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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS OF KINGSTON MASSACHUSETTS

For the Financial Year Ending December 31st

1928

With the Report of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For the School Year 1928

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OF KINGSTON
MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT OF SELECTMEN
and other
TOWN OFFICERS

For the year ending December 31
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Report of Town Clerk

ANNUAL MARCH MEETING

At Town House March 3, 1928. Election of Officers. Then met the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in town affairs. Polls opened at 6 o'clock A. M. and closed at 3 o'clock P. M. Whole number of votes cast, 742.

Harold J. Weston, Moderator.

Henry S. Everson, Town Clerk.

Tellers: George Edgar Bailey, Peter F. Dries, Thomas McManus, George H. Smith, Charles F. Cook, Herbert L. Glass, Edward E. Bird, George P. Holmes.

The number of names checked on both voting lists agreed with the number of ballots cast namely, 742, resulting in the election of the following officers:

Selectmen: John T. Cushman for 1 year, Albert H. Holmes for 1 year, George F. Sever for 1 year.

Town Clerk—Henry S. Everson for 1 year.

Moderator—Harold J. Weston for 1 year.

Assessor—Waldo F. Loring for 3 years.

Collector of Taxes—Frank A. Randall for 1 year.

Town Treasurer—Frank A. Randall for 1 year.

Water Commissioners: Harold L. Cook for 1 year, Charles B. Hudson for 2 years, Elbert L. Haskell for 3 years.

Department of Public Welfare (Formerly Poor Department)—John T. Cushman for 1 year, George E. Fogg for 1 year, Albert H. Holmes for 1 year.

Highway Surveyor—Warren S. Nickerson for 1 year.

Constables: Howard L. Rushton for 1 year, Colice Tison for 1 year.

School Committee—Roland S. Bailey for 3 years, Edward E. Freeman for 3 years.

Trustees of Public Library—F. Russell Adams for 3 years, George W. Adams for 3 years.

Tree Warden—Charles H. Childs for 1 year.

Meeting adjourned until Saturday, March 10th, at 1:30 P. M. at Reed Community Building.

At Reed Community Building March 10, 1928. Business Meeting.

Harold J. Weston—Moderator.

The following were chosen by nomination:

Pound Keeper—Charles E. Lowe.

Field Driver—Thomas Kelliher.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber—Fred G. Brackett, Edgar W. Loring.

Director of Farm Bureau—Horace Holmes.

Fence Viewers—Roland Bailey, George E. Cushman.

Fish Committee—Edward E. Bird, George E. Cushman, Arthur B. Holmes.

Voted—That the report of Town Officers be taken up separately.

Voted—To accept the report of Town Clerk as submitted, Pages 3 to 11 inclusive.

Voted—To accept the report of Selectmen, Department of Public Welfare, Board of Health, Pages 11 to 30 inclusive.

Voted—To accept the report of an Audit of the Accounts of the Town of Kingston and the Accounts of the Treasurer and Collector, Pages 31 to 40 inclusive.

Voted—To accept the report of the Highway Surveyor as read, Pages 41, 42, and 43.

Voted—To accept the report of the Kingston Fire Department as submitted, Page 44.

Voted—To accept the report of the Water Commissioners as submitted, Pages 45 to 50 inclusive.

Voted—To accept the report of Playground Committee as submitted, Page 51.

Voted—To accept the report of Forest Fires as submitted, Page 52.

Voted—To accept the report of an Audit of the Accounts of the Town of Kingston as submitted, Pages 53 to 57 inclusive.

Voted—To accept the Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash and Report of Town Treasurer as submitted, Pages 58, 59, and 60 inclusive.

Voted—To accept the report of Police Department as submitted, Page 61.

Voted—To accept the report of Frederick C. Adams Public Library, Treasurer's Report, as submitted, Pages 62 to 64 inclusive.

Voted—To accept the report of the Town Accountant as submitted, Pages 65 to 89 inclusive.

Voted—To accept the report of the Kingston World War Memorial as submitted, Pages 90 and 91.

Voted—To accept the report of the School Committee as submitted, Pages 94 to 115 inclusive.

Voted—To accept the report of the Assessors as submitted, Page 117 to end of Book.

Voted—To take up the recommendations printed in the Budget and that the items be taken up item by item for discussion, 1 to 52 inclusive.

Voted—The following appropriations:

For Moderator	\$ 25.00
For Selectmen	900.00
For Accounting	1200.00
For Treasurer and Collector	1700.00
For Assessors	1300.00
For Town Clerk	200.00
For Election and Registration	400.00
For Town Survey	1500.00
For Town House	700.00
For Suppression of Crime	1500.00
For Fire Department	2600.00
For Moth Department	1300.00
For Tree Warden	150.00
For Forest Fires	500.00
For Trimming Woods Roads	100.00

For Sealer of Weights and Measurers	250.00
For Board of Health	1000.00
For Inspector of Animals	150.00
For Inspector of Slaughtering	100.00
For General Highway	10000.00
For Howlands Lane	3000.00
For Sidewalks	500.00
For Snow Removal	1000.00
For Street Lighting	2000.00
For Public Welfare	7000.00
For State Aid	432.00
For Soldiers' Relief	366.00
For Schools	44427.00
For Library	1600.00
For Playground	2500.00
For Town Green	125.00
For Memorial Day	200.00
For Printing Town Reports	501.88
For Fish Committee	25.00
For American Legion	300.00
For Farm Bureau	100.00
For Miscellaneous	500.00
For Reserve	1500.00
For Water Department	7740.00
For Interest	4500.00
For Maturing Debt	12500.00
For Fire Department, 1927	30.37
For Public Welfare, 1927	2037.86
For Stony Brook Hill Abutters	3755.31
For Sidewalk Summer Street	464.95
For Land Damage Wapping Road	64.99
For Landing Road	7000.00
For Memorial Plot	45.00
For Fire Department, 1927	14.00
For Health Department 1922 and 1927	163.00
For Public Welfare	54.00
For School Department 1926	32.82
For Damage on Highway	6.58

For Water Department 1925 and 1926	11.68
For Repairs on Tractor	17.62
For Elm Street	500.00
For Water Reservoir	3000.00
For Directional Signs	150.00

Voted—That there be appropriated for Selectmen's Account \$900.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee and that \$325.00 of that amount be applied as Salary of the Selectmen as follows:

Salary of each of the three Selectmen to be \$100.00 each per year with an additional \$25.00 for Chairman of the Board.

Voted—That there be appropriated for Accounting Account \$1200.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee and \$1000.00 of that amount be applied as salary of Accountant.

Voted—That there be appropriated for Town Clerk Account \$200.00 as recommended by Finance Committee and \$100.00 of that amount be applied as Salary of Town Clerk.

Voted—That the Town appropriate the sum of \$30.37 to pay the overdraft in Fire Department Account of 1927.

Voted—That the three Selectmen constitute the Board of Health and that they appoint one of their Members as Chairman of that Board; that there be appropriated for Board of Health Account \$1000.00 as recommended by Finance Committee and that \$325.00 of that amount be applied for Salaries as follows:

\$100.00 for each of the three Members of this Board and an additional \$25.00 for the Chairman.

Voted—That one of the Members of the Department of Public Welfare act as Chairman of that Board. That there be appropriated for the Department of Public Welfare \$7,000.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee and that \$325.00 of that amount be applied for salaries as follows:

\$100.00 for each of the three members of this Department and an additional \$25.00 for the Chairman.

Voted—That the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,037.86 to pay the overdraft of the Public Welfare Account of 1927.

Voted—That there be appropriated the sum of \$44,427.00 for use of the School Department covering the fiscal year of 1928.

Voted—That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money with the approval of a majority of the Selectmen in anticipation of taxes, the same to be paid from receipts of taxes for the current year.

Under Article 6 John T. Cushman moved that \$3705.00 be appropriated with which to pay land and property damage awards in connection with the rebuilding of the State Highway on Summer Street in 1927.

Mr. A. H. Holmes moved an Amendment in connection with the above Motion—that the amount appropriated under Article 6 be increased to \$3,755.31 in order to provide reimbursement to Stony Brook Hill abutters for reestablishment of electric light service which they provided for themselves subject to later settlement by the Town.

Voted—To appropriate the sum of \$3,755.31.

Voted—That the sum of \$2,175.00 now in the Treasury received from sale of Public Property, be applied toward the payment of land and property damages in connection with the rebuilding of the State Highway on Summer Street in 1927.

Voted—That the sum of \$464.95 be appropriated to pay outstanding bill of the Lawton Construction Company for sidewalk construction on Summer Street in connection with the rebuilding of the State Highway in 1927.

Voted—That \$64.99 be appropriated in order to provide payment of additional land damages on Wapping Road as decreed by the County Commissioners.

Voted—That the Town accept aid from State and County for the rebuilding of Landing Road and appropriate \$7,000.00 as the Town's share therefor.

Voted—That a committee of three be appointed by the

Moderator to report at future Town Meeting in connection with repairs and alterations to the Town House.

Voted—That the Town appropriate the sum of \$45.00. Same to be used in conjunction with the balance of \$81.23 now in the World War Memorial Plot. Also that the Town accept for placement on the Plot, two Machine Guns as a gift from the Kingston Post American Legion.

Voted—That the Town pay to the persons named below the sums set against their respective names, amounting in aggregate to \$282.08.

Louis Kriegel, for night watch July 3, 4th, 1927	
Fire Department	\$ 7.00
Frank Freyermuth, for night watch July 3, 4th, 1927.	
Fire Department	7.00
Town of Plymouth, bill dated Feb. 1, 1927 for board and treatment at Jordan Hospital of Harold Barraufaldi, scarlet fever in April 1922.	
Health Department	163.00
Town of Middleboro, Public Welfare, board, medicine, and medical attendance, Nov. 29 to Jan. 3, bill dated Jan. 3, 1928.	
Public Welfare	54.00
City of Boston, School Committee, for tuition in trade school, Nov. and Dec. 1926.	
School Dept.	32.82
Ettore Alberghini, bill dated Jan. 17, 1928 for repairs on Ford Car damaged on Highway Dec. 25, 1926.	
Miscellaneous	6.58
Charles H. Drew, bill dated Dec. 31, 1926, for expenses etc. Feb. 3, 1925 to Dec. 18, 1926.	
Water Department	11.68
	<hr/> \$282.08

Voted—That the Town pay to the Kingston Motor Mart \$17.62 being the amount shown on bill dated March 1, 1928 covering repairs to tractor from July 23rd to December 20th.

Voted—That the Town accept as a Town Road, Nelson Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Voted—That the Town accept as a Town Road, Brad-

ford Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen.

Voted—That the Town expend \$500.00 for the purpose of making Elm Street, particularly on Factory Hill so called, reasonably safe.

Voted—That the Town accept with grateful thanks the \$7,500.00 and accumulated interest, presented to the Town of Kingston by Mr. William L. Ames with the understanding it will be added to the present Lucy Prince Ames Memorial Fund, thus making a total Fund of \$20,000.00, same to be administered as is the original Fund by the Selectmen, the interest to be used for the upkeep and improvement of the Old Burying Ground. That the Selectmen be hereby instructed to extend our profound appreciation to Mr. Ames for his kindly act.

Voted—That the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for repair of Town Water Reservoir as outlined in the report.

Voted—That the Town have erected under the direction of the Selectmen, additional directional signs similar to those recently erected at important street intersections and appropriate \$150.00 therefor.

Voted—That the Town will accept Section 38-A, Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 269, Acts of 1926, which provides that the collector of Taxes shall collect all Accounts due the Town.

Voted—That the Collector of Taxes shall collect all Accounts due the Town committed to him by the Assessors, as well as all those which become due and payable through any other Department of the Town.

Voted—That the sum of \$7,740.00 be appropriated for maintenance of the Water Department for the ensuing year.

The following persons were appointed by Harold J. Weston, Moderator, three Members of Finance Committee for three years:

Arthur W. Pierce, Paul H. Delano, William J. O'Brien.
Meeting adjourned at 5:40 P. M.

HENRY S. EVERSON, *Town Clerk.*

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

At Town Hall, Thursday Evening, June 7, 1928.

Harold J. Weston, Moderator.

Voted—That the Town appropriate from excess and unappropriated cash, the sum of \$600.00 to repair and resurface the following sections of highway as a result of the discontinuance of their use by the Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company, namely:

1. Junction of Main and Evergreen Streets.
2. Junction of Main and Green Streets.
3. Roadway between Green and Summer Streets in rear of the World War Memorial.

And authorize the Selectmen, in consideration of the cancellation and surrender by the Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company of its franchise on location granted by the Town of Kingston and release of all its rights thereunder, To release the Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company from all liability to remove its rails and ties from Green and Pembroke Streets and Main Streets between Green and Pembroke Streets, and further release the said Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company from all liability to repair and restore said Streets which may be necessary by reason of the removal of said rails and ties by the Town.

Voted—That the Town appropriate from excess and unappropriated cash, the sum of \$3,000.00 to meet the requirements of the Public Welfare Department.

Voted—That the Town pay from unappropriated Excess Revenue, to the persons named below, the sums set against their respective names, amounting in the aggregate to \$12.00.

E. C. Bailey, For Two Direction Signs, Dated Apr. 25, 1928. \$ 2.00

Walter E. Baker, Labor on Flag Green Dated Dec. 31, 1927. 10.00

Voted—That the Town appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to cover the cost

for 1928 of thirteen Additional Street Lamps, from Excess and Unappropriated Cash.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

Signed,

HENRY S. EVERSON, *Town Clerk.*

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

At Town Hall, Thursday Evening, September 13, 1928.

Harold J. Weston, Moderator.

Voted—That all Votes be taken by Ballots.

Voted—That the Town appropriate from Excess and Unappropriated Cash, the sum of \$1200.00 to be used in connection with a like amount from the County and \$2400.00 from the State in the rebuilding of Landing Road. These amounts being in addition to the \$21,000.00 previously provided jointly by the State, County, and Town, for Landing Road.

Voted—That the Town transfer \$600.00, the balance of the appropriation made for relaying Mains on Wapping Road, to relaying Mains on Landing Road, the relaying of Mains on Landing Road being a purpose similar to the purpose for which the original appropriation was made. The six Hundred Dollars appropriated from Excess and Unappropriated Cash.

Voted—That the Town appropriate from Excess and Unappropriated Cash, the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of Additional Fire Hose.

Voted—That the Town appropriate from Excess and Unappropriated Cash, \$200.00 for the regular Fire Department Account.

Voted—That the Town appropriate from Excess and Unappropriated Cash, \$1,000.00 for the Board of Health.

Voted—That the Town appropriate from Excess and Unappropriated Cash \$100.00 for the Assessors' Account for the balance of the year.

Voted—That the Town appropriate from Excess and Unappropriated Cash, \$500.00 for the General Highway.
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

Signed,

HENRY S. EVERSON, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1928

January 2. George H. Bryant and Elizabeth R. Stewart both of Kingston.

January 5. Ernest J. Gandreau and Anna R. Pratt, both of Duxbury.

January 7. Ralph F. Matinzi of Plymouth and Mary V. Horgan of Kingston.

January 13. Arthur J. Pimental of Kingston and Catherine F. Griffin of Plymouth.

January 29. Charles B. St. Amant of Kingston and Alice A. Cardon of Plymouth.

January 31. Edwin I. Baker and Doris B. Edwards, both of Duxbury.

February 8. Everett A. Williams and Abbiean Giberti, both of Kingston.

March 17. F. Joseph Yager and Hattie M. Bruneau, both of Kingston.

April 3. Leroy S. Bonney of Boston and Mary T. Sliney of Belmont.

April 7. George C. Tibbetts of Kingston and Evelyn R. Pratt of Whitman.

April 8. Reanto A. Stanghellini of Plymouth and Margaret Harkins of Kingston.

April 28. Orrin W. Holman of Kingston and Lucy H. Savery of Plymouth.

May 3. John A. Alander and Edna M. Davis, both of Kingston.

May 12. Elwyn S. Beane and Hazel G. White, both of Plymouth.

June 4. Charles H. McManus of Kingston and Mary C. Leonardi of Duxbury.

June 18. John J. Alsheimer of Kingston and Alice C. Roy of Plymouth.

June 20. Guy P. Formica of Plymouth and Gladys D. N. Haulberg of Bridgewater.

June 23. Michael A. Gasper, Jr. of Plymouth and Florence Grozenger of Kingston.

June 25. Oscar Leonardi of Kingston and Delina Savard of Plymouth.

June 26. Joseph Balboni and Anna K. Benotti, both of Kingston.

June 26. Adelio A. Corsini of Plymouth and Leontina E. Benotti of Kingston.

July 14. Karl Krueger of Kingston and Sylvia Pinto of Plymouth.

July 28. David B. Joy of Ohio and Muriel E. Hallett of New York.

July 28. Henry H. Hanelt of Kingston and Edith B. Hunt of Brockton.

August 5. Charles H. Leach and Mary Z. Bonney, both of Kingston.

August 11. Parker E. Beals and Vera E. Eager, both of Holbrook.

August 25. Gustavo Guiboni of Plymouth and Albertina Gilli of Kingston.

August 31. William Borman and Katherine P. Wilcomb, both of Boston.

September 1. Robert Tassanari of Kingston and Pauline Nickerson of Duxbury.

September 4. Severino Tarantino of Kingston and Laura Bourgeois of Halifax.

September 6. Robert I. Lowe of Plymouth and Delia E. Joubert of Kingston.

September 22. Melvin L. W. Austin of Middleboro and Beatrice H. Nickerson of Kingston.

September 27. Alfred H. Muthig of Plymouth and Helen A. Hickey of Kingston.

September 27. Ralph S. Cogswell of Kingston and Mary J. Walsh of Worcester.

October 13. James Bosari and Florence M. Grozenger, both of Kingston.

October 15. Joseph Dufresne of Pembroke and Caroline Charlier of New Bedford.

October 17. Peter Borghesani of Kingston and
Mefalda E. Minelli of Plymouth.

October 20. O. Clifton MacDonald of Plymouth and
Myra M. Keene of Kingston.

November 15. Carl J. Mueller of Plymouth and Mary
A. Garvey of Duxbury.

November 19. John J. Wyner of Plymouth and Leah
E. Ruffini of Kingston.

November 26. Perry L. Burrell and Rebekah S.
Wuerpel, both of Kingston.

November 29. Arthur F. Hughes, Jr. of Plymouth
and Gertrude L. Hickey of Kingston.

December 20. Florindo Bena and Mary R. Diozzi,
both of Kingston.

December 27. Domero Cortelli of Plymouth and
Sylvia E. Benotti of Kingston.

DEATHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1928

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Parent's Names
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 2.	George Miller	82	3	7	Grippe	
Jan. 5.	John L. Tralner	60	—	6	Carcinoma	James Trainer and Adelaide Phillips
Jan. 9.	Flora M. Cole	91	6	28	Grippe	Ruel Atwood and Abigail S. Tillson
Jan. 19.	Mahalia E. Maglathlin	85	6	11	Pneumonia	John Bonney and Mary Maglathlin
Feb. 11.	Fannie da B. Merrill	11	7	21	Carcinoma	Clarence M. De Rochemont and Ella G. Wilson
Feb. 12.	Emma J. Julian	60	—	—	Pneumonia	Jacob A. Davis and Josephine Sencen
Feb. 17.	Emma M. Smith	60	1	2	Cancer	Nelson Archamault and Louise Piquot
Feb. 24.	Kate F. Freeman	71	8	19	Sclerosis	David Tolman and Catherine Tolman
Feb. 25.	Warren L. Bryant	72	10	23	Carcinoma	Nathaniel Bryant and Maria Haskell
Mar. 13.	Lysdia S. Bryant	88	—	11	Pneumonia	George Bryant and Mary Soule
Mar. 18.	Eugene G. Ayer	80	3	11	Pneumonia	Seth Ayer and Mary Nutting
Apr. 25.	Louise Rudolph	62	—	9	Diabetes	Michael Henrich and Katherine Reinhardt
May 5.	John G. Steidle, Jr.	—	—	—	Stillborn	John G. Steidle and Blanche A. Soule
May 11.	Mercy R. Hatch	92	8	23	Sclerosis	Benjamin Hately and Louisa Rogers
May 22.	Peter V. Joan	66	8	1	Hemorrhage	Frederick Joan and ———
June 8.	Alice V. Marden	71	1	30	Myocarditis	Jacob C. Newcomb and Roxanna Vinal
June 21.	Madeline Rudolph	61	7	6	Nephritis	John Dries and Katherine Mamer
June 25.	Henry J. Osborne	55	11	19	Congestion of Lungs	Charles S. Osborne and Lucy C. Philbrook
July 12.	Ellen F. Mullaney	51	6	28	Leukemia	Patrick Courtney and Catherine Regan
July 12.	George L. T. Jackson	76	1	9	Pneumonia	——— Jackson
July 25.	Wendell O. Chandler	67	3	29	Myocarditis	Henry O. Chandler and Maria J. Fish
July 26.	Louise Goxoni	12	—	—	Drowning	Louis Goxoni and Maria Falavena
July 26.	Gerald E. Sweeney	18	5	28	Drowning	Edward H. Sweeney and Katherine Ryan
July 28.	Olive B. Delano	78	10	11	Myocarditis	Stephen Holmes and Mahala Bartlett
July 30.	Martha M. Gibbs	11	8	1	Accidental Burning	John C. Morris and Rosette L. Thayer
July 31.	Melborn Elliott	66	3	22	Myocarditis	John L. Elliott and Sarah Mendenall
Aug. 17.	Mary E. Bradford	71	11	21	Cerebral Hemorrhage	William Baker and Betsey Rogers
Sept. 5.	Frank L. Clark	71	8	1	Mitral Stenosis	James H. Clark and Susan A. Fairbanks
Sept. 5.	Gladys Bryant	36	1	9	Premature Separation of Placenta	Joseph H. Magilton and Fannie F. Higgins
Sept. 9.	——— Seigel	—	—	—	Stillborn	Frederick Seigel and Lillian Mewis
Sept. 12.	Urbain Roy	51	—	19	Shock and Hemorrhage	Basil Roy and Deline Bleis
Sept. 13.	Anasa E. Lincoln	81	8	27	Carcinoma	Anasa Lincoln and Susan Wieber
Oct. 15.	Henry K. Keith	—	—	2	Hemorrhagic	Clinton T. Keith and Helen C. Hathaway
Oct. 18.	Flora Dunnell	63	10	23	Tuberculosis	William Irish and Sophia Shoemaker
Nov. 12.	——— Briggs	—	—	—	Stillborn	Harry G. Briggs and Lucy M. Chapin
Nov. 18.	Luke S. White	57	1	5	Suicide	William H. White and Emily Cochrane
Nov. 25.	Leora Bryant	81	2	19	Sclerosis	Martin Drake and Bathsheba Everson
Dec. 5.	Cornelia Vernazzaro	56	—	—	Carcinoma	Genaro Martone and Vingeza
Dec. 7.	Elizabeth Yager	51	—	21	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Peter Winter and Margaret Peck
Dec. 16.	John Wolf	69	9	—	Myocarditis	John Wolf and Katherine Hoover

BIRTHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1928

Date	Name	Name of Parent's
Jan. 2.	Howard Winthrop Williams	Francis A. Williams and Louise M. Hiedel
Jan. 4.	Joseph Arthur Alfred Bouchard	Charles Bouchard and Albertine Gagnon
Jan. 10.	Louis Peter Borghesani	Otto Borghesani and Blanche J. Lessard
Feb. 2.	Pauline Jeannette Greflino	George Greflino and Alice A. Basler
Feb. 15.	Delores Tassanari	Frank Tassanari and Mary A. Rapoz
Feb. 16.	Phyllis Hebert	Phillip Hebert and Irene R. Morin
Feb. 23.	Vincent Lanzoni, Jr.	Vincent Lanzoni and Caroline Meloni
Mar. 11.	Priscilla Marlon Marline	William L. Marline and Marlon F. Drayton
Mar. 20.	Jean Foster Pratt	Henry F. Pratt and Eva Varden
Mar. 20.	Mary Cerellello	Frank Cerellello and Sophia Jessie
Mar. 21.	John Nicodemus Mueller	Henry W. Mueller and Anna C. Nicodemus
Apr. 17.	Janet Ormsbee	Samuel O. Ormsbee and Harriet Elwell
Apr. 26.	Margaret Abbie Williams	Everett A. Williams and Abbie Giberli
Apr. 30.	Marion Louise Holmes	George P. Holmes and Constance M. Cushman
May 5.	Anna Isabella Ryll	Gottfried Ryll and Mary P. Bouney
May 5.	John George Steidle, Jr.	John G. Steidle and Blanche A. Soule
May 6.	Donald Elliott Drew	John E. Drew and Jane R. Nickerson
May 13.	Cecil Malcolm Stowell	Irene Stowell
June 2.	Manuel Cabral	Joseph Cabral and Almerinda Susa
June 11.	Mary Chilton Hathaway	Isaac Hathaway and Dorothy Holmes
July 2.	Allen Francis Burgess	Royal F. Burgess and Hazel Adams
July 15.	Aileen Brewster Leonard	Julius Leonard and Margaret G. Shethan
July 22.	John Augusto Gheff	Lodovico P. Gheff and Ida M. Tarozzi
July 25.	Frank Joseph Yager, Jr.	F. Joseph Yager and Hattie Washburn
July 25.	Ella Barbara Cole	George F. Cole and Mildred G. Knight
Aug. 2.	Elishman	Alice Cushman
Aug. 5.	Gertrude Mary Wallt	Russell J. Wallt and Mary H. Murphy
Aug. 11.	Beatrice Angel Bouchard	Abelardo Bouchard and Phebe Gagne
Sept. 1.	Blanche Gertrude Tison	Collier Tison and Rosalind A. Miller
Sept. 5.	Gladys Bryant Seigel	William C. Bryant and Gladys Magilton
Sept. 9.	Ruth Elizabeth Loring	Frederick Seigel and Lillian Mewis
Sept. 16.	Ruth Margaret Moore	Franklin F. Loring and Katherine L. Weicht
Sept. 19.	Francis Urban Roy	Jack T. Moore and Ruth L. Hernandez
Sept. 28.	Marjorie Ann Radcliffe	Urban Roy and Mary L. Dushneau
Oct. 1.	Edmond Raymond Roger Fiola	George Radcliffe and Ethel A. Priestley
Oct. 13.	Mary Kingston Keith	Raymond Fiola and Beatrice De Moulou
Oct. 21.	Margaret Gonsalves Brito	Clinton F. Keith and Helen C. Hathaway
Oct. 31.	John Jannucci	Fred G. Brito and Eliza P. Fraga
Nov. 2.	William Richard Sherwood	Benjamin Jannucci and Mary Sivari
Nov. 10.	Aurelia Elizabeth Galletti	Vernon H. Sherwood and Louise Paul
Nov. 12.	Rose Lopes Briggs	Alfred Galletti and Eva M. Govoni
Nov. 28.	Frank Elwood Chandler	Harry G. Briggs and Lucy M. Chapin
Dec. 3.	Robert Edsworth McManus	Joseph Lopes and Julia Ferreira
Dec. 5.	Barbara Ann Keene	Corkley A. Chandler and Frances L. Cole
Dec. 5.	Sabin Leslie Anderson	Thomas A. McManus and Dorothy E. Goodell
Dec. 9.	Robert Everett Borghesani	Edgar F. Keene and Norma Balloni
Dec. 18.	Alvin Davis Alexander	Karl F. Anderson and Lillian E. Everson
Dec. 21.	Gardner Ertman	Otto Borghesani and Blanch J. Lessard
		John A. Alexander and Edna M. Davis
		Clarence Ertman and Thalia Marlon

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY S. EVERSON.

Town Clerk.

Report of Selectmen

At the Annual Town Meeting, March 1928, the following were elected to the Office of Selectmen and Board of Health:

John T. Cushman, Albert H. Holmes, George F. Sever. These Departments organized the evening of March 5 1928 as follows:

Albert H. Holmes—Chairman, Selectmen.

George F. Sever—Chairman, Board of Health.

These Officers serving on both Boards, are in session at Selectmen's Office in Town House, Tuesday Evening of each week.

STATE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

The books and accounting of the Town have been carried on for another year according to the system established two years and one-half ago by the Division of Accounts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The various departments are now generally familiar with these requirements and have but little difficulty in properly applying them to their particular work. Roland Bailey was appointed Town Accountant in September 1926 for 3 years and as such has certainly rendered splendid service. There may be some who have felt he has been more strict in enforcing the requirements of his office than was necessary but permit us to advise that this work requires just such vigilance on his part and were he to be less so, he would be subject to criticism from the State Division of Accounts under whose supervision his work is conducted. Mr. Bailey is at the Selectmen's Office in the Town House each week day afternoon.

STREET LIGHTING

Due to an additional \$250.00 being provided at Special Town Meeting in June, thirteen new 40-Watt street lights have been installed during the past year. There are now in operation:

107 lights, 40-W each	@ \$19.00 per year	\$2,033.00
3 lights, 100-W each	@ 23.00 per year	69.00
2 lights, 600-W each	@ 70.00 per year	140.00

\$2,242.00

The 40-W lamp for street lighting is fast going out of date. The Plymouth Electric Light Company through whom our lighting system is operated, have made the Town a proposition to replace the 40-W lamps with 60-W which will give fully one-third more light at an additional cost of but \$1.00 per light, or annual rental of \$20.00 per light instead of \$19.00 and resulting in a total additional expense of \$107.00 per year. This change is strongly recommended by the Selectmen.

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriated \$1300.00. Expended \$1299.77.

The result of last year's work by this Department is very gratifying.

The brown tail moth which created such havoc during 1927 was much less in evidence during 1928, practically all the damage being confined to the wooded section where it is particularly difficult to combat them. The State participates in the expense of carrying on this work. Consequently, the law provides that they may dictate the amount of money each Town shall provide for the work. They have ordered that \$1575.00 be provided for 1929.

TREE WARDEN

Appropriated, \$150.00. Expended, \$149.38

All trees bordering on the highway, whether of Town or private ownership, come under the direct supervision of the Tree Warden, and must not be removed or disturbed without his approval.

STATE AID

Appropriated, \$432.00. Expended, \$420.00.

At the beginning of 1928 there were Two G. A. R. Veterans and Four G. A. R. Veterans' Widows receiving this aid, and while the amount is not large (\$6.00 per month) it is quite a factor with some of the recipients. There are now five receiving this aid as Mrs. Leora B. Bryant, widow of George B. Bryant, of the Massachusetts Third Regiment Company H., passed away November 25, 1928.

LANDING ROAD

At the Annual Town Meeting in March, the Town appropriated \$7,000.00 to be used in conjunction with the State and County in the rebuilding of Landing Road. The State Highway Department is never in a position to say definitely just how much assistance they can extend on these cooperative jobs under Chapter 90, until their annual budget is approved by the Legislature usually some time in April, but they had expressed a willingness to provide 50% of the cost, thereby making available \$14,000.00 from the State, \$7,000.00 from the County, and \$7,000.00 from the Town, totaling \$28,000.00.

It was later found that the requests from Towns throughout the State for such assistance were so numerous, many tentative allotments had to be reduced, ours being among those so affected, and as a result the State

could allot us but \$7000.00, which with \$7000.00 from the County and a like amount by the Town, totals \$21,000.00 for the job.

It is no longer the policy of the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth to participate in any co-operative road work to which the State, County and Town contribute when the cost of the work amounts to over \$10,000. Consequently the Landing Road Job was put out to contract on the unit basis by the State for the Town.

The bids were opened at the State House in July in the presence of the Selectmen. Amos Bridges & Sons of Hazardville Conn. were the lowest bidders, and as they were big operators on highway work, with a very fine reputation, were awarded the contract to build 4200 feet at a cost of \$21,000.00. The contract being duly signed for the Town by two Selectmen, Mr. Sever refusing to sign the document.

The "\$21,000.00" available was not sufficient to complete the entire Landing Road by about 685 feet, leaving that section between a point near the "Old Poor House" and Junction of Landing Road with Main Street not provided for.

Directly following the opening of the bid, we had a conference with Associate Commissioner, Frank E. Lyman and Chief Engineer, Arthur W. Dean, as a result of which it was agreed that if the Town and County would each raise an additional \$1200.00, the State Department would contribute \$2400.00, thereby providing the amount (\$4800.00) necessary to complete Landing Road.

At a Special Town Meeting, September 13th, 1928, the Town voted the necessary \$1200.00 which we feel was very good judgment as only by extending the original contract could this additional work have been accomplished by the \$4800.00 thus made available.

A twenty-foot bituminous macadam surface road has been completed and the opinion seems to be general that it is a very satisfactory one and should give good service.

TOWN HOUSE

The appropriation approved at the Annual March Meeting was \$700.00 for this item of the Budget, but the expense of heat, light, and janitor service, added to equipment, repairs to the building found to be necessary in order to prevent serious damage from roof leakage, also an insurance premium on the building which became due this Fall, was destined to exceed the appropriation. Therefore, the matter was submitted to the Finance Committee with request that they allot \$260.63 from their Reserve Account to meet these added expenses. Probably due largely to the unsightly condition of the assembly and lower halls, the rentals the past year have been far below normal.

If the building is to be continued for town purposes, something should be done this Spring about putting the exterior and the offices in proper condition without further delay, and if the halls are to continue as such, they should be treated likewise.

There have been so many ideas advanced during the past two or three years as to what should be done in the way of repairs and alterations, none of which have borne fruit, that the building has suffered materially from neglect. The Selectmen who are charged with the care of the building have, due to lack of funds, had to sit by and watch the building go from bad to worse.

It is hoped that as a result of the study which has been made by the special committee appointed by the Moderator in accordance with vote of the last Annual Meeting, (George E. Fogg, Maurice Malone, Burton J. Shepherd) to "Report at future Town Meeting in connection with repairs and alterations to the Town House", that sufficient information will be available to enable the voters to come to a definite decision as to what is to be done to the building. See Special Committee report elsewhere in this 1928 report.

RESUME

During the year numerous additional direction signs have been erected in accordance with the vote of the Town. They add much to the convenience of everyone in the town as well as those visiting it.

A report on the water and fire department systems has been made by the New England Insurance Exchange, of Boston, for the purpose of ascertaining the possibility of reducing our fire insurance rate from class "D" to class "C". The conditions as found did not warrant this sought for reduction. Many expensive alterations would be necessary to secure this lower class rate. The information obtained is of great value however and will act as a guide for future improvements.

Experience during this last year, in providing better and more convenient office facilities in our Town Hall for your town officers, shows clearly they were needed, and it seems important and desirable to furnish your officials with modern means for conducting the business of the Town. Your officials could better serve you with such business help available. Certain efficient equipment has been added.

The iron fence alongside of the Unitarian church bounding the Old Burying Ground has been repaired and painted and the gate made workable and the iron fence in front of the Training Green has been painted. The old fence is a splendid type of cast iron fencing and should always be preserved.

Railroad warning signs have been erected on Maple Street and a traffic warning sign on Main Street at Green Street.

Sidewalks authorized under the sidewalk act have been laid in cooperation with M. DiStefano and N. Corazzari, and the Plymouth Cordage Co. All on Main Street.

SUGGESTED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT IN 1929

1. At least 13 additional street lights at \$20.00 per

year might be added and some of our present lights rearranged so as to give better illumination for the expenditures.

2. The starting of a program for placement of cement bounds on our Town ways so as to determine the limits of our town ways and to enable property owners to locate the limits of their property.

3. A program for the installation of street name signs on our Town ways, for but few of our ways are possessed of sign plates or boards.

4. The completion of the erection of direction signs at the remaining important road intersections. These have proven their value.

5. The placement of traffic warning signs on Wapping Road and Pembroke Street, where there are three dangerous curves.

6. The installation of water service at our Town Dump for its protection against fire and for adequate control in case it is desired to burn it on occasion.

7. To formulate acceptable by-laws for our Town Government, for we have but few at the present moment and suitable ones would enable us to conduct the affairs of the Town on a uniform and consistent basis.

8. Additional sidewalks are desirable and necessary and provision is made in our budget for monies for this important work if the the Town so approves.

9. An earnest and careful study should be made of the proper method for the control and handling of our police arrangements. Many matters have arisen in these modern times which indicate that our past provisions are not adequate. A committee might well study and report on this.

9. The election of the Selectmen for terms of one, two and three years each would be a splendid step forward, instead of adhering to the present method of electing three men for one year terms.

A look forward is thus given to you, and some of our Town problems submitted for your earnest thought.

WILLIS FUND

This fund was established by William H. Willis, a former Kingston citizen, with the stipulation that the income be distributed by Chairman of the Selectmen for the benefit of needy children of the Town.

The securities are as follows:

13 shares Plymouth National Bank	\$1456.00
1 share Old Colony National Bank	112.00
1 share Old Colony Railroad Company	180.00
Deposit in Home Savings Bank, Boston	1801.80
Deposit in East Boston Savings Bank	1839.18
Deposit in Brockton Savings Bank	571.80
Deposit in Plymouth Five Cent Savings Bank	909.90
Total permanent investment	<u>\$6870.68</u>

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1928	\$64.15
Div. Plymouth National Bank	170.91
Div. Old Colony Railroad	7.00
Div. Old Colony National Bank	10.00
Div. East Boston Savings Bank	101.25
Div. Home Savings Bank	91.01
Div. Brockton Savings Bank	52.47
	<u>\$496.79</u>

Expenditures

Distributed in accordance with conditions of the bequest	\$451.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1928	45.79
	<u>\$496.79</u>

LUCY PRINCE AMES MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established in 1919 by Mr. William L. Ames of New York City in memory of his Mother and for whom the fund is named.

About a year ago, feeling more money spent on the Old Burying ground might make possible in the near future, added improvements now impossible on present income, Mr. Ames offered to increase the original fund by \$7500.00. This offer was accepted with grateful thanks by the Town in the Annual Town Meeting last March.

The combined investments are as follows:

Twelve \$1000.00 U. S. Government Bonds	\$12,000.00
One \$500.00 U. S. Government Bond	500.00
Deposit in Savings Department of the Plymouth National Bank	7,500.00
	<u>\$20,000.00</u>

1928 Account

Income	
Balance on hand January 1, 1928	\$262.90
Income taken	531.25
	<u>\$794.15</u>
Expenditures	
Labor, Mowing lawns, trimming trees, repairing monuments, and supplies	701.86
Balance on hand December 31, 1928	92.29
	<u>\$794.15</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. CUSHMAN,

GEORGE F. SEVER.

ALBERT H. HOLMES, Chairman.
Selectmen.

ICHABOD WASHBURN BENEVOLENT FUND

The report of the trustees of the Ichabod Washburn Benevolent Fund for the year ending December 31, 1928 is hereby submitted:

January 1, Balance on hand	\$463.53
January 1, Plymouth Sav Bk., interest.	24.66
April 1, Mansfield Bonds interest,	60.00
April 15, U. S. Liberty Bonds interest	148.75
July 1, Plymouth Sav. Bk. interest,	16.56
October 1, Mansfield Bonds interest	60.00
October 15, U. S. Liberty Bonds interest	148.75
	<hr/> \$922.25

There has been distributed:

To 27 Widows,	\$300.00
To 15 Single Women,	150.00
Surety Bond,	37.50
Expenses,	15.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1928,	419.75
	<hr/> \$922.25

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR A. BAKER,
WALTER H. FAUNCE,
HARVEY A. SOULE,

Trustees.

Report of Health Department

There was appropriated in March \$1,000, and in September \$1,000 additional making \$2,000 in all.

There has been expended \$1,621.30, leaving a balance of \$378.70. This has been distributed as follows:

Salaries	\$325.00	20.11%
Medical Service	332.00	20.45
Transportation	105.50	6.5
Hospital	351.25	21.60
Food	29.99	1.85
Medicine	1.00	0.006
Printing	17.00	1.05
Town Dump	412.00	25.40
Miscellaneous	47.56	2.936
	<hr/> \$1,621.30	<hr/> 100.00%

For 1929 the Board of Health is asking for \$1800., divided as follows:

Salaries	\$325.00
Town Dump	400.00
Medical services and Hospital	600.00
Transportation and Food	150.00
Dental Clinic for Schools, Chap. 111, Sect. 50	200.00
Miscellaneous	125.00
	<hr/> \$1800.00

There have been the following communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health:

Name	No.	Per Cent
Chicken Pox	1	0.67

Measles	129	87.80
Mumps	2	1.36
Scarlet Fever	11	7.47
Tuberculosis	1	0.67
Whooping Cough	1	0.67
Other Diseases	2	1.36
	<hr/> 147	<hr/> 100.00%

The scarlet fever cases were the cause of the major expense for medical service and the hospitalization or about \$673.00 with some of the transportation \$45.00 also chargeable to this item, or \$718.00 in all. If we add the cost of the Town Dump \$412.00 to this sum, we find \$1130.00 as the expense for these items, or about 70% of the total expenditures.

The chairman hopes that the Town will make provision for the introduction of a water supply at the Dump so that it can be slowly consumed and with ample fire protection and control. This will cost about \$300 and makes for safety and control of the Dump. An article for this item appears in the warrant for the annual meeting in March, 1929.

GEORGE F. SEVER, Chairman.
Board of Health.

Report of Town House Investigating Committee

To the Citizens of Kingston:

Your committee on repairing the Town House respectfully submit the following report:

To repair and paint the building on the outside as follows:

Painting	\$800.00
Replacing Conductor and Ventilator pipe, repairing Weather Vane	200.00
Inside Repairs:	
Repairs on walls in Hall	100.00
Repairs on ceiling in lower Hall way	100.00
Painting walls in Hall	100.00
Painting Wood work in Hall	100.00

The above figures are estimates which have been obtained by your committee, there would probably be some small repairs that would add to the above amount.

Your committee recommend an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars.

Regarding changing the Hall into Offices your committee do not think it advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. FOGG.

MAURICE MALONE,

BURTON J. SHEPHERD,

Committee.

List of Jurors

For 1928-1929
KINGSTON, MASS.

NAME	RESIDENCE	OCCUPATION
Abbott, Harry B.	Center Street	Mill Worker
Bailey, Roland S.	Linden Street	Clerk
Baker, Edgar A.	Main Street	Clerk
Bryant, Frank L.	Elm Street	Mill Worker
Chandler, Elwood B.	Maple Avenue	Clerk
Childs, Charles H.	Summer Street	Farmer
Clinton, Austin H.	Wapping Road	Carpenter
Cook, Charles F.	Summer Street	Painter
Corrow, Fred	Main Street	Mill Worker
Cushman, Briggs	Summer Street	Real Estate
Cushman, Charles A.	Main Street	Trucking
Cushman, George E.	Green Street	Retired
Dries, Jacob H.	Main Street	Foreman
Finney, Joseph C.	Pembroke Street	Mill worker
Fogg, George E.	Summer Street	Retired
Geel, Benjamin H.	South Street	Retired
Glass, Herbert F.	Main Street	Painter
Glass, William P.	Main Street	Tacker
Holman, Percy H.	5 Keith Avenue	Painter
Holmes, Albert E.	Main Street	Painter
Loring, Waldo F.	Summer Street	Real Estate
Maglathlin, Joseph N.	Wapping Road	Tacker
Monks, John R.	Main Street	Retired
Pierce, Arthur W.	Main Street	Machinist
Powers, William P.	Off Main Street	Mill Worker
Reidel, Robert	Prospect Street	Mill Worker
Sauer, Jacob	Main Street	Mill Worker
Smith, Capt. Wm. T.	Pembroke Street	Retired
Stranger, Chauncy	Summer Street	Caretaker
Wilbur, Charles C.	Main Street	Tacker

Public Welfare Department

At the first Meeting of the Board of Public Welfare following the 1928 Election in March, the Board organized as follows:

John T. Cushman, Chairman.

George E. Fogg, Member and Clerk.

Albert H. Holmes, Member

It was then duly voted that we should interview as soon as possible, every individual or family receiving aid from the Town in the hope ways might be found as permitted under the regulations of the Board, to effect further economies and thereby reduce the amount of aid extended.

The duties of the Overseers during the year just closed have been far more trying and have required fully three times as much consideration as formerly, but in spite of our combined efforts, the amount of aid found to be an absolute necessity has exceeded the largest previous year (1921) by \$696.72 and 1927 by \$1868.16.

The 1928 Welfare appropriation as provided at the Annual Meeting in March, was \$7,000.00 but it was found this amount could not possibly meet the requirements. Therefore, at a Special Town Meeting in June, it was necessary to increase the appropriation to \$10,000.00.

At the beginning of 1928 there were seven individuals and eight families entitled to, and receiving Town Aid. Twelve of these accounts having a Kingston settlement, two aided for other Towns and one for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Such aid as is advanced for the last three mentioned accounts is in due course, billed to neighboring Towns and the State respectively. These are large items, totaling about \$150.00 per month and while the amount expended comes back into our Town Treasury eventually, it cannot be treated as a credit item on our

"Welfare" account, consequently adds just that much to the money which must be appropriated to carry on the Board of Public Welfare.

Since January 1st., 1928, it has been found absolutely necessary to take on eleven new accounts, consisting of seven individuals and four families. All but one of the seven individuals are comparatively small items, each averaging about \$20.00 per month. The other individual case is a big factor, it being for the care of one who up to about two and one-half years ago, had been a Kingston resident for many years. At that time, due to an extremely unfortunately physical condition, hospital care became a necessity. A semi-private hospital in a nearby city conducted by a trained nurse in her own home for a limited number of patients requiring great care, was determined to be the most economical. For about two years, or until such time as the patient's finances were exhausted, no outside assistance was asked for.

No member of the family is in a position to assume all of the expense. Therefore, it is costing the Town of Kingston \$100.00 per month toward the care of this case and we know of no possible way to lessen this expense. A member of the family is paying substantial amounts regularly in addition to the amount paid by the Town.

In addition to the seven individuals aided for the first time in 1928, four families have received varying amounts.

One family taken on recently consists of father, mother, and ten children, with one girl working and the sole support of the whole family. The father is willing and eager to work, but for several weeks has been unable to secure any on account of the present local labor conditions. Can any reader offer this man a job? In the meantime, these children must have food, otherwise your overseers would become criminally liable. Aid is being extended for a neighboring town.

Another family of Mother and nine dependent children, placed in their unfortunate circumstances by the sudden

death of the father this past Summer. The Mother has no legal settlement in any town or city in Massachusetts, therefore, is a "State Charge" but Kingston has to advance them substantial amounts each month subject to later reimbursement by the State.

Another family consists of a Mother and six children who came to Kingston in 1928 and likely for family reasons to reside here until next Summer at least. This family has a settlement in a nearby town, for whose account we must advance necessary aid.

The fourth family concerns a young mother and her few months' old baby. The father deserted them at the time the baby was born and all efforts to find him have been unsuccessful. The mother (now in delicate health) and the baby are being cared for by a sister, but who is not in a position to assume the expense, consequently we must extend aid for account of an adjoining town where this family has a settlement.

The law prevents our publishing details of the Board of Public Welfare, but the official record of the Board is available to any citizen sufficiently interested to come before the Overseers at their Meetings, when an opportunity would be welcomed to explain the facts just as they exist. If more well meaning Kingston folks would interest themselves to this extent, we feel there would be far less criticism of the judgment of your Overseers.

This last Fall was the first time over a period of eight years that any one has appeared before the Overseers, seeking information as to its expenditures. One evening last October two Kingston ladies called at a Board Meeting to determine if certain statements which had come to their attention were fact or merely gossip. Had the information they had received been fact, or based on fact, their alarm might well have been justified. It did not take long to convince them that they had been misinformed, as the first three parties they mentioned, who in their opinion were receiving aid unnecessarily, were not being aided, never had been aided and had never

asked for aid, and furthermore, if the three people whose names we mentioned were aware of the fact, they might very properly be disturbed at the injustice.

Following the above disclosure, the whole record of the being aided was placed before our callers and after a very frank pleasant discussion of the whole situation, it is believed they went away with a very different impression of how the Kingston Board of Public Welfare is being conducted.

To compare the expenditures of one town's Welfare Department with those of another town, based on their respective populations only, we do not feel is an at all fair basis as requirements are governed entirely by local conditions. Two towns with approximately the same populations and perhaps located near one another, may encounter very different circumstances, for instance:

1. Good local labor conditions as against poor labor conditions.
2. Few destitute individuals or families as against several.
3. Individuals or small families as against large dependent families.
4. Few, if any, residing in town, requiring aid for account of another Town, City, or the State, as against several.

Any of these factors may mean a difference of several thousand dollars in the amount necessary to meet absolute necessities. As an example, we now have seven families requiring aid, for accounts of other Towns and the State, six of which have been taken on during 1928 and requiring a monthly expenditure of nearly \$300.00. This is a situation over which we have absolutely no control, an unfortunate condition which must be provided for.

Perhaps this point is best explained by the following comparison of our Welfare expenditures over an extended period. How many realize that 1928 exceeded 1921 by only about \$700.00 and that 1922 was \$3800.00 less than 1921?

1928	1922	1921
\$9906.02	\$5,473.40	\$9,209.30

Or to go back further, that

1894 with \$2506.02 against	\$1704.03 in 1895
1904 with 3150.53 against	1561.04 in 1905
1912 with 2744.24 against	1582.34 in 1913

from which it will be seen there is no regularity now and never was.

The following paragraph is quoted from the "Poor Department" report of 1900 to show that twenty-eight years ago the situation was doubtless very much the same as now.

"The indications point to an increase in the expense of this Department. The ability to supply hardly keeps pace with the excessive demands made upon the heads of our prosperous families."

We frequently hear the thought expressed that if the Welfare allotments were published in detail, there would be far less call for aid, but the following facts hardly bear it out. In 1909, the last year publication of Poor Department matters was permitted, there was expended \$2395.85, while the four years which followed required: 1910—\$2297.50; 1911—\$2082.46; 1912—\$2744.44; 1913—\$1582.34.

If a questionnaire were sent to each citizen of Kingston asking an opinion as to whether too much is being spent on welfare work in Kingston, it is safe to assume that the large majority would answer decidedly, yes. Yet these same persons could cite numerous instances of families under care who, in their opinion, are not being aided sufficiently and if the entire list of cases were thoroughly known to them, the verdict would be, that a greater amount of aid should be given. It is interesting to take note of the variance of judgment on the part of different individuals when passing on the needs of certain cases. In the opinion of one person, a certain family is most deserving of aid and in the judgment of another individual, that same family should by no means be as-

sisted. The result is, therefore, bound to be criticism of the relief officials, whether aid is, or is not granted.

It is the Welfare Overseers daily portion to have criticisms heaped on them and seldom do they have the pleasure of hearing the plaudits for services done.

THOMAS PRINCE BENEVOLENT FUND

The investment and distribution of this fund, for the benefit of the poor and sick of Kingston, is under the direction of the Overseers of the Department of Public Welfare as trustees.

The permanent fund is invested in Savings Banks as follows:

Plymouth Savings Bank	\$5,000.00
Plymouth Five Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	4,000.00
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	5,000.00
East Cambridge Savings Bank	4,000.00
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	1,541.18

Total permanent fund Dec. 31, 1928 \$21,541.18

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1928	\$ 376.98
Dividends taken	1,111.66
	\$1,488.64

Expenditures:

Distributed for benefit of sick and poor of the Town.	\$1,488.64
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Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. FOGG,
ALBERT H. HOLMES
JOHN T. CUSHMAN, Chairman.
Overseers of Dept. of Public Welfare.

Report of Fire Department

To the Citizens of Kingston.

Your fire department has little to report for the past year.

With one exception our fire loss has been small. We have a smooth working department, the response has been fast and each man is giving 100% service at all times.

Again and stronger I must insist that the people co-operate in keeping their chimneys clean.

As you can easily see with a total of 26 calls, 11 were chimney fires that should never have started.

Each time you call out your department it means quite an expense, as well as danger from accidents responding to the alarm.

We are always glad to help but the towns people should do their part to remove the cause.

Under our arrangement with Plymouth, Duxbury and Marshfield, the Duxbury Department "covered in" when all our apparatus was called to the woods fire at Mr. Guinett's.

Kingston "covered in" at Plymouth Central Station when they were called out.

Plymouth and Kingston also worked together on three fires.

The best of feeling prevails between the adjoining town departments and the plan is a success.

We wish to thank all who have helped the department and made it as fine as any town could wish.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE R. DREW.
Chief.

Report of Forest Fires

For the year of 1928 we answered twenty-two calls which proved to be fires and six false alarms. Of all these calls only one proved to be serious, this being the big fire of March twenty-eight which started in Carver and gained such headway before reaching Kingston as to be completely out of control. However, with the help of the surrounding towns it was extinguished that day. The other fires were all easy to handle, due to the fact that the tower man at Monks Hill watches so carefully, and by notifying us promptly enables us to reach the fire at the start.

The total expense for the year, for extinguishing all fires including the cost of all supplies needed by the Forest Fire Department, was \$532.25. Another \$100.00 was spent for trimming out woods roads, this money I consider as being exceptionally well spent as it enables us to reach with apparatus, in the shortest possible time, sections of woodland that would otherwise be inaccessible.

In handling forest fires the first few minutes are worth more than an equal number of hours after it has a good start. For this season we are asking that \$100.00 be appropriated again this year to continue our trimming program.

HAROLD L. COOK, *Forest Warden.*

Report of Highway Department

For Howland's Lane, there was appropriated \$3000.00. With this amount we built 2000 feet of stone road, 18 feet wide, using 6000 gallons of Asphalt binder, at a cost of \$810.00. There was also used about 60 feet of drain pipe.

As a portion of the Stone was carted in by our trucks, as well as other trucks hired by the day, it is a little difficult to determine the actual cost of the Stone.

The balance of the appropriation was used for Stone, Coal, and Labor.

For Elm Street there was appropriated \$500.00 and I felt it advisable to use this amount for a piece of permanent road rather than using it for patching, therefore, built about 300 feet.

On this piece of road was used \$135.00 for penetration, the balance for Stone and Labor.

For the Junction between Main and Green Streets, Green and Summer Streets, Evergreen and Main Streets, there was appropriated \$600.00 to remove rails and ties, and make such repairs as was necessary. Removing rails and ties and necessary excavating cost \$114.00. Added to this there was paid out \$135.00 for penetration. The balance was used for Stone, Labor and Gravel.

As our funds were not sufficient to do what I would liked to have done at the three points, I did not attempt to do anything permanent at the head of Evergreen Street as at present there is no Stone road at that junction.

For Regular Highways there was appropriated \$10,000.00. And at a Special Meeting there was appropriated an added \$500.00. Out of this comes the Highway Surveyor's Salary which is \$1600.00.

This year there has been paid out for oil and patching material, getting out of sand and putting on oil, about \$3500.00. Expense of repairs on machinery about \$600.00.

We also built a short piece of stone road on Maple Avenue at a cost of \$500.00.

Our general repairs this year are as follows: Graveling Peek's Lane, East Avenue, Rocky Nook Avenue, Oak Street, a portion of Holmes Avenue and May Avenue.

Owing to the bad condition of some of our roads caused by unseasonable weather, made it necessary to spend about \$1200.00 on Grove and West Streets in the first part of the year.

As there was no appropriation for Bradford Avenue, we made such repairs as we could from our Regular appropriation. Added to this was cost of tools, gas, oil, and insurance, which consumed the balance of the appropriations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1929

\$1600.00 for Highway Surveyor's Salary.
 2000.00 for Oil.
 2000.00 for Grove Street.
 1500.00 for Elm Street.
 250.00 for Insurance.
 3500.00 for General Repair
 3000.00 for Howland's Lane.

Making a
 Total \$13850.00

I also recommend \$1000.00 for Snow Removal.
 \$500.00 to take care of drainage on Main Street near W. K. Cronin's property.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. NICKERSON,
 Highway Surveyor.

Frederic C. Adams Public Library

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME OF F. C. ADAMS FUND

Jan. 1, 1928, balance on hand,	\$7,817.61	
Income for the year,	1,071.92	
Received from the Adams School Fund, one-fifth of \$507.15,	101.43	
		<hr/> \$8,990.96
Paid for books, magazines, etc.,	\$651.04	
Balance on hand,	8,339.92	
		<hr/> \$8,990.96

The F. C Adams Fund stands invested as follows:

2 shares American Telephone & Telegraph Co.
 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.
 2 shares Old Colony National Bank, Plymouth, Mass.
 28 shares Plymouth Cordage Co.
 8 shares Plymouth National Bank, Plymouth, Mass.
 \$500, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Co., 4% bond due 1995.
 \$1,000, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., 4% bond due July 1, 1929.
 \$1,000, Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., 5% bond due 1942.
 \$1,000, Rio Grande Western Railway Co., 4% bond due 1939.
 \$1,000, on deposit in the New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank.
 \$864.60, on deposit in the Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank.
 \$447.11, on deposit in the South Scituate Savings Bank.
 \$1,000, on deposit in the Whitman Savings Bank.

INCOME OF BYRON C. QUINBY FUND

Jan. 1, 1928, balance on hand,	\$418.90	
Income for the year,	25.46	
		\$444.36

This fund is on deposit in the Plymouth Savings Bank.

INCOME OF ROSA A. COLE FUND

Jan. 1, 1928, balance on hand,	\$314.32	
Income for the year,	230.91	
		\$545.23

Paid—

For Treasurer's bond,	\$50.00	
For Fuel,	49.65	
For Labor & materials on repairs,	54.60	
For Electric Current,	14.16	
For Rent of safe,	3.00	
Balance on hand,	373.82	
		\$545.23

The Rosa A. Cole fund stands invested as follows:

- \$1,000, Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., 5% bond due 1937.
- \$1,000, Middlesex & Boston Street Railway Co., 4½% bond due 1932.
- \$1,000, Seattle Electric Co., 5% bond due August 1, 1929.
- \$1,000, Southern California Edison Co., 5% bond due 1939.
- \$1,135.20 on deposit in the Rockland Savings Bank.

INCOME OF ANNIE C. THOMAS FUND

Jan. 1, 1928, balance on hand,	\$108.83	
Income for the year,	49.88	
		\$158.71

Paid—

Treasurer's salary for 1928,	\$50.00	
Balance on hand,	108.71	
		\$158.71

The Annie C. Thomas fund stands invested as follows:
\$1,129.70, on deposit in the Fairhaven institution for Savings.

BOOK FINES

During the year fines to the amount of \$92.45 were collected by the Librarian and paid to the Town Treasurer.

HENRY L. BARKER, Treasurer.

January 23, 1929.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Number of books,	11,848
Added the past year,	263

In that number are 48 replacements and 34 gifts

Number of magazines,	37
Number of weeklies	14
Number of dailies,	4
Total attendance in the Reading room,	4,317
Average attendance per day,	11
Total circulation of books	10,475
Average circulation per day	31

Total circulation by classes as follows:—

Genealogy & General works,	6
Philosophy,	25
Religion,	40
Sociology & Education,	117
Science,	82

Useful arts,	86
Fine arts,	103
Literature & Philology,	253
History,	149
Travels,	421
Biography,	416
Fiction,	8.668
Magazines, bound, 16; single, 93,	

GIFTS 1928

Book of Poems "Leaves on The Tide", Mrs. Mary Locke
 Forty-two books, Mrs. Chas. P. Lombard.
 Knights of Columbus Magazine, Knights of Columbus.
 "American Institution and their Preservation", Mr.
 Wm. W. Cook, N. Y.

"Herbert Hoover", Mr. John Richardson, Boston.

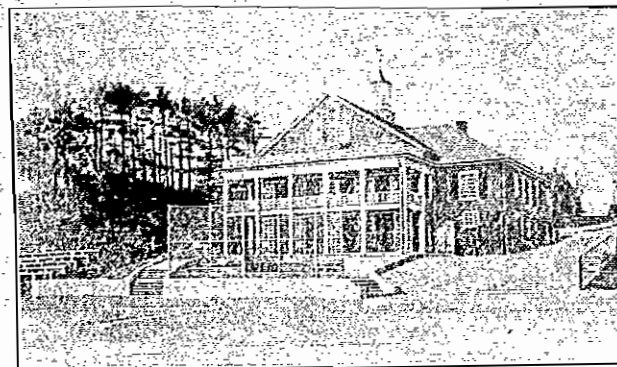
"Bible Concordance", Rev Zenas Croweel, Attleboro.

2 Years Subscription, "Reader's Digest", Mrs. Helen
 S. Barstow, Epsom, N. H.

Expenditures from Town Appropriation will be found
 in Report of Town Accountant.

F. RUSSELL ADAMS,
 HARVEY A. SOULE,
 GEORGE W. ADAMS,
 ARTHUR W. PIERCE,
 FRANK W. MAGLATHLIN,
 HENRY L. BARKER,

Trustees.



Reed Community House AND Kingston Play Grounds

Report of Playground Commission

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation, \$2500.00

Expenses applied against appropriation:

Janitor's wages,	\$1,325.00	
Janitor's supplies,	33.27	
Carting Fuel,	102.15	
Lighting,	227.38	
Equipment and repairs,	59.60	
Insurance,	428.00	
Labor. Removing ashes and rubbish.		
Carting loam and sod.	107.50	
		\$2282.90
Receipts from rentals.		\$723.00
Net cost.		\$1559.90

Last year was not as good as the year previous from a financial point of view, but in many ways it was better.

Acting upon suggestions many new things were tried. The rentals were reduced for one thing but it made no difference as far as the use of the Building was concerned. Fire Insurance was taken out at a cost of \$428.00.

Mr. Reed gave us two carloads of coal which was a great help and enabled us to show a balance.

It is our hope to make The Reed Community House and Kingston Playground self-supporting and there is no reason why it can not be done. In my opinion we are the most fortunate Town in the State to have such a plant ready at all times for the use of this Community, and doubly so in having such a friend as Mr. Edgar Reed, who made it possible and we ask and expect the co-operation and backing of every organization and citizen of Kingston.

SCHEDULE OF RENTALS 1929

Entire Building,	\$35.00
Auditorium,	\$20.00
Basement and Kitchen,	15.00
Up-Stairs, Side Rooms, Evenings	3.00
Up-Stairs, Side Rooms, Day,	2.00
For the Kingston Playground Commission.	

FRED L. BAILEY, Chairman.

Report of Police Department

The year 1928 has been a trying one for the Police Department.

A Town the size of Kingston should pay salary enough to enable one man to devote all his time to police work. For several years and particularly 1928, it has been a physical impossibility to attend to all the police work and carry on another line of work at the same time.

There has been more than the usual number of arrests and far more than the usual number of dog cases to look after, while the number of small breaks have been on the increase this year, as well as an increase in the amount of automobile work.

I recommend the sum of \$2500.00 be appropriated for suppression of crime for 1929. I believe this would provide for one permanent man and a car for his use and take care of the other incidentals of the Department for the year.

HOWARD L. RUSHTON, *Chief.*

Report of Water Department

The Board of Water Commissioners submits the following report for the year of 1928.

Reservoir:— In accordance with the vote taken at the annual Town meeting in March 1928, the Water Commissioners signed a contract with Thomas Mulcare, Inc. for the repair of the Town reservoir under the supervision of The Thompson and Lichtner Co. of Boston, Engineers, work being started in April.

The repairs necessitated the removal of considerable material from the wall of the reservoir in several places and replacing with fresh concrete, waterproofing the exterior to prevent the absorption of moisture and painting the interior with suitable material for filling the pores of the concrete.

The reservoir was filled again in May and although its general condition was much improved there was found to be some seepage, mostly on the North East side.

The water level was lowered again and another coat of waterproofing material applied at the points of seepage but it was found upon filling that some seepage still existed.

The approach of the summer season prevented further work until later in the season and although some work has since been done a slight seepage still exists, our Engineers seem confident however, that this condition can be eliminated as soon as weather conditions will permit.

Approximately \$1,800.00 of the \$3,000.00 appropriated has been expended and indications are that the original appropriation will be ample to complete the work.

Extensions:— No extensions of note have been made to the system during the year.

200 feet of 4 in. pipe near the corner of Landing road and Maple Street was replaced with 6 in. pipe and the grade raised to conform to the changes in highway grade at this point.

Gates were placed at the intersection of the 4 in. Maple Street main and the 6 in. Landing Road main to facilitate separating these mains in case of leakage.

Reconstruction of the Landing Road bridge necessitated relocating our main under the bridge instead of at the side as formerly.

Approximately \$430.00 was spent on this work \$226.00 of which was charged to the maintenance appropriation due to the fact that some work had to be done before the special appropriation covering this work was authorized.

Pipe cleaning:— No pipe cleaning was done during the year but it is hoped that this work can be taken up again this year.

Hydrants:— Three of the old type hydrants have been replaced with the modern type which have been gated to permit quick shutoff in case of leakage.

Services:— 20 new services have been put in during the year, fifteen of which are now in use.

New services and additional fixtures installed show a steady growth which is reflected in the Department receipts.

Power and Water Consumption:— Again we have been fortunate in the matter of purchased power for pumping as there were no prolonged spells of drouth and our water driven pumping plant has pumped the major portion of the water consumed.

Water consumption for the year amounted to 91,488,000 gallons, an average of 250.542 gallons per day, the largest days consumption being on July 3rd, when 389,000 gallons were pumped.

State analysis show that our supply is still of the same high quality.

Recommendations:— On October 19th the New England Insurance Exchange completed a survey of our system with regard to its ability for fire protection and their report with recommendations follows:

RESULTS OF FIRE FLOW TESTS CONDUCTED OCTOBER 19, 1928

District	No.	Location	See footnotes.					
			1	2	3	4	5	6
P. M. D.	1	Summer and Evergreen Sts.	85	22	500	305	510	1500
Residential	2	Summer Street. (Dead end)	67	2	170	80	140	1000
Residential	3	Wapping Road and Evergreen Street.	59	6	340	130	290	1000
Residential	4	Main and Elm Streets.	61	25	520	275	560	1000
Res. & Minor Mercantile	5	Main Street and Howlands Lane.	77	3	250	145	220	1250
Residential	6	Rocky Nook Avenue and East Street.	87	13	175	120	155	1000
Residential	7	Main Street and Bayview Road.	71	15	310	180	295	1000
Residential	8	Maple Street and Landing Road.	94	20	240	180	240	1000

Note: Column

- 1 Static Pressure, hydrants closed.
- 2 Residual pressure on main with hydrant flowing.
- 3 Discharge obtained with residual pressure shown in Col.2.
- 4 Discharge estimated at pressure suitable for direct hydrant streams
- 5 Discharge estimated for engine pressure at residual pressure of 20 pounds.
- 6 Required flow.

Recommendations of the New England Insurance Exchange the carrying out of which will permit a grading of 6th Class under the Analytic System of Schedule Rating and Class C for Minimum Rates on Dwelling House Property are as follows:—

WATER SUPPLY:— That conditions be improved by preparing and completing detail plans of the supply works, pumping station, and distribution system showing all mains, gate valves and hydrants.

That such plans together with details of construction and maintainence be maintained to date, properly indexed, duplicated where necessary, made convenient as to form and safely filed.

That a measuring device be installed in the supply line and complete records of consumption be kept.

*That the distribution system be strengthened by the installation of the mains given in the table below:

TABLE OF RECOMMENDED MAINS

Size	From	Along	To
10 in. —	Main	Green	Summer.
8 in. —	Green	Summer	Maple.
8 in. —	Summer	Maple and Landing Road	Main.
8 in. —	Elm	Brook and Main	Landing Road.
10 in. —	Brook	Main	Plymouth line or the
installation of elevated storage of not less than 100,000 gallons in vicinity of Rocky Nook.			

That the following be adopted as the standard minimum size of mains used for hydrant supply for all future construction:

(a) In residential districts, 6 in. and 8 in., the former to be used only where they complete a good gridiron and in no case in blocks 600 feet or more in length.

(b) In mercantile and manufacturing districts, 8 in. and 12 in., the former to be used in sections where they complete a good gridiron and the latter for long lines not cross connected.

That all 4 in. pipe supplying hydrants be replaced in accordance with the foregoing recommendations and a well defined plan whereby a definite amount will be replaced each year.

That dead ends be eliminated wherever possible and long unsupported lines cross connected at suitable intervals.

*That the distribution system be equipped with sufficient number of gate valves so located that no single case of accident, breakage or repair to the pipe system in important districts will necessitate the shutting off from service a length of pipe greater than the side of a single block or a maximum of 500 ft. or in other districts greater than two sides of a single block or a maximum of 800 ft.

*That all gate valves be inspected once a year, proper records being kept on file of all such inspections.

That a sufficient number of hydrants be installed so all important buildings in outlying sparsely built sections will be within 250 feet of a hydrant, and in built up districts the distance between adjacent hydrants will in no case exceed 350 feet.

Note: The important recommendations are marked with a star.

It seems to the Commissioners that our system now covers a large enough area so that no major extensions requiring a bond issue will be necessary for some years to come and with the reduction of our bonded indebtedness a substantial sum can be appropriated yearly from the earnings of the Department to carry the above recommendations into effect.

BALANCE SHEET MAINTAINENCE APPROPRIATION

Appropriations:		
March Meeting 1928,	\$7,740.00	
Refund, Eddy Valve Co.,	25.54	
Refund, Standard Oil Co.,	8.25	
		<u>\$7,773.79</u>
Expenditures:		
Station supplies,	\$70.36	
New auto truck,	835.00	
Truck maintainence, gas, oil, repairs,	178.83	
Pipe and Fittings,	585.58	
Hydrants,	267.52	
Power and light,	714.27	
Repairs to plant machinery,	149.17	
Tools,	75.73	
Coal and Wood,	55.00	
Freight and Trucking,	27.96	
Building repairs,	94.83	
Telephone,	43.93	
Office supplies, stationery etc.,	199.49	
Salaries and Labor,	4,052.17	
Miscellaneous expenses,	257.90	
		<u>\$7,607.74</u>
	166.05	
Balance to Surplus Revenue.		<u>\$7,773.79</u>

Financial Statement.

Total Department Receipts,	\$13,913.93
Accounts Receivable Dec. 31.	470.43
	<u>\$14,384.36</u>

Expenditures:

Department Maintenance Acc't,	\$7,773.79	
Less Balance to Surplus Revenue,	166.05	
	<u>7,607.74</u>	
Funding of Dept. Debt, Principal,	5,000.00	
Funding of Dept. Debt, Interest,	1,514.63	
	<u>\$14,122.37</u>	
Net operating profit,	261.99	
	<u>261.99</u>	\$14,384.36

Reservoir Account.

Appropriated, Mar. 10, 1928,		\$3,000.00
On contract,	\$1,473.05	
Engineering service,	230.00	
Labor,	28.00	
Fittings and pipe,	52.54	
Tools,	.70	
Miscellaneous charges,	6.96	
	<u>1,791.25</u>	
Unexpended Balance Dec. 31, 1928.		\$1,208.75

Wapping Road "C" Account.

Balance Jan. 1, 1928.	\$1,574.28	
Transferred to Landing Road Account		
Sept. 13, 1928,	600.00	
	<u>600.00</u>	
Balance Dec. 31, 1928.		\$974.28

Landing Road Account.

Transferred from Wapping Road "C"		
Account Sept. 13, 1928,	\$600.00	

Expended:

Labor,	145.50	
Material,	59.34	
	<u>204.84</u>	
Balance Dec. 31, 1928.		\$395.16

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. HASKELL,
C. BROOKS HUDSON,
HAROLD L. COOK,
Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF AN AUDIT
of
THE ACCOUNTS
of
The Town of Kingston
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1928

Made in accordance with the Provisions of
Chapter 44, General Laws

February 8, 1929

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Division of Accounts
State House, Boston

February 8, 1929.

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Albert H. Holmes, Chairman,
Kingston, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Kingston for the year ending December 31, 1928, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Kingston for the year ending December 31, 1928, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, were examined and verified.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The cash on hand was verified by

an actual count and the bank balances were reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank.

The cash book was footed and the recorded receipts were analyzed and checked by a comparison with the records in the departments collecting money for the town and with the several sources from which money was paid into the treasury. The payments were checked with warrants approved by the selectmen authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the books of the accountant.

The cancelled securities and coupons on file, representing payments of debt and interest, were examined and checked.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked. The commitment books were footed and reconciled, and the outstanding accounts were listed. A further verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. Among the replies received were claims from two persons that their taxes had been paid to the previous collector, and these are being investigated. From the other replies received, it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The collector's cash books were added and checked in detail, and the payments to the treasurer were checked to the amounts as recorded on the treasurer's books. The abatements, as recorded on the commitment books, were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted.

The records of tax titles taken by the town were examined and checked, and the deeds on file in the treasurer's office were compared with the accountant's ledger accounts.

The books and accounts of the collector of water rates for the period from January 1 to June 12, 1928, had been examined and checked previously, a report thereon

being submitted at the time of examination.

The recommitment of the outstanding accounts June 12, 1928, together with the commitments from July 1 to December 31, 1928, and that of January 1, 1929, were examined and checked. The commitments were footed and reconciled, and the outstanding accounts were listed. The payments to the treasurer were verified by a comparison with the amounts as recorded on the treasurer's books and the abatements were checked with the water commissioners' records of abatements granted.

The records of dog and of hunting and fishing licenses issued by the town clerk were examined, and the payments to the county and state treasurers, respectively, were checked to the receipts on file, the cash on hand being verified by an actual count.

The accounts of the scaler of weights and measures were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's books, and the cash on hand was verified by an actual count.

The various trust funds in the custody of the library trustees, the selectmen, the trustees of the Ichabod Washburn Fund, and the town treasurer were examined and checked. The securities and savings bank books were personally examined, and the income and payments as recorded were verified.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and collector's cash, summaries of the tax accounts and trust fund transactions, together with a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1928.

For the courtesies extended and the assistance rendered by the various town officials during the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,

Chief Accountant.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1928,	\$7,511.41	
Receipts,	219,352.98	
	<hr/>	\$226,864.39
Payments,	\$225,312.68	
Balance December 31, 1928,	1,551.71	
	<hr/>	\$226,864.39
Balance January 1, 1929,	\$1,551.71	
Receipts January 1 to 12, 1929,	1,946.26	
	<hr/>	\$3,497.97
Payments January 1 to 12, 1929,	\$2,600.16	
Balance January 12, 1929:		
Plymouth National Bank,	\$873.81	
In Office (verified),	24.00	
	<hr/>	897.81
		<hr/>
		\$3,497.97

PLYMOUTH NATIONAL BANK

Balance per statement January 12, 1929,	\$4,036.09
Balance per check book January 12, 1929,	\$873.81
Outstanding checks January 12, 1929, per list,	3,162.28
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	\$4,036.09

Report of Treasurer and Collector

For the year ending December 31, 1928

Cash on hand January 1, 1928.	\$7,511.41
Receipts during the year, 1928.	219,352.98
Total.	<u>\$226,864.39</u>
Payments during the year 1928.	\$225,312.68
Cash on hand December 31, 1928.	1,551.71
Total.	<u>\$226,864.39</u>

FRANK A. RANDALL,

Treasurer.

Report of Town Accountant

Kingston, Mass., February 9, 1929.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Kingston:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith a report of the financial transactions of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1928.

ROLAND BAILEY, Town Accountant.

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES:

Town

Current year

Property, \$60,727.30

Poll, 1,660.00

Previous years, 32,346.89

\$94,734.19

Agency:

State, \$4,420.00

State Highway, 828.00

Auditing Municipal

Accounts, 1,268.10

County, 7,320.63

Maintenance Ply.

County Hospital, 959.78

Repairs Powder

Point Bridge, 335.09

\$15,131.64

Tax Titles,

\$81.61

\$81.61

\$109,947.44

STATE		
Corp. Tax,	\$4,210.55	
Bank Tax,	273.60	
Income Tax,	12,610.00	
Soldier's Exemption,	127.81	
	<hr/>	\$17,221.96
LICENSES—FINES		
Licenses,	\$104.00	
Court Fines,	765.75	
	<hr/>	\$869.75
GRANTS AND GIFTS		
Mass. School Fund,		
Part I	\$3,675.51	
Union School Supt.,	741.11	
Aid to Industrial Schools,	81.06	
Dog Licenses from County,	387.15	
	<hr/>	\$4,884.83
		<hr/>
		\$22,976.54

COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Departmental)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Collector		
Adv. deferred taxes,	130.06	
Tax Title Costs and		
Int.,	6.25	
	<hr/>	\$136.31
Town Hall Rents,	\$235.00	
Sale of Materials,	188.39	
All Other (Tel. Tolls),	.95	
	<hr/>	\$424.34

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and	
Measurers,	64.14
Forest Fires,	55.25

Bounties on Seals		
(from State),	34.00	
	<hr/>	\$153.39
HEALTH		
Tuberculosis subsidy,	\$100.71	
	<hr/>	\$100.71
HIGHWAYS		
Use of Equipment,	\$329.00	
	<hr/>	\$329.00
FOR OUTLAY		
From State,	\$6,447.19	
From County,	6,447.19	
From County, (Land		
Damage Landing		
Road,)	866.48	
	<hr/>	\$18,760.86
CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS		
Reimbursements:		
From Cities and Towns,	\$1,016.00	
Mother's Aid:		
From Cities and Towns,	\$588.34	
From State,	97.33	
	<hr/>	\$1,701.67
Soldiers' Benefits:		
State Aid,	\$486.00	
	<hr/>	\$486.00
SCHOOLS		
Tuition, State,	\$425.44	
Tuition, Other,	260.25	
	<hr/>	\$685.69
PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Book Fines,	\$90.54	
	<hr/>	\$90.54

RECREATION	
Community House Rents,	\$673.00
	<u>\$673.00</u>
UNCLASSIFIED	
Rent, Stony Brook	
School House,	\$10.00
	<u>\$10.00</u>

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

WATER DEPARTMENT	
Sale of Water,	\$13,705.87
Interest Guarantees.	97.37
Service Pipes,	48.05
Miscellaneous.	64.64
	<u>\$13,915.93</u>

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

INTEREST	
On Taxes,	\$1,865.67
On Trust Funds,	1,966.10
	<u>\$3,831.77</u>

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	
Anticipation of Revenue	\$50,000.00
	<u>\$50,000.00</u>

REFUNDS	
Water Department,	\$33.79
Public Welfare Department,	70.00
Highway Department,	16.00
Collector's Bond,	10.00
	<u>\$129.79</u>
	<u>\$86,429.00</u>
	<u>219,352.98</u>
Cash December 31, 1927,	<u>7,511.41</u>
	<u>\$226,864.39</u>

PAYMENTS GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT	
Moderator,	\$25.00
	<u>\$25.00</u>

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT	
Salaries,	\$325.00
Stenographer,	43.05
Printing, Stationery and	
Postage,	180.70
Carfares, etc.,	45.70
Telephone,	89.61
	<u>\$684.06</u>

AUDITING DEPARTMENT	
Accountant,	\$1,000.00
Stenographer,	2.00
Auditing Municipal	
Accounts,	1,268.10
Printing, etc.,	89.87
Supplies,	17.49
	<u>\$2,377.46</u>

TREASURY DEPARTMENT	
Treasurer,	\$600.00
Printing, etc.,	34.87
Surety Bond,	75.00
All other,	19.34
	<u>\$729.21</u>

COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT	
Collector, Salary,	\$600.00
Collector, Fees,	48.75
Printing, Stationery and	
Postage,	183.39
Surety Bond,	150.00

Advertising delinquent taxes,	202.75	
Recording Tax Title Deeds,	31.60	
All Other,	31.25	
		<u>\$1,247.74</u>

ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries,	\$1,267.50	
Printing, etc.,	66.65	
Auto Hire,	88.00	
Town Survey,	1,500.00	
		<u>\$2,922.15</u>

OTHER FINANCE OFFICES

Certifying Notes,	\$14.00	
		<u>14.00</u>

LAW DEPARTMENT

Town Counsel for		
Selectmen,	\$120.00	
Collector,	3.00	
Crime,	50.00	
Health,	20.00	
Public Welfare,	20.00	
Water,	20.00	
		<u>\$233.00</u>

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Town Clerk, salary,	100.00	
Town Clerk, recording Fees,	88.50	
Printing, etc.,	24.83	
Surety Bond,	4.00	
		<u>\$217.33</u>

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Registrars, salary,	\$120.00	
Election Officers,	155.00	
Printing, etc.,	189.00	
		<u>\$464.00</u>

TOWN HALL

Janitor,	\$148.80	
Fuel,	141.00	
Light,	95.48	
Janitor's supplies,	4.80	
Boiler Inspection,	5.00	
Removing Ashes,	2.00	
		<u>\$397.08</u>

Insurance

Building,	\$141.56	
Boiler,	109.12	
		<u>\$250.68</u>

Alterations and Repairs

Treasurer's office,	16.35	
Building, outside,	74.98	
Boiler,	15.62	
Office stoves,	6.08	
		<u>\$113.03</u>

New Equipment

For Office,	\$176.15	
Directory and Notice Boards,	26.35	
		<u>\$202.50</u>

\$9,877.24

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages,	\$1,233.47	
Medical Attendance,	16.00	
Auto Hire,	170.60	
Expenses,	22.22	
Stationery and Postage,	2.67	
		<u>\$1,444.96</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1927 account paid in 1928.

Wages,	\$14.00	
		\$14.00
Salary, Chief,	\$55.00	
Salary, 26 men,	650.00	
Wages at Fires etc.,	613.15	
Supplies,	64.43	
Care and Supplies for		
Fire Trucks,	182.44	
Apparatus,	8.57	
Hose,	1,098.38	
Equipment for Fires,	87.89	
Equipment for Men,	6.00	
Hydrant Service,	15.50	
Light,	16.88	
Rent of Quarters,	604.80	
All Other,	2.00	
Care and Repairs of		
Fire Alarm,	134.57	
		\$3,539.61

SEALING OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary of Sealer,	125.00	
Other wages,	7.40	
Transportation,	82.75	
Equipment,	24.08	
All Other,	5.65	
		\$244.88

MOTH EXTERMINATION

Superintendent,	\$452.25	
Labor,	562.00	
Auto and Teams,	261.02	
Gas and Oil,	14.25	
Repairs,	10.25	
		\$1,299.77

TREE WARDEN

Wages,	\$123.50	
Transportation,	25.88	
		\$149.38

FOREST FIRES

Fighting Fires,	\$516.25	
Equipment and Supplies,	16.00	
Trimming Woods Roads,	100.00	
		\$632.25

OTHER PROTECTION

Bounties on Seals,	36.00	
		\$36.00

\$7,360.8

HEALTH AND SANITATION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries,	\$325.00	
Other Expenses,	97.81	
		\$422.81

QUARANTINE AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Board and Treatment,	\$514.25	
Medicine and Medical		
Treatment,	332.00	
Transportation of		
Patients,	45.00	
Groceries (because of		
quarantine),	29.99	
		\$921.24

VITAL STATISTICS

Births,	.50	
Deaths,	4.75	
		\$5.25

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OTHER EXPENSES

Fumigation,	\$1.00	
All Other,	1.00	
		<u>\$2.00</u>

INSPECTION

School Children,	\$1,243.82	
Animals,	150.00	
Slaughtering,	100.00	
		<u>\$1,493.82</u>

OTHER HEALTH

Care of Public Dump,	\$413.00	
		<u>\$413.00</u>

\$3,258.12

HIGHWAYS

1927 Account paid in 1928.

GENERAL

Repairs,	\$17.62	
Side walk Summer Street,	464.95	
Direction Signs,	2.00	
		<u>\$484.57</u>

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salary of Highway Surveyor,	\$1,600.00	
		<u>\$1,600.00</u>

GENERAL

Wages,	\$3,361.00	
Trucks,	1,955.50	
Stone, Gravel etc.,	261.29	
Oil and Tar,	1,662.83	
Equipment and Repairs,	862.56	
Supplies, Gas and Oil,	605.32	
Liability Insurance,	54.00	

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Boiler Inspection,
Registering Motor
Vehicles,
Culvert,

20.00

2.00
64.68

\$8,849.18

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Contract,	\$270.11	
		<u>\$270.11</u>

SNOW REMOVAL

Rent of Barn,	\$80.00	
Wages,	574.25	
Equipment and Repairs,	29.78	
Supplies, Gas and Oil,	250.31	
		<u>\$934.34</u>

STREET LIGHTING

Contract,	\$2,275.45	
		<u>\$2,275.45</u>

OTHER EXPENSES

Catch Basin Summer St.,	\$55.10	
Street Signs,	95.93	
Direction Signs,	148.18	
		<u>\$299.21</u>

SPECIAL HIGHWAYS

HOWLAND'S LANE

Wages,	\$962.50	
Trucks,	768.00	
Stone, Gravel, etc.,	373.06	
Oil and Tar,	\$10.00	
Supplies,	50.45	
Culvert,	35.28	
		<u>\$2,999.29</u>

ELM STREET

Wages,	\$172.00	
Stone,	188.12	
Oil and Tar,	135.00	
		<u>\$495.12</u>

REPAIR AND RESURFACE STREET JUNCTIONS

- (1) Main and Evergreen,
- (2) Main and Green,
- (3) Roadway between
Green and
Summer.

Wages,	\$289.50	
Trucks,	48.00	
Stone, Gravel etc.,	141.14	
Oil and Tar,	135.00	
		<u>\$613.64</u>

ENGINEERING

Laying out New Roads,	\$177.45	
Study of Bounds of Old Roads,	13.00	
		<u>\$190.45</u>

LANDING ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

(Chapter 90)

Advertising,	\$22.68	
Contract,	20,738.44	
Wages,	194.00	
Catch Basin Frames and Covers,	76.85	
All Other,	5.00	
		<u>\$21,036.97</u>

LAND DAMAGE

Wapping Road, Decree No. 680	\$150.70	
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Summer Street,	3,775.31	
		<u>\$3,926.01</u>
		\$43,9

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

1927 Account paid in 1928.

Board and Care,	\$54.00	
		<u>\$54.00</u>

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries,	\$325.00	
Transportation and Car Fares,	105.45	
Rent of Safe Deposit Box,	5.00	
		<u>\$435.45</u>

OUTSIDE RELIEF BY TOWN

Groceries and Provisions,	\$342.87	
Coal and Wood,	125.00	
Board and Care,	935.00	
Medicine and Medical Attendance,	511.90	
State Institution,	217.85	
Cash Aid,	6,210.00	
Shoes,	5.00	
		<u>\$8,377.62</u>

AID FOR CHILDREN

Board and Care,	\$20.00	
Cash,	410.00	
Medical,	10.00	
Shoes,	11.00	
		<u>\$451.00</u>

RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS

Cities,	\$22.19	
Towns,	970.65	
		<u>\$992.84</u>

MOTHERS AID BY TOWN

Cash,	\$468.00	
Fuel,	72.00	
Rent,	120.00	
Medical Aid,	12.00	
		<u>\$672.00</u>

TEMPORARY AID BY TOWN

Cash,	\$390.00	
Fuel,	90.75	
Groceries,	195.00	
Rent,	242.00	
Medical Aid,	49.00	
		<u>\$966.75</u>

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid,	\$420.00	
Soldiers' Relief,	366.00	
		<u>\$786.00</u>

\$12,735.66

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

SCHOOLS

1927 Account paid in 1928.

Tuition,	\$32.82	
		<u>32.82</u>

GENERAL

Superintendent,	\$1,289.15	
Clerk,	310.00	
Printing, Stationery etc.,	25.25	
Telephone,	53.86	

Travel,	155.00	
School Census,	50.00	
Committee Expense,	7.85	
		<u>\$1,891.11</u>

TEACHERS SALARIES

Teachers Salaries,	\$24,701.50	
Supervisors,	1,000.00	
		<u>\$25,701.50</u>

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Books,	\$885.72	
Supplies,	1,354.31	
		<u>\$2,240.03</u>

TRANSPORTATION

Contract,	\$3,730.00	
Street Railway,	508.90	
		<u>\$4,238.90</u>

JANITORS' SERVICE

Salaries,	\$2,522.00	
Other,	34.12	
		<u>\$2,556.12</u>

FUEL AND LIGHT

Fuel,	\$2,259.35	
Light,	81.15	
		<u>\$2,340.50</u>

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Repairs, Alterations. New		
Equipment etc.,	\$3,081.07	
Janitor's Supplies,	200.58	
Boiler Inspection,	30.00	
		<u>\$3,320.65</u>

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OTHER EXPENSES

Diplomas and Graduation Exercises,	\$48.02		
Insurance.	595.85		
		643.87	
			\$42,965.50

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian,	\$1,000.00		
Janitor,	360.00		
Fuel,	179.10		
Light,	19.53		
All Other.	41.37		
		\$1,600.00	
			\$1,600.00

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

1927 Account paid in 1928.

Care of Flag,	\$10.00		
		10.00	

RECREATION

Playground:

Janitor,	\$1,325.00		
Janitor Supplies.	33.27		
Fuel,	145.40		
Light,	227.38		
Repairs and Equipment,	59.60		
Labor,	64.25		
Insurance,	428.00		
		\$2,282.90	

TOWN GREEN AND MEMORIAL PLOT

Care,	\$101.00		
Painting Fence,	11.90		
		\$112.90	

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UNCLASSIFIED

1927 Account paid in 1928.

Damages,	\$6.58		
			\$6.58
Memorial Day,	\$176.88		
Printing and Distributing Town Reports,	510.88		
American Legion,	256.17		
Farm Bureau,	100.00		
World War Memorial.	118.75		
		\$1,162.68	
			\$3,575.06

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

WATER DEPARTMENT

1927 Account paid in 1928.

Expenses,	\$11.68		
			\$11.68

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent,	\$1,958.27		
Assistant Superintendent,	1,502.40		
Clerk and Collector,	205.00		
Printing, Stationery and Postage,	220.49		
Telephone,	39.33		
All Other,	90.69		
		\$4,016.18	

GENERAL

Labor,	\$269.75		
Pipe and Fittings,	419.91		
Equipment and Repairs.	971.75		
Supplies,	315.04		
All Other,	7.10		
		\$1,983.55	

PUMPING STATION

Fuel,	\$55.00	
Light and Power,	717.37	
Repairs,	28.70	
Belting,	132.68	
		<u>\$933.75</u>

SERVICE PIPE

Pipe and Fittings,	\$310.95	
		<u>\$310.95</u>

Relaying Mains Landing Road

Labor,	\$267.50	
Pipe and Fittings,	108.79	
All Other,	92.84	
		<u>469.13</u>

RESERVOIR REPAIRS

Inspection,	\$300.00	
Contract,	1,473.05	
Labor,	28.00	
Pipe and Fittings,	53.39	
All Other,	6.81	
		<u>\$1,861.25</u>

\$9,586.49

INTEREST

TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of Revenue,	\$1,148.28	
Invalid Tax Titles,	26.31	
		<u>\$1,174.59</u>

GENERAL LOANS

Fire,	\$40.00	
School,	1,774.87	
Highway,	125.00	
Hospital,	91.88	
		<u>\$2,031.75</u>

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE LOANS

Water,	\$1,514.63	
		<u>\$1,514.63</u>
		\$4,720.97

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

TEMPOARY LOANS

Anticipation of Revenue,	\$50,000.00	
		<u>\$50,000.00</u>

GENERAL LOANS

Fire,	\$1,000.00	
School,	5,000.00	
Highway,	1,000.00	
Hospital,	500.00	
		<u>\$7,500.00</u>

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE LOANS

Water,	\$5,000.00	
		<u>\$5,000.00</u>
		\$62,500.00

AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT

TAXES

STATE		
State tax,	\$4,420.00	
State Highway Tax,	828.00	
		<u>\$5,248.00</u>

COUNTY

County Tax,	\$7,320.67	
Maintenance of Plymouth County Hospital,	959.78	

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Repairs to Powder Point Bridge,	335.09		
		<u>\$8,615.54</u>	
			\$13,863.54

TRUST AND INVESTMENT

INCOME SCHOOL FUNDS

Library Trustees,	\$101.43		
Cash School Prizes,	52.85		
Free Lectures,	256.65		
		<u>410.93</u>	

INCOME LUCY PRINCE AMES MEMORIAL FUND

Care Old Burying Ground,	\$648.68		
Equipment, Supplies etc.	53.18		
		<u>\$701.86</u>	

INCOME WITHERELL FUND

Care of Witherell Lot, Evergreen Cemetery,	\$5.00		
		<u>\$5.00</u>	

INCOME JEROME FUND

Care of Jerome Lot, St. Josephs Cemetery,	\$3.00		
		<u>\$3.00</u>	

TAILINGS

Unpaid Check,	\$4.00		
		<u>\$4.00</u>	

INVESTMENT

Lucy Prince Ames Memorial Fund,	\$7,500.00		
		<u>\$7,500.00</u>	
			\$8,624.79

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REFUNDS

Taxes,	615.05		
Tax Title Costs and Interest,	49.07		
Water Rates,	6.00		
		<u>\$670.12</u>	
			\$670.12

Cash December 31, 1928,

\$225,312.68
1,551.71
<u>\$226,864.39</u>

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Bal. 1927	Appropri- ations	Receipts	Trans- fers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Trans- ferred	Balance 1928
Moderator		25.00				25.00	25.00		68.49
Selectmen		900.00		150.00		1,050.00	981.51		90.61
Accountant and Auditor		1,200.00				1,200.00	1,109.36		1.50
Treasurer and Collector		1,700.00		300.00	10.00	2,010.00	2,008.50		2.85
Assessors		1,400.00		25.00		1,425.00	1,422.15		7.67
Town Survey		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,500.00		6.00
Town Clerk		200.00		25.00		225.00	217.33		
Election and Registration		100.00		70.00		170.00	161.00		
Town House		700.00		260.63		960.63	960.63		
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY									
Suppression of Crime		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,491.96		5.04
Fire Department		2,830.37		203.10		3,033.47	3,051.51	30.37	8.59
Additional Fire Hose		500.00				500.00	485.10		11.90
Scales of Weights and Measures		250.00				250.00	214.88		5.12
Suppression of Moths		1,300.00				1,300.00	1,299.77		.23
Tree Warden		150.00				150.00	149.58		.62
Forest Fires		500.00		100.00		600.00	592.25		67.75
Trimming Woods Roads		100.00				100.00	100.00		
HEALTH and SANITATION									
Health		2,000.00				2,000.00	1,621.30		378.70
Inspection of Animals		150.00				150.00	150.00		
Inspection of Slaughtering		100.00				100.00	100.00		
HIGHWAYS									
General Highway		10,500.00				10,500.00	10,119.18		3.02
Repair three junction points		600.00				616.00	613.61		17.80
Howland's Lane		3,000.00			16.00	3,000.00	2,999.29		2.30
Elm Street		500.00				500.00	485.12		.71
Land Damage, Summer Street		3,755.31		20.00		3,775.31	3,775.31		4.88
Land Damage, Wapping Road, Decree No. 680	242.71	61.99				307.70	150.70		157.00
Land Damage, Landing Road, Decree No. 729				866.18		866.18			866.18
Direction Signs		150.00				150.00	118.18		1.82
Catch Basin, Summer Street	76.03					76.03	55.10		20.93
Side Walks, Construction		500.00				500.00	270.11		229.89

Snow Removal	20.00	1,000.00			1,020.00	934.34	85.66
Street Lighting	166.21	2,000.00			2,166.21	2,161.12a	5.12
13 Additional Street Lamps		250.00			250.00	111.33	135.67
Landing Road Reconstruction (Chap. 90)		8,200.00	12,894.38		21,094.38	21,036.97	57.41**
CHARITIES and SOLDIERS' BENEFITS							
Public Welfare		12,037.86		70.00	12,107.86	9,976.62	2,037.86*
Income Willis Fund	64.15		386.85		451.00	451.00	85.71**
Income Thomas Prince Benevolent Fund	376.98		1,010.00		1,416.98	1,438.61	71.66b
State Aid		432.00			432.00	420.00	12.00
Soldiers' Relief and Burials		366.00			366.00	366.00	
SCHOOLS and LIBRARIES							
Schools		44,427.00			44,427.00	44,176.50	250.50
Income School Funds	856.71				856.71	410.93	445.78**
Frederic C. Adams Public Library		1,600.00			1,600.00	1,600.00	
RECREATION and UNCLASSIFIED							
Kingston Playground		2,500.00			2,500.00	2,282.90	217.10
Town Green and Memorial Plot		125.00			125.00	112.00	12.10
Memorial Day		200.00			200.00	176.88	23.12
Printing and Dist'g Town Reports		501.88			501.88	501.88	
American Legion		300.00			300.00	256.17	42.15
Farm Bureau		100.00			100.00	100.00	1.08**
World War Memorial	81.93	45.00			126.93	118.75	8.18**
Unpaid Bills of 1927 and Previous		776.65			776.65	776.65	
Miscellaneous		500.00			500.00	456.59	342.41
Reserve		1,500.00			1,500.00	1,463.73	36.27
ENTERPRISES and CEMETERIES							
Water Department	43.20	7,710.00		33.79	7,816.99	7,598.72	166.05
Repairs to Reservoir		3,000.00			3,000.00	1,791.25	52.22**
Fish Committee		25.00			25.00		25.00
Income Lucy Prince Ames Mem- orial Fund	262.90		531.25		794.15	701.86	92.29**
Income Madeline E. Witherell Fund			5.00		5.00	5.00	
Income Georganna Jerome Fund			3.00		3.00	3.00	

INTEREST and MATURING DEBT							
Interest		4,500.00	250.00		4,750.00	4,720.97	29.03
Maturing Debt		12,500.00			12,500.00	12,500.00	
NON-REVENUE							
High School Addition	297.70				297.70		297.70**
Relaying Mains, Wapping Road C	1,574.28				1,574.28	600.00	974.28**
Relaying Mains, Landing Road		600.00			600.00	201.81	395.16**

a - For 13 months service

b - Overdraft subject to income

** - Expended in 1927

* - Balance carried to 1929 account

\$2,073.68, amount of appropriated balance's closed
into Revenue

TOWN OF KINGSTON

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1928

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash,		\$1,551.71
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1926,	\$735.10	
Levy of 1927,	3,530.67	
Levy of 1928 Polls,	52.00	
Levy of 1928 Property,	29,859.50	
		<u>\$31,177.27</u>
Departmental:		
Selectmen,	\$27.85	
Forest Fires,	21.00	
Public Health,	1.00	
Highways,	3.00	
Public Welfare,	1,077.49	
Comm. of Mass., State Aid,	420.00	
		<u>\$1,550.34</u>
Water:		
Rates,	\$453.58	
Miscellaneous,	16.85	
		<u>\$470.43</u>
Tax Titles,		\$839.60
Overdrawn Account (subject to income)		

LIABILITIES

Income from Trust Funds:		
School Funds,	\$445.78	
Lucy Prince Ames Memorial Fund,	92.29	
		<u>\$538.07</u>
Tailings,		\$80.83
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:		
Fire Department,	\$8.59	
General Highway,	47.80	
Land Damage—Wapping Road,	157.00	
Land Damage—Landing Road,	866.48	
Landing Road—Reconstruction,	57.41	
Sidewalk Construction,	229.89	
Public Welfare,	85.71	
American Legion,	1.68	
World War Memorial,	8.18	
Miscellaneous Account,	1.00	
Water Department,	52.22	
Special Reservoir Repairs,	1,208.75	
High School, Addition,	297.70	
Relaying Mains—Wapping Road,	974.28	
Relaying Mains—Landing Road,	395.16	
		<u>\$4,391.85</u>

Income, Thomas Prince Benevolent Fund,

\$71.66

Overlay (reserved for Abatements)

Levy of 1923,	\$575.60
Levy of 1927,	30.96
Levy of 1928,	755.64

\$1,362.20

Revenue (reserved until Collected)

Departmental,	\$1,550.34
Water,	470.43
Tax Title,	839.60

\$2,860.37

Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus, Surplus Revenue,

\$2.25
\$29,425.44

\$38,661.01

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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,

\$66,600.00

Plymouth County Hospital Loan,		\$1,500.00
Highway Loan,		1,500.00
High School Loan,	\$8,000.00	
High School, Additional Loan,	26,000.00	
		<u>\$34,000.00</u>
Water Loan 1929,	\$6,000.00	
Water Loan 1921,	3,000.00	
Water Loan 1923,	13,000.00	
Water Loan 1925,	2,400.00	
Water Loan 1927,	5,200.00	
		<u>\$29,600.00</u>

\$66,600.00

\$66,600.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$107,175.72	In Custody of Treasurer:		
		Willis Poor Fund,	\$8,517.87	
		Thomas Prince Benevolent Fund,	21,714.29	
		Arthur F. Wadsworth Welfare Fund	1,769.14	
				\$32,001.30
		F. C. Adams School Fund,	\$5,242.88	
		Rosa A. Cole School Fund,	1,060.90	
		Annie C. Thomas School Fund,	5,263.43	
				\$11,567.21
		Elizabeth F. Glover Drinking Fountain Fund,		\$351.46
		E. W. & W. F. Loring Guarantee Fund "Water",		4,211.11
		Lucy Prince Ames Memorial Fund,	\$20,323.83	
		St. Joseph's Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund,	42.47	
		Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund,	115.17	
				\$20,481.47
		In Custody of Trustees:		
		Ichabod Washburn Fund,		\$10,919.75
		In Custody of Library Trustees:		
		F. C. Adams Library Fund,	20,451.63	
		Rosa A. Cole Library Fund,	5,509.02	
		Annie C. Thomas Library Fund	1,238.41	
		Byron C. Quinby Library Fund	444.36	
				\$27,643.42
	<u>\$107,175.72</u>			<u>\$107,175.72</u>

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

For the year ending December 31, 1928

Valuation of Personal Estates,	\$383,245	
Valuation of Real Estate	4,035,070	
Total Valuation		\$4,418,315
Number of Polls taxed at \$2.00 each	853	
Rate of taxation	\$24.00 per \$1,000.00	
Town Appropriation,	\$131,565.06	
State tax,	4,420.00	
County tax,	7,320.67	
Accounting,	1,268.10	
Highway tax,	828.00	
Plymouth County Hospital,	959.78	
Powder Point Bridge,	335.09	
Overdrawn overlay 1924,	41.20	
Overdrawn overlay 1925,	801.90	
Overlay of 1928,	1,037.16	
Total Appropriations		\$148,576.96
Income received from other sources,	\$40,831.40	
Amount to be raised by taxation.		\$107,745.56
Number of Horses taxed,	51	
Number of Cows taxed,	163	
Number of other Cattle taxed,	24	
Number of Swine taxed,	7	
Number of Fowl taxed,	3,826	
Number of Dwelling Houses taxed,	1,004	
Number of Acres of Land taxed,	10,646.3	
Number of Individual residents taxed on Property,	852	
Number of Other than Individuals,	28	
Number of Non-Residents taxed on property,	544	
Number of Other than Individual non-residents	48	
Number of Poll tax payers only.	219	
Total number of taxes,	1,691	

JOHN R. MONKS,

WALDO F. LORING,

BRIGGS CUSHMAN,

Assessors of Kingston.

\$21,040.42
\$107,175.72

\$107,175.72

TO THE TAX PAYERS

In submitting our report we would call your attention to the fact that in entering upon our duties we were of the unanimous opinion with respect to our OATH OF OFFICE, which is. "That you will assess for a full and fair cash value."

That it was absolutely necessary to cast old valuations aside and place valuations more in keeping with the times, based upon the present day purchasing power of money.

This has lead to more or less discontent in some cases, while on the other hand we have been complimented for "standing on both feet" and doing our duty.

We would call your attention to the fact that you should file with the Assessors on or before May 15 of each year a statement, listing all of your personal and real estate which is done under the penalty of perjury.

By so doing you are then placing yourself in one sense in the same position as an Assessor.

Should there then be a difference of opinion, you have recourse to a higher authority.

In no case can an abatement be made until such list has been filed.

We have made full use of the Town maps in so far as they are completed.

We have made many changes in listing property on the valuation book from names to lot and block numbers, making it far easier for the majority to locate any certain parcel.

This took a considerable amount of time but resulted in locating 350 acres of land not heretofore taxed.

JOHN R. MONKS,

WALDO F. LORING,

BRIGGS CUSHMAN,

Assessors of Kingston

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN of KINGSTON

For the Year Ending December 31st

1928

School Directory

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Roland S. Bailey, Chairman,	Term Expires 1931
Maude M. Brackett, Secretary,	Term Expires 1930
Ruth H. Bailey,	Term Expires 1929
Jacob H. Dries,	Term Expires 1929
Margaret B. Lyman,	Term Expires 1930
Edward E. Freeman,	Term Expires 1931

The School Committee meets at the School Department Office, High School Building, Main Street, at 7:45 P. M. on the second Monday of each month.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

John H. Parker—Residence, Kingston, Mass. Telephone Kingston 96. Office hours 8:30-9:30 A. M. on school days.
Office Telephone, Kingston 75.

CLERK

Carrie Dunbar Holmes, Office hours 9-11 A. M., 1-5 P. M. on school days.

STAFF

Lee S. Merrill, Bates College, Principal High.
Walter Scott MacPhee, Princeton University, High.
Lucy E. Treat, Colby College, High.
Elsie A. Cowles, Brown University, High.
Dorothy W. Oliver, Burdett College, High.
Helen B. Cushing, Bridgewater Normal School, Jr. High.
Anna F. Cashman, Salem Normal School, Jr. High.
Isabelle K. Daley, Bridgewater Normal School, Jr. High.
Lottie G. Cornealy, Regina Sask. Normal, Jr. High.

Elva L. Browne, Concord High School, Maple Avenue.
Florence S. Blume, Hyannis Normal School, Maple Ave.
Elizabeth A. Kite, Keene Normal School, Patuxet.
Adeline M. Keevey, Abington High School, Cobb.
Mary A. Curran, Bridgewater Normal School, Cobb.
Rose B. Delano, Millsbury High School, Cobb.
Caroline L. Simmons, Hyannis Normal School, Cobb.
Ethel Henderson, Bridgewater Normal, Howland's Lane.
Elsbeth Hardy, Salem Normal School, Howland's Lane.

May Blair McClosky, Supervisor of Music and Drawing.
H. G. Briggs, M. D., School Physician.
Emma J. Mange, School Nurse.

JANITORS

Edwin I. Sherman, High, Maple Avenue, Patuxet Schools.
Alfred C. Brown, Cobb and Howland's Lane Schools.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1929 Winter Term—January 2nd to March 15th incl.
1929 Spring Term—March 25th to June 14th incl.

High School Graduation—Wednesday evening June 12.
1929 Fall Term—September 4th to December 20th incl.
1930 Winter Term—December 30th to March 14th incl.
1930 Spring Term—March 24th to June 13th incl.

In addition to all legal holidays the schools will be closed for Teachers' Convention day in the Fall term, on the Friday following Thanksgiving Day, and in the Spring term for a Teachers' Visiting Day.

In the event of too severe weather or other reasons making it impracticable to conduct the school sessions an announcement will be made by means of the fire siren signalling 2-2 repeated, at 7:45 A. M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Kingston:

Your School Committee respectfully submit, herewith, their annual report for the calendar year of 1928.

In this they incorporate the report to them from the Superintendent of Schools, which is, in turn, composed of reports made by the Principal of the High School, Supervisor of Music and Drawing, School Physician and School Nurse.

In the statement of expenditures which follows, the committee are pleased to be able to report an unexpended balance of \$250.50, with no bills remaining unpaid. This is the result of careful advance planning and all of the repairs and improvements which were proposed to the Town a year ago have been accomplished. Your attention is called to the fact that although the amount of total expenditure was \$44,176.50, there were receipts amounting to \$8,543.37. This results in a net expenditure of only \$35,633.13 from funds raised by local taxation.

The requirements for the year of 1929 are estimated by the Committee to be about \$1050 less than appropriated for last year. These amounts are tabulated in form for easy comparison with 1928 expenditures. The difference in total is partly explained by a less extensive plan for repairs required this year and with fewer insurance policies coming up for renewal. A dental clinic is accepted as a valuable institution and was financed last year under the appropriation for schools. This procedure is found to be incorrect and for the current year an appropriation for a continuation of the dental clinic work is requested through the Board of Health.

During the past year it has been necessary to spend more money for repairs than should ordinarily be required in one year. The result is that all buildings are now in very good repair and can be kept so by the expenditure of a fairly uniform amount carefully apportioned each year. It seemed advisable to place more fire

insurance on the High School Building and an additional amount of \$15000 was secured. This makes a coverage \$40,000, on that building which is one half of the total carried on all school buildings.

The Committee feel that the year of 1928 has been successful one in every way. This is the result of close cooperation and support from all of the townspeople as well as from those directly connected with the School Department. For this assistance the Committee wish to express their appreciation. They also wish to encourage a continuance of the keen interest in this department which has been shown by all.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee:

The following report is the 62nd submitted by the superintendents of schools, for the town of Kingston and the fourth by the present incumbent.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS

The schools of Kingston, in as far as academic standards of education go, are in very good condition. The curriculum falls short of the present day conceptions of education because it lacks practical courses above the sixth grade—courses that would have more direct bearing on the economic life of boys and girls after they leave school.

I believe we will not get a return commensurate with expenditures until courses in domestic science and manual training have been added.

MANUAL TRAINING AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE

As noted in a preceding paragraph, our schools are lacking in facilities for instruction in practical arts.

We have, however, made a modest beginning in Manual Training and Sewing in the seventh and eighth grades and a very good beginning in Mechanical Drawing in the Senior High School.

The teachers of the seventh and eighth grades, with improvised equipment, are getting excellent results. Every boy in those two grades is now engaged on a different project for which he furnishes his own material and equipment.

The girls are doing simple projects in sewing with very pleasing results. We hope to give an exhibition of finished work before the close of the school year.

MECHANICAL DRAWING.

Mr. E. E. Freeman, an engineer and member of the Committee has been of great help in assisting us in getting our mechanical drawing department organized. We quote Mr. Freeman as follows:

"The mechanical drawing course aims to give such pupils as care to enroll, sufficient knowledge to enable them to read any blue print which they may have occasion to use in their later work in life, and to make an intelligent sketch or drawing of any machine part or object they may wish made.

This is a mechanical age and anyone who is actually engaged in any of the trades comes constantly in contact with drawings and blueprints. One who cannot read them is, therefore, handicapped. It is this handicap we plan to overcome."

INSTRUCTORS

Resignations and appointments.

Charles W. Holden, High—Science and Athletics.
succeeded by

Walter S. MacPhee, graduate of Princeton University.

Hazel W. Damon, Junior High—Geography.
succeeded by

Anna F. Cashman, graduate of Salem Normal School,
three year course.

Gertrude E. Hunter, grade six.
succeeded by

Lottie G. Cornealy, graduate Saskatchewan Normal
School, assigned to grade seven.

Ruth E. Jacobs, Patuxet School, grades one and two.
succeeded by
Elizabeth A. Kite, graduate Keene Normal School.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

A University Extension Course, covering the period from November fifth to December nineteenth was established, with a membership of fifty one, which included every teacher in this Union District and thirteen teachers from Hanover and Plymouth.

The course was given under the instruction of Prof. Harry Latshaw of the Graduate School of Education of Harvard University, the subject: "Modern Tendencies in Education", considered under the following headings:

Socialized teaching

Measurement and standard tests

Supervised study

Individual progress

The Dalton plan

Discipline and freedom as factors in teaching

Relation of subject to pupil's growth, to future use, to experience.

The progressive school

The visiting teacher movement

Ten-field personality analysis

Character development

The course proved to be both practical and inspirational, and at the same time contributed points of college credit to those teachers who are looking forward to a college degree. The expenses of the course was borne entirely by the teachers.

The yearly loss of teachers is a handicap, but cannot be avoided so long as our salary schedule is below that of the larger towns. The best that can be done is to get the most likely inexperienced candidates and keep them

as long as possible. A good teacher for one year is more desirable than a mediocre instructor who is not sought after by other towns.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

The committee should be commended for its efforts to keep up and improve the school buildings. It is good economy to make needed repairs at once.

MAPLE AVENUE SCHOOL

This building has been thoroughly renovated inside walls, ceilings and desks; new window shades installed and plumbing put in first class condition. It needs no repairs at present.

HOWLAND'S LANE SCHOOL

All plumbing replaced by modern fixtures, and new heaters installed.

COBB SCHOOL

This building should be painted and otherwise renovated inside, as there has been no such work done on it since it was built.

PATUXET SCHOOL

I recommend that the desks and furniture in the school be refinished during the coming year.

HIGH SCHOOL

The High School needs no repairs at present.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The most progressive step taken in many years in the Kingston Schools was made possible by the vote of the school committee, when the Superintendent was authorized to "Organize group instruction in Instrumental Music in the public schools."

The response of parent and pupils has been hearty. Classes have been started as follows:

COBB SCHOOL

- 15 Violins
- 5 Trumpets (cornets)
- 2 Clarinets

MAPLE AVENUE SCHOOL

- 9 Violins
- 3 Trumpets
- 3 Clarinets
- 1 Cello

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| 12 Violins | 3 Trombones |
| 8 Trumpets | 1 Saxophone |
| 2 Altos | 2 Banjos |
| 10 Clarinets | 1 Mandolin |
| 3 Baritones | 3 Drums |
| 2 Basses | |

a total of 39 violins, 13 trumpets, 12 clarinets, 3 baritones, 2 basses, 2 altos, 1 saxophone, 2 banjos, 1 mandolin, 1 cello and 3 drums, grand total \$5.

Instrumental music, has, until recently, been regarded as an "accomplishment" only, and as having no practical value. Such a conception is entirely wrong. There are more instrumental musicians in the United States earning money by playing, than there are doctors, lawyers, or members of any other profession gaining a living in their professions. There are thousands of students at present paying college expenses by playing in hotels, restaurants and theatres during the vacation periods. I regard the introduction of this course a firm step toward making the schools touch the life of the community.

In addition, music has a high cultural and moral value. "Teach a boy to blow a horn and he will never blow a safe." On behalf of the school committee and teachers,

I wish to express our gratitude to the parents for their hearty co-operation in the new project.

I wish to express my appreciation to the School Committee for hearty support and co-operation.

JOHN H. PARKER,
Superintendent.

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Each year we are grasping more clearly the fact that above the first and second grades thorough and patient work must be done in theory.

Children must be taught in the lower grades to read notes independently, without assistance of the teacher. Children whose teachers assist them by singing with them constantly, quickly learn their lessons, but only by ear. This is not laying a foundation for a musical education. So when boys and girls arrive in the High School they cannot enjoy their work for the reason that they are unable to read.

This year as never before, we are taking more time with note reading and tone. The teachers requiring children to do their own work are getting best results.

The third and sixth grades at the Cobb school, also third and fourth grades at Maple Avenue have fine new singing books. In these and other books used in our schools is splendid material for developing appreciation of good music.

Extra work has been done with individual voices in the High School. A demonstration of this work was given by eight or more pupils at the Christmas assembly.

With the advent of a band and one or more orchestras in the various schools, we may be sure that we are making splendid progress in music.

Respectfully submitted,
MAY BLAIR McCLOSKEY,
Supervisor of Music.

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Results are already apparent to show progress in this branch of study.

Being allowed to draw and express themselves freely in free hand drawing, many children are showing remarkable ability and talent. They are beginning to be able to draw what they see, also many are showing originality.

Children in the first three grades are taught to develop their hands by free hand cutting also much free hand drawing.

The next four grades, through object drawing and some copying, are showing good results and revealing some unexpected talent.

In the High School there are three classes, as usual, all first year students being obliged to take drawing. The other classes already have many fine drawings on display. Four of the students have made, framed and presented one of their studies to the high school, to be hung in the drawing room.

Respectfully submitted,
MAY BLAIR McCLOSKEY,
Supervisor of Drawing.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The routine physical examination of the pupils was made during the first part of the school year and the results noted.

The cases of pediculosis were fewer, as is proper, and we hope to eliminate them entirely as time advances.

Examination of the throats showed but a small percentage of cases in which tonsillectomy was advised. This type of case will vary from year to year—sometimes the percentage will be higher, sometimes lower, depend-

ing on throat infections and personal susceptibility. Some tonsillectomies were performed.

The posture of the pupils as a whole was good. Instructions and perseverance are the main factors tending to correct and prevent poor posture. Much of this work falls upon the teacher. The family can help along this line.

I do not know the proportion of enlarged cervical glands this year compared with that of last year, but the percentage was fairly high. The percentage of cases was greater in the Cobb and Howland's Lane Schools than in the remainder, there being 48 cases in the former and thirty four in the latter. The deductions to be drawn from this are not entirely obvious although previous illnesses must be considered a factor. It is possible that measles may have been a cause. The condition tends to disappear, under proper care, as the child grows older.

This year, as is well known, there was an epidemic of measles. As I recall it there were 118 cases reported. Ninety of these were from the schools. This infection is highly contagious and to the ordinary observer not suspected till the rash appears three or four days after the disease starts. The first three or four days, when the disease is most contagious, the symptoms are much like those of an ordinary cold and quite often no especial notice is taken. There was a question at the time as to the proper precautions to take. Should the schools be closed? The Mass. State Board of Health was consulted by phone and by letter and the advice was to continue school.

Daily visits to the schools were made by both the school physician and school nurse and suspicious cases were sent home.

Measles, contrary to general belief, should not be considered lightly. There is a higher mortality rate from measles than from any of the ordinary contagious diseases, including diphtheria and scarlet fever.

I appreciate the aid given by my co-workers.

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. BRIGGS, M. D.
School Physician.

SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I submit the following report of the Health Activities carried on in the Kingston Schools during 1928.

In January 1928, an epidemic of Measles broke out in the Howland's Lane School. It extended during January, February and March to the Cobb, Patuxet and Maple Avenue Schools with several cases in the High School Building. One hundred thirty-nine cases were reported, but no deaths or serious cases, and at no time were the schools closed. Ventilation in all buildings was carried on each day by the Janitors and all precautions were taken by the Board of Health, Nurse and Teachers. The epidemic subsided in April.

Edgar W. Keene who supplies the schools with milk had his herd of cows tuberculin tested in March, 1928.

Dr. Tait of Taunton carried on a retarded school child clinic in April. Six boys and girls were examined.

Miss Bernadine Conway, Dental Hygienist, conducted a dental clinic under the supervision of the Superintendent of Schools. The results were very satisfactory as the parents co-operated so pleasantly with the Hygienist. A large part of the children had their teeth cleaned and many had necessary work done, resulting from advice from the Hygienist.

Pediculosis has not been so troublesome in the various schools owing to the use of Dubac Soap recommended by the School Nurse. Howland's Lane school gives the most trouble, that building having to be inspected each week by the nurse.

May, being health month, many health activities were carried on in all the buildings. Cards were given out for clean teeth, good posture and for those not underweight. Owing to the mid-morning milk served in the schools we have few underweights. The percent of milk taken in the elementary schools is as follows:

Cobb, 120 pupils, 60%, with 20 free milk each day.

Howland's Lane, 53 pupils, 40%, with 6 free milk each day.

Maple Avenue, 70 pupils, 15%.

Patuxet, 41 pupils, 50%, with 2 free milk each day.

Many children bring their milk from home, which shows the co-operation of the parents in this very necessary work.

Weighing and measuring of the entire schools was done four times during the school year. Two Standard Scales were purchased by the school nurse from the proceeds of the 1927 Christmas Seal Fund, one being placed in the Cobb School, one in the High School Building, and the small scale purchased by the Parent-Teachers' Association at the beginning of the health work in the Kingston Schools, was placed in the Patuxet School. Six books on "Health Education Procedure" were also purchased by the nurse from this fund, one being placed in Howland's Lane Building, two in Cobb School, one in Maple Avenue, one in Patuxet, and one in the High School Building, thus encouraging the teachers to co-operate more fully with the nurse along these lines.

June 4th a pre-school age clinic was held in the High School building, conducted by Dr. Briggs, School Physician, and Emma J. Mange, School Nurse. Thirty-seven letters were sent to parents by the School Office, and eighteen responded. These children were weighed and measured by the nurse and a physical examination given by Dr. Briggs.

September 1928, I assisted Dr. Briggs in the annual examination of school pupils. A large percent of cervical

gland were discovered in the grades, and five cases of enlarged thyroid glands were found in the High School group. The eye and ear tests were completed October 1. Several serious eye cases were discovered, one being sent to Dr. J. H. Shaw's Clinic and several fitted to corrective glasses by Mr. J. P. Farrington.

Census was completed in October finding 195 boys and girls between the ages of five and sixteen. There will be about fifty entering the first grade in September, 1929.

Truancy work has been carried on by the nurse the past year, the attendance being much higher since the work has been followed up.

All schools are visited twice each week, and during the epidemic of Measles extra calls were made at both schools and homes, and many telephone calls were made. Ten tonsil cases were corrected at the Jordan Hospital Clinic the past year. Impetigo has been prevalent in several schools. These cases were excluded from schools, thus protecting other children.

In December Mrs. George C. Ainsworth gave fifty dollars to the nurse for nutrition work in the schools. This work is carried on from the Christmas Seal Fund each year conducted by the school Nurse, and this extra money will be greatly appreciated.

Thirteen dollars and twenty-nine cents was donated to the Red Cross by the Kingston school children and sixteen Christmas stockings were filled for the Shut-in Soldiers, by the school children. This work is carried on by the Junior Red Cross connected with the schools.

Clothing has been received and given out by the nurse, who has the under weights and children who are needy under her observation during the school year and is very grateful to all those who co-operate with her, as it gives encouragement to carry on this interesting work.

During the year the following have been reported and taken care of:

Measles,
Whooping Cough,

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6

Chicken Pox,	6
Impetigo,	6
Tonsils,	10
Thyroid Glands,	5
Eye cases,	6

Thanking all who have and do co-operate so kindly with me in this work which is growing larger and more worth while each year.

EMMA J. MANGE,
School Nurse.

HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It may be of interest if in this report I discuss briefly some of the extra-curricula activities which seem to be a necessary part of the present day school.

During the year a baseball team, a football team, a track team and a girls' hockey team have been maintained in the senior high school and a baseball team in the junior high school. These teams have provided opportunity for healthful outdoor exercise to a good percentage of the boys and girls of the school.

The lunch room which provides adequately for the lunch needs of those who care to take advantage of this service has had a successful year. It may be of interest to know that all of the work in the lunch room is done by pupils in the school under the direction of the supervisor.

The school paper, "The Quill", provides an opportunity for those who excel in English to see their work in print. It also gives valuable business training to the managers. The paper has been very successful financially, being able to contribute materially to the other school activities.

The school has received in gifts six hundred and one dollars and forty-one cents (\$601.41). Two hundred and twenty-five dollars of the amount came from the junior

high school and was spent for reference books; the balance of the amount came from the Parent-Teacher's Association and from the senior high school and was spent for reference books and a piano.

A flourishing Girl's Club is being very helpful in looking after the social activities of the school as well as helping with the assembly programs.

A detailed financial report covering the above-mentioned activities is attached to this report.

The success in carrying out the regular school programs together with the extra curricular activities has been possible because of the co-operation of a competent and conscientious teaching force.

LEE S. MERRILL,
Principal.

HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM

Financial report for the year ending December 21, 1928

	Receipts	Payments
January Balance on hand,	\$16.59	
January,	183.43	\$184.44
February,	159.52	158.64
March,	132.49	113.81
April,	142.24	160.06
May,	148.84	141.04
June,	41.98	38.68
September,	127.53	123.83
October,	145.11	149.47
November,	129.42	133.08
December,	115.36	106.69
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		\$1,309.73
January 1, 1929, Balance.		32.78
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		\$1,342.51 \$1,342.51

Inventory of food, \$18.10

DOROTHY W. OLIVER,
Supervisor.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Financial report for the year of 1928.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance from 1927,	\$18.46	Equipment,	\$387.94
Dues,	32.35	Transportation,	166.00
Games,	455.24	Telephone,	10.65
Gifts,	134.40	Officials at games,	124.60
Food Sale,	40.00	O'Brien Co.,	2.03
Ladie's Home Journal,	29.00	Crowell Publishing Co.,	165.50
Crowell Publishing Co.,	288.44	Curtis Publishing Co.,	19.00
Senior Play,	66.56	A. S. Burbank,	.30
Refund,	8.62	Postage,	.87
Sale of old books,	.85	Visiting Teams,	118.30
Sale of old books,	.85	Crocker, Co.,	13.59
Glass blowers,	5.20	Lime,	3.00
School pictures,	3.33	Hockey team,	3.47
		Suits laundered,	3.00
		Frank H. Jordan,	.75
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			\$1,019.00
			63.45
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Balance on January 1,	<hr/>		\$1,082.45
	\$1,082.45		

LUCY E. TREAT,
Treasurer.

"THE QUILL"

Financial report for the year of 1928.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance from 1927,	\$4.30	Memorial Press,	\$440.63
Advertisements,	489.00	League Assessments,	9.25
Subscriptions,	91.76	Transportation,	6.20
		Postage,	2.82
		Ditto machine and equipment	107.49
		Telephone,	.60
		Refund to Grant Co.,	3.00
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			\$569.99
			15.07
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Balance on January 1,	<hr/>		\$585.06
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Note: From the proceeds of "The Quill" for the school year of 1926-27 a gift of \$68.00 was made to the school which was used for purchasing reference books.

LUCY E. TREAT,
Treasurer.

GIFT FUND

RECEIPTS

Class of 1926,	\$25.00
Class of 1927,	50.00
Class of 1928,	50.00
Junior High, 1926,	30.00
"The Quill",	68.00
Parent Teachers' Association, 1928,	84.49
Patuxet Girls Club, 1927,	50.00
Patuxet Girls Club, 1928,	30.00
Balance January 1,	\$387.49

PAYMENTS

Reference books,	\$97.50
Rug for teachers room,	22.50
Ditto table,	6.41
Piano,	250.00
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	\$376.41
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	\$387.49

LUCY E. TREAT,
Treasurer.

KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Class of 1928

Reed Community Building,
Wednesday, June 13, at 8 o'clock

1. March
2. Orchestra
3. Invocation
Rev. L. Gordon Adamson
4. Chorus—"Daybreak" Wilson
5. The progress of women
Second Honor—Mildred Bergonzoni
6. Solo—
(a) "Tip Toe" Carew
(b) "Arcadie"
Rena Baker
7. Orchestra
8. Chorus— (a) "Magic of the Moon" Wilson
(b) "Viking Song" Colridge-Taylor
9. Sons of Historic Kingston
Third Honor—Bettina Sollis
10. Diplomacy
First Honor—Elizabeth P. Seigel
11. An Appreciation of Lindbergh
Fourth Honor—I. William Toabe
12. Class Song
Words by Elizabeth P. Seigel
13. Awarding of Adams Prizes
Lee S. Merrill, Principal
14. Awarding of the Ann White Washburn Scholarship
Miss Emily F. Drew
15. Presentation of Diplomas
Roland S. Bailey, Chairman School Committee
16. Orchestra
Class Motto: Work and Succeed
Class Colors: Old Rose and Silver
Clarke's Orchestra

GRADUATES

Marian C. Bailey	Irma A. Longinotti
Rena H. Baker	Harold T. Mahler
Mildred M. Bergonzoni	Theresa M. Quinn
Hugh F. Bonney	Henry M. Randall
Christine W. Breach	Elizabeth P. Seigel
Edward L. Frasier	Helen B. Siebenschu
Antonio J. Guaraldi	Bettina Sollis
Thomas Havey	Laurence H. Stiles
Jose R. Jacintho	A. Colombo Tassinari
Gertrude H. Keller	I. William Toabe

ADAMS PRIZES AWARDED To

Mildred M. Bergonzoni	Edward L. Frasier
Christine W. Breach	Stewart O. White
Kathleen L. Phinney	Henry W. Hardy
Harriet Havey	Sirio Gardini
Jeanette Stegmaier	Harold W. Stiles

Washington and Franklin Medal given for excellence in
the study of our Country's history awarded to
Elizabeth P. Seigel

ROLL OF HONOR

School Year 1927-1928

HIGH SCHOOL	JUNIOR HIGH
Laura Balboni	Eleanor Rogerson
Emilda Santerre	Mary Shira
Evelyn Siebenschu	Paul Corizzari
Henry M. Randall	Daniel Pimental
Eleanor Chandler	Elsie Sauer
Louise Reidenbach	Fortunato Benotti
Henry Antoinetti	Dorothy Merry
Christine Breach	Malcolm Peterson
	Edward Cadwell
COBB SCHOOL	HOWLAND'S LANE
Alma Siebenschu	Doris Brown
Mario Forni	
Joseph Leal	

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS 1927-1928

Pupils enrolled,	408	124	532
Average daily attendance,	360	109	469
Average membership,	383	116	499
Percent of attendance,	93.99%	93.96%	
Persons 5 years of age or over, and under 7 years,	37	37	74
Persons 7 years of age or over, and under 14 years,	173	153	326
Persons 14 years of age or over, and under 16 years,	46	49	95
Totals,	256	239	495

ENROLLMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS, JANUARY 1, 1929

School	GRADE												Ttl.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
High—Senior										20	35	25	108
High 7-8							59	41					100
Manle Avenue				15	13	21	23						79
Cobb				31	32	28	25						116
Howland's Lane	26	25											51
Patuxet	21	20											41
Totals	47	45	50	45	49	51	59	41	20	35	25	25	495

Statement of Expenditures for the Fiscal Year of 1928.

Appropriation of \$44,427.00

Expenses of Instruction

Item	
20. Salaries of supervisors, principals and teachers,	\$25,701.50
22. Text books,	885.72
23. Stationery, supplies and other expenses of instruction,	1,402.33

Operation of School Plant

24. Janitor service,	2,556.12
25. Fuel,	2,259.35
26. Miscellaneous expenses of operation,	320.73

Maintenance of School Plant

27. Repairs, replacement and upkeep,	2,501.62
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Auxiliary Agencies

29. Promotion of health,	1,243.82
30. Transportation,	4,244.25
33. Insurance of school buildings,	595.85

General Control

35. Committee expense,	2.50
36. Superintendent: Salary and expenses of office,	1,883.26

Total for Support,	\$43,597.05
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OUTLAY

40. Alterations,	\$228.63
41. New equipment,	350.82

Total Expenditure	\$44,176.50
Unexpended,	250.50

\$44,427.00

Estimate of Amounts Necessary for Proper Maintenance

During the Fiscal Year of 1929.

Expenses of Instruction

Item	
20. Salaries of supervisors, principals and teachers,	\$25,900.00
22. Text books,	900.00
23. Stationery, supplies and other expenses of instruction,	1,600.00

Operation of School Plant

24. Janitor service,	2,560.00
25. Fuel,	2,500.00
26. Miscellaneous expenses of operation,	290.00

Maintenance of School Plant

27. Repairs, replacement and upkeep,	1,590.00
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Auxiliary Agencies

29. Promotion of health,	1,120.00
30. Transportation,	4,440.00
33. Insurance of school buildings,	250.00

General Control

36. Superintendent: Salary and expenses of office,	2,000.00
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Total for Support,	\$43,150.00
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OUTLAY

41. New equipment,	230.00
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Grand Total for Support and Outlay	\$43,380.00
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Total expenditures from all sources for 1928,	\$44,176.50
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Receipts from the State on account of:

a. General School Fund, Part I (Income tax)	\$3,360.00
b. General School Fund, Part II	3,675.51
c. Salary and expenses of superintendent	741.11
d. Tuition and transportation of State Wards	425.44
e. Vocational Education (1927)	81.06
Tuition for pupils from Town of Pembroke	69.00
Tuition for pupils from Town of Plympton	191.25
Total of all receipts	\$8,543.37
Net expenditure from funds raised by Local Taxation	\$35,633.13

ROLAND S. BAILEY, Chairman
 MAUDE M. BRACKETT, Secretary
 MARGARET B. LYMAN,
 EDWARD E. FREEMAN,
 RUTH H. BAILEY,
 JACOB H. DRIES,
 School Committee.

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