

Transactions During the Year Ending November 1st, 1868.

Months	No. Sales	Amount.
November, 1867	121	\$ 228,000
December, 1867	101	200,655
January, 1868	92	261,079
February, 1868	113	439,246
March, 1868	109	538,247
April, 1868	103	311,902
May, 1868	81	317,509
June, 1868	56	155,265
July, 1868	48	118,050
August, 1868	62	257,304
September, 1868	59	102,226
October, 1868	52	109,807
Total	997	2,983,719

Transactions During the Year Ending November 1st, 1869.

Months	No. Sales	Amount.
November, 1868	42	\$ 14,547
December, 1868	50	91,639
January, 1869	45	88,900
February to middle of March	87	502,561
March " " April	97	547,058
April " " May	90	209,908
May " " June	51	196,424
June " " July	44	159,969
July " " August	47	190,705
August " " September	40	61,112
September " " October	65	106,547
October " " November	47	108,461
Total	695	2,888,394

City Finances.

The city assessment rolls for a few years past, are a fair criterion by which to judge of the increasing value of the real estate and improvements in the city. The assessed value is probably somewhat less than one-third of the market value of the property. The following table will exhibit this increase, as well as be of general interest:

Year	Rate of taxation on \$100.	Amount of Tax.	Value of Property.
1863-4	\$1 00	\$ 7,942	\$ 794,121
1864-5	1 00	9,701	970,125
1865-6	1 00	12,187	1,167,949
1866-7	00	8,009	1,434,980
1867-8	1 00	18,724	1,832,426
1868-9	1 00	33,634	3,363,478
1869-70	1 25	53,398	4,256,702

The receipts and disbursements by the City Treasurer during the year ending December 1st, 1869, have been as follows:

Month.	Receipts.	Disbursements.
December, 1868	\$11,502 76	\$ 6,791 47
January, 1869	18,302 00	18,232 33
February, 1869	12,026 76	16,803 11
March, 1869	8,991 00	10,653 76
April, 1869	6,529 87	9,074 55
May, 1869	4,001 38	5,957 00
June, 1869	2,813 70	5,272 74
July, 1869	4,508 00	5,959 56
August, 1869	3,370 00	5,014 44
September, 1869	335 93	335 70
October, 1869	7,032 54	1,474 52
November, 1869	45,984 25	32,647 97
Total	\$125,088 79	\$118,316 45

The above statement shows the receipts from every source, and the total expenditures for city purposes, and the payment of bills audited by the Board of Education, and is valuable rather to show the general extent of the business of the City Treasurer, than to give even an approximated idea of the financial condition of the city. During the year bonds were sold (the proceeds being classified with the receipts) as follows:

School Bonds	\$ 8,500
City Hall Bonds	31,000
Total	\$39,500

Warrants drawing interest at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum, to the amount of \$10,000, were sold early in the year, so that the increase of the city's interest-bearing debt amounts to \$49,500.

The interest-bearing debt of the city is shown below:

Bonds of 1852-'55	\$18,400
City Hall Bonds	30,000
School Bonds	32,000
Judgment Bonds	16,000
Warrants	10,000
Total	\$126,400

The warrants draw one and one-quarter per cent. per month, and were to be redeemed in January, 1870, from the taxes of the fiscal year 1869-70. The bonds of the years 1852-55 draw interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and all the other bonds bear interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum. The School Bonds were issued to pay for the erection of Lafayette Grammar School building, the large school house at the Point, and a portion of the land on which it stands, the school house and lot on Jefferson street, between Fourth and Fifth streets. Money from this source has also been used for the alteration and enlargement of buildings erected before the issue of these bonds was authorized by the Legislature. The proceeds of the sale of the Judgment Bonds were applied to the payment of a judgment against the city from the Twelfth District Court, in favor of E. R. Carpentier. The City Hall Bonds were authorized for the sole purpose of enabling the city to purchase land and erect a City Hall. The proceeds of the sale of the warrants were applied to a variety of purposes, the \$10,000 being the largest debt that could at the