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## ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

Valuation of Real Estate,	\$615,963 00
"    "    Personal Estate,	635,409 00
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Total valuation,	\$1,251,372 00

Rate of of taxation, .006 = \$6.00 per \$1000.

Number of polls, 414. Poll tax, \$2.

Town tax,	\$4,400 00
State tax,	1,940 00
County tax,	1,624 49
Overlays,	375 73
Unpaid School Books,	246 50
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Total for collection,	\$8,586 72

Number of Dwelling Houses taxed,	315
"    "    Acres of Land,	10,309
"    "    Horses,	176
"    "    Cows,	205
"    "    Sheep,	28

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## TAXES FOR 1872.

Adams, Abigail H.	\$168 72	Adams, William S.	\$366 38
Adams, George T.	43 34	Ames, Benjamin F.	6 20
Adams, Frederic C.	43 73	Ames, Ellis F.	2 02
Adams, G. T. & F. C.	117 86	Andrews, Mary	5 70
Adams, Horatio	23 39	Atwell, Samuel, Jr.	2 00
Adams, Henry L.	10 25	Ahearne, John	6 89
Adams, Harriet L.	1 20	Atwood, Elbridge	2 00
Adams, Eleanor	12 20		
Brewster, Geo., heirs of.	4 80	Bryant, Sylvanus, Jr.	26 27
Brewster, C. D., heirs of.	12 75	Bryant, James H.	6 65
Brewster, Spencer	17 00	Bryant, Peleg	14 75
Brewster, Henry	3 05	Bryant, Peleg E.	4 20
Burtlett, Lysander	17 00	Bryant, George B.	4 85
Bartlett, Clement D.	2 00	Bryant, William B.	2 00
Bartlett, Uriah	5 60	Beauce, John	7 82
Bartlett, Cornelius A.	12 50	Beauce, Ichabod	3 50
Bartlett, Walter S.	11 30	Beal, Joseph S.	228 42
Bartlett, Lloyd G.	7 48	Beal, J. S., trustee.	60 89
Bartlett, George D. B.	2 00	Beal, J. S. & Alex. trustees	18 50
Bonney, John	4 40	Bailey, Nahum	16 55
Bonney, Charles F.	2 00	Bailey, Nahum, Jr.	17 75
Bonney, Wallace	2 00	Bailey, Cynthia C.	14 25
Bryant, Charles E.	5 90	Bailey, Justus A.	19 93
Bryant, Nathaniel	9 75	Bailey, George A.	2 00
Bryant, Charles L.	2 00	Bailey, Frederic C.	2 00

Bailey, Caleb E.	\$14 00	Bradford, Orrin W.	\$7 10
Beytis, Antonio M.	3 00	Bradford, Rebecca M.	17 10
Bates, Caleb	57 08	Bradford, Charles S.	1 20
Bates, Dorothea D.	2 70	Bowker, Davis W.	2 00
Bisbee, Daniel, heirs of.	8 85	Bunker, Edward	5 90
Bisbee, Daniel	2 18	Burns, Ebenezer E.	8 30
Baker, Otis	50 05	Berry, Roscoe G.	2 00
Baker, Otis, Jr.	2 00	Brooks, Nathan	6 80
Bicknell, George T.	7 88	Brooks, Peleg T.	3 20
Bradford, William	9 50	Bagnell, Frederic	4 55
Bradford, Alden S.	12 23	Bignell, John C.	9 53
Bradford, A. S., guard.	5 95	Burges, William H.	17 00
Bradford, Lydia F.	2 10	Burges & Keith	75 00
Bradford, Horace S.	13 25	Brown, David	9 50
Bradford, George B.	2 00	Brown, David Jr.	2 00
Bradford, Amos P.	2 00	Blanchard, Mark M.	9 20
Cook, Martin, heirs of.	5 55	Cushman, Joseph S.	5 75
Cook, Martin	13 88	Cushman, Josiah	51 50
Cook, Edwin	6 08	Cushman, Arthur L.	2 00
Cook, Benjamin	23 00	Cushman, George	14 87
Cook, Lucy	0 60	Cushman, George, 2nd.	9 14
Cook, Josiah T.	15 62	Cushman, Alonzo M.	2 00
Cook, Mary W.	4 02	Cushman, Joseph T.	7 10
Cook, Henry T.	20 06	Cushman, Edwin	3 02
Cobb, Seth	3 15	Cushman, Frank D.	2 00
Cobb, Martin, estate of.	10 80	Cushman, Asa	8 00
Cobb, Benj. estate of.	51 46	Cushman, George H.	2 00
Cobb, Philander	60 83	Cushman, Caroline	28 20
Cobb & Drew	07 80	Cushman, Samuel F.	23 24
Cobb, Henry	11 84	Cushman, Job	32 00
Cobb, Lucy	2 10	Cushman, George S.	4 00
Cobb, Nathaniel	4 25	Cushman, Sylvia, heirs	06 90
Cobb, Charles S.	2 00	Cushman, James H.	6 83
Collins, William	2 00	Cushman, John	8 35
Corey, Gustavus	8 45	Callahan, Thomas	8 63
Cushman, Daniel	4 94	Callahan, Cornelius	2 00

Callaghan, Dennis J.	\$7 25	Chandler, Abigail	\$2 70
Churchill, William E.	2 00	Chandler, Albert W.	2 00
Churchill, Albert S.	2 00	Cunningham, T. B.	34 27
Churchill, Ebenezer	5 66	Cole, Samuel P.	8 60
Churchill, Henry heirs of.	1 35	Cole, Thomas E.	13 94
Churchill, James T.	7 70	Cole, Leander S.	16 71
Churchill, Henry	4 40	Cole, Alton B.	2 00
Churchill, Ois	7 25	Cole, Charles H.	7 10
Churchill, George L.	6 80	Childs, Abner P.	2 00
Chandler, John S.	6 95	Cary, Dennis	5 00
Chandler, Horace J.	13 31	Clark, George H.	16 55
Chandler, Ira	22 28	Cushing, Samuel W.	128 31
Chandler, Nathan	16 39	Clifford, Luther	16 25
Chandler, Edward D.	20 15	Clifford, Lowell O.	2 00
Chandler, Mary	3 00	Clinch, Matthew	2 00
Chandler, David	20 00	Crawley, T. W.	2 00
Chandler, Algernon S.	24 35		
Drew, Sarah, heirs of.	4 20	Delano, Lewis S., heirs of.	5 25
Drew, Cornelius	2 00	Delano, David	7 40
Drew, Spencer	2 00	Delano, Joshua	104 35
Drew, Seth	24 78	Delano, Joshua, trustee.	2 55
Drew, Christopher P.	23 12	Delano, Joshua, trustee.	0 00
Drew, Job W., heirs of.	21 50	Delano, Joshua, Jr.	2 00
Drew, John	14 90	Drake, Marden	2 25
Drew, John N.	2 00	Drake, Nathaniel M.	3 25
Drew, Eli C.	23 59	Dawes, James H.	121 68
Drew, Nathaniel D.	6 65	Dawes, John	2 00
Dorcey, Patrick	2 00	Doten, Isaac	2 00
Davie, Solomon	9 35	Doten, Edward L.	5 00
Davis, Lucy, heirs of.	3 45	Donnelly, James	2 00
Denham, Benjamin	5 10	Doyle, John	2 00
Donley, John	3 35	Drake, Charles F.	2 00
Everson, Oliver heirs of.	4 50	Everson, Sasan	4 50
Everson, James O.	2 48	Everson, Charles H.	2 00

Everson, Charles, heirs of.	\$ 60	Eager, Robert	\$6 50
Everson, Warren N.	6 05	Ellis, Wylie R.	22 19
Everson, Henry S.	2 00	Evans, Green	11 30
Everson, Nancy	4 65	Evans & Atwood	16 95
Everson, Lois	5 25	Ewell, Charles H.	11 15
Eldridge, David G.	7 70		
Farrington, Martin	2 00	Fuller, Alexander	10 55
Faunce, Elizabeth	18 63	Fuller, John	17 74
Faunce, Kilborn, heirs of.	16 29	Fuller, John A.	18 28
Faunce, George	10 79	Fuller, Ezra	18 71
Faunce, Elmer	2 00	Fuller, Samuel	2 75
Faunce Winslow	2 00	Fuller, Smith	2 90
Faunce Albert	6 86	Fuller, Waldo A., est. of.	3 00
Faunce Seth W.	7 79	Fuller, Daniel W.	2 00
Faunce Cornelius A.	2 00	Fuller, Sophia, heirs of.	1 50
Faunce Charles T.	7 85	Fuller, Frank	21 65
Faunce Walter H.	17 03	Fuller, Chester H.	2 00
Faunce Sewall A.	7 85	Foster, Asenath	9 45
Faunce, Ann E.	15 90	Foster, Alex. B., heirs of.	9 60
Faunce, Charles C.	63 70	Foster, James	24 88
Faunce, John, heirs of.	11 10	Foster, Calvin T.	2 33
Faunce, Eliezer	4 88	Fitzpatrick, Michael	9 50
Faunce, Martin	7 52	Freeman, David C.	2 00
French, Timothy	12 74	Ford, Lemuel	2 00
Fuller, Truman H.	4 10	Flagg, Joseph C.	2 00
Fuller, Ephraim	7 50	Finney, William A.	2 00
Fuller, James	11 90		
Gray, Edward	21 74	Gray, Samuel W.	5 87
Gray, Edward, trustee.	7 65	Griffin, John	2 00
Gray, Lydia	5 57	Grozenger, George	9 74
Gray, John, heirs of.	14 25	Graves, George	2 00

Hernandez, Jose	\$2 00	Holmes, Frank H.	\$290 85
Haney, Dennis	7 25	Holmes, Alex. heirs of.	58 14
Hennessy, John, est of.	3 00	Holmes, Eliza A.	69 14
Haggerty, William	4 70	Holmes, Mendell	79 98
Haggerty, Margaret	1 50	Holmes, Edward	434 82
Hall, John, heirs of.	17 70	Holmes, Edward K.	24 65
Hall, John L.	2 00	Holmes, Ephraim	3 35
Hall, Christian, guard.	8 00	Hayward, Lucius	4 75
Holmes, Robert W.	2 00	Hayward, Lucia	4 45
Holmes, Samuel	14 11	Hunt, Henry	51 15
Holmes, Ira	7 10	Hunt, Mary O.	5 25
Holmes, John F.	12 14	Hammond, Judith	2 88
Holmes, George	35 17	Hammond, Asa C.	6 32
Holmes, Elizabeth	2 00	Hammond, Eugene	2 00
Holmes, Stephen, heirs of.	60	Howland, Daniel E.	9 14
Holmes, Alyn, heirs of.	4 70	Hart, Dennis	2 00
Holmes, Stephen	7 10	Hickey, James	2 00
Holmes, Gaus	6 20	Hickey, John	12 14
Holmes, Lotthrop L.	35 85	Hickey, M. A.	2 00
Holmes, Joseph	11 53	Hyde, James F.	2 90
Holmes, Richard E.	14 95	Hubbard, H. N. P.	8 50
Holmes, Joseph A.	321 70	Harty, Peter	2 00
Johnson, John	20 60	Joice, John A.	2 00
Johnson, Judith	1 80	Jones, Henry N.	51 81
Johnson, F. M., and others.	15	Jameson, Francis	2 00
Jacobs, Jacob	2 00		
Kennedy, James	9 95	Keith, Henry K.	50 60
Kennedy, James Jr.	3 56	Keith, Henry L.	11 00
Kennedy, Francis M.	2 75		
Lanman, Thomas	10 40	Lincoln, Manley D.	2 00
Lucas, Henry T.	7 25	Lincoln, Fidelia	3 90
Lucas, James T.	1 35	Lowe, Samuel	12 35
Leonard Henry	3 80	Lane, George F.	2 00
Lovering, John P.	3 20		

McGuire, William	\$5 60	Malone, Patrick	\$2 00
McGrath, Robert	2 00	Murray, John	3 64
McGrath, Michael	8 78	Mitcheil, John	6 35
McCrate, William	4 40	Mitchell, Ransom	5 75
McMaus, Michael	5 90	Mitchell, Ezra	6 35
McSweeney, Felix	2 00	Mitchell, Harvey	8 78
McCarty, Charles	2 00	Morse, George	8 50
McLauthlen, E., heirs of.	3 15	Morse, Francis	3 50
McLauthlen, George W.	17 00	Myrick, William H.	10 70
McLauthlen, Robert B.	6 80	Mahony, John	2 00
McLauthlen, Onslow W.	2 38	Miller, James F.	2 00
McLauthlen, Simeon W.	27 77	Moore, Caroline	14 70
McLauthlen, Peter W.	7 55		
Nichols, Paul L., estate of.	64 85	Nutter, Samuel J.	6 20
Newcomb, Thomas	287 63	Naughten, Andrew	4 10
Newcomb, Marcello	6 80	Nolan, Thomas	2 00
Newcomb, Guilford S.	22 01		
O'Brien, Patrick	6 92	Oldham, Adoniam J.	2 00
Oldham, John	7 70	Owens, George F.	2 75
Pierce, James B.	5 60	Prince, Thomas	2 90
Phipps, J. S. est. of	55 74	Peterson, Ichabod	7 10
Phipps, Laura M.	12 00	Peterson, William	12 20
Perkins, Henry F.	2 00	Peterson, Esais	6 84
Perkins, Ezra	7 42	Peterson, Andrew H.	2 00
Powers, Edwin	2 00	Peterson, Melvin E.	2 00
Powers, Charles H.	2 00	Peterson, Henry R.	2 00
Paine, Reuben C.	6 23	Feckham, Joseph	29 92
Prince, Noah	21 80	Phillips, George.	2 00
Prince, Daniel	2 00	Pratt, Wilson L.	2 00

Quinn, Thomas	\$1 65		
Reed, Edmund	2 00	Ripley, Cyrus W.	\$9 50
Reed, Edwin	33 47	Ripley, Samuel E.	16 43
Reed Jones & Co.	6 00	Ripley, Obed	2 00
Reed, Alphonso, est. of,	3 00	Ring, Daniel W., heirs of,	11 46
Reed, Edwin T.	5 05	Ring, Daniel W.	2 00
Reed, Joseph E. heirs of	8 10	Ring, Samuel, heirs of,	17 46
Reed, Porter C.	7 40	Ransom, Harvey	9 50
Reed, Franklin	2 00	Ransom, Winslow H.	2 00
Russell, Thomas, heirs of,	15 60	Ransom, Edward A.	2 00
Russell, Sarah A.	7 80	Richardson, Eben P.	4 40
Robbins, Joseph S.	19 25	Richardson, Edwin W.	3 30
Robbins, Wm. A.	14 39	Ryan, John	6 22
Robbins, Charles	17 03	Reinhardt, Henry	2 00
Ripley, Thomas	2 00	Reckenbiel, Henry	2 00
Ripley, Lewis	15 80	Raymond, Adoniam	2 00
Ripley, Henry	2 00		
Stephens, J. H.	8 60	Sever, Jane R.	127 57
Sproul, Francis	6 05	Simmons, Nahum	15 05
Sproul, Matthew I.	2 00	Simmons, Wendell	2 00
Savery, Nehemiah L.	2 00	Simmons, Melvin, heirs of,	1 50
Sampson, Constant	5 30	Simmons, Francis O.	9 74
Sampson, George H.	2 00	Simmons, Augustus	6 14
Sampson, Philip W.	2 00	Simmons, Edmund I.	2 00
Sampson, Azel	15 09	Simmons, Henry	2 00
Sampson, Azel H.	5 00	Sturtevant, Henry	14 09
Sampson, Hunt &	0 00	Sturtevant, Henry Jr.	2 00
Sampson, W. A.	5 45	Stetson, George, heirs of,	4 20
Sampson, Oliver	10 28	Stetson, Kimball W.	26 00
Sampson, Benjamin	13 37	Stetson, James H.	6 80
Sampson, Wendell A.	2 00	Stetson, Elisha	10 82
Sampson, Huldah	20 74	Stetson, Henry T.	2 00
Sampson, Hiram	4 55	Stetson, W. S., heirs of,	5 19
Sampson, Clement H.	8 87	Stetson, Charles	28 40
Sampson, Rufus	2 00	Stetson, Marcia H.	31 75
Sever, James N., heirs of,	54 70		

Stetson Joseph.	\$18 24	Synnes, William	\$37 53
Soule, Henry	32 54	Stearns, Elizabeth	6 00
Soule, Henry Jr.	2 00	Smith, Patrick	3 20
Soule, Herbert	2 00	Smith, John	9 34
Soule, Samuel E.	12 00	Society, Treas. Baptist.	7 50
Soule, William F.	7 05	Society, Treas. 1st Cong.	64 40
Soule, James C.	2 00	Sheehan, Thomas	3 20
Stranger, Joseph A.	12 20	Sherman, Ebenezer	2 00
Stranger, Andrew R.	2 00	Souther, Frederic	12 30
Stranger, William A.	2 00	Scollard, John	2 00
Stranger, Edwin N.	2 00		
Tupper, Seth	6 20	Tobey, John	2 24
Thomas, Augustus	10 30	Thomas, Thompson P.	2 00
Thomas, William A.	6 00	Thatcher, Francis	2 00
Trebaudt, Frederic	2 00	Taylor, Thomas	2 20
Thompson, James S.	6 00		
Wixon, Oscar E.	2 00	Washburn, Martin P.	3 44
Willis, Jonah	31 75	Washburn, Charles	5 00
Willis, Edward	26 30	Washburn, Nath. heirs of,	7 44
Willis, William H.	17 44	Washburn, Calc F.	4 40
Willis, Jonah, Jr.	3 20	Washburn, Waide A.	2 00
Willis, Nathaniel T.	12 53	Washburn, Cephas, Jr.	7 04
Willis, Sarah T.	13 28	Weston, Timothy R.	5 15
Willis, Bethiah H.	13 00	Waterman, John	6 80
Winsor, Elbridge G.	14 15	Waterman, Eliczer I.	7 40
Winsor, William D.	10 22	Waterman, Thomas L.	2 00
Washburn, Charles J.	2 00	Waterman, Austin B.	2 00
Washburn, Charles H.	2 00	Waterman, Amanda I.	14 39
Washburn, George L.	2 51	Waterman, Nathaniel	8 00
Washburn, George H.	1 05	Wetherell, Elisha C.	2 00
Washburn, Francis	14 00	Wright, John L.	4 55
Washburn, Azel W.	2 00	Wilson, Eli	6 20
Washburn, W. D., heirs of,	6 00	Wilson, Herb. I.	2 00
Washburn, George	2 00	Wadsworth, William A.	2 00
Washburn, Carrol	2 00	Wadsworth, Arthur	2 00
Washburn, John	2 00		

Wadsworth, George	\$2 00	Wilcot, William	\$4 25
Watson, Nathan B.	2 90	Weston, Daniel	2 00
Woodman, Aurin P.	10 25	Willhelm, Charles	2 00
Warden, Elizabeth B.	54 41	Warren, Lucia A.	6 60
Whittam, Edwin R.	2 00		

## NON RESIDENTS

Adams, Nathaniel	10 95	Alams, Thomas, guard.	1 05
Beal, Thomas P.	1 50	Barrett, Benjamin	15
Beal, Alexander	5 60	Barnes, E & J. C.	25 20
Bates, Moses, trustee	3 15	Briggs, Seneca	1 05
Bradford, George L.	90	Bryant, Lemuel	2 64
Bradford, Gershom	17 85	Brewster, Pelham	1 50
Bradford, Andrew	30	Bonney, James S.	21
Barker, Sally	2 25		
Case, Albert	45	Clark, Zoath C.	90
Crocker, Walter	24	Churchill, Charles O.	1 35
Chandler, George	45	Cobb, Charles	10 80
Chandler, Horatio	15	Cobb, Franklin B.	14 10
Carl, Hannah	60	Clark, Robert	30
Chase, Sylvanus	24	Clark, Stephen, heirs of.	30
Dunbar, William H.	1 05	Dinan Ezra, S.	30
Faunce, Ichabod W.	90	Ford, Baker	30
Faunce, Zenas, heirs of.	1 80		
Gray, Lewis T.	1 50	Glass, Daniel P.	75
Gray, Francis, A.	60		

Hall, James and William	\$5 10	Holmes, James W.	\$2 70
Hall, James L.	10 95	Holmes, Nathaniel	1 20
Holmes, Richard	1 90	Holmes, Peter	14 10
Holmes, Charles H.	56	Hammond Josiah P.	30
Holmes, Sarah D.	2 40		
Jones, P. M. C.	30	Jackson, Thomas	90
Keene, Asa, heirs of.	2 25		
Loring, Harrison	24 60	Loring, Samuel	7 20
Lauman, Thomas L.	2 40	Lyon, Sarah B.	90
Lauman, Henry T.	5 70		
McLathlen, Samuel	07	Mazlathlen, Henry B.	60
Nelson, Elisha	1 25	Nelson, Charles and others.	30
Pezzy, Thomas	2 40	Pratt, Lucius	1 20
Perkins, Jacob, heirs of.	2 10	Pratt, William B.	1 80
Plymouth Cordage Co.	4 50	Pratt, Alphonzo	2 10
Plymouth, Town of.	1 25		
Sprague, Betsey	1 20	Sherman, Earl	60
Simmons, Henry B.	0 45	Sherman, Henry	2 70
Simmons, William	2 25	Sherman, Nelson	90
Snell, Benjamin	1 20	Sherman, Eleazer C.	1 20
Simpson, Thomas H.	1 80	Sturtevant, Thomas	75
Stetson, William	90		
Thompson, Zado	24	Thomas, William	3 30
Thompson, Reuben	8 10	Thomas, Gamaliel	45
Vaughn, Thomas	60		

Willis, George	£3 00	Wadsworth, Wait	\$15 93
White, Otis	45	Whiting, Benjamin	90
White, Daniel	45	Washburn, Philip	30
White, Alden	6 00	Wright, Rufus	45
Witherell, Alden	3 50	Wright, Winslow	1 05

## EXPENDITURE OF SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS.

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$1,300 00
Expended,	1,332 09
Overdrawn,	\$32 09

## DISTRICT No. 1.

*Samuel E. Ripley, Surveyor.*

Samuel E. Ripley, labor,	65 80	Henry Cobb,	labor	6 00
Frederic Bagnell,	"	James Fuller,	"	6 00
Henry T. Lucas,	"	Edward Holmes,	"	3 00
John C. Bagnell,	"	Obed Ripley,	"	3 00
Joshua Delano,	"	Expended,		\$186 60
Edwin Cushman,	"	Assignment,		175 00
Philander Cobb,	"	Overdrawn,		\$11 60
Joseph A. Holmes,	"			
Alexander Fuller,	"			
Samuel W. Gray,	"			

## DISTRICT No. 2.

*Edward D. Chandler, Surveyor.*

Edward Holmes, labor,	40 20	S. W. McLauthlen,	labor	9 30
Joseph A. Holmes,	"	Augustus Simmons	"	4 00

Frank H. Holmes, labor	\$8 40	Edw. D. Chandler labor	\$48 33	
John Eldridge,	"	Robert Eager,	"	1 75
Charles Washburn "	2 00	Joseph S. Robbins "	75	
Benjamin Denham "	2 00	Timothy French,	"	1 75
John Smith,	"	Patrick Sullivan,	"	1 25
Charles W. Fuller,	"	Jane R. Sever, gravel,	7 99	
Joseph T. Cushman "	4 00			
Daniel Bisbee,	"	Expended	\$191 44	
Alphonzo Pratt,	"	Assignment	200 00	
F. C. Adams,	"			
Joseph C. Flagg,	"	Unexpended,	\$8 50	

## DISTRICT No. 3.

*Nathan Chandler, Surveyor.*

Warren N. Everson, labor,	3 40	J. T. Cushman, labor	4 50	
Wm. A. Sampson	"	Ira Chandler,	"	23 50
Joseph A. Stranger,	"	J. A. Holmes lab. & grav.	10 74	
Horace J. Chandler,	"	Ezraeth Faunce,	"	3 72
John Eldridge,	"	Caleb Bates,	"	2 00
Frank Newcomb,	"	Thos. Newcomb,	"	2 25
Luther Clifford,	"	J. A. Stranger, post & tails,	6 52	
John Ahearne,	"	Expended,	\$222 96	
Frank H. Holmes,	"	Assignment,	185 00	
Edward D. Chandler,	"	Overdrawn,	\$37 96	
Nathan Chandler,	"			
Joseph C. Flagg,	"			
Edward Willis,	"			

## DISTRICT No. 4.

*Ira Holmes, Surveyor.*

John F. Hall, labor,	17 00	D. F. Howland, labor,	4 00	
Esaias Peterson,	"	Ezra Mitchell,	"	6 00

Harvey Mitchell, labor,	8 00	Samuel Lowe, labor,	5 50
Agustus Simmons, "	9 00	David Chandler, "	2 00
R. R. McLaughlin, "	9 40	John Mitchell, "	3 70
Ebenz. Churchill, "	6 40	N. T. Wilks, gravel	1 00
Ira Holmes, "	18 50		
Ephraim Holmes, "	1 75	Expended,	\$125 50
Charles Washburn, "	9 25	Assignment,	135 00
A. S. Chandler, "	8 00		
Oliver Sampson, "	3 00	Unexpended,	\$0 50

## DISTRICT No. 5

*From O. Newman, Surveyor.*

Ichabod Beane, labor,	7 40	Geo. B. Bryant, labor,	1 00
M. Fitzpatrick, "	10 80	Wm. B. Bryant, "	7 40
F. O. Simmons, "	21 10	E. H. Holmes, cinders	1 40
F. C. Withers, "	2 45	J. Beane, labor & gravel,	15 90
P. W. McLaughlin,	5 15		
O. W. McLaughlin,	5 20	Expended,	\$111 30
Peleg Bryant, "	7 80	Assignment,	110 00
Madden Drake, "	7 90		
Gains Holmes, Jr., "	2 00	Overdrawn,	\$1 50

## DISTRICT No. 6.

*Gains Holmes, Surveyor.*

Josiah T. Cook, labor,	\$20 50		
Lucius Hayward, "	2 00	Orders Paid,	\$91 95
James C. Soule, "	2 00	" outstanding,	4 05
E. H. Holmes, "	32 30		
Gains Holmes, "	10 22	Expended,	\$96 05
C. C. Faunce, "	3 00	Assignment,	120 00
Andrew Naughten, "	10 60		
Patrick Malone, "	1 00	Unexpended,	\$23 97

## DISTRICT No. 7.

*Richard E. Holmes, Surveyor.*

Martin Faunce, labor,	58 20	Edward L. Doten, labor,	125 00
Joseph T. Cushman, "	20 20	H. S. Bradford, posts,	13 35
S. J. Nutter, "	14 00	J. T. Bisbee, rails,	6 00
Jas. H. Bryant, "	15 00	Hunt & Sampson, rails,	1 00
Reuben C. Pallas, "	23 45		
S. Bryant, Jr., "	11 00	Expended,	\$211 30
Jas. H. Cushman, "	17 75	Assignment,	100 00
George Cushman, "	10 75		
Richard E. Holmes, "	23 00	Overdrawn,	\$21 75
Elliot Fames, "	7 20		

## DISTRICT No. 8.

*John Cook, Surveyor.*

Ransom Mitchell, labor,	14 40	Martin Cook, labor,	13 40
Jas. O. Everson, "	14 40	Edwin Cook, "	10 50
E. R. Weston, "	5 20	Reuben Thompson, "	7 25
J. L. Wright, "	5 00	Bradford Waterman, "	5 00
C. E. Bryant, "	4 20	William Perkins, "	1 00
Daniel King, "	4 40	Seacoast Briggs, "	2 00
Daniel Weston, "	1 70	Est. Samuel King, gravel,	1 00
Lucius Hayward, "	9 40	John A. Fuller, "	1 00
E. P. Thomas, "	50	H. Sturtevant, labor and grav,	24 00
George Morse, "	8 20		
Francis Morse, "	5 20	Expended,	\$160 75
Noah Prince, "	6 40	Assignment,	155 00
Orrin W. Bradford, "	5 80		
Ezra Fuller, "	1 00	Overdrawn,	\$5 75

## DISTRICT No. 9.

*Henry T. Cook, Surveyor.*

Martin Faunce, labor,	\$6 00	Expended,	\$30 50
J. T. Cushman, "	6 00	Assignment,	30 00
E. L. Doten, "	6 00		
Henry T. Cook, "	12 50	Overdrawn,	\$20

## REMOVING SNOW.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Expended,	221 64
Unexpended,	\$78 36

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Samuel E. Ripley,	4 87	Edgar Pierce,	43
M. M. Blanchard,	1 12	William Donley,	75
Edwin Cushman,	1 12	Samuel W. Gray,	75
Obed Ripley,	5 37	Wm. A. Robbins,	50
John Griffin,	2 00	James Kennedy,	62
C. H. Washburn,	81	Gustavus Corey,	1 00
J. C. Ragnell,	2 00	Jacob Jacobs,	1 00
Thomas Callahan,	3 00	Wm. Callahan,	2 00
Wm. A. Thomas,	81	Dennis McCate,	2 00
James Fuller,	3 00	John Smith,	2 00
Philander Cobb,	3 50	Patrick Smith, 2d	2 00
Alexander Fuller,	2 35	John P. Lovering,	81
Charles Washburn,	87		
Waldo Cole,	30		
Henry Reckenbiel,	75		\$45 79

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Edward Holmes,	\$12 00	Wm. McGuire,	\$1 50
E. D. Chandler,	11 62	J. S. Robbins,	75
S. W. McLauthlen,	5 00	J. C. Flagg,	1 00
Benj. Denham,	1 12	Nathan Chandler,	1 25
Henry Simmons,	1 00	E. H. Holmes,	1 00
Francis Sproul,	1 00		
N. D. Drew,	2 25		\$39 99
Michael McManus,	1 00		

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Nathan Chandler,	14 37	Arthur Stetson,	1 50
H. J. Chandler,	4 00	F. C. Adams,	4 62
Albert Faunce,	1 00	Harvey Ransom,	2 00
G. T. Adams,	1 75		
Edward Holmes,	3 00		\$32 24

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Algernon S. Chandler,	\$2 50
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## DISTRICT No. 5.

P. W. McLauthlen,	2 50	Geo. B. Bryant,	1 25
Wm. B. Bryant,	2 87	F. O. Simmons,	6 25
James F. Hyde,	50	H. T. Gardner,	2 50
S. C. Hines,	50	Gaús Holmes, Jr.,	1 00
Jeremiah Hines,	62	E. F. Simmons,	1 00
Marden Drake,	6 50		
H. B. McLauthlen,	62		\$26 73
Frank T. Drake,	62		

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

C. C. Faunce,	\$4 50	Patrick Malone,	\$ 75
C. H. Sampson,	1 50	Thomas Ripley,	75
F. H. Holmes,	5 08	Andrew Naughten,	3 60
J. C. Soule,	3 87	Gaius Holmes,	2 00
J. T. Cook,	1 75		
George Faunce,	1 50		\$26 05
C. F. Washburn,	75		

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

George Cushman,	\$6 50	Wm. A. Wadsworth,	50
Jas. H. Cushman,	5 00	Arthur Wadsworth,	50
Jos. T. Cushman,	50	Eliezer Faunce,	1 50
R. E. Holmes,	2 25	S. J. Nutter,	1 25
H. T. Cook,	5 75	Alphonzo Pratt,	1 50
J. F. Holmes,	3 62	Wm R. Thomas,	87
R. C. Paine,	50		
Wm. Haggerty,	50		\$30 74

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

T. P. Thomas,	75	D. J. Callahan,	1 75
Noah Prince,	2 50	J. L. Wright,	1 37
O. W. Bradford,	75	T. R. Weston,	1 62
Henry Sturtevant,	87	Thomas Lanman,	50
Ransom Mitchell,	75	Daniel Weston,	1 00
J. O. Everson,	1 87		
Edwin Cook,	2 50		\$17 60
C. E. Bryant,	1 37		

## GENERAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Lewis Ripley, labor and materials, railing Great Bridge	\$18 26
Edward D. Chandler, " " " "	1 65
Hunt & Sampson, nails " " "	3 10
Edward Holmes, lumber, " " "	2 10
Henry Soule " " " "	10 60
Sylvanus Bryant, Jr. " " " "	6 87
Robbins & Morton, " " " "	12 17
Nathan Chandler carting lumber, " " "	3 00
Joseph S. Robbins, labor on Newcomb's Bridge,	1 25
Nathan Chandler, cash paid for Newcomb's Bridge,	2 31
" " carting stone, " " "	6 00
Augustus Simmons, labor on Culvert, Dist. No. 4,	6 10
R. B. McLeuthlen, " " " " " "	6 40
Ira Holmes, materials, &c. " " " "	12 00
A. S. Chandler, " " " " " "	2 60
Daniel Weston, " " " " Dist. No. 8,	2 00

Expended,	\$91 71
Appropriation,	300 00
Unexpended,	\$208 29

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION, DIST. NO. 1.

Paid Philander Cobb, pipe and labor,	75 00
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## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION, DIST. NO. 2.

Edward D. Chandler, labor on drains,	17 00
Joseph T. Cushman, " " "	15 00
Joseph C. Flagg, " " "	6 00
William McCrate, " " "	9 00
Nathan Chandler, stone and carting,	19 50
Brook's Express, drain pipes,	4 20

Expended,	\$70 70
Appropriation,	200 00
Unexpended,	\$129 30

We hardly anticipated, as a result of the foregoing appropriations of \$200, that we should be expected, as we evidently have been, to relieve every abutter on the highway in this district, and every traveler thereon, from the annoyance incident to the natural conformation of the ground. There are difficulties in the way of its effectual drainage, not apparent on a superficial examination. Any system of underground sewerage, here, must have an outlet either upon private property or into Jones River at the Great Bridge.

In the former alternative, the right of discharge must be secured, by purchase or otherwise. In either, the question of cost, is an important one, and the fact that, for at least one half the distance, a sewer must be nearly level and liable to become obstructed, or entirely filled with silt, cannot be overlooked.

We find the distance from the Unitarian Church to the Great Bridge, to be about 377 1/2 feet, to which must be added at least 225 feet for cross drains, in all 4000 feet. The distance to the only practicable point of discharge on private property, being on the land of Edward Holmes, is 3250 feet. Adding as before, 225 feet, we have 3475 feet. The lowest price suggested by any practical drain builder for putting down 12 inch pipes, with suitable cess-pools and curb-stones, is \$1.50 per foot, making the cost in one case \$6,000 and in the other, \$5,212. In view of these facts, *although we had \$200 at our disposal*, we declined to invest in sewers.

The greatest inconvenience from water, on the flat land near the churches, occurs when the ground is so frozen that no absorption can take place. As an experiment, to determine the effect of conducting the water below the extreme limit of frost, we have had dug and stoned four wells, each about ten feet deep, and connected with the gutters by 8 inch pipe, the average cost being less than \$18. These have proved sufficient to absorb all the water reaching them during the winter thaws.

It is believed that by increasing the number of these wells, the drainage of this territory can be effectually secured. Doubtless they will, in time, become filled with silt, but they can be easily cleared, perhaps without expense to the town.

Should the result be as we anticipate, the quantity of water running below Mr. French's will be much lessened, but there will still be enough to incommode the public and to injure the road. We

think the water from both roads may be taken into a cesspool at the guide post, and carried underground, in 12 inch pipes, to the southerly corner of Edward Holmes's front yard, a distance, including necessary cross drains, of about 275 feet, at an expense of about \$400. But a drain so laid, with a suitable and equal descent, would for a part of the distance be but little, if at all, below the surface of the road, and in order to insure its safety, another hundred dollars should be expended in raising the grade of the road.

But no system of drainage can be made effectual without careful attention to the side gutters, during winter and spring thaws. In some districts this has been properly given by the surveyors, in others it has been neglected and serious damage to the roads has resulted.

#### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

C. C. Sheldon, teaching,	\$563 42	C. D. Russell, teaching,	\$ 90 00
L. R. King, "	168 00	Olive Simmons, "	84 00
S. P. Richmond, "	105 00	H. N. Bailey, "	216 00
M. B. Burgess, "	192 00		
H. E. Sturtevant, "	192 00	Expended,	\$1903 42
Emeline Holmes, "	96 00	Appropriation,	3000 00
Emily Spring, teaching,	192 00		

No bills having been presented for wages of teachers during the winter term, we are unable to complete this account.

#### SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

C. C. Faunce, wood,	\$29 50
Timothy French, "	13 00
A. S. Chandler, "	18 00
S. W. McLauthlen, "	12 12
Edward Holmes, "	6 50
A. C. Hammond, "	7 75
J. A. Stranger, "	7 50

Noah Prince, wood and housing.	\$18 75
Elisha Stetson, " " "	6 00
P. Cobb, " " "	22 70
John Smith, sawing and housing wood.	3 50
Thomas Ripley, " " "	10 50
J. S. Robbins, measuring wood.	1 00
Frank Newcomb, care of fires and schoolrooms.	5 06
Frank H. Fuller, " " " "	6 00
Elmar Drew, " " " "	3 00
H. F. Perkins, " " " "	6 00
Augustus Simmons, " " " "	3 00
Wm. H. Myrick, " " " "	3 25
Mrs. McCarty, cleaning schoolrooms.	3 25
W. S. Bartlett, water for schools.	9 00

Expended.	\$203 28
Appropriation.	250 00

Unexpended.	\$46 72
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## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Samuel W. Gray, labor, Rocky Nook.	9 07
S. E. Ripley, " " "	13 50
Philander Cobb, sundries.	28 50
Robbins & Morton, lumber, Rocky Nook.	81 00
J. S. Merton, labor and materials, Centre.	19 77
G. H. Clark, " " " "	8 10
Geo. H. Bonney, painting, " "	101 07
Wallace Bonney, paints, " "	5 75
Hunt & Sampson, paints and hardware, Centre.	11 68
P. Cobb, " " " "	41 50
A. F. Hammet, school furniture, " "	15 50
Wm. H. Myrick, repairs, " "	14 06
H. W. Wilson, labor, " "	2 00
S. W. McLauthlen, labor, " "	3 18
D. F. Howland, " Northwest.	4 00

Augustus Simmons, labor.	Northwest	\$7 50
E. F. Waterman, " "	" "	10 25
J. S. Robbins, " Wapping.	" "	1 50
H. F. Perkins, labor and materials.	" "	11 07

Expended.	\$387 23
Appropriation.	400 00

Unexpended.	\$12 77
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

## ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

H. N. Jones, medical attendance.	41 75
C. W. Ripley, Supplies.	3 50
Hunt & Sampson, " "	107 81
Ripley & Weston, " "	18 23
Noah Prince, " "	1 27
C. F. Washburn, repairs.	4 50
Nathan Chandler, measure and labor.	16 25
Luey Everson, housekeeper.	75 23
Burges & Keith, supplies.	6 95
Edward Holmes, " "	59 15
S. W. McLauthlen, " "	13 01
E. F. Faunce, " "	14 10
Evans & Atwood, " "	50 70
Philander Cobb, " "	14 51
Geo. H. Clark, " "	1 17
Frank Sprout, " "	4 43
Wm. H. Myrick, repairs.	5 00

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## EXPENSES OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Hospital, Taunton, Support of Sarah A. Faunce.	195 38
Hospital, Brattleboro', support of David Lucas.	153 53
City of Charlestown, " " J. H. Drew.	122 60

City of Boston, relief of widow of Jabez Washburn,	\$32 55
" " " " " Catherine Ripley,	51 00
Town of Plymouth, med. att., and relief of E. Morse,	5 00
S. J. Nutter, support of Lusanna Washburn,	13 00
A. P. Woodman, med. att., on Lusanna Washburn,	9 00
R. Hubbard, " " " " "	15 00
C. Raymond, coffin for " " "	15 00
Charles Keene, support of B. R. Lucas, (1871.)	26 00
H. N. Jones med. att., J. A. Chandler,	20 75
Burges & Keith, supplies, family of J. A. Chandler,	18 23
P. Cobb, " " " " "	191 68
Hunt & Sampson, " " " " "	13 10
E. Holmes, " " " " "	6 50
Evans & Atwood, " " " " "	58 01
P. Cobb, " " " R. A. Drew,	5 00
Burges & Keith, " " " " "	16 32

Expended out of Almshouse,	\$982 03
Almshouse expenses,	623 06
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	\$1605 09
Appropriation,	1450 00
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	\$155 09

The Treasurer has received from Abbot Drew, on account of Robert A. Drew, \$184.25, and from Edward D. Chandler, on account of the family of John A. Chandler, \$69 89. It is not expected that further aid from the town will be required for the last named family.

We think some change is necessary in respect to the supervision of paupers. For the last five years, the Selectmen have been nominally overseers of the poor, serving, however, without pay, and an additional overseer has been annually elected, with the understanding that, as chairman of the board, the immediate care of the poor was to devolve upon him, the province of the Selectmen being advisory rather than executive. But the gentlemen so elected have not deemed it incumbent upon them to attend the regular meetings of the board,

either for the purpose of consultation or for the decision of questions relating to their and our official duties. The result has been that expenses have been incurred which have seemed to us injudicious, and which have been first brought to our knowledge by the presentation of bills for auditing. But when such bills have been first authorized and subsequently approved by the chairman, we have not thought it right to refuse payment.

The duties of overseers of the poor are important and responsible. In many cases their action must be immediate, in all cases it should be concurrent. We think these duties should be assigned to, and accepted by men so located that the housekeeper can consult with them, and they with each other, at once, and whenever necessary. We recommend the election of a separate board of overseers of the Poor.

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

C. W. Ripley, Constable	1871 2,	56 00
" " " Overseer of the Poor,	"	20 00
Samuel Fuller, Alms Committee,	"	3 00
Wm. F. Soule, ringing bell,	"	2 00
Joseph Peckman, Superintendent of schools	"	225 00
A. S. Bradford, Selectman,	"	105 00
" " " cash paid out,	"	1 00
Edward Gray, Selectman,	"	105 00
" " " cash paid out,	"	5 00
John F. Holmes, Selectman,	"	90 00
T. W. Ripley, & Co. printing reports,	"	91 00
Nathan Brooks, Town Clerk,	"	25 20
S. W. McLauthlen, rent of room,	"	12 00
Geo. H. Sampson, Constable,	1872-3	12 00
Nathan Chandler, returns of deaths,	"	2 70
Avery & Doten, printing tax bills,	"	6 37
Edward Gray, Assessor,	"	72 00
A. S. Bradford, " "	"	72 00
J. F. Holmes, " "	"	72 00
W. S. Danforth, premium on insurance,		134 30
W. S. Danforth, assessments on policies,		137 08

Philander Cobb, school books,	\$6 06
Burges & Keith, school books,	100 09
J. L. Hammett, " "	187 50
P. T. Brook, Express bills and cash paid,	12 67
Caleb Bates, by vote of the town.	50 00
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	\$1,557 97
Appropriation,	1,400 00
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Overdrawn,	\$157 97

The foregoing payments for insurance were not anticipated when the appropriation for contingencies was recommended. We have continued the policies on the High-school House, \$3,000, and on the Town House, \$1200, in the Mechanics and Farmers Mutual of Worcester, by paying the assessments made thereon. The town held a policy in the Quincy Mutual for \$3500, on the High school House, the assessment on which we declined to pay, and the policy is cancelled. It will be for the town to determine, at the annual meeting, whether they will reinsure elsewhere, or assume the risk of being their own insurers.

Under annual votes of the town, the Selectmen have been made the auditors of their own bills. Those charged in the foregoing account, being for the year 1871-2, may require a word in explanation. In addition to the duties imposed by statute, which are increased by almost every successive Legislature, there was assigned to us for expenditure, in general and special highway appropriations, and for rebuilding the Landing Bridge, very nearly double the amount assigned to the nine highway surveyors in town. We have not sought such special trusts, but when they have been committed to us we have endeavored to discharge them promptly and judiciously. We regret our inability to devote our time to the interests of the town gratuitously. But we are informed that others will volunteer to serve the town more efficiently, and for less pay than the present incumbents of the Selectmen's office. We do not desire to stand in their way. The inhabitants of the town have a right to avail themselves of whatever pecuniary saving and of whatever gain in efficiency, may result from a change in its officers. Whenever, for either of

these reasons, or for any other, they shall elect to make such change we shall be fully content.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF OLD BURYING GROUND.

Daniel Driscoll, labor,	\$71 37
Edward D Chandler, "	3 00
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Expended,	\$77 37
Appropriation,	150 00
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Unexpended,	\$72 63

#### FISHERIES.

N. Prince, four days to Boston and Winchester,	\$18 00
" " one day viewing daws,	3 00
" " Stocking Silver Lake with Shad,	28 00
" " " Indian Pond with Bass,	15 00
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Expended,	\$64 00
Appropriation,	100 00
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Unexpended,	\$36 00

C. G. Davis, legal services,	25 00
Town of Pembroke, 3000 Alewives,	9 50
J. M. Cox, carting " to Silver Lake,	54 50
S. E. Ripley, going to Pembroke four times,	10 00
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Expended under vote of the town,	\$99 00
No appropriation,	

## STATE AID.

Eliza B. Sherman,	12 mos.	\$48 00
Maty L. Taylor,	"	48 00
Caroline M. Willis, guardian,	"	48 00
Margaret O'Rourke,	"	48 00
Charles F. Washburn,	"	36 00
Nancy W. Harlow, and family,	"	96 00
John C. Bagnell, " "	"	102 00
Joseph S. Robbins,	"	72 00
Priscilla Cushman,	8 "	32 00
Charles Everson,	4 "	24 00
Lucy A. Everson,	10 "	32 00
Expended,		\$586 00
Appropriation,		600 00
Unexpended,		\$14 00

## TOWN TREASURY.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1872.	3178 62
Nathan Chandler, use of Town House,	53 50
Joseph Peckham, tuition non-residents,	26 00
W. R. Ellis, " " "	40 50
State Treasurer, balance corporation tax, 1871.	73 81
" " " " " 1872.	3180 66
" " " " " State Aid,	632 00
" " " " " School fund,	157 75
County Treasurer, dog licenses,	122 55
Abbott Drew, on account Robt. A. Drew,	184 25
Ed. D. Chandler, on account J. A. Chandler, family,	69 89
Assessment of taxes,	8586 72
	\$16,306 25

## EXPENDITURES.

William R. Sever, County Tax,	\$1624 49
Charles Adams, State "	1940 00
" " error in bank tax of 1871,	74 72
Highway District, orders,	1,332 09
Removing snow, orders,	221 64
General Highway, "	94 71
Special Highway, "	145 70
Contingencies, "	1557 97
Support of Poor, "	1605 09
Wages of Teachers, "	1903 42
Repairs of school-houses, "	387 23
School incidentals, "	203 38
Burying ground, "	77 37
Fisheries, "	103 00
State Aid, "	586 00
Bounties on crows, hawks and woodchucks,	85 25
Treasurer and Collector,	275 00
Abatement of taxes, and school-books,	21 53
	\$12,298 59
Balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1873,	4007 66
	\$16,306 25

Of the above named balance in the Treasury, \$4007.66, there will be required for the winter schools, about \$1400, and for payment of outstanding orders \$58, leaving as the available balance \$2549.66. Of this sum all in excess of \$1000 will be needed for expenses accruing before the taxes become due.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year, viz:

Highway Districts,	\$1500
General Highways,	200
Removing Snow,	400
Wages of Teachers,	3000
Repairs of school-houses,	300

School incidentals,	\$250
Support of Poor,	1450
Treasurer and Collector,	275
State Aid,	500
Contingencies,	1525
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	\$4000

The estimated resources of the town, applicable to the payment of these appropriations, are:

Corporation Tax,	\$2900
State Aid, reimbursement,	600
Cash in Treasury,	1000
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	\$4500

Leaving to be raised by taxation, \$4900

Annual meeting for 1873, March 31, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

ALDEN S. BRADFORD,  
EDWARD GRAY,  
JOHN F. HOLMES,

*Selectmen of Kingston.*

KINGSTON, March 1, 1873.

MARRIAGES, REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KINGSTON, 1872.

1872.

- Jan. 10. Francis Rogers, Jr., and Marcia D. Finney, both of Plymouth.
- Jan. 9. Thomas Henry Lepout, of New York, and Elizabeth Rebecca Stetson, of Kingston.
- Jan. 30. Lewis Henry Keith, and Laura Louisa Bailey, both of Kingston.
- Mar. 14. Aurin Payson Woodman, of Kingston, and Emily G. Grant, of Salisbury.
- Apr. 25. Francis Howard Webb, of Boston, and Eugenia Winsor of Kingston.
- May, 10. William Wilcott, of Kingston, and Mary Potter White, of Duxbury.
- June, 16. Daniel R. Randall, and Grace Francis Richards, both of Weymouth.
- July, 29. Charles W. Mitchell, and Maria J. Middleton, both of Kingston.
- Sept. 5. Thomas Southworth, of Abington, and Deborah Sturtevant, of Kingston.
- Sept. 8. Francis Drew, of Kingston, and Deborah R. Sampson, of Duxbury.
- Nov. 14. Charles Henry Brown, of Charlestown, and Ella Francis Davis, of Kingston.
- Nov. 27. Frank M. Kennedy, and Addie Foster, both of Kingston.

24 Births Registered in Kingston, in 1872.

NATHAN BROOKS,

*Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KINGSTON IN 1878.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	SEX OF PARENTS.
Jan. 5	George Henry Seale,	M. 16	Congestive Heart Disease.	James C. and Berrie C. Seale.
17	Rebecca M. Burgess,	F. 4	Consumption.	Marg and Hannah Thomas.
Feb. 11	Ella E. Bradford,	F. 11	Pulmonary Consumption.	John C. and Emma Gove E.
April 16	Joanna Foster,	F. 3	Old Age.	Gain and Lydia Robinson.
May 6	Emilee Simmons,	F. 11	Consumption.	Tilden and Fannie Holmes.
16	Leora F. Freeman,	F. 25	Consumption.	Seth and Harriet Cobb.
June 4	John A. Chandler,	M. 20	Consumption.	Isaberd D. and Sally Chandler.
15	Nathaniel T. Willis,	M. 41	Illness of Lungs, at Mont.	Zephaniah and Hannah Willis.
26	Isaaciah Washburn,	M. 6	Old Age.	Elkanah and Mary Washburn.
28	Charles Everson,	M. 31	Chronic Pharyngitis.	Josiah and Lucy Everson.
28	Margaret Clinch,	F. 31	Consumption.	Michl. and Ellen McGrath.
29	Maggie McGrath,	F. 23	Disease of the Lungs.	So. and Hannah Washburn.
July 7	Peter W. McLoughlin,	M. 31	Chick Consumption.	J. Thos and Corient Churchill.
31	Emeline Sampson,	F. 19	Typhoid Fever, 15 years.	Jeremiah and Sarah Sampson.
31	Ellen Churchill,	F. 6	Diarrhoea.	Josiah and Elizabeth Fuller.
Aug. 4	Arel Sampson,	M. 23	Apoplexy.	G. L. and Mariola Washburn.
26	Epheerim Fuller,	M. 29	Typhoid Fever.	Joseph and Lucy Barlett.
Sept. 16	Fannie G. Thompson,	F. 29	Typhoid Fever.	Wm. and Plucke Cunningham.
22	Nancy Drew,	F. 10	Disorder of the Brain.	Henry and Sarah Thompson.
23	Phoebe B. Cunningham,	F. 6	Typhoid Fev. at Dysentery.	Conyler and Hannah Fuller.
56	Lavla Holmes,	F. 31	Consumption.	Ellis B. and Edmond Holtwick.
76	Waldo A. Fuller,	M. 4	Spina Pevils.	James and Bertha Bassett.
26	Ella Hallbrook,	F. 19	Old Age & Paralysis.	Edward and Sarah Joyce.
Nov. 3	Priscilla Cushman,	F. 9	Typhoid Fever.	Robert and Margaret Lages.
13	Helen W. Joyce,	F. 4	Consumption.	
Dec. 2	Patrick Durbin,	M. 35	Infantile Typhus.	
27	Eager,	M. 4	Infantile Typhus.	
27	Eager,	M. 7	Infantile Typhus.	

SATHAN BROOKS, Town Clerk.

REPORT  
 OF THE  
 SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
 OF THE  
 TOWN OF KINGSTON,  
 FOR THE YEAR  
 1878-8.

## NAMES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR 1872-3.

	Term Expires.
I. H. HOLMES, CHAIRMAN, . . . . .	1873.
H. F. PERKINS, SECRETARY, (resigned) . . . . .	
W. H. MYRICK, LIBRARIAN, . . . . .	1875.
PHILANDER COBB, . . . . .	1873.
AUGUSTUS SIMMONS, . . . . .	1874.
A. C. HAMMOND, . . . . .	1875.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

W. R. ELLIS.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held March 3, 1873, the following report as drawn up by the Superintendent, was unanimously adopted.

## REPORT.

### FELLOW CITIZENS OF KINGSTON:

The School Committee, through the Superintendent of Schools, have the honor to offer the following report.

To a very large majority of the inhabitants of the town, the question *what is the actual condition of the Schools*, should be, and doubtless is, a matter of great interest. Your committee would therefore, hardly be justified in dismissing this subject by a few general remarks on the schools as a whole.

And yet the task of reviewing the actual condition of each school, and commenting upon it  *candidly*, and at the same time *justly*, is by no means an easy one. If, therefore, in the course of the report, we should, at any time seem "to find fault," we trust that Parents, Teachers and Pupils will feel inclined that we do this, because it is our duty, not only to commend what is good, but to point out defects, and to do all in our power to remedy them.

The school in Rocky Nook has been kept the entire year, by Miss Emily Spring, a *good and faithful* teacher. Some ten or fifteen years ago, the Superintendent, when a member of the School Committee, has a vivid recollection of visiting this school for the purpose of stemming the tide of insubordination that was sweeping away all improvement and usefulness. He well remembers its utterly demoralized and disorganized condition then, and the contrast now, in the general attention to study, exhibited by the pupils; the respectful bearing of the older members of the school towards their teacher, and the evidences of the *care* bestowed upon all, is very marked. While the pupils of this school seem to have made good progress in their studies generally, they seem somewhat deficient in reading, a most important branch of education.

The great interest which the teacher always seems to show in the improvement of her pupils, will doubtless cause her to do all that is possible to remedy this defect.

The school in Stony Brook, was, during the summer term, under the charge of Miss Holmes of Plymouth. The pupils of this school, although they were not positively disobedient, yet exhibited throughout the term, very little interest in their studies; and the closing examination making this lack of interest still more painfully apparent, it was deemed advisable to make a change of teachers. Miss Richmond of Halifax, was elected to fill the vacancy. At the expiration of one week of service, the committee were called upon to release her from her engagement; and Miss C. D. Russell, whose connection with the schools of our town, has been of long continuance, and whose success as a teacher, has always been marked, took charge of the school. Under her judicious management the pupils seem to be working industriously, and successfully.

The *droll* in teaching in this school is especially to be commended. The pains taken in giving the *emphasis* to the right *word* or *words* in the sentence, enforced as it is by the *example* which the teacher gives of the correct rendering of the lesson, cannot fail to produce great improvement in the pupils.

The North West School has been under the charge of Miss Startevant during the year. Uniform success has seemed to attend her faithful efforts.

Her system of *droll* upon things of *practical importance* is deserving of great praise. When a strong interest is thus exhibited by the teacher, in the progress made by the pupils, its effect is soon visible in a most satisfactory manner upon the *School*.

Wapping School, was, for the Spring term, taught by Miss Richmond. The satisfaction expressed through a series of four years, by parents and pupils made it a matter of regret when Miss Richmond announced that she must resign the school at the close of the term.

Miss Olive Simmons, elected to fill the vacancy has continued the school during the remainder of the year.

Lacking the experience of her predecessor, (this being her first attempt as a teacher,) she has, nevertheless, conducted the school with *marked Success*.

Indian Pond School, has been under the charge, until a few weeks since of Miss L. B. Ring. Sickness compelled her to ask a release from her engagement, for a part of the winter term.

This is a matter of regret: as the good and efficient training of the teacher was apparent to all. As an evidence of this, no pupils who applied for admission to the High School, at the commencement of the year passed a better examination than did those under the charge of Miss Ring.

Miss Belle Hammond, a member of the High School, was selected to act as substitute for Miss R. Although undergoing the trying ordeal of teaching where she was once a pupil. This young lady has performed her duties to the satisfaction of the Committee and Superintendent.

The Centre Primary School has been under the charge of Miss Marion Burgess for eight years. The fidelity with which she has performed the arduous duties that devolve upon her in so large a school, the *thriftness* displayed in her discipline, mingled with the *kindness* and *firm* which so seldom fail to render obedience to orders a *pleasure*, are well known and appreciated, we believe, in this community. Circumstances rendering it necessary that she should be absent during the second term of the year, Miss Betsy Burgess acted as her substitute.

So completely was the good work continued, so thorough was the instruction given, and so perfect was the discipline, that the Superintendent could not perceive the slightest retrograde change in the school.

The Centre Grammar School, has been under the charge during the year, of Miss H. N. Bailey.

Very unfortunately for the best interests of the school, there has been during the year, a number of pupils attached to it, who have shown themselves impatient of wholesome correction, and who in various little disorderly ways, have hindered *their own improvement*, and as a matter of course, have to some extent *hindered* the efforts which the teacher has so faithfully made for the advancement of the school.

This is to be regretted, but the teacher is deserving of much commendation for her unwearied exertions under somewhat discouraging circumstances, and we feel that the school has made *PROGRESS* IN *SPITE* of the obstacles with which the teacher has been compelled to

contend.

Mr. C. C. Sheldon has been Principal of the High School, for the year. The admirable discipline and perfect order that have prevailed in this school throughout the year are worthy of great commendation.

The school is open to criticism in one particular, in which we should like to see an improvement. There is a lack of ENERGY and LIFE visible in recitations. This habit tends to give the spectator the idea that there is a LACK of INTEREST in the subjects under consideration. We would also suggest that at times, too much assistance at recitation is given to the pupil who may not have properly mastered the lesson. Too great care cannot be exercised in this particular, as the tendency is to make the pupil STUPID, STYR, heedless, and *inattentive*.

The Principal of the High School has had no assistant during the year. So peculiar has been the classification of the school that it has not been deemed advisable to employ one. Under ordinary circumstances, an Assistant would take charge of the *Lower Classes*, but at present, the school is so constituted that these classes greatly outnumber all others, and should an Assistant take charge of the *SMALLER CLASSES* engaged in attending to the *HIGHER BRANCHES*, it might with reason be urged that the necessity for employing as Principal, a gentleman of *Collegiate Education*, no longer existed.

For this reason it has been deemed advisable for this year, at least, not to employ an Assistant.

On the whole, the committee and Superintendent are satisfied with the condition of the school. But there are circumstances which are always working adversely, to its interests, over which no Committee, Superintendent or Teacher can possibly exercise any control.

Prominent among these, is the irregularity of attendance in the pupils. By this we do not mean the *DAILY ABSENCES*, but we refer to the fact that many members of the school are absent weeks and even terms, *going* and returning, in a most irregular manner. The greatest confusion must necessarily occur in any attempt to classify such a school, and to carry out satisfactorily and efficiently any course of study, is simply an *impossibility*.

The necessity, therefore, (fancied or otherwise,) which exists, that pupils should thus take a *partial* and *superficial* course in the school,

tends *greatly* to destroy its *usefulness*.

We trust that these facts will be *remembered* when comparisons are drawn between our High School and those conducted under more favorable circumstances, and also, that it will not be forgotten that according to the report of the Assessors, there are in the town of Kingston but 258 children between the ages of 5 and 15,—a fact that shows plainly that the MATERIAL from which to draw *ACCENTIONS* to our High School is *SOMEWHAT* limited.

The School Houses throughout the town are in excellent condition. The neat and convenient school furniture, has been in most cases, well preserved. We have but little reason to complain of the carelessness and recklessness that is often to be met with in and about school buildings.

Some instances of damage done to the High School Buildings have come to our knowledge, and the fact that it is necessary for some pupils to remain in the building during the noon intermission, makes it somewhat difficult in the absence of the teachers, to maintain that order that shall insure the perfect preservation of all parts of the house.

The Committee and Superintendent most of necessity depend *STRICTLY* upon the *DAILY PERSONAL SUPERVISION* of the teachers; and their *PROMPT* and *EFFICIENT* notice of all defacement and damage, will make it hazardous for the pupils to injure the property of the town.

The Superintendent upon reference to the school registers has been somewhat surprised that the parents of the pupils visit the school so seldom. Upon no register that he has consulted do the names of more than two or three parents appear for the *ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR*. This, in our opinion, is a great mistake, and most assuredly affects in an unfavorable manner, the efficiency of our schools.

It is to be hoped that the citizens of Kingston may give this suggestion their serious attention.

It is NOT enough that the Superintendent makes the number of visits prescribed by law or custom. The children soon learn to look upon him as they do upon their teacher—that it is simply *his duty* to be present at stated *intervals*; but when parents come freely into the school, both teachers and pupils are assured that those *most inter-*

*et al* in the success of the school are present; and good results are sure to follow.

We have made this year, a change in the reading books, having introduced Monroe's Readers, (numbers 4, 5 and 6, having thus far been published.)

A change in this respect was much needed; Hillard's series having been in the schools for a great number of years. Mr. Monroe's fame as an elocutionist made it a matter of congratulation, when it was announced that he was preparing a series of Readers; and we can candidly say that our expectations have been fully realized.

The books, so far seem admirably adapted to the wants of our schools.

This change of readers was made according to the law of the Commonwealth relative to this matter, at the expense of the town. The bill amounted to 187.50.

The town received the full benefit of the 33 1/2 per cent. discount and the 10 per cent. supposed to cover the cost of distribution.

The Superintendent has received and paid into the treasury, the following sums for tuition, from non-residents. From

Mr. Bryant, of Plympton,	56 00
Mr. Jones, of Carver,	34 50
Amounting to	20 50

Some 32 dollars yet remain unpaid.

The committee recommend the same appropriation for schools as was voted by the town last year, viz: \$3,000. Also, \$250 as heretofore for fuel, &c., and \$300 for repairs of school buildings.

Mr. Perkins, a member of the committee resigned and left town in the fall.

By vote of the Committee it was not deemed advisable to take the steps necessary to fill the vacancy.

In closing our report, Fellow Citizens, we believe we can candidly say that the educational interests of the town, entrusted to our care, are in a prosperous condition.

The discipline and general good order maintained throughout the schools, have been highly gratifying to us. Our teachers, as a body,

are patient under the trials and vexations that must always surround them in the school room, are intelligent and clear-headed in communicating instruction, and seem to have been generally successful in winning the love, while they command the respect and obedience of their pupils.

It remains for you, Fellow Citizens to do all in your power to aid Teachers, Superintendent and Committee, in the great work entrusted to them.

*Liberal Appropriations* will greatly promote the prosperity of the schools, for thereby your committee will be enabled to employ teachers of such *well known experience, tact and talent*, that their administration will not be so much a matter of experiment.

The employment of such teachers is certainly a wise and judicious expenditure of money; but *experience, tact and talent*, in all the various avocations of life, command generous compensation. Your liberality, therefore, will greatly increase our means of usefulness; but liberal appropriations will not do *all* that *should* be done.

You, Fellow Citizens, can still further greatly aid us by doing all in your power *INDIVIDUALLY*, to increase the efficiency of our schools.

Your presence from time to time, in the School Room the efforts that you, as parents may make, to promote and increase *regularity of attendance*, upon the School Exercises, the sympathy and interest which you may exhibit in the *SUCCESS* of the teacher, all these will increase the efficiency of Liberal Appropriations *ten fold!*

We trust, therefore, that you will faithfully perform your duties as citizens and parents, and that you will not forget that the *best and glory* of our Commonwealth, is her *Common School System*, which places the children of RICH and POOR upon an equality in the school room, extending so beneficently the inestimable advantages of education to ALL; thus throwing wide open to ALL, the avenues that lead to prosperity and success.

For the Committee,

W. R. ELLIS.

*Superintendent of Schools.*

KINGSTON, March 10, 1872.

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## APPENDIX I.

### STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE IN THE KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL, FOR SIX YEARS.

YEAR.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	FROM WHAT AGE THE CLASSES ARE.	NO. OF STUDENTS.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	PER CENT OF ALL-PER DESE OF ATTENDANCE.	
					FALL.	SPRING.
1867-68	Benjamin Wornoch,	Any age.	44	43	40	43
1868-69	Benjamin Wornoch,	Any age.	55	39	41	39
1869-70	William G. Smith,	Any age.	56	41	34	34
1870-71	George J. Chandler,	Any age.	44	38	34	34
1871-72	George J. Chandler,	Any age.	39	47	40	40
1872-3	Horatio B. Lawrence, C. L. Sheldon,	Any age.	79	48	45	45

## APPENDIX II.

### SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1872-3.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	PER CENT OF ATTENDANCE.	EXCESS OF STUDENTS IN WINTER.	PER CENT OF EXCESS OF STUDENTS IN WINTER.	EXCESS OF STUDENTS IN WINTER.	PER CENT OF EXCESS OF STUDENTS IN WINTER.
Mr. C. C. Sheldon,	29	45	45	21	45	21	45
Miss H. N. Bailey,	30	42	42	20	42	20	42
Faculty Spring,	31	41	41	19	41	19	41
Faculty Winter,	32	40	40	18	40	18	40
Le. B. King,	33	39	39	17	39	17	39
W. E. Hammond,	34	38	38	16	38	16	38
S. P. Richmond,	35	37	37	15	37	15	37
College Simmons,	36	36	36	14	36	14	36
M. B. Burgess,	37	35	35	13	35	13	35
E. P. Burgess,	38	34	34	12	34	12	34
Emeline Holmes,	39	33	33	11	33	11	33
C. D. Russell,	40	32	32	10	32	10	32
S. P. Richmond,	41	31	31	9	31	9	31

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# APPENDIX III.

## SCHOOL FINANCES.

### RECEIPTS.

For school-year, 1872-3 for wages and board of Teachers, making fires and care of School-rooms.

Town Appropriation,	\$3250 00
State Fund,	157 75
Dog Licenses,	122 50
Non-resident Scholars,	40 50
Total,	\$3570 75

### EXPENDITURES,

For wages and board of Teachers,  
Fuel, care of School-rooms, &c.,

Total,	\$3256 38
Unexpended,	314 37

Town appropriation for repairs of School Houses,  
Expended,  
Unexpended,

400 00
387 23
12 77

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