—Cast of Luca della Robbia's Bambino.
By the River, Henri Le Rolle.
Caritas, Abbott Thayer.
Strawberry Girl, Reynolds.
Age of Innocence, Reynolds.
Lion of Lucerne, Thorwaldsen.
Feeding Her Birds, Millet.

Briggs—Springtime, Gietl.

Onota Street—The Pools.

Osceola—Longfellow.

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ATTENDANCE.

During the school year from September, 1901, to June, 1902, there were no unusual interruptions in the attendance. The record for the year was nearly as good as we have been able to secure for a number of years past, the percentage being much better than for the two preceding years. As any irregularity of attendance interferes with the work of the absent pupil and any extended absence or irregularity places the pupil at a decided disadvantage, the general record for the year is very gratifying.

There are many factors affecting regularity of attendance, among which contagious diseases, the weather, the extent of the district, and the grade of the pupils are perhaps the most prominent. In the percentage of attendance the High School has usually made a better record than the grades, altho this has not always been the case. In the same way, schools having no

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lower grades may be expected to have a better record of attendance than those which contain lower grades.

In the past nine years six different schools, exclusive of the High School, have held the record for the highest percentage of attendance for one or more years, the Russell School having been at the head of the list for four of the nine years. For the last nine years fourteen different schools have appeared among the five having the highest percentage of attendance, each school appearing the number of times indicated:

Orchard Street	9
Russell	7
Center Grammar	5
Pontoosuc	5
West Pittsfield	4
Briggs	3
Stearnsville	3
Training	2
Coltsville	2
W. B. Rice	1
Fenn Street	1
Onota Street	1
Peck's	1
West Part	1

The school census for September showed an increase of 183.

The following statement shows the percentage of attendance by months for the last eight years:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1895,	91.79	88.87	91.17	94.78	92.16	93.30	94.73	94.49	93.75	93.08
1896,	91.92	88.89	89.58	92.34	91.22	92.67	95.44	94.18	94.72	
1897,	91.89	89.03	92.44	93.83	91.49	92.93	95.30	94.99	92.51	92.54
1898,	92.10	90.37	93.90	94.55	93.27	94.14	95.22	94.05	93.34	92.12
1899,	90.60	88.80	91.29	95.04	94.61	95 48	95.54	95.77	95.29	92.88
1900,	93.58	89.87	91.77	92.36	85.18	88.61	95.33	93.97	90.75	88.20
1901,	88.04	86.61	89.81	94.10	93.64	94.99	95.17	95.27	91.96	91.98
1902,	92.22	87.56	93.42	94.63	93.4.	93.23	94.36	93.98	95.87	91.82
	91.52	88.75	91.67	93.95	91.88	93.29	95.14	94.59	93.27	91.80

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Statistical Report for the Year Ending June 27, 1902.

TEACHERS.	Rooms.	Grades.	Number of Sittings.	ENROLMENT.									ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY									Cases of Punishment.	Present Average Age of Pupils by rooms. (Years and Months.)
				Total	Under 5.	Over 15	Between 5 and 15.	Between 8 and 14.	7 Years Old.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Membership.	Days actually Taught.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance to Avge Membership.	Days Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Truancy.	Perfect Entire Year.	Perfect Two Terms.	Perfect One Term.		
High School.																							
C. A. Byram, Prin...	16	XIII	50	52	0	52	0	0	0	14	38	50 69	191.5	49.07	96 80	331	351	0	4	3	11	0	18 y., 9 m.
H. L. Blinn.....	13	XII	48	47	0	47	0	0	0	22	25	45.08	191.5	43.18	95.78	265	200	0	4	2	20	0	18 y., 3 m.
S. F. Dibble	12	XI	48	46	0	46	0	0	0	25	21	41.90	191.5	40 64	96.90	271.5	153	0	0	3	15	0	17 y., 1 m.
M. A. Rice.....	14	XI-X	49	33	0	33	10	1	0	9	24	29.80	191.5	29.31	98 36	95 5	118	0	4	10	10	0	17 y.
W. D. Goodwin	9	X	48	49	0	33	16	5	0	20	29	45.76	191 5	43.98	96 11	339.5	167	16	3	5	9	0	15 y., 11 m.
M. E. Kellogg.....	11	XI-X	48	51	0	47	4	0	0	20	31	42.98	191.5	40.70	94.70	429	212	0	0	4	7	0	16 y., 8 m.
Total			291	278	0	248	30	6	0	110	168	256.21	191.5	246.87	96.35	1731.5	1201	16	15	33	72	0	17 y., 3 m.
Center Gram'r.																							
J. A. Treanor, Prin .	8	IX	48	40	0	19	21	35	0	13	27	36.64	191.5	34.34	93.72	416.5	135	1	2	3	7	0	15 y., 1 m.
A. A. Bourne.....	6	VIII-VII	48	39	0	10	30	13	0	16	23	34.85	191.5	32.27	92.59	563.5	173	3	0	0	4		14 y.
A. V. Jordan	5	VIII	48	39	0	12	27	17	0	20	19	36.04	191.5	33.12	91.90	533.5	207	0	1	1	2	3	14 y.
M. L. Elmer.....	4	VII	48	37	0	0	37	30	0	20	17	34.95	191.5	33.19	94.96	339	230	0	3	1	9	4	13 y., 8 m.
Total.....			192	155	0	41	115	95	0	69	86	142.48		132.92	93.99	1872.5	745	4	6	5	18	11	14 y.. 2 m.
Center Inter.																							
M. A. Brennan, Prin.	2	VI	120	47	0	1	46	43	0	24	23	43.31	191.5	40.08	92.54	615	103	1	1	0	8	10	13 y., 6 m.
E. Pauline Eddy.....		V		33	0	0	33	33	0	17	16	29.30	191.5	27.52	93.92	316	99	1	0	2	7	12	11 y., 9 m.
Rose Duffy.....		V		29	0	0	29	29	0	14	15	30.26	191 5	27 69	91.51	492.5	66	2	2	2	3	9	12 y., 1 m.
Grace Skinkle.....	1	IV	110	44	0	1	43	40	3	21	23	39 26	191.5	36.62	93.28	503.5	63	10	2	4	16	4	10 y., 11 m.
Margaret Fleming...		IV		40	0	0	40	38	2	21	19	39.25	191.5	36.56	93.15	509.5	67	2	3	6	13	5	10 y., 9 m.
Total.....			230	193	0	2	191	183	5	97	96	181.38		168.47	92.88	2466.5	398	16	18	14	47	40	
Linden Street.																							
C. E. Bennett, Prin..																							
E. K. Manning.....	15	IX	36	26	0	10	16	6	0	10	16	24.98	191.5	23.49	94.02	285	143	0	2	2	6	2	15 y., 3 m.
E. L. Curtis	14	VIII	48	39	0	10	29	18	0	18	21	36.85	191.5	34.42	93.43	464.5	80	2	0	2	13	8	14 y., 6 m.
A. K. Kernan	13	VII	49	46	0	1	45	37	0	16	30	42.66	191.5	39.39	92.33	945	38	5	0	0	8	7	13 y., 10 m.
M. E. Kearney.....	12	VI	63	55	0	1	54	44	0	30	25	61.	191.5	56.90	93.43	762	52	5	2	4	20	2	12 y., 9 m.
F. A. Kloseman....		V																					
A. M. Munn	11	V	48	54	0	0	54	53	0	27	27	35.04	191.5	31.55	90.04	671.5	77	5	1	2	13	13	12 y., 1 m.

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Linden (Continued)																							
J. A. Bull	10	IV	49	31	0	0	31	31	0	16	15	31.10	191.5	28.23	90.67	554.5	61	3	0	1	5	30	11 y., 2 m.
K. E. Devanny	9	IV	49	37	0	0	37	37	0	23	14	31.22	191.5	29.20	93.53	384.5	105	4	2	1	6	19	10 y., 10 m.
M. E. Enright	8	III	49	44	0	0	44	44	0	29	15	36.46	191.5	33.48	91.83	565.5	101	1	0	0	9	13	10 y., 6 m.
M. E. Conlin	7	III	49	39	0	0	39	39	8	13	26	39.06	191.5	37.21	95.26	340.5	86	3	2	7	26	11	9 y., 4 m.
A. L. Solon	6	II	48	51	0	0	51	35	14	23	28	35.68	191.5	33.55	94.03	442.5	94	3	0	2	6	4	9 y., 2 m.
E. F. Marsden	5	II	49	37	0	0	37	22	12	20	17	37.46	191.5	34.92	93.17	490.5	36	4	0	3	15	17	8 y., 9 m.
A. M. Egan	4	II I	49	38	0	0	38	10	10	19	19	33.50	191.5	37.05	92.69	460.5	52	0	0	2	6	6	7 y., 9 m.
E. A. Joyce	3	I	49	40	0	0	40	12	10	19	21	29.77	191.5	26.99	90.66	478.	68	1	0	0	6	4	7 y., 4 m.
L. M. Merry	2	I	49	41	1	0	40	1	2	21	20	34.14	191.5	31.22	91.45	558.	42	0	0	2	6	4	7 y., 8 m.
E. L. Solon	1	1	49	58	3	0	55	1	1	39	29	29.44	191.5	25.99	88.28	657.5	63	0	0	1	7	2	5 y., 8 m.
Total			733	636	4	22	610	381	57	313	323	538.36		497.23	92.34	8160.	1098	36	9	29	152	142	10 y., 5 m.
Orchard St.																							
Geo W. Gardner, Prin		IX	132	30	0	13	17	8	0	11	19	28.17	191.5	27.26	96.77	173.	17	0	5	2	11	1	15 y., 7 m.
Ada S. Wolfe		VIII		27	0	4	23	13	0	13	14	23.87	191.5	22.69	95.06	218.5	47	7	1	5	2	30	14 y., 9 m.
M. A. Reilly		VII		35	0	4	31	24	0	20	15	33.57	191.5	31.80	94.73	337.5	59	7	0	3	7	11	13 y., 9 m.
Carolyn R. Stickles		VI	50	52	0	1	51	50	0	31	21	42.39	191.5	39.87	94.03	482.	69	1	1	3	7	8	12 y., 10 m.
F. A. McSweeny		V	53	52	0	1	51	45	0	26	26	50.74	191.5	46.93	92.49	736.	71	1	0	3	18	15	12 y., 6 m.
Total			235	196	0	23	173	140	0	101	95	178.75		168.55	94.29	1937.	263	16	7	16	45	65	13 y., 7 m.
Training.																							
Arabella Roach, Prin.																							
F. M. Carpenter	8	IV	48	46	0	0	46	45	1	24	22	38.76	191.5	36.87	95.12	362.5	48	0	2	8	16	0	10 y., 11 m.
H. B. Francis	6	IV-III	40	32	0	0	32	32	0	21	11	31.28	191.5	29.54	94.43	335.	52	7	1	2	10	6	10 y., 2 m.
N. E. Higgins																							
Georgiana Hoxie	5	III	48	34	0	0	34	34	4	21	18	31.52	191.5	28.09	92.29	455.5	28	6	0	3	5	9	9 y., 1 m
C. M. Francis	4	II	48	33	0	0	33	10	17	20	13	30.83	191.5	28.57	92.67	431.	66	0	2	5	20	0	8 y., 4 m.
M. A. Pratt	3	II	48	27	0	0	27	7	11	21	6	27.05	191.5	25.32	93.57	330.	40	0	1	2	4	6	8 y., 4 m.
A. B. Curtin	2	I	48	38	0	0	38	3	7	17	21	33.66	191.5	30.74	91.33	570.	15	0	0	0	11	4	7 y., 4 m.
M. E. G. Miller	1	I	48	39	0	0	39	3	2	20	19	25.75	191.5	23.54	91.31	423.	37	0	0	1	6	0	6 y., 5 m.
Total			328	249	0	0	249	134	42	144	105	218.89		203.66	93.04	2916.	285	13	6	21	72	25	8 y., 7 m.
Wm. B. Rice.																							
C. E. Rogers, Prin	9	IX	45	12	0	5	7	2	0	6	6	11.49	191.5	10.99	95.65	95.	11	0	1	1	5	0	15 y., 5 m.
M. E. McSweeny	9	VIII		17	0	4	13	13	0	9	8	19.23	191.5	18.32	95.27	170.	77	0	1	5	1	0	14 y., 10 m.
Ida Starkweather	8	VII	42	29	0	2	27	23	0	11	18	25.41	191.5	23.70	93.27	320.5	32	4	0	1	7	0	13 y., 11 m.
Alice E. Curtin	7	VI	48	27	0	0	27	24	0	15	12	23.69	191.5	22.41	91.60	246.	44	1	0	2	9	3	13 y., 1 m.
Emma L. Clark	6	V	48	31	0	0	31	30	0	15	12	26.90	191.5	25.69	95.50	233.	39	3	4	4	9	8	11 y., 11 m.
M. E. Bourne	5	IV	48	39	0	0	39	39	0	20	19	35.40	191.5	32.83	92.74	494.5	64	4	1	1	4	15	11 y., 5 m.
A. M. Holden	4	IV-III	48	41	0	0	41	35	6	20	21	35.88	191.5	34.21	92.36	516.5	67	1	0	3	6	18	10 y., 4 m.
H. M. Overton	3	III II	48	39	0	0	39	33	6	24	15	37.42	191.5	33.92	90.65	580.	91	5	1	3	8	12	9 y., 5 m.
Florence E. Hill	2	II-I	48	38	0	0	38	5	9	21	17	39.05	191.5	35.37	90.58	715.	93	2	0	1	14	11	7 y., 7 m.
Elisabeth F. Toohey	1	I	42	58	0	0	58	2	4	32	26	37.08	191.5	33.78	91.10	617.5	21	0	0	0	2	7	6 y., 1 m.
Total			417	331	0	11	320	205	25	177	154	291.57	191.5	270.23	92.68	3988.	539	20	8	21	65	68	

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Fenn Street.																						
A. P. Edwards, Prin.	8	III	49	39	0	1	38	24	15	18	21	36.67	191.5	34.68	94.57	391	93	0	3	5	9	4	10 y., 11 m.
M. Teresa Kelly	7	III	48	33	0	0	33	23	10	10	23	31.96	191.5	29.77	93.15	417	100	1	1	4	15	0	8 y., 11 m.
Ellen S. Canfield	6	II	49	37	0	0	37	24	4	16	21	33.31	191.5	29.66	84.04	697	67	4	1	1	9	2	9 y., 6 m.
Helen E. Knight	5	II	48	39	0	0	39	38	9	20	19	34.44	191.5	31.48	91.40	576.5	70	0	0	1	10	0	8 y., 7 m.
E. Van Valkenburg	4	II	49	39	0	0	39	10	0	19	20	37.22	191.5	33.20	89.19	775	113	2	1	2	12	3	8 y., 7 m.
Flora N. White	3	II	49	2	0	0	2	0	12	2	0	39.91	191.5	37.29	93.43	149	27	0	0	0	10	0	7 y., 1 m.
Ida R. Kusch	2	I	49	45	0	0	45	4	6	26	19	39.23	191.5	36.63	93.37	503.5	83	0	0	4	20	1	6 y., 6 m.
Cora E. Dorr	1	1	49	79	0	0	79	5	4	39	40	38.41	191.5	34.06	88.67	834.5	103	1	0	2	5	2	5 y., 11 m.
Total			380	313	0	1	312	128	60	150	163	263.34		240.78	91.43	4343.5	656	8	6	19	90	12	
Redfield.																						
Ellen Irons, Prin.	8	VI	48	36	0	0	36	33	0	16	20	33.33	191.5	32.09	96.27	236.5	31	0	0	4	22	0	12 y., 2 m.
M. A. Denny	7	V	48	40	0	0	40	39	0	20	20	36.95	191.5	35.38	95.75	297.5	66	3	2	5	17	0	11 y., 10m.
M. E. Canning	6	V-IV	48	44	0	0	44	13	0	20	24	39.74	191.5	37.69	94 84	395	88	1	0	1	12	5	11 y.
G. L. Prudden	5	IV III	48	44	0	1	43	40	1	18	26	36.91	191.5	34.47	93.39	473	142	7	1	1	2	14	10 y., 10 m.
A. E. Sigafus	4	III	48	43	0	0	43	41	1	20	23	38.45	191.5	35.53	92.41	559	134	0	0	4	11	9	10 y., 1 m.
J. E. Francis	3	III II	48	45	0	0	45	22	16	23	22	42.60	191.5	38.40	90.14	811	90	3	1	1	6	5	8 y., 6 m.
H. L. Watkins	2	II-I	48	45	0	0	48	8	11	21	24	36.38	191.5	32.98	90.65	657	132	6	0	1	10	4	7 y., 5 m.
N. E. O'Neill	1	I	48	32	0	0	32	1	0	13	19	35.24	191.5	31.35	88.96	745.5	117	0	0	0	5	0	5y., 10 m.
Total			384	329	0	1	331	227	29	151	178	289.59		277.90	92.76	4174.5	800	20	4	17	85	37	
S. L. Russell.																						
A. M. Reid, Prin.	8	VII	48	46	0	1	45	35	0	26	20	35.25	191.5	33.03	93.70	405.		0	1	3	12	5	13 y., 10 m.
M. E. Reardon		VIII																				
E. V. McKenna	7	VI	48	39	0	0	39	36	0	18	21	37.58	191.5	35.31	93.96	438.5	49	0	2	2	17	14	12 y., 12 m.
S. A. Coyne	6	V	48	33	0	0	33	32	0	17	16	34.60	191.5	32.59	94.19	387	54	0	1	5	4	8	12 y., 4 m.
S. A. McMahon	5	IV	48	46	0	0	46	46	0	30	16	40.58	191.5	38.61	95 15	371	12	2	1	5	26	11	11 y., 4 m.
Mary Toohey	4	III	48	46	0	0	46	38	8	23	23	44.53	191.5	42.75	96.00	340	34	0	0	10	25	14	9 y., 8 m.
E. J. Hagerty	3	III-II	48	33	0	0	33	23	7	15	18	36.27	191.5	34.62	95.45	315.5	29	0	1	5	15	5	9 y.,
S. G. Toohey	2	II I	48	36	0	0	36	3	14	23	13	37.24	191 5	35.26	94.68	382	39	0	1	2	21	11	7 y., 4 m.
J. M. Mee	1	I	48	56	0	0	56	2	1	27	29	38.91	191.5	35.83	92.08	587.5	17	0	1	3	8	7	6 y.
Total			384	335	0	1	334	215	30	179	156	304.97		288.01	94.44	3226.5	278	2	8	35	128	75	10 y., 4 m.
Briggs.																						
S. E. Stevens, Prin.	6	VI	48	20	0	1	19	17	0	10	10	17.98	191	17.29	96.16	136	26	0	0	5	2	2	12 y., 4 m.
E. J. Murphy	5	V-IV	48	46	0	0	46	45	0	18	28	42.08	191	39.19	93.13	545.5	86	0	1	2	8	4	11 y., 5 m.
N. M. Syman	4	IV-III	48	47	0	0	47	46	1	24	23	44.50	191	42.43	95.35	389	48	0	2	3	14	1	10 y., 4 m.
K. E. Corcoran	3	II	48	46	0	0	46	26	11	22	24	41 59	191	38.82	93.34	528.5	105	0	0	2	15	4	9 y.,
M. A. Murphy	2	I	48	44	0	0	44	13	11	23	21	42.56	191	38.92	91.45	701	83	0	0	1	2	4	7 y., 7 m.
M. A. Syman	1	I	48	53	1	0	52	0	0	30	23	38.67	191	34.95	90.38	711	88	0	0	4	5	2	6 y., 2 m.
Total			288	256	1	1	254	147	23	127	129	227.38		211.60	93 06	3011	436	0	3	17	46	17	
Stearnsville.																						
H. J. Jordan, Prin.	4	IX-VII	42	25	0	3	22	17	0	13	12	22.12	191.5	20.41	92 27	328.5	96	0	0	0	4	1	13 y., 6 m.
Nellie T. Walsh	3	VI-V	42	41	0	1	40	39	0	17	24	36	191.5	32.44	90 11	677.5	83	0	0	1	6	15	12 y., 2 m.
F. G. Elton	2	IV-III	42	38	0	0	38	38	0	16	22	33.43	191.5	29 36	87.83	779	186	0	0	0	1	7	10 y., 4 m.
S. J. Smith	1	II-I	48	29	1	0	28	1	10	16	13	23 03	191.5	21.42	93.03	304.5	62	0	0	0	4	3	6 y., 4 m.
Total			174	133	1	4	128	95	10	62	71	114.57		103.62	90.44	2089.5	427	0	0	1	15	26	

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R. O. Kendall, Prin..	4	VII-VI	48	21	0	1	20	15	21	10	11	18.41	190.5	17.49	95.	172.5	52	0	0	8	6	0	14 y., 1 m.
A. L. Hynes.....	3	V-IV	48	44	0	0	44	43	44	24	20	40.36	190.5	38.13	94.47	420	94	5	0	8	11	19	11 y., 5 m.
E. J. McArthur.....	2	III-II	48	32	0	0	32	19	30	14	18	34.73	190.5	32.22	92.77	482	89	0	0	6	10	20	9 y., 4 m.
F. L. Boland	1	I	48	43	5	0	38	4	12	23	20	31.16	190.5	28.28	90.76	544.5	52	0	0	0	7	1	6 y., 6 m.
Total...			192	140	5	1	134	81	107	71	69	124.66		116.06	93.10	1619	287	5	0	17	34	40	9 y., 9 m.
Onota St.																							
M. J. Condon, Prin..	2	IV-III	44	32	0	0	32	32	0	15	17	29.94	191.5	28.06	93.72	354	88	0	0	4	8	4	10 y., 9 m.
M. H. Middleton.....	1	II-I	46	34	0	0	34	7	7	16	18	30.05	191.5	27.17	90.42	546.5	71	0	0	3	5	9	7 y., 6 m.
Total			90	66	0	0	66	39	7	31	35	59.98		55.23	92.08	900.5	159	0	0	7	13	13	9 y., 2 m.
Peck's																							
M. C. Hynes, Prin ...	2	IV-III	48	32	0	0	32	30	30	18	14	30.88	191.	28 95	93 75	375.5	44	0	0	1	12	12	9 y., 11 m.
Helen G. Curtin	1	II-I	47	55	0	0	55	12	19	29	26	39.43	191.	35.25	89.40	794.5	105	3	1	1	10	19	7 y., 6 m.
Total.....			95	87	0	0	87	42	49	47	40	70.31		64.20	91.31	1170	149	3	1	2	22	31	8 y., 5 m.
Junction																							
M. A. Hathaway. Prin	2	VI-IV	24	16	0	0	16	16	0	6	10	14.13	191.5	12.60	89.17	295	70	0	1	0	4	3	11 y., 5 m.
Grace L. Cain.....	1	III-I	43	25	0	0	25	8	4	13	12	26.50	191.5	22.79	86.	712.5	473	1	0	0	4	16	7 y., 10 m.
Total.....			67	41	0	0	41	24	4	19	22	40.63		35.39	87.10	1007.5	543	1	1	0	8	19	8 y., 6 m.
Schools having more than one room.			4490	3738	11	356	3375	2143	448	1848	1890	3313.07		3080.72	92.99	44613.5	8264	160	92	254	912	621	
Coltsville																							
M. F. Flaherty.....		V-I	42	31	0	0	31	20	2	15	16	26.66	191.5	24.22	90.85	474.5	68	0	0	1	11	12	10 y., 5 m.
Tracy																							
A. B. Herrick		V-I	32	27	0	0	27	21	5	15	12	20.53	191.5	17.92	87.27	495.5	241	0	0	0	0	10	10 y., 4 m.
Holmes																							
R. K. McKenna		VI-I	23	21	0	0	21	17	1	14	7	16.14	191.5	14.75	91.39	265	18	0	0	0	3	13	10 y., 3 m.
Morewood																							
A. J. Barnes.....		IV-I	48	21	3	0	9	8	4	11	10	16.58	191.5	14.51	87.52	523	50	0	0	2	5	3	7 y., 10 m.
Barkerville																							
M. L. Harney.....		V-I	42	27	0	0	27	14	4	20	7	26.81	191.5	23.78	88.70	571.5	248	1	0	0	5	26	8 y., 11 m.
West Pittsfield																							
A. B. Rees.....		IV-I	29	23	0	0	23	16	1	11	12	19.13	190.5	17 96	93.88	218	103	0	0	3	8	12	9 y., 6 m.
Osceola																							
A. M. Mahon		III-I	42	23	0	0	23	11	5	12	11	22.86	190.5	21.38	93.53	280.5	57	0	1	4	13	18	7 y., 11 m.
West Part																							
E. V. Reed		VIII-I	36	31	0	1	30	19	4	20	11	24 89	191.5	21.73	87.30	590.5	117	0	0	1	6	3	9 y., 3 m.
Schools having one Room			294	204	3	1	191	126	26	118	86	173.60		156.25	90.01	3418.5	902	1	1	11	51	97	
Entire Total			4784	3942	14	357	3566	2269	474	1966	1976	3486.67		3236.97	92.84	48032	9166	161	93	265	963	718	

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SCHOOL PROPERTY.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

When the estimate of the necessary expenditures for the year was made the Committee hoped to diminish the cost of repairs and improvements for the year, believing that the condition of the buildings warranted this expectation. It is possible that the Committee did not sufficiently consider certain improvements under way which would have to be paid for out of the year's appropriation. As a matter of fact, the expenditures for repairs and improvements have been somewhat larger than for the preceding year. Possibly a rigid curtailing of expenses to absolute necessities might have made a more favorable showing financially, but it would have deferred improvements of undeniable urgency.

In the classification expenditures incurred in making good what has been injured or is worn out are classed as repairs, and expenditures for betterments are classed as improvements. In the following record, however, no distinction is made. The principal repairs and improvements of the several buildings were as follows:

High School.—It having been found that the copper linings of the gutters on the east side of the building above the auditorium and from the east window of the chemical laboratory around the south side to the corresponding window on the west of the building was constantly developing leaks which could not easily be stopped, this lining was removed from the gutters and the copper was abandoned, the place where it had been being covered by tin following the regular slope of the roof and throwing the drip off from the eaves of the building. A part of the copper taken from the gutter was used to cover the capitals and railings over the front entrance and also the buttresses supporting the urns on the sides of the dormer window over the front entrance. This covering and the urns above, which had begun to crumble, were painted, and so are probably well protected for some time to come. Storm doors have been provided for the south, west, and north entrances, thus protecting them against the weather and greatly lessening the cold admitted to

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the building. A pin radiator has been placed in the stack leading to the library which might very properly have been placed there when the heating plant was installed. Coils for additional heating have been placed in the three first-floor rooms on the north side of the building, and in the first-floor room on the southwest corner. Some of the closet doors have been protected by copper sheathing to prevent the marring to which they are subjected by thoughtless pupils. The shrinkage of timbers having loosened the stair construction, the stairs from the basement to the third floor on both sides of the building have been raised and tightened, and at the same time the stairs on the north side were revarnished. Some plastering has been necessary in the men's room and in the northeast room on the third floor. The walls defaced by leakage have been retinted in the chemical and physical laboratories and in various other parts of the building. Two shower baths with provision for hot and cold water have been provided in the room on the south side of the basement, originally partitioned off for the use of the janitor. It having been found that the lawn in front of the building was being treated as a part of the Common, a wire fence with iron posts was built along the edge of the terrace between the Common and the school lawn. One of the elm trees at the north of the lawn was removed and one of the maple trees on the east side of the grounds, and four new trees have been planted so as to leave a symmetrical arrangement of shade trees around the grounds.

Training School.—The plastering in the rooms and halls having become unsafe, the south room on the first floor, the halls, the closets, and the Principal's room were ceiled with Georgia pine to correspond with the other ceiling which had been previously found necessary.

William B. Rice.—The iron from the old fire escape was found to be unavailable for any purpose required by the schools and was sold. A new fire escape, giving exit from the third and second floors, has been constructed on the front of the building so that it mars the appearance of the building little if at all. From the balcony on the third floor stairways lead to the north and to the south on each side of the Winter Street entrance. The fire escape is substantial and will, it is hoped, be found adequate if occasion shall require its use. The basement floors available for play rooms have been concreted. The outside woodwork of the building was painted. There is still some difficulty in properly heating the third floor and the halls of this building.

Penn Street.—The fence along the south side of the school premises has been renewed.

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Redfield.—The steps and stone work of the building have been repainted as required. The fence on the north of the grounds has been painted. Elm trees have been set out in front of the building to balance the shade trees already growing. The desks in the two south rooms on the second floor have been refinished.

Russell.—The steps at the east and west entrances of the building have been repaired. The windows were puttied as required, and the outside woodwork and tin were painted. The partition between the two rooms assigned to the teachers in front of the book room on the second floor was removed. The radiators were rearranged as required. Boards of green lithoplate and three settees were provided. This gives the school a rather small but useful recitation room.

Briggs.—The chimneys of this building need repointing, and, possibly, partially relaying, which is likely to be a matter of considerable expense.

Stearnsville.—A new board of green lithoplate and an additional settee have been provided for the recitation room. The basement play room on the girls' side has been concreted. A new fire pot has been provided for one of the furnaces and a new door to replace one broken. Concrete has been laid around the building to throw water away from the basement walls. The reshingling of the building has been completed. The outside woodwork has been painted and stained.

Pontoosuc.—The roof has been reshingled, and the closets at the rear of the building have been refloored. The front porch was refloored and painted.

Onota Street.—A new fuel bin was placed in the basement.

Junction.—New window shades have been provided for the south room.

Coltsville.—The building has been painted.

During the year the attention of the Committee was called to the fact that the City owned considerable additional land to the north and to the west of the present school lot. The southeast corner of the school lot is as is now fenced, but the eastern boundary extends northward 115.50 ft., being 34 ft. beyond the present limits of the lot. The line along the highway extends westward from the southeast corner 132 ft.—30.35 ft. beyond the present fence on the west. From this southwest extremity of the premises a hypothenuse of 51.48 ft. meets the present western limits of the school lot about 41 ft. north of the highway line, thus forming a triangle covering a considerable space north of the highway and west of the present

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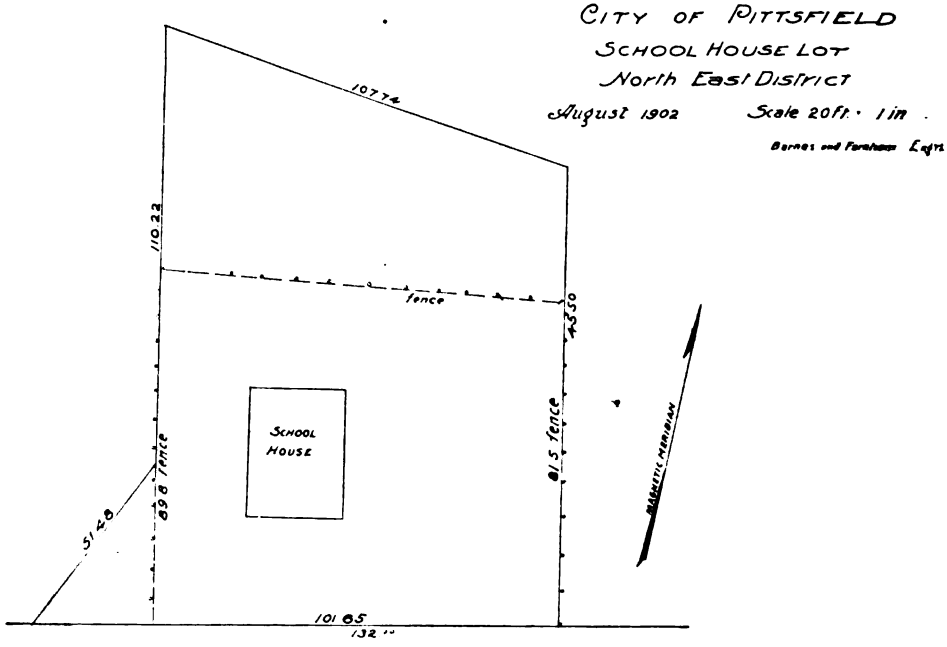
boundary of the school lot. The entire western boundary of the premises extends northward 110.22 ft. from the point where the hypothenuse of the triangle meets the western line, making the north-



western corner about 151 ft. north of the highway line. The line connecting the northwest corner and the northeast corner is 107.74 ft. in length. The land actually belonging to the City is, therefore, fully 50 per cent. more than that now enclosed and occupied by the school.

Tracy.—The walls have been papered, the ceiling painted, and the settees stained.

Sykes.—Fences repaired, and lower clapboards on north side of woodhouse replaced.

Holmes.—The roof of the schoolhouse has been reshingled. The schoolroom was repapered.

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Morewood.—The walls and ceiling have been painted a lighter color and the woodwork refinished, thus making the schoolroom much more cheerful and attractive.

Barkerville.—The building has been painted.

West Pittsfield.—The blackboards, which had become very poor, were replaced by boards of green lithoplate, greatly improving the appearance of the room and the board work of the school.

Osceola.—The walls of the schoolroom have been kalsomined and the woodwork varnished.

West Part.—The walls and ceiling have been painted a lighter color, making the room much more attractive than before. Another attempt has been made to make shade trees grow in the wet ground along West Street, but the trees have died.

Besides these more important repairs and improvements, the ordinary minor repairs have been attended to as occasion has required. These repairs are almost endless, and in the aggregate require a large expenditure of money and continual attention on the part of the Committee.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Since the last report text-books have been introduced as follows:

High School.—Carhart & Chute's High School Physics.
Knapp's Vergil.
Cross's Eclectic Shorthand—Revised Edition.
Malot's Sans Famille.
Brigham's Materials for French Composition, based on Sans Famille.

Grades.—Ballard's Translation of Vergil's Aeneid.
Wilson's Domestic Science in Elementary Schools.
Hornbrook's Concrete Geometry.
Morton's Advanced Geography.
Morton's Elementary Geography.
Bouton's Spelling and Word Building.
Broekhoven and Gantvoort's Model Music Course Primer.

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The outline for history used in the first year of the High School, heretofore copied on the mimeograph for the use of the pupils, is being put in print. The printed outline will effect a great saving of time and effort for teacher and pupils. At the close of each topic space is left for notes by the pupils or pictures illustrating the objects and scenes mentioned in the outline. The pamphlet is, therefore, in the nature of a note-book and is to be retained by the pupils at the close of the year.

Several books and sets of books have been added to the High School library, among which are Literature of All Nations, Modern Eloquence, the new edition of Lord's Beacon Lights of History, the published volumes of the New International Encyclopaedia, and an additional volume of the Papers and Messages of the Presidents, presented by Mr. William B. Rice.

SUPPLIES.

To meet the needs of the work in elementary Physics in the seventh grade, a fairly complete set of apparatus has been provided for each seventh grade room. The supplies called for by the teachers and furnished by the School Committee seem in the aggregate almost excessive, but when the calls for supplies come in one by one, it is difficult to see how less can be provided without depriving pupils and teachers of the materials and apparatus needed for the most effective work. In some cases teachers might apparently exercise a little more care in the use of materials, but in general there is apparently a legitimate use for the articles called for.

FUEL.

The City Council not having secured coal for the schools before the coal strike began, the outlook for fuel at the beginning of the fall term was very discouraging. The Committee, however, regarded the closing of the schools as a measure so serious in its consequences as to be thought of only as a final necessity after all efforts to secure the necessary fuel should be made. Some of the schools had sufficient coal on hand to answer immediate needs, but most of the larger schools had a very limited supply. The fuel committee of the City Council was able to purchase

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about 200 tons of soft coal and also to secure several carloads of wood. The School Committee's sub-committee on fuel also succeeded in purchasing a considerable quantity of wood in an adjoining town. By these means the schools were supplied until about the first of November, when the 1,000 tons of Welch coal purchased by th City reached us. While some of our janitors have found this coal somewhat difficult to manage, they have been able in most cases to warm their buildings satisfactorily, and, in some instances, they have thought the coal was even superior to that which they had generally used. The irregularity in the fuel supply and the uncertainty of any supply at all have been sources of much anxiety, and have taxed the time and efforts of all concerned to a much greater extent than might at first appear. When to the annoyance and time-consuming results of the coal strike we add the large additional cost of fuel, the serious and far-reaching effects of the strike are suggested, leaving out of consideration the much greater evils that might have resulted.

IV.

FINANCES.

The ordinary expenditures of the school department for the year are shown in the following

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	1901.	1902.	Increase.	Decrease.
For Salaries,	$61,292.34	$62,610.44	$1,318.10	
Fuel,	6,488.76	8,160.05	1,671.29	
Care,	6,947.75	7,030.84	83.09	
Repairs,	3,560.20	4,005.16	444.96	
Books,	2,527.77	2,827.06	299.29	
Supplies,	3,840.13	4,038.96	198.83	
Furniture,	128.79	134.97	6.18	
Improvements,	1,637.95	2,167.99	530.04	
Evening Schools,	449.45	368.60		$80.85
Contingent,	1,626.86	1,755.93	129.07	
Totals,	$88,500.00	$93,100.00	$4,680.85	$80.85
Appropriation for 1902,		$93,100.00		

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The expenditures for Kindergartens were as follows:

For Salaries,	$547.77
Care,	25.00
Fuel,	10.25
Furniture, Supplies,	228.11
Rent,	55.71
Contingent,	59.95
Total,	$921.79

The appropriation for Kindergartens was $1,000, leaving $78.21 unexpended.

The expenditures for rent, fuel, and care were for the Russell Kindergarten exclusively. As the Fenn Street Kindergarten occupies one of the regular schoolrooms, no attempt has been made to apportion the cost of heating and care in that building to the kindergarten account. The value of the furniture and supplies in each of the kindergartens is about $200. Deducting from $921.79, $200, the value of the furniture and supplies at the Russell Kindergarten donated to the City by the Pittsfield Kindergarten Association, the remainder, $721.79, represents the amount which the City has paid out for kindergartens during the year over the kindergarten property thus received.

The following amounts have been paid to the City Treasurer:

Receipts for tuition,	$833.95
Receipts from other sources,	63.08
Total receipts,	$897.03

	1901.	1902.
Total expenditures, Day schools (not including extension and special repairs),	$86,412.60	$90,460.17
Expense per pupil, based on whole number enroled (3,854) (3,942),	22.42	22.95
Expense per pupil, based on average number belonging (3,335.08) (3,486.67),	25.90	25.94

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While the expense per pupil based on whole number enroled shows an increase of $.53, the expense based on average number belonging shows an increase of only $.04. This is explained by the greater regularity of attendance during the past year than for the preceding year.

INCREASE IN EXPENSES.

In 1894, the School Department expended $63,000; in 1902, the School Department expended for ordinary school purposes $93,100, an increase of $30,100. This increase is, of course, entirely out of proportion to the increase in the number of pupils. It is due, on the one hand, to much greater liberality in the payment of teachers' salaries and janitors' services, and, on the other hand, to greatly increased expense for the care and repair of buildings and the purchase of necessary fuel and supplies at much higher prices. Notable increases of teachers' salaries have occurred from time to time as follows:

For 1894,	$2,955.37
1896,	3,602.59
1897,	2,896.98
1899,	2,372.28
1900	3,583.23
1902,	1,158.68

As an example of rapid increase in the expense of maintaining our schools, it is interesting to notice that the cost of fuel in 1901 showed an increase over the preceding year of $1,512.71, and in 1902, an increase of $1,671.29, amounting in the two years to an increase of $3,184 or 64 per cent. with no essential difference in the buildings to be warmed. It should be remembered that in 1894 the salaries of teachers in Pittsfield were about the lowest in any city of Massachusetts, and that our buildings were not only poor in quality but furnished notably inadequate and unsatisfactory accommodations for the comfort, convenience, and work of teachers and pupils. The $30,100 increase in expenditures is more than accounted for by the following items:

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	1894.	1902.	Increase.
Teachers' salaries,	$40,513.57	$58,842.44	$18,328.87
Fuel,	4,176.04	8,160.05	3,984.01
Care,	3,605.74	7,030.84	3,425.10
Repairs,	1,576.56	4,005.16	2,428.60
Books,	2,090.72	2,827.06	736.34
Supplies,	2,137.01	4,038.96	1,901.95
	$54,099.64	$84,904.51	$30,804.87

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The number of teachers for the year was 121.

The schedule of salaries was as follows:

1	received	$50.00	per week,	47	received	$11.50	per week.
1	"	37.50	" "	8	"	11.00	" "
1	"	35.00	" "	9	"	10.50	" "
1	"	30.00	" "	8	"	10.00	" "
4	"	25.00	" "	7	"	9.50	" "
1	"	23.00	" "	4	"	9.00	" "
5	"	20.00	" "	1	"	8.75	" "
4	"	19.00	" "	8	"	8.50	" "
1	"	17.00	" "	2	"	8.00	" "
3	"	16.00	" "	Kindergarten:			
1	"	14.00	" "	2	received	$11.87½	per week
				2	"	8.75	" "

V.

GENERAL.

POPULATION.

Population of Pittsfield, National census, June, 1900,	21,766
Number of children between five and fifteen years of age, school census, Sept. 1, 1900,	3,892
Number of children between five and fifteen years of age was to the whole population as one to	5.593
Number of children between five and fifteen years of age, school census, Sept. 1, 1902,	4,204
This number multiplied by 5.593 gives as the estimated population of Pittsfield, June, 1902,	23,513

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School population by wards:

	1901.	1902.		1901.	1902.
Ward One,	690	695	Ward Five,	591	611
Ward Two,	746	781	Ward Six,	797	842
Ward Three,	488	532	Ward Seven,	316	351
Ward Four,	393	392			

Increase from preceding year,	183
Number of school children between seven and fourteen years of age, school census, Sept. 1, 1902,	2,975

TEACHERS.

	1901.	1902.
Teachers in High School, men,	4	4
Teachers in High School, women,	4	5
Teachers in Grammar grades, men,	4	3
Teachers in Grammar grades, women,	12	15
Teachers in Intermediate grades, women,	29	28
Teachers in Primary grades, women,	43	42
Teachers in Kindergartens, women,	—	4
Teachers in Mixed grades, women,	20	17
Pupil teachers in Training School,	—	4
Special teachers, Music, 1; Drawing, 1; Physical Culture, 1; Kindergartens, 1;	2	4
Whole number of teachers,	118	122
Teachers in Evening Schools, men,	2	6
Teachers in Evening Schools, women,	3	4
Teachers in Day Schools who are residents of Pittsfield,	109	112
Teachers who were educated in Pittsfield,	88	88
Teachers who are Normal graduates,	19	25
Teachers who are graduates of Training School,	68	66
Teachers who are college graduates,	10	9

PUPILS.

Whole number of pupils enroled in the Day schools for the year ending June 30,	3,854	3,942
Average membership of Day schools,	3,335.08	3,486.67
Average daily attendance of Day schools ,	3,051.22	3,236.97

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Per cent. of daily attendance to average membership,	91.49	92.84
Whole number of pupils enroled in Evening schools (not including Drawing school),	139	91
Average number of pupils belonging to Evening schools,	58.89	48.45
Average daily attendance in Evening schools,	40.75	31.60
Per cent. of daily attendance to average membership,	69.20	65.22
Largest average membership to one teacher (Day schools),	46.43	50.74
Smallest average membership to one teacher,	12.53	11.49
Average number of pupils (membership) to regular teachers,	30.60	34
Number of boys enroled in Day schools during the year,	1,912	1,966
Number of girls enroled in Day schools during the year,	1,942	1,976
Number of days absence,	51,402.5	48,032
Cases of tardiness,	7,375	9,166
Perfect in attendance entire year,	63	93
Perfect in attendance two terms,	280	265
Perfect in attendance one term,	910	963
Truants,	37	60
Enroled in Kindergartens,	—	85
Average membership,	—	69.17
Average attendance,	—	60.18
Per cent. of attendance,	—	87

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COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1882-1903.

Year Ending.	Census of Children Between 5 and 15.	Enrolment.	Average Membership of the Schools.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of attendance based on Average Membership.
March 31, 1882,	2611	2783	2057	1830	89.
March 31, 1883,	2732	2841	2166	1943	89.7
March 31, 1884,	2995	2881	2279	2067	90.7
March 31, 1885,	2870	3017	2413	2176	90 2
March 31, 1886,	2847	3051	2480	2217	91.
March 31, 1887,	2854	3193	2395	2162	90.2
March 31, 1888,	3047	3236	2453	2226	90.7
March 31, 1889,	3197	3305	2610	2386	91.4
March 31, 1890,	3114	3366	2551	2309	90.5
December 31, 1890,	3276	3422	2729	2502	91.6
December 31, 1891,	3418	3537	2833	2567	90.6
December 31, 1892,	3561	3721	3043	2802	92.1
December 31, 1893,	3653	3969	3172	3005	94.
December 31, 1894,	3694	4111	3332	3094	92.9
December 31, 1895,	3804	4226	3493	3245	92.9
December 31, 1896,	3861	4287	3472	3206	92.3
December 31, 1897,	3946	4421	3565	3307	92.8
December 31, 1898,	4118	4631	3766	3519	93.4
June 30, 1899,	4119*	4500	3864	3601	93.2
June 30, 1900,	3868*	3886	3303	3031	91.8
June 30, 1901,	4021*	3854	3335	3051	91.5
June 30, 1902.	4204*	3942	3487	3237	92.8

*Census for September 1.

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VACCINATION.

Cases of smallpox during the spring term drew attention to the requirements concerning vaccination, and unusual attention was given to the enforcement of the law requiring all pupils entering school to be vaccinated. At the opening of the fall term special attention was given to this matter, and it is believed that the requirements are carefully observed in all our schools. While nearly all of the parents have readily complied with the law, a few cases have required the attention of the Truant Officer.

REVISION OF THE RULES.

The edition of the "Rules for the School Committee and Regulations for the Public Schools", printed in 1892, having been exhausted and various modifications having been made from time to time, the rules and regulations were carefully compiled to date with a few rearrangements and changes adapting them to the present requirements of our school system. As thus revised, they were printed early in the year.

CONCLUSION.

A year which has seen the kindergarten and supervision of physical culture incorporated into our school system and the maximum salary of teachers increased a dollar a week may well be regarded as eventful. The past year has also seen the actual beginning of instruction in domestic science in our schools and such a development of the evening school as to make it practically a new feature in our scheme of instruction. We have also made a beginning in the direction of systematic training in manual skill. If these lines can be continued and developed, as they ought to be, we shall have in our scheme of study and training all the features that may fairly be desired, and sufficient to give our children a well rounded education and a prac-

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tical preparation for useful and honorable lives. That all connected with our schools have worked together cheerfully and effectively during the year is as gratifying as the results that have been secured.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Bouton.

Superintendent of Schools.

February, 1903.

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SPECIAL REPORTS.

I.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SHCOOL.

To Eugene Bouton, Ph. D., Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:— In accordance with your request I take pleasure in submitting herewith my twelfth report of the condition of the Pittsfield High School for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

The condition of the school, I am pleased to report, is excellent. This is due in part to an earnest endeavor on the part of the pupils to maintain a high standard of scholarship, and in part to the unselfish devotion of the teachers to their work. While the discipline has been firm, it has been of a character calculated to inspire uniform courtesy and good will on the part of the pupils towards one another and towards their teachers. I am pleased to report also that every effort made to improve either the work of the school or its well-being in other respects has received the hearty co-operation of the teachers and pupils alike.

I had hoped this year to be able to report that greater attention had been given to declamations and theme work, and that a greater effort had been made to determine, as far as possible, the causes leading to partial failure in certain instances than heretofore, but the increase in the size of the school has made it necessary for me to enter the class-room nearly every period of the day, thus making improvement in these respects practically impossible. The school needs another teacher to do its best work. To-day the teaching force in our school is smaller than that of any similar school, in proportion to its size, with which I am familiar.

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The various activities of the school, athletic and otherwise, have been conducted on a high plane and have been unusually successful. Attention and co-operation on the part of the teachers contribute, in no small way, to the success of these necessary adjuncts to school life, and they in turn, if judiciously managed, are better as a part of the school than separated from it.

The lunch counter contributes greatly to the well-being of the school in many ways. It has continued to pay all its bills and to have a small margin of profit. During the past year the weekly sales have averaged $41.97. The very best the market affords at a minimum cost to the pupils is rigidly adhered to. Visiting teachers and others marvel at the variety of food offered for sale as well as at the small price at which it is sold.

During the past year the school has successfully undertaken another course of high grade concerts. The proceeds, as heretofore, are to be contributed to the school. It seems to me that, aside from the financial gain, these courses of entertainments are of value to the school. Every pupil taking an interest in these attractions and the success of the course is given at least one ticket gratis. That such have been entertained as well as benefited goes without saying.

The science department, notwithstanding the increase in the size of the school, has been greatly improved during the past year. Miss Rice at present gives a generous share of her time to this department. Personal and laboratory work are much more carefully attended to than formerly. The addition of some new apparatus, the gift of many specimens for the classes in geology, mineralogy and chemistry, and the purchase of books of reference have strengthened each of these courses. Many of the pupils preparing for college are offering science as an entrance requirement instead of Greek or a modern language as in the past. Opportunity is also offered for advanced work under greatly improved conditions.

While it is not the province nor the intention of the school to devote its best efforts to those preparing for college, it is,

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nevertheless, the recognized duty of the modern high school to help its pupils to such preparation, if they desire it. In this phase of its duty the school has every reason to congratulate itself. At present the school is represented in the following colleges: Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Williams, Brown, Dartmouth, Holy Cross, Cornell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Fordham, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Sheffield, Yale and Harvard. All except the last three, in part or wholly, admit on the school's certificate. Many other colleges, not at present represented by the school, have our school on their accredited list. The school has never yet made a request for the certificate privilege without receiving a favorable report.

The commercial department continues to be both popular and profitable. The ease with which our graduates, who have done the work well, obtain positions, and the many evidences of approval on the part of the business community strengthen my convictions that this department is one of the most important in a high school's curriculum. Every effort is made to keep this department in touch with the best methods of the everyday business world. I would recommend that additional books of reference for this department be added to our list as opportunity presents itself.

Perhaps no phase of school work gives more concern to the faithful teacher than irregularity in attendance upon school duties. Absences from school soon cause the pupil to lose interest and to become a source of hindrance to his class, as well as a source of weakness to his school. Nothing, therefore, but sickness or some equally urgent cause can ever justify a tardiness, absence or dismissal. Our school, in common with all others, suffers in this respect. Every effort, however, is being made to lessen this evil and, I think, with good results. While our school's record of attendance is considerably higher than most schools, and perhaps equals the best, yet the ideal in this respect is far from being realized.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the School Committee, the Superintendent and my associate teachers for their

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many acts of kindness and co-operation during the past year. To my pupils, whose acts of courtesy and thoughtfulness have been so many times evidenced, I attribute a large share of whatever success the school has attained during the past year. A cordial welcome will be extended to parents and friends at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. BYRAM,

Principal.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

At the Auditorium of the High School Building, Thursday Evening, June 26, 1902.

Motto: "Nil Sine Labore."

PROGRAM.

Salutatory—Theme: Revolutionary vs. Twentieth Century Women, Lottie B. Messenger

Essay—Power of Music, Margaret Helen Bacon

Essay—Value of a College Education for Women, Marie Annetta Carson

Vocal Solo—"Buttercups and Daisies," Cowen, Lillian J. C. White

Essay—The School of Long Ago, Bessie W. Nichols

Essay—The Sign Language, Carla Fannie Rosenthal

Oration—Prominent Revolutionary Heroes, Clarence Alanson Boyce

Piano Solo—"Glittering Spray." Mueller, Katherine Theresa Behan

Essay—Ideals, *Beatrice M. Colburn

Essay—Songs of the Civil War, Florence Andrews Williams

Presentation Class Picture, Joseph Edward Bastian

Piano Duet—"Die Lustigen Weiber von Windsor," Nicolli, Misses Benedict and Shepardson

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Oration—Our Geographical Area in Revolutionary Times,
Fred Harris Rees

Recitation, Katherine Collins Merrill

Address to Juniors, Elizabeth Hopper Fleming

Piano Solo—"La Harp Eolienne," Kruger, May Gertrude Nugent

History and Prophecy, Gladys Louise Davenport

Valedictory—Theme: The Power of Character, Ethel V. Goodrich

Conferring Diplomas, Hon. Daniel England

Singing Class Ode.

CLASS ODE.

Tune: "Auld Lang Syne."

The time has come when we must part,
And leave our friends at last;
But yet our minds will ne'er forget
The mem'ry of the past,—
The picture of the pleasant hours
Our thoughts will oft recall,
And make the coming Future be
A happy one for all.

And as each starts the course through life,
Though storms around prevail,
May Truth and Courage be his guides,
And cause him ne'er to fail.
If clouds of doubt and sadness be
Across his pathway cast,
May they be cleared away by bright
Reflections of the past.

And as we leave our friends so dear
With sorry and sad heart,
Let each one bid a fond farewell.
To cheer us ere we part;
And so, schoolmates, we now must part
And bid our last adieu;
May pleasant mem'ry be to all
Of days of Nineteen Two.

Edwin Henry Purnell.

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NAMES OF GRADUATES.

CLASSICAL.

Joseph Edward Bastian,
Beatrice M. Colburn,
Katherine Collins Merrill,
Marie Annetta Carson,
Gladys Louise Davenport,
Lottie B. Messenger,
*Gertrude Jeannette Owen.

SCIENTIFIC.

Margaret Helen Bacon,
Clarence Alanson Boyce,
Amy Gertrude Clark,
Arthur Edward Feeley,
Mary Hadsell,
Mary A. McMahon,
Mary Alice Nelligan,
May Gertrude Nugent,
Fred Harris Rees,
Nellie Mai Shepardson,
Lillian J. C. White.
Edna F. Benedict,
Nellie A. Burns,
Mary Gertrude Downs,
Ethel V. Goodrich,
H. Edward Hayn,
Grace Catherine McSweeny,
Bessie W. Nichols,
Edwin Henry Purnell,
John Barr Reid,
Louis Tillotson Stevenson,

ENGLISH.

Katherine Theresa Behan,
*Susan Hazel Carey,
Katherine Agnes Cummings,
Elizabeth Gertrude Farrell,
Earl B. Foote,
*F. Virginia Gamwell,
William Henry Mahon,
Elizabeth H. Pierce,
Leonora Mae Rockwell,
Grace Emmaline Thickins,
James T. Burke,
Nellie Agnes Collins,
Adelaide Veronica Dowd,
Elizabeth Hopper Fleming,
I. Clara Lundquist,
Grace Cole Musgrove,
Ella Louise Rees,
Carla Fannie Rosenthal,
Florence Andrews Williams.

*Partial Course.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

Of the Business Department, Pittsfield High School, High School Auditorium, 8 p. m., June 24, 1902.

Music, High School Orchestra

Welcome Essay—Theme: The Growth of Commercial Courses in the High Schools, Elizabeth Dee

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Essay—The Practical Uses of a Business Education,	Eva M. Mercer
Music,	High School Orchestra
Essay—The Merits of the Eclectic System of Shorthand,	Nellie M. Corcoran
Essay—American Cities of To-day,	Gertrude Callahan
Music,	High School Orchestra
Address to '03,	S. Leola Morgan
Presentation of Certificates,	Mr. John R. Feeley, of the School Committee.

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Gertrude Callahan,	Clifford Holderness,
Hubert Carroll,	Nora Labrode,
Nellie M. Corcoran,	Eva M. Mercer,
Elizabeth Dee,	S. Leola Morgan.

II.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

To Eugene Bouton, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—In compliance with the usual custom of the city, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the annual report of the Training School for the year ending December 12, 1902.

The general condition of the school is very satisfactory, the grade of scholarship has advanced, the teachers and pupils have performed their important work with fidelity and zeal, and the hearty co-operation of the parents has enabled us to close a most successful year's work. The excellent results obtained from the recent tests were the most gratifying of any during the history of the school. The new spelling books introduced into the three lower grades have proven a valuable aid, as very fine work in this branch has been manifested by the pupils using this book.

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The four young women admitted into the Training class give evidence of much promise. Their duties for the term consisted in preparation of lessons, study, and practice in teaching in the different grades. They have applied themselves to the tasks assigned them with zeal and alacrity.

The Supervisor of Drawing, and Professor Smith, teacher of the music, have both been helpful, giving profitable instructions in their line of work to the Training Class, and to the pupils.

In behalf of the teachers in the four rooms upstairs in our building, I ask that we may be furnished with gas or electricity, as we are unable to see after school during the fall and winter months to prepare our work for the following day. In order to secure good results, our work must be prepared before the time for recitations. A favorable answer to our request will be greatly appreciated.

The chairs and desks in Rooms 2 and 3 are in poor condition. These articles of furniture have been in use for many years, and we would be pleased if these old style chairs and desks could be changed for some new ones.

In conclusion, I take pleasure in acknowledging the assistance always so courteously rendered us by you and the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ARABELLA ROACH,

III.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

To Eugene Bouton, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—I take pleasure in submitting a report of the drawing done in the public schools of Pittsfield.

The work in general, thruout the city, is better than at any time past. The sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grades are doing better work with color than before, especially in regard to values and tone washes, and are developing more freedom in

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handling, and thereby, more clearness of color.

The work in the lower grades shows marked improvement in drawing with brush and ink, pencils being used largely to outline, and the brush to fill in with. This work in the fourth grade is especially helpful to the fifth grade in handling water color (charcoal gray) which enters into our drawing course for the first time.

The Training School is doing its usual good work and much interest is manifested.

The work in the Evening Drawing School has been of good quality, consisting of illustrative, antique, and mechanical drawing. The mechanical drawing class, conducted by Mr. Hill, has been well attended, and the class of work done has been of the best.

SCHEDULE OF VISITS.

(Reckoning from the beginning of the school year in September.)

ODD WEEKS.

	A. M.	P. M.
Monday,	High,	Center Grammar,
Tuesday,	Training,	Orchard Street,
Wednesday,	Redfield,	Pontoosuc,
Thursday,	Wm. B. Rice,	Wm. B. Rice,
Friday,	Fenn Street,	Districts.

EVEN WEEKS.

	A. M.	P. M.
Monday,	High,	Center Intermediate,
Tuesday,	Russell,	Linden Primary,
Wednesday,	Linden Street,	Linden Street,
Thursday,	Stearnsville,	Training,
Friday,	Briggs,	Districts.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. DENISON,

Supervisor of Drawing.

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IV.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To Superintendent Eugene Bouton :

Dear Sir:—The School Board has been fortunate in its selection of a book for the High School. It is good not only from a musical but also from a literary standpoint. Musically, it has the qualities music ought to have—strong harmony and real expressiveness. Nearly all the great composers are represented. The interest in the High School is good.

Work in the Training School was never better. With the permission of the Principal the pupil teachers have visited all the grades below the High School to get a general plan of the whole work. Grade teachers must know what is required in other grades than their own, especially what has been taught in the grades below and what is to be left for the next above.

The teachers in all the grades do the best work they can in the time allowed them (fifteen minutes a day), and the results are good. The second grade is able to commence the books the second term instead of the third as heretofore, which speaks well for the first and second grade teachers.

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge the efficiency and helpfulness of the teachers associated with me and I extend my thanks to you and the School Board for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SMITH,

Supervisor of Music.

SCHEDULE OF VISITS.

(Reckoning from the beginning of the school year in September.)

Monday, A. M., Wm. B. Rice School,	Every week.
Monday, P. M., Redfield School,	Every week.
Monday, P. M., Center Intermediate, Grade III., with Redfield,	Odd weeks.

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Tuesday, A. M., Junction and Grades 4, 5 and 6 at Center Intermediate, Even weeks.
Tuesday, A. M., Briggs School, Odd weeks.
Tuesday, P. M., Russell School, Every week.
Wednesday, A. M., Linden Street, Intermediate and Grammar, Every week.
Wednesday, P. M., Linden Street, Primary, Odd weeks.
Wednesday, P. M., Fenn Street, Even weeks.
Thursday, A. M., Orchard Street, Training and Grammar Schools, Every week.
Thursday, P. M., Pontoosuc, Odd weeks.
Thursday, P. M., Stearnsville, Even weeks.
Friday, A. M., High School and Center Grammar, Every week.
(One of the grammar grades left out once in every three weeks.)
Friday, P. M., Peck's and Onota Street, Every third week (1,4,7, etc.)
Friday, P. M., Holmes and Tracy, Every third week (2, 5, 8, etc.)
Friday, P. M., West Part, West Pittsfield and Barkerville, Every third week (3, 6, 9, etc.)

Osceola with Training School, Every third week (1, 4, 7, etc.)
Morewood and Redfield Every third week (1, 4, 7, etc.)
Coltsville with Wm. B. Rice, Every third week (1, 4, 7, etc.)

V.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF PHYSICAL CULTURE.

To Superintendent Eugene Bouton:

Dear Sir:—As you have requested I send to you this report of the work in physical culture for the five months since it has been intrusted to my care in the city.

When I began my visits to the schools last May I found that altho some teachers were giving their classes good, regular gymnastic work, in most cases they did not feel competent to choose exercises, or did not know how to vary them to keep their classes interested.

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We then began a series of meetings at which the lessons now in use are explained to the teachers. We are using some progressive sets of lessons, which were prepared by Mr. Hartvig Nissen, former Supervisor of Physical Culture in the public schools in Boston. The lessons progress a little in strength and complexity from week to week thruout the year, and also from one grade to the next.

I visit each room in all the grammar grades in the city and in the outside schools once in two weeks to see how the pupils have been working, and to give them a new lesson which their teacher repeats for ten minutes each day until my next visit.

By changing the lessons in this way every two weeks we keep the classes interested so that they take the exercises as if they enjoyed them, thereby deriving from them real benefit.

As everything in the lesson is done at some command, or if count is used the time is frequently changed, the pupils are kept on the alert, and many of the teachers have thought the attention thus gained in their gymnastics was telling in their other lessons.

Enough could hardly be said about the good done to the body by a few minutes brisk exercise taken in the middle of a morning of study. But besides this benefit to the circulation, and to the muscles by stretching those which have perhaps become cramped from sitting over a desk, we try to have the children learn to stand well, to carry themselves easily erect in walking, and then by a little military discipline to cultivate that perfect order which in a schoolroom is necessary to accomplish the best work in other lessons.

The teachers have faithfully tried to do their best in teaching this new work, and have all taken hold of it splendidly. Altho we have not had a whole year yet, I am very much pleased with the work the classes are doing so far.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE A. CLAPP,

Supervisor of Physical Culture.

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SCHEDULE OF VISITS.

(Reckoning from the beginning of the school year in September.)

ODD WEEKS.

Monday, A. M., Osceola and Briggs.
Tuesday, A. M., Linden.
Wednesday, A. M., Onota St., Peck's, West Part.
Thursday, A. M., Barkerville, West Pittsfield, Stearnsville.
Friday, A. M., Russell, Pontoosuc.
Tuesday, P. M., Holmes, Tracy, Junction.

EVEN WEEKS.

Monday, A. M., Orchard Street, Training.
Tuesday, A. M., Redfield, Morewood.
Wednesday, A. M., Coltsville, Rice.
Thursday, A. M., Center Grammar, Fenn Street.
Friday, A. M., Center Intermediate, Linden Street.

VI.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF KINDERGARTENS.

To Eugene Bouton, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—Two kindergartens were started last September in connection with the public school system. One of these is in the Fenn Street schoolhouse, the other in hired rooms at No. 8 Peck's Road. The Fenn Street Kindergarten has been as full as the size of the room warranted. Ten more children could have been accommodated at the one in the Russell district, because the room is larger. We have had enroled eighty-five children, about equally divided between the two. Almost all have attended regularly. A few brought down the percentage of attendance for the term at Fenn Street to 86.26 and at Russell's to 87.77.

The new year has started off with unusually good numbers and attendance for the winter season. Visitors, of whom we have had 183, readily see the delight of the children in their work and play, and those who go from time to time see too that the small persons grow in grace as well as in stature.

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Our teachers have spent visiting days in North Adams, Westfield, and Oswego, N. Y. They have had one conference with a teacher of more than a dozen years' experience, besides the talks at the Teachers' Convention, and have received benefit and encouragement from the criticisms of three outside kindergartners. They have made seventy-one visits at the children's homes and parents know better than all others what kindergarten means and whether it is worth while.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE H. ADAM,

Supervisor of Kindergartens.

VII.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

To Superintendent Eugene Bouton:

Dear Sir:—My labors during the past year may be outlined in the following

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	Unexcused Absences.	Truants.	Cases of Truancy.	Parents taken into Court.	Children taken into Court.
Center Grammar,	8	2	11	0	0
Center Intermediate,	108	6	11	0	1
Linden Street,	277	22	68	3	3
Orchard Street,	34	5	14	0	0
Training,	80	3	22	0	5
Wm. B. Rice,	65	4	4	0	0
Fenn Street,	57	4	17	0	0
Redfield,	51	7	27	4	2
Russell's,	16	2	11	0	0
Briggs,	11	1	3	1	0
Pontoosuc,	3	2	2	0	0
Stearnsville,	9	2	10	2	2
Coltsville,	3	0	0	0	0
Junction,	4	0	0	1	0
West Pittsfield,	5	0	0	0	0
West Part,	2	0	0	0	0
Total,	733	60	200	11	13

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The large number of parents taken into court was due, to a considerable extent, to their unwillingness to have their children vaccinated. In St. Joseph's Parochial School there were unexcused absences, 123; truants, 16; cases of truancy, 63; parents taken into court, 1; children taken into court, 6. There were five children sent to the Truant School. The Officer also was successful in getting one child admitted to the School for Feeble Minded.

The cases of contagious diseases as reported by the Board of Health were: Diphtheria, 12; scarlet fever, 5; smallpox, 1.

Respectfully submitted,

ASHER STARKWEATHER,

Truant Officer.

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Standing Committees,

1903.

Executive Committee—Joseph Tucker, P. H. O'Donnell, George E. Sprong.

High School—W. B. Rice, W. L. Adam, P. W. Burns.

Grammar Schools—G. E. Sprong, J. R. Feeley, W. E. Bardwell.

Intermediate Schools—Dr. W. M. Mercer, P. W. Burns, F. A. Farrell.

Primary Schools—P. H. O'Donnell, F. F. Read, C. H. Bruce.

Rural Schools—William Nugent, F. A. Cooley, P. W. Burns.

Teachers and Instruction—Joseph Tucker, W. B. Rice, G. E. Sprong, Dr. W. M. Mercer, P. H. O'Donnell, William Nugent.

Text-Books—W. B. Rice, William Nugent, G. E. Sprong.

Music and Drawing—F. A. Cooley, W. E. Bardwell, W. B. Rice.

Physical Culture—P. H. O'Donnell, F. A. Cooley, W. L. Adam.

Evening Schools—J. R. Feeley, P. W. Burns, P. H. O'Donnell.

Buildings and Sites—W. L. Adam, J. R. Feeley, F. A. Cooley.

Fuel—F. F. Read, C. H. Bruce, F. A. Farrell.

Supplies—P. W. Burns, W. E. Bardwell, F. A. Farrell.

Lunch Counter—Dr. W. M. Mercer.

Representative in meetings of City Council—J. R. Feeley.

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1903.

Hon. HARRY D. SISSON, Mayor.

Chairman Ex-Officio.

Hon. JOSEPH TUCKER,

Chairman in Absence of Mayor.

WILLIAM NUGENT,

Secretary.

EUGENE BOUTON, Ph. D.,

Superintendent of Schools.

MEMBERS.

		RESIDENCE.	TERM EXPIRES.
Ward 1—	Peter W. Burns,	258 Wahconah St.,	1906
	C. H. Bruce,	1166 North St.,	1906
Ward 2—	Francis A. Farrell,	294 First St.,	1906
	Dr. Wm. M. Mercer,	142 First St.,	1906
Ward 3—	F. F. Read,	409 Fenn St.,	1905
	George E. Sprong,	63 Third St.,	1905
Ward 4—	Wm. L. Adam,	11 W. Housatonic St.,	1905
	Joseph Tucker,	105 E. Housatonic St.,	1905
Ward 5—	Fred A. Cooley,	South Merriam St.,	1904
	William Nugent,	76 Elizabeth St.,	1904
Ward 6—	John R. Feeley,	96 Dewey Ave.,	1904
	P. H. O'Donnell,	162 Onota St.,	1904
Ward 7—	Wallace E. Bardwell,	124 Summer St.,	1906
	Wm. B. Rice,	98 Union St.,	1905

Regular meetings the first Thursday evening of each month at 8 o'clock.

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In Board of Aldermen, February 16, 1903, accepted and placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

EDWARD CAIN, *Clerk Pro Tem.*

In Common Council, February 18, 1903, accepted and placed on file in concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

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LIST OF JURORS.

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Jury List for 1903.

As prepared by the Board of Registrars of Voters, January 21, 1903, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 515, Acts of 1897.

Ames, Harlan E., bookkeeper, 14 Third st.
Andrews, Selden D., clerk, 42 Clinton av.
Atwood, Luther L., merchant, 27 Clinton av.
Adams, William H., piano tuner, 19 Pleasure av.
Benedict, Olin T., farmer, 1277 North st.
Bruce, Charles H., operative, 1166 North st.
Burdick, Edwin R., bookkeeper, 245 Wahconah st.
Bacon, James L., merchant, Hamlin st.
Badger, Edward L., watchman, 203 Tyler st.
Barnes, Albert F., painter, 62 Burbank st.
Barnes, Jay P., civil engineer, 46 Brenton Terrace.
Bastion, John J., electrician, 227 Second st.
Boden, William P., merchant, 12 Crescent st.
Brady, Thomas P., shoemaker, 38 Winter st.
Bridges, Samuel, liveryman, 188 First st.
Briggs, Silas P., market gardener, 445 West st.
Brodie, George H., foreman, 28 Adam st.
Bryant, Charles M., insurance agent, 35 Forest pl.
Buntin, James, loom fixer, 10 Wellington av.
Burns, John F., operative, 1 Spring st.
Butler, William A., janitor, 112 West st.
Blain, Dennis, carpenter, 15 Lake st.
Blaisdell, Henry S., merchant, 35 Henry av.
Blatchford, George, merchant, 41 Bartlett av.
Booth, Charles W., clerk, 420 Fenn st.
Butler, Charles D., lumber dealer, 81 Second st.
Backus, William G., merchant, 226 East st.
Bagg, Allen H., clerk, 42 Wendell av.
Bailey, George W., merchant, 202 East st.
Barnfather, Irving J., clerk, Springside av.
Barrows, William H., agt. Am. Ex., 121 Holmes Road.
Belden, Fred G., merchant, 130 Appleton av.
Benz, Frederick J., farmer, E. Lenox rd.

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Barker, John V., manufacturer, Barkerville.
Burke, Edward M., operative, Barkerville Road.
Burt, Wesley G., 22 Elizabeth st.
Burbank, James A., clerk, 28 Francis av.
Chapin, Lucius R., bookkeeper, 18 Elizabeth st.
Clark, Ward, farmer, Crane av.
Collins, John Jr., operative, Hancock rd.
Curtin, Peter P., merchant, 220 Wahconah st.
Churchill, John, farmer, 22 Hamlin st.
Coakley, David Jr., operative, 1245 North st.
Coggswell, George B., plumber, 30 Forest pl.
Couch, George B., wheelwright, 220 Second st.
Cain, George E., machinist, 173 Fourth st.
Coogan, Clement F., tanner, 33 Elm st.
Cooney, Terrence Jr., clerk, 112 Circular av.
Corkhill, John, merchant, 477 Fenn st.
Couch, Dwight M., carpenter, 136 Second st.
Chapin, Albert N., bookkeeper, 25 Church st.
Couch, Frederick M., farmer, 95 Elm st.
Crawley, Ellsworth E., merchant, 666 North st.
Cooley, Fred A., real estate, 37 S. Merriam st.
Cullen, William J., merchant, 199 Pomeroy av.
Callahan, John, tallyman, 152 Linden st.
Clark, Frederick N., clerk, 21 Kent av.
Conlin, Edward F., machinist, 36 Adam st.
Cahill, William J., plumber, 85 Daniels av.
Clark, Dwight A., joiner, 14 Robbins av.
Cooke, Rollin H., 39 West st.
Coleman, William L., merchant, 13 Prospect st.
Colt, Samuel G., electrical engineer, 30 Buel st.
Cooper, George H., merchant, 80 Francis av.
Culverhouse, Hugh, operative, 39 Bel Air.
Currier, William H., druggist, 69 Linden st.
Camp, William D., bookkeeper, 11 Myrtle st.
Daley, Thomas F., weaver, 237 Wahconah st.
Decker, John, harness maker, 23 Daniels av.
Dodge, Everett M., clerk, 340 First st.
Durgin, Herbert H., merchant, 17 Hamlin st.
Desmond, Almon A., clerk, 88 Beaver st.
Drake, Foster I., florist, 60 Appleton av.
Dunbar, John F., supt. gas works, 71 Bartlett av.
Denny, George T., printer, 69 W. Housatonic st.
Dewey, Wesley B., clerk, Tamarack Road.
Delaney, Robert, laborer, 56 Madison av.

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Dineen, Patrick H., merchant, 146 First st.
Driscoll, John, grocer, 51 Prospect st.
Enright, John H., merchant, 218 First st.
England, Simon, merchant, 65 Bartlett av.
Evans, David E., clerk, 127 Seymour st.
Eagan, William, gardener, 122 Onota st.
Eagen, James, grocer, 54 Circular av.
Elmer, Walter, farmer, Holmes Road.
Enright, Thomas N., insurance agent, 9 Linden st.
Etman, Louis D., clerk, 51 Clinton av.
Fraley, John, loom fixer, 1311 North st.
Francis, Henry A., manufacturer, 1272 North st.
Fahey, John, laborer, 16 Myrtle st.
Fahey, Patrick, laborer, 249 Francis av.
Fish, George C., janitor, 55 Orchard st.
Flanagan, Edward F., ins. agent, 84 Second st.
Foote, William B., real estate, 25 Henry av.
Foote, Sanford A., farmer, 127 Holmes rd.
Ford, Nicholas, Jr., coachman, 124 Howard st.
Foster, Jesse J., merchant, 362 South st.
Francis, Robert, machinist, 80 Howard st.
Ferry, Fred G., merchant, 84 Elizabeth st.
Fallon, Michael H., real estate, 30 Alder st.
Foote, Charles R., merchant, 103 Bradford st.
Ford, Clarence B., retired, 234 Second st.
Francis, Fred T., clerk, 59 Elizabeth st.
Francis, James H., real estate, 65 Francis av.
French, Ebenezer, farmer, 194 Second st.
Goussett, Julius B., publisher, S. Merriam st.
Griffen, Anson C., clerk, 459 West st.
Goodrich, Lomer G., silver plater, 150 Wahconah st.
Guild, Lorin W., mill operative, 44 Charles st.
Glennon, J. Edward, mill operative, 115 Second st.
Gorman, John P., printer, 19 Lake st.
Gamwell, Lorenzo H., merchant, 22 Henry av.
Goulait, Joseph, clerk, 55 Howard st.
Guilds, Frank G., drayman, 49 Appleton av.
Gardener, William R., asst. mgr., 272 Tyler st.
Griffen, Herbert W., clerk, 20 Oxford st.
Gardener, William O., laborer, 128 Alder st.
Gardner, Mystic S., farmer, West st.
Gamwell, Cecil C., merchant, 222 South st.
Gourley, Samuel A., foreman, 29 Union st.
Holmes, James, mill operative, 73 Weller av.

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Humphrey, George, bookkeeper, 1276 North st.
Hughes, Lawrence, merchant, 2 Myrtle st.
Hutchinson, Charles S., bookkeeper, 37 Adam st.
Hale, Frank L., farmer, Beaver st.
Henry, Cyrus C., merchant, 20 Willis st.
Horton, John T., carpenter, 23 E. Housatonic st.
Haight, Jonathan, insurance agent, 70 Broad st.
Harding, George C., architect, 104 East st.
Hazard, Lucian D., clerk, 81 First st.
Henry, Harvey E., box maker, 35 Appleton av.
Holden, Harry, merchant, 120 Appleton av.
Howard, Frank, merchant, 47 Howard st.
Hadsell, Emmet, farmer, West st.
Hall, Thomas E., drayman, 104 W. Housatonic st.
Haynes, Mortimer H., paper hanger, 6 Worthington pl.
Hogan, Peter, mill operative, 45 Pecks rd.
Howard, Jesse O., farmer, 566 South st.
Hyndman, Joseph C., machinist, 555 North st.
Halpine, Edward P., contractor, Dalton av.
Harrington, Robert W., painter, 89 Robbins av.
Hayden, John, merchant, 631 North st.
Hunt, William H., clerk, 216 Robbins av.
Hanrahan, Joseph B., carpenter, 53 Onota st.
Higgins, John J., painter, 49 Robbins ave.
Howison, John, clerk, 78 Bradford st.
Hubbard, Charles H., carpenter, 81 Daniels av.
Jacobs, James, porter, 80 Third st.
Jeffers, Edgar N., carpenter, 20 Lake st.
Jones, Thomas L., paper hanger, 71 First st.
Jones, Edward A., manufacturer, 152 Wendell av.
Jones, William H., farmer, Stearnsville.
Joyce, Thomas, laborer, 128 Daniels av.
Johnson, Charles E., merchant, 184 Bradford st.
Keegan, Joseph, machinist, 223 Wahconah st.
Kerrigan, James, operative, 11 Brown st.
Kealey, John, machinist, 212 Fenn st.
Kearney, Mathew, steam fitter, 45 High st.
Kelman, John H., electrician, 69 Appleton av.
Kennedy, Alexander, merchant, 55 Appleton av.
Kittle, James, bookkeeper, 48 Pomeroy av.
Kilian, Peter, merchant, 43 Prospect st.
Kirk, Robert, stone cutter, 9 Park st.
Klosman, Henry E., carpenter, 724 North st.
Kenyon, G. Albert, bookkeeper, 43 Onota st.

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Landgraff, Anthony H., sexton, 196 Tyler st.
Leake, William G., retired, 174 Appleton av.
Loynes, Charles N., shoemaker, 3 Greylock av.
Lawless, Richard T., shipping clerk, 469 Fenn st.
Leahy, Thomas E., plumber, 49 Parker st.
Leavy, John, contractor, 20 Pleasure av.
Leonard, Frank H., clerk, 104 Fourth st.
Lawton, Nelson J., coal dealer, 23 W. Housatonic st.
Levy, Samuel S., merchant, 58 Pomeroy av.
Leidhold, Louis, contractor, 12 Leidhold pl.
Linnehan, Jeremiah M., grocer, 306 West st.
Larkin, Frank, clerk, 42 Division st.
Lawrence, Edgar T., merchant, 52 Broad st.
Madden, Morris J., carriage maker, 19 Lenox av.
Marshall, Alfred L., foreman, Tillotsons.
McArthur, James G., supt. of cem., 187 Wahconah st.
McGregor, George W., foreman, Tillotsons.
Murphy, Peter, clerk, 1190 North st.
Martin, Thomas, merchant, Springside av.
McGee, Patrick, grocer, 40 Hamlin st.
Murphy, John J., druggist, 31 Hamlin st.
Meigs, Charles S., clerk, 81 W. Housatonic st.
Merriam, George, carpenter, 138 Second st.
Miller, Ezra M., merchant, 197 Fenn st.
McKee, William J., bookkeeper, 77 Howard st.
Mills, Charles A., insurance agent, 126 Appleton av.
Mattoon, James S., clerk, 351 West st.
Matthews, Michael, stone dealer, 162 Madison av.
McMahon, Patrick J., merchant, 31 Curtis st.
Myers, Harry W., clerk, 23 Kent av.
McMahon, Michael J., merchant, 31 Northrup st.
McEnany, John H., clerk, 163 First st.
Merchant, Louis A., clerk, 42 Linden st.
Merrill, Henry C., clerk, 10 Adam st.
Mills, Arthur A., merchant, 75 South st.
Mountain, William, gas fitter, 35 Dewey av.
Murphy, James T., druggist, 7 Kellogg st.
Newton, William H., undertaker, 8 Bank Row.
Noble, Walter T., machinist, 793 North St.
Noyes, Newton S., printer, 59 Third st.
Nugent, William, merchant, 76 Elizabeth st.
Nelligan, Timothy J., overseer, 136 Linden st.
Newman, Abraham J., merchant, 426 North st.
Osteyee, Fred M., contractor, 13 Cherry st.

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O'Loughlin, Bryan, painter, 35 Lincoln st.
Osgood, James E., farmer, 32 First st.
Pierce, William A., farmer, 232 First st.
Polly, William H., merchant, 34 Robbins av.
Poitras, Frank X. Z., carpenter, 189 Burbank st.
Peaslee, Lorenzo G., grocer, 71 Orchard st.
Partridge, Harvey W., real estate, 54 Pomeroy av.
Peck, Thomas D., manufacturer, 211 East st.
Peirson, Frank E., merchant, 106 Crofut st.
Platt, Fred M., bookkeeper, 52 W. Housatonic st.
Plumb, Harry S., clerk, 280 Tyler st.
Parker, Albert N., butcher, Parker av.
Power, Charles W., clerk, 75 E. Housatonic st.
Powers, John J., carpenter, 271 Columbus av.
Purches, Joseph E., 39 Maplewood av.
Purnell, James O., manufacturer, 335 Wahconah st.
Quirk, Frank J., mason, 11 Robbins av.
Quinn, John., moulder, 90 Linden st.
Ragan, James W., turner, 189 Tyler st.
Rice, Frank W., clerk, 71 Lincoln st.
Russell, Franklin W., manufacturer, 781 North st.
Reid, William E., grocer, 782 North st.
Root, John N., clerk, 15 Myrtle st.
Read, Franklin F. Jr., insurance agent, Pontoosuc Lake.
Rice, Robert A., farmer, Beaver st.
Read, George F., butcher, 372 Elm st.
Rider, Milford D., machinist, 41 Reed st.
Robbins, Eugene H., manufacturer, 24 W. Housatonic st.
Robinson, Freeman L., stone cutter, 92 W. Housatonic st.
Rockwell, George E., merchant, 26 Maplewood av.
Root, Henry A., merchant, 11 Church st.
Russell, Frank L., real estate, 77 Wendell av.
Robbins, John N., bookkeeper, Brenton Terrace.
Robbins, Benjamin F., painter, 13 Burbank st.
Robarge, Joseph, barber, 68 Daniels av.
Rosenthal, Max G., merchant, 158 Francis av.
Shaw, Albert W., wool sorter, 45 Brenton Terrace.
Shipton, James D., insurance, 18 Wellington av.
Smith, George A., farmer, West st.
Scharley, Peter W., shoemaker, 308 First st.
Sloper, Charles W., insurance agent, 25 Willis st.
Smith, John S., harness maker, 186 Second st.
St. James, Clement R., baker, 258 First st.
Streeter, Darwin E., sewing machine agt., 16 Hamlin st.

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Strong, Frank R., bookkeeper, 339 Tyler st.
Smith, Charles H., contractor, North st.
Sprong, George E., bookkeeper, 63 Third st.
Stapleton, John, blacksmith, 39 Beaver st.
Strong, Fred, carpenter, Holmes Road.
Scully, Thomas E., moulder, 217 Pomeroy av.
Skinkle, John H., janitor, 107 Appleton av.
Smith, William O., laundryman, 22 Bartlett av.
Stevenson, William C., insurance agent, 135 South st.
Stone, John B., insurance agent, 18 W. Housatonic st.
Strong, William H., farmer, 87 Holmes Road.
Smith, Franklin A., grocer, Stearnsville.
Scace, William Jr., farmer, Holmes Road.
Schwarz, Philip, barber, 38 Prospect st.
Shepardson, Jason N., 170 Linden st.
Sheridan, William H., knitter, 41 Maplewood av.
Staples, William E., winder, 48 Seymour st.
Shearer, Joseph D., merchant, 157 Summer st.
Smith, David C., clerk, 198 Union st.
Smith, G. Albert, clerk, 102 Elizabeth st.
Stewart, Anthony W., carpenter, 97 Daniels av.
Sullivan, John J., clerk, 72 Summer st.
Tuggey, Charles F., clerk, 11 Beaver st.
Taylor, Frank D., merchant, 106 Wendell av.
Tolman, Edward, insurance agent, 18 Church st.
Traver, Henry J., bookkeeper, 27 Worthington pl.
Teeling, Rufus A., miller, 1063 North st.
Tuggey, Frederick, operative, 28 Beaver st.
Tetley, Joseph H., laundryman, 76 West st.
Voll, Henry, painter, 85 Burbank st.
Volin, George L., carpenter, 76 Second st.
Van Deusen, John F., merchant, Hancock Road.
Vosberg, Charles W., tinner, 256 Robbins av.
Walker, Elliott, foreman, 7 Broad st.
Warner, John, watchman, 228 Wahconah st.
Whelden, John T., wool sorter, Crane av.
White, James, foreman, 214 Wahconah st.
Woodward, Benjamin F., merchant, 7 So. Church st.
Wright, Arthur, lineman, 40 Burbank st.
Welsh, Redmond, 62 Center st.
Weller, George E., farmer, Elm st.
West, Harry G., manufacturer, 30 E. Housatonic st.
Williams, Eleazer, merchant, 43 Henry av.
Wood, Joseph H., merchant, 42 Howard st.

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Walsh, George H., merchant, 309 West st.
White, John, florist, 191 New West st.
Whipple, Charles C., butcher, 131 Union st.
Whittlesey, Frank R., purchasing agt., 38 Pomeroy av.
Willis, Louis K., wood carver, 157 Elm st.
Wollison, Herbert S., merchant, 16 Maud st.

JAMES KITTLE,
EDWARD CAIN,
ABRAM E. MALCOLM,
JOSEPH J. ST. JAMES,

Board of Registrars.

Pittsfield, Mass., January 21, 1903.

Posted January 28, 1903; approved February 9, 1903.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

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Report of the City Solicitor

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REPORT

OF THE

CITY SOLICITOR.

Pittsfield, Mass., January 12, 1903.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Pittsfield:—

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the provisions of the General Ordinances, I herewith submit to you my report as City Solicitor for the year 1902.

During the year 1902, sundry claims against the City have been settled and disposed of, a particular enumeration of which would seem to be unnecessary in this report.

During the past year the following cases have been disposed of by settlement or otherwise:

1. Mary A. Crosier vs. City of Pittsfield. Action of tort brought by plantiff in Superior Court, for damages alleged to have been sustained by the overflow and perculation of sewage from the cesspool maintained at the City Almshouse into and upon the plaintiff's land. This suit was not entered in Court as the City by agreement with the plaintiff purchased the easterly half of her farm including that portion of her land which was alleged to have been damaged by the sewage from the Almshouse cesspool. The land purchased consists of about fifty acres and it is planned to use this land in connection with the Almshouse farm.

2. William Gregory against City of Pittsfield. This was an action of tort brought against the City, in the Superior Court for damages alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiff on account of an alleged defect in the highway, and

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was settled by the advice and consent of the Committee on Claims for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

3. Jason N. Shepardson vs. City of Pittsfield. This was a petition for the assessment of damages brought in the Superior Court, which damages were alleged to have been sustained by the petitioner on account of the establishment of a portion of Dewey Avenue, as a public way. The case was settled by direction of the Committee on Claims by the payment of One Hundred and Five Dollars.

The following cases are now pending against the City:

1. Eugene H. Robbins vs. City of Pittsfield. Action of tort against City, on account of damage to property on West Street, said injury being alleged to have been caused by water. Several claims for damages claimed to have been sustained by other persons for the same cause are now pending and awaiting the decision of this case.

2. Edward P. Halpin vs. City of Pittsfield. Action of contract for work and labor in construction of Briggs School.

3. Hannah Merrill & als vs. City of Pittsfield. Petition for the assessment of damages, pending in the Superior Court, and brought by the petitioners on account of alleged damage to plaintiff's property, near Pontoosuc Lake, and arising from widening of a portion of the highway at that point.

4. American Sewage Disposal Company of Boston, against the City of Pittsfield. This is an action brought by the plaintiff against the City in the United States Circuit Court at Boston for an alleged infringement of certain patents claimed by the plaintiff to be owned by him and which infringement is alleged to have grown out of the establishment by the City of its system of Sewage disposal.

The plaintiff in this case makes a claim against the City for damages and royalties amounting to about $30,000. This action will probably be tried and the questions at issue disposed of during the present year.

The following action is also pending, having been brought by the City:

City of Pittsfield vs. Strauss Brothers Company, and the American Surety Company of New York.

This action has recently been brought and is returnable into the Superior Court in this County, on the first Monday of

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March, next. It is brought upon a bond given to the City by the Strauss Brothers Company in which the American Surety Company is surety and is for the recovery of about $6,000.

The Strauss Brothers Company was the original contractor upon the Ashley Lake dam, and as this dam has recently been completed, it is found that the amount due upon this bond to the City is about $6,000.

The petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of this City for the abolition of the Holmes Crossing on the line of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Company is now pending in the court. The commissioners appointed under this petition have heard the parties and submitted a preliminary draft of their report. It is expected that their final report will be approved by the Court at an early date, and then the work of the elimination of this crossing will be commenced.

During the latter part of the year 1902, an order was passed by the City Council concerning the abolition of the Merrill Crossing on the North Adams branch of the B. & A. R. R. Co., and on November 14, 1902, the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen for the abolition of this crossing was filed in the Superior Court.

It is expected that the Commissioners will be appointed at the next sitting of the Court. Efforts will be made to have the work of the abolition of the crossing completed some time during the present year.

Among other important matters involving this office has been the preparation of an ordinance upon underground wires, which ordinance was approved by the City Council on August 9, 1902.

Quite a large number of suits have been brought during the past year, some of which are now pending, in which the City has been summoned as Trustee, a particular enumeration of which would not seem to be necessary in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN C. CROSBY,
City Solicitor.

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In Board of Aldermen, January 12, 1903. Read and accepted; sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, January 12, 1903. Read and accepted in concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

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REPORT

OF THE

CITY CLERK.

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REPORT

OF THE

CITY CLERK

FOR THE YEAR 1903.

City of Pittsfield, January 31, 1903.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council:—

In accordance with the provisions of Section 8, Chapter 6 of the General Ordinances of 1900, I have the honor to report the transactions of this office for the year ending January 3, 1903, this being the twelfth annual report of the office.

The receipts have been as follows:—

FEES FOR RECORDING.

Intentions of marriage, 234,		$117 00
Registering marriages of residents, married out of the state, 15,		7 50
Mortgages, 35 at 50c.,	$17 50	
Mortgages, 26 at 75c.,	19 50	
Mortgages, 4 at $1,	4 00	
Mortgages, 1,	7 25	
		48 25
Assignments of mortgages, 1,	50	
Assignments of mortgages, 7 at 25c.,	1 75	
		2 25
Discharges of mortgages, 23 at 25c.,	5 75	
Discharges of mortgages, 1,	50	
		6 25

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Assignments of wages, 28,		7 00	
Bills of sale, 11 at 25c.,	2 75		
Bills of sale, 6 at 50c.,	3 00		
Bills of sale, 1,	1 00		
Bills of sale, 1,	1 25		
		8 00	
Attachments 6,		1 50	
Married women's certificates, 10,		2 50	
Receipt,		25	
Partial release mortgage,		25	
Assignment of claim, 2,		50	
Assignment of account,		25	
Revocation assignment of wages,		25	
Revocation m'd women's certificates, 2,		50	
			$202 25

FEES FROM LICENSES.

Shooting gallery,		$ 1 00	
Excavator,		5 00	
Merry-go-round,		10 00	
Slaughtering, 13,		13 00	
Auctioneers, 5,		10 00	
Casino,	$ 8 50		
Casino,	50 00		
		58 50	
Collectors of waste matter, 2,		2 00	
Intelligence offices, 2,		4 00	
Pool tables, 27,		135 00	
Pop corn stand,		1 00	
Junk dealers, 5,		10 00	
Junk wagons, 3,		3 00	
Academy of Music,		60 00	
Lunch wagons, 4,		8 00	
Steamers, 2,		2 00	
Truck wagons, 10,	$10 00		
Truck wagons, 1,	50		
		10 50	
Hackney carriages, 7,		7 00	
Bowling alleys, 9,		45 00	
Circuses,	$100 00		
Circuses,	10 00		
		110 00	
			495 00

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Copies of records, 75 at 25c.,	$18 75	
Copies of records, 1,	50	
Certificates, 3,	75	
Copy mortgage,	75	
		20 75

DOG LICENSES.

Males, 928,	$1,856 00	
Females, 64,	320 00	
		2,176 00
Total receipts,		$2,894 00

IN ACCOUNT WITH CITY AND COUNTY TREASURERS.

Receipts of office as above,		$2,894 00
Paid city treasurer,	$ 875 40	
Paid county treasurer,	1,542 60	
Cash in hand,	476 00	
		$2,894 00

The amount of cash in hand as above covers receipts for dog licenses received after the period for December settlement with the Treasurers, as follows:—

Females, 22,	$110 00	
Males, 183,	366 00	
		$476 00
Of this there is due city treasurer,	$ 41 00	
Of this there is due county treasurer,	435 00	
		$476 00

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*BIRTHS—1901.

Following is the record of births for the year 1901:—

Births in Pittsfield,	504
Birth occurring elsewhere, parents being residents of Pittsfield,	1
Total births recorded,	505
Males,	257
Females,	246
No sex,	2
Number of cases of twins,	4
Number of cases of triplets,	1

The number of births in each month was as follows:—

January	46	July	47
February	41	August	43
March	43	September	43
April	38	October	41
May	38	November	47
June	34	December	44
		Total,	505

*Not included in report of 1901.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN 1902.

BIRTHS.

Births in Pittsfield,	554
Births in other places, parents residing in Pittsfield,	1
Total births recorded,	555
Males,	283
Females,	272
Total,	555
Number of cases of twins,	3

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The number of births in each month was as follows:—

January	40	July	53
February	36	August	49
March	56	September	47
April	46	October	54
May	55	November	36
June	38	December	45
		Total,	555

MARRIAGES.

Number of certificates of intention issued,		234
Marriages registered, residents of Pittsfield, married out of the state,		15
Marriages solemnized in Pittsfield,	197	
Marriages solemnized elsewhere,	53	
Total marriages recorded,		250

Number of marriages in each month:—

January	16	July	20
February	14	August	17
March	12	September	24
April	18	October	30
May	21	November	22
June	41	December	15
		Total,	250

Number of marriages of the contracting parties:—

First marriage of	212 grooms	227 brides.
Second marriage of	37 grooms	22 brides.
Third marriage of	0 grooms	1 bride.
Fourth marriage of	1 groom	0 brides.
	250	250

Age of the oldest groom, 69; of the youngest groom, 19; of the oldest bride, 56; of the youngest bride, 17.

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Nationalities of the contracting parties:—

	185 grooms	189 brides.
United States,		
Canada,	18	18
England,	4	4
Ireland,	17	17
Germany,	8	4
Russia,	8	1
Scotland,	2	1
France,	2	5
Italy,	4	4
Poland,	5	4
Sweden,	3	3
Armenia,	1	0
	250	250

DEATHS.

Whole number of deaths recorded,	435
Number of deaths in Pittsfield,	366
Deaths in Pittsfield, burial in Pittsfield,	266
Deaths in Pittsfield, burial elsewhere,	100
Residents of Pittsfield dying elsewhere, burial elsewhere,	1
Persons dying elsewhere, burial elsewhere,	1
Deaths elsewhere, burial in Pittsfield,	67
Whole number of burials in Pittsfield,	333
Persons dying between ages of 90 and 100 years,	3
Persons dying between ages of 80 and 90 years,	28
Persons dying between ages of 70 and 80 years,	65
Persons dying between ages of 60 and 70 years,	53
Persons dying under 60 years of age, not including still born,	267
Still born,	19
Total,	435

The age of the oldest person dying in the year was 93 years, 10 months, 14 days.

Number of deaths, male, including still born,	241
Number of deaths, female, including still born,	194
Total,	435

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STATE AID.

State aid has been paid as follows:—

January	$308	July	305
February	326	August	307
March	316	September	311
April	324	October	307
May	311	November	332
June	305	December	328
		Total	$3780

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation by the city council,	$2,850 00
Expended during the year,	2,845 99
Unexpended balance,	$ 4 01

STREET WORK.

The bounds of a portion of Beaver street have been relocated, and the following streets have been laid out and accepted and the grade established:—Kellogg Street; Russell Terrace; Robbins Avenue between Linden Street and Madison Avenue; and Taylor Street.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARDS.

Joint meetings of City Council,	3
Meetings of the Board of Aldermen,	46

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RECORDS OF ELECTIONS FOR 1902.

STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1902.

GOVERNOR.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
John L. Bates	188	370	265	337	233	239	252	1884
Michael T. Berry,	31	24	6	1	3	10	4	79
John C. Chase,	23	11	6	3	4	17	12	76
William A. Gaston,	285	374	179	167	260	314	170	1749
William H. Partridge,	5	5		5	1	6	2	24
Blanks,	26	30	26	13	24	21	14	154
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
John Quincy Adams,	33	20	10	6	10	22	14	115
Thomas F. Brennan,	30	25	4		6	12	2	79
Oliver W. Cobb,	5	6	8	7	2	6	3	37
Curtis Guild, Jr.,	172	344	324	319	207	217	233	1726
Herbert C. Joyner,	282	385	195	179	275	317	179	1812
Blanks,	36	34	31	15	25	33	23	197
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

SECRETARY.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Edward A. Buckland,	29	15	9	6	6	16	11	92
Herbert B. Griffin,	5	5	6	5	5	2	8	36
Jeremiah O'Fihelly,	28	30	7	3	4	9	6	87
William M. Olin,	181	349	247	344	220	221	239	1801
Willmore B. Stone,	272	364	177	152	264	310	164	1703
Blanks,	43	51	36	16	26	49	26	247
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

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TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Edward S. Bradford,	184	360	253	349	223	225	250	1844
Joseph L. Chalifoux,	268	356	166	148	250	302	152	1642
Frederick A. Nagler,	25	26	7	2	8	12	5	85
Daniel Parlin,	5	3	4	3	2	3	3	23
David Taylor,	26	13	8	4	6	15	11	83
Blanks,	50	56	44	20	36	50	33	289
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

AUDITOR.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
David Morrison,	5	8	9	4	6	4	6	42
S. Fremont Packard,	24	14	7	5	5	14	9	78
Charles Stoeber,	34	31	4		8	12	9	98
Thomas C. Thacher,	257	358	176	151	247	311	155	1655
Henry E. Turner,	185	343	243	343	222	218	238	1792
Blanks,	53	60	43	23	37	48	37	301
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Allen Coffin,	4	6	5	7	5	4	6	37
Charles E. Fenner,	27	15	9	4	8	15	21	99
John J. Flaherty,	270	357	167	134	248	310	135	1621
John A. Henley,	24	25	3	1	3	6	4	68
Herbert Parker,	180	354	258	360	226	228	252	1858
Blanks,	53	57	40	20	35	42	36	283
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

First District.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
John Bascom,	9	17	6	15	5	6	11	69
Henry M. Fern,	280	364	176	140	248	303	150	1661
Theodore Koehler,	35	10	8	5	9	17	9	93
George P. Lawrence,	177	358	259	346	240	237	260	1877
Blanks,	57	65	33	20	23	44	24	266
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

COUNCILLOR.—EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Richard W. Irwin,	177	344	240	315	207	224	235	1742
W. Otto Neumann,	38	17	8	4	12	16	14	109
Henry C. Smith,	6	7	6	9	3	4	6	41
Charles E. West,	275	377	183	179	269	302	170	1755
Blanks,	62	69	45	19	34	61	29	319
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

SENATOR.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Calvin H. Bentley,	7	14	5	7	7	10	6	56
Almon E. Hall,	156	292	204	323	199	186	214	1574
William H. MacInnis,	310	451	243	179	284	364	215	2046
Henry Volkman,	27	12	6	1	9	10	5	70
Blanks,	58	45	24	16	26	37	14	220
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

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REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT.

Fourth Berkshire District.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
*William A. Burns,	168	346	222	310	196	203	229	1674
John Churchill,	259	346	170	143	236	268	141	1560
Benjamin Clow,	74	58	39	24	47	46	26	314
*William A. Fahey,	279	415	192	148	274	349	160	1837
Edward S. Lyman,	3	5	2	7	1	4	3	25
Hezekiah S. Russell,	154	272	210	322	177	158	219	1512
Blanks,	179	189	129	98	119	186	110	1010
Totals,	1116	1623	964	1052	1050	1214	908	7932

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—BERKSHIRE.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
John M. Morin,	297	398	190	166	258	312	171	1792
Alden B. Whipple,	6	21	9	12	10	9	9	76
William P. Wood,	194	340	253	332	238	239	250	1846
Blanks,	61	55	30	16	19	47	24	252
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

COUNTY TREASURER—BERKSHIRE.

(To fill vacancy for remainder of term of three years from first Wednesday of January, 1901.)

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Henry A. Brewster,	212	394	287	385	255	255	293	2081
Arthur W. Chippendale,	279	348	157	126	241	297	136	1584
John H. Smith,	7	12	6	5	7	3	6	46
Blanks,	60	60	32	10	22	52	19	255
Totals,	558	814	482	526	525	607	454	3966

* Elected.

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CITY ELECTION HELD DECEMBER 3, 1902.

MAYOR.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Robert Robenstein,	38	35	15	7	4	24	8	131
Harry D. Sisson,	221	403	273	340	288	276	275	2076
William E. Wilcox,	324	417	230	178	289	337	190	1965
Blanks,	22	8	14	9	10	15	12	90
Totals,	605	863	532	534	591	652	485	4262

LICENSE.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Yes,	390	417	268	208	323	412	231	2248
No,	176	406	233	304	247	209	234	1809
Blanks,	39	40	31	23	21	31	20	205
Totals,	605	863	532	534	591	652	485	4262

SHALL A SYSTEM OF STREET PAVING BE COMMENCED IN THIS CITY IN 1903?

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Yes,	376	644	393	378	417	476	391	3077
No,	130	129	75	111	110	106	56	717
Blanks,	97	90	64	45	64	70	38	468
Totals,	605	863	532	534	591	652	485	4262

SHALL THE CITY ISSUE BONDS IN THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET PAVING.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
*Yes,	305	565	346	316	354	417	345	2648
No,	168	146	97	145	144	138	75	913
Blanks,	132	152	89	73	93	97	65	701
Totals,	605	863	532	534	591	652	485	4262

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SHALL STREET PAVING BE PAID FOR FROM THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF APPROPRIATIONS?

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
*Yes,	256	366	222	200	224	277	199	1744
No,	138	178	110	120	169	165	108	988
Blanks,	211	319	200	214	198	210	178	1530
Totals,	605	863	532	534	591	652	485	4262

ALDERMEN.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
George W. Burbank,	263							
*Richard Carroll,	327							
*J. Frederick Kahl,		464						
Arthur Wright,		380						
*John O'Connell,			261					
James P. Fryer,			257					
Frank C. Backus,				136				
*Frank Howard,				384				
*Thomas A. Macken,					318			
Albert N. Parker,					261			
*Patrick Condron,						367		
Henry E. Kloseman,						269		
*Charles C. Francis,							276	
Joseph H. Tetley,							198	
Blanks,	15	19	14	14	12	16	11	
Totals,	605	863	532	534	591	652	485	4262

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COMMON COUNCIL.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
George H. Boynton,	240							
*James Naughton,	327							
*John F. Carroll,		461						
Burdick A. Stewart,		381						
*Almond A. Desmond,			273					
Louis K. Willis,			239					
*William H. Barrows,				390				
Claes Hoff,				130				
*Thomas F. Conroy,					306			
Edward J. Spall,					273			
Louis A. Merchant,						272		
*John J. O'Connor,						360		
*Chester E. Gleason,							335	
Frank J. Quirk,							140	
Blanks,	38	21	20	14	12	20	10	
Totals,	605	863	532	534	591	652	485	4262

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Wards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
*Charles Bruce,	317							
*Peter W. Burns,	311							
Ward Clark,	251							
William McArthur,	219							
*Francis A. Farrell,		427						
Samuel Longstreet,		379						
*William M. Mercer,		449						
George A. Prediger,		355						
*Wallace E. Bardwell,							334	
William B. Rice,							121	
Blanks,	112	120					33	
Totals,	1210	1730					488	

* Elected.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *City Clerk.*

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In Board of Aldermen, February 2, 1903. Read and placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, February 4, 1903. Read and placed on file in concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

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Report of the Assessors of Taxes

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REPORT

OF THE

ASSESSORS OF TAXES.

To his Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Assessors of the City of Pittsfield herewith respectfully submit their annual report.

February the seventh, 1902, James H. Francis, Collector of Taxes for the year 1901, returned to this Board the several warrants issued to him, with endorsements thereon, showing the collections he had made on the several lists of taxes committed to him, and also the amount of uncollected taxes on each list.

This return showed uncollected taxes:—

Assessed in the year 1897,	$ 167 83	
Uncollected taxes assessed in 1898,	823 15	
Uncollected taxes assessed in 1899,	4,345 47	
Uncollected taxes assessed in 1900,	15,768 48	
Uncollected taxes assessed in 1901,	37,663 86	
Total,		$58,768 79
Uncollected sewer apportionments in 1898,	$ 44 13	
Uncollected sewer apportionments in 1899,	145 12	
Uncollected sewer apportionments in 1900,	465 07	
Uncollected sewer apportionments in 1901,	1,053 48	
Total,		$ 1,707 80
Uncollected street watering tax in 1900,	$394 52	
Uncollected street watering tax in 1901,	791 18	
Total,		$ 1,185 70
		$61,662 29

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On the eighth day of February 1902, the Assessors placed the above lists of uncollected taxes amounting to the sum of $61,662.29 in the hands of James W. Synan, Collector of Taxes for the year 1902, and issued their warrant directing him to collect forthwith, and pay over the same to Erwin H. Kennedy, Treasurer of said City.

Valuation in 1902.

The Valuation of the taxable property in the City of Pittsfield as of the first day of May 1902, as determined by the Assessors June 28th, 1902, when the rate of taxation was fixed for the current year, was as follows:—

Valuation of personal property,	$3,634 840 00	
Valuation of land,	5,997,310 00	
Valuation of buildings,	6,764,540 00	
Total,		$16,396,690 00

Sums to be Raised by Taxation.

Warrants were received by the Assessors directing them to raise by taxation sums as follows:—

State warrant,	$ 8,025 00	
State warrant for purposes required by Chap. 432, Acts of 1900,	118 00	
County warrant,	29,584 88	
City warrant,	383,746 27	
Under provision Chap. 12, Sec. 55 Revised Laws overlayings were added in the sum of,	3,235 65	
Total,		$424,709 80
The Assessors deducted $10,000 which was appropriated for payment on the sewer debt as this was provided for by sewer assessments collected, and to be collected,	$ 10,000 00	
The Assessors also deducted from the appropriation for municipal expenses the sum of prospective receipts as the law requires said sum being,	123,816 05	
		$133,816 05
Amount raised by taxation,		$290,893 75

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Rate of Taxation.

The rate of tax on polls was fixed at $2.00.
The rate of tax on property was fixed at $17.00 on $1,000.
The rate of tax on property was divided as follows:—

On that portion of the state tax raised on property,	$ 12½	
On that portion of the county tax raised on property,	1.43½	
For payment of city debt and interest,	4 64	
For payment of municipal expenses,	10 80	
Total,		$17 00

The assessment of taxes was completed July 28th, 1902. On the 31st day of July 1902, the Assessors placed in the hands of James W. Synan, Collector, the lists of Taxes, Sewer Apportionment, Street Watering Taxes, and Non-Resident Bank Taxes, amounting to the sum of $309,302.75, and issued their warrant to him, requiring him to collect and pay over the same to Erwin H. Kennedy, Treasurer of said city, on or before the 31st day of December, following.

The items of said warrants were as follows:—

State tax,	$ 8,143 00	
County tax,	29,584 88	
City tax,	253,165 87	
Sewer apportionment and interests,	2,092 64	
Street watering tax,	5,723 64	
Non resident bank tax,	10,602 72	
Total,		$309,302 75

Supplementary Taxation.

Under provision of Chapter 12, Section 85, Revised Laws, an additional assessment on polls and property omitted at the annual assessment was made December 18, 1902, as follows:—

Tax on omitted polls,	$ 218 00	
Tax on omitted personal property,	1,152 60	
Tax on omitted real estate,	6 80	
Tax on omitted street watering,	2 01	
Total,		$1,379 41

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The lists of above supplementary taxes were committed to James W. Synan, Collector, December 18, 1902, with warrant requiring him to collect at once and pay over the same to Erwin H. Kennedy, Treasurer.

Excise Tax.

In the month of October the Board of Assessors assessed excise taxes as follows:—

To the Pittsfield Electric Street Railway Co.,	$1,358 93	
To the Berkshire Street Railway Co.,	128 96	
Total,		$1,487 89

The list of. excise taxes was committed to James W Synan, in October, 1902, with our warrant requiring him to collect and pay over the same to Erwin H. Kennedy, Treasurer.

Recapitulation.

Amount of taxes committed to James W. Synan, collector, February 7, 1902,	$ 61,662 29	
Amount of taxes committed to James W. Synan, collector, July 31, 1902,	309,302 75	
Amount of taxes committed to James W. Synan, collector, December 18, 1902,	1,379 41	
Amount of excise taxes committed James W. Synan, collector, October, 1902,	1,487 89	
Total,		$373,832 34

Number of polls assessed,	6,184
" " persons assessed on property,	3,205
" " dwellings assessed,	3,570
" " horses assessed,	1,907
" " cows assessed,	1,249
" " sheep assessed,	117
" " swine assessed,	113
" " neat cattle assessed (other than cows),	276

The total valuation of taxable property,	$16,396,690 00	
Abatements deducted December 31, 1902,	55,591 00	
Net valuation,		$16,341,099 00

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$12.00 on $1,000 of this net valuation is the legal limit of taxation for municipal expenses for the year 1903. Revised Laws, Chapter 12, Section 54.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. CLARK,
FRANCIS J. MCMAHON,
SAMUEL S. LEVY,
Assessors of Pittsfield.

In Board of Aldermen, January 28, 1903. Read and placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, January 28, 1903. Read and placed on file in concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

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Report of City Physician

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REPORT

OF THE

CITY PHYSICIAN.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—

CITY ALMSHOUSE:—Everything seems to be running smoothly and well here now. The cesspool used for the institution, which has been a source of danger from overflow and has threatened even legal friction between the Crozier heirs and the City by leeching through the road bed on to the Crozier farm, might be construed as a nuisance, and if so proven, would in all probability make the City pay damages; but even if a small amount should have been awarded, it would be a standing claim and a continuous cause for litigation, especially should the farm become the property of a new owner.

But now that the City has seen fit to purchase that part of the farm upon which the overflow occurs, we all feel that it was a wise provision because it will do away with any and all future friction between the Crozier heirs and the City. It will also be a benefit to the land, as the overflow can be mixed with other material in a compost, which will become a great fertilizer for the land.

While attending the small pox cases at the Detention House, we examined all the inmates of the Almshouse and vaccinated all those who required that kind of protection.

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Detention House.

It was well, it was wise, and it was thoughtful on the part of the Board of Health, who some years ago called the attention of the City Government to the practical need of a Detention House, in which cases of contagious and infectious diseases could be treated with care and comfort. While that was, we are led to think, the humane intention in advising such a harbor of safety for the affected as well as a sanitary precaution for the inhabitants of the City, we still feel and know by experience in the treatment of those cases that some glaring defects exist, which however could only be found out while in actual use as a Detention House and Quarantine Station.

The location is perfect in everything that appertains to pure air, water and sunlight.

The building is situated about one fourth of a mile north of the City Almshouse Buildings. The Basement floor is divided into a kitchen, furnace room and a large size bedroom, in which two or three persons could be placed. On the next floor are four bedrooms in each of which however one person only could be accommodated. And there are two small rooms in the attic, where two persons could be kept at night, but to confine patients there day and night would not contribute to as speedy a recovery as might be had in the other rooms of the building. The foundation of this building is in poor condition and should be inspected. There were some repairs made on it a couple of years ago, but we understand it still needs more.

There is no good reason why the patients sick in this building should not have it equipped with all the conveniences which now are acknowledged to be needed in all up to date hospitals, for the purpose of assisting in giving these patients sent out there the best possible chance of a perfect recovery.

The principal wants in the building now are water closets and a bath room. The need and want of these were sadly felt during the time it was occupied this last summer by the small pox cases. These contributions to the health and welfare of the sick should in our opinion be given careful attention. The condition and lay of the land could not be made more favorable than it is, for the construction of a

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cesspool. The land on the east side of the building and very near to it has a fall of eighteen or twenty feet, so that a cesspool properly made at this low level, would never give any trouble, with perfect plumbing, even if the building was constantly used for sick people.

We believe that two water closets should be put in, one down in the basement and the other on the next floor, with a wash basin; while we feel that one bath tub would be enough. It might be well also to have a fire escape put on to the upper story, as this would instill confidence, give security and comply with the law governing such buildings.

We think that it should not be found necessary to hurry any Board. But where things are wanted, which on reflection must be considered nearly as essential and needful as the building and rooms, we believe we should not "stand Pat" until patients claim our immediate attention, and then be compelled to try and temporize with articles for sick rooms very unfit for use there, which articles might even be a medium of communicating infection to those who should be intrusted with the nursing of the patients.

We only hope that those, who have the power to order and have the work done, will make no delay in performing that duty.

We were startled somewhat in this city on May 30th, 1902, when it was announced that there was a case of small pox. The young man who had the disease was immediately sent out to the Detention House and at the same time his mother and a brother were sent out as suspects; and in a few days later his father and a younger brother were also sent there as suspects.

The two young men, suspects, were vaccinated and the vaccine virus produced its specific protection. We did not think it necessary to vaccinate the father and mother.

We had another case of a young man, who had become infected about the same time as the first case, but came from a different location in the City. He was sent out to the Detention House on June 2nd, 1902. We feared that this disease would spread throughout the City. But the Board of Health had ordered a general vaccination, which we believe was very successful in preventing the disease from spreading which it subsequently proved, as there were no

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other cases, until about June 20th, 1902. At that time two young women were discovered, having the eruption well developed. They were immediately taken to the Detention House, as was also a sister of one of these young women, who had been exposed to the disease. She was sent there as a suspect, but as she had been vaccinated about the time her sister was taken sick, the vaccine virus operating thoroughly, she escaped the disease, although she remained in constant attendance with these cases, and acted as nurse and cook for all the patients until they were all discharged well.

We had vaccinated for the City about two hundred children during the months of May, June, July, August and September. The vaccine virus worked in about 98 per cent of these cases.

CHARITY NURSES.—THEIR WORK AMONG THE SICK POOR.

We have in the City many cases among the sick poor, who are not fit subjects for hospital treatment. They are of a chronic character. Some are incurable, due principally to old age; while others suffer with chronic ulcers, suppurating sores and rheumatic joints.

What these cases need most are careful dressing and bathing by skilled hands. For no matter how minutely directions may be given to relatives among this class, they fail to do the work properly and the cases do badly however good the remedies may be.

But we have had for about two years most valuable charity work done among these chronic invalids by the voluntary service given them by the Graduated Nurses. One nurse gives her time for a week, daily visiting all these cases requiring her services. Another nurse takes up the work the next week, and thus the good work is continued during the year, so well and faithfully, that these chronic invalids await the visit of the nurse with as much pleasure as they do the visit of the physician.

For this service rendered to the poor, these nurses deserve the grateful thanks of the Community, because it is a work far more laborious physically than nursing a single person in a private family or even a number of patients in a hospital ward.

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In these cases of the City Poor, the nurse has to travel from place to place in different parts of the City. Sometimes the distance is so far to walk that it would be difficult for the nurse to get around to the various patients and do the work properly, if she did not have the trolley cars to convey her.

We were glad to learn that while these nurses are willing to give their time and labor to this charitable cause without any pecuniary recompense, that through the generosity of the Managers of the two Electric Roads passes had been gratuitously given. These passes thus enables them to perform the work within a much shorter period of time, and prevents physical fatigue, that otherwise, if they were compelled to walk from place to place, would be exacting too much of a sacrifice from these good women, even in such a laudable work.

This is pure "uncanned" Christian Charity, one of the corporal works of mercy, which only that Angelic Class has the spirit, courage and love to perform among the lowly members of the afflicted poor.

The following represents in tabular form the doings of the office for the year ending December 31, 1902:

CITY ALMSHOUSE.

Number of visits to City Almshouse,	93
Number of persons treated therein,	112
Number of deaths occurring therein,	6

DETENTION HOUSE.

Number of persons treated for small pox,	4
Number of suspects,	5
Number of persons treated for diphtheria,	1

OUTSIDE AID.

Number receiving professional service,	430
Number of professional visits made to same,	1,060
Number of persons treated at the Police Station,	27
Number of professional visits made to same,	46
Number of surgical cases,	5

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Number of women attended in child-birth,	3
Number of children vaccinated,	200
Number of deaths,	7

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. MERCER,
City Physician.

In Board of Aldermen, January 19, 1903. Read and accepted; placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, January 19, 1903. Read and accepted; placed on file in concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

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REPORT

OF THE

Board of Public Works

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Mr. James L. Bacon.

The gentleman whose portrait graces the opposite page needs no introduction to the public of Pittsfield. In his retirement the members of the Board who have been associated with him desire to express this tribute to the ex-chairman of the Board. Mr. Bacon was appointed by Mayor Hibbard in 1891 to be a member of the Sewer Commission. This position he filled ably and well until their duties were imposed upon the Board of Public Works in 1895. In 1896 he was elected by the City Council to be a member of the Board of Public Works and has held it continuously until February of the current year. He has been a member of the Boards who have done all the large work the city has undertaken, in the new sewer system, the enlargement of water supply at Ashley Lake, and finally the sewage disposal system. Mr. Bacon took an unflagging interest in the work and his years of experience made him a valuable man for the city. He gave of his time unsparingly to the city without personal consideration. Business interests made it imperative that he give them more attention hence his resignation. We, the remaining members of the Board feel that we are voicing the sentiments of the public in regretting his severance from this Board and wish for him in the future the fullest measure of success.

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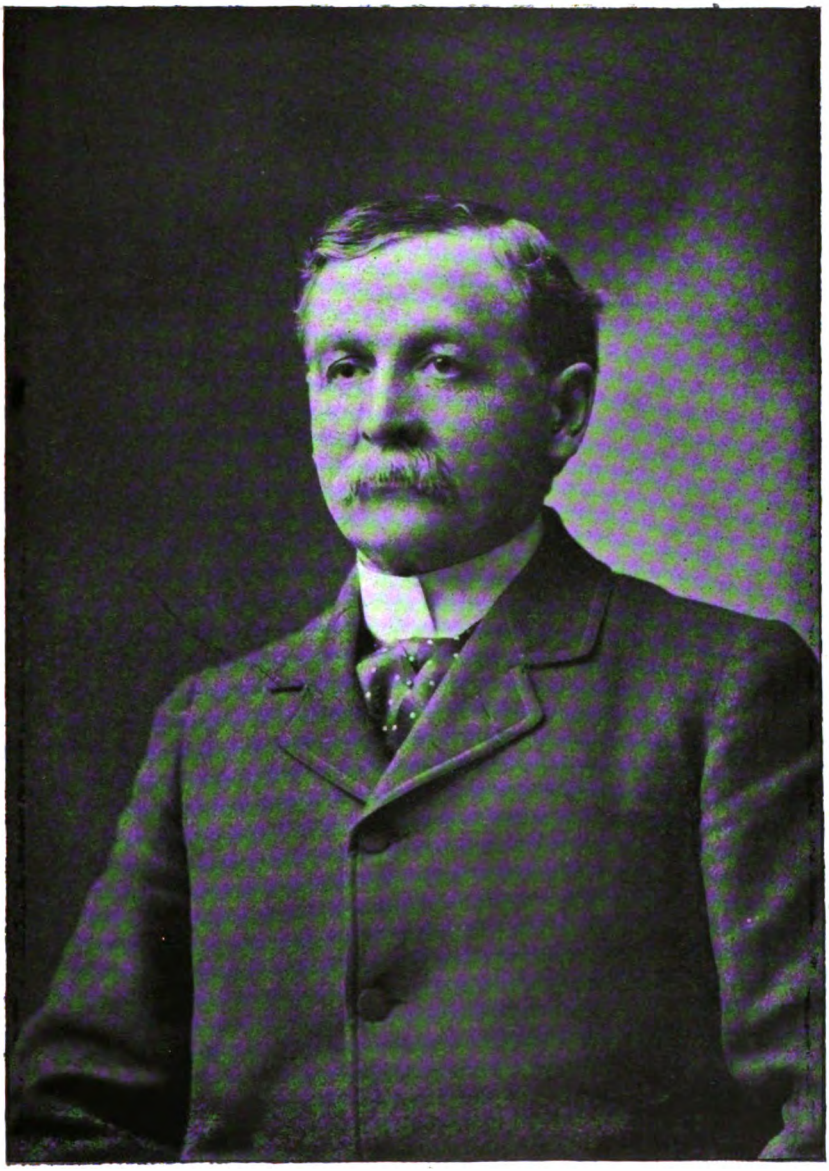

MR. JAMES L. BACON.

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Board of Public Works.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1902.

JAMES L. BACON, *Chairman.*
GEORGE W BAILEY,
FRANKLIN A. SMITH.

LOUIS B. CUMMINGS, ... *Clerk.*
A. A. FOBES, ... *Engineer.*
SAMUEL A. GOURLEY, ... *Water Inspector.*
ROBERT A. RICE, . . . *Superintendent of Streets.*
THOMAS MARTIN, . *Superintendent of Water Works.*
J. F. BILADEAU, . . *Superintendent of Sidewalks.*

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PITTSFIELD, BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASS.

Population, census of 1900, 21,766.
Valuation, $16,396,690.
Rate of Taxation, $17.00.
Area, 41.5 square miles.
Elevation, 1037 feet above sea level at Athenaeum steps.
Miles of streets, about 150.
Macadamized streets, 2.7 miles.
State road macadamized, 2 miles.
State road, gravel, 4100 feet.
Unaccepted streets, 11 miles.
Gravel streets and roads, 75 miles.
Dirt roads, 60 miles.
Number of bridges 54, four maintained by Railroad companies.
Concrete sidewalks, 24.77 miles.
Gravel sidewalks, 26.09 miles.
Flag sidewalks, 1530 feet.
Curbing, 10.38 miles.
Number of crosswalks, 364.
Bicycle paths, 2.35 miles.
House sewer system, 30.53 miles.
Combined house and surface water sewers, 2.17 miles.
Cost of new sewer system, $532,044.93.
Manholes on new sewer system, 639.
Outlets to sewers, two to Housatonic River.
Surface water sewers, 5.90 miles.
Catch basins, 276.
Hydrants, 306.
Water mains, 65.43 miles.
Connections to new sewer, 1629.
Estimated value of water works, $644,612.74.

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Twelfth Annnal Report

OF THE

Board of Public Works

OF THE

CITY OF PITTSFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR 1902.

Office of the Board of Public Works.
Pittsfield, Mass., January, 1903.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Works present the following, their report for the year 1902.

The work for the year has been of a routine order, more or less. Considerable has been done in the way of water works extension. The department of sewer and water connections have had the largest year's work in their history. The year sees the completion of the new dam at Ashley Lake and aso the system for sewage disposal. Quite a good start has been made in the separation of sewage from surface water drains. No specific pieces of surface drainage were done as the appropriation was not large enough to more than care for the drainage system, the ordinary repairs and some small work.

WATER WORKS.

The water system has been extended considerably during the year about a mile of mains having been laid, in the following locations:—North Street at Pontoosuc Lake about 325

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feet northerly; Pomeroy Avenue at the sewage Pumping station 885 feet; Hull Avenue from Myrtle Street easterly 265 feet; Wendell Avenue from Broad street southerly 490 feet; Appletree Lane, Lincoln Terrace, King Street from end of main to Campbell Street, Pine Street, Beaver Street to the Berkshire Street Railway Co., power-house, Mc.Arthur Street. The extensions at Pontoosuc Lake and Mc.Arthur Street were difficult jobs, both being almost solid ledge and requiring a lot of blasting. A battery was purchased for firing blasts and reduces to a minimum the danger usually attending the use of dynamite. As the system increases, so also the cost of maintenance must increase, although we compare favorably in this regard with other cities. The condition of the plant is first class, all the reservoirs have had their usual attention, hydrants have been carefully looked after, flushed and painted, the lines are gone over as well as the reservoirs vitited almost daily by the caretaker, and with a foot of water already in the new dam at Ashley Lake, with every probability of its being full by Spring, the conditions of the water system are indeed gratifying.

Ashley Lake Dam.

As stated in the last report of the Board the contract for the completion of the dam at Ashley Lake was let to Thomas Kearney. Notwithstanding the almost continuous bad weather, most every day being a rainy day, Mr. Kearney completed his contract about October 15th. The dam is an impressive, massive structure and looks as if it would stand for all time. The work of engineering and inspecting at the dame has been under the supervision of Mr. Joseph N. Tanner, he having as his assistant, Mr. William E. Downs. The raise in the dam adds about 20 acres to the area of the lake which will without doubt take care of all the water that falls upon the limited watershed. Water was turned into the new basin on December 23rd, for the first time. The cost of the dam as finally carried out, was about $6000, in excess of the Strauss Brothers Co. figures. The city was protected by a bond of the American Surety Company in the sum of $7000 indemnfying itself against loss by the failure of the Strauss Brothers Co., to carry out their contract. A statement of the cost has

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been presented to the American Surety Company as bondsmen for the Strauss Brothers Co., and settlement is pending. In connection with this matter the Board desire to say that Mr. Kearney carried out his work in a faithful and conscientious manner and to express their satisfaction for his uniform courtesy and interest.

POLLUTION.

The Board take this opportunity to once more call the attention of the City Council to the chances for pollution in some of our water supply sources and urge that steps be taken to effectually abolish the same.

FINANCES.

The following is a summary of Water Works finances for the year. The reports of the Tax Collector, City Auditor and City Treasurer may be referred to for further particulars.

RECEIPTS.

For Water Rates, Meter and Schedule,		$52,538 14

EXPENDITURES.

For Maintenance of Works,	$ 6,891 82	
For Interest,	10,129 27	$17,021 09
Balance of receipts over interest and maintenance,		$35,517 05

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RAINFALL.

The following table shows the rainfall for the year 1902. In the table snow is shown as rain, being melted and measured. The measurements are usually taken at 9 A. M. and include the precipitation for 24 hours previous.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1	....	.08	1.00	....	..	....	...	.30	.08	.50	....	.14
2	....	.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
3	....	....	1.02	....	....	1.46	.35	....	....	..	....	.22
4	....	....	...	....	....	.06	....	....	....	....	....	....
5	....	....	...	...	.25	....	1.50	....	....	.30	.05	.50
6	....	....	.75	....	....		....	1.36	....	....	....	....
7	....	.30	....	..	...	1.17	....	....	.54	....	...	.15
8	....	...	...	...	..	....	.05	....	....	....	....	....
9	....	....	....	....	....	.05	....	....	1.00	...	....	....
10	....	....	.50	1.68	...	.66	.25	....	....	...	....	....
11	.09	....	....	.18	..	..	....	.24	....	....	....	.22
12	...	....	...	....	.30	....	....	....	....	....	.23	....
13	.28	....	...	.10	....	....	..	....	.30	1.20	....	.68
14	....	...	....	....	....	....	.25	....	....	....	....	...
15	....	....	....	....	....	.15	.12	....	....	....	....	....
16	....	...	....	...	....	.54	...	....	....	....	....	1.50
17	....	....	.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
18	...	.95	.20	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	.03	....
19	....	....	....	...	.35	.24	1.75	.31	.28	.52	....	....
20	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.25	....	....	....	....	....
21	....	.24	....	....	....	.42	....	.20	....	.11	..	1.70
22	.85	....	....	....	....	..	...	.05	....	....	.20	....
23	....	...	....	....	.10	....	....	....	...	....	....	....
24	....	....	....	..	.15	.10	.25	.23	..	....	....	....
25	....	....	...	....	.35	....	....	....	..	....	....	12
26	.39	....	. .	.20	....	.28	....	....	.85	...	.12	....
27	....	...	...	....	1.00	....	.10	...	....	...	.11	.04
28	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	.15	....	1.70	.06	...
29	....	....	1.05	1.16	.21	.60	.. .	...	2.05	...	....	.05
30	....	....	.10	....	....	.05	..	....	....	...	.14	....
31	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....
Totals,	1.64	2.07	5.12	3.32	2.41	6.08	6.87	2.84	5.10	4.33	.94	5.32

Total for year, 46.04 inches.

ANALYSES.

The State Board of Health have made four analyses of our city water during the year in March, June, September and December. We append the analyses to show the quality of the water.

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PARTS IN 100,000.

Number.	Date of Collection	Date of Examination.	Appearance. Turbidity.	Appearance. Sediment.	Appearance. Color.	Odor. Cold.	Odor. Hot.	Residue on Evaporation. Total.	Residue on Evaporation. Loss on Ignition.	Residue on Evaporation. Fixed	Ammonia. Free.	Ammonia. Albuminoid. Total.	Ammonia. Albuminoid. In Solution.	Ammonia. Albuminoid. In Suspension.	Chlorine.	Nitrogen as Nitrates.	Nitrogen as Nitrites.	Oxygen consumed.	Hardness.	Sample from
	1902.	1902.																		
39380	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	decided	cons.	.26	none	none	4.20	1.85	2.35	.0044	.0220	.0154	.0066	.09	.0080	.0000	.35	2.5	
40812	June 24	June 27	none	slight	.11	none	none	6.70	2.30	4.40	.0114	.0206	.0178	.0028	.08	.0050	.0000	.26	5.4	'Ashley
42294	Sept. 16	Sept. 18	v. slight	v. slight	.17	none	faint. veg.	5.60	2.20	3.40	.0018	.0210	.0208	.0002	.09	.0020	.0000	.38	3.9	Reservoir.
43581	Dec. 23	Dec. 27	v. slight	v. slight	.25	none	v. faint v'g	4.85	2.00	2.85	.0062	.0162	.0146	.0016	.10	.0080	.0000	.35	3.3	
39382	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	v. slight	v. slight	.10	none	none	3.35	1.10	2.25	.0000	.0080	.0064	.0016	.05	.0040	.0001	.12	2.0	
40814	June 24	June 27	none	v. slight	.01	none	none	4.35	1.25	.10	.0002	.0036	.0034	.0002	.06	.0070	.0000	.11	3.5	Mill Brook
42296	Sept. 16	Sept. 18	none	v. slight	.01	none	none	6.60	2.00	4.60	.0004	.0028	.0026	.0002	.08	.0130	.0000	.13	4.4	Reservoir.
43583	Dec. 23	Dec. 27	v. slight	slight	.09	none	none	3.10	1.15	1.95	.0006	.0068	.0066	.0002	.07	.0050	.0000	.21	1.7	
39384	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	v. slight	cons.	.09	none	none	5.25	1.60	3.65	.0010	.0094	.0082	.0012	.07	.0120	.0001	.20	3.4	
40816	June 24	June 27	none	v. slight	.05	none	none	8.30	1.50	6.80	.0010	.0068	.0058	.0010	.09	.0200	.0000	.13	7.1	Sackett
42298	Sept. 16	Sept. 18	v. slight	v. slight	.06	none	none	11.15	2.95	8.20	.0010	.0040	.0038	.0002	.10	.0200	.0000	.18	9.6	Brook.
43585	Dec. 23	Dec. 27	none	v. slight	.10	none	none	6.25	2.00	4.25	.0028	.0084	.0072	.0012	.09	.0140	.0000	.28	5.0	
39381	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	v. slight	v. slight	.09	none	none	6.00	2.25	3.75	.0008	.0092	.0076	.0016	.08	.0140	.0000	.13	3.5	
40813	June 24	June 27	none	v. slight	.01	none	none	9.00	2.10	6.90	.0040	.0066	.0056	.0010	.11	.0160	.0000	.15	7.4	Hathaway
42295	Sept. 16	Sept. 18	none	v. slight	.00	none	none	11.00	2.50	8.50	.0044	.0080	.0066	.0014	.12	.0170	.0000	.14	7.7	Brook
43582	Dec. 23	Dec. 27	v. slight	slight	.15	none	v. faint v'g	5.25	1.75	3.50	.0008	.0120	.0090	.0030	.08	.0100	.0000	.27	3.5	Reservoir.
39383	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	none	v. slight	.17	none	none	3.60	1.20	2.40	.0006	.0080	.0070	.0010	.06	.0080	.0001	.26	2.3	
40815	June 24	June 27	v. slight	v. slight	.08	none	none	5.85	1.25	4.60	.0064	.0076	.0060	.0016	.09	.0130	.0000	.18	4.3	Sackett
42297	Sept. 16	Sept. 18	none	slight	.08	none	v. faint v'g	8.00	2.40	5.60	.0032	0134	.0126	.0008	.09	.0140	.0000	.10	6.0	Brook
43584	Dec. 23	Dec. 27	none	v. slight	.17	none	none	4.20	1.60	2.60	.0010	.0088	.0080	.0008	.09	.0100	.0002	.29	2.5	Reservoir.

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Water Works Statistics.

Population by census of 1900, 21,766.
Water Works built by Pittsfield Fire District.
Sources of supply, Ashley Brook and Ashley Lake.
Added sources of supply since that time, Sackett Brook, Hathaway Brook and Mill Brook, and an emergency pumping station in Sackett Meadow.
Distribution by gravity.

Receipts.

Water Rates, Schedule, $32,218.51.
Water Rates, Meter, $20,319.63.

Expenditures.

Maintenance of works, $5,891.82.
Extension of mains, $5,837.99.
Interest on debt, $10,129.27
Debt, $277,734.71.
Estimated population supplied with water, 20,000.
Estimated daily consumption, 1,500,000 gallons.
Length of all mains, about 66 miles.
Sizes from 3 to 16 inch.
Kinds of pipe, cast iron.
Number of hydrants, 306.
Pressure at the City Hall, 60 pounds.
Service pipes, cast iron, galvanized iron and lead.
Number of meters, 170.
Number of elevators, 13.

Costs and Receipts.

The following table shows the receipts from water rates, and the expenditures for construction, interest and other expenses as accurately as they can be gathered from the reports of the Fire District and the City up to and including the year 1902.

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Year Ending	Paid for Construction.	Construction and other Expenses.	Interest on Debt.	Income Water Rates.
Jan. 1, 1857				$ 787 81
1858				1,546 98
1859				2,098 56
1860				3,242 04
1861				3,098 92
1862				3,150 00
1863				3,450 00
1864				3,970 00
1865				4,212 10
1866	$ 64,000 00		$ 29,820 87	4,788 43
1867	3,457 37		4,071 99	4,901 21
Apr. 1, 1868	4,209 32	$ 71,167 04	4,291 62	5,515 02
1869	27,332 78	30,646 93	6,186 87	6,165 04
1870	26,154 49	30,258 69	8,062 65	8,202 32
1871	3,953 15	6,553 40	8,339 50	8,371 21
1872	319 48	4,378 06	8,444 01	9,354 00
1873	9,950 90	20,362 42	9,216 39	10,303 14
1874	20,698 05	25,272 82	10,525 25	10,630 48
1875	9,724 84	10,420 34	11,206 00	10,501 08
1876	25,002 57	27,512 11	11,892 00	13,054 98
1877	779 51	4,790 76	11,750 00	13,072 13
1878	910 77	2,677 48	11,916 59	13,581 82
1879	72 02	1,948 43	11,980 15	15,480 82
1880	1,183 82	3,122 46	12,689 53	15,974 56
1881	955 92	3,345 19	11,814 11	16,668 75
1882	11,295 26	14,486 02	11,896 13	16,528 50
1883	9,512 32	13,315 81	12,175 22	17,731 57
1884	3,611 32	5,542 04	12,320 00	18,818 75
1885	4,007 34	7,420 95	12,320 00	19,081 41
1886	4,080 35	6,626 06	11,045 00	20,696 78
1887	8,217 62	11,258 96	11,250 00	20,869 43
1888	2,719 68	6,506 79	11,095 00	22,461 58
1889	2,962 52	8,066 79	9,938 14	24,212 36
1890	38,860 26	48,595 07	9,200 00	25,330 07
Jan. 1, 1891	3,251 12	8,841 83	6,700 90	22,752 66
1892	8,686 74	8,686 74	10,415 83	28,615 37
1893	17,392 36	20,297 79	10,716 50	30,081 82
1894	5,479 58	11,600 81	10,427 50	31,425 61
1895	34,756 16	40,004 76	11,511 15	33,815 13
1896	57,772 70	64,564 46	11,943 56	38,377 21
1897	22,492 09	28,902 11	11,750 48	38,506 04
1898	12,015 01	17,996 50	14,542 51	42,366 81
1899	16,944 29	23,069 75	10,988 02	45,323 03
1900	11,087 92	13,812 05	10,451 85	46,317 68
1901	5,000 00	30,042 57	10,481 65	44,260 20
1902	9,246 27	6,479 14	10,550 07	44,591 21
Jan. 1, 1903	45,402 74	6,891 82	19,129 27	52,538 14
	$ 533,631 59	$ 689,474 08	$ 412,756 89	$ 876,825 76

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City Hall.

A number of improvements have been made at the City Hall, the most important of which was the change in the Tax Collector's office. When taxes were being paid, under the old way, there was but one entrance. A person having paid his bill was unable to get through the crush at the door. The counter and railings were extended the whole length of the office and a door cut through the partition on the north end. This allows of an entrance and exit through separate doors, and disposes of this trouble. The offices of the Board of Public Works, Tax Collector and City Auditor were painted and new curtains put in, making a decided improvement.

Repair of Buildings.

In this connection the most important work was the entire renovation of the police station within and without. The building was painted throughout on the inside and the wooden part of the outside. The Chief's office was newly painted and papered as was a small room in the rear giving the Chief a private office. A number of complaints were made to the Board of the Union Street school-house being a nuisance, from residents of the neighborhood, and the attention of the City Council was called to the matter. They directed the Board to dispose of the building and fill the cellar. This was done, the Board receiving $125 for the old building. The cellar has been filled from the proceeds of the sale of the building.

Bridge Repairs.

The abutments of the bridge at Sackett Brook on the East Lenox Road have been in poor condition for some time and were in danger of being washed out Spring and Fall. They have been rebuilt and raised two feet during the year. Considerable work was done in painting, railing and planking bridges, which comes in the regular routine of the maintenance of the same.

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REAR VIEW OF NEW DAM.

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Center Street.

Center Street, from New West Street to Church Street, was worked to an established grade. This necessitated the raising of the street railway track for quite a distance. The sidewalks were raised both sides of the street.

Linden Street Gutters.

Paved gutters were laid on both sides of Linden Street from Francis Avenue to Daniels Avenue. A special appropriation of $225 was made for doing the work.

Pontoosuc Lake Grade.

A number of dilapidated buildings that had stood at the outlet of Pontoosuc Lake were removed this year. The spot was unsightly and the City Council having made an appropriation for doing the work, the Board proceeded to grade and slope the banks for quite a distance northerly. These banks were then seeded and a substantial guard rail put up. This adds in a great measure to the appearance of the place.

Widening North Street.

North Street from the corner of Madison Avenue to the Pittsfield Electric Street Railway car-house was widened on the west side about 5 feet. The tree line was cut back, the curbing reset, and cobble stone gutters put in. As there are two railway tracks at this point the extra width obtained was a decided advantage.

Francis Avenue.

That portion of Francis Avenue lying between Madison Avenue and Alder Street was worked to grade this year. The street was very steep and as a considerable volume of surface water has to be cared for, paved gutters were put in on both sides of the street. The work was done within the appropriation which was $850.

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Lenox Avenue.

The north end of Lenox Avenue was given attention this year. The street is of a wet hard-pan nature, and in the spring of the year was particularly bad. The street was underdrained for a distance of about 600 feet. A foot of gravel was put on to bring the street to grade. The cost of doing the whole work was about $1,500.

Dalton Avenue Bridge.

The City Council made an appropriation of $14,000 for building a bridge across the Boston and Albany railroad tracks on Dalton Avenue. It was expected that the Berkshire Street Railway Company would pay their share of the cost of the bridge, but as they decided not to cross the bridge it became necessary to appropriate an additional $4,000, which would have been about their proportion. In consideration for making the bridge wide enough to admit of driveways on each side the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company agreed to pay a sum not exceeding $2,500 to the cost of the bridge. Bids were asked for building the abutments and superstructure. The contract for the superstructure was awarded to the New England Structural company of Boston for $12,623. The contract for the abutments was given to Dwyer Bros., of Dalton, and are completed, the cost of the same being about $3,600. The contract calls for the bridge erected in place April 20, 1903.

Lighting Streets.

An agreement was arrived at early in the year by which the City was allowed a discount of 12½ per cent on all City lighting. This makes a saving on the number of lights now installed of about $2,000 for this year. During the year the City Council has established 31 incandescent lights and 6 arc lights. The total expenditure for lighting streets was $14,500.

Sewer and Water Connections.

This work has been the largest of any year since the start

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of the City. There have been made 139 sewer connections and 93 water connections. This work in the street is done in every case by the City, at the expense of the owner, he making a deposit sufficient to cover the estimated cost of doing the work before any operations are begun.

Paved Gutters.

Paved gutters have been laid as follows:—

School Street from North to Allen Street,	144	Sq.	Yds.
East Street, St. Stephen's church easterly,	22	"	"
East Street, Bartlett Avenue to Pomeroy Avenue,	111.50	"	"
High Street, east side,	87	"	"
Fenn Street between Second and Third Street, north side,	33.33	"	"
South Street, near Mrs. Redfield's,	90	"	"
North Street, car station to Orchard Street,	157	"	"
House of Mercy, driveways and gutters,	204.70	"	"
Lenox Avenue, upper end,	22	"	"
Lenox Avenue, near Weller Avenue,	78.70	"	"
Alder Street, south side,	228	"	"
Francis Avenue, Madison Avenue to Alder Street,	244.50	"	"
Linden Street, Francis Avenue to Daniels Avenue,	155	"	"
Linden Street, West from Seymour Street, both sides,	227	"	"
Winter Street, both sides,	222	"	"
Total,	2026.73	Sq.	Yds.

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New Sewers.

	Feet.	Manholes.	Inch.
Abbott Street,	147.00	1	6
Bridgman Street,	121.15	1	6
Clapp Avenue,	574.00	3	8
Depot Street,	468.60	2	8
North Street, west side,	306.40	2	8
North Street, east side,	435.20	2	8
Wendell Avenue,	465.00	3	6
South Street,	208.00	0	6
McKay Street,	315.70	2	6
Appletree Lane,	359.70	2	6
Total,	3380.75 Feet.	18 Manholes.	

In connection with the construction of new sewers the plan of dividing the surface water and sewage drains was continued this year. New Sewers were carried up both sides of North Street as far as the bridge. Sewer connections were made with all the blocks on both sides of the street as far as the new sewers extended . The surface water from these buildings will be carried off in the drain which formerly carrid both surface water and sewage. The cost of making sewer connections is done at the expense of the property owner in each case.

Repair and Care of Sewers.

The usual care has been given the new sewer system during the year. The same trouble has been experienced with the east trunk sewer, in the matter of grease, only in a more aggravated form now, as it interferes greatly with the working of the sewage pumps. The trouble has been traced directly to the Tillotson Mills near Silver Lake, and is the washings and grease scoured from wool. Arrangements are being made with Mr. Tillotson to plan settling tubs to take off the heavy matter before it gets to the sewer. This will no doubt alleviate the trouble from that quarter.

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Sewage Disposal.

The new sewage pumping station and filtration areas were put in operation during the year. William E. Staples was appointed to the position of engineer at the pumping station with William Dunn as assistant. The filter beds were placed in charge of M. H. Fallon. Pumping is carried on about eight hours a day. Thus far everything has worked satisfactorily. The Board has experienced considerable trouble from ground water. Around Silver Lake where the pipe is laid very shallow, a large amount of ground water was found in the sewer main. This portion was dug up and the joints made of lead, and has resulted in a marked degree in reducing the flow. In Alder Street there is a portion of the sewer laid with cement joints and a large amount of ground water gets into the main. Careful measurements were taken at times when the flow of sewage should be the smallest, and showed that there were bad leaks in the sewer. This necessitates a longer run for the pumps and a corresponding increase in expense. This will have to be repaired the coming year. Details of the amount of sewage pumped, areas of beds used, etc., will be given more fully in the next report, the work thus far being of a more or less experimental nature.

Recommendations.

The Board would respectfully recommend that the water pipe on Beaver Street, which is but 4 inch, be renewed from Elm Street to a point near the new gas house. With the growth of the city in this direction ample means for water supply should be given. An eight inch main is recommended.

A portion of the main pipe of Dewey Avenue from West Street to the corner of Division Street, which is but 1 inch pipe, should be renewed with one of 6 inch pipe.

A surface drain should be built in Dalton Avenue from Tyler Street to Kellogg Street as there is a large volume of water at this point.

The main surface water drain on East Street should be built of larger dimensions to properly care for the water.

A surface water drain should be built on Fourth Street from the railroad to Silver Lake. All the water which comes

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The reports of our Engineer, and the Superintendents in charge of Highways, Water Works and Sidewalks are appended to this report and give more fully the details of the work which has been under their charge in the respective departments.

J. L. BACON,
G. W. BAILEY,
F. A. SMITH.

Board of Public Works.

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OLD MASONRY DAM.

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REPORT OF CIVIL ENGINEER.

To the Honorable Board of Public Works:—

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following report relative to the work done by the Engineering Department during the year ending December 31st, 1902.

As most of the work designed by this Department has been described in the reports of the several superintendents, only the work not so reported, or that of special importance from an engineering standpoint will be treated here.

ASHLEY LAKE DAM.

The work of completing the dam at Ashley Lake was finished on November 1st of this year by Contractor Thomas Kearney of Little Falls, N. Y. The Assistant Engineer in charge of the engineering and inspecting was Mr. Joseph N. Tanner.

The dam has been constructed according to plans designed by Mr. E. A. Ellsworth of Holyoke who has been the Consulting Engineer. In the last two reports descriptions have been given of various parts of the work, but it will perhaps not be out of place to give here a complete description of this most important structure.

The work has consisted in the building of a dam 862 feet long. Four hundred and sixty-four feet of the central portion was built of concrete faced with stonework about two feet thick, on the down-stream face. The rest of the dam, or 148 feet in length on the westerly end, and 250 feet in length on the easterly end is made of earth with a concrete core-wall. The masonry dam is 6 feet wide on top and has a batter of 4 inches to the foot on the down-stream side. The top is covered with Chester granite coping 8 inches thick. Near the central portion of the masonry dam is the gate-house and overflow. The overflow is 12 feet wide and the top of it is 2 inches, 8 inches below the top of the coping. The facing to the overflow and side-walls is of Monson granite. The gate-

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house is made of concrete to the same height as the top of the dam. It is then covered with Chester granite coping, on which is built the superstructure of brick. Within the gate-house are two openings for the discharge of water. Each opening is controlled by an iron gate with an opening two feet square, and back of this is a wooden gate. If it should ever be necessary to repair a gate or remove an obstruction, the wooden gate in that chamber can be closed; the chamber can then be entered or the iron gate can be opened or repaired without loss of water, and in the meantime the other chamber with its set of gates can be used.

The stone for facing the dam was obtained from quarries near at hand, opened for the purpose. While the neighborhood of Ashley Lake abounds in ledges, it is mainly an unworkable quartzite, or a gneiss that is no better. Much difficulty was found by the contractors in obtaining stone within a reasonable haul that would do for the purpose, but by limiting the amount of stone that was to show to the portion within six feet of the under side of the coping, and to that portion near the overflow, sufficient stone was obtained that could be worked sufficiently to make a presentable face.

The concrete for the work was made of five parts broken stone, three parts sand, and one part Portland cement. The broken stone was obtained by crushing stone obtained from old walls or from the refuse in the quarries. No sand could be obtained near at hand, and of that used some was hauled four and some five and one-half miles, most of this being hauled in the winter or early spring on the snow. This was used with an equal amount of sand from the crusher to make the proper proportion for the concrete, and this seemed to work as well as clear sand.

The foundation of the main dam rests on a ledge of quartzite. This ledge was found to be badly disintegrated and full of seams, and in order to obtain suitable foundation it was necessary to remove considerable quantities of rock. In one place the foundation went sixteen feet below the surface. Owing to the seamy nature of this ledge only in favorable locations could blasting be allowed, as there was danger of opening seams below the required foundation; it was therefore necessary to do a large portion of this work by means of picking, wedging, hammering, etc. A considerable quantity

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of the rock was so soft as to be easily removed in this way. In other places a large amount of work was required.

The two earth embankments were made fifteen feet wide on top, with a slope of 2½ to 1 on the water side, and a slope of 1½ to 1 on the land side. The water slope is paved with field stone, running from 14 inches deep on the bottom to about 8 inches on the top. The top and land slope is covered with a layer of loam. The earth for this was obtained from land owned by the City, and consists mainly of a boulder clay. Pains were taken to thoroughly compact this, especially on the water slope and around the core-walls where it was thoroughly cut with spades when wet.

The concrete core-wall is 20 inches wide on top, widening out 2 inches on a side for each four feet in depth. The foundation of the core-wall in the west embankment rests on ledge. The embankment rests on a clayey soil, the loam from which has been removed. The core-wall in the easterly embankment rests at the two ends on ledge, but for a distance of 147 feet in the center, rests on clay. As some of this was not very firm the foundations were widened out so as to make a footing to the wall of 14 inches on a side. The concrete for this portion was also made with a greater proportion of cement, being four parts of broken stone, three of sand, and one of cement. These precautions were taken to pervent settlement cracks occurring between the part resting on the solid rock and that on the clay. The embankment rests on a similar foundation to that of the westerly embankment.

The work at the lake has included also the building of a new road below the dam in place of a portion of the old road which is either built over by the new structure, or will be flooded. The new road is about 1274 feet long, and was built by City labor in the Fall of 1900.

There has also been some work done in cleaning out the mud from the new part of the basin, and in clearing off the wood and brush, and there is still more of this to be done.

The top of the overflow of the new dam is 5.36 feet above the top of the flashboard in the old dam, or 6.06 feet above the apron of the old stone overflow. The new basin has an area of 110.93 acres, or 20.74 acres more than the old one, and will hold 409,538,023 gallons from the top of the over-

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flow to 14.36 feet below, or 9 feet below the old flashboard, which is 79 per cent greater than the old pond.

The cement used at the Ashley Lake dam and that used at the Dalton Avenue bridge has been tested.

Hathaway Dam.

Hathaway Dam was built late in the Fall of 1892. It is a masonry structure in which Rosendale cement was used. This cement shows considerable disintegration on the surface. This dam should receive a thorough re-pointing this coming year with Portland cement. The overflow stones should also be reset at the same time as there is some leakage under the stones.

Sewer Department.

In addition to the work reported by your Superintendent plans have been designed for a system of sewers lying westerly of the Housatonic River on West Housatonic Street and adjacent Streets. The design calls for crossing the river from the easterly side at a point southerly of the Pomeroy Mill.

The work at the Disposal Plant was not finished until late in the Spring, and called for consderable work by this Department, as also has the care and maintenance. This work has been in the charge of Assistant Engineer James C. Harding.

Bridges.

Your Engineer desires to especially call your attention to the need of careful inspection of our bridges. The city has 40 bridges (exclusive of a large number of culverts) which are either wholly or partly in your care. Most of these bridges were built years ago, when bridges were made lighter than they are to-day to better compete with the wooden bridge. Many of the bridges are put together with bolts, which should occasionally be readjusted. Even those bridges which are modern structures should be occasionally examined, especially those which are subjected to the heavy travel of street cars. I would therefore respectfully recommend that a thorough in-

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spection of our bridges be made by some competent person, and where rivets are loose that they be replaced, and that where bolts need readjusting it be done. Careful attention should also be paid to the painting of our bridges, especially those parts most subject to rust. The need of such care in our bridges is emphasized by the weakness shown in the "I" beam bridge across the river at the upper end of Bel Air Pond. Here the "I" beams under the bridge showed a permanent deflection of about 1½ inches under the Street Railway track. These "I" beams were strengthened by means of a wooden bent placed in the center of the stream. This has temporarily made this structure safe, but it should be replaced this coming season by a stronger and also a wider structure, as the present bridge is too narrow to well accommodate the travel over it.

Dalton Avenue Bridge.

Dalton Avenue between Beaver Street and a point 357.16 feet from Tyler Street was accepted in 1901. This year the contract has been made for building a bridge and abutments. The steel work was let to the New England Structural Company for $12,623.00, the bridge to be completed on or before April 20th, 1903. The contract contains an indemnity clause which provides that if the work is not completed by April 20th, 1903, the amount paid shall be $12,623.00 less $10.00 for each day's delay.

The abutments were let to Dwyer Bros. of Dalton, who have completed their work with the exception of a portion of the parapet walls, which it was thought best to leave until after the bridge is on. This abutment work consisted of building a new abutment on the southerly side of the railroad, and the raising of the abutment which was built by Mr. W. A. Whittlesey on the northerly side, about four feet. Both abutments are about 25 feet back from the location of the Boston & Albany Railroad, which leaves a driveway on each side below the bridge, and between the Railroad location and the abutments. In order to obtain this driveway on the southerly side the Stanley Company have agreed to pay one-half the additional expense due to increasing the span this 25 feet. The total cost of the abutments will be about $3650.00.

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This bridge has a clear span of 133.67 feet, a roadway 32 feet wide, and two sidewalks five feet wide. It is to be a steel truss bridge, and on account of its length will have a high truss braced laterally across the top.

Besides the work above mentioned there is considerable work to be done in grading the street and filling in around the abutments. The total expense, including the bridge, abutments and grading, is estimated to be $18,000.00.

Highway Committee Work.

The following is a list of streets accepted or relocated during the year:

Beaver Street, relocated from near the Gas Company's building to Newell Street.

Kellogg Street, Plunkett Street to Dalton Avenue.

Russell Terrace, Wahconah Street to North Street.

Taylor Street, South Street to west branch of Housatonic River.

Robbins Avenue, Linden Street to Madison Avenue.

Linden Street Extension, from Onota Street to Summit Avenue has been surveyed, but has been referred to the City Government of 1903. The work done this year pertaining to the abolition of the Holmes Road Crossing has been done under this Committee, as has also a considerable amount of other work, as in the widening of the roadway on North Street between Madison Avenue and Wahconah Street, and in the consideration of work that did not get beyond the preliminary stage.

Expenditures.

The total amount expended from your appropriations for construction work was $5397.55. This includes salaries and board of inspectors at Ashley Lake, also all horse-hire and supplies.

In addition to the above there has been expended from other appropriations as follows:

Highway Committee including horse-hire and supplies,	$498.44
Inspection Berkshire St. Ry., including horse-hire,	128.03
This makes a total of	$6024.02

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In conclusion I wish to thank your Honorable Board for the many courtesies shown me, and I also wish to thank the several assistants, who have been associated with me, for their co-operation and faithful services.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. FOBES.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS.

To the Honorable Board of Public Works:—

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit to you my annual report of the condition of the water department, together with a tabulated statement of the total number of gates, mains and hydrants, and recommendations for alterations and improvements, which as I see them should be made the coming year.

EXTENSIONS.

The water mains have been extended as follows:

		Pipe.
North Street at Pontoosuc Lake, northerly,	323 Ft.	6 In.
Hull Avenue from Myrtle Street, easterly,	265 "	6 "
Pomeroy Avenue at Pumping Station,	782 "	6 "
Wendell Avenue, Broad Street, southerly,	490 "	6 "
Appletree Lane, Lenox Avenue, easterly,	360 "	6 "
Lincoln Terrace, West Housatonic Street, southerly,	200 "	6 "
King Street, northerly to Campbell Street,	448 "	6 "
Pine Street, Tyler Street, to Stoddard Avenue,	412 "	6 "
Beaver Street, easterly to Power house,	410 "	6 "
Mc.Arthur Street, Onota Street, westerly,	544 "	6 "
	4234 Ft.	

RENEWALS.

West Housatonic St., R. R. Bridge, westerly,	170 Ft.	6 In.
Wellington Avenue, Lincoln to Orchard,	664 "	6 "
Total,	5068 Ft.	

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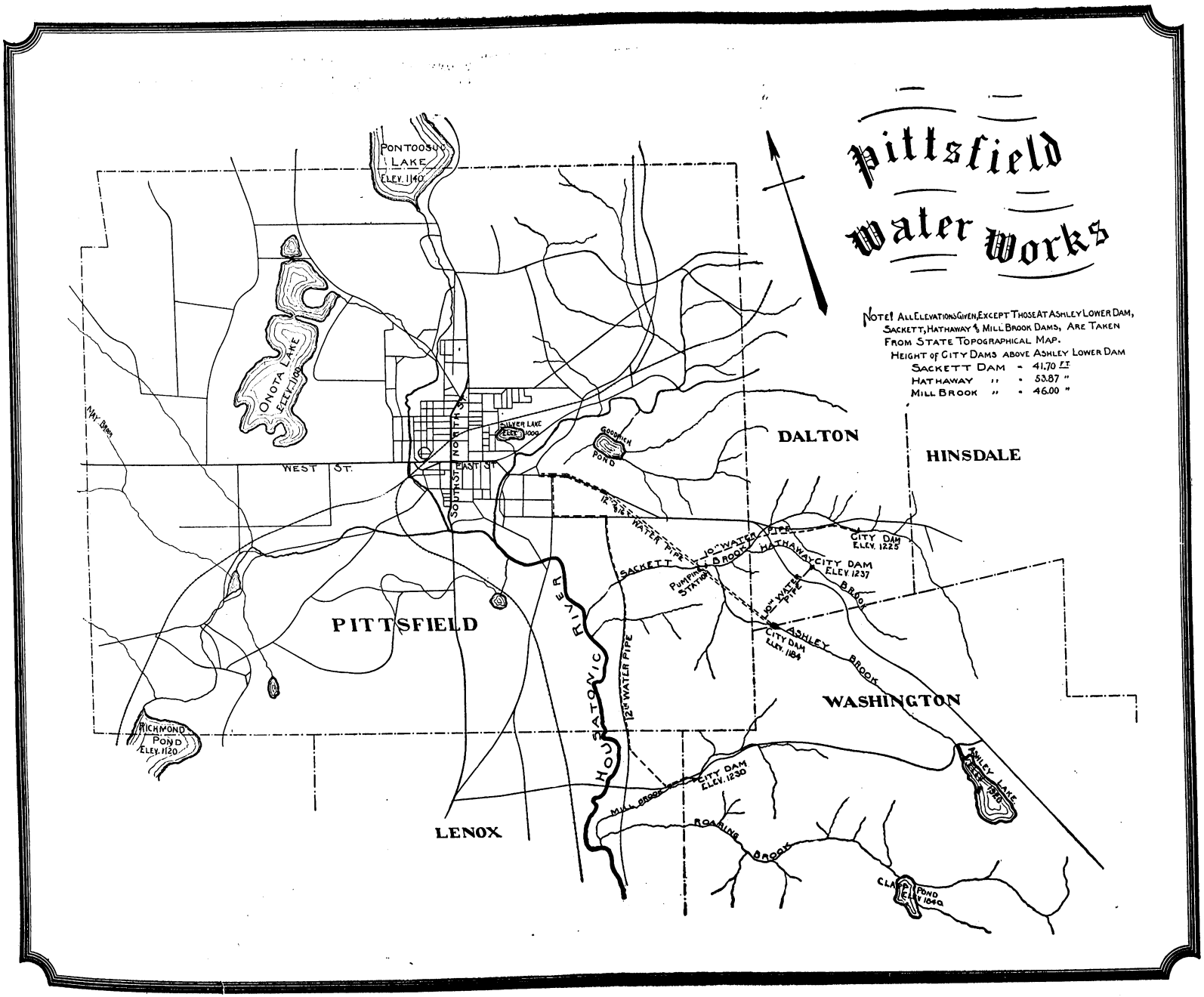

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Reservoirs.

The various intake basins were given their usual cleaning last Spring and in addition they have been cleaned this Fall, hence they are in good condition. Owing to repeated heavy rains during the season, the banks at the pumping station became badly washed. They have been repaired in a manner that there will be no more difficulty experienced from this source.

Service Connections.

There have been made during the year two 2 inch, six 1 inch, thirty-six ¾ inch and forty-nine ½ inch service connections, a total of 93. Six service connections have been repaired, five have been lowered, four relaid, and one discontinued.

Water Mains Lowered.

Owing to a change of grade on Beech Street, it became necessary to lower the water pipe for a distance of 250 feet. The main pipe on Plunkett Street as also the service pipes for quite a distance were lowered on the north end of the street, considerable difficulty having been experienced from freezing the past winter. In working King Street the grade established necessiated the lowering of 250 feet of main pipe. This was a difficult piece of work, rock lying directly under the pipe to be lowered.

Sewer Connections.

This department has made 139 sewer connections the past year. Fifteen stoppages of sewer connections have occurred, all of which have been repaired. Most of the trouble originated from elm tree roots growing into the tile pipe.

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Stop Gates.

Stop gates have been put in at the following locations:

North Street at Pontoosuc Lake,	1	6	Inch.
Pomeroy Avenue at Lowden's,	1	6	"
Wendell Avenue at Broad Street,	1	6	"
Appletree Lane at Lenox Avenue,	1	6	"
Lincoln Terrace at West Housatonic Street,	1	6	"
Pine Street at end of pipe Stoddard Avenue,	1	6	"
Mc.Arthur Street at end of pipe,	1	6	"

Sewers.

Early last spring all the lateral sewers were flushed and necessary repairs made; the east trunk sewer was flushed last September and in addition we have just finished flushing it a second time. We found it in bad condition near the Silver Lake. Most of the trouble originates at the Tillotson mills. The Board have made investigations and with the cooperation of Mr. Tillotson the trouble will be satisfactorily adjusted.

New Sewers.

The following new sewers were built during the year:

			Pipe.	
Clapp Avenue and Depot Street,	1349	Feet.	8	Inch.
Abbott Street,	147	"	6	"
Bridgeman Street,	121	"	6	"
North Street, east side,	435	"	8	"
Wendell Avenue,	465	"	6	"
McKay Street,	315	"	6	"
Appletree Lane,	359	"	6	"
Total,	3191	Feet.		

Seventeen manholes were put in on the above lines.

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Meters.

The department has set during the year the following meters:

Five 1 inch, four ¾ inch and one ½ inch making a total of ten. There is no better way to detect and check waste than by the meter and I am well satisfied that a large saving of water is made by their use.

Hydrants.

The past year fourteen steamer hydrants have been put in, three of which replaced old Ayers hydrants. The hydrants replaced were on Maplewood Avenue opposite North Pearl Street, on Wendell Avenue near J. H. Hinsdale's and on High Street corner of East Housatonic Street. One hydrant at the corner of Melville Street was broken accidently by the fire department wagon and was replaced. Two hydrants on the Stearnsville line were set back as they came directly in the street railway location granted the Pittsfield Electric Street Railway Company.

Leaks.

Jan. 8. Lead connection on Cottage Row.
Jan. 30. Break in main, Holmes Road.
Feb. 1. Joint leaking 12-inch main, Foote Meadow.
Mar. 1. South Pearl Street, break in main.
Mar. 7. West Street, lead connection broken.
Mar. 11. West St., at R. R. Station, 4-inch joint leaking.
Apr. 12. Elm Street, 12-inch main joint leaking.
May 8. Sackett line, joint leaking.
May 9. Mill Brook line, joint leaking.
May 20. Mill Brook line, joint leaking.
May 29. Ashley line, joint leaking.
Jun 16. Mill Brook line, joint leaking.
Jul. 25. Mill Brook line, joint leaking.
Jul. 26. Sackett line, joint leaking.
Aug. 2. Ashley line, joint leaking.
Aug. 3. Sackett line, joint leaking.
Aug. 8. Mill Brook, stuffing box leaking.

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Aug. 28. Pomeroy Avenue, lead connection broken.
Oct. 17. South Church Street, lead connection broken.
Oct. 18. Morton Place, joint leaking 4-inch pipe.
Nov. 10. Fenn Street, lead connection broken.
Nov. 29. Onota Street, lead connection broken.
Dec. 6. Clapp Avenue, 4-inch hydrant branch broken.

In connection with the above I wish to make the most favorable mention of the caretaker at the reservoirs, Mr. Edward Fennell, for his faithfulness and strict attention to duty.

Recommendations.

On Beaver Street there are about 3000 feet of 4 inch pipe that should be relaid with at least eight inch. In anticipation of the growth of the city in this section it seems to me that this water main should be renewed early in the Spring. Last Spring I recommended that a six inch main be laid on Dewey Avenue, from West Street to Columbus Avenue, but owing to the winter setting in early the work had to be abandoned.

Miscellaneous.

Early last Spring the gate houses at the several reservoirs were repaired. In February some necessary repairs were made at Ashley distributing reservoir, a bad leak having started which took several loads of material to stop. It is now in good condition. At Hathaway reservoir a leak has just shown up under the stone coping and should have attention early in the spring. New wire fences have been erected to take the place of old wooden ones at the Sackett and Ashley distributing reservoirs making a decided improvement. Five samples of water were collected from the branches of the Housatonic River, monthly, and samples from the various water sources every quarter and sent to the State Board of Health for analysis.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the Board for their courtesy and co-operation, and my assistants and employes for their faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Martin.

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METERS IN USE.

Size In.	4	3	2	1½	1	¾	½
Style							
Crown		2	12	5	9	9	4
Empire			8	6	25	27	27
Union			2	2	9	5	
Thompson							1
Trident							1
Gem	3	1					
Elevators	12						
Totals	12	3	22	13	43	41	33

Total in service, 167.

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METERS IN STOCK.

Size In.	1	¾	½
Style			
Empire		12	22
Crown	1	1	2
Trident			
Union			8
Neptune			1
Hersey			1
			Total in stock, 43.

Lead Pipe and Pig Lead in Stock.

¾ inch Lead Pipe,	100 pounds.	Pig Lead,	4975 pounds,
½ inch Lead Pipe,	100 pounds.	Jute,	400 pounds.
1¼ inch Lead Pipe,	190 pounds.	Solder,	100 pounds.
Gate Boxes complete, 14.		Mathews Hydrants, 10.	

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LIST OF PIPE, SPECIAL CASTINGS AND GATES.

Pipe Size.	Pipe (feet.)	Gates.	Smith sleeves & valves	Offsets, 12 inch.	1-16 Bends.	1-8 Bends.	¼ Bends.	Reducers.	Increasers.	Y's.	T's.	Sleeves.	Plugs.	Streeter Plugs.	Crosses.	Offsets, 18 inch.
16	60				2	2										
14	84											6				
12											1					
8																
4																
12	72	1		4	2	5	4	1			2	6	1			4
10																
8								3			2					
6											4				1	
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10	36	1		4	2	2	2				6		6			4
8								3								
6															1	
4								1			2					
8	84	1		8	4	4	3			2	6	6	2	9	4	8
6								8	6		9				2	
4									1		1					
6	252	5		6	6	11	4				8	2	3	5		6
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4																
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3	30			16			6					2				6

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INVENTORY OF GALVANIZED PIPE AND FITTINGS.

Size.	Pipe (feet).	Stop & Waste Cocks.	Curbstops.	Corporation Cocks.	Caps.	Plugs.	Unions.	T's.	Elbows.	45's.	Couplings.	Red Couplings.	Red Bushings.
1	600	26	12	1	84	157	13	16	12	43	11	28	10
¾	350	63	43	48	56	55	37	40	26	56	300	34	20
½	550	25	39	39	26	36	15	20	24	20	50	26	2

Curb boxes on hand, 30.

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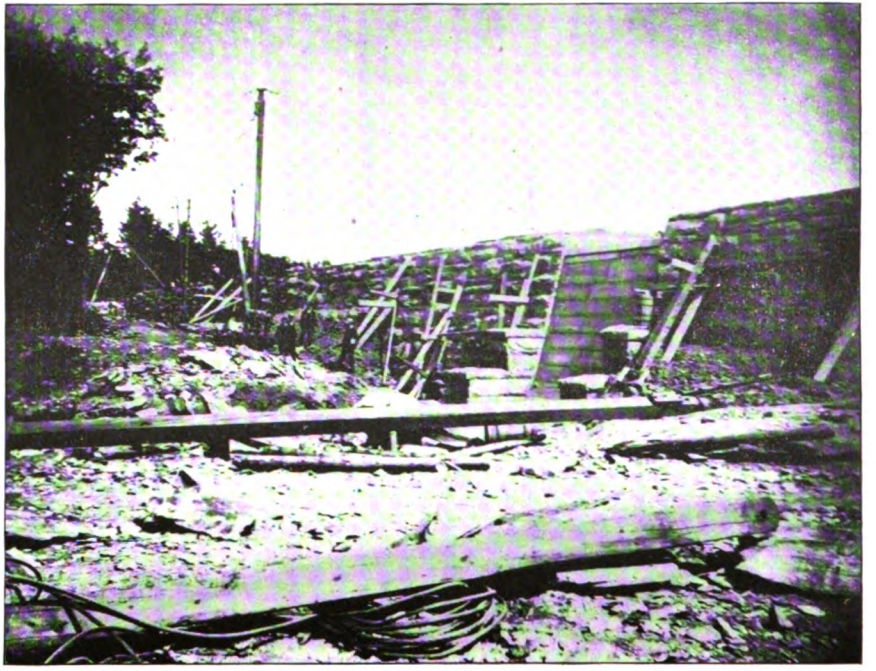

FRONT VIEW OF NEW DAM SHOWING SPILLWAY.

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LOCATION, APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF FEET AND SIZE OF WATER MAINS.

Location.	From	To	Feet	Size
Abbott street	North street east		511	4
Alcove street	Wahconah street west		1,015	4
Adam street	First street	Second street,	800	4
Alder street	River street east		50	6
Alder street	Robbins ave west		300	4
Alder street	Robbins ave	Francis ave,	660	6
Alder street	Francis ave east		170	4
Alder street	Seymour street west		570	6
Allen street	Dunham street	School street,	170	6
Appleton ave	East street	William street,	3,730	4
Appletree Lane	Lenox ave east		360	6
Atwood ave	Henry ave south		280	4
Bank Row	South street east		340	8
Bartlett ave	Broad street	Taconic street,	600	6
Bartlett ave	East street	E. Housatonic St.,	1,200	4
Beaver street	East street	Peck ave	2,880	4
Beaver street	Thrall street	Berk. S. R. Car Barn	2,826	6
Beech street	Tyler street south		465	6
Beech Grove ave	W. Housatonic St	Brenton Terrace,	425	6
Brenton Terrace	Beech Grove ave	Oxford street,	357	6
Bradford street	North street	Francis ave.,	1,100	6
Bradford street	Francis ave	Daniels ave.,	310	4
Bradford street	Daniels ave	River street,	690	6
Briggs ave	Weller ave north		680	4
Bridgman	High street south		1,024	6
Broad street	Pomeroy ave	South street,	1,187	8
Brown street	Curtis street	Kellogg street,	155	8
Brown street,	Kellogg street	Tyler street,	825	4
Brown street,	Tyler street north		1,147	6
Buel street	South street	Elizabeth,	688	8
Burbank street	Tyler street	First,	2,513	4
Burbank street	First street	North street,	337	6
Center street	W. Housatonic St	So. Church street,	440	8
Center street	West street to Church		500	6
Charles street	North street	Wahconah street,	980	6
Cherry street	Lincoln street south		600	4
Cherry street	Lincoln street north		380	4
Cherry street	End of 4-in pipe north		120	6
Chestnut street	Onota street	Prospect,	336	6
Church street	South street	Goodrich street,	540	4
Church street	Center street west		157	6
Circular ave	Daniels ave	Francis ave.,	1,380	4
Clapp ave	West street	Depot street,	430	4

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Clinton ave	South street	Elizabeth street,	712	3
Cole ave	South street west		1097	6
Clock street	New West street	Hurlbut Stationery Co	400	8
Columbus ave	River street	Daniels ave.,	715	6
Columbus ave	North street west		210	4
Columbus ave	Francis ave east		1,000	6
Columbus ave	Francis ave	Daniels ave.,	320	4
Columbus ave	River street	John street,	640	4
Commonwealth ave	Elm street	Dawes ave.,	1,600	6
Copley Terrace	East street south		546	6
Cottage Row	Renne ave	First street	500	8
Cove street	Beaver street south		200	2
Crescent street	Francis ave	Francis ave.,	576	4
Crosier ave	Newell street west		450	1¼
Crofut street	Pomeroy ave west		612	4
Curtis street	Fourth street	Spring street,	140	12
Curtis street	Brown street	Fourth,	500	8
Dalton ave	Kellogg street	Benedict Road,	2,563	8
Daniels ave	Circular ave	Alder street,	2,430	4
Dawes ave	Howard street	Holmes Road,	4,912	8
Depot street	No. st.,across B. & A. R. R.	Columbus ave.,	888	6
Depot street	Jones & Sons shop	Morton building,	252	6
Division street	River street	Robbins ave.,	520	4
Dunham street	North street	Pearl street,	500	6
East street	North street	Appleton ave.,	1,920	12
East street	Appleton ave	Elm street,	500	14
East End avenue	Dalton avenue east		480	6
East Housatonic St	South street	Appleton ave.,	1,925	4
East Housatonic St	Bridgman street west		231	6
Elizabeth street	Reed street	Henry ave.,	500	8
Elizabeth street	Henry ave south		1,020	4
Elm street	East street	Tannery,	780	12
Elm street	East street	Tannery,	780	14
Elm street	Tannery	Ashley reservoir,	16,746	12
Elm street	Tannery	Ashley reservoir,	16,746	16
Elm street	Pumping station	Sackett reservoir,	10,814	10
Elm street	Hathaway reservoir	Ashley reservoir,	4,600	10
Essex street	North from W. Housatonic		400	6
Fairview ave	Wahconah street north	North street,	528	6
Fair Terrace	Lenox ave		1,405	6
Fenn street	North street	Renne ave,	270	4
Fenn street	Pearl street east		1,128	6
Fenn street	End of 6 inch pipe	Beaver street,	1,694	4
Fern street	Elizabeth street west		180	4
First street	Melville street	Adam street,	260	4

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First street	Hamlin street south		131	6
First street	Hamlin street	Lincoln street	460	4
First street	Lincoln street	Tyler street	1200	8
First street	Cottage Row	East street	1130	8
First street	Tyler street	Charles,	912	10
Forest Place	Kellogg	Tyler,	700	6
Fourth street	East street	Curtis street,	3,250	12
Francis ave	West street north		2,850	6
Francis ave	End of 6 inch pipe	Alder,	680	4
George street	Elizabeth street	South street,	668	6
Goodrich street	Church street	South Church,	290	4
Greenway street	Northerly	West Housatonic street	400	6
Greylock avenue	Weller avenue north		741	6
Guilds Place	Appleton ave east		610	1½
Hamlin street	First street	Second street,	800	4
Hancock Road	North street west		3,600	3
Harold street	Bridgman street west		252	4
Hawthorne street	W. Housatonic St north		1,309	6
Harris street	W. Housatonic St south		324	4
Harvard street	Dalton ave north		684	6
Harvard St	Dalton Road	Tyler,	553	6
Henry ave	W. Housatonic St	South street,	1,575	8
High street	Elm street	Pomeroy ave.,	3,500	4
Holmes road	Elm street	William,	2,800	3
Howard street	E. Housatonic St south		600	3
Howard street	End of 3 inch pipe	Pomeroy ave.,	1,800	4
Hollister street	W. Housatonic St south		606	6
Hull ave	Myrtle st east to Pine st		1,001	6
John street north	Linden street	Columbus ave.,	1,500	4
John street south	West street	Columbus ave.,	1,080	4
Jordan ave	West street south		924	4
Kellogg street	Dalton ave	Brown street,	1,345	8
Kent ave	Seymour street east		460	3
King street	Linden street north		2,188	4
King street north to	Campbell street		448	6
Lake street	Second street	Fourth,	900	8
Lake ave	Onota street west		735	4
Lake ave	Onota street west		315	6
Learned's Lane	E. Housatonic St	Taconic,	400	3
Leidhold Place	River street west		162	1⅛
Lenox ave	Weller ave	Wahconah street,	4,300	10
Lincoln street	Fourth street	First street	2100	8
Lincoln Terrace	West Housatonic st south		200	6
Linden street	North street	Onota street,	3,180	8
Linden street	Terrace ave	Prespect street,	364	6
Madison ave	North street	Seymour street	600	6
Madison ave	River street east		1,900	3

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Maplewood ave	North street	Wellington ave.,	2,020	4
Maple street	Spring street	Cherry street,	430	4
Maud street	First street east		248	4
McKay street	Depot street south		500	4
McArthur street	Onota street west		784	6
Melville street	North street	First,	760	4
Merriam street	W. Housatonic St north		707	6
Merriam street	West street south		1,543	6
Mill street	W. Housatonic St north		1,327	4
Mill street	West street south		654	2
Mill brook line	Elm street	New Lenox,	24,855	12
Myrtle street	Tyler street north		600	4
Newell street	Elm street east		650	4
Newell street	From end of 4 inch pipe		600	1
New West street	West street east		480	4
New West street	West street to 4 inch pipe		1,470	8
North street	East street	Whelden's block,	1,410	10
North street	Whelden's block	Tyler street,	2,610	8
North street	Tyler street	Charles,	930	4
North street	Charles street	Weller ave.,	450	10
North street	King's store	Pontoosuc lake,	3,200	9
North street	Pontoosuc Lake north		323	6
North Pearl street	Melville street south		214	1¼
North Pearl street	Melville street	Maplewood ave.,	809	4
Oak street	Lincoln street south		278	4
Onota street	West street	Cemetery farm,	5,050	4
Onota street	End of 4 inch pipe	McArthur street,	360	6
Orchard street	North street east		950	4
Orchard street	End of 4 inch pipe	Second,	400	3
Oxford street	Mill street	Hawthorne,	800	6
Park street	Seymour street	Wahconah,	500	4
Parker street	Tyler street	Kellogg,	750	4
Pearl street	Fenn street	Cottage Row,	520	3
Peck's Road	Wahconah street	Peck's Upper Mill	4,816	8
Pine street	Tyler street	Stoddard ave	412	6
Pleasant street	Second street	Lincoln,	1000	4
Pleasure ave	Tyler street	Stoddard ave.,	442	4
Plunkett street	Tyler street	Kellogg,	750	4
Pollock ave	Dawes ave	Elm street,	1,706	6
Pomeroy ave	East street	East Housatonic,	1,200	4
Pomeroy ave	East Housatonic	Broad,	1,025	2
Pomeroy ave	Broad street south		350	8
Pomeroy ave	Pomeroy ave private land	Howard street,	475	8
Pomeroy ave	Howard street	Crofut,	124	4
Pomeroy ave	William street	Cutting's farm,	4,675	4
Pomeroy ave	Pumping Station south		782	6
Pontoosuc ave	Lenox ave	Curtin's store,	1,200	8

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Prospect street	Daniels ave	River street,	690	4
Prospect ave			600	6
Reed street	South street	Elizabeth,	712	3
Renne ave	Fenn street north		150	4
Renne ave	End of 4 inch pipe north		198	3
Renne ave	End of 8 inch pipe north		192	4
Renne ave line	North street	Renne avenue,	270	3
Richmond ave	Wahconah street north		1,200	2
Richmond ave	Pontoosuc ave south		313	6
River street	Alder street	Prospect,	1,740	6
River street	End of 6 inch pipe south		1,258	4
River street	End of 4 inch pipe south		300	3
River street	End of 3 inch pipe	West street,	212	1
Root Place	Elm street east		370	5
Robbins ave	Circular ave	Circular ave.,	740	4
Robbins ave	Circular ave	Linden street,	1,700	6
Robbins ave	Madison ave	Alder street,	380	3
Robbins ave	Madison ave	Linden street,	425	6
Russell street	Wahconah street	Russell's mill,	1,625	4
School street	North street	Allen,	340	4
Second street	East street	Silver,	1,000	4
Second street	Silver street	Lake,	600	3
Second street	Lake street	Adam,	280	4
Second street	Adam street	Lincoln,	810	3
Second street	Lincoln street	Burbank,	970	4
Seymour street	Linden street north		200	4
Seymour street	End of 4 inch	Alder street	555	6
Seymour street	Kent ave north	Park street	616	6
Seymour street	Park street	Wahconah,	730	4
Silver street	Second street east		240	3
South street	East street south		1,300	10
South street	End of 10 inch pipe south		750	6
South street	End of 6 inch pipe	South Mountain,	5,250	3
South street	So. Mountain	Country Club,	560	6
South Church st.,	Goodrich street	B. & A. R. R.,	1,720	4
South Merriam st.,	West Housatonic street	North	200	6
South Onota street	West street south		1,285	6
Southern ave	Robbins ave	River street,	380	6
Spring street	Curtis street	Burbank,	800	12
Springside ave	North street east		608	6
Stearnsville road	West to Stearns' store		3,400	6
Stoddard ave	Myrtle street	Pleasure ave.,	357	4
Summer street	North street	Francis ave.,	1,112	6
Taconic street	Wendell ave	South street,	530	4
Taylor street	South street west		1,000	6
Terrace ave			360	6

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Third street	Fenn street north		650	3
Third street	End of 3 inch pipe north		76	8
Third street	End of 8 inch pipe north		424	3
Tillotson Road	Woodleigh av to Ti's'n mill		961	8
Tillotson Road	Tillotson mill	Hungerford's,	1,572	6
Turner ave	Seymour street west		418	6
Tyler street	Burbank St private land	Tyler street,	152	12
Tyler street	First street	Spring street,	1,856	12
Tyler street	Brown street	Dalton ave.,	1,500	4
Tyler street	Dalton ave	Benedict road,	2,022	6
Tyler street	First street	North,	280	8
Union street	North street	Daniels ave.,	1,420	3
Wahconah street	North street	Pontoosuc ave.,	3,250	4
Wahconah street	Pontoosuc ave north		1,288	6
Wahconah street	Lenox ave	King's store,	800	8
Walnut street	Tyler street north		300	6
Washington ave	Lenox ave	Briggs ave.,	800	4
Water street	Elm street south		1,412	4
Weller ave	North street	Lenox ave.,	720	10
Weller ave	Lenox ave	Briggs,	411	6
Wellington ave	Orchard street south	Lincoln street	664	6
Wellington ave	End of 2 inch pipe	Hamlin street	511	3
Wendell ave	Broad street north		400	6
Wendell ave	Broad street south		490	6
Wendell ave	End of 6 inch pipe	E. Housatonic st.,	550	3
Wendell ave	E. Housatonic St north		912	4
Wendell ave	End of 4 inch pipe	East street,	275	6
West street	North street	B. & A. R. R.,	1,200	6
West street	Across B. & A. tracks	Francis ave.,	350	4
West street		N. Y., N. H. & H. yard,	330	4
West street	Foot bridge west		310	6
West street	End of 6 inch pipe	Foot of Briggs hill,	2,560	4
West street	Foot of Briggs hill	Florence Learned,	1,565	8
West street	North street	New West,	900	10
Westminster St	South street	Henry ave.,	1,700	4
W. Housatonic St	Dalton road north		307	6
W. Housatonic St	Henry ave	Harris street,	350	8
W. Housatonic St	Harris street	Woodleigh ave..	1,357	8
W. Housatonic St	Tillotson Road west		1375	6
W. Housatonic St	Woodleigh ave west		30	8
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W. Housatonic St	End of 4-in. pipe west		372	4
West Union street	John street west		238	4
Whipple street	Fenn street south		170	1
Whipple street	Beaver street north		180	1
Willis street	East street north		495	3

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Willis street	End of 3 inch pipe	Fenn street,	212	4
Winter street	Burbank street south		480	4
Winter street	Curtis street north		245	6
Woodlawn ave	Dalton Road nort		925	6
Woodleigh ave	W. Housatonic St	Tillotson road,	5,200	8
Worthington street	Center street west		550	3
Worthington Place	Worthington street south		300	4
Hydrant branches			3495	6
Hydrant branches			2,140	4
Hydrant branches			230	3
Hydrant branches			280	6
			344,712 ft.	
		Total length,	65.28 Miles	

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

To the Honorable Board of Public Works:—

GENTLEMEN:—Owing to the continuous wet weather during the past Summer the streets about the city have been muddy and unsettled. The outside roads, with the exception of occasional washouts on hills, and the mountain roads, have been in fairly good shape. Rain fell almost daily and in consequence the material placed upon the streets for repairs was wet and unsatisfactory.

The following streets and roads have been graveled:

East Street, from North Street to Appleton Avenue.

Pomeroy Avenue, from Broad Street to the Lowden bridge.

South Street, from the Country Club to the Lenox Line.

South Street, from North Street to Buel Street.

West Street, from the Almshouse to the city line.

North Street, from King's store to Pontoosuc Lake.

North Street, from the American bridge to P. E. St. Ry Carhouse.

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Wahconah Street, from the Fair Grounds gate to Bel Air dam.

Pontoosuc Avenue, from Wahconah Street to Lenox Avenue.

Peck's Road, from the Peck School to Burlingham's.

Melville Street, from North Street to First Street.

First Street from the railroad bridge to Burbank Street.

Lincoln Street, from Cherry Street to Fourth Street.

Tyler Street, from Burbank Street to Dalton Avenue.

Dalton Road, from Tyler Street to Allen Farm.

Beaver Street, from East Street to the watering tub.

Beaver Street, from the gas house to Berkshire St. Ry. Co.'s power house.

Elm Street, from the Pleasure Park to William Street.

Holmes Road, from Elm Street to William Street.

The Mahanna Road, a distance of a quarter of a mile.

Columbus Avenue, from Francis Avenue to Daniels Avenue.

About 4000 yards of gravel were used in doing this work at a cost of 78 cents per yard spread upon the streets. An unusual amount of patching has been done. On all the outside roads the large scrapers were used in the Spring getting the same in condition for the year.

Stone or Telford roads have been laid in the following locations:

West Street, near the Waterman place,	225	Feet.
Lenox Road, top of Snake Hill,	350	"
Lower Barkerville Road, near Hungerford Bridge,	200	"
Pomeroy Avenue, near Crofut Street,	90	"
Elm Street, near the Pleasure Park,	75	"
Upper Barkerville Road, near Gimlich & White farm,	200	"
Upper Barkerville Road, near Brennan's,	175	"

I would recommend that more of this kind of road be put in on Upper Barkerville Road and on West Street, as gravel is a very scarce commodity in these localities.

BRIDGES.

The following bridges have been planked with 3-inch oak plank:

Hancock Road, near Pontoosuc dam.

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FRONT VIEW OF NEW DAM, SHOWING GATE HOUSE AND SPILLWAY.

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Lake Avenue bridge, near Peck's Road.
Coltsville bridge, near Government mill.
Cascade Road bridge, near E. P. Wood's house.
Mill Street near the Satinet mill.

Second Street bridge and the Dalton Road bridge were planked with 3-inch chestnut and top planked with 2-inch hemlock. The Pomeroy bridge on West Housatonic Street was top planked with 2-inch hemlock.

Bridges Repaired.

New abutments were built at the Sackett Brook bridge on the East Lenox Road. The road at this point washed badly each spring and fall or in a severe shower. The bridge was raised about two feet, newly planked with 3-inch oak, given two good coats of paint, and the approaches graveled. The northwest corner of the bridge at Taconic, which needed some repairs was taken down and rebuilt and the bridge otherwise strngthened. The bridge over the raceway at Pontoosuc Lake was repaired during the fall. The side walls will need attention the coming year. More or less painting and repairs have been made on several of the small bridges.

Sluices.

Iron sluices to take the place of old stone sluices have been put in place as follows:

Holmes Road, near Mrs. Wm. Pollock's,	36	ft.	12	in. Pipe
East Lenox Road, near Lenox line,	24	"	12	"
Crane Avenue, near North Street,	36	"	12	"
Parker Avenue, near Gale Farm,	24	"	16	"
Gale Avenue, near Parker Avenue,	24	"	16	"
Peck's Road, near Burlingham's,	24	"	24	"
High Street, at East Housatonic Street,	30	"	24	"
Kellogg Street,	24	"	16	"

Stone Sluices Repaired.

South Mountain Street, near the Warner farm.
South Street, at Snake Hill.
North Street, at the junction of Crane Avenue.

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East Dalton Road, near the Rice bridge.
East Lenox Road, near the Sykes Mountain road.
Upper Barkerville Road, near the Richmond line.
Upper Barkerville Road, near Brennan's.
Parker Avenue, near Burbank Farm.

Catch Basins.

New catch basins have been added as follows:—

Holmes Road, near William Seace's,	2
Holmes Road, near Mrs. Wm. Pollock's,	1
Center Street, corner of Church Street,	1
Beaver Street, near gas house,	1

This makes a total of 276 basins now in use.

Paved Gutters.

Paved gutters have been laid as follows:—

School Street, from North to Allen Street,	144	Sq. Yds.
East Street, St. Stephen's church, east,	22	"
East Street, Bartlett Avenue to Pomeroy Avenue,	111.50	"
High Street, east side,	87	"
Penn Street, between Second and Third, north side,	33.33	"
South Street, near Mrs. Redfirld's,	90	"
North Street, car station to Orchard Street,	157	"
Houseof Mercy, driveways and gutters,	204.70	"
Lenox Avenue, upper end,	22	"
Lenox Avenue, near Weller Avenue,	78.70	"
Alder Street, south side,	228	"
Francis Avenue, Madison Avenue to Alder Street,	244.50	"
Linden Street, Francis Avenue to Daniels Avenue,	155	"
Linden Street, Seymour Street west, both sides,	227	"
Winter Street, both sides,	222	"
Total,	2026.73	Sq. Yds.

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Streets Worked and Graveled.

Frances Avenue was worked to grade from Madison Avenue to Alder Street, paved gutters put in on both sides of the street, and the street brought to the established grade. Eight hundred and fifty yards of material were used in doing the work.

Kellogg Street was accepted and laid out by the City Council as a City way. No appropriation was made for working it this year. Six hundred and twenty feet of guard rail were put up on the south side of the street, the street graveled, and a 16-inch iron pipe put in to take care of the surface water which comes in a large volume at this point.

Under an appropriation of $1500, Lenox Avenue was worked for a portion of the way. The north end of the street was hardpan of the worst nature and was a wet and springy mudhole. Tile drains were laid of 4-inch Akron pipe for a distance of 600 feet on the east side of the street. The drain was laid four feet below the surface, covered with six inches of trap rock, and the ditch filled in with good coarse gravel. The road was excavated and a layer of stone put in, with a foot of gravel on top of that. Eight hundred and fifty yards of gravel were used in this work.

Center Street was brought to grade from West Street to Church Street. Sidewalks were raised on both sides of the street, and a catch basin built at the corner of Church and Center Street. Ten hundred and ninety loads of gravel were used at this point.

Linden Street Gutters.

Gutters 4 feet wide were laid on Linden Street, from Francis Avenue to Daniels Avenue, making continuous paved gutters to the river.

North Street from the carhouse to Madison Avenue was widened about 5 feet on the west side by setting back the curbing. A paved gutter was laid from the carhouse to Orchard Street.

I would recommend that a wider and stronger bridge be built at Taconic the ensuing year. The one now in use is not constructed heavily enough to accommodate the traffic over it.

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I would also recommend that something be done at the junction of Tyler Street and Dalton Avenue to take care of the surface water. Fourth Street near the railroad bridge is another place that needs attention. At this point the water runs on the surface from the railroad to Silver Lake, badly washing the road after every storm. The surface water from North, Melville, First, Adam, Second, Pearl, Allen and Cottage Row all come together at this point making a large body of water to take care of.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Board for their co-operation and advice the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Rice.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SIDEWALKS.

To the Honorable Board of Public Works:—

I herewith submit the following report of the work done in my department during the year ending December 31st, 1902.

New Concrete Sidewalks.

Charles Street, north side from North Street to Wahconah Street, 900 feet long by 5 feet wide.

Burbank Street, south side from North Street to First Street, 295 feet long by 5 feet wide.

Burbank Street, north side from North Street to Smith Street, 997 feet long by 5 feet wide.

Broad Street, north side from Wendell Avenue to Bartlett Avenue, 287 feet long by 6 feet wide.

West Housatonic Street, north side from River bridge to Beach Grove Avenue, 161 feet long by 6 feet wide.

South Church Street, north side from Center Street to Hurlbut Street, 637 feet long by 6 feet wide.

North Street, west side from Wahconah Street to Russell Terrace, 690 feet long by 6 feet wide.

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Columbus Avenue, north side at American House, 116 feet long by 8 feet 9 inches wide.

School Street, north side from North Street to Allen Street, 211 feet long by 6 feet wide.

North Street, east side at A. A. Mill's new block, 51 feet long by 19½ feet wide.

Concrete Walks Resurfaced.

Bradford Street, north side from Charles Johnson's west line easterly, 580 feet.

North Street, east side between Melville Street and American House bridge, 200 feet.

New Gravel Walks.

Mill Street, east side from West street, southerly, 190 feet long by 5 feet wide.

Oak Street, east side from Lincoln Street, southerly, 247 feet long by 5 feet wide.

Brown Street, east side from Tyler Street to Curtis Street, 996 feet long by 6 feet wide.

Elm Street, south side from Commonwealth Avenue to Pollock Avenue, 277 feet long by 6 feet wide.

Gravel Walks Resurfaced.

Robbins Avenue, west side from Circular Avenue to Circular Avenue, and from Bradford Street to Linden Street, and from Columbus Avenue northerly, 160 feet. East side from Bradford Street, northerly, 200 feet.

Church Street, south side from Center Street, westerly, 180 feet.

Dewey Avenue, west side from Division Street to Columbus Avenue, east side from Linden Street to 150 feet south of Columbus Avenue and from Division Street, southerly, 150 feet.

Columbus Avenue, south side from Daniels Avenue to Dewey Avenue.

Circular Avenue, west side.

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South Church Street, south side from Center Street to Hurlbut Street,

West Union Street, south side.

Linden Street, south side from Robbins Avenue to River bridge.

John Street, west side from Linden Street to Columbus Avenue.

Onota Street, east side from Columbus Avenue to West Union Street.

Madison Avenue, north side from Robbins Avenue to Seymour Street.

Seymour Street, west side from Linden Street to Alder Street.

Daniels Avenue, east side from Madison Avenue to Alder Street.

Pontoosuc Avenue, south side from Briggs Avenue to River bridge and north side from bridge easterly 330 feet.

North Street, east side from King's store to north line of School House, 600 feet. West side from Electric Car Station northerly, 425 feet.

Tyler Street, north side from North Street to First Street and from Brown Street to Dalton Avenue. South side from North Street, easterly 105 feet and from Brown Street to Dalton Avenue.

Lincoln Street, south side from First Street to Second Street.

Wendell Avnue, east side from Broad Street to Taconic Street.

Broad Street south side from South Street easterly 150 feet.

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Howard Street, east side from Pomeroy Avenue northerly 625 feet.

West Housatonic Street, north side from N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., easterly 550 feet.

New Crosswalks.

One across Appleton Avenue at Drake's greenhouse.

One across Howard Street at Joseph Wood's house.

One across South Street at Clinton Avenue.

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One across Mill Street at West Housatonic Street.
One across Dewey Avenue at Bradford Street.
One across West Onota Street at West Street.
One across Center Street at Church Street.

CROSSWALKS RELAID.

One across Adam Street at Second Street.
One across Appleton Avenue at East Street.
One across East Street at Bartlett Avenue.
One across Appleton Avenue at East Housatonic Street.
One across South Church Street at Center Street.
One across Fenn Street at Whipple Street.
One across Wahconah Street at Briggs Avenue.
One across Daniels Avenue at Linden Street.
One across Seymour Street at Wahconah Street.
One across Appleton Avenue at Drake's greenhouse.
One across Wahconah Street at Peck's Road.
One across East Street at Allen Street (concrete, resurfaced).

NEW CURB.

School Street, north side from North Street to Allen Street, 220 feet long.

CURB RELAID.

Allen Street, west side from East Street northerly, 84 feet.

East Street, south side from Wendell Avenue easterly, 168 feet, and from Bartlett Avenue westerly, 54 feet.

North Street, west side from Electric Car Station to 185 feet south of Madison Avenue, and east side near Ende's, 120 feet.

South Street, east side from Broad Street to Buell Street. 210 feet, and from Broad Street northerly 150 feet. West side from Church Street southerly, 200 feet.

Francis Avenue, west side from Bradford Street northerly 130 feet. East side from Bradford Street northerly, 175 feet.

Columbus Avenue ,north side near American House, 150 feet.

Appleton Avenue, west side near McCarthy's place, 180 feet.

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Park and common.

The Park and Common have received their usual care during the season, having been fertilized and seeded in the Spring, and the grass kept mowed, and the walks scraped and trimmed. Most of the gravel walks on the Common were resurfaced with screened gravel.

Cutting and Trimming Trees.

During the season the usual amount of trimming of trees was done, and some fifty trees were cut down in different parts of the city, most of them being dead or dangerous.

Pontoosuc Lake Grading.

Commencing near the Waiting Station of the Pittsfield Electric Street Railway at Pontoosuc Lake the approach to the Lake was worked to a flatter grade and graveled for a distance of about 75 feet in order to make a more accessible landing for small boats, and for a distance of about 200 feet northerly from the landng the banks were sloped and seeded.

Pumping Station.

In the Fall of 1901 there was left unlaid 400 feet of the sewage force main, from the River bridge to the Pump House, which was not laid at that time because the pumps were not yet installed. This pipe was laid this year, and 3626 cubic yards of filling were used in grading around the pump building. Gravel roads and concrete walks were built.

Relaying Wall, Circular Avenue.

The retaining wall on Circular Avenue, abutting the Ross property, was in an unsafe condition and had to be rebuilt. In order to get the required strength it was found necessary to excavate 4 feet 9 inches below the sidewalk and start the foundation at that level 3 feet 6 inches wide. The wall was built plumb on both sides to the level of the walk, and battered 2½ inches to the foot on the back side, and ½

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inch to the foot on the front side, making the wall 2 feet thick on top, and about 5 feet above the walk. The length of wall rebuilt was 48 feet.

Sewer and Water Connections.

One sewer connection, 52 feet long, of 4-inch Akron pipe was put in for F. J. Owens at his house on Elm Street, to drain his cellar.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Bladeau,
Superintendent of Sidewalks.

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Chief Engineer's Report

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REPORT

OF THE

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department

OF THE

CITY OF PITTSFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR 1902.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Members of the City Government:—

I herewith submit my seventh annual report of the work of the Pittsfield Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1902, which will include the cost of maintenance, a list of fires and alarms, the causes of fires as near as could be ascertained, the value of property at risk, the amount of insurance and insurance paid together with other losses, recommendations, and other items of interest connected with the Department.

The Department has responded to 51 alarms during the year, of which 26 were bell alarms, 23 telephone or verbal alarms, and 2 were false.

The city is to be congratulated upon the very small loss by fire of this year, by far the smallest since Pittsfield became a City. The promptness with which the men and apparatus responded to alarms need more than usual comment. Our permanent force is small and we are badly handicapped during meal hours for sufficient men to properly man the apparatus necessary to respond to an alarm. The prompt response of men who are off duty at such times should be appreciated by

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the citizens generally. The very small loss to the Insurance Companies and Tax Payers who were not fully insured, printed elsewhere, needs no further comment.

As the general tendency is to shorten the hours of labor throughout the country, I would recommend that sufficient permanent men be appointed so that a suitable time may be allowed each man from duty, as no other branch of municipal governments exacts as long hours from the men, as does the Fire Department.

The apparatus of the Department is in good condition. The Chemicals still continue to extinguish a greater per cent of the fires without a large water damage. Our Hook and Ladder Truck while serviceable, is not modern or provided with long ladders to meet the present requirements. As the tendency of our City, during the past few years, is to build higher buildings we would be unable if called upon to reach the upper stories of some buildings to save life or extinguish fires. I would recommend that a new and suitable Aerial Truck be purchased that will meet the existing circumstances.

The three steamers will need no immediate expenditures as they are in good working order.

The Fire Alarm still continues to give satisfaction. The storage batteries may need some renewal but this expense will not be very large. When the City may decide to place their wires under ground, new and suitable conduit connections, cables and wires will be necessary. This expense cannot at present be estimated. No new boxes have been added to the system this year.

The whistle at the Pittsfield Electric Co. station will need repairs the coming year, a new valve and coverings for pipe are necessary. I would recommend that an Automatic Whistling Machine be purchased and the bell striker now in use, be disposed of.

I would recommend that at least two new boxes be added to the Fire Alarm System where most needed.

As the Storehouse formerly occupied by the Board of Public Works has been transferred to this Department, I would ask for sufficient appropriation to repair it sufficiently for our uses. Also, to build a roof to accommodate the Hook and Ladder Truck now in Veteran House.

I would renew my recommendation that a suitable com-

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pany be established in the Morningside district as the growth of that section of the City demands better protection than we now can give owing to the distance from our stations.

I would recommend that one thousand feet of Hose be purchased to keep up our supply of first quality Hose.

The roof at Engine House No. 3 needs repairs as it is leaking at times quite badly.

I would recommend that an extra man be added to the permanent force at once as in time of sickness or accident to any of the men we are without any one to fill the vacancy.

As I realize that the Committee will make such additions to the efficiency of the Department as the appropriation will admit and while the apparatus has proven amply able to cover all emergencies of the past, yet it is apparent that our City is growing and we are not keeping up to the pace with all our apparatus.

In closing, I wish to thank His Honor, the Mayor, the Committee on Fire Department, the Members of the City Government, the Chief of Police and the Members of the Department in his charge, and all citizens who have assisted the Department in its duties. I also wish to thank the officers and men of the Department for their faithful performance of all duties assigned to them.

The apparatus of the Department consists of three steam fire engines, one hand engine located at Stearnsville, two hook and ladder trucks, three combination chemical and hose wagons, with the necessary blankets on one wagon to supply the Protective Company, one exercise wagon, with capacity of one thousand feet of hose, three small host carts, one hose sleigh, one hook and ladder sleigh, three exercise wagons, and two exercise sleighs distributed as follows:—

Central Station.—One second class Silsby engine, one fourth class Clapp & Jones engine, one hook and ladder truck, two combination chemical and hose wagons, one hose sleigh and one hook and ladder sleigh.

Engine House No. 3.—One fourth class Clapp & Jones engine, one combination chemical and hose wagon.

Veteran Firemen's House.—One hook and ladder truck, one exercise wagon.

Stearnsville.—Hand engine and hose cart.

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S. N. & C. Russell Mfg. Co.'s Mill.—One hand hose cart.

E. D. Jones & Sons Co.'s Shop.—One hand hose cart.

FORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

W. F. Francis, Chief Engineer; George H. Frey, Assistant Engineer; Bartley Cummings, Jr., Lineman and Janitor.

Drivers.—E. F. Payne, J. N. Shepardson, M. Marshall, W. E. Dunn, R. J. Steele.

Chemical Men.—W. C. Shepard, W. J. Lloyd, M. J. Kelly, John Condron, extra man.

LIST OF FIRES 1902.

January 1st.—Telephone. 5.45 A. M. Dwelling owned by Rev. A. B. Whipple, occupied by J. J. Foster, 262 South Street. Caused by defective fire place. Value building and contents, $7,000. Insurance, $5,000. Insurance paid, $60. Chemical.

January 2nd.—Telephone. 3.00 P. M. Small blaze rear dwelling owned by M. Jacoby, Dewey Avenue. No loss. Chemical.

January 5th.—Verbal. Small fire in building owned by Berkshire Agricultural Society. No loss.

January 14th.—Box 9. 12.57 A. M. False alarm.

January 14th.—Box 43. 8.58 A. M. Bay State Block, owned by Allen Bagg, Fenn Street. Fire caught from defective flue in partition. Value building, $10,000. Insurance, $5,000 Insurance paid, $34.75. Chemical.

January 23rd.—Box 28. 8.45 P. M. Wood working shop of Gletnz & Cheney, 45 Clapp Avenue. Cause of fire unknown. Value building and contents, $5,000. Insurance, building and contents, $4,500. Insurance paid, $95.00. Chemical.

January 24th.—Verbal. 4.00 A. M. Smoking lamp in office of Dr. George Harder, Arlington Hotel. Loss trifling.

February 3rd.—Telephone. 8.55 A. M. Chimney, residence G. Van Bergen, 70 Linden Street. No damage.

February 3rd.—Box 54. 1.37 P. M. Dwelling owned by William Read, occupied by Mrs. Eckert, Beaver Street. Value

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building and contents, $3,000. Insurance, building, $2,000. Loss, $10. Cause children and matches.

February 5th.—Verbal. 4.30 P. M. Chimney smoking, Wendell Hall, Wendell Avenue. No damage.

February 8th.—Box 19. 11.12 P. M. Building owned by G. E. Lester, formerly occupied by Country Club, Dawes Avenue. Unoccupied and in process of being moved. It was afterwards torn down. Insurance, $2,000. Amount paid, $2,000. Fire probably of incendiary origin.

February 11th,—Telephone. 7.30 P. M. Floor around chimney in Dunham Block, occupied by Mr. Rosenthal, New York Store. Value building, $25,000. Insurance, $16,000. Insurance paid, $35.

February 12th, Box 41. 8.20 P. M. Storehouse owned by E. H. Robbins, occupied by Stanley Co., rear Clapp Avenue. No insurance on either building or contents. Probable loss $200. Cause of fire unknown.

February 18th.—Telephone. 11.30 P. M. Dwelling owned and occupied by E. Enklemen, Elm Street. Value building and contents, $3,000. Insurance building and contents, $2,000. Insurance paid, building and contents, $1,521. Cause of fire, defective flue. 850 feet hose wet.

February 21st.—Telephone. 11.00 A. M. Thawing water pipe. Dwelling owned by William Fretenburgh, Dewey Avenue. By gasoline torch. No damage.

March 4th.—Telephone. 1.40 P. M. Roof shed near Pomeroys Upper Mill. Caused by sparks from locomotve. No damage. Chemical.

March 17th.—Telephone. 8.00 P. M. Storehouse owned by W. G. Morton, New West Street. Value building and contents, $5,500. Loss and insurance paid, $545.97. Cause unknown. 800 feet hose used.

March 19th.—Box 38. 5.37 A. M. Barn owned by E. Leidhold, occupied by S. Drake, North Street. Value buildings and contents, $900. Insurance, $800. Insurance paid, $60. Cause, lantern overturned by horses. Two Chemicals used.

March 20th.—Box 37. 11.44 A. M. Dwelling owned by George W. Foote, Bradford Street, occupied by Felix Denslan and others. Cause, hot ashes near wood work. No damage.

March 20th,—Box 27. 9.27 P. M. Block owned by

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C. E. West and others, occupied by Gilbert West and Son and others. Value building and contents, $36,000. Insurance, $24,000. Insurance paid, $362.50. Cause, probably rats and matches. Chemical used.

April 10th.—Telephone. 3.45 P. M. Chimney, residence Mrs Zeno Russell, Bartlett Avenue. No damage.

April 19th.—Box 42. 3.40 A. M. Barn, rear dwelling owned and occupied by John J. Sullivan, 79 Summer Street. Also by George W. Branch for storage of furniture. Value building and contents, $700. Insurance, $400. Insurance paid, $300. House damaged by heat, $50. Value, $5,000. Insurance, $2,000. Cause fire unknown. 1350 feet hose wet.

May 4th.—Box 46 . 12.44 P. M. Dwelling owned and occupied by James W. Mehan, 80 Maplewood Avenue. Value building and contents, $4,500. Insurance, $3,000. Insurance paid, $35. Cause, children playing with matches.

May 4th.—Box 43. 6.32 P. M. Dwelling owned by Mrs. T. C. Barden, occupied by James Dulvey and others, 30 First Street. Value building and contents, $4,500. Insurance, $3,000. Insurance paid, $15. Cause, kerosene oil stove.

May 13th.—Box 42. 9.12 P. M. Block owned by C. Quackenbush, "Academy of Music Annex". Store occupied by Eli Burgess. Value building and contents, $18,500. Insurance, $13,000. Insurance paid, $1,098.70. Cause unknown, probably match dropped in pile waste in work shop, E. Burgess. Three chemicals used.

May 17th.—Telephone. 3.30 P. M. Shed New West Street, near bridge N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. No damage. Cause, probably sparks from locomotive.

May 18th,—Box 62. 12.36 P. M. Dwelling owned by H. K. Kent, occupied by Mrs. Ann Eagan, Seymour Street. Value building and contents, $3,500. Insurance, $2,000. Insurance paid and loss, $25. Cause children and matches.

May 24th,—Telephone. 8.00 P. M. Brick block owned by Chas. A. Burbank, room occupied by Chas. Kendall. Cause, kerosene lamp. Insurance on building, $16,000. Insurance paid, $30.

May 26th,—Box 43. 11.03 P. M. Dwelling owned and occupied by Geo. Mohlner, Fenn Street corner Second Street. Value building and contents, $5,700. Insurance, $4,800. Insurance paid, $350. Cause unknown. 500 feet hose wet.

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May 31st,—Box 37. 7.00 P. M. Dwelling owned and occupied by W. H. Ernshaw, 81 Linden Street. Value building and contents, $6,000. Insurance, $3,000. Insurance paid, $1,541.50. Cause kerosene oil stove. Chemicals. 750 feet hose used.

June 8th,—Box 62. 1.40 A. M. False Alarm.

July 22nd,—Box 42. 9.10 P. M. Storehouse rear Wollison Block, owned and occupied by H. S. Wollison. Value building and contents, $3,800. Insurance, $2,100. Insurance paid, $437. Cause unknown. Chemical used. 100 feet hose wet.

July 24th,—Telephone. 11.20 A. M. Dwelling owned by Mrs. J. H. Hinsdale, occupied by Edw. Kelley and others. Chimney, no damage.

August 16th,—Box 28. 9.00 P. M. Blacksmith Shop owned by M. Casey and occupied by Patrick Fallon, McKay Street.

August 23rd,—Telephone. 7.50 A. M. Residence of Mrs. S. L. Stevenson, West Housatonic Street. Chimney, no damage.

August 24th,—Box 312. 11.20 A. M. Needless alarm, caused by smoking stove.

August 31st,—Box 31. 3.10 A. M. Lunch Cart owned by Mrs. W. Haraby. Insurance, $600. Insurance paid, $420-.75. Cause lamp left burning after wagon returned home. Chemical and 350 feet hose used.

September 15th,—Telephone. 8.00 P. M. Load Hay off West Housatonic Street, near residence T. L. Pomeroy.

September 16th,—Verbal. Smoke in New York Store, Dunham Block. No fire.

September 17th,—Verbal. P. M. Ash Barrel, C. H. Burbank's Block. No damage.

September 19th,—Verbal. 6.50 A. M. Roof of Blacksmith's Shop, owned by T. Cooney, Cottage Row. No damage.

October 8th,—Box 9. 1.40 P. M. Barn owned by D. Gilligan, Richmond Avenue. Value building and contents, $700. Insurance, $500. Insurance paid, $143.81. Cause, children and matches. Chemical and 200 feet hose used.

October 17th,—Telephone. 5.58 P. M. N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Passenger Depot. Cause cigarettes igniting matting. Loss trifling.

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October 24th,—Telephone. 1.30 P. M. Dwelling D. W. Bovett, occupied by Edward Nugent, Burbank Street. Chimney. No damage.

November 16th,—Telephone. 2.00 P. M. Grass fire in Lee lot off West Housatonic Street. No damage.

November 17th,—Telephone. 1.55 P. M. Smoking Chimney in Burbank Block. No fire.

December 9th,—Telephone. 9.00 P. M. Residence David Cullen, 85 Howard Street. Chimney burning, set fire to floor. Loss $7.00.

December 11th,—Box 42. 4.23 A. M. Brick Block, "Arlington Hotel," owned by Dr. J. A. Brackin, occupied by Mrs. G. A. Gates and others. Value building and contents, $16,000. Insurance, $10,600. Insurance paid, $1,378. Cause unknown. 2 Chemicals used.

December 20th,—Box 48. 9.39 P. M. Residence John Hall, 52 Winter Street. Value building and contents, $3,500. Insurance, $1,400. Insurance paid and loss, $800. Cause, partition near kitchen stove from defective flue. 1450 feet hose used and Chemical.

December 28th,—Box 41. 9.48 p. m. Small Box in Block owned by F. F. Read, corner North and Fenn Streets. No damage.

December 26th,—Box 45. 12.10 P. M. Dwelling owned by C. H. Brown, Fourth Street, occupied by Mrs. Conroy and others. Cause lighted match in closet, setting fire to clothes. No damage.

December 27th,—Box 42. 1.15 A. M. Block owned by C. W. Whelden, and occupied by E. E. Wilkins & Co. and others. Value building, $15,000. Insurance, $8,000. Insurance paid, $334. Insurance on Stock, E. E. Wilkins & Co. not yet adjusted. Cause fire unknown. 1000 feet hose; 3 Chemical Tanks used.

LISTS OF ALARMS.

Box Calls	26
Telephone	18
Verbal	5
False	2

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Fires extinguished by Chemicals,	23
Fires extinguished by water,	11
Fires extinguished without aid of department and needless calls	7
Chimney Fires	6
False Alarms	2
Grass Fires,	1
Hay on Wagon	1
Number feet hose wet	11,250
Value property where fires occurred	$321,150.00
Insurance on property where fires occurred	200,400.00
Insurance paid and loss	11,195 23

CAUSES OF FIRES.

Chimney	7
Children and Matches	5
Cigarettes	2
Defective Fire Place	1
Defective Flue	5
False Alarms	2
Grass Burning	1
Hot Ashes	3
Kerosene Lamp	2
Kerosene Oil Stoves	3
Load Hay Burning	1
Needless	3
Rats and Matches	1
Sparks from Locomotive	2
Thawing Water Pipes	1
Upsetting kerosene lantern	1
Unknown	12

LOSSES BY FIRE IN THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD.

1891	$89,347 67
1892	59,341 44
1893	64,505 44
1894	13,249 30
1895	109,902.07

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1896	40,501.00
1897	23,060 66
1898	60,326 20
1899	47,189 63
1900	35,537 88
1901	28,529 82
1902	11,195 23

LOCATION OF TANKS.

West end of Park.—Gates cover 21 feet east of north tank cover, and 6 feet north of Park coping. Circular 30x14½ capacity, 76,666 gallons.

South Street.—Near Southwest corner of W. G. Backus' Sons' Store. Circular, 12x8 feet, capacity, 6,500 gallons

Church Street.—Near northeast corner of South Street. Circular 25x9 feet, capacity, 21,000 gallons.

West Street.—Near northeast corner Bowerman Block. Circular 20x9 feet, capacity 21,000 gallons.

North Street.—Near southeast corner of Burbank's lower brick block. Circular, 12x8 feet, well, 3½x8 feet, capacity, 7,300 gallons.

North Street.—Near southeast corner Goodrich block. Oval, 20 feet long, 12 feet wide, 6 feet depth of water, well 4½x7 feet. Capacity, 10,000 gallons. Entrance to tank for repairs 12½ feet east of tank cover.

North Street.—Near Melville Street. Circular, 24x11 feet, capacity, 16,500 gallons.

Melville Street.—Near North Street. Circular, 20x7 feet, capacity, 16,500 gallons.

Fenn Street.—Near Corner of Second Streeet. Circular, 12x8 feet, capacity, 6,500 gallons.

West Street.—Near Mrs. E. Clapp's. Circular 24x9½ feet, capacity, 32,200 gallons.

East Street.—Junction Beaver Street. Circular, 12x8 feet, capacity 6,500 gallons.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CENTRAL STATION.

Foote & Jones, repair boiler	$20 70	
Berkshire Lumber Co.,	31 25	
Harrington Bros.	195 00	
		246 95

HORSES.

Berkshire Lumber Co.	$85 00	
		85 00

NEW APPARATUS AND REPAIRS ON APPARATUS.

Pittsfield Carriage Co., repairs	$79 94	
H. Van Valkenburgh, repairs	18 50	
W. D. B. Mead	60 00	
A. F. & S. C. Stewart, Wheels No. 3 wagon	44 00	
		202 44

FIRE ALARM.

Pittsfield Electric Co.	$61 25	
American Wire & Steel Co., wire	30 00	
Western Electric, supplies	13 60	
T. A. Cullen & Co., supplies	2 92	
American Electrical Works	5 56	
Eureka Electric Co.	10 71	
		124 04

HORSE SHOEING.

Deeley & O'Keefe	69 00	
J. MacDonald	46 50	
D. D. Grant	63 30	
Bushway & O'Connors	38 50	
J. Hayden	4 50	
		221 80

OATS.

R. W. Renfrew & Son	141 62	
W. P. Griffin	476 03	
Mills & Lawless	42 75	
Bradley Bros.	43 50	
M. Huntington	86 55	
		790 45

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HAY AND BEDDING.

R. W. Renfrew & Son	16 09	
W. P. Griffin	120 11	
Mills & Lawless & B. F. Mills	42 04	
A. Spaniole	663 68	
Jos. Teot	18 36	
E. M. Weller	17 64	
J. Chevers	9 35	
		887 27

FUEL.

M. P. Lawton & Son	296 07	
City, soft coal	34 05	
Welsh coal	355 26	
		685 38

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND GAS.

Pittsfield Electric Co.	187 12	
Pittsfield Gas Co.	326 21	
Berkshire Mill Supply, kerosene oil	52 52	
		565 85

TELEPHONE.

Central Station	58 52	
G. H. Frey	25 00	
No. 3 Station	11 50	
		95 02

LAUNDRY.

Troy Laundry	38 82	
Berkshire Laundry	44 69	
Bay State Laundry	19 43	
		102 94

SALARIES.

Geo. H. Frey	720 00	
W. J. Loyd	720 00	
W. C. Shepard	720 00	

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B. Cummings	720 00	
E. F. Payne	632 50	
J. E. Mattis	492 60	
W. E. Dunn	632 50	
J. N. Shepardson	640 00	
J. H. Condron	600 00	
R. J. Steele	341 65	
M. Marshall	640 00	
M. J. Kelly	680 00	
D. MacDonald	73 16	
C. L. Johnson	150 00	
J. W. Reagan	150 00	
W. S. Barrows	120 00	
W. Croughwell	120 00	
E. Atkinson	85 00	
W. C. Shepard	5 00	
Pay Rolls	3,423 26	
		11,665 67

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Peirson Hardware Co.	144 47	
Hardware Supply	25 98	
Pittsfield Gas Co., burners and supplies	37 40	
F. W. Dutton, acid and oil	20 03	
Gerst & Smith	121 51	
R. Stapleton	3 50	
C. G. Braxmar	4 00	
C. H. Waite	5 45	
Glentz & Cheney	31 40	
J. H. Butler Lumber Co.	85 18	
C. Callahan Co.	8 40	
S. F. Hayward & Co.	6 25	
Howard & Morrow	15 35	
Robbins & Gamwell	68 52	
Casey & Bacon	51 98	
W. G. Backus	10 12	
E. D. Jones Sons & Co.	1 48	
Pittsfield News Co.	10 00	
G. Blatchford	7 65	
F. J. Burlinghame	2 00	
Sun Printing Co.	4 00	
W. D. B. Mead	7 00	
Thos. N. Enright	2 00	
O. Root & Sons	75 50	

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Enrights	11 20	
Meyers & Betters	4 50	
Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance	100 00	
Henry & Blain	12 51	
Eagle Publishing Co.	4 60	
J. W. Kirchner	17 50	
England Bros.	15 74	
Dr. Geo. N. Kinnell	40 50	
Dr. F. K. Chaffee	80 00	
R. E. Willard & Son	51 50	
Reid & Barnfather	2 75	
R. A. Rockwell	16 75	
V. Viner	40 00	
A. A. Mills Co.	27 78	
Sundry bills	80 65	
P. M. Frank Disinfectant	30 00	
Sanitas Disinfectant	8 50	
Williams Hardware	1 60	
F. C. Belden & Co.	2 12	
E. F. Fahey	1 85	
W. E. Decrow	4 40	
E. E. Cleveland	2 64	
R. A. Chapman	9 20	
E. B. Hume	14 51	
J. H. Wright	9 60	
Moorewood Lake Ice Co.	3 40	
Hardy Lamp Co.	3 36	
American Fire Engine Co.	3 00	
John Corkhill	6 00	
H. S. Taylor & Son	15 00	
Kennedy & MacInnes	40 90	
		1,411 23

INVENTORY.

CENTRAL STATION.

1 Silsby engine and heater	3,500 00
1 Clapp & Jones engine	2,000 00
2 Hook & Ladder trucks	2,500 00
1 chemical engine	1,800 00
1 combination wagon	1,000 00
4 pair horses and single horse	1,500 00
4 pair harness and hangers	450 00
16 bedsteads, mattresses, pillows, complete	128 00

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12 wardrobes	150 00
50 sheets	20 00
43 pillow cases	7 50
100 towels	12 00
20 bed spreads	10 00
22 blankets	10 00
44 chairs	40 00
3 tables	5 00
14 pair rubber boots	25 00
11 rugs	6 00
14 protective covers	75 00
10 heavy horse blankets	25 00
40 hose spanners	10 00
12 ladder straps	3 50
10 hydrant wrenches	7 50
30 rubber coats	90 00
36 pair mittens	10 00
24 pair rubber boots	40 00
12 rubber hats	5 00
11 nozzles with shut off	240 00
1 cellar pipe and gate	35 00
1 Siamese	25 00
8 street blankets	20 00
Hose menders	25 00
Wire cutters	10 00
Jumping net and gun	50 00
Extra wrenches	4 00
Tools and repairs for steamers	50 00
Extra tips, axes, brooms, etc.	50 00
8 extinguishers	125 00
100 feet garden hose	15 00
50 feet ½-inch hose	10 00
Ladders	25 00
Rope and tackle	10 00
Extra wagon, poles, etc.	25 00
24 brooms	8 50
Soap, pails, forks, etc.	15 00
Wagon jacks and jack screw	10 00
Step ladders	10 00
Shovels	5 00
Tools, clippers, brushes, etc.	10 00
Lot of small tools, nails, bolts, etc.	50 00
Waste oil cans, etc.	10 00
Steamer matches	50 00
Small tools, crow bars, wire, extra wagon wheels,	

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fire alarm construction, tools, etc.	150 00	
Blankets, sheets and pillow cases	40 90	
Rubber boots	66 50	
Exercise harness, single harness, breast collar, etc.	100 00	
3 exercise wagons	500 00	
4 sleighs	100 00	
1 chief's wagon and buggy	150 00	
1 cutter	50 00	
2 single harness	25 00	
Fur robes, blankets, etc.	25 00	
4 wheel hose reel	100 00	
4 two-wheel hose carts	100 00	
Extra bed, mattresses, wardrobe, desk, table, rugs, etc.	50 00	
Steamer and furnace coal	150 00	
Office furniture	50 00	
		15,929 40

FIRE ALARM.

Repeater, storage batteries, boxes, bells, wire complete, estimated	8,500 00	

WEST PITTSFIELD ENGINE CO.

Hand engine, hose, host cart, etc.	500 00	

HOSE.

8,000 feet hose, estimated	4,500 00	
1,000 feet, West Pittsfield		29,429 40

NO. 3 ENGINE HOUSE.

1 Clapp & Jones engine	2,000 00
1 combination wagon	1,000 00
1 pair horses	250 00
1 pair harness and hangers	100 00
5 bedsteads, mattresses complete	50 00
Tackle and block wagon jack	5 00
Ladders	5 00
Barn tools, shovels, brooms, etc.	5 00
2 extinguishers	30 00
3 nozzles	45 00

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Siamese connection	10 00	
Spanners, ladder straps and wrenches	20 00	
1 hose cart	150 00	
Steamer tools and equipments	50 00	
Coal, kindlings, etc.	100 00	
Blankets, sheets, pillow slips	15 00	
7 rubber coats	21 00	
Hydrant wrenches, spanners, etc.	20 00	
		3,876 00

PITTSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

LOCATION OF BOXES.

4 Wilson & Horton Manufacturing Company.
5 Wahconah Street corner Pontoosuc Avenue.
6 Pontoosuc Manufacturing Co. Mill.
7 S. N. & C. Russell Manufacturing Co. Mill.
8 J. L. & T. D. Peck Mfg. Co. Mill.
9 Wahconah Street opposite Briggs Avenue.
12 East Housatonic Street corner Bridgman Avenue.
13 Pomeroy Avenue corner Broad Street.
14 South Street opposite George Street
15 East Street corner Willis Street.
16 East Street corner Elm Street
17 East Housatonic Street corner Appleton Avenue.
18 Appleton Avenue corner Dawes Avenue.
19 Elm Street corner Newell Street.
21 W. Housatonic Street beyond R. R. Bridge.
23 South Church Street.
24 South Street corner East Housatonic Street.
25 West Housatonic Street opposite Mill Street.
26 Mill Street near South Church Street.
27 West Street corner New West Street.
28 South Street corner West Street.
29 Elizabeth Street corner Buel Street.
31 Linden Street corner River Street.
32 Columbus Avenue opposite John Street.
34 West Street corner River Street.
35 Depot Street corner McKay Street.
36 Columbus Avenue corner Daniels Avenue.
37 Bradford Street corner Francis Avenue.
38 North Street corner Orchard Street.
39 North Street corner Maplewood Avenue.
312 Madison Avenue corner Francis Avenue.

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224 Onota Street near Lake Avenue.
341 West Street beyond S. P. Briggs'.
41 North Street corner School Street.
42 North Street opposite Columbus Avenue.
43 Fenn Street corner Pearl Street.
45 Fourth Street near Fenn Street.
46 Maplewood Avenue corner Wellington Avenue.
47 Brown Street corner Curtis Street.
48 Burbank Street opposite Spring Street.
49 Tyler Street corner Dalton Avenue.
421 Tyler Street corner Myrtle Street.
424 First Street opposite Adam Street.
432 North Street near Weller Avenue.
52 Second Street corner Lake Street.
53 Berkshire St. R'way Power House (private).
54 Beaver Street.
62 Kent Avenue corner Seymour Street.
75 House of Mercy (private).
85 Home for Aged Women (private).
92 Stanley Shops (private).

Very Respectfully Submitted,

W. F. FRANCIS,

Chief Engineer.

In Board of Aldermen, April 22, 1903. Read and accepted and placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, April 22, 1903. Read and accepted and placed on file in concurrence. EBER B. REICHARD, *Clerk.*

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Treasurer's Report

OF THE

BERKSHIRE ATHENAEUM.

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REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of the Berkshire Athenænm.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—I submit herewith my report as Treasurer of the Berkshire Athenaeum for the financial year ending June 11th, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last report	$831 35	
From Allen Block, rents	2,858 34	
Dividends, Agricultural National bank	600 00	
Balance City appropriation, 1901	4,750 00	
City appropriation 1902, in part	2,000 00	
One year interest Webb loan	300 00	
Berkshire Co. Home for Aged Women, loan	6,000 00	
Rebate tax on bank stock	204 68	
Refund on book bills	9 28	
		$17,553 65

EXPENDITURES.

Paid salaries librarian, assistants and janitor	$5,137 08
Fuel and lighting	657 53
Repairs, Athenaeum and Allen block	410 35
Insurance	413 92
Books	2,922 28
Newspapers for reading room	72 30
Mary M. Clapp, for land	6,278 23
Taxes Allen block, 1901	286 31
Interest on loan	135 00

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Miscellaneous	226 06	
Balance on hand	1,014 59	
		$17,553 65

E. H. KENNEDY, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found to be correct,

(Signed) HENRY COLT, *Auditor.*

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 10, 1902, Read and placed on file. Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, Jan. 2, 1903, Read and placed on file in concurrence.

IRVING J. BARNFATHER, *Clerk.*

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Report of the Board of Health

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REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1902.

To the Mayor and City Council:—

In submitting our Annual Report for the year 1902 for your consideration we consider it our duty to impress upon all persons the necessity and importance of health laws and sanitary regulations. Rigid enforcement of sanitary laws may seem to be a hardship to many people when directly applied to them, but it is the only effective means of stamping out contagious diseases and protecting the public from their spread.

One cause of the spread of contagious diseases is the wilful disregard of the quarantine regulations of the Board of Health. During the past year this Board has had valuable assistance from the Police Department in enforcing sanitary rules and regulations.

SEWERS.

Many buildings have been connected with the sewers by order of the Board of Health during the year, but there are still many buildings on streets on which there are sewers which should be connected as soon as possible; those ordered to be connected by the Board of Health having been confined to buildings of which complaints have been made of their insanitary condition. The employment by the city of a sanitary inspector, whose duty should be to inspect buildings as to their sanitary condition would be advisable.

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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

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The general health of the city for the past year has been very gratifying. We have had the least number of cases of contagious diseases during that time than for many years previously. The number of contagious diseases reported to the Board of Health for the year are as follows:—

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Diphtheria	1		1	2		1			2	7	6	2	22
Scarlet Fever			2	1		1			2	1	1		8
Small Pox					2	2							4

The number of deaths from contagious diseases during the year are as follows:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Diphtheria										2	1		3
Scarlet Fever													

During the summer we were threatened with an epidemic of Small Pox, but the strict enforcement of quarantine regulations, thorough fumigation and general vaccination especially of children attending school prevented a spread of the disease. The cheerful and efficient manner in which Mr. William W. Shaw, superintendent of the Almshouse, assisted the Board during the time the patients were at the detention hospital is worthy of praise. The fact that we escaped with but four cases of the dread disease was fortunate.

GARBAGE.

The collection of garbage or swill has been done as during previous years by private individuals. This method of collecting garbage is very unsatisfactory, and is the source of

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many nuisances, dangerous to the public health, and some action should be taken by the city to regulate the collection and disposal of garbage, as it is of very great importance to the public. The constantly increasing accummulation of refuse matter as the city increases in population, necessitates a systematic method of disposal, and the matter deserves the careful consideration of the city government.

SANITARY CONDITIONS.

The sanitary condition of the city is very satisfactory. The wilful and careless dumping of garbage has been to a great extent checked. The physicians of the city have been vigilant in their efforts to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, and thereby rendered the Board valuable assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. NELLIGAN,
J. A. LANGLOIS,
J. J. FLYNN,
Board of Health.

In Board of Aldermen, February 16, 1903, accepted and placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

EDWARD CAIN, *Clerk Pro Tem.*

In Common Council, February 18, 1903, accepted and placed on file in concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

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Report of Inspector of Milk and Cattle

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REPORT

OF THE

Inspector of Animals, Etc.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Honorable City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—Herwith I submit a report of work done as your inspector of animals during the year 1902.

No. of live animals examined at general inspection neat stock	1202
No. of carcasses inspected at slaughter houses	147
No. of carcasses found tuberculosis	5
No. of carcasses condemned	4
No. of animals quarantined during year	25
No. of animals destroyed	12
No. milk licenses issued	37
Milk license fees paid to city treasurer	$18.50
No. complaints investigated	5
No. cases Hydrophobia	1
No. cases suspected Glanders investigated	5
No. cases Glanders found	0

Owing to the scarcity and high price of beef during the past year there has been an unusual demand for native beef, and as a consequence nearly 10 per cent of the neat cattle of Pittsfield have been sacrificed. Most of the cattle killed were those that were old or past their usefulness, and hence that were most likely to be diseased. It will be seen that the number found tuberculosis is about 3 per cent of the number killed. Owing to the character of the subjects slaughtered, this is probably above the average for the animals that are left. In a very few herds the percentage of disease has been found to

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exceed 3 per cent, and these have been and are being dealt with by the Cattle Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture.

Periodical tests of the milk retailed shows it up to and in most cases considerably above the standard required by law.

One case of Rabies in the dog was found and while five cases of suspected Glanders were investigated none was discovered.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE N. KINNELL,

Veterinarian,
Inspector of Animals, etc.

Pittsfield, Feb. 26th, 1903.

In Board of Aldermen, March 2, 1903 Read and placed on file. Sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, March 4, 1903. Concurred.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

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Report of City Auditor.

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REPORT

OF THE

CITY AUDITOR

OF THE

CITY OF PITTSFIELD, MASS.

City Hall, March 3, 1903.

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and the City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, complying with the requirements of Chapter 4, Section 11, of the General Ordinances of the City of Pittsfield, presents herewith the twelfth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, together with a statement of the City Debt, for the fiscal year ending January 5th, 1903.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. CURTIN,

City Auditor.

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Feb. 11, 1903.

School department, real and personal estate	$531,871 00	
Fire department, real and personal estate	64,066 61	
Almshouse, real and personal estate	24,449 07	
City hall, real and personal estate	45,983 63	
Gravel beds	600 00	
Pearl Street property	2,700 00	
Miscellaneous personal estate	14,500 09	
Public parks	114,500 00	
Water works system	644,612 74	
New sewer system	540,574 01	
Taxes, assessments, etc.	78,175 25	
State of Mass.,	4,025 00	
Cash in treasury	20,717 51	
Sewer debt, bonded and floating		$390,000 00
Water debt, bonded and floating		277,734 71
School debt, bonded		258,000 00
Tax loans, notes		65,000 00
City of Pittsfield		1,096,040 11
	$2,086,774 82	$2,086,774 82

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CITY OF PITTSFIELD, MASS.

Auditor's Statement of Expenditures, Appropriations, Transfers, Balances, &c., Year Ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Item No	Title of Account.	Expended.	Bals. and App'ns.	Transfers & Addi'al.	Transfers from.	Net Authority.	Dr. Bals. to 1903.	Cr. Bals. to 1903.	Lapsed Cr. Bals.
	Board of Public Works.								
	REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS.								
1.	Bridge Repairs	$ 2,443.80	$ 2,500.00			$ 2,500.00			$56.20
2.	City Hall, Light, Heat, etc.	1,795.38	1,800.00			1,800.00			4.62
3.	Crosswalks and Cleaning	1,995.32	2,000.00			2,000.00			4.68
4.	Contingent Expenses, P. W.	971.94	1,000.00			1,000.00			28.06
5.	Grading Francis Ave.	819.73	850.00			850.00			30.27
6.	" Lenox Ave.	1,499.15	1,500.00			1,500.00			.85
7.	" Center St.	599.17	600.00			600.00			.83
8.	Highways, $707.56 to Excise	16,251.17	17,000.00			17,000.00			748.83
9.	Insurance	1,870.80	2,000.00			2,000.00			129.20
10.	Iron Bridge, Dalton Ave.	4,455.76	14,000.00	$4,000.00	$11,500.00	6,500.00			2,044.24
11.	Lighting Streets	14,497.75	16,000.00	2,560.00	4,000.00	14,560.00			62.25
12.	Parks and Common	498.06	500.00			500.00			1.94
13.	Repair of Buildings	597.29	600.00			600.00			2.71
14.	Repair of Sewers	1,493.16	1,500.00			1,500.00			6.84
15.	Surface Drainage	2,914.90	3,000.00			3,000.00			85.10
16.	Sewage Disposal	2,994.38	3,000.00			3,000.00			5.62
17.	Sidewalks	5,994.09	6,000.00			6,000.00			5.91
18.	Sewer and Water Connections.	3,993.87	2,000.00	2,000.00		4,000.00			6.13
19.	Water Works Maintenance	6,991.82	7,000.00			7,000.00			8.18
20.	Water Works Extension	5,737.99	7,000.00			7,000.00			1,262.01
	TRANSFERS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.								
21.	Ashley Lake Dam	26,748.81	5,301.27	20,000.00		25,301.27	$1,447.54		
22.	New Sewers	47,851.13		60,000.00	10,021.45	49,978.55		$2,127.42	
23.	Street Paving, preliminary	244.00					244.00		
24.	Excise Tax, ($707.56 from Highways)	1,087.69		1,487.62		1,487.62		399.93	
25.	Grading at Pontoosuc Lake	146.92		200.00		200.00			53.08
26.	Linden St. Gutters	204.43		225.00		225.00			20.57
27.	Repairing Road Roller	577.99		600.00		600.00			22.01
28.	Widening Upper North St.	420.98		425.00		425.00			4.02
	Totals, Board of Public Works.	$155,697.48	$95,151.27	$91,497.62	$25,521.45	$161,127.44	$1,691.54	$2,527.35	$4,594.15

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	Sundry Departments, Reg. Approp'ns.								
29.	Almshouse	$8,343.25	$7,500.00	$1,000.00		$8,500.00			$156.75
30.	Armory Maintenance	825.42	850.00			850.00			24.58
31.	Band Concerts	400.00	400.00			400.00			
32.	Books, Stationery and Printing	2,799.79	2,800.00			2,800.00			
33.	Berkshire Athenæum	7,500.00	7,500.00			7,500.00			.21
34.	City Officers' Salaries	20,375.29	20,500.00			20,500.00			124.71
35.	Clerk of Com. on Highways	100.00	100.00			100.00			
36.	Clerical Asst. Tax Coll.	500.00	500.00			500.00			
37.	Clerical Asst Assessors	601.33	500.00	102.00		602.00			.67
38.	Discount on Taxes	7,572.42	7,500.00	75.00		7,575.00			2.58
39.	Debt, Water	19,000.00	19,000.00			19,000.00			
40.	Sewer	10,000.00	10,000.00			10,000.00			
41.	School	16,000.00	16,000.00			16,000.00			
42.	Interest, Water Debt	9,951.49	11,000.00			11,000.00			1,048.51
43.	Sewer Debt	11,954.36	15,000.00			15,000.00			3,045.64
44.	City Debt	14,809.53	15,000.00			15,000.00			190.47
45.	Election Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00			2,000.00			
46.	Fire Dept.—Wages	11,641.67	12,000.00		350.00	11,650.00			8.33
47.	Contingent Expenses	5,442.37	5,000.00	450.00		5,450.00			7.63
48.	Indexing Records City Clerk	294.00	300.00			300.00			6.00
49.	Miscellaneous Expenses	9,735.85	6,500.00	3,250.00		9,750.00			14.15
50.	Memorial Day	300.00	300.00			300.00			
51.	Outside Poor	13,978.45	12,500.00	1,500.00		14,000.00			21.55
52.	Police Dept.—Contingent Expenses	2,339.13	2,400.00			2,400.00			60.87
53.	Wages	15,948.01	16,000.00			16,000.00			51.99
54.	Public Schools	93,100.00	89,600.00	3,500.00		93,100.00			
55.	State Aid	4,025.00	4,000.00	25.00		4,025.00			
56.	Soldiers' Relief	2,845.99	2,700.00	150.00		2,850.00			4.01
	TRANSFERS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.								
57.	Patrol and Ambulance			500.00		500.00			500.00
58.	Kindergarten	921.77		1,000.00		1,000.00			78.23
59.	Emergent Accounts	450.00	450.00			450.00			
60.	Temporary Loan, 1901	65,000.00	65,000.00			65,000.00			
61.	1902	105,000.00		170,000.00		170,000.00		$65,000.00	
62.	Renewal of Water Notes	38,734.71	38,734.71			38,734.71			
63.	Sewer Notes	150,000.00	150,000.00			150,000.00			
64.	Repairs at Almshouse	300.00		300.00		300.00			
65.	State Treasurer	27,862.57	27,862.57			27,862.57			
66.	County Treasurer	29,584.88	29,584.88			29,584.88			
67.	Street Sprinkling	5,384.00	5,525.00			5,525.00			141 00
68.	Indexing Records—Assessors	350.00		350.00		350.00			
69.	Transfer Account		7,200.00	5,750.00	12,012.00	938.00			938.00
	Grand Totals	871,668.76	706,958.43	279,449.62	37,833.45	948,524.60	$1,691.54	67,527.35	11,020.08
	Deduct "Transfers from" from "Transfers and Additional"			37,883.45		Deduct Dr. Bals. from Cr. Bals.		1,691.54	
	Add result to Original Authority		241,566.17	241,566.17		Add result to Lapsed Bals.		65,835.81	65,835.81
	Add net Cr. Bals. to Expenditures	76,855.84				Total net Balances, (Cr.)			76,855.84
		948,524.60	948,524.60						

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EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Item No. 20.—Water Works Extension credit shown above as $7,000, represents an appropriation of $6,246.27, and a balance of a Water Loan brought over from 1901, of $753.73.

Item No. 21.—Ashley Dam Account, shows an overdraft of $1,447.54, which will be carried over to the account for 1903, and will be offset by a credit to be made when the bondsmen of The Strauss Bros. Co. settle with the City the claim which arose by reason of said company surrendering their contract in 1901. This amount will exceed the overdraft.

Item No. 22.—New Sewer Account, shows an amount of $10,021.45 in the "Transfers From" column, which is an overdraft brought over from 1901, same being deducted from the loans made in 1902, to show net authority.

Item No. 23.—Street Paving Account shows an expenditure of $244, which will be treated as an overdraft, and carried to the 1903 account. The same will be deducted from the authority granted in 1903, having been expended in anticipation of an appropriation or loan to authorize paving and its contingent expenses.

Item No. 24.—The Excise Account shows $707.56 more in expenditures than were charged to the account orig inally, the amount being transferred from the Highway Account as having been expended from that account on account of Excise, the statement of same having been rendered at the close of the year.

Item No. 69 —The Transfer Account may be seen in detail, as well as all other transfers made, by referring to the Auditor's itemized report of appropriations, etc., following.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. CURTIN, *City Auditor.*

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TAX COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.

JAMES W. SYNAN, *Tax Collector, Dr.* *To* CITY OF PITTSFIELD, *Cr.*

Title of Account.	Balance Feb. 2, 1902.	Warrants	Int'st	Dr. Total	Cr. Total	Paid Treas.	Abated	Discounts	Appd.	Balance Feb. 11, 1903.
Tax of 1897	$107.83		$9.43	$117.26	$98.27	$64.77	33.50			$78.99
" 1898	823.15		103.12	926.27	641.86	451.72	190.14			284.41
" 1899	4,345.57		635.16	4,980.63	4,126.27	3,842.54	283.73			854.36
" 1900	16,163.00		838.52	17,001.52	11,868.55	11,177.97	690.58			5,132.97
" 1901	98,455.04	$47.85	635.47	99,138.36	22,010.27	20,403.53	1,606.74			17,128.09
" 1902		311,275.20	55.46	311,330.66	270,834.16	267,614.01	3,219.15			40,497.50
Sewer Apportioned. 1898	44.13		7.75	51.88	13.00	13.00				38.88
" " 1899	145.12		4.86	149.98	32.46	32.46				117.52
" " 1900	465.07		35.14	500.21	313.92	313.92				186.29
" " 1901	1,053.48	3.37	29.23	1,086.68	489.69	489.69				596.99
" " 1902		2,108.49	3.99	2,112.48	979.86	960.26	19.60			1,132.62
Scheduled Water Rates	2,169.30	43,084.83		45,254.13	43,183.25	32,218.51	3,386.24	$7,578.50		2,070.88
Metered Water Rates	121.29	25,401.59		25,535.88	25,404.26	20,319.63	43.10	5,041.53		131.62
Sidewalk Assessments	306.68	1,466.88	23.37	1,796.93	1,425.00	1,425.00				371.93
Sewer Ass'ts (Col. in adv'ce 788.34)	1,040.24	3,126.05	173.30	4,339.59	3,293.98	2,571.05	22.28		700.65	1,045.61
Sewer and Water Connections	9.98	4,171.77		4,181.75	4,181.75	4,171.77	9.98			
Sidewalk Repairs		31.70		31.70	31.70	31.70				
Interest on Water Extensions	1,326.95	1,035.71		2,362.66	450.24	428.24	22.00			1,912.42
Highways	435.14	1,523.54		1,958.68	359.77	356.17	3.60			1,598.91
	67,081.87	393,279.98	2,555.40	462,917.25	389,737.26	366,885.94	9,530.64	12,620.03	700.65	73,179.99
	393,279.98									700.65
	2,555.40									12,620.03
										9,530.64
										366,885.94
Uncollected Balance					73,179.99					
	462,917.25			462,917.25	462,917.25					462,917.25

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RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, February 2, 1902	$19,387 11
Liquor licenses	37,513 00
J. M. Fitzgerald, Supt.	169 46
J. Haight, Gdn.	134 21
Mary Kohler	49 50
Mrs. E. J. Curtiss	65 00
Mrs. P. O'Connell	36 00
City of Worcester	3 00
City of Northampton	23 43
Town of Chester	15 50
Town of Westfield	29 63
Town of Foxborough	52 00
Corporation taxes	61,017 27
National Bank taxes	1,686 06
State aid	3,752 50
Armory rent	400 00
Temporary support State paupers	154 18
Burial of State paupers	20 00
Burial of indigent soldiers	210 00
Corporation Street Railway	1,573 56
Fire department, sale of hose	100 00
Sale of town history	62 00
Board of Health, Dalton	7 50
Board of Health, Lanesborough	7 95
Fees, recording licenses	53 00
C. W. Fuller, sheriff, fines	177 90
District court, fines	1,631 35
Eugene Bouton, Supt., tuition	833 95
Eugene Bouton, Supt., other sources	63 08
J. Ward Lewis, City Clerk, fees	858 90
Ernest Johnson, City Clerk, fees	16 50
Interest on sewer loan	3 47
Balances	52 09
Plumbers' licenses	23 00
Milk licenses	18 50
John Nicholson, Chief of Police:—	
Weighing fees	315 90
Witness fees	25 80
Miscellaneous	42 76
H. A. Brewster, County Treasurer:—	
Dog fund	729 56

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James W. Synan, Tax Collector:—	
Tax of 1897	64 77
1898	451 72
1899	3,842 54
1900	11,177 97
1901	20,403 53
1902	267,614 01
Sewer Apportioned, 1898	13 00
1899	32 46
1900	313 92
1901	489 69
1902	960 26
Scheduled water rates	32,218 51
Metered water rates	20,319 63
Sidewalk assessments	1,425 00
Sewer assessments	2,571 05
Sewer and water connections	4,171 77
Sidewalk repairs	31 70
Interest on water extensions	428 24
Highways	356 17
Temporary tax loans:—	
Berkshire County Savings Bank	5,000 00
New England Trust Co.	25,000 00
do	25,000 00
do	25,000 00
Loring, Tolman & Tupper	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	10,000 00
do	5,000 00
Berkshire Life Insurance Co.	10,000 00
do	5,000 00
Agricultural National Bank	10,000 00
I. D. Ferry	10,000 00
Berkshire County Savings Bank	30,000 00
Sewer loans:—	
Berkshire County Savings Bank	10,000 00
do	20,000 00
Loring, Tolman & Tupper	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	10,000 00
do	10,000 00
do	20,000 00
do	10,000 00
do	10,000 00
do	10,000 00
do	10,000 00
do	7,000 00

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Agricultural National Bank		10,000 00
Third National Bank		10,000 00
Springfield Institution for Savings		10,000 00
Woronoco Savings Bank		10,000 00
North Adams Saving Bank		10,000 00
Berkshire County Savings Bank		10,000 00
do		15,000 00
Berkshire Life Ins. Co.		8,000 00
Water loans:—		
Loring, Tolman & Tupper		3,734 71
Lee Savings Bank		10,000 00
Lenox Savings Bank		10,000 00
I. D. Ferry		10,000 00
Third National Bank		10,000 00
Berkshire County Savings Bank		10,000 00
do		5,000 00
Emergent funds returned:—		
Board of Public Works		100 00
School Committee		100 00
Police Department		100 00
City Clerk		50 00
Overseers of the Poor		50 00
Fire Department		50 00
		$892,386 27
Expenditures	$871,668 76	
Cash balance	20,717 51	
	$892,386 27	

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE.

Cash on hand		$20,717 51
CR.		
Bal. of Sewer loan	$2,127 42	
Sewer assessments in treasury	7,044 07	
Unexpended balance of Excise account	399 93	
Excess of tax loan over balances	1,023 68	
		10,595 10
		10,122 41

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	Dr.	
Overdraft Ashley Loan account	$1,447 57	
Overdraft Street Paving account	244 00	
		1,691 57
Actual available cash balance for ordinary purposes		$11,813 98

LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD, FEB. 16, 1903.

WATER DEBT.

4 per cent bonds, May 1st, 1916	$50,000 00
4 per cent registered bond, November 1st, 1908	45,000 00
4 per cent coupon bonds, $5,000, September 1, each year	55,000 00
4 per cent registered bonds, $10,000, May 15, each year	50,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, demand	7,000 00
3¼ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, demand	10,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, demand	2,000 00
3.70 per cent note, Treasurer of Mass., June 15, 1903	3,734 71
4 per cent note, Lenox Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Lee Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, City Treasurer, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	5,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
Total	$277,734 71

SCHOOL DEBT.

4 per cent bonds, $10,000, May 15, each year, 1910 to 1914 inclusive	$50,000 00
4 per cent registered bonds, $10,000, May 15, 1903 to 1909, 1915, 1916, 1917	100,000 00
3½ per cent coupon bonds, $6,000, August 15, 1903 to 1910, 1912 to 1920	98,000 00
3½ per cent registered bonds, $6,000, August 15, 1911, $4,000, August 15, 1912	10,000 00
Total	$258,000 00

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SEWER DEBT.

1 per cent coupon bonds, $10,000, June 1, each year	$108,000 00
4 per cent registered bonds, June 1, each year	52,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, demand	20,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, April 4, 1903	10,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, April 12, 1903	20,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, City Treasurer, May 23, 1903	10,000 00
3¾ per cent note, City Treasurer, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
3¾ per cent note, City Treasurer, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
3¾ per cent note, D. W. Ross, June 9, 1903	20,000 00
3¾ per cent note, Laconia Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, Derby Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	7,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	5,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	5,000 00
4 per cent note, Agricultural National Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Third National Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Springfield Institution for Savings, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
3½ per cent note, Woronoco Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, North Adams Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire Life Insurance Co., June 15, 1903	8,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	15,000 00
Total	$390,000 00

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DEBT STATEMENT.

Water bonds and notes	$277,734 71
School bonds	258 000 00
Sewer bonds and notes	390,000 00
Total funded and floating debt	$925,734 71

TEMPORARY LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES OF 1902.

3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank	$ 5,000 00
3.44 per cent note, City Treasurer	25,000 00
3.44 per cent note, City Treasurer	25,000 00
3.44 per cent note, City Treasurer	25,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, City Treasurer	10,000 00
3.55 per cent note, City Treasurer	10,000 00
3¾ per cent note, City Treasurer	5,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire Life Insurance Co.	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire Life Insurance Co.	5,000 00
4 per cent note, Agricultural National Bank	10,000 00
4 per cent note, City Treasurer	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank	30,000 00
Total issue	$170,000 00
Paid	105,000 00
Outstanding	$65,000 00

PAYMENTS ON CITY DEBT.

Coupon Water Bonds, May 15	$10,000 00
Coupon Water Bonds, September 1st	5,000 00
Water Note, No. 195	3,000 00
Water Note, No. 240	1,000 00
Coupon Sewer Bonds, June 1st	9,000 00
Registered Sewer Bond, No. 9	1,000 00
Registered School Bond, No. 5	10,000 00
Coupon School Bonds, August 15	6,000 00
Total debt payment from appropriations	$45,000 00
Total bonded and floating debt, Feb. 11, 1902	$890,734 71
Total bonded and floating debt, Feb. 11, 1903	925,734 71
Increase during the year	$35,000 00

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DETAIL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN DEBT DURING THE YEAR.

Water debt, Feb. 11, 1902		$276,734 71
Water note, No. 253, renewal		3,734 71
do 266, renewal		10,000 00
do 267, renewa.		10,000 00
do 269, Ashley Dam		10,000 00
do 271, renewal		10,000 00
do 278, renewal		5,000 00
do 280, Ashley Dam		10,000 00
		$335,469 42
Paid bonds, May 15, appropriation	$10,000 00	
Paid bonds, September 1, appropriation	5,000 00	
Paid note, No. 195, appropriation	3,000 00	
do 240, appropriation	1,000 00	
do 222, renewal	3,734 71	
do 227, renewal	10,000 00	
do 228, renewal	10,000 00	
do 229, renewal	10,000 00	
do 237, renewal	5,000 00	57,734 71
Present water debt		$277,734 71
School debt, Feb. 11, 1902		$274,000 00
Paid bonds, May 15	$10,000 00	
Paid bonds, Aug. 15	6,000 00	16,000 00
Present school debt		$258,000 00
Sewer debt, Feb. 11, 1902		$340,000 00
Note No. 246		10,000 00
247		20,000 00
249		10,000 00
250		10,000 00
251		10,000 00
252		20,000 00
256		10,000 00
259		10,000 00
260		10,000 00
261		7,000 00
262		5,000 00
263		5,000 00
264		10,000 00
265		10,000 00

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272		10,000 00
273		10,000 00
274		10,000 00
275		10,000 00
276		8,000 00
277		15,000 00
		$550,000 00
Paid bonds, June 1	$10,000 00	
Paid note No. 221, renewal	20,000 00	
214, renewal	10,000 00	
199, renewal	12,000 00	
200, renewal	25,000 00	
226, renewal	20,000 00	
231, renewal	10,000 00	
232, renewal	10,000 00	
233, renewal	10,000 00	
234, renewal	10,000 00	
235, renewal	8,000 00	
236, renewal	15,000 00	
		160,000 00
Present sewer debt		$390,000 00

INTEREST PAYMENTS ON CITY LOANS.

Sewer bonds and notes	$11,954 36
Water bonds and notes	9,951 49
City debt, school and tax loans	14,809 53
Total interest payments	$36,715 38

DETAIL STATEMENT OF FUNDED DEBT.
SEWER BONDS.

(Chapter 357, Acts of 1890.)

Coupon bonds, $10,000, June 1, each year			$108,000 00
Registered bonds:—			
No. 1, Shelburne Falls Sav. Bank	June 1,	1914	10,000 00
2,	do	1916	10,000 00
3,	do	1918	10,000 00
5, Mary A. M. Newell,	June 1,	1910	5,000 00
6, Geo. W. Sanford,	June 1,	1912	1,000 00

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7,	Frances E. Sanford, June 1, 1917		1,000 00
8,	P. C. Lockwood estate, June 1, 1905		5,000 00
15,	Springfield Ins. for Savings, June 1, '03		10,000 00
Total bonded sewer debt			$160 000 00

WATER BONDS.

Coupon bonds, May 1, 1916			$50,000 00
Registered bonds, Berk. County Sav. Bank, Nov. 1, 1908			45,000 00
Coupon bonds, $5,000, Sept. 1, each year			55,000 00
Registered bonds:—			
No. 1,	Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15,	1903	5,000 00
2,	do	1903	5,000 00
3,	do	1904	5,000 00
4,	do	1904	5,000 00
5,	do	1905	5,000 00
6,	do	1905	5,000 00
7,	do	1906	5,000 00
8,	do	1906	5,000 00
9,	do	1907	5,000 00
10,	do	1907	5,000 00
Total bonded water debt			$200,000 00

SCHOOL BONDS.

Coupon bonds, $10,000, May 15, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914			$50,000 00
Registered bonds:—			
No. 6,	Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15,	1903	10,000 00
7,	do	1904	10,000 00
8,	do	1905	10,000 00
9,	do	1906	10,000 00
10,	do	1907	10,000 00
11,	do	1908	10,000 00
12,	do	1909	10,000 00
New.			
No. 1,	do	1915	10,000 00
2,	do	1916	10,000 00
3,	do	1917	10,000 00

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Coupon bonds, $6,000, Aug. 15, 1903, to 1910, $2,000, 1912, $6,000, 1913 to 1920		98,000 00
Registered bonds:—		
No. 1, Mary A. M. Newell, Aug. 15, 1911		6,000 00
2, do 1912		1,000 00
3, do 1912		1,000 00
4, do 1912		1,000 00
5, do 1912		1,000 00
Total bonded school debt		$258,000 00

STATEMENT OF BALANCE ON HAND.

Certified bank balances:—		
Agricultural National Bank	$2,926 02	
Checks outstanding	222 75	
		2,703 27
Pittsfield National Bank	1,963 73	
Checks outstanding	40 00	
		1,923 73
Third National Bank	4,031 20	
Checks outstanding	36 00	
		3,995 20
Berkshire Loan & Trust Co.		1,812 88
Paid warrants, account of 1903		10,252 43
Total		$20,717 51

Item No. 1.—BRIDGE REPAIRS.

Pay rolls	$1,200 61
Butler Lumber Co.	295 66
Belden & Co.	2 40
Chapel, A. M.	19 35
Enright, J. H. & J. J.	3 00
Fobes, A. A.	41 67
Ferry, C. S. & Son	285 25
Guilds F. G.	10 55
Gaylord, M. P.	80 50
Howard & Morrow	5 40
Harding, J. C.	3 21

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Kirchner, J. W.	8 88
Lawton, M. P. & Son	1 50
Mills, A. A. Co.	2 87
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	28 47
Noble, J. W.	19 90
Peirson Hardware Co.	77 33
Rice, R. A.	75 00
Smith, J. H.	54 25
Sherrill Bros.	160 00
Viner, V.	68 00
Total expenditure	$2,443 80
Balance unexpended	56 20
	$2,500 00

Appropriation, $2,500 00.

Item No. 2.—CITY HALL, LIGHT, HEAT AND CARE.

Pay rolls	$980 19
Biladeau, J. F.	3 70
Berkshire Electric Co.	14 96
Burgess, Eli	3 25
Cummings, L. B., Clerk	8 97
Carpenter, W. W.	8 38
Continental Brush Co.	11 40
Dodge, J. C.	5 08
Eureka Electric Co.	17 10
Frisbee-Hicks Oil Co.	4 00
Gamwell, C. C.	6 13
Guilds, F. G.	1 88
Glentz & Chéney	88
Hickey & Farrell	23 59
Hardware Supply Co.	1 25
Howard, Harry	3 00
Howard & Morrow	1 92
Harvie, R. B.	1 00
Hall, T. E.	2 25
Kennedy, E. H., Treasurer, coal	250 90
Kennedy & MacInnes	1 50
Mills, A. A. Co.	1 37
Morewood Lake Ice Co.	6 40
Morgan Envelope Co.	6 25
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	82 70

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Nilan, Kerigan & Co.	29 25
Peirson Hardware Co.	7 65
Prince & Walker	82 50
Pittsfield Gas Co.	21 17
Pittsfield Electric Co.	144 36
Sanitas, The Co.	8 50
Synan, J. W., Collector	48 20
Willard, R. E. & Son	1 60
Total expenditure	$1,795 38
Balance unexpended	4 62
	$1,800 00

Appropriation, $1,800 00.

Item No. 3.—CROSSWALKS AND CLEANING.

Pay rolls	$1,410 57
Biladeau, J. F.	132 74
B. & A. R. R. Co.	81 40
Fuller, C. W., Sheriff	1 60
Flyntt, W. N. Granite Co.	299 19
Guilds, F. G.	49 57
Pomeroy, T. L.	1 50
Viner, V.	18 75
Total expenditure	$1,995 32
Balance unexpended	4 68
	$2,000 00

Appropriation, $2,000 00.

Item No. 4.—CONTINGENT EXPENSES, PUBLIC WORKS

Pay rolls	$77 35
Austin Eng. Co.	43 50
Ashcroft, The Mfg. Co.	5 00
Blatchford, G.	33 20
B. & A. R. R. Co.	53
Burgess, Eli	9 02
Biladeau, J. F.	10 00
Buck, T. S.	2 04
Carpenter, W. W.	50
Chapel, A. M.	6 06

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Cleveland, E. E.	9 32
Continental Brush Co.	3 25
City of Pittsfield	145 83
Cummings, L. B., Clerk	83 37
Dietzgen, E. Co.	23 04
Engineering News Pub. Co.	5 00
Eagle Pub. Co.	19 75
Elmer & Amend	1 88
Frederick Bros.	21 70
Fobes, A. A.	233 45
Gibbons, M. J.	43 68
Gale Lumber Co.	6 25
Howard & Morrow	2 50
Hickey & Farrell	6 43
Jones, E. D. Sons' Co.	1 20
Keuffel & Esser	8 34
Morgan, Crossman & Co.	5 86
Martell, A. E. Co.	2 00
Mercer, W. J. & W. M.	29 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	6 94
Osteyee Bros.	5 88
Oettinger, E. R.	2 50
Pittsfield Electric Co.	52
Pittsfield News Co.	9 45
Pittsfield Journal Co.	4 75
Peirson Hardware Co.	1 63
Sun Printing Co.	14 25
Soltman, E. G.	64 22
Viner, V.	22 50
Williams Typewriter Co.	7 25
Total expenditure,	$971 94
Balance unexpended	28 06
	$1,000 00

Appropriation, $1,000 00.

Item No. 5.—GRADING FRANCIS AVENUE.

Pay rolls	$707 20
Fobes, A. A.	9 62
Harding, J. C.	3 21
Viner, V.	36 00
McCue, J. F.	2 30
McMahon, M. M.	9 60

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McMahon, Mary A.	41 20
Howard & Morrow	1 40
Casey & Bacon	3 00
Fuller, C. W., sheriff	6 20
Total expenditure	$819 73
Balance unexpended	30 27
	$850 00

Appropriation, $850 00.

Item No. 6.—GRADING LENOX AVENUE.

Pay rolls	$1,310 96
Fobes, A. A.	24 04
Harding, J. C.	12 82
Viner, V.	19 50
Peirson Hardware Co.	2 06
Kirchner, J. W.	42 02
Butler Lumber Co.	.75
Tracy, W. W.	74 00
Bilaudeau, J. F.	15 00
Total expenditure	$1,499 15
Balance unexpended	85
	$1,500 00

Appropriation, $1,500 00.

Item No. 7.—GRADING CENTER STREET.

Pay rolls	$480 50
Harding, J. C.	6 67
Harding, C. J.	112 00
Total expenditure	$599 17
Balance unexpended	83
	$600 00

Appropriation, $600 00.

Item No. 8.—HIGHWAYS.

Pay rolls	$14,377 45
Acme Road Roller Mach. Co.	25 50

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Biladeau, J. F.	57 30
Butler Lumber Co.	91 00
B. & A. R. R. Co.	20 12
Cummings, P.	49 37
Chapel, A. M.	9 43
Couch, Geo. B.	1 50
Dutton, F. W.	8 82
Eagle Publishing Co.	2 00
Easland, F. E.	9 00
Fuller, C. W., Sheriff	98 10
Fobes, A. A.	58 57
Gibbons, M. J.	18 55
Gale Lumber Co.	13 66
Harding, G. C.	23 30
Harding, J. C.	37 88
Harding, C. J.	84 30
Harrington Bros.	10 80
Howard & Morrow	98 38
Henry & Blain	16 40
Kirchner, J. W.	5 15
Lawton, M. P. & Son	11 51
Lane, J. S. & Son	314 99
Mahanna, William	37 20
Peirson Hardware Co.	8 70
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.	8 52
Ruff, Frank	3 10
Riley, Thos. P.	16 20
Rice, R. A.	1,050 00
Rice, Fred C.	16 80
Synan, J. W., collector	54 00
Smith, Geo. A.	10 70
Tanner, J. N.	2 68
Tracy, W. W.	11 30
Viner, V.	265 25
Windrush Farm	31 20
	$16,958 73
Trasferred to Excise	707 56
Total expenditure	$16,251 17
Balance unexpended	748 83
	$17,000 00

Appropriation, $17,000 00.

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Item No. 9.—INSURANCE.

Berksire Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	$18 00
Berkshire Electric Co.	3 50
Coooley, F. A.	287 46
Enright, T. N.	19 58
Hartford Steam Boiler Ins. & Insp. Co.	100 00
Parker & Shipton	336 70
Russell, Frank & Co.	196 25
Stevenson, J. M. & Co.	382 70
Sloper & May	253 00
Wilson & Read	273 61
Total expenditure	$1,870 80
Balance unexpended	129 20
	$2,000 00

Appropriation, $2,000 00.

Item No. 10.—IRON BRIDGE, DALTON AVENUE.

Pay rolls	$97 00
Collins & Norton	250 00
Cummings, L. B., Clerk	4 00
Dwyer Bros.	3,604 50
Engineering News Pub. Co.	9 60
Eagle Pub. Co.	17 00
Fobes A. A.	118 70
Flyntt, W. N. Granite Co.	30 60
Harding, J. C.	32 44
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	1 80
Pittsfield Electric Co.	244 92
Pittsfield Journal Co.	6 00
Springfield Republican	7 20
Viner, V.	32 00
Total expenditure	$4,455 76
Balance unexpended	2,044 24
	$6,500 00

Net appropriation, $6,500 00.

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Item No. 11.—LIGHTING STREETS.

Pittsfield Electric Co.	$14,497 75
Balance unexpended	62 25
	$14,560 00

Net appropriation, $14,560 00.

Item No. 12.—PARKS AND COMMON.

Pay rolls	$283 57
Biladeau, J. F.	15 11
Hardware Supply Co.	38 97
Howard & Morrow	40 40
Kircner, J. W.	65 00
Osteyee Bros.	54 76
Peirson Hardware Co.	25
Total expenditure	$498 06
Balance unexpended	1 94
	$500 00

Appropriation, $500 00.

Item No. 13.—REPAIRS OF BUILDINGS.

Ormsbee, L. C.	40 68
Pay rolls	103 25
Cummings, P.	10 75
Osteyee Bros.	21 34
Mickle & Haynes	270 80
Bailey, G. W. & Co.	28 27
Burgess, Eli	122 20
Total expenditure	$597 29
Balance unexpended	2 71
	$600 00

Appropriation, $600 00.

Item No. 14.—REPAIR AND CARE OF SEWERS.

Pay rolls	1,079 10
Berksire Mill Supply Co.	8 86

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Biladeau, J. F.	68 10
Backus, W. G. Sons	45 52
Cummings, P.	20 00
Cummings, L. B., Clerk	3 25
Currier, W. H. & Co.	1 50
Enright, J. H. & J. J.	9 00
Fire Department	100 00
Ferry, C. S. & Son	4 41
Glentz & Cheney	10 50
Henry & Blain	1 00
Harding, J. C.	45 29
Jewell Storage Battery Co.	5 00
Kirchner, J. W.	1 30
Mills & Lawless	1 30
Mercer, W. M. & W. J.	20 00
Newman, J. R. & Sons	14 00
Peirson Hardware Co.	20 28
Root, O. Sons	13 00
Viner, V.	14 00
White, F. M.	3 75
Yon Bros.	4 00
Total expenditure	$1,493 16
Balance unexpended	6 84
	$1,500 00

Appropriation, $1,500 00.

Item No. 15.—SURFACE DRAINAGE.

Pay rolls	$2,206 04
Couch, Geo. B.	11 25
Cummings, P.	2 00
Carpenter, W. W.	2 80
Eagle Pub. Co.	2 00
Enright, J. H. & J. J.	21 00
Fobes, A. A.	75 28
Flyntt, W. N. Granite	9 30
Grant, D. D.	5 50
Gibbons, M. J.	16 86
Guilds, F. G.	2 12
Hulbert, Grove A.	5 10
Harding, J. C.	89 35
Kirchner, J. W.	130 75
Mahanna, William	90 00

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Peirson Hardware Co.	6 80
Pittsfield Gas Co.	39 00
Rice, R. A.	75 00
Union Hardware Co.	6 00
Viner, V.	93 75
Whitcomb, N. L.	25 00
Total expenditure	$2,914 90
Balance unexpended	85 10
	$3,000 00

Appropriation, $3,000 00.

Item No. 16.—SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Pay rolls	495 51
Bidwell, G. A.	13 25
Burns J. M.	2 00
Belden & Co.	6 18
Berkshire Mill Supply Co.	60 28
Berkshire Electric Co.	2 62
Cummings, P.	18 15
Cleveland, E. E.	1 24
Dunn, William	332 00
Dutton, F. W.	1 15
Fobes, A. A.	2 32
Ferry C. S. & Son	81 95
Follwell, F. S.	9 90
Fallon, M. H.	352 00
Hume, E. B.	34 18
Hardware Supply Co.	65 73
Harding, J. C.	53 48
Howard & Morrow	25 98
Kirchner, J. W.	24 84
Lawton, M. P. & Son	8 75
Mills, A. A. Co.	17 02
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	38 08
Peirson Hardware Co.	1 70
Pittsfield Electric Co.	543 08
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.	37 74
Staples, W. E.	701 25
Stanley Electric Mfg. Co.	4 50
Spall. E. J.	5 00

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Viner, V.	44 00
Wright, C. W.	10 50
Total expenditure	$2,994 38
Balance unexpended	5 62
	$3,000 00

Appropriation, $3,000 00.

Item No. 17.—SIDEWALKS.

Pay rolls	$4,021 70
Biladeau, J. F.	514 60
Butler Lumber Co.	3 06
Burbank, G. W.	49 25
B. & A. R. R. Co.	21 10
Cummings, P.	12 70
Cummings, L. B., Clerk	7 00
Cooper, G. H.	2 50
Cleveland, E. E.	1 10
Carpenter, W. W.	1 80
Eagle Pub. Co.	2 00
Enright, T. N.	14 40
Fuller, C. W., Sheriff	35 10
Flyntt, W. N. Granite Co.	154 08
Fobes, A. A.	106 85
Guilds, F. G.	22 40
Gale Lumber Co.	20 00
Harding, J. C.	48 35
Howard & Morrow	32 80
Henry & Blain	20 40
Kirchner, J. W.	78 07
Kinnell, G. N.	7 60
Kirk, Allen	1 00
Linnehan, J. M. & Co.	3 00
Moran, J. H.	28 85
Moore Foundry Works	1 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	4 80
Osteyee Bros.	5 00
Peirson Hardware Co.	4 07
Pittsfield Gas Co.	459 33
Pomeroy, T. L.	25 00
Pittsfield Rod and Gun club	7 50
Russell, S. N. & C. Co.	15 30
St. James, J. J.	6 90

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Viner, V.	98 75
Warren Chemical & Mfg. Co.	144 23
Wright & Balzer	2 00
Young, S. L.	10 50
Total expenditure	$5,994 09
Balance unexpended	5 91
	$6,000 00

Appropriation, $6,000 00.

Item No. 18.—SEWER AND WATER CONNECTIONS.

Pay rolls	$2,183 96
Bidwell, G. A.	6 44
B. & A. R. R. Co.	3 38
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co.	9 00
Dodge & Devanny	6 60
Eagle Pub. Co.	2 00
Glauber Brass Mfg. Co.	249 17
Harding, J. C.	6 67
Howard & Morrow	24 75
Kirchner, J. W.	601 72
Mahanna, William	18 00
Millar, Charles & Son Co.	32 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	8 22
O'Connell, J. P.	14 14
Pittsfield Gas Co.	5 50
Robbins, Gamwell Co.	425 89
Viner, V.	149 75
Walworth Mfg. Co.	246 74
Total expenditure	$3,993 87
Balance unexpended	6 13
	$4,000 00

Appropriation	$2,000 00	
Transfer	2,000 00	
		$4,000 00

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Item No. 19.—WATER WORKS MAINTENANCE.

Pay rolls	$3,556 13
Boynton & Plummer	11 20
Backus, W. G. Sons	1 90
Butler Lumber Co.	6 25
Cummings, P.	98 32
Cummings, L. B., Clerk	26 39
Chapel, A. M.	7 06
Chapman, R. A.	128 49
Engineering News Pub. Co.	5 00
Enright, J. H. & J. J.	22 50
Gourley, S. A.	782 50
Guilds, F. G.	26 32
Glentz Wood Working Co.	5 15
Howard & Morrow	27 98
Jones, E. D. Sons' Co.	20 48
Kirchner, J. W.	19 44
Kemp, C. M. Mfg. Co.	1 05
Mills, A. A. Co.	11 40
Martin, Thomas	1,050 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	31 42
National Meter Co.	212 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	1 40
Peirson Hardware Co.	147 47
Pittsfield Gas Co.	1 50
Root, O. Sons	3 95
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.	20 03
Sun Printing Co.	49 00
Union Meter Co.	14 00
Viner, V.	271 00
White, F. M.	13 50
Warren Foundry & Mach. Co.	266 74
Washington, Town of	60 50
Waterproof Paint Co.	12 00
Total expenditure	$6,991 82
Balance unexpended	8 18
	$7,000 00

Appropriation, $7,000 00.

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Item No. 20.—WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

Pay rolls	$1,916 38
B. & A. R. R. Co.	9 12
Builders Iron Foundry	210 26
Backus, W. G. Sons	1 60
Claghorn, R. B.	1 80
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co.	400 00
Cahill & Smith	4 83
Cummings, L. B., Clerk	5 69
Cummings, P.	26 00
Eagle Pub. Co.	13 75
Enright, J. H. & J. J.	14 75
Guilds, F. G.	65 32
Gibbons, M. J.	11 21
Glentz & Cheney	2 70
Harding, J. C.	36 09
Jewell Storage Battery Co.	20 04
Kirchner, J. W.	13 93
Martin, Thomas	150 00
Norwood Eng. Co.	13 32
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	10 42
Peirson Hardware Co.	34 64
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.	415 25
Smith, The A. P. Co.	23 00
Sun Printing Co.	4 50
Troy Public Works Co.	60 74
Viner, V.	165 25
Walworth Mfg. Co.	87 60
Warren Foundry & Mach Co.	1,631 80
Wood, R. D. Co.	380 50
White, F. M.	7 50
Total expenditure	$5,737 99
Balance unexpended	1,262 01
	$7,000 00

Appropriation	$6,246 27	
Bal. of loan	753 73	
		$7,000 00

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Item No. 21.—ASHLEY DAM.

Pay rolls		$1,557 30
B. & A. R. R. Co.		547 10
Brucker, J. J.		3 82
Cummings, P.		9 00
Dwyer Bros.		287 50
Davis, Jas. A. & Co.		1,321 98
Eagle Pub. Co.		2 50
Ellsworth, E. A.		133 14
Fobes, A. A.		364 83
Ferry, C. S. & Son		168 75
Flyntt, W. N. Granite Co.		767 46
Flyntt, The A. A. Co.		1,800 41
Gibbons, M. J.		19 65
Guilds, F. G.		4 50
Glentz & Cheney		17 26
Hammond Bros.		256 00
Hickey & Farrell		1 75
Howard & Morrow		157 92
Hume, E. B.		17 26
Jones, E. D. Sons Co.		124 48
James & Marra		183 20
Kearney, Thos.		16,738 21
Mills, A. A. Co.		3 38
Macken Bros.		186 37
Murray, Geo.		12 62
Nourse & Spooner		31 30
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.		6 15
Noble & Morton		770 24
Powers, J. J.		6 90
Pomeroy, A. B.		6 00
Peirson Hardware Co.		62 98
Pittsfield Gas Co.		12 35
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.		27 90
Root, O. Sons		15 50
Shaw, H. F.		6 25
Tanner, J. N.		560 43
Tatro, Nelson		181 00
Viner, V.		365 50
Western Union Tel Co.		1 22
Wendell, The		8 70
Total expenditure		$26,748 81
Bal. of loan from 1901	$5,301 27	
Loans, 1902	20 000 00	
Overdraft to 1903 account	1,447 54	
	$26,748 81	

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Item No. 22.—NEW SEWERS.

Pay rolls	$7,387 57
Arnold, L. A.	5 50
Belden & Co.	10 23
Biladeau, J. F.	293 71
Butler Lumber Co.	162 03
Barnes, C. E.	95 07
Bidwell, G. A.	11 49
B. & A. R. R. Co.	108 46
Blatchford, G.	7 55
Backus, W. G. Sons	13 03
Berkshire Electric Co.	44 40
Berkshire Mill Supply Co.	2 13
Cummings, P.	30 43
Chadwick—Boston Lead Co.	42 02
Cummings, L. B., clerk	6 42
Coffin Valve Co.	245 88
Chapel, A. M.	1 00
Carpenter, W. W.	1 25
Davis, Philip W.	18 45
Dodge, James C.	18 40
Eagle Pub. Co.	10 00
Enright, J. H. & J. J.	13 50
Fobes, A. A.	68 14
Fallon, James	45 00
Ferry C. S. & Son	347 02
Gibbons, M. J.	106 63
Guilds, F. G.	60 72
Gale Lumber Co.	12 64
Glentz & Cheney	31 08
Gaylord, M. P.	143 37
Harding, J. C.	472 94
Hall, W. H. & Co.	24 00
Hardware Supply Co.	5 65
Hickey & Farrell	879 83
Howard & Morrow,	96 68
Hume, E. B.	50 18
Jones, E. D. Sons Co.	2 01
Kennedy, E. H., City Treasurer	46 03
Kirchner, J. W.	972 38
Mills, A. A. Co.	5 93
Millar, Charles & Son Co.	32 61
Mahanna, William	205 20
Moore Foundry Works	151 21

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Newell & Snowling Construction Co.		682 13
N. E. Tel. and Tel Co.		68 76
Nilan, Kerigan & Co.		17 15
O'Donnell, P. T.		80 00
Prindiville, J. J.		9,899 53
Parker, John		17 75
Pittsfield Electric Co.		241 63
Pittsfield Journal Co.		9 75
Peirson Hardware Co.		114 82
Prout, C. H.		2 00
Postal Tel. and Cable Co.		1 48
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.		199 41
Root, O. Sons		11 00
Stilwell-Bierce & Smith-Vaile Co.		9,419 00
Sturtevant, B. F. Co.		166 50
Tanner, J. N.		206 67
Troy Public Works Co.		12,160 75
United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co.		749 93
VanValkenburgh, J. J.		1,234 60
Viner, V.		227 50
West, G. & Son		45 00
Yon Bros.		8 00
Total expenditure		$47,851 13
Loans of 1902	$60,000 00	
Overdraft, 1901	10,021 45	
Net authority	$49,978 55	
Balance unexpended, to 1903 account Cr.		$2,127 42
		$49,978 55

Item No. 23.—STREET PAVING, PRELIMINARY WORK.

Gibbons, M. J.	23 33
Fobes, A. A.	88 29
Harding	32 19
Tanner, J. N.	8 04
Pay rolls	50 75
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	1 46
Crosby, John C.	40 00
	$244 00

Appropriation or loan anticipated, Dr. Bal. $244 carried to 1903 account.

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Item No. 24 EXCISE TAX.

Pay rolls	$380 13
Expended under Highway appropriation	707 56
	$1,087 69
Cr. Bal. to 1903 account	399 93
	$1,487 62

Excise tax of 1902, $1,487 62.

Item No. 25.—GRADING NEAR PONTOOSUC LAKE OUTLET.

Pay rolls	94 30
Biladeau, J. F.	43 52
Pittsfield Rod and Gun Club	6 10
Viner, V.	3 00
Total expenditure	$146 92
Balance unexpended	53 08
	$200 00

Transferred appropriation, $200 00.

Item No. 26.—LINDEN STREET GUTTERS.

Pay rolls	$177 63
Fobes, A. A.	2 40
Harding, J. C.	3 20
Guilds, F. G.	5 20
Biladeau, J. F.	16 00
Total expenditure	204 43
Balance unexpended	20 57
	$225 00

Transferred appropriation, $225 00.

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Item No. 27.—REPAIRING ROAD ROLLER.

Pay rolls	$15 00
B. & A. R. R. Co.	26 84
Harrisburg Foundry & Mach. Works	525 00
Stanley Electric Mfg. Co.	4 00
Lawton, M. P. & Son	7 15
Total expenditure	$577 99
Balance unexpended	22 01
	$600 00

Transferred appropriation, $600 00.

Item No. 28.—WIDENING UPPER NORTH STREET.

Pay rolls	310 13
Fobes, A. A.	9 26
Harding	9 17
Fuller, C. W., Sheriff	11 90
Viner, V.	28 00
B. & A. R. R. Co.	9 30
Biladeau, J. F.	8 00
Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.	13 90
Flyntt, W. N. Granite Co.	16 91
Howard & Morrow	4 65
Guilds, F. G.	2 76
Total expenditure	420 98
Balance unexpended	4 02
	$425 00

Transferred appropriation, $425 00.

Item No. 29.—ALMSHOUSE.

Pay rolls	$2,678 99
Allison Bros.	$54 72
Berksire Brewing Association	3 00
Berkshire Hardware Co.	9 77
Bradley Bros.	79 13
Boston Branch	39 85
Backman, E. W.	54 00
Burns, P. W.	114 61

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Brooks, F. A.	38 43
Beauchaine, Simeon	64 37
Curtin, P. P.	39 16
Cummings, W. L.	55 70
Cheevers, James	28 60
Currier, W. H. & Co.	15 52
Dutton, F. W.	31 28
Drennan, M.	29 46
Eagle Pub. Co.	2 50
Engstrom, E. O.	33 60
Enright, J. H. & J. J.	48 40
England Bros.	38 71
Futmann, E. G.	8 85
Fahey's Pharmacy	8 50
Feeley, J. R.	33 00
Griffen, W. P.	121 95
Griggs, C. E.	22 75
Hesse, Chr.	49 04
Hovey, H. A.	75 65
Howard & Morrow	114 42
Hand, F. A.	21 76
Hull, F. A.	16 50
Hardware Supply Co.	8 81
House of Mercy Hospital	35 00
Hart, Fred D.	66 25
Hydren, Carl	2 60
Hickey & Farrell	89 41
Henry, W. K.	13 65
Healey, T. J.	34 00
Jordan, Freeman	266 64
Kennedy & MacInnes	94 29
Kirchner, J. W.	130 28
Kennedy, E. H., City Treas., coal	1,025 91
Kipp, Fred	8 50
Kells Market	11 67
Lyons, E. G.	65 64
Lawton, M. P. & Son	266 76
Lowe, P. A.	38 05
Linnehan, J. M. & Co.	40 13
Mills & Lawless	72 80
Melville Pharmacy Co.	2 80
Macken Bros.	58 15
McCormick & Joyce	52 40
Markstein & Rosenthal	62 17
Mills, A. A. Co.	31 26

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Morrell, A. M.	115 50
Monahan, T. P.	38 00
Morrow, John	63 04
Murphy, J. J.	58 25
McMahon Bros.	238 70
MacDonald, J. E.	9 75
Nickerson, J. C.	28 85
Nagleschmidt, J.	39 59
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	51 76
Nilan, Kerrigan & Co.	119 50
Newton & Jones	40 00
O'Connell, John	65 74
O'Connor, D.	49 90
O'Brien, E. T.	50 78
Peirson Hardware Co.	17 46
Parker, A. N.	71 33
Pittsfield Cemetery Association	8 00
Polly, C. & Co.	32 22
Pittsfield Carriage Co.	4 50
Rockwell, R. A.	32 63
Renfrew, R. W. & Son	79 00
Russell, J. L.	3 00
Robinson, S. E.	53 46
Root, O. Sons	18 35
Robbins, Gamwell Co.	147 01
Smith, Geo. A.	30 00
Smith, J. H.	33 73
Smith, Walter	18 00
Shaw, William, Supt.	99 85
St. Joseph's Cemetery Association	8 00
Sanitas, The Co.	22 00
Stapleton, R.	11 55
Taconic Farm	9 28
Thomas, H. S.	39 14
Vogel, Max	13 15
Van Deusen, J. F.	10 35
Wilkins, E. E. & Co.	34 19
Willard, R. E. & Son	29 05
Waite, C. H.	15 85
Wollison, H. S.	27 66

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Wood, F. P.	91 14
Williams Hardware Co.	4 60
Total expenditure	$8,343 25
Balance unexpended,	$156 75
	$8,500 00

Appropriation,	$7,500 00
Transfer	1,000 00
	$8,500 00

Item No.. 30.—ARMORY MAINTENANCE.

Cooper, Geo. H.	$11 26
Gamwell, C. C.	7 75
Norwood, The	15 00
Pittsfield Electric Co.	78 37
Pittsfield Rod & Gun Club	100 00
Sloper, C. W.	500 04
Tracy, W. W.	100 00
Veteran Battery Assoc.	13 00
Total expenditure	$825 42
Balance unexpended	24 58
	$850 00

Appropriation, $850 00.

Item No. 31.—BAND CONCERTS.

Pittsfield City Band	$200 00
St. Joseph's band	200 00
	$400 00

Appropriation, $400 00.

Item No. 32.—BOOKS, STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

Blatchford, G.	98 30
Buck, T. S.	1 40
Berkshire Band & Buckle Co.	3 50
Bell Printing Co.	45
Carters Ink Co.	2 20

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Day, E. W.	31 00
Eagle Pub. Co.	348 98
Eaton-Hurlbut Paper Co.	1 00
Gorman & Daly Co.	97 25
Henry & Blain	1 75
Kelly, John C.	5 20
Kennedy, E. H.	21 20
Lewis, J. W., Clerk	12 50
Library Bureau	1 50
Merrill, C. E..	1 50
Morgan, Crossman & Co.	22 20
Pittsfield Journal Co.	1,273 16
Starbuck, R. M.	11 75
Synan, J. W., Coll.	344 20
Sun Printing Co.	512 75
Webster, F. S. Co.	8 00
Total expenditure	$2,799 79
Balance unexpended	21
	$2,800 00

Appropriation, $2,800 00.

Item No. 33.—BERKSHIRE ATHENAEUM.

Trustees of Berkshire Athenaeum	$7,500 00

Appropriation, $7,500 00.

Item No. 34.—CITY OFFICERS' SALARIES.

John Nicholson, Chief of Police		$1,500 00
D. A. Curtin, City Auditor		1,300 00
J. W. Lewis, City Clerk	$1,191 67	
Ernest Johnson, City Clerk	108 33	
		1,300 00
Jas. W. Synan, Collector	$1,191 67	
Jas. H. Francis, Collector	108 33	
		1,300 00
Daniel England, Mayor		1,000 00
John C. Crosby, City Solicitor		1,000 00
E. J. Cowell, Inspector	$83 33	
C. E. Merrill, Inspector	916 67	
		1,000 00
W. F. Francis, Chief Fire Dept.		1,066 67

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Geo. H. Frey, Assist. Chief, Fire Dept.		200 00
Cummings, L. B., Clerk Board of P. W.		1,000 00
Kennedy, E. H., Treasurer		850 00
J. M. Fitzgerald, Almoner		800 00
J. L. Bacon, Board of Public Works		800 00
G. W. Bailey, Board of Public Works		800 00
F. A. Smith, Board of Public Works		800 00
W. M. Clark, Board of Assessors		700 00
F. J. McMahon, Board of Assessors		500 00
S. S. Levy, Board of Assessors		500 00
G. N. Kinnell, Inspector animals, etc		500 00
Mercer, W. M., City Physician		500 00
W. P. Griffen, License Commissioner	$104 17	
David Rosenhein, License Comm'r	145 83	
		250 00
E. H. Cullen, License Comm'r	191 63	
F. H. Printiss	8 37	
		200 00
J. L. Russell, License Comm'r		200 00
J. J. Nelligan, Board of Health		200 00
J. J. Flynn, Board of Health		200 00
J. A. Langlois Board of Health		200 00
1. J. Barnfather, Clerk Common Council		200 00
Kirk, Robert, Overseer of Poor		100 00
William Nugent, Overseer of Poor		100 00
Frederick Tuggey, Overseer of Poor		100 00
J. W. Lewis, Clerk Board of Health		25 00
Frank A. Shaw, Inspector plumbing		11 00
Wm. J. Cahill, Inspector plumbing		209 00
James Kittle, Board of Registrars		126 25
A. E. Malcolm, Board of Registrars		126 25
Edward Cain, Board of Registrars		127 50
F. H. Printiss, Board of Registrars		96 25
W. M. Delevan, Board of Registrars Acting		5 00
Robert Kelly, Assistant Assessor		63 25
W. M. Delevan, Assistant Assesssor		151 00
O'Brien, Geo. T., Assistant Assessor		63 25
R. H. Barrett, Assistant Assessor		39 87
Jas. Clary, Assistant Assessor		63 25
P. J. Cain, Assistant Assessor		63 25
Jas. H. Francis, Assistant Assessor		38 50
Total expenditure		$20,375 29
Balance unexpended		124 71
		$20,500 00

Appropriation, $20,500 00.

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Item No. 35.—CLERK OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

L. B. Cummings	$100 00

Appropriation, $100 00.

Item No. 36.—CLERICAL ASSISTANCE, TAX COLLECTOR.

James W. Synan	$500 00

Appropriation, $500 00.

Item No. 37.—CLERICAL ASSISTANCE, ASSESSORS.

Barrett, R. H.	$117 50
Crowley, Rose L.	3 33
Delavan, W. M.	263 00
Francis, J. H.	96 25
Gourley, Charlotte M.	51 25
O'Brien, Geo. T.	70 00
Total expenditure	$601 33
Balance unexpended	67
	$602 00

Appropriation,	$500 00
Transfer	102 00
	$602 00

Item No. 38.—DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

James W. Synan, Collector	$7,572 42
Balance unexpended	2 58
	$7,575 00

Appropriation,	$7,500 00
Transfer	75 00
	$7,575 00

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Item No. 39.—WATER WORKS DEBT.

City Treas., Coupon bonds, May 15	10,000 00
" Sept. 1	$5,000 00
Water note No. 195	3,000 00
Water note No. 240	1,000 00
	$19,000 00

Appropriation, $19,000 00.

Item No. 40.—NEW SEWER DEBT.

City Treas., 9 Coupon bonds, June 1	9,000 00
1 Registered bond, June 1	1,000 00
	$10,000 00

Appropriation, $10,000 00.

Item No. 41.—SCHOOL DEBT.

City Treas., Registered bonds, May 15	$10,000 00
Coupon bonds, Aug. 15	6,000 00
	$16,000 00

Appropriation, $16,000 00.

Item No. 42.—INTEREST ON WATER DEBT.

City Treasurer	$9,951 49
Unexpended balance	1,048 51
	$11,000 00

Appropriation, $11,000.

Item No. 43.—INTEREST ON SEWER DEBT.

City Treasurer	$11,954 36
Balance unexpended	3,045 64
	$15,000 00

Appropriation, $15,000 00.

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Item No. 44.—INTEREST ON CITY DEBT.

City Treasurer, (School and tax loans)	$14,809 53
Balance unexpended	190 47
	$15,000 00

Appropriation, $15,000 00.

Item No. 45.—ELECTION EXPENSES.

Election Officers' pay roll	$725 00
Bastion, J. J.	31 50
Backman, E. W.	53 75
Burns, J. M.	30 00
Bagg, A. H., Agt.	60 00
Crowley, Rose L.	80 50
Casey & Bacon	57 00
Curtin, P. P.	54 00
Carpenter, W. W.	5 40
Cullen & Co.	13 30
Eagle Pub. Co.	35 63
Eureka Electric Co.	27 42
Fahey, Hugh	37 00
Fahey, John J.	7 50
Glentz Wood Working Co.	80 51
Gamwell, C. C.	67 05
Lewis, J. W., Clerk	66 23
Lebanon Dairy Lunch	40 20
Nilan, Elizabeth	49 01
O'Brien, William H.	20 00
O'Brien, Geo. T.	4 00
Pittsfield Electric Co.	4 45
Pittsfield Journal Co.	107 25
Plumb & Clark	4 50
Quirk, J. J.	30 50
Quinn, J. A.	30 50
Russell, J. L.	14 50
Sun Printing Co.	142 75
Wendell, The	80 00
West, C. E.	34 00
Wright, C. W.	30 55
Total expenditure	$2,000 00

Appropriation, $2,000 00.

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Item No. 46.—FIRE DEPARTMENT, CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

CENTRAL STATION:—

Foote & Jones, repairing boiler	$20 95	
Berkshire Lumber Co.	31 25	
Harrington Bros.	195 00	
		$246 95

HORSES:—

Berkshire Lumber Co.		85 00

NEW APPARATUS AND REPAIRS ON APPARATUS:—

Pittsfield Carriage Co.	79 94	
H. VanValkenburgh	18 50	
W. D. B. Mead	60 00	
A. F. & S .C. Stewart	44 00	
		202 44

FIRE ALARM:—

Pittsfield Electric Co.	61 25	
American Steel & Wire Co.	30 00	
Western Electric Co.	13 60	
Cullen & Co.	2 92	
American Electrical Works	5 56	
Eureka Electric Co.	10 71	
		124 04

HORSE SHOEING:—

Deeley & O'Keefe	69 00	
J. E. MacDonald	46 50	
D. D. Grant	63 30	
Bushway & O'Connor	38 50	
John Hayden	4 50	
		221 80

OATS:—

R. W. Renfrew & Son	141 62	
W. P. Griffen	476 03	
Mills & Lawless	43 50	
M. T. Huntington	86 55	
		799 45

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HAY AND BEDDING:—

R. W. Renfrew & Son	16 09	
W. P. Griffen	120 11	
Mills & Lawless & B. F. Mills	42 04	
A. Spaniole	663 68	
Jos. Teot	18 36	
E. M. Weller	17 64	
Jas. Cheevers	9 35	
		887 27

FUEL:—

M. P. Lawton & Son	296 07	
Kennedy, E. H., City Treasurer, coal	34 05	
do do	355 26	
		685 38

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND GAS:—

Pittsfield Electric Co.	187 12	
Pittsfield Gas Co.	326 21	
Berkshire Mill Supply Co., kerosene	52 52	
		565 85

TELEPHONES:—

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.		95 02

LAUNDRY:—

Troy Laundry	38 82	
Berkshire Steam Laundry	44 69	
Bay State Steam Laundry	19 43	
		102 94

GENERAL EXPENSE:—

Peirson Hardware Co.	144 47	
Hardware Supply Co.	28 98	
Pittsfield Gas Co.	37 40	
F. W. Dutton	20 03	
Gerst & Smith	121 51	
R. Stapleton	3 50	
C. G. Braxmar	4 00	
C. H. Waite	5 45	
Glentz & Cheney	31 40	
Butler Lumber Co.	85 18	
C. Callahan Co.	8 40	

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S. E. Hayward Co.	6 25
Howard & Morrow	15 35
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.	68 52
Casey & Bacon	51 98
W. G. Backus' Sons	10 12
E. D. Jones' Sons Co.	1 48
Pittsfield News Co.	10 00
G. Blatchford	7 65
F. J. Burlingham	2 00
Sun Printing Co.	4 00
W. D. B. Mead	7 00
T. N. Enright	2 00
O. Root & Sons	75 50
J. H. & J. J. Enright	11 20
Meyers & Betters	4 50
Hartford Steam Boiler Ins. & Insp. Co.	100 00
Henry & Blain	12 51
Eagle Pub. Co.	4 60
J. W. Kirchner	17 50
England Bros.	15 74
G. N. Kinnell	40 50
F. K. Chaffee	80 00
R. E. Willard & Son	51 50
Reid & Barnfather	2 75
R. A. Rockwell	16 75
V. Viner	40 00
A. A. Mills Co.	27 78
Emergent account	80 65
P. M. Frank Disinfecting Co.	30 00
The Sanitas Co.	8 50
Williams Hardware Co.	1 60
Belden & Co.	2 12
Fahey's Pharmacy	1 85
W. E. Decrow	4 40
E. E. Cleveland	2 64
R. A. Chapman	9 20
E. B. Hume	14 51
J. H. Wright	9 60
Morewood Lake Ice Co.	3 40
Hardy Lamp Co.	3 36
American Fire Engine Co.	3 00
John Corkhill	6 00
H. S .Taylor & Son	15 00

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Kennedy & MacInnes	40 90	
J. E. Mattis, rent of barn	24 00	
		1,435 23
Total expenditure		$5,442 37
Balance unexpended		7 63
		$5,450 00

Appropriation,	$5,000 00
From sale of hose,	100 00
From wages account,	350 00
	$5,450 00

Item No. 47.—FIRE DEPARTMENT, WAGES.

Geo. H. Frey	$720 00
W. J. Lloyd	720 00
W. C. Shepard	720 00
B. Cummings	720 00
E. F. Payne	632 50
J. E. Mattis	468 60
W. E. Dunn	632 50
J. N. Shepardson	640 00
J. H. Condron	600 00
R. J. Steele	341 65
M. Marshall	640 00
M. J. Kelly	680 00
D. MacDonald	73 16
C. L. Johnson	150 00
J. W. Reagan	150 00
W. S. Barrows	120 00
W. Croughwell	120 00
Edw. Atkinson	85 00
W. C. Shepard	5 00
Pay rolls	3,423 26
Total expenditure	$11,641 67
Balance unexpended	8 33
	$11,650 00

Appropriation,	$12,000 00
To contingent,	350 00
	$11,650 00

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Item No. 48.—INDEXING RECORDS, CITY CLERK.

Rose L. Crowley	$294 00
Balance unexpended	6 00
	$300 00

Appropriation, $300 00.

Item No. 49.—MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

BIRTH RETURNS:—

Dr. I. S. F. Dodd	$ 4 75
Dr. A. B. Withington	3 00
Drs. W. J. and W. M. Mercer	32 00
Dr. D. Leavitt	7 25
Dr. F. A. Roberts	14 50
Dr. J. A. Langlois	16 50
Dr. L. C. Swift	3 50
Dr. O. S. Roberts	5 25
Dr. J. B. Thomes	3 25
Dr. W. H. Wentworth	25
Dr. S. C. Burton	25
Dr. F. S. Downing	25
Dr. E. S. Pixley	75
Dr. H. F. Quinlan	25
Dr. S. K. Frost	25
Dr. H. Colt	2 25
Dr. E. H. Howard	1 00
Dr. W. W. Schofield	1 00
Dr. W. P. Kelly	1 25
Dr. W. A. Millett	9 50

DEATH RETURNS:—

P. H. O'Brien	3 25
John R. Feeley	13 00
Newton & Jones	12 25
C. C. Bartlett	1 25
G. N. Hopkins	10 00
Wellington & Crosier	25 75
J. W. Meehan	26 50

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ORDINARY EXPENSES:—

Adam, W. L.	24 62
Biety, W. F.	47 50
Burgess, Eli	22 30
Barnes & Farnham	11 77
Backman, E. W.	75 00
Bidwell, G. A.	5 20
Burbank, C. H.	24 00
Berkshire Loan & Trust Co.	66 66
Bridges & Co.	41 85
Blatchford, G.	61 05
Barber, G. R.	6 00
Berkshire, County of	156 00
Backus, W. G. Sons	17 29
Crowley, Rose L.	92 75
Curtin, Catherine A.	31 50
Currier, W. H. & Co.	31 15
Cahill, W. J.	2 70
Crosby, John C.	23 35
Cooper, Geo. H.	50
Coleman, W. L.	9 50
Curtin, P. P.	21 62
Cleveland, E. E.	2 45
Clarey, James	4 00
Crosier, Mary A., Admx.	2,360 00
Drennan, M.	54 56
Downs, W. E.	63 15
Downs, Jas. M.	67 50
Delavan, W. M.	203 25
Doyle, James	1 00
Donovan, Catherine	34 00
Eagle Pub. Co.	158 00
England, Daniel	65 10
England, Bros.	137 26
Eureka Electric Co.	59 49
Enright, J. H. & J. J.	2 75
Engstrom, E. O.	15 50
Emerson, H. C.	2 30
Feeley, J. R.	4 00
Featherston, John	247 30
Fobes, A. A.	331 55
Fahey, Hugh	1 25
Gourley, Charlotte M.	1 50
Giblons, M. J.	25 64

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Gorman & Daly	128 00
Herie, Ralph	425 00
Harding, J. C.	117 85
Hydren, Carl	1 00
Hickey & Farrell	11 58
Hardware Supply Co.	2 50
Hastings, C. D.	5 00
Johnson, Seldon	80 50
Johnson, Ernest	25 09
Johnson, T. A.	35 00
Jones, E. D. Sons Co.	3 00
Kelly, Robert	13 00
Kirchner, J. W.	1 25
Killian, Mrs. P.	57 00
Lester & Sitcer	40 00
Lowe, P. A.	6 50
Langlois, J. A.	14 30
Little, Brown & Co.	13 50
Russell, J. L.	12 00
Lawton, M. P. & Son	15 58
Lewis, J. W., Clerk	231 42
Mills, A. A. Co.	25 42
Mulford, H. K. Co.	18 10
Moore, P. J., Atty. for J. Larkin	15 00
Moore, P. J., Atty. for Emma Maloney	110 00
Marcel, C.	10 54
Mercer, W. M.	780 00
Merrill, C. E.	50
Miller, E. S.	5 00
Malcolm, A. E.	89 70
McClunie, J. Alex.	310 00
Melville Pharmacy Co.	50
Markstein & Rosenthal	1 70
Monroe & Smith	15 50
Murphy & Murphy	5 50
Mead, W. D. B.	40 00
Merriem & Mercure	10 85
Manning, J. H.	17 25
Macken Bros.	13 00
McQuaid, John & Co.	8 38
Morgan, Crossman & Co.	16 25
Muhlfelder, J.	3 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	70
Nilan, M. F.	210 93

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Naeher, A.	1 50
Nugent, Wm.	3 30
Nash, E. H.	3 00
Nelligan, J. J.	13 29
Nelligan, J. J., Atty. for Wm. Gregory	150 00
O'Brien, Geo. T.	4 00
Peirson Hardware Co.	1 59
Prout, C. H.	4 00
Printiss, F. H.	219 25
Pittsfield Journal Co.	204 75
Pittsfield News Co.	8 00
Quinn, J. A.	23 50
Quirk, J. J.	1 50
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.	3 17
Russell, J. L.	9 50
Rosenthal, H.	7 00
Roy Bros.	20 96
Russell, H. S.	9 30
Synan, J. W.	269 00
Synan, J. W., Coll.	303 72
Sullivan, J. M.	8 00
Stewart, William	50 00
Sears, J. H.	17 50
Sun Printing Co.	123 50
Shepardson, D., Collector, (Hancock)	5 76
Shannon, J. J. & Co.	6 50
Sutty, John	90
St. Joseph's Band	50 00
Talbot, C. H.	5 00
Tanner, J. N.	26 18
Viner, V.	48 75
Veteran Battery Association	22 00
White, John	32 00
Wilcox, W. E.	21 80
Waite, C. H.	62 50
Wellington, H. B., Atty.	105 00
Wellington & Crosier	7 50
Walsh, Geo. H.	2 00
Western Union Tel. Co.	4 31
Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict	17 50
Total expenditure	$9,735 85
Balance unexpended	14 15
	$9,750 00

Total appropriation, $9,750 00.

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Item No. 50.—MEMORIAL DAY.

C. W. Sloper, Chairman of Committee	$300 00

Appropriation, $300 00.

Item No. 51.—OUTSIDE POOR.

Rents	$914 75
Board	834 90
Cash	172 50
Groceries	2,959 67
Fuel	1,889 13
Clothings and shoes	56 19
Medicine	662 85
Burials	223 00
Teams	166 00
Other cities and towns	547 24
Stamps, stationery and printing	41 50
Transportation of paupers	95 09
House of Mercy Hospital	110 00
Sisters of Providence	196 85
Mass. Hospital for Dipsomaniacs	120 71
State of Mass.	123 22
Sisters of the Good Shepherd	139 00
Hospital Cottages for Children	126 74
Mass. Hospital for Epileptics	344 62
Medfield Insane Hospital	327 60
Worcester Insane Hospital	338 92
Danvers Insane Hospital	169 47
Westborough Insane Asylum	253 49
Northampton Insane Hospital	2,983 88
Mileage books	100 00
Miscellaneous expenses	81 13
Total expenditure	$13,978 45
Balance unexpended	21 55
	$14,000 00

Appropriation,	$12,500 00	
Transfer,	1,500 00	
	$14,000 00	

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Item No. 52.—POLICE DEPARTMENT, CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Alexander, L. G.	$ 2 65
Burns, J. M.	11 00
Blatchford, G.	10 65
Barber, G. R.	141 50
Butler Lumber Co.	12 99
Bridges & Co.	93 50
Bristol, Mary A.	2 50
Backman, E. W.	329 75
Backus, W. G. Sons	1 50
Bruey, A. J.	10 00
Bay State Steam Laundry	26 47
Brown, F. H.	15 13
Barnes & Farnham	7 95
Currier, W. H. & Co.	4 50
Cooper, Geo. H.	20 31
Carpenter, W. W.	1 35
Cahill & Smith	1 28
Coleman, W. L.	5 00
Durkee, J. M.	4 50
Eureka Electric Co.	35 34
Eagle Pub. Co.	5 50
England Bros.	11 50
Frank, P. M. Disinfecting Co.	30 00
Goodrow & Turner	5 00
Guilds, F. G.	7 35
Howard, E. H.	5 00
Hume, E. B.	1 65
Howard & Morrow	7 50
Healey, L. P.	3 50
Hardware Supply Co.	1 00
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	21 00
Kells, H. C.	1 50
Kennedy, E. H., City Treasurer, coal	181 13
Kilbourne, H. L.	2 25
Langdon, P. C.	3 72
Lawton M. P. & Son	17 85
McQuaid, John & Co.	7 20
Morewood Lake Ice Co.	8 01
Mills, A. A. Co.	42 20
Murray, William H.	2 50
Nicholson, John, Chief, emergent bills	138 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	86 97
Pittsfield Electric Co.	149 11

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Postal Tel. Cable Co.	5 59
Pittsfield News Co.	23 00
Pratt, D. J. & Son	3 00
Prince & Walker	10 00
Peirson Hardware Co.	7 60
Pittsfield Coal Gas Co.	107 05
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.	6 88
Rockwell, R. A.	1 80
Russell, J. L.	91 00
Sullivan, J. M.	32 00
Sanitas, The Co.	3 50
Synan, J. W., Collector	25 00
Sun Printing Co.	6 00
Tausick, E. B.	5 00
Tanner, Hamilton & Co.	3 75
Viner, V.	15 50
Western Union Tel. Co.	2 45
Watkins, C. B.	476 20
Wright, C. W.	36 00
Total expenditure	$2,339 13
Balance unexpended	60 87
	$2,400 00

Appropriation, $2,400 00.

Item No. 53.—POLICE DEPARTMENT, WAGES.

William G. White, Captain	$1,009 26
Chas. W. Thompson	917 50
Dennis Hogan	917 50
James F. Dean	918 75
William Tobin	861 25
Daniel P. Flynn	917 50
William H. Marshall	892 50
W. W. Van deBogart	915 00
Henchel A. Stubbs	916 25
Louis O. Bastion	916 25
Geo. E. Chapman	913 75
Michael Fahey	917 50
Peter Lamore	917 50
David J. Mangan	917 50
James S. Creelan	915 00

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David Garvin	902 50
William J. Keegan	262 50
John Hines	25 00
Sarah M. Dean, Matron	80 00
Total expenditure	$15,948 01
Balance unexpended	51 99
	$16,000 00

Appropriation, $16,000 00.

Item No. 54.—PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Salaries	$62,610 44
Fuel	8,160 05
Care	7,030 84
Repairs	4,005 16
Books	2,827 06
Supplies	4,038 96
Furniture	134 97
Improvements	2,167 99
Evening schools	368 60
Contingent expenses	1,755 93
Total expenditure	93,100 00

Appropriation,	$89,600 00
Transfer	3,500 00
	$93,100 00

Item No. 55.—STATE AID.

E. H. Kennedy, City Treas., Pay rolls	$3,780 00
John Campbell, burial agent	245 00
	$4,025 00

Appropriation,	$4,000 00
Transfer,	25 00
	$4,025 00

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Item No. 56.—SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

McMahon & Co.,	8 00
Lawton, M. P. & Son	19 50
Town of Williamstown	45 09
J. J. Murphy	2 40
G. West & Son	6 00
C. H. Waite	2 00
Town of Sheffield	12 00
R. E. Willard & Son	1 75
P. A. Lowe	3 40
Thos. P. Bundy	10 00
Robert Kirk, Chairman	4 01
F. A. Hull	2 50
James Eagen	1 00
Nilan, Kerrigan & Co.	2 50
J. H. Manning	1 55
E. E. Wilkins & Co.	1 05
J. H. & J. J. Enright	1 50
W. H. Currier & Co.	1 75
M. Drennan	18 50
G. W. Bailey & Co.	1 00
Town of Westfield	212 99
Pay rolls	2,485 00
Total expenditure	$2,845 99
Balance unexpended	4 01

Appropriation,	$2,700 00
Transfer,	150 00
	$2,850 00

Item No. 57.—PATROL AND AMBULANCE.

No expenditure	
Balance unexpended	$500 00

Appropriation (transfer), $500 00.

Item No. 58.—KINDERGARTEN.

H. S. Wollison	32 78
Isaac E. Wittan	55 71
E. S. Horton & Son	11 00

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Mrs. Wm. Kennedy	25 00
Teachers pay rolls	542 77
M. P. Lawton & Son	10 25
Wood Bros.	52 00
J. L. Hammett Co.	147 61
A. A. Mills Co.	1 32
H. Lindenmeyer & Sons	5 00
A. W. Baker & Co.	1 49
F. G. Guilds	2 97
Milton, Bradley Co.	1 00
Wright & Balzer	11 18
Mrs. W. L. Adam	15 62
Wm. Nugent	95
Allen, Totman Co.	4 62
W. G. Backus, Sons	50
Total expenditure	921 77
Balance unexpended	78 23
	$1,000 00

Appropriation, (transfer), $1,000 00.

Item No. 59.—EMERGENT ACCOUNTS.

Paid to departments	450 00

Returned to City Treas., $450 00.

Item No. 60.—TEMPORARY LOAN OF 1901.

City Treasurer, paid notes in 1902		$65,000 00
Outstanding Feb. 11, 1902	$65,000 00	

Item No. 61.—TEMPORARY LOAN OF 1902.

Notes issued 1902	$170,000 00	
City Treasurer, paid notes, 1902		$105,000 00
Balance outstanding		65,000 00
		$170,000 00

Item No. 62.—RENEWAL OF WATER NOTES.

City Treasurer	$38,734 71

Notes due 1902, $38,734 71.

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Item No. 63.—RENEWAL OF SEWER NOTES.

City Treasurer	$150,000 00
Notes due 1902, $150,000 00.	

Item No. 64.—REPAIRS AT ALMSHOUSE.

T. P. Monahan	$300 00
Appropriation (transfer), $300 00.	

Item No. 65.—STATE TREASURER.

Liquor licenses	$9,378 25
National Bank Tax	10,341 32
State Tax	8,025 00
Repairing State Highways	118 00
Total expenditure	$27,862 57
Credited to State, $27,862 57.	

Item No. 66.—COUNTY TREASURER.

County tax	$29,584 88
Assessors' warrant, $29,584 88.	

Item No. 67.—STREET SPRINKLING.

Clark, W. M.	$225 00
Eagle Pub. Co.	4 50
Guilds, F. G.	5,150 00
Pittsfield Journal Co.	4 50
Total expenditure	5,384 00
Balance unexpended	141 00
	$5,525 00
Appropriation, $5,525 00.	

Item No. 68.—INDEXING RECORDS, ASSESSORS.

W. M. Clark	$174 00
W. M. Delevan	176 00
	$350 00
Appropriation (transfer), $350 00.	

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Item No. 69.—THE TRANSFER ACCOUNT.

Cr.		
Original appropriation		$7,200 00
From Dalton Ave. Bridge		5,750 00
Dr.		
To Lighting streets	$60 00	
Sewer and water connections	2,000 00	
Clerical assistance, assessors	102 00	
Discount on taxes	75 00	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,650 00	
Public schools	3,500 00	
State aid	25 00	
Patrol and ambulance	500 00	
Kindergarten	1,000 00	
Repairs at almshouse	300 00	
Indexing records, assessors	350 00	
Grading near Pontoosuc lake outlet	200 00	
Linden street gutters	225 00	
Repairing road roller	600 00	
Widening upper North street	425 00	
	$12,012 00	
Unexpended balance	938 00	
	$12,950 00	$12,950 00

OTHER TRANSFERS.

From Iron bridge, Dalton Avenue	$9,000 00	
To outside poor		$1,500 00
" almshouse		1,000 00
" soldiers' relief		150 00
" miscellaneous expenses		600 00
" transfer account		5,750 00
	$9,000 00	$9,000 00
From lighting streets	$4,000 00	
To Iron Bridge, Dalton avenue		4,000 00
From Iron Bridge, Dalton avenue	2,500 00	
To lighting streets		$2,500 00

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Respectfully submitted,

D. A. CURTIN,

City Auditor.

In Common Council. Mar. 4, 1903. Accepted and placed on file; sent up for concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

In Board of Aldermen, Mar. 16, 1903. Read and accepted and placed on file in concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

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Report of Tax Collector

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REPORT

OF THE

TAX COLLECTOR.

February 2nd, 1903.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to make the following report of the work in the office of the Collector of Taxes for the year ending January 31, 1903.

WARRANTS RECEIVED FROM ASSESSORS.

TAXES OF 1897.

Balance from 1902	$167 83	
Interest collected	9 43	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$64 77
Abatements		33 50
Outstanding		78 99
	$177 26	$177 26

Total amount paid City Treasurer on 1897 account, $64.77.

TAXES OF 1898.

Balance from 1902	$823 15	
Interest collected	103 12	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$451 72
Abatements		199 14
Outstanding		284 41
	$926 27	$926 27

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SEWER APPORTIONMENT OF 1898.

Balance from 1902	$44 13	
Interest collected	7 75	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$13 00
Outstanding		38 88
	$51 88	$51 88

Total amount paid City Treasurer on 1898 account, $464 72

TAXES OF 1899.

Balance from 1902	$4,345 47	
Interest collected	635 16	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$3,842 54
Abatements		283 73
Outstanding		854 36
	$4,980 63	$4,980 63

SEWER APPORTIONMENT OF 1899.

Balance from 1902	$145 12	
Interest collected	4 86	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$32 46
Outstanding		.. 117 52
	$149 98	$149 98

Total amount paid City Treasurer on 1899 account $3,875 00

TAXES OF 1900.

Balance from 1902 Tax	$15,768 48	
Street sprinkling	394 52	
Interest collected	838 52	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$11,177 97
Abatements		690 58
Outstanding Tax		4,942 64
Street sprinkling		190 33
	$17,001 52	$17,001 52

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SEWER APPORTIONMENT OF 1900.

Balance from 1902	$465 07		
Interest collected	35 14		
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$313 92	
Outstanding		186 29	
	$500 21	$500 21	
Total amount paid City Treasurer on 1900 account,		$11,491 89	

TAXES OF 1901.

Balance from 1902, Tax	$37,663 86		
Street sprinkling	791 18		
Warrant re-assessed	47 85		
Interest collected	635 47		
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$20,403 53	
Abatements		1,606 74	
Outstanding tax		16,717 34	
Street sprinkling		410 75	
	$39,138 36	$39,138 36	

SEWER APPORTIONMENT OF 1901.

Balance from 1902	$1,053 48		
Warrant additional	3 37		
Interest collected	29 83		
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$489 69	
Outstanding		596 99	
	$1,086 68	$1,086 68	
Total amount paid City Treasurer on 1901 account		$20,893 22	

TAX OF 1902.

Poll tax	$12,150 00
Real estate tax	216,951 46
Personal estate tax	52,240 01
Resident bank tax	9,372 28
Non-resident bank tax	10,602 72
Street sprinkling	5,713 64
Re-assessed tax	1,191 28
Additional tax	1,377 40

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Re-asssessed street sprinkling	6 78	
Additional street sprinkling	2 01	
Excise tax	1,487 62	
Interest collected	55 46	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		267,614 01
Cash on hand		25 89
Abatements		3,219 15
Outstanding taxes		39,769 93
Outstanding street sprinkling		701 68
	$311,330 66	$311,330 66

SEWER APPORTIONMENT OF 1902.

Warrant	$2,092 64	
Warrant additional	15 85	
Interest collected	3 99	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, Cty Treasurer		$960 26
Abatements		19 60
Outstanding		1,132 62
	$2,112 48	$2,112 48

Total amount paid City Treasurer on 1902 account $268,574 27

WARRANTS RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

SCHEDULE WATER RATES.

Warrant balance from 1902	$2,169 30	
Warrant added	19 73	
May warrant	21,236 67	
May warrant	514 40	
November warrant	21,041 76	
November warrant added	263 77	
Fines	8 50	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$32,218 51
Cash on hand		35 78
Discounts		7,578 50
Abatements		3,386 24
Outstanding		2,035 10
	$45,254 13	$45,254 13

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METERED WATER.

Balance from 1902	$131 29	
New warrants (4)	25,362 14	
Added warrants	42 45	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$20,319 63
Abatements		43 10
Discounts		5,041 53
Outstanding		131 62
	$25,535 88	$25,535 88

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Balance from 1902	$306 68	
New warrant	1,466 88	
Interest collected	23 37	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$1,425 00
Outstanding		371 93
	$1,796 93	$1,796 93

SIDEWALK REPAIR.

New warrant	$31 70	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		31 70

SEWER ASSESSMENT.

Balance from 1902	$1,040 24	
New warrant	2,312 71	
Sewer charge	25 00	
App. collected in advance	788 34	
Interest collected	173 30	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$2,571 05
Abatements		22 28
Apportioned in new warrant		700 65
Outstanding		1,045 61
	$4,339 59	$4,339 59

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WATER WORKS MAINTENANCE AND SEWER CONNECTIONS.

Balance from 1902	$9 98	
New warrant	4,171 77	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		4,171 77
Abatements		9 98
	$4,181 75	$4,181 75

INTEREST ON WATER EXTENSION.

Balance from 1902	1,326 95	
New warrant	1,035 71	
Paid E. H. Kennedy, City Treasurer		$428 24
Abatements		22 00
Outstanding		1,912 42
	$2,362 66	$2,362 66

HIGHWAYS.

Balance from 1902	$435 14	
New warrant	1,523 54	
Paid E. H .Kennedy, City Treasurer		$356 17
Abatements		3 60
Outstanding		1,598 91
	$1,958 68	$1,958 68

Note:—On Nov. 20, 1902, the property assessed to John Downs and wife for the years 1899-1900 and 1901, and located on Francis Avenue, Circular Avenue, and Robbins Avenue, and also property on the corner of John Street, and West Union Street, with buildings thereon, was sold for non-payment of taxes for the years given above.

On the advice of the City Solicitor, I purchased for the City the above property, for the amount of taxes due, with interests, and all incidental charges and costs added.

A deed of the property is in my possession.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. SYNAN,

Collector of Taxes.

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In Board of Aldermen, April 6, 1903. Accepted and placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, April 8, 1903. Accepted and placed on file in concurrence.

EBER B. REICHARD, *Clerk.*

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Report of Overseers of the Poor

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REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—We herewith submit the following annual report of the transactions of this board for the fiscal year ending January 3, 1903:—

Many of the features of the year's business have been most encouraging. There has not been for some years any great increase of aid granted to the poor of the city. The amount has from year to year remained about the same. This in view of many circumstances connected with the city's affairs is most encouraging. A word should be said about the large expenditure made for fuel in the past year.

In ordinary years, the department pays for its coal from time to time as it is delivered, but in 1902, owing to the shortage in the supply, it was necessary to make a large purchase of Welch coal at one time. One hundred and sixty-one tons of this coal were bought and paid for in December and at the close of the fiscal year the greater part of this was in storage and the year 1903 gets the benefit of the same. The cost of this coal was $1376 and this accounts for a large increase in the coal bill which had to be paid for from the appropriations for 1902.

STATISTICS.

There was expended for City Relief $13,978.45, and for the Almshouse $8,343.25, a total of $22,321.70. The reimbursements were $549.41 for City Relief, and $202.50 for Amshouse, the total of $751.91, making the net expenditure for Pauper

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support $21,569.59 of the amount expended for City Relief $13,480.99 was charged to the City of Pittsfield, the balance $497.56 was expended for persons settled in other cities and towns in this state, and State Paupers. The number of families aided was 146 comprising 163 males and 373 females, a total of 568. Ninety four families comprising 374 persons have a legal settlement in Pittsfield, 28 families, comprising 139 persons, have a legal settlement in other cities and towns, while 24 families consisting of 55 persons were State Paupers, 32 persons were supported in the several State Insane Hospitals, 3 at the Massachusetts Hospital for dipsomaniacs, 3 at the Massachusetts Hospital for epileptics, 3 at the Hospital cottages for children at Baldwinsville, one was supported for a short time at the State Hospital at Tewksbury, six persons were furnished transportation to the State Hospital at Tewksbury. In providing for the temporary aid of the office of the Clerk of the Board, there was expended:—

OUTSIDE POOR DEPARTMENT.

Rents	$914 75
Board	834 90
Cash	172 50
Food supplies	2,959 67
Fuel	1,889 13
Clothing and shoes	56 19
Medicine	662 85
Burial	223 00
Ambulance and team	166 00
Paid other cities and towns	547 24
Stamps, stationery and printing	41 50
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Worcester Insane Hospital	338 92
Danvers Insane Hospital	169 47
Westborough Insane Hospital	253 49

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Northampton Insane Hospital	2,983 88	
Mileage books	100 00	
Miscellaneous	81 13	
Total	$13,978 45	
Total expenditures		$13,978 45
Reimbursements		549 41
Net expense of this department		$13,429 04
The appropriation of this department was	$12,500 00	
Transferred from miscellaneous	1,500 00	
Total		$14,000 00

AMOUNT EXPENDED AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE DURING THE YEAR.

Months.	Amount Charged to this City.	Charged to Other Cities and Towns	Charged to Commonwealth.	Total.
January,	$633 69	$1.20	$20.34	$655.23
February,	684.81	5.00	25.15	714.96
March,	558 60	11.90	25.45	595.95
April,	545.48	39.05	13.29	595.82
May,	499.27	17.25	59.09	575.61
June,	516.71	6.55	6.67	529 93
July,	437.95	1.05	13.18	452.18
August,	416.85	31.00	41.31	489.16
September,	612.04	18.45	21.21	651.70
October,	395.91	14.00	38.85	448.76
November,	439.32	18.87	31.89	490.08
December,	627 37	48.38	22.43	697.98
Totals,	$6,368.00	$212.70	$318.86	$6,899.56

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CITY RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

What for	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April	May.	June.	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Rent	60.00	99.00	64.00	60.00	84.00	101.00	65.00	60.00	95.25	43.50	61.50	121.50	914.75
Board	83.14	58.50	67.00	54.00	59.00	67.00	69.00	79.00	81.00	85.56	61.00	70.70	834.90
Cash	16.00	14.00	16.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	14.00	172.50
Food Supplies	283.50	372.50	253.00	269.50	225.00	255.64	171.00	213.25	272.68	216.00	111.00	316.60	2959.67
Fuel	86.50	84.50	68.00	38.00	19.00	13.00	17.50	15.00	23.00	14.50	48.50	1461.63	1889.13
Clothing and Shoes	2.00			4.98		17.50	4.00		13.46	4.75		9.50	56.19
Medicine	23.50	46.05	85.40	66.20	36.80	39.05	75.40		96.50		120.55	73 40	662.85
Burial	15.00		19.00	44.00	32.00			64 00	12.00	19.00	15.00	3.00	223.00
Ambulance and Teams	19.50	4.00	13.00		16.50	10.50	10.50	15.00	26.00	15.00	6.00	30.00	166.00
Paid Other Cities and Towns	72.69	143.69		59.84	3.00		67.00		33.83	37.00	86.19	44.00	547.24
Stamps, Stationery and Printing	3.50	3.00	2.00	6.50	14.00	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00		2.00	2.00	41.50
Transportation of Paupers	6.59	3.40	9.05	1.14	19.09	2.17	11.68	12.31	13.31	5.85	4.82	5.68	95.09
House of Mercy	56.00							11.00			43.00		110.00
Sisters of Providence	49.75		45.00			40.10		24.00	38.00				196.85
Mass. Hospital for Dipsomaniacs	114.67			6.04									120.71
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		86.82									36.40		123.22
Sisters of Good Shepherd			90.00	49.00									139.00
Hospital Cottages for Children			41.78			42.25			42.71				126.74
Mass. Hospital for Epileptics			125.36			133.83			85.43				344.62
Medfield Insane			108.00			109.20			110.40				327.60
Worcester Insane			83.58			84.50			85.42			85.42	338.92
Danvers Insane			41.78			42.25			42.72			42.72	169.47
Westborough Insane			83.57			84.50			85.42				253.49
Northampton Insane			623.60			739.61			826.82			793.85	2983.88
Mileage Book		20.00		20.00	20.00					20.00		20.00	100.00
Miscellaneous		10.01		19.50	2.22	7.52	12.10	3.60	2.50	10.60	2.22	10.86	81.13
Totals	892.34	945.47	839.12	712.70	544.61	1806.12	519.18	513.16	2002.45	485.76	612.68	3104.86	13978.45

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EXPENSES OF ALMSHOUSE, Tabulated.

What for.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Salaries	216.65	224.49	227.49	219.49	227.99	224.74	226.08	224.30	229.49	230.17	213.49	214.61	2678.99
Groceries	143.40	277.00	39.16	53.10	22.36	80.59	38.43	58.15	80.63	29.46	114.59	50.78	987.65
Meat and Fish	32.31	22.57	77.09		83.72	75.65	67.87	55.70	66.80	76.92	74.71	11.67	645.01
Feed	39.90	49.70	47.00	39.15	29.00	23.60	29.50	77.50		50.13	42.75	37.85	466.08
Fuel					11.19	11.80	17.99	16.95	57.03	120.89	79.91	1025.91	1341.67
Tobacco and Snuff	19.86		8.10	10.35			12.75		13.65		12.75		77.46
Medicine		17.05	51.20	15.95	19.74		21.80	9.82	5.00	29.00	44.85	40.50	254.91
Burial				18.00	24.00				15.00	4.00	20.00	8.00	89.00
House Supplies	10.31			5.09	18.81		5.45	4.40	4.32		8.15	7.36	63.89
Repairs		297.14		4.50		2.45		9.41	72.00	26.28	70.63	109.37	591.78
Dry Goods		45.24			49.05				38.71	16.44		45.73	195.17
Clothing and Shoes		8.85	38.14	2.10		3.40	18.35		17.10	7.65		58.80	154.39
Farm Supplies				130.09	54.73	21.23	58.15			9.10	47.88	15.82	337.00
Telephone	12.94			12.94			12.94					12.94	51.76
House of Mercy	35.00												35.00
Oil		10.18				10.64					10.46		31.28
Miscellaneous	39.28	17.46	43.96	26.00	11.81	20.50			55.25		40.00	87.95	342.21
Totals	549.65	969.68	532.14	536.76	552.40	474.60	509.31	456.23	654.98	600.04	780.17	1727.29	8343.25

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ALMSHOUSE.

There have been several improvements made at the Almshouse including general repairs, shingling, etc., from the special appropriation of $300. The City also bought 50 acres of land from the Crosier estate directly opposite the Almshouse and would recommend that the sewerage disposal of the Almshouse be transferred to the newly acquired land, as the present cesspool is not of sufficient capacity for present needs.

The Hospital for Contagious Diseases on the City Farm on West Street has been placed in charge of the Board of Overseers of the Poor and this past season it has been used for small pox cases. It is the purpose of this cottage that it should at all times be in good repair and ready for occupancy at the shortest possible notice. It is now in need of some repairs and is always in need of constant attention that its beneficent purposes should not be frustrated. The cellar wall now needs repair. The hardpan of the adjacent soil keeps crowding in the wall which should be repaired and strongly braced. A small appropriation sufficient for this repair and other minor repairs should be made. It would be well for the City Council to make a regular appropriation for the care and maintenance of the cottage that it may at all times be ready for immediate occupancy.

The number of inmates at the Almshouse January 1st, 1902, was 53, 20 females and 33 males. There has been admitted during the year 43. Discharged during the year 41. Number of deaths 7, making the total number of inmates January 1st, 1903, 48, males 26, females 20. Of this number 5 males and 10 females are mildly insane; 4 males and 1 female simple minded.

Appropriation	$7,500 00		
Transferred from miscellaneous	1,000 00		
			$8,500 00
The amount expended was		$8,343 25	
The reimbursements from individuals	150 50		
The reimbursements from Foxborough	52 00	202 50	
			$8,141 05
Total			
Net expense of Almshouse			

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REPAIRS.

Appropriation	**$300 00**	
Amount expended		**$300 00**

ROBERT KIRK, *Chairman,*
WM. NUGENT,
FREDERICK TUGGEY,
J. M. FITZGERALD, *Supt.*

In Common Council, Mar. 4, 1903. Accepted and placed on file; sent up for concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE,
Temporary Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, Apr. 6, 1903. Read and accepted and placed on file in concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

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Report of City Treasurer

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REPORT

OF THE

CITY TREASURER.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the report of the City Treasurer, for the fiscal year ending January 5th, 1903.

Cash on hand, January 6, 1902	$ 22,812 85
Receipts during the year	872,999 16
	$895,812 01
Payments during the year	$875,094 50
Balance on hand	$20,717 51

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, February 2, 1902	$22,812 85
Liquor licenses	37,513 00
J. M. Fitzgerald, Supt.	169 46
J. Haight, Gdn.	134 21
Mary Kohler	49 50
Mrs. E. J. Curtiss	65 00
Mrs. P. O'Connell	36 00
City of Worcester	3 00
" " Northampton	23 43
Town of Chester	15 50
" " Westfield	29 63
" " Foxborough	52 00
Corporation taxes	16,017 27
National bank taxes	1,686 06
State aid	3,752 50
Armory rent	400 00

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Temporary support State paupers	154 18
Burial of State paupers	20 00
Burial of indigent soldiers	210 00
Pittsfield St. Ry. Co., taxes	1,573 56
Fire department, sale of hose	100 00
Sale of town history	62 00
Board of Health Dalton	7 50
" " Lanesborough	7 95
Fees, recording licenses	53 00
C. W. Fuller, sheriff, fines	177 90
District court, fines	1,631 35
Eugene Bouton, Supt., tuition	833 95
" " Other sources	63 08
J. Ward Lewis, city clerk, fees	858 90
Ernest Johnson, city clerk, fees	16 50
Interest on Sewer loan	3 47
" " Balances	52 09
Plumbers' licenses	23 00
Milk licenses	18 50
John Nicholson, Chief of Police:—	
Weighing fees	315 90
Witness fees	25 80
Miscellaneous	43 76
H. A. Brewster, County Treasurer:—	
Dog fund	729 56
James W. Synan, Tax Collector:—	
Tax of 1897	64 77
1898	451 72
1899	3,842 54
1900	11,177 97
1901	20,403 53
1902	267,614 01
Sewer apportioned, 1898	13 00
1899	32 46
1900	313 92
1901	489 69
1902	960 26
Scheduled water rates	32,218 51
Metered water rates	20,319 63
Sidewalk assessments	1,425 00
Sewer assessments	2,571 05
Sewer and water connections	4,171 77
Sidewalk repairs	31 70
Interest on water extensions	428 24
Highways	356 17

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Temporary tax loans:—

Berkshire County Savings Bank	5,000 00
New England Trust Co.	25,000 00
New England Trust Co.	25,000 00
New England Trust Co.	25,000 00
Loring, Tolman & Tupper	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	5,000 00
Berkshire Life Ins. Co.	10,000 00
Berkshire Life Ins. Co.	5,000 00
Agricultural National bank	10,000 00
I. D. Ferrey	10,000 00
Berkshire County Savings Bank	30,000 00

Sewer loans:—

Berkshire County Savings Bank	10,000 00
Berkshire County Savings Bank	20,000 00
Loring, Tolman & Tupper	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	20,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	10,000 00
Benjamin Fisher	7,000 00
Agricultural National Bank	10,000 00
Third National Bank	10,000 00
Springfield Institution for Savings	10,000 00
Woronoco Savings Bank	10,000 00
North Adams Saving Bank	10,000 00
Berkshire County Savings Bank	10,000 00
Berkshire County Savings Bank	15,000 00
Berkshire Life Ins. Co.	8,000 00

Water loans:—

Loring, Tolman & Tupper	3,734 71
Lee Savings Bank	10,000 00
Lenox Savings Bank	10,000 00
I. D. Ferry	10,000 00
Third National Bank	10,000 00
Berkshire County Savings Bank	10,000 00
Berkshire County Savings Bank	5,000 00

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Emergent funds returned:—

Board of Public Works	100 00
School Committee	100 00
Police Department	100 00
City Clerk	50 00
Overseers of the Poor	50 00
Fire Department	50 00
	$895,812 01

EXPENDITURES.

Bridge repairs	$2,443 80
City hall, light, heat and care	1,795 38
Crosswalks and cleaning	1,995 32
Contingent expenses, public works	971 94
Grading Francis avenue	819 73
" Lenox avenue	1,499 15
" Center street	599 17
Highways	16,958 73
Insurance	1,870 80
Iron bridge, Dalton avenue	4,455 76
Lighting streets	14,497 75
Parks and Common	498 66
Repairs of buildings	597 29
Repairs of sewers	1,493 16
Surface drainage	2,914 90
Sewerage disposal	2,994 38
Sidewalks	5,994 09
Sewer and water connections	3,993 87
Water works maintenance	6,991 82
" " extension	5,737 99
New sewers, including warrant of 1901 of	51,276 87
Ashley dam	26,748 81
Almshouse	8,343 25
Armory maintenance	825 42
Band concerts	400 00
Books, stationery and printing	2,790 79
Berkshire Athenaeum	7,500 00
Clerk of Committee on Highways	100 00
Clerical assistance, Tax Collector	500 00
Clerical assistance, Assessors	601 33
Water works debt	19,000 00
Sewer debt	10,000 00
School debt	16,000 00

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Interest on water debt	9,951 49
" " sewer debt	11,954 36
" " City debt	14,809 53
Election expenses	2,000 00
Fire department, wages	11,641 67
" " contingent expenses	5,442 37
Indexing records, city clerk	294 00
Miscellaneous expenses	9,735 85
Memorial day	300 00
Outside poor	13,978 45
Police department, contingent expenses	2,339 13
" " wages	15,948 01
Public schools	93,100 00
State aid	4,025 00
Soldiers' relief	2,845 99
City officers' salaries	20,375 29
Emergent funds	450 00
Temporary tax loans, 1901	65,000 00
" " " 1902	105,000 00
Street sprinkling	5,384 00
Street paving	244 00
Treasurer of Massachusetts:—	
¼ Liquor licenses	9,378 25
Repairs of state highways	118 00
National bank tax	10,341 32
State tax	8,025 00
Sewer notes paid by renewal	150,000 00
Water notes paid by renewal	38,734 71
Grading at Pontoosuc lake	146 92
Gutters on Linden street	201 43
Excise tax	380 13
Repairs at Almshouse	300 00
Kindergarten	921 77
Repairing road roller	577 99
Indexing records, Assessors	350 00
Widening North street	420 98
County tax	29,584 88
Discount on taxes	7,572 42
Total expenditure	$875,094 50
Balance on hand	20,717 51
	$895,812 01

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LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD.

February 16, 1903.

WATER DEBT.

4 per cent coupon bonds, May 1st, 1916	$50,000 00
4 per cent registered bond, November 1, 1908	45,000 00
4 per cent coupon bonds, $5,000, September 1, each year	55,000 00
4 per cent registered bonds, $10,000, May 15, each year	50,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berksnire County Savings Bank, demand	7,000 00
3¼ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, demand	10,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, demand	2,000 00
3.70 per cent note, Treasurer of Mass., June 15, 1903	3,734 71
4 per cent note, Lenox Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Lee Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, City Treasurer, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Third National Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	5,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, June 15, 1903	10,000 00
Total	$277,734 71

SCHOOL DEBT.

4 per cent coupon bonds, $10,000, May 15, each year, 1910 to 1914 inclusive	$50,000 00
4 per cent registered bonds, $10,000, May 15, 1903 to 1909, 1915, 1916, 1917	100,000 00
3½ per cent coupon bonds, $6,000, August 15, 1903 to 1910, 1912 to 1920	98,000 00
3½ per cent registered bonds, $6,000, August 15, 1911, $4,000, August 15, 1912	10,000 00
Total	$258,000 00

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SEWER DEBT.

4 per cent registered bonds, $10,000, June 1, each year	$108,000 00	
4 per cent registered bonds, $10,000, June 1, each year	52,000 00	
		$160,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, demand		20,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, April 4, 1903		10,000 00
3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, April 12, 1903		20,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, City Treasurer, May 23, 1903		10,000 00
3¾ per cent note, City Treasurer, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
3¾ per cent note, City Treasurer, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
3¾ per cent note, D. W. Ross, June 9, 1903		20,000 00
3¾ per cent note, Laconia Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, Derby Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		7,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		5,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		5,000 00
4 per cent note, Agricultural National Bank, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
4 per cent note, Third National Bank, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
4 per cent note, Springfield Institution for Savings, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
3½ per cent note, Woronoco Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
4 per cent note, North Adams Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire Life Insurance Co., June 15, 1903		8,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank, June 15, 1903		15,000 00
Total		$390,000 00

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DEBT STATEMENT.

Water bonds and notes	$277,734 71
School bonds	258,000 00
Sewer bonds and notes	390,000 00
Total funded and floating debt	$926,734 71

TEMPORARY LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES OF 1902.

3½ per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank	$ 5,000 00
3.44 per cent note, City Treasurer	25,000 00
3.44 per cent note, City Treasurer	25,000 00
3.44 per cent note, City Treasurer	25,000 00
3⅞ per cent note, City Treasurer	10,000 00
3.55 per cent note, City Treasurer	10,000 00
3¾ per cent note, City Treasurer	5,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire Life Insurance Co.	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire Life Insurance Co.	5,000 00
4 per cent note, Agricultural National Bank	10,000 00
4 per cent note, City Treasurer	10,000 00
4 per cent note, Berkshire County Savings Bank	30,000 00
Total issue	$170,000 00
Paid	105,000 00
Outstanding	$65,000 00

PAYMENTS ON CITY DEBT.

Coupon water bonds, May 15	$10,000 00
Coupon water bonds, September 1st	5,000 00
Water note, No. 195	3,000 00
Water note, No. 240	1,000 00
Coupon sewer bonds, June 1st	9,000 00
Registered sewer bond, No. 9	1,000 00
Registered school bond, No. 5	10,000 00
Coupon school bonds, August 15	6,000 00
Total debt payment from appropriations	$45,000 00
Total bonded and floating debt, Feb. 11, 1902	$890,734 71
Total bonded and floating debt, Feb. 11, 1903	925 734 71
Increase during the year	$35,000 00

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DETAIL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN DEBT DURING THE YEAR.

Water debt, Feb. 11, 1902		$276,734 71	
Water note, No. 253, renewal		3,734 71	
266, renewal		10,000 00	
267, renewal		10,000 00	
269, Ashley Dam		10,000 00	
271, renewal		10,000 00	
278, renewal		5,000 00	
280, Ashley Dam		10,000 00	
		$335,469 42	
Paid bonds, May 15, Appro'tion	$10,000 00		
Bonds, Sept. 1, "	5,000 00		
Note, 195, Appro'tion	3,000 00		
Note, 240, Appro'tion	1,000 00		
Note 222, renewal	3,734 71		
Note, 227, renewal	10,000 00		
Note, 228, renewal	10,000 00		
Note, 229, renewal	10,000 00		
Note, 237, renewal	5,000 00	$57,734 71	
Present water debt			$277,734 71
School debt, Feb. 11, 1902		$274,000 00	
Paid bonds, May 15	10,000 00		
Paid bonds, Aug. 15	6,000 00	$16,000 00	
Present school debt			$258,000 00
Sewer debt, Feb. 11, 1902		$340,000 00	
Note No. 246		10,000 00	
247		20,000 00	
249		10,000 00	
250		10,000 00	
251		10,000 00	
252		20,000 00	
256		10,000 00	
259		10,000 00	
260		10,000 00	
261		7,000 00	
262		5,000 00	
263		5,000 00	
264		10,000 00	
265		10,000 00	

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272			10,000 00
273			10,000 00
274			10,000 00
275			10,000 00
276			8,000 00
277			15,000 00
			$550,000 00
Paid bonds, June 1		10,000 00	
Paid note, No. 221, renewal		20,000 00	
214	"	10,000 00	
199	"	12,000 00	
200	"	25,000 00	
226	"	20,000 00	
231		10,000 00	
232	"	10,000 00	
233	"	10,000 00	
234	"	10,000 00	
235	"	8,000 00	
237	"	15,000 00	160,000 00
Present sewer debt			$390,000 00

INTEREST PAYMENTS ON CITY LOANS.

Sewer bonds and notes	$11,954 36
Water bonds and notes	9,951 49
City debt school and tax loans	14,809 53
Total interest payments	$36,715 38

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FUNDED DEBT.

SEWER BONDS.

(Chap. 357, Act of 1890.)

Coupon bonds, $10,000, June 1, each year	$108,000 00
Registered bonds:—	
No. 1, Shelburne Falls Savings bank, June 1, 1914	10,000 00
2, Shelburne Falls Savings bank, June 1, 1916	10,000 00
3, Shelburne Falls Savings bank, June 1, 1918	10,000 00
5, Mary A. M. Newell, June 1, 1910	5,000 00
6, Geo. W. Sanford, June 1, 1912	1,000 00
7, Frances E. Sanford, June 1, 1917	1,000 00

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8, P. C. Lockwood estate, June 1, 1905	5,000 00
15, Springfield Institution for Savings, June 1, '03	10,000 00
Total bonded sewer debt	$160,000 00

WATER BONDS.

Coupon bonds, May 1, 1916	$50,000 00
Registered bonds:—	
Berkshire County Savings bank, Nov. 1, 1908	45,000 00
Coupon bonds, $5,000. Sept. 1 each year	55,000 00
Registered bonds:—	
No. 1, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1903	$5,000 00
2, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1903	5,000 00
3, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1904	5,000 00
4, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1904	5,000 00
5, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1905	5,000 00
6, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1905	5,000 00
7, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1906	5,000 00
8, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1906	5,000 00
9, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1907	5,000 00
10, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1907	5,000 00
Total bonded water debt	$200,000 00

SCHOOL BONDS.

Coupon bonds, $10,000. May 15, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914	$50,000 00
Registered bonds:—	
No. 6, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1903	10,000 00
7, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1904	10,000 00
8, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1905	10,000 00
9, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1906	10,000 00
10, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1907	10,000 00
11, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1908	10,000 00
12, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1909	10,000 00
New	
No. 1, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1915	10,000 00
2, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1916	10,000 00
3, Provident Inst. for Savings, May 15, 1917	10,000 00
(ACT OF 1900.)	
Coupon bonds, $6000. Aug. 15, 1903, to 1910, $2000. 1912, $6000. 1913 to 19[illegible]	$98,000 00

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Registered bonds:—

No. 1, Mary A. M. Newell, Aug. 15, 1911	6,000 00
2, Mary A. M. Newell, Aug. 15, 1912	1,000 00
3, Mary A. M. Newell, Aug. 15, 1912	1,000 00
4, Mary A. M. Newell, Aug. 15, 1912	1,000 00
5, Mary A. M. Newell, Aug. 15, 1912	1,000 00
Total bonded school debt	$258,000 00

STATEMENT OF BALANCE ON HAND.

Certified bank balances:—

Agricultural National Bank	$2,926 02	
Checks outstanding	222 75	
		2,703 27
Pittsfield National Bank,	1,963 73	
Check outstanding	40 00	
		1,923 73
Third National Bank	4,031 20	
Check outstanding	36 00	
		3,995 20
Berkshire Loan and Trust Co.,		1,842 88
Paid warrants, account of 1903		10,252 43
Total		$20,717 51

Respectfully submitted,

ERWIN H. KENNEDY,
City Treasurer.

In Common Council, Mar. 4, 1903. Accepted and placed on file; sent up for concurrence.

CHARLES R. FOOTE, *Temporary Clerk.*

In Board of Aldermen, Mar. 16, 1903. Read and accepted and placed on file in concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

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PITTSFIELD, MASS.

Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Debts, 1883-1902.

	Receipts	Expenditures.	Balance	Debt.	Sinking Fund
1883					
Town.....	$179,113.62	$168,450.29	$10,662.33	$182,000.00	.....
Fire District	47,457.91	47,284.49	173.42	205,000.00	$40,500.00
Total....	226,571.53	215,734.78	10,836.75	387,000.00	.....
1884					
Town.....	185,072.44	182,840.08	2,232.36	182,000.00	.....
Fire District	43,137.69	42,842.92	295.77	203,000.00	51,000.00
Total....	228,210.13	225,683.00	2,527.13	385,000.00	.....
1885					
Town.....	181,138.99	175,895.22	5,243.77	182,000.00	.....
Fire District	54,009.04	53,903.09	105.95	208,500.00	62,000.00
Total ...	235,148.03	229,798.31	5,349.72	390,500.00	.....
1886					
Town.....	194,685.54	193,314.31	1,371.23	182,000.00	.....
Fire District	55,499.14	54,307.46	1,191.68	201,000.00	62,000.44
Total....	250,184.68	247,621.77	2,562.91	283,000.00	.....
1887					
Town.....	199,336.45	198,887.89	448.56	208,550.00	.....
Fire District	55,464.01	55,356.90	107.11	199,600.00	84,845.99
Total....	254,800.46	254,244.79	555.67	408,150.00	.....
1888					
Town.....	288,594.07	280,928.14	7,665.93	209,600.00	.....
Fire District	72,911.49	65,296.85	7,614.64	195,000.00	97,424.99
Total....	361,505.56	346,224.99	15,280.57	404,600.00	.....
1889					
Town.....	238,824.85	237,110.17	1,714.68	204,800.00	.....
Fire District	103,888.12	103,377.71	510.41	218,000.00	110,204.99
Total	342,712.97	340,487.88	2,225.09	422,800.00	.....
1890–'91 (9 months)					
Town.....	236,563.44	227,177.21	9,386.23	216,000.00	.....
Fire District	57,128.59	54,650.42	2,478.17	213,000.00	123,902.33
Total....	293,692.03	281,827.63	11,864.40	429,000.00	.....

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Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Debts.—Continued.

	Receipts.	Expenditures.	Balance.	Debt.	Sinking Fund.
1891					
1st year City to Jan. 4, '92	$394,971.46	$389,034.73	$5,936.73	$411,000.00	$137,829.86
Account of New Sewers	47,050.00	46,536.70	513.30	47,000.00	.....
1892					
2d year City to Jan. 4, '93	395,481.92	373,423.46	22,058.46	413,000.00	152,464.14
Account of New Sewers	150,011.15	129,824.85	20,186.30	191,000.00	....
1893					
3d year City to Jan. 1, '94	417,688.51	405,957.39	11,731.12	422,000.90	167,652.89
Account of New Sewers	290,706.16	288,737.63	1,968.53	269,000.00	.. ..
1894					
4th year City to Jan. 7, '95 including New Sewers	515,140.51	483,806.92	31,333.59	728,000.00	183,614.11
1895					
5th year City to Jan. 6, '96	728,459.45	708,181.17	20,278.28	657,700.00	
1896					
6th year City to Jan. 4, '97	664,164.46	644,441.39	19,723.07	761,650.00	
1897					
7th year City to Jan. 3, '98	924,564.38	902,481.78	22,082.60	782,900.00	
1898					
8th year City to Jan. 4, '99	679,606.45	661,625.84	17,980.61	797,500.47	
1899					
9th year City to Jan. 1, '00	737,191.15	706,258.77	30,932.38	780,000.47	
1900					
10th yr. City to Jan. 7, '01	846,973.94	812,569.51	34,404.43	804,000.00	
1901					
11th yr. City to Jan. 6, '02	807,241.85	784,429.00	22,812.85	890,734.71	
1902					
12th yr. City to Jan. 5, '03	895,812.01	875,094.50	20,717.51	925,734.71	

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Report of Police Department

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REPORT

OF THE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 31st, 1902.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith the twelfth annual report of this department for the year ending December 31st, 1902:

The whole number of complaints		1,362
Number of persons arrested		1,310
Males	1,307	
Females	55	
		1362

NUMBER CHARGED WITH SECOND OFFENCES.

Males	51	
Females	1	
		52
Single	851	
Married	511	
		1,362
Residents	745	
Non-residents	617	
		1,362
Americans	1,035	
Foreigners	327	
		1,362

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Offences against persons	72
Offences against property	118
Offences against public order	1,172
Total	1,362
Sick and injured persons cared for at station	12
Prisoners left in custody of the Department	15

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Salaries	$17,500 00	
Contingent	2,400 00	
		$19,900 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$17,448 01	
Contingent	2,339 13	
		$19,787 14
Unexpended		112 86
		$19,900 00

RECEIPTS.

Court fees	$1,809 25	
Weighing fees	315 90	
Witness fees, D. P. Flynn	12 80	
Witness fees, Jas. F. Dean	3 85	
Witness fees, W. G. White	2 60	
Witness fees, Wm. Tobin	2 60	
Witness fees, L. O. Bastion	2 60	
Witness fees, C. E. Chapman	1 35	
Use of teams	12 00	
Use of station	10 00	
Officer's services	16 40	
Miscellaneous fees	5 36	
Emergent fund	100 00	
		$2,294 71

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PAID CITY TREASURER.

By Walter B. Smith	$1,631 35	
By Sheriff C. W. Fuller	177 90	
By John Nicholson, fees	385 46	
By John Nicholson, emergent fund	100 00	
		$2,294 71

PERSONS ARRESTED, DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS.

Committed to House of Correction	269
" " Massachusetts Reformatory	5
" " Woman's Prison	3
" " Lyman School	3
" " Charge of State Board	9
" " Hospital at Northampton	4
" " State Farm	5
" " Industrial School	1
Continued during good behavior	37
Discharged	31
Defaulted	22
Fugitive from Justice	1
Fined	614
Filed	231
Pending	2
Released on Statement	76
Released on Probation	16
Required to recognize to keep the peace	4
Released on taking the Pledge	14
Committed to care of the Angel Guardians	1
Committed to care of Rev. James Boyle	9
Total	1,362

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Alexander, L. G.	$ 2 65
Burns, J. M.	11 00
Blatchford, G.	10 65
Barber, G. R.	141 50
Butler Lumber Co.	12 99
Bridges & Co.	93 50

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Bristol, Mary A.	2 50
Backman, E. W.	329 75
Backus, W. G. Sons	1 50
Bruey, A. J.	10 00
Bay State Steam Laundry	26 47
Brown, F. H.	15 13
Barnes & Farnham	7 95
Currier, W. H. & Co.	4 50
Cooper, Geo. H.	20 31
Carpenter, W. W.	1 35
Cahill & Smith	1 28
Coleman, W. L.	5 00
Durkee, J. M.	4 50
Eureka Electric Co.	35 34
Eagle Pub. Co.	5 50
England Bros.	11 50
Frank, P. M. Disinfecting Co.	30 00
Goodrow & Turner	5 00
Guilds, F. G.	7 35
Howard, E. H.	5 00
Hume, E. B.	1 65
Howard & Morrow	7 50
Healey, L. P.	3 50
Hardware Supply Co.	1 00
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co.	21 00
Kells, H. C.	1 50
Kennedy, E. H., City Treasurer, coal	181 13
Kilbourne, H. L.	2 25
Langdon, P. C.	3 72
Lawton, M. P. & Son	17 85
MccQuaid, John & Co.	7 20
Moorewood Lake Ice Co.	8 01
Mills, A. A. Co.	42 20
Murray, William H.	2 50
Nicholson, John, Chief, emergent bills	138 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	86 97
Pittsfield Electric Co.	149 11
Postal Tel. Cable Co.	5 59
Pittsfield News Co.	23 00
Pratt, D. J. & Son	3 00
Prince & Walker	10 00
Peirson Hardware Co.	7 60
Pittsfield Coal Gas Co.	107 05
Robbins, Gamwell & Co.	6 88
Rockwell, R. A.	1 80

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Russell, J. L.	91 00
Sullivan, J. M.	32 00
Police Department No. 2.	
Sanitas, The Co.	3 50
Synan, J. W., Coll.	25 00
Sun Printing Co.	6 00
Tausick, E. B.	5 00
Tanner, Hamilton & Co.	3 75
Viner, V.	15 50
Western Union Tel. Co.	2 45
Watkins, C. B.	476 20
Wright, C. W.	36 00
Total expenditure	$2,339 13
Balance unexpended	60 87
	$2,400 00

Appropriation, $2,400 00.

Item No. 53.—POLICE DEPARTMENT, WAGES.

William G. White, Captain	$1,009 26
Chas. W. Thompson	917 50
Dennis Hogan	917 50
James F. Dean	918 75
William Tobin	861 25
Daniel P. Flynn	917 50
William H. Marshall	892 50
W. W. Van deBogart	915 00
Henchel A. Stubbs	916 25
Louis O. Bastion	916 25
Geo. E. Chapman	913 75
Michael Fahey	917 50
Peter Lamore	917 50
David J. Mangan	917 50
James S. Creelan	915 00
David Garvin	902 50
William J. Keegan	262 50
John Hines	25 00
Sarah M. Dean, Matron	80 00
Total expenditure	$15,948 01
Balance unexpended	51 99
	$16,000 00

Appropriation, $16,000 00.

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SCHEDULE.

4 Sheets
3 Bicycles
5 Office desks
1 Warrant desk
2 Clocks
2 Waste baskets
16 Chairs
1 Copying book
3 Tables
1 Copying press
2 Registers of arrests
1 Invoice book for postal cards
1 Check book
1 License book
1 Index book for dog licenses
1 New Webster's Dictionary
1 New supplement public statutes
18 Regular police badges
28 Special police badges
1 Field glass
1 Ladder
1 Step ladder
1 Drag hook and rope
2 Grapple hooks and ropes
1 Ice water tank
4 Iron bedsteads
4 Pillows
16 New regular police badges
1 New desk in Captain's office
1 Index digest of Mass. reports
14 Long clubs, 14 belts and 14 short clubs
1 Book for record of cobble stones weighed
16 New helmet numbers
16 New night sticks
22 Pocket Billies
8 Lanterns
50 feet hose and reel
1 Office boltter
8 Blankets
5 Buckets
1 Wash basin
2 Pails
1 Rubber mop
2 Snow shovels
2 Coal shovels
2 Paper cutters
New Scale books
5 Sheets
2 Brooms
4 Bed spreads
25 Guns, One box cartridges
1 Five gallon oil can
2 Small oil tanks
1 Wire foot mat
18 Revolvers
2 pair hand cuffs
2 Slates
12 Towels
2 Register of tramps
1 Massachusetts digest
1 Public statutes of Mass.
2 Books history of Pittsfield
1 Pittsfield Directory
1 Dark lantern
1 Typewriting machine
1 Mass. police officer

MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES.

Broken water pipes	3
Bad places in highways	2
Bodies taken from water	1
Complaints investigated	389
Calls responded to	19
Dogs shot	9
Electric wires reported down	5
Fire alarms rung in	6
Horses killed	1
Injured and sick persons cared for	12
Lost children returned to parents	9
Lights reported out in business places	52

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Lanterns hung in dangerous places		4
Notices served		394
Notices served on liquor dealers		1,033
Neglected teams put out		26
Officers furnished for weddings and entertainments		75
Property cared for by the Department, (value)		$4,225.14
Places of business found open		410
Runaway teams stopped and cared for		4
Stolen property recovered (value)		$376.78
Street lights reported out		36
Summons served		350
Value of goods found outside of business places		$26.55
Value of lost property found and returned		$1,325.10
Whole number of loads weighed on City scales:		4,409
2,200 loads at 10 cents per load	$220.00	
1,918 loads at 5 cents per load	95.90	
291 loads for the City	00.00	
		$315.90

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TABLE OF ARRESTS.

OFFENCES.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Adultery						1						2	2	1	3
Assaults	2	1	4	1	4	7	4	7	2	6	6	3	45	2	47
" Indecent		1									1		2		2
" on Officer						1				1	2		4		4
" with danger's weapon	1					1	1			3			6		6
Bail Bond		1											1		1
Begging					1							1	2		2
Breaking and Entering					3			2	2				7		7
Capias	1	1	1	1	1		1			1		1	7	1	8
Concealed Weapons					1			1				1	3		3
Cruelty to Animals					3								3		3
Defrauding Landlord								1					1		1
Disturbing the Peace	11		3	4	8	9	4	5	9	1	4	2	58	2	60
Drunkenness	59	63	78	103	110	109	82	103	70	89	70	71	981	26	1007
Evading Board Bill			1									3	4		4
Forgery			1										1		1
Fornication											1		1		1
Fugitive from Justice					1		1						2		2
Gaming			4										4		4
Gaming Nuisance			1										1		1
Illegal Taking Team	1												1		1
Insane				1			1					1	1	2	3
Larceny	2	1	14	6	5	3	9	4	4	1	6	4	53	6	59
Larceny from Person							1						1		1
Liquor Searches							1				1		2		2
Manslaughter									2				2		2
Malicious Mischief					1	1		3					5		5
Neglected Child					2					11			6	7	13
Neglect to send child to school	4								2	1			7		7
Non-support		1	1	1		1	1		1	2			8		8
Railer and Brawler								1						1	1
Receiving Stolen Goods					4		1		2			1	8		8
Search for Stolen Goods									1				1		1
Selling Mortgaged Property								1					1		1
Stubbornness		1	1							1	1		3	1	4
Street Walking									1	1				2	2
Threatening								1	1			1	2	1	3
Trespass							1						1		1
Truancy	1	1	2							3	1		7	1	8
Unlawful Peddling					1	1							2		2
Unlicensed Dog							1						1		1
Vagrancy				1	18		7	7		2	5	3	43		43
Violating City Ordinance	1					3			2				6		6
Violating Health Laws							4					2	6		6
Violating Liquor Laws				1			2	2			2		5	2	7
Totals	83	71	111	119	163	137	122	138	99	123	100	96	1307	55	1362
Lodgers	257	211	358	299	64	30	20	31	53	140	220	264			1947

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

The appointment of two additional police officers for regular service in this department is necessary, for the more efficient performance of the constantly increasing demands for police service in all parts of the city. The numerous miscellaneous duties now require the services of two regular officers a greater part of the year, and the two places of amusement, which are open almost continuously during the winter months, need the attention of the department. The trolley cars running out of the city, especially on Saturday nights, also require the services of the officers to accompany the cars to the city limits. No additions have been made to the personnel of the department, since the year 1895. The annual order of appropriations only provides an additional amount to pay one special officer during the vacations of the regular patrolmen, it was found necessary to increase the number of posts of patrol duty, and also to extend the limits of the posts in the business and residential sections of the city, the force is now divided into three details, making the hours of service for each officer per day, from nine A. M. to seven P. M. in the first detail, and the second detail, from seven P. M. to four A. M., and the third, from twelve M., to nine A. M. Two special details were also made, of one officer each, from twelve noon till eleven P. M. and from one P. M., till twelve M. The third detail is not adequate for the services necesssary to be performed for the better protection of the City. Your attention is also respectfully called to the recommendations made in the report of this department for the year 1901, setting forth the necessity for the installation of the police signal system, which would be a very effectual adjunct to the police service, in connection with the emergency, and patrol wagon which is now nearly completed. The police and fire committees have perfected arrangments for the operation of this wagon by the fire department, which is to be installed in the central fire station, which will be equipped with swinging harness for prompt and efficient service.

REPORT OF SERVICE OF THE MAYOR'S WARRANT.

Eight hundred and forty one male, and seventy seven female dogs were returned by the Assessors, as being found

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within the City limits. Of this number ninety eight could not be found, twenty one had left the City, eleven had died, forty four were killed, six were lost, five were sold to persons out of the City, nine were shot.

Two hundrd and fifty three dogs were found by the officer detailed for this service, which had not been returned, making a total of nine hundred and seventeen males, and sixty female dogs, all of the aggregate number, of nine hundred and seventy seven dogs now in the City duly registered according to law.

Taxes on five hundred and seventeen of this number were collected by this department. The amount paid the City Clerk was two thousand one hundred and seventy six dollars. Seven hundred and twenty nine dollars and sixty six cents was refunded to the City by tne County Treasurer, and four hundred and seventy six dollars was paid to the City Treasurer, by the City Clerk, making a total of one thousand two hundred and five dollars and fifty six cents received by the City from this fund.

Services Performed for the Board of Health.

In addition to the duties performed by this department in the enforcement of the health regulations, the quarantine established by the board was maintained by this department for three weeks, which required the continuous service of two regular police officers twelve hours each per day, during that period. The out-houses, drains and sinks, together with the premises, were found to be in a most unsanitary and dangerous condition to health, which is due to some extent, to the present inadequate system of inspections which are now made, only upon complaints, or when some contagious disease has become prevalent in the City. I would therefore respectfully suggest, that some provision be made for the thorough and immediate inspection of the entire City, under the direction of the Board of Health.

The Police Station, is in good sanitary condition, the interior was painted during the year, the closets, cells and lodging rooms are kept thoroughly clean, and well disinfected, the whole number of persons cared for at the station is three thousand three hundred and thirty-six, the City Scales were thoroughly repaired, and are in excellent condition.

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The police service of this City is, I believe, being faithfully and efficiently performed, in the protection of the property and person, and the maintenance of good order. The usual good discipline is being maintained. The services of the matron is especially satisfactory. The entire department is in accord, co-operating cheerfully in the enforcement of the laws and ordinances of the City, and deserve high commendation for their efforts. No serious crimes were committed during the year. No disturbances have occurred which have required any organized effort to suppress. The amount of property reported stolen is unusually small. I think I may safely say, that the general good order maintained, and the observance of the laws and ordinances of the City, will compare most favorably.

Thanking you, Gentlemen, for your substantial co-operation, with me in the performance of the duties of this office, I am

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN NICHOLSON,

Chief of Police.

In Board of Aldermen, March 16, 1903. Read and accepted and placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, April 8, 1903. Read and accepted and placed on file.

EBER B. REICHARD, *Clerk.*

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Report of Building Inspector

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REPORT

OF THE

BUILDING INSPECTOR

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Council of the City of Pittsfield, Mass.:—

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as inspector of buildings.

Total number of building permits issued, 89
Divided as follows, viz.:

Brick blocks	4	Stone buildings	1
Additions to blocks	5	Additions to hotels	1
Additions to mills	1	Double dwellings	15
Single dwellings	12	Additions to dwellings	26
Porches	12	Bay windows	1
Barns	6	Additions to barns	2
Shops	1	Poultry houses	1

Total number of permits given for plumbing, 314

One hundred and forty-four permits were given for new connections with the sewer, and with these fixtures:

Closets	194	Wash bowls	87
Bath tubs	89	Sinks	178
Wash trays	17	Urinals	1
Slop hoppers	2	Water tubs	2
Floor traps	2	Stall fittings	1

One hundred and forty-five permits were given for additional fixtures to present system and includes the following:

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Closets	136	Wash bowls	66
Sinks	69	Bath tubs	45
Wash trays	24	Urinals	12
Glass washers	2	Floor traps	1
Grease traps	1		

Twenty-five permits were given for Cess Pool Connections, including the following fixtures:

Closets	25	Wash bowls	21
Sinks	24	Bath tubs	22
Wash trays	6		

INSPECTIONS.

Number of plumbing jobs inspected twice each	124
Number of plumbing jobs inspected once each	135

The following fixtures were inspected and approved:

Closets	285	Wash bowls	124
Sinks	232	Bath tubs	120
Wash trays	44	Urinals	13
Slop hoppers	2	Stall fittings	1
Floor traps	2	Water tubs	2
Grease traps	1		

During the month of May an inspection was made of the hotels and boarding houses with ten or more sleeping rooms above the second floor, to ascertain the condition of fire escapes.

A report was made to the district police according to law.

Owing to the rapid growth in some parts of the City, I would recommend that the lines of the second fire district be changed, to cover the territory on the East to Benedict Road, and Newell Street, on the South to William and Crofut Streets, on the North to Onota Street and that the North line be extended from the North line of Learned property to Benedict Road.

Buildings are being placed so near the party lines that it will in the future, when the lines must be changed, deprive an abutter from the enjoyment of his full rights, except by erecting expensive brick buildings.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. E. MERRILL,
Inspector of Buildings.

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In Board of Aldermen, April 22, 1903. Read and placed on file; sent down for concurrence.

JOSEPH WARD LEWIS, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, April 22, 1903. Read and placed on file in concurrence.

EBER B. REICHARD, *Clerk.*

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LIST OF CITY OFFICERS

Since Formation of City Government.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1891.

Mayor, CHARLES E. HIBBARD.

ALDERMEN.

President, Jabez L. Peck*
Ward One, Peter P. Curtin.
" Two, Andrew J. White.
" Three, Jabez L. Peck.*
" Four, David A. Clary.*
" Robert W. Adam.
" Five, Charles I. Lincoln.
" Six, Edward Cain.
" Seven, Charles C. Wright.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Edward T. Slocum.
Ward One, John Churchill, David Rosenhein.
" Two, John J. Bastion, Duncan C. MacInnis.
" Three, George W. Smith, John M. Lee.
" Four, Edward T. Slocum, Joseph Foote.*
" Five, George T. Denny, Hiram M. Chapman.
" Six, John R. Feeley, Edward B. Mead.*
" Seven, Edward B. Wilson, Edgar T. Lawrence.
City Clerk, Kelton B. Miller.
City Treasurer, Erwin H. Kennedy.
City Auditor, George Y. Learned.*
City Solicitor, Walter F. Hawkins.
Tax Collector, E. McAlpine Learned.*
City Physician, William M. Mercer.
Assessors, Henry R. Peirson, William M. Clark, John A. Root.
Board of Public Works, Edward D. Jones, Joseph H. Daly, Hiram B. Wellington.
Board of Health, Stephen C. Burton, John J. Nelligan, Morgan L. Woodruff.
Overseers of the Poor, John W. Clark, William Nugent, Edgar M. Fisher.

*Deceased.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1892.

Mayor, JABEZ L. PECK.*

ALDERMEN.

President, Robert W. Adam.
Ward One, James Buntin.
" Two, Samuel Bridges.
" Three, George W. Smith.
" Four, Robert W. Adam.
" Five, Theodore L. Pomeroy.
" Six, William P. Wood.
" Seven, Edgar T. Lawrence.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Arthur H. Rice.
Ward One, John Churchill, Thomas Martin.
" Two, John J. Bastion, James H. May.
" Three, Franklin F. Read, Jr., James H. Butler.*
" Four, Arthur H. Rice, Henry H. Richardson.
" Five, George T. Denny, Edward D. Norton.
" Six, John R. Feeley, John A. Langdon*
" Seven, Edward B. Wilson, William T. Petherbridge.
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Board of Health, Stephen C. Burton, John J. Nelligan, Morgan L. Woodruff.
Overseers of the Poor, John W. Clark, William Nugent, George W. Smith.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1893.

Mayor, JABEZ L. PECK.*

ALDERMEN.

President, Edgar T. Lawrence.
Ward One, David Rosenhein.
" Two, Louis B. Simon.
" Three, Franklin F. Read, Jr.
" Four, Arthur H. Rice.
" Five, Albert N. Parker.
" Six, John R. Feeley.
" Seven, Edgar T. Lawrence.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, John N. Root.
Ward One, Frederick Treat, John Warner.
" Two, John N. Root, Edward H. Cullen.
" Three, James H. Butler,* Addison M. Chapel.
" Four, William P. Griffen, Henry P. Lucas.
" Five, Freeman Jordan, James E. Murphy.
" Six, Andrew J. Doyle, August Schurmeyer.
" Seven, Edward B. Wilson, William Waterman.
City Clerk, Kelton B. Miller.
City Treasurer, Erwin H. Kennedy.
City Auditor, George Y. Learned*
City Solicitor, Walter F. Hawkins.
Tax Collector, Harry D. Sisson.
City Physician, William M. Mercer.
Assessors, Henry R. Peirson, William M. Clark, John A. Root.
Board of Public Works, Edward D. Jones, Joseph H. Daly, Hezekiah S. Russell.
Board of Health, Stephen C. Burton, John J. Nelligan, Morgan L. Woodruff.
Overseers of the Poor, John W. Clark, William Nugent, George W. Smith.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1894.

Mayor, JOHN C. CROSBY.

ALDERMEN.

President, Arthur H. Rice.
Ward One, Rufus A. Teeling.
" Two, George Shipton.
" Three, James H. Butler.*
" Four, Arthur H. Rice.
" Five, James E. Murphy.
" Six, John R. Feeley.
" Seven, Edward B. Wilson.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, William P. Griffen.
Ward One, John Warner, Michael H. Keenan.
" Two, Elbridge M. Annis, Eugene W. Backman.
" Three, Addison M. Chapel, Ulysses G. Loynes.
" Four, William P. Griffen, Henry P. Lucas.
" Five, Hiram M. Chapman, James Barnett.*
" Six, James H. May, Patrick Condron.
" Seven, Charles E. Johnson, Edward F. Rice.
City Clerk, Edward C. Hill.
City Treasurer, Erwin H. Kennedy.
City Auditor, George Y. Learned.*
City Solicitor, Walter F. Hawkins.
City Physician, William M. Mercer.
Tax Collector, Harry D. Sisson.
Inspector of Buildings, Edward J. Cowell.
ekiah S. Russell.
Board of Health, Stephen C. Burton, John J. Nelligan, Morgan L. Woodruff.
Sewer Commissioners, John H. Manning, Charles W. Kellogg, James L. Bacon.
Overseers of the Poor, John W. Clark, William Nugent, George W. Smith.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1895.

Mayor, JOHN C. CROSBY.

ALDERMEN.

President, John R. Feeley.
Ward One, John H. Warner.
" Two, John Churchill.
" Three, William P. Lee.
" Four, Arthur H. Hall.
" Five, Albert N. Parker.
" Six, John R. Feeley.
" Seven, Orlando S. Fish.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Harvey W. Partridge.
Ward One, Michael H. Keenan, Peter Burns.
" Two, Arthur Wright, George H. Brodie.
" Three, Frank H. Smith, Jr., Henry F. Vinette.
" Four, Harvey W. Partridge, Newton A. Mills.
" Five, Joseph Heaton, Thomas E. Hall.
" Six, Patrick Condron, James H. May.
" Seven, Thaddeus Z. Ayres, Charles E. Johnson.
City Clerk, Edward Cain.
City Treasurer, Erwin H. Kennedy.
City Auditor, George Y. Learned.*
City Solicitor, Walter F. Hawkins.
City Physician, William M. Mercer.
Collector of Taxes, William F. Francis.
Inspector of Buildings, Edward J. Cowell.
Assessors, William M. Clark, Frederick S. Parker, James H. May.
Board of Public Works, Edward D. G. Jones, Joseph H. Daly, John M. Lee.
Board of Health, Stephen C. Burton, John J. Nelligan, Morgan L. Woodruff.
Overseers of the Poor, John W. Clark, Charles D. Beebe, William Nugent.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1896.

Mayor, WALTER F. HAWKINS.

ALDERMEN.

President, Emory H. Nash.
Ward One, J. Harvey Smith.
" Two, Emory H. Nash.
" Three, Theodore R. Glentz.
" Four, William D. MacInnes.
" Five, Thomas E. Hall.
" Six, Maurice W. Landers.
" Seven, Arthur A. Mills.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Levi A. Stevens.
Ward One, Charles Daniels, George D. Parker.
" Two, Charles M. Markham, A. T. Stewart Williams.
" Three, Winthrop D. Crosier, William H. Owen.
" Four, Newton A. Mills, Levi A. Stevens.
" Five, Henry F. Myers, Henry Traver, Jr.
" Six, Edward B. Mead, * Patrick J. Moore.
" Seven, John Feeley, David C. Smith.
City Clerk, Edward C. Hill.
City Treasurer, Erwin H. Kennedy.
City Auditor, George Y. Learned.*
City Solicitor, John F. Noxon.
City Physician, William M. Mercer.
Collector of Taxes, Frank R. Strong.
Inspector of Buildings, Edward J. Cowell.
Assessors, William M. Clark, Frederick S. Parker, Harry D. Sisson.
Board of Public Works, Edward D. G. Jones, John H. Manning, James L. Bacon.
Board of Health, Stephen C. Burton, Morgan L. Woodruff, George A. Prediger.
Overseers of the Poor, John W. Clark, Charles D. Beebe, William Nugent.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1897.

Mayor, WALTER F. HAWKINS.

ALDERMEN.

President, George W. Smith.
Ward One, Henry A. Francis.
" Two, George H. Brodie.
" Three, George W. Smith.
" Four, William D. MacInnes.
" Five, John N. Robbins.
" Six, Patrick J. Moore.
" Seven, Edwin A. Talbot.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Levi A. Stevens.
Ward One, Charles H. Daniels, Morris J. Madden.
" Two, Charles M. Markham, Joseph St. James.
" Three, William H. Owen, B. Frank Mills.
" Four, Levi A. Stevens, Hezekiah S. Russell.
" Five, Henry F. Myers, John C. Morrow.
" Six, Charles Frank, Arthur Cowlin.
" Seven, Daniel England, Charles H. Wright.
City Clerk, Edward C. Hill.
City Treasurer, Erwin H. Kennedy.
City Auditor, George Y. Learned,* G. Albert Learned (acting).
City Solicitor, John F. Noxon.
City Physician, William M. Mercer.
Collector of Taxes, Frank R. Strong.
Inspector of Buildings, Edward J. Cowell.
Assessors, William M. Clark, Harry D. Sisson, Albert W. Shaw.
Board of Public Works, Edward D. G. Jones, John H. Manning, James L. Bacon.
Board of Health, Stephen C. Burton, Morgan L. Woodruff, George A. Prediger.
Overseers of the Poor, John W. Clark, Charles D. Beebe, William Nugent.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1898.

Mayor, WILLIAM W. WHITING.*

ALDERMEN:

President, John McQuaid.
Ward One, Peter Burns.
" Two, Philip W. Goewey.
" Three, Edward M. Bridges.
" Four, Arthur W. Eaton.
" Five, Charles T. Barker.
" Six, John McQuaid.
" Seven, Edwin A. Talbot.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Joseph J. St. James.
Ward One, Morris J. Madden, Charles H. Bruce.
" Two, Joseph J. St. James, J. Frederick Kahl.
" Three, B. Frank Mills, Frank Bartlett.
" Four, Hezekiah S. Russell, Fred T. Francis.
" Five, John C. Morrow, Thomas A. Macken, Henry L. Gregory.
" Six, Arthur Cowlin, John Hayden.
" Seven, Charles H. Wright, Edward J. Spall.
City Clerk, Joseph Ward Lewis.
City Treasurer, Erwin H. Kennedy.
Acting City Auditor, G. Albert Learned.
City Solicitor, Walter F. Hawkins.
Inspector of Buildings, Edward J. Cowell.
City Physician, William M. Mercer.
Collector of Taxes, James W. Synan.
Board of Public Works, Edward D. G. Jones, John H. Manning, James L. Bacon.
Board of Health, Stephen C. Burton, Morgan L. Woodruff, George A. Prediger.
Overseers of the Poor, John W. Clark, Charles D. Beebe, William Nugent.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1899.

Mayor—WILLIAM W. WHITING*

Acting Mayor—Levi A. Stevens, President of the Board of Aldermen.

ALDERMEN.

Ward One, Morris J. Madden.
" Two, Philip W. Goewey.
" Three, B. Frank Mills.
" Four, Levi A. Stevens.
" Five, Edward S. Wilson.
" Six, John McQuaid.
" Seven, Charles H. Wright.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Joseph J. St. James.
Ward One, Charles H. Bruce, Harvey H. Decker.
" Two, J. Frederick Kahl, Joseph J. St. James.
" Three, Frank Bartlett, James H. Butler.
" Four, Fred T. Francis, Milton B. Warner.
" Five, Thomas A. Macken, Freeman Jordan.
" Six, John Hayden, Louis Leidhold.
" Seven, Edward J. Spall, Louis Merchant.
City Clerk—Joseph Ward Lewis.
City Treasurer—Erwin H. Kennedy.
Acting City Auditor—G. Albert Learned, Dennis A. Curtin.
City Solicitor—John C. Crosby.
City Physician—William M. Mercer.
Collector of Taxes—James W. Synan.
Inspector of Buildings—Edward J. Cowell.
Assessors—William M. Clark, Harry D. Sisson, Albert W. Shaw.
Board of Public Works, Edward D. Jones, John H. Manning, James L. Bacon.
Board of Health, Stephen C. Burton, Morgan L. Woodruff, George A. Prediger.
Overseers of the Poor, John W. Clark, Charles D. Beebe, William Nugent.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1900.

Mayor, HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL.

ALDERMEN.

President, Philip W. Goewey.
Ward One, John M. Burke.
" Two, Philip W. Goewey.
" Three, John O'Connell.
" Four, Levi A. Stevens.
" Five, Charles T. Barker.
" Six, Michael H. Cain.
" Seven, Charles H. Talbot.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Joseph J. St. James.
Ward One, Harvey H. Decker, and John T. Coyne.
" Two, Joseph J. St. James and William H. Newton.
" Three, James H. Butler and John M. Lee.
" Four, Milton B. Warner and Frank Howard.
" Five, Freeman Jordan and Thomas A. Macken.
" Six, Louis Leidhold and Michael Mathews.
" Seven, Louis A. Merchant and Dwight A. Clark.
City Clerk—Joseph Ward Lewis.
City Treasurer—Erwin H. Kennedy.
City Auditor—Dennis A. Curtin.
City Solicitor—John C. Crosby.
City Physician—William M. Mercer, M. D.
Collector of Taxes—James W. Synan.
Inspector of Buildings—Edward J. Cowell.
Assessors—William M. Clark, Samuel S. Levy and Francis J. McMahon.
Board of Public Works—Franklin A. Smith, James L. Bacon and George W. Bailey.
Board of Health—Joseph A. Langlois, M. D., John J. Nelligan and John J. Flynn, M. D.
Overseers of the Poor—Frederick Tuggey, William Nugent and Robert Kirk.

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OFFICERS, 1901.

Mayor, HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL.

ALDERMEN.

President, John M. Burke
Ward One, John M. Burke.
" Two, William E. Wilcox.
" Three, James H. Butler.
" Four, Milton B. Warner.
" Five, Freeman Jordan.
" Six, Michael Cain.
" Seven, Robert Andrews, Jr.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Frank Howard.
Ward One, John T. Coyne and Richard F. Carroll.
" Two, William H. Newton and Arthur Wright.
" Three, James P. Fryer and
" Four, Frank Howard and Harvey E. Henry.
" Five, Thomas A. Macken and Anson C. Griffen.
" Six, Michael Matthews and Louis Leidhold.
" Seven, Dwight A. Clark and Burdick A. Stewart.

City Clerk—Joseph Ward Lewis, Ernest Johnson.
City Treasurer—Erwin H. Kennedy.
City Auditor—Dennis A. Curtin.
City Solicitor—John C. Crosby.
City Physician—William Mercer, M. D.
Collector of Taxes—James W. Synan, James H. Francis.
Inspector of Buildings—Edward J. Cowell.
Assessors—Samuel S. Levy, Francis J. McMahon and William M. Clark.
Board of Public Works—James L. Bacon, George W. Bailey and Franklin A. Smith.
Board of Health—John J. Nelligan, John J. Flynn, M. D. and Joseph A. Langlois, M. D.
Overseers of the Poor—William Nugent, Robert Kirk and Frederick Tuggey.

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CITY OFFICERS, 1902.

Mayor, DANIEL ENGLAND.

ALDERMEN.

President, William E. Wilcox.
Ward One, John T. Coyne.
" Two, William E. Wilcox.
" Three, John O'Connell.
" Four, Frank Howard.
" Five, Thomas A Macken.
" Six, Michael H. Cain.
" Seven, Charles C. Francis.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, James P. Fryer.
Ward One, Richard F. Carroll and George Albert Smith.
" Two, Arthur Wright and John Fitzgerald.
" Three, James P. Fryer and George E. Cain.
" Four, Harvey E. Henry and Allen H. Bagg.
" Five, Anson C. Griffen and Matthias Jacobi, Jr.
" Six, Louis Leidhold and Michael Mathews.
" Seven, Burdick A. Stewart and Charles R. Foote.
City Clerk—Joseph Ward Lewis.
City Treasurer—Erwin H. Kennedy.
City Auditor—Dennis A. Curtin.
City Solicitor—John C. Crosby.
City Physician—William M. Mercer, M. D.
Collector of Taxes—James W. Synan.
Inspector of Buildings—Charles E. Merrill.
Assessors—William M. Clark, Samuel S. Levy and Francis J. McMahon.
Board of Public Works—Franklin A. Smith, James L. Bacon and George W. Bailey.
Board of Health—Joseph A. Langlois, M. D., John J. Nelligan and John J. Flynn, M. D.
Overseers of the Poor—Frederick Tuggey, William Nugent and Robert Kirk.

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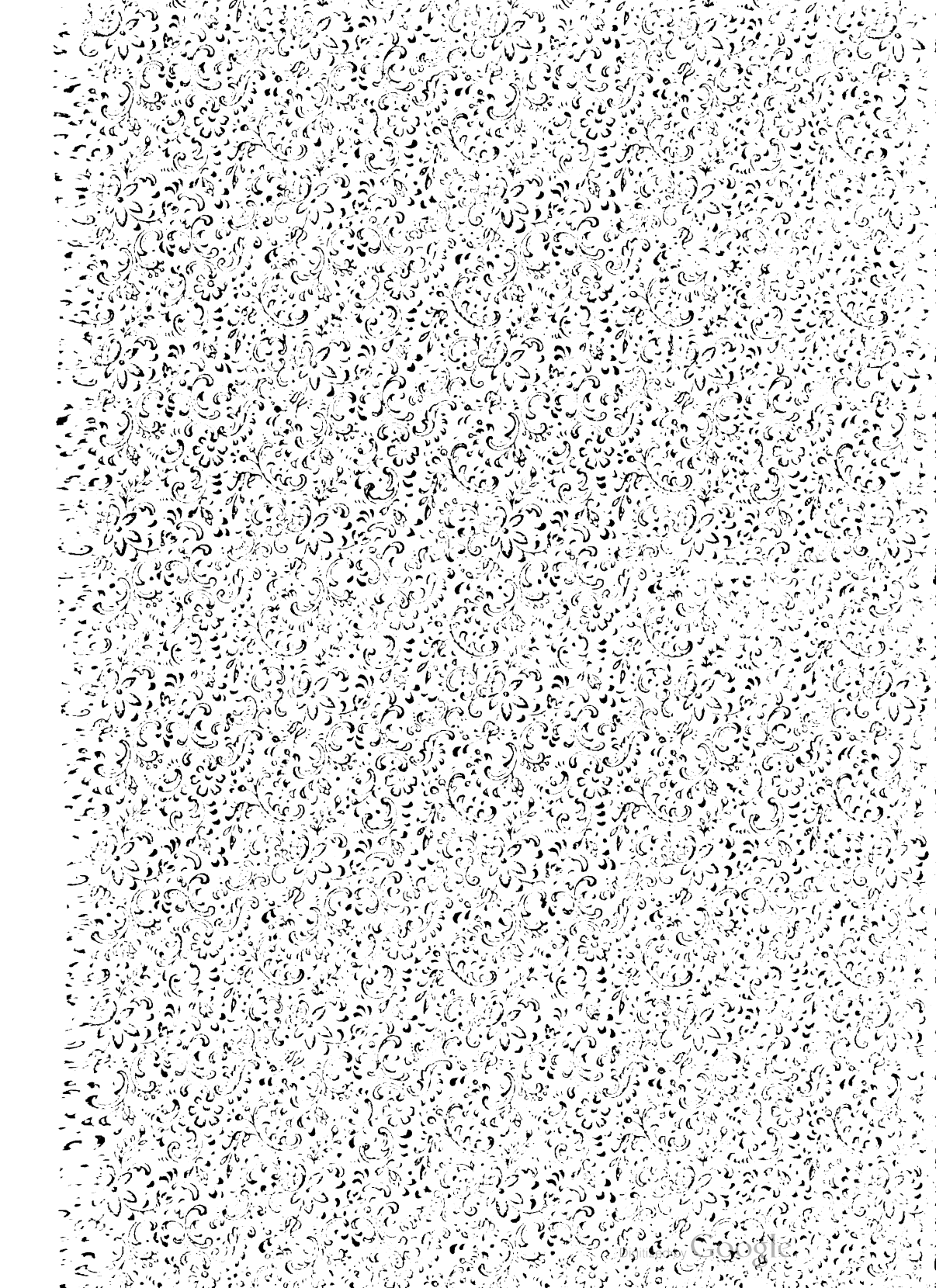

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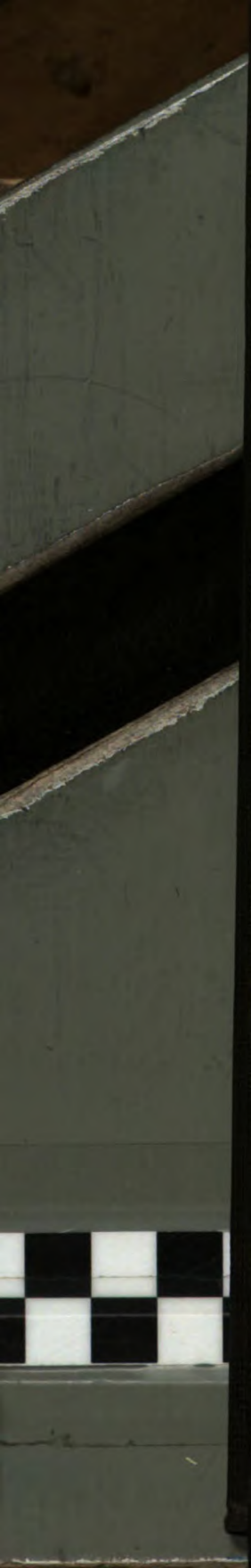

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