

*Clerk and Treasurer.*—A. B. Webster—term expires, May, 1873; no compensation.

*Assessor.*—W. H. Hamilton—term expires May, 1873; salary, contingent.

*Attorney.*—E. J. Pringle; salary, \$600 per annum.

*Town Engineer.*—T. J. Arnold; salary, \$600 per annum.

*Town Justice.*—A. Howard; salary, fees.

*Marshal.*—Orrison Whipple; salary, \$600 per annum.

*Pound Master.*—John F. Perham; salary, fees.

COMMITTEES — BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—*Ordinance and Judiciary*: Case, Knowles and Swett. *Auditing and Finance*—Swett, French and Case. *Streets and Buildings*—Knowles, Swett and French. *Fire and Water*—French, Case and Knowles. *Education*—Knowles, Swett and Case. *Streets and Lights*—Case, French and Knowles. *Removals and Obstructions*—Swett, Case and French.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The first school in Clinton was taught in 1852, by a Mrs. Smith, to a class of twelve pupils, in a small wooden building erected for the purpose, on Adams street between Taylor and Pierce. The destruction by fire of the school records of the town previous to July, 1862, prevents a history of the early organization of the department further than the facts herein stated, which have been obtained from reliable authority.

At a special election held June 29, 1863, the inhabitants voted in favor of levying a tax of \$5,000 for building, furnishing and enclosing a new school house. The number of votes cast were 77, of which 55 were in favor of, and 22 against the tax. Soon after, the erection of the building was commenced on the block bounded by Polk, Walker, Lacey and Humbert streets, which was completed and occupied in January, 1864.

The management and control of the Public Schools are now vested in a Board of three Trustees, elected annually in May, who are clothed with the necessary authority to secure an efficient administration of affairs of this department of the local government.

The department, July 1, 1872, comprises three schools, one Grammar and two Primary. The Grammar School is held in the school building erected in 1864, and is organized in four classes, averaging over fifty to a class. Teachers: Principal, J. H. Sumner; Assistants, Mrs. E. R. Tucker, Miss Carrie Ellis and Miss Nina Patten. One of the Primary Schools is taught in the old building on Adams street; number of pupils about 100; and the other, which was opened in July, of the present year, is held in a rented room on Washington street near Larue; number of pupils about 40. Teachers: Principal, Mrs. Horace Richardson; Assistants, Miss H. E. Bonner and Miss Mary Farley.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1872.—Number of children under six years, white, 277; colored, 3; total 280. Between five and fifteen: White, boys, 300; girls, 288; total, 588. Colored, boys, 6; girls, 8; total 14. Indian, 1. Total, 603. Mongolian, fifteen and under, 40. Total, fifteen and under,