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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC RECORDS,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Dec. 30, 1911.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

I have the honor to submit the twentieth report of this commission, being the twenty-fourth in the series of reports on the public records.

INSPECTION.

Inspection of public records — of registries of deeds and probate, the courts, or of the various city and town departments — has been made during the year in the following 130 places: Abington, Adams, Agawam, Alford, Amesbury, Ashland, Avon, Bedford, Berlin, Beverly, Billerica, Bolton, Boston, Boxford, Braintree, Carlisle, Chelsea, Cheshire, Chicopee, Chilmark, Clarksburg, Clinton, Cohasset, Dalton, Danvers, Douglas, Dracut, Duxbury, East Longmeadow, Easton, Edgartown, Egremont, Essex, Foxborough, Franklin, Gay Head, Georgetown, Gloucester, Great Barrington, Groveland, Halifax, Hamilton, Hanover, Hanson, Harvard, Haverhill, Hingham, Hinsdale, Holbrook, Holden, Hopedale, Hudson, Hull, Ipswich, Kingston, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lee, Lenox, Lexington, Longmeadow, Lowell, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Manchester, Mansfield, Marshfield, Mendon, Merrimac, Methuen, Middleton, Milford, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Newburyport, Norfolk, North Adams, North Andover, North Attleborough, North Reading, Northampton, Northborough, Northbridge, Norton, Norwell, Oak Bluffs, Oxford, Peabody, Pembroke, Pittsfield, Plainville, Princeton, Quiney, Randolph, Raynham, Revere, Rockland, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Sandisfield, Savoy, Scituate, Sheffield, Shrewsbury, Southwick, Springfield, Sterling, Stockbridge, Sutton, Tewksbury, Tisbury, Topsfield, Upton, Uxbridge, Walpole, Wareham, Wenham, West Boylston,

West Newbury, West Springfield, West Tisbury, Westborough, Westfield, Weymouth, Williamstown, Winthrop, and Wrentham.

CITY AND TOWN RECORDS.

In many of the cities and towns visited by the commissioner, and as the result of his inspections, vaults have been, or are to be, built or refitted, safes have been purchased, rooms have been fireproofed, or other measures taken to safeguard the records.

COUNTY RECORDS.

Action, following a recommendation of the commissioner, has been taken during the year by the various county commissioners for the better protection of records in the courts at Adams, Cambridge, Clinton, Dedham, Gardner, Lee, Malden, North Adams, Northampton, Salem, Somerville, Springfield, and Uxbridge.

REPAIRING AND BINDING.

Records have been repaired or bound during the year by the Emery Record Preserving Company, in most instances by order of the commissioner, for the following places: Ashland, Brookfield, Cambridge, Carlisle, Dunstable, Holden, Holland, Hopkinton, Lakeville, Lancaster, Mendon, Northbridge, Plympton, Rowley, Salisbury, Scituate, Sterling, Stoneham, Uxbridge, Wrentham, and Yarmouth. Also, for the counties of Barnstable, Middlesex, Plymouth, and Worcester.

FIRES.

At 1.30 o'clock in the morning of Dec. 7, 1910, a fire was discovered in the old high school house at Lawrence, which completely gutted the building and destroyed some records and papers of the building inspector whose office was on the first floor.

Early in the morning of Feb. 28, 1911, a fire consumed the building at Stoughton in which the Southern District Court of Norfolk County was held, but a large safe for the files and dockets, which had been installed the previous Octo-

ber by order of the commissioner, prevented any loss of records.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon of July 20, 1911, a fire broke out in the town hall of Braintree, which destroyed most of the building, but no records were lost. The town safes, and a new vault which had been built by order of the commissioner and inspected by him only two days before the fire, were not badly damaged.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

Under the provisions of chapter 422 of the Acts of 1908, the following towns have voted not to receive the series of public documents, and their action has been ratified by the commissioner in accordance with the act: Barnstable, Brewster, Harvard, Lakeville, Marion, Orange, Palmer, Paxton, Prescott, Rehoboth, Rochester, Rowe, and Sandisfield.

PRINTING.

During the year the vital records to 1850 of the following towns have been printed under the provisions of chapter 470 of the Acts of 1902: Andover (Vol. I.), Chester, Foxborough, Hanson, Ipswich (Vol. I.), Leominster, Newburyport (Vol. I.), Pembroke, West Boylston, and Wrentham (Vol. II.).

MANUAL OF THE LEGISLATURE.

At the request of the clerk of the Senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives, the table entitled "Counties, Cities, and Towns of Massachusetts," in the "Manual", prepared by the commissioner, has been revised and extended.

TYPEWRITING RIBBONS AND STAMPING PADS.

In accordance with the provisions of section 9 of chapter 35 of the Revised Laws, and of chapter 57 of the Acts of 1908, the following ribbons, pads, and other devices used for printing by typewriting machines and hand stamps, made by any of the manufacturers named below, are approved for use upon the public records of the Commonwealth, and of

the several counties, cities and towns therein. The use of any other is a violation of law.

The arrangement of the list is alphabetical by the names of the manufacturers, without regard to preference. The name of the manufacturer should be particularly noted in connection with the name of the ribbon, pad or ink.

Typewriter Ribbons.

Eagle Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by American Ribbon and Carbon Company, Rochester, N. Y.

Markwell Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by The Frank Bayer Company, 22 North William Street, New York.

Carter's Black Record Typewriter Ribbon.

Manufactured by The Carter's Ink Company, First and Athenæum streets, Cambridge, Mass.

Columbia Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Columbia Ribbon and Carbon Manufacturing Company, New York.

Crown Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Crown Ribbon and Carbon Manufacturing Company, Rochester, N. Y.

Du-ra-bul Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by the Dodge Company, Syracuse, N. Y.

Criterion Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by M. F. Donovan Company, Auburn, N. Y.

Empress Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Imperial Manufacturing Company, Newark, N. J.

Kee Lox Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Kee Lox Manufacturing Company, Rochester, N. Y.

Little's Satin Finish and Gold Seal Brands, Black Record Ribbons.

Manufactured by A. P. Little, Rochester, N. Y.

Carnation Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Miller-Bryant-Pierce Company, Aurora, Ill.

Eureka Brand Special Black Record Ribbon, ink No. 158.

Manufactured by Mittag & Volger, Park Ridge, N. J.

Ohashi's Standard Brand Black Typewriter Ribbon.

Manufactured by H. Ohashi & Co., 395 Broadway, New York.

Cotton King Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Pen-Carbon Manifold Company, New Brunswick, N. J.

Diamond Brand Official Black Record Ribbon, ink No. 621.

Manufactured by The S. T. Smith Company, 11 Barclay Street, New York.

American and How-Ko Brands, Black Record Ribbons.

Manufactured by H. M. Storms Company, 11 and 13 Vandewater Street, New York.

Underwood's Black Record Ribbon, ink No. 655.

Manufactured by John Underwood & Co., 30 Vesey Street, New York.

Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by Union Ribbon and Carbon Co., 9th and Thompson streets, Philadelphia.

Paragon, Premier, Invincible, Monarch, and Success Brands, Black Record Ribbons, and Yost Black Record Pad.

Manufactured by The Union Typewriter Company, Ribbon Factory, Bridgeport, Conn.

The Webster Star Brand Black Record Ribbon.

Manufactured by F. S. Webster Company, 332 Congress Street, Boston.

Stamping Pads.

The Carter's Ink Company's Black Record Pad, and Pad Ink.

Manufactured by The Carter's Ink Company, First and Athenæum streets, Cambridge, Mass.

Superb Immediate Drying Pad (Black).

Manufactured by Stewart & Holihan, Inc., 201 Broadway, New York.

The Union Typewriter Company's Black Record Pad Ink.

Manufactured by The Union Typewriter Company, Ribbon Factory, Bridgeport, Conn. (Same ink as used on the Yost typewriter pad, and applied to any plain uninked pad.)

HENRY E. WOODS,
Commissioner.

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