

# ANNUAL REPORTS

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# LIST OF OFFICERS

## Elected and Appointed

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*Moderator*

ROBERT B. WALSH

*Town Clerk*

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

*Treasurer*

JOHN I. WOODBURY

*Tax Collector*

CHARLES W. APPLETON

*Selectmen*

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

JONATHAN LAMSON

*Overseers of Poor*

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS, Chairman

JONATHAN LAMSON

GEORGE H. GIBNEY

*Board of Health*

JONATHAN LAMSON, Chairman

GEORGE H. GIBNEY

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

*Assessors*

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

Term expires 1923

GEORGE M. ADAMS

Term expires 1924

JESSE S. MANN

Term expires 1922

*Tree Warden*

HARRY R. MCGREGOR

*Trustees Public Library*

ARTHUR W. CHANDLER

Term expires 1922

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL

Term expires 1923

ROBERT B. WALSH

Term expires 1924

*School Committee*

HAROLD S. MARTIN, Chairman (Resigned)

Term expires 1924

MRS. ADELAIDE WALSH      MISS FLORENCE M. LULL

Term expires 1923

Term expires 1922

*Cemetery Commissioners*

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman

Term expires 1923

FRANCIS C. NORTON

Term expires 1922

GEORGE H. GIBNEY

Term expires 1924

*Park Commissioners*

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON

Term expires 1922

EDWARD J. READY

Term expires 1923

PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE

Term expires 1924

*Constables*

ALFRED T. POOLE, Chief of Police

CHARLES H. SMITH

LEROY S. DODGE

*Superintendent of Streets*

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE

LIST OF OFFICERS

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*Moth Superintendent*

HARRY R. MCGREGOR

*Registrars of Voters*

ADDISON B. TOWLE, Chairman

Term expires 1923

FRANK W. BUZZELL

GEORGE E. SAFFORD

Term expires 1922

Term expires 1924

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Clerk

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

RANDALL E. ADAMS

*Town Accountant*

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

*Town Counsel*

ROBERT B. WALSH

*Fire Engineers*

LESTER M. WHIPPLE, Chief

RODNEY H. ADAMS

FRANK DANE

HARRY R. MCGREGOR

RAYMOND C. GOULD

*Inspector of Animals*

GEORGE R. DODGE

*Forest Fire Warden*

FRED BERRY

*Pound Keeper*

GEORGE H. HARADEN

*Field Drivers*

FRED BERRY

MERRILL S. LOVERING

FRED P. KILHAM

ERNEST M. BARKER

GEORGE M. ADAMS

*Measurers of Wood, Bark and Lumber*

JESSE S. MANN

LESTER M. WHIPPLE

RALPH BERRY

TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN

*Keeper of Lockup*

GEORGE H. HARADEN



# ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

## RECEIPTS

### TAXES

Current year :

Property	\$70,743 78
Poll	1,777 00

Previous years

Property	6,877 98
Poll	121 00

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\$79,519 76

From State

Income Tax, 1918	\$125 00
Income Tax, 1919	228 00
Income Tax, 1920	1,140 00
Income Tax, 1921	28,585 46
Income Tax, 1921 (School)	3,502 00
Nat. Bank Tax, 1920	94 80
Nat. Bank Tax, 1921	2,746 61
Corp. Tax, P. S. 1920	465 86
Corp. Tax, P. S. 1921	8,015 46
Corp. Tax, Business, 1920	56 87
Corp. Tax, Domestic, 1920	30 88
Corp. Tax, Domestic, 1921	18 78
Corp. Tax, Foreign, 1921	71 16
East. Mass. St. R. R. Tax, 1921	13 89

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45,094 77

Forwarded

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\$124,614 53

## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

Brought forward		\$124,614 53
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## LICENSES

Junk	\$50 00	
Pool	4 00	
Oleo	1 50	
Pedler's	12 00	
	<hr/>	67 50

## FINES AND FORFEITS

Fines	.	
Court	40 00	
	<hr/>	40 00

## GRANTS AND GIFTS

From County		
Dog Licenses	\$280 11	
From Individuals		
William F. Barrett	500 61	
	<hr/>	780 72

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Moth, 1919	\$8 73	
Moth, 1920	450 16	
Moth, 1921	1,090 35	
	<hr/>	1,549 24

## PRIVILEGES

Excise Tax, 1918	\$134 30	
	<hr/>	134 30

Forwarded		<hr/>
		\$127,186 29

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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Brought forward		\$127,186 29
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## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Clerk		
Phone Tolls	\$1 31	
Town Hall		
Rent	48 00	
	<hr/>	49 31

## PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Inspection		
Sealer's Fees	\$23 76	
Forestry		
Moth Reimbursement from State	94 89	
Forest Warden		
Phone Tolls	41 50	
	<hr/>	160 15

## HIGHWAYS

Use of Road Roller	\$176 00	
Sale of Materials	2 10	
	<hr/>	178 10

## CHARITIES

Outside Relief		
From Individuals	\$323 87	
From Cities and Towns	240 00	
From State	250 00	
	<hr/>	813 87

Forwarded		<hr/> \$128,387 72
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Brought forward		\$128,387 72
SOLDIERS BENEFITS		
State Aid	\$210 00	
	<hr/>	210 00
SCHOOLS		
Tuition State Wards	\$56 00	
Other Tuition	453 14	
Sale, Books and Supplies	59 15	
	<hr/>	568 29
PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Fines	\$29 50	
Sale of Junk	3 00	
	<hr/>	32 50
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES		
Fees, Public Scales	\$11 77	
	<hr/>	11 77
CEMETERIES		
Sale of Lots	\$65 00	
	<hr/>	65 00
INTEREST		
Deposits	\$278 53	
Deferred Taxes	307 71	
Perpetual Care Funds	384 01	
Dodge Fund Income	63 66	
Allen Fund Income	22 75	
	<hr/>	1,056 66
Forwarded		<hr/> \$130,331 94

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Brought forward		\$130,331 94
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## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	\$75,000 00	
	<u>                    </u>	75,000 00

## AGENCY AND TRUST

Trust		
For Perpetual Care	\$300 00	
Dodge Fund (United Fruit Bond)	1,010 00	
	<u>                    </u>	1,310 00

## REFUNDS

Departmental		
Collector	\$ 20	
From State		
Civilian War Poll Tax	24 00	
East. Mass. St. R. Tax (Refunded)	148 96	
	<u>                    </u>	173 16

## BALANCES

General Cash, Jan. 1, 1921	\$21,962 88	
Dodge Fund Income, Jan. 1, 1921	57 21	
Allen Fund Income, Jan. 1, 1921	100 17	
	<u>                    </u>	22,120 26
Total		<u>\$228,935 36</u>

**EXPENDITURES**  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE

Moderator	\$40 00	
Legislative Committee	6 80	
	\$46 80	

SELECTMEN

Salaries and Wages		
Selectmen	\$850 00	
Clerical work	25 00	
Printing, postage, etc.	64 62	
Car fare and expense	22 60	
Other expenses		
Telephone	33 00	
Trips, Boston and Salem	30 00	
Stenographic Reports	21 25	
Expenses, Hearings of County Commissioners	17 47	
Perambulation Town Lines		
Hamilton-Manchester	35 00	
Hamilton-Essex	35 85	
Hamilton-Wenham	34 34	
Floral emblem, Pendexter	20 00	
	\$1,189 13	
Forwarded		\$1,235 93

Brought forward		\$1,235 93
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## ACCOUNTING

Salaries and Wages		
Accountant	\$1,000 00	
Printing, postage, etc.	73 41	
Other expenses		
Repairing typewriter	17 50	
Stenographic work	3 00	
Express	1 66	
Freight	90	
	<hr/>	1,096 47

## TREASURY

Salaries and Wages		
Treasurer	\$702 94	
Other expenses		
Printing, postage, etc.	54 33	
Treasurer's Bond	50 00	
Protectograph	58 80	
Safe deposit box	5 00	
Car fare and expenses	17 44	
	<hr/>	888 51

## COLLECTOR

Salaries and Wages		
Collector	\$500 00	
Other expenses		
Printing, postage, etc.	134 42	
Surety Bond	150 00	
Telephone	9 10	
	<hr/>	793 52

Forwarded		<hr/> <hr/> \$4,014 43
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Brought forward		\$4,014 43
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## ASSESSORS

## Salaries and Wages

Assessors	\$1,165 00	
Clerical work	11 00	
Other expenses		
Printing, postage, etc.	106 38	
Car fare and expenses	42 00	
Records, Reg. of Deeds	25 49	
Filing Cabinet	23 60	
Banker & Tradesman	7 00	
Automobile List	6 00	
Express	72	
	<hr/>	1,387 19

## OTHER FINANCE ACCOUNTS

Certification of notes	\$14 00	
	<hr/>	14 00

## LAW

## Salaries and Wages

Town Counsel	\$100 00	
Other expenses		
Recording deeds and fees,	.	
for copies of records	8 94	
	<hr/>	108 94
		<hr/>
Forwarded.		\$5,524 56



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Brought forward	\$5,524 50
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## TOWN CLERK

Salaries and Wages		
Town Clerk	\$400 00	
Recording fees	79 75	
Other expenses		
Printing postage, etc.	52 07	
Surety Bond	2 50	
Express	96	
	<hr/>	535 28

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		
Registrars of Voters	\$200 00	
Election officers	215 00	
Other expenses		
Printing, postage, etc.	166 48	
Stenographic Reports	37 00	
Typewriting	28 75	
Election Booths	148 27	
Food, Registrars and Tellers	56 02	
Posting warrants	9 50	
Car fare and expenses	3 00	
Express	52	
	<hr/>	864 54
Forwarded		<hr/> \$6,924 38

Brought forward \$6,924 38

## TOWN HALL

## Salaries and Wages

Janitor	\$500 00
Labor, Building and Grounds	336 84
Fuel	694 08
Light	134 40
Janitor's supplies	124 00
Repairs	1,146 72
Telephone	63 02
Water	35 00
Clock	18 40
Laundry	13 50
Teaming Ashes	11 82
Directory	4 00
Sharpening mower	2 00
Tuning piano	.. 7 50
Express	2 11
P. O. Box rent	1 40

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## TOWN HALL PAINTING

Contract	\$2,119 00
Cleaning and whitewashing cellar	73 72
Architect	148 26
Extra painting	50 00
Gilding shield and lettering	100 00
Lime	3 50
Sponge	1 10

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2,495 58

Forwarded

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\$12,514 75

Brought forward		\$12,914 75
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## TOWN HALL INSURANCE

Insurance	\$1,298 50	
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Total expenses General Government		<hr/> \$13,813 25

## PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

## POLICE

Salaries and Wages		
Chief	\$1,456 00	
Officers	623 00	
Equipment and repairs	138 10	
Other expenses		
Telephone	38 52	
Auto hire	55 50	
Car fare and expenses	38 77	
Constable	30 00	
Kerosene for Street signals	28 84	
Care Street Traffic signal,		
Main and Bridge Sts.	19 25	
Painting zones	15 50	
Medical aid	13 00	
Food for prisoners	9 25	
Stenographic work	8 00	
Killing dogs	4 00	
	<hr/>	
Forwarded	\$2,477 73	<hr/> \$13,813 25

Brought forward ,	\$2,477 73	\$13,813 25
Lunch for officers	3 95	
Postage	3 00	
Rent of Police uniforms	6 00	
Express	2 67	
Telegram	50	
	<hr/>	\$2,493 85

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages			
Firemen	\$241 80		
Janitor, 1920	50 00		
Janitor, 1921	75 00		
Care of Apparatus	75 00		
Sup't of Alarms	25 00		
Equipment and repairs	254 20		
Fuel	135 00		
Light	40 81		
Building and Grounds			
Seed and Fertilizer	20 05		
Janitor's Supplies	2 50		
Other expenses			
Insurance, Liability	338 80		
Insurance, Fire	3 49		
Supplies, Auto Chemical	54 96		
Power, Fire Alarm	57 77		
Telephone	45 91		
Gas and Oil	9 85		
Printing, postage, etc.	5 23		
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Forwarded	\$1,435 37	\$2,493 85	\$13,813 25

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Brought forward                    \$1,435 37   \$2,493 85   \$13,813 25

Bag salt	3 00	
Kerosene	2 20	
Express	2 50	
	<u>          </u>	1,443 07

ENGINE HOUSE REPAIRS

Labor and Materials	\$4,502 98	
	<u>          </u>	4,502 98

SEALER

Salaries and Wages		
Sealer	\$75 00	
Transportation	60 75	
	<u>          </u>	135 75

FORESTRY

INSECT PEST EXTERMINATOR.

Salaries and Wages		
Sup't	\$848 26	
Labor	1,988 18	
Teams	232 82	
Equipment and Repairs	379 71	
Insecticides	505 09	
Other expenses		
Gas and oil	237 11	
Insurance, Liability	114 33	
	<u>          </u>	
Forwarded	\$4,305 50	\$8,575 15   \$13,813 25

## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

Brought forward	\$4,305 50	\$8,575 65	\$13,813 25
Insurance, Auto	79 00		
Storage, Auto	66 00		
Telephone	24 86		
Printing, postage, etc.	17 00		
Auto License and Reg.	4 00		
Freight	1 50		
	<hr/>	3,497 86	
TREE WARDEN			
Salaries and Wages	\$792 14		
Equipment and Repairs	1 75		
	<hr/>	793 89	
FOREST WARDEN			
Salaries, Forest Warden	\$10 00		
Telephone	59 59		
	<hr/>	69 59	
Total expenses Protection of Life and Property			\$13,936 99

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

General Administration			
Salaries, Board of Health	\$100 00		
Clerical work	12 50		
Quarantine and Contageous Diseases			
Medical Aid	60 00		
Vital Statistics			
Births	2 25		
	<hr/>		
Forwarded	174 75		<hr/> \$27,750 24

Brought forward	\$174 75		\$27,750 24
Other expenses			
Dump	52 62		
Collection Rubbish	315 50		
Fumigation and Disinfection	12 26		
Transportation	1 00		
Inspection			
Animals	.. 49 71		
Meat	12 00		
Milk (Salary Inspector 1920-21)	60 00		
		<u>677 84</u>	
Total expenses Health and Sanitation			\$677 84

## HIGHWAYS

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Sup't of Streets	\$800 00		
		<u>\$800 00</u>	

## GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$4,762 77		
Teams	3,825 57		
Equipment and Repairs	432 15		
Other expenses			
Gravel and stone	854 70		
Patching material	310 90		
Insurance, Liability	122 31		
Insurance, Auto	79 00		
Gas and Oil	102 81		
Surveying	34 57		
		<u>\$10,524 78</u>	
Forwarded		\$800 00	\$28,428 08

## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

Brought forward	\$10,524 78	\$800 00	\$28,428 08
Storage, wagon	15 00		
Storage, auto	13 00		
Auto, registration	10 00		
Car fare and expenses	8 60		
Printing	6 75		
Bricks	7 50		
Fees to County	6 00		
Telephone	5 03		
Freight	2 88		
Road signs	2 50		
Kerosene	3 00		
Tile pipe	1 25		
	<hr/>	10,606 29	
	BRIDGES		
Lumber	\$119 25		
	<hr/>	119 25	
	OILING		
Labor and teams	\$1,172 29		
Materials	1,108 90		
Freight	27 00		
	<hr/>	2,308 19	
	ROAD ROLLER		
Engineer	\$595 00		
Repairs	295 21		
Fuel	187 19		
Oil and Waste	8 80		
Freight and Express	5 49		
	<hr/>	1,091 69	
Total expenses Highway Appropriation		<hr/>	\$14,925 42
Forwarded		<hr/>	\$14,925 42
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			\$28,428 08



Brought forward	\$14,925 42	\$28,428 08
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## SNOW

Salaries and Wages	\$922 00	
Teams	355 00	
Equipment and Repairs	98 80	
Freight	3 38	
	<u>          </u>	1,379 18

## STREET LIGHTING

Contract	\$5,689 34	
	<u>          </u>	5,689 34

## NORMAN FUND

Labor	\$15 52	
	<u>          </u>	15 52

## COTTAGE STREET DRAINAGE

Labor	\$112 50	
Teams	76 87	
Other expenses		
Grates and Frames	24 00	
Bricks	18 75	
Lime and Cement	7 10	
Gravel	3 50	
Kerosene	22	
	<u>          </u>	242 94

Forwarded	\$22,252 40	\$28,428 08
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Brought forward	\$22,252 40	\$28,428 03
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## WILLOWDALE BRIDGE

Labor	\$247 50	
Teams	181 88	
Gravel	32 75	
Use of Derrick and masons	330 70	
Culvert pipe	70 35	
Cement	10 00	
Car fare and expenses	2 00	
Kerosene	60	
	<hr/>	875 78

## MILL STREET CONSTRUCTION

Salaries and Wages	\$1,124 17	
Teams	915 01	
Gravel	134 50	
Other expenses		
Surveying	37 72	
Fuel for roller	33 01	
	<hr/>	2,244 41

## SPECIAL SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

C. H. Knowles Co.

Labor	\$116 25	
Teams	52 50	
Materials	85 00	
	<hr/>	253 75

Forwarded	<hr/>	\$22,626 34	<hr/>	\$28,428 03
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Brought forward	\$22,626 24	\$28,428 08
G. F. Pendexter		
Labor	\$63 00	
Teams	15 00	
Materials	38 50	
	<u>116 50</u>	
Total expense Highway Division		\$25,742 84

## CHARITIES

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		
Overseers	\$100 00	
Clerk	12 50	
Auto hire	12 00	
Postage	5 00	
	<u>129 50</u>	

## OUTSIDE RELIEF

Groceries	\$968 33	
Fuel	57 00	
Board and Care	460 00	
Medical Aid	100 77	
Cash Aid	390 00	
Rent	104 00	
Clothing	43 88	
Transportation	73 50	
Premiums, Industrial Insurance	23 50	
	<u>2,220 98</u>	
Forwarded	\$2,350 48	\$54,170 92

## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

Brought forward	\$2,350 48	\$54,170 92
RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS		
By Cities	\$932 02	
	<u>          </u>	932 02
MOTHERS AID		
By Town	199 00	
	<u>          </u>	199 00
	<u>          </u>	
Total expenses Charities		\$3,481 50
SOLDIERS BENEFIT		
State Aid	\$120 00	
	<u>          </u>	120 00
Soldiers Relief		
Cash Aid	336 00	
Medical Aid	234 18	
	<u>          </u>	570 18
	<u>          </u>	
Total expenses Soldiers Benefits		690 18
SCHOOLS		
GENERAL		
Superintendent of Schools	\$1,005 00	
School Committee		
Purchasing Agent	75 00	
Clerk	25 00	
	<u>          </u>	
Forwarded	\$1,005 00	\$58,342 60

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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Brought forward	\$1,005 00	\$58,342 60
Truant Officer		
Salary	100 00	
Expenses	27 30	
Printing, stationery, etc.	50 54	
Telephone	82 99	
Traveling expense	278 55	
School Census	30 00	
Health		
School physician	275 00	
Nurse	80 00	
Health Supplies	4 36	
Hospital expense	15 00	
High School plans	200 00	
	<u>          </u>	2,248 74
TEACHERS SALARIES		
High (includes Junior High)	\$12,401 00	
Elementary	11,200 41	
Music	480 00	
Retirement Fund	841 97	
	<u>          </u>	24,923 38
TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES		
High		
Books	\$155 82	
Supplies	387 79	
Elementary		
Books	108 19	
Supplies	556 38	
	<u>          </u>	1,208 18
Forwarded	\$28,380 30	<u>          </u> \$58,342 60

## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

Brought forward	\$28,380 30	\$58,342 60
TRANSPORTATION		
High and Elementary	\$3,500 00	
	<hr/>	3,500 00
JANITORS SALARIES		
High	\$750 00	
Elementary	1,520 00	
	<hr/>	2,270 00
FUEL AND LIGHT		
High		
Fuel	\$1,352 62	
Light	60 62	
Elementary		
Fuel	1,870 06	
Light	72 53	
	<hr/>	3,355 83
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS		
High		
Repairs	\$934 34	
Janitor's supplies	99 01	
Removing ashes	16 00	
Elementary		
Repairs	1,302 02	
Janitor's supplies	105 63	
Removing ashes	16 00	
	<hr/>	2,473 00
Forwarded	\$39,979 13	\$58,342 60

Brought forward	\$39,979 13	\$58,342 60
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## FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

Elementary	\$363 90	
	<hr/>	363 90

## RENT

High		
Smith's Hall	\$78 70	
	<hr/>	78 70

## OTHER EXPENSES

Miscellaneous printing	\$27 00	
Drinking water	62 40	
Freight	38 65	
Music	30 00	
	<hr/>	158 05

Total expenses from School Appropri't'n	\$40,579 78	
Brought forward	\$40,579 78	

## SPECIAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL TUITION

Tuition	\$318 90	
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## SCHOOL HOUSE INSURANCE

Insurance	\$692 49	
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Forwarded	\$41,591 17	\$58,342 60
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Brought forward	\$41,591 17	\$58,342 00
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## ADDITION SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS

Contract	\$4,800 00	
Plumbing(New Building)	875 00	
Plumbing (Old Building)	400 00	
Shingling Contract	925 00	
	<hr/>	7,000 00

## WEST SCHOOL

Repairs	\$587 44	
Teacher's salary	418 00	
Retirement Fund	22 00.	
Fuel	97 60	
School Physician	25 00	
Janitor	40 00	
Janitor's Supplies	3 93	
Furniture and Furnishings	8 00	
	<hr/>	1,201 97

Total payments School Division		<hr/>	49,793 14
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries		
Librarians	\$518 75	
Books and Periodicals		
Books	664 50	
Periodicals	112 08	
Fuel and Light		
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Forwarded	\$1,295 33	\$108,135 74



## FINANCIAL REPORT

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Brought forward	\$1,295 33	\$108,135 74
Fuel	8 95	
Light	15 79	
Buildings and Grounds		
Repairs	511 87	
Furniture	156 56	
Janitor's supplies	4 10	
Rent	90 00	
Washing windows	2 00	
Other expenses		
Stationery, postage, etc.	16 39	
Insurance	75 00	
Express	2 36	
P. O. Box Rent	1 05	
	<hr/>	2,179 40
Total payments Public Library		<hr/> 2,179 40

## RECREATION

## PARKS

Labor	\$81 82	
Other expenses		
Sign	3 20	
Paint	3 00	
Teams	2 00	
	<hr/>	90 02
Total payments Recreation		<hr/> 90 02
Forwarded		<hr/> \$110,405 16

Brought forward		\$110,405 16
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## UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	\$161 50	
Town Clock	37 75	
Town Reports	405 21	
Finance Committee	10 00	
Town By-Laws	55 53	
Boiler Insurance	35 00	
American Legion	200 00	
War Fund	5 00	
	<hr/>	910 59

Total payments unclassified		910 59
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## CEMETERIES

Salaries and Wages		
Superintendent	\$149 45	
Labor	644 25	
Commissioners	45 00	
Other expenses		
Tools and Equipment	27 90	
Teams	95 00	
Avenue signs	55 50	
Repairing pump	7 80	
Car fare and expenses	4 70	
Grass seed	1 90	
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Forwarded	\$1,031 50	\$111,315 75

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Brought forward	\$1,031 50	\$111,315 75
Paint	1 00	
Cement	90	
Sharpening Mowers	4 75	
	<u>1,038 15</u>	
Payments Care Endowed Lots	195 86	
	<u>1,234 01</u>	

INTEREST

On Temporary Loans	\$2,509 17	
East School Bonds	652 50	
South School Bonds	19 60	
	<u>3,181 27</u>	
Total payments Interest		3,181 27

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans	\$70,000 00	
East School Bond	1,000 00	
South School Bond	980 00	
	<u>71,980 00</u>	
Total payments Municipal Indebtedness		71,980 00
Forwarded		<u>\$187,711 03</u>

Brought forward \$187,711 03

### AGENCY AND TRUST

#### AGENCY

State Tax 1921	\$10,640 00	
Special State Tax 1921	501 60	
Civilian War Poll Tax 1922	1,455 00	
County Tax 1921	7,808 46	
State Highway Tax 1921	620 20	
State Audit 1921	161 04	
East. Mass. St. R. R. Tax 1921	68 33	
Soldiers Exemption	9 44	
	21,264 07	

#### TRUST

Investment Perpetual Care Funds	\$300 00	
Investment Dodge Fund (From Sale U. Fruit Bond)	1,010 00	
	1,310 00	

Total payments Agency and Trust \$22,574 07

#### REFUNDS

Taxes	\$16 00	
	16 00	
Total payments Refunds		16 00
		16 00
Forwarded		\$210,301 10

Brought forward \$210,301 10

BALANCES

General Cash Dec. 31, 1921	\$18,574 63	
Dodge Fund Income Dec. 31,		
1921	36 71	
Allen Fund Income Dec. 31,		
1921	22 92	
	18,634 26	
Cash Dec. 31, 1921		18,634 26
Total		\$228,935 36

RESERVE FUNDS (Ledger Accounts.)

TRANSFERS.			APPROPRIATION		
1921			1921		
July 15	By-Laws	\$55.53	Jan. 1	Balance	\$ 72.61
Dec. 31	Selectmen	89.13	Mar. 16	Appropriation	2,000.00
	Assessors	187.19			
	Law	8.94			
	Election and R.	214.54			
	Fire	193.07			
	Special Sidewalk	186.12			
	Mill Street	244.41			
	Industrial School	93.92			
	Interest	278.61			
	Street Lighting	189.34			
	Fire Warden	19.59			
	Carried over to 1922	313.22			
		\$2,072.61			\$2,072.61

TOWN OF HAMILTON.

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1921.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash on hand		Revenue Loans	\$20,000.00
Accounts Receivable		Overlay for Abatement of Taxes	
Taxen Levy of 1916	\$ .40	Levy of 1916	.40
1917	23.06	1918	27.96
1918	667.05	1919	150.17
1919	1,364.89	1920	1,171.35
1920	4,413.80	1921	114.91
1921	16,481.50		191.46
	\$22,851.60		1,656.25
Special Assessments		Appropriation Balances	
Moth Levy of 1917	\$ .98	Legislative Committee	69.70
1918	22.01	Engine House Repairs	97.02
1919	44.53	School House Insurance	307.51
1920	90.42	Reserve Fund	313.22
1921	554.34	War Fund	70.58
	712.28		858.03
Sidewalk Assessment, 1921	185.13	Dodge Fund Income	36.71
Commonwealth of Mass. (State Aid)	129.00	Allen Fund Income	22.92
Overdrawn Appropriations		Overlay Reserve	2,817.44
(Offset to liability)		Cemetery Lot Fund	120.00
Highway	\$925.42	Tallings Account (Outstanding checks	42.81
Willowdale Bridge	375.78	prior to Jan. 1, 1918)	18,250.31
	1,301.20	Excess and Deficiency (Surplus)	
	\$43,804.47		\$43,804.47

DEBT ACCOUNT.

Net Bonded Debt	\$14,000.00		East School Bonds	\$14,000.00
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TRUST FUNDS.

Cash and Securities	\$8,793.09			
	\$8,793.09		Perpetual Care Funds	\$7,293.09
			Dodge Library Fund	1,000.00
			Allen Library Fund	500.00
				\$8,793.09

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

December 31, 1921

	Endowment	Balance Jan. 1, 1921	Receipts 1921	Payments 1921	Balance Dec. 31, 1921
Abbott, M. K.	\$200.00	\$238.88	\$9.62	\$7.00	\$241.50
Allen, Albert F.	100.00	109.76	4.40	7.00	107.16
Allen, D. S.	300.00	471.27	19.02	10.00	480.29
Allen, Dr. Justin	100.00	108.86	4.38	7.00	106.24
Andrews, Horace E.	100.00	106.74	4.80	3.50	108.04
Ayers Fund	150.00	170.14	6.86	5.00	172.00
Bean, Ellen A.	100.00	113.04	4.56	3.50	114.10
Brown, Elizabeth S.	100.00	111.50	4.48	3.00	112.98
Burnham, Amos	100.00	119.34	4.80	3.50	120.64
Burnham, Choate	175.00	193.46	7.80	6.00	195.26
Burton, F. J. & P. W.	100.00	102.64	4.62	3.50	103.76
Butler, N. B.	100.00	108.64	4.88	4.00	109.52
Cutler, Temple (New Lot)	75.00	75.00	3.38	2.00	76.38
Cutler, Temple (Old Lot)	75.00	75.00	3.38	2.00	76.38
Dane, Ephraim A.	108.00	108.00	4.86	4.86	108.00
Dane, Francis	1,000.00	1,290.35	52.12	205.15	1,137.32
Dane, Joseph F.	100.00	101.05	4.54	3.50	102.09
Dane, Luther	100.00	116.42	4.68	3.50	117.60
Davenport, J. K.	100.00	107.84	4.32	3.50	108.66
Dodge, Edward W.	100.00	102.05	4.62	2.50	104.17
Dodge, H. Augusta	200.00	272.68	11.00	5.00	278.68
Dodge, James E.	100.00	105.05	4.72	3.00	106.77
Dodge, Joseph T.	100.00	112.06	4.52	3.50	113.08
Dutton, Joseph W.	100.00	102.99	4.62	3.50	104.11
Fillebrown, H. K.	50.00	50.84	2.26	2.00	51.10
Gleason, William T.	100.00	108.34	4.36	3.50	109.20
Goodhue, Samuel	100.00	100.00	4.50	3.50	101.00
Graham, Charles E.	50.00	50.84	2.26	2.00	51.10
Haynes, George T.	100.00	117.06	4.72	5.00	116.78
Henry, Mary R.	75.00	75.00	2.82	2.00	75.82



Horne, Thomas	100.00	106.41	4.80	2.50	108.71
Kimball, Susan A	150.00	150.00	5.63	3.50	152.13
Kinsman, Jacob	100.00	114.48	4.60	3.50	115.58
Knowlton, Isaac F.	200.00	200.00	6.75	3.50	203.25
Lovering, Joseph P.	100.00	100.90	4.52	3.00	102.42
Mason, Arthur	100.00	106.56	4.80	3.50	107.86
McNeil, Hattie	100.00	100.00	4.13	3.00	101.13
Patch, Emeline	100.00	102.05	4.60	3.00	103.65
Pateh, Laura	100.00	106.58	4.80	3.50	107.88
Peterson, Charles A.	100.00	107.83	4.84	3.50	109.17
Preston, Thomas	100.00	100.00	5.67	3.00	102.67
Roberts, Daniel	100.00	104.70	4.20	4.00	104.90
Safford, Daniel	100.00	121.62	4.90	3.00	123.52
Townsend, William E.	100.00	108.04	4.36	3.50	108.00
Tuttle, John	100.00	100.00	4.13	3.00	101.13
Whipple, Albert	100.00	102.82	4.62	4.00	103.44
Whipple, Hannah M.	100.00	105.42	4.24	3.50	106.16
Whipple, L. D.	100.00	120.52	4.84	4.50	120.86
Added 1921					
George K. Knowlton	100.00		100.00		100.00
Olivia E. Hayes	100.00		100.00		100.00
Samuel E. Thayer	100.00		100.00		100.00
Total	\$6508.90	\$7,082.77	\$594.33	\$384.01	\$7,263.09

Savings Bank Deposits Beginning of Year  
Savings Bank Deposits End of Year

\$7,082.77  
7,293.09

RECEIPTS

Deposits for Care  
Interest  
Income Withdrawn

\$300.00  
294.33  
89.63  
\$684.01

PAYMENTS

Care of Lots  
Surplus Income, Francis Dane Endowment,  
used for Cemetery Improvements  
Deposited Savings Bank

\$195.86  
188.15  
300.00  
\$684.01

# PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1921

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## DR. JUSTIN ALLEN FUND

Savings Bank deposit at beginning of year	\$500 00
Savings Bank deposit at end of year	500 00

## ALLEN FUND INCOME

INCOME		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand Jan. 1,		Paid out for books	\$100 00
1921	\$100 17	Cash on hand Dec. 31	22 92
Interest	22 75		
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	\$122 92		\$122 92

## H. AUGUSTA DODGE FUND

(GAIL HAMILTON READING ROOM)

United Fruit Bond (par value \$1,000) cost	\$963 13
Savings Bank deposit	36 87

Total principal at beginning of year	\$1,000 00
Savings Bank deposit at end of year	\$1,000 00

## DODGE FUND INCOME

INCOME		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand Jan. 1,		Periodicals	\$79 50
1921	\$52 45	Cash on hand Dec. 31,	
Interest	16 79	1921	36 71
Profit on U. F. Bond	46 87		<hr/>
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	\$116 11		

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,  
*Town Accountant.*

## TREASURER'S CASH

December 31, 1921

Cash on hand, December 31, 1921		\$18,634 26
Merchants Nat. Bank, deposit		18,634 26
Merchants Nat. Bank, per check book	\$18,634 26	
Checks outstanding (List in detail)	2,115 51	
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Merchants Nat. Bank, Dec. 31, statement	\$20,749 77	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1921	\$22,120 26	
Receipts in 1921	206,815 10	
	<hr/>	\$228,935 36
Payments in 1921	\$210,301 10	
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1921	18,634 26	
	<hr/>	\$228,935 36

Yours respectfully,

JOHN L. WOODBURY,  
*Treasurer.*

## Report of Town Clerk

### BIRTHS RECORDED

1920

- February 19 Lucy Douglas, daughter of  
Alexander L. and Vivian (Wessell) Cochrane.
- August 13 Wynthia Alice, daughter of  
Lester T. and Marion F. (Gates) Tomkins.

1921

- January 26 Walter Edwin, son of  
Fred E. and Mary (Early) McGrath.
- February 8 Mary Frances, daughter of  
Archie and Sarah (Webster) Moore.
- February 25 William Paul, son of  
Frank and Nellie (Chludgenski) Coloski.
- March 11 Bradley Gwinn, son of  
Erle G. and Marianne (Cootesworth) Brewer.
- March 15 Harry William, son of  
George A. and Sarah (Hill) Schneider.
- March 17 Ann Patricia, daughter of  
Ernest R. and Annie T. (Callahan) Faulkner.
- April 5 Alice Mabel, daughter of  
Ernest L. and Mabel I (Cole) Kriete.
- April 7 Gertrude Madeline, daughter of  
John A. and Lena (Middleman) Young.
- April 8 Ernest Spencer, son of  
Frank and Alice F. (Hill) Jones.
- April 19 Elmer Lewis Howard, son of  
Lewis H. and Olive E. (Harraden) Dodge.

- May 6 Myrtle Martha, daughter of  
Harold G. and Maud (Burrows) Allen.
- May 21 (Still born)
- May 22 Alexander L., Jr., son of  
Alexander L. and Vivian (Wessell) Cochrane.
- May 22 Arlinda Dorothy, daughter of  
Fred and Mildred (Hills) Saunders.
- May 24 Arthur W., Jr., son of  
Arthur W. and Clara (Haraden) Day.
- May 25 Norman Burnham, son of  
Francis W. and Eva F. (Crowley) Dane.
- June 19 Eleanor Mercer, daughter of  
Edward and Mamie (Mercer) Carter.
- July 6 Hazel Arline, daughter of  
Loring and Bessie (Berry) Cullen.
- August 27 Leo, Jr., son of  
Leo and Esther (Sullivan) Elario.
- September 5 Walter, son of  
Robert and Marie (Powers) Forsyth.
- September 17 Edith Annie, daughter of  
Ernest and Edith (Smith) Morson.
- September 17 Warren, son of  
William J. and Bertha E. (Aull) Campbell.
- September 20 Rosina Bianchette, daughter of  
James and Eleanor (Bombardiere) Clemeno.
- September 20 Emma Juiglia, daughter of  
James and Eleanor (Bombardiere) Clemeno.
- September 24 Michael J., Jr., son of  
Michael J. and Katherine (McEvelly) Darcy.
- September 29 Henry Felix, son of  
Felix and Henryetta (Wieszork) Becker.

- October 9 Rita Eloise, daughter of  
John J. and Helena B. (Murray) Cullity.
- October 13 Wilma Nye, daughter of  
Francis L. and Lillian D. (Hopkins) Smith.
- November 7 Nancy Lenair, daughter of  
Arthur and Stella (Petersen) Lindquist.
- November 30 Ray, son of  
William and Edna (Chipman) McKechnie.
- December 12 Warren Douglas, son of  
Thaddeus E. and Mary F. (Manning) McGlauffin.
- December 28 Robert Howard, son of  
Arthur and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Kirby.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED

Charles H. Ratti of Boston,  
Mary F. Dwyer of Hamilton.

John F. Cullen of Cambridge,  
Mary V. Hughes of Hamilton.

Arthur L. Lindquist of Hamilton,  
Stella Petersen of Hamilton.

Henry G. Blount of Hamilton,  
Alice T. McGlauffin of Hamilton.

Henry Lavoie of Ipswich,  
Rose A. Dion of Hamilton.

Frank J. Burton of Hamilton,  
Lydia Gertrude Perkins of Hamilton.

Frederick M. Daley of Hamilton,  
M. Gertrude Horan of Hamilton.

Everett N. Holt of Lynn,  
Anna A. Koloski of Lynn.

William M. Landers of Hamilton,  
Anna V. Donovan of Peabody.

Leslie S. K. Whipple of Hamilton,  
Marrietta Haney of Middleton.

Ernest P. Tuck of Hamilton,  
Wilma V. Meldon of Hamilton.

Edward L. Myers of Hamilton,  
Margaret N. Davis of Hamilton.

Richard F. Barry of Hamilton.  
Florence Barnes of Wenham.

Herbert A. Upton of Salem  
Mildred A. Thompson of Hamilton.

Jesse S. Mann of Hamilton,  
Alice M. Fraser of Lynn.

Elliot F. Tozer of Ipswich,  
Kathleen C. Gorman of Hamilton.



## DEATHS RECORDED

1921		Yrs.	mos.	days	
January	2	Roger D. Fuller	7	3	23
January	2	Hannah C. Dane	82	5	22
January	13	Louise H. Manning	21		
January	20	Edwin H. Stevens	75	4	8
February	7	Mary L. Niles	77	4	27
February	22	Angeline B. Chadwick	80	7	4
April	14	Eloise Cullity	5	1	20
May	13	Annie H. Tuck	71	3	17
May	21	(Still born)			
June	11	John Jones	58	3	20
June	18	Anna A. Whipple	86	0	3
June	22	Ernest F. Day	21	2	6
July	14	Alfred Beaudoin	73	5	13
July	24	Martha K. Patch	91	4	7
August	20	John Roach	70		
September	14	Althea O. Wildes	74	8	1
September	24	Catherine J. Darcy	31	4	7
October	11	George F. Pendexter	45	5	6
October	20	Leo F. Gorman	30	9	12
November	20	Ella K. Warner	76		
November	24	John C. Rauch	53	4	13
November	30	Fannie D. Lovering	89	8	19
December	10	Sylvester Day	77	7	
December	24	Mary A. Dodge	68		

## BROUGHT INTO TOWN

May	26	Isabel G. Burnham	69	4	25
August	1	Rev. Edward Norton	85	9	4
December	28	Flora J. Whidden	77	2	16
December	31	Lydia A. Sawyer	75	1	3

## REGISTRATION

There have been five meetings of the Registrars of Voters for registration. Two were at the Engine House, South Hamilton, and three at the Town Hall.

Twenty-two male and thirty-four female voters were added to list. Total registration December 31, as follows:

Male .....	417
Female .....	312
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Total .....	729

## DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses were issued as follows:

Male	81 at \$2 00	\$162 00
Female	25 at 5 00	125 00
Breeder's	4 at 50 00	200 00
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Total receipts		\$487 00
Less fees		22 00
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Paid County of Essex		\$465 00

## HUNTERS' LICENSES

Hunting, Fishing and Minors' Trapping Licenses were issued as follows:

Hunter's (Combination)	118 at \$1 00	\$118 00
Fishing	7 at 50	3 50
Minor's Trapping	6 at 25	1 50
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Total receipts		\$123 00
Less fees		19 65
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Paid Div. of Fisheries and Game		\$103 35

## OTHER LICENSES

Junk	2 at	\$25 00	\$50 00
Pool	2 at	2 00	4 00
Oleo	3 at	50	1 50
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Paid Town Treasurer			\$55 50

## TOWN MEETINGS

There were four Town Meetings in 1921, as follows:

Special, January 31, 1921.

Regular, March 8, 1921.

Special, July 15, 1921.

Special, November 29, 1921.

Appropriations at Regular Town Meeting:

From Revenue \$99,020 00

From Surplus 7,143 48

Appropriations at Special Town Meetings:

From Revenue \$12,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,

*Town Clerk.*

## Report of the Assessors

Value of buildings	\$2,269,765 00	
Value of land	1,404,395 00	
Value of real estate		\$3,674,160 00
Value of tangible personal		696,894 00
Total valuation		\$4,371,054 00
Tax on real estate	\$73,483 20	
Tax on personal estate	13,937 88	
Tax on polls	2,425 00	
Total tax levy		\$89,846 08
Moth tax		1,656 72
Special sidewalk assessment		246 42
Rate per thousand		20 00
December assessment		
Real estate	\$200 00	
Personal estate	38,849 25	
Total		39,049 25

By advice of the Tax Commissioner \$31,189.25 of the above personal was assessed to stockholders of the West End St. Railway, all of which by advice of the same office has since been abated.

War poll tax to the Commonwealth	\$1,455 00
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REPORT OF ASSESSORS

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Number of horses	240
“ “ cows	167
“ “ sheep	40
“ “ neat cattle	28
“ “ swine	40
“ “ fowl	3,367
“ “ dwellings	844
“ “ acres of land	8,657
“ “ residents assessed on property	644
“ “ all othsr	49
“ “ non-residents assessed on property	424
“ “ all others	60
“ “ polls only	20
“ “ persons assessed	1,197

The tax rate of \$20.00 per thousand was made from the following figures :

EXPENDITURES

Town Appropriations (from revenue)	\$111,520 00
State Tax	10,640 00
Special State Tax	501 60
State Highway Tax	620 20
State Audit	161 04
Street Railway Tax	68 33
County Tax	7,808 46
Civilian War Poll Tax (to State)	1,455 00
Overlay	979 96

Total expenses

\$133,754 59

Brought forward, Total Expenses \$133,754 59

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$28,985 22	
Corporation Tax	6,232 47	
Bank Tax	2,528 82	
Moth Tax	1,600 00	
Income Tax (Teacher's salaries)	3,502 00	
State Aid	210 00	
School tuition	400 00	
Charity	250 00	
All other	200 00	
Total estimated revenue		43,908 51
Balance, Tax Levy of 1921		\$89,846 08

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,  
 GEORGE M. ADAMS,  
 JESSE S. MANN,  
*Assessors.*

# Report of Police Department

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.*

Gentlemen: I wish to submit my annual report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1921.

Whole number of arrests during the year, 17, divided as follows:

Males,	17
Adults	15
Minors	2
Native-born	14
Foreign-born	3
Residents	6
Non-residents	11

## RECAPITULATION

Crimes against the person	1
Crimes against property	2
Crimes against public order	14
Persons taken to station	12
Persons arrested on warrants	4

## OFFENCES

Deserters from U. S. Army or Navy	3
Drunkenness	5
Larceny	2
Violation of automobile law	2
Violation of school law	2
Violation of liquor law	1
Non-support	1
Assault	1

## DISPOSITION

Released without being arraigned	5
Returned to Fort Banks	2
Returned to Receiving Ship at Hingham	1
Turned over to Ipswich police	1

## CASES TAKEN TO DISTRICT COURT

Fined and paid	2
Fined and appealed	1
Salem Jail	1
Ordered to contribute to support of wife	1
Continued	1
Essex County Training School (Lawrence)	2

## ARRESTED BY RAILROAD POLICE AND TURNED OVER TO CHIEF

Whole number	8
Offence:	
Riding on freight trains	8
District Court disposition:	
Fined	4
Salem Jail	4

## SUPERIOR COURT

Cases on docket	2
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## ARRESTS MADE BY OFFICERS

Chief	8
W. L. Smith	4
Saunders	2
Dever	2
Southwick	1



REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

55

OFFICERS ATTENDANCE AT COURT

Chief	27
W. L. Smith	4
Dever	2
Saunders	1
Saunders	1

COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED BY OFFICERS

Chief	30	Southwick	6
Saunders	11	Dever	8
W. L. Smith	10	Deneen	4
C. H. Smith	3	Haraden	2

HOURS OF DUTY PERFORMED BY OFFICERS

Dever	359	W. L. Smith	119
Saunders	234	C. H. Smith	97
Deneen	155	Dodge	14
Haraden	126	Wood	15
Southwick	126	Perley	10

MISCELLANEOUS

Automobiles reported stolen	1
Automobiles found and recovered	1
Bicycles reported stolen	1
Other property reported lost or stolen (value about)	\$520
Other property found and recovered (value about)	\$120
Complaints investigated	86
Fires extinguished	2
Buildings found open	2
Disturbances	7

Dogs reported lost	4
Dogs found and returned to owners	4
Dogs killed	2
Children reported lost, and found	1
Itinerant persons ordered to leave town	12
Lights reported out	20
Summons served for out-of-town officers	8
Dangerous wires removed or reported	5
Obstructions removed	7
Accidents reported	13
Accidents resulting in death	2
Persons receiving assistance	10
Persons taken to hospital	2
Dead bodies found or recovered	2
Inquests attended	1
Police assistance to out-of-town officers	14
Police assistance by out-of-town officers	6
Court attendance by all officers	34
Reports to Commissioner of Corrections	1
Reports to Highway Commission	2
Letters, postal cards and circulars received (about)	185
Letters, postal cards and notices received (about)	256

I wish to thank all who have in any way assisted me or any member of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. POOLE,  
*Chief of Police.*

## Report of Cemetery Commissioners

At the adjourned Town Meeting held March 15, 1921, an appropriation was made for the Cemetery Department of \$850.00. In addition to this we have received from surplus interest of the Francis Dane endowment fund, \$188.15.

This money has been used largely for the general improvement of the old grounds, and especially that part which is in the section near Main Street and is the oldest of all, being more than two hundred years old.

A limited improvement only could be made in a part of this section of the cemetery. But this has been done and it now looks better than it has in many years. All graded avenues have been put in fine condition and each one has been provided with a neat name sign. The entrance to main avenue from the street has been made wider and is very much better.

Quite an amount of money has been expended this year, but for it the yard has been put in fine condition. Each endowed lot is cared for with interest from the endowment fund.

An appropriation of \$500.00 should be sufficient for the current year.

For financial matters see report of Town Accountant.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,

FRANCIS C. NORTON,

GEO. H. GIBNEY,

*Cemetery Commissioners.*

## Report of Park Commissioners

The Park has been kept in a neat condition the past year and suitable for recreation and rest for all who have cared to use it.

Perhaps at some future time a small building, open or closed, may be erected on the high ground overlooking Cutler's Pond. We would not recommend it this year, as we feel that retrenchment should be the watchword as far as possible in every department of the town at the present time.

An appropriation of \$50 should be sufficient for park use this year.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,

EDWIN J. READY,

PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE,

*Park Commissioners.*

## Report of the Library Trustees

The Trustees report a most satisfactory year in the conduct of the Public Library.

At the Main Library a gratifying increase in attendance has been shown, with a circulation largely in excess over the preceding year. The reading and magazine room, a library in itself of current events, is more popular than ever.

At the South Hamilton Branch the trustees faced the situation that the demand for books was far in excess of the supply, and, further, that the quarters had to be practically doubled in size. This involved an outlay of nearly seven hundred dollars to provide for tables, chairs, additional electric fixtures, pictures, painting, carpenter work, etc.

As a result, out of an appropriation of two thousand dollars last year for the maintenance of the Library, the trustees, after paying for the charges noted above, salaries, rent, etc., had less than seven hundred dollars left for the purchase of new books, the total number of new books purchased being five hundred and thirty-five. These had to meet the demand for fiction reading, general literature and children's books, for which there is a very urgent demand. In fact, it does not seem as if we are ever able to keep up with the demands of the children for reading suitable for their age, a demand which we feel should be met to the utmost.

Books today will average at least one dollar and twenty-five cents each, and for some we are obliged to pay as high as four or five dollars. With a reading circulation of fifteen thousand a year, the trustees believe that, in order to properly meet the demands, they should purchase at least one hundred books a month, costing

approximately fifteen hundred dollars a year. In addition to the general demand for books of the popular type of reading, we have also been requested to furnish books of a technical nature and literature series for school reading, which, of course, are absolutely essential to place the Library in a proper position to co-operate with the school system; but again we have to plead that limited funds has prevented us meeting these requirements of the up-to-date library.

The trustees had half expected that the library connected with the new Community House might in a considerable measure relieve the pressure upon the local libraries, but the effect so far has been imperceptible, and our circulation as compared with the previous year, continues to grow.

In view of the experience of the past year, upon which we assume we are justified in estimating what the coming year may bring forth, we have requested the Finance Committee to increase our appropriation to twenty-five hundred dollars. Of course, they may point out that we will have some seven hundred dollars to spend this year which was expended last year for unusual repairs, but owing to the small amount which we were able to apply to the purchase of books last year, we ran behind in our average, and the natural growth of the Library, of course, suffered to that extent.

The chairman of the trustees has inserted an article in the warrant, asking, in compliance with the provision in the General Laws relating thereto, that the dog tax be transferred to the Public Library, and trusts this suggestion will meet with the approval of the voters at the coming meeting.

There have also been at times requests that the Branch be kept open one day or more in addition to the days in which it is now open, for the use and instruction of the school children, and also on Sunday afternoon for general reading. This, of course, would

require additional work by the assistant librarian, which, of course, would entail further expense.

As for the figures and statistics relating to the actual expenditures, circulation, and other matters, we respectfully refer to the financial report and the report of the Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. WALSH, *Chairman.*

ARTHUR W. CHANDLER.

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL, *Secretary.*

## Librarian's Report

*To the Trustees of the Public Library.*

Gentlemen: Herewith is submitted my second annual report as Librarian.

During the year 638 books were added to the Library. Of this number 535 books were purchased and 103 were gifts. Of the number purchased by Library, 368 books were for adults and 167 books were for children. We wish to publicly acknowledge a gift of 58 new books for children, a record of which has been placed on our books. The circulation for the year was, by actual count, 14,193 books.

New copies of standard and very popular books are being added to the Library to take the place of those that have become worn out by constant use. New reference books are also being added, as the need for them arises.

The Main Library is open Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 P. M.

The Branch Library is open Tuesday and Friday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. HARADEN,

*Librarian.*



## 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 fourteenth (14th) day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two (1922) at fifteen minutes before six o'clock in the forenoon (5.45 o'clock A. M.) then and there to act on Article 1.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for: •

Moderator, for one year.

Town Clerk, for one year.

Three Selectmen, for one year.

Overseers of Poor, and Board of Health, three for one year.

Treasurer, for one year.

Tax Collector, for one year.

Tree Warden, 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 the School Committee, for three years.

One member of the School Committee, for two years.

Three Constables, for one year.

And to vote on the following:

Shall license be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages for the coming year? Yes or No.

All on one ballot.

The polls will open at fifteen minutes before six o'clock in the morning (5.45 A. M.) and will close at four o'clock in the afternoon (4 o'clock P. M.).

After the closing of the polls the meeting will be adjourned to Tuesday the twenty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two (March 21, 1922) at eight o'clock in the evening (8 o'clock P. M.) then and there to act on the remaining Articles of the Warrant.

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

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees and take any action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will appropriate money from the Excess and Deficiency Fund to meet overdrafts in the following accounts:

Highway,	\$925 42
Willowdale Bridge	\$375 78

ARTICLE 6. To see what action the Town will take on the decree of the County Commissioners in regard to relocation of Bridge Street, as per plan filed with the Town Clerk, October 5, 1921, and to appropriate a sum of money to pay land damage and construct same.

ARTICLE 7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to appropriating the sum of (\$250.00) Two hundred fifty dollars, to be used in putting a barberry hedge around the Engine House lot, graveling the back yard, and putting a piece of curbing on the Willow Street side of the lot, as petitioned for by the Board of Fire Engineers.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will transfer and apply the Dog Tax to the maintenance of the Public Library, as provided for by Chap. 140, Sec. 172, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-eight and  $41/100$  (\$128.41) to pay for the repairs of the Main Street Public Scales.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the use of the Augustus P. Gardner Post 194 of the American Legion, as petitioned for by Victor W. Daley and others.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Five hundred sixty-three and  $58/100$  dollars (\$563.58), being the sum levied upon the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton by the County of Essex, for the care, maintenance and repairs of the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital, for the period from June 1, 1921, to December 31, 1921.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1923, in anticipation of the revenue of said municipal year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid for from the revenue of said financial year.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 14. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one each of the three Post Offices in said Town, seven 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 20th day of February, A. D. 1922.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,  
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,  
JONATHAN LAMSON,

*Selectmen of Hamilton.*

## List of Jurors 1922

Harold M. Dodge, Main St., blacksmith.  
William E. Townsend, Willow St., retired.  
Jonathan Lamson, Highland St., farmer.  
Rodney H. Adams, Highland St., farmer.  
Frank Dane, Moulton St., foreman.  
Charles A. Smerage, Rust St., railroad conductor.  
John E. Cox, Main St., foreman.  
Roscoe Caverly, Gardner St., merchant.    ^  
Richard H. Harraden, Western Ave., agent..  
Fred A. Saunders, Railroad Ave., collector.  
Wendell W. Dodge, Grant Ave., carpenter.  
Ralph W. Porter, Walnut St., electrician.  
Oscar A. Wood, Bridge St., carpenter.  
Daniel P. McGinley, Park St., machinist.  
Otho L. Charles, Plum St., chauffeur.  
Herbert J. Feener, Asbury St., carpenter.  
Walter C. Clifford, Asbury St., chauffeur.  
Edward A. Underhill, Main St., forester.  
Ernest M. Barker, Jr., Bridge St., chauffeur.  
Frank J. Burton, Linden St., carpenter.



TOWN OF HAMILTON  
REPORT  
OF THE  
Finance and Advisory  
Committee  
ON THE  
Appropriations and Articles  
FOR THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
March 14, 1922



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## Report of the Finance and Advisory Committee

*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 payment of principal and interest due on bonds and notes for the fiscal year; and have also investigated all requests calling for the appropriation of money in the various Articles of the Town Warrant; and after careful consideration, we make the recommendations given below in this report.

Your committee have made the following transfers during the past year:

From the Reserve Fund to departments, as below:		
July 15, 1921.		
By-laws	\$55.53	
December 31.		
Selectmen	89 13	
Assessors	187 19	
Law	8 94	
Election and registration	214 54	
Fire	193 07	
Special Sidewalk	185 12	
Mill Street	244 41	
Industrial School	93 92	
Interest	278 61	
Street Lighting	189 34	
Fire Warden	19 59	
	\$1,759 39	
From Overlay Reserve to Overlay,		
1921,	\$200 00	

## OVERDRAFTS.

The time has come when there must be something done to check and prevent overdrafts; there are certain departments which, by law, emergency arising, may overdraft, the others should and must keep within their appropriations; i. e., Chapter 624, Acts of 1910, as amended by Chapter 207, Acts of 1911, and Chapter 252, Acts of 1916, Section 4:

“Whenever any appropriation shall have been expended, or whenever, in the judgment of the town accountant, it appears that the liabilities incurred against any appropriation may be in excess of the unexpended balance of said appropriation, he shall immediately give notice to the selectmen and to the board, committee, head of department, or official authorized to make expenditures from said appropriation, *and no claim against such appropriation shall be allowed nor any further liability be incurred until the town makes provision for the same.*”

In towns having finance and advisory committees powers are vested with them to transfer from time to time for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, monies from the reserve fund to meet such contingency.

Departments should so regulate their expenditures that appropriations made at the Annual Town Meeting shall be sufficient for each fiscal year; unforeseen emergencies should be clearly beyond the scope of the purpose for which the original appropriation was made. Reasons for so transferring money to meet the contingency should be clearly stated in the annual report of the finance committee.

Transfers of the year 1921 were made for the following reasons:

*By-laws.* Under Article 22 at the last Annual Town Meeting, it was voted to accept the By-laws as presented; no appropriation being made, it was necessary to transfer funds to legalize your

action, by printing and delivering said By-laws to the voters of the Town.

*Selectmen.* Perambulations of the Hamilton-Wenham, Hamilton-Essex, and Hamilton-Manchester town lines.

*Assessors.* Salaries paid totaled \$1,165.00, within \$35.00 of the total appropriation.

*Election and Registration.* Extra primary and election in the fall was responsible for overdraft.

*Fire Department.* It is always possible that there be an overdraft for this department.

*Special Sidewalk.* Overdraft is taken care of by assessment against abutters.

*Mill Street.* The appropriation made at the last Annual Town Meeting was not sufficient to finish the work; your committee was consulted, and we agreed to transfer \$250.00 to put the street in safe condition, the work to be finished this year from the regular Highway appropriation.

*Interest.* We must of necessity borrow money and pay the prevailing rate of interest; therefore the overdraft.

*Industrial School.* An appropriation over which we have no direct control.

*Street Lighting.* A new contract made during September, 1921, is the cause of overdraft.

*Fire Warden.* Overdraft offset by credits received by the town.

Overdrafts of Highway and Willowdale Bridge are taken care of by Article 5. We do not believe there should be overdrafts for these items; only in extreme emergency should it be necessary.

*Regular Appropriations under Article 4:* Increased cost of maintenance make necessary an increase in some of the appropriations: Assessors, salary allowances; Fire, insurance on building and fire alarm system; Street Lighting, new contract; Industrial School, tuition in other schools; Town Hall, work already done.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

## ARTICLE 4.

Under Article 4, Salaries and Fees for each department, as well as expenses, are included in the appropriation for said department. A complete list of Salaries and Fees recommended is given on the page following the list of these department appropriations.

To raise and appropriate money for:

	<i>Appropriated</i> 1921	<i>Called for</i> 1922	<i>Recom- mended</i> 1922
	<i>Appropriated</i> 1921	<i>Called for</i> 1922	<i>Recom- mended</i> 1922
Street Lighting	\$5,500 00	\$6,500 00	\$6,500 00
Highway	14,000 00	15,000 00	14,000 00
Poor Department	4,000 00	4,000 00	4,000 00
State Aid	300 00	200 00	200 00
Soldiers' Relief and Military Aid	700 00	600 00	600 00
Town Hall	1,600 00	1,800 00	1,700 00
Fire Department	1,250 00	1,500 00	1,500 00
Cemetery	850 00	500 00	500 00
Park Commission	100 00	50 00	50 00
Tree Warden	800 00	800 00	800 00
Selectmen	1,100 00	1,100 00	1,100 00
Assessors	1,200 00	1,500 00	1,400 00
Treasurer	900 00	900 00	900 00
Collector	800 00	800 00	800 00
Accounting	1,100 00	1,100 00	1,100 00
Town Clerk	550 00	550 00	550 00
Police	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
Snow Removal	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00
Finance Committee	25 00	25 00	25 00
Board of Health	1,000 00	1,000 00	850 00

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Printing Town Reports	410 00	350 00	350 00
Brown Tail and Gypsy			
Moth Work	4,500 00	4,500 00	4,350 00
Memorial Day	200 00	200 00	200 00
School House Loans	1,980 00	1,000 00	*1,000 00
Interest	2,500 00	3,000 00	*3,000 00
Boiler Insurance	40 00	125 00	125 00
Schools	40,300 00	41,000 00	40,300 00
West School	1,500 00	1,500 00	
Industrial School		700 00	700 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	150 00	150 00	150 00
Election and Registration	650 00	800 00	750 00
Moderator	50 00	50 00	50 00
Legal Expenses	100 00	100 00	100 00
Legislative Committee		25 00	25 00
Certifying Town Notes	20 00	20 00	20 00
Cattle Inspector	75 00	75 00	75 00
Town Clock	50 00	50 00	50 00
Public Library	2,000 00	2,500 00	2,000 00
Forest Fire Warden	50 00	75 00	65 00
Reserve Fund	**1,759 39	2,500 00	2,000 00
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	\$96,109 39	\$100,645 00	\$95,885 00

\* Recommended from Excess and Deficiency Fund.

\*\* Transferred during year 1921.

MEMORANDUM OF SALARIES AND FEES INCLUDED IN FOREGOING  
APPROPRIATIONS, UNDER ARTICLE 4.

Selectmen, Chairman	\$350 00	Overseers of Poor	
2d member	250 00	Chairman	50 00
3d member	250 00	2d member	25 00
Treasurer	750 00	3d member	25 00
Collector	500 00	Registrars, \$50 each	200 00
Town Clerk	300 00	Election Officers and	
Allowance and ex-		Tellers, \$8 each	
penses and fees	150 00	Moderator, \$10 per	
Town Accountant	1,000 00	meeting	50 00
Board of Health		Sealer	75 00
Chairman	50 00	Forest Fire Warden	10 00
2d member	25 00	Allowance for fees of	
3d member	25 00	Cattle Inspector	75 00
		Assessors, per day	5 00

ARTICLE 5.

Transfer from Excess and Deficiency Fund to meet overdrafts in Highway and Willowdale Bridge appropriation.

Called for by Article, \$1,301.20      Recommended, \$1,301.20

ARTICLE 6.

Relocation of Bridge St., construction of same and payment of land damage.

Called for by Article, \$1,900.00.

Your committee recommend that the sum of \$300. be appropriated for land damages, and that not exceeding \$1,600. be appropriated for the construction. No overdraft to be allowed, the work to be carried on in such manner that when the money is expended the work will be in a finished condition.

## ARTICLE 7.

Barberry Hedge and other work on Engine House Lot.

Called for by Article, \$250.00. Recommended \$250.00

## ARTICLE 8.

Dog Tax for maintainence of Public Library.

Recommended, that the money received from the Dog Tax, be divided equally between the Public Library and Schools.

## ARTICLE 9.

Repair of Main St. Scales.

Called for Article, \$128.41. Recommended \$128.41

## ARTICLE 10.

Petition of A. P. Gardner Post, American Legion.

Called for by Article \$200.00 Recommended \$200.00

## ARTICLE 11.

Tax for maintainence, care and repairs of Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital, June 1, 1921 to December 31, 1921.

Called for by Article, \$563.58. Recommended \$563.58.

## ARTICLE 12.

Borrowing after January 1, 1923, in anticipation of taxes.

We recommend authorizing the Treasurer to borrow, as set forth in this article of the Warrant.

## ARTICLE 13.

Collection of taxes. Recommended.

## GRAND TOTAL OF APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

From surplus	\$7,301 20
From taxes	92,926 99
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From all sources	\$100,228 19

Corresponding totals in 1921, appropriated in four Town

Meetings, as follows;

From surplus \$ 7,143 00

From taxes 111,520 00

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From all sources \$118,663 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER H. KNOWLES, *Chairman,*

EDWARD J. READY, *Clerk,*

LESTER E. MCGARRY,

PERCIVAL W. BURTON,

*Finance and Advisory Committee  
of the Town of Hamilton.*







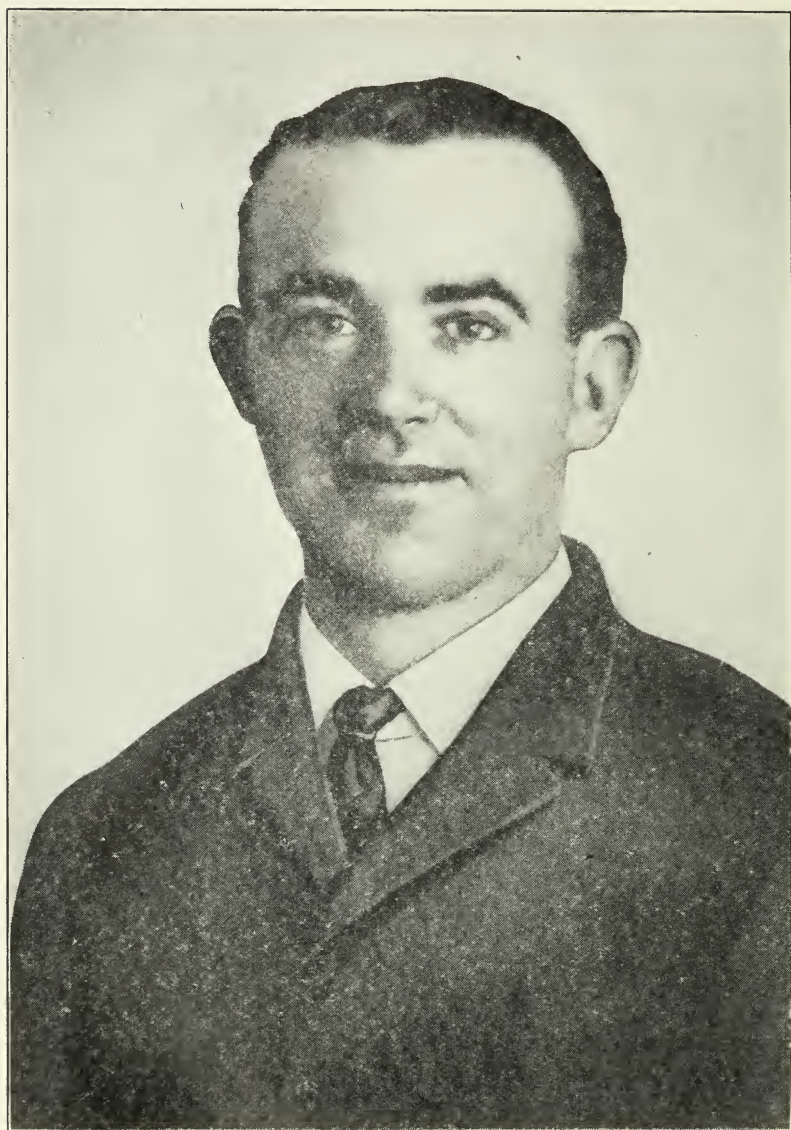
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Board of Fire Engineers  
OF THE  
Town of Hamilton  
FOR THE YEAR  
1921




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GEORGE F. PENDEXTER



## In Memoriam

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On October 11, 1921, our respected and honored Chief passed to that bourne from which no traveler returns.


George F. Pendexter, son of George H. and Susan Pendexter, was born in Waltham, Mass., May 5, 1876, and was educated in the public schools of that city, after which he entered the employ of his uncle in Somerville, from whom he learned the drug business.

He came to Hamilton in February, 1907, as manager of a drug store. In 1908 he purchased the periodical business in Depot Square, which business he conducted successfully until his death.

He was a life member of Gloucester Lodge B. P. O. E.

On May 4, 1915, he was appointed to the Board of Fire Engineers, which position he continued to hold until May 3, 1921, at which time he was elected Chief Engineer of the Hamilton Fire Department.

The Town loses a noble, conscientious man, whose character was built upon the eternal principles of charity, right and justice. To know him was to love and respect him. He has passed from among us, but the life he lived while here we will hold in sweet remembrance of him.



## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.*

Gentlemen: We wish to submit to you the Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1921.

### FIRES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>Dist. No.</i>	<i>Nature of Fire</i>
Jan. 26	George C. Vaughan	Moulton	24	Meadow
Mar. 21	Myopia Club	Miles R. R.	16	Grass
Apr. 2	Geo. Thomas	Willow	21	Grass
Apr. 12	Smith Tinkham	Hamilton	21	Chimney
Apr. 15	Dr. C. H. Davis	Willow	21	Grass
Apr. 28	Out of town	Wenham	..	.....
May 23	T. A. Moynihan	Willow	21	Wood Shed
May 23	Edw. Stone	Sagamore	24	Chimney
June 1	Wm. Stevens	Chebacco Rr.	15	Auto.
June 3	Q. McGregor	Main	21	Chimney
June 28	W. A. Buxton	Bridge	14	Auto.
Aug. 16	G. K. Knowlton	School	12	.....
Sept. 1	Wm. T. Lambert	Main	23	Meadow
Sept. 8	False	Main	23	Grass
Sept. 11	Out of town	Wenham	..	.....
Oct. 8	John Woodbury	School	12	Meadow
Oct. 28	G. A. Peterson	Willow	21	Brush
Nov. 16	Percival Burnham	Bridge	14	Auto.
Nov. 19	Max Litman	Chebacco Rd.	15	Auto.
Dec. 9	Myopia Club	Off Walnut	21	Grass

Grass Fires, 5; Automobiles, 4; Meadow, 3; Chimney, 3;  
Buildings 1; Brush, 1.



We take this opportunity to assure your Honorable Board and the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton, that we greatly appreciate the creating of the appropriation which enabled the Engineers to remodel the old Engine House, thereby securing more room and better sanitary conditions. From the time of our return to the remodeled building it is very noticeable that much more interest is being taken by the members of the Company in the Department.

Harmony among the members of a Company and pride in their building and apparatus go a long way in making an efficient Fire Department, and we firmly believe that compared with other towns of our size our department ranks with the topmost.

We have succeeded in making a lawn of what was formerly a very rough piece of land upon the Railroad Avenue side of our lot, and in order that we may further improve the lot and retain what we have got it is necessary that some kind of protection be put around the lawn. A barberry hedge seems to the Engineers to be the best solution to the problem. Our backyard needs graveling, in order that coal teams may get in and out. This yard would also serve as a parking place for automobiles, which the members now leave upon the street. A short section of curbing is also required in front of the Engine House.

These three requirements are the reason for our asking for an extra appropriation in the Warrant.

Thanking everyone who has been of assistance to us in our work, we remain,

Respectfully,

LESTER M. WHIPPLE, *Chief.*

HARRY R. MCGREGOR.

RODNEY H. ADAMS.

RAYMOND C. GOULD.

FRANK DANE.



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
Town of Hamilton  
FOR THE YEAR  
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## School Committee's Report

Annual Report of the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton for the year 1921.

### ORGANIZATION.

HAROLD S. MARTIN, <i>Chairman</i> ,	Term expires 1924
Resigned November 1921.	
ADELAIDE D. WALSH,	Term expires 1923
FLORENCE M. LULL, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Term expires 1922
ADELAIDE D. WALSH,	<i>Purchasing Agent</i>
ARTHUR B. LORD,	<i>Superintendent</i>
JOHN G. CORCORAN,	<i>School Physician</i>
HELEN GRADY,	<i>School Nurse</i>

The School Committee makes its report for the year 1921 as follows:

During the year many changes have taken place in the personnel of the schools, changes which were regrettable but unavoidable. Mr. Harvey R. Williams, who assumed the superintendence of the school July 1st, retired from all educational work at the close of the school year last June, and at the same time Mr. Herbert H. Archibald resigned as principal. Both of these men did excellent work and labored faithfully for the good of the schools, and left them in far better condition than they were in when they began their work in Hamilton.

The Town is to be congratulated in now having as its Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Arthur B. Lord, who, before coming to

Hamilton schools was one of the State Superintendents of Connecticut, and as Principal of the South School Mr. Elwood S. Fraser, from the Taunton High School. These gentlemen have met many difficult and annoying problems in their efforts to bring the school up to their ideals of what it should be, and we bespeak for them the earnest and active co-operation of parents, pupils and all other citizens interested in the welfare of our young people, for without such co-operation their efforts will be greatly nullified.

We again invite parents and all others interested in our schools to visit them and gain some idea of the excellent work that is being done by teachers and pupils alike.

The High School is still hampered in its work, and each year makes the need of a new high school building more pronounced, but the crowded condition in the lower grades has been entirely relieved by the new two-room building on the South School grounds, in which the Fourth and Fifth grades are comfortably and satisfactorily housed. This building is very complete, with its own heater, ventilators, toilets, wash-basins and bubbler. Water is piped in from the main building.

Soon after school opened the Center School was found to be overcrowded, and to relieve that condition the fourth and fifth grades are now being transported to the South School, where there is ample room.

The North School is taking care of all pupils in that district, up to and including the sixth grade.

The Committee had never been in favor of opening the West School, but as the Town voted to do so we have done our best to make the school pleasant, attractive and profitable. It did not seem right to deny parents the privilege of sending their children to the graded school with its superior advantages, when it could be done without additional cost of transportation, therefore those children above the first grade whose parents desired to continue

sending them to the South School were allowed to do so. From an educational point of view, no school with so few pupils and so many grades can be considered efficient, and everyone will perceive that from a financial standpoint the cost of operating the West School is entirely out of proportion, being nearly \$120 per pupil per year.

During the last two years the seventh grade pupils of the east district have been retained in the East School. The seventh grade is the first year of the junior high school, and it is not to the advantage of pupils in that grade to be deprived of the activities of the junior high in the South School.

Unless the number of pupils in the east district increases very materially it will only be a short time when one of the rooms of that building should be closed to avoid an excessive cost per pupil in maintaining that school.

For insurance expiring this year an appropriation of \$200 is recommended.

For the maintenance of the schools this year, not including the West School, an appropriation of \$41,000 is recommended.

For the maintenance of the West School, if it is to be kept open, an appropriation of \$1,500 is recommended.

For tuition in the Beverly and Lawrence Industrial Schools an appropriation of \$700 is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELAIDE D. WALSH,

FLORENCE M. LULL,

*School Committee.*

# Superintendent's Report

*To the School Committee,  
Town of Hamilton.*

Members of the Committee and Citizens: I have the honor to submit for your consideration my first annual report of the Hamilton schools.

## GRADING OF PUPILS.

Standard tests and measurements have been given which show that the majority of our pupils are placed in the grade where they can do the best work. Many pupils are, however, from three months to a half year behind their grade. By keeping the individual needs of pupils before them teachers will endeavor to bring such pupils up to the minimum standard. The only just method of grading is the placing of individual children in the grade where they can best do the work. If it is found pupils cannot with understanding do the work of the grade in which they are placed, the only fair treatment is to put them back and give them more time in the grade below. Other pupils may progress more rapidly and should not be held a year in a grade when less time is required for an understanding of the work. The system of grading must provide, for the individual, the amount of time he may need for a given amount of work, be it a half year, a year, or a year and a half. The tests we are using as measurements have become standardized. They are, the National Intelligence Tests, the Monroe Silent Reading Tests, the McCall-Woody Arithmetic Tests, the Dearborn-Peet Progress Tests in Arithmetic, the Trabue Language Scales, the Iowa Spelling Tests, and the Thorndike Penmanship Scale.



## ATTENDANCE.

An education is the most important factor in the life of a boy or girl. They should be made to feel that school should come before all else. The law recognizes only two reasons for non-attendance at school, mental or physical disability. Children will never realize the importance of school when parents keep them out or allow them to stay out for unnecessary reasons.

From September to December 23rd, there were 308 cases of tardiness and a total of 1,637 days of school were missed by pupils. Among the reasons given in notes from parents were: "week-end trip," "to go to the city," "to help at home," "over-slept," "clock slow," etc. How long would a business house stand such a record by its employees? Yet boys and girls are forming habits which will be with them through life. Promptness and regularity are habits worth forming.

The law allows the superintendent of schools, either in person or through the teachers, to excuse pupils for irregular attendance not to exceed seven times during a six month period. It is my intention not to excuse pupils unless a request from parents giving a good reason for such action is received. Seven unexcused cases of irregular attendance in a six month period are, under the law, subject to court action.

## HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL.

In the South School many difficulties are the result of having the grades and the high school in a building ill fitted for the needs of the schools. When school opened in September it was apparent the efficiency of the school was seriously affected by the almost constant changing about in the building. The high school now opens at 8.30 and closes at 2.30. This plan gives one-half hour more time than the plan in force last year. It allows time for physical

exercises and for at least a part of the recitations that previously came four times a week to be heard daily.

The State Department of Education, in "A Manual for High Schools" says, "In order to carry out the purposes of secondary education it is necessary that the school day should not be too short. The school day, including recess and lunch periods, should not be less than six hours, and exclusive of lunch periods and recess not less than five and one-half hours."

A program following the present hours of the high school necessitates the preparation of lessons at home. This is not being done in many cases, with the result that the work of such pupils is unsatisfactory.

We have a very conscientious corps of teachers. They are ready and willing to help pupils to understand their work. Teachers, by turn, remain two hours after school daily to assist pupils. The pupils are, however, the ones who must do the work, if they are to get anything from school or are to graduate.

Rank cards are sent out every eight weeks, and in case pupils are doing unsatisfactory work, notice is sent home every four weeks that parents may know of the facts and co-operate in improving conditions.

We have all the requisites of a good school, but we need three things—

A new building on a separate lot,

A loyal school spirit,

The firm backing on the part of the townspeople.

The school committee, the superintendent, the principal, or the teachers, be they ever so well qualified, cannot make a school of high educational standards unless the townspeople sincerely desire such a school and insist on their sons and daughters doing the work which is assigned for them to do.

If the schools are to remain in the same building, they should follow the same program of hours.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

Complying with the law passed by the last legislature, and following the lead of the larger towns and cities around us, a school nurse has been employed, and Health or Physical Education added to the school program.

In September every child had a physical examination by the school physician assisted by the school nurse. The examination shows the following conditions:

Number of children examined	302
Number having defective teeth	83
Number having defective hearing	1
Number having defective sight	8
Number having enlarged tonsils or adenoids	25
Number under weight	35
Number of miscellaneous defects	9

The most noticeable defects were stooped-shoulders, "hollow chests," and underweight or malnutrition. The school nurse visits the schools two afternoons a week, where she gives health instruction, weighs and measures and examines the children. She also makes many home calls for conference with parents as to the health of their children.

Formal physical exercises designed for physical development and correct posture have been introduced. At recess time a lunch consisting of a half-pint bottle of milk and graham crackers, is being sold in the South School at cost. About 100 children are buying this lunch.

At noon, the domestic science department serve either hot cocoa, soup, or chowder to each child who remains in the building during lunch hour.

The activities of the nurse since September have been as follows:

Visits to schools	40
Visits to parents	38
Children sent to physicians	6
Children sent to dentist	72
Children sent to hospital	3
Children having teeth filled	72
Children having adenoids removed	4
Children having glasses fitted	4
Other defects treated	2

The Red Cross of Hamilton-Wenham conducts every Friday morning a Dental Clinic for school children, at the office of Dr. King. While all school children cannot attend the clinic in the limited time available, it is the intention of the Red Cross committee in charge to take those cases most needing attention from the two towns.

The Modern Health Crusade as a means of forming right habits of diet, sleep, cleanliness and exercise has been introduced. Great interest has been shown by the children, and saner hours of sleep and improved diet have resulted in better school work in many cases.

Outdoor play for children is a requisite of good health. Every child should be outdoors at recess. This play period is supervised by the teachers, who make sure all actively participate in some game or exercise.

Statistics prove that city children are more "physically fit" than country children. This improved condition in the cities has been brought about by free clinics, health instruction, district nurses, school nurses, open-air schools, free lunches, etc., which

have for some years been conducted in the larger cities. These projects have in many cases been looked upon as "fads" by country people, and they have been slow in adopting them. Twenty years ago the percentage of physical defects in city children was much greater than among country children. As a result of the health work in the cities during the past few years, conditions are now just the reverse.

#### HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

The question of a new high school building should not be lost sight of.

The boys and girls of Hamilton are not now getting a square deal. The fundamental basis of education in this Commonwealth is equal opportunity to all the boys and girls of the state. The children of Hamilton are not now having an equal educational opportunity with the great majority of young people, not only in Massachusetts, but in all New England, when their work is handicapped for lack of a proper building.

With no place for physical training except the class rooms and the corridors, and with no desirable place for basket-ball and other indoor athletics, the need of a gymnasium is most pressing. If a new building were constructed, the gymnasium would meet all the needs of the school and be available for all other local organizations who desired to make use of it.

Are the citizens of Hamilton not now ready to sell the two annexes and build the excellent building, the plans of which were submitted to the town a year ago? That building, adequate in every way, would assure Hamilton boys and girls of proper housing conditions for at least a quarter of a century.

## WEST SCHOOL.

A rural school of several grades cannot do as satisfactory work as a school with one teacher to a grade. When the number of pupils in attendance is only eleven, as is the case in the West School, the spirit of competition is lacking and adds another handicap.

We were fortunate in securing a normal graduate of a year's experience for the West School. She has done good work, but from reasons entirely outside her control, this school, or any other of its type, cannot be considered educationally efficient. Two of the eleven pupils will enter junior high school in September. Is it the wish of the voters that \$1,500 per year additional school funds be expended to operate a school for ten or twelve pupils?

## IN GENERAL.

The "no school" signal has been abolished. On stormy days teachers will be in their respective rooms. Parents will use their judgment as to sending their children to school, as they know the facts with reference to their particular case, as to distance, condition of the roads, clothing of children and their physical condition.

The East School is quite small at the present time, having but 26 pupils, 13 in each schoolroom. The time is not far distant when it will be of advantage to all concerned to close one room, place the first five grades under one teacher, and transfer the few children in the upper grades to the South School.

The co-operative health work of the Red Cross and Visiting Nurse Association is much appreciated by those interested in the schools. The loyalty of the teachers and the whole-hearted support of the school committee have been most gratifying to the

Superintendent. During the coming year thorough co-operation in a common cause with the best interests of the boys and girls of Hamilton as a guide for action, much can be done in improving the schools of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. LORD,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

January 20, 1922.

## High School Principal's Report

ARTHUR B. LORD,  
*Superintendent of Schools,*  
*Hamilton, Mass.*

Sir: At your request I present my first annual report as Principal of the Hamilton High School. The enrolment in September was 86, distributed thus—13 seniors, 16 juniors, 27 sophomores, 30 freshmen. The enrolment by subjects was as follows: English 86, Latin 16, French 22, Mathematics 28, Science 41, History and Community Civics 46, Spanish 12, Bookkeeping 21, Stenography 25, Typewriting 28, Commercial Arithmetic 19, Penmanship 18, Commercial Law and Business Methods 8, Domestic Science 14, Manual Training 12, Music 86. The enrolment by courses was as follows: College Preparatory 44, Commercial 42.

When school opened in September we had on our teaching force seven teachers and three supervisors of special subjects. Six were new teachers. I wish to take this opportunity of expressing to them my appreciation of the work they have done. The first half-year was uninterrupted by any changes in the faculty, but two teachers are to leave the first of January. The difficulty as well as the expense of securing new teachers has shown the necessity of keeping good teachers. No argument is needed to prove the educational loss to pupils when the continuity of their work is frequently broken by a change of teachers.

Sixteen units are required for graduation. The required subjects for graduation in all courses are: English, United States History and Civics, Community Civics and Physical Training. Our passing grade is 70. No pupil will be allowed to graduate who has not passed the above requirements. Due to hard, conscientious



work on the part of the teachers and an awakened sense of responsibility and co-operation on the part of the pupils, the scholastic standards of the school have been raised. It is our intention to still further raise these standards. We are accredited as a Class A high school by the State Department of Education, and have the privilege of certifying pupils who have a rank of 80.

Education as a preparation for life must be based upon the teaching of the right principles of living. Daily citizenship is the message that the high school has for boys and girls, and it must be delivered in no uncertain terms. The application of this principle is seen in the new type of recitation. This is an attempt to teach pupils how to fit into a social group. The old-fashioned recitation, which is too much with us even now, sometimes gave the impression that it was conducted for the good of the teacher rather than the good of the pupil. A recitation in which pupils make distinct, individual contributions towards the accomplishment of a present definite result, is our idea of developing the feeling of social responsibility.

Besides recitation groups the school has its various organizations, athletic associations, class organizations, girls' glee club, dramatic club, debating club, school paper, and basketball teams. In February the dramatic club is to present a play and the proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the athletic association. The work of these organizations will become of increasing importance as their educational value is more fully realized. Here we see life itself just as real as in adult organizations. At present these organizations are handicapped for lack of an assembly hall and gymnasium.

Several new features have been added to the curriculum this year. I wish to call your attention to the work of the fifth period. Three days a week the fifth period is devoted to supervised study. During this period a teacher works with a pupil, not for him, and directs his methods of studying and thinking, so that his daily

preparation will progress to a clear and logical conclusion. On Tuesday, the fifth period is devoted to music, and on Thursday to an assembly or organization work. During November and December our assemblies were in the form of a lyceum conducted by the pupils. The Disarmament Conference was the principal topic for discussion. Our recess period is divided into two parts. Setting-up exercises are required of every pupil. These resemble the army exercises which did so much to develop the raw recruits. After the setting-up exercises, supervised play is conducted, in which the teachers play an active part. The noon hour presents a serious problem which has been solved in part by all pupils being required to eat their lunch in a designated room where a teacher is in charge. Hot cocoa or soup is served. After lunch there is a period of play. 84 pupils remain for lunch.

At present we have seven periods in our school day. It is impossible to do the required school work in a shorter school day. There is also a make-up period from 2.30 to 3.15, at which time pupils who have been absent or whose work is incomplete, have the opportunity to receive help from the teachers and to make up the lost work. At the annual meeting of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools held in Boston, school standards for secondary schools were adopted. The report recommended that teachers of academic subjects should be college graduates; that a school schedule should provide for each teacher one period per day free from class instruction and study hall supervision. In view of this recommendation I record the following relating to our school: one teacher is teaching seven periods per day, and five teachers are teaching six periods a day.

The number of absences and tardiness is altogether too large. Efforts are being made to correct this. The co-operation of the parents in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Every year brings us nearer to the time when teachers may

have the satisfaction of knowing something about the results of their work. Granted that the total products of the school may defy measurement, yet there are many standards that may be used to measure progress in at least a rough way. Tests which show whether a thirteen-year-old pupil has a thirteen-year-old or a ten-year-old intelligence will be welcomed by the teacher, and should be welcomed by the parent. Standard tests of accomplishment will undoubtedly be accompanied by more nearly uniform standards of grading and resultant changes in marking systems. In our school the largest homogeneous mass is the so-called average individual. He belongs to the group who obtain ranks between 70 and 80. There are about as many individuals above the average as below it. Just as there are some pupils above the average who are not in the highest ranking division, so there are those below the average who are not far enough below to be considered failures. Since our system of grading marks all below average as failure, revision is necessary.

The co-operation on the part of the School Committee and the Superintendent is greatly appreciated, and it is to be hoped that it will meet with continued loyalty and good service on the part of the teachers. As teachers we feel that we are here not only to teach but to play an active part in the extra-curriculum activities and the life of the community. This can be obtained by co-operation between the school authorities, the teachers, the pupils, and the parents.

Respectfully submitted,

ELWOOD S. FRASER,

*Principal.*

## Appendix

### CALENDAR, YEAR 1922-1923.

1922

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| March | 24. | Schools close for one week vacation. 12 weeks in term. |
| April | 3.  | All schools re-open.                                   |
| April | 19. | Patriots' Day. Holiday.                                |
| May   | 30. | Memorial Day. Holiday.                                 |
| June  | 23. | All schools close for the summer vacation.             |

#### SUMMER VACATION.

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| September | 6.  | Schools open for the Fall term.                |
| October   | 12. | Columbus Day. Holiday.                         |
| November  | 29. | Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving recess. |
| December  | 4.  | Schools re-open.                               |
| December  | 22. | Schools close for Christmas vacation.          |

1923

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| January  | 2.  | All schools open for second term.    |
| February | 22. | Washington's Birthday. Holiday.      |
| March    | 23. | Schools close for one week vacation. |

#### AGE OF ADMISSION.

No child will be admitted to the first grade at the opening of school in September who will not be five years of age by the first day of October.

Pupils are admitted to this grade only during the first two weeks of school in September, unless they have attended school in some other town.

## VACCINATION.

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present a certificate from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of vaccination or exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

## RESULT OF EYE AND EAR TESTS.

Number of pupils examined	312
Number found defective in eyesight	8
Number found defective in hearing	1
Number of parents or guardians notified	1

## REPORT ON SCHOOL SAVINGS.

Balance in Salem Savings Bank in June, 1921	\$105 11
Deposited during the year ending January, 1922	470 26
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Total	\$575 37
Transferred to individual bank books during the year	464 01
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Balance in the Bank to credit of School, January, 1921	\$111 36
Total number of depositors as of January, 1922	159

REGISTRATION OF PUPILS BY GRADES AND SCHOOLS,  
AS OF DECEMBER, 1912.

Schools	GRADES												Totals
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
			Elementary				Junior High				Senior High		
South	30	27	27	24	23	31	28	31	30	20	16	15	
Center	3	7	5	5	6								
North	7	5	6		3								
East	2	2	4	5	8		5						
West	6	1	1	1		2							
Totals	48	42	43	35	40	33	33	31	30	20	16	15	

SCHOOL CENSUS AS OF APRIL, 1921

Number between five and seven years of age.	Boys.....	39
	Girls.....	36
		75
Number between seven and fourteen years of age:	Boys.....	109
	Girls.....	126
		235
Number between fourteen and sixteen years of age:	Boys.....	25
	Girls.....	26
		51
Total Census.....		361

DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS, JANUARY, 1921

Name	School	Subjects or Grade	Salary	Appointment	Education
Elwood S. Frasier,	High Prin.	Math. and Science	\$2500	1921	University of Maine
Hazel E. Ramer (Mrs.)	High Asst.	Geo., Math. & Sci.	1500	1921	Salem Normal
Agnes Fitzgibbon	"	English	1200	1921	Smith College
Isabella Morrison	"	Latin & Hist.	1200	1921	Rates College
Ruth Lagassee	"	French & Spanish	1200	1921	Smith College
Grace E. McGinley	"	Commercial	1200	1921	Salem Normal
Elizabeth Horan	"	Commercial	1200	1921	Salem Normal
Clara Waldie	Manual Arts		1300	1818	Boston Normal Arts
Janet Spencer	Household Arts		1200	1921	Columbia University
Edna F. Hurlburt (Mrs.)	Junior High	Hist. & Civics	1300	1921	Hyannis Summer
Marion Whelan	"	Arith. & Eng.	1300	1921	Castine Normal
May S. Thatcher (Mrs.)	South School	Grade 6	1275	1921	Lowell Normal
Margaret Batchelder	"	Grade 5	1000	1920	Salem Normal
Marion Joseph	"	Grade 4	900	1921	Salem Normal
Edith M. Fletcher	"	Grade 3	1100	1913	Salem Normal
Helen Weston	"	Grade 2	1250	1917	Fitchburg Normal
Nellie G. Cutting	"	Grade 1	1300	1915	Salem Normal
Edith M. Anderson	Center School	Grade 1-4	1100	1915	Salem Normal
Beatrice W. Holmes (Mrs.)	East School	Grade 5-7	1000	1921	Salem Normal
Marion Smith	East School	Grade 1-4	1000	1917	Hyannis Summer
Gertrude P. Burton (Mrs.)	North School	Grade 1-5	1100	1921	Gloucester Training
Mary Tierney	West School	Grade 1-6	1100	1921	Salem Normal
Alice M. Genthner	Music		540	1920	N. E. Conservatory
Helen M. Grady, R. N.	Nurse		200	1921	Boston City Hospital

# Eleventh Annual Commencement

THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1921

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

OF THE

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 22-23

HAMILTON, MASS.

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*Class Motto*—Aim for the Highest.

*Class Colors*—Blue and Gold.    *Class Flower*—American Beauty.



CLASS ROLL.

EVELYN A. CONRAD

ALICE LOUISE DAY

JOHN ALFRED FOSTER

\*BRADLEY FULLER

GEORGE GIBNEY HARADEN

EVA MABEL HUNTRESS

THERESA MARION LIBBY

\*BESSIE FLORENCE McRAE

RUTH BOYES PERLEY

ALLEN LEE PETERSON

\*MARTHA ELIZABETH PIERCE

\*DOROTHY WOODWARD SMERAGE

WESLEY HUDSON TOWLE

CLASS OFFICERS.

BRADLEY FULLER, *President.*

EVELYN A. CONRAD, *Vice-President.*

DOROTHY W. SMERAGE, *Treasurer.*

JOHN A. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

J. KERRIGAN, *Class Marshal.*

\*Honor Student.

## GRADUATION PROGRAM.

Commencement Hymn—Longfellow's "Psalm of Life."

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB.

Invocation.....REV. RICHARD T. BROEG

Salutatory .....BRADLEY FULLER

Reading—"A Message to Garcia."

(a) "Flower Forget-Me-Not" .....*Giese*(b) "Narcissus" .....*Nevin*

GLEE CLUB.

Essay—"The Trip to Washington".....BESSIE FLORENCE MCRAE

Violin Solo (Selected).....MISS TILLY KAPLAN

Reading—"The Joy of Effort".....EVA MABEL HUNTRESS

Class Prophecy.....DOROTHY WOODWARD SMERAGE

"June Rhapsody".....*Mabel W. Daniels*

GLEE CLUB.

Presentation of Class Gifts.....THERESA MARION LIBBY

(a) "Little Boy Blue".....*Ethelbert Nevin*(b) "Mon Petit Brave Soldat".....*A. E. Richards*

GLEE CLUB.

Valedictory .....MARTHA ELIZABETH PIERCE

Essay—"Necessary Qualities for Service."

Awarding of Diplomas.....CHAIRMAN HAROLD S. MARTIN

Land-Sighting .....*Grieg*

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS.

Benediction .....REV. RICHARD T. BROEG

## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

8 P. M.—Graduation Exercises at Town Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23.

8 P. M.—Senior Reception and Dance at Town Hall.

## RESOURCES

Appropriation by Town	\$40,300 00
Dog Tax	280 11
Total	\$40,580 11

## EXPENDITURES

## GENERAL EXPENSE

School Committee	\$ 101 15
Superintendence and Enforcement of Law:	
Superintendent's salary	1,005 00
Attendance Officer's salary	100 00
Other expenses	27 30
Total	<u>\$1,233 45</u>

## EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries:	
Principal	\$2,440 00
High Assistants	7,880 00
Elementary teachers	14,123 38
Supervisor of Music	480 00
Total	<u>\$24,923 38</u>
Text Books	
High	\$197 62
Elementary	53 22
Total	<u>250 84</u>

## Supplies:

High	\$409 87
Elementary	611 35

Total	<u>                    </u>	\$1,021 22	\$26,195 44
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## EXPENSES OF OPERATION

## Janitor's Wages:

High	\$750 00
Elementary	1,520 00

Total	<u>                    </u>	\$2,270 00
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## Fuel:

High	\$1,229 85
Elementary	1,997 83

Total	<u>                    </u>	\$3,227 68
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## MAINTAINENCE

## Repairs:

High	\$ 930 17
Elementary	1,165 17

Total	<u>                    </u>	\$2,095 34
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## Micellaneous

High	\$476 90
Elementary	433 42

Total	<u>                    </u>	\$910 32	\$8,503 34
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## AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health	\$381 65
Transportation	3,500 00
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Total	\$3,881 65

## MISCELLANEOUS

New Equipment	\$500 78
Sundries	265 12
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	\$765 90

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Total Expenditures		\$40,579 78
Balance unexpended		.33
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Appropriation and Dog Tax		\$40,580 11
Reimbursement from State on teachers' salaries received from income tax		3,502 00
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Actual cost of schools		\$37,078 11

## WEST SCHOOL

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
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## EXPENDITURES

Repairs	\$587 44
Teacher's salary	440 00
Fuel	97 60
Janitor's salary	40 00

School Physician	25 00	
Furnishings	11 93	
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		\$1,201 97
Balance unexpended		298 03
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Appropriation		\$1,500 00

## NEW PORTABLE AND REPAIRS—SOUTH SCHOOL

Appropriation		\$7,000 00
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## EXPENDITURES

Contract, Portable	\$4,800 00	
Plumbing, Portable	875 00	
Plumbing, South School	400 00	
Shingling Contract, South School	925 00	
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		\$7,000 00

## SCHOOL HOUSE INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$1,000 00
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## EXPENDITURES

Insurance	\$692 49	
Balance unexpended	307 51	
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Appropriation		\$1,000 00

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS  
AND TAXATION

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

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REPORT OF AN AUDIT

of

THE ACCOUNTS OF

# The Town of Hamilton

For the Year Ending December 31, 1921

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of Section  
35, Chapter 44, General Laws

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February 15, 1922





THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION.  
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS.  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

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*To the Board of Selectmen, MR. GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman, Hamilton, Massachusetts.*

*Gentlemen :*

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the Town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1921, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division, who was placed in charge of the work.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

*Director of Accounts.*

TNW/EAD



- 19.5 4-cor.; right.  
 21.3 4-cor. at school; left on Lafayette St. Avoid left 22.1.  
 22.3 Salem, Lafayette & Derby Sts. Right on Derby St.  
 HOTEL: Lafayette.  
 RESTAURANT: Grace House Lunch Room.  
 GARAGE: Goodell's.  
 22.5 Hawthorne Blvd., at monument; left. Cross Essex St. 22.6.  
 22.7 End of street, at monument; right and next left on Winter St.  
 23.0 4-cor. at trolley; right on Bridge St.  
 24.0 End of street; right with trolley.
- 24.1 At open square; bear left and next left onto Rantoul St.  
 Ahead at 24.1 is Route 153 to Gloucester.  
 24.5 Beverly, at park. Thru.  
 25.2 End of road; left across RR.  
 26.5 4-cor.; right with trolley.  
 27.5 North Beverly, fork. Left with trolley.  
 29.1 Wenham. Thru.  
 29.9 South Hamilton. Thru.  
 31.0 Hamilton. Thru.  
 35.3 4-cor. at green; left.  
 35.6 Ipswich, at park. Thru.  
 HOTEL: Ye Burnham.  
 36.1 End of road; jog right and left.  
 39.3 Rowley. Thru.

Essex institute (132 Essex street), picture gallery and historical museum, 17th century dwelling and architectural relics in garden in the rear; Peabody museum (161 Essex street), marine, ethnological and natural history collections; Hawthorne birthplace (27 Union street), built before 1685, not open to visitors; Custom House (178 Derby street), built 1819. Hawthorne was surveyor of the port here in 1846-49; his desk is at the Essex institute. "House of Seven Gables" (154 Turner street), built about 1669, admission 25 cents; Witch house (corner Essex and North streets), built before 1675, some preliminary witch examinations took place here; Ropes Memorial (318 Essex street), built 1726, open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 2 to 5, garden in rear; Nichols House (80 Federal street), built 1782, open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 to 5, cards of admission issued at Essex institute. Itinerary describing points of interest and notable houses may be obtained at Essex institute.

An attractive camp is located in Forest River park, South Salem.

Beverly, Mass. (pop. 22,560, alt. 23 ft.), is the home of the famous Cabot family, and of Nathan Dane, principal author of the famous Ordinance of 1787, forever barring slavery from the "Territory Northwest of the Ohio," and the birthplace of Lucy Larcom, authoress. The picturesque seashore from Beverly Harbor along thru Beverly Farms is lined with splendid summer homes, one of them occupied many years by Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Wenham, Mass. (pop. 1,100), is mainly agricultural, but has many fine dwellings and summer residences. Wenham lake, a beautiful sheet of water, 120 acres in area, is the source of the water supply of Beverly and Salem.

Hamilton, Mass. (pop. 800). Rev. Manasch Cutler was ordained here September 11, 1771; and continued his ministry until his death, July 28, 1823. He served as chaplain

in the Revolutionary war. As agent for the Ohio company he secured from Congress the grant of a million acres of land and began the settlement of Marietta in April, 1788, under the lead of Gen. Rufus Putnam.

He was skilled in the practice of medicine, a distinguished botanist, member of many learned societies, and member of Congress for two terms. His residence, a large hip-roofed mansion, still stands near the meeting house.

Ipswich, Mass. (pop. 6,200, alt. near sea-level). Founded in 1634 by John Winthrop, Jr., son of Governor Winthrop, and a considerable colony from England, many of whom were persons of means. The most notable event in its early history was the resistance to the Andros tax in 1687, on the ground that there should be no taxation without representation. Rev. John Wise, minister of the Chebacco Parish, now Essex, and several of the prominent citizens who led in this movement, were imprisoned, fined and deprived of civil liberties.

On the summit of Windmill Hill is the Benjamin Stickney Cable Memorial Hospital, the gift of Richard T. Crane, Jr., a summer resident. The Colonel Wade mansion, was built in 1727. On the triangle near the meeting house of the South church are bronze tablets calling attention to the sites of former famous dwellings.

Choate Bridge, near the Square, a double-arched stone structure, built in 1764, is a fine specimen of old-time architecture. The ancient Whipple House, near the railroad station, the oldest part of which was built before 1638, is now the home of the Ipswich Historical society. It is open to visitors on payment of a small fee.

On old High street is the stately Rogers Manse, built in 1727. Bronze tablets nearby mark the site of the Ipswich homes of the Bradstreets. The Burnham house was built in 1640, being one of the six oldest colonial houses.

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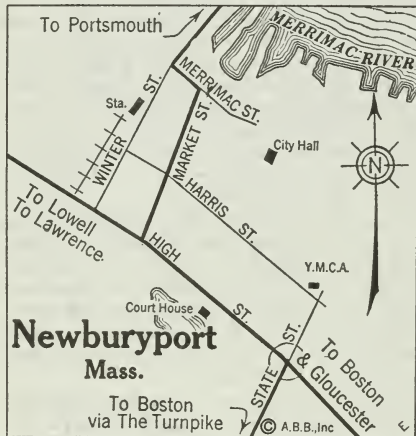
- 43.5 Newbury Old Town. Thru.  
 47.2 Newburyport, High & State Sts. Keep ahead on High St.  
 HOTELS: Garrison Inn; Wolfe Tavern.  
 GARAGE: New Wolfe.  
 47.5 Market St., at church; right.  
 47.9 End of street; left on Merri-  
 mac St. and next right on Win-  
 ter St. Across bridge over Mer-  
 rimac river.

- 49.9 Salisbury, right-hand road.  
 Right with trolley.  
 Ahead at 49.9 is Route 151 to  
 Portsmouth via Inland route.  
 52.1 Salisbury Beach, Mass., 4-cor.  
 at ocean. Left into New Hamp-  
 shire.  
 54.6 Seabrook Beach, N. H. Thru.  
 Cross bridge 54.9.  
 57.1 Hampton Beach. Thru.  
 58.4 Fork; right.  
 61.4 Little Boars Head. Thru.

Newbury Old Town, Mass. (pop. 1,590).  
 Rev. Thomas Parker came to this colony  
 with a company of his friends in 1634, and  
 in the spring they sailed up Plum Island  
 river and landed near the northern end of  
 the present bridge. They began their settle-  
 ment about the "lower green," where a beau-  
 tiful bronze ship now surmounts the slab  
 which bears their names.

Within a few years after the settlement,  
 another village grew up a few miles to the  
 north, at the "upper green," near the Mer-  
 rimac river, where fishing and shipbuilding  
 soon became profitable industries. The meet-  
 ing house was removed to this location, and  
 the "Port" became a populous and wealthy  
 neighborhood.

This quiet old town has made great con-



tributions to the ranks of eminent and useful  
 men. From the Lowells have sprung a famous  
 progeny of jurists, ministers, poets and mer-  
 chants.

Here the first female seminary was opened  
 in 1806, in the building which still bears the  
 name, tho much remodeled and enlarged.  
 Among its graduates were Miss Mary Lyon,  
 founder of Mt. Holyoke college, and Miss  
 Zilpah Grant, principal of the Ipswich semi-  
 nary.

Jacob Perkins, the greatest inventor of his  
 day, made the first cut nails at his mill at  
 Dummer's Falls. Nicholas Pike, the New-  
 bury teacher at the revolutionary period,  
 was the author of the first American arith-  
 metic. Judge William H. Moody, late member  
 of the supreme court of the United States,  
 was of Newbury stock; his grave is in the  
 Byfield burying ground.

Newburyport, Mass. (pop. 15,620, alt. 44 ft.).  
 The early history of Newburyport is identical  
 with that of Newbury, old town, from which  
 it was set off and incorporated in 1764.

The "Chain Bridge" over the Merrimac  
 between Newburyport and Salisbury, the first  
 of its kind in the country (1,030 feet long),  
 was open for travel in 1792. It crosses  
 Deer island in midstream, where Mrs. Harriet  
 Prescott Spofford, the brilliant magazine  
 writer, made her summer home for many  
 years. The Boston & Newburyport turnpike  
 was opened for travel in 1806.

The first vessel to leave the Atlantic sea-  
 board to sail around the Horn during the  
 gold rush in the west sailed from Newbury-  
 port.

William Lloyd Garrison was born and  
 made his home here.

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MR. THEODORE N. WADDELL,  
Director of Accounts,  
Department of Corporations and Taxation,  
State House, Boston.

*Sir :*

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1921, and report thereon as follows :

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined, the reported receipts being checked to original sources and the payments to the selectmen's warrants authorizing disbursements.

The appropriations as entered in the ledger were verified by the town clerk's records of appropriations voted at town meetings, and all transfers were checked to their authorizations by the finance committee.

An analysis of the ledger accounts for the year was made, postings were checked, and footings were proved. A balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1921, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The classification book was examined and checked to the appropriation accounts, and the section showing the expenditures for school purposes was compared with the classification book kept by the school committee.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined. The footings of the cash book were proved, the receipts checked and compared with the accountant's records, and the payments compared with the warrants authorizing them and with the accountant's books. The cash balance at the end of

the year was verified by a reconciliation of the bank account with the bank statement as of December 31, 1921.

The securities and savings bank books representing the investments of the trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked to the accountant's ledger, the income of the funds being verified and the disbursements compared with the accountant's books.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined, the commitments being verified and the abatements checked to the assessors' records of abatements granted.

The cash book was footed and payments of taxes were checked to the commitment books. Payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's books. The collections as shown by the cash book and the commitment books did not agree, and in the tables appended the difference is shown as cash on hand, which was paid to the treasurer on January 11, 1922.

The outstanding accounts were checked by mailing verification notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and several replies were received claiming that payment had been made. On January 30, 1922, these items were checked with the collector's accounts, and a payment of \$2,509.66 was made to the treasurer, which covered the amount of the claims paid and also other collections made subsequent to the audit. Additional notices were then mailed in verification of the accounts outstanding, and as a result accounts, aggregating \$299.25, were admitted as having been paid. This amount was, I presume, paid over to the treasurer on February 5. There are, in addition to those mentioned, claims paid items aggregating \$133.16, which are being investigated.

The findings of the audit indicate negligence and carelessness on the part of the collector, and in the future prompt and accurate accounting should be made by him.

The failure to enter tax payments promptly on both the commitment and the cash book causes an immense amount of checking in making an audit, with a consequent unnecessary expense to the town. The statute provides that a complete settlement should be made with the treasurer as often as once a month. If money due the town is held for a longer period, it adds to the interest payments on temporary loans which must be made in order that the bills of the several departments may be paid when due.

The records of licenses granted, as shown by the town clerk's books, were examined, and the records of fees received were checked to the treasurer's receipts.

The books of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked, and payments of fees to the treasurer were verified.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and bank balances, the transactions and condition of the tax and assessment accounts, and summaries of the trust fund transactions.

For the uniform courtesy received from the several departmental officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,

*Chief Examiner.*

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## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH.

Cash on hand January 1, 1921,	\$22,120.26	
Receipts, 1921,	206,815.10	
	<u>          </u>	\$228,935.36
Payments, 1921,	\$210,301.10	
Cash on hand December 31, 1921,	18,634.26	
	<u>          </u>	\$228,935.36
		<u>          </u>

## RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT.

Merchants National Bank :		
Balance January 31, 1921, per bank statement,		\$20,749.77
Outstanding checks, per list,	\$2,115.51	
Balance December 31, 1921, per check book,	18,634.26	
	<u>          </u>	\$20,749.77
		<u>          </u>

## TAXES—1916.

Outstanding January 1, 1921, per ledger,	\$0.40
Outstanding December 31, 1921, per list,	0.40
	<u>          </u>

## TAXES—1917.

Outstanding January 1, 1921, per ledger,	\$27.96
Payments to Treasurer,	\$ 4.00
Outstanding December 31, 1921, per list,	23.96
	<u>          </u>
	\$2.96
	<u>          </u>



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TAXES—1918.

Outstanding January 1, 1921, per ledger,		\$756.60
Payments to Treasurer,	\$188.55	
Abatements,	1.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1921, per list,	567.05	
	————	\$756.60
		=====

TAXES—1919.

Outstanding January 1, 1921, per ledger,		\$2,199.63
Payments to Treasurer,	\$826.81	
Abatements,	7.93	
Outstanding December 31, 1921, per list,	1,364.89	
	————	\$2,199.63
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TAXES—1920.

Outstanding January 1, 1921, per audit,	\$10,775.42	
Abatement after payment, refunded,	16.00	
	————	\$10,791.42
Payments to Treasurer,	\$5,979.62	
Abatements,	398.80	
Outstanding December 31, 1921, per list,	4,413.00	
	————	\$10,791.49
		=====

TAXES—1921.

Commitment,	\$89,846.08	
Additional Commitment,	790.99	
Over-abatement,	1.00	
Over-payment to Treasurer,	2.00	
	————	\$90,640.07

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Warrant in excess of list,	\$ 22.00	
Payments to Treasurer,	72,520.78	
Abatements,	1,613.79	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1921, per list,	14,523.30	
Cash on hand, paid Treasurer Jan. 11, 1922,	1,960.20	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$90,640.07</u>

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1917.

Outstanding Jan. 1921, per ledger,	\$0.98
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1921, per list,	<u>0.98</u>

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1918.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1921, per ledger,	\$22.01
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1921, per list,	<u>22.01</u>

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1919.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1921, per ledger,		\$53.76
Payments to Treasurer,	\$8.73	
Abatements	.50	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1921, per list,	44.53	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$53.76</u>

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MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1920.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1921, per audit,		\$540.58
Payments to Treasurer,	\$450.16	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1921, per list,	90.42	
	— —	\$540.58

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1921.

Commitment,	\$1,656.72	
Error in commitment,	.70	
	— — — —	\$1,657.42
Payments to Treasurer,	\$1,090.35	
Abatements,	8.45	
Payment to Treasurer credited to interest in error,	4.28	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1921, per list,	545.44	
Cash on hand, paid Treasurer Jan. 11, 1922,	8.90	
	— — — —	\$1,657.42

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND.

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	\$100.17	\$500.00	\$600.17
On hand at end of year	22.92	500.00	522.92
Receipts		Payments	
Income,	\$22.75	Expended,	\$100.00
Cash on hand at be- ginning of year,	*100.17	Cash on hand at end of year,	*22.92
Total,	\$122.92	Total,	\$122.92

## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

## H. A. DODGE LIBRARY FUND.

	Cash	Securities	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	\$52.45	\$1,000.00	\$36.87	\$1,089.32
On hand at end of year,	36.71		1,000.00	1,036.71
	Receipts		Payments	
Sale of securities,	\$1000.00	Deposited in savings		
Premium on sale of securities,	10.00	bank,		\$1,000.00
Withdrawn from bank,	36.87	Expended,		79.40
Income,	16.79	Cash on hand at end of year,		*36.61
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	52.45			
	Total,	\$1,116.11	Total,	\$1,116.11

\*In general cash balance.

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

On hand at beginning of year,		\$7,082.77	\$7,072.78
On hand at end of year,		7,293.09	7,293.09
	Receipts		Payments
Bequests,	\$300.00	Expended for care	
Income,	294.33	of lots,	\$384.01
Withdrawn from Savings Bank,	89.68	Deposited in savings banks,	300.00
	Total,	\$684.01	Total,
			\$684.01

## TOWN OF HAMILTON.

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1921.

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

*Assets.*

Cash in Bank,		\$18,634.26
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1916,	\$ .40	
Levy of 1917,	23.96	
Levy of 1918,	567.05	
Levy of 1919,	1,364.89	
Levy of 1920,	4,413.80	
Levy of 1921,	16,481.50	
	—————	22,851.60
Special Assessments:		
Moth, 1917,	\$ .98	
Moth, 1918,	22.01	
Moth, 1919,	44.53	
Moth, 1920,	90.42	
Moth, 1921,	555.34	
	—————	712.28
Sidewalks, 1921,		185.13
Due from the State—State Aid,		120.00
Overdrawn Appropriations, 1921:		
Highways,	\$925.42	
Willowdale Bridge,	375.78	
	—————	1,301.20
		—————
		\$43,804.47

