

# PROGRESS OF THE CITY.



THE *City* of San Francisco was, for the first time, incorporated by the Legislature in May, 1850, the organization of the *County* having been effected in the month previous, by the election of a Sheriff and other officers, thus establishing two distinct systems of government. The Consolidation Act took effect on the first day of July, 1856. Under its stringent provisions, our municipal affairs have been administered with energy and fidelity, and a thorough reform has resulted. The enormous outlay consequent on the *dual* system of government has been entirely abolished or

seriously reduced, while the checks upon lavish expenditure were so well devised as to defy evasion, and the contraction of debts has been inhibited. The financial history of all this is sufficiently indicated in the subjoined exhibit of the *Aggregate Annual Expenditures* of the City and County of San Francisco, from 1850 to 1864—since the first legislative organization of the government—*exclusive* of the sums paid in liquidation of the principal and interest of the Bonded Debts:

## Annual Revenue.

The following is an exhibit of the receipts from State and City and County taxes, licenses, stamps, etc., collected in San Francisco during the thirteen fiscal years ending the thirtieth day of June, 1863:

FISCAL YEARS.	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO				STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
	City Taxes.	County Taxes.	Municipal Licenses.	Total.	
1850-51 .....	\$163,013	\$119,028	\$59,594	\$341,632	\$132,359
1851-52 .....	305,661	122,632	276,835	705,128	100,545
1852-53 .....	397,033	313,217	325,039	1,038,289	127,682
1853-54 .....	592,248	419,378	188,508	1,200,134	204,874
1854-55 .....	582,752	389,620	103,784	1,076,136	249,589
1855-56 .....	424,766	244,337	33,054	702,157	130,847
1856-57 .....	290,846		59,927	350,773	191,311
1857-58 .....	510,228	City and Co. governments consolidate <i>d</i> .	103,048	613,276	257,771
1858-59 .....	554,203		25,788	579,991	288,958
1859-60 .....	761,711		23,681	785,392	322,935
1860-61 .....	737,243		23,179	760,422	271,111
1861-62 .....	856,087		29,167	885,254	303,526
1862-63 .....	982,312		39,512	1,021,824	520,960
Total .....	\$7,158,083		\$1,294,113	\$10,060,408	\$3,102,468

In addition to the above sources of revenue may be enumerated the receipts from fines, rents, harbor dues, and fees collected by the Sheriff, the County Clerk, the County Recorder, Auditor, Tax Collector, Treasurer, etc. The sums received from State and County licenses, and several other sources, are not included.