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CITY GOVERNMENT FOR 1896.

MAYOR.

SAMUEL RUSSELL.

ALDERMEN.

ROBERT H. STOTHART,	LYMAN D. MILLS,
ARTHUR B. RYAN,	JAMES DONOVAN.

COUNCILMEN.

OLIVER H. CONE,	CHARLES O. STONE,
ALONZO B. ROBINSON,	FREDERICK P. BURR,
CLARENCE P. BONFOEY,	RALPH A. BLYDENBURGH,
JOHN THOMPSON,	EDWARD S. MILLER,
GILBERT F. PECKHAM,	FREDERICK BABCOCK,
WILLIS E. TERRILL,	FREDERICK H. SAGE.

JAMES P. STOW, - - - - -	<i>City Clerk and Treasurer.</i>
JOHN M. WINTERICH, - - - - -	<i>Assessor.</i>
GEORGE W. LANE, - - - - -	<i>Collector.</i>
D. WARD NORTHROP, - - - - -	<i>City Attorney.</i>
A. W. INGLIS, - - - - -	<i>Sheriff.</i>
GEORGE LEONARD, - - - - -	<i>Fire Marshal.</i>
GEORGE S. PITT, - - - - -	<i>Engineer.</i>
FREDERICK E. CHAPMAN, - - - - -	<i>First Assistant.</i>
JOHN H. O'BRIEN, - - - - -	<i>Second Assistant.</i>
ODO R. FRANCIS, - - - - -	<i>Superintendent of Fire Alarm.</i>
JOHN B. KIRBY, - - - - -	<i>Fire Warden.</i>
JOHN C. BROATCH, - - - - -	<i>Superintendent and Secretary Water Works.</i>
EDWIN P. AUGUR, - - - - -	<i>Surveyor.</i>
ARTHUR B. MILLER, - - - - -	<i>Street Commissioner.</i>
J. FRANCIS CALEF, M. D., - - - - -	<i>Health Officer.</i>

COMMITTEES FOR 1896.

—♦♦—
ON CLAIMS AND FINANCE.

ALDERMAN RYAN,
COUNCILMEN BURR AND BLYDENBURGH.

ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

ALDERMAN DONOVAN,
COUNCILMEN THOMPSON AND BURR.

ON SEWERS.

ALDERMAN MILLS,
COUNCILMEN PECKHAM AND SAGE.

ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ALDERMAN MILLS,
COUNCILMEN CONE AND STONE.

ON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ALDERMAN STOTHART,
COUNCILMEN BLYDENBURGH AND MILLER.

ON ABATEMENTS.

ALDERMAN STOTHART,
COUNCILMEN BONFOEY AND BABCOCK.

ON LAMPS AND LIGHTS.

ALDERMAN DONOVAN,
COUNCILMEN ROBINSON AND BABCOCK.

ON HEALTH AND NUISANCE.

ALDERMAN RYAN,
COUNCILMEN TERRILL AND SAGE.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

To the Freemen of the City of Middletown:

In compliance with the provisions of the City Charter, I herewith present a statement of the financial standing of the city.

FINANCES.

The report of the City Treasurer shows that the receipts for the past year, with balance on hand, are as follows:

On hand January 1, 1896, - - - - -	\$17,188 38
Received from taxes, list of 1895, - - - - -	37,044 21
Received from taxes, lists of 1888 to 1894, inclusive, - - - - -	9,613 57
Received from sewers, sidewalks and curb assessments, - - - - -	569 69
Received from apportionment, town highway tax, - - - - -	2,650 00
Received from City Court, - - - - -	2,032 27
Received from sundry sources, - - - - -	160 78
Received from water fund account, interest paid on bonds, - - - - -	5,807 50
Received from loan, - - - - -	10,000 00
Total, - - - - -	\$85,066 40

The disbursements during the past year have been as follows:

Paid sundry orders, - - - - -	\$38,258 19
Paid special street appropriations, - - - - -	2,862 48
Paid interest on bonds, - - - - -	15,907 50
Paid interest on loan, - - - - -	72 07
Paid loan, - - - - -	10,000 00
Paid on Municipal Building, supplies, repairs and expenses, - - - - -	3,282 39
Paid street appropriations, - - - - -	1,555 30
Paid sundry appropriations, - - - - -	3,145 27
Paid Sewer Department appropriations, - - - - -	2,876 01
Balance to new account, - - - - -	7,107 19
Total, - - - - -	\$85,066 40

The Treasurer's report shows the ordinary expenses for the year were \$38,258.19.

INDEBTEDNESS.

The Treasurer's report shows the total indebtedness of the city to be \$329,000, all of which is bonded.

There is due the city at the present time, as appears by the statement of the City Collector:

For taxes, - - - - -	\$15,630 97
For sewer assessments, - - - - -	4,283 00
For sidewalks and curbs, - - - - -	589 47
For sewer assessments due March 1, 1897, - - - - -	1,205 00
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$21,708 44</u>

The expenses for the city for the ensuing year, as estimated by the respective committees, are as follows:

For street repairs and new work, - - - - -	\$15,000 00
For street lamps and lights, - - - - -	8,700 00
For Fire Department, including new hose, etc., - - - - -	4,300 00
For sewers and repairs, and sewer on North High street, - - - - -	6,750 00
For public uses of water, hydrants, etc., - - - - -	5,000 00
For City Court, - - - - -	3,000 00
For salaries, - - - - -	2,200 00
For other purposes, - - - - -	3,000 00
For Police Department, - - - - -	5,300 00
For interest on loans, - - - - -	200 00
	<u>\$53,450 00</u>

Interest on bonds to be paid by the city	
during the year 1897, - - - - -	\$14,107 50
Less interest to be paid for water bonds, - - - - -	3,887 50
	<u>10,220 00</u>

Total estimated expenses for the ensuing year, - \$63,670 00

There will be due the city within the year from the following sources:

From town highway apportionment tax, - - - - -	\$2,650 00
From other sources, about, - - - - -	200 00
From City Court, - - - - -	2,000 00
From unpaid taxes, - - - - -	15,630 97
From sewers, - - - - -	5,488 00
From sidewalks and curbs, - - - - -	589 47
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$26,558 44</u>

The Grand List of 1896 is estimated at \$6,000,000.

An 8-mill tax will raise \$48,000. A 9-mill tax will raise \$54,000.

The estimated expenses for the current year, without considering any extra appropriations, except sewer on North High street, are \$63,670.

The amount available from what is due the city for current expenses will probably be \$15,000.

I therefore recommend that a 9-mill tax be laid, and must inform the freemen that if the present policy of street and other improvements are pursued, with an 8-mill tax, the balance is likely to be absorbed and possibly overrun.

The amount of taxes abated during the year was \$274. See report of the Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

The Department of Streets and Highways has been conducted with energy and good judgment throughout. The Committee fulfilled all their original apportionments, consisting of new macadam on various streets, and also repairs and renewal of macadam on Main street, then later on executed several matters of new work advocated by the Council, keeping throughout within the scope of their appropriation, the amount of which would not have been exceeded but for the unforeseen expense incurred by the acquiring and opening of North Main street; thus the work of the Committee has been conducted on the proper lines and with due care and economy, and the results are good and lasting. This Committee merits commendation for the manner of conducting the department under its control. The expenditures of this department, including the salary of the Commissioner and all special appropriations, amount to \$15,542.71.

STREET LAMPS AND LIGHTS.

The amount expended by this Committee during the past year is \$7,915.18. The responsibility of this Committee has much increased and is likely to continue to do so. Calls are constant for additional electric lamps, obliging the Committee to exercise care and judgment. The work of this department has gone smoothly and well.

SEWERS.

This department, known to be one of the most important to the city, received no appropriation of funds for new work

during the past year. The report of the Committee will show what has been accomplished. A peculiar feature of this department is that calls upon it are for relief as well as utility, and must be dealt with on grounds of sanitation rather than that of ordinary improvement. This imposed a responsibility on the Committee entirely apart from that of the other departments, as can be readily seen and appreciated. The work done has given thorough satisfaction, and the Committee has earned well merited praise for its policy.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND NUISANCE.

The peace of this Committee has been disturbed and hampered by a division of power and responsibility existing between it and the Health Officer of the city. In all cases, however, the Committee has ignored all questions of precedence and lent their unqualified aid to all matters of health and sanitation, thereby showing a willingness and desire to serve the interest of health in our community, a protection and care ever increasing with the increase of population.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Our Fire Department has acted up to its best standard during the past twelve months. Promptness and efficiency have marked the manner of dealing with the various fires which have occurred; good discipline and harmony have prevailed, otherwise the management and quelling of some serious fires could not have been effected. To the Chief and officers of this department much is due for the quiet and orderly way in which the work has been performed, and also to the efficiency of the members of the several companies in executing orders and supporting each other by concerted action. No complaints have come from this department, no lack of unity has been expressed, and but one object and purpose has appeared, that of performing their duty to the best of their ability.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The reports of this Committee are given by the Committee and the Chief. Nothing of an unusual nature has arisen. The number of the force has been increased by one. The duties of the department have been quietly and faithfully performed.

CITY COURT.

A full report of all pertaining to this Court will be found on another page.

FIRE WARDEN.

The report of the Fire Warden is appended. The duties of this office have been well and carefully discharged.

THE CITY WATER WORKS.

The report of the Commissioners shows a summary as follows: Receipts for the year, \$30,531.62; expenses, including interest on water bonds, \$27,681.97; net earnings for the year, \$2,878.40, which leaves the above balance to be applied to the sinking fund.

The members composing the Board of Water Commissioners are entitled to the highest praise for the faithful and careful management of their department, in testimony whereof the financial condition of the department bears witness.

CONCLUSION.

The general business depression of the past year has affected our city as little as could be expected. A general condition of thrift prevails, owing, no doubt, largely to the conservative nature of our community, and we are equipped and ready to avail of the return of prosperity, and grasp such opportunities as may conduce to our growth and prosperity. Growth and prosperity, however, are by no means synonymous, and cautious judgment of the best should be exercised in encouraging large and sudden increases in our population and industries lest disaster follow, necessitating a slow and painful course of assimilation.

Our Board of Trade is an organization to be proud of, as it is composed of our best men, animated by a desire to further all that is for the general good. Over fifty permits for building purposes were issued by the Common Council during the year, an indication of steady growth notwithstanding the business depression. The peculiar advantages possessed by our city in its location are very great, we combine great ease of access by rail and water, and facilities for business and traffic, with most excellent drainage and sanitation. The advantages

for business purposes, without going into detail, are very great. The residential portions of our old "Forest City" are so attractive as to be remembered far and wide. No doubt our growth will be strong and rapid after reaching and passing certain points; we shall doubtless lose something of our quiet and past traditions, but the change is inevitable and we must prepare to take our place among the larger cities of the State.

The new source of water supply projected and provided for will prove in the future one of the strongest timbers in our structure. The enjoyment of an ample supply of pure, wholesome water will prove an ever-present blessing.

The new Municipal Building has been completed and occupied by the various departments for which it was designed; it fulfills its purpose, affording ample quarters for the various offices of the city, town and county, being grouped in one building and under one roof; offering facilities for doing business with these departments never before enjoyed.

I will offer no recommendations for the ensuing year, being satisfied to allow such matters as may be in mind to come up and be presented and disposed of in their proper order.

In closing, I wish to express satisfaction with the attitude and method of the Common Council during the past year. A spirit of harmony and purpose to deal carefully and wisely with the measures brought before them has characterized the term.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL RUSSELL, *Mayor.*

Treasurer's Report.

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., December 31, 1896.

*To His Honor the Mayor and the Common Council of the
City of Middletown:*

GENTLEMEN:—Pursuant to the requirements of the charter, I have the honor of presenting to you a report of the receipts and expenditures of the city for the year ending December 31, 1896, also a synopsis showing the amount paid under each department.

The purpose, amount, date and maturity, and the rate of interest of each of the different bonds. The date due and the total interest to be paid on the different bonds for the year of 1897 are shown, also a separate statement showing in full the bonded indebtedness to December 31, 1896.

There has been paid to the Water Bond Sinking Fund Commission the surplus revenue of the Water Works for the year 1895—\$9,631.43—making the sum total of all moneys paid from the surplus of the Water Fund account by the City Treasurer to the said Commission prior to January 1, 1897, \$60,782.67. The said Commission paid the amount of the Water Bonds—\$64,000—which was due January 1, 1896, from the Sinking Fund, and accrued interest, and leaving a balance—\$4,608.09—which will pay the \$3,000 Water Bonds due February 1, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. STOW,
City Treasurer.

JAMES P. STOW, CITY TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF
MIDDLETOWN.

Receipts.

January 1, 1896.

Balance on hand, - - - - -	\$17,188 38
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1888, - - - - -	\$23 60
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1889, - - - - -	150 27
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1890, - - - - -	72 40
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1891, - - - - -	43 50
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1892, - - - - -	64 12
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	370 25
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	8,389 43
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1895, - - - - -	37,044 21
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	46,657 78
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Fountain Avenue Sewer, - - - - -	12 06
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Oak Street Sewer, - - - - -	173 16
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Grand Street Sewer, - - - - -	9 85
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Warwick Street Sewer, - - - - -	3 19
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Hamlin Street Sewer, - - - - -	31 52
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Spring Street Sewer, - - - - -	153 45
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	383 23
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Hamlin Street Sidewalk, - - - - -	126 44
Received from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Washington Street Sidewalk and Curb, - - - - -	60 02
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	186 46
Received from Town of Middletown, Highway Apportionment Tax, - - - - -	2,650 00
Received from A. W. Inglis, Chief of Police, Licenses, - - - - -	12 75
Received from Arthur B. Miller, Street Commissioner, - - - - -	13 45
Received from Entertainment Licenses, - - - - -	60 00
Received from Town of Middletown and City Court, - - - - -	2,032 27
Received from Fire Department, - - - - -	2 00
Received from Municipal Building Committee, sale of Engine and Boiler, - - - - -	58 33
Received from sale of Council Room Furniture, - - - - -	14 25
Received from Water Fund Account, for Interest paid on Water Bonds, - - - - -	5,807 50
Received from Middletown National Bank, Loan, - - - - -	10,000 00
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	\$85,066 40

Disbursements.

Paid Sundry Orders, - - - - -	\$38,258 19
Paid Special Street Appropriations, - - - - -	2,862 48
Paid Interest on Bonds, - - - - -	15,907 50
Paid Interest on Loan, - - - - -	72 07
Paid Loan, - - - - -	10,000 00
Paid Municipal Building Appropriations, Supplies, etc., - - - - -	3,282 39
Paid Sundry Appropriations, - - - - -	7,576 58
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	77,959 21
Balance to new account, - - - - -	7,107 19
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	\$85,066 40

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the City Treasurer, compared it with the vouchers, and find the same correct.

ARTHUR B. RYAN,
FRED. P. BURR,
RALPH A. BLYDENBURGH, } *Committee on
Claims and Finance.*

We hereby certify that we have counted and destroyed the following described coupons:

Municipal Building Funding Bond Coupons, due Nov. 1, 1895, - - - - -	\$100 00
Water Bond Coupons, due Jan. 1, 1896, - - - - -	1,920 00
Funded Water Bond Coupons, due Jan. 1, 1896, - - - - -	1,003 75
Funded Water Bond Coupons, due Feb. 1, 1896, - - - - -	540 00
Funded Sewer Bond Coupons, due March 1, 1896, - - - - -	560 00
Funded Debt Bond Coupons, due April 1, 1896, - - - - -	500 00
Funded Debt Bond Coupons, due April 1, 1896, - - - - -	500 00
Funded Water Indebtedness Coupons, due May 1, 1896, - - - - -	400 00
Funded Debt Bond Coupons, due May 1, 1896, - - - - -	500 00
Sewer Funding Bond Coupons, due May 1, 1896, - - - - -	700 00
Municipal Building Funding Bond Coupons, due May 1, 1896, - - - - -	700 00
Sewer Bond Coupons, due June 1, 1896, - - - - -	1,590 00
Funded Water Bond Coupons, due July 1, 1896, - - - - -	1,003 75
Funded Water Bond Coupons, due Aug. 1, 1896, - - - - -	540 00
Funded Sewer Bond Coupons, due Sept. 1, 1896, - - - - -	540 00
Funded Debt Bond Coupons, due Oct. 1, 1896, - - - - -	500 00
Funded Debt Bond Coupons, due Oct. 1, 1896, - - - - -	460 00
Funded Water Indebtedness Coupons, due Nov. 1, 1896, - - - - -	400 00
Funded Debt Bond Coupons, due Nov. 1, 1896, - - - - -	500 00
Sewer Funding Bond Coupons, due Nov. 1, 1896, - - - - -	700 00
Municipal Building Funding Bond Coupons, due Nov. 1, 1896, - - - - -	660 00
Sewer Bond Coupons, due Dec. 1, 1896, - - - - -	1,590 00
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	\$15,907 50

ARTHUR B. RYAN,
FRED. P. BURR,
RALPH A. BLYDENBURGH, } *Committee on
Claims and Finance.*

SYNOPSIS OF CITY EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

	AMOUNTS EXPENDED.	ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.
Mayor's salary, - - - - -	\$200 00	
Assessor's salary, - - - - -	50 00	
City Attorney's salary, - - - - -	200 00	
Clerk and Treasurer's salary, - - - - -	600 00	
City Court, - - - - -	2,896 67	
Police Department, janitor's salary, repairs, etc., - - - - -	4,833 01	
Police Department, estimate of expenses, 1896, - - - - -		\$4,500 00
Special appropriation of Common Council, April 6, 1896, - - - - -		600 00
		<u>\$5,100 00</u>
Street Department, labor, stone, freight, etc., - - - - -	\$10,500 72	
Appropriations, North Main, Bridge, and Main streets, - - - - -	2,862 48	
	<u>\$13,363 20</u>	
Street Department, Street Commissioner's salary, - - - - -	624 21	
	<u>13,987 41</u>	
Street Department, estimate of expenses, 1896, - - - - -		12,000 00
Special appropriations North Main, Bridge, and Main streets, - - - - -		2,862 48
		<u>14,862 48</u>
Sewer Department, repairs, etc., - - - - -	747 98	
Sewer Department, estimate of expenses, 1896, - - - - -		1,500 00
Street Lamp Department, arc lights, - - - - -	7,739 16	
Street Lamp Department, series lights, - - - - -	176 02	
	<u>7,915 18</u>	
Street Lamp Department, estimate of expenses, 1896, - - - - -		8,700 00
Fire Department, compensation, - - - - -	1,430 76	
Fire Department, rent for O. V. Coffin H. and L. Truck, - - - - -	270 85	
Fire Department, fuel, - - - - -	145 00	
Fire Department, repairs, etc., - - - - -	775 14	
	<u>2,621 75</u>	
Fire Department, fire alarm compensation, - - - - -	254 54	
Fire Department, fire alarm repairs, etc., - - - - -	629 07	
	<u>883 61</u>	
		<u>3,505 36</u>
Fire Department, estimate of expenses, 1896, - - - - -		3,800 00
Watering streets, - - - - -	570 60	
Middletown Water Works, use of water for hydrants, - - - - -	4,260 00	
Note, - - - - -	10,000 00	
Municipal Building appropriations, supplies, repairs, and expenses, - - - - -	3,282 39	
Interest on temporary loan, - - - - -	72 07	
Interest on bonds, - - - - -	15,907 50	
Printing and advertising, - - - - -	523 57	

	AMOUNTS EXPENDED.	ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.
Contingent, - - - - -	\$830 89	
City Surveyor, - - - - -	200 00	
Health and nuisance, and expenses of small-pox case, - - - - -	1,351 25	
Street Department appropriations, - - - - -	1,555 30	
Fire Department appropriations, - - - - -	437 00	
Police Department appropriations, - - - - -	70 07	
Sewer Department appropriations, - - - - -	2,876 01	
City extension, legal fees, etc., - - - - -	400 00	
Street lamp appropriation, - - - - -	47 75	
Appropriation for flags for steamer "Middletown," - - - - -	84 50	
Appropriation, Tax Auditor, - - - - -	100 00	
Legal fees, - - - - -	454 70	
	<u>\$77,959 21</u>	

SUMMARY OF THE AMOUNTS PAID TO THE CITY TREASURER BY THE CITY COLLECTOR FOR THE YEAR OF 1896.

Feb. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	\$189 58	
Feb. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	375 54	
	<u>565 12</u>	
Feb. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Fountain Avenue Sewer, - - - - -		12 06
March 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	171 93	
March 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	14 77	
March 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1892, - - - - -	33 03	
March 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1891, - - - - -	29 29	
March 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1890, - - - - -	19 81	
March 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1889, - - - - -	6 16	
March 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1888, - - - - -	23 60	
	<u>298 59</u>	
March 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Oak Street Sewer, - - - - -	161 29	
March 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Grand Street Sewer, - - - - -	9 85	
	<u>171 14</u>	
April 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	189 27	
April 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	12 47	
	<u>201 74</u>	

April 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Hamlin Street Sidewalk, - - - - -	\$126 44	
April 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Warwick Street Sewer, - - - - -	3 19	\$129 63
May 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	555 40	
May 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	92 07	
May 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1890, - - - - -	20 80	
May 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1889, - - - - -	21 84	690 11
June 12, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1890, - - - - -	19 04	
June 12, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1891, - - - - -	6 38	
June 12, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1892, - - - - -	7 45	
June 12, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	28 96	
June 12, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	680 50	742 33
June 12, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Hamlin Street Sewer, - - - - -		11 82
July 7, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	3,373 82	
July 7, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	251 73	
July 7, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1889, - - - - -	93 96	3,719 51
Aug. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1895, - - - - -	33,390 90	
Aug. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	1,027 15	
Aug. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	4 11	
Aug. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1892, - - - - -	1 70	
Aug. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1889, - - - - -	15 32	34,439 18
Aug. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Spring Street Sewer, - - - - -	153 45	
Aug. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Hamlin Street Sewer, - - - - -	19 70	173 15

Sept. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1895, - - - - -	\$1,635 15	
Sept. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	1,960 70	
Sept. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1892, - - - - -	10 05	\$3,605 90
Sept. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Oak Street Sewer, - - - - -		11 87
Oct. 10, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1895, - - - - -	828 04	
Oct. 10, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	194 95	1,022 99
Nov. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1895, - - - - -	967 30	
Nov. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	12 55	
Nov. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	75 00	
Nov. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1890, - - - - -	4 92	
Nov. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1889, - - - - -	5 16	1,064 93
Dec. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1895, - - - - -	125 52	
Dec. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1894, - - - - -	33 58	
Dec. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1893, - - - - -	15 60	
Dec. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1892, - - - - -	11 89	
Dec. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1891, - - - - -	7 83	
Dec. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1890, - - - - -	7 83	
Dec. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1889, - - - - -	7 83	210 08
Dec. 5, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, Wash- ington Street Sidewalk and Curb, - - - - -		60 02
Dec. 28, 1896, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, List of 1895, - - - - -		97 30
		\$47,227 47

MIDDLETOWN CITY REPORT.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID TO THE CITY TREASURER BY THE CITY COLLECTOR ON EACH TAX, SEWER, SIDEWALK, AND CURB ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR OF 1896.

List of 1895, Aug. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	\$33,390 90	
List of 1895, Sept. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	1,635 15	
List of 1895, Oct. 10, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	828 04	
List of 1895, Nov. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	967 30	
List of 1895, Dec. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	125 52	
List of 1895, Dec. 28, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	97 30	
	<hr/>	\$37,044 21
List of 1894, Feb. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	189 58	
List of 1894, March 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	171 93	
List of 1894, April 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	189 27	
List of 1894, May 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	555 40	
List of 1894, June 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	680 50	
List of 1894, July 6, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	3,373 82	
List of 1894, Aug. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	1,027 15	
List of 1894, Sept. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	1,960 70	
List of 1894, Oct. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	194 95	
List of 1894, Nov. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	12 55	
List of 1894, Dec. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	33 58	
	<hr/>	8,389 43
List of 1893, Feb. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	375 54	
List of 1893, March 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	14 77	
List of 1893, April 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	12 47	
List of 1893, May 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	92 07	
List of 1893, June 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	28 96	
List of 1893, July 6, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	251 73	
List of 1893, Aug. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	4 11	
List of 1893, Nov. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	75 00	
List of 1893, Dec. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	15 60	
	<hr/>	870 25
List of 1892, March 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	33 03	
List of 1892, June 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	7 45	
List of 1892, Aug. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	1 70	
List of 1892, Sept. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	10 05	
List of 1892, Dec. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	11 89	
	<hr/>	64 12
List of 1891, March 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	29 29	
List of 1891, June 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	6 38	
List of 1891, Dec. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	7 83	
	<hr/>	43 50
List of 1890, March 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	19 81	
List of 1890, May 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	20 80	
List of 1890, June 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	19 04	
List of 1890, Nov. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	4 92	
List of 1890, Dec. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	7 83	
	<hr/>	72 40

MIDDLETOWN CITY REPORT.

List of 1889, March 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	\$6 16	
List of 1889, May 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	21 84	
List of 1889, July 6, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	93 96	
List of 1889, Aug. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	15 32	
List of 1889, Nov. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	5 16	
List of 1889, Dec. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,	7 83	
	<hr/>	\$150 27.
List of 1888, March 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector,		23 60
Fountain Avenue Sewer, Feb. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, - - - - -		12 06
Oak Street Sewer, March 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, - - - - -	161 29	
Oak Street Sewer, Sept. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, - - - - -	11 87	
	<hr/>	173 16
Grand Street Sewer, March 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, - - - - -		9 85
Warwick Street Sewer, April 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, - - - - -		3 19
Hamlin Street Sewer, June 12, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, - - - - -	11 82	
Hamlin Street Sewer, Aug. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, - - - - -	19 70	
	<hr/>	31 52
Spring Street Sewer, Aug. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, -		153 45
Hamlin Street Sidewalk, April 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, -		126 44
Washington Street Sidewalk and Curb, Dec. 5, from Geo. W. Lane, Collector, - - - - -		60 02
	<hr/>	\$47,227 47

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing summary, as prepared by the City Treasurer, and find the same correct.

ARTHUR B. RYAN,
 FRED. P. BURR,
 RALPH A. BLYDENBURGH, } *Committee on Claims and Finance.*

DUE THE CITY FOR TAXES, SEWER, SIDEWALK, AND CURB ASSESSMENTS.

Statement Submitted by the City Collector, December 28, 1896.

Due on List of 1895, - - - - -	\$10,342 51	
Due on List of 1894, - - - - -	2,170 35	
Due on List of 1893, - - - - -	1,850 32	
Due on List of 1892, - - - - -	572 71	
Due on List of 1891, - - - - -	305 29	
Due on List of 1890, - - - - -	284 37	
Due on List of 1889, - - - - -	94 08	
Due on List of 1888, - - - - -	11 34	
	<hr/>	\$15,630 97
Due on Rapallo avenue sewer assessment, -	84 00	
Due on Liberty street sewer assessment, -	255 00	
Due on Hamlin street sewer assessment, -	68 00	
Due on Goodyear avenue sewer assessment, -	43 00	
Due on Hotchkiss street sewer assessment, -	55 00	
Due on Mill street sewer assessment, -	497 00	
Due on Bridge street sewer assessment, -	55 00	
Due on Pearl street sewer assessment, -	44 00	
Due on Grand street sewer assessment, -	330 00	
Due on Spring street sewer assessment, -	775 00	
Due on Pease avenue sewer assessment, -	1,209 00	
Due on Cross street and Fountain avenue sewer assessment, - - - - -	87 00	
Due on Warwick street sewer assessment, -	152 00	
Due on Oak street sewer assessment, - -	629 00	
	<hr/>	4,283 00
Due on Ferry street curb assessment, - -	50 38	
Due on Washington street sidewalk and curb assessment, - - - - -	539 09	
	<hr/>	589 47
		\$20,503 44
Due March 1, 1897, Hotchkiss street sewer assessment, - - - - -	230 00	
Due March 1, 1897, North Pearl street sewer assessment, - - - - -	975 00	
	<hr/>	1,205 00
		\$21,708 44

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Sewer bonds, 6 per cent., - - - - -	\$53,000 00
Sewer bonds, 4 per cent. (issued 1894), -	28,000 00
Sewer funding bonds, 4 per cent. (issued 1895), - - - - -	35,000 00
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	\$116,000 00
Funded water bonds, 3- ⁶ / ₁₀₀ per cent., - -	55,000 00
Funded water indebtedness, 4 per cent., -	20,000 00
* Funded water bonds, 4 per cent. (issued 1894), - - - - -	27,000 00
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	102,000 00
Funded debt bonds, 4 per cent. (issued 1884),	25,000 00
Funded debt bonds, 4 per cent. (issued 1889),	25,000 00
Funded debt bonds, 4 per cent. (issued 1894),	25,000 00
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	75,000 00
Municipal Building funding bonds, 4 per cent. (issued 1895), - - - - -	36,000 00
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	\$329,000 00

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

ISSUED.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	DATE OF MATURITY.	RATE OF INT.
1883	Water Works, - -	\$20,000	May 1, 1908.	4 %
1885	Water Works, - -	55,000	July 1, 1915.	3- ⁶ / ₁₀₀ %
1894	Water Works, - -	27,000	{ Feb. 1, 1897, to } { Feb. 1, 1910. }	4 %
1872	Sewers, - - -	31,000	Dec. 1, 1901.	6 %
1873	Sewers, - - -	10,000	Dec. 1, 1901.	6 %
1874	Sewers, - - -	12,000	Dec. 1, 1901.	6 %
1894	Sewers, - - -	28,000	{ Mar. 1, 1904, to } { Mar. 1, 1917. }	4 %
1895	Sewers, - - -	35,000	{ Redeemable on or } { after May 1, 1905. }	4 %
1884	Funded debt, - -	25,000	Nov. 1, 1914.	4 %
1889	Funded debt, - -	25,000	Oct. 1, 1909.	4 %
1894	Funded debt, - -	25,000	{ Redeemable on or } { after Oct. 1, 1904. }	4 %
1895	Municipal Building,	36,000	{ Redeemable on or } { after May 1, 1905. }	4 %
		\$329,000		

* February 1, 1897, there will be \$3,000 of water bonds due, which will be paid by the Water Bond Sinking Fund Commission.

INTEREST ON BONDS TO BE PAID BY THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 1897.

Municipal Building funding bond coupons, due May 1, 1896, - - - - -	\$20 00
Funded sewer bond coupons, due Sept. 1, 1896, - -	20 00
Funded debt bond coupons, due Oct. 1, 1896, - -	40 00
Municipal Building funding bond coupons, due Nov. 1, 1896, - - - - -	60 00
Funded water bond coupons, due Jan. 1, 1897, - -	1,003 75
Funded water bond coupons, due Feb. 1, 1897, - -	540 00
Funded sewer bond coupons, due March 1, 1897, - -	560 00
Funded debt bond coupons, due April 1, 1897, - -	500 00
Funded debt bond coupons, due April 1, 1897, - -	500 00
Funded water indebtedness bond coupons, due May 1, 1897, - - - - -	400 00
Funded debt bond coupons, due May 1, 1897, - -	500 00
Funded sewer bond coupons, due May 1, 1897, - -	700 00
Municipal Building funding bond coupons, due May 1, 1897, - - - - -	720 00
Sewer bond coupons, due June 1, 1897, - - - -	1,590 00
Funded water bond coupons, due July 1, 1897, - -	1,003 75
Funded water bond coupons, due Aug. 1, 1897, - -	480 00
Funded sewer bond coupons, due Sept. 1, 1897, - -	560 00
Funded debt bond coupons, due Oct. 1, 1897, - -	500 00
Funded debt bond coupons, due Oct. 1, 1897, - -	500 00
Funded water indebtedness bond coupons, due Nov. 1, 1897, - - - - -	400 00
Funded debt bond coupons, due Nov. 1, 1897, - -	500 00
Funded sewer bond coupons, due Nov. 1, 1897, - -	700 00
Municipal Building funding bond coupons, due Nov. 1, 1897, - - - - -	720 00
Sewer bonds, due Dec. 1, 1897, - - - -	1,590 00
	<u>\$14,107 50</u>

CITY WATER FUND ACCOUNT.

JAMES P. STOW, CITY TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH CITY WATER
FUND ACCOUNT.

1896.			
January 1.	Balance from old account, - - -	\$9,660 18	
	Received from John C. Broatch, Secretary, 30,531 62		<u>\$40,191 80</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.	Paid orders, - - - - -	\$21,874 47	
	Paid water bond sinking fund commission, 9,631 43		
	Paid city on account of interest on water bonds, - - - - -	5,807 50	
	Paid balance to new account, - - -	2,878 40	<u>\$40,191 80</u>

JAMES P. STOW, CITY TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH WASHINGTON PARK
FUND ACCOUNT.

1896.	Balance from old account, - - - -	\$6 32	
	Accrued interest, - - - - -	24	<u>\$6 56</u>

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the City Treasurer, compared it with the vouchers, and find the same correct.

ARTHUR B. RYAN,
FRED. P. BURR,
RALPH A. BLYDENBURGH, } *Committee on
Claims and Finance.*

Report of Committee on Abatements.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

Your Committee on Abatements beg leave to report that the following abatements were made during the year ending December 31, 1896:

1896.				
Dec. 7.	Laura Aston,	List of 1887,	- - -	\$10 21
	Charles N. Morgan estate,	" 1888,	- - -	\$1 35
	Edwin Rockwell,	" "	- - -	7 20
	Elizabeth A. Sage,	" "	- - -	1 56
	Beulah White heirs,	" "	- - -	7 02
	George O. Smith estate,	" "	- - -	1 62
	Ellen M. Pike,	" "	- - -	3 90
	Wm. H. Smith,	" "	- - -	60
				<u>23 25</u>
	Ellen M. Pike,	List of 1889,	- - -	3 00
	Edwin Rockwell,	" "	- - -	7 20
	George O. Smith,	" "	- - -	1 62
				<u>11 82</u>
	Annie Crowe estate,	List of 1890,	- - -	2 16
	Mary Donahoe,	" "	- - -	81
	Ellen M. Pike,	" "	- - -	3 00
	Edwin Rockwell,	" "	- - -	7 20
	George O. Smith,	" "	- - -	1 62
	John Carrier,	" "	- - -	1 80
	Edmund J. Stevens,	" "	- - -	19
				<u>16 78</u>
	Annie Crowe estate,	List of 1891,	- - -	2 16
	Mary Donahoe,	" "	- - -	81
	John Gardiner,	" "	- - -	3 00
	C. W. Kennison,	" "	- - -	4 20
	Elizabeth A. Sage,	" "	- - -	1 56
	Charles N. Morgan estate,	" "	- - -	1 35
	George O. Smith estate,	" "	- - -	1 62
	James M. Brown,	" "	- - -	4 80
	Edmund J. Stevens,	" "	- - -	19
				<u>19 69</u>

1896.				
Dec. 7.	Mrs. Henry Wolff,	List of 1892,	- - -	\$1 05
	Annie Crowe estate,	" "	- - -	2 52
	John F. Dempsey,	" "	- - -	70
	F. W. Dickerson,	" "	- - -	70
	Mary Donahoe,	" "	- - -	95
	John Gardiner,	" "	- - -	3 50
	Charles N. Morgan estate,	" "	- - -	1 57
	John O'Brien,	" "	- - -	3 50
	George O. Smith estate,	" "	- - -	1 89
	Elizabeth A. Sage,	" "	- - -	1 82
	E. C. Rogers,	" "	- - -	1 40
	James M. Brown,	" "	- - -	5 60
				<u>\$25 20</u>
	Annie Crowe estate,	List of 1893,	- - -	3 24
	J. F. Dempsey,	" "	- - -	90
	Mary Donahoe,	" "	- - -	1 21
	Mary R. Eddy,	" "	- - -	4 05
	John Gardiner,	" "	- - -	4 50
	Emily Ives,	" "	- - -	7 76
	C. W. Kennison,	" "	- - -	6 52
	Charles N. Morgan estate,	" "	- - -	2 03
	T. A. Neale & Son,	" "	- - -	2 25
	John D. O'Brien,	" "	- - -	4 50
	Elizabeth A. Sage,	" "	- - -	2 34
	George O. Smith estate,	" "	- - -	2 43
	Mrs. Henry Wolff,	" "	- - -	1 35
				<u>43 08</u>
June 1.	Elizabeth Johnson,	List of 1894,	- - -	16 20
July 6.	Clarissa Barnes,	" "	- - -	6 08
	M. H. Parker and D. A. Holbrook,	" "	- - -	4 25
				<u>26 53</u>
	Ellen Reeder,	List of 1895,	- - -	8 00
Sept. 7.	Elizabeth Johnson,	" "	- - -	14 40
				<u>22 40</u>
Dec. 7.	J. W. Hubbard, Hubbard street sewer assessment,		- - -	18 64
June 1.	Mrs. E. B. S. Smith, interest on tax,		- - -	5 53
July 6.	Mrs. Ellen Kelly,	" "	- - -	1 21
	Mrs. Eleanor Cowley,	" "	- - -	8 51
	John P. Ryan,	" "	- - -	4 53
	Miss Mary Fitzgerald,	" "	- - -	1 62
April 6.	Lorenzo Hempstead, interest on sidewalk assessment,		- - -	35 00
				<u>56 40</u>
				<u>\$274 00</u>

R. H. STOTHART,
CLARENCE P. BONFOEY,
FREDERICK BABCOCK, } Committee on
Abatements.

REPORT

— OF THE —

Water Bond Sinking Fund Commissioners.

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., January 18, 1897.

Amount of Fund reported January 17, 1896, - - - - \$4,608 09

RECEIPTS FOR 1896.

Interest on deposit in Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Bank, - - - -	\$273 22	
Interest on deposit in Freestone Savings Bank, - - - -	41 46	
Received from Water Commissioners, - - - -	2,799 84	
		3,114 52
Amount of Fund at date, - - - -		\$7,722 61

Invested as follows:

Deposit in Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Bank, -	\$3,854 53	
Deposit in Freestone Savings Bank, - - - -	1,068 24	
Deposit in Middletown National Bank, - - - -	2,799 84	
		\$7,722 61

O. VINCENT COFFIN,	} <i>Water Bond Sinking Fund Commissioners.</i>
WM. H. BURROWS,	
R. C. MARKHAM,	

REPORT

— OF THE —

Board of Water Commissioners.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

The Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submit the following report of the Water Works for the year ending December 31, 1896:

RECEIPTS.

From water rents, May 1st, - - - -	\$15,016 85
From water rents, November 1st, - - - -	15,265 87
From other sources, - - - -	248 90
	\$30,531 62

EXPENDITURES.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

For pipes and appendages, - - - -	\$15,971 27
For service pipes, cocks and boxes, - - - -	1,146 20
For meters, - - - -	35 00
	\$17,152 47

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

For repairs and for tools, - - - -	\$1,015 77
For work at reservoir, - - - -	586 14
For meters, - - - -	15 40
For rents and taxes, - - - -	374 55
For office expenses, - - - -	758 32
For shop expenses, - - - -	17 58
For horse and wagon, - - - -	464 05
For incidental expenses, - - - -	40 00
For salaries, - - - -	1,500 00
	\$21,924 28

Amount of interest due on the bonded debt for the year 1896, - - - -	5,807 50
	\$27,731 78

Net earnings for the year, - - - -	\$2,799 84
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Balance on hand December 31, 1895, - - -	\$400 00
Receipts for the year, - - - - -	30,531 62
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	\$30,931 62
Amount paid to City Treasurer, - - -	\$30,531 62
Balance on hand December 31, 1896, - - -	400 00
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	\$30,931 62

EXPENDITURES TO JANUARY 1, 1897.

Construction, - - - - -	\$319,078 64
Maintenance, - - - - -	15,018 45
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	\$434,097 09
Receipts to January 1, 1897, - - - - -	\$528,394 48

On the first day of January, 1896, there were paid \$64,000 six per cent. bonds from the sinking fund. The bonded indebtedness on account of Water Works now consists of \$55,000 Water Bonds $3\frac{5}{10}$ per cent. interest, maturing July 1, 1915; \$20,000 4 per cent., maturing May 1, 1908; and \$27,000 4 per cent., maturing \$3,000 February 1, 1897, and \$2,000 each year thereafter.

To meet payments of bonds maturing there is a balance in the sinking fund of \$4,608.09, and we recommend that the net earnings for the year, which is \$2,799.84, be transferred to the Water Bond Sinking Fund.

RESERVOIR.

At the date of our last annual report the water in the reservoir was three feet and four inches below the overflow point. The reservoir filled up about the first of March, and it continued so until the middle of April. The lowest stage of the water was reached about the 17th of December, when it was nine feet and one and one-half inches below. At the date of this report it is nine feet below the overflow point.

The recent heavy snowfall upon a soft ground not yet frozen, has contributed some to the water supply, and the level of the water in the reservoir has been fluctuating at about the nine-foot mark. Below the latter point there is about fifty million gallons of water in the reservoir, and as it is necessary to maintain at least thirty million gallons as a reserve for fire protection, we had a margin of less than twenty million gallons to supply the requirements of this city, and this condition

at the beginning of winter, with the probability of a continuance of cold weather that would freeze up all sources of supply.

It was necessary to be prepared to furnish a temporary supply of water in some manner. The opportunity was afforded by the construction of the steam plant and water connections at the new factory of the Keating Wheel Company, to obtain a supply from the Little River at much less cost than elsewhere. Mr. R. M. Keating very kindly placed the use of their steam plant and other facilities at the convenience of the Board, and we are pleased to make public our acknowledgment of his courtesy in this matter, and his desire to do anything that would aid us in furnishing a supply of water to the citizens of this town. It was necessary to incur some expense for the foundation for a pump, but the purchase of a pump is held in abeyance until the situation makes it absolutely necessary to procure one.

The reservoir water has been unusually free from taste or odor, and with the exception of a few points where the pipes need flushing, the quality of the water supplied in the city has been excellent. The unusual demand for water for building purposes and for street sprinkling, and the increasing consumption otherwise, has drawn upon the reservoir capacity so much that water could not be spared to flush the pipes and keep them clean.

There has been a considerable growth of pond weeds in the reservoir, but they were not of the noxious kind. We have removed therefrom and carted below the dam 214 cart loads of these plants.

We are indebted to Charles W. Hubbard for a copy of his meteorological record for the year 1896, which is attached to this report. It shows that the rainfall has been 43.74 inches.

STREET MAINS.

In our last report provision was made for relaying pipe in a number of streets, substituting cast-iron pipe for the cement pipe therein; and since then a number of extensions of pipe have been recommended, which have been approved by your

honorable body. In accordance therewith pipe has been laid as follows:

<i>Streets Relaid.</i>	
Highland Avenue, - - - - -	426 feet of 12-inch pipe.
Warwick Street, - - - - -	877 feet of 12-inch pipe.
South Main Street, - - - - -	2,026 feet of 12-inch pipe.
Pleasant Street, - - - - -	488 feet of 12-inch pipe.
Union Street, - - - - -	509 feet of 12-inch pipe.
Sumner Street, - - - - -	375 feet of 12-inch pipe.
Court Street, - - - - -	1,036 feet of 8-inch pipe.
Hamlin Street, - - - - -	437 feet of 8-inch pipe.
Hanover Street, - - - - -	512 feet of 6-inch pipe.
Union Street, - - - - -	386 feet of 6-inch pipe.
Crescent Street, - - - - -	1,112 feet of 6-inch pipe.
<i>Extensions.</i>	
North Main Street, - - - - -	2,567 feet of 12-inch pipe.
North High Street, - - - - -	245 feet of 8-inch pipe.
Catherine Street, - - - - -	550 feet of 6-inch pipe.
Liberty Street, - - - - -	620 feet of 6-inch pipe.
Burr Avenue, - - - - -	307 feet of 6-inch pipe.
North High Street, - - - - -	622 feet of 4-inch pipe.
Bridge Street, - - - - -	300 feet of 4-inch pipe.

Seventeen large fire hydrants with two hose and one steamer nozzles, and with a 6-inch connection on the street main, also six smaller fire hydrants, were put in on these pipe lines, thus greatly improving the facilities for protection against fires.

SERVICE PIPES.

There have been ninety-one service pipes laid during the year, of which fifty-two were for new applications and thirty-nine to replace old service pipes. There have been 1,283 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, and 116 feet of 1-inch cement-lined service pipe laid.

NEW WATER SUPPLY.

For the information of the public generally, or those who may not have our printed report of 1892, we give herewith a brief sketch of the proposed new water supply.

At a city meeting held December 15, 1896, a resolution "to provide an additional water supply for the city, in accordance with the general plan proposed by George H. Bishop, Engineer, called the Crystal Brook plan of reservoirs, as heretofore recommended by said Board of Water Commissioners, and approved by said Common Council, December 7, 1896, at a cost not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars," was passed and adopted by ballot as follows: Yes, 664; No, 230.

About four and one-half miles west of the city there is a mountain range known as the Higby Mountain. The elevation of the summit of the ridge is from 800 to 900 feet above mean sea level. The easterly face of the mountain is a rough, rocky surface, with sufficient soil thereon to sustain a growth of trees of the usual variety common in this locality, and it slopes to a valley about one mile east of the summit of the mountain. The elevation in this valley is from 320 to 360 feet. A parallel ridge forms the easterly boundary of this valley which has an elevation of from 440 to 500 feet. The stream flowing from this valley has a drainage area of about three square miles. The physical characteristics of this watershed are such that it is as clean and free from contamination as the process of nature's laws can make it.

There are several reasonable locations for reservoir sites on the streams, so that in the future it will be possible to store an immense quantity of water to supply the uses of a very large population.

Mr. Bishop's plan contemplates the building of two reservoirs at this locality. The upper one, at an elevation of 368 feet above the Connecticut River, will flow about seventy acres, and the lower one, at an elevation of 320 feet above the same point, will flow about twenty acres. The water from the upper or main storage reservoir will pass down the brook to the lower reservoir, a fall of nearly fifty feet in a distance of about one-half mile, thus thoroughly aerating the water in its passage over the rocky bed of the stream.

The 20-inch pipe line from the lower reservoir will run through a part of Westfield, near H. H. Wilcox's dwelling house, thence to Newfield street, and thence by Berlin and Washington streets to High street. It will deliver at the latter point 7,500,000 gallons of water per twenty-four hours.

The connection of the new supply with our present system of water pipes will be so arranged that High street and the more elevated part of the city west, will be supplied from the new reservoir, which will be about 100 feet higher than our present reservoir. The pressure at Pike Place from the new water supply will be about the same as we now have at Broad street, thus affording the very best facilities for fire protection in that district.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1897.

RECEIPTS.
Receipts, - - - - - \$31,000 00

EXPENSES.
For pipes and appendages, - - - - \$5,000 00
For service pipes, cocks and boxes, - - - 1,200 00
For meters, - - - - - 500 00
For rents, taxes and office expenses, - - - 800 00
For repairs, for tools, and for shop, - - - 1,500 00
For reservoir and for land, - - - - 500 00
For horse and wagon, - - - - - 400 00
For salaries, - - - - - 1,500 00
----- \$11,400 00

The estimate includes relaying Liberty street with 6-inch pipe, and part of Cross street with 8-inch pipe.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BURROWS, }
H. L. MANSFIELD, } *Board of*
W. H. CHAPMAN, } *Water*
JAMES LAWTON, } *Commissioners.*

Meteorological Observations for the Year 1896.

PRECIPITATION DURING 1896.

MONTH.	INCHES.	SNOWFALL.	INCHES.
January, - - - - -	1.80	January, - -	11
February, - - - - -	7.64	February, - -	10
March, - - - - -	5.31	March, - -	14
April, - - - - -	1.09	April, - -	Trace.
May, - - - - -	3.00	—	—
June, - - - - -	4.36	—	—
July, - - - - -	2.72	—	—
August, - - - - -	2.59	—	—
September, - - - - -	5.26	—	—
October, - - - - -	4.31	—	—
November, - - - - -	3.04	November, - -	4
December, - - - - -	2.62	December, - -	24
Total for year, - - - - -	43.74	Total, - -	63
Average for 10 years, - - - - -	48.	—	—

MAXIMUM, MINIMUM AND MEAN TEMPERATURE.

MONTH.	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	MEAN.
January, - - - - -	46	0- 8	23.9
February, - - - - -	56	0-10	28.9
March, - - - - -	63	2	31.6
April, - - - - -	90	24	50.8
May, - - - - -	94	34	62.5
June, - - - - -	89	44	65.9
July, - - - - -	92	55	73.5
August, - - - - -	96	45	71.6
September, - - - - -	90	35	62.5
October, - - - - -	78	27	49.6
November, - - - - -	73	19	45.7
December, - - - - -	54	0-13	27.9
Average for year, - - - - -	76.7	21.2	49.5

CHARLES W. HUBBARD, *Observer,*
Middletown Weather Station.

Report of Committee on Streets.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—The expenditures of the Street Department for the year ending December 31st, 1896, amounting to \$15,542.71, are given in detail in the report of the Street Commissioner, to which reference is made. The principal items of work done by this department during the year have been the following: Macadamizing Hamlin street from opposite the Worcester Cycle Co.'s factory to William street; macadamizing Church street west of Hotchkiss street; Court street west of Broad street; a portion of Grand street west from North Pearl street; Pearl street for about 200 feet south from Court street; Main street west of the tracks of the street railway, from Grand street to the railroad bridge; Bridge street, from the Valley railroad crossing to the southerly end of the State highway constructed this year; also re-surfacing Main street west of the street railway tracks, from Washington street to William street. In addition to the large amount of macadamizing done, North Main street roadway has been partly graded, so as to put the same in suitable condition for immediate use. A large amount of material has been carted and filled into the roadway embankment across the low ground in the Hall land, it being necessary to raise the roadway five or six feet above the natural surface across this low ground to cover the sewer and water pipe recently laid in this street. To provide for pedestrians going to and from the Keating factory, and that part of the city, a plank walk has been laid the entire length of the street, from near the Parochial School to Johnson street, to accommodate foot travel until a more permanent walk shall have been laid.

Your Committee would recommend that portions of several streets mentioned in the following estimate be macadamized during the coming year. To provide for the same, and for

other necessary expenditures, we recommend that appropriations be made in accordance with the following estimates submitted for the expenditures of the Street Department for the coming year:

For macadamizing Ferry street, Main street to the railroad crossing, - - - - -	\$560 00
For macadamizing Cherry street, - - - - -	340 00
For macadamizing North High street, Washington street to railroad bridge, - - - - -	3,000 00
For macadamizing Pearl street, from this year's section to College street, - - - - -	325 00
For macadamizing Pleasant street, south of the Park, - - - - -	800 00
For macadamizing North Pearl street, Washington street to railroad bridge, - - - - -	2,640 00
For macadamizing North Main street, 20 feet wide, except across the low ground in the Hall land, 2,400 feet in length, - - - - -	2,700 00
For macadamizing Johnson street, North High street to railroad, - - - - -	360 00
For re-surfacing the east side of Main street, Washington street to William street, - - - - -	2,000 00
For other new work, - - - - -	500 00
For ordinary repairs, and removal of garbage, - - - - -	4,000 00
For keeping horses, repairs on harness, and carts, - - - - -	750 00
For new horse, - - - - -	175 00
For new cart, bob sled and snow plough, - - - - -	200 00
For engineering for streets, - - - - -	250 00
For Street Commissioner's salary, - - - - -	800 00
For miscellaneous items, - - - - -	600 00
Total, - - - - -	\$20,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DONOVAN, }
 FRED. P. BURR, } *Committee*
 JOHN THOMPSON, } *on Streets.*

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., December 31, 1896.

At a meeting of the Common Council, January 4, 1897, it was *Voted*, That fifteen thousand dollars be appropriated for the expenditures of the Street Department for the year of 1897.

Attest:

JAMES P. STOW, *City Clerk.*

Street Commissioner's Report.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—The expenditures of the Street Department for the year ending December 31, 1896, have been as follows:

UNDER REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS.	
Macadamizing Court street, - - - - -	\$1,432 31
Macadamizing Church street, - - - - -	1,183 77
Macadamizing Grand street, - - - - -	1,085 39
Macadamizing on Hamlin street, - - - - -	215 94
Macadamizing on Pearl street, - - - - -	260 38
Re-surfacing Main street, Washington to William, - - - - -	1,307 99
Ordinary repairs and collection of garbage, - - - - -	3,908 03
Keeping horses, repairs to carts and harness, etc., - - - - -	856 49
Engineering streets, regular account, - - - - -	199 47
Street Commissioner's salary, - - - - -	624 21
Miscellaneous items, - - - - -	50 95
	\$11,124 93

UNDER SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.	
North Main street, grading and filling, etc., - - - - -	2,194 25
New plank walk, North Main street, - - - - -	473 67
Macadamizing Main street, Grand street to railroad crossing, - - - - -	474 97
Macadamizing Bridge street, north railroad crossing, - - - - -	202 57
Laying curb and sidewalk, Bridge street, - - - - -	188 93
One-half expense new culvert, Warwick street, - - - - -	229 77
Laying curb and sidewalk, Washington street, - - - - -	600 02
Engineering for Stack and Johnson streets, - - - - -	53 60
Total expenditures, - - - - -	\$15,542 71

SEWER DEPARTMENT.	
Cleaning catch-basins, - - - - -	\$424 58
General repairs, - - - - -	209 65
Engineering, regular account, - - - - -	113 75
	\$747 98

CREDIT ACCOUNT.	
Cash and bills to be collected, - - - - -	\$680 24

PRINCIPAL WORK DONE.

Hamlin street southerly from William street 237 feet has been macadamized at a cost of \$215.94, or at the rate of $34\frac{1}{10}\%$ cents per square yard.

Church street from Hotchkiss to High street has been macadamized, and two-foot cobble stone gutters laid both sides of street from Hotchkiss to High street. Have also relaid and repaired with new stone the crosswalk at Hotchkiss street to conform to grade of street. This work has cost \$1,183.77, or at the rate of $48\frac{1}{3}\%$ cents per square yard.

Court street has been macadamized from the westerly side of Broad street to High street 1,000 feet. Have laid one new crosswalk at the corner of Pearl street, opposite the High School, and relaid and repaired with new stone five other crosswalks on Court street to conform to grade of street. From Broad to Pearl street have laid the old gutter stone and about 60 feet new stone, and from Pearl to High street have laid twenty-inch cobble gutters on both sides street. The cost of this work has been \$1,432.31, or at the rate of $49\frac{5}{10}\%$ cents per square yard.

Pearl street southerly from Court street 210 feet has been macadamized at a cost of \$260.38, or at the rate of $37\frac{1}{10}\%$ cents per square yard.

Main street from Washington street to William street, west side of railroad track, has been re-surfaced with one-inch crushed stone, and thoroughly rolled with steam road roller a distance of 1,624 feet, at a cost of \$1,307.99, or at the rate of $24\frac{2}{10}\%$ cents per square yard.

Grand street westerly from Pearl street, 787 feet has been macadamized and crosswalks relaid at a cost of \$1,085.39, or at the rate of $41\frac{3}{8}\%$ cents per square yard.

Have laid 44 feet radial curb at the southwest corner of High and Washington streets, and laid 4 feet North River flagging in extending sidewalk to the curb line on both sides at this point. Have laid two corner curbstones at Bridge and Miller streets, and relaid the corner curb at corner Pearl and Court streets, west side.

Crosswalks have been laid or relaid and repaired during the year as follows:

- One at Hotchkiss and Church streets, (relaid).
- One at Court and Broad streets, (relaid).
- One at Court and Pearl streets, (new).
- Two at Court and Pearl streets, (relaid).
- Two on Court above Pearl street, (relaid).
- One at Bridge and Miller streets, (new).
- Three on Main, west side track, (relaid).
- One at North Main and High streets, (old stone).
- Two on Grand, above Pearl street, (relaid).
- One at High and Washington streets, (relaid).
- One at Main and Washington streets, (repaired).
- One at Main and Grand streets, (repaired).

All the natural earth roads in the city have been worked with road machine, both in the spring and in the fall.

Earth and cinders have been placed on the following named streets:

- Washington street, west of cemetery gate, 450 loads, earth and stone.
- Cross street, 150 loads, earth and cinders.
- Erin street, 35 loads.
- Berlin street, 40 loads.
- Loveland street, 20 loads.
- Water street, 250 loads.
- Green street, 25 loads, cinders.
- College street, below railroad track, 20 loads, stone.
- South Main street, at bridge, 18 loads, stone.
- Spring street, 10 loads, cinders.

The macadamized roads have been repaired at different points with crushed stone, having used about 135 tons for that purpose.

Have built one new culvert at Lawn avenue and Pine street, and relaid one on Vine street and two at Vine and Washington streets; rebuilt the walls to culvert on Pine street, near city line, and also the retaining wall at Stack and High streets.

There have been about 6,800 loads of garbage and ashes collected and removed by the city carts during the year.

Have laid 60 feet 12-inch tile at the corner of Union and Water streets, and filled in at that point with about 200 loads of cinders.

The following work has been done in carrying out the orders of the Common Council, under special appropriations:

Opening, grading and filling on new North Main street, and laying 70 feet 12-inch tile across the street at the trunk

sewer to connect with catch-basin. This work has cost \$2,194.25, including engineering. A new plank walk from Main street to Johnson street has been laid at a cost of \$473.67.

Main street from Grand street to railroad bridge, west side railroad track, has been macadamized at a cost of \$474.97, or at the rate of $27\frac{4}{100}$ cents per square yard.

Bridge street north of railroad crossing for a distance of 185 feet has been macadamized at a cost of \$202.57, or at the rate of $40\frac{1}{2}$ cents per square yard. Laying 88 feet 5-inch curb and 89 feet 5-foot North River flagging on Bridge street and relaying old sidewalk inside fence line at a cost of \$188.93.

A new brick culvert on Warwick street has been built by the town and city jointly, the city paying one-half the expense, amounting to \$229.77.

Laying new crosswalk at Pearl and Court streets, opposite High School, at a cost of \$34.53.

Laying 269 feet curb and 245 feet flagging, 5 feet North River, on Washington street, and filling in from curb to fence line to the established grade, at a cost of \$600.02.

The work done in the Sewer Department, under the supervision of the Street Commissioner, has been the cleaning of catch-basins and inlets, and flushing inlet pipes.

Catch-basins have been cleaned out as follows: 64 in March and April, 26 in May and June, 37 in July and August, 46 in September and October, and 16 in November; total, 189.

The following is an inventory of property belonging to the city, and in use in the Street Department:

3 horses.	3 dump carts.
3 sets harness.	3 horse blankets.
3 halters.	1 business wagon.
3 curry combs and brushes.	1 snow plow.
2 snow scrapers.	1 earth scraper.
12 snow shovels.	18 earth shovels.
6 picks.	1 grub axe.
5 street hoes.	4 large hammers.
1 small hammer.	1 hand lawn mower.
1 horse lawn mower.	2 paving hammers.
2 monkey wrenches.	3 axes.
1 hay cutter.	1 feed box, (new).
1 business harness.	2 iron rakes.
1 set hames and traces.	1 hay rake.

1 horse collar and saddle.	1 tool box.
1 trowel.	1 twenty-foot ladder.
1 block level.	10 stone chisels.
2 wheelbarrows.	1 key for manhole covers.
2 plows.	2 covers for sewer traps.
1 spoon shovel.	1 stone watering trough.
2 ice picks.	1 drinking fountain.
1 brand, (City of Middletown).	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton hay.
1 windlass frame.	$\frac{1}{4}$ ton straw.
25 feet street hose.	25 loads sand.
3 buckets.	500 feet one-half-inch rope.
1 brace and bit.	150 feet one-inch rope.
1 hay fork.	30 tons trap rock.
1 chisel.	10 loads field stone.
3 axes.	10 loads gravel.
1 steel drill.	1 sickle.
1 scythe and snath.	1 cross-cut saw.
2 hand saws.	2 pails.
2 crowbars.	7 lanterns.
2 wood tampers.	7 stone rakes.
2 barn brooms.	

For an estimate of the expenses for the Street Department for the ensuing year and recommendations, I would respectfully refer to the report of the Committee on Streets.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. MILLER,
Street Commissioner.

Report of the Committee on Sewers.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—The expenditures of the Sewer Department for the year ending December 31, 1896, have been as follows:

Cleaning catch-basins, - - - - -	\$424 58
Engineering for sewers, - - - - -	113 75
Ordinary repairs, - - - - -	209 65
Total, - - - - -	\$747 98
Appropriation for general sewer account, 1896, - - -	\$1,500 00

There have been constructed in the year of 1896, under special appropriations, the following sewers: Hotchkiss street north of Church street; North Pearl street from Grand street to Spring street, and North Main street; the amount of the special appropriations, \$2,876.01.

The City Surveyor and the Street Commissioner have submitted reports, which enter into more of the detail in connection with the department expenditures the past year:

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1897.

General sewer account, - - - - -	\$1,500 00
Sewer on North High street, from the north line of Benuiah Bacon's property north to James Moore's property, - - - - -	5,250 00
	<u>\$6,750 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN D. MILLS, } *Committee*
G. F. PECKHAM, } *on*
F. H. SAGE, } *Sewers.*

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., January 4, 1897.

City Surveyor's Report.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—The expenditures of the Sewerage Department for the year ending December 31st, 1896, have been as follows:

UNDER SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.			
For new sewer in Hotchkiss street, - - - -			\$345 97
For new sewer in North Pearl street, - - - -			1,464 65
For new sewer in North Main street, - - - -			1,065 39
Total under special appropriations, - - - -			\$2,876 01
UNDER GENERAL SEWER ACCOUNT.			
For ordinary repairs, - - - -		\$209 65	
For cleaning out catch-basins, - - - -		424 58	
For engineering, outside of new sewers, - - - -		113 75	
Total under general sewer account, - - - -	\$747 98		\$747 98
Total expenditure of the Sewer Department, - - - -			\$3,623 99

PUBLIC SEWERS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

The cost, length, sizes and other details of the sewers constructed during the year are given in the accompanying tables:

NAME OF STREET.	CONTRACTOR.	WHEN LAID.	MATERIAL.	SIZE OF SEWER.
Hotchkiss St.,	Roger Kennedy,	May & June.	Vit. Pipe.	10 in.
N. Pearl St., -	Roger Kennedy,	Sept. & Oct.	Vit. Pipe.	12 and 10 in.
N. Main St., -	James Moore,	Oct. & Nov.	Brick.	21½ and 32¼ in.

LENGTH AND COST OF SEWERS.

NAME OF STREET.	House Branches.	Manholes.	Catch-Basins.	Receiving Basins.	Length.	Total Cost.	Cost per Foot.
Hotchkiss St.,	25	2	—	—	329.90	\$345 97	\$1.04 ⁸⁷ / ₁₀₀
N. Pearl St., -	56	4	1	2	727.00	1,464 65	2.01 ⁴⁴ / ₁₀₀
N. Main St., -	40	2	—	—	497.00	1,065 39	2.14 ³⁷ / ₁₀₀
Total, - -	121	8	1	2	1,553.90	\$2,876 01	—

A large addition has been made during the year to the factory of the Goodyear Rubber Company, for which, and for a dwelling house and brick barn belonging to that company, proper sewerage facilities were needed. The private sewer along the west gutter of Hotchkiss street was found to have been laid at too little depth below the surface of the street to be of any use for the easterly side of the street. For that reason it was voted by the Common Council that a new sewer be laid in that portion of the street, to afford suitable sewerage for all the property on both sides of the street.

In response to an urgent petition from the property owners on that portion of the street, a public sewer has been laid in North Pearl street, from Spring street southward nearly to Grand street. Owing to the extra depth of trenching required in laying the sewer underneath the tracks of the Air Line Railroad, and to the difficulty of laying the sewer under the abutments of the bridge and under the tracks, the cost of this sewer was considerably greater than it would otherwise have been.

In connection with the opening of North Main street, it was deemed advisable to construct a section of the sub-main sewer for the northwest portion of the Spring Street Outfall Sewer District, about five hundred feet in length, across the low ground east of Hall's Grove, before the embankment for the roadway of the new street should be made, as the sewer could be constructed at much better advantage, and more economically, before making the embankment through this low ground. The Common Council, therefore, voted to lay this portion of the sub-main sewer in advance of making the roadway embankment. The ground being soft, it was found necessary to support the sewer on a pile foundation. Piles of 4 x 4-inch spruce scantling were driven in pairs at each eight feet of distance, upon which, at the proper line and grade, "cradles" made of 2 x 12-inch spruce planks, spiked together, were shouldered on and spiked in place. These "cradles" were cut out to conform to the shape of the sewer, allowing 3 x 4-inch spruce scantling to be laid lengthwise in the "cradles." These scantling were spiked to the "cradles," and also to each other, and were laid in the "cradles" to a height somewhat above the springing line of the upper, semi-circular arch of the sewer.

The sewer itself is of oviform cross-section, $21\frac{1}{2} \times 32\frac{1}{4}$ inches, inside. It is of brick, four inches thick, laid in cement mortar. The invert of the sewer is laid in Portland cement mortar, one measure of cement and two measures of clean, sharp sand from Willow Island. The upper arch is laid in mortar of Rosendale cement, mixed in the same proportions. The sand used in this sewer has been, in my judgment, superior to any sand previously used in sewer work in this city for many years. It was much cleaner, and the grains were more even and hard than the best pit sand to be had in this vicinity. Spurs, or slants, have been placed in this sewer, as well as in the others laid this year, at every twenty-five feet on both sides.

All these sewers have been constructed under contract, and at very low cost as compared with the cost of similar sewers of previous years.

There are several streets in the northern part of the city in which public sewers are greatly needed. If a large number of new houses are to be erected in that part of the city in the near future, as it now seems probable, several sewers should be constructed during the coming year, or as soon as practicable. To promote the health of the city, as well as the convenience of dwellings in that locality, these sewers are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. AUGUR,

City Surveyor.

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., Dec. 31, 1896.

City Surveyor's Report Concerning Streets.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—The amount expended during the year ending December 31st, 1896, for new work, ordinary repairs, Street Commissioner's salary, engineering and various other items charged to Streets, under regular and special appropriations, is \$15,542.71. A detailed statement of this expenditure is given by the Street Commissioner in his report, to which for particular information concerning the cost, etc., of the various items of work, reference is made.

During the past year a new street about 2,900 feet long has been laid out and opened from the northerly end of Main street to Johnson street, which is to be known as North Main street. The width of this street between fence lines is 60 feet, the roadway between the curb lines being 36 feet wide. Building lines have been established eight feet outside of the fence lines. Gradients have also been established for the roadway and curbs. Across the low ground in the Hall land the established grade is at the same elevation as the causeway on the street leading to South Farms. It may be some time before the roadway on this portion of the street is filled to the established grade. The surface of the street can be raised a foot or two at a time as may be convenient or necessary. It will probably be some time before any building will be erected on this low ground, but whenever any person desires to build he may know at just what height to place the building in order to be at the ultimate grade.

A large amount of filling has been put in through the low ground in order that the sewer constructed in that portion of the street might be sufficiently covered to protect it from injury, and also to have the surface of the road as high as practicable when it is likely to be overflowed. No attempt has been made to finish any portion of the street truly to grade, as

it was late in the season when the road was laid out. It can be graded more perfectly after the sewer shall have been extended, as it will probably be in the near future.

The statutes of this State now require all new streets to be monumented with stone posts or iron bars, placed on both sides at the ends and at the angles of the layout, to fix the location of the same so that the lines can at any time be correctly determined. No such monuments have yet been placed. This requirement, which is a wise one, should be complied with during the coming year.

Surveys, maps and profiles have been made for the proposed layout of Stack street, so called; also for a new layout of Johnson street. The Common Council has taken the first steps toward the laying out of Stack street. The next Common Council will probably take such further action as is necessary to make the same a public street. No action, beyond making surveys and plans, has been taken concerning Johnson street. It is to be regretted that the owners of property on that street are not more favorable to widening the layout to fifty feet throughout. It could be done now without serious damage to any one. Building lots would be much more desirable and valuable on that street with more ample width of roadway and sidewalks than could be made with only forty feet in width between the fences, as by the former layout. It would seem as if persons who oppose such an improvement as the one proposed for Johnson street stand in the way of their own personal interest and advantage. One of the things needed to promote a rapid growth in that part of the city is a proper encouragement, on the part of those having property which they want to develop and dispose of to good advantage, of such facilities and improvements as are necessary for such growth.

Bridge street, the approach to the city from Cromwell and Portland, has been greatly improved during the past year by being telfordized under the statute for improved highways, and by a small additional expenditure by the Common Council for a similar improvement between the southerly end of the State highway and the Valley Railroad crossing. The roadway is now in an excellent condition, the crossing at the railroad being much more safe and convenient than before these improvements were made.

Permit me to repeat a suggestion made in my report to the Common Council of last year concerning the need of a new city map. The maps we now have, made in 1857, show none of that part of the city west of Mt. Vernon street and the westerly end of Washington square. Many changes have been made in the eastern portion of the city since the present maps were made. In my judgment it would be good policy for the city to have the work of making new maps of the whole city commenced in the near future. A moderate amount might be expended yearly for making the necessary surveys and for making such maps, until they were completed. There are many maps of streets and portions of streets in the City Surveyor's office, much data from which would be available for use in making such maps.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. AUGUR,

City Surveyor.

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., Dec. 31, 1896.

REPORT

— OF THE —

Committee on Street Lamps and Lights.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Street Lamps and Lights submits the following report for the year 1896:

Appropriation for the year of 1896, - - - -	\$8,700 00
The cost of lighting the streets by arc and series electric lights for the year of 1896, - - - -	7,915 18
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	\$784 82

There have been two additional lamps this year located as follows: One on Bridge street, opposite the entrance of the Middletown and Portland bridge, and one on the corner of Spring and Johnson streets. The petition for five arc electric lamps on North Main street was referred to the Committee, with power. The following petitions for arc electric lights were referred to the Committee to investigate and report: One for corner of North Pearl and Lincoln streets; one on the summit of Lawn avenue; one for the corner of Berlin and Prospect streets, and one for the corner of Mill street and Burr avenue. Your Committee has also investigated the matter of the Middletown Electric Light Co. being able to furnish more arc electric lamps for the streets, and the present general manager of said company reports that with the present increased steam and electrical power the said company could furnish in a satisfactory manner forty or fifty more arc electric lights for street lighting purposes.

The satisfactory lighting of certain streets is seriously hampered in the summer months on account of the foliage allowed to grow so low down on the trunks of the trees, thereby cutting off the light completely. Your Committee recommends an appropriation for 1897 of \$8,700.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DONOVAN,
A. B. ROBINSON,
FREDERICK BABCOCK, } *Committee.*

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., Jan. 4, 1897.

REPORT

—OF THE—

Committee on Health and Nuisance.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Health and Nuisance have found in actual experience that they have been by the new law appointing a City Health Officer, relieved of nearly the whole of the duties that formerly pertained to this Committee. We would recommend that an effort be made to ascertain clearly the duties of this Committee in view of the change in the law and the appointment of a City Health Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. RYAN.

Report of the Health Officer.

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Court of Common Council of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—When I assumed the position of City Health Officer, October 1st, 1895, I knew that diphtheria and scarlet fever had been prevailing throughout the city for at least a month, but no cases had then been reported. A circular letter was at once sent to every physician practicing in the city, asking their coöperation, and setting forth my proposed methods of controlling the diseases then in the city, and of stamping out any new epidemic. From the first, the mass of the profession were with me, and to their prompt report of cases and hearty coöperation, depends in great measure the results I have to report.

CASES REPORTED.

CASES.	1895.			1896.												Deaths.		
	October.	November.	December.	Total 3 Months.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.		December.	Total for Year.
Measles, - -	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	75	90	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	195 +	*
Scarlet Fever, -	5	3	9	17	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	1
Diphtheria, True, -	4	9	3	16	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	2
Diphtheria, False, -	1	0	3	4	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	14	0
Whooping Cough, -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	2	1	1	1	2	17	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Typhoid Fever, -	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	8	1
Small-pox, - -	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

* Unknown.

It will be noticed that the scarlet fever cases fell to four in January, were increased to eleven in February, by a fresh importation from the town outside the city; were reduced to

NOTE.—The Town was without a Health Officer until February 15th, 1896.

zero by March 1st, where it has remained to present date, except for one case in December, 1896, the origin of which could not be traced.

The epidemic of diphtheria also began before I took office. I made cultures from the throat of every reported case. Those showing the K. L. bacillus were carefully quarantined, the parts of the house not set apart for the sick at once disinfected, and as soon as the sick had recovered or died, the whole house was disinfected, usually under the personal supervision of the Health Officer. In this way no infection could be found to have spread out of the house in any case, and in most cases none save those in immediate attendance contracted the disease. The cases in which the K. L. bacillus were not found were left entirely alone by the Health Department, thus reducing by nearly one-third the labor of this department, and saving fifteen families from the inconvenience of quarantine. Careful inquiry showed, as was expected, that no single case of diphtheria was contracted from any of these cases. On the other hand, six of the cases of true diphtheria were unquestionably proven to have been contracted from supposed cases of *non-diphtheretic sore throat*, which were not reported. It seems to me desirable that all cases of sore throat in children be reported and a bacteriological examination made. It is certainly necessary if any membrane forms or croup develops. Measles was never reported with any degree of exactitude. In many cases, a physician was not called in. The disease was epidemic for nearly five months. For the first three months, three or four of our physicians kept track of their cases, but after that even they were unable to keep count.

The cases of whooping cough reported from June to December were all in my own practice, and in the thickly settled part of the city, between Main and Broad streets. I think most physicians have neglected to report this disease.

Typhoid fever has been rare within the city limits, where little but the city water is used for drinking purposes. The eight cases reported were all found to have been using well water about two weeks before their disease began.

A case of small-pox arose in February. The only mode of infection which seems probable, was by letters received from a southern city where small-pox then prevailed. The patient

had been vaccinated, and the attack proved a mild varioloid. This case was reported to your honorable court, in full, last March.

One case of cerebro-spinal fever was removed from an overpopulated and filthy tenement house to the Hartford Hospital, unknown to the Health Officer. Prompt notice from the hospital was received, and the house and private conveyance in which he had been removed to Hartford were at once disinfected. No new cases have arisen.

The city water supply has been good and healthful throughout the year. Three chemical and bacteriological examinations have been made by me during the heated term.

During the year your Health Officer has spent his vacation at Saranac Lake Laboratory, investigating the relation of tuberculosis in domestic animals to the public health; and the methods of testing for tuberculosis with tuberculin. He has also spent much time in the laboratory of the New York Health Department, studying the methods of testing blood for the early diagnosis of typhoid and malarial fevers. The application of these tests to such cases of continued fever as could be examined in this city, during the last four months, has demonstrated the presence here of an autumnal malarial fever, sometimes undistinguishable at the bedside from typhoid fever. The sanitary importance of this is very great, as this malarial fever is not infectious, as is typhoid. It is believed that application of these tests to all cases of continued fever will greatly assist the department in its control of typhoid fever, as it will be an inducement for physicians to report their cases more fully and earlier. The public health would be greatly imperiled by pumping into our water mains water from any available pond or river. All such sources are seriously contaminated. All are urged to husband city water until the completion of our new reservoir, when an abundant supply will be available.

The city ordinance requiring the separation of garbage and ashes is being better observed, but there is still room for improvement. Many housekeepers have adopted the suggestion made in my last report, and are burning all kitchen waste.

During the year, this department has frequently examined specimens of milk supplied in the city. The cream percentage has been variable, but usually fully up to the New York City

standard. Examination of milk or cream can give no certain results as to the presence of danger from tuberculosis. Enquiry as to the prevalence of tuberculosis in cows furnishing our city milk supply is imperatively demanded, if we would materially reduce the dread disease tuberculosis. From the report of the Commissioners on Tuberculosis in Domestic Animals we find: Out of 74 cattle tested in Middlesex County, 26 (or 35.1 per cent.) were found tubercular. The average out of 6,304 cattle tested throughout the State showed 897 diseased animals, or 14.2 per cent.

If more is needed to demonstrate the importance of this matter, any thoughtful physician can furnish it from his own experience. Two cases from my own practice within the last two months are in point. Two sisters, three and five years old, of healthy parentage, and living in a large, well furnished farm house, had for some months partaken largely of uncooked milk from a cow selected because she gave an abundance of rich milk. About the middle of November both children, who had been ailing for a month or two, became violently ill—one with gastro-enteritis, the other with diffused pneumonia. The cow was examined by me, her milk condemned, the milk from a healthy cow substituted, and both patients put onto anti-tubercular medication. This cow was at once transferred to another herd, and about two weeks later tested by the State Commissioners. They were ignorant of her history, and upon examination found her badly tubercular.

Every day that we neglect this most vital matter, we are submitting somebody's children to danger such as this. Can the value of your child's health and life be estimated in milch cows?

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANCIS CALEF, M. D.,

Health Officer.

REPORT

—OF THE—

Committee on Fire Department.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—The expenditures of this department for the year 1896 have been as follows:

Compensation, - - - - -	\$1,430 76	
Rent Hook and Ladder quarters, - - - - -	270 85	
Fuel, - - - - -	145 00	
Repairs, etc., - - - - -	775 14	
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Fire alarm compensation, - - - - -	\$254 54	
Fire alarm repairs, etc., - - - - -	629 07	
	<hr/>	\$883 61
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		\$3,505 36
The appropriation for 1896 was - - - - -		\$3,800 00
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Unexpended funds, - - - - -		\$294 64

We estimate the expenses of this department for the coming year as follows:

Compensation, - - - - -	\$1,450 00	
Rent Hook and Ladder quarters, - - - - -	350 00	
Fuel, - - - - -	225 00	
Regular repairs, etc., - - - - -	217 00	
1000 feet of hose, - - - - -	650 00	
Hose wagon for No. 1, - - - - -	350 00	
Special repairs Nos. 1, 2, 3, and Truck, painting, etc., - - - - -	110 00	
Rubber coats, one dozen, - - - - -	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,400 00
Fire alarm compensation, - - - - -	\$300 00	
Fire alarm repairs, etc., - - - - -	600 00	
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		\$4,300 00

The officers and members of the Fire Department have attended to the duties in a prompt and efficient manner. For further particulars and details, would refer you to the reports of the Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and Fire Warden.

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN D. MILLS, }
O. H. CONE, } *Committee on*
C. O. STONE, } *Fire Department.*

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., Jan. 4, 1897.

Fire Warden's Report.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith my first annual report for the year ending December 31, 1896.

All buildings in the city have been duly inspected with reference to their condition as to proper safeguards against fire. In this examination I have found:

Six defective stove pipes, three chimneys in unsafe condition, five cellars containing ashes, five back yards with dangerous accumulation of rubbish.

During my inspections as Fire Warden I have been treated courteously by all citizens, and have invariably found that all were anxious and willing to comply with all laws and regulations of the city ordinance.

I wish to call the attention of your honorable body to the danger from fires by the use of *low grades of oil* by our citizens, especially in the many cases where such oil is *burned all night*. It would seem that oil of proper *non-explosive character* should be used, and that some action of the city authorities should be taken to prohibit the use of *dangerously low grades* of oil.

All orders, advice and directions given by your Fire Warden have been complied with by citizens promptly and cheerfully.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. KIRBY,

Fire Warden.

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., Dec. 31, 1896.

Report of the Chief Engineer.

*To His Honor the Mayor and the Court of Common Council of
the City of Middletown:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor most respectfully to submit for your consideration my first report, for the year ending December 31, 1896, giving in detail the number of fires and causes, so far as known, the loss and insurance paid thereon, together with a list of the officers and men, with number of badges. Also a list of the hydrants and their location, and an inventory of all property in charge of this Department belonging to the city.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE S. PITT,
Chief Engineer of Fire Department.

MIDDLETOWN, December 31, 1896.

CONDITION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The force of the Department should consist of one Chief Engineer, with two Assistants; one Fire Marshal, one Fire Warden, one Hook and Ladder Company, and three Hose Companies. The charter calls for fifty men for the Hook and Ladder Company, and forty men each for the Hose Companies.

O. V. COFFIN HOOK & LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

Station, Center Street.

BADGE.	NAME.	POSITION.
1.	J. McLean,	- Captain.
2.	W. D. Starr,	- First Assistant.
3.	C. Raynor,	- Second Assistant.
4.	T. Scarey,	- Secretary.
5.	J. Dailey,	- Treasurer.

LADDERMEN.

NAME.	BADGE.	NAME.	BADGE.
H. Upton,	30	A. Munson,	26
M. Cody,	8	H. Blinn,	35
D. Dailey,	22	W. Atwell,	36
J. McGuire,	38	J. Conroy,	23
J. Kincaid,	9	W. Hulbert,	39
H. Bliss,	46	M. McCarthy,	41
W. Ringwood,	33	J. Kidney,	37
F. Myers,	49	P. Myers,	15
J. Hart,	22	J. Collins,	34
R. Lincoln,	20	S. Carpenter,	35

RECAPITULATION OF PROPERTY IN USE BY THIS COMPANY.

One first-class truck, with the following attachments and their condition: One new Boston extension ladder, 62 feet; one new compound extension ladder, 45 feet; one ladder, 35 feet; three, 24 feet each; three roof ladders of the following lengths: 12, 16, and 20 feet, with hook attached; two axes with picks; two without picks; two spiking axes; one crowbar; one battering ram; four leather buckets; four pitchforks; three tarpaulin covers; eight lanterns; six rubber coats; six smoke protectors; 100 feet of guy rope; 100 feet of police rope; one stove; one coal hod; one wagon jack; 25 feet street hose; six pairs rubber boots.

During the year this Company has answered eighteen box alarms.

JOHN McLEAN, *Captain.*

DOUGLAS HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

Station, 364 Main Street.

BADGE.	NAME.	POSITION.
51.	E. B. Haling,	Captain.
66.	R. Risk,	First Assistant.
69.	F. Leal,	Second Assistant.
83.	M. F. Cowley,	Secretary.
75.	R. J. Maher,	Treasurer.
73.	R. Hunt,	Steward.

HOSEMEN.

NAME.	BADGE.	NAME.	BADGE.
J. Geary,	71	J. O'Brien,	74
E. Metcalf,	54	W. B. Johnson,	68
S. B. Chafee,	87	A. Johnson,	160
W. J. Pitt, Jr.,	61	M. J. Mulcahy,	60
W. J. Pitt,	70	E. Dunn,	77
D. McDonald,	82	F. Treat,	79
R. Moore,	89	W. Losey,	92
F. Cavanaugh,	58	John Geary,	63
G. A. Southmayd,	55	A. Mallory,	80
D. Regan,	65		

RECAPITULATION OF PROPERTY IN USE BY THIS COMPANY.

One four-wheel hose carriage, unsafe; 800 feet of jacket hose, in good condition; 300 feet in poor condition; 400 feet burst since last report; two Callahan flexible service pipes; one leather play pipe; two Callahan shut-off nozzles; one ball nozzle; one relief valve; three lanterns; eight hose wrenches; two Siamese butts; two hydrant wrenches; 12 gaskets; five rubber coats, in poor condition; six pairs of rubber boots; two smoke protectors; one wagon jack; one axe; 50 feet street hose; four sets of tackle for hoisting hose; 200 feet of rope; one steam heater and fixtures; one Cooper hose jacket.

During the year this Company has answered eighteen box alarms and one still alarm.

E. B. HALING, *Captain.*

HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

Station, 147 College Street.

BADGE.	NAME.	POSITION.
22.	O. W. Karber,	Captain.
125.	George Spaulding,	First Assistant.
111.	Carl Ventres,	Second Assistant.
118.	J. G. Berry,	Clerk.
102.	H. F. Pelton,	Steward.

HOSEMEN.

NAME.	BADGE.	NAME.	BADGE.
C. Bailey,	104	F. Kieft,	115
F. Berg,	—	G. Klyne,	120
B. F. Birdsey,	—	L. Kinley,	—
W. Bywater,	—	J. Lorette,	117
T. Bywater,	—	F. Lorette,	118
R. Demeer,	—	W. Lineweber,	95
A. Dewitt,	—	F. Miller,	—
D. Evans,	—	G. Neff,	—
G. Fuller,	103	W. Palmer,	—
W. Fuller,	—	C. Potter,	—
R. Griswold,	126	C. Pitt,	128
J. Hartman,	99	G. S. Pitt, 2d,	101
I. Hedges,	93	J. Rogers,	—
G. Harrison,	119	M. H. Rose,	—
O. Hutchings,	—	J. Schwartz,	166
W. Jennings,	108	A. Sapper,	114
C. Johnson,	122	W. Steadman,	91
M. Johnson,	—	E. Hunt,	—
C. Justin,	—		

RECAPITULATION OF PROPERTY IN USE BY THIS COMPANY.

One four-wheeled hose carriage; one four-wheeled service carriage; 1,000 feet of jacket hose, in good condition; 300 feet in poor condition; 350 feet burst since last report; two Callahan service pipes; two Callahan shut-off nozzles; one ball nozzle; one leather pipe; one relief valve; one Siamese butt; one hydrant gate; one axe; four lanterns; seven hose wrenches; two hydrant wrenches; five gaskets; six rubber coats; six pairs of rubber boots; two smoke protectors; one screw wrench; one carriage jack; four sets of tackle for hoisting hose; 25 feet of street hose; one steam heater and fixtures; one Cooper hose jacket; 24 badges; 16 badges lost at fires.

During the year this Company has answered eighteen box alarms,

O. W. KARBER, *Captain.*

HOTCHKISS HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.
Station, corner Hubbard and Loveland Streets.

BADGE.	NAME.	POSITION.
124.	H. W. Emmette,	Captain.
145.	A. J. Varney,	First Assistant.
172.	D. C. Barclift,	Second Assistant.
169.	H. M. Sage,	Secretary.
161.	J. H. Fountain,	Treasurer.

HOSEMEN.

NAME.	BADGE.	NAME.	BADGE.
F. W. Hilbert,	162	H. G. Hutchings,	143
W. A. Roth,	165	F. H. Doebner,	161
F. A. Doebner,	172	F. H. Roth,	149
C. F. Doebner,	145	J. N. Cressman,	158
L. A. Roth,	167	W. H. Chapman,	168
C. J. Werner,	146	C. A. Rapp,	155
J. P. Dorsey,	135	W. J. Glynn,	162
E. C. Young,	147	N. B. Gates,	170
W. J. Brown,	156	M. A. Hunter,	127
E. B. Ford,	164	J. G. Clancy,	175
J. A. Layon,	174	J. A. Conradt,	166
J. W. Howarth,	132	W. Buckman,	140
W. Schiller,	176	P. Schilling,	131
V. L. Knowles,	138	W. R. Spatcher,	141
M. Harpfer,	133	R. Spatcher,	130
A. L. Clark,	149		

RECAPITULATION OF PROPERTY IN USE BY THIS COMPANY.

One four-wheeled hose carriage; one two-wheeled service jumper; 1,850 feet of jacket hose, in good condition; one Callahan shut-off nozzle; two leather service pipes; one relief valve; five lanterns; eight hose wrenches; four hydrant wrenches; one ball nozzle; one wagon jack; 12 gaskets; four sets of tackle for hoisting hose; 25 feet of street hose; 12 rubber coats; six pairs of rubber boots; seven smoke protectors; one steam heater and fixtures; one Cooper hose jacket; one axe.

During the year this Company has answered eleven box alarms and one still alarm.

H. W. EMMETTE, *Captain.*

DEPARTMENT EXPENSES.

Compensation,	\$1,430 76
Rent, O. V. Coffin Hook & Ladder Co.,	270 85
Fuel,	145 00
Repairs, etc.,	775 14
Fire alarm compensation,	254 54
Fire alarm repairs,	629 07
	<u>\$3,505 36</u>

REMARKS.

Loss of property by fire,	\$4,582 12
Loss covered by insurance,	3,682 12
Net loss above insurance,	<u>\$900 00</u>

CONCLUSION.

To His Honor the Mayor and gentlemen of the City Government for their acts of kindness and interest manifested; also to my Assistant Engineers and the officers and members of the Department for their promptness and hearty coöperation; to the Police Department for their hearty coöperation with the firemen in saving and protecting the property of our citizens, I extend my hearty thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. PITT,

Chief Fire Department.

List of Fires and Fire Alarms for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

DATE.	Time.	Box.	Location.	Property.	Material.	Owner or Occupant.	Loss on Buildings.	Insurance Paid.	Loss on Personal Property.	Insurance Paid.	Cause of Fire.
Jan. 3.	8:45 A. M.	29	Court Street.	Dwelling house.	Wood	Mrs. Haskell.	—	—	—	—	Rep'g steampipes.
Jan. 13.	7:00 P. M.	28	Main Street.	Stores & tenements.	Brick	Collegrove Estate.	—	—	—	—	Defective flue.
Jan. 20.	12:10 A. M.	34*	William Street.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Unknown.
Jan. 22.	3:30 P. M.	26	Cross Street.	Dwelling house.	Wood	Wesleyan Univ'ty.	\$95 00	\$95	\$100 00	\$251 50	Not ascertained.
Mar. 2.	3:00 A. M.	28	Main Street.	Ten., Stores, Hotel.	W & B	F. J. Hotchkiss.	312 00	312	365 00	—	Unknown.
Mar. 3.	9:05 A. M.	26	Court Street.	Dwelling house.	Wood	Robt. Pedden.	—	—	—	—	Overh'd stovepipe.
Mar. 29.	8:15 P. M.	36	Pleasant Street.	Storage barn.	Wood	J. B. Davenport.	890 00	890	460 00	—	Incendiary.
Mar. 30.	12:10 A. M.	26	Outside city limits.	Factory.	—	Russell Mfg. Co.	—	—	—	—	Unknown.
Mar. 30.	3:00 P. M.	28	Main Street.	Dwelling houses.	Brick	G. M. Southmayd.	1,700 00	1,700	1,033 62	698 62	Unknown.
April 24.	1:45 P. M.	35	Main Street.	Cemetery.	Grass	Mortimer Cem.	—	—	—	—	Unknown.
May 15.	11:15 A. M.	35	College Street.	Tenement.	Wood	Mrs. Newton.	25 00	25	—	—	Incendiary.
July 22.	10:30 A. M.	16	South Main Street.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bonfire.
July 28.	7:40 P. M.	28	High Street.	Barn.	Wood	Mrs. Browning.	150 00	150	450 00	450 00	Struck by lightn'g.
Aug. 3.	2:15 P. M.	18	Main Street.	Stores & tenements.	Brick	Collegrove Estate.	—	—	—	—	Matches.
Sept. 15.	1:30 A. M.	26	Hall's Grove.	Dancing platform.	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bonfire.
Sept. 15.	1:30 A. M.	26	Main Street.	Barn.	Wood	Middlesex As. Co.	—	—	600 00	300 00	Incendiary.
Sept. 25.	7:45 P. M.	45	Rear A. Co.'s barn.	Barn.	Wood	Mansfield & Coe.	190 00	190	20 00	20 00	Incendiary.
Nov. 2.	9:30 P. M.	34*	Lincoln Street.	Barrel of gasoline.	—	F. M. King.	—	—	—	—	Caught fr' mant'n.
Nov. 19.	2:30 P. M.	26	William Street.	Dwelling house.	W & B	Wm. Jamieson.	—	—	—	—	Unknown.
Dec. 14.	12:40 P. M.	18	Main Street.	Dwelling house.	Wood	August Johnson.	—	—	95 00	90 00	Overh'd stovepipe. Rats and matches.

* False alarm.

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LOCATION OF HYDRANTS.

No. 1.	Warwick street, near High.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 2.	South Main and Warwick streets.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 3.	South Main and Loveland streets.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 4.	South Main street, opp. Crescent street.	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 5.	Union, Park, Main, and Pleasant sts.,	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 6.	Union and Sumner streets.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 7.	William and Hanover streets.	- - - C.	1 H. N.
No. 8.	Main and William streets.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 9.	Main and College streets.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 10.	College street, below C. V. R. R.,	- - - L.	2 H. N.
No. 11.	Center street, near Carrier's lower stable.	H.	1 H. N.
No. 12.	Center street, front of H. Smith's house.	L.	2 H. N.
No. 13.	Court street, front of Chafee's Hotel.	- - - L.	2 H. N.
No. 14.	Main street, front of Post Office.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 15.	Court street, below C. V. R. R.,	- - - L.	2 H. N.
No. 16.	Main street, front of Berkeley Chapel.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 17.	Washington street, opp. Cherry street.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 18.	Ferry st., front Mrs. J. E. Bidwell's house.	H.	1 H. N.
No. 19.	Green street, front of schoolhouse.	- - - B.	1 H. N.
No. 20.	St. John's street, opp. Portland street.	- - - H.	1 H. N.
No. 21.	Portland street, west of tunnel.	- - - M.	2 H. N.
No. 22.	Spring street, east of Pearl street.	- - - M.	1 H. N.
No. 23.	Liberty and Pearl streets.	- - - H.	1 H. N.
No. 24.	Broad and Washington streets.	- - - L.	3 H. N.
No. 25.	Washington and Pearl streets.	- - - C.	1 H. N.
No. 26.	Washington, opposite Park street.	- - - H.	1 H. N.
No. 27.	Washington, opposite Vine street.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 28.	High street, at the Sebor place.	- - - B.	1 H. N.
No. 29.	Broad and Court streets.	- - - L.	3 H. N.
No. 30.	Court and Pearl streets.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 31.	High street, opposite Wyllys avenue.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 32.	Broad and College streets.	- - - L.	3 H. N.
No. 33.	Broad and William streets.	- - - L.	3 H. N.
No. 34.	College street, opposite Hamlin street.	- - - B.	1 H. N.
No. 35.	William and Hamlin streets.	- - - C.	1 H. N.
No. 36.	High and William streets.	- - - M.	1 H. N.
No. 37.	Cross street, opposite College place.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 38.	Church street, opposite Broad street.	- - - H.	1 H. N.
No. 39.	Hotchkiss and Church streets.	- - - H.	2 H. N.
No. 40.	High street, opposite Church street.	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 41.	High and Loveland streets.	- - - H.	1 H. N.
No. 42.	Hubbard street, near Midd. Plate Co.,	- - - B.	2 H. N.
No. 43.	Crescent st., front E. R. Chafee's house.	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.

EXPLANATIONS, NAMES OF HYDRANTS: B.—For Bigelow. H.—For Holyoke. C.—For Chapman. L.—For Ludlow. M.—For Matthews.

No. 44.	Union street, west of railroad,	- - H.	2 H. N.
No. 45.	Hubbard street, opp. Goodyear avenue,	M.	2 H. N.
No. 46.	William st., front Douglas Pump Works,	M.	2 H. N.
No. 47.	Main street, near the Middlesex,	- - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 48.	Wesleyan University grounds,	- - B.	2 H. N.
No. 49.	Wyllys avenue, front Mrs. Child's house,	H.	1 H. N.
No. 50.	College street and alley to Middlesex,	- H.	2 H. N.
No. 51.	Center street, east of C. V. R. R.,	- L.	2 H. N.
No. 52.	Warwick street, near Brownlow's store,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 53.	Lincoln and Park streets,	- - M.	1 H. N.
No. 54.	Prospect and Liberty streets,	- - C.	1 H. N.
No. 55.	Main street, front of Episcopal Church,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 56.	Ferry st., front J. E. Leonard's house,	- L.	2 H. N.
No. 57.	Grand street, bet. Main and Pearl streets,	M.	1 H. N.
No. 58.	Grand and Pearl streets,	- - H.	1 H. N.
No. 59.	Spring street, near Prospect street,	- H.	1 H. N.
No. 60.	Prospect street, north of railroad,	- - H.	2 H. N.
No. 61.	Main street, near Spring street,	- - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 62.	Miller street, west of C. V. R. R.,	- M.	1 H. N.
No. 63.	Mill street, front W., C. & Co.'s Foundry,	B.	1 H. N.
No. 64.	Sumner and South streets,	- - H.	1 H. N.
No. 65.	Erin street, near High street,	- - L.	1 H. N.
No. 66.	Factory street, near Washington street,	- H.	1 H. N.
No. 67.	Pease avenue,	- - - B.	1 H. N.
No. 68.	Church street, opposite Hubbard street,	L.	2 H. N.
No. 69.	Main and Church streets, at Union Park,	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 70.	Washington st., at C. E. Jackson's house,	M.	1 H. N.
No. 71.	South Main st., front G. Thayer's house,	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 72.	South Main st., front F. Newell's house,	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 73.	College street, near Hanover street,	- H.	1 H. N.
No. 74.	Rear Worcester Cycle Mfg. Co.,	- - -	1 H. N.
No. 75.	Court street, front of Masonic Building,	M.	1 H. N.
No. 76.	Washington street, below Stueck's,	- H.	1 H. N.
No. 77.	Arawana Mills,	- - - M.	1 H. N.
No. 78.	Main street, front Municipal Building,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 79.	Lincoln street, bet. High and Park streets,	B.	1 H. N.
No. 80.	Washington street, west of N. High street,	H.	1 H. N.
No. 81.	Cross street, near Fountain street,	- - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 82.	Cross street, near Babcock street,	- - M.	2 H. N.
No. 83.	Butternut and West streets,	- - B.	1 H. N.
No. 84.	Railroad yard, near Miller street,	- - H.	1 H. N.
No. 85.	Main st., front Miss Woodward's house,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 86.	Grand and High streets,	- - H.	1 H. N.
No. 87.	Wyllys avenue and Mt. Vernon street,	- B.	1 H. N.
No. 88.	Church street, front of M. E. Church,	- H.	1 H. N.
No. 89.	Rapallo avenue, near depot,	- - H.	1 H. N.
No. 90.	Washington st., front Miss Selden's house,	H.	1 H. N.
No. 91.	Hotchkiss avenue, near O'Keefe's barn,	- C.	1 H. N.

No. 92.	Church street, opposite Hamlin street,	- L.	2 H. N.
No. 93.	Lincoln and High streets,	- - - M.	1 H. N.
No. 94.	Lumber street, near Water street,	- M.	1 H. N.
No. 95.	Green street and Gilshenan place,	- H.	1 H. N.
No. 96.	William street, below C. V. R. R.,	- L.	1 H. N.
No. 97.	South street, near gas house,	- - H.	1 H. N.
No. 98.	Spring and High streets,	- - - M.	1 H. N.
No. 99.	St. John's street, opposite R. C. Church,	H.	1 H. N.
No. 100.	High and Liberty streets,	- - - H.	1 H. N.
No. 101.	High street, near Air Line R. R.,	- H.	1 H. N.
No. 102.	Fountain avenue, south end,	- - B.	1 H. N.
No. 103.	High street, north of Spring, at avenue,	C.	2 H. N.
No. 104.	High st., north end, at Mrs. Broderick's,	C.	1 H. N.
No. 105.	Wetmore avenue, north end,	- - B.	1 H. N.
No. 106.	Huber avenue, west end,	- - - B.	1 H. N.
No. 107.	Oak street, at Frank Hubel's house,	- B.	1 H. N.
No. 108.	At foot of Trench Hill,	- - - L.	2 H. N.
No. 109.	High street, at Dr. J. W. Beach's,	- C.	2 H. N.
No. 110.	High street and Huber avenue,	- - C.	1 H. N.
No. 111.	High street and Lawn avenue,	- - C.	1 H. N.
No. 112.	Washington street, at Thos. Dunn's,	- C.	1 H. N.
No. 113.	Grand and Prospect streets,	- - H.	2 H. N.
No. 114.	Grand street and Stow avenue,	- - L.	2 H. N.
No. 115.	Burr avenue, at G. E. Burr's,	- - L.	2 H. N.
No. 116.	Clover Nook, at D. Barnes',	- - L.	2 H. N.
No. 117.	High and Cross streets,	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 118.	High street, opposite College street,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 119.	High street, opposite Court street,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 120.	High street and West Green,	- - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 121.	Church street, at H. Cornwell's,	- - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 122.	Cross street, opp. Mt. Vernon street,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 123.	Court street, at Post Office,	- - - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 124.	Washington and Main streets,	- - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 125.	Washington Green, at Mrs. Jackson's,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 126.	Washington street, opp. Baldwin street,	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 127.	Washington street, opp. Hill street,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 128.	Factory street, at Arawana Mills,	- - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 129.	Main street, opposite Ferry street,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 130.	Main street, near Liberty street,	- - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 131.	Main street, near Grand street,	- - L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 132.	Johnson street and Cottage avenue,	- M.	1 H. N.
No. 133.	Pine street, south of Lawn avenue,	- L.	2 H. N.
No. 134.	Pine street, north of Lawn avenue,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 135.	Lawn avenue, opposite College place,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 136.	Lawn avenue, west of College place,	- L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 137.	College st., near O. V. Coffin's premises,	L.	2 H. N.
No. 138.	Hill street, north of Widow's Home,	- H.	1 H. N.
No. 139.	Hill street, at Geo. Brown's house,	- H.	2 H. N.

No. 140.	Hill and Cross streets, - - - -	H.	2 H. N.
No. 141.	Cross street, bet. High and Pearl streets,	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 142.	Hamlin and College streets, - - -	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 143.	Hamlin and William streets, - - -	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 144.	Pleasant street, in Union Park, west,	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 145.	Crescent st., at Hotchkiss Block corner,	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 146.	Mill street and Burr avenue, - - -	H.	2 H. N.
No. 147.	Bridge street, north of Miller street,	H.	2 H. N.
No. 148.	Catherine street, - - - - -	L.	2 H. N.
No. 149.	Berlin street, near Air Line R. R., -	H.	1 H. N.
No. 150.	Oak and Loveland streets, - - - -	L.	2 H. N.
No. 151.	Loveland street, west of Hose House,	L.	2 H. N.
No. 152.	North Main and Stack streets, - - -	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.
No. 153.	North Main and North High streets,	L.	2 H. N. and 1 S. N.

REPORT

— OF THE —

Superintendent Fire Alarm Telegraph.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit my annual report of the condition of the Fire Alarm and Telegraph System installed in this city for the year ending December 31st, 1896.

No new boxes have been placed, nor has the location of any been changed, leaving them in the same locations as last year, as follows:

- No. 16—North High street, near railroad bridge.
- No. 18—Catholic Parochial School, near bridge.
- No. 19—Foot of Ferry street.
- No. 25—Washington street, corner High.
- No. 26—Center street, corner Main.
- No. 27—William street, W. & B. Douglas' Pump Works.
- No. 28—Main street, No. 1 Hose House.
- No. 29—Court street, corner Broad.
- No. 34—William street, near railroad.
- No. 35—College street, High School building.
- No. 36—Union street, near Main.
- No. 37—Church street, Goodyear Rubber Co.
- No. 38—Loveland street, No. 3 Hose House.
- No. 39—South Main street, Wilcox, Crittenden & Co's factory.
- No. 45—Park Place, corner Liberty street.
- No. 46—I. E. Palmer's factory, Arawana.
- No. 47—Cross street, opposite A. M. E. Church.

The instruments which are situated at my office and cut into circuit in this system are as follows: One 3-point plug switch, Western Union type; one galvanometer for testing purposes; one galvanometer to determine condition of batteries; one 3-point switch.

The electricity to operate the system is furnished by 72 cells of gravity batteries, which are set up and connected as is customary in fire alarm central stations.

The Fire Alarm Signal consists of one steam whistle, with all the necessary automatic attachments for sounding alarms, situated on the Electric Light Station building. Steam is furnished for the whistle by the Middletown Electric Light Co. There are four small and four large single-stroke gongs for sounding alarms at the following places:

- One at No. 3 Hose House.
- One at Electric Light Co.'s station.
- One at Hook and Ladder House.
- One at No. 1 Hose House.
- One at William Lamb's house, 595 Main street.
- One at Chief Engineer's house, College street.
- One at Superintendent's office, Main street.
- One at Superintendent's house, South Main street.

There are about eight miles No. 12 iron wire and about four miles .080 or No. 14 B. & S. gauge copper wire carried through the different streets, avenues, highways, etc., on poles owned by the Western Union Telegraph Co., Southern New England Telephone Co., Middletown Electric Light Co., and the City. All wires are carried on the top arms of these poles.

At different places where pole lines were not established wires were carried over public and private buildings.

During the year there has been a great deal of changing, owing to the taking down and replacing of poles by the Southern New England Telephone Co. and the Western Union Telegraph Co., necessitating the taking down of the old iron wire and replacing with new copper wire.

The system is in first-class condition throughout, with the exception of a portion of Main street, where the wires will have to be changed shortly, or as soon as the Southern New England Telephone Co. remove their old poles.

The new line work completed this year was the running of a loop from the corner of Main and College streets to the residence of the Chief Engineer, and a loop from the main line on South Main street to the Superintendent's house; also running a new line from the College street box to the Goodyear Rubber Co. box through Hamlin street, and thence through Hotchkiss avenue to No. 3 Hose House, Loveland street.

The following is a list of expenses, dating from January 1st, 1896, to December 18th, 1896: Compensation, \$50; maintenance, \$50; new work, labor and material, \$103.48; repairs and material, \$387.12; and \$81.20, which was for wiring and repairing in the different Hose Company buildings, and which was included in the Fire Alarm bills.

A test blast is sounded at 7:30 each evening by the Superintendent of Fire Alarm to show if there is any visible defect in the system.

For information concerning fires and alarms, I refer you to the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. FRANCIS,
Superintendent.

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., Jan. 1, 1897.

Report of the Police Committee.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee beg to present their annual report. For the detailed work of the police force of the city we would call attention to the report of the Chief of Police.

The force has been increased during the year by the addition of one regular patrolman.

We wish to say that the services of the police force during the year have been satisfactory to the Committee and we think to the public. We desire to say further, the duties of the Committee have been materially lightened by reason of the efficiency of the Chief, who has assisted us in every possible way, and has acted promptly on every suggestion of your Committee.

We would recommend that \$5,300 be appropriated for the expenses of this department for the year 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STOTHART,
E. S. MILLER,
R. A. BLYDENBURGH, } *Committee on
Police.*

Police Report.

HEADQUARTERS POLICE DEPARTMENT, }
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 31, 1896. }

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown.

GENTLEMEN:—I submit herewith the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1896.

The number of arrests made during the year was five hundred and thirty-eight (538), the largest number of arrests ever made in any one year, but no serious crime has been committed during the year.

The following is a list of the different offences for which arrests were made and the number of arrests for each offence:

Assault, - - - - -	68
Adultery, - - - - -	2
Allowing animals to go at large on highway, - - - - -	1
Breach of the peace, - - - - -	30
Burglary, - - - - -	8
Contempt of Court, - - - - -	1
Cruelty to animals, - - - - -	1
Defrauding boarding-house, - - - - -	8
Drunkenness, - - - - -	308
Destitute of suitable home, - - - - -	1
Embezzlement, - - - - -	1
Enticing females for purpose of prostitution, - - - - -	1
Evading toll on bridge, - - - - -	1
False pretence, - - - - -	2
Gaming, - - - - -	1
Insane, - - - - -	12
Incorrigibility, - - - - -	4
Indecent exposure, - - - - -	1
Injury to private property, - - - - -	1
Non-support of family, - - - - -	5
Neglect to send child to school, - - - - -	1

Occupying railroad property, - - - - -	3
Seduction, - - - - -	1
Stealing poultry at night, - - - - -	2
Theft, - - - - -	15
Theft from person, - - - - -	1
Truancy, - - - - -	3
Vagrancy, - - - - -	26
Violation City ordinance, - - - - -	18
Violation tobacco law, - - - - -	3
Violation liquor law, - - - - -	8
Males, - - - - -	527
Females, - - - - -	11
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Total number of arrests, - - - - -	538

Of those who were arrested, 274 were native born and 264 were foreign born, 255 resided in town and 283 out of town, 47 could neither read nor write.

By whom arrested:

A. W. Inglis, - - - - -	56
Joseph Kincaid, - - - - -	87
John Inglis, - - - - -	74
Addison Chapman, - - - - -	125
Patrick Ghent, - - - - -	90
Thomas Kinsella, - - - - -	56
Lewis Haling, - - - - -	4
Joseph Say, - - - - -	16
George Bryant, - - - - -	17
William Holmes, - - - - -	5
Peter Cantwell, - - - - -	2
John Scanlon, - - - - -	5
George Wood, - - - - -	1

Total number of arrests, - - - - -	538
Lost and stolen property recovered, - - - - -	\$869 84
Money taken from prisoners, - - - - -	780. 40
Number of lodgers, - - - - -	979
Stores found opened and secured, - - - - -	20
Lost children restored to parents, - - - - -	8
Lights reported out, - - - - -	171
Annual appropriation, - - - - -	\$4,500 00
Special appropriation, - - - - -	600 00
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	\$5,100 00
Amount expended, - - - - -	\$4,833 01
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Balance unexpended, - - - - -	\$266 99

The only change in the department during the year, was the addition of one more patrolman, which was made necessary by the opening of the Middletown and Portland bridge, last April, when a special appropriation of six hundred dollars (\$600) was made for that purpose, and Thomas Kinsella was appointed patrolman. He has proved himself a willing and faithful officer.

In conclusion I desire to thank Mayor Russell for the courteous treatment received at his hands, and to the Police Committee, Alderman Stothart and Councilmen Miller and Blydenburgh. My thanks are especially due for their friendly advice and counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. INGLIS,
Chief of Police.

Report of the City Court.

To the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

GENTLEMEN:—I submit herewith the annual report of the City Court:

STATEMENT.

January 1 to December 31, 1896, inclusive.

EXPENSES.

Salaries (including Chief of Police),	- - - -	\$2,700 00
Boarding prisoners,	- - - -	153 80
Printing and stationery,	- - - -	23 95
Witness fees, telephones and contingents,	- - - -	601 02
		<u>\$3,478 77</u>

RECEIPTS.

January,	- - - -	\$183 44
February,	- - - -	114 30
March,	- - - -	114 87
April,	- - - -	149 00
May,	- - - -	78 00
June,	- - - -	92 00
July,	- - - -	187 79
August,	- - - -	58 00
September,	- - - -	284 66
October,	- - - -	98 80
November,	- - - -	53 30
December,	- - - -	122 90
		<u>1,537 60</u>

Net cost of Court for the year, - - - - \$1,941 17

Net cost to city and town, \$970.58.

SUMMARY.

Number of cases in which fine was imposed,	- - - -	294
Number of cases in which imprisonment was inflicted,	- - - -	72
Number of cases in which judgment was suspended,	- - - -	58
Number of cases sent to Superior Court:		
On appeal,	- - - -	8
Bound over,	- - - -	11
		<u>19</u>
Number of cases <i>nolle pros.</i> entered,	- - - -	19
Number of cases judgment of "not guilty,"	- - - -	4
Number of cases in which fine and costs were paid,	- - - -	125
Number of commitments:		
To Hospital for Insane,	- - - -	1
To jail,	- - - -	259
		<u>260</u>

A statement of cases is annexed hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. CALEF, JR., Clerk.

STATEMENT OF CASES FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1896, INCLUSIVE.

MONTH.	Total.	Intoxication.	Assault.	Breach of the Peace.	Burglary.	Theft.	Violation of Liquor Law.	Embezzlement.	Vagrancy.	Non-Support.	Allowing Animals to go at Large.	Indecent Exposure.	Occupying Railroad Property.	Not Sending Child to School.	Defrauding Boarding-house.	Violation of Tobacco Law.	Theft from Person.	Contempt of Court.	Obtaining Goods under False Pretences.	Incorrigibility.	Cruelty to Animals.	Violation of City Ordinance.	Enticing Female for Purpose of Prostitution.	Stealing Chickens in Night Season.	Gaming.	Evading Toll on Bridge.	
January.	52	37	10	2	2	2																					
February.	44	25	5	2	1	1			4	1																	
March.	33	19	4	4					3	1																	
April.	34	20	5	1	2	2			3	1																	
May.	39	24	3	1	3	3			3	1																	
June.	40	18	5	3	2	2			3	1																	
July.	43	32	2	2	2	2			3	1																	
August.	34	21	7	5	2	1			1																		
September.	52	33	5	4	1	1			5	2																	
October.	34	19	7	3	1	1			3	2																	
November.	42	20	10	3	1	1			7	1																	
December.	41	29	3	2	3	1			3	1																	
Total.	488	297	66	24	8	13	8	124	5	1	1	1	3	1	5	3	1	1	2	4	1	14	1	2	1	1	

LIST OF TAXES

Due the City of Middletown and Remaining Unpaid
January 1st, 1897.

Unpaid City Taxes, List of 1888.

Farnan, Mary, - - - - - \$11 34

Unpaid City Taxes, List of 1889.

Bacon, A. W., - - - - - \$52 20
 Eaton, Ira C., - - - - - 1 20
 Farnan, Mary, - - - - - 11 64
 Foster, Chas. A., heirs, - - - - - 2 40
 Graham, C. P., - - - - - 1 80
 Kelly, Ellen, - - - - - 10 80
 O'Leary, Bartholomew, (error), - - - - - 3 30
 Scovill, Wm. M., - - - - - 54
 White, Beulah, heirs, - - - - - 10 20
 \$64 08

Unpaid City Taxes, List of 1890.

Bacon, A. W., - - - - - \$64 20
 Borgelt, Wm., estate, - - - - - 21 60
 Cahill, Daniel, - - - - - 10 80
 Colegrove, A. M., - - - - - 32 85
 Douglas, B., Jr., - - - - - 26 10
 Dunn, Thos., - - - - - 17 16
 Evans, Mrs. J. B., - - - - - 16 20
 Farnsworth, Mary Ann, - - - - - 2 70
 Fitzgerald, Mary, - - - - - 12 00
 Foster, Chas. A., heirs, - - - - - 2 40
 Graham, Chas. P., - - - - - 1 80
 Kelly, Ellen, - - - - - 10 80
 Parker, M. H., and D. A. Holbrook, - - - - - 7 80
 Scovill, Wm. M., - - - - - 54
 White, Beulah, heirs, - - - - - 10 20

NON-RESIDENTS.

Brooks, Jas., and H. Smith, - - - - - 1 62
 Lewis, Mrs. Henry A., - - - - - 13 50
 Mather, Geo. D., - - - - - 24 00
 Latimer, Franklin R., - - - - - 8 10

\$284 37

Unpaid City Taxes, List of 1891.

Bacon, A. W.,	\$51 90
Borgelt, Wm., estate,	21 60
Bullard, J. E.,	21 60
Cahill, Daniel,	10 80
Colegrove, A. M.,	32 85
Deforest, Sarah, and others,	10 20
Dorsey, J. P., & Co.,	15 60
Douglas, B., Jr.,	25 21
Dunn, John A.,	2 40
Evans, Mrs. J. B.,	16 20
Fitzgerald, Mary,	12 00
Foster, Chas. A., heirs,	2 40
Graham, C. P.,	1 80
Kelly, Ellen,	10 80
Grover, O. F., A. E. and D. C.,	9 75
Scovill, Wm. M.,	1 71

NON-RESIDENTS.

Alsop, F. O.,	15
Brooks, James, and H. Smith,	1 62
Copeland, M. B.,	19 20
Lewis, Mrs. Henry A.,	13 50
Mather, Geo. D.,	24 00
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	\$305 29

Unpaid City Taxes, List of 1892.

Bacon, A. W.,	\$67 20
Bent, Hannah M.,	9 74
Borgelt, Wm., estate,	25 20
Burns, Bridget,	6 30
Cahill, Daniel,	12 60
Colegrove, A. W.,	59 69
Colegrove, A. M.,	38 32
Davis Bros.,	4 62
Deforest, Sarah, and others,	11 90
Donovan, Hannah, (error),	10 50
Dooley, Mrs. John,	3 15
Dooley, Richard, 2d,	8 82
Dorsey, J. P.,	7 35
Douglas, B., Jr.,	25 31
Dunn, Thos.,	20 37
Evans, Mrs. J. B.,	18 90
Farnan, Mary,	13 58
Farnsworth, Mary Ann,	3 15
Farrow, Geo.,	5 50
Fitzgerald, Mary,	14 00
Freeman, Henry, estate,	7 56

Graham, C. P.,	\$2 10
Kelly, Ellen,	12 60
Kennefick, Mary,	2 80
Loheniss, Mrs. A.,	15 75
Midgeley, Henry,	9 10
Neale, T. A. & Son,	1 75
O'Brien, Thos. C.,	35 00
Parker, M. H., and D. A. Holbrook,	9 10
Reeder, Ellen,	7 00
Stevens, E. B.,	18
Stewart, J. S.,	17 50

NON-RESIDENTS.

Alsop, F. O.,	18
Brooks, Jas., and H. Smith,	1 89
Krauth, Mary A.,	56 00
Mather, Geo. D.,	28 00
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	\$572 71

Unpaid City Taxes, List of 1893.

Ahern, Daniel,	\$13 50
Allison, Anna M.,	27 00
Allison Bros.,	134 10
Bacon, A. W., or Henrietta,	76 50
Benham, Emily, estate,	4 30
Bidwell, Caroline E., (error),	1 80
Borgelt, Wm., estate,	32 40
Brown, Geo.,	4 68
Burns, Bridget,	8 10
Cahill, Daniel,	16 20
Canfield, C. C.,	32 40
Carlson, Carl F.,	4 50
Colegrove, A. M.,	46 57
Colegrove, A. B.,	2 43
Colegrove, A. W.,	315 90
Commerford, Richard, heirs,	24 30
Daley, Thos.,	9 00
Deforest, Sarah, and others,	15 30
Dimmock, L., estate,	13 50
Douglas, B., Jr.,	32 72
Dunn, J., Jr.,	3 15
Dunn, Thomas,	26 19
Evans, Mrs. J. B.,	24 30
Farnan, Mary,	17 46
Fenn, S. F.,	6 08
Fitzgerald, Mary,	18 00
Foster, Chas. A., heirs,	2 70
Graham, C. P.,	2 70

Griffin, John H.,	\$13 50
Hall, Wm.,	2 70
Hall, Wm. H.,	2 70
Hopkins, C. R.,	1 17
Ives, John,	1 80
Kelly, Ellen,	16 20
King, Edwin,	59 40
Loheniss, Mrs. Andrew,	20 26
McKee, A. G.,	45 00
Middletown Publishing Co.,	13 50
Moran, John, and Thomas,	3 60
Mott, Elizabeth,	2 70
Parker, M. H., and D. A. Holbrook,	11 70
Reeder, Ellen,	9 00
Rogers, E. C.,	1 80
Ryan, A. B.,	63 00
Ryan, Barrows & Parker,	108 00
Stewart, J. S.,	22 50
Sullivan, Fanny M.,	6 08

NON-RESIDENTS.

Alsop, F. O.,	23
Brooks, J., and H. Smith,	2 43
Davis, E. R.,	45 00
Ferry, John J.,	47 70
Hubbard, Fred. W., (error),	27 00
Lewis, Mrs. H. A.,	20 25
Mather, Geo. D.,	36 00
Stewart, Mary J.,	32 40
Keenan, Mary,	3 24
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	\$1,832 32

Unpaid City Taxes, List of 1894.

Ahern, Daniel,	\$18 00
Bacon, A. W., or Henrietta,	76 50
Bidwell, Caroline E., (error),	1 80
Borgelt, Wm., estate,	32 40
Burns, Bridget,	8 10
Canfield, C. C.,	32 40
Collamore, H. N.,	19 80
Colegrove, A. M.,	46 57
Colegrove, A. W.,	310 50
Commerford, Richard, heirs,	24 30
Cooley, Linus, (error),	90
Cooley, Nancy M., (error),	2 70
Davis Bros.,	9 67
Davis, S. B.,	23

Deforest, Sarah, and others,	\$15 30
Dingle, Mary J.,	9 00
Dimmock, L., estate,	13 50
Dooley, Richard, 2d,	11 34
Donahoe, Mary,	1 21
Dorflinger, John H.,	20 70
Dorflinger, Christina,	9 90
Dorsey, Patrick, estate,	271 57
Dougherty, W. J.,	2 70
Douglas, B., Jr.,	16 07
Douglas, Catherine,	72 90
Ecker, A., (error),	18 00
Farnan, Mary,	17 46
Foster, Chas. A., heirs,	2 70
Fenn, S. F.,	6 08
Graham, C. P.,	2 70
Greaves, Wm.,	46 55
Kennedy & Hubbard, (error),	13 50
Kenefick, Mary,	3 60
Kennison, C. W.,	5 62
Kincaid, S.,	1 80
King, Edwin,	62 10
Loheniss, Mrs. A.,	20 25
Lorette, Jos.,	90
McKee, A. G.,	45 00
McDougall, J. H.,	3 37
Middletown Publishing Co.,	13 50
Miller, A. B.,	2 25
Morgan, Chas. N.,	2 03
Neale & Son,	2 25
O'Keefe, Jas., estate, (error),	1 80
O'Neil, Mary, estate,	7 20
Oswald, A. L.,	4 50
Parker, M. H., and D. A. Holbrook,	7 45
Parshley, Jas. S.,	22 50
Psi Upsilon Society,	225 00
Rogers, E. C.,	1 80
Roland, Mary,	13 50
Ryan, A. B.,	63 00
Ryan, Barrows & Parker,	108 00
Sage, Elizabeth S.,	2 34
Scott, Michael, (error),	5 44
Scoville, Geo. S.,	90
Smith, Geo. O., estate,	2 43
Stewart, Jas. S.,	22 50
Stiles, Salon S., (error),	63
St. John's R. C. Church,	45 00
Stevens & Foote,	4 50

Trench, Ira J., - - - - -	\$1 80
White, E. R., and F. H., - - - - -	4 50
Zampino, L., - - - - -	10 35
NON-RESIDENTS.	
Aisop, Chas. R., estate, - - - - -	18 00
Aisop, F. O., - - - - -	23
Brooks, Jas., and H. Smith, - - - - -	2 43
Davis, E. R., - - - - -	45 00
Ferree, John J., - - - - -	37 80
Grimes, Mary, - - - - -	3 60
Lewis, Mrs. Henry A., - - - - -	20 25
Krauth, Mary A., - - - - -	72 00
	\$2,052 17
Collected since Dec. 28, - - - - -	118 18
	\$2,170 35

ORDINANCE AND AMENDMENTS

— ADOPTED BY THE —

Common Council of the City of Middletown,

FROM JANUARY, 1896, TO DECEMBER 31, 1896.

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CHAPTER LX.

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER LIX.—BICYCLES, ETC.

Chapter LIX. of the Ordinances of the City shall be amended to read as follows:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Middletown:

SECTION 1. Any person using a bicycle, tricycle, or other similar vehicle on any of the public highways or streets within the limits of said city shall have attached to said vehicle a suitable alarm bell, which, when rung, may be heard one hundred feet away; also, when using such a vehicle at night, during the time between one hour after sunset and sunrise, shall have attached to the same a lighted lamp of sufficient illuminating power to be visible one hundred yards ahead.

SEC. 2. No person, except as provided in the next section hereof, shall ride any bicycle, tricycle, or similar vehicle on the public highways or streets of said city at a greater rate of speed than eight miles an hour, and no person shall ride any such vehicle, except children's velocipedes, within any public park or along any sidewalk of said city. The term sidewalk shall not include crosswalks, nor mere foot paths worn only by travel and not laid out, constructed, or improved by the city or by abutters.

SEC. 3. The Mayor, may at his discretion, upon any special occasion, grant permits to any person to ride such vehicles upon specified portions of the streets of the city during a specified time at any rate of speed, and he may annex such other reasonable conditions to such permits as he shall deem proper

SEC. 4. No person shall place, or cause to be placed, upon any highway or street of said city any ashes, glass, crockery, scrap iron, nails, tacks, or other articles liable to injure the wheels or tires of bicycles or other vehicles having rubber or pneumatic tires; but this section shall not apply to the Street Commissioner of the city or those acting under his instructions.

SEC. 5. Every person who shall violate any provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than two or more than ten dollars for each offence.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council, September 7, 1896, fourteen members voting for the passage thereof.

Attest,

JAMES P. STOW,

City Clerk.

Approved,

SAMUEL RUSSELL, *Mayor.*