

55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1914

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NEW BEDFORD, MASS.:  
THE NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY.

1915.

**TOWN OFFICERS.**

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting, Held March 2nd, 1914.

*Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes*

HENRY F. TABER.

*Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for One Year*

GEORGE T. PARKER, FRED E. WELLINGTON,

JAMES O. DOUGLASS.

*Assessor for Three Years*

HENRY F. TABER.

*Member of School Committee for Three Years*

RICHARD DAVIS.

*Member of School Committee for Two Years*

HENRY A. JACKSON.

*Member of Board of Health for Three Years*

HENRY D. PIERCE.

*Single Highway Surveyor for One Year*

JAMES H. HATHAWAY.

*Tree Warden for One Year*

ROBERT E. PARKER.

*Trustee of Free Public Library for Three Years*

ALDEN WHITE.

*Auditor for One Year*

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

*Constables for One Year*

EDWARD L. MACOMBER, JOHN M. VINCENT,

CHARLES E. GIFFORD, JOSEPH SORELLE.

*Surveyors of Lumber for One Year*

EDWARD W. ASHLEY, CHARLES F. LEONARD,

HENRY F. TABER.

*Pound Keeper for One Year*

URIAH S. COLE.

*Field Drivers for One Year*

JOHN M. VINCENT, JOHN GEGGATT, JR.

*Field Drivers for One Year*

WILLIAM I. SHOCKLEY, WILLIAM E. COLLINS,

GEORGE A. FULLER.

**ALDEN WHITE, Collector.**

In Account with the Town of Acushnet.

	Dr.		
To uncollected taxes of 1912,		\$2.68	
To uncollected taxes of 1913,		3,585.76	
Interest on taxes collected,		100.76	
		—————	\$3,689.20
	Cr.		
Amount paid town treasurer,		\$2,837.89	
Amount remitted by assessors,		235.20	
Amount uncollected taxes for 1913,		616.11	
		—————	\$3,689.20

**HENRY F. TABER, Collector.**

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

	Dr.		
Amount of tax bills of 1914:			
State tax,		\$2,362.50	
State highway tax,		29.16	
County tax,		1,405.89	
Town tax,		23,786.91	
Extra and omitted assessments,		199.54	
Interest on taxes collected,		26.39	
		—————	\$27,810.39
	Cr.		
Amount paid state treasurer,		\$2,362.50	
Amount paid county treasurer,		1,405.89	
Amount paid state treasurer,		29.16	
Amount paid town treasurer,		19,215.25	
Amount of uncollected taxes,		4,797.59	
		—————	\$27,810.39

**HENRY F. TABER, Treasurer.**

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

Dr.	
To balance in treasury,	\$3,767.80
Amounts received from state treasurer:	
Corporation tax public service,	160.60
Corporation tax business,	1,933.12
National bank tax,	415.52
Income from state school fund,	921.62
High school tuition one half returned,	989.06
State aid,	192.00
Inspection of animals, one half returned,	32.50
Industrial school tuition, one half returned,	98.50
County treasurer, dog fund,	350.58
F. O. Tripp, slaughter house license,	1.00
Alden White, taxes of 1913,	2,837.89
Telephone tolls,	30.30
Dynamite,	38.08
B. F. White, grass,	3.00
Chairman of District Superintendent Union,	208.33
Transportation of High school pupils,	740.35
J. O. Douglass, auctioneer's license,	2.00
C. D. Parker, four town hall notes,	4,000.00
C. D. Parker, premium on notes,	16.04
Thomas Hersom, old town house,	825.00
District court, fines,	6.45
Bureau of statistics,	1.00
Merchants National Bank, five notes,	13,000.00
Rent of school barges,	3.00
Sale of grass, Parting Ways,	1.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forestry,	106.78

Sale of shingles,	14.75
Town of Freetown, relief,	85.14
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, crushing stone,	100.41
City of New Bedford, board of health,	537.30
Henry F. Taber, collector,	19,215.25
	\$50,634.37

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By amount paid for support of poor,	\$1,190.39
Amount paid for road machine,	283.25
Amount paid for state aid,	192.00
Amount paid for incidentals,	3,098.54
Amount paid for notes and interest,	16,636.33
Amount paid for schools, superintendent's salary and tuition,	11,245.34
Amount paid for Industrial school tuition,	668.75
Amount paid for library,	340.38
Amount paid for highways,	8,030.55
Amount paid for town house,	4,935.99
Amount paid for roller house,	411.19
Amount paid for forest warden,	1,006.95
Amount paid for moth inspection,	299.84
Amount paid for board of health,	782.54
Balance in treasury,	1,512.33
	\$50,634.37

**CEMETERY FUNDS.**

Held in Trust by the Town of Acushnet.

To principal of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$205.09	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	43.75	
		<u>\$248.84</u>
Paid A. Russell, Jr., treasurer,		5.00
Balance,		<u>\$243.84</u>
To principal William D. Taber fund,	\$50.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	14.98	
		<u>\$64.98</u>
Paid A. Russell, Jr., treasurer,		1.00
Balance,		<u>63.98</u>
To principal of Pardon Taber, Jr., fund,	\$75.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	11.10	
		<u>\$86.10</u>
Paid A. Russell, Jr., treasurer,		2.00
Balance,		<u>84.10</u>
To principal of Jacob Taber fund, for Joseph Taber lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	29.88	
		<u>\$129.88</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		1.85
Balance,		<u>\$128.03</u>

To principal of Jacob Taber fund for Ellis Mendall lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	25.88	
		<u>\$125.88</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		1.85
Balance,		<u>\$124.03</u>
To principal of John B. Fowler fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	49.22	
		<u>\$249.22</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.35
Balance,		<u>\$245.87</u>
To principal of William Taber fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	20.86	
		<u>\$120.86</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		1.85
Balance,		<u>\$119.01</u>
To principal of Samuel Pierce fund,	\$150.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	27.92	
		<u>\$177.92</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		1.85
Balance,		<u>\$176.07</u>
To principal of Mary S. Davis fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	27.96	
		<u>\$227.96</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		4.10
Balance,		<u>\$223.86</u>

To principal of John S. Perry fund for Wing lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	4.18	
	<hr/>	\$104.18
Paid Richard Davis,		3.75
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Balance,		\$100.43
To principal of Alfred Morse fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	9.26	
	<hr/>	\$109.26
Paid Richard Davis,		4.00
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Balance,		\$105.26
To principal of James Cathill fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	22.24	
	<hr/>	\$122.24
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		1.85
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Balance,		\$120.39
To principal of Sylvester Pratt fund,	\$50.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	2.54	
	<hr/>	\$52.54
Paid R. P. Hammett,		1.50
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Balance,		\$51.04
To principal of James B. Hamlin fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	14.36	
	<hr/>	\$214.36
Paid A. Russell, Jr., treasurer,		3.00
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Balance,		\$211.36

To principal of George J. Parker fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	6.12	
	<hr/>	\$106.12
Paid A. Russell, Jr., treasurer,		4.00
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Balance,		\$102.12
To principal of William and A. Omey fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1914,	3.52	
	<hr/>	\$103.52
Paid R. P. Hammett,		1.50
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Balance,		\$102.02

**Gift Fund.**

On deposit in N. B. Inst. for Savings, January 1, 1914,	\$838.77	
Interest to October, 1914,	33.86	
	<hr/>	\$872.63

**Cemetery Addition, Long Plain.**

Balance on hand January 1, 1914,	\$31.40	
Sale of grass, 1914,	3.00	
Sale of lot,	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$49.40

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births Registered in Acushnet, 1914.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Jan. 4	Joseph George Dube	Peter—Philomene
Jan. 13	Dorothy Kelley	—Margaret
Jan. 16	—Britton	Cyne—Eva
Jan. 18	—Labossier	John—Rosanna
Jan. 19	Blanche Levasseau	August—Victoria
Jan. 24	Georgie Borba	John—Mary
Jan. 24	Antone Souza, Jr.	Antone—Della
Jan. 28	Beulah Irene Tripp	Walter—Lydia
Jan. 29	Viola May Morse	Foster—Annie
Feb. 2	William Wallace Peckham	William—Wedie
Feb. 9	—Cherest	Thomas—Matilda
Feb. 11	Ciril Linek	Frank—Mary
Feb. 28	Mary Emma Aliee Pippin	Aimee—Blanche
Mar. 3	Sherley Althea Tripp	Arthur—Lydia
Mar. 7	Mary Evon Royland	Frank—Matilda
Mar. 26	Doris Jacques	George—Ozelie
Mar. 29	Ella Susie Morse	Leslie P.—Susie F.
Apr. 5	Joseph Doyon	Adelord—Cora
Apr. 9	Adelaide Souza	Frank—Adelaide
Apr. 20	John Eugene Dohla	John—Mary
May 1	Leonard Auclair	Philip—Eva
May 8	Richard Laliberte	Antonio—Mary
May 11	Camelia Hortense Guinois	Pierre—Augustine
May 21	Camille Pland	Abel—Leonie
May 23	Sylvia Bancroft Winsor	Bancroft—Beatrice
May 23	—Bavan	Creston—Annie
May 30	Milford Buckley	Fred—Isabell
May 31	Irene Whitehead	James L.—Ina
June 7	Annita Lavoie	Eugene—Dezilda
June 14	Mable Jennie Lackie	David—Lenora
June 16	Marshall O. Sisson	Otis—Margaret
June 18	Louis Langevin	Louis—Laura
June 19	Harold W. Bousquet	Peter—Edith
June 20	Hervey Joseph Edwards Guilette	Reuben—Elizabeth
June 20	William Augustus Lee, Jr.	William A.—Lillian
June 28	Arthur Peneault	Joseph—Pamelia
July 8	Joseph Albert Tetrault	Amidie—Alice
July 8	Thirise Pippin	Ernest—Eva
July 10	Still born	
July 16	Eva La Rose	Henry—Delina
July 25	Joseph Edward R. Paquette	Henry S.—Jeanne
July 31	—Jetta	John—Katazama
Aug. 3	Still born	
Aug. 4	Gertrude Millis Collins	Ira—Edna
Aug. 9	Leonard Luscomb Gurney	Leonard F.—Mary L.
Aug. 13	Arthur Royland Laperriere	Albert—Rose D.
Aug. 15	Prince Eddie Brunell	Louis—Evelina
Aug. 17	Rogers Fris Coutins	David F.—Eliza F.
Aug. 26	Still born	

## Births—(Continued)

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Aug. 27	Mary Laura Gautreau	Alphe—Augusta
Aug. 31	Joseph Lea Gaumont	Bertrand—Josephine
Sept. 13	Roland Boisvert	Alfred—Regina
Sept. 17	Alex. T. Sylvia, Jr.	Alex T.—Margaret T.
Sept. 22	Edwin Stephen Cushman	Henry E.—Bessie M.
Sept. 23	Beatrice Beauleau	Toussant—Albertina
Sept. 24	Frederic Winchester Andrews, 2nd	Edwin H.—Sadie M.
Oct. 1	Ralph Francis Macomber	Edward L.—Abbie J.
Oct. 9	Fred Brown	Manuel—Mary
Oct. 21	Herbert Gross	Isaac—Esther
Oct. 26	Elzear Laplane, Jr.	Elzear—Anna
Nov. 12	Emille Roland Albert Dupuis	Albanie—Evelyn
Nov. 25	Wilfred Suprenant	Wilfred—Marie L.
Nov. 26	Joseph Romeo Lepage	Joseph—Victoria
Dec. 2	Harry Franklyn Tinkham	Oscar S.—Amy
Dec. 3	Margaret Ellen Holmes	Wallace—Rebecca
Dec. 7	Eleanor Louise Crandon	Frank P.—Althine
Dec. 12	Helen Elizabeth Budd	James A.—Elizabeth
Dec. 14	Theodore William Taylor	John H.—Mary I.
Dec. 18	Evon Cote	Joseph E.—Millie

## Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1914.

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	RESIDENCE
Jan. 13	Leroy Everett Ellis	Acushnet
	Abby Bryant Cleaveland	New Bedford
Feb. 23	John J. Kobza	Acushnet
	Dorela E. Provencher	New Bedford
Apr. 16	John F. Holmes	Acushnet
	Mary E. Moorehouse	New Bedford
Apr. 21	Frank Michon	Acushnet
	Rose Dilima Picard	New Bedford
Apr. 27	Honore Perrault	Acushnet
	Yvon Langlois	Acushnet
May 5	Alcide Bessonette	Acushnet
	Eloide A. Chemay	New Bedford
May 11	Alexander R. Houston, Jr.	Acushnet
	Alice Seddon	New Bedford
May 18	Raymond Bourque	Acushnet
	Rosanna Alex	Fall River
June 6	George F. Ellis	Acushnet
	Mabel M. Brocklehurst	New Bedford
June 23	Frank T. Howland, Jr.	Acushnet
	Elsie Alberston	Fairhaven
June 29	Telesphore Cormier	Acushnet
	Azelica Bourgeois	Acushnet
July 14	Antone A. Silveira	New Bedford
	Annie Bettencourt	Acushnet
Sept. 8	Theron R. Parker	New Bedford
	Flora A. Tripp	Acushnet
Oct. 12	Joseph E. Correau	New Bedford
	Alma Blouin	Acushnet
Oct. 26	Joseph Edward Lavoiseur	New Bedford
	Mary Aurore Senez	Acushnet
Nov. 15	Gene C. Minor	Acushnet
	Annabel H. MacGinn	Acushnet
Nov. 26	Manuel Thomas Sylvia	Acushnet
	Izabel C. Veira	New Bedford

## Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1914.

DATE	NAME	AGE			RESIDENCE
		Y.	M.	D.	
Feb. 25	Oliver Rivet	56	8	14	Acushnet
Mar. 6	Joseph Doyon			½	Acushnet
Mar. 12	Susie I. Tinkham	1	9	15	Acushnet
Mar. 20	Laurent Jaillet	80	3	2	Acushnet
Apr. 15	Caroline C. Bennett	80			Acushnet
Apr. 21	Henry C. White, Jr.		5	9	Acushnet
May 1	Maria C. Sherman	68	11	29	New Bedford
May 8	Sarah E. Howland	59	1	24	New Bedford
May 22	Bradford C. Pittsley		3	21	Acushnet
June 3	Milford Buckley			4	Acushnet
June 15	Charles H. Pittsley	37	7	28	Acushnet
June 17	William Tootle	52	4		Acushnet
June 18	Stillborn				Acushnet
June 22	Marshall O. Sisson			6	Acushnet
June 26	J. Maxime Gaudette	62	2	29	Acushnet
July 6	Horatio N. Wilbur	74	9	24	Acushnet
July 8	Octave Valle	46	9	23	Acushnet
July 9	Harold W. Bousquet			20	Acushnet
July 10	Stillborn				Acushnet
July 21	Ruth M. Parris	57	3	26	Acushnet
Aug. 3	Stillborn				Acushnet
Aug. 6	Inez H. Bumpus		9	14	Acushnet
Aug. 8	Mary B. Keith	71	5	21	Bridgewater
Aug. 10	Joseph Cordura, Jr.		3	21	Acushnet
Aug. 12	Florence E. Pittsley	20	7	5	Acushnet
Aug. 18	Louis Laferreira	1	2	15	Acushnet
Aug. 23	Alfred Boisvert	40	10		Acushnet
Aug. 24	Stillborn				Acushnet
Aug. 30	Betsy A. Chase	93	6	9	Acushnet
Sept. 1	Stillborn				Acushnet
Sept. 2	John Gomes, Jr.		3	3	Acushnet
Sept. 16	Medora E. Beslier	57	8	20	Mattapoisett
Oct. 31	Stillborn				Acushnet
Nov. 4	Charlotte C. Carr	78	1	2	New Bedford
Nov. 6	Zoel Bourque	5	11	24	Acushnet
Nov. 27	Arthur Goderre	24	3	24	New Bedford
Dec. 6	Mary Tomkeiwicz	9	9		Acushnet
Dec. 8	Walter Jernegan	43	6	26	Edgartown
Dec. 20	Jessie M. Peacock	38	10		Mattapoisett

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town for the year beginning January 1, 1914, and ending December 31, 1914:

#### Poor Account.

Paid for board,	\$117.50	
“ supplies,	699.71	
“ fuel,	63.65	
“ rent,	30.00	
“ medical attendance,	69.56	
“ medicine,	5.20	
“ board at hospitals,	164.77	
“ cash,	40.00	
		\$1,190.39
Paid for state aid,		\$192.00

#### Incidental Account.

H. C. Toupin, small pox, 1913,	1.85
E. E. Cushman, salary B. of H. 1913,	76.60
Paul & Dixon, insurance,	55.55
H. S. Hutchinson,	5.18
E. White, teller,	7.50
E. White, shingling,	18.75
E. W. Ashley, teller,	7.50
C. E. Beals, teller, 1913,	2.00
C. E. Beals, teller,	7.50
A. J. Poirier, nails,	4.50

F. M. Metcalf, surveying 1913,	79.40
A. R. Hambly, envelopes,	12.75
Bureau of statistics,	18.00
M. O. Bradford, injury to wagon,	1.50
Frank Queripel, labor,	.50
J. T. Brownell, auditor, 1913,	3.00
A. Lacroix, express,	.50
A. F. Lawrence, nails,	1.90
N. B. Printing Co., town reports,	74.00
N. B. Printing Co., other printing,	25.00
C. S. Ashley, Jr., & Co., treasurer's bond,	24.00
C. S. Ashley, Jr., insurance,	95.10
F. O. Tripp, inspector of animals, 1913,	65.00
F. O. Tripp, inspector of animals, 1914,	54.60
N. B. Scale Co., safe,	39.50
Wakefield Daily Item, supplies,	3.25
W. S. Cole, Memorial Day,	13.00
Gov. David I. Walsh,	100.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller,	3.00
DeWolf & Vincent, hardware,	.40
W. & L. E. Gurley, dies,	4.11
W. G. Taber, wood,	3.25
Carter Ink Co., ink,	.21
Perry, Jenney & Potter, advice,	17.00
Hobbs & Warren, forms,	3.88
Stamps for deeds,	1.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	20.57
George A. Cobb, work on pump,	2.25
Vaughan Undertaking Co., death returns,	3.00
Dr. J. F. Weeks, birth returns,	2.25
Dr. J. P. Bradford, birth returns,	6.50
Dr. J. V. Thuot, birth returns,	.75
Dr. J. C. Paquin, birth returns,	1.25
Dr. H. T. Healey, birth returns,	.75
Dr. George Marsden, birth returns,	.75
Dr. L. A. Perros, birth returns,	.25
Dr. H. C. Kirby, birth returns,	.25

Dr. S. A. Lamoureux, birth returns,	.50
Dr. A. E. Richard, birth returns,	.75
H. A. Jackson, salary, 1913,	25.00
H. A. Jackson, salary, 1914,	25.00
W. E. Tripp, salary, 1913,	25.00
W. E. Tripp, salary, 1914,	25.00
E. Diman, salary 1913,	25.00
R. Davis, salary 1913,	25.00
H. F. Taber, salary, assessor,	125.00
E. F. Leonard, salary, assessor,	100.00
G. A. Fuller, salary, assessor,	100.00
R. E. Parker, salary, tree warden,	5.00
R. E. Parker, wood,	3.00
F. E. Wellington, salary B. of H.	50.00
F. E. Wellington, salary, selectman,	25.00
F. E. Wellington, salary, O. of P.	25.00
F. E. Wellington, chairman of building com.,	25.00
F. E. Wellington, carting cells,	2.50
J. O. Douglass, salary, selectman,	25.00
J. O. Douglass, salary, O. of P.,	25.00
G. T. Parker, salary, selectman,	100.00
G. T. Parker, salary, O. of P.,	35.00
G. T. Parker, supplies,	3.22
H. D. Pierce, salary, B. of H.,	3.00
G. T. Parker, moderator,	10.00
Expense Highway Com.,	6.25
J. O. Douglass, advertising and selling town house,	7.00
E. Anthony & Sons, ballots,	2.25
H. F. Taber, town clerk,	60.20
H. F. Taber, collector,	459.73
H. F. Taber, treasurer,	151.08
Alden White, collector,	169.82
Alden White, treasurer,	13.03
Alden White, rendering oaths, etc.,	24.00
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	\$2,575.68

**Moth Inspector.**

A. P. R. Gilmore, labor,	\$48.75
Alton Pierce, labor,	49.50
H. E. Taber, labor,	30.00
R. H. Ashley, labor,	40.75
R. E. Parker, labor,	41.75
A. F. Harding, labor,	42.00
G. W. Loxton, labor,	16.75
B. A. Gilmore, labor,	2.75
C. L. Spooner, labor,	4.29
N. P. Hayes,	13.60
Self Holding Pruner Co.,	7.85
Fitzhenry Guptill Co.,	1.85
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	\$299.84

**Notes and Interest.**

Merchants National Bank, notes,	14,500.00
Merchants National Bank, interest,	286.33
Institution for Savings, notes,	1,500.00
Institution for Savings, interest,	350.00
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	\$16,636.33

**Board of Health.**

E. Anthony & Sons, postals,	3.50
R. W. Taber, record,	1.12
City of New Bedford, disinfecting,	6.00
Dr. S. A. Lamoureux, returns,	1.75
W. A. Payette, burial and returns,	16.00
Hobbs & Warren, forms,	1.35
Mercury Publishing Co., stationery,	1.75
A. E. Coffin Press Co., stationery,	5.00
H. C. Toupin, supplies,	19.20

Steiger, Dudgeon Co., supplies,	6.24
P. Fortin, milk,	21.24
C. A. Galligan, cots,	25.00
Mary Marshall, nurse,	15.00
Mrs. J. Lagasse, nurse,	73.50
H. E. Letendre, supplies,	110.65
Dr. H. J. Healey, services,	35.00
F. H. Wood, rent,	35.00
D. Lackie, fuel,	2.00
Keystone Job Print, stationery,	4.37
P. Dufault, ice,	7.50
Dr. J. P. Bradford, services and board,	277.39
A. S. Jenney, inspection,	112.85
F. E. Wellington, supplies,	1.13
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	\$782.54

**Industrial School.**

Appropriation,	\$750.00
Paid City of New Bedford,	668.75
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Balance,	\$81.25

**Telephones.**

N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.,	\$182.49
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**Constables.**

J. M. Vincent,	\$99.87
C. E. Gifford,	147.43
E. L. Macomber,	89.23
F. J. Francis,	3.84
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	\$340.37

Orders given by Selectmen on bills approved by Forest Warden,	\$1,006.95
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Orders given by Selectmen on bills approved by Chairman of School Committee,	\$11,245.34
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Orders given by Selectmen on bills approved by Ch. Trustees of Free Public Library,	\$340.38
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Orders given by Selectmen on bills approved by Highway Surveyor,	\$8,030.55
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**Valuation of Town April 1, 1914.**

Personal property,	\$138,060.00
Buildings,	518,200.00
Land,	497,760.00
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Total,	\$1,154,020.00
Rate of taxation,	\$23.00
Number of assessed polls,	521
Number of assessed horses,	311
Number of assessed cows,	615
Number of assessed neat cattle,	101
Number of assessed swine,	59
Number of dwellings,	450
Number of assessed acres of land,	10.930
Number of fowl assessed,	14,925
Value of assessed fowl,	\$11,495
Number of registered voters, February, 1915,	278

The Town Owns Property as Follows:

School houses and lots,	\$22,060.00
Town house and lot,	5,000.00
Crusher plant,	1,250.00
Library books and fixtures,	800.00
Safes,	300.00
Gravel lots,	100.00
Roller house and lot,	750.00
Steam Roller,	1,500.00
Watering cart,	200.00
Pump and Scales,	250.00
School books and supplies,	200.00
School barges,	250.00
Forest fire apparatus and building,	1,000.00
Road scraper,	250.00
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	\$33,850.00

Appropriations for 1914.

Schools and superintendent's salary,	\$8,000.00
Poor,	1,000.00
Incidentals,	1,500.00
Highways,	6,000.00
Notes and interest,	3,500.00
Public Library,	350.00
Moths,	300.00
Board of Health,	100.00
High school transportation,	450.00
Forest warden,	800.00
Road scraper,	300.00
Industrial school tuition,	750.00

Present Town Debt.

Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Aug. 1, 1915, at 4%,	\$1,000.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1915, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Aug. 1, 1916, at 4%,	1,000.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1916, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1917, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1918, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1919, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1920, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1921, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1922, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1923, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by C. D. Parker, due Nov. 15, 1915, at 5%,	1,000.00
Note held by C. D. Parker, due Nov. 15, 1916, at 5%,	1,000.00
Note held by C. D. Parker, due Nov. 15, 1917, at 5%,	1,000.00
Note held by C. D. Parker, due Nov. 15, 1918, at 5%,	1,000.00
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	\$10,500.00

The guide boards in town are in good condition.

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Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE T. PARKER,  
JAMES O. DOUGLASS,  
FRED E. WELLINGTON,  
Selectmen of Acushnet.

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#### Report of Forest Warden.

Town appropriation,	\$800.00
Received from state,	106.78
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	\$906.78
New equipment:	
Robertson Motor Co., truck,	\$800.00
Robertson Motor Co., ladders, etc.,	104.38
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	\$904.38
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Balance,	\$2.40
Supplies and miscellany:	
Mass. Highway Com. license,	\$6.00
Valvoline Oil Co., gas,	1.35
James Hartley, lumber,	6.72
Driscoll, Church & Hall, soda,	1.75
J. Paquette, moving building,	9.00
G. A. Cobb, gas,	2.10
A. F. Lawrence,	1.30
A. F. Lawrence, telephoning,	.20
Robertson Motor Car Co., supplies,	9.55
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	\$37.97

Paid for fighting fires:

Leslie Morse,	\$1.00
Frank L. Borden,	3.00
James E. Higgins,	7.50
E. E. Rounseville,	2.25
Walton E. Braley,	1.50
R. G. Morse and men,	10.25
John S. Geggatt,	1.00
Joshua M. Geggatt,	1.00
Lombert Adams,	2.00
Allan C. Ashley,	1.50
E. W. Ashley,	2.50
C. E. Gifford,	2.60
George Petty,	2.00
Harold E. Taber,	.50
Alton Pierce,	.50
Arthur Harding,	.50
B. F. White,	25.00
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	\$64.60

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\$102.57

The Forest Warden would respectfully request that all fires be immediately reported to him, and that all complaints of inefficient service be reported to him in writing properly signed by complainant.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. TABER,  
Forest Warden.

### HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

#### Labor.

James H. Hathaway, 165 days, 2 hours, at	\$3.00	\$495.66
James H. Hathaway, 1 day, at	2.50	2.50
Andrew H. Burke, 140 days, at	2.50	350.00
Samuel Sturtevant, 56 days, at	2.50	140.00
Walter C. Caswell, 131 days, 3 hours, at	1.75	229.82
Philip E. Macomber, 96 days, 3 hours, at	1.75	168.57
Arthur L. Tripp, 126 days, 7 hours, at	1.75	221.85
Fred Buckley, 152 days, 4 hours at	1.75	266.84
Cornelius A. Sowle, 127 days, 1 hour, at	1.75	222.43
Edward W. Ashley, 88 days, 5 hours, at	1.75	154.96
Joseph Herbert, 96 days, at	1.75	168.00
Nathan Eldridge, 82 days, at	1.75	143.50
Frank Feireira, 61 days, 2 hours, at	1.75	107.13
John J. Green, 38 days, at	1.75	66.50
William B. Mayes, 21 days, 2 hours	1.75	37.13
Harry G. Sherman, 23 days, at	1.75	40.25
Granville A. Ashley, 19 days, 8 hours, at	1.75	34.80
John F. Smith, 48 days, at	1.75	84.00
Harry F. Ashley, 21 days, 4 hours, at	1.75	37.52
Robert Rayno, 9 days, at	1.75	15.75
Frank Vera, 2 days, at	1.75	3.50
Eugene White, 3 days, at	2.50	7.50
Robert Rayno, 20 days, at	1.50	30.00
J. E. Borden, 51 days, at	1.50	76.50
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		\$3,104.71

#### Teaming.

James H. Hathaway, 146 days, at	\$2.75	\$401.50
Charles P. Cottle, 132 days, 3 hours, at	4.50	595.50
Manuel Fagundes, 36 days, at	4.50	162.00
Joseph Paquette, 32 days, 5 hours,	4.50	146.50
Telesphore Bolduc, 22 days, at	4.50	99.00
Benjamin Hebert, 20 days, 4 hours, at	4.50	92.00
Stanislas St. Jean, 12 days, at	4.50	54.00
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		\$1,550.55

#### Stone Account.

Flavien Benjamin,	\$330.51
Telesphore Bolduc,	36.68
P. St. Germaine,	36.82
Joseph T. Brownell,	84.53
Joseph Paquette,	9.88
James H. Hathaway,	64.86
A. Hubert,	11.96
George Soule,	12.93
H. A. Jackson,	60.69
Jules Raullet,	43.36
John M. Vincent,	4.03
J. Bauchanie,	32.24
Rexford G. Morse,	24.96
M. O. Bradford,	148.67
R. Varley,	5.33
Henry Saucier,	70.10
Frank Noia,	236.44
Manuel Medeiros,	257.48
J. Almeida,	50.79
John W. Pierce,	9.07
A. H. Hammond,	30.04
Manuel Fagundes,	52.96
John Richardson,	27.10
E. L. Brawley,	2.92

Fred Buckley,	9.53
O. Provincher,	125.46
Frank L. Borden,	217.51
Walter C. Caswell,	176.74
W. E. Collins,	9.84

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Mass. Highway Commission, crushed stone,	\$100.38
Curtis Hemmann, dynamite,	16.00
Charles P. Cottle, dynamite,	1.68
A. H. Burke, dynamite,	2.00
F. L. Borden, dynamite,	5.60
Walter White, dynamite,	8.00
Joseph T. Brownell, dynamite,	2.40
Lafrance Bros. old crusher,	100.00
Frank Crandon, dynamite,	2.40
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	\$238.46

**Road Machine.**

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid for machine,	\$272.67
Paid for freight and other expenses,	10.58
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	\$283.25
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Balance,	\$16.75

**Highway Incidentals.**

Babbitt St. Specialty Co.,	\$52.66
P. F. Wood Boiler Works,	8.08
P. B. Bragdon,	10.00
C. Desrosiers,	109.30
J. Hartley,	54.60
Ingersoll Sargeant Drill Co.,	28.96
F. P. Crandon,	25.00
Buffalo Pitts. St. Roller Co.,	76.98

George A. Cobb,	45.09
Wood, Brightman & Co.,	13.38
Dennison Bros., Co.,	289.14
E. L. Macomber,	29.50
J. Herbert,	.89
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.,	7.12
J. Handy Co.,	21.61
P. Papaioamon,	22.96
Cameron Powder Co.,	85.53
George A. Eggers,	31.30
E. E. Cushman,	27.57
C. S. Ashley Jr., & Co.,	50.00
M. E. Douglass,	3.50
J. H. Hathaway,	3.70
Slocum & Kilburn,	2.95
H. W. Turner,	5.75
Fairbanks Co.,	2.00
Main Supply Co.,	52.88
W. A. Durfee,	2.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	15.12
N. B. Printing Co.,	2.00
T. Zmuda,	1.50
Paisler & Willis,	44.41
A. E. Wordell,	2.45
R. Davis,	7.60
E. D. Etnyre & Co.,	21.22
O. Harding,	2.00
Adams Express,	3.03
M. Souza,	10.00
D. Guillotte,	11.25
A. F. Lawrence,	8.83
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	\$1,191.86

## Summary.

Balance from 1913,	\$2,258.23	
Appropriation,	6,000.00	
Credit from stone, etc.,	238.46	
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Paid for stone,	\$2,183.43	
Paid for labor,	3,104.71	
Paid for teaming,	1,550.55	
Paid for incidentals,	1,191.86	
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Balance,		\$466.14

JAMES H. HATHAWAY.  
Single Highway Surveyor.

## TOWN HALL.

Appropriation,	\$4,000.00	
Sale of Old Town House and Lot,	825.00	
Sale of shingles,	7.00	
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Paid T. W. Croacher,	\$1,667.26	
W. F. Douglass,	965.19	
G. M. Bennett,	536.01	
A. W. Perkins,	450.00	
Paisler & Willis,	199.70	
H. W. Chase,	61.97	
S. S. Paine & Bro.	44.10	
George A. Cobb,	41.55	
For stone,	95.86	
C. L. Dunham,	140.00	
Noyes Randall Co.,	200.00	
H. Therrien,	61.50	
J. W. Pierce & Son,	102.85	
Dighton Furnace Co.,	330.00	
J. Williams,	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,935.99
Deficit,		\$103.99

## Tool House.

Paid T. W. Croacher,	\$277.06	
Paid E. White,	131.88	
Paid R. Davis,	2.25	
	<hr/>	\$411.19
Appropriation,	\$400.00	
Sale of shingles,	7.75	
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Deficit,		\$3.44

### ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At last we have a new library room for our books, also a more convenient and appropriate Town Hall and our citizens are pleased and thankful for these two much needed improvements in Acushnet.

The Trustees have been able to supply the interior furnishings of the new building by sums acquired by them from different entertainments the past ten years given for this purpose, still something is to be desired but deficiencies can be made up later.

Mr. Clement N. Swift has given us a picture of old Acushnet and the town is greatly indebted to him for the donation of his fine large picture, a copy of Rosa Bonheur's "Plowing in the Lands," (Burgundy). The Selectmen thought best to place this in the library. These splendid gifts we know will be appreciated by our townspeople.

Through the kindness of Dr. Bradford, Miss Mary Bradford of Fairhaven, is to give us a black and white drawing by her artist father William Bradford, and through the kindly interest of Mr. George Bartlett we have received some old and valuable ship papers which are to be framed to adorn our walls.

We do not know whether the attendance will be affected by our change in location, but the present room for our books is far more comfortable and attractive than the old room. I feel it a duty and a pleasure to acknowledge the debt the town owes our librarian, Mrs. Swift, for her unwearied interest in the new building. She has given time, thought and work to each department, as well as in the task of re-arranging so many books.

For details of the past year see report of the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY A. BROWNELL, Secretary.

### Report of the Librarian of the Acushnet Free Public Library Year Ending December 31, 1914.

Books taken out Jan 1, 1914 to Dec. 31, 1914,		4,758
Average per week (closed seven weeks),		105
Books bought,	88	
Books given,	105	
	—————	113
EXPENSES.		
Books and magazines,	\$16.03	
Expressage,	4.32	
Postage,	1.30	
Sundries,	3.94	
	—————	\$26.19
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1914,	\$1.54	
Fines, list cards, books and magazines,	24.65	
	—————	\$26.19

Those interested in our library will at once observe from the above report that considerably fewer books were purchased.

### LIBRARY REPORT.

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This year, with a reference to the report of the chairman of the trustees it will be seen that about 300 books have been rebound, besides the regular binding of magazines and at the cheapest rates this represents a large outlay. In addition the card-pocket system, which greatly facilitates the routine work of giving out books has been inaugurated at an outlay also recorded. The chairman reports that to get this system into working order as expeditiously as possible it was necessary for the librarian to have an assistant for about ten days. We are now established in the new library at Parting Ways, and hope that although some of the former card-holders may drop out, to find an enlarged field of usefulness and much more in the centre of Acushnet.

Perhaps it may be mentioned here that all the new furnishings and the remodeling of the old has been undertaken by the trustees and defrayed from a sum raised by them and the late librarian, Miss Collins, in years past through exhibition and entertainments of various kinds for this purpose. During the past year we are indebted for gifts of books by several friends, and the New Bedford Standard, Mr. Edward Denham, the New Bedford Reading Club and the G. A. R., and have received many bulletins from the state on agricultural and forestry subjects, which it seems a pity are not more often consulted by those interested in such matters.

Miss Maud Goodwin also sent us, by recommendation of the state, two copies of her book, "The Daughter of Angy," and the state supplied us with a most exhaustive and beautifully illustrated history of the Panama Canal.

ANNIE A. (MRS. C.) SWIFT, Librarian.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

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I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Highway Surveyor, Schools, and all trust bonds held by the town for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1914, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,  
Auditor.

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### REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

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Your Inspector received notice from the Department of Animal Industry to begin inspection the first of February and be completed the middle of March. I inspected 118 barns, 846 cattle, 141 swine and 1 goat. Killed 4 cows afflicted with tuberculosis.

On the seventh of November I received word that the hoof and mouth disease existed in our Commonwealth, and that all cows that could be traced to Brighton within two weeks should be quarantined, also all animals on those farms. Seven farms, on which were 76 cows were under quarantine. All persons were forbidden going into barns where cattle were kept from Nov. 7th to Jan. 13th, 1915, except those caring for them.

It was the farmers' good fortune that the disease did not develop in this town. It really did exist in the following towns and cities:

Amherst	Dracut	Shrewsbury
Ashland	Grafton	Stoneham
Attleboro	Granby	Sudbury
Auburn	Hingham	Swampscott
Bellingham	Lynn	Swansea
Belmont	Maynard	Warren
Berkley	Medford	Watertown
Boston	Mendon	West Boylston
Brockton	North Attleboro	Westport
Chicopee	Rehoboth	Worcester
Danvers	Seekonk	

Respectfully submitted,

F. O. TRIPP,  
Inspector.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

*To the Citizens of Acushnet:—*

The Board of Health respectfully submit its annual report for the year of 1914. The board consists of:

J. P. Bradford, M. D., Chairman; term expires 1915.

Fred E. Wellington, Secretary and Agent; term expires 1916.

Henry D. Pierce; term expires 1917.

There were 35 cases of contagious diseases reported during 1914.

Scarlet Fever 6.  
Measles 1.  
Chicken Pox 11.  
Tuberculosis 3.  
Typhoid Fever 9.  
Whooping Cough 5.

There were 43 deaths recorded during the year.

On August 12 there were eight cases of typhoid fever reported; August 29 there was one case of typhoid fever reported all in the same house. Having no contagious disease hospital the house was turned into an isolation hospital and the patients were cared for there. Eight of these cases belonged to New Bedford and they reimbursed us \$537.30.

The usual complaints of petty nuisances have been reported and settled with little disturbance. Mr. Albert S. Jenny was appointed by the Board and approved by the State as inspector of slaughtered carcasses for the year 1914 and there was inspected from Jan. 1, 1914 to Jan. 1, 1915: Beef 26, veal 205, and swine 302.

The Board would respectfully call the attention of the town to the congested condition of parts of the town which occasion unsanitary surroundings for the wells supplying these tenements and urge an early relief for the same.

Yours respectfully,

FRED E. WELLINGTON, Secretary.

JOEL P. BRADFORD, M. D.

FRED E. WELLINGTON,

HENRY D. PIERCE,

Board of Health.

### HUNTERS' LICENSES.

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Eighty-one resident hunter's licenses were issued for 1914.

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### DOGS.

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Number of dogs licensed in town during 1914, 201; 183 males, 18 females.

HENRY F. TABER,  
Town Clerk.

# SCHOOL REPORT

1915

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### School Committee.

WALTER E. TRIPP,  
HENRY A. JACKSON,  
RICHARD A. DAVIS,

Term expires 1915  
Term expires 1916  
Term expires 1917

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WALTER E. TRIPP, Chairman.  
RICHARD A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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CHARLES F. PRIOR, Superintendent.  
Telephone at home in Fairhaven, 3514-M.  
Telephone at office, Fairhaven Town Hall, 3891.

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Regular meeting of the School Committee, Feb. 4, 1915.  
"Voted, to adopt the report of the Superintendent as the report of the School Committee."

**SCHOOL CALENDAR.**


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 1915.

Tuesday, Dec. 29 (1914)	Schools re-open
Friday, March 19	Schools close
Monday, March 29	Schools re-open
Monday, April 19	Patriots' Day. Legal holiday
Friday, June 11	Schools close. Summer vacation
Tuesday, Sept. 7	Schools re-open
Tuesday, Oct. 12	Columbus Day. Legal holiday
Wednesday, Nov. 24	Schools close. Thanksgiving vacation
Monday, Nov. 29	Schools re-open
Friday, Dec. 24	Schools close. Christmas vacation
Tuesday, Jan. 4 (1916)	Schools re-open

**PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.**


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Elizabeth L. Norell	Parting Ways	Aroostook Normal
Anna I. Dearborn	"	Lowell Normal
Jennie Bresth	"	Fitchburg Normal
Ruth E. Fitzsimmons	"	Bridgewater Normal
Helen B. Walton	"	Salem Normal
Marie S. Howard	"	New Bedford High School
Ruth R. Holden	Long Plain	North Adams Normal
Ruth E. Schermerhorn	"	Salem Normal

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**ROLL OF HONOR.**


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 Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the year  
 1913-1914.

Marjory Haskins	Alice Macomber
Bessie Taber	Helen White
Rachel Work	Henry Guilbeault
Rosy Alves	Helen Gifford
Amy Hathaway	Howard O. Jackson
Helen Hathaway	Clayton Morse
Juliet Bolduc	Freddie Hathaway

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.  
SCHOOL YEAR. September, 1913—June, 1914.

SCHOOLS	Grades	TEACHERS	Whole number enrolled	Average membership	Average daily attendance	Per cent. attendance	Total days absence	Cases of tardiness	Dismissals.
Parting Ways .....	7-8-9	Elizabeth L. Norell .....	35	24.0	33.1	95.9	162.0	7	6
Parting Ways .....	5 & 6	Almyra Davis .....	49	40.9	38.	92.6	466.	17	7
Parting Ways .....	4-5	Beulah D. Wood .....	42	37.1	34.0	91.6	488.5	38	7
Parting Ways .....	3	Helen B. Walton .....	54	41.9	38.3	90.4	580.5	40	8
Parting Ways .....	2	Edith M. Hathaway .....	49	41.6	38.4	92.2	522.	28	3
Parting Ways .....	1	Mary M. Gregg .....	77	55.8	52.3	93.7	597.	7	1
Long Plain .....	5-9	Marie S. Howard .....	33	20.6	19.6	95.0	379.	7	0
Long Plain .....	1-4	Grace Farnsworth .....	42	35.0	32.1	91.	889.	57	10
		Mary W. Urquhart .....	42	35.0	32.1	91.	889.	57	10
		TOTALS, 1914.....	381	296.9	275.8	92.8	4084.0	201	42
		TOTALS, 1913.....	328	245.6	229.3	93.	3837.5	250	67
		TOTALS, 1912.....	304	248.6	226.0	90.8	3923.	327	98
		TOTALS, 1911.....	265	225.8	208.5	92.	3215.5	207	83
		TOTALS, 1910.....	258	207.6	187.2	90.	3403.5	199	80

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Acushnet:—

Gentlemen:—The eighteenth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith submitted.

In the distribution of the time of the Superintendent, Acushnet and Mattapoisett have each one-sixth of the whole. It may be of interest to note the increase in the school enrollment in the district during the past ten years.

	Enrollment in 1904	Enrollment in 1914 (June)
Town		
Fairhaven,	858	1,081
Mattapoisett,	193	242
Acushnet,	219	381
	1,270	1,704

The enrollment in Acushnet schools on January 1st, 1915, was 354, an increase of 15 over the number at the same time last year. The total enrollment up to date has been 389.

### Buildings.

Last year it was stated that another room and teacher for the pupils of the Parting Ways School seemed a necessity. The expedient of having a half-session for pupils of the first grade enabled us to get along in a fairly satisfactory way until June. In September we were confronted with a similar situation in not only the first grade but in most of the rooms of the building. In the first grade by adopting the

single session plan it has been possible to get along, just as we did last year. In the second grade there has been an enrollment of from fifty-three to fifty-eight pupils. As all of these children were within the compulsory age limit it was impossible to adopt the single session plan for them, and one teacher has been compelled to have this large number of pupils crowded into one room, a grave disadvantage from either an educational or a hygienic point of view. In grades five and six more than fifty pupils have been enrolled since the beginning of the year and in two other schools the number of pupils has been but little less than fifty. As stated last year, fifty is the legal limit for one teacher. With three schools having more than fifty pupils each and two having practically fifty pupils it is obvious there is need of relief. Early in the fall an Agent of the State Board of Education visited the building and expressed himself very emphatically concerning the crowded conditions.

The question remains as to what shall be done to relieve conditions. One proposition is to make a further addition of two rooms to the Parting Ways School. In favor of this it may be urged that more room would be provided with a relatively small increase of expenditure for a Principal and janitor service. Furthermore, the resulting eight room building would enable a better distribution of grades than by providing a two room building elsewhere. Against the plan of adding on two rooms, is suggested the fact that the resulting eight room wooden building might be unsafe in case of fire.

The erection of a two room building somewhere near Nye's Lane on Middle Road is proposed. In favor of this, it is suggested that transportation expense would be saved. This would be true if people were willing to have their children walk as far as a mile and one-half, which would be necessary in few cases. If it became necessary to run a barge, this expense, in addition to that for janitor service and other expenses of administration, would not tend to decrease the net cost to the town. Educationally considered,

the two-room building would not be satisfactory as the larger one.

It has been suggested that one or two rooms might be fitted up in the new Town Hall. If the citizens were willing, this would seem to be a good temporary solution of the problem. If two rooms were needed, a movable partition might be erected. On days when the hall was used by the town this could be removed and the seats and desks placed elsewhere. There would be much inconvenience in this arrangement and some interruption of school work but it would enable us to get along for a time.

The present depression in business conditions renders it somewhat uncertain whether there will be an increase in the school population during this coming year. If there should be no increase, it would be possible to house the children as at present by employing an assistant teacher to work in the crowded rooms. Such a teacher could sometimes hear special classes of children in the room now used as an office. If such a plan is followed it would continue to be necessary to follow the half-session plan in grade one. It would be impossible, however, to get along without more room if there should be an increase in the school population next year.

With the return of good business conditions it is practically certain that the section of Acushnet next to New Bedford will continue to grow, and that school accommodations will have to be provided for more and more children. The Parting Ways School has cost more than it ought because it always costs more to add to a building than to build new. If it had been possible to forecast the need of an eight-room building and to have erected it at first it would have been economy to the town, even though it was not all occupied at once. If it is reasonable to believe in the continual growth of this section of the town, this ought to lead to the adoption of a far sighted policy in the provision of school buildings for the future. In my opinion such a policy would include the erection of a four room building in the vicinity of Parting Ways, rather than an addition of two rooms to the present

building. The whole question calls for careful thought by the voters.

#### Teachers.

Six new teachers have become members of your corps since the last report. All the resignations occurred because of higher salaries elsewhere. The new teachers are doing efficient work and it is to be hoped that we may keep most of them for at least a second year of work. In previous reports the importance of securing and retaining good teachers has been emphasized. Few people realize the relation between results and expenditure in this direction. It is safe to say that it is as impossible to secure the services of the best teachers without paying well for them as it is to purchase solid mahogany furniture with the amount usually paid for an imitation of it.

#### Course of Study and Organization.

New outlines in Arithmetic and Geography have been furnished since the last report. Something has been done toward the preparation of a new course of study in Reading. The work in this branch needs to be more carefully arranged.

In most progressive school systems in Massachusetts the length of the elementary course of study is eight years instead of nine as in Acushnet. Three years ago the entrance age was raised from five to six with the purpose of ultimately lessening the number of grades in your schools. We have had so many over-age children in the lower grades and the number of children per teacher has been so large that it has not seemed wise as yet to make the change. In my opinion the condition of your schools is now such that you ought to consider at an early date the elimination of the ninth grade. Such a change would tend to increase the number of pupils to reach the upper grades and high school, and would enable a better distribution of grades in each of your buildings. Having raised the entrance age to six and having raised

the standard of teaching, it should be possible to effect the saving of a year of time without loss in the quality of the educational result.

#### Music and Drawing.

It is a continual source of regret that it is not possible to have music and drawing taught more systematically in the schools. The teachers do all possible in these branches but the services of special supervisors are necessary for the accomplishment of high grade work. Supervision of these subjects adequate to our needs would cost about \$400 annually. Such an expenditure would yield large returns to the pupils of the schools. Both subjects are important. Ability to sing adds to one's social pleasure and increases the happiness of the home. Drawing trains one to observe closely and is susceptible of practical application in many directions. In addition to the advantages accruing to pupils from the subjects themselves, these subjects are needed in our schools to prepare pupils for further study. The boy who enters a trade school without having had a good course in drawing is badly handicapped, as is also the pupil who enters high school in company with students who have had systematic training in the subject. I know the tax rate is high and the town has a heavy burden to carry but can't we add enough to our appropriation to have these subjects taught next year?

#### Medical Inspection.

The eyes and ears of the pupils have been examined by the teachers with the following results:

Number of pupils examined,	341
Number found defective in eyesight,	17
Number found defective in hearing,	4
Number of parents notified,	20

There is need of a greater degree of co-operation on the part of the community in the effort to keep the schools clean

and healthful. Public sentiment should support the most rigid enforcement of laws which lessen the degree of danger from contagious diseases and which tend to make the schools hygienic places for children. The parent who allows his child to disregard quarantine is not co-operating in the health work of the schools, neither is the parent who becomes angry because his child is sent home on account of vermin or some other non-dangerous but nevertheless disagreeable and contagious disease.

#### Graduation.

Eleven graduated from the ninth grade of the Parting Ways School in June and exercises were held before a large audience. I would suggest that in the future the pupils of the Long Plain school have a part in these exercises. There are hardly enough pupils to make feasible commencement exercises at each building, but once each year it ought to be possible to unite, even though their distance apart is considerable.

#### Long Plain School.

Miss Grace Farnsworth, Principal of the Long Plain School, resigned in June to accept a position in New Britain, Connecticut. Her place was filled by the appointment of Miss Ruth R. Holden, a graduate of North Adams Normal School, who had made special preparation for rural school work. Miss Ruth E. Schermerhorn was selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Urquhart. It is a pleasure to state that the work at this school continues to be of a high order. Both teachers are enthusiastic and efficient. An entertainment was held in November to raise money for the purchase of manual training material. A good sum was realized and work in this line has been begun. Music is receiving more attention than usual this year and it is a pleasure to note the progress being made.

#### High School Pupils.

Twenty-one pupils from Acushnet are enrolled in Fairhaven High School, five in New Bedford High School, and six in the New Bedford Industrial School. It is evident that there is a growing inclination on the part of parents to give the boys and girls more than a grammar school education. Acushnet is fortunately situated in that it is near good educational opportunities, which are available with relatively small expense to the town. The tuition at New Bedford High School or Fairhaven High School is \$75 per year, of which amount the State reimburses the town half. At the Industrial School the tuition for a boy is \$150 and for a girl \$100 per year, of which amounts the State likewise reimburses one-half. The town is compelled to furnish free transportation to High School pupils, but not to Industrial School pupils. Under the present law Acushnet receives full reimbursement for high school transportation expenditure.

In view of the fact that twenty-one pupils from Acushnet are enrolled in Fairhaven High School and have a part in its various activities, it is pertinent to include here brief mention of some features in the work of that school during the year. The enrollment numbers 191. Despite the fact that the largest class in its history graduated in June there was an increase in membership in the fall. In several departments notably good work has been accomplished. The manual training exhibit last spring showed such articles as morris chairs, cedar chests, dining tables, etc., as well as many less elaborate pieces, all of very superior workmanship. In quality and quantity the exhibit was esteemed the best the school has shown. The gymnasium exhibit was pronounced by those who had attended previous ones as the best yet given. In this department, also, the football eleven won credit for the school and itself by defeating the leading elevens of the Southeastern Massachusetts League, thereby

winning the honor of foremost position if not the championship title among the schools of this part of the state. Last spring the Agricultural Department of Amherst College organized Home Economic Clubs among the high school girls of the state. The purpose was to stimulate an interest in home duties. Prizes were offered. Each contestant selected as a major activity either bread making or canning and preserving, to which she was required to devote a certain number of hours of time. In addition she was required to perform certain other work. The sending in of a weekly report to Amherst was one of the conditions of the contest. Twenty girls from the High School enrolled and eight stayed in the contest until the end. The second prize in the state-wide contest was awarded a girl from Fairhaven. Other prizes in connection with the contest came to pupils of the school. In June the experiment of holding a regular session of the school between the hours of 4.30 and 9.30 P. M. was tried. The purpose was to furnish an opportunity to fathers, as well as others employed during the day, to see the school at its daily work. An effort was made to record the number of visitors, but they came so fast that this was given up. It is estimated that nearly, if not quite, six hundred visitors came to the school during the evening. Although it is doubtful if the classes recited in quite their usual form under such unusual conditions, nevertheless it was possible for the visitor to secure a fairly clear idea of what was being attempted in the daily work of the school. A number of people from Acushnet were present. To all the activities of the school Acushnet parents and citizens have a cordial invitation.

#### Finances.

The change in the date of ending of the fiscal year from January 31st to December 31st lessened the expenditures of the School Department last year because there was one month less of school. It was on this account that there was a net

balance of \$748.50 on January 1, 1914. The total balance was \$967.88, but this was reduced by payment from it of the deficit of \$219.38 in the High School tuition account. In the statement of receipts and expenditures, as regularly recorded, High School transportation and tuition accounts are not included because separate appropriations are made for these items. It has been the custom, however, to consider the total appropriation for school purposes as available to pay the bills of the School Department, under whatever accounts they were recorded.

The amount of the appropriation needed for next year will be conditioned by the vote of the town regarding new school accommodations. If a building is erected near Nye's Lane, the from fifty to sixty children attending there will require two additional teachers, while it will be necessary to maintain the same number of schools at Parting Ways as at present. If addition is made to the Parting Ways School or the Town Hall is utilized, it may be possible to distribute the children so as to get along with one more teacher next year. If there is no increase in the school population, a condition which has not existed for several years, one additional teacher, either as an assistant in the crowded room or as teacher of a school opened in the Town Hall, will be sufficient. If it is assumed that one new teacher will be employed, an increase of \$500 in the appropriation should be made, otherwise \$1,000 additional will be needed. The same appropriation as last year for High School tuition will be necessary.

Permit me to express here my appreciation of the faithful and efficient efforts of the teachers. I wish to thank the School Committee for the courtesy and co-operation shown.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. PRIOR.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jan. 1, 1914, to Jan. 1, 1915.

#### Receipts.

Appropriation,	\$7,000.00
State School Fund,	921.62
State on account of Superintendent,	208.33
County Dog Fund,	350.58
Rent of barge,	3.00
Balance from 1914,	967.88
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	\$9,451.41

#### Expenditures.

Superintendent's salary,	\$387.48
Teachers' salaries,	4,051.56
Transportation,	2,048.50
Janitors,	597.75
Books and supplies,	326.53
Repairs and new equipment,	497.11
Fuel,	369.10
Miscellaneous,	208.39
Health,	75.00
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	\$8,561.42
*Balance on hand,	889.99
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	\$9,451.41

\*This is not a net balance as a part has been used to pay deficits in High School Transportation and Tuition accounts.

#### Teachers' Salaries.

Elizabeth Norell,	\$701.25
Mary Urquhart,	264.00
Grace Farnsworth,	347.30
Ruth Holden,	144.70
Ruth Schermerhorn,	180.00
Almyra Davis,	264.00
Beulah D. Wood,	280.80
Mary M. Gregg,	470.00
Marie S. Howard,	481.00
Anna I. Dearborn,	180.00
Jennie Bresth,	180.00
Ruth E. Fitzsimmons,	180.00
Helen B. Walton,	130.00
Edith Hathaway,	144.76
Rachel W. Gifford,	14.00
Frances D. Perry,	2.50
Mrs. Braley,	3.75
George E. Caswell,	13.00
J. Omer LeDuc,	70.50
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	\$4,051.56

#### Transportation.

M. O. Bradford,	\$440.00
Charles Bennett,	555.00
Charles Spooner,	556.00
John Vincent,	277.50
Charles Gifford,	120.00
Fred Bulkley,	50.00
I. Grosse,	50.00
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	\$2,048.50

## Repairs and New Equipment.

Charles Peckham,	\$28.75
Eugene White,	34.00
Thomas W. Croacher,	99.95
Chester Gifford,	4.40
Gustave Blanchette,	14.65
E. L. Macomber,	69.00
Charles Spooner,	10.50
G. M. Bennett,	1.23
F. A. Shockley,	85.15
W. F. Pierce,	4.08
A. F. Lawrence,	2.20
Anthony Daniels,	18.00
Richard A. Davis,	33.17
Babbitt Steam Specialty Co.,	1.00
George S. Metcalf,	6.95
M. O. Bradford,	2.10
D. Guillotte,	6.00
C. F. Wing,	28.50
Frank C. Crandon,	6.15
George B. Allen,	19.00
Crawford L. Dunham,	21.80
F. T. Akin Co.,	.53
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	\$497.11

## Superintendent.

Charles F. Prior,	\$387.48
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## Fuel.

Rounseville Brothers,	\$8.13
James Hartley,	17.00
Denison Brothers,	110.34
City Coal Co.,	233.63
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	\$369.10

## Books and Supplies.

J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$109.84
E. Babb & Co.,	150.04
Ginn & Co.,	16.72
D. C. Heath & Co.,	13.07
D. Appleton & Company,	10.33
Century Company,	17.42
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	2.17
E. P. Dutton & Company,	5.22
Educational Publishing Co.,	1.72
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	\$326.53

## Miscellaneous.

E. Anthony & Sons,	\$13.12
Sturtevant & Hook Corporation,	14.76
Mrs. J. E. Bell,	3.00
Briggs & Beckman,	1.50
Edward Ashley,	30.00
E. E. Cushman,	7.25
New Bedford Despatch Co.,	.75
C. F. Wing Co.,	2.50
Alice R. Braley,	2.00
C. F. Cushing,	17.75
D. Guillotte,	2.15
T. W. Croacher,	4.59
F. S. Brightman,	1.00
E. P. Hirst & Co.,	.56
Watler E. Tripp,	6.60
Elizabeth Norell,	1.71
Adams Express Co.,	2.19
H. A. Jackson,	1.90
George A. Cobb,	14.63
Benjamin F. White,	2.60

New Bedford Dry Goods Company,	3.75
Richard A. Davis,	12.36
Browne Pharmacy,	1.00
A. E. Wordell,	2.50
Manufacturing Supply Co.,	2.25
A. F. Lawrence,	2.49
American School League,	1.00
Annin & Co.,	4.07
Almyra Davis,	4.36
C. D. Waldron,	9.15
A. T. White,	3.00
C. F. Prior,	12.60
H. C. Stanbridge,	2.05
Thomas Hersom,	9.00
Frank J. Jameson,	8.25
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	\$208.39

**Health.**

Dr. J. F. Weeks,	\$75.00
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**Janitors.**

Leslie A. Tripp,	\$480.00
Howard O. Jackson,	33.00
Walter Hinkley,	16.50
George Loxton,	12.00
Frank Crandon,	56.25
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	\$597.75

**High School Transportation.**

John Geggatt,	\$22.50
A. P. R. Gilmore,	56.70
W. C. Ashley,	21.30

Henry A. Jackson,	106.80
C. D. Bennett,	56.70
Philip Wolfe,	56.40
W. F. Douglas,	18.90
Daniel Murphy,	9.45
Elmer Landers,	4.00
Mary F. Pettey,	9.45
Eugene White,	54.30
Frank E. Taber,	112.50
Leo A. Tripp,	56.70
Henry F. Taber,	56.70
Henry F. Perry,	54.90
Helen R. Robinson,	18.80
Ezra Diman,	24.00
Mrs. Allbro,	9.45
Charles Higgins,	42.00
Ernest McP. Ames,	8.00

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\$799.55

Received from the State,	\$740.35
Deficit,	59.20
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	\$799.55

**High School Tuition.**

City of New Bedford,	\$393.75
Fairhaven High School,	1,490.62
Deficit as per last report,	219.38

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\$2,103.75

Appropriated,	\$1,000.00
Received from State,	989.06
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	\$1,989.06
Deficit,	114.69
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	\$2,103.75

