

# TOWN OF READING

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## THE ANNUAL REPORT

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OF RECEIPTS  
and EXPENDITURES

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For the Financial  
Year Ending Dec. 31

# 1908











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ANNUAL REPORT

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—FOR THE—

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1908



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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1908--1909

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### Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Fence Viewers

OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Chairman*

GEORGE L. PRATT, *Secretary*

JAMES W. KILLAM

### Assessors

JOHN H. ADDEN, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1910

MILLARD F. CHARLES, *Secretary* . . . " " 1909

MERRICK A. STONE . . . " " 1911

### Town Clerk

MILLARD F. CHARLES

### Treasurer

EDWARD F. PARKER

### Collector of Taxes

MERRICK A. STONE

### Auditors

WM. H. BADGER

EDWARD F. PARKER, JR.

CARL M. SPENCER

### Board of Health

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1909

FREDERICK D. MERRILL, *Secretary* . . . " " 1911

GEORGE L. FLINT . . . " " 1910

## School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	. . .	Term expires 1911
HOWARD W. POOR	. . . .	" " 1911
ELIZABETH H. BROWN	. . . .	" " 1910
HENRY C. PARKER	. . . .	" " 1910
JOHN H. ROBINSON	. . . .	" " 1909
CHARLES A. LORING	. . . .	" " 1909
MELVILLE A. STONE, <i>Supt. of Schools, Sec'y</i>		

## Water Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	. . .	Term expires 1910
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, <i>Secretary</i>	. . .	" " 1909
E. HARLEY GOWING	. . . .	" " 1911

## Municipal Light Board

WILLIAM C. BUCK, <i>Chairman</i>	. . .	Term expires 1910
GEORGE L. FLINT, <i>Secretary</i>	. . .	" " 1909
JAS. M. MAXWELL, JR.	. . . .	" " 1911

## Trustees of Public Library

HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Chairman</i>	. . .	Term expires 1910
CYRUS M. BARROWS, <i>Secretary</i>	. . .	" " 1911
MARION F. DAVIES	. . . .	" " 1911
J. WOODWARD MANNING	. . . .	" " 1910
EDWARD P. GUILD	. . . .	" " 1909
HENRY C. PARKER	. . . .	" " 1909

## Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery

GALEN A. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	. . .	Term expires 1911
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, <i>Supt. and Sec'y</i>	. . .	" " 1909
CHAS. H. STINCHFIELD	. . . .	" " 1911

ALDEN BATCHELDER . . . . .	Term Expires	1910
FRANK L. EDGERLEY . . . . .	“ “	1910
HENRY T. LEAVIS . . . . .	“ “	1909

#### Registrars

MILLARD F. CHARLES, *Clerk*

OWEN McKENNEY

WALTER S. PRENTISS

GEORGE H. CLOUGH

#### Engineers of Fire Department

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

ALBION G. NICHOLS, *Clerk*

#### Superintendent of Fire Alarm

L. T. EAMES

#### Forest Warden

HERBERT E. McINTIRE

#### Deputies

WILLARD A. BANCROFT

JOHN H. WESTON

G. F. BLANCHARD

FRANK W. DAVIS

#### Constables

HERBERT G. STOCK

JOHN STOCK

#### Police

WILLIAM T. LEGGETT, *Chief and Keeper of Lock-up*

WM. H. MANNING

ROBERT POWERS

JOHN M. CULLINANE

## Specials

SAMUEL BROWN	WILLARD A. BANCROFT
JEREMIAH CULLINANE	JASON ZWICKER
ASA PARKER	GUY A. HUBBARD
ARTHUR E. DAVIS	CLEMENT GLEASON
J. MANDE DOUCETTE	HERBERT G. STOCK
OSCAR H. LOWE	WILLIAM J. ALLEN
WALTER P. GLEASON	WILLIAM H. KILLAM
LEMUEL W. ALLEN	WILLIAM C. SMITH
FRANK S. SENNETT	WILLIAM KIDDER
ALDEN W. SENNETT	JOHN STOCK
HERBERT L. BOSQUETT	DAVID J. WHELTON

## Truant Officer

WILLIAM KIDDER

## Superintendent of Streets

LEMUEL W. ALLEN

## Local Superintendent Moth Work

GUY A. HUBBARD

## Keeper of Town Home

HERBERT L. BOSQUETT

## Inspector of Plumbing

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY

## Inspector of Animals, Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK W. PARKER

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors  
EPHRAIM WIGHT

Tree Warden  
GUY A. HUBBARD

Finance Committee

JACOB MITCHELL, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires Dec. 31, 1911
ALDEN BATCHELDER . . . . .	" " " " "
F. E. CRAFTS . . . . .	" " " " "
ADELBERT E. BATCHELDER	" " " " "
F. M. SMITH . . . . .	" " " " "
M. F. CHARLES, <i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	" " Dec. 31, 1910
G. A. PARKER . . . . .	" " " " "
M. A. STONE . . . . .	" " " " "
E. L. LOVEJOY . . . . .	" " " " "
SOLON BANCROFT . . . . .	" " " " "
J. WESLEY DAVIES . . . . .	" " Dec. 31, 1909
JOHN CONNELLY . . . . .	" " " " "
A. NEWELL HOWES . . . . .	" " " " "
FRANK H. NUTTING . . . . .	" " " " "
F. W. B. PRATT . . . . .	" " " " "

Measurers of Wood and Bark

JAMES A. BANCROFT	CHARLES WAKEFIELD
HAROLD F. PARKER	WENDELL BANCROFT
FRED'K WALLACE	PERCY N. SWEETSER

Surveyors of Lumber

JAMES A. BANCROFT	SAMUEL BROWN
WENDELL BANCROFT	JOSEPH W. KILLAM
ORA L. MILBURY	BURTON K. SYMONDS
WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE	EDWARD B. EAMES
WM. R. ZWICKER	GEO. L. FLINT

## Weighers of Coal and Hay

GEO. L. ELLIS	FREEMAN KELSO
CHAS. W. LEE	LUKE McKENNEY
FRED M. PLATTS	WM. H. WHITE
W. IRVING BANCROFT	WM. P. BUCHANAN
WEBSTER EAMES	REUBEN WHITE
WENDELL BANCROFT	PERCY N. SWEETSER

## Field Drivers

ASA PARKER	WILLARD A. BANCROFT
HERBERT G. STOCK	



NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES  
PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

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YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE SECTIONS BELOW TAKEN  
FROM THE REVISED LAWS. — BLANK FORMS FOR RETURN  
OF BIRTHS CAN BE OBTAINED OF THE TOWN CLERK.

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SECTION 3, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

SECT. 3.—Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the month next preceding, at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name of the child if it has any, the sex and color of the child, the name, place of birth and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and the occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate the name of the father shall not be stated, unless at the joint request in writing of both father and mother, which request shall be filed with the returns of births. The fee of the physicians or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported, and shall be paid by the city or town in which the report is made, upon presentation of a certificate from the city or town clerk, stating that said births have been reported in conformity with the requirements of this section. Any physician or midwife neglecting to report such list for ten days after it is due shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

SECT. 6.—Parents and Householders shall within forty (40) days after the date of a birth occurring in his house give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

MILLARD F. CHARLES,  
Town Clerk.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1908

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF PARENTS	OCCUP'N OF FATHER
Jan. 4	Corra Frances McIntire	F	Herbert E. and Cora F. (Hunter) McIntire	Post Office Clerk
Jan. 5	Carl William Butters	M	Carl W. and Margaret A. (McGowan) Butters	Machinist
Jan. 6	Margaret Ellen McKenney	F	Owen and Margaret E. (Kelley) McKenney	Machinist
Jan. 13	Raymond Elmer Nichols	M	Elmer B. and Red E. (Flanders) Nichols	Shipper
Jan. 14	Florence Agnes Doucette	F	Alexander C. and Rose (Munsel) Doucette	Stone Mason
Jan. 24	Wilfred Pierce Eaton	M	Wilfred P. and Ruth (Stone) Eaton	Brakeman
Jan. 29	Kathleen Louise Hussey	F	Richard B. and Mary L. (Pratt) Hussey	Electrical Engineer
Feb. 3	Mildred Louise Campbell	F	Donald and Annie E. (Burke) Campbell	Fisherman
Feb. 4	—Meuse	F	Edward F. and Florence M. Meuse	Clerk
Feb. 11	Elizabeth Nutter	F	Fred L. and Mabel L. (Bennett) Nutter	Clerk
Feb. 24	Rose Harriet Hatch	F	Horace and Sarah (White) Hatch	Painter
Feb. 27	Harold Forrest Safford	M	DeForest L. and Mary D. (Goodhue) Safford	Farmer
Feb. 28	Marshall Henderson Williams	M	Arthur E. B. and Irene M. (Gordon) Williams	Mill Hand
Feb. 29	John Henry Tait	M	Joseph M. and Lottie M. (Stock) Tait	Motorman
Mch. 4	Bernice Margaret Doucette	F	George L. and Grace E. (Rochambeau) Doucette	Letter Carrier
Mch. 4	William Harold Murphy	M	William J. and Xavier (Waher) Murphy	Motorman
Mch. 4	Alva Claire Waldron	F	Edward P. and Edna L. (Clough) Waldron	Pipe Insurance Inspec.
Mch. 5	Ellsworth Webster Kingman	M	Chester E. and Mary A. (Welch) Kingman	Bookkeeper
Mch. 8	William Henry Leach	M	George B. and Esther (Mills) Leach	Laborer
Mch. 8	Ada Dorothy Leach	F	George B. and Esther (Mills) Leach	Laborer
Mch. 10	Russell Milton Brown	M	Valace B. and Nettie M. (McFarland) Brown	Real Estate
Mch. 15	Frank Henry Meyerhoefer	M	Frank and Flora (Rothier) Meyerhoefer	Tinsmith
Mch. 20	Mary Esther Doucette	F	James A. and Mary (Hubbard) Doucette	Carpenter
Mch. 24	Richard Francis Cummings	M	Dennis F. and Mary H. (Connelly) Cummings	Box Maker
Mch. 31	Elizabeth Marion Smyth	F	Alexander and Hattie B. (Potter) Smyth	Conductor
Apr. 3	Stephen Henry Saunders	M	John W. and Lillian (Passingham) Saunders	Carpenter
Apr. 11	Robert Swett Stevens	M	Frank W. and Sarah C. (Bell) Stevens	Adv. Contractor
Apr. 18	Gerald Emery Marshall	M	Henry P. and Mary L. (Boyers) Marshall	Bookkeeper
Apr. 28	Paul Edward Clement	M	Thomas and Emma (Bacon) Clement	Gate Tender
May 8	Nora Desmond	F	Daniel J. and Nora (Driscoll) Desmond	Gardener
May 16	Herbert Dalton Anderson	M	John and Ethel M. (Hutchinson) Anderson	Farmer
May 18	Mary Virginia White	F	James and Margaret (Jacquard) White	Carrier
May 19	Bertha Elizabeth Bryden	F	Henry W. and Edith M. (Fillmore) Bryden	Organ Pipe Worker
May 21	Phyllis Robinson	F	Elmer H. and Helen (Eyre) Robinson	Electrical Engineer
May 23	Herbert Arnold Stock	M	Herbert G. and Maud (Henry) Stock	Contractor
May 24	Robert Templeton Lane	M	Electus G. and Aroline F. (Eving) Lane	Plumber
May 25	Arthur Damon Stratton	M	Charles E. and Carrie (Sias) Stratton	Shoe Maker
May 26	Dennis Anthony Doucette	M	James A. and Elizabeth (Smith) Doucette	Engineer
May 30	Louise Briggs	F	Edward W. and Edith H. (Neal) Briggs	Bookkeeper

June 11	Irving Riddlon Verrill	M	Frank and Carrie (Riddlon) Verrill	Machinist
June 15	James Brogan	M	Thomas J. and Alice (White) Brogan	Rubber Worker
June 17	Allen Richmond Maxwell	M	James and Alice (Chadwick) Maxwell	Electrician
June 20	Gordon Henry Libby	M	Arthur A. and Florence A. (Hunt) Libby	Dentist
June 24	Oliver Moulton Wade, 3d	M	Oliver M. and Agnes W. (Copeland) Wade	Salesman
July 5	Ira David Keizer	M	Horace B. and Flora L. (Batchelder) Keizer	Landscape Gardener
July 6	Dorothy Elizabeth Stark	F	D. and Mary (McGowan) Stark	Shoemaker
July 7	Bethina Orlolie Mears	F	Ralph L. and Florence L. (Chase) Mears	Clerk
July 7	Richard Wakefield Adams	M	Richard A. and Helen L. (Wakefield) Adams	Fireman
July 9	George Raymond Doucette	M	Simon J. and Annie (Carty) Doucette	Carpenter
July 11	Fletcher Nichols Eames	M	Harry E. and Florence D. (Nichols) Eames	Mail Carrier
July 12	Beatrice Mildred Blake	F	Charles A. and Elva J. (Coates) Blake	Grocery Clerk
July 14	Minnie Priscilla Barrett	F	Stanley M. and Jennie M. (Murphy) Barrett	Conductor
July 17	William Lawrence Manning	M	William J. and Dorothy K. (Fowler) Manning	Horse Trainer
July 17	Arthur Ernest Marchetti	M	James and May (Barolin) Marchetti	Mill Hand
July 20	Grace Kelso	F	Freeman and Margaret (Coyne) Kelso	Iceman
July 21	—Cail		Frederick W. and Mary E. (MacMichael) Cail	Machinist
July 24	Samuel Adams Crosby	M	Samuel A. and Gladys (Pierce) Crosby	Engineer
July 28	Gertrude Elizabeth Porter	F	Lorrie F. and Margaret (Connelly) Porter	Carpenter
July 29	Alden Brooks Dewey	M	Edgar O. and Bertha U. (Brooks) Dewey	Bookkeeper
July 29	George Wilfred Muise	M	Mark and Theresa Muise	Sailor
Aug. 2	Phyllis Roberts Clark	F	Joseph R. N. and Armina J. (Smith) Clark	Cashier
Aug. 4	Jeanette Underwood	F	William T. W. and Edith (Barrows) Underwood	Salesman
Aug. 7	Albert Howard Morse	M	Merton C. and Lillian C. (Marr) Morse	Night Watchman
Aug. 7	Albert Foote	M	John M. and Florence (Richards) Foote	Florist
Aug. 11	Helen May White	F	John W. and Abbie E. (McIntire) White	Moth Worker
Aug. 14	Arthur Anthony Conti	M	Frank and Elenora (Fiorani) Conti	Foreman
Aug. 14	William James Gaw	M	William and Ella L. (Waters) Gaw	Motorman
Aug. 20	Elizabeth Cavis Berry	F	Henry E. and Marion P. (Copeland) Berry	Chemist
Aug. 20	Barbara Catherine Gray	F	Frank E. and Catherine R. (Alger) Gray	Shoe Cutter
Sept. 3	Olive Campbell Lepper	F	George A. and Raehael (Leampman) Lepper	Messenger
Sept. 4	Richard Lowell Burrage	M	Alva and Louise (Eames) Burrage	Civil Engineer
Sept. 8	Arnold Melvin Bemis	M	Eugene M. and Ella M. (Booker) Bemis	Telegraph Operator
Sept. 11	Niles Pierpont	M	William P. and Kathryn C. (Hemion) Pierpoint	Clerk
Sept. 17	Beula Murry Sias	F	James W. and Janie M. (Straton) Sias	Jineman
Sept. 17	Margaret Emily Babine	F	Louis C. and Mary (Muse) Babine	Advertising Agent
Sept. 18	John Wilson Stanley	M	Duncan A. and Mary E. (Wilson) Stanley	Coachman
Sept. 20	Eloise Darling Frazer	F	Lorou D. and Lena (Logan) Frazer	Clerk
Sept. 22	Alfred Elmer Goodwin	M	Alfred E. and Mary C. (Randall) Goodwin	Organ Pipe Worker
Sept. 22	Charles Lennon	M	Charles E. and Elizabeth M. (Whall) Lennon	Motorman

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Oct. 9	Albert Cleaves Hodson	M	Alexander W. and Delia (Converse) Hodson	Painter
Oct. 9	Jennie Melanson	F	William G. and Lydia M. (LeBlanc) Melanson	Carpenter
Oct. 11	Elvy Frances Parker	F	Frank W. F. and Ethel F. (Downing) Curless	Chengymnan
Oct. 17	Ruth Arvilla Merrill	F	George A. and Flora H. (Gould) Forbes	Auditor
Oct. 17	Mildred Louise Curless	F	Frank A. and Mabel B. (Jones) Butters	Engraver
Oct. 19	Virginia Gould Forbes	F		Salesman
Oct. 25	Edna Irene Butters	F		Carpenter
Nov. 1	Gladys Cecelia Frotton	F	Fred and Mary (Doucette) Frotton	Stone Worker
Nov. 5	Dorothy Richmond Hadley	F	Walter L. and Annie L. (Morton) Hadley	Motorman
Nov. 6	Harland Jefferson Hook	M	Roscoe J. and Gertrude E. (Margeson) Hook	Stable Keeber
Nov. 10	Walter Hamilton Brennan	M	John G. and Sarah L. (Hamilton) Brennan	Ass't Organ Builder
Nov. 11	Elizabeth Shapleigh Mercer	F	James R. and Agnes B. (Hodson) Mercer	Fireman
Nov. 21	Annie Santos	F	Louis and Isabel (Jacintha) Santos	Mill Hand
Nov. 25	John Edward Ingalls	M	George J. and Mary H. (Mellen) Ingalls	Shipper
Nov. 28	Ruth Evelyn Wood	F	Frank P. and Mabel E. (Tarbox) Wood	Shoe Maker
Dec. 10	Grace Quinlan	F	Thomas H. and Annie (Kelley) Quinlan	Engineer
Dec. 11	Alice Gladys Shaw	F	Jos. C. and Mary A. (Palmer) Shaw	Foreman
Dec. 14	Helen Christina Reed	F	Charles A. and Lena (Tufts) Reed	Engineer
Dec. 16	Leslie Chester Pratt	M	Harrison C. and Ada V. (Hall) Pratt	Naval Draughtsman
Dec. 19	Hazel Irma Morrison	F	Herbert E. and Lila A. (Strong) Morrison	Conductor
Dec. 24	Norma Gertrude Judkins	F	Charles C. and Alice G. (Lewis) Judkins	Box Manufacturer
Dec. 25	Evelyn Mildred Batchelder	F	Charles and Mabel (Mears) Batchelder	Conductor
Dec. 28	Gaw	F	James and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Gaw	Motorman
Dec. 30	Helen Genevra Muise	F	James H. and Jane (Hubbard) Muise	Machinist
1907				
Jan. 19	Amy Garland Bryant	F	William C. and Jessie (Garland) Bryant	Lumber Dealer
Jan. 20	Harry Edmond Muse	M	James H. and Jennie (Hubbard) Muse	Machinist
Feb. 7	Myrtle Irene Brenton	F	George F. and William (Hughes) Brenton	Farmer
Aug. 27	Esther May Stacy	F	Herbert L. and Mary (Gillman) Stacy	Laborer
Aug. 27	Ruth Heselton	F	Albert G. and Gertrude (Smith) Heselton	Clerk
Sept. 18	Richard Partridge Clark	M	George A. and Ella A. (Partridge) Clark	Landscape Gardener
1906				
Oct. 10	Margaret Lepper	F	George A. and Rachel A. (Lamman) Lepper	Express Messenger
Oct. 24	Helen Elizabeth Symonds	F	Burton K. and Alice E. (Abbott) Symonds	Box Manufacturer
1893				
Aug. 21	Perley Snell Thurston	M	Jerome S. and Mattie (Blabon) Thurston	Laborer
1892				
July 4	Mildred Verna Perkins	F	Aaron T. and Clara B. (Trask) Perkins	Fish Dealer

Whole Number of Births, 119; Males, 59, Females, 60. Nativity of Parents: Fathers born in the United States, 81; Mothers born in the United States, 71; Fathers Foreign born, 37; Mothers Foreign born, 49.





# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1908

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF PARENTS	BY WHOM MARRIED
Jan. 1	Victory Leet	23	Surveyor	Greenville, Maine.	John and Sarah (Wheaten) Leet	Fred B. Fisher, Clergyman
Jan. 16	Maud Wry	20	Baker	New Brunswick	Clarence and Christie (Leet) Wry	W. C. Myers, Minister
Jan. 16	Leverett D. Foote	37	At Home	Billtown, N. S.	James W. and Mary (Graves) Foote	Reading, Mass.
Jan. 16	Evelyn (Borthwick) Nichols	30	Salesman	Lawrence, Mass.	John W. and Mary J. (McKinley) Borthwick	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
Jan. 25	Stuart McKenzie	25	At Home	Chelsea, Mass.	John and Mary F. (Buckley) McKenzie	Reading, Mass.
Jan. 21	Geneva Herbinette Danforth	21	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Alfred W. and Alice A. (Eaton) Danforth	Reading, Mass.
Jan. 30	Thomas Joseph Fitzpatrick	35	Teamster	Cambridge, Mass.	Michael and Margaret (Dunleavy) Fitzpatrick	Reading, Mass.
Jan. 30	Margaret Nora Cullinane	30	Necktie Stitcher	Reading, Mass.	Jeremiah and Catherine (Minahan) Cullinane	Reading, Mass.
Feb. 1	Harrison C. Pratt	31	Draughtsman	North Reading, Mass.	Charles S. and Helen A. (Collins) Pratt	Austin Rice, Minister
Feb. 9	Ada V. Hall	21	Teacher	Wakefield, Mass.	T. Leslie and Marietta (Fogge) Hall	Wakefield, Mass.
Feb. 9	Fred Edward Muse	21	Blacksmith	Yarmouth, N. S.	James H. and Genevieve (Hubbard) Muse	Edgar B. Enos, Rector
Mar. 2	Mary White	20	Mill Hand	Reading, Mass.	Joseph and Elizabeth (Froton) White	Troy, N. Y.
Mar. 2	Stevens Douders	30	Fruit Dealer	Italy	Giuseppe and Teresa Douders	Denise F. Lee, Priest
Mar. 2	Aurelia Bacigalupo	27	Clerk	Boston, Mass.	John and Mary (Cassassa) Bacigalupo	Reading, Mass.
Mar. 2	Peter J. White	39	Laborer	Yarmouth, N. S.	John and Annie White	John D. Colbert, Clergyman
Mar. 24	Amelia (Hatfield) Malonson	36	Mill Hand	Yarmouth, N. S.	Charles and Eunice (White) Hatfield	Wakefield, Mass.
Mar. 24	Rev. Almond Barrelle	61	Insurance	So. Hartford, N. Y.	Washington and Joanna (Prindte) Barrelle	W. T. McElveer, Clergyman
Mar. 24	Adelaide E. (Gage) Simmons	62	Housewife	Nashua, N. H.	Charles F. and Matilda A. (Baker) Gage	Boston, Mass.
Apr. 6	Joseph Wood Whittaker	46	Clerk	Medford, Mass.	James L. and Martha E. (Hathaway) Whittaker	W. C. Myers, Minister
Apr. 13	Angie May (Rudolph) Moulton	39	Stitcher	Middleton, Mass.	John T. and Sarah S. (Marshall) Rudolph	Reading, Mass.
Apr. 20	John E. Mansfield	25	Laborer	Westfield, N. S.	George E. and Asenath (Tupper) Mansfield	Frank W. Padelford, Minister
Apr. 20	Bessie Skidmore	19	Necktie Worker	Brown's Brook, N. S.	Thomas and Mary (Bentley) Skidmore	Lynn, Mass.
Apr. 29	John H. Doucette	27	Painter	Nova Scotia	Gleason and Jennie (Clemons) Doucette	Denise E. Lee, Priest
Apr. 29	Laura White	22	Knitting Mill Opera 've	Reading, Mass.	Joseph and Elizabeth (Froton) White	Reading, Mass.
Apr. 29	Wilbur Smith Sias	25	Fremar	Boxford, Mass.	John S. and Mary E. (Gerry) Sias	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
Apr. 29	Blanche Inez Nichols	22	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Albion G. and Jessie B. (Pendergrace) Nichols	Reading, Mass.
May 3	William Lars Larsen	22	Roofer	Plymouth, Mass.	Sophious P. and Mary E. (Richmond) Larsen	W. Sherman Thompson, Minister
May 3	Esther Ada McDonald	20	Necktie Factory	Wilmington, Mass.	Arthur P. and Sarah E. (Smith) MacDonald	Somerville, Mass.
June 1	Elmer R. Sanborn	51	Meat Dealer	Louisville, N. Y.	Reuben E. and Julie E. (Allen) Sanborn	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
June 1	Annie M. Buckminster	45	Stenographer	Charlestown, Mass.	Edward F. and Sarah M. (McIntire) Buckminster	Reading, Mass.
June 1	Frank E. Lind	26	Florist	Cambridge, Mass.	Charles A. and Augusta (Blowgrene) Lind	James Todd, Clergyman
June 1	Alice Mabel Burnside	26	Type Inspector	Cambridge, Mass.	Robert and Margaret (Wilkie) Burnside	Boston, Mass.
June 1	Edward Boyd Stewart	26	Salesman	Moncton, N. B.	Spencer G. and Ella M. (Boyd) Stewart	Frank B. Cressey, Minister
June 1	Vera May Bates	26	Teacher	Weymouth, Mass.	Alexander K. P. and Clarissa D. (Hanson) Bates	Weymouth, Mass.
June 6	Elbridge C. Merrill	29	Receiving Teller	Reading, Mass.	Clarence E. and Jennie T. (Lovejoy) Merrill	Austin Rice, Minister
June 6	Lillian Mason Scovell	31	Teacher	Charlestown, Mass.	George H. and Caroline (Mason) Scovell	Wakefield, Mass.

June 15	Stephen Franklin Wadsworth	28	Clerk	Boston, Mass.	George F. and Rachel E. (Southern) Wadsworth	Winfred C. Rhoades, Minister Koxbury, Mass.
June 17	Clara Juliette Lavery	20	At Home	Lawrenceville, N. Y.	Robert A. and Fannie L. (Davis) Lavery	Alexander Mitchell, Clergyman Providence, R. I.
June 19	Janie Winthrop Sias	26	Lineman	Boxford, Mass.	Edward and Amelia (Dobson) Sinton	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
June 19	Rowland Howard Watts	23	At Home	Newton, N. H.	George G. and Isabelle T. (Curtis) Watts	James J. Brogan, Priest Woburn, Mass.
June 21	Clara Beatrice Simpson	34	Teacher	Hampton, N. H.	Edward and Laura (Tuttle) Simpson	Rufus S. Chase, Rector Wakefield, Mass.
June 21	John Edward Riley	19	At Home	Framingham, Mass.	Patrick and Margaret (McKee) Riley	William H. Parker, Minister Reading, Mass.
June 24	Mary Elizabeth Guinan	26	R. R. Employe	Manchester, England	Simon M. and Cora (Tolman) Marshall	S. A. Ross, Minister Pawtucket, R. I.
June 24	Douglas Baker Marshall	25	At Home	Wakefield, Mass.	Richard and Elizabeth (Hall) Bennett	J. M. Wynnian, Minister Foxboro, Mass.
June 24	Alice Bennett	27	Salesman	Medford, Mass.	Charles F. and Elizabeth (Harrison) Brown	James A. Perry, Minister Wolcott, N. Y.
June 24	Arthur Harrison Brown	27	At Home	Lowell, Mass.	Edward S. and Lucy S. (Williams) Kenney	Howard W. Wilkinson, Clergyman Wakefield, Mass.
June 29	Nellie Abigail Kenney	31	Patent Attorney	Reading, Mass.	Irving and Margaret (Wilson) Avery	Willard H. Dyas, Minister Waltham, Mass.
June 29	Frederick Lincoln Avery	22	At Home	Worcester, Mass.	Alexander and Annie (Johnson) Stevenson	John J. Harrington, Priest Reading, Mass.
June 29	Elizabeth Stevenson	17	Draughtsman	Lynn, Mass.		William H. Parker, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
July 2	Joseph B. Walsh	21	Insurance Agent	McCook, Neb.	John F. and Catherine (Broughton) Walsh	Jesse Hill, Clergyman Portland, Me.
July 2	Greta Joanna Bell	20	At Home	Block Island, R. I.	Macy and Marion A. (Sands) Ball	W. C. Myers, Minister Reading, Mass.
July 2	Fred J. Thorn	29	Shipper	Wilton, N. Y.	Jerre B. and Catherine (Hains) Thorn	Henry G. Gav, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
July 7	Harriet A. Perry	30	Dressmaker	South Wilton, N. Y.	Gardner and Lida A. (Dunbar) Perry	John W. Ward, Clergyman Salem, Mass.
July 7	Brenton M. Phinney	22	Express Driver	Wakefield, Mass.	David A. and Sarah J. (McNeil) Phinney	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
July 7	Hattie Johnson	21	At Home	No. Reading, Mass.	Frank L. and Marcella (Coburn) Jonsson	William H. Trickey, Clergyman Tilton, N. H.
Aug. 19	Frederick H. Parker	59	Expressman	Reading, Mass.	Henry F. and Luthera (Emerson) Parker	
Aug. 21	Helen H. Jenkins	54	Milliner	Cornville, Maine	Chandler D. and Sophronia (Malbon) Robinson	
Aug. 21	John Gordon Brennan	23	Church Organ Builder	Boston, Mass.	John D. and Mary A. (Kilmartin) Brennan	
Aug. 21	Sarah Louise Hamilton	21	Clerk	East Boston, Mass.	Robert and Margaret J. (McClaskery) Hamilton	
Sept. 1	Sydney Cassey	26	Electrical Engineer	Birmingham, Eng.	James and Clara C. (Darby) Cassey	
Sept. 8	Elizabeth Augusta Choate	22	Bookkeeper	Reading, Mass.	Fitzherbert and Ella M. (Melendy) Choate	
Sept. 8	Harold Hewes Boardman	21	Bank Clerk	Chelmsford, Mass.	Eugene S. and Sophia E. (Hewes) Boardman	
Sept. 12	Mildred Goward Chandler	20	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Alfred D. and Almira A. (Goward) Chandler	
Sept. 14	Clinton L. Newell	29	Laundryman	Reading, Mass.	Benjamin F. and Lydia M. (Lovejoy) Newell	
Sept. 14	Alice M. Atcherson	29	Nurse	Westminster, Vt.	Byron F. and Eva S. (Farwell) Atcherson	
Sept. 14	George H. Luscomb	27	Box Maker	Danvers, Mass.	Thomas and Olive M. (Wilson) Luscomb	
Sept. 19	Florence A. Eaton	18	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Franklin P. and Hannah (Millbury) Eaton	
Sept. 19	Lewis Foster	29	Carpenter	Casco, Maine	Edward P. and Clara H. (Leighton) Foster	
Sept. 21	Myrtle Balsor	28	Clerk	Kings Co., N. S.	Wallace and Sophia (Wheeleock) Balsor	
Sept. 21	Albert Edwin Sargent	26	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Geo. A. and Josephine (Nichols) Sargent	
Sept. 26	Emily Augusta Thompson	27	Reporter	Stonham, Mass.	Charles and Georgianna (Derby) Thompson	
Sept. 26	Richard J. Walsh	21	At Home	Lions, Kan.	Joseph H. and Elizabeth (Haslam) Walsh	
Sept. 30	Ruby Hopkins Abbott	23	At Home	Fall River, Mass.	George E. and Josephine (Kingsman) Abbott	
Sept. 30	Edwin F. Field	20	Compounder	Chelsea, Mass.	Fred M. and Lillian F. (Hutchins) Field	
Sept. 30	Nellie C. Jones	22	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	J. Dexter and Julia A. (Haley) Jones	
Sept. 30	Charles E. Stevens	52	Watchman	Bedford, N. H.	Elijah C. and Julia A. (Barr) Stevens	
Sept. 30	Rose B. Sicles	41	Housekeeper	West Campton, N. H.	George M. and Sarah J. (Blaisdell) Ward	

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1908

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF PARENTS	BY WHOM MARRIED
Oct. 1	Harcid V. Palmer	27	Paper Business	Reading, Mass.	Edward H. and Emily M. (Viall) Palmer	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
Oct. 2	Hattie A. Bradish	25	Clerk	Malden, Mass.	John J. and Harriett L. (Leslie) Bradish	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 4	William MacMonagle	41	Shoe Worker	Moncton, N. B.	Fred and Ruth (White) MacMonagle	W. W. Hains, Clergyman
Oct. 12	May Paris	37	Housekeeper	Haverhill, Mass.	Fred and Ida (Legalt) Sebernt	Chelsea, Mass.
Oct. 12	John E. Hurteau	21	Teamster	Lawrence, Mass.	Harry and Mary (Young) Hurteau	Henry G. Gay, Clergyman
Oct. 14	Mary A. Hamilton	19	Mill Operative	Lawrence, Mass.	William and Margaret (James) Hamilton	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 14	Thomas O'Donnell	27	Rubber Turner	Winchester, Mass.	Hugh and Catherine (Duffy) O'Donnell	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 14	Mary Tobin	25	Operative, Andover	Andover, Mass.	John and Catherine (MacGowan) Tobin	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 14	Fred P. Heath	22	Hotel	Malden, Mass.	Geo. E. and Anna F. (Stubbard) Heath	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 15	Beatrice M. Batchelder	26	At Home	Lexington	Ira F. and Annie (Drenan) Batchelder	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 15	Frank Laurie	31	Carpenter	Tatamagouche, N. S.	Peter and Marie (Creselman) Hutchison	South Boston, Mass.
Oct. 15	Ella Hutchinson	27	At Home	Musquodoboit, N. S.	Samantha and Janie (Creselman) Hutchison	South Boston, Mass.
Oct. 28	Jesse Whitman Morton	28	Lawyer	Malden, Mass.	Whitman R. and Stella C. (Woodruff) Morton	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 28	Marion Addie Hoves	25	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Andrew N. and Lillian F. (Gray) Hoves	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 28	Walter Cram Myers	42	Clergyman	Kingston, N. Y.	Abram and Martha (Osternout) Myers	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 28	Jennie Florence Meins	42	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Walter K. and Jane (Cooper) Meins	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 30	Arthur Bliss Esterbrook	33	Receiving Clerk	Reading, Mass.	John G. and Araminta J. (Richardson) Esterbrook	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 30	Abbie Wylie Dodge	23	Companion	East Boothbay, Me.	George E. and Martha (Seavay) Dodge	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 4	William H. Vanhon	24	Express Driver	Baltimore, Md.	William H. and Rachel (Tracy) Vanhon	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
Nov. 4	Dora E. Morrison	25	At Home	Boston, Mass.	William H. and Mary A. (King) Morrison	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 5	Archie L. Cochrane	26	Brakeman	Canton, N. Y.	Silas W. and Ellen (Bulls) Cochrane	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 5	Bertha M. Fisher	19	Necktie Stitchee	Plymouth, N. H.	Charles S. and Ella A. (Streeter) Fisher	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 6	Oliver W. Austin	59	Machinist	South Berwick, Me.	John and Mary (Knight) Austin	E. B. Marshall, Clergyman
Nov. 6	Anna Sophia (Langdon) Alger	48	At Home	Wilbraham, Mass.	William T. and Katherine Bliss (Jenks) Langdon	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 11	Mabel Ellen Stickney	21	Elevator Attendant	Ipswich, Mass.	Arthur H. and Margaret E. (Chapelle) Jean	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 11	Alvin F. Perkins	25	Clerk	Haverhill, Mass.	Rufus H. and Myra A. (Morse) Stickney	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 11	Marie W. Larson	26	Domestic	Sweden	Franklin J. and Mary J. (Bradley) Perkins	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 14	Joseph H. Westcott	42	Machinist	Medford, Mass.	Erick J. and Sarah A. (Lundquist) Larson	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 14	Helen B. Erskine	23	At Home	Winchester, Mass.	J. H. and Anna M. (Chase) Westcott	Brookline, Mass.
Dec. 2	Grover C. Eaton	22	Fireman	No. Reading, Mass.	Walter D. and Annebelle (Chandler) Eaton	Henry G. Gay, Minister
Dec. 2	Nellie J. Balsor	24	Operative	Grafton, N. S.	Wallace and Sophia (Wheelock) Balsor	Reading, Mass.
Dec. 5	George J. Waters	21	Clerk	Jamaica Plain, Mass.	James A. and Nellie (Toole) Waters	Wm. T. O'Connor, Clergyman
Dec. 22	Margaret Keady	23	Operative	Wakfield, Mass.	Michael and Kate (Hennessey) Keady	Cambridge, Mass.
Dec. 22	Frank Herbert Heselton	24	Silk Cutter	Reading, Mass.	Herbert R. and Charlotte E. (Hayes) Heselton	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
Dec. 25	Ellen Franklin Stone	25	At Home	New York City, N. Y.	George F. and Josephine H. (Elwell) Stone	Reading, Mass.
Dec. 31	Patrick Burke	40	Housework	Roscommon, Ireland	Michael and Mary (Moran) Burke	Reading, Mass.
Dec. 31	Elizabeth Jack	42	Housework	St. Johns, N. F.	James C. and Elizabeth (Crute) Jack	Reading, Mass.

Whole number of marriages, 57. Nativity of persons married: Born in United States, Males 45; Females, 48; born out of United States, Males, 12; Females, 9.





# DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1908

DATE	NAME	Y	M	D	PARENTS OR HUSBAND	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH
Jan. 9	Lydia B. Manning	68	3	19	Abiel and Mary L. (Felt) Chandler	Lobar Pneumonia
" 12	Elmira B. Weston	93	4	20	Joseph and Sally Perkins	Palsy and Old Age
" 16	Anna Quinlan	0	4	0	Thomas H. and Annie (Kelley) Quinlan	Marasmus
" 17	James Wilson	80	9	2	Andrew and Nancy (Crawford) Wilson	General Debility
" 19	Laura Parker	71	7	17	Levi and Betsy (Tapley) Parker	Broncho-Pneumonia
" 22	Appleton Mansfield	0	7	1	Arthur N. and Frances (Smith) Mansfield	Shock
" 24	Elizabeth Stillings	83	0	0	Samuel and Mary (Brackett) Stillings	Pneumonia
" 25	Mary A. Pears	89	8	17	Jonathan and Phoebe Sheldon	Old Age and Cer. Hemorrhage
" 29	Margaret H. Hopkinson	76	0	0	Uriah H. Hopkinson	Parasitis
" 30	Forest Sylvester	61	1	0	Daniel and Catherine (Maguire) Shea	Pneumonia
" 30	Susan Cummings	0	2	19	Fred L. and Addie M. (Hancock) Sylvester	Convulsions
" 31	Eneline A. Parker	72	8	15	John and Mary (Nason) Murphy	Phtisis
" 31	Eneline A. Parker	86	1	25	Benjamin and Hannah (Weston) Pratt	Inflammation of the Bladder
Feb. 2	Rodney L. P. Stark	2	3	27	Burdett and Mary (McGowan) Stark	Gastro-Enteritis
" 9	Mary M. Catter	55	0	0	Winfield Catter	Malignant Endocarditis
" 14	Harry Muse	1	1	0	James H. Muse	Pneumonia
" 20	Mary Elizabeth Swan	72	4	23	George and Elizabeth C. (Ramsdell) Swan	Endocarditis
" 23	Mark A. LeFave	1	5	17	Reuben J. and Annie (Surrette) LeFave	Tubercular Meningitis
" 25	Helen R. MacKillop	2	11	22	John C. and Annie (MacColl) MacKillop	Broncho-Pneumonia
" 26	James Driscoll	85	0	0	Cornelius and Catherine (Crimmus) Driscoll	Old Age
Mar. 3	Mary E. (Jackson) Mudgett	42	0	7	John H. Mudgett	Cancer of Rectum
" 7	Ellsworth W. Kingman	0	0	2	Chester E. and Minnie (Welch) Kingman	Meningitis
" 8	Infant Deal	0	0	2	Wellington L. and Maud (McIntire) Deal	Congenital Heart Disease
" 8	Irving H. Gleason	1	6	4	Frank E. and Eva F. (Hodson) Gleason	Accidental Burn
" 10	James Mahoney	0	2	10	Daniel and Mary (Geddes) Mahoney	Convulsions
" 14	John W. Doucette	1	7	5	Alexander and Rose (Muse) Doucette	Tuberculous
" 14	Solomon A. Rich	43	4	12	Solomon and Jeremah (Newcomb) Rich	Cerebral Tumor, Hemiplegia
" 16	Andrew L. Hodgman	70	3	21	John and Louise (Simpsom) Hodgman	Cardiac
" 23	Russell M. Brown	0	14	14	Valence B. and Addie (McFarland) Brown	Pemphigus-Tetanus
" 24	Charles Scott	82	7	11	Joel and Elizabeth (Hall) Scott	Old Age, Endocarditis
" 26	Clara M. Adams	77	6	25	Simon and Mary U. (Parke) Adams	Bronchitis & Cardiac Dilatation
April 4	Joseph B. Tufis	84	7	6	Bernard and Lucinda Tufis	Cardiac Dilatation with Mitral
" 8	Laurette L. Chadbourne	82	8	5	Benjamin Chadbourne	Uraemia [Insufficiency
" 9	Oliver	0	0	2	Joseph and Phoebe Oliver	Premature Birth
" 10	Infant Oliver	0	0	2	Joseph P. and Phoebe Oliver	Premature Birth
" 15	Mary A. Norwood	88	6	18	John Norwood	Valvular Disease of Heart
May 4	Susan J. McKay	35	0	22	Eben E. McKay	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 5	Sarah A. Wickens	47	5	1	John Wickens	Pulmonary Tuberculosis

May	6	Artemas W. Conant	69	2	23	Artemas and Willard J. Pearsons	(Brown) Conant	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	8	Helen M. Damon	82	7	11	Edgar Damon		Myocarditis
"	12	Helen M. Hobbs	76	4	1	Alpheus G. Hobbs		Double Pneumonia
"	18	Helen M. Hobbs	74	0	1	Russell Perry		Renal and Cardiac Asthma
"	22	Elizabeth F. Perry	87	9	5	Frank E. Pippin		Old Age
"	27	Phoebe C. Pippin	68	0	0	Joseph and Sallie (Parker) Spokesfield		Myocarditis
"	28	Joseph W. Spokesfield	87	7	1			Cerebral Softening
June	2	Margaret Seaman	38	0	0	Palmer J. Seaman		Arterio-Sclerosis
"	11	Edward H. Desmond	3	11	1	Daniel J. and Nora (Driscoll) Desmond		Diphtheria
"	15	James Brogan	0	0	1	Thomas and Alice (White) Brogan		Shock
"	17	Gustavus Loring	80	1	25	Alden and Lucinda (Briggs) Loring		Arterio-Sclerosis
"	28	Harold F. Safford	0	4	1	DeForest and Mary D. (Goodhue) Safford		Convulsions
July	6	Eleanor Hendry	70	6	19	George Hendry		Cancer Uterus
"	16	Mary A. Carver	75	11	7	John Carver		Cancer of Stomach & Intestines
"	16	Isaac Wilkinson	78	6	10	William and (Rhodes) Wilkinson		Dilatation of the Heart
"	16	Frank Myerhoefer	0	4	1	Frank and Flora (Rother) Myerhoefer		Chronic Nephritis
"	30	Alatheia A. James	81	11	24	William H. James		Diarrhea
"	31	Margaret F. McCall	52	7	16	Patrick McCall		Fatty Degeneration of Heart
Aug.	6	John Elliot	80	11	26	John and Fanny (Kemp) Elliot		Bronchitis
"	12	John Edward Doucette	2	5	10	James A. and Mary (Hubbard) Doucette		Cholera Infantum
"	14	Florence W. Temple	67	10	7	R. Dexter Temple		Mitral Regurgitation
"	19	Adelaide M. Sheak	63	0	0	Fredrick and Emma (Badgely) Sheak		Angina Pectoris
"	19	Catherine Murray	32	3	0	Thos. P. Murray		Cancer of Bowels
"	19	James E. Richards	0	5	19	James and Margaret (Downie) Richards		Cholera Infantum
"	24	George H. Froton	0	8	2	John and Annie (Hogan) Froton		Cholera Infantum
"	24	Elizabeth Parker	76	0	0	Unknown		Arterio-Sclerosis
"	28	Abbie J. Payne	72	0	0	Thomas Payne		Senile Decay
"	30	John H. Orr	50	0	0	Elizabeth Orr		Diabetes
Sept.	4	Harold R. Doucette	0	0	24	Eugene M. and Mary E. (Booker) Bemis		Enterocolitis
"	11	Arnold M. Bemis	0	0	0	Liyah R. and Mary E. (Gale) Williston		Heart Failure
"	11	Alice May Williston	50	0	0	Elianh C. Drew		Purpura Hemorrhagica
"	13	Hannah H. Drew	80	2	20	Horace M. and Helen M. (Stanley) Barrett		Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	21	Stanley M. Barrett	27	2	3			Cancerous Tumor
Oct.	6	Clifford P. Weston	75	8	20	Aaron and Mary (Parker) Weston		A poplexy
"	7	Fredrick H. Parker	59	10	19	Henry F. and Luthera (Emerson) Parker		Peritonitis
"	10	Cyrus S. Lombard	68	10	14	John and Hannah (Guild) Lombard		Chronic Nephritis
"	14	Ella J. Richardson	51	4	20	Everett B. Richardson		Carcinoma of Left Lung
"	19	Lillian P. Stevens	35	0	0	Frank E. Stevens		Acute Arsenical Poisoning
"	24	Agnes M. Brown	34	5	10	Otis H. Brown		Diff. Nephritis
"	30	James S. Wyatt	84	0	0	Unknown		Brain Embolism

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Nov.	3	Carlos L. Buzzell	68	4	0	Unknown	Ptomaine Poisoning
"	6	Arthur N. Smith	58	10	0	Josiah T. and Harriet A. (Blackington) Smith	Bulbar Paralysis
"	6	Winslow R. Harding	0	6	19	Louis F. and Laura (Brooking) Harding	Malnutrition
"	11	John Ferrick	5	2	6	James and Margaret (Higgins) Ferrick	Diphtheria
"	12	Margaret Sullivan	80	0	0	Daniel Sullivan	Exhaustion and Old Age
"	12	Charles B. Goodhue	52	2	12	Addison and Harriet (Morse) Goodhue	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	20	Mary A. Leavens	77	8	13	George H. Leavens	Shock due to fall
"	23	Irene F. Ruggles	67	4	2	Ira W. and Caroline J. (Leach) Ruggles	Exhaustion
Dec.	2	Mary L. Pratt	87	2	20	Joseph Pratt	Paraplegia
"	8	Wesley Nason	74	8	24	Joseph and Jane (Lord) Nason	Prostrator Hypertrophy
"	18	Charles E. Austin	52	11	21	John and Mary (Knights) Austin	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	22	Dennis A. Doucette	0	6	26	James A. and Elizabeth (Smith) Doucette	Broncho-Pneumonia
"	24	Edmond A. Hyde	70	1	26	Samuel A. and Abbie (Whitman) Hyde	Unknown, prob. Heart Disease
"	25	John Clark Proctor	38	11	15	H. I. and Marion (Dewey) Proctor	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	27	Lacy A. Guilford	89	7	3	Moses and Mary (Merrill) Wells	Cerebral Softening
"	29	John B. Gould	84	8	11	Robert and Rebecca (Binney) Gould	Semility
"	29	George H. Atkinson	51	1	2	George W. and Annie (Allen) Atkinson	Chronic Nephritis
"	30	Edward Barrett	53	0	0	Patrick and Hannah (Sullivan) Barrett	Uræmia

Whole Number of Deaths, 99; Males, 52; Females, 47; Born in United States, Males, 47; Females, 43; Foreign Born, Males, 5; Females 4.

## TOWN MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 1908

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MARCH 2, 1908.

Reading, March 2, 1908.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the return thereon an election was held at the time and place therein specified. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Walter C. Myers. The warrant was read by the Town Clerk and the Constable's return thereon.

The following ballot clerks were duly sworn by the Town Clerk: Chester C. Richardson, Fred A. Parker, John B. Champney, Horace E. Eames, Harry E. Smith.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Proceeded to vote for a Moderator and the ballot was duly opened and closed. George L. Flint had four votes, all that were cast, and was declared unanimously elected Moderator.

The ballots were delivered to the Moderator.

The ballot box was opened, duly examined and declared empty, and the keys delivered to John H. Orr, Constable in charge. The ballot box registered 0000 and the polls were declared open.

The following tellers were duly sworn by the Moderator: John F. Sawyer, Clinton L. Newell, Frank E. Gleason, Arthur J. Davis, Spencer G. Stewart, Henry M. Donegan, John Connelly, John D. Canty.

On motion of James W. Killam, seconded by Herbert M. Viall, voted that the polls be closed at four o'clock and fifteen minutes. The polls were declared closed at the above mentioned time. The ballot boxes registered 923 votes as having been cast. The ballot clerks reported 923 votes cast: 901 men and 22 women. The following is the result of the ballot as declared:

### TOWN CLERK

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave. . . . .	603
Blanks . . . . .	298

## SELECTMEN

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st. . . . .	619
William W. Atkinson, 20 Ash st. . . . .	506
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st. . . . .	536
George L. Pratt, 71 Salem st. . . . .	552
Blanks . . . . .	490

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st. . . . .	612
William W. Atkinson, 20 Ash st. . . . .	476
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st. . . . .	530
George L. Pratt, 71 Salem st. . . . .	552
Blanks . . . . .	543

## ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

Ardine M. Allen, 77 Bancroft ave. . . . .	287
George E. Horrocks, 25 Pleasant st. . . . .	176
Merrick A. Stone, 79 Woburn st. . . . .	379
Blanks . . . . .	59

## TREASURER

Edward F. Parker, 3 Salem st. . . . .	717
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	184

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Merrick A. Stone, 79 Woburn st. . . . .	441
Herbert M. Viall, 42 Bancroft ave. . . . .	431
Blanks . . . . .	29

## MEMBER BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Frederick D. Merrill, 107 Haven st. . . . .	718
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	183

## CONSTABLES

Herbert G. Stock, 8 Ash st. . . . .	628
John Stock, Orange st . . . . .	30
George E. Horrocks, 25 Pleasant st. . . . .	14
Daniel F. Wiley, Mt. Vernon st. . . . .	14



Frederick D. Merrill, 107 Haven st. . . . .	13
Benjamin Y. Smith, Ash st. . . . .	8
George E. Pierce, 72 Prescott st. . . . .	8
Robert Powers, Temple st. . . . .	5
J. Henry Orr, Village st. . . . .	5
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	1077

## WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

E. Harley Gowing, 50 Woburn st. . . . .	650
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	251

## MEMBER OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Harvey A. Bancroft, 17 Mineral st. . . . .	200
John M. Cameron, 62 Lowell st. . . . .	84
James M. Maxwell, Jr., 67 Salem st. . . . .	267
Frank W. Willis, 11 Parker st. . . . .	261
Blanks . . . . .	89

## TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Galen A. Parker, 1 Charles st. . . . .	584
George E. Pierce, 72 Prescott st. . . . .	404
Charles H. Stinchfield, 3 Parker st. . . . .	493
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	351

## TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cyrus M. Barrows, 281 Lowell st. . . . .	670
Marion F. Davies, Walnut st. . . . .	634
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	497

## TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (vacancy)

Henry C. Parker, 40 Chute st. . . . .	646
Blanks and scattering . . . . .	255

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE, THREE YEARS

Walter S. Parker, 55 Walnut st. . . . .	545
Howard W. Poor, 27 Mt. Vernon st. . . . .	507
Ida A. Young, 86 Woburn st. . . . .	449
Blanks . . . . .	345

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE, ONE YEAR (vacancy)

Charles A. Loring, 129 Summer ave. . . . .	640
Ida A. Young, 86 Woburn st. . . . .	6
Blanks . . . . .	277

## AUDITORS

William S. Badger, 4 Middlesex ave. . . . .	665
Edward F. Parker, Jr., 3 Salem st. . . . .	666
Carl M. Spencer, 51 Prescott st. . . . .	648
Blanks . . . . .	724

## TREE WARDEN

William W. Davis, 94 Orange st. . . . .	276
Guy A. Hubbard, 255 Main st. . . . .	499
Blanks . . . . .	126

Yes or no in answer to the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors?

Yes . . . . .	144
No . . . . .	590
Blanks . . . . .	126

Yes or no in answer to the following question: Shall the Town accept the provisions of Section 20 Chapter 106 of the Revised Laws?

Yes . . . . .	336
No . . . . .	257
Blanks . . . . .	307

The votes were counted in open Town Meeting and sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk, whereupon it was voted to adjourn.

MILLARD F. CHARLES,

Town Clerk.

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READING, MASS., MARCH 2, 1908.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon a Town Meeting was held at the time and place therein specified and was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F.



Charles. The warrant was partially read when it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant, except the Constable's return.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. Proceeded to the election of a Moderator. George L. Pratt was appointed to check those voting for Moderator. The ballot was duly opened and closed with the following result: George L. Flint received four votes, all cast, and was declared elected Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden and Special Committees.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 3. To choose all other Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen act as Fence Viewers.

Voted that the Selectmen have full power in the suit of Polly Connell vs. the Town of Reading, for damage in the laying out by the County Commissioners of the Green street drain.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Moth Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Work, Miscellaneous Expenses, Tree Warden, and Rent of Playground.

## Art. 4.

Voted to raise and appropriate for General School Expenses . . . . .	\$29,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Incidental School Expenses . . . . .	4,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks . . . . .	4,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Sprinkling of Streets . . . . .	450 00
Voted that the amount necessary be taken from the appropriation for Highways, Streets and Bridges to take care of Snow and Ice for fiscal year.	
Voted that the amount necessary for Concrete Sidewalks and Curbstones (provided that abutters pay one-half) be taken from the appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.	
Voted that so much of Art. 4 as is related to Fire Department be laid on the table.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Police Department . . . . .	3,800 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Moth Department	1,997 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Forest Firewards .	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Support of the Poor . . . . .	3,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Salaries of Town Officers . . . . .	3,500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for State and Military Aid . . . . .	2,800 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' Relief .	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Printing . . . .	700 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Abatement of Taxes	700 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Town Building .	450 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Care of Cemetery . .	700 00
(and to appropriate proceeds from sale of lots)	

Voted to raise and appropriate for Public Library (and appropriate proceeds of dog tax)	800 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day (to be expended by G. A. R. Post 194)	175 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health	600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate from amount raised for Miscellaneous Expenses fifty dollars for care of Old South Clock.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Interest Account	700 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Care of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for General Election Ex- penses	300 00
Voted that the amount of money necessary for Concrete Work be taken from the appropriation for High- ways, Bridges and Sidewalks.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Ex- penses	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Rent of Play- ground	342 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Tree Warden	100 00
Voted to lay Art. 4 on the table.	

Art. 5. To see what sum the Town will raise, and appropriate the same, together with the unexpended balance of \$187.21 of last year, and the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Department for the year 1908, for the maintenance, operation, repairs and new construction of said plant, and for the payment of Bonds, Interest and Depreciation due by said department during this year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 5. Voted that the Town raise the sum of eight thousand dollars for payments of notes, three thousand toward depreciation and two thousand toward interest, and this sum of eight thousand dollars, together with five hundred thirty dollars of this year's re-

ceipts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant be appropriated as follows: Three thousand dollars for payment of notes, three thousand for depreciation and two thousand five hundred thirty for interest, and that the balance, \$187.21, of last year and as much of this year's receipts of said Plant as may be needed, be appropriated for maintenance, operation, repairs, etc., of said Plant during this year.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp on Kingston street, midway between Middlesex avenue and Mt. Vernon street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp at the junction of Willow street and Summer avenue, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp at a point opposite the estate of the late J. B. Severance, on West street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp on Willow street near the Boston & Maine railroad crossing, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install an arc lamp on South street at a point between the residences of W. H. Clarke and Joseph Marshall, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Arts. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 11. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and

maintenance of water works, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate four thousand nine hundred eighty dollars for hydrant rental, three hundred dollars for water for drinking fountains, and five hundred dollars for water for street sprinkling, a total of \$5,780, and that the above named sums, together with the receipts from water, be appropriated for interest on the water loans, maintenance of water works and service pipes, and that five hundred dollars be paid to the Town Treasurer to be used in part payment of the water bonds.

Art. 12. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1st, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 12. Voted that the Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1908, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year) giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year of the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 13. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 13. Voted that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one-half of one per cent. on each dollar collected and expense of postage in said collection.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for



lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. Voted that the amount of fifty dollars be appropriated for electricity for G. A. R. Hall from Miscellaneous Expenses.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars to meet the interest on School House Notes and Bonds.

Art. 15. Voted to raise and appropriate for interest on School House Notes and Bonds, four thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Lot Note for two thousand dollars due April 21, 1908.

Art. 16. Voted to renew the High School House Lot Note for two thousand dollars due April 21, 1908. Seventy voted in favor and none against.

Art. 17. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for five thousand dollars due November 1, 1908.

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars for the payment of the High School House Note due November 1, 1908.

Art. 18. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School House Note for one thousand dollars due December 21, 1908.

Art. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars for the payment of High School House Note due December 21, 1908.

Art. 19. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment on School House Note for two thousand dollars due July 10, 1908.

Art. 19. Voted to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars for the payment of School House Note due July 10, 1908.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment on Main Street Note for one thousand dollars due December 7, 1908.

Art. 20. Voted to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars for the payment of Main Street Note due December 7, 1908.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will purchase land for a Playground, and how much money they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 21. Voted to pass over.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to concrete the sidewalk on the north side of Woburn street, from Temple street running easterly to the present concrete, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 22. Voted to concrete sidewalk on Woburn street from Temple street running easterly to present end of concrete (provided the abutters pay one-half), and the amount necessary be taken from the regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to concrete the sidewalk on the northeasterly side of High street, from Woburn street to Chute street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 23. Moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate one hundred sixty-five dollars to concrete sidewalk on north-easterly side of High street, from Woburn street to Chute street.

Motion not carried.

Moved and seconded that the Town concrete above-named sidewalk provided abutters be assessed one-fourth of the expense.

Motion was not carried.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for the purpose of extending the side-

walk on the westerly side of High street, from a point near the residence of Benjamin Manning to Gould avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. Voted that a sidewalk be built on the westerly side of High street, from a point near the residence of Benjamin F. Manning to a point opposite Gould avenue, and that seventy-five dollars be appropriated from the regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks to complete same.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to build a sidewalk on the westerly side of Highland street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. Voted that a sidewalk be built on the westerly side of Highland street, from Lowell street to a point opposite the entrance to the cemetery, and that seventy-five dollars be appropriated from the appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks to do the work.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to concrete the sidewalk on the easterly side of Harnden street, from Pleasant street to Union street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. Voted to concrete on easterly side of Harndon street, from Pleasant street to Union street (provided the abutters pay one-half), and the amount necessary to complete the work be appropriated from regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to repair Hopkins street, from South Main street running in an easterly direction for a distance of nine hundred feet, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. Voted to repair Hopkins street, from Main street easterly about nine hundred feet, and that one hundred dollars be



appropriated from regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks to do the work.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to complete the gymnasium in the High School building, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars to complete the High School gymnasium.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to extend the water main on South street in order to connect with the water main on West street, and provide suitable hydrants for the protection of property in that section against fire, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. Voted to pass over.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will furnish the firemen with rubber boots and southwester hats, and how much money they will appropriate for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred and seventy-five dollars to buy southwester hats and rubber boots for the firemen.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will make the pay of its firemen fifty dollars a year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. Voted to make the pay of the firemen fifty dollars per year.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to lay a floor in the room which is occupied by the steamer and hose wagon, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars to lay a new floor in the room in the Town Building now occupied by the Steamer and Hose Company of the Fire Department.

Art. 4. Voted to take from table.

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars for the Fire Department for the present fiscal year.

Art. 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Trustees of the Cemetery to build a new fence on the northern boundary of the cemetery, from Main street to the passageway near the tool house, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. Moved and seconded that two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for a new fence on the north side of the cemetery.

Motion was not carried.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars towards defraying the expenses of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. Voted to pass over.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to furnish creosote free to citizens of the Town to paint gypsy moth nests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. Voted to furnish creosote free to paint gypsy moth nests.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to continue or discontinue the present Town Home, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 37. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 37. The Selectmen make the following report: Guide Posts or suitable substitutes therefor are erected and maintained at the following locations, viz.:

- Corner Walnut Street and South Street  
 “ Walnut Street and Summer Avenue  
 “ Main Street and Summer Avenue  
 “ Woburn Street and Summer Avenue  
 “ West Street and Summer Avenue  
 “ West Street and Woburn Street  
 “ Lowell Street and Willow Street  
 “ Lowell Street and High Street  
 “ Lowell Street and Middlesex Avenue  
 “ Grove Street and Franklin Street  
 “ Main Street and Franklin Street  
 “ Mill Street and Short Street  
 “ Franklin Street and Haverhill Street  
 “ Charles Street and Haverhill Street  
 “ Haverhill Street and Pine Street  
 “ Pine Street and Salem Street  
 “ Charles Street and Main Street  
 “ Charles Street and Pearl Street  
 “ Main Street and Pearl Street  
 “ Main Street and Salem Street  
 “ Salem Street and Lowell Street  
 “ Woburn Street and Lowell Street  
 “ Salem Street and Harnden Street  
 “ Main Street and Pleasant Street  
 “ Pleasant Street and Parker Street  
 “ Haven Street and Village Street  
 “ Main Street and Ash Street  
 “ Middlesex Avenue and High Street

Main Street on the Common

Harnden Street, near Pleasant Street

JAMES W. KILLAM,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,		
GEORGE L. PRATT,		

Reading, Mass., March 1, 1908.

Voted to accept and adopt report of Selectmen, and that fifty dollars be appropriated for guide boards, to be taken from amount raised for Miscellaneous Expenses.

Art. 38. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 38. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to fill the vacancies of the five members of the Finance Committee that expire this year.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to keep the arc lamps lighted all night and every night, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. Voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized to keep the arc lamps lighted all night and every night except moonlight nights.

Art. 3. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark, and Weighers of Coal, Hay, etc.

Art. 3. Voted that Asa Parker, Herbert G. Stock and Willard A. Bancroft serve the town as Field Drivers.

Art. 3. Voted that John H. Orr serve the Town as Pound Keeper for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen serve the Town as Fence Viewers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. Voted that James A. Bancroft, Ora L. Milbury, Wendell Bancroft, Joseph W. Killam, Warren M. Whitehouse, Samuel Brown, William R. Zwicker, Burton K. Symonds, Edward B. Eames and George L. Flint serve as Surveyers of Lumber for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to fill all vacancies occurring in the Finance Committee during the ensuing year.

Art. 3. Voted that the Tax Collector be instructed to collect all taxes as far as possible on or before October 1st next, and upon all taxes unpaid at that time to add interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from said date until paid, and also to collect all taxes unpaid January 1st next, forthwith, by process of law, unless further time is granted by the Selectmen.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 2. Voted that the Reports of the Town Officers, as printed in the Annual Town Report, and the Report of the Finance Committee be accepted and adopted.

Voted to adjourn without date.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

#### RECOUNT

A recount of votes cast at the Annual Town Election for member of the Municipal Light Board by the Board of Registrars, held March 7th, 1908 :

Harvey A. Bancroft, 17 Mineral street . . . . .	199
John M. Cameron, 62 Lowell street . . . . .	83
James M. Maxwell, Jr., 67 Salem street . . . . .	268
Frank W. Willis, 11 Parker street . . . . .	261
Blanks . . . . .	90
Total votes . . . . .	901

There being no change in result from the declaration made at the close of the Annual Town Meeting by the Moderator.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

#### ANNUAL STATE ELECTION

READING, MASS., Nov. 3, 1908.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon, an election was held at the time and place therein specified. The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Oliver L. Akerley.



Prayer was offered by the Rev. Eaton B. Marshall. The warrant and return on same by the Constable was then read. The ballot box was opened and declared empty, registering 0000, and the keys were delivered to the Constable in charge.

The ballots were delivered to the Presiding Election Officer, who receipted for the same, and the following election officers were duly sworn :

Ballot Clerks—Chester C. Richardson, Horace E. Eames, Fred A. Parker.

Tellers—Spencer G. Stewart, John Connelly, Frank E. Gray, John B. Champney, Henry M. Donegan, Charles H. Stinchfield, Harry E. Smith, Edward S. Taylor, Edgar R. Burchard, George E. Pierce.

The polls were declared open at 6 A. M. It was voted to close the polls at 4.30 P. M.

Ballots were taken out during the day and counted, no objection being made.

Clarence A. Gould, Village street, was restored to voting list, also Frank H. Grant, 369 Haverhill street.

The polls were duly declared closed at 4.30 P. M. The ballot box registered 1184 ballots. The ballot clerks reported that there were checked 1184 names as having voted. The tellers reported as having counted 1184 ballots with the following result :

#### VOTE FOR ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

##### AT LARGE

Richard Olney of Boston . . . . .	175
James E. Cotter of Hyde Park . . . . .	175
Hervey S. Cowell of Ashburnham . . . . .	12
John M. Fisher of Attleboro . . . . .	12
Patrick Mahoney of Boston . . . . .	8
Eliot White of Worcester . . . . .	8
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem . . . . .	1
Herman Keopke of Pittsfield . . . . .	1
Michael C. O'Neill of Boston . . . . .	28

William F. Aiken of Greenfield . . . . .	28
John L. Bates of Boston . . . . .	924
August H. Geotting of Springfield . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT ONE

Luke J. Minahan of Pittsfield . . . . .	175
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg . . . . .	12
Henry O. Brigham of Westfield . . . . .	8
Henry Noffke of Holyoke . . . . .	1
Simon J. Griffin of West Springfield . . . . .	28
Charles S. Shattuck of Hatfield . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT TWO

Theobald M. Connor of Northampton . . . . .	175
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton . . . . .	12
Alvah E. Fenton of Springfield . . . . .	8
Frederick A. Naglar of Springfield . . . . .	1
Charles F. Warner of Northampton . . . . .	28
Almond Smith of Athol . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT THREE

John O'Gara of Spencer . . . . .	175
Christen Peterson of Worcester . . . . .	12
James Cronin of Worcester . . . . .	8
Gustave S. Peterson of Worcester . . . . .	1
William Crosbie of Worcester . . . . .	28
Frank Hartley of Webster . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT FOUR

Charles A. Babbitt of Fitchburg . . . . .	175
Quincy Adams of Townsend . . . . .	12
Timothy Richardson of Leominster . . . . .	8
James Hayes of Leominster . . . . .	1
William A. Pierson of Hudson . . . . .	28
Allen G. Buttrick of Lancaster . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT FIVE

Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell . . . . .	175
John B. Lewis, Jr., of Reading . . . . .	12

William E. Sproule of Lowell . . . . .	8
Gilbert G. Smith of Lawrence . . . . .	1
Michael A. Lee of Lowell . . . . .	28
James R. Berwick of Methuen . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT SIX

William Stopford of Beverly . . . . .	175
Robert M. Martin of Salem . . . . .	12
John Quincy Adams of Amesbury . . . . .	8
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem . . . . .	1
Roland D. Sawyer of Haverhill . . . . .	28
Ulysses G. Haskell of Beverly . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT SEVEN

Dennis H. Tyrell of Chelsea . . . . .	175
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham . . . . .	12
Ambrose Miles of Lynn . . . . .	8
Michael J. Quirk of Saugus . . . . .	1
George W. Casavant of Saugus . . . . .	28
Charles N. Barney of Lynn . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT EIGHT

Warren T. Morse of Medford . . . . .	175
Alfred A. Wright of Cambridge . . . . .	12
Clayton S. Hunt of Somerville . . . . .	8
Andrew Mortenson of Somerville . . . . .	1
Greenville S. McFarland of Cambridge . . . . .	28
John Read of Cambridge . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT NINE

William F. McClellan of Boston . . . . .	175
Charles E. Eaton of Boston . . . . .	12
Samuel Zorn of Boston . . . . .	8
Joseph C. Dunnack of Boston . . . . .	1
James P. Hayes of Boston . . . . .	28
Jerome A. Petitti of Boston . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT TEN

William T. Shea of Quincy . . . . .	175
Moses D. Munroe of Milton . . . . .	12



A. Hale Kinsley of Quincy . . . . .	8
Andreas L. Wallin of Quincy . . . . .	1
Charles O. Power of Boston . . . . .	28
Milton C. Paige of Boston . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT ELEVEN

Josiah Quincy of Boston . . . . .	175
Solon W. Bingham of Boston . . . . .	12
George W. Galvin of Boston . . . . .	8
Patrick Mulligan of Boston . . . . .	1
John A. Coulthurst of Boston . . . . .	28
James N. Thompson of Boston . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT TWELVE

Jeremiah J. Comba of Milford . . . . .	175
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford . . . . .	12
Michael J. Moore of Newton . . . . .	8
Carl F. Frederickson of Hyde Park . . . . .	1
Eugene L. Murphy of Norwood . . . . .	28
Jesse S. Wiley of Brookline . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT THIRTEEN

John W. Coughlin of Fall River . . . . .	175
David Morrison of Fall River . . . . .	12
William Ohnesorge of New Bedford . . . . .	8
Dennis McGoff of New Bedford . . . . .	1
Matthew Hart of New Bedford . . . . .	28
Benjamin H. Anthony of New Bedford . . . . .	923

## DISTRICT FOURTEEN

Charles C. Paine of Barnstable . . . . .	175
Herbert L. Chipman of Sandwich . . . . .	12
George A. Bedem of Brockton . . . . .	8
Charles H. Tobin of North Attleboro . . . . .	1
Herbert E. Bryant of Kingston . . . . .	28
Alfred B. Williams of Taunton . . . . .	923
Whole number of votes cast . . . . .	1184
Blank . . . . .	36

## GOVERNOR

James F. Carey of Haverhill . . . . .	16
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale . . . . .	820
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester . . . . .	5
William N. Osgood of Lowell . . . . .	52
James H. Vahey of Watertown . . . . .	202
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly . . . . .	12
Blanks . . . . .	77

## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Charles J. Barton of Melrose . . . . .	173
Joao Cloudino of New Bedford . . . . .	3
Louis A. Frothingham of Boston . . . . .	864
John Hall, Jr., of West Springfield . . . . .	13
Robert J. McCartney of Kingston . . . . .	35
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill . . . . .	16
Blanks . . . . .	80

## SECRETARY

James F. Aylward of Cambridge . . . . .	134
Herbert B. Griffin of Boston . . . . .	17
George Nelson of Boston . . . . .	4
William M. Olin of Boston . . . . .	862
Squire E. Putney of Somerville . . . . .	11
John F. Williams of Waltham . . . . .	27
Blanks . . . . .	129

## TREASURER

Charles E. Butterworth of Somerville . . . . .	39
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke . . . . .	851
Henry C. Hess of Boston . . . . .	2
Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware . . . . .	9
Edward Kendall of Cambridge . . . . .	16
Erwin H. Kennedy of Pittsfield . . . . .	120
Blanks . . . . .	147

## AUDITOR

Frank Bohmbach of Boston . . . . .	3
John E. Dempsey of Fall River . . . . .	21

George G. Hall of Boston . . . . .	13
Wilbur D. Moon of Lynn . . . . .	13
Henry E. Turner of Malden . . . . .	852
Simeon Viger of Lawrence . . . . .	117
Blanks . . . . .	165

## ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park . . . . .	22
Elliot C. Harding of Tisbury . . . . .	5
Dana Malone of Greenfield . . . . .	839
John McCarty of Abington . . . . .	9
Richard J. Talbot of Springfield . . . . .	31
John Alden Thayer of Worcester . . . . .	133
Blanks . . . . .	145

## CONGRESSMAN, FIFTH DISTRICT

Butler Ames of Lowell . . . . .	902
George Conley of Lowell . . . . .	28
Joseph Flynn of Lawrence . . . . .	152
Blanks . . . . .	102

## COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT

Harry H. Hill of Hudson . . . . .	41
Seward W. Jones of Newton . . . . .	819
William J. McCluskey of Lowell . . . . .	126
Blanks . . . . .	198

## SENATOR, SEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

William H. Brown of Lowell . . . . .	45
Isaac E. Graves of Saugus . . . . .	136
James Wilson Grimes of Reading . . . . .	862
Blanks . . . . .	141

## REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT, TWENTIETH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

George L. Flint of Reading . . . . .	309
James W. Killam of Reading . . . . .	729
Thomas W. Pollock of Burlington . . . . .	148
Fred F. Walker of Burlington . . . . .	664
Blanks . . . . .	518

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Edward Gallagher of Lowell . . . . .	127
Levi S. Gould of Malden . . . . .	850
Charles F. Walcott of Concord . . . . .	37
Blanks . . . . .	170

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX COUNTY (to fill vacancy)

George R. Duren of Carlisle . . . . .	131
Andrew W. Jones of Cambridge . . . . .	34
Charles H. Richardson of Lowell . . . . .	829
Blanks . . . . .	190

## REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

John F. Holland of Winchester . . . . .	132
William E. Rogers of Wakefield . . . . .	846
Roswell C. Ross of Newton . . . . .	34
Blanks . . . . .	172

## ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX COUNTY (to fill vacancy)

James F. McCarthy, Jr., of Lowell . . . . .	130
Alfred W. Parnell of Waltham . . . . .	36
Frank A. Patch of Littleton . . . . .	831
Blanks . . . . .	187

The votes were counted and the result was declared in open Town Meeting, and sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Voted to adjourn "sine die."

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

## VOTE FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT, TWENTIETH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

CITY OF WOBURN  
[SEAL]

In accordance with the provisions of Section 290, Chapter 560, Acts of 1907, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Burlington, Reading, North Reading and Wilmington, being the

City and Town Clerks of every city and town in Representative District number twenty within said County, met at the City Hall, Woburn, at noon on Friday, November 13th, A. D. 1908, being the tenth day succeeding the day of the State Election held on Tuesday, November 3rd, A. D. 1908, and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of Representative, and determined therefrom that James W. Killam of Reading and Fred F. Walker of Burlington were elected to the office of Representative.

The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District and the number of votes given for each person, viz.:

George L. Flint of Reading . . . . .	1293
James W. Killam of Reading . . . . .	2019
Thomas W. Pollock of Burlington . . . . .	1180
Fred F. Walker of Burlington . . . . .	2142
Defective . . . . .	2
Blanks . . . . .	1982
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Total . . . . .	7000

In witness whereof, we, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerks of Burlington, Reading, North Reading and Wilmington, hereunto set our hands this day, the 13th day of November, A. D. 1908.

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk, Woburn,  
 HARRY H. NICHOLS, Town Clerk, Burlington,  
 MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading,  
 ARTHUR F. UPTON, Town Clerk, North Reading,  
 JAMES E. KELLEY, Town Clerk, Wilmington.

Town Clerk's Office, Reading, Mass., Nov. 14, 1908. Received and recorded.

Attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

## DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1908

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Whole number licenses issued 361.		
39 female licenses issued at \$5.00	.	\$195 00
322 male licenses issued at \$2.00	.	644 00
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Total receipts	.	\$839 00
Less fees for 361 licenses at 20c.	.	72 20
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Total due County Treasurer	.	\$766 80
June 1, 1908, paid County Treasurer	.	\$436 20
Dec. 1, 1908, paid County Treasurer	.	317 40
Jan. 18, 1909, paid County Treasurer	.	18 20
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Total paid County Treasurer	.	\$766 80

### STATUTE LAWS FOR THE LICENSING OF DOGS

Sec. 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually on or before the 30th day of April cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of May following in the office of the Clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.

Sec. 129. The owner or keeper of a dog may at any time have it licensed until the first day of May following; and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of May which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog not duly licensed which becomes three months old after the 30th day of April in any year, shall when it is three months old cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as provided



in the preceding section.

Sec. 130. The fee for every license shall be two dollars for a male dog and five dollars for a female dog, unless a certificate of a competent person who performed the operation has been filed with the City or Town Clerk that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation, in which case the fee shall be two dollars.

Sec. 136. A license duly recorded shall be valid throughout the Commonwealth and may be transferred with the dog licensed thereunder, but it shall in each case of transfer be again recorded by the Clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. No license shall be required to be recorded anew unless the dog shall have been kept in such city or town at least 30 days.

Sec. 137. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provisions of this Chapter shall, except as provided in Section 139, forfeit not more than fifteen dollars, which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the county in which the dog is kept.

Sec. 138. No person shall keep or have in his care or possession any bloodhound, or any dog classed by dog fanciers or breeders as Cuban Bloodhound, Siberian Bloodhound, German Mastiff or Great Dane, Boarhound or Ulmer dog, whether said dog is in whole or in part of said species, unless such dog is kept solely for exhibition. In such case he shall at all times be kept securely enclosed or chained, and shall not be allowed at large, even though in charge of a keeper, unless properly and securely muzzled.

Sec. 139. Whoever keeps a dog described in the preceding section in violation of the provisions thereof shall be fined fifty dollars, ten dollars of which shall be paid to the complainant and forty dollars to the Treasurer of the county in which said dog is kept.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Dec. 31, 1908.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908

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Board of Selectmen

OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Chairman*

GEORGE L. PRATT, *Secretary*

JAMES W. KILLAM

(OFFICERS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

Superintendent of Streets

LEMUEL W. ALLEN

Local Superintendent Moth Work

GUY A. HUBBARD

Chief of Police

WILLIAM T. LEGGETT

Engineers of Fire Department

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

ALBION G. NICHOLS, *Clerk*

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK W. PARKER

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors

EPHRAIM WIGHT

Inspector of Animals and Provisions

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading :*

Agreeable to an established custom and a provision of the By-Laws we hereby submit our annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

### STREET DEPARTMENT

Considerable reshaping has been done on the streets the past year with the road machine and steam roller.

A list of the streets on which the largest amount of work was done follows: West st., from Woburn line to Wilmington line; Prospect st., from Woburn st. to Mineral st.; Summer ave., from West st. to Wakefield line; Mineral st., from Summer ave. to Hancock st.; Willow st., from West st. to Lowell st.; Lowell st., from Bancroft ave. to Lowell Street Bridge; Grove st., from Lowell st. to Franklin st.; Franklin st., from Grove st. to Haverhill st.; Haverhill st., from North Reading line to Charles st.; Charles st., from Haverhill st. to Main st.; Pleasant st., from Square to John st. Washington st., from Main st. to John st.; Village st., from Washington st. about 800 ft. toward Wakefield line; Washington st., from Minot st. to Woburn st.; Ash st., from Avon st. to Brook st.; Minot st., from Main st. to Washington st.; Eaton st., from Salem st. to Green st.; and a large number of streets where a lesser amount of work was done.

We have also graded the following streets: Bancroft ave., from Middlesex ave. 350 ft. south; Highland st., from Lowell st. to cemetery; Middlesex ave., from Deering st. to High st., on both sides of the street car tracks; Oak st., from West st. to Summer ave.; also part of South st. and Kingston st. Hopkins st. was repaired for about 550 ft. as per vote taken at last annual meeting.

Middlesex ave. was macadamized from Lowell st. to Deering st. from curb to curb, to a depth of six inches and in some places deeper, but owing to the long continued drouth of last summer it was impossible to roll it enough so that it would stay smooth over its entire surface for any great length of time; but after it is rolled again early next season, it should wear for a great many years. We wish to state that the Boston & Northern Street Railway Co. paid almost one-third of the cost of the above macadamizing. We used the best of the material taken out of said avenue to grade and repair several streets in that vicinity.

The south side of Main st., from F. H. Parker & Sons' stable to Washington st., was macadamized and then treated with "Tarvia," which makes a hard, smooth and practically dustless surface, and looks as though it might wear well, and is worth watching, as it is on the side of the street which has the hardest usage, it being the side which all teams and automobiles use in going up the hill. The west side of Main st. was macadamized, from Woburn st. to 50 ft. north of Salem st.

In the early part of the year we petitioned the Massachusetts Highway Commission, in accordance with the Small Towns Act, to make us an allotment for another piece of macadam on Salem st., starting from where they left off in 1907 and running toward the Wakefield line, but owing to the many applications they had received from towns that had not heretofore received any assistance under this act they were unable to make us an allotment in 1908, but informed us they would place our petition on file and if possible would make the allotment in 1909. We trust that the Town will take advantage of this again the coming year by making the Highway appropriation large enough to cover our share of the expense. The amount that we intended to use for this work makes up the unexpended balance of the Highway Account.

#### MOTH DEPARTMENT

The work of the Moth Department has been carried on the past year in a manner satisfactory to the State officials, and at the present

time is in a condition that will prove a lighter burden on the property owners the coming season.

The National Government has done considerable work since last fall by thoroughly cleaning up for 100 ft. on each side of the following named streets (taking in both orchards and woodlands) : Main st., from No. 257 to North Reading line; Mill st., from Main st. to North Reading line; Lowell st., from Bancroft ave. to Wilmington line; Walnut st., from South st. to Woburn line; South st., from Walnut st. to Woburn line; all of Oak st.; West st., from Summer ave. to Wilmington line; Willow st., from Summer ave. to Lowell st.; and at time of writing have considerable work done on Grove st., on their way from Lowell st. to Wilmington line.

#### CLERK FOR SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

It is a fact well known by all conversant with Town affairs that the duties of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor are increasing each year, caused by increase of business in the old departments and the addition of new departments. Looking at this matter from a business standpoint we think it is absolutely necessary that the Town should employ a clerk for the above boards. Most towns of similar size do so and can keep records and accounts in a better manner than without.

The financial statements of the various departments can be found in the following pages.

OLIVER L. AKERLEY,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
GEORGE L. PRATT,		
JAMES W. KILLAM,		



## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

### SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,500 00
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#### EXPENDED

O. L. Akerley, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1908, to Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .	\$291 66
G. L. Pratt, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1908, to Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .	250 00
J. W. Killam, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1908, to Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .	258 34
E. F. Parker, Treasurer, 1908 . . . . .	400 00
J. H. Adden, Assessor, 1908 . . . . .	250 00
M. F. Charles, Assessor, 1908 . . . . .	250 00
M. F. Charles, Town Clerk, 1908 . . . . .	150 00
M. F. Charles, Clerk Board of Registrars, 1908 . . . . .	40 00
M. A. Stone, Assessor, 1908 . . . . .	200 00
M. A. Stone, Collector, 1908 . . . . .	300 00
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1906 . . . . .	63 38
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1907 . . . . .	212 72
W. T. Rodden, Auditor, year ending March 1, 1908 . . . . .	33 34
W. S. Badger, Auditor, year ending March 1, 1908 . . . . .	33 33
C. M. Spencer, Auditor, year ending March	

1, 1908 . . . . .	33 33	
G. H. Clough, Registrar, year ending April 1, 1908 . . . . .	30 00	
W. S. Prentiss, Registrar, year ending April 1, 1908 . . . . .	30 00	
O. McKenney, Registrar, year ending April 1, 1908 . . . . .	30 00	
W. C. Buck, Electric Light Commissioner, 1908 . . . . .	75 00	
G. L. Flint, Electric Light Commissioner, 1908 . . . . .	75 00	
J. M. Maxwell, Jr., Electric Light Commissioner, Mar. 1, 1908, to Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .	62 50	
F. W. Willis, Electric Light Commissioner, Dec. 1, 1907, to Mar. 1, 1908 . . . . .	18 75	
H. R. Johnson, Water Commissioner, 1908 . . . . .	75 00	
G. A. Shackford, Water Commissioner, 1908 . . . . .	75 00	
E. H. Gowing, Water Commissioner, 1908 . . . . .	75 00	
G. L. Flint, Board of Health, 1908 . . . . .	25 00	
F. D. Merrill, Sec'y Board of Health, 1908 . . . . .	50 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	112 65	
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	\$3,500 00	\$3,500 00

## TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE

Appropriation . . . . .	\$450 00
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## EXPENDED

C. W. Abbott, Postmaster, stamps . . . . .	\$57 10
G. L. Pratt, stamps . . . . .	2 00
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel . . . . .	142 00
M. F. Charles, supplies . . . . .	13 51
Hobbs & Warren Co., supplies . . . . .	10 75
W. S. Greenough & Co., ledger . . . . .	7 75

Thorpe, Martin Co., Tax Collector's books	11 75	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	1 25	
F. H. Parker & Sons, expressing . . .	6 35	
C. M. Barrows, Selectmen's order book . .	12 75	
Walker & Pratt Mfg. Co., grates . . .	13 20	
S. Brown, labor . . . . .	25	
American Express, expressing . . . . .	35	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies . . . . .	15 71	
Municipal Light Board, lights and supplies	118 22	
Reading Water Works, water rates . . . .	12 87	
The Carter Ink Co., supplies . . . . .	1 25	
Wakefield Daily Item, Assessors' blanks . .	4 00	
T. C. Fife, plumbing . . . . .	2 00	
Etta Hadley, labor . . . . .	3 00	
J. S. Bond, labor . . . . .	2 00	
T. J. Whall, labor . . . . .	1 50	
W. F. Cook, labor . . . . .	1 25	
E. F. Parker, Treas., expenses as Treasurer	8 95	
Unexpended . . . . .	24	
	\$450 00	\$450 00

## PRINTING

Appropriation . . . . . \$700 00

## EXPENDED

W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Town Reports 1907	\$397 80
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, extra copies Water, Light and School Reports . . . . .	30 00
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Miscel. Printing . .	238 85
Unexpended . . . . .	33 35

## ELECTION EXPENSES

Appropriation . . . . .	\$300 00
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## EXPENDED

Lyceum Hall Association, rent of hall for caucuses, town meetings and elections	\$28 00
Lyceum Hall Association, putting up and taking down booths . . . . .	3 00
G. L. Flint, moderator, March 2, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
C. H. Stinchfield, teller, November, 1908 . . . . .	5 00
F. E. Gleason, teller, March and November, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
H. E. Eames, ballot clerk, March and No- vember, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
H. M. Donegan, teller, March and November, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
J. D. Canty, teller, March, 1908 . . . . .	5 00
J. F. Sawyer, teller, March, 1908 . . . . .	5 00
C. C. Richardson, ballot clerk, March and November, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
C. L. Newell, teller, March, 1908 . . . . .	5 00
J. B. Champney, teller, March and Novem- ber, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
H. E. Smith, teller, March and November, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
A. J. Davis, teller, November, 1908 . . . . .	5 00
S. G. Stewart, teller, March and November, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
J. Connelly, teller, March and November, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
F. A. Parker, ballot clerk, March, 1908 . . . . .	5 00
E. S. Taylor, teller, November, 1908 . . . . .	5 00
G. E. Pierce, teller, November, 1908 . . . . .	5 00
F. E. Gray, teller, November, 1908 . . . . .	5 00

E. R. Burchard, teller, November, 1908 . . . . .	5 00	
O. L. Akerley, election officer, November, 1908 . . . . .	5 00	
G. L. Pratt, election officer, November, 1908 . . . . .	5 00	
J. W. Killam, election officer, November, 1908 . . . . .	5 00	
W. S. Prentiss, recount ballots for Electric Light Commissioner . . . . .	5 00	
G. H. Clough, recount ballots for Electric Light Commissioner . . . . .	5 00	
O. McKenney, recount ballots for Electric Light Commissioner . . . . .	5 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . . .	14 75	
H. R. Johnson, repairing ballot box . . . . .	4 04	
H. G. Stock, services at election, November, 1908 . . . . .	2 50	
H. G. Stock, posting warrants . . . . .	1 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	76 71	
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	\$300 00	\$300 00

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation . . . . . \$1,000 00

## EXPENDED

Janet C. Varney, supplies . . . . .	\$115 60
Julia Bancroft, supplies . . . . .	98 35
Susan M. Penney, supplies . . . . .	72 00
Henry Batchelder, supplies . . . . .	2 00
Samuel Rounds, supplies . . . . .	43 24
Reuben R. Coates, supplies . . . . .	82 00
Francis E. Jennings, supplies . . . . .	65 32
Margaret Pinkham, supplies . . . . .	36 00
Harriett V. Hall, supplies . . . . .	44 00

Eliza J. Upton, supplies . . . . .	72 00	
Caroline McIntire, supplies . . . . .	6 20	
Lydia R. Bryden, supplies . . . . .	7 25	
Benjamin McAllister, supplies . . . . .	106 25	
Kate V. Norris, supplies . . . . .	32 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	217 79	
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	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

## PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Received from Town of North Reading . . . . .		\$30 00
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## EXPENDED

Mrs. Caroline McIntire, supplies . . . . .	\$30 00	
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	\$30 00	\$30 00

## PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount due from Town of Marblehead . . . . .		\$48 00
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## EXPENDED

Lucy E. Stone, supplies . . . . .	\$48 00	
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	\$48 00	\$48 00

## BURIAL AGENT'S ACCOUNT

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .		\$37 00
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## EXPENDED

Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of Elizabeth F. Perry . . . . .	\$35 00	
Ephraim Wight, burial agent's services . . . . .	2 00	
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	\$37 00	\$37 00



## DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation . . . . .		\$175 00	
	EXPENDED		
Veteran Post 194, G. A. R. . . . .		\$175 00	
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		\$175 00	\$175 00

## STATE AND MILITARY AID

Appropriation . . . . .			\$2,800 00
	EXPENDED		
Wm. H. Baker . . . . .		\$48 00	
Marietta Baker . . . . .		48 00	
Julia Bancroft . . . . .		48 00	
Henry Batchelder . . . . .		28 00	
Lydia R. Bryden . . . . .		48 00	
Emmons Buck . . . . .		72 00	
Julia Buck . . . . .		48 00	
Edmund Buxton . . . . .		48 00	
Adeline E. Clark . . . . .		12 00	
Reuben R. Coates . . . . .		72 00	
George W. Cook . . . . .		48 00	
Bella Corrie . . . . .		48 00	
Wm. L. Crowe . . . . .		44 00	
Mary S. Curtis . . . . .		44 00	
Ellen M. Damon . . . . .		16 00	
John Damon . . . . .		48 00	
Henry Damon . . . . .		48 00	
Maria D. Damon . . . . .		48 00	
Horace E. Eames . . . . .		48 00	
Ida F. Flanders . . . . .		48 00	
Charles C. Frost . . . . .		48 00	
Jennie H. Gould . . . . .		24 00	
Mary Gowing . . . . .		48 00	
Harriett V. Hall . . . . .		44 00	

Jonathan Heselton . . . . .	36 00
Richmond Heselton . . . . .	72 00
Squire Holt . . . . .	33 00
Wm. A. Hunter . . . . .	48 00
Abbie D. Huntley . . . . .	44 00
Merrill Hutchinson . . . . .	48 00
Geo. H. Leavens . . . . .	48 00
Gustavus Loring . . . . .	24 00
Cora T. Marshall . . . . .	48 00
John K. Meader . . . . .	48 00
Caroline McIntire . . . . .	24 00
Chas. W. Milbery . . . . .	72 00
Charles Myers . . . . .	48 00
Ansel Nickerson . . . . .	72 00
Kate V. Norris . . . . .	16 00
Abbie E. Oliver . . . . .	8 00
Edmund B. Parker . . . . .	48 00
Margaret Pinkham . . . . .	24 00
Maria M. Platts . . . . .	48 00
Susan M. Richardson . . . . .	48 00
Alfred B. Roots . . . . .	48 00
Sarah A. Roots . . . . .	48 00
Zeba M. Saunders . . . . .	48 00
Henry F. Scruton . . . . .	48 00
Lucy E. Stone . . . . .	48 00
George Thayer . . . . .	48 00
Roxanna C. Underwood . . . . .	48 00
Eliza J. Upton . . . . .	48 00
Janet C. Varney . . . . .	48 00
Jane E. Woodward . . . . .	48 00

## MILITARY AID

Henry Batchelder (one-half to be paid by the Commonwealth) . . . . .	77 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	310 00	
	\$2,800 00	\$2,800 00

## ACCOUNT OF CHAS. L. HAAG

Due from Chas. L. Haag . . . . .		\$76 66
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## EXPENDED

Chas. L. Haag, supplies . . . . .	\$76 66	
	<u>76 66</u>	<u>76 66</u>

## RENT OF PLAYGROUND

Appropriation . . . . .		\$342 00
Amount received for use of Playground		5 00

## EXPENDED

Kirk Sweetser, rent Jan. 1, 1908, to Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .	\$342 00	
Highway Dept. . . . .	5 00	
	<u>347 00</u>	<u>347 00</u>

## CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS

Appropriation . . . . .		\$150 00
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## EXPENDED

Reading Water Works, water rates . . . . .	\$12 00	
Orne Green, labor . . . . .	44 37	
John F. Ames, labor . . . . .	2 50	
Highway Dept. . . . .	8 25	
Unexpended . . . . .	82 88	
	<u>150 00</u>	<u>150 00</u>

## READING WATER WORKS

Appropriation . . . . .		\$5,780 00
Amount raised by taxation . . . . .		7,000 00

EXPENDED

Reading Water Works, hydrant rentals . . . . .	\$4,980	00
Reading Water Works, street sprinkler . . . . .	500	00
Reading Water Works, drinking fountains . . . . .	300	00
E. F. Parker, Treas., reduction of water loan, water bonds 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 171, 172 . . . . .	7,000	00
	\$12,780	00
	\$12,780	00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

(General Account)

Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,000	00
Unexpended balance, 1907 . . . . .	187	21

EXPENDED

Paid Municipal Light Board . . . . .	\$5,187	21
	\$5,187	21
	\$5,187	21

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

(Depreciation Account)

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,000	00
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EXPENDED

Paid Municipal Light Board . . . . .	\$3,000	00
	\$3,000	00
	\$3,000	00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

(Special Committee)

Unexpended balance, 1907 . . . . .	\$19,170	26
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EXPENDED

Richard D. Kimball Co., consulting engi- neers . . . . .	\$475	00
Western Electric Co., electrical machinery . . . . .	7,479	62
Ridgeway Dynamo & Engine Co., electrical machinery . . . . .	4,515	00

W. M. Steel Switch Board Co., switch board . . . . .	544 31
Bradlee & Chatman Co., piping . . . . .	1,310 56
Wetmore, Savage Co., electrical supplies . . . . .	893 13
Wagner Electric Mfg. Co., electrical supplies . . . . .	676 40
General Electric Co., electrical supplies . . . . .	847 45
Boston Engineering Co., repairs . . . . .	195 00
Simplex Electrical Co., insulated wire . . . . .	245 18
The Whitlock Coil Pipe Co., heater . . . . .	230 00
Chandler & Farquahar Co., supplies . . . . .	29 27
Chapman Valve Co., supplies . . . . .	101 18
Amorite Conduit Co., supplies . . . . .	26 66
L. M. Ham & Co., supplies . . . . .	72 81
Grant Gear Works, supplies . . . . .	8 03
Hanscom Construction Co., balance of contract . . . . .	250 00
Braman, Dow & Co., supplies . . . . .	5 42
Falk Rivet & Machine Co., supplies . . . . .	4 48
A. H. Shiern Co., supplies . . . . .	10 86
F. L. Goldsmith, supplies . . . . .	3 15
Thomas & Betts Co., supplies . . . . .	4 10
Charles E. Hall & Co., supplies . . . . .	36 05
Woburn Machine Co., supplies . . . . .	25 45
Harold L. Bond Co., supplies . . . . .	5 65
H. W. Johns-Manville Co., supplies . . . . .	7 40
O. J. Vincent, labor . . . . .	616 14
Richard H. Kimball, labor . . . . .	241 78
A. A. Brooks, labor . . . . .	58 25
Ralph Foster, labor . . . . .	35 83
Chester Robinson, labor . . . . .	26 67
T. F. Turner, labor . . . . .	24 42
Charles Robinson, labor . . . . .	6 11
R. C. Totten, labor . . . . .	7 51
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies . . . . .	8 50
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	1 00
Haymarket Sq. Tile and Fireplace Co., supplies . . . . .	47 85

James B. McKay, labor . . . . .	21 60	
John B. Logan, labor . . . . .	5 25	
E. W. Monaghan, labor . . . . .	1 00	
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight . . . . .	59 60	
Unexpended . . . . .	6 59	
	<u>\$19,170 26</u>	<u>\$19,170 26</u>

## INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS AND NOTES

Appropriation . . . . .		\$4,155 00
EXPENDED		
Edward F. Parker, Treas., interest paid by him . . . . .	\$4,055 00	
Unexpended . . . . .	100 00	
	<u>\$4,155 00</u>	<u>\$4,155 00</u>

## SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Amount raised by taxation . . . . .		\$2,000 00
EXPENDED		
E. F. Parker, Treas., Bonds 18, 19 . . . . .	\$2,000 00	
	<u>\$2,000 00</u>	<u>\$2,000 00</u>

## SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

Appropriation . . . . .		\$8,000 00
Amount received from loan . . . . .		2,000 00
EXPENDED		
E. F. Parker, Treas., notes paid by him . . . . .	\$10,000 00	
	<u>\$10,000 00</u>	<u>\$10,000 00</u>

## HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Unexpended balance, 1907 . . . . .		\$1,076 83
Appropriation for gymnasium . . . . .		250 00



## EXPENDED

A. E. Burr, receiver for H. P. Cummings Co.	\$858 57	
H. R. Johnson . . . . .	425 00	
W. F. Cook . . . . .	37 55	
Unexpended . . . . .	5 71	
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	\$1,326 83	\$1,326 83

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Received from auctioneers' licenses . . . . .	8 00
Received from carriage licenses . . . . .	4 00
Received from express licenses . . . . .	2 00
Received from junk dealers' licenses . . . . .	75 00
Received from pedlers' licenses . . . . .	11 00
Received from fees, sealing weights, measures, etc. . . . .	27 07
Received from postage returned . . . . .	68

## EXPENDED

M. F. Charles, recording births, marriages and deaths . . . . .	\$88 00
M. F. Charles, investigating records . . . . .	10 00
M. F. Charles, extra duty as Assessor . . . . .	35 00
M. F. Charles, Sec'y of Finance Committee . . . . .	25 00
M. F. Charles, stationery and supplies . . . . .	5 50
J. H. Adden, investigating records . . . . .	35 00
J. H. Adden, copying valuation lists, etc. . . . .	50 00
Prentiss & Viall, insurance . . . . .	74 50
E. L. Lovejoy, insurance . . . . .	7 80
W. F. Cook, painting . . . . .	32 00
F. W. Parker, balance of salary as Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1907 . . . . .	53 50
F. W. Parker, account of salary as Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1908 . . . . .	47 00
F. W. Parker, expenses of Sealer . . . . .	5 47
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for Sealer . . . . .	34 42

Edwin O. Childs, recording deeds . . .	3 30
J. W. Gleason, labor on flag pole . . .	7 00
Julia P. Ide, typewriting Town Warrant . . .	5 00
Wakefield, Daily Item, dog blanks and posters . . . . .	4 25
J. W. Grimes, legal services . . . . .	5 00
G. A. Hubbard, salary during vacation . . .	36 00
G. W. Hunt, settlement for damage . . . . .	10 00
F. W. Danforth, lettering sign . . . . .	13 00
Old South M. E. Society, care of clock . . .	50 00
James A. Bancroft, miscellaneous surveys . . .	23 00
Edgerley & Bessom, reporting deaths . . . . .	14 25
O. L. Akerley, State Aid examination . . . . .	5 00
C. Bowen, safe moving . . . . .	30 00
H. M. Meek Publishing Co., birth return books . . . . .	1 50
Western Electric Co., supplies . . . . .	56 00
Town Home, distributing Town Reports . . .	10 00
J. E. Turner Wagon Co., painting and re- pairing sprinkling cart . . . . .	40 35
Francis Bros., repairs to pump . . . . .	1 00
F. D. Merrill, postage . . . . .	1 00
O. O. Ordway, repairs on flag pole . . . . .	65
T. C. Fife, repairing pump . . . . .	1 80
E. D. Richmond, M. D., recording births . . .	6 75
J. W. Heath, M. D., recording births . . . . .	1 75
J. O'Leary, M. D., recording births . . . . .	75
E. L. Halligan, M. D., recording births . . .	2 50
F. L. Smalley, M. D., recording births . . . . .	3 50
G. F. Dow, M. D., recording births . . . . .	15 00
Veteran Post 194, G. A. R., Electric Light G. A. R. Hall . . . . .	50 00
A. M. Burchard, typewriting lists of jurors . . .	1 50
Lila D. Stott, clerical services for Assessors	30 60
F. L. Johnson, setting glass . . . . .	75
J. W. Fairchild, clerical work for Assessors	2 25

Labor on ditches . . . . .	174 99	
Labor on dumps . . . . .	25 50	
Overdrawn . . . . .		9 38
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	\$1,137 13	\$1,137 13

## INTEREST

Appropriation . . . . .		\$700 00
Amount received from First National Bank . . . . .		147 42
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1906 . . . . .		742 24
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1907 . . . . .		1,155 20
Amount received from M. A. Stone, Collector, 1908 . . . . .		121 35

## EXPENDED

Interest on temporary loans . . . . .	\$3,059 09	
Interest on Main street note . . . . .	40 00	
A. W. Danforth, Secretary, interest on cemetery bequest funds . . . . .	477 75	
Overdrawn . . . . .		710 63
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	\$3,576 84	\$3,576 84

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Appropriation . . . . .		\$700 00
Amount received after abatement . . . . .		10 60

## EXPENDED

H. M. Viall, Collector, 1906 . . . . .	\$286 21	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1907 . . . . .	575 20	
Overdrawn . . . . .		\$150 81
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	\$681 41	\$861 41

## TAXES ON PROPERTY TAKEN BY THE TOWN

(No appropriation)

Amount received from taxes refunded		\$71 32
	EXPENDED	
H. M. Viall, Collector . . . . .	\$526 06	
Overdrawn . . . . .		454 74
	<u>\$526 06</u>	<u>\$526 06</u>

## STREET DEPARTMENT

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### HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS ON SIDEWALKS

Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,000 00
Amount received from material sold . . . . .	3 10
Amount received from telephone tolls . . . . .	4 35
Amount received from Henry Stock, account edgestones . . . . .	15 34
Amount received from E. J. Roundy, account edgestones . . . . .	27 31
Amount received from bill overpaid . . . . .	38
Amount received from labor on Play- ground . . . . .	5 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax . . . . .	4,595 06
Amount received from Boston & North- ern St. Ry. Co. for proportion of cost of repairs to Middlesex ave. . . . .	842 97

#### EXPENDED

Labor and teams . . . . .	\$2,059 70
Labor . . . . .	3,233 83
Gravel . . . . .	57 58
L. W. Allen, salary Supt. of Streets, 1908 . . . . .	907 25
L. W. Allen, Supt. of Streets, expenses . . . . .	2 25
E. M. Burrill, engineer road roller . . . . .	300 02
Mass. Broken Stone Co., crushed stone . . . . .	969 93
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight . . . . .	674 02
Road Roller Note . . . . .	450 00
Good Roads Machine Co., supplies . . . . .	27 40
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., supplies . . . . .	18 40

Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	32 49	
F. W. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	1 40	
American Express Co., expressing . . . . .	1 30	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rates . . . . .	30 58	
Municipal Light Board, coal, oil, and waste . . . . .	84 95	
Waldo Bros., sewer pipe . . . . .	87 36	
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	9 25	
F. W. Danforth, painting signs . . . . .	3 00	
O. L. Milbury, labor and supplies . . . . .	3 95	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies . . . . .	15 20	
H. L. Bond Co., supplies . . . . .	1 16	
T. C. Fife, repairs to roller . . . . .	7 08	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . . .	3 00	
A. Michelini, derrick and tackle . . . . .	35 00	
S. C. Baxter, inspecting roller boiler . . . . .	5 00	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies . . . . .	25	
H. R. Johnson, labor and material . . . . .	3 27	
S. Brown, repairs . . . . .	5 90	
Broad Gauge Iron Works, supplies . . . . .	1 05	
Perrin, Seamans & Co., supplies for roller . . . . .	4 57	
J. E. Turner Wagon Co., sharpening plough points . . . . .	1 50	
Bartlett Mfg. Co., Tarviating Main st. . . . .	72 50	
H. A. Upton, use of street sprinkler . . . . .	34 50	
N. Bancroft Estate, supplies . . . . .	4 00	
P. J. Seaman, repairs . . . . .	75	
T. A. Mulronev, concreting . . . . .	344 12	
	<u>\$9,493 51</u>	<u>\$9,493 51</u>

## STREET SPRINKLING

Appropriation . . . . .		\$450 00
EXPENDED		
H. G. Stock, labor and use of horses . . . . .	\$455 18	
Overdrawn . . . . .		5 18
	<u>\$455 18</u>	<u>\$455 18</u>



## REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax . . . . .	\$389 23
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## EXPENDED

Labor and teams . . . . .	\$189 66	
Labor . . . . .	120 19	
W. F. Wheeler, snow plow . . . . .	57 00	
E. C. Metcalf, pails . . . . .	88	
O. O. Ordway, repairs . . . . .	21 50	
	<u>\$389 23</u>	<u>\$389 23</u>

## MAIN STREET NOTE

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,000 00
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## EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him . . . . .	\$1,000 00	
	<u>\$1,000 00</u>	<u>\$1,000 00</u>

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF STREET RAILWAY TAX

Unexpended balance, 1907 . . . . .	\$892 82
Amount received from excise tax, 1908 . . . . .	2,392 40
Amount received from franchise tax, 1908 . . . . .	2,665 29

## EXPENDED

Account of Highways . . . . .	\$4,595 06	
Account of Snow and Ice . . . . .	389 23	
Unexpended . . . . .	966 22	
	<u>\$5,950 51</u>	<u>\$5,950 51</u>

## MOTH ACCOUNT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,997 00
Amount received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	7,049 66

Amount charged to property owners . . . . .	1,900 45
Amount received from bill overpaid . . . . .	10 00
Amount due from private work . . . . .	213 84

## EXPENDED

Guy A. Hubbard, Local Superintendent . . . . .	\$900 00
Guy A. Hubbard, rent of bicycle and miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	65 20
Labor . . . . .	6,670 68
Bowker Insecticide Co., Desparene . . . . .	1,530 81
Frost Insecticide Co., spraying machine and supplies . . . . .	1,189 61
The Olds Gas Power Co., repairs and supplies . . . . .	36 98
F. H. Parker & Son, use of horses and expressing . . . . .	296 23
Jos. Breck & Sons' Corp., tools and supplies . . . . .	31 93
W. M. Farwell, hose . . . . .	46 50
Fitz, Dana & Co., tin . . . . .	27 00
Waite, Randlett Co., tin . . . . .	28 50
Jenney Mfg. Co., gasolene . . . . .	69 84
A. W. Chesterton Co., brushes . . . . .	20 10
Collins Hardware Co., tools . . . . .	19 68
Lexington Hardware Co., axes . . . . .	9 00
A. J. Wilkinson, hardware . . . . .	1 00
Iver-Johnson Sporting Goods Co., knives . . . . .	2 00
J. Blunt, sharpening tools . . . . .	13 54
H. G. Stock, use of horse . . . . .	28 59
O. L. Milbury, sharpening tools . . . . .	3 10
R. D. Clapp, sharpening tools . . . . .	1 80
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., brushes . . . . .	8 82
R. H. Gleason, ladder . . . . .	2 40
G. H. Atkinson Co., gasolene and supplies . . . . .	11 83
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies . . . . .	20 53
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	32 58
T. C. Fife, supplies . . . . .	9 05

S. Brown, repairs . . . . .	4 15	
American Express Co., expressing . . . . .	65	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . . .	38 84	
J. E. Turner Wagon Co., supplies . . . . .	2 50	
C. W. Abbott, Postmaster, stamped envelopes . . . . .	26 46	
C. L. Nichols, use of horse . . . . .	1 75	
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	20	
E. L. Lovejoy, insurance . . . . .	10 00	
G. B. Griffiths, use of horse . . . . .	1 50	
O. O. Ordway, repairs . . . . .	7 60	
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	\$11,170 95	\$11,170 95

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

GENTLEMEN: — In accordance with the By-laws, I hereby submit to you the annual report of the service rendered by the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1908.

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Number of arrests during the year . . . . .			113
January . . . . .	7	0	7
February . . . . .	8	0	8
March . . . . .	7	1	8
April . . . . .	6	0	6
May . . . . .	4	3	7
June . . . . .	19	0	19
July . . . . .	6	0	6
August . . . . .	16	0	16
September . . . . .	11	0	11
October . . . . .	3	1	4
November . . . . .	16	1	17
December . . . . .	4	0	4
	107	6	113

Residents, 64, non-residents, 49; American born, 38, foreign born, 75; adults, 94, minors, 19.

### OFFENCES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Assault . . . . .	4	0	4
Breaking and entering . . . . .	9	0	9
Bastardy . . . . .	3	0	3
Drunkenness . . . . .	46	1	47

Delinquent children . . . . .	0	1	1
Disturbing the peace . . . . .	2	0	2
Cruelty to animals . . . . .	2	0	2
Evading car fare . . . . .	1	0	1
Held on suspicion . . . . .	1	0	1
Insane . . . . .	7	1	8
Larceny . . . . .	8	2	10
Maiming dog . . . . .	1	0	1
Neglected children . . . . .	1	1	2
Non-support . . . . .	1	0	1
Tramps . . . . .	8	0	8
Trespass . . . . .	1	0	1
Violating food law . . . . .	4	0	4
Violating speed law . . . . .	3	0	3
Selling cigarettes to minor under 18 . . . . .	2	0	2
Violating Town By-Laws . . . . .	3	0	3
	107	6	113

## DISPOSITION OF CASES IN COURT

Number that paid fines . . . . .	36
Number committed for non-payment . . . . .	1
Sentenced to House of Correction . . . . .	13
Sentenced to State Farm . . . . .	2
Sentenced to Concord Reformatory . . . . .	1
Committed to State Hospital . . . . .	7
Placed on probation . . . . .	3
Placed on file . . . . .	20
Discharged . . . . .	4
Continued . . . . .	17
Released . . . . .	7
Dismissed . . . . .	1
Still pending . . . . .	1
	113
Amount of fines imposed . . . . .	\$386 00
Amount of fines paid . . . . .	328 00

## MISCELLANEOUS

Buildings found open and secured by police . . . . .	58
Lanterns hung in dangerous places . . . . .	2
Residences temporarily vacated and special police protection requested . . . . .	66
Dogs killed . . . . .	17
Amount of property reported as stolen . . . . .	\$370 00
Amount of stolen property recovered . . . . .	\$55 00
Amount of stolen property covered by insurance . . . . .	\$105 00

## ROSTER

## CHIEF

William T. Leggett

## PATROLMEN

William H. Manning	John M. Cullinane	Robert Powers
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## SPECIAL OFFICERS

William J. Allen	Walter P. Gleason	Lemuel W. Allen
Asa Parker	Alden W. Sennett	Oscar H. Lowe
Jeremiah J. Cullinane	William Kidder	J. Mande Doucette
Willard A. Bancroft	David J. Whelton	Clement Gleason
Arthur E. Davis	Herbert G. Stock	Jason Zwicker
William H. Killam	Samuel Brown	Herbert Bosquet
Frank S. Sennett	William C. McKinley	

## LIST OF PROPERTY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT BELONGING TO THE TOWN

One roll top desk . . . . .	\$12 00
One table . . . . .	5 00
Four chairs . . . . .	5 00
Twelve helmets . . . . .	24 00
Eighteen special police badges . . . . .	9 00
Ten regular police badges . . . . .	10 00



Eight belts . . . . .	9 00
Three twisters . . . . .	3 00
Six pairs handcuffs . . . . .	22 50
Eighteen billies . . . . .	13 50
One dark lantern . . . . .	1 50
Two stop watches . . . . .	14 00
One watchman's clock . . . . .	5 00
Six lockers . . . . .	30 00
One shot gun . . . . .	10 00
Four revolvers . . . . .	20 00
Four Colt's automatic pistols . . . . .	52 00
Four holsters . . . . .	6 00
One pick . . . . .	1 50
One shovel . . . . .	1 00
One iron rake . . . . .	75
Two auto registers . . . . .	2 00
Auto trap wire and signal bells . . . . .	14 00

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\$270 75

In submitting this report, I would say there has not been any what would be termed professional work done by thieves, which is very gratifying to me. During the summer months we have looked after 66 residences temporarily vacated. Peace and good order have prevailed throughout the town during the year. Crime and violation of the laws have been few when you take into account the many people daily entering and leaving the town. Having the electric lights on during the night has been very satisfactory to the general public and I consider a great protection. The Selectmen have furnished the Department with the latest improved Colt's Automatic Pistols, which in case of an emergency should prove very effective.

On August 30th, Patrolman J. Henry Orr died. He was appointed a regular police officer in March, 1900, although he was a special officer sometime before that. He was a man of quiet and unobtrusive nature and possessed of many sterling qualities—

an excellent and efficient officer, active in the discharge of his duties and popular with the general public. After the death of Officer Orr, Officer W. H. Manning was assigned to day duty, taking the West Side route. On September 18th, John M. Cullinane was appointed by the Board as regular officer and was assigned to the route formerly covered by Officer Manning.

In closing this report, I wish to extend my thanks to the members of the force. The work performed has been very creditable to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. LEGGETT,

Chief of Police.

Reading, Mass., Jan. 1, 1909.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,800 00
Amount received from Fourth District Court, fines . . . . .	328 00
Amount received from telephone tolls . . . . .	30
Amount received from lost badge . . . . .	50
Amount received from material sold . . . . .	40
Amount received from bill overpaid . . . . .	6 00

#### EXPENDED

Wm. T. Leggett, Chief, salary, 1908 . . . . .	\$884 00
Wm. T. Leggett, transportation of prisoners and miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	35 49
W. H. Manning, salary, 1908 . . . . .	858 00
W. H. Manning, extra duty . . . . .	1 00
Robert Powers, salary, 1908 . . . . .	858 00
J. H. Orr, salary, Jan. 1, 1908, to August 29, 1908 . . . . .	544 50
J. M. Cullinane, salary, Sept. 21, 1908, to Jan. 9, 1909 . . . . .	261 60
H. G. Stock, special duty, 1908 . . . . .	121 50

W. J. Allen, special duty, 1908 . . . . .	51 75	
O. H. Lowe, special duty, 1908 . . . . .	46 25	
W. C. McKinley, special duty, 1908 . . . . .	5 00	
S. Brown, special duty, 1908 . . . . .	1 00	
Special police, July 3d and 4th . . . . .	81 00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rates . . . . .	69 83	
Wm. Read & Sons Co., pistols, handcuffs and supplies . . . . .	65 36	
D. Evans, buttons . . . . .	11 67	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	40	
F. H. Martin, meals for prisoners . . . . .	17 25	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . . .	10 25	
Stewart & Robertson, labor and material . . . . .	6 10	
W. F. Cook, painting . . . . .	3 48	
Geo. H. Harris, badges . . . . .	9 00	
J. W. Grimes, Esq., legal services . . . . .	15 00	
O. O. Ordway, use of horse . . . . .	3 00	
E. G. Langley, use of horse . . . . .	4 50	
J. J. Cameron, repairs . . . . .	1 50	
Raphael Masstrangialo, helmets and supplies . . . . .	11 50	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	3 80	
R. D. Clapp, repairs . . . . .	1 50	
Unexpended . . . . .	151 97	
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	\$4,135 20	\$4,135 20

## LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

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Appropriation . . . . .	\$700 00
Amount received from sale of lots and graves . . . . .	460 00
Interest on Cemetery bequests, 1908 .	477 75

### EXPENDED

A. W. Danforth, Supt. . . . .	\$75 00	
Labor . . . . .	982 00	
Teams . . . . .	133 00	
Old South M. E. Church, third note in pay- ment of land purchased by vote of the Town, March, 1906 . . . . .	100 00	
Jason Zwicker, supplies . . . . .	3 00	
Weston & Emery, plants, shrubs and flowers	155 20	
H. R. Johnson, building fence . . . . .	176 00	
American Agricultural Chemical Co., fertilizer	40 95	
H. P. Smith & Co., labor and material . . . . .	32 85	
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	6 15	
J. Breck & Sons Corp., lawn mower . . . . .	5 50	
R. D. Clapp, sharpening lawn mowers . . . . .	3 10	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	5 20	
O. W. Austin, loam . . . . .	30 00	
O. O. Ordway, repairs . . . . .	85	
J. A. Bancroft, surveys . . . . .	4 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		115 05
	\$1,752 80	\$1,752 80

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :*

GENTLEMEN :

The Board of Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year nineteen hundred and eight.

During the year the Department has responded to 43 alarms.

The Department consists of :

One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.

Steamer No. 1, two enginemen, Central Fire Station.

Hook and Ladder No. 1, twelve men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 1, thirteen men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 2, twelve men, Woburn street.

Hose No. 3, seven men, North Main street.

Hose No. 4, seven men, Hopkins street.

Hose No. 5, Volunteer Co., Forest street, at G. E. Blanchard's.

Mr. Leonard T. Eames was reappointed Supt. of the Fire Alarm, and the system is in good condition.

The apparatus is in good condition, except the wagon of Hose 4, which ought to be painted this year.

The houses of Hose 3 and Hose 4 ought to be painted on the outside this year, also the house of Hose 2 on the inside.

We would recommend a new floor for the Hook and Ladder Room. It has been in use twenty-five years, and is worn out.

We would recommend the purchase of one thousand feet of new hose. A large amount of our hose is from twelve to twenty years old, and at nearly every fire we lose from one to two hundred feet.

In conclusion, we would thank the members of the Department and all who in any way have assisted the Department the past year, and especially the Boston & Northern Street Railway Co. for the free use of the current for charging the storage battery.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, Chief Engineer,  
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Ass't Engineer,  
ALBION G. NICHOLS, Sec'y,  
Board of Engineers, Reading Fire Dept.

READING, JANUARY 26, 1909.





## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,000 00
Amount received from material sold . . . . .	2 00
Amount received from lost badge . . . . .	1 00

## EXPENDED

F. G. Nichols, salary chief engineer, 1908 . . . . .	\$100 00
O. O. Ordway, salary engineer, 1908 . . . . .	75 00
O. O. Ordway, repairs . . . . .	1 70
A. G. Nichols, salary engineer, 1908 . . . . .	75 00
A. G. Nichols, clerk of board, 1908 . . . . .	10 00
L. T. Eames, salary engineer Steamer No. 1, 1908 . . . . .	25 00
L. T. Eames, electrical supplies and labor . . . . .	23 92
M. J. Shannon, salary asst. engineer Steamer No. 1 and care of apparatus . . . . .	100 00
Chas. J. Haag, care of hose and flag . . . . .	41 31
Chas. J. Haag, services as fireman to Dec. 1, 1908 . . . . .	45 80
E. H. Crowe, steward Hook and Ladder No. 1, 1908 . . . . .	60 00
Chas. H. Heselton, steward Hose No. 2 and extra labor . . . . .	66 00
Parker Nichols, steward Hose No. 3, 1908 . . . . .	30 00
Parker Nichols, horse service, 1908 . . . . .	62 50
E. G. Langley, horse service, 1908 . . . . .	270 81
E. P. Bancroft, horse service and storage, 1908 . . . . .	127 00
H. G. Stock, horse service, 1908 . . . . .	175 00
W. C. McKinley, horse service, 1908 . . . . .	57 50
J. Stock, horse service, 1908 . . . . .	72 37
C. W. C. Trask, horse service, 1908 . . . . .	17 50
C. W. C. Trask, rent of building for hose No. 5, to Aug. 31, 1908 . . . . .	10 00

G. F. Blanchard, horse service, 1908 . . . . .	7 50
F. H. Heselton, account services as fireman, 1908 . . . . .	25 00
F. W. Davis, acct. services as fireman, 1908	45 00
G. D. Putnam, acct. services as fireman, 1908	30 00
W. H. Vanhon, acct. services as fireman, 1908 . . . . .	35 00
H. L. Eames, labor . . . . .	3 00
F. Hunt, labor . . . . .	2 00
J. Clement, Jr., acct. services as fireman, 1908 . . . . .	29 67
J. Blunt, labor . . . . .	1 00
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	2 00
C. L. Martin Co., fuel . . . . .	10 00
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel . . . . .	15 00
Boston Coupling Co., repairs . . . . .	6 25
H. K. Barnes, spanners . . . . .	3 00
D. J. Green & Co., supplies . . . . .	10 98
T. C. Fife, labor and supplies . . . . .	1 88
O. P. Symonds & Sons, fuel . . . . .	2 00
W. S. Parker, horse service, 1908 . . . . .	2 50
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., waste . . . . .	4 75
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	7 45
W. H. Willis, supplies . . . . .	75
E. C. Metcalf, supplies . . . . .	4 43
F. W. Danforth, labor . . . . .	1 50
H. R. Johnson, repairs . . . . .	3 26
E. J. Roundy, repairs . . . . .	6 50
R. D. Clapp, repairs . . . . .	2 75
J. J. Cameron, repairs and supplies . . . . .	49 75
N. E. Tel & Tel. Co., telephone rates . . . . .	19 13
Municipal Light Board, electric lights and supplies . . . . .	42 82
Reading Water Works, water rates . . . . .	12 00
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	10 75
American Express, expressing . . . . .	25

W. H. Wightman, insurance . . . . .	70 87
Firemen's pay roll, 1908 . . . . .	2,634 51
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	\$4,549 66

## FIRE ALARM

## EXPENDED

L. T. Eames, salary Supt. Fire Alarm, 1908 .	\$100 00	
L. T. Eames, material, labor and car fare .	104 15	
J. W. Gleason, labor . . . . .	182 95	
F. G. Nichols, labor . . . . .	75 00	
O. O. Ordway, horse service, labor and sup- plies . . . . .	96 11	
E. G. Langley, horse service . . . . .	1 50	
T. J. Cullinane, labor . . . . .	37 00	
Jas. A. Doucette, labor . . . . .	10 75	
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	50	
Francis Bros., supplies . . . . .	11 80	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies . . . . .	10 91	
F. M. Ferrin, cable . . . . .	47 48	
E. C. Lewis, wire . . . . .	66 52	
Pettengell-Andrews Co., supplies . . . . .	3 00	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co., labor and supplies . . . . .	12 55	
Woburn Machine Co., repairs . . . . .	27 95	
American Express Co., expressing . . . . .	8 57	
Overdrawn . . . . .		343 40
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	\$5,346 40	\$5,346 40

## RUBBER BOOTS AND SOUTHWESTER HATS

Appropriation . . . . .	\$275 00
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## EXPENDED

N. Bancroft Estate . . . . .	\$248 46	
Unexpended . . . . .	26 54	
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	\$275 00	\$275 00

## NEW FLOOR IN STEAMER ROOM

Appropriation . . . . .		\$150 00
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## EXPENDED

E. J. Roundy . . . . .	\$144 11	
Unexpended . . . . .	5 89	
	<u>\$150 00</u>	<u>\$150 00</u>

## FOREST WARDEN

Appropriation . . . . .		\$150 00
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## EXPENDED

H. E. McIntire, salary Fire Ward, Jan. 1 to April 30, 1908 . . . . .	\$5 00	
H. E. McIntire, salary Forest Warden, May 1 to Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .	13 34	
J. N. Weston, salary Fire Ward, year ending April 30, 1908 . . . . .	15 00	
C. W. C. Trask, salary Deputy to August 31, 1908 . . . . .	10 00	
W. A. Bancroft, salary Fire Ward, year ending Dec. 31, 1907 . . . . .	15 00	
Labor . . . . .	473 58	
Labor and teams . . . . .	157 25	
W. F. Cook, painting cans . . . . .	2 50	
H. E. Wright, cans . . . . .	15 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		556 67
	<u>\$706 67</u>	<u>\$706 67</u>

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

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READING, Jan. 1, 1909.

*To the Honorable Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department:*

I submit the following report:

Box 63 has been removed from the Congregational Church to a pole in front of the church.

About one and one-half miles of old wire has been replaced by new.

About two miles of old wire should be replaced by new this year.

### LOCATION OF BOXES

- 13—Corner of Ash and Avon Sts.
- 15—Corner of Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
- 16—Main St., near South.
- 17—Prescott St., near Arlington St.
- 18—Park Ave., corner of Minot St.
- 22—No session, High School House.
- 23—Corner of Woburn and Temple Sts.
- 24—Mineral St., corner of Hancock.
- 25—Prospect St., near King.
- 26—Hose 2 House, Woburn St.
- 27—Summer Ave., south of Prescott St.
- 28—West St., near W. A. Bancroft's.
- 29—Corner of West and King Sts.
- 32—Franklin St., opp. second house from Grove.
- 33—Lowell St., Commonwealth Rubber Co. Works.
- 34—Corner of Grove and Forest Sts.



- 35—Corner of Main and Locust Sts.
- 36—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Locust St.
- 37—Main St., near Brooks Nichols'.
- 38—Corner of Main and Forest Sts.
- 39—Corner of Franklin and Main Sts.
- 41—Corner of Village and Green Sts.
- 42--Corner of John and Haven Sts.
- 44--Corner of Salem and Pearl Sts.
- 45—Corner of Salem and Belmont Sts.
- 46—Corner of Charles and Pearl Sts.
- 47—Corner of Haverhill and Charles Sts.
- 48—Pine St., near Salem.
- 55—Reading Rubber Mills.
- 61—Corner of Main and Washington Sts.
- 62—Corner of Main and Haven Sts.
- 63—Woburn St., front of Congregational Church.
- 64—Central Fire Station.
- 65—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Middlesex Ave.
- 67—Corner of High St. and Middlesex Ave.
- 68—Corner of Gould and Haven Sts.

LEONARD T. EAMES,  
Supt. Fire Alarm.

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :*

I herein submit my annual report as Inspector of Animals.

The cattle of our Town are, in my opinion, in better physical condition than in years past. In fact, they are becoming better each year. This is due, no doubt, to the greater care given by the cattle owners in the purchase of better stock when replenishing, and to the greater care given to ventilation and cleanliness of stables.

I am very much encouraged to see that many of our dairy owners have come to believe that cattle stables do not necessarily need to be hot, but warm, and that the air should be pure. This can easily be done by having cotton cloth replace many of the windows. If it is properly applied and drawn tight there will be no draught or steam, and the air will be much better than where the windows are closed.

One of our best dairymen believes so much in fresh air that he has replaced all windows with cotton cloth, and I wish more would follow his example, for by so doing the product would be better, also the cattle.

If we are going to have better prices for our milk, butter and cheese we must first produce a clean, pure article from healthy stock, put up in a sanitary manner.

These improvements are somewhat of an expense but the profits will be double when it becomes known that products of this kind can be obtained at a slight additional expense. The demand will be greater than the supply and steadily increase.

When one stops to think that our children live entirely on milk during infancy, and that unclean or impure milk is the cause of nine-tenths of all children's ills, who will stop at a cent or two per quart when milk of this kind can be obtained.

I wish to thank the dairymen for the kind way in which they have grasped the situation of improvements and beg that they will let the good work go on. Produce the article, then demand the price, and I venture to say that no fair-minded person will find one particle of fault on price, for an ounce of prevention is worth a barrel of cure and pure food is cheaper than medicine.

The slaughtering industry of our Town has grown to a considerable extent, some 1268 head having been slaughtered during the past year. Many of them have been rendered as a whole and portions of others have been condemned and rendered.

The markets have been visited on many occasions with very satisfactory results.

I trust the ensuing year will see other improvements along the several lines, and that our Town will be looked upon as having one of the purest supplies of dairy products in the State.

Yours very respectfully,

C. H. PLAYDON, M. D. V., Inspector.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :*

GENTLEMEN : I have the honor to present the eighth annual report of the department of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908 :

	CORRECT	ADJ.	CD.	TOTAL
No. of scales over 5,000 lbs.	2	1		3
“ scales under 5,000 lbs.	8	7		15
“ small scales	32	18	1	51
“ computing scales	8	1		9
“ pan scales	12	2		14
“ family scales	4	1		5
“ ice scales	2	4		6
“ steelyards	1			1
“ balances	2			2
“ weights	247	16		263
“ milk measures	10			10
“ wet measures	32			32
“ dry measures	53		1	54
“ yard sticks	15			15
“ milk and cream jars	8814		27	8841

Money received for sealing, \$21.81.

The State Inspector has examined my testing scales and pronounced them unreliable and condemned them, and advises a Gurley Portable Balance, No. 9560, which I must have at once.

The work of the Sealer has increased to a large extent in every department the past year, an increase of nearly two thousand milk and cream jars alone. The State Commissioner requiring frequent

inspection, they have been made by me at stores and markets, fifty-six different times. Coal re-weighed five times.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks to the merchants for the courtesy with which I have been received, and also to the town officials for their kind co-operation with me in my work.

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. PARKER,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## TRUSTEES OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :*

The Trustees of the Cemetery respectfully beg leave to submit the following report :

The general work of the Cemetery has been carried on in the usual way, and from the many remarks that have come to our ears at different times, we feel that our work meets with the general approval of the people.

The appropriation we asked for last year for purpose of building a fence from Main Street, on the northern boundary of the Cemetery to the passageway near the tool house, was not granted by the Finance Committee, but it was in such a dilapidated condition, by strict economy we managed to save enough from our regular appropriation to build the same.

The time has now arrived when the Board feels it is imperative for some action to be taken in regard to laying out the new land in the Cemetery, as we now have but few lots unsold and there are inquiries for better lots than we now have. Therefore, we have had plans drawn for the manner in which they should be laid out, and estimates made of the cost thereof, and purpose having an article in the Warrant asking for twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) to defray the expense. A competent party will lay this before the Finance Committee, and we trust it will meet with their approval.

We have received from the Interest Fund \$477.75, which has been expended on lots placed under perpetual care. If more people would provide for the care of their lots in this way, it is the opinion of the Board that all would be better pleased.



It is the opinion of the Board that we should have an appropriation of eight hundred dollars (\$800) for the general work in the Cemetery the coming season.

A. W. DANFORTH,  
Superintendent and Secretary.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### RECEIPTS

Appropriation . . . . .	\$700 00
Sale of lots . . . . .	460 00
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	\$1,160 00

#### EXPENDED

Payment on Old South M. E. Church note . . . . .	\$100 00	
Weston & Emery . . . . .	27 45	
American Agricultural Co. . . . .	40 95	
O. W. Austin . . . . .	30 00	
H. R. Johnson . . . . .	176 00	
Jas. A. Bancroft . . . . .	4 00	
Salary of Secretary . . . . .	75 00	
Labor and teams . . . . .	821 66	
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	\$1,275 05	\$1,275 05
Overdrawn . . . . .		\$115 05
Paid to Treasurer from sale of lots which we have not received credit for on this year's account . . . . .		\$95 00
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Overdrawn . . . . .		\$20 05

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Reading :*

Report of Tree Warden for year ending Dec. 31, 1908 :

The work during 1908 has consisted of planting trees on Arbor Day, \$20 being contributed from the Woman's Club toward expense, and trimming of dead wood and low branches in places where most needed.

Several hearings of minor importance have been held.

The problem of the gypsy and brown tail moths is being handled by law and seems to be suppressed effectively.

We have a pest which the moth appropriation does not as yet include, commonly called the elm leaf beetle.

There are many of our elm trees which during the past year suffered almost the entire loss of foliage from this cause. Trees which we were able to spray for gypsy moths were not affected to any appreciable extent. Therefore, it seems a duty for me to bring this matter to your attention, and make a recommendation to cover this situation. I have had a talk with the State office for suppressing the moths and have received this proposition: The State office will pay one-half the expense of spraying for elm leaf beetle as is customary in other towns. The spraying is very expensive, but the most effective means known.

I recommend that the sum of \$350 be appropriated for Tree Warden work, \$200 to be used with a like amount of State funds for spraying, and \$150 for regular and emergency work of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. HUBBARD, Tree Warden.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$100 00
Received from Reading Womans' Club	20 00

## EXPENDED

Labor . . . . .	\$102 90	
Labor and teams . . . . .	4 60	
West Street Nursery, trees . . . . .	6 00	
J. Woodward Manning, trees . . . . .	5 00	
J. A. Bancroft, surveying . . . . .	1 50	
	<u>120 00</u>	<u>120 00</u>

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:*

Your Board of Health herewith submits its annual report:  
The number of cases of contagious diseases reported, 235.

Diphtheria, 15, with 2 deaths.

Measles, 213, with no deaths.

Scarlet fever, 4, with no deaths.

Typhoid fever, 3, with no deaths.

Deaths from all causes, 91.

(See Town Clerk's Report as to causes of death.)

Houses fumigated, 22.

A detailed report of the plumbing division will be found in the Inspector's appended report.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. PLAYDON, *Chairman,*

GEO. L. FLINT,

F. D. MERRILL, *Secretary.*

Reading, Mass., Jan. 1, 1909.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation . . . . .	\$600 00
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#### EXPENDED

G. S. Tukey, salary, Inspector of Plumbing . . . . .	\$341 64
G. S. Tukey, fumigating . . . . .	29 00
Elizabeth A. Smith, executrix, rent year ending Oct. 15, 1908 . . . . .	84 00
Elizabeth A. Smith, executrix, water rates . . . . .	9 00
F. Wallace, supplies . . . . .	13 13

F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . .	12 67	
American Express, expressing . . . .	9 86	
W. H. Willis, supplies . . . . .	2 75	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel . . . . .	2 00	
C. L. Martin Co., fuel . . . . .	10 20	
A. W. Danforth, supplies . . . . .	3 50	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, kindlings . . . .	2 00	
Municipal Light Board, electric light and supplies . . . . .	9 86	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . .	18 50	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rates . .	30 30	
E. G. Langley, horse hire . . . . .	2 00	
G. B. Griffiths, horse hire . . . . .	4 00	
J. Stock, cleaning cesspools . . . . .	21 50	
Town of Watertown, McAndrew case . . .	208 70	
Melvin & Badger, formaldehyde . . . .	10 00	
International Chemical Co., formaldehyde .	38 40	
Overdrawn . . . . .		\$263 91
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	\$863 91	\$863 91

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

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*To the Honorable, the Board of Health:*

GENTLEMEN :—The work in the Plumbing Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908, was as follows :

Applications filed . . . . .	89
Applications left over from 1908 . . . . .	8
Inspections and calls made . . . . .	319
Number of fixtures . . . . .	253
Water closets . . . . .	49
Bowls . . . . .	46
Bath tubs . . . . .	39
Sinks . . . . .	54
Trays . . . . .	62
Drip sinks . . . . .	1
Shower baths . . . . .	2
Fountain cuspidore . . . . .	1
Alterations . . . . .	14
Repairs and ventilations . . . . .	11
Examinations for journeyman . . . . .	2

Several inspections have been made at the request of the Board, and defects remedied.

There has been one violation of the ordinance placed in your hands for rectification.

I again call the attention of the Board to the fact of the absolute necessity of a sewer system for the center of the Town.

That an epidemic has not come to us, knowing the existence of so much filth the Board have to contend with, is simply remarkable, and to my mind, the Board deserve much credit for the manner of handling same.



I sincerely hope the selfishness of those opposed to a sewer system will not be the cause for future regret.

The Board in the last year have been very unjustly censured for the disposal of said filth, fighting to give the Town the best possible service, with tied hands, and although my sympathy is with the kickers, we should not find fault with your Honorable Board, but rectify the trouble in Town meeting.

I am lead to believe that some property owners in the center of the town would make great improvements could the drainage be properly taken care of. Some cases have been forced to discontinue fixtures they wished to retain as it was impossible to dispose of their waste without becoming bankrupt, and when necessity forced it to be carted to this place and that, someone finds fault with your Board for doing so.

Thanking the Secretary, the Board, my craft and the citizens at large for their kind co-operation, I am

Respectfully submitted,

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY,

Inspector of Plumbing.

Jan. 1, 1909.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

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We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of real and personal property assessed in the Town of Reading during the year 1908.

Valuation of real estate		
Buildings, excluding land . . . .	\$2,750,010 00	
Land, excluding buildings . . . .	1,733,020 00	
Total real estate . . . .		\$4,483,030 00
Personal estate, excluding Resident		
National Bank stock . . . .	\$730,442 00	
Resident National Bank stock . . . .	25,150 00	
Total personal estate . . . .		755,592 00
Total real and personal property		\$5,238,622 00
Increase in real estate . . . .	\$201,667 00	
Increase in personal estate . . . .	45,429 00	
Total increase in valuation . . . .		\$247,086 00
Tax on real estate . . . .	\$89,660 60	
Moth tax on real estate . . . .	1,126 80	
Tax on personal estate . . . .	15,111 84	
Tax on polls . . . .	3,332 00	
Total assessed May 1, 1908 . . . .		\$109,231 24
Tax assessed on polls since May		
1, 1908 . . . .		28 00
Additional supplementary tax as-		
sessed Dec. 16, 1908 . . . .		375 88

Street Railway Excise tax, 11.720 miles in Reading . . . . .		2,392 40
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Total taxes assessed from all sources . . . . .		\$112,027 52
Wellington Bridge tax . . . . .	\$493 25	
State Highway tax . . . . .	186 80	
State tax . . . . .	7,920 00	
County tax . . . . .	4,994 00	
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Balance used for Town purposes		\$98,433 47

## Rate of taxation, \$20 on \$1,000

Total number persons assessed on property . . . . .	1,575
Total assessed on polls only . . . . .	993
Total number of polls May 1, 1908 . . . . .	1,666
Number polls added since . . . . .	14
Total polls assessed . . . . .	1,680
Decreased from 1907 . . . . .	12
Number of horses . . . . .	457
Number of cows . . . . .	486
Number of neat cattle . . . . .	47
Number of sheep . . . . .	2
Number of swine . . . . .	110
Number of fowls . . . . .	5,806
Number of dwellings . . . . .	1,319
Number of new dwellings . . . . .	14
Number of acres of land . . . . .	5,734

JOHN H. ADDEN,  
MILLARD F. CHARLES,  
MERRICK A. STONE,

Assessors of Reading.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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MERRICK A. STONE, Collector

TO TOWN OF READING

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Committed list taxes for 1908	\$109,635 12
Excise tax for 1908 . . . . .	2,392 40
Interest . . . . .	121 35
Amount collected account postage . . . . .	5 30

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By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treas.	\$74,645 24
Uncollected taxes, 1908 . . . . .	37,341 18
Abatements . . . . .	162 45
Postage account . . . . .	5 30
	\$112,154 17
	\$112,154 17

MERRICK A. STONE, Collector.

READING, DEC. 31, 1908.

H. M. VIALI, Collector

TO TOWN OF READING

DR.

Uncollected taxes, 1906 . . . . .	\$8,269 80
Uncollected taxes, 1907 . . . . .	37,426 16
Re-assessments added to 1907 . . . . .	368 00
Interest, 1906 . . . . .	742 24
Interest, 1907 . . . . .	1,155 20
Amount collected after abatement . . . . .	10 60
Amount collected on account postage . . . . .	68

Amount collected from R. A. Trenholm, account redemption of property taken by Town . . . . .	39 01
Amount collected from L. B. Thomp- son, account redemption of prop- erty taken by Town . . . . .	22 26
Amount collected from J. Pendergrace, account redemption of property taken by Town . . . . .	10 05

## CR.

By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas.:		
In full for account 1906 . . . . .		\$9,012 04
Account 1907 . . . . .		30,025 00
Uncollected taxes, 1907 . . . . .		8,924 36
Account paid after abatement . . . . .		10 60
Account postage . . . . .		68
Account redemption of property taken by Town . . . . .		71 32
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	\$48,044 00	\$48,044 00

H. M. VIALL,

Collector 1906 and 1907.

READING, MASS., DEC. 31, 1908.





REPORT OF

# Overseers of the Poor

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908

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Overseers of the Poor

OLIVER L. WAKERLEY, *Chairman*

GEORGE L. PRATT, *Secretary*

JAMES W. KILLAM

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Superintendent of Town Home

H. L. BOSQUET

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:*

We herewith submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

There were six inmates at the Town Home up to October 30, at which time James S. Wyatt died.

A few weeks later, on November 12, occurred the death of Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, which leaves at the present time four inmates.

Owing to the resignation of Wm. C. Smith as Superintendent of the Town Home, we engaged Herbert L. Bosquet to fill the vacancy. On account of the drouth of the past summer the receipts from farm products were lighter than otherwise would have been had the weather conditions been normal.

Temporary aid has been dispensed to 22 adults and 22 children.

The calls for outside aid have been larger this year than last, partial cause being on account of the general depression in business and a large amount of sickness.

On the following pages can be found the financial statement of this department.

OLIVER L. AKERLEY,

GEORGE L. PRATT,

JAMES W. KILLAM,

Overseers of the Poor.

## TOWN HOME—INMATES

James Hunter . . . . .	aged 65 years.
Margaret Sullivan, died Nov. 12, 1908 . . . . .	“ 75 “
Henry W. Weston . . . . .	“ 61 “
Charles H. Ballard . . . . .	“ 62 “
Frank C. Gilchrist . . . . .	“ 62 “
James S. Wyatt, died Oct. 30, 1908 . . . . .	“ 84 “

## PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN HOME JAN. 1, 1909

Live stock . . . . .	\$497 00
Hay and grain . . . . .	35 00
Wagons, carts and sleighs . . . . .	213 00
Manure . . . . .	30 00
Harnesses, blankets, etc. . . . .	44 50
Two snow plows . . . . .	15 00
Spraying machine . . . . .	35 00
Barrels, boxes and baskets . . . . .	19 30
Fuel . . . . .	164 50
Farming tools and implements . . . . .	175 80
Beds and bedding . . . . .	114 25
Household furniture and utensils . . . . .	410 10
Provisions and supplies . . . . .	102 95
	————— \$1,856 40

## TOWN HOME

Amount received from sale of farm products, live stock, gravel and use of teams on highway . . . . .	\$1,148 86
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## EXPENDED

W. C. Smith, salary Superintendent, Jan. 1 to March 31, 1908 . . . . .	\$125 00
W. C. Smith, miscellaneous supplies . . . . .	14 42
H. L. Bosquet, salary Superintendent, April 1 to Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .	375 00
H. L. Bosquet, miscellaneous supplies . . . . .	36 18

Eliza J. Bennett, wages . . . . .	51 97
John Lynch, wages . . . . .	137 80
Delia Herond, wages . . . . .	22 25
Mary E. Rand, wages . . . . .	49 10
Mary L. Larson, nurse for Mrs. Sullivan . . . . .	40 00
Mary E. Mead, wages . . . . .	7 75
G. E. Ramsdell, labor . . . . .	7 00
G. H. Atkinson Co., grain and groceries . . . . .	535 59
Reading Co-op. Ass'n, grain and groceries . . . . .	157 54
F. Wallace, groceries . . . . .	221 58
E. L. Chamberlain, meats and provisions . . . . .	252 82
C. L. Martin Co., fuel . . . . .	153 50
Rockport Fish Market, fish . . . . .	39 65
Quincy Market, meats . . . . .	24 95
W. A. Rich, meats . . . . .	24 39
Wm. Taylor, meats . . . . .	20 64
C. L. Nichols, meats . . . . .	63 66
M. F. Holt, meats . . . . .	18 23
H. W. Wilson, crackers . . . . .	3 52
A. W. Danforth, medicines . . . . .	17 50
J. C. Oxley, medicines . . . . .	39 80
W. H. Willis, medicines . . . . .	9 30
Francis Bros., hardware and supplies . . . . .	30 76
N. Bancroft Estate, shoes and repairing . . . . .	17 25
F. G. McDonald, dry goods . . . . .	16 81
A. S. Cook Co., dry goods . . . . .	9 36
H. O. Copeland Co., dry goods . . . . .	5 79
F. Bartley, clothing . . . . .	25 80
E. C. Metcalf, supplies . . . . .	22 26
H. P. Hubbard, horse shoeing . . . . .	4 75
R. J. Daley, horse . . . . .	65 00
Municipal Light Board, electrical supplies and lighting . . . . .	37 80
Reading Water Works, water rates . . . . .	73 38
C. S. Pettengell, cows . . . . .	85 00
C. D. Wells, horse shoeing . . . . .	3 50

J. J. Cameron, repairs . . . . .	16 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber and supplies . . . . .	6 88	
F. W. Parker, barber work for inmates . . . . .	21 65	
P. J. Seaman, repairs . . . . .	7 45	
Edgerley & Bessom, burial expense, James Wyatt . . . . .	40 00	
Doherty Bros., burial expense, Margaret Sullivan . . . . .	35 00	
E. H. Crowe, distributing Town Reports . . . . .	3 25	
C. E. Mellen, crackers and supplies . . . . .	4 72	
Mrs. L. J. Walker, rent of land and standing grass . . . . .	40 70	
R. H. Gleason, cord wood and 20-ft. ladder . . . . .	55 00	
Jason Zwicker, cord wood and standing grass . . . . .	20 00	
C. S. Jacobs, standing grass . . . . .	4 00	
G. D. Kingman Estate, standing grass . . . . .	10 50	
Clara Perkins, standing grass . . . . .	5 00	
A. A. Hooper, standing grass . . . . .	28 00	
Margaret Cox, labor . . . . .	16 00	
J. E. Wilkins, standing grass . . . . .	4 00	
T. E. Cox, standing grass . . . . .	10 00	
J. B. Nichols, standing grass . . . . .	15 00	
C. N. Eames, standing grass . . . . .	3 00	
F. T. Simpson, standing grass . . . . .	6 00	
H. B. Butters, standing grass . . . . .	3 00	
E. L. Milbury, distributing Town Reports . . . . .	3 00	
Dana Dudley, filing saws . . . . .	1 45	
Francis Harper, labor . . . . .	2 85	
Kate Collins, labor . . . . .	1 71	
F. L. Johnson, wall paper . . . . .	2 46	
Mrs. Frank Hamlin, fowls . . . . .	13 80	
Chas. Wakefield, standing wood . . . . .	18 75	
H. G. Stock, cleaning cesspool . . . . .	28 90	
C. W. Lerner Co., disinfectant . . . . .	5 00	
Carried to Poor account . . . . .		2,130 81
	<u>\$3,279 67</u>	<u>\$3,279 67</u>

## POOR OUT OF TOWN HOME

## EXPENDED

Jane Green, supplies and medical attendance	\$31 87	
Ellen Hastings, supplies . . . . .	26 20	
Reuben White and family, fuel and supplies	13 98	
Frank L. Johnson and family, fuel and supplies . . . . .	10 95	
Delia Casey, fuel . . . . .	4 15	
Lottie Laws, medical attendance . . . . .	7 00	
Theresa Froton and family, supplies . . . . .	91 02	
P. S. Doucette, supplies . . . . .	15 00	
Joseph Card, medical attendance . . . . .	25 29	
Josephine Devine, medical attendance . . . . .	2 00	
Sarah Jones, supplies . . . . .	26 48	
J. Wm. White and family, fuel and supplies	38 37	
John Casey, medical attendance . . . . .	3 00	
Marion G. Kenyon, medical attendance . . . . .	15 00	
James Doucette, fuel . . . . .	3 85	
Julia A. Morton, supplies . . . . .	104 00	
Winifred Bunker, medical attendance . . . . .	10 50	
Gertrude Cederberg and family, supplies and medical attendance . . . . .	290 98	
Eugene F. Knight and family, medical attendance . . . . .	88 00	
Carried to Poor Account . . . . .		\$807 64
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	\$807 64	\$807 64

## HOSPITAL ACCOUNT

Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded, Harold Southwell, board for 1908 . . . . .	\$127 67	
Carried to Poor Account . . . . .		\$127 67
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	\$127 67	\$127 67



## SUMMARY

Appropriation . . . . .		\$3,000 00
EXPENDED		
Net expenses Town Home . . . . .	\$2,130 81	
Poor out of Town Home . . . . .	807 64	
Hospital Account . . . . .	127 67	
Overdrawn . . . . .		66 12
	\$3,066 12	\$3,066 12

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF READING

Amount received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	\$97 21
Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	236 19

## EXPENDED

Annie Melonson and family, fuel and sup- plies . . . . .	\$93 19	
Amy L. Ballou and family, supplies . . . . .	139 00	
Mary E. Skinner, fuel and supplies . . . . .	80 94	
George W. Gregory and family, fuel and supplies . . . . .	20 27	
	\$333 40	\$333 40

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Amount due from City of Cambridge . . . . .	\$169 12
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## EXPENDED

Charlotte White and family, fuel and supplies, . . . . .	\$169 12	
	\$169 12	\$169 12

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Amount received from Town of Wilmington,		\$63 61
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## EXPENDED

Sarah White and family, fuel and supplies . . . . .	\$63 61	
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
	\$63 61	\$63 61

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF NORFOLK

Amount due from Town of Norfolk . . . . .		\$120 17
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## EXPENDED

Herman Seifert and family, supplies . . . . .	\$120 17	
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
	\$120 17	\$120 17

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF ANDOVER

Amount due from Town of Andover . . . . .		\$6 85
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## EXPENDED

Horace J. Hatch and family, fuel and supplies . . . . .	\$6 85	
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
	\$6 85	\$6 85

## PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF CANTON

Amount received from Town of Canton . . . . .		\$80 93
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## EXPENDED

Raymond and Elsie Hobby, supplies . . . . .	\$80 93	
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
	\$80 93	\$80 93

## POLLY CONNELL vs. TOWN OF READING

No appropriation.

## EXPENDED

J. W. Grimes, legal services and expenses . . . . .	\$60 00	
Damage awarded and costs of court . . . . .	275 59	
Witness fees . . . . .	63 25	
Overdrawn . . . . .		\$398 84
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
	\$398 84	\$398 84

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY TRUANT SCHOOL

No appropriation.

## EXPENDED

Account of board for Roger A. Harris from		
May 26, 1906, to August 31, 1908 . . . . .	\$108 00	
Overdrawn . . . . .		\$108 00
	\$108 00	\$108 00



FOURTEENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Electric  
Light Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31

1908





# OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

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## Commissioners

WILLIAM C. BUCK, Chairman	. . .	Term expires 1910
GEORGE L FLINT, Secretary	. . .	Term expires 1909
JAMES M. MAXWELL, JR.	. . .	Term expires 1911

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## Manager

JOSIAH CROSBY NORCROSS

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OFFICE : Room 9, Masonic Block.

## CASH ACCOUNT, 1908.

## DR.

January 1, to balance . . . . .	\$123 21	
To appropriation . . . . .	8,000 00	
To appropriation for Commissioners' salaries . . . . .	225 00	
To appropriation balance from 1907 . . . . .	187 21	
	————	\$8,535 42

## To receipts from customers:

Commercial Light . . . . .	\$5,896 61	
Domestic Light . . . . .	10,438 13	
Power . . . . .	1,984 09	
Meter rents . . . . .	647 90	
	————	\$18,929 73

## To Sundries Received:

Interest on deposits . . . . .	\$8 49	
Rental of poles . . . . .	78 10	
Sale of scrap, etc. . . . .	373 23	
Sale of lamps . . . . .	657 89	
Sale of wiring stock . . . . .	965 29	
Bills receivable . . . . .	195 00	
	————	\$2,278 00
		————
		\$29,743 15

## CR.

## By Cash paid for Account of Construction:

Steam Plant . . . . .	\$154 88	
Incandescent St. Lamps . . . . .	1 70	
Lines . . . . .	768 75	
Arc Lamps . . . . .	204 00	
Meters . . . . .	391 94	
Converters . . . . .	539 55	
	————	\$2,060 82

## By Cash paid for Account of Maintenance:

Fuel . . . . .	\$4,292 43
Oil and waste . . . . .	231 41
Water . . . . .	171 06
Station wages . . . . .	5,364 28
Repairs, real estate . . . . .	630 14
Repairs, steam plant . . . . .	292 21
Repairs, electric plant . . . . .	28 40
Station tools and appliances . . . . .	193 69
Wages, care of lights . . . . .	169 57
Repair of lines . . . . .	1,398 25
Carbons . . . . .	113 79
Incandescent lamps . . . . .	478 24
Repairs, globes . . . . .	94 04
Distribution tools and appliances . . . . .	123 35
General salaries . . . . .	2,401 70
General office expense . . . . .	793 76
Rents . . . . .	110 00
Insurance . . . . .	896 50
Law expenses . . . . .	5 00
Repair meters . . . . .	45 85
Stable expenses . . . . .	520 94
Repairs, motors . . . . .	6 94
Salaries Light Board . . . . .	225 00
By Cash paid for interest . . . . .	2,530 00
Cash paid for wiring stock, motors and fixtures . . . . .	604 22
Cash paid for bonds . . . . .	3,000 00
Cash paid for office furniture . . . . .	13 46
Cash paid accts. payable Jan. 1, 1908 . . . . .	2,190 02
Cash paid for motors . . . . .	233 10
Cash paid for Special Committee . . . . .	270 63
Balance cash on hand petty cash . . . . .	100 00
Cash on hand in bank . . . . .	154 35

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 \$29,743 15

## MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT

DR.

## For Manufacturing :

Fuel . . . . .	\$6,069 76	
Oil and waste . . . . .	383 24	
Water . . . . .	86 25	
Station wages . . . . .	5,364 28	
Repairs, real estate . . . . .	268 78	
Repairs, steam plant . . . . .	348 88	
Repairs, electric plant . . . . .	26 55	
Station tools and appliances . . . . .	37 48	
	<hr/>	\$12,716 26

## For Distribution :

Wages, care of lights . . . . .	\$168 91	
Repairs of lines . . . . .	1,561 02	
Carbons . . . . .	146 84	
Repairs of globes . . . . .	114 78	
Distribution tools . . . . .	25 95	\$2,017 50
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## For Miscellaneous Expenses :

General salaries . . . . .	\$2,401 70	
General office expenses . . . . .	848 38	
Salaries, Light Board . . . . .	225 00	
Rents . . . . .	120 00	
Insurance . . . . .	1,004 41	
Law expense . . . . .	5 00	
Stable expense . . . . .	583 94	
Repairs motors . . . . .	6 94	
Office furniture . . . . .	6 56	
Repairs meters . . . . .	45 85	
	<hr/>	\$5,247 78
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		\$19,981 54

## CR.

By sales of commercial light, less discount . . . . .	\$5,559 92	
By sales of domestic light, less discount . . . . .	10,697 07	
By sales of electric power . . . . .	2,004 49	
Meter rents . . . . .	677 20	
Supplied and charged to Town buildings . . . . .	412 65	
Rent of poles . . . . .	78 10	
	—————	\$19,429 43
Loss in manufacturing . . . . .		552 11
		—————
		\$19,981 54

From the foregoing report of the manufacturing account you will note that the cost of manufacturing increased about 20 per cent. over the previous year, but the output of the station was about 25 per cent. larger, as shown by the station meters.

You will by comparison see that the largest amount of the increased cost was in the following accounts :

Fuel . . . . .	\$370 47
Station wages . . . . .	527 13
Repairs of lines . . . . .	471 59
General salaries . . . . .	866 83
Insurance . . . . .	580 89

Fuel was on account of increased output.

Station wages on account of eight hour law, while last year's report included only nine and one-half months under this law.

Repair of lines was needed to put outside lines in proper condition.

General salaries on account of manager's salary, while last year's report included only about six months.

Insurance, additional cost of liability insurance on account of increased size of pay roll.

## CONSTRUCTION

Cost of plant as shown in Town Report of

1907 . . . . .	\$98,073 12	
Real estate . . . . .	48 05	
Steam plant . . . . .	4,947 46	
Electric plant . . . . .	5,583 71	
Electric lines . . . . .	143 26	
Incandescent street lamps . . . . .	9 91	
Arc lamps . . . . .	2,188 69	
Meters . . . . .	801 54	
Converters . . . . .	629 39	
	<hr/>	\$112,425 11

## PROFIT AND LOSS CHARGES

	DR.	
Jan. 1, 1908 . . . . .	\$24,525 33	
Interest paid . . . . .	2,731 25	
Incandescent lamps . . . . .	387 13	
Depreciation . . . . .	3,000 00	
Loss in manufacturing . . . . .	552 11	
Extraordinary repairs . . . . .	13,320 92	
	<hr/>	\$44,516 74
	CR.	
Appropriation, interest . . . . .	\$2,000 00	
Appropriation, depreciation . . . . .	3,000 00	
Appropriation, Commissioners' salaries . . . . .	225 00	
Profit in jobbing . . . . .	53 92	
Interest on deposits . . . . .	8 49	
	<hr/>	\$5,287 41
Balance, Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .		39,229 33
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		\$44,516 74

## BALANCE SHEET

	DR.	
Cash in bank . . . . .	\$154 35	
Cash in treasury, appro. special committee . . . . .	104 59	
Petty cash . . . . .	100 00	

Cash in Mechanics' Savings Bank, customers' deposits . . . . .	489 09
Due from customers, commercial accounts	1,077 59
Due from customers, domestic accounts . .	1,673 06
Due from customers, town accounts . . . .	927 02
Due from customers, electric power accounts . . . . .	280 93
Due from customers, meter rents . . . . .	114 60
Due from customers, wiring, labor and fixtures . . . . .	321 32
Due from customers, incandescent lamps . .	103 52
Sundry accounts . . . . .	8 21
Wiring stock, etc., on hand . . . . .	250 23
Real estate . . . . .	11,913 34
Steam plant . . . . .	12,305 21
Electric plant . . . . .	12,868 44
Lines . . . . .	17,754 57
Arc lamps . . . . .	5,540 82
Incandescent lamps, street . . . . .	9 91
Meters . . . . .	6,653 90
Converters . . . . .	5,928 98
Office furniture . . . . .	379 85
Fuel on hand . . . . .	1,015 15
Oil and waste on hand . . . . .	10 51
Station tools and appliances on hand . . .	475 95
Repairs, lines, stock on hand . . . . .	200 93
Carbons on hand . . . . .	14 02
Globes on hand . . . . .	42 92
Distribution tools and appliances on hand	341 60
Incandescent lamps on hand . . . . .	346 14
Stable account . . . . .	593 00
Insurance account . . . . .	424 00
Due from special committee . . . . .	949 08
Bad debts . . . . .	101 52
Motors . . . . .	296 57
Repairs steam plant . . . . .	67 10



Repairs electric plant . . . . .	241 30
Repairs real estate . . . . .	1 91
Profit and loss . . . . .	39,229 33
	<u>\$123,310 56</u>

CR.

Bonds outstanding . . . . .	\$57,000 00
Appropriations for bond payments . . . . .	19,000 00
Appropriations for note payments . . . . .	18,500 00
Appropriations for construction . . . . .	20,645 04
Overdraft construction . . . . .	3,211 64
Accrued interest . . . . .	561 25
Deposits in Mechanics' Savings Bank . . . . .	489 09
Accounts payable . . . . .	3,903 54
	<u>\$123,310 56</u>

Table showing earnings of light and power for five years :

## LIGHTS

	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
Total . . . . .	\$12,893.33	\$13,477.41	\$15,737.45	\$18,619.16	\$19,917.21
Less discounts allowed for cash payments	<u>\$982.38</u>	<u>\$1,120.23</u>	<u>\$1,867.39</u>	<u>\$2,349.28</u>	<u>\$2,602.77</u>
Net . . . . .	\$11,910.95	\$12,357.18	\$13,870.06	\$16,269.88	\$17,314.44

## POWER

	1906	1907	1908
Total . . . . .	\$434.41	\$1,787.82	\$2,051.39
Less discounts allowed . . . . .	<u>1.75</u>	<u>.58</u>	<u>14.50</u>
Net . . . . .	\$432.66	\$1,787.24	\$2,036.89

## NET TOTAL LIGHT AND POWER

1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
\$11,910.95	\$12,357.18	\$14,302.72	\$18,057.12	\$19,351.33

WILLIAM C. BUCK,  
 GEORGE L. FLINT,  
 JAS. M. MAXWELL, JR.,  
 Municipal Light Board.





NINETEENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Water Commissioners

For the Year Ending December 31

1908

## OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

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### Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	Term expires 1910
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD	. . . . .	" " 1909
EARLE H. GOWING	. . . . .	" " 1911

Superintendent and Registrar  
LEWIS M. BANCROFT

Engineer at Pumping[Station  
FRANK F. STROUT

Assistant Engineer  
ALBION G. NICHOLS

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OFFICE OF WATER BOARD  
Room 2, Masonic Block

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OFFICE HOURS  
8.30 to 11 A.M., 2.30 to 4 P.M., except Saturday.  
Saturday 8.30 A.M. to 12 M., 7.30 to 9 P.M.

## REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

*To the Citizens of Reading :*

The Board of Water Commissioners hereby submit their nineteenth annual report.

### MAINTENANCE

Received rent . . . . .		\$66 00
Fines and summons . . . . .		5 50
Paid pay roll . . . . .	\$1,449 25	
Municipal Light Board, lights . . . . .	14 68	
Engineering News . . . . .	5 00	
Engineering Record . . . . .	3 00	
Reading Masonic Temple Corp., rent . . . . .	132 00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	51 28	
Insurance . . . . .	6 00	
American Express Co. . . . .	2 90	
The Bristol Co., repairing gauge . . . . .	3 80	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . . . .	25	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . . .	21 25	
Francis Bartley, brush . . . . .	25	
Oliver Typewriter . . . . .	62 75	
Addressograph Co. . . . .	10 22	
C. W. Abbott, P. M., stamped envelopes . . . . .	48 51	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co., rubber stamps . . . . .	5 21	
Francis Bros. . . . .	2 64	
Union Safe Deposit Vaults . . . . .	10 00	
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., stationery . . . . .	18 72	
Car fares . . . . .	22 85	
Balance . . . . .		1,799 06
	\$1,870 56	\$1,870 56

## PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE

Received rent of house . . . . .	\$180 00
Received for grass sold . . . . .	5 00
Received for telephones . . . . .	1 00
Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$1,331 35
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings . . . . .	27 15
George A. Shackford, teaming . . . . .	246 75
E. Russell Norton, coal . . . . .	165 97
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	48 45
C. A. Clafflin & Co., packing . . . . .	22 35
The Fairbanks Co., valve discs . . . . .	8 40
L. T. Eames, wiring . . . . .	15 40
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	2 00
Insurance . . . . .	56 95
John A. Blunt, iron work . . . . .	1 00
Walter F. Cook, painting . . . . .	29 50
Municipal Light Board, lighting . . . . .	31 66
Spencer Regulator Co., repairs . . . . .	4 70
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe and fittings . . . . .	8 75
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil and packing . . . . .	82 34
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight . . . . .	256 45
Boiler insurance . . . . .	100 00
John Stock, teaming . . . . .	93 82
F. F. Strout, supplies . . . . .	3 45
E. G. Langley, horse hire . . . . .	82 35
Hodge Boiler Works, grate bars and castings . . . . .	63 37
Wm. A. Jepson, coal . . . . .	362 53
Andersen Coal Mining Co., coal . . . . .	297 14
Francis Bros. . . . .	9 90
W. Bancroft & Co. . . . .	16
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., fertilizer, brooms and oil . . . . .	7 30
Town of North Reading, taxes . . . . .	1 50
Woburn Machine Co., valve rods . . . . .	11 00
Jason Zwicker, teaming coal . . . . .	21 21



Paid Alvard H. Parker, teaming coal . . . . .	21 92	
W. N. Gray, repairing roofs . . . . .	68 28	
The Bader Coal Co., coal . . . . .	76 05	
O. O. Ordway, fire tools . . . . .	50	
E. C. Hanscom, teaming ashes . . . . .	14 00	
Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co., valves and springs	7 96	
Car fares . . . . .	1 10	
Stationery . . . . .	40	
W. H. Kempton, frame . . . . .	1 00	
American Express Co., express . . . . .	30	
Balance . . . . .		3,398 41
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	\$3,584 41	\$3,584 41

## MAINTENANCE OF FILTERS

Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$887 00	
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings . . . . .	3 45	
G. A. Shackford, teaming . . . . .	20 00	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	88 04	
General Chemical Co., alumina . . . . .	359 75	
Eimer & Amend, chemicals . . . . .	11 37	
F. H. Parker & Son, express and teaming	24 80	
American Express Co. . . . .	2 65	
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., valves . . . . .	5 18	
W. Baneroft & Co., lime and lumber . . . . .	25 90	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pipe . . . . .	1 10	
F. W. Hunt & Co., alcohol . . . . .	2 85	
Insurance . . . . .	41 95	
J. A. & W. Bird & Co., acid . . . . .	4 20	
Waldo Bros., lime . . . . .	46 40	
Lawrence Machine Co., pump repairs . . . . .	2 00	
C. A. Clafflin & Co., packing . . . . .	1 14	
Francis Bros. . . . .	2 20	
Car fares . . . . .	20	
Municipal Light Board . . . . .	9 90	
	<hr/>	\$1,540 08

## MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES

Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$66 00	
J. E. Margeson, horse hire . . . . .	3 00	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves . . . . .	28 78	
		<hr/> \$97 78

## MAINTENANCE OF METERS

Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$256 75	
J. E. Margeson, horse hire . . . . .	11 50	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	3 95	
American Express Co., express . . . . .	1 75	
Thompson Meter Co., repairs . . . . .	4 65	
Union Meter Co., repairs . . . . .	13 05	
Hersey Mfg. Co., repairs . . . . .	13 19	
Henry R. Worthington, repairs . . . . .	2 25	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., oil . . . . .	85	
R. J. Hook, horse hire . . . . .	3 50	
National Meter Co., repairs . . . . .	72 75	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	66	
		<hr/> \$384 85

## MAINTENANCE OF MAIN PIPE

Paid Pay Roll . . . . .	\$60 00	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., gate and hydrant parts . . . . .	45 35	
J. E. Margeson, horse hire . . . . .	1 50	
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., hydrant parts . . . . .	1 50	
O. O. Ordway, iron work . . . . .	50	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	1 05	
		<hr/> \$109 90

## INTEREST

Received interest on deposits . . . . .	\$35 57
“ accrued interest on bonds sold . . . . .	3 89
“ hydrant rent . . . . .	4,980 00

Received for water for drinking fountains . . . . .		300 00	
“ for water for street sprinkling . . . . .		500 00	
“ from receipts for water . . . . .		1,875 54	
Paid interest on notes . . . . .	\$475 00		
Interest on bonds . . . . .	7,220 00		
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		\$7,695 00	\$7,695 00

## NEW BOILER

Paid Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	\$3 10		
Pay roll . . . . .	53 00		
Eastern Clay Goods Co., fire brick . . . . .	23 30		
J. E. Margeson, horse hire . . . . .	5 00		
John Stock, teaming brick . . . . .	1 50		
M. H. O'Brien, setting boiler . . . . .	137 75		
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	55		
Hodge Boiler Works, boiler . . . . .	458 44		
Martin Ellis & Co., moving boilers . . . . .	60 00		
F. F. Stockwell, Assignee, piping . . . . .	46 32		
H. W. Johns Manville Co., asbestos . . . . .	2 75		
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe and fittings . . . . .	11 95		
W. Bancroft & Co., bricks . . . . .	36 60		
Asa Parker, sand . . . . .	4 50		
American Express Co. . . . .	80		
Car fares . . . . .	5 45		
		<hr/>	\$851 01

## METERS

Paid Braman, Dow & Co., fittings . . . . .	\$1 34		
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., fittings . . . . .	19 31		
Pay roll . . . . .	33 25		
W. H. Vinton, washers . . . . .	1 25		
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	2 35		
National Meter Co., meters . . . . .	362 30		
		<hr/>	\$419 80

## EXPERIMENTAL WELLS

Paid Braman, Dow & Co., pipe . . . . .	\$48 76
Pay roll . . . . .	21 00
Smith & Thayer Co., well points . . . . .	8 40
J. E. Margeson, horse hire . . . . .	15 00
Moore & Co., driving wells . . . . .	275 25
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	2 15
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	2 65
T. C. Fife, pipe . . . . .	10 01
R. J. Hook, horse hire . . . . .	10 50
F. H. Martin, board of men . . . . .	10 00
J. W. Borthwick, teaming . . . . .	6 50
G. H. Atkinson Co., oil . . . . .	2 65
Whitall Tatum Co., bottles . . . . .	1 22
Car fares . . . . .	3 65
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	\$417 74

## MAIN PIPE

Paid Geo. A. Shackford, teaming . . . . .	\$11 45
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	127 13
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., gates and hydrants . . . . .	143 27
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	2 90
Pay Roll . . . . .	853 50
J. E. Margeson, horse hire . . . . .	79 00
E. C. Hanscom, teaming . . . . .	15 75
Edson Mfg. Co. . . . .	1 50
Lynchburg Foundry Co., pipe . . . . .	366 71
Nathan Bancroft Estate, rubber boots . . . . .	7 50
Eastern Clay Goods Co., drain pipe . . . . .	5 22
Builders' Iron Foundry, specials . . . . .	21 20
Perrin, Seamans & Co., tools . . . . .	5 80
American Powder Mills, dynamite . . . . .	21 57
Francis Bros., tools . . . . .	1 00
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber . . . . .	1 10
Car fares . . . . .	3 35

Paid American Express Co., express . . .	80	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pig lead . . .	90	30
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., kerosene . . .	2	00
Harold L. Bond Co., tools . . .	8	38
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings . . .	10	92
Walworth Mfg. Co., gate box . . .	3	75
R. J. Hook, horse hire . . .	39	00
Charles Millar & Son Co., pipe . . .	369	99
City Trust Co., printing and certifying bonds . . . . .	125	00
Rensselaire Valve Mfg. Co., hydrant . . .	27	50
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools . . .	9	40
Francis Bartley, rubber boots . . .	4	00
John A. Blunt, sharpening tools . . .	18	35
	<hr/>	\$2,377 34

## SERVICE PIPE

Received for pipe laid . . . . .		\$607 92
Paid Braman, Dow & Co., pipe and fittings	\$263	32
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings . . .	141	68
Pay Roll . . . . .	602	47
Geo. A. Shackford, horse . . . . .	1	50
Tenney, Morse & Co., pipe . . . . .	29	86
Priest, Page & Co., steel . . . . .	6	07
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., stop and waste cocks	86	40
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves . . . . .	22	50
T. C. Fife, pipe and fittings . . . . .	8	56
Lead Lined Pipe Co., pipe . . . . .	406	85
Globe Gas Light Co., torch . . . . .	26	00
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., fittings . . . . .	7	67
John A. Blunt, sharpening tools . . . . .	7	04
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	9	00
J. E. Margeson, horse hire . . . . .	46	75
Francis Bros., tools and fittings . . . . .	3	67
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., lead pipe . . .	4	42
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., valves . . . . .	6	70

Paid Frank E. Fitz Mfg. Co., grinder . . . . .	6 75	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., oil . . . . .	5 25	
R. J. Hook, horse hire . . . . .	47 75	
W. C. Taylor, repairing harness . . . . .	5 60	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., felt . . . . .	19 65	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools . . . . .	22 35	
American Express Co. . . . .	2 05	
Car fares . . . . .	60	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	1 68	
Balance . . . . .		1,184 22
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	\$1,792 14	\$1,792 14

## FILTER

Received for engine sold . . . . .		\$60 00
Paid Boston Bolt Co., bolts . . . . .	\$3 22	
J. A. Lafave, labor . . . . .	29 85	
Pay roll . . . . .	45 36	
Francis Bros. . . . .	5 25	
J. E. Margeson, horse hire . . . . .	2 50	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . . . .	50	
Eastern Clay Goods Co., cement . . . . .	7 60	
S. D. Hicks & Son, copper box . . . . .	5 25	
Robert Spurr Weston, engineer . . . . .	133 42	
L. M. Ham & Co., iron beams . . . . .	2 49	
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings . . . . .	18 84	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., bricks . . . . .	4 24	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., oil . . . . .	1 50	
Car fares . . . . .	3 30	
Chandler & Farquhar, brass wire . . . . .	25	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . . . .	90	
H. W. Batchelder, sand . . . . .	1 25	
Traveling expenses . . . . .	43 38	
O. O. Ordway, iron work . . . . .	2 45	
American Express Co., express . . . . .	2 30	
Balance . . . . .		253 85
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	\$313 85	\$313 85

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance from 1907 . . . . .	\$10 80	
Interest on deposits . . . . .	35 57	
Accrued interest on bonds sold . . . . .	3 89	
Hydrant rent . . . . .	4,980 00	
Water for drinking fountains . . . . .	300 00	
Water for street sprinkling . . . . .	500 00	
Meter rates . . . . .	12,853 95	
Fines and summons . . . . .	5 50	
Rent . . . . .	246 00	
Service pipes . . . . .	607 92	
Grass and sundry sales . . . . .	6 00	
Bonds sold . . . . .	5,000 00	
Premium on bonds sold . . . . .	94 50	
Engine sold . . . . .	60 00	
Paid interest on notes . . . . .		\$475 00
Interest on bonds . . . . .		7,220 00
Maintenance . . . . .		1,870 56
Pumping station maintenance . . . . .		3,584 41
Filter maintenance . . . . .		1,540 08
Service pipe maintenance . . . . .		97 78
Main pipe maintenance . . . . .		109 90
Meter maintenance . . . . .		384 85
New boiler and setting . . . . .		851 01
Meters . . . . .		419 80
Experimental wells . . . . .		417 74
Main pipe . . . . .		2,377 34
Service pipe . . . . .		1,792 14
Filter . . . . .		313 85
Note . . . . .		2,500 00
Bonds . . . . .		500 00
Cash on hand . . . . .		249 67
	<u>\$24,704 13</u>	<u>\$24,704 13</u>



## SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT

Reported last year . . . . .	\$304,970 62	
Main pipe . . . . .	2,377 34	
Service pipes . . . . .	1,184 22	
Meters . . . . .	419 80	
Filters . . . . .	253 85	
Experimental wells . . . . .	417 74	
		————— \$309,623 57

The Board recommends that \$5,040 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental, that \$300 be raised and appropriated for water for drinking fountains, and that \$500 be raised and appropriated for water for street sprinkling.

The interest payable the current fiscal year amounts to \$7,465 as follows:

\$175,000 00 for one year . . . . .	\$7,000 00
7,000 00 for six months . . . . .	140 00
10,000 00 for one year . . . . .	325 00
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	\$7,465 00

The citizens of Reading are to be congratulated on the abundant supply of water during the year, when so many towns and cities have suffered from the extensive drought.

At the request of the Engineer of the State Board of Health, we have driven a number of test wells to see if it were possible to secure a supply of ground water, which would not require treatment. In nearly all of the cases the supply was either inadequate or of inferior quality.

Now the State Board of Health has found a location north of Grove street, near the Wilmington line, which they think will yield an ample supply of satisfactory quality, and they recommend that we put down enough wells to yield a supply of 300,000 gallons per day and then make a continuous test, pumping that amount every day for three weeks.

If, at the end of the test, there appears to be plenty of water and it is of satisfactory quality, they recommend the installation of a low service pumping station at that point to force the water to the present clear water basin, which will serve as a pump well.

The Engineer's estimate of the cost of the new low service system is \$25,000. His estimate for the test wells and pumping the same is \$5,000, but a part of this amount would come out of the total estimate for the low service system.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,  
GEO. A. SHACKFORD,  
E. HARLEY GOWING,  
Water Commissioners.

## REPORT OF WATER REGISTRAR

Amount of water bills rendered in 1908		\$13,501 96
Amount collected and paid to E. F. Parker,		
Treasurer . . . . .	\$12,514 22	
Amount uncollected . . . . .	877 25	
Amount abated . . . . .	110 49	
	\$13,501 96	\$13,501 96
Amount of 1907 bills uncollected . . . . .		\$656 11
Amount of 1906 bills uncollected . . . . .		87 75
Amount of abated bills recharged . . . . .		3 00
Amount collected and paid to E. F. Parker,		
Treasurer . . . . .	\$339 73	
Amount abated . . . . .	8 30	
Amount uncollected . . . . .	398 83	
	\$746 86	\$746 86
Service pipe bills rendered in 1908 . . . . .		\$666 11
Service pipe bills previous years . . . . .		239 05
Amount collected and paid to E. F. Parker,		
Treasurer . . . . .	\$607 92	
Amount charged off . . . . .	4 78	
Amount uncollected . . . . .	292 46	
	\$905 16	\$905 16

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Registrar.

Reading, Jan. 30, 1909.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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### *Reading Water Commissioners :*

GENTLEMEN : The nineteenth annual report of the Superintendent is submitted for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

The extension of mains has been twenty-two hundred and one feet of six-inch pipe, as follows : Kingston street, 854 feet ; Middlesex avenue, 243 feet ; Pine street, 1,104 feet. Two hydrants and three gates have been set in the above-named streets.

There have been no leaks in the main pipes during the year.

One hydrant on Main street at the corner of Mill street was broken by an electric car striking a heavy furniture wagon and forcing it over on to the hydrant. This has been replaced at an expense of \$45.16.

All of the hydrants have been examined and put in good repair.

### LOCATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS DECEMBER 31, 1908

#### LOCATION

#### ASH STREET

West side, south corner Gould

West side, north corner Avon

West side, north corner Cross

#### AUBURN STREET

South side, west corner Beacon

South side, near Weston & Emery's

#### BANCROFT AVENUE

West side, south corner Middlesex Avenue

#### BERKLEY STREET

West side, near house of E. P. Bancroft

## BROOK STREET

East side, south corner Ash

## CENTER AVENUE

North side, opposite house of E. M. Knight

## DEERING STREET

East side, south corner Lowell

## EATON STREET

East side, south corner Salem

East side, north corner Pleasant

## ELLIOT STREET

East side, north corner Green

## FEDERAL STREET

North side, near house of Wm. B. Jeffrey

## FRANKLIN STREET

North side, east corner Pearl

North side, near house of W. D. Emerson

North side, opposite house of Henry Cook

West side, opposite house of C. W. Nelson

West side, opposite house of Fannie C. Nichols

West side, near house of George Parker Estate

East Side, opposite house of Asa Parker

## FREMONT STREET

North side, east corner Berkley

## GRAND STREET

East side, near house of T. J. Babcock

## GREEN STREET

North side, near house No. 16, C. N. Mellen Estate

North side, opposite house of F. McKenney

## GROVE STREET

West side, near house of A. D. Prichard

West side, near house of J. C. Macomber

West side, opposite Forest

## HANCOCK STREET

West side, near house of John Murray

## HAVEN STREET

North side, east corner Chute

North side, opposite Gould

South side, opposite Linden

South side, opposite Sanborn

North side, opposite Elliot

## HAVERHILL STREET

West side, north corner Wakefield

West side, near house of E. O. Carey

West side, south corner Charles

West side, south of house of William Taylor

West side, north of house of Charles M. Harrison

West side, corner Franklin

## HIGH STREET

East side, south corner Mt. Vernon

East side, opposite house of J. A. Bancroft

East side, opposite Mineral

East side, opposite Highland Avenue

## HIGHLAND STREET

West side, near house of Willard Kempton

West side, south corner Locust

## HOWARD STREET

South side, west corner private way

## JOHN STREET

West side, corner Pleasant

West side, corner Haven

## KING STREET

South side, opposite house of Geo. F. Gilman

## KINGSTON STREET

East side, near house of C. B. Harkness

## LINDEN Street

East side, opposite Home for Aged Women

## LOWELL STREET

- South side, west corner Sanborn
- North side, east corner Bancroft Avenue
- South side, east corner Willow
- South side, opposite house of E. W. Harris
- South side, opposite house of C. M. Barrows

## MAIN STREET

- West side, south corner Pearl
- West side, south corner Franklin
- West side, near house of A. G. Nichols
- West side, north of house of H. E. Nichols
- West side, opposite house of C. I. Nesmith
- West side, north corner Forest
- West side, opposite house of G. D. Putnam
- West side, north of house of A. L. Chapman
- West side, near house of Freeman Kelso
- West side, south corner Locust
- West side, opposite Charles
- West side, north corner Salem
- West side, south point of Common
- East side, in front of Elmwood Hotel
- East side, near Y. M. C. A. Building
- West side, south corner Green
- West side, north side of R. R. crossing
- West side, opposite Avon
- West side, opposite Cross
- West side, south corner Summer Avenue
- West side, north corner Hopkins
- West side, north corner South

## MAPLE STREET

- East side, near house of Geo. E. Lang

## MIDDLESEX AVENUE

- South side, east corner Deering

## MIDDLESEX AVENUE EXT.

- North side, near house of Albion Benton



## MILL STREET

South side, opposite Pumping Station

## MINERAL STREET

North side, east corner Vine

North side, east corner Hancock

North side, east corner Summer Avenue

## MINOT STREET

West side, between Washington and Sweetser Avenue

West side, between Warren Avenue and Center Avenue

West side, near Park Avenue

## MT. VERNON STREET

North side, opposite Chute

## OAK STREET

North side, west corner Prospect

North side, opposite house of W. B. Whittier

## ORANGE STREET

South side, east corner Belmont

## PARK AVENUE

North side, near house of Wm. Carney

## PARKER STREET

East side, near central fire station

## PEARL STREET

East side, south corner Thorndike

East side, south corner Charles

East side, opposite house of Mary Bunker

East side, near house of A. B. Melvin

East side, opposite Forest

## PIERCE STREET

West side, south corner of Orange

## PINE STREET

North side, near house of G. A. Loomis

## PLEASANT STREET

North side, west corner Middle

## PRESCOTT STREET

North side, opposite Turner Wagon Co.  
 North side, west corner Arlington  
 North side, west corner Washington  
 North side, east corner Pratt

## PROSPECT STREET

West side, near house of John A. Boyd  
 West side, north corner King  
 West side, near house of E. H. Palmer

## PROSPECT STREET EXT.

East side, opposite house of Winthrop Pratt

## SALEM STREET

North side, opposite John  
 North side, near car barns  
 South side, opposite Pearl  
 North side, west corner Belmont  
 North side, west corner Pine

## SCOTLAND ROAD

South side, opposite house of H. E. Boothby

## SUMMER AVENUE

West side, south of King  
 West side, near house of C. A. Loring  
 West side, opposite Prescott  
 West side, south corner Scotland Road  
 West side, north corner Oak  
 West side, near house of L. O. Ferson  
 West side, opposite house of W. E. Coney  
 South side, east corner Hopkins  
 North side, near house of L. C. Myers  
 North side, near house of Wm. F. Welch

## TEMPLE STREET

North side, near house of A. W. Temple

## VILLAGE STREET

East side, north corner Green

## WAKEFIELD STREET

North side, east corner Charles  
 North side, east corner Pearl

## WALNUT STREET

North side, near Hopkins  
 North side, near house of W. S. Parker  
 North side, opposite Curtis  
 North side, opposite South

## WARREN AVENUE

South side, opposite No. 15

## WASHINGTON STREET

North side, in front of No. 46  
 North side, west corner Ash

## WEST STREET

West side, near house of Jas. O. Carter  
 West side, near house of Wm. C. Buck  
 West side, opposite Oak  
 West side, near house of F. C. Tukey  
 West side, opposite C. P. Weston's house  
 West side, opposite King  
 West side, near house of Allen C. Jones  
 East side, near house of Emma S. Knowles  
 West side, opposite house of Geo. P. Abbott

## WILLOW STREET

North side, opposite house of J. H. White  
 North side, opposite Summer Avenue

## WINTER STREET

East side, north corner Salem

## WOBURN STREET

North side, at common  
 North side, east corner Sanborn  
 North side, west corner Linden  
 North side, east corner Chute  
 North side, east corner Washington  
 North side, east corner Temple

## WOBURN STREET

North side, opposite Pratt  
 North side, east corner Summer Avenue  
 North side, west corner Prospect  
 North side, west corner Berkley

## PRIVATE HYDRANTS

## ASH STREET

Reading Rubber Mfg. Co.  
 3 south of mill  
 1 east of boiler house  
 3 north of mill  
 O. P. Symonds & Son  
 1 west of mill

## BERKLEY STREET

E. B. Richardson  
 1 east of shop

## SALEM STREET

Fair ground  
 1 near north gate

## BOILERS

One new boiler was installed early in May and it will be necessary to install another one early this year. The old boilers have been in use eighteen years and have done good service.

## STAND PIPE

The stand pipe needs painting on the inside; this should be done as soon as the weather will permit.

## SERVICE PIPES

There have been thirty-seven services put in and one discontinued during the year, making thirteen hundred and eleven in the system. Eight service leaks have been repaired, five caused by electrolytic action, one by bad solder joint and two by broken pipe.

The following table will show the amount of service pipe in use:

	6 Inch Cast Iron	1½ Inch Galvanized	1½ Inch Enamelled	1½ Inch Brass	1½ Inch Galvanized	1 Inch Galvanized	1½ Inch Lead Lined	1 Inch Lead Lined	¾ Inch Lead Lined	1 Inch Cement Lined	¾ Inch Cement Lined	2 Inch Galvanized	¾ Inch Galvanized
Owned by the town	....	483	33.7	30.1	15514.2	196.2	30.8	887.2	22704.6	367.1	9889.8	1694.3	1572.7
Owned by individuals	814	547	123.	66.	1424.2	776.6	89.4	73.	24141.5	78.	12431.2	389.6	1939.7
Total ....	814	1030	156.7	96.1	16938.4	972.8	120.2	960.2	46846.1	445.1	22321.0	2083.9	3512.4

The following kinds and sizes of meters are in use:

No.	NAME	SIZES				
		2 in.	1½ in.	1 in.	¾ in.	½ in.
84	Crown .....	3	.....	2	2	77
683	Nash .....	.....	5	5	2	671
199	Empire .....	1	.....	.....	.....	198
1	Gem .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	Lambert .....	.....	.....	2	.....	39
12	Thompson .....	1	.....	1	.....	10
3	Worthington Disc .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
119	Hersey Disc .....	2	6	7	.....	104
2	Neptune .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
12	Union .....	3	1	3	.....	5
6	King .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
27	Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
1	Niagara .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Keystone .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
1191		12	12	20	4	1143

## YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

FROM JAN. 1, 1908, TO JAN. 1, 1909

MONTH	No. Days	Hrs. Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head	Pounds Coal	Rain-fall
January .....	31	133 30	4,008,551	219	43,039	3.07
February .....	29	243 ..	4,241,842	....	46,042	4.28
March .....	31	147 ..	4,289,385	....	44,987	2.72
April .....	30	140 30	4,131,196	....	39,852	1.71
May .....	31	159 30	4,882,083	....	43,320	4.00
June .....	30	236 30	7,578,589	....	61,930	1.58
July .....	31	262 30	8,083,648	....	68,113	3.01
August .....	31	193 15	5,595,612	....	51,596	4.07
September .....	30	182 15	5,588,502	....	49,409	.86
October .....	31	182 45	5,534,000	....	46,354	3.56
November .....	30	158 30	4,871,362	....	40,445	1.10
December .....	31	163 30	5,204,540	....	46,865	2.66
	366	2202 45	64,009,310	219	581,952	32.62

TABLE SHOWING CONSUMPTION IN GALLONS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, 1908

Domestic use, manufacturing and trade purposes, metered . . . . .	39,007,708
Domestic use, unmetered (estimated) . . . . .	1,610,000
Drinking fountains . . . . .	7,199,950
Street sprinkling (estimated) . . . . .	6,500,000
Total accounted for . . . . .	54,317,658
Amount unaccounted for . . . . .	9,691,652
Total pumped . . . . .	64,009,310
Percentage of water pumped accounted for . . . . .	84
Percentage of water pumped unaccounted for . . . . .	16
Percentage of water pumped metered . . . . .	60.9

## COST OF MAINTENANCE AND REVENUE

	Amount	Cost per 1,000 Gallons pumped
Interest on bonds . . . . .	\$7,695.00	.1046
Management and repairs . . . . .	3,242.60	.0507
Pumping station maintenance . . . . .	3,398.41	.0531
Filter maintenance . . . . .	1,541.08	.0204
Total maintenance without interest . . . . .	8,181.09	.1242
		Received per 1,000 Gallons pumped
Receipts from water takers . . . . .	\$12,853.95	.2008
Total receipts . . . . .	18,673.41	.2917



Table showing amount of rain and melted snow for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908 :

Day of Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Day of Month
1.....	....	....	....	....	.56	-.01	....	....	....	-.01	....	....	..... 1
2.....	....	1.10	.46	-.19	-.03	-.20	-.28	....	....	-.38	....	....	..... 2
3.....	....	....	.40	....	-.11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..... 3
4.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..... 4
5.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	-.23	-.16	....	....	....	....	..... 5
6.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	-.53	....	-.01	....	....	..... 6
7.....	....	....	.46	....	....	....	....	-.18	-.13	....	....	1.27	..... 7
8.....	1.43	....	....	....	....	....	....	-.37	....	....	....	.07	..... 8
9.....	....	....	....	.58	1.68	....	....	-.92	....	-.01	....	....	..... 9
10.....	....	....	....	....	.04	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..... 10
11.....	....	....	....	-.03	....	....	....	....	....	.15	-.15	....	..... 11
12.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	-.12	.67	..... 12
13.....	1.33	....	....	-.06	....	....	....	-.04	....	....	....	....	..... 13
14.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.08	-.20	....	....	....	....	..... 14
15.....	....	.41	....	....	.44	....	.15	....	....	....	.53	.02	..... 15
16.....	....	.38	.11	.32	....	.72	....	....	....	....	....	....	..... 16
17.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..... 17
18.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.12	-.30	....	....	....	....	..... 18
19.....	....	.15	.61	.45	....	....	.34	....	....	....	....	....	..... 19
20.....	....	1.28	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.24	....	..... 20
21.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..... 21
22.....	....	....	....	....	.39	....	.47	-.31	....	....	....	....	..... 22
23.....	....	....	....	....	-.07	....	-.23	....	....	....	....	....	..... 23
24.....	....	-.06	-.27	....	....	.45	....	....	-.12	-.01	....	....	..... 24
25.....	.31	....	....	....	....	-.20	.45	....	....	....	....	....	..... 25
26.....	....	-.05	....	....	....	....	.66	.89	....	-.05	-.06	....	..... 26
27.....	....	-.85	....	....	....	....	....	-.17	....	1.38	....	....	..... 27
28.....	....	....	.02	-.08	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..... 28
29.....	....	....	....	....	.02	....	....	....	-.61	.32	....	....	..... 29
30.....	....	....	.39	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.24	....	....	..... 30
31.....	....	....	....	....	.61	....	....	....	....	....	....	.60	..... 31
	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.53	3.01	4.07	.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	

The average rainfall in Massachusetts is 45.29 inches. The rainfall at Reading Pumping Station was 32.62, making a deficiency of 12.67 inches. There was an excess of rainfall in February and May and a deficiency in all other months.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS — STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM READING WATER WORKS

PARTS IN 100,000

No.	DATE OF		APPEARANCE			ODOR		Residue on Evaporation	AMMONIA		Chlorine	NITROGEN AS		Oxygen Consumed	Hardness	Iron
	Collection	Examination	Turbidity	Sediment	Color	Cold	Hot		Free	Albuminoid		Ni-trates	Ni-trites			
	1908	1908														
69885	Jan. 21	Jan. 21	Slight	Slight	Fl. .47	Very F. U.	Faintly Un.	9.60	.0092	.0086	.84	.0060	.0001	.49	3.1	Filter Gallery
69886	Jan. 21	Jan. 21	Slight	Cons.	Fl. .01	Very F. U.	Faintly Un.	9.30	.0092	.0060	.77	.0040	.0000	.26	4.0	Filter Weir
70394	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Very slight	Very slight	Fl. .45	None	None	11.60	.0100	.0082	.67	.0050	.0000	.12	4.2	Filter Weir
70395	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Slight iron	Cons. iron	Fl. .44	Very F. U.	None	8.50	.0112	.0090	.84	.0030	.0000	.50	3.0	Filter Gallery
70972	Mar. 17	Mar. 19	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fl. .45	None	None	8.80	.0084	.0076	.71	.0030	.0000	.38	2.9	Filter Gallery
70793	Mar. 17	Mar. 19	Very slight	Slight	Fl. .03	None	None	8.80	.0082	.0040	.70	.0030	.0000	.38	2.9	Filter Weir
71392	Apr. 21	Apr. 22	Slight iron	Cons. iron	Fl. .48	None	None	6.70	.0092	.0106	.64	.0030	.0000	.52	2.3	Filter Gallery
71393	Apr. 21	Apr. 22	Very slight	None	Fl. .04	None	None	6.60	.0082	.0062	.64	.0030	.0000	.11	2.7	Filter Weir
71794	May 19	May 20	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fl. .67	None	None	8.20	.0082	.0148	.64	.0020	.0000	.62	2.6	Filter Gallery
71795	May 19	May 20	V. slight iron	Slight iron	Fl. .01	None	None	7.50	.0074	.0048	.65	.0030	.0000	.12	2.6	Filter Weir
72253	June 16	June 18	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fl. .65	None	None	7.80	.0092	.0110	.76	.0020	.0001	.74	2.5	Filter Gallery
72254	June 16	June 18	Slight iron	Cons. iron	Fl. .10	None	None	12.30	.0098	.0084	.76	.0040	.0001	.32	5.4	Filter Weir
72902	July 21	July 23	Decided iron	Slight iron	Fl. .40	None	None	7.00	.0090	.0094	.76	.0020	.0001	.33	2.7	Filter Gallery
72903	July 21	July 23	None	None	Fl. .21	None	None	13.80	.0106	.0072	.76	.0030	.0000	.22	8.0	Filter Weir
73455	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Decided	Cons.	T' bid .60	None	None	8.50	.0103	.0094	.86	.0030	.0000	.60	2.9	Filter Gallery
73456	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	None	Cons.	Fl. .26	None	None	15.10	.0044	.0088	.96	.0030	.0010	.30	8.9	Filter Weir
73988	Sept. 16	Sept. 18	Slight	Cons. iron	Fl. .43	None	None	9.20	.0128	.0132	1.09	.0030	.0000	.44	3.3	Filter Gallery
73989	Sept. 16	Sept. 18	Very slight	Cons. iron	Fl. .16	None	None	12.00	.0148	.0048	1.10	.0030	.0000	.10	4.6	Filter Weir
74671	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Slight iron	Cons. iron	Fl. .32	None	None	16.50	.0078	.0066	1.79	.0040	.0001	.30	2.9	Filter Gallery
74672	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	None	None	Fl. .16	None	None	16.50	.0078	.0066	1.79	.0040	.0001	.18	9.3	Filter Weir
75277	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	None	Very slight	Fl. .15	None	None	17.60	.0076	.0068	1.72	.0030	.0002	.29	3.9	Filter Weir
75278	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Decided	Cons.	Fl. .40	Very F. U.	Very F. U.	12.30	.0126	.0080	1.72	.0030	.0002	.29	3.9	Filter Gallery
75819	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Slight iron	Slight iron	Fl. .30	None	None	12.10	.0118	.0074	1.57	.0020	.0000	.29	3.3	Filter Gallery
75820	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	None	None	Fl. .13	None	None	17.00	.0060	.0068	1.54	.0020	.0002	.20	8.1	Filter Weir

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908

In form recommended by the New England Water Works Association.

READING WATER WORKS  
READING, MIDDLESEX CO., MASS.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Population by Census of 1905, 5,682.

Date of construction, 1890 and 1891.

By whom owned, Town of Reading.

Source of supply, filter gallery.

Mode of supply, pumping.

## PUMPING STATISTICS

1. Builders of Pumping Machinery, Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co.
2. Description of fuel used.
 

{	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kind, Coal.</li> <li>b. Brand of Coal, Bituminous.</li> <li>c. Average price of coal per gross ton, delivered, \$5.00.</li> <li>d. Percentage of Ash,</li> <li>e. Wood, price per cord, \$</li> </ol>
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3. Coal consumed for the year, 581,952 lbs.
4. [Pounds of wood consumed] divided by three equals equivalent amount of coal, lbs.
- 4a. Amount of other fuel used,
5. Total equivalent coal consumed for the year equals (3) plus (4), lbs.
6. Total pumpage for the year, 64,009,310 gallons, with allowance for slip.

7. Average static head against which pumps work, 219 feet.
8. Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 240 feet.
9. Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal (5), 109.99.
10. Duty equals  $\frac{\text{gallons pumped (6)} \times 8.34 \text{ (lbs.)} \times 100 \times \text{dynamic head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$  equals 22,005,240.  
*Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz., \$3,398.41.*
11. Per millions gallons pumped, \$52.77.
12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), \$0.219.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
<i>Balance brought forward:</i>			
(a) From ordinary (maintenance) receipts . . . . .	\$10 80	Water Works Maintenance:	
(b) From extraordinary receipts (bonds, etc.)		AA. Operation (management and repairs) . . . . .	\$7,587 58
		BB. Special: Boiler . . . . .	851 01
		CC. Total maintenance . . . . .	\$8,438 59
		DD. Interest on bonds (CC plus DD) . . . . .	7,695 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$10 80</u>	EE. Payment of bonds and notes . . . . .	3,000 00
<i>From Water Rates:</i>			
B. Meter rates . . . . .	\$12,853 95	Water Works Construction:	
C. Total from consumers . . . . .	\$12,853 95	GG. Extension of mains . . . . .	2,377 34
D. For hydrants . . . . .	\$4,980 00	HH. Extension of services, . . . . .	1,792 14
E. For fountains . . . . .	300 00	II. Extension of meters . . . . .	419 80
F. For street watering . . . . .	500 00	JJ. Special:	
J. Total from municipal depts. . . . .	5,780 00	Experimental wells . . . . .	417 74
L. From bond issue . . . . .	5,000 00	Filters . . . . .	313 85
M. From other sources:		KK. Total construction . . . . .	5,320 87
Rent, interest, etc. . . . .	451 46	MM. Balance:	
Service pipes . . . . .	607 92	Total balance . . . . .	249 67
N. Total . . . . .	<u>\$24,704 13</u>	N. Total . . . . .	<u>24,704 13</u>



## STATISTICS OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER

1. Estimated total population at date, 5,745.
2. Estimated population on lines of pipe, 5,655.
3. Estimated population supplied, 5,150.
4. Total consumption for the year, 64,009,310 gallons.
5. Passed through meters, 39,007,708 gallons.
6. Percentage of consumption metered, .609.
7. Average daily consumption, 174,888 gallons.
8. Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 30.44.
9. Gallons per day to each consumer, 33.95.
10. Gallons per day to each tap, 133.4.
11. Cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance (item CC), \$131.83.
12. Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds, \$251.73.

## STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

## MAINS

1. Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2. Sizes, from 6 inch to 12 inch.
3. Extended, 2,201 feet during year.
4. Discontinued, 0 feet during year.
5. Total now in use, 30,193 miles.
6. Cost of repairs per mile, \$3.63.
7. Number of leaks per mile, none.
8. Length of pipe less than 4 inches diam., 0 miles.
9. Number of hydrants added during year (public and private), 2.
10. Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use, 168.
11. Number of stop gates added during year, 3.
12. Number of stop gates now in use, 270.



13. Number of stop gates smaller than 4-inch, none.
14. Number of blow-offs, 14.
15. Range of pressure on mains, 63 lbs. to 78 lbs.

## SERVICES

16. Kind of pipe, cast iron, lead and cement lined.
17. Sizes,  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 6 inches.
18. Extended, 3,387.1 feet.
19. Discontinued, 691 feet.
20. Total now in use, 18,239.8 miles.
21. Number of service taps added during year, 37.
22. Number now in use, 1,311.
23. Average length of service, 91.5 feet.
24. Average cost of service for the year, \$48.43.
25. Number of meters added, 24.
26. Number now in use, 1,191.
27. Percentage of services metered, .908.
28. Percentage of receipts from metered water (B divided by C).
29. Number of motors and elevators added, none.
30. Number now in use, none.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Superintendent.

Reading, Jan. 30, 1909.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF READING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman, Walnut St.	Term expires 1911
HOWARD W. POOR, Mt. Vernon St.	Term expires 1911
MRS. ELIZABETH H. BROWN, Prospect St.	Term expires 1910
HENRY C. PARKER, Chute St.	Term expires 1910
CHARLES A. LORING, Summer Ave.	Term expires 1909
J. H. ROBINSON, High St.	Term expires 1909

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

MELVILLE A. STONE

Truant Officer

WILLIAM KIDDER

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE

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WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman

MELVILLE A. STONE, Secretary

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SUB-COMMITTEES

FINANCES AND ACCOUNTS

W. S. Parker

H. W. Poor

J. H. Robinson

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

H. C. Parker

Mrs. Brown

W. S. Parker

SCHOOL HOUSES AND PROPERTY

C. A. Loring

H. W. Poor

J. H. Robinson

RULES AND REGULATIONS

J. H. Robinson

C. A. Loring

H. W. Poor

TEACHERS AND SALARIES

W. S. Parker

H. W. Poor

H. C. Parker

MUSIC AND DRAWING

Mrs. Brown

H. C. Parker

C. A. Loring

COURSE OF STUDY

H. W. Poor

Mrs. Brown

H. C. Parker

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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In accordance with law the School Committee submits the following report :

The schools have enjoyed in many ways a very prosperous year. We have been more fortunate than usual in retaining the services of a larger number of our teaching force during the entire year.

The attendance in all of the grades has been excellent, and in the High School the number remaining in all classes has been very large, indicating that the whole body of students in the several classes in the High School are carrying on their work with sustained interest and strong endeavor.

As we go to press we report with regret the resignation of Mr. William R. Redden, sub-master in the school during the past two years. He has gained the love and respect of the entire school by his manly bearing, his excellent scholarship, and his sympathetic, kindly nature. His influence has always been wholesome and inspiring.

We desire to call the special attention of the citizens to the financial report. That report shows clearly and with some minuteness of detail the several items of expense which enter into the cost of the schools. The number of the pupils is continually increasing and hence the expense will inevitably increase.

We are endeavoring to keep down the expenses in every way possible, consistent with the greatest good of the schools. It should be borne in mind that the largest part of all moneys raised and appropriated for schools is included in the salary list of teachers. We ask your careful attention to that list.



The price of board is seven and eight dollars a week, which together with the other necessities, clothing, books, etc., required in the cost of living, make the life of the average teacher one of pecuniary hardship, when the small salary she receives is considered.

When we take into account the importance of the work of education, when we remember the difficult and delicate task which the teacher has to perform in training and developing the youth of our land, then we must realize that a too great economy at this point would be false economy, in fact, a waste. A poorly paid teacher is, as a rule, an inefficient teacher. An inefficient teacher at the lowest possible salary is an expensive luxury, a false economy, a wasteful extravagance.

The teacher teaches not only by what he says and does, but very largely by what he is. Hence there is a closer correspondence in this department of human labor than in others, between the quality of the work and the attributes of the workman. The two cannot be dissociated. Therein lies the importance of the character of the teacher's work. Personality is the greatest factor in the well-being of the world, and in the province of teaching it is the greatest factor. It is that which stimulates the activities of the pupil, fires him with aspirations for higher things. There is fundamental truth in Emerson's declaration that "it makes little difference what you study, but that it is in the highest degree important with whom you study." There flows from the living teacher a power which no text-book can compass or contain, the power of liberating the imagination and setting the student free to become an original investigator.

"Text-books supply method, information and discipline; teachers impart the breath of life by giving us inspiration and impulse. When a man recalls his educational experience, he finds that many of his richest opportunities were

not identified with subjects or systems or apparatus, but with teachers."

It will be remembered that Philip of Macedon thanked the gods, not so much that he had a son, Alexander, but that he lived in the time of Aristotle who was his great teacher. We can, if we must, go without many of the appliances of education, but to economize in the quality of the teaching force would be poor management and detrimental to the best interests of the schools. The scriptural injunction would apply: "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

We have had manual training for boys in our elementary course of study for several years. Only expressions of commendation have been heard from the parents. It is doubtful if one person desires its discontinuance. In fact, it would be proper to assert that more industrial work in our schools will be demanded by the public. The whole country is awakening to the importance of more industrial work in our schools.

This industrial work for boys is not the only phase which is being introduced. Practical arts and domestic science for girls are securing careful consideration by educational interests in progressive centers. Even in our own Town among the young pupils, the question is asked by some of the girls, "The boys have manual training—why should not the girls have domestic science and cooking?" Emerson, in one of his essays, says: "Teach our pupils those things in school which they will want to know when they become men and women." Is there anything that will be more useful, more elevating, more refining, and contribute more to the elevation of the home, as the greatest factor in the upbuilding of our great country than knowledge of domestic science and training in domestic arts? The home is the foundation

of our social structure, and whatever tends to make the home life stronger and more beautiful, tends to strengthen the social whole. We all need, the young especially need, to have their thoughts and feelings directed in the direction of service at home and among immediate friends.

To do the thing near at hand and to do it better, the chemistry of foods, the right way of cooking and serving, the very many things in the kitchen, in the dining room, in the living rooms, in the sleeping rooms, the heating, the ventilating, the sanitary arrangements, simplicity of taste in all household affairs, economy in buying, preparing and cooking of all things that go to make up the delights of home, making life worth living. The beginnings of all these are well worth careful study and practice at school and at home.

It is the purpose of the Committee, if the citizens so desire, and express that desire at the ensuing town meeting, to fit up a room in the Highland building for a cooking class and the study of domestic science and household arts, and give two hours a week to the girls of the upper elementary grades.

We desire to thank heartily all persons who have assisted in the collection of pictures and other works of art which now adorn our school buildings. Our schools now possess a very valuable collection of beautiful works of art by the great masters. We trust that the impression made upon the minds and hearts of the pupils by the presence of these beautiful expressions of what is noblest and grandest in life will endure forever, acting as an incentive to greater and better service in life.

The terms of two members of the Board expire at the next Town meeting,—John H. Robinson and Charles A. Loring.

APPROPRIATIONS

We would respectfully recommend the sum of \$30,000 for regular school expenses and \$5,000 for school incidentals. Special appropriation for Domestic Science and Art, \$500.

Adopted in School Committee Jan. 30th, 1909.

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman.  
ELIZABETH H. BROWN.  
HENRY C. PARKER.  
JOHN H. ROBINSON.  
HOWARD W. POOR.  
CHARLES A. LORING.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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*To the School Committee of the Town of Reading, Greeting :*

My tenth annual report, the sixteenth in the series, is offered for your consideration.

### CARE OF BUILDINGS

Our first thought in the education of the children must be given to the physical conditions under which the school work proper is to be done. Last spring it was found that the exterior woodwork of the Highland School was in need of paint, and the contract for this work was given to Mr. Walter F. Cook. Mr. Hall, of Allen, Hall & Co., made a specially low price for retinting the Highland Hall on condition that the work be done in February, and the contract was awarded to him. The fine appearance of the hall bears witness to the wisdom of the Committee, as well as the thorough manner in which Mr. Hall supervised the work.

To Messrs. Stewart & Robertson was awarded the contract of repairing the roofs of the Center and Union Street Schools. Other large repairs, such as painting exteriors or refinishing the remaining rooms at the Highland School were allowed to await another appropriation.

In case of the steam heating plants, changes in safety valves were necessary to comply with the recent laws regarding them.

With the usual care of the desks during the summer vacation the buildings were in fine condition for the opening of school in September.

I take pleasure in reporting the evident appreciation of the pupils as shown by their care of the school property in general.

The small amount collected as fines for damage of either books or other equipment shows great regard for property on the part of all the 1,250 pupils enrolled.

### MEDICAL INSPECTION

Since the repeal of Section 7 of the law relating to medical inspection of the schools, the Committee may feel free to expend from the regular appropriation the amount needed to fulfill the spirit of the law. It is desirable that our schools should receive the benefit of this law as soon as possible.

### PHYSICAL CULTURE

Firm in the conviction that the sound and normal mind can be found only in the sound and normal body, we undertake, throughout the grades, to give the exercises that promote deep breathing and bring into exercise all the muscles of the body, but in the High School our efforts along these lines have been confined to the exercises of those taking part in the various games of ball in different seasons of the year.

I refer you to the report of Mr. Watkins regarding the extent of the organization of the pupils in the interest of the regular team work of the school, and feel that we are fortunate in having men who appreciate the value of this kind of work.

When I consider how much our gymnasium is doing for the boys and girls that get the drill incident to the games, I wonder if it does not often occur to the parents of the other boys and girls that in some way the fine equipment for physical development ought to be available to the rest of the school so as to secure more vigorous bodily health and establish correct habits of physical exercise.



## TRAINING OF THE HAND

All we have said in previous reports in favor of manual training holds good still, and still more may be said in its favor. With sewing for the girls in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and sloyd work for the boys of sixth, seventh and eighth grades, we seem to lack only cooking for the girls of eighth grade and High School to make our plan of work for the elementary schools consistent with the demands of the times and the best development of the pupils, to fit our girls for the most honorable station in the community — that of the home maker, skilled in the culinary art, and in that of dressmaking, as well, two qualifications that are very essential to making a happy and comfortable home upon a small income.

We have a room that might easily be utilized for this purpose, and the needed equipment can be secured for not more than \$200. The sooner this work is established in our school system the sooner the girls will derive the benefit of it. Shall it come this year?

More specific work in the High School course of study along manual and industrial training will call for an equipment too great to consider at this time, but it will do no harm to suggest that, proud as we are of our present plant, there still remain many good things to be added as opportunity offers.

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEAD

We have given so much space to the consideration of the physical environment of the pupils in school and the training that shall result in improved physical conditions, after leaving school; regarding the intellectual training given, we can say that constant effort is made to make the pupils feel that they are a part, and a very important part, of this world of affairs; that they are to become accurate in the use



of numbers in order to be of service in business, first in the humble position of clerk and later as manager of large enterprises.

In the study of geography, especial effort is made to vitalize the work so that pupils in the various grades may see the relation their lives sustain to those living in other lands, and, as they advance, come to an appreciation of the inter-dependence of each part of the world upon the rest.

In the study of history, we endeavor to develop a love for their own country by making them familiar with the work of those who bore the burdens of the early days, in due time leading them to see how our present condition has been secured from the experience of the past, not forgetting to mention the influence of climate, coastline, mountains and great rivers upon the development of our own country.

In the study of physiology and hygiene, we aim to lead to self-knowledge that shall result in stronger bodies and more alert minds.

### CULTURE OF THE HEART

Without giving the course of study in detail, I wish to refer to our work in language as a matter that tends, as strongly as any in the curriculum, to develop culture of both the head and the heart, for from the very early grades the pupils are given choice selections for reading and for memorizing, which give fine illustrations of the most approved forms of speech, and whose content gives exercise to the noblest impulses of the higher nature.

In the preparation of the programs for the anniversary days, special effort is made to bring to the attention of the pupils the noble qualities of mind and heart shown by those who have taken so prominent a part in our country's history.

Our work in humane education continues to develop in our children an appreciation of the claims our domestic ani-

mals and the birds have upon our care, with the result that increasing regard is shown to both teachers and school-mates.

Another way by which we aim to direct the thought into right channels is found in the stamp savings work. The oft-repeated decision to save for some greater future good the few pennies that would otherwise be spent for trifles makes for right living and a proper control of the appetite.

For the year 1908 the total amount of savings is \$589.39. Of this the sum of \$309 was received during the first four months of the present school year, which seems to indicate that the stringency of the money market of a year ago has passed, so far as Reading pupils are concerned.

Early in the year, Feb. 26, 27, 28, an exhibit of the Horace K. Turner pictures was held in the High School Hall and as a result \$536 was raised, \$336 of which was secured by means of a souvenir booklet. This contained the programs of the three evenings and much interesting information regarding the early history of the school, the present condition of the schools and the Town, so far as figures and the organization of the Town government can give.

A list of pictures secured from the fund thus raised is found in the report of our Supervisor of Drawing, Miss Annie B. Parker. Upon her has rested mainly the responsibility of selecting and locating these decorations, and I gladly take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the good judgment shown in making the selection. In connection with our topic, culture of the heart, I may say that possibly it falls to the lot of no individual in the entire corps of teachers to do more in this work of awakening the love of the beautiful than to the Supervisor of Drawing. How well this is done in the schools of Reading we have only to refer to the high position accorded to our work as it has been displayed at various exhibits.

These things properly come under the general division "Culture of the Heart," for we cannot tell how strong an

influence these works of art have in the unfolding of these growing souls. Our aim in all our work is to bring about conditions most favorable for the complete development of our boys and girls, both in respect to the inanimate physical environment and in respect to the intelligent, sympathetic souls of those who are to lead them into the highest possibilities of their lives.

From what I have said it is clear that the most important factor in the school is the teacher. We require for our children teachers who possess more than the average qualifications of teachers. We must have those who are ready and glad to give of themselves that they may lead to the best development in all lines of activity.

It is only simple justice to those who now hold these positions in Reading to say that they are, as a whole, doing better work in our schools than it has been my privilege to observe during my term of office here.

One reason for this is that we have had fewer changes than usual the past year, and the continued work of a good teacher cannot be measured in dollars.

At the High School we were fortunate in losing only one. Miss Rand was called to a position in Winchester at a considerable advance in salary. Her place was filled by the election of Miss Helen A. Taff of Dorchester, a recent graduate of Radcliffe.

At the Highland School we have only two who have not been employed there before.

Mrs. Anna M. Reck decided not to take a school for the year, but stands ready to give substitute service when needed. We consider our schools fortunate in having the services of a graduate of Radcliffe available for this work. Miss Pearl M. Pillsbury, of Newburyport, was secured to take the school thus left vacant.

Miss Edna H. Dyer accepted a larger position in the schools of New Bedford and Miss Elizabeth G. E. King, of Westport, was secured for her place.

In the spring Miss Alice E. Hood was compelled to give up her work on account of ill health, and leave of absence for a year was readily granted. From latest reports we are hopeful that she will be able to return to us again.

In September the number was made good by the transfer of Miss Wood to the Highland School.

At the Center School Miss Joyce L. Fielder, of Everett, was secured to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Miss Wood to the Highland School.

Miss Babcock, principal of the Union Street School, was elected to a larger position in Newton, and Miss Miriam P. Clark, of Medford, was elected to make good the number, as Miss Gould had been promoted to the principalship.

In August the Prospect Street School suffered the loss of Miss Small, who accepted a position in Somerville, and Miss Carolyn R. Spencer, of Malden, was secured to succeed her.

Chestnut Street and Lowell Street Schools becoming vacant Miss Elsa R. Anderson, of Chelmsford, was secured for the Lowell Street School and Miss Marion F. Hall, of South Paris, Me., for the Chestnut Street School.

Besides these changes our Supervisor of Music, Mr. Leon R. Maxwell, resigned in order to prosecute his studies abroad, and Mr. Albert Edmund Brown was secured for this work. Thus we see that in September we began with nine new teachers, almost one-fourth of the total number, thirty-eight.

While this is favorable in comparison with the loss of twenty-two of thirty-eight for the year 1907, it is proper to consider whether our schools ought to suffer so many changes when an additional fifty or seventy-five dollars will often hold a good teacher for another year.

As stated before, our standard for teachers is high, and those we secure are of such a character that each additional year of service here greatly enhances their worth.

With the present high rates for board and room, the salaries paid by Reading will barely meet the cost of living, leaving practically nothing for the vacation months of July and August. Many teachers try to help out this situation by finding employment for the summer and so return to the school to rest. Such service is not usually quite up to the standard. Nature rebels at being driven all the year round, and some things must go. The good of the children demands that the teacher come to her school refreshed and in full vigor after the long vacation.

Let us then pay a salary that shall not force them to expend too much of their energy upon the bare necessities of life during the summer months.

At the close, I wish to express my hearty appreciation of the cordial co-operation of all the teachers, and the ready support of the Committee in my direction of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE,

Superintendent of Schools.



## EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF MASTER OF HIGH SCHOOL

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*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

The matter of the physical training of High School boys and girls is an important one, so much so that in any school where the financial conditions allow there should be regular systematic physical culture work under a regular instructor in that subject. Such work wisely carried out would result in incalculable benefit to the graduates of both sexes. Failing this, however, we have endeavored to broaden the field of athletic activities so as to reach as large a number of students as possible, and progress will be made along the same lines from year to year as opportunity offers. Track and field work was introduced for the first time in the fall of 1908, and called out for practice a large number of boys who would not otherwise have participated in athletics. Interest was high throughout the practice season and finally culminated in a dual track meet with Lynn Classical High School at Quannapowitt Driving Park, where Reading High School, altho' this was its initial attempt in this branch of sport, decisively defeated the larger school and added another handsome cup to its growing collection of trophies. A short season of base ball served to show what to expect for material the coming spring, and ended with a record of more victories than defeats.

Basket ball, the winter sport, has reached a very large number of the students by the formation of an interclass league. Each class is represented by its team and substitutes, and a series of games, lasting through December, January and February, is played off for a cup presented each year by the Principal. Over sixty boys have participated in this game. In this connection one thing is noteworthy, and that is the clean and sportsmanlike way in which

the boys have played this much maligned game. Under the direction of the sub-master, a skilled athlete and wise counsellor, the game has been kept clean. No team representing the High School is ever allowed to go away from home unless accompanied by the sub-master. As a consequence of this rule, the good behavior and manly conduct of the boys when travelling is assured, and one of the greatest evils of High School athletics is eliminated. How important this is, is proven by the impression made by teams which visit us unaccompanied by an instructor or any one in authority. Such a comparison only makes us rejoice the more in our own conditions. The girls have been represented by a basket ball team which has an unbroken record of victories to report this season. It is and always will be my hope that at some time the girls of the school may be offered an opportunity for regular physical culture work under a competent instructor.

During the winter many needed improvements have been made in and around the Gymnasium. Bleachers accommodating about 200 have been built, four 200-candle power Tungsten lights, with protective gratings have been installed in the Gym., and a hot and cold shower bath has been made available. All this has been done at the expense of the Athletic Association. Besides this, the Committee appropriated a sum sufficient to build a dressing room and closet, with steam heat, for the accommodation of the players. All these improvements are greatly appreciated and furnish accommodations in our own building which in many towns are sought for in hired halls and local Y. M. C. A.'s, a condition prolific of many evils from a school point of view.

It is hardly possible to estimate the good which accrues from a strong, enthusiastic athletic spirit in the school, when such a spirit can be controlled and guided along right lines by the right kind of men, with the interest centered around our own building and equipment, especially during the winter months. Such a spirit spreads out into other lines. School life is quickened, attendance is improved, more interest in the real work is engendered, and above all, that intangible thing, school spirit, is aroused, and this it is that solves in advance most of the problems of discipline both



for principal and teacher. Given a school where a strong school spirit has been developed along right lines and given an administration based upon common sense and fairness, and the result is a practical disappearance of disagreeable incidents; discord and punishments are rare. There is such a spirit at our High School.

## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

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### *To the Superintendent of Schools :*

The principles which underlie any system of drawing must necessarily remain the same, but an effort is made from year to year to vary the exercises which tend to develop these principles. This year a beginning in handicraft has been attempted in the High School, that principles of design may be actually applied to useful objects, and that skill and intelligent training in the manual arts may be attained. Only the simplest methods of leather and metal working have been introduced. These require but a limited and inexpensive working equipment, and may easily be continued at home, a desirable result, of which the interest of the pupils gives promise.

It is of interest to note that four of our High School graduates are at the present time studying in the Massachusetts Normal Art School.

This year has been a memorable one in mural decorations. In February a great effort was made to raise a fund for the decoration of the new High School building. An entertainment and art exhibit was given Feb. 26, 27, 28, the pupils and teachers of the Grammar and Primary Schools contributing most generously and disinterestedly to its success.

A picture as a prize was offered the class in the Highland, Center and Primary Schools which sold the most tickets to the entertainment. These prizes were won by Miss Whittemore's seventh grade class, of the Highland School; Miss Flanders' fourth grade, of the Center School; and Miss Drown's class, of the Prospect Street School.

The proceeds of this entertainment and exhibit were more than doubled by the efforts of Superintendent Stone, who solicited advertisements for an illustrated program in booklet form which netted

more than three hundred dollars. The total proceeds, with the liberal terms given by the Horace K. Turner Co., amounted in purchasing power at list prices to the grand sum of \$693.85. This has been expended under the direction of the Public School Art League for the following pictures and plaster reliefs :

The pictures unless otherwise indicated are Turner prints.

CORRIDOR (FIRST FLOOR)

The Manuscript, Alexander . . . . .	\$32 00
Tradition, Alexander . . . . .	32 00
Giralda Tower . . . . .	17 00
Cologne Cathedral — Exterior . . . . .	23 50
Cologne Cathedral — Interior . . . . .	23 50
Cicero against Cataline . . . . .	17 00
Concord Bridge . . . . .	17 00
Niagara Falls . . . . .	17 00
Westminster Abbey . . . . .	17 00
Houses of Parliament . . . . .	17 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S ROOM

Windsor Castle, Etching . . . . .	15 50
Morning, Plaster medallion . . . . .	1 50
Night, Plaster medallion . . . . .	1 50
Portrait Andrea del Sarto . . . . .	8 25
Detail Anatomical Lecture, Rembrandt . . . . .	8 25

RECEPTION ROOM

Portrait of Washington, hand colored print . . . . .	15 25
Windmill, Ruydael, hand colored print . . . . .	14 50
Souvenir of Italy, Corot, hand colored print . . . . .	14 50
Parson's Daughter, Reynolds, color print . . . . .	27 50
Pot of Basil, Alexander, color print . . . . .	9 25
Hebe, Plaster statue . . . . .	15 00

ASSEMBLY HALL

Amiens Cathedral . . . . .	33 75
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## CORRIDORS (SECOND FLOOR)

King Arthur . . . . .	23 50
Colleoni . . . . .	23 50
Alexandrian Procession, Plaster relief . . . . .	18 00
Apollo and the Muses, Plaster relief . . . . .	18 00
Victory, from Trajan's Column, Plaster relief . . . . .	7 00
Nike untying Sandals, Plaster relief . . . . .	8 00

## STAIRWAYS

Lower Nile . . . . .	23 50
Egyptian Temple . . . . .	23 50
Taj Mahal . . . . .	23 50
Mt. Vesuvius, from Naples . . . . .	23 50
Three pictures given as prizes . . . . .	36 60
Three pictures ordered but not yet received . . . . .	65 00
Twenty-nine brass name plates . . . . .	23 00

A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit this collection of beautiful pictures and see how much they add to the charm and the homelike atmosphere of the building.

The Highland School, already enriched with so many gifts from its graduates, received from this year's class as the result of the very successful annual entertainment, decorations to the amount of seventy-five dollars.

They were as follows:

- Night, Plaster medallion, Thorwaldsen
- Morning, Plaster medallion, Thorwaldsen.
- Alexandrian Procession, Plaster relief, Thorwaldsen.
- Oak Walk, Color print.
- The Bugler, Hunt, Brown print.
- Two unique Japanese stencils framed as transparencies.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE B. PARKER,

Supervisor of Drawing.

## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER

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FROM JAN. 1, 1908, to JAN. 1, 1909

*To the Superintendent:*

Number of absences reported to me . . . . .	61
Number found to be truants . . . . .	15
Number reported as ill . . . . .	11
Number insufficiently clad . . . . .	16
Number kept at home to work . . . . .	19
Number taken to school . . . . .	12
Number returned to school . . . . .	45

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM KIDDER,

Truant Officer.

# GRADUATION EXERCISES

READING HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday Evening, June Twenty-four

1908



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PROGRAM

Prayer

REV. W. H. PARKER

1 Mars and its Canals (Salutatory)  
CLARA MILDRED TUTTLE

2 The Man of the Hour  
GEORGE CLARKE BROOKS

Estudiantina P. Lacomde  
HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

3 Our Town  
OSCAR HARRIS ROUNDS

4 History of Class 1908  
SUSIE FRANCES GRANFIELD

The Two Grenadiers Schumann  
HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

5 The Currency Question  
LUKE TERRENCE DEVANEY

6 Our Schools and Our Girls (Valedictory)  
ETHEL GRAHAM TRASK

Praise ye the Father Gounod  
HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Conferring of Diplomas

Walter S. Parker, Chairman of School Committee

Benediction

REV. W. C. MYERS



## MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1908

## COLLEGE COURSE

George Clarke Brooks	Margaret Louise Robinson
Luke Terrence Devaney	Alma Lillian Eaton
	Marjorie Roberts

## SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Herbert Lewis Bartlett	Charles Warren Underhill
Henry Blethen	John Whitley Underhill
	Oscar Harris Rounds

## NORMAL COURSE

Hilda Weston Eames	Ruth Peabody
Muriel Alice Emerson	Ethel Chase Robinson
Susie Frances Granfield	Susie Carrie Simpson

## ENGLISH COURSE

Lottie Frances Abbott	Florence Anna Eaton
Marion Stone Bancroft	Sarah May Eaton
Robert Jewett Barr	Alice Alecta Eames
William Campbell Barrett	May Lillian Forbes
Alice May Bartlett	Gertrude May Greeley
Everett Wilson Brown	Benjamin Martin Hartshorn
Doris Batchelder Campbell	John Carvill Holmes
Albert LeRoy Case	Leland Waldron Kingman
Blanche Flemming Chisholm	Gabriella Edilena Lasell
Almeda Elizabeth Colby	Grace Clarke Mansfield
William Augustine Connolly	George Raymond Moses
Marion Coolidge	John Justin Quinlan
Edna Maud Crosby	Ethel Graham Trask
Nora Lena Cullinane	Harvey Gay Turner
Russell Willis Davis	Roy Wilson Turner
Rose Imelda Devaney	Clara Mildred Tuttle

GRADUATING CLASS OF THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL,  
JUNE, 1908

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Babcock, Ralph G.	Herbolzheimer, Julia
Bancroft, Helen L.	Hughes, Arthur
Batchelder, Harold W.	Jewett, Mildred
Boothby, Horace E.	Jones, Charles W.
Cail, Wilbur S.	Kidder, Mildred
Canty, Charles A.	Libby, Anna L.
Carlson, Ragner L.	Maguire, Margaret
Carnes, Harold A.	Mansfield, Ruby
Carney, John J.	Mason, Ralph J.
Clark, Avery W.	McCrum, Alberta
Cloudman, Elmer H.	McGarry, Catherine
Cook, Louise M.	McKay, Florence
Coolidge, Frank O.	Meuse, Helen
Cummings, Agnes S.	Michelini, Margaret
Doucette, Helen	Michelini, Romeo M.
Doulong, Helen	Milbury, Edward L.
Enos, Marion G.	Milbury, Ruby J.
Evans, John S.	Montgomery, Marjorie
Forbes, Robert S.	Murphy, Clarence J.
Foster, Ethel G.	Murray, Ellen V.
Galvin, Agnes M.	Newhall, Howard D.
Gear, Helen	Nichols, Florence G.
Geary, James L.	Nichols, Rachel J.
Goodridge, Harold S.	Park, Marion E.
Goodwin, Mary	Parker, Elliott E.
Grant, Joseph A.	Parker, Gladys E.
Hanscom, Lillian	Parks, Edith M.
Hartshorn, Chester G.	Proper, Laneta

Ricker, Everett M.	Sullivan, Lillian
Roberts, Paulina	Surette, Lena L.
Robertson, Herbert L.	Swasey, Theresa B.
Robinson, Donald C.	Swett, Mildred
Robinson, Howard P.	Symmes, Willard
Seaman, Frank T.	Symonds, Edith R.
Seaman, Mildred	Thorn, Jesse P.
Shepardson, Helen	Turner, Mary
Slack, Frank T.	Vermille, Norman H.
Smith, Elbridge S.	Villiers, Isabella
Stembridge, Harold E.	Waters, Mary V.
Sullivan, Alma	White, Harry A.

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STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT OF THE STATE  
BOARD IN APRIL, 1908, AND OTHER  
ITEMS OF INTEREST

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS

Sept. 1899 . . . . .	832
" 1900 . . . . .	853
" 1901 . . . . .	890
" 1902 . . . . .	915
" 1903 . . . . .	967
" 1904 . . . . .	938
" 1905 . . . . .	972
" 1906 . . . . .	1022
" 1907 . . . . .	997
" 1908 . . . . .	1005

## NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS

Sept. 1899 . . . . .	648
“ 1900 . . . . .	648
“ 1901 . . . . .	680
“ 1902 . . . . .	636
“ 1903 . . . . .	682
“ 1904 . . . . .	758
“ 1905 . . . . .	698
“ 1906 . . . . .	759
“ 1907 . . . . .	723
“ 1908 . . . . .	695

Length of school year, 1907-1908 . . . . . 40 wks.

Number of days lost from stormy days, etc. . . . . 9

Actual length of school year . . . . . 9 mos. 11 dys.

Number of different pupils enrolled for the year ending  
June 26, 1907 . . . . . 1213

Average number in each of the twelve grades for first four months  
of school year :

YEAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	SP.	TOT'L
1899	120	103	102	87	108	75	93	68	56	46	17	23	5	903
1900	127	136	66	107	89	98	66	82	49	37	36	14	0	907
1901	177	102	108	77	105	87	97	64	61	42	28	25	5	978
1902	142	126	90	86	117	98	100	70	56	64	34	21	4	1008
1903	127	114	103	104	86	109	97	93	63	61	53	31	9	1050
1904	129	131	116	116	95	91	109	86	79	60	53	54	4	1123
1905	129	118	130	124	105	104	88	100	85	76	45	48	4	1156
1906	118	129	109	127	120	100	93	100	88	72	63	42	5	1166
1907	120	110	150	114	123	109	96	110	78	82	58	50	6	1212
1908	123	111	120	128	97	138	97	118	92	75	75	47	5	1226

# TEACHERS IN SERVICE, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR WHEN FIRST APPOINTED

ALSO ENROLLMENT FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 24, 1908

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHERS	WHERE EDUCATED	Year First Appointed	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal
High		H. T. Watkins, M. A., Master	Colby University	1903	\$2200	306	290.6	281.2	96.7	97	7
"		Wm. R. Redden, A. B.	Bates College	1907	1100						
"		Natahe A. Smith, A. B.	Wellesley College	1905	700						
"		Mary P. Gordon, A. B.	Mt. Holyoke College	1905	700						
"		Mary Lerner, A. B.	Radcliffe College	1906	750						
"		Ruth Bufum, A. B.	Mt. Holyoke College	1907	600						
"		L. Lucile Wheeler, A. B.	Mt. Holyoke College	1907	600						
"		Mabel A. Hayes, A. B.	Mt. Holyoke College	1907	600						
"		Helen B. Flanders, A. B.	Boston University	1907	600						
"		Alice M. Lombard	Bay Path Institute	1907	600						
"		Helen A. Taft, A. B.	Radcliffe College	1908	525						
Highland		Alice Barrows, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	1880	1000						
"	VIII	Emma S. Page, Asst. Principal	N. H. State Normal	1899	650	41	39.9	38.3	95.9	22	4
"	VIII	Edith A. Estes	Gorham Normal	1901	600	42	37.8	35.5	93.9	40	7
"	VIII	Fannie C. Whittemore	S. S., N. H. State Nor., Hyannis	1905	600	40	39.4	38.7	98.2	11	4
"	VII	Lavinia C. Cairns	Lowell Normal	1907	600	53	48.2	46.2	95.6	20	18
"	VII	Amy A. Lapham	R. I. State Normal	1908	550	49	47.5	45.7	96.2	35	13
"	VI	Bessie M. Parker	Salem Normal	1905	525	49	46.2	42.4	91.8	32	30
"	VI	Julia A. Floyd	Lowell Normal (Special)	1907	525	48	45.5	40.9	90.9	105	32
"	VI	Pearl M. Pillsbury	Newburyport Training	1908	500	50	45.5	42.2	92.8	74	20
"	V	Edna F. Wood	North Adams Normal	1907	475	51	49.9	46.5	94.9	26	12
"	IV	Elizabeth G. E. King	Bridgewater Normal	1908	450	51	46.2	43.4	93.9	40	19
Center	III	M. Grace Wakefield, Principal	Salem Normal	1890	550	44	40.9	39.9	93.3	13	7
"	V	Annie L. Donovan	Bridgewater Normal	1907	475	48	45.3	42.4	93.6	11	18
"	IV	Ethel M. Flanders	Salem Normal	1905	450	52	46.8	44.6	95.3	4	21
"	III	Joyce L. Felders	Farmington Normal	1908	400	48	41.8	40.2	96.2	24	2
Union St	II	Eudora W. Gould, Principal	Reading High School	1907	550	41	36.8	34.7	94.8	11	15
"	I	Anna P. Reid	Bridgewater Normal	1884	450	39	36.6	34.7	94.8	11	15
"	I	Marion H. Morgan	Lowell Normal	1904	475	48	41.1	35.8	87.1	30	4
"	I	Miriam P. Clark	Lowell Normal	1908	400	47	42.2	38.4	90.9	55	6
Prospect St	IV-III	Josephine Drown	Johnson St. Normal, Vt.	1908	500	49	46.1	42.9	93.1	34	9
"	II-I	Carolyn R. Spencer	Woburn Training	1908	450	36	31.5	28.4	90.1	65	9
Lowell St	III-II-I	Elsa K. Anderson	Lowell Normal	1908	450	36	30.9	27.8	89.9	67	7
Chestnut Hill	IV-III-II-I	Marian F. Hall	Gorham Normal	1903	450	28	25.8	23.6	91.5	43	1

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Appropriations:

General, for Superintendent, teachers, janitors and fuel . . . . .	\$29,000 00	
Incidentals, books and supplies . . . . .	4,000 00	
Received for Haverhill Street School house . . . . .	75 00	
Received refund on bills . . . . .	1 53	
Received telephone tolls . . . . .	5 13	
Received for tuition . . . . .	2,133 50	
Received fines on damaged books . . . . .	3 07	
Received fines on desks and buildings . . . . .	5 45	
Received fines on laboratory breakage . . . . .	9 94	
Received for materials sold . . . . .	15 70	
		<u>\$35,249 32</u>

## EXPENDITURES

Paid for teachers, janitors and fuel . . . . .	\$28,459 26	
Paid incidental expenses . . . . .	2,471 08	
Paid for books and supplies . . . . .	2,456 59	
Paid Superintendent of Schools . . . . .	1,120 00	
Transportation . . . . .	702 00	
Truant Officer . . . . .	40 00	
		<u>\$35,248 93</u>
Total expenses . . . . .		39
Balance . . . . .		
General appropriation . . . . .	\$29,000 00	
Transferred from Incidentals Account . . . . .	1,281 26	
		<u>\$30,281 26</u>
Paid Superintendent . . . . .	\$1,120 00	
Paid teachers . . . . .	22,620 58	
Paid janitors . . . . .	2,919 75	
Paid for fuel . . . . .	2,918 93	
Paid for transportation . . . . .	702 00	
		<u>\$30,281 26</u>
Appropriation for incidentals, supplies and insurance . . . . .	\$4,000 00	



Received for tuition . . . . .	\$2,133 50	
Received refund on bills . . . . .	1 53	
Received for Haverhill Street school- house . . . . .	75 00	
Received telephone tolls . . . . .	5 13	
Received fines on damaged books . . . . .	3 07	
Received fines on desks and buildings . . . . .	5 45	
Received fines on laboratory breakage . . . . .	9 94	
Received for materials sold . . . . .	15 70	
	<hr/>	\$6,249 32
Paid to general account . . . . .	\$1,281 26	
Paid incidental expenses . . . . .	2,471 08	
Paid Truant Officer . . . . .	40 00	
Paid for books and supplies . . . . .	2,456 59	
	<hr/>	\$6,248 93
Unexpended balance . . . . .		39

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools, Melville A. Stone	\$1,120 00
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## HIGH SCHOOL

Harry T. Watkins, Master . . . . .	\$2,177 09
Wm. R. Redden, Sub-master . . . . .	1,088 53
Mary Lerner . . . . .	759 37
Mary P. Gordon . . . . .	708 75
Natalie A. Smith . . . . .	365 00
L. Lucille Wheeler . . . . .	576 25
Ruth Buffum . . . . .	576 25
Mabel A. Hayes . . . . .	576 25
Alice M. Lombard . . . . .	576 25
Helen B. Flanders . . . . .	576 25
Helen A. Taff . . . . .	203 44
Alice P. Rand . . . . .	343 75
Beatrice Springer . . . . .	343 75
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	\$8,870 93



## HIGHLAND SCHOOL

Alice Barrows, Principal . . . . .	\$1,012 50	
Emma S. Page, Assistant Principal . . . . .	658 13	
Alice E. Hood . . . . .	323 00	
Edith A. Estes . . . . .	591 88	
Fannie C. Whittemore . . . . .	576 25	
Amy A. Lapham . . . . .	554 88	
Lavinia C. Cairns . . . . .	540 00	
Edna F. Wood . . . . .	184 06	
Bessie M. Parker . . . . .	469 07	
Edna H. Dyer . . . . .	307 80	
Julia A. Floyd . . . . .	515 94	
Pearl M. Pillsbury . . . . .	193 75	
Elizabeth G. E. King . . . . .	174 38	
Emma Bird . . . . .	83 00	
Annie M. Reck . . . . .	306 87	
	<hr/>	\$6,491 51

## CENTER SCHOOL

M. Grace Wakefield, Principal . . . . .	\$566 59	
Annie L. Donovan . . . . .	451 81	
Ethel M. Flanders . . . . .	448 87	
Edna F. Wood . . . . .	250 00	
Louise W. Gardner . . . . .	17 63	
Joyce L. Fielder . . . . .	155 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,889 90

## UNION STREET SCHOOL

Florence E. Babcock, Principal, 6 months . . . . .	\$332 39	
Eudora W. Gould, Principal, 4 months . . . . .	492 69	
Anna P. Reid . . . . .	435 22	
Marion H. Morgan . . . . .	480 94	
Miriam P. Clark . . . . .	155 00	
Joyce L. Fielder . . . . .	9 38	
Mary Wiley . . . . .	9 96	
	<hr/>	\$1,915 58

## PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL

Josephine Drown . . . . .	\$506 25	
Hortense F. Small . . . . .	281 25	
Mary Wiley . . . . .	3 38	
Carolyn R. Spencer . . . . .	171 00	
	<hr/>	\$961 88

## LOWELL STREET SCHOOL

Lulu C. Colby . . . . .	\$142 50	
Edith T. Sanborn . . . . .	93 50	
Elsa R. Anderson . . . . .	174 38	
Mary Wiley . . . . .	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$414 88

## CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL

Gertrude B. Carter . . . . .	\$247 75	
Marian F. Hall . . . . .	167 63	
Mary Wiley . . . . .	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$422 13

## SPECIAL TEACHERS

Annie B. Parker, Drawing . . . . .	\$455 63	
Leon R. Maxwell, Music, 6 months . . . . .	312 50	
Albert E. Brown, Music, 4 months . . . . .	193 75	
Wm. Firth Eastwood, Manual Training . . . . .	532 50	
Eunice F. Bancroft, Sewing, 7 months . . . . .	115 63	
Frances K. Dolley, Sewing, 3 months . . . . .	43 76	\$1,653 77
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		\$22,620 58

## JANITORS

Clement Gleason . . . . .	\$900 00	
Wm. Killam . . . . .	744 00	
Wm. Kidder . . . . .	620 00	
Mrs. Ara Pratt . . . . .	420 00	
Timothy Cummings . . . . .	123 00	
Oscar Rounds . . . . .	61 50	
Benj. Hartshorn . . . . .	51 25	
	<hr/>	\$2,919 75

## FUEL

Bancroft, Wendell & Co. . . . .	\$112 75	
Batchelder, A. E. . . . .	21 50	
B. & M. R. R. . . . .	1,027 77	
Emerson, W. D. . . . .	9 00	
Hanscom, E. C. . . . .	245 15	
Hartshorn, Benj. . . . .	5 50	
Nelson, C. W. . . . .	41 50	
Parker, Asa . . . . .	8 00	
The Russell Co. . . . .	848 77	
Wakefield, Charles . . . . .	24 00	
Walker, J. Albert & Co. . . . .	574 99	
	<hr/>	\$2,918 93

## TRANSPORTATION

B. & N. Street Railway Co. . . . .	\$350 00	
Borthwick Bros. . . . .	352 00	
	<hr/>	\$702 00

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Allen, Hall & Co., retinting Highland Hall .	\$263 35
American Express Co. . . . .	31 20
American Painting & Decorating Co., stain	1 00
American Seating Co., repairs and new cast- ings . . . . .	10 50
American Steam Gauge & Value Co. . . . .	1 50
Atkinson, Geo. H. Co., supplies for reception	8 61
Babb, Edward E., ink wells . . . . .	1 00
Bacon & Co., iron for guards on lawn . . . .	1 40
Badger, W. B. & Co., repairing desk locks . .	50
Bancroft, W. A. & Co., lumber, cement, etc.	45 86
Bent, L. G., laundry . . . . .	11 68
Blunt, John, repair of tools . . . . .	4 87
Bond, Mrs. J. S., repairs of flag . . . . .	1 00
Carpenter-Morton, shellac for desks . . . .	13 46
Clapp, R. D., repairs and jobbing . . . . .	29 25

Cook, W. F., painting Highland School . . .	\$175 00
Cummings Express, carting and expressage . . .	101 68
Dimond, H. C. & Co., rubber stamps . . . . .	1 53
Eames, L. T., repairs and new wiring . . . . .	28 01
Edgerley & Bessom, rent of chairs . . . . .	3 50
Electrical Goods Mfg. Co., repairs on H. S. system . . . . .	4 43
Farquhar, John, Sons, repairs on roof . . . . .	16 35
Fife, T. C., repairs and change of steam valves . . . . .	160 11
Francis Bros., repairs and manual training supplies . . . . .	113 19
Gleason, J. W., reeving halyards . . . . .	5 00
Hammond, Edward A., desk baskets . . . . .	1 75
Hanscom, E. C., work on cesspools . . . . .	21 00
Hartshorn, Benj., work on lawn . . . . .	40
Johnson, F. L., painting . . . . .	12 75
Johnson, H. R., repairs, mounting pictures, etc.	40 43
Killorin Contracting Co., concrete repairs . . . . .	2 70
Ladd, F. A., tuning pianos . . . . .	13 25
Lang, J. E., work on H. S. walk . . . . .	1 00
LeFave, J. A., work on steam plant at H. S.	1 00
Manning, J. W., work on H. S. and High- land grounds . . . . .	20 00
Metcalf, E. C., sundry supplies . . . . .	9 36
Miller, Henry F., Piano Mfg. Co., rent of piano . . . . .	10 00
Municipal Light Board . . . . .	81 87
Murphy, J. A., repair of clocks . . . . .	23 75
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. . . . .	112 67
Ordway, O. O., repairs . . . . .	3 50
Orient Mfg. Co., spray . . . . .	50
Park, H. L., repairs at Highland . . . . .	9 50
People's Gas & Electric Co. . . . .	39 04
Pierce, Geo. E., rent of chairs . . . . .	2 00
Prentiss & Viall, insurance . . . . .	108 00

Reading Police Dept. . . . .	\$6 90	
Reading Water Works . . . . .	190 89	
Sargent, W. E. & Co., repairs on H. S. telephone service . . . . .	15 73	
Sennett, F. S., services at graduation . . . . .	3 00	
Smith, A. A., taking census . . . . .	40 00	
Stewart & Robertson, repairs on Center and Union Schools . . . . .	115 00	
Surette, Leo, labor in laboratories . . . . .	2 25	
Stock, John, cleaning vaults . . . . .	10 00	
Stone, Melville A., travelling expenses . . . . .	210 74	
Studley, Edward H., engrossing diplomas . . . . .	12 00	
The Ashton Valve Co., steam valves . . . . .	12 00	
The Macey Co., filing cabinet . . . . .	20 00	
The Smith-Premier Typewriter Co., supplies . . . . .	2 80	
The Standard Electric Time Co., work on clock . . . . .	16 14	
Trow, Catherine M., lunch counter . . . . .	127 39	
Twombly, W. E. & J. F., printing and supplies, 1907-08 . . . . .	86 74	
Wightman, W. H., insurance . . . . .	48 95	
Wilkins, J. E., work on H. S. walk . . . . .	3 00	
		----- \$2,471 08

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

Allyn & Bacon, books . . . . .	\$33 41
American Book Co., books and supplies . . . . .	259 00
American Peace Society, programs for Peace Day . . . . .	1 40
Appleton, D. & Co., books . . . . .	1 13
Atkinson, Geo. H. Co., supplies for janitors . . . . .	32 71
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, books and supplies . . . . .	301 33
Babb, Edward E. & Co., books and supplies . . . . .	321 61
Baird, A. F., supplies . . . . .	10 00
Baker & Taylor Co., books . . . . .	10 84

Barnard, F. J. & Co., rebinding books . . . . .	\$137 41
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., microscope . . . . .	28 80
Bradley, Milton Co., supplies . . . . .	98 34
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co., botany supplies . . . . .	16 32
Chandler & Barker, thermometers and man- ual training supplies . . . . .	23 77
Charles, M. F., envelopes, crayon and bands . . . . .	2 45
Cook, A. S., supplies for sewing . . . . .	5 10
Dallman, H. I., janitors' supplies . . . . .	42 00
Ditson, Oliver Co., music supplies . . . . .	5 58
Dodd, Mead & Co., reference books . . . . .	40 00
Eagle Pencil Co., pencils and pens . . . . .	69 25
Eimer & Amend, chemical supplies . . . . .	43 46
Fuller, Seth W. & Co., electrical supplies . . . . .	2 05
Ginn & Co., books . . . . .	181 66
Greenough, W. S. & Co., supplies . . . . .	1 50
Hall, Arthur W., chemical and physics sup- plies . . . . .	3 65
Hanmer, W. H. Co., typewriter supplies . . . . .	8 00
Hayner, Norman C. Co., janitors' supplies . . . . .	34 79
Heath, D. C. & Co., books . . . . .	117 19
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books . . . . .	62 82
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies . . . . .	130 87
King, Geo. F. & Co., supplies . . . . .	2 00
Knott, L. E., Apparatus Co., physics supplies . . . . .	19 51
Lambert, F. D., biology supplies . . . . .	10 55
Library Bureau, office supplies . . . . .	2 25
Little, Brown & Co., books . . . . .	6 00
Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co., books . . . . .	12 85
Milbury, Ora L., manual training supplies . . . . .	80 74
Orient Mfg. Co., janitors' supplies . . . . .	76 50
Redden, Wm. R., laboratory supplies . . . . .	1 05
Sanborn, Benj. H. & Co., books . . . . .	2 17
Schonhoff Book Co., books . . . . .	18 42
Scribner's, Chas. Sons, books . . . . .	10 65

Silver, Burdett & Co., books and supplies . . . . .	\$41 26
Smith, L. C. Bros., typewriter supplies . . . . .	3 50
The Beal Press, commercial supplies . . . . .	4 50
The Typewriter Exchange, supplies . . . . .	9 00
Turner, J. E. Wagon Co. . . . .	6 14
Twombly, W. E. & J. F., blank reports and office blanks . . . . .	74 48
Wallace, F., supplies . . . . .	1 80
Ward, Samuel Co., supplies . . . . .	3 75
Willis, W. H., supplies . . . . .	4 45
Winchester, Geo. A., supplies . . . . .	26 08
Wood, W. A. Co., janitors' supplies . . . . .	12 50
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	\$2,456 59



**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION  
AND RENEWAL OF THE MUNICIPAL ELEC-  
TRIC LIGHT AND POWER PLANT**

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The purpose for which this Committee was elected having been accomplished, the following statement is submitted.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$26,000 00
Cash for Material sold . . . . .	265 42
Due from Depreciation Account . . . . .	1,000 00
Interest allowed by Town for use of money for other purposes . . . . .	58 66
<b>Total receipts . . . . .</b>	<b>\$27,324 08</b>
Bills approved for payment . . . . .	\$25,995 41
Outstanding bills:	
Balance Engineer's commission . . . . .	75 29
Ridgeway Dynamo & Engine Co. . . . .	300 00
Wetmore-Savage Co. . . . .	3 00
W. Bancroft & Co. . . . .	1 30
Municipal Light and Power Plant, for work on lines, renewing and set- ting poles, etc. . . . .	949 08
<b>Total disbursements . . . . .</b>	<b>\$27,324 08</b>

**ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS**

Engines . . . . .	\$4,815 00
Generators . . . . .	5,956 62
Switchboard . . . . .	3,650 63
Station . . . . .	856 55
Arc System . . . . .	4,494 37
Engine repairs . . . . .	221 78
Lines . . . . .	1,359 10
Engine foundation and piping . . . . .	2,051 10

Boilers . . . . .	1,058 <sup>3</sup> 00
Boiler setting and piping . . . . .	1,610 64
Engineer's fees . . . . .	1,250 29
	\$27,324 08

For detail of disbursements see Selectmen's Report.

The progress of the work has been somewhat delayed, the principal reason being that at the time operations commenced, i. e., May, 1907, all manufacturing plants were overcrowded with orders, making it impossible to obtain delivery of necessary equipment until several months after the contracts were awarded.

The results obtained, however, more than compensate for the loss of time, and when it is considered that the Plant has been practically transformed, that the arc system has been entirely changed, and extensive renewal made in the poles and lines without a break in the service or any inconvenience to the patrons of the power or light systems, the Committee is satisfied that all will agree in according to the employes of the Plant and the engineers credit for having completed successfully a difficult task.

The present condition of the Plant is excellent, the outlook very promising, as shown by the following detailed report from the engineers, and in this connection we cannot refrain from referring to the superior judgment shown by those interested in the original construction, their foresight as to foundations and other unchangeable conditions having made the task of the present committee much less onerous. The rapid advance of electrical science of the last few years and the ever increasing demand for electricity for various purposes, are the only reasons that can be given for the present alterations and extensions.

GILMAN L. PARKER, *Chairman*,  
 WILLIAM C. BUCK, *Secretary*,  
 GEORGE L. FLINT,  
 WILLIAM H. BYERS,  
 FRANK T. STROUT,  
 JAMES MAXWELL,  
 JOHN F. TURNER,

Special Municipal Light Committee.

*To the Special Committee on Municipal Light and Power Plant,  
Town of Reading, Mass., Mr. Gilman L. Parker, Chairman:*

GENTLEMEN:—Now that the work of re-construction in connection with the changes at the Electric Light Plant is practically completed, it would be of interest to briefly review the work that has been done and to compare the present station equipment, both from the standpoint of generating capacity and flexibility of operation, with the station as it stood at the time the work was begun and prior to our report, to the special committee, of April 18, 1907. Also to state what has been accomplished in the way of carrying out the recommendations embodied in this report.

To summarize briefly, the original plant consisted of a boiler room equipment of two horizontal return tubular boilers connected in battery, these having a total rated capacity of 293.21 horsepower; also the usual equipment of pumps, feedwater heaters, piping, etc.; an engine room equipment of two Corliss type releasing gear engines, one of 100 rated horsepower and one of 250 rated horsepower, both engines operating direct belted to a trunk line of shafting from which all the generating units in the station were driven. Also two alternating current generators, each of 75 K. V. A. capacity which, with their exciter generators were direct belted to the line shaft. From these two generators was supplied the entire power service and incandescent lighting service of the Town.

The engine room also contained four direct current series arc generators, operating direct belted from the line shaft. From these generators was supplied the current for the operation of the 138 direct current enclosed arc lamps installed in the Town, these lamps having been but recently installed, and having taken the place of the older type open lamps which were provided with the original plant.

The engine room also contained a switchboard of four panels, through which the four arc circuits and the two incandescent circuits were controlled, the distributing system for the incandescent

lighting service, and also the power service, consisting of two single-phase circuits, with the necessary equipment of transformers, each circuit supplying the lighting service to practically one-half of the Town.

The capacity of the original plant, together with its distributing system, was amply sufficient at the time of installation, to provide for the business then at hand, and also to provide for an increase of load, covering a number of years. However, additional and more modern apparatus was made necessary by the rapidly increasing business, and by the need of spare apparatus in the engine room for use in case of breakdown, and by the advantage offered from the use of more efficient and up-to-date equipment. The station equipment, as we found it, had carried the entire lighting and power service of the Town, for a number of years, and although at times loaded to more than its full capacity, had given no serious trouble or inconvenience from interrupted service.

The condition of the machinery at the station reflects credit on those having the equipment in charge; the alternating current generators, as well as the two engines, were retained in the station as part of the new plant, and up to their capacity will continue to give good service. The entire street light system, however, including both station equipment and lamps, was replaced by more modern apparatus, thus permitting greater flexibility of operation at the station, and greatly lessening the danger of interrupted service for the lighting of the streets.

In the new station equipment, one additional boiler has been installed in the boiler room, and connected in battery with the two boilers of the original plant, thus making available a three-boiler equipment with a rated capacity of 439.82 horsepower. An additional feed water heater has been installed, and both the exhaust piping and the steam piping has been so arranged that one unit may be kept in service should accident or repairs necessitate a shut down.

In the engine room there has been installed a new engine of the single valve type, compound, non-condensing, with cylinders connected in tandem. This engine is of 300 rated horsepower, and

is direct connected to an alternating current generator of 200 K. V. A. capacity. In case of emergency this unit may be operated at from 25 to 50 per cent. overload for a short time without injury.

A section of the line shaft was removed, and an alternating current generator of 200 K. V. A. capacity was direct belted to the larger Corliss engine. This engine was overhauled and repaired and the speed was raised slightly, thus increasing its available power, as was shown by the tests made at the station, on this unit, on Sept. 28, 1908.

The section of the line shaft driving the two smaller generators was left intact, and this section of the shaft with the two generators is now operated by the smaller Corliss engine. The unit is thus available for service during the day, or from midnight to morning, or at other periods of light load, or this unit can be operated separately on power service, or can be operated wholly on the arc service, thus leaving the two larger generators for use on the incandescent load. The removal of the direct current arc system and the installation of alternating current lamps and apparatus has greatly increased the flexibility of operation at the station, as it permits the street lighting system to be operated from any one of the three units in the station.

The direct connected unit, and the generator driven by the larger Corliss engine are arranged to operate either singly or in parallel, on either the main or auxiliary buss circuits of the switchboard. These units are automatically regulated by the voltage regulator, and this regulator is designed for and wired to control a third unit of like capacity, should increasing business necessitate its installation in the future.

The two smaller generators are arranged to operate either singly or in parallel on either the main or auxiliary buss circuits of the board. These generators are compound wound, and are not controlled by the regulator. Should necessity demand, however, they can be made to operate satisfactorily in parallel with the two larger units, thus making the full station capacity available on the circuits.



The normal generating capacity of the station is as follows:—

Direct connected unit . . . . .	200 K. V. A.
Belted unit . . . . .	200 “
Smaller Corliss engine unit . . . . .	80 “
Thus giving a total capacity of . . . . .	480 “

To this could be added in case of emergency, the overload capacity of the direct connected unit, of 50 K. V. A., with an additional 20 K. V. A. from the smaller Corliss engine unit, thus giving a total station capacity in generators a value of 550 K. V. A.

Overload capacity cannot be obtained from the larger belted unit under the present conditions, as the limiting factor of this unit is the transmitting power of the driving belt, which, under test, showed a value of approximately 200 K. V. A.

To supply steam to meet the above demand would drag the boilers to a certain extent, but this is not more than the boilers are capable of supplying for a short time with forced firing. These figures, however, should not be considered as available station capacity, to a value of which new business could be obtained, as one unit should at all times be considered as a spare, should increasing business call for a greater demand than the normal capacity of two of the units (viz., 280 K. V. A.) increased boiler power, and the installation of a third unit of 200 K. V. A. should be considered.

The new system for the lighting of the streets consists of 138 alternating current, 6.6 ampere, enclosed, series arc lamps, installed in four circuits, each circuit being controlled through a transformer and reactance coil regulator in the station. The transformers and regulators provide for two circuits of 50 lamps each and two circuits of 35 lamps each, or a total of 170 lamps, thus giving a reserve station capacity of 32 lamps over and above the number installed. All switches, etc., controlling the arc circuits, are mounted on four separate panels, which are a part of the main switchboard. The flexibility of the system is such that any of the four circuits may be operated from either of the three generator units at will, or from either phase of the system, and thus, to a certain extent, may be made to assist in maintaining an equal balance of load. All current

supplied the street lighting system is measured through meters at the rear of the switchboard.

A switchboard consisting of thirteen panels of blue Italian marble had been installed, at a location directly in front of that formerly occupied by the old switchboard. The panels are arranged to control the following service :

Four panels, each controlling one of the four generators.

Four panels, each controlling one of the four arc circuits.

Two panels, each controlling two exciter generators.

One panel carrying arc transposing switch, and also, regulators.

One panel for the control of separate power circuits.

An additional panel has been installed, separate from the main switchboard, on which the automatic circuit breakers controlling the lighting circuits are installed.

The panels of the switchboard are provided with both main and auxiliary buss bars, with instruments, double throw switches, etc., permitting the maximum of flexibility in the operation of the station.

Generator rheostats, regulator transformers, etc., are installed in the basement of the building, and are operated from the switchboard by means of chains, sprockets, etc. The panels controlling the arc circuits have been installed at one end of the switchboard, with the panels controlling the feeder circuits at the opposite end, thereby permitting the future addition of feeder panels for either the arc or incandescent service, without disturbing the body of the switchboard or wiring. The panels controlling the generators and exciters are located in the center of the switchboard. These panels, however, are arranged to control generators of larger capacity than the two smaller machines now in the station. When in the future machines of larger capacity are installed, they will without question be installed in the place of one or both of the present small machines. It will thus not be necessary to make any change, or go to expense in regard to the switchboard when such machines are considered.

All primary wiring on the switchboard has been done with



2300-volt insulated copper, mounted on and secured to porcelain, this porcelain in turn being mounted on an angle iron and channel iron framework. The main connecting wires are carried in the basement, while the connections to the circuits are carried on a framework directly above the switchboard.

Referring to the distributing system, a circuit of No. 4 and No. 6 wire has been carried from the center of distribution on the heaviest loaded circuit, back to the station, and has been connected in with the existing line copper, thereby decreasing the drop in voltage due to the lack of copper in this line.

Positive primary cutouts have been installed on all the arc lamps, thereby greatly decreasing the danger of accident when the linemen are called out on night repair work.

During the past year the work of transposing transformers, replacing defective poles, additions to primary and secondary copper, etc., has been steadily carried on by the Manager and his assistants, with the view to eventually bringing the line to a state of high efficiency.

In our report we strongly recommended that the board should appoint an active Manager for the plant, and institute a campaign for new business. This has been done, and we feel that the results obtained have fully justified the step.

The work of reconstruction has taken much longer than we had estimated, but conditions have been such that it has been impossible to close the work sooner. This has necessarily handicapped the work of the Manager to a certain extent and prevented results that may be expected during the coming year. We feel confident, however, that the results both from the standpoint of the reduction of the operating expenses, and the increased business obtained, will be far in excess of that estimated in our report of April 18, 1907.

During the changes the service has not been seriously crippled, and in this connection we have to thank the Manager and his assistants for their hearty co-operation and assistance.

We are Yours very truly,

R. D. KIMBALL CO., Engineers.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 1, 1909.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation . . . . .	\$800 00
Proceeds of Dog Tax, 1907 . . . . .	685 22

### EXPENSES

Rent:

Odd Fellows' Building Association . . . . .	\$600 00
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Salaries:

Bertha L. Brown, librarian . . . . .	\$300 00
Clover Granger, assistant . . . . .	6 38
Grace I. Abbott, assistant . . . . .	26 50
C. H. Stinchfield, janitor . . . . .	38 00
	370 88

Books:

Old Corner Book Store, Inc. . . . .	\$272 68
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. . . . .	16 62
C. E. Lauriat Co. . . . .	53 70
H. G. Wadlin, cash expended . . . . .	3 55
	346 55

Periodicals:

A. W. Danforth, subscriptions . . . . .	\$67 75
H. W. Wilson Co., subscriptions . . . . .	6 00
	73 75

Sundries:

Municipal Light Board, electric lighting . . . . .	48 79
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . . . .	43 25
Library Bureau, supplies . . . . .	2 00
	94 04

\$1,485 22	\$1,485 22
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## FINE ACCOUNT

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1908 . . . . .	\$141 31	
Received from fines, sale of catalogues, cards, etc. . . . .	58 23	\$199 54
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Paid expressage . . . . .	\$6 30	
Paste and small supplies . . . . .	7 08	
Cleaning . . . . .	10 00	
Minor repairs . . . . .	8 30	
Repairing sign . . . . .	5 00	
Bookbinding . . . . .	64 87	
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Balance . . . . .		\$97 99

The following volumes have been given to the library:

FROM WHENCE RECEIVED	NO. OF VOLUMES
United States Document Department . . . . .	4
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, reports . . . . .	30
Other sources . . . . .	10
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	44
Number of volumes in library Jan. 1, 1908 . . . . .	11,071
Number added during year . . . . .	330
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	11,401
Number worn out and not replaced . . . . .	47
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Total number in library Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .	11,354
Circulation, year ending Dec. 31, 1908 . . . . .	18,741
Largest single month, March . . . . .	2,046
Smallest single month, September . . . . .	1,274

The circulation of the library has been increased during the year to the extent of 846 volumes, or nearly five per cent. It is pleasing to record this increase, but the circulation is still below what it might be, and below what should be expected in a town as large as Reading, wherein a fairly well selected collection of good books is freely available to anyone who resides in the town.

During the last few years many improvements have been introduced, all in the direction of making the library more useful to our citizens. All new books are placed on open shelves where they can be examined. A card catalogue of new books is maintained. Any person who wishes to look at the books in the alcove cases may do so, and select such volumes as are desired. An especial effort has been made to interest the children. Other improvements in the service are contemplated, and it is hoped that gradually our people may gain a deeper interest in the library and use it more freely.

Our financial resources are limited. With the money allowed us it is impossible to buy all the good books that come from the press, but, since rigid selection is forced upon us, the trustees endeavor to select representative works in each department of literature, and thus provide something interesting and profitable for all.

We mention here a few only of the important additions in different classes :

In Travel, there are *The Umbrian Cities of Italy*, *The Andes and the Amazon*, *Newfoundland*, *America's Insular Possessions*, *Secrets of The Vatican* (a good account of this important building, its art treasures, etc.), *Germany*, described by great writers, *Under the Syrian Sun*, *A Spring Fortnight in France*, *The Italian Lakes*, *Howells' Roman Holidays*, *Mrs. Wharton's Motor Flight Through France*, and *Maud Howe's Sun and Shadow in Spain*, etc.

In History : *Among Old New England Inns*, *A Short History of the American Navy*, *A Sea-Dog of Devon*, *National Development*, *The American Constitution* (an exposition rather than a history, by Stimson), *English Voyages of Discovery*, *The Arts and Crafts of the Middle Ages*, *The Letters of Mrs. James G. Blaine*.

In Biography : *The Story of David Livingston*, *Stephen A. Douglas*, *John Sherman*, *Abraham Lincoln* (the boy and the man ; popular account by Morgan), *Alice Freeman Palmer*, *Thomas Bailey Aldrich*, *Richard Mansfield*, etc.

There are books giving a popular treatment of scientific subjects, for example : *Electricity for Everybody*, *The Art of Living in Good Health*, several books on natural history, the study of plants

and trees, etc., and among books intended especially for young readers, Harpers' Electricity Book for Boys, The Boys' Book of Locomotives, and The Boys' Book of Steamships.

Especially, there are many good books for juvenile readers,—interesting stories, standard fairy tales, tales of adventure, and others: among them, The Story of Frederick the Great for Boys and Girls, Roy and Ray in Canada, The Elm Tree Fairy Book, and A Little Girl in Old Salem.

The accessions also include a representation of the best fiction that has been published during the year.

The titles of all new books have been printed in The Reading Chronicle, with the library numbers attached, except those added at the end of the year, and these will be similarly published in due season. The librarian will always aid readers in making a selection of books, and, upon request, will point out upon the shelves books added in recent years, which it would be interesting and profitable to read, but which would otherwise escape the notice of card holders.

Are you interested in any special subject? Would you like to have a wider knowledge of the world's progress and history, or become acquainted with at least a few of the great writers; or familiar with some of the great poems, or novels, or essays that have been preserved as classics among the great number of books that have been printed? Or would you like to know something of the great changes that have occurred in scientific thought during the last ten years? Or something about the growth of our great industries,—like the steel industry, for example? Or perhaps something of the literature of your own trade or profession? The Public Library contains something for you among these subjects. It is established and maintained to help you. If you want something that it can furnish, ask for it. The librarian is there to help you if she can. If you ask her something she cannot immediately answer, she will, if given an opportunity, find an answer for you. If you want a book that is not now in the library, it will be bought for your use if possible, if you will leave its title,—or perhaps a better one substituted for it; except, of course, that we cannot,



with our limited means, buy extensively merely temporary books of fiction, or expensive books that would not be of general interest or value.

There are periodicals regularly received and open for use on the reading tables. Perhaps these would interest you. Some of them may be taken out for home reading. We will get more, if the demand warrants, and we are not prevented by lack of money. Three or four hundred dollars is not a very great sum, but there may be more money available sometime. Let us help you form the library habit. You may want to look into an Encyclopædia occasionally. We have one; also other books of reference.

Besides the regular work devolving upon her, the librarian has during the year begun a new registration of card holders. This was required because many years had elapsed since the former registration was initiated, and it had become difficult to preserve a proper alphabetical arrangement, especially as the names were entered in a book. The new register is kept upon cards, as in all modern libraries, and by its use the work of recording the books lent from the library is much simplified. By the use of a registration number it becomes unnecessary to write the names and addresses of the borrowers on the charging slips, as heretofore.

The work of re-numbering the fiction contained in the library, begun last year and mentioned in our last report, is not yet completed, although it progresses as fast as permitted in the time which the librarian can give to it under the pressure of other duties. A better classification and re-cataloging of the entire library would be a great improvement, as some of the departments have outgrown the space originally given to them, and should be rearranged. Upon this point the librarian reports as follows:

“The old fixed method of numbering our books does not admit of as exact classification of those we are adding every year as would be possible under a modern expansive system, and the crowding of the shelves due to the growth of the library renders an exact classification doubly difficult.

For instance, the department of American history long ago outgrew its section in the fourth alcove, has nearly filled a section in the sixth alcove, and will soon require more space, which ought to be near the original shelves. All the adjacent shelves are in use however. A subject catalogue is especially needed in a small library, since with a limited number of books it is especially necessary to know every book that the library contains on a given subject. The most useful catalogue for a library the size of ours would be a so-called dictionary card catalogue with author, title (where needed), and subject entries, all arranged in one alphabet. The re-cataloging of the library would also allow us to discard, or at least separate the old and rarely-used books from the main body of the collection, leaving space much needed in some of the alcoves. With a better arrangement and complete catalogue the usefulness of the library would be much increased."

All of which is endorsed by the Trustees, but requires, to carry it into effect, more money than the Town has yet found it possible to appropriate. It involves the employment, for a limited time, of an expert cataloguer, and perhaps the enlargement of the shelving-space of the library, or its re-arrangement.

The librarian, Miss Brown, has rendered efficient service during the year; not limited merely to perfunctory or routine duties. Our acknowledgements are due to her, and are hereby recorded.

Mr. E. P. Guild, whose term of service upon the Board ends with the current year, declines re-election. The term of Mr. H. C. Parker also expires.

We last year asked for an appropriation at least as large as that granted for the support of the library during the year immediately preceding, pointing out that we should be obliged to pay for electric lighting, an expense from which we had previously been relieved. Nevertheless our appropriation was reduced from \$900 to \$800, — the result being that our total income, including the dog tax receipts, was lowered from \$1,566.80 to \$1,485.22, and our fixed charges, from which there is no escape if the library is to be operated at all, were raised \$48.79, the cost of the electric lighting. This reduction



of \$100 affected the tax rate only slightly, but to the library, which is all the time operated on a rigid scale of charges, — rent, light, janitor's and librarian's services, that cannot be lowered, the reduction of \$100 is serious. It means a reduction of approximately 25 per cent. from the amount available for buying books, without which the efficiency of the library cannot be maintained, nor the public fairly served. The demands upon the library constantly increase. It is not a luxury, but, properly considered and administered, part of the educational equipment of the Town, supplementing and aiding the public schools. It only costs a few hundred dollars, and has never seriously burdened the tax rate. Other departments are constantly expanding and enlarging their expenditures to meet the public demands made upon them. The value of all the property in Reading is increased by the fact that there is a public library here. It benefits every man's estate whether he himself uses the library or not; and it ought to be maintained in such manner as to enable it to operate efficiently.

We recommend for the ensuing year an appropriation of \$1000, in addition to the proceeds of the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman*,  
 CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary*,  
 J. WOODWARD MANNING,  
 HENRY C. PARKER,  
 MARION F. DAVIES,

Trustees.

NOTE: Owing to absence from Town, Mr. Guild was not present when the above report was adopted by the Trustees.

READING, For the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	APPROPRIATION	SUNDRY CREDITS	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDING APPROPRIATION	EXPENDED	UN-EXPENDED	OVER-DRAWN
Salaries of Town Officers.....	\$3,500 00		\$3,500 00	\$3,387 35	\$112 65	
Town Building and Office.....	450 00		450 00	449 76	24	
Printing.....	700 00		700 00	686 65	33 35	
Election Expenses.....	300 00		300 00	223 29	76 71	
Soldiers' Relief.....	1,000 00		1,000 00	782 21	217 79	
Soldiers' Relief Account, Town of North Reading.....		\$30 00	30 00	30 00		
Soldiers' Relief Account, Town of Marblehead.....				48 00		\$48 00
Burial Agent's Account.....				37 00		37 00
Decoration and Care of Soldiers' Graves.....	175 00		175 00	175 00		
State and Military Aid.....	2,800 00		2,800 00	2,490 00	310 00	
Account Charles L. Haug.....				76 65		76 66
Rent of Playground.....	342 00	5 00	347 00	347 00		
Care and Improvement of Common and Parks.....	150 00		150 00	67 12	82 88	
Polly Connell vs. Town of Reading.....				988 84		398 84
Reading Water Works.....	12,280 00	500 00	12,780 00	12,730 00		
Municipal Light and Power Plant.....	8,187 21		8,187 21	8,187 21		
Municipal Light and Power Plant, Special Committee.....		19,170 26	19,170 26	13,163 67	6 59	
Interest on School House Notes and Bonds.....	4,135 00		4,135 00	4,055 00	80 00	
School House Bonds.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	4,000 00	10,000 00		
High School Building.....	250 00	1,075 83	1,325 83	1,321 12	5 71	
Main Street Note.....	1,000 00		1,000 00	2,000 00		
Interest.....	700 00	2,165 21	2,865 21	1,000 00		
Abatement of Taxes.....		10 60	710 60	3,576 84		710 63
Taxes on Property Taken.....		71 32	71 32	861 41		150 81
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	1,000 00	127 75	1,127 75	526 06		
Highways, Bridges and Repairs on Sidewalks.....	4,000 00	5,493 51	9,493 51	1,137 13		454 74
Street Sprinkling.....	450 00		450 00	9,493 51		9 38
Removal of Snow and Ice.....		389 23	389 23	455 18		5 18
Fire Department.....	5,000 00	3 00	5,003 00	389 23		
Forest Fires.....	150 00		150 00	5,346 40		343 40
Fire Dept.—Spec. Ap. Sou'wester Hats, Rubber Boots.....	275 00		275 00	706 67		556 67
Fire Dept.—Special Ap. New Floor in Steamer Room.....	150 00		150 00	248 46		28 54
Police Department.....	3,800 00	335 20	4,135 20	144 11		5 89
Board of Health.....	600 00		600 00	3,983 23		151 97
				863 91		263 91

Laurel Hill Cemetery.....	700 00	937 75	1 637 75	1 752 80	115 05
Tree Warden.....	100 00	20 00	120 00	120 00	
Moth Account.....	1,997 00	9,180 95	11,177 95	11,177 95	
Overseers of the Poor.....	3,000 00	1,148 86	4,148 86	4,214 98	65 12
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....		97 21	97 21	333 40	236 19
City of Cambridge.....				169 12	169 12
Town of Wilmington.....		63 61	63 61	63 61	
Town of Norfolk.....				120 17	120 17
Middlesex County Truant School.....				6 85	6 85
Town of Andover.....				108 00	108 00
Schools.....	29,000 00	80 33	80 33	80 93	
School Incidentals.....	4,000 00	1,251 26	30,251 26	30,251 26	
Public Library.....	800 00	988 06	4,968 06	4,967 67	39
		685 22	1,485 22	1,485 22	
	<u>\$101,711 21</u>	<u>\$45,842 76</u>	<u>\$147,553 97</u>	<u>\$150,299 98</u>	<u>\$1,130 71</u>
Overdrawn.....	3,876 72		2,746 01		
Unexpended.....	1,130 71		\$150,299 98		
Expenses for Year 1908.....			87,000 00		
Add Temporary Loans.....			\$237,299 98		
Total Selectmen's Orders.....			150,299 98		
Expenses above.....					
Less following amounts due on account Year 1908.....					
State and Military Aid.....	2,490 00				
Commonwealth of Mass., Account Burial Agent.....	37 00				
Property Owners, Moth Account.....	236 19				
City of Cambridge.....	213 84				
Town of Marblehead.....	169 12				
Town of Norfolk.....	48 00				
Town of Andover.....	120 17				
Charles L. Haag.....	6 85				
	76 66		3,397 83		
Net Expenses.....					
Less Sundry Credits for 1908, as above.....			\$146,902 15		
Amount raised by Taxation and Appropriation from Available Assets.....			45,335 76		
			\$101,566 39		

Dr.

EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer,

January 13, 1908, To cash in Treasury .....	\$6,536 91
To cash received from County Treasurer, Dog Tax .....	(85 22)
"    "    State Treasurer, Corporation Tax Balance, 1907.....	1,059 11
"    "    "    National Bank Tax Balance, 1907 .....	7 72
"    "    "    Corporation Tax, 1908 .....	4,892 01
"    "    "    National Bank Tax, 1908.....	553 00
"    "    "    Military Aid, 1908 .....	51 50
"    "    "    State Aid, 1908 .....	2,525 00
"    "    "    Temporary Aid .....	76 94
"    "    "    Burial of Indigent Soldiers.....	179 00
"    "    "    Street Railroad Tax, 1908.....	2,665 29
"    "    "    Moth Account .....	7,765 09
"    "    "    Outside Poor Account .....	206 55
"    "    "    Tuition of School Children .....	211 00
"    "    "    Hired Money, Temporary Loans.....	100,000 00
"    "    "    H. M. Viall, Collector, Redemption Tax.....	71 32
"    "    "    H. M. Viall, Collector, Taxes paid after Abatement.....	143 17
"    "    "    H. M. Viall, Collector, Postage Returned.....	68
"    "    "    H. M. Viall, Collector, List, 1906.....	9,012 04
"    "    "    H. M. Viall, Collector, List, 1907.....	30,025 00
"    "    "    Merrick A. Stone, Collector, 1908 .....	72,252 84
"    "    "    Merrick A. Stone, Collector, Street Railroad Tax, 1908...	2,392 40
"    "    "    Overseers of the Poor, Town Home .....	1,148 86
"    "    "    License Fees .....	100 00
"    "    "    First National Bank, Interest.....	147 42
"    "    "    Supt. of Streets, Material Sold.....	12 83
"    "    "    Supt. of Schools, School Tuition and Material Sold.....	65 17
"    "    "    Supt. of Moths, Moth Account.....	1,226 92
"    "    "    Fourth District Court, Fines.....	328 00
"    "    "    Trustees of Cemetery, Lots Sold.....	460 00
"    "    "    Trustees of Cemetery, Interest Account.....	477 75
"    "    "    Mary I. Harris, Cemetery Bequest .....	50 00
"    "    "    Estate of Milton D. Parker, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
"    "    "    Mary I. McIntire, Cemetery Bequest.....	50 00
"    "    "    Margaret O. Pinkham, Cemetery Bequest .....	150 00
"    "    "    Irma E. Mayo, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
"    "    "    Mrs. A. B. Matthews, Cemetery Bequest .....	100 00
"    "    "    Mrs. Eunice E. Damon, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
"    "    "    Estate of Ellen M. Damon, Cemetery Bequest.....	75 00
"    "    "    Abby C. Spokesfield, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
"    "    "    Estate of Susan Bancroft, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
"    "    "    Town of No. Reading, Tuition and Outside Poor.....	2,005 50
"    "    "    Town of Canton, Outside Poor .....	125 21
"    "    "    Town of Wilmington, Outside Poor.....	265 10
"    "    "    Town of Norfolk, Outside Poor .....	113 25
"    "    "    Town of Marblehead, Outside Poor .....	48 00
"    "    "    City of Cambridge, Outside Poor .....	168 74
"    "    "    Estate of Henry S. Buck.....	284 46
"    "    "    Henry Stock, Edgestone Account .....	15 34
"    "    "    Frank W. Parker, Sealer.....	27 07
"    "    "    Mechanics' Savings Bank, Renewal of Note.....	2,000 00
"    "    "    Tree Warden.....	20 00
"    "    "    E. J. Roundy, Edgestone Account.....	27 31
"    "    "    Boston & Northern St. Railroad, Repairs .....	842 97
"    "    "    Police Department .....	7 20
"    "    "    Water Department, Payment on Bond.....	500 00
"    "    "    Engineer of Fire Department.....	3 00
"    "    "    School Committee, Building Sale.....	75 00
"    "    "    School Committee, Bill Overpaid.....	65
"    "    "    Selectmen, Use of Playground.....	5 00

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 \$252,737 54

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING, Cr.

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Oct. 31, 1908,	By Paying County Tax.....	\$4,994 08
Nov. 14, 1908,	“ State Tax, 1908.....	7,920 00
Nov. 14, 1908,	“ National Bank Tax, 1908.....	492 03
Nov. 14, 1908,	“ Wellington Bridge Tax, 1908.....	370 64
Nov. 14, 1908,	“ Wellington Bridge, Interest, 1908.....	54 04
Nov. 14, 1908,	“ Wellington Bridge, Cost of Maintenance.....	68 57
Nov. 14, 1908,	“ Selectmen's Orders, Nos. 1 to 1319.....	237,299 98
	“ Repairs of Highways.....	186 80
	By Cash in Treasury, January, 1909.....	1,351 40
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		\$252,737 54

EDWARD F. PARKER,

Treasurer.

Reading, January, 1909.

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer, IN ACCOUNT

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To Cash in Treasury, January, 1908.....	\$10 80
" Received of Water Commissioners.....	24,653 87
" Received of First National Bank, Interest .....	39 46
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	\$24,704 13

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treas., IN ACCOUNT WITH

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To Cash in Treasury, January, 1908 .....	\$23 21
" Received of Municipal Light Commissioners.....	29,386 45
" Received First National Bank, Interest .....	8 49
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	\$29,418 15

WITH TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY, Cr.

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By Paying Water Commissioners' Orders.....	\$24,454 46
By Cash in Treasury, January, 1909.....	249 67
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	\$24,704 13

EDWARD F. PARKER,  
Treasurer.

Reading, January, 1909.

TOWN OF READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD, Cr.

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By Paying Municipal Light Commissioners' Orders.....	\$29,263 80
By Cash in Treasury, January, 1909.....	154 35
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	\$29,418 15

EDWARD F. PARKER,  
Treasurer.

Reading, January, 1909.



## AUDITORS' REPORT

### LIABILITIES

Water bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1909 . . . . .	\$192,000 00
Interest accrued on same . . . . .	702 35
Electric light bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1909 . . . . .	57,000 00
Interest accrued on same . . . . .	601 25
School bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1909 . . . . .	106,000 00
Interest accrued on same . . . . .	801 76
Cemetery notes (non-interest bearing) . . . . .	500 00
Temporary loans . . . . .	50,200 00
Interest accrued on same . . . . .	563 16
Road roller notes . . . . .	850 00
Miscellaneous debts . . . . .	1,500 00
Miscellaneous debts, Electric Light (special) . . . . .	1,000 00

### TRUST FUNDS

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield . . . . .	\$100 00
“ Thomas Sweetser . . . . .	100 00
“ Sabrina Nichols . . . . .	100 00
“ Martha Pike . . . . .	25 00
“ Sarah Batchelder . . . . .	25 00
“ T. T. Greenwood . . . . .	500 00
“ Mark Temple . . . . .	100 00
“ Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilman . . . . .	75 00
“ Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson . . . . .	100 00
“ Sevena Coggin . . . . .	100 00
“ Margaret Towne . . . . .	100 00
“ Lucretia A. Hopkins and Elias Boardman . . . . .	150 00

Bequest of Sarah Smith . . . . .	\$100 00
“ Gilman D. Kingman . . . . .	100 00
“ Rosamond C. Pratt . . . . .	100 00
“ Mary F. Harnden . . . . .	100 00
“ Mary B. Wakefield . . . . .	100 00
“ James A. Bancroft, Ex. P. Jane Batchelder . . . . .	100 00
“ Arthur D. Kingman, Ex. Gard- ner French . . . . .	50 00
“ Estate of P. A. Corkins . . . . .	100 00
“ Dorinda R. Pratt, Ex. T. B. Pratt . . . . .	200 00
“ Mary Ann McAllister . . . . .	100 00
“ Gilman A. Coggin . . . . .	100 00
“ Mary Ann McAllister for Jo- seph Bryant . . . . .	50 00
“ Mary Evans . . . . .	50 00
“ Frederick Bancroft, Ex. Harriet B. Bancroft . . . . .	54 55
“ Estate of Samuel Pierce . . . . .	160 00
“ D. W. Berry, Ex. Caroline Hammond . . . . .	100 00
“ William L. Crowe . . . . .	100 00
“ Heirs of George C. Coney . . . . .	100 00
“ Heirs of Sherman Chase . . . . .	75 00
“ Estate of Isaac M. Clark . . . . .	100 00
“ “ Anna G. Butler . . . . .	150 00
“ “ Mary E. Badger . . . . .	100 00
“ “ Heil J. Nelson . . . . .	200 00
“ “ John Burrill . . . . .	100 00
“ “ F. O. Dewey . . . . .	300 00
“ “ S. H. Dinsmore . . . . .	100 00
“ Mary J. Kimball . . . . .	50 00
“ Alden and Lois D. Batchelder . . . . .	100 00
“ Estate of Charles A. Weston . . . . .	100 00
“ Henry F. Parker . . . . .	100 00

Bequest of Sarah D. Eaton . . . .	\$100 00
“ Heirs of James H. Bancroft . . . .	75 00
“ Mary W. Pratt . . . .	50 00
“ Climena Wakefield . . . .	100 00
“ Estate Louisa M. Eaton . . . .	100 00
“ Maria E. Waitt . . . .	100 49
“ Adrien Mertens . . . .	200 00
“ Albert P. Gleason . . . .	50 00
“ Frances P. Dow . . . .	100 00
“ Estate Thomas Richardson . . . .	100 00
“ Helen M. Sherman . . . .	50 00
“ Fannie Cottrell . . . .	50 00
“ Charles E. Hall . . . .	100 00
“ Lucy W. Parker . . . .	75 00
“ Estate Martha R. Temple . . . .	100 00
“ Estate Needham Nichols . . . .	100 00
“ Mary W. Pratt . . . .	50 00
“ Mrs. James T. Norris . . . .	30 00
“ Estate Francis Kingman . . . .	100 00
“ Estate Albert Nichols . . . .	100 00
“ George L. Smith . . . .	200 00
“ Susan A. Martin . . . .	100 00
“ Maria Carter . . . .	100 00
“ Hubbard and Elbridge Copeland and Leander Willey . . . .	150 00
“ John Draffin . . . .	100 00
“ Hattie D. Pond, Executrix . . . .	100 00
“ Trustees of Laura Frost . . . .	50 00
“ Abby C. Clapp . . . .	100 00
“ Emily Alice Jones . . . .	100 00
“ Emma M. Brown . . . .	75 00
“ F. Eliza Kingman . . . .	100 00
“ Edward T. Pendergrast . . . .	100 00
“ Fannie A. Morton . . . .	100 00
“ Lewis M. Bancroft . . . .	50 00
“ Caroline L. White . . . .	50 00

Bequest of Hannah C. Cochrane . . .	\$50 00
“ Charles W. Cochrane . . .	200 00
“ Edgar M. Knight . . .	100 00
“ Reuben Weston . . .	100 00
“ J. B. Hopkins . . .	100 00
“ T. P. M. Wiggin . . .	100 00
“ Joseph H. Gleason . . .	50 00
“ Mary Norwood . . .	50 00
“ Lyman Whiting . . .	50 00
“ Ellen M. Carr . . .	100 00
“ Emma S. Nelson . . .	100 00
“ Henry E. Holden, Adm. . .	50 00
“ C. E. Skillings . . .	100 00
“ Isaac Munroe . . .	100 00
“ William H. Wightman . . .	100 00
“ Lizzie B. Davis . . .	100 00
“ Hubbard E. Cox . . .	80 00
“ Helen C. Prentiss . . .	100 00
“ Louise Leathe . . .	100 00
“ Arthur M. Coons . . .	75 00
“ Thomas and F. E. Appleton . . .	150 00
“ Mary A. Gilman . . .	100 00
“ A. Newell Howes . . .	100 00
“ Mrs. Frances Todd . . .	100 00
“ James F. Wright . . .	100 00
“ Ella M. Damon . . .	100 00
“ M. Elizabeth Broad . . .	100 00
“ Walter H. Norris . . .	75 00
“ Mary J. Harris . . .	50 00
“ Estate of Milton D. Parker . . .	100 00
“ Mary G. McIntire . . .	50 00
“ Margaret O. Pinkham . . .	150 00
“ Irma E. Mayo . . .	100 00
“ Mrs. A. B. Matthews . . .	100 00
“ Eunice E. Damon . . .	100 00
“ Estate of Ellen M. Damon . . .	75 00

Bequest of Abby C. Spokesfield . . . . .	\$100 00
“ Estate of Susan Bancroft . . . . .	100 00
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	\$11,415 04
Interest accrued on above funds not yet expended . . . . .	\$773 02
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	\$12,188 06
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Total liabilities . . . . .	\$423,906 58

## ASSETS

Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1907 . . . . .	\$8,924 36
Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1908 . . . . .	37,341 18
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes . . . . .	1,229 45
Due from State Aid account . . . . .	2,490 00
“ Commonwealth of Mass. (Burial) . . . . .	37 00
“ Commonwealth of Mass. (Poor) . . . . .	236 19
“ Property Owners (Moth) . . . . .	213 84
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	\$50,472 02
Due from City of Cambridge . . . . .	169 12
“ Town of Marblehead . . . . .	48 00
“ Town of Norfolk . . . . .	120 17
“ Town of Andover . . . . .	6 85
“ Charles L. Haag . . . . .	752 25
“ Concreting account . . . . .	76 53
Cash in Treasury . . . . .	1,351 40
Cash in Treasury (water supply) . . . . .	249 67
Cash in Treasury (electric light) . . . . .	254 35
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	\$53,500 36

## AVAILABLE ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES

Uncollected taxes, accrued interest and accounts due . . . . .	\$51,644 94
Cash in Treasury . . . . .	1,351 40
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	\$52,996 34

Interest on school bonds . . . . .	\$801 76	
Interest on bequests . . . . .	773 02	
Temporary loans and interest . . . . .	50,763 16	
Miscellaneous debts . . . . .	2,500 00	
Unexpended balance Street Railway tax available for Highway purposes only . . . . .	966 22	
Unexpended balance of proceeds of Elec- tric Light bond issue . . . . .	4 59	
	<hr/>	\$55,808 75
Deficit . . . . .		<u>2,812 41</u>

## BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1909			
April 21 . . . . .	\$2,000 00		
June 1 . . . . .			\$7,000 00
August 1 . . . . .	3,000 00		
October 1 . . . . .		\$3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	5,000 00		
December 3 . . . . .	1,000 00		
December 21 . . . . .	1,000 00		
1910			
April 21 . . . . .	2,000 00		
June 1 . . . . .			7,000 00
August 1 . . . . .	3,000 00		
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	5,000 00		
December 3 . . . . .	1,000 00		
December 21 . . . . .	1,000 00		
1911			
June 1 . . . . .			7,000 00
August 1 . . . . .	3,000 00		
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
December 21 . . . . .	1,000 00		

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1912			
March 15 . . . . .			\$10,000 00
June 1 . . . . .			7,000 00
August 1 . . . . .	\$3,000 00		
October 1 . . . . .		\$3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
December 21 . . . . .	1,000 00		
1913			
June 1 . . . . .			8,000 00
August 1 . . . . .	3,000 00		
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
December 21 . . . . .	1,000 00		
1914			
June 1 . . . . .			8,000 00
August 1 . . . . .	3,000 00		
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
December 21 . . . . .	1,000 00		
1915			
June 1 . . . . .			8,000 00
August 1 . . . . .	3,000 00		
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
December 21 . . . . .	1,000 00		
1916			
June 1 . . . . .			13,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
December 21 . . . . .	1,000 00		
1917			
June 1 . . . . .			13,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
December 21 . . . . .	1,000 00		



MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1918			
June 1 . . . . .			\$12,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		\$3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	\$4,000 00		
1919			
June 1 . . . . .			12,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
1920			
June 1 . . . . .			12,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
1921			
June 1 . . . . .			12,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
1922			
June 1 . . . . .			12,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
1923			
June 1 . . . . .			10,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
1924			
June 1 . . . . .			10,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		3,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
1925			
June 1 . . . . .			10,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		1,000 00	
November 1 . . . . .	4,000 00		
1926			
June 1 . . . . .			5,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		1,000 00	

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
1927			
June 1 . . . . .			\$5,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		\$1,000 00	
1928			
June 1 . . . . .			4,000 00
October 1 . . . . .		1,000 00	
1929			
October 1 . . . . .		1,000 00	
1930			
October 1 . . . . .		1,000 00	
1931			
October 1 . . . . .		1,000 00	
1932			
October 1 . . . . .		1,000 00	
1933			
October 1 . . . . .		1,000 00	
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	\$106,000 00	\$57,000 00	\$192,000 00

## CEMETERY NOTES

MATURITY			
1909			
April 28 . . . . .		\$100 00	
1910			
April 28 . . . . .		100 00	
1911			
April 28 . . . . .		100 00	
1912			
April 28 . . . . .		100 00	
1913			
April 28 . . . . .		100 00	
		<hr/>	\$500 00

## ROAD ROLLER NOTES

June 20, 1909 . . . . .	\$450 00	
June 20, 1910 . . . . .	400 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$850 00
Total Bonds and Notes . . . . .		<u>          </u> \$356,350 00

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Water Commissioners and Electric Light Commissioners, and found satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examed the accounts of the Town Clerk, Collectors, Treasurer, and found them correct

WILLIAM S. BADGER,  
EDWARD F. PARKER, JR.,  
CARL M. SPENCER,  
Auditors.



# TOWN WARRANT



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,  
GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lower Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1909, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz. :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors

and one Tree Warden for one year; also on same ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" also, on same ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: " Shall the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 476 of the Acts of 1908, entitled ' An act relative to vacations of Members of Police Department, etc.?' " and, also, on same ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: " Shall the Town accept the provisions of Section 5, Chapter 209, of the Acts of 1908? "

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this second day of February, A. D. 1909.

OLIVER L. AKERLEY,

GEORGE L. PRATT,

JAMES W. KILLAM,

Selectmen of Reading.

# TOWN WARRANT



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,  
GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1909, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, viz. :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 3. To choose all other Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.



Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Moth Department, Forest Warden, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Buildings, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Work, Miscellaneous Expenses, Tree Warden and Rent of Playground.

Art. 5. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, with the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Department for the year 1909, for maintenance, operation, repairs, and new construction of said plant, and for payment of Bonds, Interest and Depreciation due by said plant during this year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to charge the street lighting to the Town at cost per Kilowatt, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to extend its lines to the Town of Lynnfield, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to extend the lines of the Municipal Light and Power Department to the Town of Lynnfield, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install a forty (40) candle-power series incandescent lamp opposite No. 15 Sanborn Street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install a street light at the corner of Chute and Mt. Vernon streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to install a street light on Kingston street, midway between Middlesex avenue and Mt. Vernon street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 12. To see what instructions the Town will give the Municipal Light Board in regard to the insurance at the lighting plant, or what action they will take in regard to same.

Art. 13. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to lay a water main in Haven street, between Main and Parker streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to extend the water main on South street in order to connect with the water main on West street, and provide suitable hydrants for the protection of property in that section against fire, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 16. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, in anticipation of the collection of taxes for said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding

the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 17. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars to meet the interest on School House notes and bonds.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School house lot note for two thousand dollars due April 21, 1909.

Art. 21. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment on the High School house note for three thousand dollars due August 1, 1909.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School house note for five thousand dollars due November 1, 1909.

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment on High School house note for one thousand dollars due December 3, 1909.

Art. 24. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the High School house note for one thousand dollars due December 21, 1909.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will purchase land for a playground, and how much money they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to concrete the sidewalk on the north side of Woburn street, from Temple street, running easterly to the present concrete, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to build a sidewalk on the westerly side of Belmont street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of properly draining Pleasant Street from its junction with Main to Parker street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to purchase one thousand feet of fire hose, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to lay a floor in the room which is occupied by Hook and Ladder No. 1, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the purpose of laying out and preparing a portion of the new land in Laurel Hill Cemetery for burial purposes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to purchase the Bank Building and land at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets, now owned by the estate of the late William Proctor, to be used by the Town for town offices or for any other public pur-

pose, at a price not exceeding ninety-seven hundred dollars (\$9,700), the assessed valuation of said property; and to repair and make such alterations and additions to said building as in such manner the Town shall deem meet, or do anything else in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to furnish creosote free to citizens of the Town to paint gypsy moth nests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 35. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

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

Given under our hands this second day of February,  
A. D. 1909.

OLIVER L. AKERLEY,  
GEORGE L. PRATT,  
JAMES W. KILLAM,  
Selectmen of Reading.



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