ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town Officers of Hamilton, Mass.

WITH REPORTS OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For the Year Ending December 31, 1914.

SALEM, MASS.:

BARRY PRINTING COMPANY,

1914.
LIST OF OFFICERS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS
CHARLES E. WHIPPLE

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT
ERLE G. BREWER

SELECTMEN
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman Term expires 1915
GEORGE W. FITZ Term expires 1916
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS Term expires 1915

OVERSEERS OF POOR
GEORGE H. GIBNEY Term expires 1915
GEORGE W. FITZ Term expires 1915
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS Term expires 1915

BOARD OF HEALTH
GEORGE W. FITZ Term expires 1915
GEORGE H. GIBNEY Term expires 1915
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS Term expires 1915

ASSESSORS
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman Term expires 1917
GEORGE M. ADAMS Term expires 1915
DANIEL D. STONE Term expires 1916

TREASURER
JOHN L. WOODBURY

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TOWN REPORT.

TOWN CLERK
SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE

TAX COLLECTOR
CHARLES W. APPLETON

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
ANDREW HARADEN

TREE WARDEN
ERLE G. BREWER

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGINALD C. ROBBINS, Treasurer Term expires 1915
FRANCIS C. NORTON Term expires 1917
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER Term expires 1916

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON Term expires 1916
C. AUGUSTUS NORWOOD Term expires 1917
ROBERT ROBERTSON Term expires 1915

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman Term expires 1917
FRANCIS C. NORTON Term expires 1915
GEORGE H. GIBNEY Term expires 1916

PARK COMMISSIONERS
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman Term expires 1917
FRANCIS C. NORTON Term expires 1915
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON Term expires 1916

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
ADDISON B. TOWLE JONATHAN LAMSON
S. A. F. WHIPPLE LESTER M. WHIPPLE
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INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS
GEORGE R. DODGE

KEEPER OF LOCKUP
SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE

CHIEF OF POLICE
JOSEPH MERRILL

CONSTABLES
ALFRED F. POOLE  LEROY S. DODGE
CHARLES H. SMITH

FIELD DRIVERS
FRED BERRY  MERRILL S. LOVERING
FRED P. KILHAM  ERNEST M. BARKER
JONATHAN LAMSON

POUND KEEPER
GEORGE H. HARADEN
ANNUAL REPORTS.

PAYMENTS.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

LEGISLATIVE.

Salaries and wages.

Moderator, $25 00
Stenographer, 10 20 $35 20

Other expenses.

Advisory Committee, 21 75
Water Committee, 5 24 26 99 $62 19

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and wages.

Chairman acct. 1913 $75 00
  " " 1914 241 67
2d member acct. 1913 75 00
  " " 1914 112 50
3d member acct. 1913 75 00
  " " 1914 112 50
Clerk, 39 00 730 67

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Other expenses.

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AUDITING AND ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Salaries and wages.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

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COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and wages.

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ASSESSORS’ DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and wages.
Chairman acct. 1913 $13 00
" " 1914 281 98
2d member acct. 1913 13 00
" " 1914 250 00
3d member acct. 1913 13 00
" " 1914 237 00
Clerical assistance, 25 45 $833 43

Other expenses.
Printing and postage, 13 78
Carfares and teams, 18 50
All other, 35 32 58 $866 01

OTHER FINANCE OFFICES AND ACCOUNTS.

Certification of note, $6 00

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and wages.
Legal advice, $95 00

TOWN CLERK’S DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and wages.
Town Clerk account,
1914, $200 04
Recording fees, 20 75 $220 79
Other expenses.
Printing and postage, 9 75
Bond, 5 00
All other, 3 00 17 75 $238 54
## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

### Salaries and wages.
- Registrars acct. 1913: $36 00
- Registrars acct. 1914: $66 64
- Election officers: $227 64

### Other expenses.
- Printing and postage: $49 50
- All other: $304 44

## TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE.

### Salaries and wages.
- Janitor: $400 02

### Other expenses.
- Fuel: $584 93
- Light: $67 39
- Janitor supplies: $38 12
- Painting: $228 50
- Repairs: $90 07
- Telephone: $36 71
- Water: $25 00
- Insurance: $9 00
- All other: $1140 64

Total for General Government: $5371 05

## PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

### Salaries and wages.
- Chief: $1012 00
- Patrolmen: $330 70 $1342 70
TOWN REPORT.

Horses and care of same.
- Team hire, \$104.00

Equipment and repairs.
- Helmets, 7.65

Other expenses.
- Desk, \$40.00
- Printing, 8.35
- Telephone, 36.13
- Medical attendance, 17.00
- Food for prisoners, 2.72
- Carfares, 25.12
- All others, 24.18 136.50 \$1590.85

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and wages.
- Chief, \$6.20
- Services of men, 305.17
- Janitor, 35.00 346.37

Horses and care of same.
- Team hire, 17.75

Equipment and repairs.
- Hose, 535.00
- Other equipment, 43.57 578.57

Fuel and light.
- Fuel, 8.50
- Light, 9.29 17.79

Other expenses.
- Rent, 15.00
- All other, 17.32 32.32 \$992.80
SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Salaries and wages.

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Other expenses.

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FORESTRY.

Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth work.

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Tree Warden.

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Total for protection to life and property, $6425.80

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

General administration.

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Quarantine and Contagious diseases.
  Board and treatment, $7 14
  Medical attendance, 97 00
  Groceries and provisions, 36 84
  Quarantine allowance, 28 27 $169 25

Vital statistics.
  Birth returns, 5 00

Other expenses.
  Fumigation, 26 48
  All other, 12 83 39 31

Inspection.
  Inspection of animals, 48 00 $429 73

Sanitation.
  Care of dump, 40 80
  Disposal of animals, 50 41 30

Total for health and sanitation, $471 03

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

General highway expenditures.
  Labor and teams, $5822 30

Oiling roads.
  Labor and teams, 2215 27
  Materials, 752 22

Road Roller.
  Labor, 660 26
  Fuel, 152 34
  Other expenses, 85 55
  Gravel, 300 52
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**HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.**

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CHARITIES
POOR DEPARTMENT.

General administration.
Salaries of overseers
acct. 1913, $46 16
Salaries of overseers
acct. 1914, 76 36 $122 52
Other expenses, 1 95

Outside relief by Town.
Groceries and provisions, 321 58
Coal and wood, 144 85
Board and care, 1377 20
Medical attendance, 482 88
State institutions, 12 58
Cash, 82 00
Rent, 252 00
Burials, 116 00
All other, 165 55 2954 64

Relief by other cities and towns.
By cities, 257 17
By towns, 117 50 374 67

Total for charities, $3453 78

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

General administration.
Pension returns, $3 00

State Aid.
Cash, 650 00
Soldiers' relief.
  Fuel, $43 05
  Medical attendance, 179 51
  Cash, 150 00  $372 56
Total for Soldiers' benefits, $1025 56

EDUCATION.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

General expenses.
  Superintendent, $500 00
  Truant officer, 15 80  $515 80
  Postage and printing, 29 25
  Telephone, 63 23
  Travelling expenses, 2 00
  All other, 18 60  113 08
Teachers salaries, 9466 29
Text books and supplies.
  Text and reference books, 316 42
  All other supplies, 233 43  549 85
Transportation, 187 90
Janitor services, 891 30
Fuel and light.
  Coal and wood, 1114 18
  Electricity, 40 27  1154 45
Maintenance of buildings.
  Heating plants, 429 73
  Painting, 305 37
  Carpentry, 144 62
## TOWN REPORT.

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**Furniture and furnishings.**

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**Other expenses.**

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### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

**Salaries and wages.**

- Librarian,               $215.00

**Books and periodicals.**

- Books,                  152.51

**Other expenses.**

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**Total for library,**        $616.94
TOWN REPORT.

RECREATION.

Park.
  Clerical work and expense, $21 63
  Purchase of land, 25 00
  Other expenses, 40 00
Total for recreation, $86 63

UNCLASSIFIED.

Memorial day, $7 50
Care of town clock, 33 94
Printing town reports, 138 65
Audit of accounts, 732 94
  Total for unclassified, $913 03

CEMETERIES.

Salaries and wages.
  Commissioners, $45 00
  Labor, 205 40 $250 40

Other expenses.
  Fertilizer, 10 00
  Settees, 3 75
  Seed, 7 78 21 53
  Total for cemeteries, $271 93

TOWN SCALES.

Labor, $1 25
Other expenses, 1 00
Total for town scales, $2 25
INTEREST.

Anticipation of revenue, $740.64
Bonds, 434.00
Deferred State tax, 2.36
Total for interest, $1177.00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Temporary loans.
Anticipation of revenue, $25,000.00

General loans.
Town Hall, 1000.00
School, 980.00
General purposes, 5000.00
Total for Municipal indebtedness, $31,980.00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.
State tax, $11,200.00
County tax, 7877.10
Liquor licenses for State, 450.75
Total for agency and trust refunds and transfers, $19,527.85
Refunds.

Bank tax, $29 64
Certification of note, 1 00
Assessors salary, 41
Fire dept. freight, 56
School transportation, 10 00
School furniture:
    freight, 7 64
Total for refunds and transfers, $97 44

BALANCES.

Cash.
General, $13,986 77
Allen Library fund, 41
Dodge Library fund, 53 62
Total cash, $14,040 80

Total payments, $118,454 83
RECEIPTS.

TAXES.

Current year.
Poll, $712 00
Personal, 34,481 50
Real estate, 22,601 75 $57,795 25

Previous year.
Poll, 150 00
Personal, 774 26
Real estate, 4854 50 5778 76

From State.
Corporation, 7572 12
Street railway, 1443 24
National bank, 1091 07 10,106 43 $73,680 44

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses.
Liquor, $1352 25
Pool, 2 00
Auctioneer, 2 00 $1356 25

FINES AND FORFEITS.

Fines.
Court, $20 00

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# TOWN REPORT.

**GRANTS AND GIFTS.**

From County.
- Dog licenses, $363.05

From individuals.
- For expenses, 200.00 $563.05

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.**

For expenses.
- Moth extermination, $860.19

**PRIVILEGES.**

Public service,
- Excise tax, $1,127.07

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT.**

Town hall.
- Rent, $65.00
- Telephone tolls, 180 $66.80

**PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.**

Inspection.
- Sealer's fees, $22.26

Forestry.
- Gypsy moth (from State), $506.33
- Sale of wood, 18.00
- Army worm (from State), 5.00 $529.38 $551.59
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Repairs of roadways.
Use of roller, $1098 40
Use of oiling machine, 6 00 $1104 40

CHARITIES.

Reimbursements.
From cities and towns, $402 72

SOLDIERS’ BENEFITS.

State aid.
From State, $644 00

EDUCATION.

School department.
Tuition of State wards, $69 00
Other tuition, 27 50
Sale of books and supplies, 2 93
Miscellaneous, 53 87 $153 30

LIBRARY.

Library department.
Fines, $16 53
CEMETERIES.

Sale of graves, $20 00
Sale of wood, 12 00 $32 00

INTEREST.

On deposits.
   General account, $84 04
On taxes.
   Deferred payments, 409 14
On trust funds.
   Allen fund for library, $20 00
   Dodge fund for library, 45 00 65 00 $558 18

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Revenue loans, $30,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.
State and County taxes are included in general tax receipts.
Liquor licenses for State, $450 75
TOWN REPORT.

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS.

Refunds.

- National bank tax, $29 64
- Certification of note, 1 00
- Assessors salary, 48 60
- Fire dept. freight, 56
- School transportation, 10 00
- School furniture, freight, 7 64

Total $97 44

Transfers.

- Cemetery perpetual care fund income, $67 00

BALANCES.

Cash.

- General, $6640 49
- Allen library fund, 41
- Dodge library fund, 62 22
- Total, $6703 12

Total receipts, $118,454 83
TOWN OF HAMILTON — BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31, 1914.

REVENUE ACCOUNTS.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>ASSET ACCOUNTS</th>
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<td>Cash (in banks and office)</td>
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<td>1912</td>
<td>892.98</td>
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<td>1913</td>
<td>1,416.97</td>
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<td>6,840.64</td>
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<td>Moth Assessments</td>
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<td>Department bills receivable</td>
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<td>Overpaid salaries of 1914</td>
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<td>Overdrawn appropriations</td>
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<td>Town clock</td>
<td>33.94</td>
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<td>Contingent fund</td>
<td>105.53</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
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$25,953.81                                            $25,953.81
## TRUST ACCOUNTS.

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<td>Securities</td>
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<td>H. A. Dodge fund</td>
<td>1,036.87</td>
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<td>Justin Allen fund</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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### DEBT ACCOUNTS.

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<td>Net bonded debt (balancing account)</td>
<td>$9,860.00</td>
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<td>School bonds</td>
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<td>Town hall bonds</td>
<td>3,000.00</td>
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### Summary

- Trust Accounts: $5,477.86
- Debt Accounts: $9,860.00
Statement of Trust Funds.

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

Savings bank deposits beginning of year, $4007 99
Savings bank deposits at end of year, 3940 99

RECEIPTS.

Withdrawn from bank, . . . $67 00

PAYMENTS.

Transferred to town, $67 00

<table>
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<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>BALANCE JAN. 1, 1914.</th>
<th>DIVIDEND.</th>
<th>WITHDRAWN.</th>
<th>BALANCE DEC. 31, 1914.</th>
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<td>D. P. Allen</td>
<td>$414 13</td>
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<td>$7 00</td>
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<td>Choat Burnham</td>
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<td>105 28</td>
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<td>Luther Dane</td>
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<td>Ayers Fund</td>
<td>154 54</td>
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<td>151 54</td>
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<td>Dr. Justin Allen</td>
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<td>J. K. Davenport</td>
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<td>Frances Dane</td>
<td>1,113 88</td>
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<td>8 00</td>
<td>1,105 88</td>
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$4,007 99          $67 00          $3,940 99

No interest entered until Jan. 6, 1915.
JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND (EXHIBIT).

Savings bank deposits at beginning of year, \( \ldots \) \$500 00
Savings bank deposits at end of year, \( \ldots \) 500 00

**RECEIPTS.**  
**PAYMENTS.**

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<td>$20</td>
<td>$20 00</td>
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Cash at beginning  
Cash at end of

\[ \begin{array}{c c}
41 & 41 \\
\hline
\$20 41 & \$20 41 \\
\end{array} \]

H. A. DODGE LIBRARY FUND (EXHIBIT).

United Fruit Co. bond, par value, \( \ldots \ldots \) \$1000 00
Deposit in Merchants National Bank, \( \ldots \ldots \) 36 87

Total cash and securities belonging to the principal of the fund at the beginning and end of the year, \( \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \) \$1036 87

**RECEIPTS.**  
**PAYMENTS.**

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<td>$45 00</td>
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Cash at beginning  
Cash at end of

\[ \begin{array}{c c}
62 22 & 53 62 \\
\hline
\$107 22 & \$107 22 \\
\end{array} \]
Assessors' Report.

Value of buildings, $16,710 55
Value of land, 10,420 20

Value of real estate, $2,713,075 00
Value of personal estate, 3,451,940 00

Total valuation, $6,165,015 00

Tax on real estate, $27,130 75
Tax on personal estate, 34,519 40
Tax on polls, 980 00
Corporation tax, public service, 7,572 12
National Bank tax, 1,091 07
Street Railway franchise tax, 1,443 24
Street Railway excise tax, 1,127 07
Gypsy moth assessment, 914 60
Tax on poll, 2 00
Rate per $1,000, 10 00
Number of horses, 380
Number of cows, 248
Number of neat cattle other than cows, 52
Number of sheep, 25
Number of swine, 166
Number of dwellings, 521
Number of acres of land, 8,106
Number of residence assessed on property, 447
Number of non-residence assessed on property, 268
Number of persons assessed on polls only, 280

(30)
TOWN REPORT.

Total number of persons assessed, 990
Special Assessment December.
Tax on personal estate, 1,274 84
Tax on polls only, 6 00
Total tax, 1,280 84

George H. Gibney, Chairman,
George M. Adams,
Daniel D. Stone,
Assessors.

Police Department.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit my annual report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1914.

Whole number of arrests during the year, 14; divided as follows:

Males, 14 Residents, 6
Females, 0 Non-Residents, 8
Americans, 8 Adults, 13
Foreigners, 6 Minors, 1

RECAPITULATION.

Crimes against the person, 4
Crimes against property, 2
Crimes against good order, 8
Persons committed to station, 6
Persons arrested on warrants, 8
AGGREGATE TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.

State Prison at Charlestown (1)
Not less than 3 years and not more than 5.

OFFENCES.

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<td>Larceny</td>
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<td>Malicious mischief</td>
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<td>Neglect of family</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Rape</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Violation auto law</td>
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<td>Suspicious character</td>
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DISPOSITION.

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<td>Discharged by order of the Court</td>
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<td>Fined and paid</td>
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<td>Probated</td>
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<tr>
<td>Released</td>
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<tr>
<td>State prison</td>
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<td>To officers of other cities</td>
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MISCELLANEOUS.

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<td>Broken wires</td>
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<td>Buildings found open</td>
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<td>Complaints received about</td>
<td>127</td>
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<td>Cases investigated</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cruelty to animals</td>
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<td>Dead bodies recovered</td>
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TOWN REPORT.

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Defective streets and sidewalks</td>
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<td>Dogs killed</td>
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<td>Juveniles before the court</td>
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<td>Lights extinguished in buildings</td>
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<td>Locked up for safe keeping</td>
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<td>Nuisance abated</td>
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<td>Number of lodgers</td>
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<td>Notices sent by M. S. P. C. A. and posted</td>
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<td>Injured persons taken home or otherwise</td>
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<td>Insane committed State hospital, Danvers</td>
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<td>Letters received</td>
<td>37</td>
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<td>Letters answered</td>
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<td>Officers attendance at court</td>
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<td>Property reported stolen, value</td>
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<td>Property reported lost, value</td>
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<td>Patients escaped and returned to hospital</td>
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<td>Street obstructions removed</td>
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<td>Town Treasurer court fines received</td>
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OFFICERS ATTENDANCE AT COURT.

- Merrill, 51
- Poole, 1
- Smith, 0
- Dodge, 0
ARRESTS MADE BY OFFICERS.

Merrill, 13
Poole, 1
Smith, 0
Dodge, 0

CASES INVESTIGATED BY MY DIRECTION.

Poole, 3
Smith, 0
Dodge, 2

OFFICERS HOURS OF DUTY PERFORMED.

Poole, $40 20
Smith, 194 00
Dodge, 10 40

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED BY OFFICERS.

Merrill, 122
Poole, 3
Smith, 0
Dodge, 2

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY.

5 Police coats, $50 00
5 Police helmets, 12 50
5 Police badges, 5 00
5 Police billeys, 5 00
5 Pairs handcuffs, 15 00
5 Flash lights, 7 50
1 Police record book, 5 00
TOWN REPORT.

1 Roll-top desk, 40 00
1 Rope, 1 83
1 Hammer, 45
1 Brush, 1 25

IN CONCLUSION.

I desire to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Samuel A. F. Whipple, John L. Woodbury, Treasurer, Andrew Harraden, Auditor, Judge Geo. B. Sears of the First District Court of Essex, and all others who have assisted in any way in promoting the welfare of this department; also all members of the police department for their efforts in trying to uphold the welfare and reputation of the Town.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Merrill,
Chief of Police.

Report of Park Commissioners.
(Closed December 31, 1914.)

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 10, 1914, Clarence S. Knowlton was elected Park Commissioner for three years.

ORGANIZATION.

George K. Knowlton, Chairman, Term expires 1916
Clarence S. Knowlton, Secretary, Term expires 1917
Frank C. Norton, Term expires 1915
The Park property in the central part of the town has, by vote of the Town, been given the name of "Central Park."

It has been put in good condition and is open for public use. Some little work needs to be done about the grounds; some settees, and perhaps swings, put in for use of children in the summer.

To meet these small expenses the Commissioners recommend an appropriation of fifty dollars.

For financial account see report of Town Accountant.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,
FRANK C. NORTON,

Park Commissioners.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.
(Closed December 31, 1914)

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 10, 1914, George K. Knowlton was elected Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman, Term expires 1917
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Secretary, Term expires 1915
FRANK C. NORTON, Term expires 1916
GEORGE E. ROBERTS appointed Superintendent of Cemetery.
Some improvements have been made in the cemetery during the past year. The single grave lots have been graded up and now present a good appearance. In the new ground quite a section has been very much improved in laying it down smoothly, the avenues also bordering this section are much improved.

There is very much more that it would be well to do, and quite a large amount of money could be used, but the town is called to consider so many other costly matters that the commissioners feel it best to call for a small appropriation this year, and therefore recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars.

For financial account see report of the Town Accountant.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
FRANK C. NORTON,

Cemetery Commissioners.

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Town Clerk's Report.

There were three hearings held by the Selectmen the past year for Pole locations on petitions from the Beverly Gas and Electric Company, all of which were granted.

REGISTRATION.

Twenty-one male voters were added to the voting list. Ten names were dropped from the list. Total male vote, 369. Total female vote, 18.
HUNTERS' LICENSES.

There were one hundred and twenty-three licenses issued the past year.

DOG LICENSES.

There were three Kennel or Breeder's licenses taken out. Whole number of male dogs, 60. Whole number of female dogs, 17.

MARRIAGES RECORDED, 1914.

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<td>Rev. Joseph L. Hoyle, Hamilton</td>
<td>Eva A. Bryant, Lawrence</td>
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<td>Feb.</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>John Russell, Hamilton</td>
<td>Henrietta F. MaCaughan, Hamilton</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Edward J. Pitman, Salem</td>
<td>Carrie H. Tuttle, South Hamilton</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Albert Brooks, South Hamilton</td>
<td>Jennie O'Neil, South Hamilton</td>
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<td>Robert H. Wilkinson, Beverly</td>
<td>Margaret A. L. Little, Asbury Grove</td>
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<td>May</td>
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<td>William Emmons, Hamilton</td>
<td>Mabel V. Kneeland, Rowley</td>
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<td>Raymond L. Tucker, Hamilton</td>
<td>Grace W. Gray, Hamilton</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>George F. Emmons, Asbury Grove</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>William Leithe, Jamaica Plain</td>
<td>Margaret Robertson, Hamilton</td>
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Bertha E. Abbott French, South Hamilton.

Aug. 27. Edward J. Seaver, Springfield,
Maud S. Raymond, Hamilton.

Aug. 31. Allston P. Thompson, Hamilton,
Gladys Toner, Hamilton.

Sept. 2. Jesse A. Dutelle, South Hamilton,
Florence I. F. Bowdidge, Somerville.

Sept. 8. Harry L. Blaisdell, Hamilton,
Vivian R. Drayton, Milton.

Sept. 30. Harold R. Grush, Beverly,
Annie E. Perkins, Hamilton.

Oct. 7. Edward L. McGarry, South Hamilton,
Annie M. Ryan, Hamilton.

Oct. 10. Frank Jones, South Hamilton,
Alice Hill, South Hamilton.

Oct. 17. Harry L. Saulnier, South Hamilton,
Susie A. Hooper, South Hamilton.

Nov. 23. John H. Sonia, South Hamilton,
Margaret M. Boudreau, Wenham.

Nov. 28. Henry C. Webb, Beverly,
Marian S. Jones, South Hamilton.

BIRTHS RECORDED, 1914.

Jan. 18. Frank Walter, son of Frank W. Buzzell and
Martha W. (Dane) Buzzell.

Jan. 19. ——, son of Thomas Kaloski and Emily (Chludzenki) Kaloski.

Feb. 15. Valentine, daughter of Michael DeLucca and
Sarah (McKerr) DeLucca.
Feb. 18. Gardner, son of William W. Bancroft and Bessie (Dodge) Bancroft.


Feb. 28. Dorothy, daughter of Samuel Green and Fannie (Cronenberg) Green.

Mar. 13. Still born, son of James O'Kane and Mary (Mc-Feeley) O'Kane.

Mar. 22. Ferdinand, son of Ferdinand Sanoceis and Jennie (Sciola) Sanoceis.


May 9. Robert Frederick, son of Leverett A. Haskell and Cathryn J. (McDonald) Haskell.


May 26. Constance, daughter of John O'Leary and Lillian (McLaughlin) O'Leary.


May 31. Roger Arthur, son of Charles A. Smearage and Blanch (Hills) Smearage.

July 8. Barbara Trussell, daughter of Wallace H. Knowlton and Elsie Choate (Trussell) Knowlton.


July 17. Kathrine Winthrop, daughter of Frederick Winthrop and Sarah Barrol (Thayer) Winthrop.


Aug. 8. Isabell, daughter of _______ Alfeda (Normear).


Aug. 25. ______, son of Telesfar Chludzienki and Helen (Visnafski) Chludzienki.


Sept. 25. Marie Lillian, daughter of George Talbot and Oleana (Morneau) Talbot.


Oct. 11. James Eardly, son of James Gildaro and Delia (Eardly) Gildaro.


Nov. 4. Archie Thomas, son of Thomas Sargent and Julia (Burke) Sargent.
Nov. 9. Louis Leonard, son of Harvey L. Dorcett and Alice Belle (Varnum) Dorcett.

Nov. 16. Ralph Edward, son of Everett N. Stanley and Hattie B. (Merrill) Stanley.


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Public Library Report.

As Librarian of the Hamilton Public Library I beg leave to present my annual report.

Concerning the daily work of the Library there has been no special change.

The increase in the number of volumes issued during the year—non-fiction as well as fiction—is very noticeable. More books have been used, this past year, in connection with school work, than in previous years.

A slight change has been made in the list of magazines. Among the recent subscriptions is the "National Geographic Magazine," one which may be well used in connection with school work. It describes, in a very graphic way, many of the countries now at war, and the illustrations are specially fine.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw the Library received a year's subscription to a weekly paper, the
"Woman's Journal and Suffrage news." She also gave two bound volumes, "After Prison—What?" and "Little Mother Stories," by Maude Ballington Booth. Through a fund established by the late Mary Baker Eddy, we received also three bound volumes on the subject of "Christian Science."

We have received, at different times, other gifts of magazines and books, and to all who have so kindly contributed, we extend thanks.

Grace C. Stone,
Librarian.

Branch Library Report.

During the two years that the Branch of the Hamilton Public Library has been located at the "Boston Store," two hundred and fifty (250) new names have been added to the list of readers.

During the past year, there has been issued an average of fifty (50) books a day, the library being open Tuesdays and Saturdays from two until eight o'clock.

Within the past year, Feb. 1, 1914, to Feb. 1, 1915, there has been forwarded to the library fund eleven dollars and fifty-one cents ($11.51), all of which was received from book fines.

The call for non-fiction books is not as great as for the "latest fiction"—the number of non-fiction books distributed being only a very small per cent.

Osgood J. Kimball.
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TOWN OF HAMILTON

Report of the Committee on Motor Fire Apparatus

February 10, 1915
Report of the Committee on Motor
Fire Apparatus for the
Town of Hamilton.

Your Committee was directed to investigate two questions:

First—Whether it would be advisable to purchase an Automobile Chemical, and if so what type should be purchased.

Second—If an Automobile Chemical is to be purchased, would it be advisable to cooperate with the Town of Wenham in the purchase and operation of the same, and, if so, what arrangements can be made.

Your Committee has been fortunate in being able to present this problem to, and receive the advice of one of the leading experts on fire matters in the East, Mr. Greely S. Curtis. Although at present engaged in the manufacture of Hydro-Aeroplanes in Marblehead, Mr. Curtis has been actively interested in the Fire Departments of New York and Boston, and is now engaged in a survey of the Salem Department in order to bring it up to the required standard. With Mr. Curtis, your committee discussed the geographical aspect of the Town, and the present equipment for fire fighting.

We find the Town as a whole without practicable fire protection. The South Village has some hose and a hose wagon which are not at present maintained in such a manner that the hose can be laid with despatch and handled with efficiency. Used in connection with a powerful pumping machine from out of town, it would be very valuable if properly maintained. At present, therefore, this equipment is of
little or no practical value, so that the South Village is as badly off for protection as the rest of the Town, and on account of the number and character of the buildings, constitutes the greatest fire risk in the whole Town. To have, therefore, a piece of Motor Fire Apparatus for the protection of the whole Town seems advisable, if the Town is ready to purchase and maintain it under conditions which will enable it to be used to its maximum efficiency. In this report these conditions are considered.

In deciding on the type of machine best suited to the present as well as to the future needs of the Town, your committee and Mr. Curtis feel that Chemical will always be the principle fire fighting agent. When the Town has a water supply with fire hydrants, a pumping machine carrying hose will be desirable. In certain localities, where there is sufficient water, especially around the Railroad station, such a machine can now be used to advantage. We recommend, therefore, a machine combining both features, so designed that the greatest possible amount of Chemical can be carried but able to draft water from any convenient source. Such a machine is known as a Triple Combination. We do not feel at this time that we can recommend any particular make of machine, that is a proposition to be settled when the Town is actually in the market, and tenders can be made on specifications, prepared with Mr. Curtis's assistance, drawn to meet the local physical conditions. We recommend that an appropriation of eight thousand ($8000) be made for the purchase of a Motor Fire Apparatus.

In order that the maximum efficiency of this Motor Fire Apparatus may be obtained, it must be suitably housed, and cared for by men competent, not only to drive it to the fire,
but to operate the chemical tanks and pump and direct the
work of the call men and volunteer assistance. Two courses
are open to the Town:—

First—To purchase land and erect a suitable building
with heat and quarters for the men. We estimate that this
building will cost at least four thousand dollars ($4000),
exclusive of the land. Two and perhaps three men should
be employed at a salary of one thousand dollars ($1000)
each, one to be on duty every minute of the day and night.

Second—The second plan would be to contract with
persons who can supply suitable quarters and can guarantee
to furnish two competent operators at any moment of the day
or night, under penalty of a fine of one hundred dollars
($100) for any failure to furnish said operators.

Your committee believes that the latter plan would be
the most economical and efficient, and recommends that a
contract be made with whosoever can comply with these
requirements and that twenty-five hundred dollars ($2500)
be appropriated to cover such contract. Further, that the
sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be appropriated for
operating costs, such as oil, gasoline, chemicals and any
contingencies.

The most vital consideration in fire fighting is that the
alarm be transmitted and the department get into action in
the shortest possible time. When volunteers or call men are
needed at the fire on the arrival of the apparatus, an alarm
system to announce the district in which a fire is in progress
is necessary. Your committee, therefore, recommends that
the Town be divided into districts; the telephone be used to
communicate with the Fire Station, and suitable apparatus
be installed to strike the bells on the Congregational Church
in the center of the Town and the Union Church in the South Village. We further recommend that two thousand dollars ($2000) be appropriated for such a fire alarm system as a necessary part of fire protection.

In order further to insure the maximum efficiency of this proposed Motor Fire Apparatus and Fire Alarm System, and to bring the present hose wagon and hose to the same condition, your committee recommend that the Town create a commission or committee to take full charge of all present and future Fire Department equipment, to handle all appropriations made for Fire Department purposes, to hire and train all persons employed, in short, to conduct the Fire Department. This commission or committee to be appointed by and responsible to the Finance Committee and to serve without pay.

In the matter of cooperation with the Town of Wenham, your committee feels that it is most desirable. Physically both towns are in the same condition. One machine and fire alarm system will serve the two towns better than they will serve one. We have communicated with the Selectmen of Wenham, but at this writing have heard nothing from them. Should cooperation between the two towns be established for the purchase and operation of the proposed equipment, a proper business administration of the joint department can only be obtained by having the proposed commission or committee combined with a similar body from Wenham as a joint commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Osgood J. Kimball, Chairman,
George Checkett, Clerk,
Henry N. Hudson.
Report of Water Committee.

Feb. 23, 1915.

Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

Your Committee having in charge the investigation of a suitable source for a water supply for the Town of Hamilton, have given the subject careful study since the town meeting held November 5, 1914, at which meeting they were instructed to cause an investigation to be made of possible sources of supply within the town.

In the investigation your Committee employed Mr. Raymond C. Allen, Civil Engineer, of Manchester, Mass., to conduct the preliminary investigation and to present to them a complete report discussing the possible sources and the method and cost of their utilization.

The first and one of the most important steps in this investigation was the examination of possible sources for an underground supply of water and the work up to this time has been directed toward this end. Accompanying this report is the preliminary report of Mr. Allen, describing the various investigations made for an underground supply and the results obtained. Briefly summarized it would appear that while a considerable amount of underground water is available within the limits of the town of Hamilton, it is generally extremely hard and possessing characteristics which,
while not objectionable for an individual private supply, are yet distinctly undesirable for a domestic supply for an entire community.

One source has been found, however, where it is probable that a supply of ground water of excellent quality in every respect can be obtained. This source lies on the easternly side of Miles River Valley, and while its quality appears to be excellent, our Engineer advises us that a careful test should be made to determine the quantity available. This test should be made at once in order that sufficient data may be obtained for the preparation of a final report which will definitely discuss and recommend the best system of supply for the town.

We therefore recommend that the town appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars in addition to that already appropriated, for the use of the Committee in making such a test and in such further investigation as may prove necessary.

Inasmuch as it will be probably impracticable to present a final report to the annual meeting, your Committee is of the opinion that when a final report shall have been completed, it should be printed as a special report and considered by the town at a special meeting called for that purpose, and it is their belief that such a final report will be ready not later than the late spring or early summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene L. Wildes, Chairman,
W. C. Ware, Secretary,
John R. Mann,
Frank P. Trussell.
Feb. 23, 1915.

Committee on Water Supply, Hamilton, Mass.

Gentlemen:—In view of the fact that the annual town meeting is soon to be held in Hamilton, it seems to me desirable that your Committee should receive from me a report upon the work done thus far in the investigation of a source of water supply for the town of Hamilton. This report can only be a report of progress at the present time as the information so far secured is not sufficient to use as a basis for a final report. It will properly serve, however, to acquaint your Committee and the citizens of Hamilton with the work accomplished and the results obtained.

In an investigation of this sort there are three general divisions of the work.

First: The determination of the source to be used.

Second: The method to be used in collecting the water and the equipment necessary for pumping it.

Third: The system of mains and services for conveying the water from the pumps and reservoir to the consumer.

The work thus far done has been entirely concerned with the first division above, that of securing a suitable source of supply; although considerable work has been done in collecting data bearing upon the amount of piping necessary for the distribution of water when it shall have been obtained.

In the study of possible sources of water supply within the limits of the town of Hamilton two natural divisions are at once obvious, viz: surface supplies and those from underground sources.
Considerable data has been collected upon the surface supplies available in Hamilton but at this time they are not sufficiently advanced to warrant a detailed report.

Inasmuch as it is generally desirable to secure a supply of water for a community of this sort from underground sources when possible, the larger part of the work thus far accomplished has been directed toward this end.

In the investigation of possible underground sources there seem to be three watersheds or valleys in which it is reasonable to expect water may be found in quantities to provide a sufficient water supply for the town of Hamilton. These are:

First: The valley of Miles River.

Second: The valley of Black Brook.

Third: The valley of Ipswich River.

In or about the year 1900 numerous test wells were driven in the valley of Miles River just north of the Essex Branch Railroad near the Hamilton Station on that road, by Mr. George W. Fitz of your town. Water was found in considerable quantity, and while it was first thought to contain an excess of iron, an extended pumping test showed that a source of supply in considerable quantity and comparatively free from iron might be secured in this neighborhood. Since this investigation a portion of the site occupied by these wells has been purchased by one of your summer residents and he has established there a private supply of his own. The results obtained here made it seem desirable to conduct further tests in this neighborhood. Accordingly a line of test wells was driven from the most westerly well
driven by Mr. Fitz northerly toward a spring on the northerly side of the meadow on his land. These wells developed a copious supply of water, the preliminary analysis of which showed a very low content of iron. As the water obtained by Mr. Fitz in his investigation was of excellent quality except for its high iron I was naturally led to expect that the water obtained from the wells just described would be similar in other characteristics to that obtained by him. Upon complete analysis, however, rather unusual results developed. The chlorine content was abnormally high and the hardness was very excessive. In studying the results of these analysis and comparing them with other analysis of water from similar sources in this portion of Essex County striking similarity was shown to those obtained from driven wells in the Common Pasture at Newburyport some years ago. The high chlorine, solids and hardness which often indicate sewage pollution did not seem to apply in this case as the opportunity for so considerable an amount as that indicated by the analysis was not apparent. I am therefore inclined to the view which was taken by many in the Newburyport case that the stratum of gravel from which the water is drawn is a part of an ancient marine deposit and that the high chlorine and hardness is due to this condition. Other results of the analysis seemed to indicate that considerable organic matter might be present. Samples were also taken from a driven well in use about three-fourths of a mile northerly from these wells and on the westerly side of the valley. This well showed a very good quality of water except that it was excessively hard.

The results obtained here being unsatisfactory it was next decided to drive a test well in the valley of Black
Brook and at what seemed to be a reasonable place to expect to obtain a good supply, a well was driven. This well indicated a fair amount of water and the result of the analysis showed it to be of very good quality in all but the element of hardness and this was excessive.

As it is believed that the results obtained from this well are typical of those to be expected from water of this source and as the funds available for well driving are limited, it was deemed wise to secure a typical sample of water from the valley of Ipswich River and a test well was driven in the meadows westerly from Vineyard Hill.

This well gave a fair amount of water but upon analysis it was found to be excessively hard being as hard indeed as the water from the wells first driven.

While this work was in progress, comparisons of the water obtained by Mr. Fitz in 1900 were made with those obtained from the wells driven this season and with those driven heretofore on the westerly side of Miles River. The marked difference in hardness has suggested that there may be two independent strata of water bearing gravel in this valley and this is also borne out by a number of other features which have presented themselves as the matter has been studied.

In order to determine this, samples of water were taken from a spring on the easterly side of Miles River and from a driven well near it. The flow of water at this point seems quite copious and the analysis of the water shows it to be of excellent character, reasonably soft and comparatively free from iron. I feel very certain that this water will meet every sanitary requirement for a domestic water supply, but the quantity to be obtained has yet to be ascertained. The
most practical way of determining the probable yield is by a pumping test carried on for a sufficient number of days to furnish a reasonable indication of what might be expected under actual service conditions. The water could well be obtained from a number of driven wells so located and driven that in the event of the installation of a permanent pumping plant, these wells so driven would form a part thereof. Such a pumping test as this will without doubt be required by the State Authorities before passing upon this source as a supply for Hamilton.

In order to make this pumping test properly, an appropriation in addition to that now available will be required. I will, therefore, recommend to you that a pumping test be made in the locality of the spring and well last tested, because should the quantity to be obtained here be found sufficient I am of the opinion that this will furnish the best and most economical source of supply within the limits of the town of Hamilton.

When the amount available shall have been determined I shall be able to prepare a final report discussing in detail the various sources examined with recommendations and an estimate of cost for a system of water supply.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND C. ALLEN.
List of Appropriations as Recommended by the Selectmen.

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Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the ninth (9th) day of March, nineteen hundred and fifteen, at six (6) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To bring in your ballots for
   Moderator, for one year.
   Town Clerk, for one year.
   Two Selectmen, for one year.
   Overseers of Poor, Board of Health and Fence Viewers, three for one year.
   Treasurer, for one year.
   Tax Collector, for one year.
   Tree Warden, for one year.
   Three Constables, for one year.
   One Assessor, for three years.
One Library Trustee, for three years.
One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years.
One Park Commissioner, for three years.
One member of School Committee, for three years.

And to vote on the following:

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the coming year? Yes or No.

All on one ballot. The Polls will open at six (6) o’clock and close at ten (10) o’clock in the forenoon.

Art. 2. To choose or appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town shall determine.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other Committees and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise and appropriate money for the repairs of Highways, Townways and Bridges and all other Town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to finish Railroad Avenue extension.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will accept Park street extension as laid out by the Selectmen and appropriate a sum of money for grading same.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to resurface Union street and
provide catch basins at corner of Railroad avenue. Petition of Mr. MacDonald and others.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to grade and resurface a portion of Gardner street.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to place street lights on Bridge street from corner of School to corner of Sagamore and from corner of Sagamore to Essex street. Petition of Frank M. Whipple and others.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to grade and resurface Linden street. Petition of John P. McVey and others.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install new hay scales on Main street, corner of Bridge. Petition of W. J. Daley and others.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Reserve Fund in accordance with Chap. 645, Acts of 1913.

Art. 13. To hear the report of the Committee on Water Supply and take any action thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to ratify the following vote passed at the last Annual Town Meeting of said Town held on March 10th, 1914.

Voted, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow
money on or after Jan. 1st, 1915, from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1915, to an amount not exceeding $30,000 in the aggregate, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the taxes of said financial year, as recommended by the Finance and Advisory Committee.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to ratify the following vote passed at the last Annual Town Meeting of said Town held on March 10th, 1914.

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized and directed to appoint a Town accountant in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1910 and that an appropriation be made of $300 as salary for the office, and that the office of Town Auditor be abolished.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, beginning Jan. 1, 1915, in anticipation of the revenue of said financial year the sum of $10,000 in addition to the sum of $30,000 already authorized, making $40,000 in all, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1916, from
time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning Jan. 1, 1916, to an amount not exceeding $40,000 in the aggregate and to issue a note or notes therefor.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote
(a.) For the establishment of a fire commission to serve without pay.
(b.) For the purchase of an automobile chemical fire engine.
(c.) For the installation of a fire alarm system.
(d.) For the issuing of Town notes for such portion of the necessary cost of above equipment as may legally be covered by such an issue.
(e.) For the appropriation of money for such portion of such cost as cannot legally be borrowed and for the expense of maintaining and using said apparatus in the year 1915.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed $50 for the purpose of observing Decoration Day.

Art. 20. To hear the Report of the By-Law Committee and take any action thereon, and to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to repair the Hose House at South Hamilton.
Art. 22. To see if the Town will instruct the School Board to have a No school signal system put in by way of the street lighting system or any other method and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to lay a curbing on the westerly side of Main street, between Asbury street and the Railroad Crossing.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to take care of the surface water on Willow street and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 25. To see what action the Town will take, if any, with regard to the planting of shade trees, and to appropriate at least $150 for this purpose in order that the Town may enter the Shade Tree Planting Contest conducted by the Massachusetts Forestry Association.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will pay a 35 cents per hour wage to the climbers in the Moth Department. Petition of E. A. Underhill and others.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Excess and Deficiency account the sum of $678.04 to meet overdrafts in sundry accounts of the Town.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may
use, agreeable to Chap. 25, Sec. 75, of the Revised Laws.

Art. 29. To determine what time tax bills shall be issued and taxes become due, and take any action thereon.

Art. 30. To act on any other matter which may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Meeting House, one at the Town Hall and one at the South Hamilton Post Office, in said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1915.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
GEORGE W. FITZ,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,

Selectmen of Hamilton.
TOWN OF HAMILTON

REPORT

OF THE

Finance and Advisory Committee

ON THE

Appropriations and Articles

FOR THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 9, 1915

SALEM, MASS.:
BARRY PRINTING COMPANY,
1915.
To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

Your Committee have examined the financial needs for the maintenance of the various departments of the Town, and to provide for the payments of principal and interest due on bonds and notes for the fiscal year; and have also investigated all requests calling for appropriations of money in the various articles of the Town Warrant; and, after careful consideration, we make the recommendations given below in this report.

Article 4.

Under Article 4, salaries and fees for each department, as well as expenses, are included in the appropriation for said department. By vote of the Town in 1914, voting on appropriations for salaries and fees must be by ballot. A complete list of salaries and fees recommended is given on the page following the list of these department appropriations. Where the proposed rate of salary for 1915 is different from that of 1914, the sum to be appropriated must be a little more or a little less than the new annual rate in order to balance the books. These differences will be explained at the meeting.

The larger appropriation recommended for Highways is not a real increase of expenditure over last year; because the amount of the Street Railway Excise Tax was last year treated as an addition to the appropriation, but is this year included in the appropriation. By State law, the Street
Railway Franchise Tax also is applied to Highway expenditures, and not to general expenses as has formerly been the Town’s custom. But this change in bookkeeping does not affect the total tax levy of the Town; the recommended outlay of $6000 being intended to include both of the above Street Railway taxes.

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Total under Article 4 [last year, corresponding items were about $53,471] $54,955

* $750 are for bills incurred in 1914 and unpaid in that year, because expenses were for running 13 months.
MEMORANDUM OF SALARIES AND FEES, INCLUDED IN ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 4.

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*The incumbent of this office drew salary only from date of appointment, June 1st; but received $3 per day as a bookkeeper prior to that time. He also received day-pay at same rate for assisting State Auditors. He did not act as Town Auditor; the office having been abolished.*
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<td>Creation of Reserve Fund in accordance with Chap. 645, Acts of 1913, for unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, including certain abatements of taxes; to be controlled by Finance Committee. From surplus $500 recommended.</td>
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Article 13.
For use of Water Committee

Article 14.
We recommend that the Town ratify the vote, passed at the last Annual Town Meeting, held on March 10, 1914; and cited in this Article of the Warrant.

Article 15.
We recommend that the Town ratify the vote, passed at the last Annual Town Meeting, held on March 10, 1914, and cited in this Article of the Warrant.

Article 16.
Borrowing Money in Anticipation of Taxes, 1915.
We recommend authorizing the Treasurer to borrow as set forth in this Article of the Warrant.

Article 17.
We recommend authorizing the Treasurer to borrow as set forth in this Article of the Warrant.
### Article 18.

Report of Committee on Motor Fire Apparatus.

Although we think the Town should be duly grateful to this Committee for their efficiency, we regret to say that we are unanimously of opinion that the proposition recommended by them, which would involve the expenditure of about $27,750, at the rate of about $4500 a year for 6 years, is too expensive for adoption.

### Article 19.

Observance of Decoration Day 50 50

### Article 21.

No action taken.

### Article 22.

No-School Signal. No expense involved. Approved.

### Article 23.

Curbing on West side of Main st. Moynihan Frontage only, recommended one-half cost 100

### Article 24.

Taking care of Water on Willow street 200
TOWN REPORT.

Called for by Selectmen

Recommended

**Article 25.**
Shade Tree Contest. Not approved.

**Article 26.**
Wages of certain Town Employés.
We recommend that the matter be referred to the Selectmen.

**Article 27.**
Transfer from Surplus (Excess and Deficiency Fund) to meet overdrafts in certain accounts, 1914.

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$678 04 total—Approved

Grand Total of Appropriations Recommended

From Taxes  $59,215 00
From Surplus  1,178 04

From all Sources  $60,393 04

[Corresponding totals appropriated in 1914 were about as follows: From taxes $57,696 25 From surplus 2,950 00 $60,646 25]
During the year 1914, the State system of accounting was duly installed, to the great future benefit of the Town as we believe. The Report of the State Auditor will be read at Town Meeting if the meeting so desires, as a part of this Report.

Reginald C. Robbins, Chairman,
Clarence S. Knowlton, Secretary,
Frank P. Trussell,
Jesse S. Mann,
Raymond C. Gould,

Finance and Advisory Committee,
Town of Hamilton.
Report of Committee on By-Laws.


We, the undersigned, committee on By-Laws appointed in accordance with a vote passed at the last Annual Town Meeting, respectfully submit the following:

ORDERS.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETING WHEN HELD.

Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held at such time in the month of February or March as the voters may from time to time determine. The polls shall be opened at 6 o'clock A. M. and close at 10 o'clock A. M., but may be extended to, but not later than, eleven o'clock A. M., after which the remaining articles in the warrant shall be acted upon.

HOW NOTIFIED.

Sect. 2. All warrants for town meetings shall be served by posting attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one at each of the Post Offices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. But
when in the judgment of the Selectmen the interests of the Town require a special meeting to be held without giving so long a notice, a meeting may be called by posting attested copies of the warrant in the above mentioned places at least three days before the time appointed for the meeting. Whenever a special meeting is called, the constable or person giving notice of said meeting shall mail a postal card to each voter in the Town at least three days before the time appointed for said meeting which shall read as follows:

See Warrant for a Special Meeting
to be held..........................
(Giving the date.)

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Sect. 3. The selectmen shall give at least three days' public notice of their intent to issue a warrant for a special town meeting, unless in their judgment public interests would suffer by such delay.

GOVERNMENT OF TOWN MEETINGS.

Sect. 4. Town Meetings shall be governed according to the rules of parliamentary practice in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are applicable and not inconsistent with the law.

ARTICLE II.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Sect. 1. No action shall be taken at any town meeting appropriating or involving the expenditure of money or the creating of any town debt, unless at least thirty-five shall vote in favor of such appropriation, expenditure or incurred debt.
Sect. 2. No action shall be taken at any special town meeting appropriating or involving the expenditure of money, or the creating of any town debt exceeding the amount of one thousand dollars, unless at least fifty shall vote in favor of such appropriation, expenditure or incurred debt; if exceeding five thousand dollars, seventy-five; and if exceeding ten thousand dollars, one hundred shall vote in favor of such appropriation, expenditure or incurred debt.

Sect. 3. Whenever the appropriation placed in the hands of any board or department for a specified purpose shall be exhausted, such board or department shall not proceed to further expenditure without authority from the town. Provided, however, that this shall not forbid any expenditures allowed by the laws of the Commonwealth.

FORM OF VOTE TO BE USED UPON MONEY MATTERS.

Sect. 4. No vote shall be passed appropriating or involving the expenditure of money at any meeting except by hand vote, or written or printed ballot, which vote shall be counted by tellers appointed by the chair, and said vote shall be recorded by the town clerk.

RECONSIDERATION OF VOTE UPON MONEY MATTERS.

Sect. 5. No vote relative to the raising, paying or appropriating any money shall be reconsidered in town meeting by any less number of votes than were cast in favor of the same at the former consideration.

ARTICLE III.

BOOKKEEPING.

All books and accounts are to be kept in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Statistics.
ARTICLE IV.

Sect. 1. All accounts and other claims against the town for labor done, services performed, or material furnished for the use of the town under the charge, direction or superintendence of any board or officer, shall when presented to the selectmen bear an attestation of the approval of such board or officer, otherwise the same shall not be acted upon by the selectmen. And the selectmen shall not authorize the payment of any account or claim whatever against the town, unless such account or claim, be accompanied by a full and exact statement of the labor or services performed or the material furnished, and the selectmen shall also secure satisfactory vouchers from each of the persons to whom payment is due.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

In addition to those provided by law, the Town Officers shall have the following duties:

TOWN CLERK.

Sect. 1. The town clerk shall furnish all boards and committees with a copy of all votes affecting them. All committees to whom any matter which requires a public hearing is referred by the town, shall give a public notice thereof, stating time and place of such hearing.

Sect. 2. Whenever a report of any board or committee is presented to the town, and its recommendations are adopted, the town clerk shall cause to be entered upon the records of the meeting, such portions of the report as may be necessary for the understanding of the action taken by the town.
MODERATOR.

Sect. 3. The Moderator elected at the Annual Town Meeting of 1916, shall, within thirty days thereafter, appoint a Finance Committee of five voters who shall hold no salaried Town Office, two of whom shall serve until their successors are appointed in 1917, two until their successors are appointed in 1918 and one until his successor is appointed in 1919 and each year after 1916, the Moderator elected at the Annual Town Meeting shall, within thirty days after his election, appoint one or two (as the case may be) to fill the vacancies caused by the expiring terms. The Moderator shall also fill vacancies in said Finance Committee within thirty days after being notified by said committee that a vacancy existed.

SELECTMEN.

Sect. 4. The annual reports of the town officers, boards and committees shall be prepared in form suitable for printing on or before the tenth day of February in each year. The selectmen shall cause such reports to be printed and distributed to the legal voters of the town seven days at least before the annual meeting.

Sect. 5. The selectmen shall cause to be printed and bound each year with the annual reports of the town officers, boards and committees, a copy of the records of the town meetings during the preceding year; a statement of all devises, bequests and donations to the town during the preceding year; a list of all laws of the commonwealth accepted by the town during the year; all by-laws adopted by the town since the preceding annual report; copies of the laying out, alteration, locating anew or discontinuance of any
highway or townway during the preceding year; and a statement of all outstanding bonds, notes and obligations of the town for the payment of money, and warrant for the next annual town meeting.

**Sect. 6.** The selectmen shall every five years cause to be incorporated in the Annual Town Report a copy of the Town By-Laws and Amendments thereto.

**Sect. 7.** The selectmen may bring suit in the name of the town against the principal and sureties, or either of them, named in any bond given to the town by any officer, agent, contractor or other person, for breach of the condition of such bond.

They shall consider all claims made against the town for damages, or breaches of contract, and may settle the same before suit is brought thereon provided that in no case shall a settlement be so made by a payment of more than five hundred dollars without authority from the Town. They shall cause the appearance and answer of the town to be entered and made in all actions or suits brought against the town.

**Sect. 8.** It shall be the duty of the selectmen to cause to be audited the account of the collector at least once in two months. It shall be their duty to examine the account of the treasurer at the close of each municipal year, and as much oftener as they deem expedient, and for this purpose they shall have access to all books and vouchers in his possession, or in the possession of any other officer of the town, and they shall in all cases report to the town the result of their examination.
Sect. 9. The selectmen shall appoint a chief of police who shall serve during their pleasure, and in case the office becomes vacant, they shall appoint a successor.

Sect. 10. The selectmen shall appoint a Town Accountant every three years, and in case the office becomes vacant, they shall appoint a successor.

Sect. 11. The selectmen shall furnish the Finance Committee with a copy of every warrant calling a Town Meeting as early as the day on which said warrant is posted.

TOWN TREASURER.

Sect. 12. All money belonging to the town shall be deposited in the name of the Town of Hamilton in any National Bank or trust company which shall be approved by the selectmen, and the treasurer shall sign all checks and drafts on deposits.

COLLECTOR.

Sect. 13. The collector of taxes shall exhibit his account to the selectmen at least once in two months. The collector shall pay the treasurer all money received on account of taxes at least once in each week. He shall strictly comply with the tax commissioner's rules for the collection of taxes.

NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Sect. 14. If the collector neglects or refuses to comply with the requirement of the rules established by the town, or if on examination by the selectmen or Town accountant his accounts are found not true and correct, or not clearly and intelligently kept, or if the collector commit any breach of his official bond, the selectmen shall remove him from office and appoint another collector.
TOWN REPORT.

TREE WARDEN.

Sect. 15. The tree warden, except in case of emergency, shall give the owner of any land abutting a highway at least twenty-four hours notice of his intention to trim any shade tree on the highway abutted by said land.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Sect. 16. The board of health shall be elected as required by law and shall make a full and comprehensive statement of its doings for the year preceding, with a review of the sanitary condition of the town, which shall be printed in the town report.

ASSessORS.

Sect. 17. The Assessors shall cause to be printed and distributed among the voters of the town every five years the Valuation and Assessment of Taxes, commencing with that for the year 1915.

ARTICLE VI.

CHIEF OF POLICE.

Sect. 1. The Chief of Police shall receive and investigate complaints against all persons violating any law in the town, prosecute offenders and attend in behalf of the town the trial of offenders.

He shall enforce all orders, regulations and by-laws of the town and shall obey and execute all lawful orders and commands of the selectmen. He shall keep a record of all offences committed and of all prosecutions.

The Chief of Police shall receive such compensation as the selectmen determine.
FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SECT. 2. The Finance Committee shall elect one of its members, Chairman, and shall elect a Clerk who shall keep a record of the doings and expenses of the Committee.

The Committee shall notify the Moderator of any vacancy caused by death, resignation or removal of legal residence from Town.

They shall investigate and consider any and all municipal questions, each estimate furnished and each article in every warrant, especially those looking to or calling for the expenditure of public money, giving hearings to petitioners and others if necessary, and shall report the facts ascertained and their recommendations, and offer a properly worded motion upon each article as it shall be taken up in Town Meeting. They shall make an annual report in print, and, so far as possible it shall be made a part of the Annual Town Report.

All officers and heads of departments shall confer with the Finance Committee, and furnish required information regarding their various departments, upon request of said Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall be allowed the use of the Selectmen's room when not required by that body, or other suitable room and accommodation in the Town Hall Building, for its meetings.

The vocation of the Finance Committee shall be civic and non-political and its labors, patriotic and honorary; its members shall therefore serve without pay, except that the Clerk (if a member of the Committee) may receive money compensation; but necessary incidental expenses shall be allowed and charged to the Town appropriation for said
Committee, but it shall in no case expend or contract to expend (the salary of the Clerk included) in excess of $25.00 in any one year without special authority in advance from the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Sect. 1. All boards and committees shall make a record of their meetings and proceedings thereat, which record shall be open to public inspection.

Sect. 2. All officers shall transmit to their successors in office, at the expiration of their term of office, all books, papers, documents, plans and other properties in their custody belonging to the town.

The officers of all departments shall turn over to the town clerk all valuable books, papers, documents, plans and records belonging to the town and not necessary for the immediate use of their respective departments, and these shall be deposited in the town clerk's vault.

ARTICLE VIII.

STREET COMMISSIONER
OR SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Sect. 1. The street commissioner or superintendent of streets shall keep an accurate account of all money expended, and all work done upon the streets and squares of the town, and a daily record of number of men and teams, and the extent and nature of the work done, and the amount expended on each street, way or square, and also the time spent in making such repairs.
Sect. 2. A pay roll shall be kept of the employees of the street department and of the owners of teams employed thereon, and parties furnishing material therefor, the time for which payment is to be made; the rate of wages; the amount and cost of material furnished, and the amount due in each case.

Payment shall be made in each case to the party to whom it shall be due, or his agent or attorney authorized in writing to receive the same.

The superintendent or commissioner of streets shall furnish an annual report of the street department to be printed in the annual town report.

Sect. 3. When permanent or macadam roads are built with money especially appropriated for the same by the town, whether said work is performed by street superintendent or special contract, all such work shall be commenced not later than September 1st, and it shall be the duty of said Superintendent or contractor to properly mark all dangerous places or piles of material while the road is in process of construction, that no person may sustain damage thereby. All work on aforesaid permanent or macadam roads shall be completed on or before December 1st, and it shall be the duty of said Superintendent or contractor to leave the road in safe condition for travel.

ARTICLE IX.

The Town Accountant shall furnish the Finance Committee with a list of estimates of all probable expenditures as early as January 1st each year.
ARTICLE X.

STREETS.

Sect. 1. The streets and public ways of the town hereafter to be established are to be not less than fifty feet in width, and in laying out or accepting all such streets and ways (excepting those that have houses erected on them at the time of the acceptance of this order) the selectmen are directed to hold this in mind as the fixed policy of the town.

ARTICLE XI.

PECUNIARY INTEREST OF OFFICERS.

No town officer or member of a committee, chosen by the town or appointed, nor any agent of such officer or committee, shall have any pecuniary interest in any contract made or approved in behalf of the town, by himself, by any board or committee for which he may act as agent, or where his vote is necessary to award him or his agent such contract by a majority vote of said board or committee.

ARTICLE XII.

SALE OF PROPERTY.

All money received by any department, board or committee from the sale of any material or property belonging to the town, or received from the settlement of any demand or claim due to the town, shall be at once turned over to the treasurer.

ARTICLE XIII.

VAULTS AND SAFES.

The combination to the vaults of the town shall be known only to the town clerk, board of selectmen and Town
Accountant; provided, however, that whenever persons, other than the clerk, are engaged by authority of the town, indexing the records, the town clerk may in such case make known the combination to some one person only, who may be so engaged. The combination to the safe in the selectmen's room shall be known to them and to the Town Accountant. These combinations shall be changed whenever a change shall occur in either of the above offices.

ARTICLE XIV.

TOWN HALL.

The use of the town hall shall be allowed free of expense for political meetings, for purposes connected with the public schools, whenever recommended by the school committee, and for charitable purposes. For all other purposes there shall be a charge of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars, as the selectmen may decide. The cost of services by the janitor shall in all cases be paid by the town.

ARTICLE XV.

CEMETERIES.

SECT. 1. Lots in the cemeteries of Hamilton shall be used only as burial places for the dead. All burials therein shall be subject to the regulations established, or that shall be established, by the Town of Hamilton, or any Board of Cemetery Commissioners chosen by the town; and said town, or said commissioners with the approval of said town, shall have the power at any time to establish or alter its regulations respecting the same.
ARTICLE XVI.

TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANIES.

Sect. 1. All companies, corporations and persons to whom is granted permission to erect poles and fixtures and to maintain electric wires shall before proceeding to act thereunder execute an agreement in writing satisfactory to the selectmen, agreeing to accept location and conditions of granting same to make upon thirty days notice all changes in location or otherwise required by the Selectmen and to save the town harmless from any and all claims whatsoever by whomsoever made, for damages, costs, expenses, charges, or compensation for or on account of, or in any way growing out of erection, maintenance or use of said poles, fixtures, wires, apparatus or the transmission of electric current by means thereof. Said agreement, after its approval by the selectmen, shall be filed with the town clerk, and no certificate of such permit shall be issued until said agreement is so filed.

BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER I:

STREETS.

Sect. 1. No person, unless authorized by law, shall erect on any street in the town any staging for building, or place thereon any lumber, brick or other building materials without a written license from the selectmen. Any person intending to erect or repair any building upon land abutting
upon a street shall give notice to the selectmen, who may, at
the owner's request, set apart such portion of the street as
they may deem expedient for such use. Such person
shall, before the expiration of his license, remove all
rubbish and restore such street to its former condition, to the
satisfaction of the selectmen; and every person who, when so
licensed, shall obstruct or render unsafe any public street or
sidewalk, shall guard the same by a proper fence or railing
and by lights during the night time in such manner as the
selectmen shall approve.

Sect. 2. If any person shall dig a cellar or other
cavity in the ground near to or adjoining any street, he shall,
so long as the selectmen may require, keep a railing or fence
on or near the line of such street, sufficient to protect
travelers from falling into the place so dug, or being injured
thereby.

Sect. 3. No person shall place or maintain over any
street or sidewalk any sign, awning, shade or other obstruc-
tion unless the same is safely and securely supported and not
less than six and one-half feet from the ground at its lowest
part. No person shall erect or maintain a post in any street
or sidewalk for the support of an awning or for any other
purpose without permission from the selectmen.

Sect. 4. No person shall suffer his building to shed
water upon any street or sidewalk in the town, to the injury
or inconvenience of passengers, nor allow any sink water or
other impure water to run from the house, barn or lot
occupied by him or under his control, into any highway or
or public place.

Sect. 5. No person shall place or cause to be placed
or deposited upon any street, sidewalk, or other public place
in the town, merchandise, ashes, shavings, house dirt, glass, filth, offal, rubbish, or any other materials which shall in any way obstruct or disfigure the same, nor suffer his wood or coal to remain unnecessarily on the street or sidewalk. And no person shall, without license from the selectmen, distribute on any of the public streets, or grounds of the town any handbills, advertising cards, flyers, or other printed slips of paper for advertising purposes.

Sect. 6. No person shall place or keep any table, stall, booth or other structure on any street or sidewalk, nor place or keep the same on any of the public grounds of the town for the sale of fruit or other things without permission of the selectmen.

Sect. 7. No person shall tie or fasten any horse, mule or team of any kind to any ornamental or shade tree, shrub or vine, or to any fence or other structure erected for the protection of such tree, shrub or vine, in any street or public place in the town, or in any way injure or deface the same.

Sect. 8. No person, being the owner, keeper, or having the custody of any horse, cow or other animal, shall permit or suffer the same to pasture, with or without a keeper, upon any street, sidewalk or any public ground in the town, or go at large therein, nor suffer such horse, cow or other animal to go, be or to remain upon any sidewalk in the town.

Sect. 9. No person shall stop with any team carriage or motor vehicle across any street in the town in such manner as to hinder or obstruct the travel over such street, nor at the side of or so near another team as to obstruct public travel.
Sect. 10. No person shall be or remain upon any sidewalk or street, or upon any doorstep or other projection from any dwelling house or other building within the town, so as to annoy or disturb any person, or shall obstruct passage to the same or the appurtenances thereto; and any person so being or remaining as aforesaid, when ordered by any constable, police officer or watchman, or by the owner or occupant of such dwelling house or other building, shall immediately and peaceably depart and stay away therefrom.

Sect. 11. No person shall wilfully injure, mar, deface or destroy any fence, signboard, guideboard, awning, lamp-post, lamp or lantern in any street or public place in the town, and no person shall light or extinguish any public light in any street or public place except by virtue of a contract with the town or permission from the selectmen.

Sect. 12. No person shall in any way injure any drinking fountain or watering trough in the streets and public grounds of the town, or throw or place any substance into the same.

Sect. 13. No person shall make, write or print or post any indecent or obscene marks, words, figures or signs upon any fence, building, post, tree or other object exposed to public view, nor, without a license from the selectmen first obtained, post any placards, show cards, handbills or posters upon any tree, fence, post or building within any street or public place in the town, or upon any building, structure or lands belonging to the town.

Sect. 14. No person shall walk, stand or lounge upon any portion of any street or public grounds of the town especially prepared and devoted by the officers in charge to the
growing of grass or flowers, nor in any way dig up, injure or deface said street, public ground, grass and flowers.

Sect. 15. No person shall drive over any hose belonging to the fire department with any carriage or other vehicle or remove, injure or in any manner disturb the members thereof, their horses, machines, hose or equipment, when stationed, located or laid in any such street, except under direction of the officer in command.

ROOF COVERING.

Sect. 16. Every building hereafter erected within the corporate limits shall have an incombustible roof covering, and no existing wooden shingle roof, if damaged more than 25 per cent. shall be renewed or repaired with other than incombustible roof covering, provided, however, that the foregoing shall not apply to any building more than three hundred feet from the building of another person.

Sect. 17. No person shall fire or discharge any gun or pistol, airgun or other firearm in or across any of the streets or public places within the town; but this section shall not apply to the use of such weapon at any military exercise or review, under the authority of a commissioned officer of the militia, nor in the lawful defence of the person, family or property of any citizen, or in the performance of any duty required by law, nor to any person firing a salute by leave of the board of selectmen.

Sect. 18. No person shall make any bonfire or other fire in any of the streets, avenues or public ways of the town without the permission of the selectmen or superintendent of streets.
Sect. 19. Whenever the word street or streets is used in these By-laws it shall be understood as meaning to include lanes, alleys, courts, public squares and sidewalks, unless otherwise expressed.

REGULATING THE DEALING AND KEEPING OF JUNK.

Sect. 20. The selectmen, or a majority of them, may grant licenses to such persons as to them may appear proper and suitable persons to be dealers in or keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or second-hand articles.

Every dealer or keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or second-hand articles, shall keep a book in which shall be written, at the time of the purchase of any such article, a description thereof, the name, age and residence of the person from whom and the day and hour when such purchase was made; and such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the selectmen or any police officer or constable of the town. Every dealer or keeper of such shop shall put in some suitable and conspicuous place on his wagon or shop a sign having his name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters, and such wagon and shop and all articles of merchandise therein may be at all times examined by the selectmen or officer or constable of the town.

No dealer or keeper of such wagon or shop shall, directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange, any of the articles aforesaid of a minor or apprentice, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such. No article purchased or received shall be sold until at least one week from date of its purchase or receipt has elapsed.
Sect. 21. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of these orders or By-Laws shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

The following Acts of the Legislature have been adopted by the Town:

March 10, 1891, Chapter 347, Acts of the Legislature of 1890, entitled, "An Act to promote the establishment and efficiency of Free Public Libraries."

March 11, 1902, Chapter 122, Acts of the Legislature of 1902, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Town of Hamilton to supply itself and its inhabitants with water."

March 11, 1902, Chapter 78, Revised Laws, Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, in relation to a Board of Cemetery Commissioners.

March 14, 1905, Section 42, of Chapter 49, Revised Laws, relating to expense of grading sidewalks; also Section 26 of Chapter 91, Revised Laws, relating to the use of nets in ponds.

March 12, 1907, Chapter 346 of 1902, that moderators may be elected for one year term; Chapter 11, Revised Laws, relating to elections; and Chapter 28, Revised Laws, relating to Public Parks.

March 8, 1910, Section 367, Chapter 560 of 1907, relating to election of certain officers.

March 14, 1911, House bill No. 677, as to taking cemetery land for a Public Park.
July 10, 1911, Chapter 109 of Acts 1911, same as House bill No. 677.

March 10, 1913, Chapter 598 of Acts 1910, as amended by Chapter 706 of 1913, relating to the auditing of Town accounts.

All Orders and By-Laws heretofore adopted are hereby repealed.

Lester E. Libby,
George H. Gibney,
George C. Donaldson,

Committee.
SCHOOL REPORT.
School Committee's Report.

Annual report of the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton for the year 1914-1915.

ORGANIZATION.

George K. Knowlton, Chairman, Term expires 1916
Robert Robertson, Jr., Secretary, " " 1915
C. Augustus Norwood, " " 1917

George K. Knowlton, Purchasing Agent.
Eldridge Smith, Superintendent.
John G. Corcoran, M. D., School Physician.
In making up our annual report to the citizens of the Town we have to say that quite a change has been made in the financial system of the Town since our last report.

This system which is a provisional state law, was adopted by the Town at its last annual meeting. It provides for a town accountant who shall examine and record all financial accounts of the Town, and shall make full annual report of the same.

In view of the submission of such report the committee makes no financial statement as it has done in previous years, the School account being included in the report of the Town Accountant to which we are pleased to refer.

The West School has been closed the present school year, the number of scholars in that district being so small it was thought best to transport them to the South School.

The contract for their transportation was awarded to Mr. John R. Mann, at $2.25 a day for actual service.

It was found to be necessary to put a partition in the commercial room of the High School in order to lessen the noise of the typewriters where the scholars were in study. The contract for this work was awarded to Mr. Frank P. Trussell, at $138.00.

Fifteen new desks have been put into the commercial room completing the number required this year.

A hood has been put into the laboratory for the escape of noxious gases in chemical work.

The contract for painting the South schoolhouse and annex was awarded to Mr. Edward A. Lane, for $300.

Before the opening of the school year in September the committee decided to adopt the new course of study provided by the State Board of Education, and which is
specially prepared for, and required of scholars for entrance to the State Normal Schools.

This course of study required an additional teacher and consequently a larger expenditure of money.

Your committee would call attention to the fact that much is being done by the School department, and a large amount of money is being expended in order that our children may have at least a good common school education. They also have the opportunity to go on to higher education if they wish to do so. We desire the cooperation of all parents for the best interest of their children in our schools.

The committee recommends an appropriation for the financial year, January 1st to December 31, 1915, and exclusive of any previous deficit, of $15,000.

George K. Knowlton,
Robert Robertson, Jr.
C. Augustus Norwood,

School Committee.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton,

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my second annual report.

As in other years there have been several changes in the teaching corps. The High School opened with only one of the old teachers on the faculty. Under the leadership of the new principal and with the co-operation of all the teachers the regular work was soon put under way with the result that today your High School is doing better work than ever before. In the elementary schools there was one change. Miss Knapp was granted a year's leave of absence. With the street car accident soon after the opening of school two more teachers, Miss Chase and Miss Maclaren, were lost to the service.

In my last report I suggested to you the advisability of building a new Elementary School. At that time I tried to show that it would be a great advantage to gather all the elementary school children under one roof. Of all the un-grade schools the West School on account of the distance is the only one which should be kept open; yet it was closed last September without any trouble and certainly much to the advantage of the children. By transporting them we are broadening their opportunities to get an education.
The fact that it is more economical is of little consequence; the thing of greatest importance is the fact that these children living on the outskirts of the town are receiving their share of the educational advantages offered by the town. Pupils will come to the eighth grade and the High School better prepared and will not be compelled to spend an extra year in mastering work which should have been learned earlier.

In the spring of 1914 I sent circular letters to all the parents having children in the schools in which I asked for their opinions on the matter of centralizing all the Elementary schools. Fully ninety per cent of the answers returned showed that the parents were strongly in favor of the idea of centralizing. I am sure that public opinion would be more favorable today than a year ago. Extracts from some of the letters read as follows:

"I consider it a good idea to do away with the small schools."

"I certainly think the school ought to be centralized as it would give both children and teachers a better chance with their studies."

"In regard to the centralization of schools the principal objection raised is the matter of conveyance. This in my opinion is more than offset by the fact that during the school session, in all the various grades, all the pupils may be kept busy all the time. In an ungraded school no teacher can do herself or scholars justice when she must divide her time in such a way as to teach from the alphabet to the pupil preparing to enter the high school. Because a family may
reside in a sparsely settled neighborhood is no good reason why the children should be hindered from receiving the best education that can be provided—even if at times it may be an inconvenience."

"My opinion of the little school is that it is not fit for the little children."

"We heartily concur with your opinion on the school question provided a modern fire-proof structure is erected."

"Answering your circular letter—I wish to go on record as favoring centralized Grammar Grades.

As you say the only objection is the transportation problem and that amounts to nothing in reality.

I rode in a school (i.e. a team used to transport school children) for four years and never experienced discomfort or heard any expressed by the children. Our transportation distance was two and one half miles. Blankets were provided. It furnished a delightful ride. We carried children when the temperature was below zero, as young as six years. With a proper driver, demanding and obtaining good discipline it gives the children a chance to talk over the work which is very beneficial."

When parents take the trouble to write letters like these there is not the slightest doubt about how they feel. Again and again they have expressed the same idea in conversation. I believe that active measures should be taken at once to secure a first-class building which will accommodate all the elementary school children in the town. I can assure you that the efficiency of the High School cannot be greatly improved until better accommodations have been provided.
The most radical change made in your system during the past year is the re-organization of the high school. The course has been shortened from five years to four years. This is in keeping with the scheme used in most high schools. The course has also been modified in subjects taught. Some subjects have been dropped while others have been added. The aim has been to bring all of the high school work into such a shape as to gain the approval of the State Board of Education. In order to do this it was not only necessary to revise the course of study but also to add another teacher to the High School staff. We are looking forward to the time when we can send pupils to the State Normal Schools upon certificate.

I wish to call your special attention to the penmanship of your schools. I believe that we are second to none in this work. I have visited a large number of schools during the last four years and I have never found penmanship that can equal ours. Teachers and pupils take a deep interest in this subject with the result that we are getting superior work. Upon the invitation of the Palmer Company we are sending specimens to be exhibited at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

During the coming year something should be done in drawing. While Miss Chase was with us she did more or less work in this subject along with her primary classes but the work was very unsatisfactory to her because of the limited amount of time that could be given to it. No argument is necessary to show the great value of this subject. All courses in technical schools call for special training in drawing. I quote from Miss Chase's report of last year:

"Drawing properly taught, develops the child's power to see, to think, to construct, to express, to invent—powers
we all know are essential to success whether the possessor is to become an artist, farmer, mechanic, or man-of-all-work."

In conclusion I wish to thank you for your co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldridge Smith.


To the Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit my first annual report of Hamilton High School.

The fall term opened September 9, 1914 with an almost new corps of teachers; only one previously having taught here. There appears to be hearty co-operation in all the subjects between teacher and pupil.

The school offers courses in all the branches usually taken by High Schools throughout the state. Certification privileges have been granted, whereby our graduates may enter the New England Colleges. Three boys entered college last year from this school, and it is hoped that some more may enter each year and make good, in order that the privilege may be continued.

The necessary requirements issued by the State Board of Education have been followed, and we have made application for their approval, in order that pupils may enter the State Normal Schools upon certificate.
When the school was first organized it was arranged for a five year course, and that plan has been the custom until now; but it is the intention to raise the standard of the requirements of admission and thereby establish a four year course. The passing mark has been raised this year from 65 to 70%.

Owing to the size of the school and the State requirements, another teacher was added to the faculty, thus making five in all; under this management each teacher has less subjects to teach and more time for personal help.

Last summer the commercial department was equipped with new desks and a partition between the typewriters and the main part of the room; thus lessing the noise considerably. In view of the number in this course it seems to be quite popular. Much interest is being taken in the Palmer method of penmanship, a number of the pupils already having received diplomas.

A full elective course is offered in the languages, Latin, French and German. English is required of all pupils.

The laboratory is supplied with a sufficient quantity of chemicals and physical apparatus for teaching Chemistry and Physics equal to many of the approved schools in the state. For a long time there has been a great need of a hood to take up the foul gases that arise in doing some of the experiments. This apparatus is now being installed and without doubt will prove beneficial to the department of science.

The school building is well furnished with instruments for wireless telegraphy. Several of the students are interested in this subject.
There is also an Opaque Projector, for illustrated lectures, which has been used this year with good success.

The present senior class is enthusiastically preparing for a trip to Washington. This should give them a larger and broader view of the life and history of our country; as a trip to the nation's capital is really an education in itself.

On December 11, a drama was presented at the Town hall, the proceeds of which goes toward defraying the expenses of the Washington trip. The affair was not only a literary but a financial success, $78 having been cleared.

Much interest is being manifested this year in Basket Ball. Five games already have been played of which the High School has won three.

I take this opportunity to thank the teachers who have faithfully labored with me during the year. I also wish to express appreciation for the hearty co-operation of the Superintendent, School Board, parents and citizens, whose combined efforts have helped to raise the standard of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson S. Mitchell,
Principal.


To the Superintendent of Schools:

The closing of the West School has made it possible for the Supervisor of Music to give more time to the South School, where the need of time has been apparent for the
past two or three years. More individual work can now be done, and consequently the collective work will show improvement.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

In the first grade a little interval drill is given, but nothing of a technical nature is taught. Rote songs form the basis of the work. An effort is made to select songs of light and bright character which are appropriate to the season and which impart definite musical concepts. Much time is given to the study of each child's voice, and various methods are employed to bring out the natural beauty of the head tones.

In the second grade singing by rote is continued and a beginning is made in the rudiments and reading of music. The reading for the most part is individual, and note is made of the children needing special attention.

In the third and fourth grades the singing is both individual and collective. Graded tonal and rhythmical exercises are given for the training of the ear.

Since the nature of the work from the fifth grade on requires collective singing, far less individual work can be done; however, when such work is deemed necessary, time is taken for it. In these grades attention is given to part-singing, interpretation, analysis and the various technical problems incident to the work.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

At the North School three divisions are made for the work in music. The first division receives training similar to that given the first grade in the South School. In the other two divisions the singing is both individual and collective.
At the East School the work is done similarly to that at the North. There are several monotones in the first division in this school, and considerable work will be required to make singers of these little children.

HIGH SCHOOL.

There is a pretty good chorus in the High School this year, the parts being fairly well balanced. The singing would be better still, no doubt if new books could be had. All the available songs in the book now in use have been sung over and over again, and it is only a matter of time when the interest in them will cease.

The hearty co-operation of the principles and teachers is acknowledged with deep appreciation.

Respectfully submitted

Henry L. Stone.


Superintendent of Schools of Hamilton: —

The plan which has been followed for the past years has proven very satisfactory, there have been fewer pupils absent because of sickness, and it has proven in every way to be a great improvement of the old way.

Under this plan weekly visits are made to the South School and the district schools are visited every two weeks, the physician is also on call at any other time, vaccinations
are now done at the individual schools on or before a certain date, and by this method doing away with the long-drawn out affair that we have had in previous years.

We had only one epidemic which seriously thinned out our schools for any length of time, that being the mumps, which at the time was very great in surrounding towns.

John G. Corcoran, M. D.

School Physician.

Report of the Attendance Officer.

To the Superintendent of Schools: —

I hereby submit my report as Attendance Officer for the year ending December 31, 1914.

During the past year I have made 29 calls. In most cases I have found reasonable excuse for absence as there was much sickness at the beginning of the year. The school physician aided me in regard to doubtful cases of illness.

As there is a new Attendance Officer for 1915, let us try to assist him in the performance of his duties by detecting the faults in our children and correcting them as far as possible.

Oscar A. Wood,

Attendance Officer.
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In the diploma course at least two units must be taken in Bookkeeping and two units in consecutive years in both Typewriting and Stenography. No credit for a modern language will be given unless it has been pursued for two years. A general course may be laid out from this program in which Algebra and Geometry are not required.
Teachers and Year of Appointment.

HIGH SCHOOL.

N. S. Mitchel, (Bates) Principal, 1914; Marion L. Russell, (Boston University), 1913; Katherine Paul, (Wellesley), 1914; Marion E. Hart, (Simmons), 1914; Tilla McCarten, (Wellesley), 1914.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Margaret P. Buell, (Hyde Park High) Principal, 1907; Eva L. Stearns, (Townsend High), 1914; Ellen E. Bennet, (Fitchburg Normal), 1913; Mildred F. Wildes, (Salem Normal), 1913; Edith L. Fletcher, (Salem Normal), 1906; Margaret Sibley, (Quincy High), 1914; Julia E. McLaren, (Nashua High), 1913.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Nelly G. Cutting, (Vermont Academy), 1899.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Grace C. Stone, (Ipswich High), 1885.

EAST SCHOOL.

Julia E. Connolly, (Framingham), 1913.

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

In Memoriam

ANNIE CHASE
Teacher in South School
September 1912–September 1914
School Census, 1914.

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**ATTENDANCE DATA**

**SEPTEMBER, 1913, TO JUNE, 1914**
Roll of Honor.

The following pupils were neither absent, tardy nor dismissed during the terms indicated in the year beginning September 1913, and ending June 1914.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Edith Fitz 1
Harold R. Merry 1
Furber M. Libby 2
Walter T. Ramsdell 2
Gertrude L. Ball 3

Bertha M. Johnson 1
Annie M. Saulnier 1
Scott D. Libby 2
William R. Williams 2
Jesse B. Sanborn 3

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Willie Dixon 1 2
Wilbur Daley 1
Ernest Day 1 2
Melissa Elder 1 3
Thornton Frederick 1
Marion Gibney 1
Theodore Holland 1
Marie Kinsella 1 2
Anna Koloski 1
Gladys Mann 1 3
Myrtle Meggett 1
William Poole 1
Helen Perkins 1
Marion Randlett 1
Dan Curran 3
Lillian Cross 1

Samuel Malone 1
Robinson Mason 1
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RECENT SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

School Attendance and the Employment of Minors.

Compulsory School Attendance.

Every child between seven and fourteen years of age, every child under sixteen years of age who does not possess such ability to read, write and spell in the English language as is required for the completion of the fourth grade of the public schools of the city or town in which he resides, and every child under sixteen years of age who has not received an employment certificate as provided in this act and is not engaged in some regular employment or business for at least six hours per day or has not the written permission of the Superintendent of Schools of the city or town in which he resides to engage in profitable employment at home, shall attend a public day school in said city or town or some other day school approved by the School Committee, during the entire time the public schools are in session, subject to such exceptions as are provided for in sections four, five and six of this chapter and in section three of chapter forty-two of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two, and by chapter five hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven; but such attendance shall not be required of a child whose physical
or mental condition is such as to render attendance inexpedient or impracticable, or who is being otherwise instructed in a manner approved in advance by the Superintendent of Schools or the School Committee. The Superintendent of Schools, or teachers in so far as authorized by said Superintendent or by the School Committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence for other causes not exceeding five day sessions or ten half-day sessions in any period of six months. For the purposes of this section, School Committees shall approve a private school only when the instruction in all the studies required by law is in the English language, and when they are satisfied that such instruction equals in thoroughness and efficiency and in the progress made therein, the instruction in the public schools in the same city or town; but they shall not refuse to approve a private school on account of the religious teaching therein.

Obligations of Parents and Guardians.

Every person having under his control a child as described in section one shall cause him to attend school as therein required, and, if he fails for five day sessions or ten half-day sessions within any period of six months while such control obtains, to cause such child so to attend school, he shall, upon complaint by an attendance officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars, and no physical or mental condition which is capable of correction, or which renders the child a fit subject for special instruction at public charge in institutions other than public day schools, shall avail as a defence under the provisions of this or the preceding section, unless it shall be made to appear that the defendant has employed all
reasonable measures for the correction and the suitable instruction of the child.

Whoever induces or attempts to induce a child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors a child while school is in session, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.

*Habitual Truants.*

A child between seven and sixteen years of age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four of the Revised Laws, as amended, shall be deemed an habitual truant, and, unless placed on probation as provided in section seven of this chapter, may, upon complaint by an attendance officer and conviction thereof, be committed to a county training school.

*Habitual Absentees.*

A child between seven and sixteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation, habitually not attending school and growing up in idleness and ignorance, shall be deemed to be an habitual absentee, and, unless placed on probation as provided in section seven of said chapter forty-six, may, upon complaint by an attendance officer or any other person, and conviction thereof, be committed to a county training school.

*Habitual School Offenders.*

A child under sixteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he
attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, shall be deemed to be an habitual school offender, and, unless placed on probation as provided in section seven of said chapter forty-six, may, upon complaint by an attendance officer and conviction thereof, be committed to a county training school.

Employment of Minors under Fourteen.

No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in, about or in connection with any factory, workshop, manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed at work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, or be employed at work before seven o'clock in the morning or after six o'clock in the evening.

Employment of Minors under Sixteen.

No child between fourteen and sixteen years of age shall be employed or be permitted to work in, about or in connection with any factory, workshop, manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment unless the person, firm or corporation employing such child procures and keeps on file accessible to the attendance officers of the city or town, to agents of the board of education, and to the state board of labor and industries or its authorized agents or inspectors, the employment certificate as hereinafter provided issued to such child, and keeps a complete list of the names and ages of all such children employed therein conspicuously posted
near the principal entrance of the building in which such children are employed: provided, however, that children who are over fourteen, but under sixteen years of age, shall be permitted to work in mercantile establishments on Saturdays between the hours of seven in the morning and six in the evening, without such certificate. On termination of the employment of a child whose employment certificate is on file, said certificate shall be returned by the employer within two days after said termination to the office of the Superintendent of Schools from which it was issued.

Employment of Minors Between Sixteen and Twenty-one.

No child who is over sixteen and under twenty-one years of age shall be employed in a factory, workshop, manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment unless his employer procures and keeps on file an educational certificate showing the age of the child and his ability or inability to read and write as hereinafter provided. Such certificates shall be issued by the person authorized by this act to issue employment certificates.