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ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

Valuation of Real Estate,	\$692,688 00
" " Personal Estate,	518,735 00
Total valuation,	\$1,151,423 00

Rate of taxation, .0055—\$5.50 per \$1000.

Number of polls, 416. Poll Tax, \$2.00.

Town tax,	\$3,100 00
State tax,	2,182 50
County tax,	1,621 49
Overlayings,	258 62
Unpaid School Books,	91 15
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	\$7,256 76

Number of Dwelling Houses taxed,	322
" " Acres of Land, "	10,308
" " Horses, "	190
" " Cows, "	209
" " Sheep.	56

TAXES FOR 1873.

Adams, Abigail H.	\$90 20	Adams, Joseph	\$2 00
Adams, George T.	43 41	Ames, Benjamin F.	5 30
Adams, Frederic C.	43 42	Ames, Ellis F.	2 00
Adams, G. T. & F. C.	91 16	Andrews, Mary	5 23
Adams, Horatio	17 13	Atwell, Samuel, Jr.	2 00
Adams, Henry L.	9 43	Ahearne, John	6 68
Adams, Eleanor	11 00	Atwood, E. Elbridge	2 00
Adams, William S.	251 13	Atwood, George F.	3 38
Brewster, Geo., heirs of	4 40	Bonney, Wallace	2 00
Brewster, C. D., heirs of	11 69	Bryant, Charles E.	5 31
Brewster, Spencer	16 71	Bryant, Nathaniel	8 91
Brewster, Henry	2 96	Bryant, Charles L.	2 00
Bartlett, Cornelius A.	11 63	Bryant, Sylvanus	24 30
Bartlett, Walter S.	11 68	Bryant, James H.	6 26
Bartlett, Lysander	15 89	Bryant, Peleg	11 47
Bartlett, Clement D.	2 00	Bryant, George B.	2 00
Bartlett, George B.	2 00	Bryant, William B.	2 00
Bartlett, Uriah	5 30	Bearce, John	7 50
Bartlett, Lloyd G.	8 60	Bearce, Ichabod	2 83
Bonney, John	4 20	Bailey, Nahum	13 31
Bonney, Charles S.	2 69	Bailey, Nahum, Jr.	19 88
Bonney, John A.	2 00	Bailey, Cynthia C.	7 70

Bailey, Justus A.	19 83	Bradford, Orrin W.	3 21
Bailey, Frederic C.	2 00	Bradford, Rebecca M.	22 41
Bailey, George A.	2 00	Bradford, Charles S.	28
Bailey, Caleb E.	15 31	Bradford, George A.	2 00
Beytes, Antonio M.	3 39	Bradford, Gerlom	38 38
Beal, Joseph S.	170 71	Bowker, Davis W.	2 96
Beal, Joseph S., trustee	82 52	Burns, Ebenezer E.	8 33
Beal, J. S. & Alex., trus.	9 00	Berry, Roseo G.	7 50
Bates, Caleb	53 56	Berry, James F.	2 00
Bisbee, Daniel, heirs of	8 39	Brooks, Nathan	6 11
Bisbee, Daniel	2 83	Brooks, Peleg T.	3 38
Baker, Otis	50 51	Bagnell, Frederic	1 31
Baker, Otis, Jr.	2 00	Bagnell, John C.	9 02
Baker, Mandus	2 00	Burgess, William H.	16 58
Bicknell, George T.	5 30	Burgess & Keith	70 40
Bradford, William	8 88	Brown, David	10 88
Bradford, Alden S.	11 62	Brown, David, Jr.	2 83
Bradford, Lydia F.	1 93	Brown, Edward G.	2 00
Bradford, Horace S.	13 83	Blanchard, Harriet N.	6 05
Bradford, George B.	2 00	Blanchard, Henry N.	2 00
Bradford, Amos P.	2 00	Bunker, Edward	5 85
Cook, Martin, heirs of	5 09	Cobb, Henry	11 16
Cook, Martin	12 73	Cobb, Lucy	.55
Cook, Edwin	5 93	Cobb, Nathaniel	4 06
Cook, Benjamin	22 21	Collins, William	2 96
Cook, Lucy	8 80	Corey, Gustavus	7 91
Cook, Josiah T.	15 58	Cushman, Daniel	4 76
Cook, Mary W.	3 99	Cushman, Sylvia, heirs of	.83
Cook, Henry T.	21 64	Cushman, James H.	6 54
Cobb, Seth	2 89	Cushman, Joseph S.	5 50
Cobb, Martin, heirs of	10 04	Cushman, Josiah	56 67
Cobb, Benjamin, adm. of	37 21	Cushman, Arthur L.	2 00
Cobb & Drew	103 68	Cushman, George	13 99
Cobb, Philander	65 47	Cushman, George 2d	8 61

Cushman, Alonzo M.	2 00	Chandler, Horace J.	13 00
Cushman, John	5 16	Chandler, Ira	21 80
Cushman, Lyman G.	3 10	Chandler, Nathaniel	17 73
Cushman, Joseph T.	6 82	Chandler, Edward D.	18 69
Cushman, Asa	7 50	Chandler, Mary	2 75
Cushman, Edwin	4 07	Chandler, David	18 50
Cushman, George H.	2 00	Chandler, Algernon S.	23 64
Cushman, Caroline	27 50	Chandler, Abigail	2 75
Cujoon, Job	29 50	Chandler, Albret W.	2 00
Cushman, Samuel E.	23 15	Cunningham, Theodore B.	16 58
Cushman, George S.	2 00	Cole, Samuel P.	9 02
Cushman, George E.	2 00	Cole, Thomas E.	13 11
Callahan, Thomas	7 92	Cole, Leander S.	4 61
Callahan, Cornelius	2 00	Cole, Charles H.	6 68
Callahan, Dennis J.	7 36	Childs, Abner P.	2 00
Churchill, Albert S.	2 00	Carey, Dennis	6 13
Churchill, Ebenezer	5 16	Clark, George H.	15 31
Churchill, Henry, heirs of	1 38	Cushing, Sam'l W., Ex. of	35 75
Churchill, James T.	7 56	Cushing, S. W., heirs of	6 05
Churchill, Henry	4 75	Clifford, Lather	15 31
Churchill, Otis	7 09	Clinch, Matthew	2 00
Churchill, George L.	6 95	Crawley, T. W.	2 00
Chandler, John S.	6 81		
Drew, Cornelius	2 00	Delano, David	8 05
Drew, Spencer	2 00	Delano, Lewis S., heirs of	4 81
Drew, Seth	20 15	Delano, Joshua	168 70
Drew, Christopher P.	18 36	Delano, Joshua, trustee	2 31
Drew, Job W., heirs of	19 71	Delano, Joshua, trustee	6 33
Drew, Eli C.	17 51	Delano, Joshua, Jr.	2 00
Drew, John	13 96	Drake, Marvin	2 00
Drew, John N.	2 00	Drake, Nathaniel M.	3 10
Drew, Nathaniel D.	6 26	Drake, Charles F.	2 00
Drew, Frank A.	2 00	Dawes, James H.	93 70
Davie, Solomon	8 74	Dawes, John C.	2 00

Davis, Lucy, heirs of	3 16	DeNormanville, C. Y.	16 03
Potin, Isaac	2 00	Denham, Benjamin	4 68
Doten, Edward L.	4 75	Douley, John	2 95
Doyle, John	2 00	Douley, William H.	2 00
Everson, Oliver, heirs of	4 13	Everson, Lois	4 68
Everson, James O.	2 41	Eldridge, David G.	7 23
Everson, Susan	4 95	Eager, Robert	6 13
Everson, Charles H.	7 50	Ellis, Wylie R.	26 15
Everson, Warren N.	5 71	Evans, Green	10 53
Everson, Henry S.	2 00	Evans & Atwood	21 86
Everson, Nancy	5 50	Ewell, Charles H.	10 72
Farrington, Martin	2 00	Fuller, Alexander	10 11
Faunce, Elizabeth	17 19	Fuller, John	14 21
Faunce, Cornelius A.	2 00	Fuller, John A.	11 76
Faunce, Kilborn, heirs of	14 99	Fuller, Ezra	18 09
Faunce, George	12 12	Fuller, Samuel	2 69
Faunce, Winslow	2 00	Fuller, Smith	2 96
Faunce, Albert	6 81	Fuller, Daniel W.	2 49
Faunce, Seth W.	7 36	Fuller, Sophia, heirs of	1 38
Faunce, Charles T.	7 36	Fuller, Frank	20 18
Faunce, Walter H.	15 56	Fuller, Chester H.	2 00
Faunce, Sewall A.	2 41	Foster, Asenath	9 21
Faunce, Ann E.	11 58	Foster, Alex. B., heirs of	9 08
Faunce, Charles C.	36 51	Foster, James	20 70
Faunce, John, est. of	11 01	Fitzpatrick, Michael	9 56
Faunce, Elizezer	4 53	Freeman, David C.	2 00
Faunce, Martin	6 95	Freeman, Henry	2 00
French, Timothy	12 39	Ford, Lemuel	2 00
Fuller, Truman H.	3 10	Flagg, Joseph C.	2 00
Fuller, James	11 35	Finney, William A.	2 00

Gray, Edward	19 33	Graves, George	2 00
Gray, Edward, trustee	7 01	Gillis, Hugh	2 00
Gray, Lydia	69	Grozenger, George	9 16
Gray, John, heirs of	13 20	Griffin, John	2 00
Gray, Samuel W.	5 80		
Hernandez, Jose	2 00	Holmes, Richard E.	15 31
Haney, Dennis	6 82	Holmes, Joseph A.	233 09
Hennesy, John, adm'r of	2 75	Holmes, Frank H.	206 63
Haggerty, William	4 48	Holmes, Eliza A.	55 00
Haggerty, Margaret	1 38	Holmes, Alex., heirs of	54 40
Hall, John, heirs of	16 23	Holmes, Edward	311 49
Hall, John F.	20 81	Holmes, Edward K.	23 59
Holmes, Robert W.	5 30	Holmes, Ephraim	3 21
Holmes, Samuel	10 47	Hayward, Lucius	4 48
Holmes, Ira	6 68	Baynard, Lucia	3 16
Holmes, John F.	19 71	Hunt, Henry	37 78
Holmes, George	16 71	Hunt, Maria O.	4 81
Holmes, El Nathanael	2 00	Hunt & Sampson	30 53
Holmes, Stephen, heirs of	55	Hammond, Judith	2 48
Holmes, Allyn	1 13	Hammond, Asa C.	9 91
Holmes, Stephen	7 78	Hammond, Eugene	2 00
Holmes, Gains	5 99	Howland, Daniel F.	10 16
Holmes, Lothrop T.	30 46	Hart, Dennis	2 00
Holmes, Edgar D.	2 00	Hickey, James	2 00
Holmes, Joseph	13 16	Hyde, James F.	2 00
Johnson, John	25 24	Joice, John A.	2 00
Johnson, F. M. and others	19	Jones, Henry N.	23 07
Johnson, Judith	1 65	Jameson, Francis	2 00
Jacobs, Jacob	2 00		
Kennedy, James	9 15	Keith, Henry K.	16 30
Kennedy, James, Jr.	3 43	Keith, Lewis H.	13 00
Kennedy, Francis M.	2 69		

Lamm, Thomas	10 11	Lincoln, Fidelia	3 58
Lucas, Henry T.	6 68	Lowe, Samuel	11 22
Leonard, Henry	3 65	Lane, George F.	2 00
Lovering, John P.	2 00		
McGuire, William	5 58	Malone, Patrick	2 00
McGrath, Robert	2 00	Murray, John	3 51
McGrath, Michael	8 33	McManus, Michael	5 58
McCrate, William	4 20	Mitchell, John	5 99
McLauthlin, Eli-ha, hrs. of	2 89	Mitchell, Ransom	5 11
McLauthlin, Robert B.	6 10	Mitchell, Ezra	5 99
McLauthlin, Onslow W.	2 28	Mitchell, Harvey	10 05
McLauthlin, Philemon W.	2 69	Morse, George	7 78
McLauthlin, Edwin	2 09	Morse, Francis	3 38
McLauthlin, Horace	2 96	Myrick, William H.	15 61
McLauthlin, P. W., hrs. of	4 10	Mahoney, John	2 00
McLauthlin, Simeon W.	26 04	McSweeny, Felix M.	2 60
McLauthlin, George W.	16 22	McCarty, Charles	2 00
Nichols, Paul L., heirs of	26 95	Nutter, Samuel J.	5 85
Newcomb, Thomas	216 86	Norton, Andrew	5 85
Newcomb, Marcello	8 05	Nolan, Thomas	2 00
Newcomb, Guilford S.	20 84		
O'Brien, Patrick	6 51	Oldham, Adoniram J.	2 00
Oldham, John	7 23	Owens, George	2 83
Pierce, James B.	5 30	Paine, Reuben C.	8 71
Phipps, Laura M.	11 09	Prince, Noah	16 57
Phipps Jos. H., adm'r of	31 08	Prince, Daniel	2 00
Perkins, Ezra	6 95	Prince, Thomas	2 00
Powers, Edwin	2 00	Peterson, Ichabod	6 68
Powers, Charles H.	2 00	Peterson, William	11 35

Peterson, Elias	6 40	Peterson, Henry R.	2 00
Peterson, Andrew H.	2 00	Peekham, Joseph	9 43
Peterson, Melvin E.	2 00	Phillips, George	2 00
Quinn, Thomas	1 51		
Reed, Edmund	2 00	Ripley, Obed.	2 83
Reed, Franklin	2 00	Ripley, Cyrus W.	8 88
Reed, Edwin	30 71	Ripley, Samuel E.	15 31
Reed, Edwin T.	11 35	Ring, Daniel W., heirs of	10 78
Reed, Edgar	2 83	Ring, Daniel W.	2 83
Reed, Jones & Co.	5 50	Ring, Samuel, heirs of	16 01
Reed, Alphonso, est. of	2 75	Ranson, Harvey	8 88
Reed, Joseph E., heirs of	7 43	Ransom, Winslow H.	2 60
Reed, Porter C.	8 06	Ransom, Edward A.	2 83
Russell, Thomas, heirs of	11 30	Richardson, Ebenezer P.	1 20
Russell, Sarah A.	7 45	Richardson, Edwin W.	1 20
Robbins, Joseph S.	10 25	Ryan, John	5 85
Robbins, Horace C.	6 95	Reinhardt, Henry	2 00
Robbins, William A.	13 61	Reekenble, Henry	2 00
Robbins, Charles	15 75	Reymond, Adonitam	2 00
Ripley, Thomas	2 00	Ruhel, William	2 00
Ripley, Lewis	16 21	Rundall, Robert F.	2 00
Ripley, Henry	2 00		
Sampson, George H.	2 00	Sampson, Benjamin	12 53
Stephens, James H.	8 33	Sampson, Wendell A.	2 00
Sprout, Francis	9 70	Sampson, Hulda	11 00
Sprout, Matthew F.	2 00	Sampson, Hiram	1 31
Savery, Nehemiah L.	2 00	Sampson, Clement H.	10 46
Sampson, Constant	5 93	Sever, James N., heirs of	25 71
Sampson, Axel H.	2 41	Sever, Jane R.	44 55
Sampson, William A.	5 41	Simmons, Nahum	13 96
Sampson, Oliver	9 59	Simmons, Wendell	2 00

Simmons, Francis O.	9 15	Soule, William F.	3 51
Simmons, Augustus	7 86	Soule, James C.	2 00
Simmons, Melvin, heirs of	1 38	Stranger, Joseph A.	11 63
Simmons, Henry	2 00	Stranger, Andrew R.	2 00
Sturtevant, Henry	13 69	Stranger, William A.	2 00
Sturtevant, Henry, Jr.	2 00	Symmes, William	27 30
Stetson, Kimball W.	30 05	Symmes, Hannah	1 13
Stetson, James H.	8 49	Symmes, Elizabeth	6 33
Stetson, Elisha	10 39	Society, Treas. of Baptist	7 13
Stetson, Henry T.	2 00	Society, Treas. 1st Congl	3 03
Stetson, Wiswall, heirs of	1 68	Slechard, Thomas	3 10
Stetson, Charles	26 61	Slichter, Ebenezer	2 00
Stetson, Maria H.	19 25	Southwick, Frederic	12 38
Stetson, Joseph	17 51	Stidley, Stillman S.	2 00
Smith, Patrick	3 10	Stidley & Delano	15 13
Smith, John	7 01	Stidley, John O.	2 00
Smith, Richard J.	2 00	Seymour, Henry J.	3 21
Soule, Henry	31 15	Simpson, Levi B.	2 00
Soule, Henry, Jr.	2 00	Stewart, David	3 21
Soule, Herbert	2 00	Shaw, Artemas C.	2 00
Soule, Samuel E.	8 42		
Tupper, Seth	5 85	Thompson, James H.	2 00
Thomas, Augustus	16 58	Tobin, John	2 28
Thomas, William A.	56 15	Thacher, Francis	2 00
Thomas, William R.	2 00	Taylor, Thomas	2 00
Thomas, Thompson P.	3 38	Tout, Thomas	15 89
Thompson, James S.	6 51	Tout, James R.	2 00
Wixom, Oscar F.	2 00	Willis, Bathiah H.	12 13
Willis, Jonah	25 37	Winsor, Elbridge G.	21 91
Willis, Edward	26 75	Winsor, William D.	13 20
Willis, William H.	4 75	Washburn, Charles F.	2 00
Willis, Jonah, Jr.	3 10	Washburn, Charles H.	2 00

Willis, Sarah T.	12 71	Waterman, Eleazer E.	5 86
Washburn, George H.	2 96	Waterman, Thomas E.	2 00
Washburn, George L.	2 28	Waterman, Austin B.	2 55
Washburn, Francis	13 83	Waterman, Amanda F.	24 31
Washburn, Azel W.	2 00	Wright, John L.	4 62
Washburn, Wm. D., heirs of	5 50	Wilson, Eli	8 60
Washburn, George	2 83	Wadsworth, William A.	2 00
Washburn, John	2 00	Wadsworth, Arthur	2 00
Washburn, Martin P.	3 38	Wadsworth, George	2 00
Washburn, Charles	3 03	Watson, Nathan B.	2 83
Washburn, Nath., heirs of	6 60	Woo huan, Austin P.	14 79
Washburn, Caleb F.	5 03	Whittam, Edwin R.	2 00
Washburn, Waldo	2 00	Wilcott, William	4 06
Washburn, Cephas	1 81	Weston, Daniel	2 00
Weston, Timothy	2 61	Ward, William G.	2 60
Waterman, Nathaniel	5 50	Warren, Lucia A.	6 00
Waterman, John	9 57	Warden, H. H., & trustee	401 33

NON-RESIDENTS.

Adams, Nathaniel	7 43	Adams, Thomas, guard.	1 10
Beal, Thomas P.	1 38	Bradford, Rufus B.	83
Beal, Alexander	3 41	Bradford, George L.	83
Barnes, E. & J. C.	19 25	Bradford, Andrew	28
Brewster, Pelham	4 13	Barker, Sally	2 06
Briggs, Seneca	96	Barrett, Benjamin	14
Bryant, Lemuel	2 12	Bonney, James S.	19
Bryant, Peleg E.	3 85	Bates, Moses, trustee	2 89
Case, Albert	41	Clark, Robert	28
Crocker, Walter	28	Clark, Stephen, heirs of	28
Clark, Zoath C.	83	Carl, Hannah	55

Cobb, Charles	19 11	Churchill, Charles O.	1 21
Cobb, Franklin B.	13 31	Chandler, George	11
Chase, Sylvanus	19	Chandler, Horatio	11
Dunbar, William H.	96	Diman, Ezra S.	28
Fannee, Ichabod W.	96	Ford, Baker	28
Fannee, Zenas, heirs of	1 65		
Glass, Daniel P.	69	Gray, Frances A.	69
Gray, Lewis T.	96		
Holmes, Richard	3 85	Holmes, James W.	2 48
Holmes, Charles H.	41	Hall, James L.	21 48
Holmes, Nathaniel	1 10	Hall, James and William	4 68
Holmes, Peter	12 93	Hammond, Josiah P.	28
Jones, P. M. C.	28	Jackson, Thomas	83
Keene, Asa, heirs of	2 06		
Loring, Harrison	19 80	Lannan, Mary E.	2 31
Loring, Samuel	6 60	Lannan, Henry T.	5 23
Lyon, Sarah B.	83		
Maglathlen, Henry B.	55	McLauthlen, Samuel	96
Nelson, Ebenezer	1 10	Nelson, Charles and others	28

Perkins, Jacob, heirs of	1 93	Paine, Sarah D. H.	2 20
Pratt, Lucius	1 10	Plymouth Cordage Co.	1 51
Pratt, William B.	1 65	Plymouth, Town of	1 65
Rickard, Isaac	28	Rickard, Martin	11
Rickard, Warren	41	Russell, Wm. G., guard.	35 75
Sprague, Betsey	1 21	Snell, Benjamin	1 21
Sherman, Earle	55	Simmons, William	2 31
Sherman, Henry	2 18	Simmons, Henry B.	6 05
Sherman, Nelson	96	Stetson, William	55
Sherman, Eleazer C.	1 38	Sturtevant, Thomas	69
Sampson, Thomas H.	1 65		
Thompson, Reuben	8 80	Thomas, William	1 65
Thompson, Zadoc	19	Thomas, Gamaliel	11
Vaughn, Thomas	55		
Willis, George F.	4 13	Wright, Rufus	41
Witherell, Alden	3 03	Wright, Winslow	96
Wadsworth, Wait	14 60	White, Otis	41
Whiting, Benjamin	83	White, Daniel	41
Washburn, Philip	28	White, Alden	8 24

EXPENDITURE OF SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Expended,	1,408 82
Unexpended,	\$91 18

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Alexander Fuller, Surveyor.

James Fuller,	labor,	\$29 90	Seth Cobb,	labor,	\$2 66
Frederic Bagnell	"	6 00	Samuel E. Ripley,	"	2 61
Joseph A. Holmes,	"	8 00	Alexander Fuller,	"	84 40
Samuel W. Gray,	"	11 10	John C. Bagnell,	"	6 00
Henry T. Lucas,	"	9 10	Chas. H. Cole,	"	15 53
Charles C. Delano,	"	22 80			
Edwin Powers,	"	6 00	Expended,		\$225 11
Philander Cobb,	"	10 00	Assignment,		216 00
Joshua Delano,	"	8 00			
Stanley & Delano,	"	1 00	Overdrawn,		\$15 44

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Simon W. McLauthlin, Surveyor.

S. W. McLauthlin,	labor,	\$26 77	Benjamin Denham,	labor,	\$1 00
Charles McCarty,	"	16 00	John Ahearn,	"	20 00
Anthen Norton,	"	3 75	Timothy French,	"	6 70
Edward Holmes,	"	33 50	Frank H. Holmes,	"	4 25
Henry L. Adams,	"	2 00	Horace C. Robbins,	"	3 70
Josiah Cushman,	"	1 75	Frank Fuller,	"	80
Edward D. Chandler,	"	5 50	A. S. Chandler,	"	2 50
John Elbridge,	"	2 00	George A. Bradford,	"	4 00
Nathan Chandler,	"	50	Caleb Bates,	gravel,	60
Patrick Smith,	"	5 40			
Robert A. Drew,	"	6 00	Expended,		\$228 02
Ransom Mitchell,	"	2 00	Assignment,		225 00
Thomas Newcomb,	gravel,	2 10			
John F. Hall,	labor,	4 00	Overdrawn,		\$3 02

DISTRICT NO. 3.

George L. Clorchill, Surveyor.

Frank H. Holmes,	labor,	\$12 00	George T. Adams,		\$6 00
Horace J. Chandler,	"	56 00	Lather Clifford,		4 50

John F. Hall,	labor,	\$25 00	Henry Cobb,	gravel,	\$ 72
Warren N. Everson,	"	8 00	Aurin P. Woodman,	"	2 61
George L. Churchill,	"	39 20			
Frederic C. Adams,	"	4 00	Expended,		\$179 00
Lewis H. Keith,	gravel,	4 80	Assignment,		185 00
James Foster,	clay,	7 14			
Nathan Chandler,		9 00	Unexpended,		6 00

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Ira Holmes, Surveyor.

John F. Hall,	labor,	\$29 00	Ezias Peterson, labor,	\$8 80	
A. S. Chandler,	"	8 00	David Stewart,	"	6 00
Wm. A. Finney,	"	4 60	Harvey Mitchell,	"	6 00
Chas. Washburn,	"	4 00	Ira Holmes,	"	31 00
R. B. McLauthlin,	"	11 00			
Samuel Lowe,	"	8 00	Expended,		\$146 80
D. F. Howland,	"	6 00	Assignment,		160 00
Oliver Sampson,	"	8 00			
E. Churchill,	"	8 00	Unexpended,		\$13 20
E. Holmes,	"	4 50			

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Mardin Drake, Surveyor.

John F. Hall,	labor,	\$1 60	Mardin Drake,	labor,	\$25 70
M. Fitzpatrick,	"	21 50	Geo. B. Bryant,	"	4 50
Ichabod Pearce,	"	4 00	Nath'l M. Drake,	"	2 22
John Pearce,	"	12 60			
Wm. B. Bryant,	"	13 00	Expended,		\$120 82
Frank T. Drake,	"	11 00	Assignment,		130 00
Oliver H. Bryant,	"	8 00			
Samuel Holmes,	"	1 40	Unexpended,		89 18
Peleg Bryant,	"	15 30			

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Charles C. Faunce, Surveyor.

F. H. Holmes,	labor &		Ranson Mitchell,	labor,	\$1 70
material,			Samuel E. Soule,	"	1 00
Chas. C. Faunce,	do.	31 06	Thomas Ripley,	"	.80
Josiah T. Cook,	labor,	23 75	Alton Faunce,	"	3 40
John Ahearn,	"	3 70	F. C. Adams, gravel,		18
Audrew Norton,	"	7 60			
G. W. McLauthlin,	"	1 00	Expended,		\$121 82
C. F. Washburn,	"	1 80	Assignment,		150 00
George Faunce,	"	5 60			
A. B. Waterman,	"	1 20	Unexpended,		\$25 18
Lucius Hayward,	"	1 70			

DISTRICT NO. 7.

George Cushman, Surveyor.

George Cushman,	labor,	\$52 10	Henry T. Cook,	labor,	\$8 60
Richard E. Holmes,	"	14 00	Eliezer Faunce,	"	24 10
Joseph T. Cushman,	"	26 20	John Cushman,	"	.90
James H. Cushman,	"	46 20	Sylvanus Bryant,	"	14 70
Edward L. Doten,	"	2 60	Seth Tupper, gravel,		2 00
Joseph S. Cushman,	"	4 60			
Reuben C. Paine,	"	6 90	Expended,		\$231 80
Samuel J. Nutter,	"	13 70	Assignment,		225 00
James H. Bryant,	"	5 00			
John F. Holmes,	"	1 60	Overdriven,		\$6 80
Martin Faunce,	"	9 50			

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Edwin Cook, Surveyor.

Edwin Cook,	labor,	\$23 67	Seneca Briggs,	"	\$1 60
Martin Cook,	"	16 75	Ezra Fuller,	"	.30
John L. Wright,	"	7 67	Joshua Pratt,	"	4 80

Dennis J. Callahan,	1 17	Joseph S. Ripley,	2 00
Charles E. Bryant,	7 00	Winslow B. Wright,	6 65
James O. Everson,	11 40	William Perkins,	4 00
Ransom Mitchell,	11 50	C. H. Sampson, gravel,	8 60
Henry Sturtevant,	15 30	Est. Martin Cook,	1 50
Noah Prince,	21 80		
George Morse,	10 31	Expended,	\$186 62
Francis Morse,	5 70	Assignment,	185 00
Lucius Hayward,	14 69		
Daniel Weston,	4 40	Overdrawn,	\$1 62

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Henry T. Cook, Surveyor.

Martin Faunce,	labor, \$2 00	Henry T. Cook,	labor, \$13 50
Edward L. Doten,	" 6 00		
Joseph S. Cushman,	" 4 00	Expended,	\$25 50
		Assignment,	30 00
		Unexpended,	4 50

REMOVING SNOW.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Expended,	238 40
Unexpended,	161 60

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Henry Simmons,	\$ 25	Waldo Cole,	\$.37
Benjamin Denham,	25	Edwin Cushman,	.62
Philander Cobb, 2d,	33	William H. Donley,	.75
Philander Cobb,	87	Gustavus Corey,	.87
James Fuller,	1 50	Obed Ripley,	.87
Charles H. Powers,	.68	Charles Washburn,	.75
Samuel E. Ripley,	3 75	Joseph A. Holmes,	5 00
William A. Thomas,	2 62		
Henry Brewster,	1 27		
			\$20 85

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Benjamin Denham,	\$.62	Edward D. Chandler,	\$ 1 50
Henry Simmons,	.62	S. W. McLauthlin,	.10 25
Michael McManus,	.75	Horace C. Robbins,	.7 62
Robert Eager,	.75	Edward Willis,	.3 00
Francis Sprout,	.62	Edward Holmes,	.3 00
Denis Haney,	.75		
Charles T. Faunce,	.75		
			\$30 23

DISTRICT NO. 3.

George T. Adams,	\$1 75	Nathan Chandler,	\$2 50
Harvey Ransom,	2 00		
			\$6 25

DISTRICT NO. 4.

John Bonney,	\$2 25	Levi B. Sampson,	\$3 12
Ezias Peterson,	5 75	Ira Holmes,	.6 00
George F. Lane,	2 37	John F. Hall,	.4 50
Augustus Simmons,	2 19	Charles Washburn,	.2 00
Algernon S. Chandler,	4 87		
William A. Finney,	3 12		
Oliver Sampson,	3 12		

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Oliver S. Bryant,	\$ 6 00	Michael Fitzpatrick,	\$10 75
William R. Bryant,	6 00	John F. Hall,	.8 50
Ouslow W. McLauthlin,	5 09	Francis O. Simmons,	.5 50
Horace McLauthlin,	2 50	Frank T. Drake,	1 00
Mardin Drake,	10 87		
George B. Bryant,	3 12		
Edmund F. Simmons,	4 50		

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Frank H. Holmes,	\$3 50	George E. Owens,	\$1 00
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Charles C. Faunce,	\$2 75	Josiah T. Cook,	\$1 75
George W. McLauthlen,	1 00	Andrew Norton,	3 75
Patrick Malone,	1 00	James C. Soule,	1 00
Caleb F. Washburn,	1 00	William Ames,	1 00
Lucius Hayward,	1 00		
Gaius Holmes,	3 18		\$25 23

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Henry T. Stetson,	\$1 00	Richard E. Holmes,	\$7 75
Joseph T. Cushman,	3 50	Eliezer Faunce,	75
Alonzo M. Cushman,	1 75	Samuel J. Nutter,	2 00
Alphonzo Pratt,	1 25	William R. Thomas,	3 37
John F. Holmes,	2 87	James H. Cushman,	3 50
Henry T. Cook,	6 50	Lyman Cushman,	1 50
George Cushman,	2 25		
Daniel Bisbee,	62		\$38 61

DISTRICT NO. 8.

John L. Wright,	\$1 90	Dennis J. Callahan,	\$1 60
Charles E. Bryant,	1 90	Edwin Cook,	2 50
Benjamin Cook,	80	Ransom Mitchell,	1 10
Ezra Fuller,	1 00	George Morse,	75
James O. Everson,	1 60		
Francis Morse,	75		\$13 90

GENERAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

S. W. McLauthlen, labor and materials, Newcomb's bridge,	\$30 31
Sylvanus Bryant, labor,	" " 8 00
George Cushman, 2d,	" " 2 75
Daniel Bisbee,	" " 2 00
John F. Hall, lumber for railing, Dist. No. 4,	11 93
James S. Thompson, labor,	" 9 00
Ira Holmes,	" " 4 00
Josiah T. Cook, gravel,	Dist. No. 2,
	1 40

Charles H. Cole, gravel,	Dist. No. 2,	\$5 90
Expended,		\$75 32
Appropriation,		250 00
Unexpended,		\$171 68

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION, DISTRICT NO. 2.

Joseph T. Cushman, labor on drains,	\$12 50
John Eldridge,	" " 10 00
John Ahearn,	" " 2 00
Edward D. Chandler,	" " 16 00
Nathan Chandler,	" " 21 75
Expended,	\$62 25
Appropriation,	70 00
Unexpended,	\$7 75

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION, DISTRICT NO. 3.

Frank H. Holmes, labor, \$17 00	James Foster, labor,	\$8 00	
Edward Holmes,	" 8 02	Frank Lethbridge,	" 12 75
Nathan Chandler,	" 4 00	A. S. Chandler,	" 5 00
Horace J. Chandler,	" 10 00	Fred. C. Adams,	" 11 60
Josiah Cushman,	" 3 00	Michael O'Brien,	" 19 00
Dennis Haney,	" 14 20	Charles McCarty,	" 2 00
John Ahearn,	" 11 00	George T. Adams,	" 3 00
Alphonzo Pratt,	" 21 00		
Edward D. Chandler,	" 15 00	Expended,	\$207 01
Andrew Norton,	" 4 00	Appropriation,	200 00
W. X. Everson,	" 2 50		
Caleb Bates,	" 2 96	Overdrawn,	\$7 01

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

C. D. Russell, teaching, \$231 00 C. C. Sheldon teaching, \$1068 37

M. P. Burgess, teaching,	\$328 00	M. E. Perry, teaching,	\$108 60
Olive Simmoons,	" 304 60	M. McWilliams,	" 120 00
H. N. Bailey,	" 126 00	M. E. Hayward,	" 108 00
H. E. Sturtevant,	" 304 09	R. M. Harrub,	" 96 00
L. B. Ring,	" 144 00	G. B. Towle,	" 25 00
Emily Spring,	" 304 00		
Isabella Hammond,	" 70 00	Expended,	\$3312 62
Miss Rounds, expenses,	3 25	Appropriation,	3000 00

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Albert E. Holmes, care of fires and schoolrooms,	\$1 80
Elisha McLauthlen,	" " 6 00
Sidney L. Bradford,	" " 3 00
Chester E. Hammond,	" " 3 00
R. A. Simmons,	" " 3 00
G. G. Newcomb,	" " 1 92
Cyrus H. Stetson,	" " 8 49
Lucius Hayward,	" " 3 00
Lucius Hayward, sawing and housing wood,	3 92
Michael McManus,	" " 8 00
P. W. Smith,	" " 3 25
Edwin Cook, wood and housing,	12 00
Edwin Reed,	" " 16 50
Elisha Stetson,	" " 6 00
Joseph A. Stranger, wood,	23 75
Horace C. Robbins, sawing and housing wood,	9 50
Noah Prince, wood,	6 00
Richard E. Holmes,	" 32 50
John F. Hall,	" 1 50
W. H. Myrick,	" 19 75
Asa C. Hammond, wood and sawing,	14 80
Nathan Clundler,	" 8 44
F. H. Holmes, wood, travelling expenses, labor, &c.,	21 73
Expended,	\$229 85

Appropriation,	\$250 00
Unexpended,	\$29 15

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

E. E. Waterman, labor and materials, Northwest,	\$2 80
Augustus Simmons,	" " 3 76
Wallace Bonney,	" " Centre, 12 56
Burges & Keith, materials,	" " 3 91
Joseph S. Robbins, labor and materials,	" " 22 37
Hunt & Sampson, materials,	" " 2 24
Geo. H. Clarke, labor and materials,	" " 1 50
E. P. Reed, lumber,	" " .56
J. L. Hammatt, school furniture,	" " 11 68
W. O. Haskell & Son,	" " 18 00
Stephen Smith & Co.,	" " 17 00
E. E. Waterman, labor and materials, Wapping,	2 75
Edwin Cook,	" " 3 60
Lucius Hayward,	" " 3 00
John Bold, repairing clocks,	2 00
Wm. H. Myrick, sundries,	41 40
Asa C. Hammond, repairs,	2 25
Expended,	\$154 41
Appropriation,	300 00
Unexpended,	\$145 59

SUPPORT OF POOR.

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.	
Timothy French, supplies,	\$6 29
Darius Holmes,	" 5 70
Ripley & Weston,	" 28 37
Edward Holmes,	" 28 34

Studley & Delano, supplies,	\$31 56
Evans & Atwood, "	71 78
Hunt & Sampson, "	151 31
Burges & Keith, "	72 48
Alysander Bartlett, "	83
Joseph A. Stranger, "	7 50
Josiah Cushman, "	51 32
Noah Prince, "	2 53
Lucy Everson, services as housekeeper,	151 78
H. N. Jones, medical attendance,	10 00
S. W. McLauthlen, ploughing, &c.,	225
Martin Farrington, labor,	12 50
Thomas McGrath, "	1 00
Uriah Bartlett, "	25
Andrew R. Stranger, "	3 00
George H. Clark, repairs,	4 60
C. W. Ripley, "	2 35
Jas. H. Stetson, "	2 90
N. B. Watson, "	1 25
Josiah Cushman, cutting wood, horse-hire and car fare,	27 70
Alexander Fuller, seaweed,	2 00
Charles Raymond, two collins,	18 00
Nathan Chandler, services at two funerals,	10 50
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	\$716 79

EXPENSES OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Lunatic hospital, Taunton, support of Sarah A. Faunce,	\$192 46
" " " Jas. F. Cushing,	49 60
" Brattleboro', " David Lucas,	156 00
Town of Aeushnet, relief of Jas. F. Cushing,	39 50
City of Charlestown, support and burial of Jas. H. Drew,	76 65
" " relief of Rosanna Drew,	26 25
" " " William Wallace,	20 00
City of Boston, " Catharine Ripley,	29 00
" " " widow of Jabez Washburn,	32 68

H. N. Jones, med. att. Jane Witherell (due from Duxbury),	\$20 00
E. B. Brewster, relief of Helen McLauthlen,	10 00
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Expended out of Almshouse,	\$652 11
Almshouse expenses,	716 79
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	\$1368 93
Appropriation,	1450 00
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Unexpended,	881 07

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

W. R. Ellis, services as supt. of schools,	\$250 00
Edward Gray, selectmen, services and expense,	103 00
Alden S. Bradford, " " "	98 00
John F. Holmes, " " "	87 00
Spencer Drew, overseer of poor,	30 00
William F. Soule, ringing bell,	2 00
Cyrus W. Ripley, constable,	6 00
Childs & Sullivan, printing reports,	81 00
Simeon W. McLauthlen, rent of room,	15 00
Nathan Brooks, town clerk,	25 00
Burges & Keith school-books,	101 56
William H. Whitman, recording by-laws,	2 00
Avery & Doten, printing,	10 25
Edward Gray, assessor,	75 00
John F. Holmes, "	75 00
Alden S. Bradford, "	75 00
E. E. Waterman, labor and materials at Town House,	10 00
George H. Sampson, con-table,	12 00
Joseph S. Robbins, repairs on Town House,	4 00
Hunt & Sampson, repair of guide-boards,	3 00
E. D. Merriam, assessor's blanks,	2 00
Nathan Chandler, returns of deaths,	6 75

Peleg T. Brooks, express bills and cash paid,	\$27 61
Expended,	\$1107 17
Appropriation,	1525 00
Unexpended,	\$117 83

FISHERIES.

Town of Pembroke, 2000 alewives,	\$5 00
J. M. Cox, carting alewives,	26 25
Samuel Fuller, clearing smelt brook,	2 00
Samuel E. Ripley, services stocking ponds,	8 00
Morse & Whyte, wire netting,	13 17
Expended,	\$51 42
Appropriation,	100 00
Unexpended,	\$45 58

STATE AID.

Eliza B. Sherman,	12 months,	\$48 00
Mary L. Taylor,	"	48 00
Margaret O'Rourke,	"	48 00
Nancy W. Harlow and child,	"	96 00
Charles F. Washburn,	"	36 00
John C. Bagwell and family,	"	102 00
Joseph S. Robbins,	"	72 00
Caroline M. Willis, guardian,	9 months,	36 00
Expended,		\$186 00
Appropriation,		500 00
Unexpended,		\$14 00

TOWN TREASURY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1873,	\$1007 66
Nathan Chandler, use of Town House,	27 01
Frank H. Holmes, for glass,	1 36
For pedler's license,	6 00
State Treasurer, school fund,	147 51
" " bal. of corporation tax, 1872,	239 49
" " " " 1873,	2810 72
" " bank tax, 1873,	2910 39
" " re-imbursement of State aid,	672 00
County Treasurer, dog licenses,	114 38
Town of Plymouth, for relief of Oliver Bagwell,	4 50
Assessment of taxes and school-books,	7256 76
	\$18,197 78

EXPENDITURES.

William R. Sever, County tax,	\$1624 49
Charles Adams, Jr., State tax,	2182 60
Highway Districts, orders,	1468 82
Removing snow,	238 40
General highway,	75 37
Special highway,	207 01
" " " District No. 3,	62 25
" " " " No. 2,	1107 17
Contingencies,	1368 93
Support of poor,	3312 62
Wages of teachers,	154 41
Repairs of schoolhouses, orders,	220 85
School incidentals,	51 42
Fisheries,	486 00
State aid,	76 75
Bounties on crows, hawks and woodpeckers,	275 00
Treasurer and collector, salary,	15 46
Abatement of taxes and school-books,	

Error in account of school-books,	\$1.84
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	\$12,365.24
Balance in the treasury, March 1 1871,	-5,232.51
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	\$18,197.78

All of the above-named balance in the treasury, in excess of \$1500, will probably be required for payment of teachers' wages for two terms, poor bills at home and abroad, and other current expenses, before the taxes for 1871 become payable.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year; viz.,—

Highway districts,	\$1500
General highways,	350
Removing snow,	300
Wages of teachers,	3200
Repairs of schoolhouses,	250
School incidentals,	250
Support of poor,	150
Treasurer and collector,	275
State aid,	450
Contingencies,	1500
Fisheries,	50
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	\$9575

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

Corporation tax,	\$2800
Bank tax,	2900
State aid re-imbursement,	500
Cash in the treasury,	1500
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	\$7700

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Leaving to be raised by taxation, \$1500.

Annual meeting for 1871, March 30, at 12 o'clock m.

ALDEN S. BRADFORD,

EDWARD GRAY,

JOHN F. HOLMES,

Selection of Kingman.

TOWN HOUSE.

At a meeting legally held at the Town Hall, on Saturday, January 10, 1871, it was—

Voted, "That Allen S. Bradford, Winslow Faunce, Stephen Holmes, Joseph S. Read, Henry Hunt, Philander Cobb and William H. Burgess, be a committee to see if a lot can be procured, and to prepare plans and estimates, for a new Town House, and plans and estimates for enlarging or remodelling the old Town House; to report at the next annual meeting."

The above-named committee submit the following report in print, in order that all voters may be prepared to act promptly and understandingly upon such questions as may arise on its consideration:

In accordance with instructions we have prepared plans for a new Town House, 56x75 feet in dimensions, with a small hall, suitable offices and a safe vault on the lower floor, and a main hall on the upper floor, which we think, in the absence of definite specifications, can be built at a cost of from twelve to fifteen thousand dollars. We have also prepared plans for enlarging the old Town House, by adding twenty feet to its length, and by raising the roof to provide for an additional floor, at an estimated cost of seventy-five hundred dollars.

The committee are unanimously of the opinion that better accommodations for the town and its officers, and better arrangements for the preservation and safety of its records, term reports, and other documents, are imperatively demanded, and should be provided without delay. We believe that to wait for unanimity of opinion on the part of the town will be to wait hopelessly, unwise-

ly and indefinitely. We have, accordingly, at our several meetings, every member being present at each, endeavored to waive our individual preferences as to details, in order to agree upon some proposition which would in our judgment be most likely to meet the approval of the town, and to secure a departure from its previous discreditable and even penal do-nothing policy as to its records and library.

As the result of our deliberations, we recommend the building of a new Town House, substantially in accordance with the plans submitted, provided the full completion of such a building can be assured by a satisfactory contract for a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

We have further to report that a town-house lot, on the Point, so called, containing 26,640 square feet, can be purchased for about two thousand dollars; and that the location of a Town House upon any part of the Green, so called, which contains 26,706 square feet, would be, in our opinion, entirely consistent with the true intent and meaning of the donor, Maj. John Bradford, as expressed in the following clause of the original conveyance by him to the then North Precinct of Plymouth; viz., "This two-acre lot is to be for y^e use of said precinct, for a burying place, training field and to maintain a meeting house, and any other use y^e said precinct or their successors shall see cause to put it to, forever." A location on this lot would require no expenditure for land or grading.

We make no recommendation on this point, because if the town elect to enlarge the old Town House, no action in respect to a lot will be necessary; and if a new Town House is to be built, the choice must be between the two lots above named, and it may well be made by the voters in town meeting. We can only hope that the discussion of this question, if it arises, will be without bitterness, and that the decision finally reached will be promptly and fully acquiesced in by all parties.

For the committee,

ALDEN S. BRADFORD,
Chairman.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KINGSTON IN 1873.

1873.

- Jan. 7. Edward K. Holmes of Kingston and Helen A. Bosworth of North Chelmsford.
- 17. William H. Burges of Kingston and Lathria M. Porter of East Stoughton.
- Feb. 8. George E. Harlow of Abington and Hattie Davis of Plymouth.
- 22. Arthur F. Loring of Duxbury and Ella J. Sampson of Kingston.
- Mar. 11. Charles H. Everson of Kingston and Augusta L. Spooner of Plymouth.
- 27. Horace N. Stevens of North Andover and Anna M. Phipps of Kingston.
- 29. Herbert M. Wilson of Kingston and Julie E. Wood of Plymouth.
- April 1. William L. Bonney of Abington and Laura W. Perkins of Abington.
- 17. George D. Bartlett and Flora L. Dawes, both of Kingston.
- 27. William W. Ripley and Sarah A. King, both of Plymouth.
- May 14. Fred. C. Bailey and Helen M. Peterson, both of Kingston.
- 30. Charles H. Drake, Jr., of Stoughton and Zenna Ann Bradford of Kingston.

- June 12. Melvin E. Peterson of Kingston and Mary E. McLauthlin of Pembroke.
15. David H. Chandler and Mary Burke, both of Duxbury.
19. Arthur Lewis Cushman and Mary Lizzie Packard, both of Kingston.
26. Mads Peter Hanson and Ellen Larson, both of Kingston.
- July 1. Thomas J. Taylor of Kingston and Louise D. Phillips of Duxbury.
- Aug. 3. Fred Marion Thompson of Kingston and Adelaide N. Lobdell of Plympton.
- Sept. 28. Nelson C. Simmons of North Bridgewater and Emeline F. McLauthlin of Middleboro'.
- Oct. 1. John Heath and Ida Hinkley, both of Plymouth.
10. Oliver Sampson and Eliza Chandler, both of Kingston.
- Nov. 2. Gershon Bradford of Kingston and Betsey Reed of East Abington.
3. Reuben A. Gurney and Lois Sturtevant, both of Plymouth.
25. George Langdon Chandler of Franklin (N.H.) and Emily Caroline Phipps of Kingston.
26. Henry Sturtevant, Jr., of Kingston and Caroline E. Chandler of Duxbury.

NATHAN BROOKS,
Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWNS OF KINGSTON IN 1876.

DATE	NAME	AGE	CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAME OF PARENTS.	
June 1.	Samuel W. Cushing	57	P.	Nath'l and Hammah Cushing.	
8.	Mark M. Blaneford	11	Consumption	Sam'l and Rebecca Blaneford.	
21.	Lancy Ann Everson	49	5 21	Consumption	Azzi and Lucy Sampson.
Feb. 8.	Heribet Adams	45	5 4	Allophyly	Crocker and Belinda Sampson.
18.	Anelia W. Fannie	8	3 20	Tuberculosis	Charles P. and Nancy Fannie.
28.	Endes G. Everson	30	5	Old age	Samuel and Fannie Gray.
Mar. 16.	Sallie Bartlett	32	8	Old age	Janes and Moyer Cu-Chinnan.
April 16.	Ellen McDeath	17	9	Acne tuberclosis	Michael and Ellen McDeath.
16.	Beth Anna Delano	8	2	Gastric fever	David and Martha Delano.
16.	Clark Winsor	40	17	Old age	William and Anna Winsor.
17.	Elizabeth Morse	45	3	Epiphysis	John and Sarah Morse.
May 12.	Bailey Bradford	47	13	Bright's Disease	Benben and Betsey Burr.
June 10.	Mary H. Brown	5	5	Scarlet fever	David and Marion Brown.
11.	Jane M. Brown	21	21	Scarlet fever	David and Marion Brown.
22.	Sylvester Bryant	89	4	Old age	Luther and Priscilla Bryant.
23.	Hannah M. Bradford	29	6	Brain fever	Eliza and Susan Bradford.
July 4.	James C. Collier	5	3	Scarlet fever	Charles H. and Flora Coler.
11.	Andrew King	17	7	Consumption	Andrew and Elizabeth King.
Aug. 21.	John Johnson	36	6	Old age and dysentery	John and Deborah Johnson.
31.	Eun Mihell	65	3	Consumption	Ezra and Sarah Mitchell.
Sept. 11.	Mary Reed	63	13	Dropsy, three months	Zachariah and Deborah —.
10.	Percy H. Brown	7	20	Scarlet fever	Abijah and Evelyn Brown.
21.	Judith Bradford	53	5	Old age	Asa and Mary Cook.
Nov. 3.	Rebecca Bryant	78	3	Old age	Andrew and Elizabeth King.
10.	Nathan Ford	15	8	Consumption	Seth and Aseneca MacEachlin.
17.	Zelina Johnson	37	10	Old age	Joseph and Elizab Johnson.
Dec. 8.	Sarah Fannie	52	6	Old age and cancer, 11 mos.	Calvin and Sarah Bradford.
9.	Susie Bates Faine	25	10	Spinal disease	Benjamin C. and Irene Faine.

30 items registered in 1876.

NATHAN BROOKS, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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TOWN OF KINGSTON,

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NAMES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR 1873-4.

	1873. 1874.
F. H. HOLMES, CHAIRMAN.	1873
L. HAYWARD, SECRETARY	2874
W. H. MYRICK, LIBRARIAN	1875
PHILANDER COBB	1876
AUGUSTUS SIMMONS	1874
A. C. HAMMOND	1875

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

W. R. ELLIS.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held March 4, 1874, the following report, as drawn up by the Superintendent, was unanimously adopted.

F. H. HOLMES, *Chairman.*

REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

The lapse of another year makes it my duty to present to you, on behalf of the Committee, a statement of the condition of the schools which it has been their pleasure to place under my superintendence.

I have the honor, therefore, to lay before you the following Report:—

The school in Rocky Nook has been under the charge of Miss Emily Spring for many years. When a teacher continues for such a length of time so faithful and so successful, parents and pupils have very great cause for congratulation. The care taken of the school building and furniture, and the thoughtful consideration given to the health and comfort of the children, are worthy of great praise. It is greatly to be desired that nothing may occur to disturb the uniform success that has thus far attended efforts so untiring and so devoted.

The Superintendent desires to take this opportunity earnestly to impress upon the minds of the older pupils of this school the necessity of keeping steadily up to the mark in the matter of good order, setting thereby such an example to the younger pupils as shall make their teachers' arduous task a pleasant one, and insure a continuation of the prosperity that has long attended her efforts, and of the improvement now so apparent.

The school in Stony Brook, at the close of the first term of the year, was unfortunately deprived of the services of one of our most

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experienced and thorough teachers, Miss C. D. Russell, she having received an appointment in one of the Boston schools.

While the Superintendent feels a gratification at this just recognition of her merits as a teacher, he greatly regrets that Kingston should lose the services of one who for so many years has shown in our schools such marked ability as a disciplinarian and educator. We must, of course, frequently lose valuable teachers from our ranks, where the compensation which we can render them is so far below that which is paid in many other towns. Perhaps it would be well to make, in this connection, the following statement, for the careful consideration of our citizens: By the tables in the last report of the Board of Education, Kingston ranks the twenty-third out of the twenty-five towns in Plymouth County, and the two hundred and eighty-fifth out of the three hundred and forty-two towns in the Commonwealth, in the amount of money appropriated for public schools, in proportion to the amount of her taxable property. But two towns in Plymouth County stand lower on the scale: viz., Mattapoisett and Hull.

In justice to the pupils of our schools, and as one evidence that they are not inclined to neglect the advantages afforded them, the Superintendent is gratified to see that in the table giving the average attendance of pupils, Kingston heads the list in Plymouth County. Are not these facts well worthy the careful consideration of the citizens of Kingston; and is it not an important matter that some effective steps should be taken in order that we may not lose the services of teachers who would otherwise give us the advantage of their talent and tact in the education of our children?

Miss Hayward, of West Bridgewater, was employed for the second term of the school year in Stony Brook; but a manifest failure to control the school and to interest the pupils, made it necessary to make still another change, and Mr. Harvey Reed was selected for the third term.

Considering the somewhat demoralized condition of the pupils (a result almost sure to follow from a frequent change of teachers), the school now appears well. Mr. Reed seems to possess

that quality so essential to the successful teacher, of enforcing obedience to orders quietly.

Miss Sturtevant still continues the teacher of North West School, a position she has long occupied with honor to herself, and profit to those placed under her charge. The Superintendent is much pleased with the progressive character of her teaching, as he seldom visits the school without witnessing some little improvement in methods of instruction, or some interesting exercise introduced, calculated to enliven the monotony of the school-room and to benefit the pupils.

Miss Olive Simmons has been uniformly successful with the school in Wapping since it was placed under her charge. In point of numbers this school ranks the smallest in town; but the quiet demeanor of the pupils and the air of attention to study that seems to pervade the room, give evidence that the time of teacher and pupils is not misspent.

Miss Lydia P. Ring, teacher of Indian Pond school, was, from ill health, compelled to resign at the close of the first term. The thorough knowledge that Miss R. possessed of the capabilities of the pupils, who had for such a length of time been under her care, and the evident ability to govern and instruct successfully, made it a matter of great regret when circumstances thus compelled her to rest from the exhausting labors of the school-room; but Miss Harrub, who has taught the school for the remainder of the year, has proved herself fully competent to carry on the good work of her predecessor; and the school continues one of the best under my charge.

The Centre Primary is still presided over by Miss Marion Burgess. May she long continue in this responsible position! The task of instructing so many children at the age when they are intrusted to her, is a delicate and difficult one. These first steps in knowledge are important ones. The subsequent career of the child depends much upon the manner in which these steps are taken. It is to be hoped that the inhabitants of the centre of the town appreciate the fidelity and patience of this teacher, and

her untiring efforts in behalf of the children intrusted in her charge.

The Centre Grammar was, during the first term, taught by Miss Perry. This school has, for many years, proved a very trying one to teachers, and only those have been entirely successful therein who possess that certain something, so difficult to define, that moulds the will of the child, and makes it by some mysterious process disinclined to go counter to the will of the teacher. Miss Perry, though possessing some excellent qualities as a teacher, was not successful; and at the commencement of the second term Miss McWilliams was engaged. She has contended vigorously with the difficulties that have surrounded her, and the school has made good progress under her administration, but she declines to be considered an applicant for the position of teacher for another year.

The two years' experience of the Superintendent convinces him that peculiar difficulties surround the selection of a teacher for this school. A spirit seems to exist, that prompts some of the pupils to make repeated attempts to baffle the teacher in her efforts to bring the school into a good state of discipline; and it is greatly to be desired that it should be placed in charge of some person whose authority cannot in any manner be questioned.

The High School was taught the first two terms by Mr. C. C. Sheldon. He commenced the third term, but an opportunity occurred that seemed to offer him peculiar advantages to study the profession he had chosen, and he was therefore released from his engagement. Mr. Sheldon's excellence as a disciplinarian cannot be called in question; his ability as a linguist was evident from the rapid improvement of those placed under his charge in that department of the school; but to the so-called common branches of education (which the condition of the school makes it necessary so large a majority of the pupils should pursue) Mr. Sheldon failed to impart that interest which insures their successful prosecution.

The Superintendent is very desirous to do no one any injustice; and it seems to him, that this is an impartial and candid statement

of the condition of affairs as they have existed under Mr. Sheldon's administration.

The High School has really required the services of a second teacher during the entire year, but the town appropriation did not justify this necessary expenditure. Mr. Sheldon, therefore, labored under a serious disadvantage from the commencement of the year, which only a great amount of energy and a deep interest in the success of the school could possibly have remedied.

At the commencement of the winter term, the introduction into both the Grammar and High Schools, of pupils who could only enjoy the privileges of study for a limited time, made it actually necessary that a second teacher should be employed; and Miss B. Burgess, long and favorably known as one of our most thorough instructors, was appointed to the position. Upon Mr. Sheldon's resignation, Mr. Towle was elected as substitute for the remainder of the year.

The very effective assistance which Miss Burgess is able to render the principal, most certainly affords uncommon facilities for improvement. Her efforts, combined with those of Mr. Towle, whose qualifications as a teacher are undoubtedly, must, it seems, produce favorable results. The Superintendent looks with interest to the approaching examination, which he trusts will prove that the efforts made to promote the greater efficiency of the school have not been in vain.

I am well aware that the policy of admitting to the High School pupils who have not attained a certain standard of qualification has been frequently criticised. From whichever point of view this subject is regarded, difficulties seem to surround it. The result of a strict examination at the commencement of the present year would have been, in effect, to exclude from the school almost every applicant; and would have reduced the number of pupils to some fifteen, while it would have unduly crowded some of the other schools. If an error was made, it was from a sincere desire to promote "the greatest good for the greatest number," and from a hope that the thorough drill and improved methods of instruction

supposed to exist in a High School, might result in encouraging those who were admitted to put forth such efforts as might result in such manifest improvement as would be highly gratifying to parents, pupils, teachers and committee. The Superintendent would earnestly recommend the employment of a second teacher in the High School for the entire year.

Judging from the criticisms that have from time to time been made relative to the school since its establishment, it would appear that the citizens of the town have not been entirely satisfied with the result of the experiment. If there was an expectation that (in a town where the children between the ages of five and fifteen number some two hundred and sixty) a high school could be kept up equal to those in our more populous towns, that expectation was certainly doomed to disappointment.

Our citizens would hardly be satisfied on their visits to the school to find it composed of some ten members, even if the favored ten should show by their qualifications that they were fully equal to that number in any other high school of the Commonwealth; and yet, ten pupils well qualified for a high school are about the number we may reasonably expect to draw from two hundred and sixty pupils between the ages of five and fifteen.

I know of no better or more sensible method of solution to this difficulty, than for the town liberally to place in the school two of the best teachers that can be found for the compensation that we can offer; for our citizens may be assured, that the wide range of studies that the peculiar condition of the school demands should be pursued, requires the faithful, persistent efforts of a hard-working principal and a faithful assistant.

It is a far easier task to criticise and find some deficiency in the work of others, than seriously to set ourselves to work to devise some wise method to remedy that which appears to us not well done. Kingston High School is not by any means such a school as it would be were there two thousand children in town to swell its ranks, making it necessary that the examination of applicants should be searching and diligent in order that the crowd of candidates

dates might be reduced. Still, from its formation there has been good work done in Kingston High School for the children of the town. Deficiencies exist, and sometimes we may feel that they might be remedied by greater zeal and devotedness on the part of those who may have the school in charge; difficulties surround it, inherent in its very formation; but the school is nevertheless an honor and a blessing to the town; and our citizens should take a deep interest in its success, and should vigorously advocate an increase rather than a reduction of its ability to educate the youth who gather within its walls. From the nature of circumstances the number of pupils may sometimes be small; but if the liberality of the town places good teachers at its head, who have time afforded them to instruct thoroughly those placed under their charge, the school will assuredly triumph over all the obstacles that beset it, and will prove itself an effective instrument in the education of our children.

The remaining numbers of Monroe's series of Readers (Nos. 1, 2 and 3) have this year been introduced into the schools, the bill for the same amounting to some \$38.

From non-residents there have been received the following sum for tuition : —

From Town of Duxbury,	\$16 00
" Mrs. Burgess,	10 00
" Mr. Barrab,	12 00
Amounting to	\$38 00

Some \$10 still remain due.

The Committee, feeling the actual necessity of employing a second teacher in the High School, recommend that the appropriation for schools be increased to \$3400 00

For wood, &c., &c., 250 00
" repairs on school buildings, 300 00

In taking a survey, fellow citizens, of the educational work that has been done during the last year, I think you have reason to be gratified with the general intelligence and skill manifested by our

teachers, as a body, and with the success that has on the whole attended their labors. The Superintendent trusts he shall be pardoned if he takes this opportunity to say a few words to the teachers who may have our schools in charge for another year.

The teacher's task, since the first schoolmaster commenced his labors, has, from the nature of things, always been an arduous one; but at no period perhaps of the world's history has so much been required of the teacher as at the present time, and the difficulties that beset his path were never more apparent. The teacher of the olden time was recognized within his realm as the undoubted sovereign there: his authority was unquestioned either by parents or pupils; and his influence extended not only over the six hours of his reign in the schoolroom, but went forth and governed to a great extent the daily walk and conversation of the pupils outside of the schoolroom. The teacher was aided then by a strict parental influence.

A great change has taken place in all these things. In too many families the children ate the rulers and not the subordinates; and they enter the schoolroom disinclined to surrender the reins of government. As a natural consequence, there is a struggle for authority, and in the conflict that ensues the child is frequently encouraged in his insubordination by the evident sympathy of the parents in his behalf, or by the indiscreet remarks and criticisms of father and mother.

Your task, then, fellow teachers, is evidently a difficult one, requiring patience, firmness and wisdom. My advice to you is, make up your minds to be undisputed rulers of the schoolroom: show no weakness in this respect; yet resolve that you will exercise your power firmly, but wisely, kindly and quietly. You will thus enlist in your behalf all wise-minded parents, and will find very few in your school inclined to hold out long in any disobedience of your orders.

I would urge upon you also, fellow teachers, the duty of daily personal preparation in the studies your classes are pursuing. I trust you will not imagine, by this advice, that it is my intention

to express any doubt relative to your attainments; but I believe that the "live teacher," as year after year passes away in the service, will see more plainly the necessity of giving careful preparatory thought to each day's work; and that by so doing, he will find his pupils more alive and more enthusiastic in what they are called upon to do. I would also urge upon you the necessity of effort to exert in some way an influence for good upon your pupils outside the schoolroom. While you need not interfere with the mirth and joyousness of childhood, you can still strive to mould its expression into a proper form, and do something, at least, to restrain the spirit of disorder and license that is so frequently apparent.

As one powerful means of influence in the hands of teachers, I would mention that of bringing themselves face to face with the parents of pupils who are inattentive to study, or rebellious in disposition. The parents, I trust, are few who, if they are approached in a proper manner, will not listen with interest to the suggestions of the teacher, and make an effort to aid him in promoting the welfare of their children.

True, the labors of the schoolroom are exhausting, and at the close of the day we are disposed to rest; but we must remember that law and custom do not require our presence in the school much over six hours in the twenty-four, and that while others are called upon to labor six days in the week we are released at the close of the fifth. The employees of the city schools receive a greater compensation than can generally be paid in the more sparsely settled parts of the State; but if I am rightly informed, the labor attached to the situation is increased in quite the same ratio, occupying much of the time that you are allowed for rest. Much, therefore, can be done by the judicious and earnest teacher out of school, to influence the welfare and to improve the characters of those entrusted to his charge.

In bringing this report to a close, allow me, fellow citizens, to express the hope, that you will show an increased interest this year in the success of our schools; and that one of the many methods in which this increased interest may be manifested, shall

be by such an increase of appropriation as shall strengthen the committee in their efforts to render our schools more efficient and useful.

W. K. ELLIS,
Superintendent of Schools,
For the Committee.

KINGSTON, March 10 1874.

APPENDIX I.

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE IN THE KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR SEVEN YEARS.

APPENDIX II.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1873-74.

NAME OF TEACHERS.	NAME OF SCHOOLS,	WHITE		BLACK		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.		PERCENTAGE OF ATTENDANCE.	TAXES, TARSES,	EXCISE OF SCHOOL- ROOMS.	WAGES OF TEACH- ERS.	
		SUM.	FALL.	WINTER.	SUM.	FALL.	WINTER.					
Mr. C. G. Sheldon, Mr. G. R. Tavel, Miss B. Burgess, Mr. Henry, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. C. D. Russell, Mr. Hayward, Mr. H. Reed, Miss Sherriff, Mr. O. Simmons, Mr. B. Ring, Mr. B. Harris, Mr. E. Spillig, Mr. Marion Burgess,	High School, Town Grammar, Stony Brook, Northwest, Wapping, Union Point, Rocky Neck, Georges Primary,	31 45 29 19 11 26 26 33 38	25 34 30 29 13 35 45 45 60	46 39 40 31 12 35 35 45 50	27 31 21 25 15 16 18 25 31	40 32 26 36 11 30 30 37 31	58 89 91 81 84 75 80 41 51	88 90 90 81 84 81 80 80 88	87 90 90 84 84 81 85 87 91	\$8. \$12. \$12. \$12. \$12. \$12. \$12. \$12. \$12.	\$1112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112.	\$1112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112. \$112.

APPENDIX III.

SCHOOL FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.

For school-year 1873-4, for wages and board of teachers, making fires, and care of school-rooms, &c.

Town appropriation	.	.	.	.	83259.00
State fund	.	.	.	.	117.51
Dog licenses	.	.	.	.	114.38
Total	.	.	.	.	83511.89

Non-resident scholars, 38.

EXPENDITURES.

For wages and board of teachers \$3361.84
Fuel, care of school-rooms, &c. 220.85

Total	.	.	.	.	83582.69
Overdrawn	.	.	.	.	32.80

Town appropriation for repairs of school-houses \$300.00
Expended 154.41
Unexpended 8145.59