

ANNUAL REPORT (Garbage)

TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, RACINE, WISCONSIN:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report of the collection and incineration of the City Garbage for the year ending December 31st, 1916.

The garbage collected during the year by months is as follows:

January	496,335
February	448,110
March	492,920
April	513,265
May	668,120
June	779,510
July	814,550
August	954,170
September	877,305
October	761,520
November	663,275
December	510,295

or a total of 7,981, 375 pounds or 3,990 7-10 tons or 376 tons more than was collected during 1915, in addition to the above garbage there were made 101 special trips for dead dogs, 20 trips for dead cats, 4 trips for dead chickens, 3 trips for dead rabbits and 1 trip for two cow heads there were also 7 dogs killed at the plant and incinerated. There was used to incinerate the above garbage 895,350 lbs. of soft screenings, or approximately 224 lbs. of coal per ton of garbage, this is 11 lbs. per ton less than was used in 1915.

February was the lightest month of the year, averaging approximately 9 tons per day and August was the heaviest month averaging approximately 20 tons per day.

In addition to the collection of garbage I had two wagons haul ashes and cans to the dumps one day each week with the exception of December when our horses were taken sick with influenza, that month I had more than I could do to collect the garbage, some of the collection being delayed for three weeks. When the first was taken sick I had him taken to Dr. C. E. Evans' hospital, I had the manure removed and I bought new water pails and I fumigated the barn for two hours to try to prevent the spread of the disease, but in 4 days after another horse was taken sick and was so bad that we could not get him out of the barn, so I got all the men together and we carried the horse into the box stall where he died three days after. That was on December 23, the same day three more horse swere taken sick one of them with fever of 105; and two of them with a fever of 104; two of those horses got along very nicely and were working the day after Christmas but one of them was sick for two weeks, on the 30th day of December we got the horse back that was at Dr. C. E. Evans' barn being there 16 days she was very weak but we fed her up good and gave her and all the rest of the horses medicine every three hours, I had a man at the barn night and day, and I was there part of the time nights, on January 2nd, I put all the horses to work again and the men have been taking 4 and 5 loads every day since, and at the end of this week they will have the garbage cleaned up. I would have been able to hire horses to help us out if the disease was not contagious. No one would rent us horses to work with the horses that had influenza. The following is a statement of the garbage collected each day this month to show you that the collections are being made.

January 1917

2	26,340
3	28,425
4	31,420
5	31,645
6	29,665
8	26,085
9	28,785
10	27,735
11	27,580
12	21,040
13	19,880
15	25,615
16	25,745
17	26,665
18	27,155

or a total of 403,780 lbs.

I also wish to state that the "Garbage Ordinance" is being violated by a large number of people. Some have boxes, some tubs, some water pails, and old boilers and barrels, there are a whole lot of others that have cans but they do not keep the garbage dry, nor wrapped up in paper. In a great number of cans the garbage is frozen solid and if the men cannot get it out of the cans they make a big howl to me, or the Board of Public Works, or the Health Department.

In conclusion I wish to state for the past three years our garbage wagons have been standing out in all kinds of weather, I would therefore recommend that a wagon shed be built for the storage of our wagons. I would also recommend that some device be put in our smoke-stack to prevent the paper from going up through the top of the stack and scattering all over the neighborhood. We have tried screens at the bottom of the stack but the paper clogged the screen and choked our draft, we also tried to screen over the smoke flue leading from the combustion chamber but the results were the same.

Gentlemen:—In closing I wish to state that on December 30th, I received \$15.00 from Peter Pfeiffer in payment for the barn manure for the year ending December 31st. I turned the same over to the City Treasurer.

The following is an inventory of the city property over which I have charge.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

7 horses
 8 Harnesses
 8 Storm blankets
 8 Horse blankets
 3 Water pails
 3 Extra collars
 8 Fly nets
 1 Shovel
 3 Pitch forks
 1 Barrel of Grease
 1/4 Barrel of salt
 6 Wagon tongues
 1 Wagon jack
 1 Horse Clipper
 8 Wagons
 5 Currie combs
 5 Horse brushes
 1 Breast collar
 12 Garbage baskets

DISPOSAL DEPARTMENT

2 Stoking hooks
 2 Stoking hoes
 2 Stoking rakes
 2 Stoking bars
 4 Shaking bars
 2 Damper wrenches
 1 20-inch wrench (monkey)
 1 21-inch socket wrench
 7 Shovels
 1 Wheel barrow
 1 Ladder
 1 60-foot hot water hose
 1 50-foot cold water hose
 2 shovels
 2 Garbage rakes
 1 Step ladder

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CONNOLLY,
 Superintendent of City Garbage Incinerator

**MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT OF
GARBAGE C - 4 - 51 COLLECTION
and
GARBAGE C - 4 - 52 DISPOSAL**

Collection	Disposal
Pay Rolls..... \$ 9,469.58	Pay Rolls..... \$ 2,644.03
Repairs to Buildings..... 165.78	Repairs to Building..... 78.71
New Equipment..... 525.79	New Equipment..... 405.81
Repair Equipment..... 156.13	Repair Equipment..... 62.78
Feed..... 900.57	Supplies..... 9.74
Shoeing..... 147.54	Light and Power..... 45.61
Veterinary..... 9.25	Water Rent..... 34.56
Supplies..... 28.79	Telephone..... 42.50
Light and Power..... 4.04	Fuel..... 1,409.59
	Grading Lot..... 60.00
Total..... \$11,407.47	Total..... \$ 4,793.33

Total Cost Garbage Plant Maintenance \$16,200.80.