

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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**MASSACHUSETTS**

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## REPORT OF SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR, AND BOARD OF HEALTH

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At the annual March meeting<sup>d</sup> held March 3, 1923, Albert E. Holmes, Moderator, the following town officers were elected:

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector—Henry S. Everson.  
Selectmen—Walter H. Faunce, George E. Fogg, and Albert H. Holmes.

Assessor—Frank C. Woodward.

Auditor—Edward E. Bird.

Water Commissioner—Clinton T. Keith.

Overseers of the Poor—Walter H. Faunce, George E. Fogg, and Albert H. Holmes.

Constables—Howard L. Rushton, Louis F. Bartz.

School Committee—Ruth H. Bailey, Carl W. Stegmaier.

Trustees of Public Library—Harvey A. Soule, Henry L. Barker.

Tree Warden—Charles H. Childs.

Upon the announcement of the result of the ballot the meeting was adjourned to March 10th next, at 1.30 o'clock P. M., when the following officers were chosen and business transacted:

Pound Keeper—Charles E. Lowe.

Field Driver—Thomas Kelliher.

Surveyor of Lumber and Wood—George B. Holmes, Fred G. Brackett.

Fence Viewers—Roland Bailey, George E. Cushman.  
 Fish Committee—George E. Cushman, Edward E. Bird,  
 Leander W. Raymond.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money, with the approval of a majority of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes, the same to be paid from the receipt of taxes for the current year.

Voted, to accept the report of the various town officers.

Voted, to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the Farm Bureau and chose Horace Holmes as representative of said bureau.

Voted, not to accept the Sidewalk Account.

Voted, that the sum of \$4,000 be appropriated with which to purchase a dumping truck with snowplow attachment; \$1,000 of said sum to be made a part of the tax levy of the current year and the balance to be raised by loan, and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to issue three notes of \$1,000 each, one to be paid in each of the years 1924-25-26.

Voted, that the Town accept aid of the State and County for the building of a section of the Wapping Road and Pembroke Street.

Voted, that the Selectmen cause signboards to be placed at all intersection of streets and painted, the expense attending the same to be charged to the Contingent Account.

Voted, the following appropriations:

For Schools,	\$34,000 00
For Highways,	11,000 00
For Water Department,	6,000 00
For Poor Department,	3,000 00
For State Aid,	800 00
For Soldiers' Relief,	600 00

For Suppression of Crime,	1,100 00
For Suppression of Moths,	1,000 00
For Street Lighting,	1,500 00
For Town Library,	1,300 00
For Treasurer and Collector,	900 00
For Fire Department,	700 00
For Farm Bureau,	100 00
For Town House,	500 00
For Tree Warden,	100 00
For Contingent,	4,100 00
For Forest Fires,	100 00
For Town Green,	500 00
For Town Survey,	1,500 00
For Memorial Day,	150 00
For Notes and Interest,	10,000 00

\$1,000.00 for a truck having been previously appropriated.

At a town meeting held March 10, 1923, it was

Voted, that there be appropriated the sum of \$18,000.00 for the use of the Water Department of the Town in improving its storage, pumping and distributing facilities and that to meet said appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow said sum and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said bonds or notes to be denominated Kingston Water Loan Act of 1920, and to be made payable in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 14, Chap. 719 of the Acts of 1913, so that the whole sum shall be paid within thirty years from the date of the first note or bond.

At a special town meeting held May 8, 1923, it was

Voted, in order to meet the payment of the appropriation of \$3,000 made at the last annual March meeting, the Town issue three notes of \$1,000 each, one to be made payable in each year, 1924, 1925, 1926, and that the Treasurer be au-

thorized to issue the said notes with the approval of the Selectmen.

Voted, that the Wapping Schoolhouse and lot be sold at public auction by the Selectmen.

Voted, that the Selectmen may sell the Poor House and lot at their discretion.

Voted, that the Town pay 50 cents per hour for labor, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 5 o'clock P. M., to constitute a day's work with extra pay for overtime.

Voted, that the salary of the Highway Surveyor shall be \$1,300.00 per year.

At a special town meeting held Nov. 6, 1923, it was

Voted, that the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated in addition to the \$18,000 appropriated at the special town meeting held March 10, 1923, for the use of the Water Department in the completion of the new reservoir and \$1,000 be appropriated in addition to the \$6,000 appropriated at the annual March meeting for the Water Department. Said sums to be paid from any sum in the treasury.

## ORDERS PAID

The following appropriations were made and orders drawn for the various departments:

### FOR SCHOOLS.

The appropriation was		\$34,000 00
Orders have been drawn		
For teachers' wages,	\$20,551 00	
For school books,	1,074 35	
For repairs,	1,030 57	
For fuel and care,	4,717 83	
For Incidentals,	1,340 01	
For conveyance,	1,299 28	
For nurse,	555 50	
For music,	500 00	
For drawing,	500 00	
For superintendent,	1,205 89	
For physician,	150 00	
		\$33,924 43

For further particulars see report of the School Committee hereunto annexed.

The following appropriations have been paid in full:

Treasurer and Collector,	\$900 00
Public Library,	1,300 00
Memorial Day,	150 00
Town Survey,	1,500 00
Farm Bureau,	100 00
Truck,	1,000 00

### SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

An appropriation of \$1,100 was made at the annual meeting and there has been expended \$1,211.22 and a larger sum will be required unless sterner methods are adopted by our courts for the protection of the life of the people, old and young. It has been found necessary to furnish an officer at a number of extremely dangerous places on our highways during the summer season. Fortunately there has been no serious accident during the year, although it is reported that 578 persons have been killed by autos within the State during the year just passed and 10,000 in the United States.

### TOWN HOUSE.

There was appropriated,	\$500 00
This with the receipts for use of hall,	208 00
Makes a total of	<hr/> \$708 00
Amount of orders drawn, \$621.07,	

### CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

There was appropriated,	\$4,000 00
There has been paid and charged to this account,	\$4,685 00
An overdraw of	\$685 00
This account is the receptacle of all claims that are not provided for by appropriation.	
Accordingly an order for the payment of an assessment of \$701.90 for support of the Hanson Hospital and \$245.25 for support of the Gurnet Bridge were charged to this ac-	

count, that sum being more than the excess of appropriation. These assessments are made from time to time and their payment cannot be avoided. The Town cannot provide for them because the demand is not made till after the annual meeting and it becomes a duty of the Assessors to provide the means for their payment.

### WATER DEPARTMENT.

There was appropriated for the ordinary expenses of the Water Department at the March meeting \$6,000 and at a special meeting held in November, another \$1,000 was added, making \$7,000 for the use of that department. Orders have been drawn amounting to \$7,169.96. For special water purposes, the rebuilding of the reservoir and for other necessary repairs the sum of \$18,000 was appropriated at a special meeting held March 10th, and an addition of \$3,000 at a meeting held in November, making the sum of \$21,000 provided for this purpose. Orders have been drawn amounting to \$20,997.96, which makes the amount expended and charged to the Water Department for the year, \$28,167.92, a sum almost equal to the original cost of the plant.

We have great confidence in those who manage our water system and know that such unusual expenditures are unavoidable, but are hopeful that we may not be called upon again in the immediate future to provide for another large outlay. At best it will take years to redeem the bonds issued for this special purpose even if we apply all that is received from water takers above the annual expenses of the department, which expenses seemingly, might be reduced after such various important improvements as have been made in recent years.



### HIGHWAYS

The sum of \$11,000 was appropriated at the annual March meeting for highway purposes; \$7,217.56 has been paid and charged to the ordinary highway account, and \$13,845.40 paid and charged to the special highway account. The sum of \$1,246, which was allowed in the settlement with the State and County for the use of the highway trucks, will not appear in the account of the Treasurer. The sum of \$10,000 has been reimbursed by State and County.

### POOR.

In this department a number of unusual cases have occurred. One case of settlement is now pending that will probably reach the court. In other cases, this Town will probably be relieved of large expense on account of absence from the Town five years and not having gained a settlement elsewhere, the burden of support will fall upon the State. The Town appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for this department and \$5,758.15 has been expended. More than this excess is due from other municipalities and will be reimbursed in the near future. Changes are constantly taking place in this department but in the opinion of the Overseers of the Poor an increase of the sum necessary for the year to come will not be required.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Of the work of this department little can be said. The first few minutes in case of a fire is very important and although the most disastrous fires have been conveniently located near the Kingston fire apparatus, what was accomplished was done largely by the Plymouth Fire Company.

upon whose kindly efforts we are certainly greatly indebted. The Town allowed \$700 for the use of the department and \$551.71 has been expended.

### FOREST FIRES.

Although much is being expended by the State and Town for the protection of our forests, there never was a time when fires were so numerous and the outlay so great. The Town appropriated \$100, and there has been paid and charged to the account of forest fires, \$532.58. If these fires are occasioned by carelessness or by incendiarism, either, it should be made a criminal offence. It is expected that some part of this unusual outlay will be reimbursed by the railroad company.

### STATE AID.

The number now receiving State Aid is but ten, four soldiers and six widows of soldiers. The sum distributed is \$674.00. The death of Frank C. Hill reduces the number of recipients since last year.

### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

The sum of \$600.00 has been paid. This whole sum has been paid for the benefit of one widow whose husband was among the first to respond to the call in 1861.

## SUPPRESSION OF MOTHS.

Of the amount of \$1563.10 paid for the destruction of moths in 1922, \$465.04 was reimbursed by the State. Of the \$1345.29 expended in 1923 we may expect that some part thereof will be refunded. It is pretty evident that we shall always have the moths with us. The bills presented for their destruction indicate that an auto is an important feature.

## TOWN GREEN.

This small section of a lot of land given by Major John Bradford in 1721 was given for a training field, at a time when nearly every able man between the ages of 18 and 45 was obliged to belong to the military list and join in military exercises held in May of each year. It has been newly laid down and an iron fence set on Main street. And it has been found necessary to set a line of posts near the Town House to protect the ground from the encroachment of parties for parking purposes, which if permitted would soon undo the work lately accomplished.

## STREET LIGHTING.

\$1500.00 was appropriated for street lighting at the annual meeting and notwithstanding lights have been added during the year there is an unexpended balance at the end of the year of \$270.90, which will allow an addition of more lights without increasing the appropriation.

Maple street is being much used by heavy trucks, and in the night time, to avoid the hills on Main and Summer

streets and lights are here much needed, especially at its junction with the landing road and near the bridge by the works of C. Drew & Co.

## TOWN FINANCES.

The town debt is as follows:

Kingston Water Loan Bonds:

17 Bonds of \$500.00 each at 5½% interest payable one each year beginning with May 1st, 1924, \$8,500 00

Kingston Water Loan:

8 Notes of \$1,000.00 each at 5½% interest, one note payable each year beginning April 1st, 1924, 8,000 00

Kingston Water Loan:

18 Notes of \$1,000.00 each at 4¾% interest, one payable in each year beginning with May 1st, 1924, 18,000 00

Kingston State Highway Loan:

1 Note of \$2,500.00 at 5½% interest payable December 1st, 1924, 2,500 00

Highway Land Damage Loan:

6 Notes of \$1,000.00 each and one of \$500.00 at 5% interest, one payable in each year beginning with December 21st, 1924, 6,500 00

Kingston Highway Loan:

3 Bonds of \$1,000.00 each at 4½% interest, one payable in each year beginning with May 1st, 1924, 3,000 00

KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL LOAN:

13 Bonds of \$1,000.00 each at 5½% interest, one payable in each year beginning with August 1st, 1924, 13,000 00



# PLYMOUTH COUNTY HOSPITAL LOAN:

8 Bonds of \$500.00 each with interest at 5 1/4%, one payable in each year beginning with May 1st, 1921. 4,000 00

A note of \$8,000.00 held by the Plymouth National Bank due in December last. 8,000 00

Making a total indebtedness of \$71,500 00 with an interest exceeding \$3,500.00 per annum.

Upon examination of the foregoing statement it will be seen that we are to provide for the payment of \$16,000.00 of the \$71,500.00, with interest on the whole sum the present year, which means an addition to our tax levy of nearly \$20,000.00. This might be paid by the collection of unpaid taxes of previous years but the prospect is not encouraging.

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

We should consider ourselves very fortunate in the matter of contagious diseases the past year, especially, when considering the number of such cases in nearby towns during that period. This is no doubt somewhat due to the co-operation of our local physicians and the school nurse (Miss Mange), with this Board thereby making it possible to quickly isolate any suspicious cases.

It is necessary to bring to the attention of those selling milk in the town of Kingston that they must first secure a Milk Permit from the Board of Health. These permits are issued effective as of May 1st for a period of one year only.

# THE ICHABOD WASHBURN BENEVOLENT FUND.

The annual report of the Trustees of this Fund is placed on file and shows that there has been received an income of \$514 00

There has been paid for surety bond, \$37 50

There has been paid for supplies, 4 50

There has been distributed to 26 widows, 337 00

There has been distributed to 12 single women, 120 00

Expense of distribution, 15 00

\$514 00

## LUCY AMES TRUST FUND.

There has been no change in the investment during the year.

There was on hand January 1st, 1923. \$129 43

There was received in interest April 15, 1923, 170 00

There was received interest October 15, 1923, 170 00

Total receipts, \$469 13

There has been paid for labor. \$175 63

Leaving a balance on hand of 293 50

with which to begin the work of the spring.

A part of this balance would be will spent if by doing so the vandals who committed depredations during the autumn upon the grounds could be detected.

## THE WILLIS FUND.

There was on hand January 1, 1923, \$40 79

There has been received from Plymouth National Bank, 39 00

There has been received from Home Savings Bank,

90 00

Total receipts,

\$169 79

There has been paid for benefit of children and youth,

\$155 00

Leaving a balance on deposit of

14 79

Early in January when dividends become due, more will be drawn and distributed.

The fund now consist of deposit in Home Savings Bank, Boston,

2,000 00

Deposit in East Boston Savings Bank of

2,000 00

And accumulations for nearly two years.

Deposit in Plymouth Five Cent Savings Bank of

1,455 00

with its accumulations for nearly one year.

Deposit in Brockton Savings Bank,

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and interest for nearly one year.

39 shares of Plymouth National Bank and 1 share of Old Colony Railroad stock.

List of recommendations for consideration at the Annual March meeting:

Schools,

Highways,

\$11,000 00

Water,

6,000 00

Poor,

5,000 00

State Aid,

700 00

Soldiers' Relief,

400 00

Suppression of Crime,

1,200 00

Suppression of Moths,

1,000 00

Street Lighting,

1,500 00

Library,

1,000 00

Treasurer and Collector,

900 00

Fire Department,

700 00

Farm Bureau,

100 00

Town House,

500 00

Tree Warden,

100 00

Contingent,

4,000 00

Forest Fires,

200 00

Town Green,

100 00

Town Survey,

500 00

Memorial Day,

150 00

Bonds, Notes and Interest,

20,000 00

Appropriations in excess of these recommendations means a continuance of the present high rate of tax or an addition to our present excessive bonded indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. FAUNCE,

GEORGE E. FOGG,

ALBERT H. HOLMES,

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

The following assessment of taxes was made as of the first day of April, 1923:

Number of resident taxes on property,	638
Number of non-resident taxes on property,	473
Number assessed upon polls only,	253
Number of taxes,	1,364
Number of poll taxes,	734
Value of tangible personal estate, \$311,665 00	
Value of buildings \$1,397,330 00	
Value of land, 518,630 00	
Value of real estate, ———— \$1,825,960 00	
Total valuation, ————	\$2,137,625 00
Assessed on personal estate,	\$11,219 94
Assessed on real estate,	65,734 56
Assessed on polls,	3,670 00
Total assessment, ————	\$80,624 50
Giving an overlay, \$475.42.	
Rate of taxation, \$36 per \$1,000.	
Assessment for Town purposes,	\$66,850 00
Assessment for State Tax,	4,560 00
Assessment for County tax,	3,909 08
Assessment for Hospital,	700 00
Assessment for State highway,	828 00
Assessment for Gurnet bridge,	250 00
Assessment for poll tax to be paid to State,	2,202 00
Assessment for Cole note with interest,	850 00
Overlay,	475 42
	<hr/> \$80,624 50

Number of dwelling houses taxed,	882
Number of acres of land taxed,	9,725
Number of horses taxed,	100
Number of cows taxed,	162
Number of other cattle,	39
Number of swine,	2
Number of fowl,	2,038

### ASSESSMENTS OMITTED IN APRIL.

Taxed in December as provided by Sect. 75 of Chap. 59 of the General Laws.

Value of real estate taxed,	\$31,733 00
Value of personal estate taxed,	\$200 00
Tax on real estate,	\$1,142 38
Tax on personal,	\$7 20
Total December tax,	\$1,149 58
Number of houses,	12
Number of acres,	267-10
Number of residents,	4
Number of non-residents,	9

The tax rate of \$36 per \$1,000 is a higher rate than should be continued. But so long as every request is granted which is made at our annual town meeting and supplemented at subsequent special meetings it cannot be done. Advice from the Tax Commissioner reads, that "the Assessors shall feel in duty bound to make sure of providing sufficient funds to cover the expenditures legally binding upon the municipality and at the same time keep the tax rate at as low a figure as will accomplish this." The Assessors in Kingston have endeavored for the last three years to provide sufficient funds to cover the expenditures legally binding and their purpose has been thwarted by action at

special meetings. And this year it will be necessary to carry over into next year a note of \$8,000 now due.

The reluctance shown in the payment of taxes and the delay attending the payment, seems a chronic disease that needs drastic treatment. That the uncollected list is too large needs no demonstration and is worthy consideration at the coming town meeting. All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK C. WOODWARD,

HOWARD L. BAKER,

WALTER H. FAUNCE,

Assessors of Kingston.

## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

At the last annual Town Meeting, \$11,000.00 was appropriated for Highway purposes to be apportioned as follows:

Wapping Road and Pembroke Street,	\$5,000 00
Highway Surveyor's Salary,	1,300 00
Balance for general Highway purposes,	4,700 00
	<hr/> \$11,000 00

Due to the Selectmen and your Highway Surveyor having kept in close touch with the activities of the County Commissioners and State Highway Department, it was possible last Spring to secure for Kingston an allotment of \$5,000.00 from the County and the same from the State to be used with a like sum (\$5,000.00) from Kingston in the rebuilding of Wapping road to the Plympton line and such portions of Pembroke street as could be done within the \$15,000.00 appropriation.

### WAPPING ROAD AND PEMBROKE STREET.

Wapping Road was completed through to the Plympton Line, a distance of 3,470 feet with a heavy tar bound macadam, 18 feet wide with a three foot shoulder on each side. Without doubt the heaviest piece of macadam in Kingston today.

Pembroke Street was rebuilt for a distance of 2,200 feet with an 18 foot tar and gravel road and it is hoped the Town will see fit soon to extend this character of highway through to the Pembroke line, a distance of approximately two miles. The fact that both of these jobs were done in

accordance with specifications of the Massachusetts Highway Commission does not in any way change their status. They are still Town Highways, construction in accordance with their specifications being a requirement in all cases where money is contributed by the State. I am convinced that inasmuch as the State and County were agreeable to having this work done with our own equipment and town labor, a very considerable saving was possible and that we now have two new pieces of road built at a figure well under what similar construction has cost in numerous other Towns: and moreover, two-thirds of the expense was assumed jointly by the State and County. I most certainly hope the Town of Kingston at the next annual Town meeting will authorize the Selectmen and Highway Surveyor to endeavor to enter into a similar arrangement with the Massachusetts Highway and Plymouth County Commissioners for further work on Pembroke street the coming year.

I feel there are some Townspeople who have a misunderstanding as to the source from which the State and County receive the moneys they are permitted to allot to the small towns for assistance in their Highway work. Such assistance is permitted for work on direct through routes only.

All moneys used by the Massachusetts Highway Department for these purposes come from motor registration.

The County funds are the result of direct assessment against various towns and cities known as the County Tax and in proportion to their mileage the large towns and cities assume a very great proportion of this tax. still they cannot secure County and State assistance for such Highway work. However, fortunately for Kingston certain sums are available from these Commissions for the small towns who are laboring under great difficulties to keep their main

thoroughfares in passable condition for the present day motor requirements.

Is it not therefore evident that if we can convince the State and County authorities that Kingston, a small town from a valuation standpoint, needs assistance in building these through routes and they are agreeable to going in with us on an equal basis of expenditure, that we cannot afford to pass up the opportunity.

\$4,700.00 has been expended on our other highways, 1,200 feet of new stone road was built on Elm street, and several short stretchs in various parts of the town as well as the usual seraping, patching and oiling. More could be spent to advantage had the Town the means to so do. I sincerely hope that a sum for Highway purposes no less than that authorized for last year will be provided at the next annual meeting to carry on this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN S. NICKERSON,

Highway Surveyor.

## REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The most important work in the Water Department during 1923 has been the laying of a new six-inch main pipe through Crescent Street and thence to the Plymouth line, and the repairing and enlarging of the reservoir.

Knowing that there would be no chance whatever for water storage in any part of our system during several months while the reservoir work was in progress we asked the Plymouth Water Department to allow us to connect our main pipe with theirs and thus to have their water storage to draw upon in case of any emergency in Kingston. Our request was granted most cordially, the connecting pipe with a gate valve in it was laid in due season, our water takers along the line that was replaced were supplied from the Plymouth system while the change was being made and from that time on, until our new reservoir was in condition to be put into service, the gate valve in the connecting pipe remained open. Later on it was closed and will remain so subject to any emergency that may arise in the water system of either town and which may make it useful.

When this preparatory work was completed our reservoir was emptied, a 2 1-2-inch pipe was so connected there as to furnish full pressure, and then the job of repairing and enlarging was taken up and carried on steadily. Nine inches thickness of concrete was laid on the floor, 14 inches in thickness was applied to the wall up to the top of the original brick structure, and above that an extension about 10 feet high and 16 inches thick was built. About 15 tons of re-enforcing steel bars, nearly 3,000 bags of Portland cement, and 25,000 feet of lumber were required. Much of

this lumber is nearly as good as new and all of it that is fit for further use is for sale.

The present capacity of the reservoir is figured at 396,000 gallons.

It was a disappointment to us to have to ask for a second appropriation to complete the work on the reservoir. We erred in our estimate mostly by not foreseeing the increase in costs of labor and material, which took place after the first appropriation was made. We originally estimated the cost of the extension of the 6-inch pipe to the Plymouth line at \$6,000.00. The trenching, laying of pipe, and refilling was done on contract, all material was bought by us, and the total cost was \$6,923.00. We feel confident that no one could have found a way to do that work right for any less money.

The work at the reservoir was not done by contract. Very favorable terms were made with Mr. J. P. Harrington whereby he designed and carried through all details of construction. He hired the help needed and the time sheets were approved by our superintendent, who was in close touch with the work and spent many hours overtime on the job without extra remuneration. With this method there was no incentive to slight the work in any way and it was considered the best insurance against defective workmanship. Considering the saving in the usual cost of engineering services, and contractor's profits, we claim that our method was the most economical. The total cost of the reservoir job was about \$11,770.00. We hope and expect to obtain about \$1,000.00 from the sale of lumber and various items of equipment now on hand.

The additional supply of water, that is coming from the new wells driven in 1922 together with the increased flow from old wells that were cleaned at that time, is satisfactory, and has easily kept the town supplied during the driest part of the past year.



From the stock of 4-inch pipe on hand there has been laid 150 feet to reach Prouty's Garage and 300 feet to supply water to families on May avenue.

The receipts from water takers in 1923 were \$9,879.30, and from miscellaneous sources \$57.90. For maintenance, additions, etc., there has been expended \$7,169.96. Notes of the town amounting to \$18,000.00 have been issued during the year and the Water Department debt amounted to \$34,500.00 Jan. 1, 1924.

Expenditures on extension to Plymouth line:

Pipe and Fittings,	\$3,852 45	
Freight and Express,	592 95	
Carting,	96 00	
Gasoline Pump,	186 20	
Labor as per Contract,	2,151 25	
Miscellaneous,	41 55	
		\$6,923 40

Expenditures on reservoir:

Freight and Express,	\$177 62	
Lumber,	1,400 83	
Cement,	1,513 15	
Carting,	405 63	
Steel Bars,	1,147 50	
Pipe and Fittings,	45 89	
Operating Equipment,	1,297 53	
Tools and Forging Work,	202 73	
Electric Wiring,	192 53	
Roofing Material,	123 49	
Miscellaneous,	101 69	
Labor and Rental of Concrete Mixer,	8,162 61	
		\$14,771 25

CHARLES H. DREW,  
WINTHROP D. FORD,  
CLINTON T. KEITH,  
Water Commissioners.

List of Water Takers and Amounts Paid by Each, 1923

Adams Bros. & Holmes	\$166.00	Baptist Society,	22.00
Adams, F. R.	23.00	Barbieri, Robert J.	21.00
Adams, Harriet	27.00	Barker, Elizabeth L.	17.50
Adams, Harold	2.50	Barker, Henry L.	5.00
Adams, Frank N.	6.00	Barnet, G. D.	6.00
Adams Lodge, I. O. O. F.	12.00	Barsler, Charles J.	13.00
Ainsworth, Bell E.	27.50	Barsler, John	28.50
Alberghini, Guiremo	42.00	Barsler, Joseph J.	15.00
Alseheirmer, Edmund	9.75	Barsler, Philip G.	17.00
Anderson, August	14.00	Barry, Maybell	6.00
Anderson, James	9.00	Barry, Wm. J.	12.00
Andrews, Charles F.	21.00	Bartz, Louis F.	14.00
Anti, Est. of Charles	17.00	Bates, Emiline	6.00
Antoinette, Aristo	21.50	Bates, George B.	12.00
Antoinette, Guy	17.00	Battles, Harold F.	9.00
Ardizzoni, Lazzaro	15.00	Battles, Helen C.	6.00
Atwell, Lydia	10.00	Bay View Inn Garage	6.75
Atwell, Samuel	9.00	Bearse, Ida M.	6.00
Ayer, Eugene G.	25.50	Beddow, John W.	12.00
Atwood, Anthony	10.00	Belcher, W. H.	6.00
Avery, Howard S.	7.00	Benca, Ugo	77.75
Bagnell, Frances I.	17.00	Benotti, Isidora	11.00
Bagnell, Mary J.	10.00	Bay View Inn,	36.75
Bailey, Annie K.	24.00	Bergamini, Joseph	14.50
Bailey, Ellsworth C.	35.50	Bergonzoni, Louie	21.00
Bailey, Fred C.	22.00	Berry, Roscoe E.	17.00
Bailey, Fred L.	19.00	Broggiani, Alexander	23.00
Bailey, I. Clarence	33.00	Berti, Salvatore	3.00
Bailey, Roland	27.25	Beytes, Madeline	4.50
Bailey, W. Herbert	16.00	Bixby, Charles W.	12.00
Bailey, Sarah Y.	6.00	Black, Sargent C.	8.00
Baker, Edgar A.	17.00	Blanchard, Henry	6.00
Baker, E. Kate	3.00	Blanchard, Est. of Ida	7.00
Baker, Henry P.	14.00	Bonney, Geo. A.	6.00
Baker, Lester F.	9.00	Bonney, Geo. H.	6.00
Baker, M. A.	6.00	Roodry, Benjamin L.	6.00
Baker, Martha B.	10.00	Booth, W. N.	6.00
Baker, Walter	6.00	Borghesani, Louis	42.00
Baker, Walter E.	21.00	Bosworth, Geo. W.	17.00
Baldner, Thomas W.	6.00	Bradford, Earnest	3.00

Bradford, Julian S.	21.00	Childs, Charles H.	19.00
Brock, Robert J.	17.00	Childs, James E.	20.00
Plymouth & Brockton St. Ry. Co.	13.00	Cushman, Emma C.	21.00
Brown, Abbie L.	21.00	Churchill, Fred S.	16.00
Brown, Alfred C.	17.00	Clarke, G. Herbert	21.00
Brown, Horace F.	19.00	Clemons, Harry W.	13.00
Brown, David T.	15.00	Coar, Emily M.	15.00
Brown, William M.	19.00	Cobb & Drew,	20.00
Brown, Robert A.	22.00	Corliss, Levi G.	3.00
Brownell, John A.	3.00	Colby, Harold P.	6.00
Bryant, Frank L.	10.00	Copp, Harvey H.	10.00
Bryant, Est. of Lewis D.	9.00	Cobb, Grace W.	9.75
Bryant, Est. of Sylvanus	9.00	Cobb, Mary E.	14.00
Bryant, Warren L.	17.00	Cobb, Martha V.	6.00
Brewster, Flora L.	9.00	Cobb, William P.	6.00
Bumpus, William A.	6.00	Cole, Anne E.	7.50
Bryant, William C.	13.50	Cole, Flora M.	7.00
Bourne, Lester W.	6.00	Cole, Charles H.	29.00
Booth, Rebecca	6.00	Cole, Horace C.	24.00
Bushman, H.	10.00	Cook, B. W.	7.00
Cabot, Susan	21.00	Cook, Charles F.	6.00
Cabral, Manuel	21.00	Cook, Harold L.	31.00
Candini, Alfonso	8.00	Cook, Josiah	16.00
Cantoni, Joseph	23.00	Cooley, Morgan L.	25.00
Cantoni, Victor	12.00	Corazzari, Nelson	58.00
Case, Ralph W.	10.00	Corrow, Frank	14.00
Cash, Harry C.	6.00	Corrow, Fred	17.00
Cavichiole, Antonio	17.00	Courtney, James H.	13.00
Church, St. Joseph's	6.00	Corsi, Luigi A.	8.00
Caviechi, Vincent	17.50	Crossley, Walter E.	6.00
Cemetery, Kingston Everg. Assoc.	55.43	Crothers, Emily S.	14.00
Chandler, Est. of Alfred W.	6.00	Cunningham, William	14.00
Chandler, Claude M.	13.00	Cushing, Winslow	7.50
Chandler, Elizabeth	21.00	Cushman, Est. of Asa	....
Chandler, Elwood B.	24.00	Cushman, Briggs	17.00
Chandler, Frank L.	17.00	Cushman, David W.	14.00
Chandler, Leon B.	12.00	Cushman, George E.	61.00
Chandler, Martha J.	10.00	Cushman, John T.	14.00
Chandler, Sarah A.	6.00	Cushman, Lizzie M.	10.00
Chandler, Sylvia B.	21.00	Cushman, Estella A.	6.00
Chandler, Wendall O.	9.00	Corrow, Joseph	14.00
Chandler, Lois V.	6.00	Collingwood, Donald	9.50
Chase, Frank E.	11.25	Damon, Frank C.	10.00
		Deady, John C.	6.00
		Dearborn, Henry S.	13.00

Delano, Est. of Joshua	42.25	Fogg, Geo. E.	17.00
Delea, D. J.	13.00	Ford, Robert E.	19.00
Demmon, Marcia D.	93.75	Foss, Edith W.	6.00
Devine, John C.	14.00	Foster, Emma L.	14.00
Di Stefano, Emanuel	41.00	Foster, Emily A.	10.00
Di Marzio, Joseph	10.00	Freeman, Kate F.	12.00
Doherty, M. A.	3.00	French, Ella F.	6.00
Dooley, Mary F.	3.00	Fries, Harry J.	10.00
Drew, Lester B.	6.00	Fuller, Truman H.	15.00
Drew, C. & Co.	17.00	Gallerani, John	9.00
Drew, Charles H.	20.50	Garuti, Aristide	6.00
Drew, Heirs of C. P.	19.00	Gattoli, Bartholomew	56.00
Drew, Clarence R.	14.00	Geller, Mrs. Peter	10.50
Drew, Mary W.	6.00	Giberti, Agostino	17.00
Drew, Nellie	6.00	Gilli, Vincent	19.00
Dries, Henry	12.00	Glass, Herbert L.	6.00
Dries, Jacob	9.00	Glass, William F.	17.00
Dries, Jacob H.	17.00	Goode, Maud	6.00
Drudi, Primo	23.00	Goraldi, Antonio De	27.00
Dube, Edmund	17.00	Goraldi, Joseph	12.00
Ducharme, Eugene T.	6.00	Gorham, Allen R.	15.00
Dudley, Charles	21.00	Goss, B. F.	7.00
Dunbar, B. D.	13.00	Gould, Emily M.	6.00
Egidio, Benazzi	6.00	Govoni, Joseph	9.00
Ek, Eda T.	6.00	Govoni, Santi	25.00
Eke, Eric G.	5.00	Gurney, Anna N.	10.00
Elliot, Wells	6.00	Gray, Joel E.	10.00
Emond, Arthur, Jr.	7.00	Glover, Ernest C.	1.00
Evans, Abbie A.	12.00	Haggerty, Patrick, et. als.	19.00
Evans, Mary Archer	19.00	Hall, Henry	9.00
Everett, Nils A.	15.00	Hall, Est. of James L.	28.00
Everson, Henry S.	23.00	Halligan, Mary	6.00
Fachini, Italo	20.00	Hammond, Isabel A.	25.00
Farmiga, Frank	6.00	Hammond, J. H.	18.00
Farrington, John B.	23.00	Hammond, Walter C.	45.25
Farrington, John P.	15.00	Hammond, W. C. Jr.	12.00
Faunce, Eliza H.	24.00	Harkins, John	10.50
Faunce, Myron	14.00	Harkins, Patrick	6.00
Faunce, Walter H.	21.00	Hatch, Frank P.	10.00
Feistel, Joseph H.	10.00	Hathaway, Albert L.	15.00
Figliola, Angelo	15.00	Hayes, Henry	12.00
Finney, Joseph	6.00	Hathaway, William C.	14.00
Fischer, Charles H.	17.00	Hayward, Geo. O.	6.00
Flockton, William	6.00	Hayward, W. C.	20.00

Hemingway, Christina I.	6.00	Kelley, Orick H.	17.00
Hickey, John W.	32.50	Kelliher, Thos.	6.00
Hickey, Margaret	6.00	Kendrick, L. E.	17.00
Higgins, Fred A.	6.00	Kennedy, Mrs. Frank	4.00
Higgins, Orrick E.	10.00	Kennedy, Mary O.	40.50
Hill, Elmer P.	7.00	Kessler, John F.	6.75
Hilton, Nathan	23.00	Kingston Social Club	10.00
Holman, Myron S.	3.00	Kingston Plumbing & Heating Co.	6.00
Holman, Percy H.	14.00	Kingston Mills	17.00
Holmes, Alexander	35.50	Kyngstowne Sweetes Inc.	36.12
Holmes, Arthur B.	37.75	Ye	36.12
Holmes, Albert E.	17.00	Knife, Louis	50.00
Holmes, Albert H.	21.00	Kohsman, Oscar	37.00
Holmes, Edith L.	49.75	Kramer, Gustav E.	43.00
Holmes, Eluathan S.	6.00	Kreigle, Nicholas	13.00
Holmes, Geo. B.	18.00	Krueger, Rudolph	17.00
Holmes, Helen	25.00	Lang, John	17.00
Holmes, Horace	23.50	Lauman, Ruth B.	7.00
Houghton, Walter L.	12.00	Lapham, Maud C.	12.00
Howe, Walter H.	21.00	Lapham, Oscar H.	14.00
Hunt, Sylvia W.	15.00	Lapham, S. A.	10.00
Hurd, Edward P.	16.00	Leach, Charles W.	21.00
Hall, Lillian F.	17.50	Leach, Luthera M.	6.00
Jackson, Leroy F.	25.00	Leonard, William T.	6.00
Jannucci, Buanventura	15.00	Leonardi, Vincent	15.00
Jenkins, Arthur C.	3.00	Lewis, Sophia A.	6.00
Jennings, Ruby G.	3.00	Longdyke, Lucius J.	6.00
Joan, Peter	25.00	Loring, Alice	15.00
Johanne, Adam	5.00	Loring, Anna	23.00
Johnson, Jennie S.	6.00	Loring, Edgar W.	4.50
Johnson, Joseph A.	7.00	Loring, Waldo F.	17.00
Jones, Henry M.	10.00	Lubke, Est. of Edward P.	21.00
Jordan, Charles F.	10.00	Lyman, Margaret B.	22.00
Jordan, Susie P.	6.00	Madras, Julia	10.00
Joubert, Arsene	12.00	Maglathlin, Frank W.	49.00
Joubert, Charles	9.00	Maglathlin, F. W. & Co.	15.00
Joubert, Joseph	15.00	Maglathlin, Mahalie E.	34.00
Juliani, Massimolian	6.00	Mahler, Jacob W.	7.00
Jones River Village Club	6.00	Mahler, James	12.00
Jacobs, Elmer F.	10.00	Mahoney, Alice F.	14.00
Keith, Roy L.	31.00	Malaguti, Evaristo	9.00
Keith, Charles W.	23.00	Malaguti, Gaetano	14.00
Keith, Lewis H.	29.00	Malaguti, Lodovico	9.00
Keene, Francis W.	31.00		

Malaguti, Vincent	37.90	Morais, Edward	13.00
Malone, James	6.00	Morton, W. P.	6.00
Malone, Est. of Jane	6.00	Morrill, Eugene L.	10.00
Malone, Michael H.	10.00	Mowll, Waller U.	9.00
Malone, Patrick	8.00	Mullaney, Louis P.	10.00
Malone, William F.	6.00	Murray, Eliza J.	6.00
Maloni, Chelso	13.00	Murray, Willard L.	14.00
Mansfield, Shirley E.	24.00	Morton, George	12.00
Marble, Lloyd H. P.	10.00	Mahoney, Joseph A.	18.00
Martin, Ernest	16.00	McCutecheon, John W.	12.00
Mayflower Cong. Church, Inc.	14.00	Myrick, William W.	23.00
Mayflower 2nd Cong. Church	8.00	Merry, R. Leslie	7.00
Mayflower Worsted Co.	29.00	Morton, Regina B.	2.50
Mazzelli, Nicholas	32.00	Nesmith, R. E.	10.00
McAdams Realty Co.	10.00	Nichols, Elizabeth	21.00
McAdams, John F.	6.00	Nicodemus, John	19.00
McCarthy, Charles	6.00	Nightingale, Charles H.	5.00
McCarthy, Timothy	6.00	Northey, Charles H.	19.00
McChesney, William T.	4.00	Noyes, Arthur W.	11.50
McDonald, Elizabeth	8.00	Nutter, William F.	6.00
McElhennic, F. P.	16.00	N. Y. N. H. & H. Railroad	45.00
McGrath, Michael	7.50	Nulty, James R.	10.00
McGrath, Michael H.	18.00	Oakley, Charles F.	23.00
McLauthlin, Est. of Geo. W.	3.00	O'Brien, Eugene	6.00
McManus, Charles	6.00	O'Brien, Mary J.	6.00
McManus, Terrance	6.00	O'Brien, William J.	14.00
Meloni, Peter	9.00	Ogar, Elizabeth J.	10.00
Merrill, Ella W.	6.00	Oliveira, Laurentino De	31.00
Merry Bros.	6.00	Olmsted, Marion	16.25
Merry, Eugene G.	14.00	Ormond, Margaret	6.00
Merry, Everett S.	17.00	Ottani, Louis	21.00
Merry, John B.	6.00	Ottaway, Arthur P.	10.00
Merry, Melbourne P.	6.00	Padelford, Enoch W.	15.50
Metz, Joseph	6.00	Padelford, Theodore	13.25
Michellino, Adovor	21.00	Paul, Alfred P.	14.00
Miller, Est. of Elizabeth	12.00	Peck, John 3rd.	15.00
Mistler, Isador J.	19.00	Perkins, William	3.00
Monks, John R.	23.50	Phianey, Archie E.	6.00
Montanari, Augustino	10.00	Phipps, Grace E.	6.00
Moody, Fred M.	6.00	Pierce, Arthur W.	17.00
Monroe, Abbie L.	6.00	Pierce, Bertha S.	6.00
Morse, Mrs. H. G.	6.00	Pierce, James B.	6.00
		Pierce, Myra H.	8.00
		Pimental, Manuel	9.00

Plymouth Cordage Co.	141.50	Raffini, Eugenio	14.00
Plymouth Ice Co., Inc	18.00	Rushon, Howard L.	17.00
Porter, Frank	9.00	Ryder, Sanford M.	10.00
Porter, Lena	13.50	Ryll, Gottleif	13.00
Post, William M.	15.00	Sacconi, Joseph	27.00
Powers, William P.	13.00	Sampson, Chester M.	10.50
Pratt, Elliot E.	17.00	Sampson, Frank A.	14.00
Pratt, Elmer F.	9.00	Sampson, Henry H.	23.00
Pratt, Ephraim	6.00	Sampson, Nahum	6.00
Pratt, Geo. T.	12.00	Sampson, Nannie	6.00
Pratt, Josephine	5.00	Sanford, Frank	7.00
Prouty, Annie	5.00	Santerre, Dominique P.	10.00
Prouty, Frederick W.	3.00	Sassi, Louis	17.00
Prouty, Henry J.	19.00	Sauer, Christian	12.00
Puffer, William L.	12.00	Sauer, Jacob	6.00
Quinn, John	37.75	Sauer, William	14.00
Ramsdell, Anna E.	6.00	Schaefer, Christine	12.00
Randall, Jason L.	12.00	Schilling, Nicholas P.	55.75
Randall, John T.	6.00	Schmidt, Mary	6.00
Randall, William S.	8.00	Seaman, Mrs. Charles	6.00
Ransom, Charles A.	3.00	Seaver, Edward A.	12.00
Ransom, Est. of Edward A.	6.00	Sedgwick, L. E.	6.00
Recci, Vincent	3.00	Seigel, Antoine	21.00
Reed, Mary T.	28.00	Seigel, Fred	28.50
Reed, Flora	8.00	Sever, Mary C.	14.50
Reidel, Robert	10.00	Sevigny, J.	6.00
Reidenbach, Gustav	17.00	Shattuck, John F.	16.00
Reidenbach, Jacob	20.50	Shepherd, Burton J.	23.00
Reidenbach, Karl	9.00	Sheppard, William	13.00
Reidenbach, Karl, Jr.	6.00	Sherman, Edwin I.	19.00
Reinhardt, John	13.00	Shiverick, Geo. W.	23.00
Reinhardt, Louis	17.00	Siebenschu, Robert	59.00
Riley, Lillian F.	12.00	Storomb, Ella E.	6.00
Robbins, Lucy M.	30.00	Smith, Albert L.	8.00
Rogers, Annie T.	10.00	Smith, Florence J.	10.00
Roebke, F.	1.50	Smith, Geo. F.	13.00
Roe, Berham	5.00	Smith, John T.	6.00
Rudolph, Jacob	10.00	Smith, Nelson	9.00
Rudolph, John	6.00	Smith, Richard J.	9.00
Rudolph, William	8.00	Smith, Philip	6.00
Royal, Perley W.	7.50	Smith, Rosa	3.00
Rueprecht, Adolph	16.00	Snider, Philip	9.00
Rueprecht, John	23.00	Snell, Matilda	9.00
Rueprecht, Joseph	12.00	Snow, Arthur M.	16.00

Soars, Edward	18.00	Thomas, Evan W.	26.00
Selomon, John N.	14.00	Trebandt, Minnie	13.00
Sollis, Herbert F.	21.00	Tura, Alfonso E.	18.00
Sonni, Ricardo	17.00	Tura Bros.	41.00
Soule, Abbie A.	41.00	Turner, John	9.00
Soule, Lulu	5.00	Vancini, Frank A.	9.50
Souza, Antoine M.	9.00	Venezzano, Carmela	17.00
Sparrow, Leslie E.	9.00	Verdelli, Peter	20.00
Standard Oil Co. of N. Y.	23.00	Vernè, Mary A.	10.00
Steele, Lewis H.	14.00	Vezzani, David	12.00
Stedman, Nellie	10.00	Vontangoli, Tomaso	14.00
Stegmaier, Carl W.	23.00	Walker, Albert H. C.	10.00
Stegmaier, John M.	22.00	Wareham, Fred	22.50
Steidle, John G.	10.00	Washburn, Lucy M.	23.00
Stowell, Flora A.	7.50	Watson, Herbert A.	16.00
Straffin, Charles H.	3.00	Weeks, Walter D.	3.00
Stranger, Harrison H.	20.00	Wedell, Charles	15.00
Sturtevant, Henry T.	9.00	Weston, Charles B.	17.00
Sundstrom, O. M.	13.00	Weston, Harold J.	9.50
Sweeney, Edward	12.00	White, Catherine F.	3.00
Sweeney, William	10.50	White, Hartley L.	6.00
Swope, Oscar C.	21.00	Wilbur, Charles C.	15.00
Sargent, Arthur J.	3.00	Wilder, Frank E.	17.00
Taddia, Angelo	14.00	Wilmarth, Lester S.	10.00
Tarantino, Louie	51.00	Wilson, Katherine De	23.00
Tassinari, Amedeo	10.50	Wolf, John	6.00
Tassinari, Charles H.	29.00	Wood, Geo. A.	10.00
Tassinari, Vetro	9.00	Wood, I. F.	13.50
Taylor, Edwin	17.00	Woodward, Frank C.	34.00
Thomas, Minnie E.	6.00	Wright, Katie	6.00
Thompson, Ida A.	27.00	Wright, Ezra S.	93.50
Thompson, Irene L.	10.00	Wright, John E.	19.00
Thompson, Mary E.	3.00	Wright, Nathaniel T.	17.00
Thorpe, Alice E.	13.00	Yaeger, Joseph	17.00
Tibbetts, Charles H.	12.00	Zinsius, Nicholas	15.00
Titus, Adelaïd P.	10.00	Zinsius, Nicholas E.	8.00
Toabe, Max	16.00	Zona, Joseph	20.00
Torrey, Helen D.	5.00	"Point of the Nook"	
Townsend, H. O.	8.00	Extension	900.00

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town Treasurer

Collector

and Town Clerk

# HENRY S. EVERSON, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF KINGSTON.

Jan. 1, 1923	Dr.	Oct. 4, 1923.	Cr.
To uncollected taxes, 1920,	\$634.06	By County Treasurer, County Tax,	\$3,909.08
1921,	3,156.03	State Treasurer, State Tax,	4,560.00
1922,	18,179.11	State Treasurer, repairs on State Highway,	828.00
		State Treasurer, War Poll Tax,	2,202.00
		State Treasurer, Bond and Interest,	2,775.00
To Cash on Hand,	\$21,969.20	Highway,	21,217.06
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	3,710.19	Poor,	5,758.15
Tuition,	289.20	Water Department,	7,169.96
Poor,	591.68	State Aid,	674.00
Plymouth Nat'l Bank, Loans,	583.40	Fuel and Care,	4,717.80
Moth Department,	22,000.00	Books and Supplies,	1,074.35
Willis Fund,	62.24	Teachers' Wages,	20,551.00
State Treasurer, Supt. of Schools,	13.00	Repairs,	1,030.57
State Treasurer, School Fund,	742.22	Music,	500.00
State Treasurer, Inspection of Animals,	3,282.39	Drawing,	500.00
Selectmen, Rent of Town Hall,	75.00	Conveyance,	2,299.28
Water Commission, Water Collection,	226.00	Supt. of Schools,	1,205.89
Water Commission, Water Dept.,	9,879.30	School Physician,	150.00
State Treasurer, Income Tax,	57.90	Treasurer and Collector,	900.00
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	8,318.73	Incidentals,	1,340.01
State Treasurer, Nat'l Bank Tax,	2,901.61	Contingent,	4,685.06
State Treasurer, State Aid,	340.25	Town House,	621.07
State Treasurer, Soldiers' Relief,	792.00	Soldiers' Relief,	364.00
Fair Peddlers' Licenses,	112.39	School Nurse,	555.50
New York, New Haven & Hartford R.	32.00	Moth Department,	1,315.80
R. Co., forest fire,	39.50	Crepe,	1,211.22
Highway Dept.,	154.00	Fire Department,	551.74
Third District Court, fines,	160.90	Street Lights,	1,221.10
Cobb & Drew, Sale of Herrings, 6 years,	60.00	Forest Fire,	532.58
Selectmen, Sale of School House,	430.00	Town Green,	447.28
Water Commissioner, Amt. from Water alone,	90.15		

Plymouth County Commissioners on account of Wapping Road,	5,000.00
State Treasurer, on account of Wapping Road,	4,997.46
State Treasurer, div. of Sanatoria,	265.00
State Treasurer, Civilian War Poll Tax,	72.00
State Treasurer, Moth Dept.,	97.79
Int. on Taxes,	489.82
Tax list for Collection,	81,774.08

Tree Warden,	93.21
Town Survey,	1,500.00
Farm Bureau,	100.00
Memorial Day,	150.00
Public Library,	1,300.00
J. H. Shaw, truck,	1,000.00
Special Water,	2,987.19
Chas. H. Cole, note and int.,	902.28
Selectmen, Willis' Fund,	13.00
Second Nat'l Bank, bond and int.,	1,770.00
Second Nat'l Bank, bond and int.,	1,446.25
State Treasurer, bond and int.,	959.38
State Treasurer, bond and int.,	723.13
Plymouth Nat'l Bank, note and int.,	1,375.00
Plymouth Nat'l Bank, notes and int.,	22,940.75
Plymouth Nat'l Bank, int. on notes,	343.85
Plymouth Nat'l Bank, int. on notes,	63.75
Abatement,	3,013.65
Cash on hand,	9,433.99
Uncollected taxes, 1921,	\$277.31
1922,	4,555.86
1923,	19,793.33

\$169,609.40

\$24,626.50

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This is to certify that I have examined all the accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them correct, and all expenditures properly vouched for.

Feb. 6, 1924,

EDWARD E. BIRD, Auditor.



### KINGSTON PLAYGROUND

1922		
	Dr.	
Dec. 31.	To amount on hand,	\$1,500 00

Cr.

1923		
June 6.	By orders, paid,	8 00
Dec. 31.	Amount in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,492 00

### KINGSTON WATER LOAN, ROCKY NOOK PARK

Dr.

1923		
Jan. 1.	To amount on hand,	\$421 74
June 1.	To amount received for supply,	150 04
		<u>\$571 78</u>

Cr.

May 17.	By amount paid Worthington Pump Co.,	\$481 63
Aug. 29.	By amount to Water Dept., balance,	90 15
		<u>\$571 78</u>

### KINGSTON WATER LOAN NO. 2.

1923		
	Dr.	
May 28.	To 10 Notes issued, \$1,000 each,	\$10,000 00
July 14.	To 5 Notes issued, \$1,000 each,	5,000 00
Sept. 12.	To 3 Notes, issued \$1,000 each,	3,000 00
		<u>\$18,000 00</u>

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By amount paid by orders of Selectmen,	\$17,990 77
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Dec. 31.	Left in hands of Treasurer,	\$9 23
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### F. C. ADAMS SCHOOL FUND.

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Dr.

Jan. 1.	To amount on hand,	\$11,000 00
	To amount received, dividends,	524 69
		<u>\$11,524 69</u>

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Dec. 31.	By paid School Committee,	524 69
	Amount in hands of Treasurer,	\$11,000 00

# BIRTHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1923.

Date	Name	Name of Parents
January 1	_____ Borghesani	Otto Borghesani and Blanche J. Lessard
January 3	Elizabeth May Copp	Harvey H. Copp and Ruth L. Glenn
January 5	_____ Jacques	Fabina Jacques and Mildred H. Bonney
January 16	Roger Anderson Holmes	Albert H. Holmes and Annie M. C. Anderson
January 17	_____ Guidaboni	Mando J. Guidaboni and Pervinea Sommi
January 23	_____ Boucher	Paul Boucher and Rose Oullette
February 12	Reta Robarre	Arthur W. Robarre and Mary A. Govoni
March 9	_____ Eddy	Henry B. Eddy and Jennie F. Hall
March 19	Charlotte Mae Merry	Eugene C. Merry and Avis G. Nickerson
March 31	_____ Emond	Arthur Emond, Jr. and Sadie St. Amant
April 9	Thomas Fillebrown, Jr.	Thomas Fillebrown and Josephine M. Ruprecht
April 16	Mary Stuart Elwell	Rolande I. Elwell and Stasia R. Kolwerck
April 19	_____ Riedel	Robert H. Riedel and Emily M. Weimert
April 28	Harry Hanford Sherwood	Vernon H. Sherwood and Louise Paul
April 28	Paul Martin Hayes	Martin J. Hayes and Stella M. Devine
May 4	_____ Lavoie	Frank A. Lavoie and Katherine E. Druchenbrod
May 7	Mary Anna Weichel	Fred Weichel and Nora Winn
May 16	Hazel Virginia Weichel	William P. Weichel and Hazel E. MacIvor
May 7	Harold Anti	Harold Anti and Clara M. Rock
May 22	Coeill Tarantino	Rocco Tarantino and Amelia Albernetti
May 24	Mary Lillian Duperre	Joseph M. Duperre and Rosanna Santerre
June 1	Dorothy Mildred Walsh	Henry J. Walsh and Bertha M. Briggs
June 9	Henry Joseph Joubert	Adelard Joubert and Albina Plamondon
June 12	Mary Doris Bouchard	John B. Bouchard and Floreda Dube
June 29	_____ Zona	Joseph Zona and Teresa Cavolini
July 1	Edward Malone	William E. Malone and Georgiana R. Valler
July 1	Oscar Bouchard	Charles Bouchard and Albertine Gagnon
July 2	Jane Ruth McLauthlin	Eric A. McLauthlin and Emily W. White
July 19	_____ Tison	Colice C. Tison and Rosalind A. Miller
July 20	Clinton Roy Sampson	Chester M. Sampson and Gertrude I. Wetherbee
July 21	Clarence Edward Sherwood	_____ Dora M. Sherwood
August 6	_____ Lombardi	Lawrence Lombardi and Katie M. Ardizoni
August 8	Doris Freeman	Howard C. Freeman and Mary A. H. Murray
August 13	Jane Hermione Collingwood	Donald Collingwood and Hermione R. Johnson
August 23	Marie Elizabeth Mahler	William Mahler and Mamie Otten
August 25	_____ Fillon	Philip Fillon and Claudia De Freytas
August 27	John Joseph O'Brien	William J. O'Brien and Annie T. Volk

August 31	_____ Bouchard	Adelarde Bouchard and Phoebe Gagne
September 4	George Bartlett Stranger	Chauncey R. Stranger and Caroline M. Holmes
September 18	_____ D' Amato	Alexander D' Amato and Edith B. Dame
September 19	_____ Ghille	Lodovico Ghille and Ida Tarozzi
September 20	_____ Yandole	Pasquella Yandole and Lucy Rolinds
October 2	Cynthia Standish Livermore	Walter F. Livermore and Doris Loring
October 2	Donald Edward Hurcombe	William H. Hurcombe and Ella G. Schafer
October 14	_____ Grandi	Joseph F. Grandi and Agnes B. Lapham
October 15	Louis Turner Stegmaier	Carl W. Stegmaier and Charlotte Perkins
October 25	Stanley Thom Rudolph	Fred G. Rudolph and Madeline Thom
October 27	_____ Ezzo	Louis Ezzo and Josephine Brenezio
November 7	_____ Abren	Manuel Abren and Jiji P. Leal
December 4	Francis Earl Borghesani	Otto Borghesani and Blanche J. Lessard
December 17	Andrew Aldo Alberghini	Aldo Alberghini and Ina A. Tassinari

# DEATHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1923.

Date	Name	Age		Cause of Death	Parents Names
		Y.	M. D.		
January 1	----- Borghesani	---	---	Stillborn	Otto Borghesani and Blanche Lessard
January 5	----- Jacques	---	---	Stillborn	Fabina Jacques and Mildred Bonney
January 10	George W. McLauthlin	33	9 16	Cerebral Hemorrhage	George W. McLauthlin and Amelia Faunce
January 17	Emma B. Waterman	69	9 11	Myocarditis	----- Billings and Lydia Worthing
January 21	Eulalie Joubert	65	3 7	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Jean Belanger and Marie Chaveau
January 25	Oscar B. Stowell	60	7 22	Pneumonia	Freeman S. Stowell and Harriet Meade
February 5	Nicholas Feilen	68	2 1	Aneurism	-----
February 24	Earl J. Ruprecht	---	---	Pneumonia	Joseph J. Ruprecht and Anna Seaver
March 10	Mary Gauquier	36	11 12	Pneumonia	Nicholas Mistler and Elizabeth Brockenbrod
March 12	Nancy S. L. Parks	74	9 15	Bright's Disease	Samuel Loring and Laura Loring
March 14	Rita M. Basler	---	10 27	Pneumonia	Marks T. Basler and Mary M. Wolfert
March 15	Esther L. Corrow	21	5 2	Ileus	Joseph Corrow and Sarah Hall
March 16	Dorothy Nolan	---	11 24	Diphtheria	----- Sarah Nolan
March 22	Elizabeth F. Wright	57	---	Regurgitation	Thomas E. Lanman and Mary E. Bradford
March 22	Francis C. Hill	80	11 29	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Cushman D. Hill and Lydia Thomas
March 24	----- Siebenschu	---	---	Stillborn	Robert Siebenschu and Ottilla Sauer
April 1	Florence H. Raymond	15	6 11	Pneumonia	Nathaniel Battles and Mary Mantins
April 3	Adriana F. Kennedy	75	---	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Alexander Foster and Betsey S. Freeman
May 6	John H. Delano	43	8 13	Pneumonia	Joshua Delano, Jr., and Olive B. Holmes
May 23	Marcus H. Harlow	72	9 23	Nephritis	James Harlow and Nancy C. Harrah
June 4	Alfred W. Chandler	56	6 15	Exhaustion	John A. Chandler and Eliza Ahearn
June 16	Otis S. Perkins	33	10 11	Pneumonia	Nathaniel S. Perkins and Ellen C. B. Perry
June 26	Jane E. Malone	65	1 26	Angina Pectoris	John Smith and Mary Tiernan
July 2	Harry L. Lane	37	---	Tuberculosis	George F. Lane and Deborah M. Keerey
July 8	Ludwig Schmitt	67	6 9	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Frederic Schmitt and Katherine -----
July 30	Harriet M. Donavan	69	9 4	Apoplexy	George D. Blank and Harriet D. Adams
August 5	Estha A. Dore	84	7 28	Sclerosis	Daniel Lord and Royilla Emery
September 3	George B. Holmes	67	3 10	Dilatation of Heart	Stephen Holmes and Mahala Bartlett
September 9	Paula A. Palardy	18	11 14	Tuberculosis	Alfred Palardy and Zarina Halper
September 20	Phelip E. Tew	57	---	Accidental Drowning	Phelip Tew and Augusta Loring
September 25	Libarata Caudini	60	3 21	Cirrhosis of Liver	Michael Larruti and -----
September 27	Andrew F. Haberstroh	50	6 ---	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Armond Haberstroh and Anna Mischler
October 1	Andrew W. Bates	64	4 ---	Heart Disease	Andrew Bates and Abbie Cook
October 5	Marcia M. Stranger	97	7 1	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Nathaniel Faunce and Marsha H. Washburn
November 17	Mary M. Steele	42	3 ---	Myocarditis	Martin Farrington and Ann Tiernon
December 4	William A. Stranger	78	2 6	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Andrew R. Stranger and Helen Scott
December 17	Martin Powers	61	8 ---	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Martin Powers and Margaret Demery
December 20	Catherine Ottani	---	---	Pneumonia	----- Lena Ottani
December 23	Lydiann L. Wood	55	5 15	Myocarditis	Edward Noyes and Isabella Sturtevant
December 28	Angeline M. Jacobs	74	4 15	Pneumonia	George Merchant and Lucinda Vose
December 29	John Peck	73	3 29	Apoplexy	Adam Peck and Margaret Pries

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR 1922.

- Jan. 25. Gilbert P. Bradford of Kingston and Margaret McAuley, married in Middleboro.
- Feb. 2. Henry Dries and Mary Giller, both of Kingston, married in Plymouth.
- Feb. 3. Philip Joubert and Mary Verdelli, both of Kingston.
- Feb. 11. George Lawrence Vevins of Hyde Park, and Jessie M. Cole of Kingston, married in Hyde Park.
- Feb. 12. Willis B. Mitchell of Greenport, L. I., and Elizabeth Rudolph of Kingston, married in Plymouth.
- Feb. 15. Rolande Elwell and Stasia Kalwareryk, both of Kingston, married in Plymouth.
- Mar. 4. Herman Taylor and Madeline S. Murphy, both of Plymouth.
- April 9. Gaetano Sangiolo of Dorchester and Josephine De Loranzo of Duxbury.
- April 21. Samuel LeRoy Hamilton of Bridgewater and Leonora I. Joslyn of Kingston, married in Brookline.
- April 30. Lorenzo Ritchotte of Cranston, R. I. and Lydia Ducas of Carver.
- June 13. Gordon W. Johnson of Kingston and Dorothy Murry of New Bedford.
- June 16. Caesar M. Cardozo of Canton and Frances Vessgar of Marshfield.
- June 16. Charles Allerton Cushman and Frances Elizabeth Zahn, both of Kingston.
- June 28. Philip L. Fillion and Claiedia M. DeFreytas, both of Kingston.
- June 30. Alfred C. Christie of Kingston and Annie M. McDonald of Plymouth, married in Plymouth.
- July 1. James H. Butters and Cleora A. Stringer, both of Plymouth.
- July 2. Cornelius Donovan of Plymouth and Ellen M. Smith of Kingston.

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- July 2. Ernest E. Brown and Florence Raietti, both of Plymouth.
- July 15. George C. Richmond and Angie S. Lewis, both of Bridgewater.
- July 28. William C. Bryant and Gladys Magilton, both of Kingston.
- August 15. John H. Durgin of Hopedale and Ethel B. Sallis of Kingston.
- August 23. Floyd Gregg and Violet Audette, both of Kingston, married in Plympton.
- Sept. 2. Louis R. Tassinari and Eleanor L. Noyes, both of Kingston.
- Sept. 8. Alonzo A. Sears of Kingston and Josephine V. Morey of Hudson, N. H.
- Sept. 19. Emil P. Sauer and Emily O. H. Zemke, both of Kingston, married in Plymouth.
- Sept. 30. Pompeo Di Stefano of Kingston and Adelaide Merlino of Boston, married in Newton.
- Oct. 1. Arthur Leonardi of Kingston and Dorothy M. Sinnott of Marshfield, married in Boston.
- Oct. 15. James E. Igo of Plymouth and Mary L. Caviechi of Kingston, married in Plymouth.
- Oct. 19. John E. Hobell of Pembroke and Ellen M. Mahoney of Duxbury.
- Oct. 29. Loyd R. Sprague and Isabella M. Eastman, both of Duxbury.
- Oct. 30. Arthur S. Santos and Depordina Furtache, both of Carver.
- Nov. 6. George J. McDonald of Kingston and Evelyn A. Prumer of Burlington, Vt.
- Nov. 18. Roy A. Holmes of Duxbury and Nellie Cronin of Brookline.
- Nov. 29. Julio Coelho of Kingston and Marca Souza of Plymouth.

## FREDERIC C. ADAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### TOWN APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation for 1923,	\$1,300 00	
Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway Co.,		
Pole rights,	15 00	
Income from Rosa A. Cole Fund,	315 52	
Income from Annie C. Thomas Fund,	42 50	
		\$1,673 02
Paid—		
Librarian,	720 00	
Janitor,	240 00	
Treasurer,	50 00	
Fuel and Lighting,	399 24	
Rent of Box, O. C. N. Bank,	3 00	
Repairs,	161 28	
Treasurer's bond,	50 00	
Insurance,	49 50	
		\$1,673 02

#### INCOME OF ROSA A. COLE FUND.

Jan. 1, 1923, balance on hand,	\$114 57	
Income for the year,	237 50	
		\$352 07
Paid to Town Appropriation Account,	\$315 52	
Balance on hand,	36 55	
		\$352 07

The Rosa A. Cole Fund stands invested as follows:—  
 \$1,000, Southern California Edison Co., 5% bond.  
 \$1,000, Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., 5% bond.  
 \$1,000, Middlesex & Boston Street Railway Co., 4½% bond.  
 \$1,000, The Seattle Electric Co., 5% bond.

\$1,000, The United States of America, Second Liberty Loan  
 Converted 4¼% Gold bond of 1927-42.  
 \$135.20 and accrued interest (\$15.44) on deposit in the  
 Rockland Savings Bank.

#### INCOME OF BYRON C. QUINBY FUND.

Jan. 1, 1923, balance on hand,	\$329 90	
Income for the year,	15 87	
		\$347 41

This Fund is on deposit in the Plymouth Savings Bank.

#### INCOME OF ANNIE C. THOMAS FUND.

Income for the year,	\$42 50	
Paid to Town Appropriation Account,		\$42 50

The Annie C. Thomas Fund stands invested as follows:—  
 \$1,000, The United States of America, Second Liberty Loan  
 Converted 4¼% Gold bond of 1927-42.  
 \$129.70 and accrued interest (\$10.82) on deposit in the  
 Fairhaven Institution for Savings. \$53.25 received from  
 sale of books during past year has been deposited in this  
 Institution.

#### INCOME OF F. C. ADAMS FUND.

Jan. 1, 1923, balance on hand,	\$5,272 38	
Income for the year,	796 92	
Received from the Librarian, 1923,	26 80	
Old newspapers, etc., sold,	39 18	
Received from the Adams School Fund, one- fifth of \$285.60,	57 12	
		\$6,192 40
Paid for books, magazines, etc.,	\$570 40	
Balance on hand,	5,622 00	
		\$6,192 40

#### CHANGES IN THE FUND.

March 27, 1923, \$1,000 was withdrawn from Merchants  
 National Bank of Boston and deposited in the New Bedford  
 Five Cents Savings Bank.

And with this change the F. C. Adams Fund stands in-  
 vested as follows:—

6 shares Boston Elevated Railway Co., common stock.  
 1 share Boston Elevated Railway Co., preferred stock.  
 6 shares Boston Elevated Railway Co., second preferred  
 stock.

28 shares Plymouth Cordage Co.  
 8 shares Plymouth National Bank.  
 2 shares Old Colony National Bank.  
 2 shares American Telephone & Telegraph Company.  
 \$500, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co., 4% general  
 mortgage bond.

\$1,000, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., 4% bond.  
 \$1,000, Rio Grande Western Railway Co., 4% bond.  
 \$1,000, Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., 5% bond.  
 \$831.97 on deposit in the Plymouth Five Cents Savings  
 Bank.

\$1,000, on deposit in the Whitman Savings Bank.  
 \$447.11 on deposit in the South Scituate Savings Bank.  
 \$1,000, on deposit in the New Bedford Five Cents Savings  
 Bank.

HENRY L. BARKER, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the  
 Treasurer and find them correct and properly vouched for  
 and all the securities on hand as stated.

EDWARD E. BIRD, Auditor.

January 30, 1924.



# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Cash received,	\$86 45
Cash paid,	59 65
Cash paid to Treasurer,	26 80
Number of books in library,	11,041
Added the past year,	
(12 of which replace wornout copies),	214
Number of magazines,	33
Number of weeklies,	12
Number of dailies,	4
Total attendance in reading room,	3,549
Average attendance per day,	11
Total circulation,	11,113
Average circulation per day,	34.3
Total circulation by classes as follows:	
Philosophy,	39
Religion,	6
Sociology and Education,	131
Science,	57
Useful Arts,	125
Fine Arts,	143
Literature,	153
History,	133
Travel,	233
Biography,	244
Fiction,	9,595
Magazines: single 220; bound, 37.	

MRS. IDA M. CHANDLER.

Acting Librarian.

# GIFT 1923.

"Serbia in the World War," donated by Mrs. Mary Wilder Tilestone, Brookline, Mass.

The Trustees recommend that the sum of \$1,300 be appropriated for Library expenses for the year 1924.

F. RUSSELL ADAMS,

HARVEY A. SOULE,

GEORGE W. ADAMS,

ARTHUR W. PIERCE,

FRANK W. MAGLATHLIN,

HENRY L. BARKER,

Trustees.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**OF THE**  
**Town of Kingston**

**For the Year Ending Dec. 31**

**1923**

1924

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Harvey A. Soule, Chairman,	Term expires 1925
Harold G. Kite, Secretary,	Term expires 1925
Fred G. Brackett,	Term expires 1924
Carl W. Stegmaier,	Term expires 1926
Mary L. Trow,	Term expires 1924
Ruth H. Bailey,	Term expires 1926

The committee meets at the School Department office, 7.45 p. m., on the third Tuesday of each month.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Walter K. Putney—Residence, Kingston, Mass., telephone Kingston 119-2, office telephone 75-11.  
 Carrie Dunbar Holmes, Clerk.  
 School Department office, rear of Lower Center Primary School.  
 Office Hours—1 to 5 p. m., on school days.

### STAFF.

Lee S. Merrill, A. B., Bates College, Principal, High.  
 Lucy E. Treat, A. B., Colby College, Assistant High.  
 Doris V. Purcell, Simmons College, Assistant, High.  
 Marion C. Prince, Middlebury College, Assistant, High.  
 Elva L. Browne, Concord High School, Center, Grades 6 and 7.  
 Florence Blume, Hyannis Normal School, Center, Grades 5 and 6.  
 Iris Wingersky, Boston University, Center, Grades 3 and 4.  
 Evelyn A. Eustis, Salem Normal, Center, Grades 1 and 2.

Gertrude H. Falt, Gorham Normal, Stony Brook, Grades 1-3.

Helen B. Cushing, Bridgewater Normal, Rocky Nook, Grade 8.

Isabelle K. Daley, Salem Normal, Rocky Nook, Grade 7.

Adeline F. Keevey, Abington High, Rocky Nook, Grade 6.

Mary A. Curran, Bridgewater Normal, Rocky Nook, Grade 5.

Rose Blair Delano, Millsboro, N. Y., Rocky Nook, Grade 4.

Caroline L. Simmons, Hyannis Normal, Rocky Nook, Grades 2 and 3.

Helen B. Toyé, Bridgewater Normal, Rocky Nook, Grades 1 and 2.

Mattie M. Harris, Waldo, Wis., Training School, Silver Lake, Grades 1-6.

May Blair McClosky, Supervisor of Music.

Samuel Warner, Mass., Normal Arts, Supervisor of Drawing.

Oscar C. Swope, M. D., School Physician.

Emma J. Mange, School Nurse.

Attendance Officers, Louis F. Bartz, Howard L. Rushton, George W. Savery.

### CALENDAR.

Winter Term—

All schools open January 2, 1924; close March 21, 1924.

Spring Term—

All Schools open March 31; close June 20, 1924.

Fall Term—

All schools open September 2, 1924; close December 19, 1924.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1923:

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	Dr.	
Appropriation,		\$34,000 00
	Cr.	
By amounts expended as follows:		
Teachers' salaries,	\$20,551 00	
Supervisors' salaries,	1,000 00	
Superintendent's salary, expenses and clerk hire,	1,434 33	
Janitor service,	2,393 50	
School physician,	150 00	
School nurse's salary and expenses,	601 15	
Fuel and light,	2,338 77	
Books and supplies,	1,520 41	
Repairs,	983 41	
Tuition,	43 75	
Miscellaneous,	282 22	
Transportation,	2,279 78	
School Committee,	122 00	
Insurance premiums,	265 54	
		\$33,965 86
Unexpended balance,		\$34 14

As in former years, all matters of expense have been carefully considered and only such purchases and repairs as were absolutely necessary have been made.

An expense of \$625.00 was incurred at the Silver Lake School to make the building habitable.

Much new equipment is required on account of the large number of pupils that will be enrolled next fall. At the High School additional laboratory equipment is necessary. While some equipment was installed during 1923, thanks to the activity and generosity of the Parent-Teachers' Association, High School pupils, and others, the Town should assume the expense of further laboratory needs.

The budget for 1924 provides for only a portion of the equipment needed.

A statement showing expenditures during 1923 and the budget for 1924, follows:

Nature of Expense	Expenditures 1923	Budget 1924
Teachers' salaries,	\$20,551 00	\$22,300 00
Supervisors' salaries,	1,000 00	1,000 00
Superintendent's salary, expenses and clerk hire,	1,434 33	1,600 00
Janitor service,	2,393 50	2,400 00
School physician,	150 00	150 00
School nurse, salary and expenses,	601 15	700 00
Fuel and light,	2,338 77	2,400 00
Books and supplies,	1,520 41	3,000 00
Repairs,	983 41	1,000 00
Tuition,	43 75	.....
New equipment,	.....	2,000 00
Miscellaneous,	282 22	500 00
Transportation,	2,279 78	3,000 00
School Committee,	122 00	123 00
Insurance premiums,	265 54	320 00
	\$33,965 86	\$40,493 00

The committee recommends that the sum of \$40,493.00 be appropriated for school purposes for the year 1924.

# ADAMS FREE LECTURE FUND.

## Dr.

Balance on hand January 1, 1923,	\$258 90
Received from Town Treas., Jan. 15, 1923,	91 00
Received from Town Treas., Nov. 7, 1923,	146 12
Received from Town Treas., Nov. 16, 1923,	287 57
Received from Town Treas., Nov. 22, 1923,	91 00
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	\$874 59

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Paid to F. C. Adams, Public Library,	\$47 63
Paid to High School Prizes,	47 63
Lectures,	92 70
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1923,	686 63
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	\$874 59

HARVEY A. SOULE, Chairman,  
HAROLD G. KITE, Secretary,  
FRED G. BRACKETT,  
MARY L. TROW,  
RUTH H. BAILEY,  
CARL W. STEGMAIER.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School-Committee of Kingston:

I submit this annual report of your schools and I would urge every person interested in the school questions of the town to read carefully these items that deal with the care of our pupils for the next school year. They are of the utmost importance and should be given ample consideration before the annual town meeting.

Appended to this report are those of the nurse, school physician, supervisors and High School Principal. Each has its own part in a report to the towns people.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

School attendance has been only fair in town since September. I have found a great many cases of where the parents keep the children out to do minor errands and seem to think that a day now and then makes no difference in the work accomplished. The work of every grade is at times handicapped by backward pupils and a majority of these are deficient in work because of frequent or extended absence from school. In order to get best results it is absolutely essential that pupils should be in school every day except when illness prevents attendance.

I have had some inquiries regarding excuses demanded by the teachers and some parents seem to have the idea that the request for such an excuse for absence is trespassing upon personal liberty of the home. Such is not the case; the state law requires us to obtain written excuses for absence and it is particularly stated in the law that a certificate from the family or school physician must be presented.

This is for the purpose of safeguarding the other pupils and preventing the spread of major or minor epidemics of any kind. Teachers have hesitated a little over pressing the matter of the physician's certificate but the future brings with it even greater pressure each year and the state authorities ask us to be more rigid in our enforcement of laws. So I ask the teachers to make frequent reports to the attendance officer that we may check up our attendance at school.

### THE HEALTH WORK.

I would urge the parents to be free in their discussions of cases of illness, when the school nurse visits the home. Too many seem to think that the nurse is meddling; she is not doing so, but is following her line of duty as laid down by health regulations. She is here to help the parents so that the health of both home and school may be improved. Her duty is to see that pupils do not become ill from contact with those who may be suffering from some infectious or contagious trouble. She is obliged to keep in touch with the parents, seek out possible trouble and isolate it.

The annual examinations of children have been made and in only one family was there opposition to this. I believe that the mother who objected to the physical examination does not understand that the state law requires such examination and there is no exemption allowed. Neither school physician nor nurse prescribe and, if there is anything wrong with a pupil, the parent is notified and has a physician of his or her own choice attend the pupil. I trust that we shall have no further trouble in this regard.

Often the school nurse is obliged to watch cases, where operations for adenoids or tonsils are required. It is her duty and hers alone to see to this work and not the duty of any teacher to interfere or cause special examinations to be made. I wish that parents would first consult the

school nurse, in the future, when any teacher suggests such operations, and find out from her (the nurse) what her opinion may be. Cordial cooperation is what we most desire and I hope that all will feel free to come to the proper authorities when health questions arise.

### COURSES OF STUDY.

I found, when I came here, that there were no regular courses of study in the schools; that is, none that were carrying on uniform work. The old leaflets and typewritten instructions have been practically worn out and to some of the new teachers I have given some leaflets and brief suggestion sheets. We need a regular, printed course of study and I would recommend that such courses be purchased at once. The cost will be approximately \$5.00 for each teacher, whether we get out our own course or purchase one already in print. The Baltimore Course of Study is considered as probably the best in this country.

### REPAIRS.

I wish to call your attention to repair needs of the various buildings. Many of the rooms need new curtains and in some rooms there are no curtains at all to give proper protection from sunlight.

At the one-room building at Rocky Nook, protection from outside intruders in the toilets, is an absolute necessity. As conditions now are, men and boys break the lock of the high fence between schoolhouse and shed, enter and disfigure the building as well as commit nuisances. I would recommend that the areaway between the schoolhouse and shed be roofed in, boarded up properly and doors cut at the rear of the school building for entrance to the toilets. The



teacher there has made many complaints to me as to conditions there.

At Stony Brook, a fence is badly needed in front of the building to prevent accidents to pupils. The auto traffic there is heavy and it is because of the exceptional vigilance of the teacher of that school that no bad accidents have occurred.

A fence is also needed in front of the Lower Center Primary School. The danger there is not so much from automobiles as from electric cars, as there is a hedge of trees on one side and a high fence on the other and cars cannot be seen as they approach.

I think that these fence needs should come under special appropriations as our minor repair needs will use up what we request under repair budget.

#### TEACHERS.

We have had changes in every building in town with the exception of Howland's Lane and Silver Lake. Some teachers were transferred and some new teachers entered the work. During the fall term we lost Mr. Leydon, who for several years gave the town excellent service. Miss Toye resigned just after the close of the fall term and in her we lose a fine teacher who created a place for herself in town. All regretted these resignations. It is hard to replace teachers in the middle of the year as all of the good candidates are working and contented and it is only when some one from out of the state wishes to enter the service that we are able to obtain teachers who can carry on the work without any perceptible break in it.

The same is true when we are obliged to get teachers late in the summer as we had to do this year. I would recommend that in the future, elections be held a little earlier and that the teachers be given until June 20 to file their acceptances. In the past, this has been left until August 1st

and it is an annoyance, especially when a teacher has made up her mind to leave but takes the full time to report her resignation. This past summer we lost an opportunity to get an exceptionally fine teacher who applied because she had heard that the teacher was to leave.

The present corps of teachers seems to be giving satisfaction in their work, so far as work goes. In one or two cases I have failed to receive proper cooperation but I hope that such failures will not be repeated in the future. If they are, I shall ask the committee to request such resignations as may be for the best interests of the schools.

#### THE HIGH SCHOOL.

I cannot say too much in praise of the spirit of the High School in work and in activities that tend to create such spirit. In Mr. Merrill, we have a man of exceptional ability in handling his pupils in a gentlemanly, firm and courteous manner. In the teachers, we have a cooperative spirit that promotes harmony and success.

The activities of the school have been somewhat limited, as compared to other schools of larger towns, but we have been pleased that the pupils are hearty in their endeavors to make things successful. Our football team was a decided credit and would have been welcomed in many places much larger than Kingston. The social activities have been well conducted and the attendance by the pupils showed their enjoyment of this phase of school life. The music comes in for special commendation and, with the leadership of Mrs. McCloskey, the pupils have shown the people of Kingston that they can carry out programs of work that would be highly praised were they put on the platform by much older people than High School students.

We have several needs in our High School to make our class work more efficient. Our special need is for a better equipped laboratory and I hope that we may have, this

coming year, the science tables, cabinets, etc., that have been planned but could not be purchased for lack of funds. This will take about \$1,400.00, if we are to do the work properly.

### THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

We are facing a serious housing problem that cannot and must not be overlooked. As there will be sixty or more pupils in Grade 8 next September, we shall have to support such a grade in the Maple Avenue School and not transport to the Cobb School, as is now done. There will be 25 in that grade at Maple Avenue and in justice to their work in preparation for High School, that grade should have a teacher alone.

If part of Grade 8 is placed in the room with the 7th, the number will be 45 in that room. We all know that is too great a problem for any teacher of that work.

The other half of the grade 7, 20 in number, will have to be placed in the room with the 6th grade—making a total of more than 50 pupils for that room. A conflict now presents itself in that the state law requires us to have an assistant when more than 50 pupils are in a room.

Such a plan means keeping the present pupils of the Upper Center Primary School in that building, with advanced grading for next September and we shall have 25 in grade 4 and 18 in grade 5—a total of 53. We may be able to overcome that difficulty and get along without an assistant, by retaining some of the 4th grade pupils at Stony Brook, by redistricting.

Next, we have the Lower Center Primary School to consider. As nearly as we can estimate, 20 will enter the 1st grade next September. The 2nd grade will have 16, making a total of 36 pupils. We have left, without any place at all for them, a 3rd grade of from 25 to 30 pupils. The

only available place is the present room used for the committee and superintendent's office, and it is too small to accommodate more than 20 pupils.

If this were a temporary condition—that is, if we had simply the problem of one year of overcrowding to solve—we might be able to put into effect a two-platoon system, whereby part of the school would attend in the morning and the other part in the afternoon. It is not temporary, as you may see by carefully studying the enrolment list. In September, 1925, we shall have a total of 75 in grade 8; 1926, 58; 1927, 48; and 1928, 69. This is with no consideration of natural increases through moderate growth of the town.

The two-platoon system is an extravagance and a waste of the town's money. It would mean two teachers in place of one for each grade affected, and it would mean double the transportation costs, extra heating and an unusual wear and tear upon books and supplies. In those classes we should have to start school at 8.15 in the morning, close at 12.00, open the afternoon session at 12.30 and keep on until 4.00. This also creates a great deal of confusion and inconvenience in the homes, especially where pupils have some distance to travel and are obliged to go on the barge.

While the question of a new building in any town is a delicate one, we must realize that Kingston is growing and, as the growth comes, our problem becomes more and more serious each year. Something must be done and I believe that we can solve our present problem by adding two rooms to the Maple Avenue School. This would give us ample room for a few years and would be an actual saving to the town over what might be the cost of trying to put off the matter and take up the two-platoon system.

This may seem a questionable statement but in five years your town would be putting out an enormous amount on extras and nothing to show at the end of that time.

All of the sum spent on these extras would amount to far more than the cost of the building of two more rooms and you would still have the same old problem facing you and no accommodations at all for many pupils. Let us look briefly at the actual costs and figures, based, remember, on present enrolment with no account for increases.

The addition would cost perhaps (not more than) \$15,000. Place against this amount the costs of a two-platoon system. 1924-5, two assistant teachers; 1925-6, three assistant teachers (one more, because of extra large 8th grade and need to platoon another room); 1926-7, two assistant teachers; 1927-8, two assistant teachers; 1928-9, two assistant teachers. This covers five years of teaching and at the minimum of \$950 for each assistant, makes a total of 11 teachers at \$950, \$10,450.

Extra large accommodations, double trips morning, noon and night to care for families requiring transportation, least to be figured would be \$15 per week; 5 years, 40 weeks each, 200 weeks at \$15, \$3,000.00.

Extra janitor work and heat could not be counted as less than \$5 per week for janitor and possibly \$50 per year for heat, \$1,100.00.

This makes a total of \$14,450.00 and no reckoning for extra wear and tear on our books and waste of supplies—these things being ever present and unavoidable no matter how vigilant a teacher may be.

One more very important item must now be considered. This is the raising of the minimum school age. For several years, each year has witnessed the introduction of a bill in our legislature, to make 16 years the minimum school requirement; that is, a pupil shall attend school until he has reached the age of 16. Several compromises have been effected in the past few years and the present law reads that we shall cause all children to attend until they have reached the age of 14 and passed the 6th grade, or else be

16 years of age. The opposition to this new age limit has perceptibly weakened in the past two years and it is only a matter of a year or two before the bill will become a law and pupils will be obliged to go to school until they reach the age of 16 or complete the 8th grade. As more than 98% of our pupils are graduates from the grammar schools before they are 16, one may easily see that this means that practically all of our pupils will be obliged to go through the grammar school.

Whatever our individual opinions may be regarding such a law, we have to face facts as we see them here or about to come to us; and so, with these facts in mind, I urge the citizens of the town to give our needs and problems their most serious attention and to cooperate with us in doing what is best for the town.

In closing this report, I wish to thank the members of the committee, teachers and parents for their cordial support of the work since I came here in September.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. PUTNEY,  
Superintendent of Schools.

# ATTENDANCE STATISTICS 1922-1923

	Elemen- tary	High	Total
Pupls enrolled.	466	95	561
Average daily attendance.	411	74	485
Average membership.	436	79	515
Percent. of attendance.	94%	93%	
Persons 5 years of age or over, and under 7 years,	Boys 46	Girls 45	Total 91
Persons 7 years of age or over, and under 14 years.	180	184	364
Persons 14 years of age or over, and under 16,	53	55	108
Totals,	279	284	563

## School Year 1922—1923

### Roll of Honor.

Pupils Neither Absent nor Tardy.

High School.

Rose Muzzioli

Maple Avenue School.

Nina Knight

Howland's Lane.

Fortunato Benotti

Libero Morisi

Freddo Govoni

Daniel Pimental

Alfred Moloni

Ella Bernagozzi

Clara Drudi

Rocky Nook

Elsie Sauer

Stony Brook.

Geraldine Phinney

Silver Lake.

Thomas Glass

# TOTAL ENROLMENT—FALL TERM, 1923.

									High School				
Grades,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Totals
Schools,													
Howland's Lane													
Lower Room,	21	11											32
Upper Room,		10	30										40
1-Rm. Bldg.,				27									27
Cobb,					23	35	31	42					131
Lower Cen- ter Prim.,	16	23											39
Upper Cen- ter Prim.,			25	18									43
Maple Ave. Lower Rm.,					30	12							42
Maple Ave. Upper Rm.,						20	25						45
Stony Brk., Silver Lake,	9	6	10										25
High School,									21	27	14	19	81
Totals,	52	54	69	48	58	75	56	42	21	27	14	19	535

## REPORT OF DRAWING SUPERVISOR.

To Mr. Putney, Supt. of Schools:—

The work at Rocky Nook School under the four teachers in charge gives promise of being the very best work we have done to date, and warrant us in our belief that we shall realize all that we have hoped for from this excellent school.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the Teachers' work and attitude in this interesting school, while the children are quite in a class by themselves, and I find it has been a great pleasure, indeed, to work with them.

The advanced work at Maple Avenue School this year is the best we have secured at this school thus far, and the two teachers in charge are doing good work.

Some excellent work at the High School has been accomplished in the Perspective this year, and we hope for good returns from the new features we are to add.

The reason why I have emphasized the good work done here and there is that I would like to make it plain how much we owe the teachers in charge; for the good teacher like every worker who loves their work must give of their very selves, else the work is indifferent always. And the teachers of Kingston are not indifferent. My thanks to you, friends, for your excellent work.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL WARNER,

Drawing Supervisor.

## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Music has progressed very satisfactorily in all grades in the Kingston Schools, where they have not been limited by a lack of proper song books.

This, however, is the case in several grades, namely, Mrs. Brown's room, sixth and seventh grades in the Maple Avenue school.

In this room we have for two years been using a second reader, suitable only for fourth and fifth grades.

It is, to say the least, uninteresting for boys and girls of this age to be obliged to sing from books which to them are primers.

In the school on Stony Brook Hill we have only half enough books needed to supply the children.

This is also the case in the fourth grade at Rocky Nook.

Any one may readily see, when two children must look over one book, crowded together in a seat only large enough for one, satisfactory results could not be obtained in any subject.

In the Rocky Nook School, the sixth and seventh grades are using the same set of third readers each day, having to carry them back and forth, for the music period of each grade.

This is possible where two grades using the same books are in the same building.

This is being reported to show when, and where we may economize, we are doing so.

Great interest is taken by both teachers and pupils, though both have felt the limitation mentioned in this report.

MAY BLAIR McCLOSKEY,

Supervisor of Music.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the School Committee:—

The usual examinations have been made during the past year. At the opening of the Fall term an unusual number of cases of Pediculosis were found, but have been practically eliminated as a source of trouble.

A slight outbreak of Chicken Pox was confined to one building by the follow-up work of the School Nurse.

The most unusual feature of the Year's work was the finding of six cases of Goiter during the course of the examinations.

These cases were all in girls of 10 to 14 years of age, and the early institution of proper treatment can do much to relieve the condition, and prevent the occurrence of the more serious symptoms which would be sure to develop if proper treatment is neglected.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR C. SWOPE, M. D.,

School Physician.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE.

To the School Committee of Kingston:

The duties of the school nurse as outlined the past year have been carried on in the usual way, assisting the School Physician with physical examinations and following up defects found, and records of the same kept.

The new physical cards issued by the State I find a great benefit, as all the records are kept on the same card, which is very helpful to the teachers.

Two gross of prophylactic tooth brushes have been put in the grade schools, lectures given on Dental Hygiene. The brushes are sold at five cents each, nearly every child buying one, the results being splendid. Brushes are kept in the schools, and children instructed to buy from the teachers when a brush is needed. Children take a great interest in this work. The results of last year's dental work were very gratifying.

One child has been fitted to glasses, and one is having teeth cleaned and filled, the expense being paid by the Parent-Teachers' Association.

The percent. of contagious disease has been very small; during December an epidemic of Chicken Pox started in Howland Lane School, fourteen cases being reported. The epidemic was wholly confined to Howland Lane School.

Pediculosis has been very troublesome, inspection of each school being very necessary each week, and the parents do not respond to my advice or request as readily as they should. This is a very serious condition, and should be overcome not only from the help of the nurse, but by the parents.

Weighing and measuring of children has been made and the results obtained fair.

Milk is being served at recess in all grades, and hot cocoa is served at the noon hour for those who remain for lunch.

The school nurse's work is confined entirely to following up defects found in school and advising parents regarding the dangers of contagion. She in no way replaces the School Physician, makes no diagnosis of cases, and does no bedside nursing.

The work has increased the past year, and in many ways the people are more interested, therefore encouraging and helping me.

Dr. Shaw, of Plymouth, has been very kind the past year in allowing me to use his Saturday morning Clinic, for eyes and ears and nose, and I feel that this has been a great help. All school children in town have been examined by the School Physician and dentist. Cases of Impetigo 2, Scabies 2, Chicken Pox 15, Mumps 2, Scarlet Fever 1. One arm fractured on playground, treated by nurse and doctor. Enlarged thyroid glands 5, and nine cases of Adenoid and Tonsils operated upon at the Jordan Hospital Clinic.

I want to thank the parents and teachers and Board of Health, and others connected with the work for their help and co-operation the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA J. MANGE,

School Nurse

## HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

The following High School Report is respectfully submitted:

Last Spring a combination science table with three sinks was installed in the High School. This equipment was purchased with money contributed by the Parent-Teachers' Association and with funds obtained from a Minstrel Show and Pageant Scene, "Robin Hood," given by the High School pupils. Thanks are due all those who helped to secure this money. In order to attain the best results in teaching science, additional equipment should be provided.

It may be of interest to note that since its founding the Washburn Scholarship Fund has been awarded each year to a Kingston boy or girl; usually selected from two or three candidates. This scholarship has proved to be a great inspiration to those desiring an education.

At the annual Alumni reunion in June, the class of 1903 observed their twentieth anniversary by starting a scholarship fund. It is hoped that other Alumni will contribute sufficient funds so that each year a scholarship may be awarded to some graduate of the school. This is a most worthy project and deserves the support of all those interested in the Kingston High School.

LEE S. MERRILL,

Principal.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAM

Class of 1923.

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March

Orchestra

Chorus—(a) The Song and the Breeze ..... Dvorak  
(b) When de Banjo Plays ..... Wilson

Invocation

Claude W. Cooper

Advertising—A Business Necessity

Second Honor  
Arthur Havey

\*The Changing Habits of our Wild Fowl  
Frank Abbott Randall

†Class Will

John Libero Gallerani

Fads and Fashions in American Dress

Third Honor  
Marion Ella Cushman

\*Rosa Bonheur, the Children's Artist  
Josephine Elizabeth Corrow

\*Submarine Conquest

Ernest Frank Krueger

†Class Prophecy

Parker Adams Glass

Class Song

Words by Josephine Elizabeth Corrow  
Music by Marion Ella Cushman

From Wigwam to Bungalow

Fourth Honor  
Emma Elizabeth Reidenbach

Orchestra

\*The Progress of the Aeroplane  
Lawrence Thomas Sweeney

\*The Growth of the Automobile Industry  
Francis Paul McManus

\*Radio, an Amusement or a Utility  
Edmond Charles Dube

America's Industrial Development  
First Honor  
Edward Henry Holmes

Chorus—Good Night, Good Night Beloved ..... Pinsuti

Address

Hon. Albert F. Barker

Presentation of Diplomas and Awarding of Prizes

Orchestra

Class Motto: Non Nobis Solum

Class Colors: Jade Green and Silver

\*Essays not to be delivered

†To be delivered Class Night



### Graduates

Josephine Elizabeth Corrow	Edward Henry Holmes
Marion Ella Cushman	Ernest Frank Krueger
Edmond Charles Dube	Francis Paul McManus
John Libero Gallerani	Frank Abbott Randall
Parker Adams Glass	Emma Elizabeth Reidenbach
Arthur Havey	Lawrence Thomas Sweeney

### Adams Prizes Awarded to:

Esther Cotti	Arthur J. Pimental
Isabel Kaplan	John L. Gallerani
Helen M. Hudson	H. Kenneth Hudson
Emma E. Reidenbach	Joseph A. Holmes
Kathryn M. Sweeney	George H. Larson

### GRADUATION EXERCISES GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Song—"The Mountain Stream"

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

Anna E. Raymond

Song—"The Garden Lullaby"

Violin Solo—"Four Little Blackberries"

Hayden E. Tibbetts

Essay—"America's Creed"

Joseph Juliani

Solo—"The Bird and the Rose"

Anna R. Gavoni

Industries of New England

A Year's Project in Geography

Class Song—"Hark, the Day Has Come"

Words: by Grace H. Mansfield, Marjorie D. Small

Diplomas

Song—"Invitation of the Bells"

Song—"Guidance"

### Graduates

Ada Lucy Zona	Marjorie Sampson
Anna Rita Gavoni	Dorothy Fuller Drew
Lola Marie Muzzioli	Helen Priscilla Joan
Bernice Frances Eddy	Margaret Rose Riedell
Marjorie Dunbar Small	Hazel Jeannette Merry
Anna Elizabeth Raymond	Grace Hortense Mansfield
Jeannette Evelyn Phinney	Esther Florence DeMarzio
Arthur Robert Davis	John Andrew Glass
George James Tura	Joseph James Juliani
Lawrence Ward Bailey	Edmund George Pimental
William Riley Harkins	Hayden Emerson Tibbetts
Philemon Gordon Maglathlin	