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1881.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for ensuring the integrity and reliability of financial data. This section also outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data, highlighting the need for consistency and transparency in the reporting process.

In addition, the document addresses the challenges associated with data collection and analysis. It notes that while modern technology offers powerful tools for data processing, it also introduces new risks, such as data breaches and system failures. Therefore, robust security measures and backup protocols are crucial to protect the information being handled.

The second part of the document focuses on the implementation of data management systems. It provides a detailed overview of the software and hardware components involved, as well as the steps required for successful deployment. This section also discusses the role of staff in ensuring that the systems are used effectively and that data is entered accurately.

Furthermore, the document highlights the importance of regular audits and reviews. It explains how these processes help to identify any discrepancies or errors in the data and ensure that the systems are operating as intended. This ongoing monitoring is a key component of maintaining high standards of data quality and security.

The final part of the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and recommendations. It reiterates the need for a comprehensive approach to data management, one that combines advanced technology with sound practices and vigilant oversight. The document also provides a list of resources and contacts for further information and support.

Overall, this document serves as a comprehensive guide for anyone involved in data management. It provides the necessary knowledge and tools to ensure that data is collected, stored, and analyzed in a way that is both efficient and secure. By following the guidelines outlined here, organizations can maximize the value of their data and minimize the risks associated with its use.

The document is intended for use by all staff members who are responsible for data management. It is a living document, and it will be updated as new technologies and best practices emerge. We encourage you to stay informed and to provide feedback on any areas that need further clarification or improvement.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation. We are committed to providing you with the highest quality of service and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



THE Committee appointed by the Town of Canton at its annual meeting in April, 1880, to prepare a suitable design for a corporate seal of the Town, have attended to that duty, and present for the consideration of its citizens the following

R E P O R T .

IT appears that shortly after the Norman Conquest, the use of seals became common, in consequence of their presence being required to give validity to every species of legal document. They were engraved with some design which was peculiar to their owner, and was presumed to refer to some real or supposed service. From this custom, seals for cities and towns originated.

In this country, we are at liberty to adopt any design for a seal, and many towns represent on their seals some incident of their early history or subsequent

development. Your Committee were at first disposed to represent on the town seal some event connected with Canton history, such as "Eliot preaching to the Indians at Ponkipog." "An incident in the life of Gridley." "A picture of the Doty Tavern." "The Ride of Paul Revere." "Roger Sherman signing the Declaration of Independence," or "A View of the Viaduct;" but they decided that it was impossible to represent in proper proportion, in the space usually allotted to a seal, the picture of any event. If the seal was to be painted upon the walls of the Town Hall, a picture might be represented to advantage, but when reduced to the size of a newspaper column, at the head of the town warrant, it would be impossible to distinguish the design.

Your Committee have therefore decided to follow the principles and laws which governed the designing of seals in ancient days, and have looked to the science of Heraldry for information,—a symbolical and pictorial language, in which figures, devices and color are employed, instead of letters. They have devised a seal which shall represent, when properly understood, the History of Canton, the designs upon which can be clearly distinguished.

In 1866,—four years before she breathed her last,—our mother, or more properly speaking, our grandmother town, Dorchester, settled in 1630, adopted a

seal, and for a crest, took the triple-towered castle, "in respectful memory" they say "of Dorchester in old England, on whose seal this is the principal charge," and from which town the early settlers of Dorchester, in New England, immigrated.

The town of Dorchester has condescended to be merged in Boston, and her seal is covered with rust. Your Committee have, in respectful memory of Dorchester in New England, adopted this triple-towered castle as the crest of our town seal, because we were from 1630 until 1726, a part of Dorchester, and many of the early settlers of our town came from there.

In 1726 our town received the name of Stoughton, a name highly to be prized. It was so designated in honor of LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WILLIAM STOUGHTON, whose remains lie in the old Dorchester Burying Ground. Our town is the original Stoughton, and never should have relinquished its birthright. Your Committee have adopted and placed upon the shield of our town seal, the arms that are engraved upon his tomb-stone and stamped upon his will.*

It was also a custom in ancient days to choose a device for a shield, which should be connected in some way with the name of the bearer; this was

* These arms are described in heraldry as follows: "Ar. on a saltire gu. between four door staples sable, an escallop. or."

called "canting" heraldry. A division of a shield, smaller than a quarter, usually the right, formed by a perpendicular line from the top of the shield meeting a horizontal line from the side, is called a canton, and your Committee have adopted this allusive custom of old, and placed on the shield a canton, alluding to the name of the town.

On the border which surrounds the shield we have placed the word "PONKIPOG," and spelled it as JOHN ELIOT spelled it, which was the name the Indians called the territory we now call Canton; and the date "1650," at which we find the earliest mention of it.

On the opposite side we have placed the present name of our town, "CANTON," and the date "1797," when it received its Act of Incorporation, signed by SAMUEL ADAMS.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee, { DANIEL T. V. HUNTOON,
ELIJAH A. MORSE,
G. WALTER CAPEN.

Under Article 5th of the warrant for Town Meeting, April 4, 1881:

VOTED,—That the report of the Committee on Town Seal be accepted and the design adopted as the Seal of the Town of Canton.

ATTEST, WALTER AMES,

TOWN CLERK.

Report of Committee on Streets.
