

ANNUAL

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON,

FROM FEB. 26, 1862, TO FEB. 26, 1863:

AND THE

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALSO, THE

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK,

AND THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

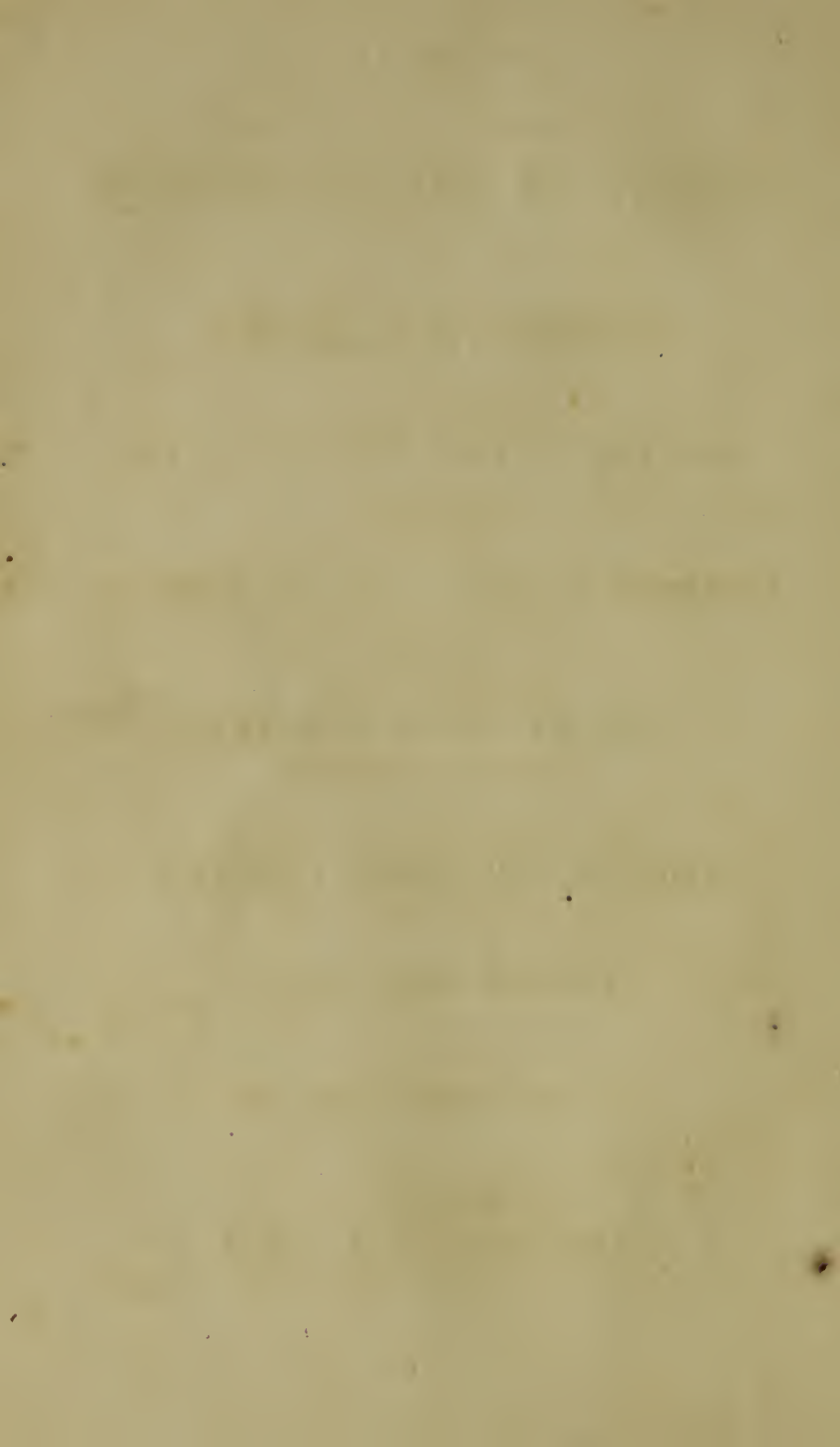
FOR THE YEAR 1862-3.

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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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## RECEIPTS.

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Amount received, \$21,264 34

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## EXPENDITURES.

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### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

*Paid.*

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| George C. Wright, for West School,        | \$336 93         |
| Emerson F. Fuller, for South School,      | 336 93           |
| Jonas Blodgett, for Centre School,        | 336 93           |
| Daniel F. Tarbell, for South East School, | 200 33           |
| James Keyes, for North School,            | 200 33           |
| James E. Billings, for East School,       | 200 33           |
| Town of Littleton, for tuition,           | 5 50             |
|   | <hr/> \$1,617 28 |

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### REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

*Paid.*

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| For repairs on the North School House, | \$8 83        |
| “ “ “ Centre School House,             | 30 91         |
| “ “ “ West School House,               | 22 25         |
| “ “ “ South School House,              | 30 40         |
| “ “ “ South East School House,         | 7 21          |
|  | <hr/> \$99 60 |

## SCHOOL BOOKS, PRINTING, &amp;c.

*Paid.*

|  |         |          |
|--|---------|----------|
| For Printing Reports of Selectmen, Town Clerk,<br>and School Committee,                                  | \$42 00 |          |
| For Printing Reports of Selectmen and Overseers<br>of Poor,  | 11 50   |          |
| For Printing Town Warrants,  | 10 50   |          |
| “ “ Notices of war meetings, &c.,  | 8 50    |          |
| “ “ Voting List,   | 5 00    |          |
| William D. Tuttle, for Tax Book,   | 2 17    |          |
| James Tuttle & Co., for Order Book,  | 3 50    |          |
| Dr. Harris Cowdrey, for examining teachers,<br>superintending schools, and writing report<br>for 1861-2, | 60 00   |          |
| Express, postage, &c.,   | 6 23    |          |
|  | <hr/>   | \$149 40 |

## ABATEMENT AND DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

*Paid.*

|                                   |         |          |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| W. F. Conant, abatement on Taxes, | \$44 55 |          |
| J. E. Cutter, discount on Taxes,  | 296 57  |          |
|                                   | <hr/>   | \$341 12 |

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

*Paid.*

|  |         |          |
|--|---------|----------|
| Daniel Fletcher, for repairs on Powder Mill<br>Bridge,               | \$53 00 |          |
| Nathan L. Pratt, for stone and teaming for<br>Powder Mill Bridge,    | 12 87   |          |
| Elisha H. Cutler, for repairing sluice,                              | 2 00    |          |
| “ “ land damage for new road,  | 75 00   |          |
| Simon Hosmer, “ “ “  | 105 00  |          |
| Barker & Noyes, “ “ “  | 10 00   |          |
| Elisha H. Cutler, for breaking roads 21 hours,                       | 2 62    |          |
| James W. Wheeler, do., 8 hours,                                      | 1 00    |          |
| Joseph Estabrook, do., 54 hours,                                     | 6 75    |          |
| Martin Pike, do., 38 hours,  | 4 75    |          |
| Luther Conant, Jr., do., 73 hours,                                   | 9 12    |          |
| Albert A. Tuttle, do., 28 1-2 hours,                                 | 3 56    |          |
| A. L. Tuttle, do., 111 hours,  | 13 87   |          |
| Henry Brooks, do., 38 hours,   | 4 75    |          |
| James E. Billings, do., 16 hours,                                    | 2 00    |          |
| Winthrop F. Conant, for building 95 rods wall,<br>at \$1,20 per rod, | 114 00  |          |
| Do., for stone for railing,  | 3 50    |          |
|  | <hr/>   | \$423 79 |

## APPROPRIATION FOR SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.

*Paid.*

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| For State aid to families,              | \$2,576 25 |            |
| Bounties to 23 three years' volunteers, | 2,875 00   |            |
| Bounties to 38 nine months' volunteers, | 3,800 00   |            |
|   |            | \$9,251 25 |

## APPROPRIATION FOR TOWN BUILDINGS.

|  |            |
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| Paid the Town Hall Building Committee, | \$1,500 00 |
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

*Paid.*

|   |         |          |
|---|---------|----------|
| Winthrop F. Conant, support of Widow Lewis Chaffin, for 1861, | \$10 75 |          |
| “ clothing for Geo. Bullard, for 1861,                        | 8 20    |          |
| “ for Philips family for 1861,                                | 22 21   |          |
| “ for Alfred Brown, for 1861,                                 | 4 00    |          |
| “ for Mary A. Law, for 1861,                                  | 1 75    |          |
| “ for aid granted foreigners for 1861,                        | 2 00    |          |
| “ for Noah A. Gray,   | 1 81    |          |
| Jas. E. Billings, for Elmira Johnson, for 1861,               | 7 14    |          |
| “ for Sarah Childs and Adaline Robbins, for 1861,             | 12 00   |          |
| “ for John Whitney, for 1862,                                 | 4 53    |          |
| J. K. W. Wetherbee, for Alfred Brown, for 1862,               | 3 00    |          |
| “ for Mary N. Smith, for 1861-2,                              | 41 81   |          |
| “ for Charles Puffer for 1862,                                | 61 81   |          |
| O. J. Davis, for services on Town Farm,                       | 95 97   |          |
| “ for wardrobe,   | 6 00    |          |
| J. K. Putney, for 2 cows for Town Farm,                       | 62 00   |          |
| J. Tuttle, & Co., merchandise for Town Farm,                  | 179 63  |          |
| Daniel Jones, for merchandise for Town Farm,                  | 19 67   |          |
|   |         | \$544 28 |

## TOWN OFFICERS.

*Paid.*

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| William D. Tuttle, services as Town Clerk, | \$15 00 |
| “ col. and recording 43 births,            | 8 60    |

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|--|--------|----------|
| William D. Tuttle, recording 33 deaths,          | \$5 30 |          |
| "          recording 17 marriages,               | 1 70   |          |
| James E. Billings, services as Selectman,        | 35 00  |          |
| J. K. W. Wetherbee, do.,                         | 25 00  |          |
| Jonas K. Putney, do.,                            | 8 00   |          |
| Wm. D. Tuttle, services as Assessor, 9 1-2 days, | 14 25  |          |
| James W. Wheeler, do., 7 1-2 days,               | 10 75  |          |
| Eben Davis, do.,                                 | 9 00   |          |
| Wm. D. Tuttle, making Assessors' returns,        | 1 00   |          |
| Winthrop F. Conant, collecting Taxes,            | 75 00  |          |
| "          services as Overseer of Poor,         | 4 00   |          |
| Daniel Tuttle, do.,                              | 15 00  |          |
| "          journey to Cambridge and Harvard,     | 4 50   |          |
| Simon Hosmer, do.,                               | 5 00   |          |
| For making report of Overseers for 1861,         | 5 00   |          |
|  | <hr/>  | \$242 10 |

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#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

##### *Paid.*

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Eben Conant, Interest on Note,                  | \$60 00  |
| Concord Bank, Note and Interest,                | 2,915 95 |
| Prescott Bank, Note and Interest,               | 507 75   |
| Albert T. Edmonds, for opening Town Hall,       |          |
| 11 times,                                       | 3 40     |
| "          for opening Vestry 3 times,          | 1 50     |
| "          for sawing and splitting             |          |
| 9 feet wood,                                    | 1 60     |
| Henry Hartwell, opening Town Hall 12 times,     | 3 40     |
| "          6 gallons fluid,                     | 5 04     |
| "          tolling bell for 10 deaths,          | 2 00     |
| A. T. Edmonds, tolling bell for 5 deaths,       | 1 00     |
| James Harris, for wood for Town Hall,           | 2 15     |
| John Grimes, for wood for Town Hall,            | 2 31     |
| H. J. Hapgood, tolling bell for 5 deaths,       | 1 00     |
| J. Blodgett, for stakes for lotting out burying |          |
| ground,   | 2 00     |
| Thomas Moore, for 21 1-2 days' work on burying  |          |
| ground,   | 26 87    |
| T. G. F. Jones, for damage caused by dog,       | 37 03    |
| Isaiah B. Perkins, damage caused by dog,        | 20 57    |
| George M. Brooks, for advice respecting Dog     |          |
| Law, &c.,                                       | 7 00     |
| Joseph Haynes, for damage, caused by snow on    |          |
| highway,  | 8 00     |

|   |          |                      |
|---|----------|----------------------|
| Charles D. Francis, for damage caused from upsetting carriage by the causway near the Powder Mills, | \$188 25 |                      |
| Winthrop F. Conant, for summoning 37 persons to take oath of office,                                | 4 50     |                      |
| Zobeth Taylor, for expense in the Robert Chafin dog case,   | 17 00    |                      |
| John Tenney, for digging graves and attending funerals with hearse.                                 | 9 90     |                      |
| George E. Johnson, for repairs on hearse,   | 6 50     |                      |
| Elbridge Robbins, for land for burying ground and interest,   | 305 34   |                      |
| Recruiting expenses,  | 46 32    |                      |
| Francis Dwight, expenses on hearse,   | 75       | 34                   |
| “ digging graves and attending funerals for 28 persons,   | 45 36    | 20<br>14<br>12<br>46 |
| Francis Dwight, for returning 32 deaths,  | 3 20     |                      |
| J. K. W. Wetherbee, for 2 ballot boxes,   | 1 50     |                      |
| Wm. D. Tuttle, notifying Highway Surveyors to pass over books to their successors,                  | 50       |                      |
|   | <hr/>    | \$4,237 69           |

## CONDITION OF THE TREASURY, FEB. 26, 1863.

### RECEIPTS.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 26, 1862,       | \$547 77 |
| State Tax, 1862,                              | 1,818 00 |
| County Tax, 1862,                             | 747 03   |
| Town Grant, 1862,                             | 2,000 00 |
| Town Grant for Schools,                       | 1,500 00 |
| State School Fund,                            | 79 78    |
| Highway Deficiencies,                         | 16 21    |
| Overlay on Taxes,                             | 148 62   |
| Dog Tax,                                      | 53 10    |
| For use of Town Hall,                         | 3 90     |
| For Monument Books,                           | 1 80     |
| For old Hearse House,                         | 4 00     |
| City of Boston, for Paupers,                  | 50 62    |
| Grass on Town Common,                         | 1 62     |
| Town of Sudbury, for Tuition,                 | 15 00    |
| Town of Concord,                              | 22 50    |
| Town of Sudbury, for support of Chas. Puffer, | 61 81    |
| Insurance of Town Hall,                       | 1,500 00 |

|                                    |           |                    |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| From Town Farm,                    | \$32 19   |                    |
| From State, for Armory rent, 1861, | 50 00     |                    |
| State aid to Jan. 1, 1862,         | 731 05    |                    |
| Borrowed money,                    | 11,879 34 |                    |
|                                    |           | <u>\$21,264 34</u> |

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EXPENDITURES.

|  |            |                    |
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| For Support of Schools,  | \$1,617 28 |                    |
| Repairs on School Houses,                                      | 99 60      |                    |
| School Books, Printing, &c.,                                   | 149 40     |                    |
| Abatement and Discount on Taxes,                               | 341 12     |                    |
| Roads and Bridges,   | 423 79     |                    |
| Appropriations for soldiers and Aid for<br>soldiers' families, | 9,251 25   |                    |
| Appropriations for Town Buildings,                             | 1,500 00   |                    |
| Support of Poor,   | 544 28     |                    |
| Town Officers,   | 242 10     |                    |
| Miscellaneous expenses,  | 4,237 69   |                    |
| State Tax,   | 1,818 00   |                    |
| County Tax,  | 747 03     |                    |
|  |            | <u>\$20,971 54</u> |
| Balance in Treasury Feb. 26, 1863,                             |            | \$292 80           |

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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 26, 1863.

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| To balance, as per report, Feb. 26, 1863,                            | \$292 80 |                   |
| Amount due from the State for aid furnished<br>families of soldiers, | 2,952 35 |                   |
| Amount due from State, Armory rent, 1862,                            | 50 00    |                   |
|  |          | <u>\$3,295 15</u> |

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|                      |            |                   |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Amount due on Notes, | \$9,479 34 |                   |
| Interest on Notes,   | 286 25     |                   |
|                      |            | <u>\$9,765 59</u> |

Balance against the Town Feb. 26, 1863, \$6,470 44  
without including the balance due as per Overseers' report for 1863.

JAMES E. BILLINGS, }  
 JONAS K. PUTNEY, } *Selectmen of Acton.*  
 J. K. W. WETHERBEE, }



**R E P O R T**  
 OF THE  
**R E C E I P T S   A N D   E X P E N D I T U R E S ,**  
 AT THE  
**A L M S H O U S E ,   I N   A C T O N ,**  
**F O R   T H E   Y E A R   E N D I N G   A P R I L   1 ,   1 8 6 3 .**

ARTICLES ON HAND, APRIL 1ST, 1863.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1 pair oxen, \$125; 1 horse, 70,00; 10 cows, 275,00,            | \$470 00 |
| 3 shotes, 35,00; 20 fowls, 7,50; 7 tons hay, 105,00,            | 147 50   |
| 35 bushels corn, 35,00; 75 bushels potatoes; 33,75,             | 68 75    |
| 10 bush. oats, 7,00; 6 bush. barley, 6,00; 2 bush. beans 5,00,  | 18 00    |
| 1 bush. peas, 1,50; 75 lbs. beef, 5,25; 375 lbs. pork, 37,50,   | 44 25    |
| 110 lbs. ham, 11,00; 72 lbs. lard, 8,64; 40 lbs. candles, 6,00, | 25 64    |
| 61 lbs. dried apples, 3,66; 5 bbls. apples, 5,00,               | 8 66     |
| 1 bbl. soap, 4,00; 1 bbl. vinegar, 4,00; soap grease, 1,25,     | 9 25     |
| 6 lbs. tallow, .60; 69 M skewers, 24,15; 10 bush. ashes, 1,25,  | 26 00    |
| Wood for skewers,   | 4 00     |
|   | \$822 05 |

R E C E I P T S .

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| For oxen, \$236,68; cows, \$30,00; calves, 33,68,     | \$300 36   |
| Apples, 162,09; peaches, 11,50; potatoes, 36,93,      | 210 52     |
| Poultry, 18,89; hay, 42,42; straw, 6,08; grapes, .50, | 67 89      |
| Eggs, 8,74; oats, 11,50; corn, .68; old iron, 1,58,   | 22 50      |
| 1 shote, 4,00; hide, 4,41; use of oxen, .40,          | 8 81       |
| Skewers, 59,62; milk, 257,91,                         | 317 53     |
|   | \$927 61   |
| Amount of articles on hand,                           | 822 05     |
|   | \$1,749 66 |

## EXPENDITURES.

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| Meat, \$61,75 ; butter, 48,41 ; molasses, 21,25,               | \$131 41 |
| Farming tools, 23,87 ; flour, 37,05 ; cheese, 16,03,           | 76 95    |
| Sugar, 9,96 ; tea, 4,88 ; coffee, 7,88 ; fish, 8,28,           | 31 00    |
| Fluid, 2,68 ; kerosene oil, .38 ; tobacco, 7,03,               | 10 09    |
| Bread, 3,22 ; blacksmith's bill, 17,60 ; barrels, 18,37,       | 39 19    |
| Expense of going to market, 23,61 ; earthenware, 6,49,         | 30 10    |
| Peas, .57 ; beans, 2,74 ; brooms, .75 ; nails, 1,03,           | 5 09     |
| Sour milk, 2,26 ; cloth and clothing, 54,84,                   | 57 10    |
| Rope, 1,40 ; grass seed, 2,56 ; garden seeds, 1,17,            | 5 13     |
| Salt, 4,29 ; apples, 4,00 ; raisins, .56 ; lime, 1,00,         | 9 85     |
| Whitewash brush, .83 ; trees, 2,40 ; use of bull, 2,25,        | 5 48     |
| Matches, .40 ; cash to paupers, 1,27 ; spirits, 1,04,          | 2 71     |
| Spices, 2,03 ; stove polish, .8 ; solder, .17 ; yeast, .50,    | 2 78     |
| Essences, 34 ; oil, 1,13 ; potash, 2,92 ; chalk, .12,          | 4 51     |
| Washboard and bucket, .50 ; weighing oxen, .12,                | 62       |
| Scraps and powder, 1,23 ; ox work, 2,00 ; ox balls, .12,       | 3 35     |
| Rice, .44 ; coffee mill, .50 ; wheel grease, .30,              | 1 24     |
| Saleratus, .34 ; pills, .25 ; camphor, .38 ; soap, 2,47,       | 3 44     |
| Mustard, .16 ; glass and putty, .46 ; sulphur, .40,            | 1 02     |
| Starch, .20 ; lemons, .17 ; cream tartar, .53,                 | 90       |
| Vinegar and barrel, 2,60 ; clothes-pins, .16,                  | 2 76     |
| Harness, 25,00 ; doctor's bill, 2,91,                          | 27 91    |
| Pasturing cattle, 20,00 ; oxen, 216,00,                        | 236 00   |
| Heifers, 30,00 ; shotes, 14,71 ; tar, .30 ; stone posts, 3,00, | 48 01    |
| Lumber, 3,34 ; wood for skewers, 6,75 ; eggs, .16,             | 10 25    |
| Pump, 10,00 ; mending shoes, 4,32,                             | 14 32    |
| Rye meal, 7,20 ; corn meal, 9,31,                              | 16 51    |
| Shorts and oil meal, 13,44 ; plaster, .91,                     | 14 35    |
| Newspaper, 2,00 ; use of wagon, 7,33,                          | 9 33     |
| Services of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wetherbee,                      | 225 00   |
| James E. Billings, services,                                   | 5 00     |
| Jonas K. Putney, " "   | 5 00     |
| J. K. W. Wetherbee, services,                                  | 5 00     |

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 \$1,041 40

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| Amount of Inventory, April 1st, 1862, | \$805 17 |
| Interest on Farm,                     | 239 40   |

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 \$1,044 57

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 \$2,085 97

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 RECAPITULATION.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Amount of Expenditures,                     | \$1,041 40 |
| Amount of Receipts,                         | 927 61     |
| Cash from town treasury to balance account, | 113 79     |

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 \$1,041 40

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| Total amount of Expenditures,                 | \$1,041 40 |            |
| Amount of inventory, April 1st, 1862,         | 805 17     |            |
| Interest on Farm,                             | 239 40     |            |
|   | <hr/>      | \$2,085 97 |
| Total amount of Receipts,                     | \$927 61   |            |
| Amount of Inventory, April 1st, 1863,         | 822 05     |            |
|   | <hr/>      | \$1,749 66 |
|   |            | <hr/>      |
|   |            | \$336 31   |
| CR.—By work on the road,                      |            | 7 00       |
|   |            | <hr/>      |
|   |            | \$329 31   |
| Expense of victualing foreigners,             |            | 15 00      |
|   |            | <hr/>      |
| Total amount of supporting Poor in Almshouse, |            | \$314 31   |

Whole number of persons (exclusive of foreigners) supported in the Almshouse, 6; average, 6; present number, 6; cost per week, \$1.01.

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|---------------------|-------------|
| JAMES E. BILLINGS,  | } Overseers |
| JONAS K. PUTNEY,    |             |
| J. K. W. WETHERBEE, |             |
|                     | } of        |
|                     | } Poor.     |

ACTON, April 1, 1863.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

### BIRTHS IN ACTON, IN 1862.

| No. | Date of Birth. | Names.   |
|-----|----------------|--|
| 1.  | Jan. 17,       | Martha Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Aaron M. and Augusta C. Jones.             |
| 2.  | Jan. 24,       | Lyman Edwards Conant, son of Luther, Jr. and Celeste J. Conant.                |
| 3.  | Feb. 5,        | James Francis Parker, son of James L. and Francis Emeline Parker.              |
| 4.  | “ 7,           | Nettie Cora Fuller, daughter of Emerson F. and Sarah W. Fuller.                |
| 5.  | “ 7,           | Mary Magovern, daughter of John and Winnie Magovern.                           |
| 6.  | “ 7,           | Eugene B. Jones, son of James W. and Amanda M. Jones.                          |
| 7.  | “ 13,          | Edith Maud Farrar, daughter of Henry and Lydia Angelina Farrar.                |
| 8.  | Mar. 8,        | John Haggerty, son of William and Mary Haggerty.                               |
| 9.  | “ 29,          | Daniel Moore, son of Thomas and Ellen Moore.                                   |
| 10. | “ 29,          | Rufus Augustus Tenney, son of Rufus A. and Mary A. Tenney.                     |
| 11. | Apr. 4,        | Abbie Etta Estabrook, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Estabrook.                  |
| 12. | “ 5,           | Carrie Josephine Jones, daughter of T. G. F. and Louisa O. Jones.              |
| 13. | “ 5,           | (In Bedford,) Elmer Ellsworth Jackson, son of Loring M. and Hattie S. Jackson. |
| 14. | “ 8,           | Mary Conway, daughter of John and Julia Conway.                                |
| 15. | “ 14,          | Flora Bigelow Stearns, daughter of Horatio H. and Betsey A. Stearns.           |
| 16. | May 7,         | Ann Connolly, daughter of Patrick and Kate Connolly.                           |
| 17. | “ 7,           | Harry Howard Haynes, son of Abel G. and Martha A. Haynes.                      |
| 18. | “ 13,          | Hattie Sophia Wetherbee, daughter of Hiram W. and Sophia B. Wetherbee.         |
| 19. | “ 19,          | Dora E. Curtis, daughter of Nehemiah and Martha C. Curtis.                     |
| 20. | June 5,        | Alma Wilson Forbush, daughter of Luther R. and Louisa M. Forbush.              |
| 21. | “ 7,           | Michael and Mary Hayes, twin children of Michael and                           |
| 22. | “              | Bridget Hayes.   |

23. June 11, Hattie Mabel Johnson, daughter of Geo. E. and Mary Louesa Johnson.
24. " 21, Alma V. Knight, daughter of George W. and Frances Ann Knight.
25. " 28, Herbert Franklin Robbins, son of Simon and Nancy D. Robbins.
26. July 1, Mary Ellen Griffin, daughter of Morris and Catherine Griffin.
27. " 7, A son to Francis, 2d, and Sarah E. Tuttle.
28. " 10, Daniel Lyman Veasey, son of Daniel L. and Sarah Veasey.
29. " 26, John Ogle, son of James D. and Joanna Ogle.
30. " 29, Walter Eugene Frost, son of George H. and Susan M. Frost.
31. Aug. 7, Julian Shaw Eayrs, son of Julian W. and M. Maria Eayrs.
32. Oct. 5, George William Tuttle, son of William D. and Elizabeth B. Tuttle.
33. " 6, Jerry Henry McCarthy, son of Daniel and Mary McCarthy.
34. " 17, Abner Crosby Hoar, son of John S. and Lydia P. Hoar.
35. " 29, Alphonso Adalbert Wyman, son of Oliver C. and Caroline M. Wyman.
36. " 29, A son to Elbridge and Mary E. Robbins.
37. Nov. 4, Josephine Puffer, daughter of Henry and Julia Ann Puffer.
38. " 7, Bertha Sophie Tuttle, daughter of Varnum and Sarah L. Tuttle.
39. " 13, Arthur William Taylor, son of Moses and Mary E. Taylor.
40. " 14, Frank Ellsworth Wetherbee, son of Daniel and Clarissa Wetherbee.
41. " 22, John Francis Coughlin, son of John and Margaret Coughlin.
42. Dec. 15, Abbie Powers, daughter of John and Eliza Powers.
43. " 21, Ella Elizabeth Tuttle, daughter of Alonzo L. and Ellen Tuttle.
- Males, 23 ; Females, 20.

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### MARRIAGES RECORDED, IN 1862.

- | No. | Date of Marriage. | Names of the Parties.  |
|-----|-------------------|--|
| 1.  | Jan. 1,           | Nathaniel E. Cutler, of Acton, and Sarah A. Cheney, of Georgetown. |
| 2.  | Feb. 13,          | Elbridge J. Robbins and Ellen Maria Ames, both of Acton.           |

3. Feb. 26, Robert H. Logan, of Concord, and Augusta O. Conant, of Acton.
4. Mar. 1, Michael Flynn and Catherine Coughlin, both of Acton.
5. Apr. 26, John C. Keyes, of Cambridge, and Maria Adeline Flagg, of Acton.
6. May 1, Hiram B. Livermore and Laura E. Prouty, both of Acton.
7. July 4, Nathan Frazier Hapgood, of Acton, and Mary McCollum, of Westford.
8. Aug. 28, George B. Parker and Fanny Wheeler, both of Acton.
9. Aug. 28, William Chaplin, Jr., and Sarah F. Simpson, both of Acton.
10. Sept. 13, Josiah B. Holder and Sarah A. Shattuck, both of Acton.
11. Oct. 13, Daniel Mahoney and Mary McMahaar, both of Acton.
12. Nov. 25, Bradford Pickens and Louisa Angenett Noyes, both of Acton.
13. Nov. 27, Horace W. French, of Abington, and Sarah Augusta Dole, of Acton.
14. Nov. 27, Isaac Marion Shurtleff, of Middleborough, and Sarah Elmira Atwood, of Acton.
15. Dec. 25, Isaac W. Brown and Harriet Augusta Haynes, both of Acton.
16. Dec. 25, A. T. Haynes and Sophia Taylor Tuttle, both of Acton.
17. Dec. 31, Luke Tuttle and S. Sophia Harris, both of Acton.

In addition to the above, the following parties have obtained Certificates of Marriage, and it is presumed have made proper use of the same, but the certificates not having been returned by the officiating clergymen, no record of them has been made by the Clerk:—

Lewis E. Fletcher, of Acton, and Abbie J. Herrick, of Stow; Thomas N. Chase, of Hanover, N. H., and Mary Maria Tuttle, of Acton; Augustus Newton, of Acton, and Lucy Ann Puffer, of Stow.

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#### DEATHS IN ACTON, IN 1862.

| No. | Date of Death. | Name and Age.   |
|-----|----------------|---|
| 1.  | Jan. 30,       | Charles H. Handley, aged 19 yrs.                                  |
| 2.  | Feb. 1,        | Sarah A. Phillips, widow of William Phillips, aged 48 yrs. 8 mos. |
| 3.  | Apl. 6,        | James D. Ogle, aged 27 yrs.                                       |
| 4.  | Apl. 9,        | Mary Conway, daughter of John and Julia Conway, 1 day.            |

5. Apl. 14, Frank Wetherbee, son of Daniel and Clarissa Wetherbee, aged 7 yrs. 8 mos.
6. Apl. 15, Daniel Atwood, aged 61 yrs. 7 mos.
7. May 14, Rufus A. Tenney, aged 33 yrs. 10 mos.
8. May 20, Thomas D. Mallain, son of Daniel and Joanna Mallain, aged 5 yrs. 3 mos.
9. June 8, Bridget Hayes, wife of Michael Hayes, aged 31 yrs.
10. June 20, John E. Riley, son of Michael and Hannah Riley, aged 1 yr. 6 mos.
11. June 20, Mary Hosmer, wife of Samuel Hosmer, aged 45 yrs. 5 mos.
12. July 6, Cyrus Wheeler, aged 59 yrs. 5 mos.
13. July 11, Infant child of Francis Tuttle, 2d, aged 4 days.
14. July 22, Abigail Wetherbee, wife of Levi Wetherbee, aged 66 yrs. 10 mos.
15. Aug. 8, Herbert A. Frost, son of George H. and Susan M. Frost, aged 2 yrs. 6 mos.
16. Aug. 20, Lucy Jane Shattuck, wife of William R. Shattuck, aged 33 yrs.
17. Sept. 7, Alma V. Knight, daughter of Geo. W. and Frances Ann Knight, aged 2 mos. 17 days.
18. Sept. 15, William E. Giles, son of Israel H. and Lucy Giles, aged 19 yrs. 5 mos.
19. Oct. 4, Carrie A. Frederick, daughter of William A. and Margaret Frederick, aged 9 mos. 13 days.
20. Oct. 14, David Sweatt, aged 58 yrs. 11 mos.
21. Oct. 19, Mary Marshall, aged 74 yrs. 7 mos, a native of Tewksbury.
22. Oct. 24, Joel Oliver, aged 84 yrs.
23. Oct. 31, Charles E. Robinson, son of Charles and Percis V. Robinson, aged 1 yr. 8 mos.
24. Nov. 25, Elisha Comstock, aged 72 yrs. 7 mos.
25. Nov. 14, Sally Bright (widow), aged 74 yrs.
26. Dec. 25, Michael Quinn, aged 55 yrs.

#### SOLDIERS IN THE UNITED STATES SERVICE.

27. July 5, Warren R. Wheeler, son of William Wheeler, aged 21 yrs. Died at Fort St. Phillip, near New Orleans.
28. July 7, Frank Handley, son of Abraham B. and Susan E. Handley, aged 20 yrs. 11 mos. Died at Fort St. Phillip, near New Orleans.
29. Sept. 1, James M. Wright, son of Abraham and Maria Wright, aged 35 yrs. Died in Hospital at Philadelphia.
30. Nov. 16, James R. Lentill, son of William and Mary Lentill, aged 18 yrs. Died at New Orleans.

## MILITARY RECORD.

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While the present condition of our country, engaged as it is, in a bloody, civil war, to sustain the authority of the government and to preserve our national existence, must be deeply deplored by every one—paralyzing as it does our industrial interests, swallowing up the accumulated wealth of years, burdening the nation with debt and the people with taxes, and calling for the sacrifice of so many of our brothers and sons—still, when the terrible necessity comes, as come it sometimes will to every nation, it is a source of patriotic pride to know that we have so many among us, who are willing to leave their homes and firesides to encounter the dangers of the battle-field, and the more deadly malaria of a Southern climate, that the honor and integrity of the nation might be sustained, and those free institutions which were handed down to us by our fathers preserved, and transmitted unimpaired—a priceless heritage—to future generations.

And while we gladly look forward to the time when we shall again united and prosperous people, when this gigantic and atrocious conspiracy to compass the destruction of a government, fraught with the best interests of mankind, shall have been suppressed, and the conditions of a true and lasting peace fully secured, we would honor the names of those who, in the darker hours of our country's history, stood up manfully in its defence. And we have thought it well that the names of the men of Acton, who have gone forth in their country's service since the beginning of the Rebellion, should find a place here—a *Roll of Honor*—of which Acton may well be proud.

Whole quota of Acton, 126 ; credited to Acton, 126 ; entered the service from Acton, 129.

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### LIST OF OFFICERS AND PRIVATES, COMPANY E, 6th REGIMENT MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS.

(Left April 16th; returned August 3d, 1861.)

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#### THREE MONTHS' VOLUNTEERS.

Daniel Tuttle, *Captain*.

Wm. H. Chapman, *1st Lieut.*,  
George W. Rand, *2d Lieut.*,  
Silas P. Blodgett, *3d Lieut.*,  
A. S. Fletcher, *4th Lieut.*,

Luke Smith, *1st Sergeant*,  
Geo. W. Knight, *2d Sergeant*,  
Henry W. Wilder, *3d Sergeant*,  
G. W. Wilder, *4th Sergeant*.



## THREE MONTHS' VOLUNTEERS.—(Continued.)

Charles Jones, *1st Corporal*,  
 John F. Blood, Jr., *2d Corporal*,  
 Luke J. Robbins, *3d Corporal*,  
 Levi Robbins, *4th Corporal*.

*Musicians :*

George Fay Campbell,  
 George Russee.

## PRIVATES.

George F. Blood, \*  
 John A. Brown, \*  
 Henry L. Bray, —  
 Charles A. Brooks, \*  
 Edward D. Battles, \*  
 James L. Durant,  
 Aaron J. Fletcher, \*  
 Abel Farrar, Jr., —  
 Henry Gilson,  
 Nathan Goss, \*  
 William H. Gray, \*  
 Gilman S. Hosmer, \*  
 William S. Handley, \*  
 Charles Handley (deceased),  
 George Jones, —  
 Waldo Littlefield,  
 Henry W. Lazell, \*  
 James Moulton, \*  
 Charles Moulton, \*

Charles Morse, \*  
 John Putnam, \*  
 Varnum F. Robbins, —  
 William Reed, —  
 William B. Reed, \*  
 John H. P. White, \*  
 Charles W. Reed,  
 George A. Reed,  
 Luke J. Robbins, \*  
 Eph. A. Smith, \*  
 Andrew J. Sawyer, —  
 Edwin Tarbell, \*  
 John Whitney,  
 William F. B. Whitney, \*  
 Eben F. Wood,  
 Samuel Wilson,  
 Hiram Wheeler,  
 John Wayne. \*

The above is a complete list, we believe, of Captain Tuttle's company; three of whom went from Stow, three from Littleton, two from Boxborough, one from Quincy, and one belonged to Baltimore.

Those marked with a star, have re-enlisted for three years; those with a dash, for nine months.

## LIST OF OFFICERS AND PRIVATES, COMPANY E, 26th REGIMENT MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS.

WHO WENT FROM ACTON WITHOUT BOUNTY FROM TOWN.

(Went into Camp September 15th, 1861; left for Ship Island November 19th, 1861.)

## THREE YEARS' MEN.

William H. Chapman, *Captain*,  
 William F. Wood, *1st Lieut.*, *de*  
 Silas P. Blodgett, *2d Lieut.*

*Musicians :*

Augustus W. Hosmer, *de*  
 Silas M. Stetson. *de*

## THREE YEARS' MEN.—(Continued.)

## PRIVATES.

Brooks Charles A.,  
 Blood John F., Jr., *dis*  
 Burroughs Samuel R.,  
 \* Brown John A.,  
 Cram George B.,  
 Cram John B.,  
 Fletcher Aaron J.,  
 Fiske James W.,  
 Goss Nathan,  
 Handley William S.,  
 Handley Abram,  
 Handley Frank, *x*  
 \* Handley George, *dis*  
 Haynes Elias E.,  
 Hall Delet H.,  
 Hosmer Gilman S.,  
 Kinsley Frank,  
 Loker Jona W.,  
 Loker William H., *dis*  
 Lentill James R., *dis*  
 Lazell Henry W., *dis*  
 Moulton James,  
 Morse Charles,

Moore Patrick,  
 Putnam John,  
 Powers Michael,  
 Robbins Luke J.,  
 Smith Luke, *dis*  
 Sheehan Timothy,  
 Sawyer George W.,  
 Sheehan Dennis,  
 \* Smith Eph. A.,  
 Taylor Daniel G., *dis*  
 Tarbell Edwin,  
 Teel Warren L.,  
 Wood James H.,  
 Whitney William F. B.,  
 Wheeler Warren R., *dis*  
 Wheeler Everett,  
 Wheeler Addison,  
 Wheeler Lincoln E.,  
 White John H. P., *dis*  
 Wayne John.

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*Hospital Steward:*  
 Wm. H. Gray (discharged).

Those marked thus [\*] were not credited to this town by the State Authorities.

Three Years' Men, in different Regiments, enlisting without a bounty  
 from this town.

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Daniel R. Briggs, Co. B, 1st Cav.,  | Eri Huggins, Co. A, 26th Regt.,     |
| George M. Pike, Co. B, 1st Cav.,    | J. A. Huggins, Co. A, "             |
| * Wm. E. Pike, Co. B, 1st Cav.,     | Eri Huggins, Jr., 2d Wis. Regt.,    |
| A. E. Conant, Co. F, 30th Regt.,    | W. B. Gray, Co. E, 24th Regt.,      |
| G. A. Jones, Co. I, 38th Regt.,     | G. H. Simpson, Co. B, 13th Regt.,   |
| J. Keenan, Mozart Regt., N.Y.,      | R. C. Conant, Co. G, 32d Regt.,     |
| E. A. Jones, band of 16th Regt.,    | J. A. Mead, Co. K, 39th Regt.,      |
| J. Rollins, Co. D, 12th Regt.,      | G. F. Blood, Co. D, 2d Regt.,       |
| J. M. Wright, Co. B, 1st Bat. Inf., | Daniel Gray, 13th Regt.,            |
| C. A. Hanscom, " "                  | Daniel Lovering, 13th Regt.,        |
| John Meaher, Co. I, 26th Regt.,     | * G. I. Chapman, Co. D, 11th Regt., |
| Chas. Moulton, Co. I, 38th Regt.,   | Wellington Chickering, in Navy,     |
| M. Johnson, Co. F, 13th Regt.,      | Robert J. Tufts, in Navy.           |

\* Not credited to Acton.

## THREE YEARS' MEN.

## VOLUNTEERS WHO RECEIVED THE TOWN BOUNTY.

|                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| D. L. Veasey, Co. A, 1st Regt.,     | M. McKinney, Co. E, 26th Regt.,   |
| * E. S. Sears, " "                  | Henry Brown, " "                  |
| * G. W. Parks, " "                  | * E. L. Battles, " "              |
| H. W. Wetherbee, Co. E, 26th Regt., | * E. J. Brown, " "                |
| W. B. Reed, Co. E, 26th Regt.,      | Henry H. Pike, 1st Cavalry,       |
| J. W. Fitzpatrick, " "              | H. M. Lovejoy, Co. B, 40th Regt., |
| Marivan Miner, " "                  | L. W. Bowers, Co. E, 33d Regt.,   |
| John A. Howard, " "                 | * E. W. Stevens, " "              |
| Benj. Skinner, " "                  | * J. Callahan, Co. F, 40th Regt., |
| L. M. Jackson, " "                  | * O. B. Sawyer, Co. B, " "        |
| Edwin B. Taft, " "                  | * A. A. Sawyer, " "               |
|                                     | * Frank Burns, " "                |

The above went to fill the first quota of Acton, twenty-three in number.

Those marked thus [\*] were recruited from other towns, and not credited to Acton.

Nine Months' Men who received the town bounty, forming a part of Company E, 6th Regiment.

(Enlisted August 31st, 1862; time expires May 31st, 1863.)

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Aaron C. Handley, <i>Captain</i> ,     | Frank E. Harris, <i>Corporal</i> ,  |
| Aaron S. Fletcher, <i>1st Lieut.</i> , | Abel Farrar, Jr., "                 |
| Geo. W. Rand, <i>2d Lieut.</i> ,       | Henry L. Bray, "                    |
| Geo. W. Knight, <i>1st Sergeant</i> ,  | Varnum F. Robbins, "                |
| Andrew J. Sawyer, <i>2d</i> "          | —                                   |
| F. H. Whitcomb, <i>3d</i> "            | Daniel H. Farrar, <i>Musician</i> . |
| Levi H. Robbins, <i>4th</i> "          | —                                   |
| Isaiah Hutchins, <i>Corporal</i> ,     | Wm. D. Clark, <i>Wagoner</i> .      |
| William Morrill, "                     |                                     |

## PRIVATES.

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| George T. Ames,        | Henry Hapgood,              |
| Hiram Butters,         | Marshall Hapgood,           |
| Charles H. Blood,      | George Jones,               |
| Elbridge Conant,       | Albert Moulton,             |
| William Chaplain, Jr., | Lewis J. Masters,           |
| Oscar Dwelley,         | George N. Pierce,           |
| Charles W. Fletcher,   | John H. Pollard,            |
| Chauncey U. Fuller,    | George B. Parker,           |
| John S. Hoar,          | William Reed,               |
| F. D. K. Hoar,         | Joseph N. Robbins,          |
| Walter O. Holden,      | Wm. F. Wood, Lieutenant Co. |
| Eugene L. Hall,        | K, 6th Regiment.            |

Nine Months' Men, enlisted in other Regiments without a bounty  
from this town.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| J. R. Vangezel, Co. E, 6th Regt., | G. L. Shaw, Co. F, 47th Regt., |
| R. Kinsley, Co. I, 48th Regt.,    | G. Warren Knight, Co. E, 53d   |
| * A. Newton, Co. E, 6th Regt.,    | Regt.                          |

\* Not credited to this town.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

|                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| J. F. Blood, Jr., Sept. 26, 1862, | C. A. Hanscom, Nov. 25, 1862,    |
| George Handley,                   | John S. Hoar, Nov. 27, 1862,     |
| Luke Smith, April 1, 1862,        | Geo. B. Parker, March, 1863,     |
| D. G. Taylor, Sept. 26, 1862,     | A. S. Fletcher, resigned, March, |
| Daniel R. Briggs, Feb. 1, 1862,   | 1863,                            |
| Edwin A. Jones, August, 1862,     | William H. Loker.                |

DIED WHILE IN THE SERVICE.

Augustus W. Hosmer, in camp, November 30th, 1861.  
 James R. Lentill, at New Orleans, November 16th, 1862.  
 Warren R. Wheeler, at Fort St. Phillip, July 5th, 1862.  
 Frank Handley, at Fort St. Phillip, July 7th, 1862.  
 Albert E. Conant, on shipboard on voyage home, January 31st,  
 1863.  
 John Keenan, unknown.  
 James M. Wright, in hospital at Philadelphia, September 1st, 1862.  
 Elbridge Conant, at Suffolk, Va., February 10th, 1863.  
 Marivan Miner, at New Orleans, 1863.

RECAPITULATION.

Three months' volunteers from Acton, 42; came home August 3d,  
 1861.

|  |           |     |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Three years' men, enlisting without town bounty, | - - -     | 75  |
| “ “ “ with “                                     | - - -     | 23  |
| Nine months' men who received the town bounty,   | - - -     | 38  |
| “ “ enlisted without the town bounty             | -         | 5   |
|  |           | 141 |
| Not credited to this town,                       | - - - - - | 15  |
|  |           | 126 |
| Leaving the town's quota of                      | - - - - - | 126 |
| Discharged, 11; died, 9.                         |           |     |

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE,

ACTON, March 20, 1863.

*Town Clerk.*

R E P O R T  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOLS IN ACTON,  
FOR THE YEAR 1862-3.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE :

Pursuant to a vote of the town, passed at the last April meeting, authorizing the School Committee to choose a Superintendent of Schools, we were chosen to fill that office, an office we had not sought, and which we accepted with extreme reluctance; feeling, as we did, that it was not only one of much responsibility, but one, the duties of which are of such a peculiar nature, that it would be impossible to give satisfaction to all; especially those who take pains to find fault.

If not acceptably to all, we have endeavored to perform the duties that have devolved upon us honestly, and with a view to the best good of the schools. From such observations as we had been able to make, before we were so intimately connected with the schools of this town, we judged that they would compare favorably with those of any of the towns around us. Our acquaintance with them the past year has fully confirmed this opinion. We also think we can truly say that their prosperity, the past year, has been fully equal to that of former years.

We will now present a brief view of the several schools.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

E. F. FULLER, *Local Committee.*

The primary department of this school was taught for the year by Miss Lottie C. Faulkner. We might write much in praise of this teacher, and her methods of teaching; yet, we feel that the highest encomium we can bestow, is to say that she has taught eighteen terms in her own district, with the increasing respect and confidence of the parents and love of her scholars. The examinations, at the close of the fall and winter terms, were attended by a large number of parents and friends, whose countenances plainly expressed the interest and pleasure they felt in the exercises, which were all very good indeed. We wish to speak of the singing in particular, because all of the school joined in this exercise—boys, as well as girls.

The higher department was taught, during the spring and fall terms, by Miss Jennie M. Harris. Miss Harris is a teacher of much experience, and had won a high reputation, which suffered none in this effort. She entered upon her duties with that zeal and determination, before which, the obstacles that are apt to arise in a school like this, must surely disappear.

From our first visit, we felt satisfied that the committee had made a wise selection. The successful termination of the school, proved that we were not mistaken. The examination was well attended, and passed off pleasantly. Among the classes we more particularly noticed, was the first class in reading, the classes in arithmetic, and the class in analysis.

Some maps, drawn by members of the first and second classes in geography, were exhibited, which were neatly and correctly drawn.

The winter term was placed in charge of Mr. Frederic C. Nash; the same teacher who taught the winter previous.

Mr. Nash is an excellent disciplinarian, and brought the school to that degree of discipline, which we have rarely seen in any other.

In all our visits, we were much pleased with the good order and studiousness of the scholars. The closing examination was even better than we expected. The larger scholars performed their parts in a manner that reflected upon themselves and their teacher much credit ; and, among the smaller ones, there was scarce a blunder.

The compositions were good ; some, in particular, were excellent.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

JAMES KEYES, *Local Committee.*

The spring and fall terms of this school were placed in charge of Miss Sophia S. Harris. Possessed of a vigorous mind and healthy body, with a right good will to use them, any school, under her care, could not well help being a good one. It always gave us pleasure to visit this school ; there was such an air of cheerfulness pervading the school room, and the faces of the scholars always looked so pleasant and happy. The closing examination proved that the school had not only been a pleasant but very profitable one. The classes in mental arithmetic, and the second and third classes in reading, won for themselves much praise. We are sorry that Miss Harris has seen fit to leave the ranks of our teachers, where she has labored so long and successfully ; yet, we are aware that the school which she has now entered, has claims to which all others are in a measure subordinate. May her prosperity, in her new sphere of life, be as great as that she enjoyed in the one she has left.

The winter term of this school was taught by Mr. A. E. White, of Tuft's College. This was his first effort at school teaching, and, although some difficulty arose at the first of the term in regard to the division of the advanced class in

reading, we consider it a very successful effort. Ambitious himself to excel, and willing to labor to the extent of his powers to advance the interests of his school, he instilled into the minds of his pupils the same principles, which caused them to study with unwonted zeal. The exercises at the close, which varied but little from those of every day of the term, exhibited that thoroughness in the branches taught, which we like to witness. Where all the classes appeared so well, we need not particularize. At the close of the other exercises, the teacher was presented with a beautiful Bible, by one of the young ladies, in behalf of the school, in a feeling and appropriate speech. So deep were his feelings that, for some moments he could utter no word in response; yet, that very silence conveyed a more lasting impression than words could, that there existed between the teacher and his pupils a bond of friendship that can never be severed.

### SOUTH-EAST SCHOOL.

D. F. TARBELL, *Local Committee.*

The spring and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss L. Arabella Walker, of Westford. She came before us highly recommended as a successful teacher, and we felt no hesitation in giving her our approbation.

During the first term, the good order and improvement was such, as fully met our anticipations. The second term, though by no means a failure, was not what we had reason to expect. At the closing examination, some of the classes, and some of the scholars in particular, appeared well. The school-room was beautifully decorated with a profusion of wreaths and mottoes. These we like to see; yet, the adornment of the minds of the scholars should not be neglected, for the adornment of the school-room.

The winter term was under the care of E. F. Richardson. As this teacher is a particular friend of ours, we feel



that we shall be excused from saying but little in regard to his school, on the ground that we might be considered partial. Suffice to say, that the teacher considered it one of the pleasantest schools that he ever taught ; and that there was little or no fault found in the district, which has been proverbial for trouble with its schools.

### CENTRE SCHOOL.

JONAS BLODGETT, *Local Committee.*

The primary department of this school, for the spring and winter terms, was under the care of Miss Clara Wetherbee, who has taught here several terms with uniformly good success. Kind and affectionate in her manners, she seems to lead children to do right, rather than force them. Her little company, notwithstanding it was somewhat broken up by sickness, appeared very well at the close of the winter term. The various classes, as they passed in review before us, showed a degree of improvement commendable to themselves and their teacher. There are some very pretty singers in this school, and we enjoyed their singing much ; yet, we think it would be more interesting to hear all the little ones join in this healthful and cheering exercise.

The spring term of the higher department was taught by Miss Nellie Cowdrey. Miss Cowdrey gained, from the first, the respect and good will of her scholars, which made governing easy. The school always appeared cheerful and studious when we visited it. At the close, those classes that were brought before us in a manner that we could judge of their merits, did well. The declamations and dialogues were good, though perhaps there was more of them than it would be advisable to have at the examination of a school like this, where there are so many classes. We liked the appearance of this teacher in the school-room, and think she would win a high reputation in this vocation.

Owing to the comparatively small number of scholars in each department, the Local Committee thought proper to unite them both in one, during the fall term. This arrangement would save to the district the wages of one teacher, and give the scholars the benefit of a longer winter term. Miss Clara Wetherbee was placed in charge; and, although it made a large school, and a large number of classes, she got along well, and brought the school to a successful close. At the examination the classes appeared well. The first class in reading, and second class in grammar, we noticed in particular. The compositions, which we consider a noticeable feature of any examination, where there are advanced scholars, were good.

This school, during the winter term, enjoyed the advantage of having for a teacher Mr. Luther Conant, Jr., who had labored here successfully for two winters previous. Mr. Conant has long been known to the town as a thorough and efficient teacher; and his history has been so often and fully written, that we feel we can add but little to it. Suffice to say, we consider him an excellent teacher for this school. The examination, which was attended by a large number of visitors, passed off well. The classes came before us the same as they would on any other day of the term, the most of them answering promptly, and showing good improvement. We noticed, in particular, the classes in reading and spelling. If some of the scholars did not make that proficiency they ought, the fault was their own; the teacher labored hard enough for them.

## WEST SCHOOL.

GEORGE C. WRIGHT, *Local Committee.*

The spring and fall terms of the primary department were placed in care of Miss Susan C. Huggins. There are many good scholars in this school, and some "big rogues," who need to be governed with firmness and decision. We

think the teacher labored hard to promote the interests of the school, and in a measure was successful ; although her success would have been greater, if she had enforced better order. We will here say, however, that, if we have been rightly informed, she was led into this error by over-fearful parents, who, thinking she might be too severe, cautioned her in regard to it. At the close the classes generally showed a fair degree of improvement ; some of the smaller ones did very well indeed.

The winter term was taught by Miss Clara H. Hapgood. Feeling more confidence in her own powers, and entering the school with a determination to bring it under good discipline, she was successful in that respect. The examination was very good, notwithstanding the school, during the last part of the term, was much interrupted by sickness. The classes spoke up promptly and distinctly, giving life and interest to the exercises.

The spring and fall terms of the higher department were under the instruction of Miss Clara H. Hapgood, the same teacher who taught the winter primary. Miss Hapgood labored in this school with good success. Some of her methods of teaching we liked very well indeed ; especially, for those branches which are learned principally by memorizing. At the close of the school, which was well attended, the exercises passed off with much credit to both scholars and teacher. Some very good maps were exhibited, which were drawn by the classes in geography.

The winter term was taught by Mr. W. E. Eaton, of Tuft's College. We consider the committee was most fortunate in securing the services of a teacher who could make good the place of the excellent one of last winter. Believing that scholars like those under his care could govern themselves, he threw them upon their honesty and self-respect in such a manner that, with few exceptions, they needed no reproof. One thing we noticed in particular in

regard to his teaching ; that he instructed his scholars as to principles, so that they could tell “ why they went through a certain process,” rather than that they simply “ had gone through it.” This school possesses a large share of good ability, which this teacher knew well how to direct, to make the greatest possible advancement. Though much interrupted by sickness, not only of its members, but of its teacher, the school passed a very satisfactory examination. Among the classes which we noted as particularly good, were the first class in reading, the class in analysis, and the classes in arithmetic. The “ Independent,” which was read by Misses Wheeler and Fuller, was a spicy little sheet, abounding in humor and good sense. The singing was excellent ; though, as we have before remarked, we had rather hear all the school sing that can,—and we believe there are but few that cannot learn when they are young. If the harmony is not so good, the loss of it is more than made up by the pleasure we feel in seeing all enjoy an exercise so well calculated to promote health and happiness.

#### EAST SCHOOL.

JAMES E. BILLINGS, *Local Committee.*

The spring term of this school was taught by Miss S. Augusta Davis. Miss Davis has taught this school several terms with increasing good success. Mild but firm, she manages to secure good order in her school, though there are some “ rogueish boys.” We consider this district indeed fortunate in having so faithful and judicious a teacher. The examination at the close showed that neither teacher nor scholars had been idle. The teacher of the spring term, wishing to enjoy a longer season of rest than the vacation afforded, the committee engaged the services of Miss Nellie J. Fletcher for the fall term. Miss Fletcher has been favorably known to the town as a teacher, for a

number of terms in her own district. From her good success there, we felt confident she would do well in this school. Nor were we mistaken. Her success was even better than we expected. At the close, all the classes showed a good degree of improvement. Some of the smaller ones very good. The compositions, written in that easy, natural style, which showed that the writers were familiar with their subjects, were such as we like to listen to.

The winter term was taught by Miss S. A. Davis, the same teacher as of the spring term. This, we think, was her crowning effort. Though some of the boys showed a disposition to take advantage, and play the "rogue" the first of the term, they were soon brought under good discipline, and the school went on pleasantly to the close. The examination was excellent. All the more advanced classes recited so promptly and correctly, showing such marked improvement, that we hardly knew which to give the preference. Some very pretty declamations were spoken by the "little ones," and some very good compositions were read by one of the young ladies.

Thus far we have said nothing in regard to writing books, although they were exhibited at most of the examinations. Some of these showed a good hand-writing and good improvement, but the majority were lacking one or both of these. This is not as it should be, for we consider it an important part of an education to be able to write a neat, legible hand, notwithstanding the idea seems to be gaining ground that, to be considered as having a great mind and literary taste, a person must write in scrawls that would shame the ancient hieroglyphics.

We have noticed that the writing of the best educated in the days of "our fathers," was almost invariably neat and legible, if not elegant. If we are not mistaken, this branch was one of the three laid down to be taught in the first schools established in the colonies. Is it not just as

important now as it was then? Yet how many we find at the present day who can talk a little French, or read a little Latin or Greek, that cannot write their own names decently. Parents, see to it that your children have the requisite means to learn to write well; and teachers should prepare themselves to teach this branch more thoroughly.

Now a word to you, parents, about absenteeism, that great hinderance to the better advancement of our schools. Those who have preceded us in writing reports of the schools, have said much at different times upon this subject, though no more than they ought. If you could only be in your school houses, during school hours for one week, and see how it breaks up classes and hinders the progress of scholars, many of you would think differently from what you now do; and, not only think, but act differently. We mean, you would send your children punctually to school. If your childrens' bodies were suffering for food, would you not consider a whole loaf, at the same price, better than half? On the same reasoning, when the minds of your children—immortal minds—are suffering and dwarfing for the want of intellectual food and culture, is not a whole term, at the same price, better than a part?

E. F. RICHARDSON, *Superintendent.*

## REPORTS OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEES.

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

|                         |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Appropriation,          | \$336 93 |  |
| Balance from last year, | 8 14     |  |
|                         | \$345 07 |  |

#### SPRING AND FALL TERMS.

|  |         |  |
|--|---------|--|
| Paid Miss Jennie M. Harris, for teaching 16 weeks, at \$4.50 per week, | \$72 00 |  |
| Miss Lottie C. Faulkner, " " " 4,00 "                                  | 64 00   |  |

#### WINTER TERM.

|   |        |  |
|---|--------|--|
| Mr. Fred C. Nash, for teaching 11 1-2 weeks, at \$10.00 per week, | 115 00 |  |
| Miss Lottie C. Faulkner, " 12 " 4,50 "                            | 54 00  |  |
| for wood,   | 23 62  |  |
| " building fires and cleaning house,                              | 3 75   |  |
| " two brushes for blackboard, brooms, chalk, &c.,                 | 4 60   |  |

|          |          |  |
|----------|----------|--|
|          | \$336 97 |  |
| Balance, | 8 10     |  |
|          | \$345 07 |  |

March 4, 1863.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

E. F. FULLER, *Committee.*

|                         |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Appropriation,          | \$200 33 |  |
| Balance from last year, | 2 97     |  |
|                         | \$203 30 |  |

|  |         |  |
|--|---------|--|
| Paid Miss Sophia S. Harris, for teaching 16 weeks, at \$4.50 per week, | \$72 00 |  |
| Mr. Alphonzo E. White, " 3 1-4 months,                                 | 113 75  |  |
| " two cords of wood,   | 11 25   |  |
| " building fires and care of house,                                    | 3 00    |  |

|          |          |  |
|----------|----------|--|
|          | \$200 00 |  |
| Balance, | 3 30     |  |
|          | \$203 30 |  |

JAMES KEYES, JR., *Committee.*

### SOUTH-EAST SCHOOL.

|                            |          |  |
|----------------------------|----------|--|
| Appropriation,             | \$200 33 |  |
| Balance from last year,    | 60       |  |
| Received of W. A. Wilde,   | 38 14    |  |
| Received of non-residents, | 5 00     |  |
|                            | \$244 07 |  |

|   |         |  |
|---|---------|--|
| Paid Miss L. A. Walker, for teaching 15 weeks and 4 days, | \$70 78 |  |
| Mr. E. F. Richardson, " 3 1-2 months,                     | 140 00  |  |
| for wood,   | 12 00   |  |
| " building fires and care of house,                       | 3 50    |  |
| " cleaning house, two brooms, pail, and chair,            | 3 32    |  |
| " chalk and dipper,                                       | 24      |  |

|          |          |  |
|----------|----------|--|
|          | \$229 84 |  |
| Balance, | 14 23    |  |
|          | \$244 07 |  |

March 20, 1863.

### EAST SCHOOL.

D. F. TARBELL, *Committee.*

|                         |          |  |
|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Appropriation,          | \$200 33 |  |
| Balance from last year, | 7 33     |  |
|                         | \$207 71 |  |

|   |         |  |
|---|---------|--|
| Paid Miss S. A. Davis, for teaching 11 weeks, at \$4.50 per week, | \$49 50 |  |
| Miss E. J. Fletcher, " " " " "                                    | 49 50   |  |
| Miss S. A. Davis, " 15 " " 6,50 "                                 | 97 50   |  |
| for cleaning house, building fires, and two brooms,               | 5 03    |  |
| " repairs on house, one dipper,                                   | 1 42    |  |

|          |          |  |
|----------|----------|--|
|          | \$202 95 |  |
| Balance, | 4 76     |  |
|          | \$207 71 |  |

March 21, 1863.

JAMES E. BILLINGS, *Committee.*

## CENTRE SCHOOL.

|   |   |                   |          |
|---|---|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation,  |   | \$336 93          |          |
| Received of Dr. Cowdrey,  | * | 6 00              |          |
|   |   | <u>          </u> | \$342 93 |
| SPRING TERM.  |   |                   |          |
| Paid Miss Helen Cowdrey, teaching 8 weeks, at \$4.50 per week,      |   | \$36 00           |          |
| Miss Clara Wetherbee, " " " " 3,75 "                                |   | 30 00             |          |
| FALL TERM.  |   |                   |          |
| Miss Clara Wetherbee, for teaching 8 weeks, at \$4,50 per week,     |   | 36 00             |          |
| WINTER TERM.  |   |                   |          |
| Mr. Luther Conant, Jr., for teaching 14 weeks, at \$10,00 per week, |   | 140 00            |          |
| Miss Clara Wetherbee, " " " " 3,75 "                                |   | 52 50             |          |
| for wood,   |   | 21 00             |          |
| " care of house and building fires,                                 |   | 4 50              |          |
| " setting glass, pails, brooms and chalk,                           |   | 2 00              |          |
|   |   | <u>          </u> |          |
|   |   | \$322 00          |          |
| Balance,  |   | 20 93             |          |
|   |   | <u>          </u> | \$342 93 |

J. BLODGETT, *Committee.*

## WEST SCHOOL.

|  |  |                   |          |
|--|--|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation,   |  | \$336 93          |          |
| Received of A. Fuller,   |  | 7 50              |          |
|  |  | <u>          </u> | \$344 43 |
| Paid Miss Susan C. Huggins, teaching 16 weeks, at \$4.00 per week, |  | \$64 00           |          |
| Miss Clara H. Hapgood, " " " " 4,50 "                              |  | 72 00             |          |
| " " " " 13 " " 4,50 "  |  | 58 50             |          |
| Mr. W. E. Eaton, " 13 " " 10,00 "                                  |  | 130 00            |          |
| for wood,  |  | 20 83             |          |
| " taking care of house,  |  | 4 75              |          |
|  |  | <u>          </u> |          |
|  |  | \$350 08          |          |
|  |  | <u>          </u> |          |
|  |  | Deficiency,       | \$5 65   |

March 20, 1863.

G. C. WRIGHT, *Committee.*



## STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1862-3.

| DISTRICTS.  | NAMES OF TEACHERS         | Length of School<br>in months. | Wages per month | Amount of<br>Wages | Whole number<br>of Scholars. | Average number<br>of Scholars. | Number over 15<br>years of age. | No. under 5. | No. of Visitors at<br>Examination. | Not absent or<br>tardy. |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SPRING.     |                           |                                |                 |                    |                              |                                |                                 |              |                                    |                         |
| South, . .  | Jennie M. Harris, . .     | 2                              | \$18,00         | \$36,00            | 53                           | 47                             | 2                               | 0            | 0                                  | 16                      |
| “           | Lottie C. Faulkner, . .   | 2                              | 16,00           | 32,00              | 61                           | 52                             | 0                               | 1            | 0                                  | 13                      |
| West, . .   | Clara H. Hapgood, . .     | 2                              | 18,00           | 36,00              | 42                           | 37                             | 2                               | 0            | 0                                  | 9                       |
| “           | Susan C. Huggins, . .     | 2                              | 16,00           | 32,00              | 49                           | 44                             | 0                               | 7            | 0                                  | 14                      |
| Centre, . . | Helen E. Cowdrey, . .     | 2                              | 18,00           | 36,00              | 28                           | 25                             | 0                               | 0            | 75                                 | 9                       |
| “           | Clara Wetherbee, . .      | 2                              | 15,00           | 30,00              | 35                           | 32                             | 0                               | 0            | 0                                  | 4                       |
| East, . .   | S. Augusta Davis, . .     | 2 3-4                          | 18,00           | 49,00              | 41                           | 35                             | 2                               | 5            | 40                                 | 7                       |
| South East, | L. Arabella Walker, . .   | 2                              | 18,00           | 36,00              | 34                           | 31                             | 1                               | 0            | 0                                  | 10                      |
| North, . .  | Sophia S. Harris, . .     | 2                              | 18,00           | 36,00              | 27                           | 25                             | 2                               | 4            | 0                                  | 12                      |
|             |                           | 18 3-4                         | \$155,00        | \$323,00           | 370                          | 328                            | 9                               | 17           |                                    |                         |
| FALL.       |                           |                                |                 |                    |                              |                                |                                 |              |                                    |                         |
| South, . .  | Jennie M. Harris, . .     | 2                              | \$18,00         | \$36,00            | 47                           | 40                             | 5                               | 0            | 75                                 | 7                       |
| “           | Lottie C. Faulkner, . .   | 2                              | 16,00           | 32,00              | 58                           | 53                             | 0                               | 1            | 75                                 | 20                      |
| West, . .   | Clara H. Hapgood, . .     | 2                              | 18,00           | 36,00              | 50                           | 38                             | 2                               | 0            | 60                                 | 7                       |
| “           | Susan C. Huggins, . .     | 2                              | 16,00           | 32,00              | 52                           | 44                             | 0                               | 0            | 35                                 | 7                       |
| Centre, . . | Clara Wetherbee, . .      | 2                              | 18,00           | 36,00              | 52                           | 40                             | 1                               | 0            | 50                                 | 13                      |
| East, . .   | Ellen J. Fletcher, . .    | 2 2-4                          | 18,00           | 49,50              | 42                           | 36                             | 2                               | 6            | 40                                 | 4                       |
| South East, | L. Arabella Walker, . .   | 2                              | 18,00           | 36,00              | 32                           | 23                             | 1                               | 0            | 30                                 | 9                       |
| North, . .  | Sophia S. Harris, . .     | 2                              | 18,00           | 36,00              | 24                           | 22                             | 0                               | 1            | 35                                 | 8                       |
|             |                           | 16 3-4                         | \$140,00        | \$293,50           | 357                          | 296                            | 11                              | 8            |                                    |                         |
| WINTER.     |                           |                                |                 |                    |                              |                                |                                 |              |                                    |                         |
| South, . .  | Fred. C. Nash, . . . .    | 27-8                           | \$40,00         | \$115,00           | 59                           | 54                             | 18                              | 0            | 30                                 | 11                      |
| “           | Lottie C. Faulkner, . .   | 3                              | 18,00           | 54,00              | 61                           | 54                             | 0                               | 1            | 56                                 | 17                      |
| West, . .   | W. E. Eaton, . . . .      | 31-4                           | 40,00           | 130,00             | 52                           | 46                             | 13                              | 0            | 100                                | 9                       |
| “           | Clara H. Hapgood, . .     | 31-4                           | 18,00           | 58,50              | 58                           | 46                             | 0                               | 1            | 40                                 | 1                       |
| Centre, . . | Luther Conant, Jr., . .   | 31-2                           | 40,00           | 140,00             | 53                           | 48                             | 17                              | 0            | 90                                 | 20                      |
| “           | Clara Wetherbee, . . . .  | 31-2                           | 15,00           | 52,50              | 35                           | 32                             | 0                               | 0            | 36                                 | 13                      |
| East, . .   | S. Augusta Davis, . . . . | 3 3-4                          | 26,00           | 97,50              | 46                           | 38                             | 10                              | 2            | 46                                 | 1                       |
| South East, | E. F. Richardson, . . . . | 31-2                           | 40,00           | 140,00             | 31                           | 27                             | 0                               | 9            | 30                                 | 1                       |
| North, . .  | A. E. White, . . . . .    | 31-4                           | 35,00           | 113,75             | 38                           | 35                             | 15                              | 0            | 30                                 | 3                       |
|             |                           | 297-8                          | \$272,00        | \$901,25           | 433                          | 380                            | 73                              | 13           |                                    |                         |