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TOWN OFFICERS.

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting Held March 6, 1916.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.
HENRY F. TABER.

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor for One Year.
ALDEN WHITE. FRED E. WELLINGTON.

JAMES O. DOUGLASS.

Assessor for Three Years.
EBEN F. LEONARD.

Member of School Committee for Three Years.
BANCROFT WINSOR.

Member of School Committee for One Year.
HENRY A. JACKSON.

Member of Board of Health for Three Years.
FRED E. WELLINGTON.

Single Highway Surveyor for One Year.
JAMES H. HATHAWAY.

Tree Warden for One Year.
ROBERT E. PARKER.

Trustee of Free Public Library for One Year.
ANNIE N. SWIFT.

Auditor for One Year.
JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

Constables for One Year.
CHARLES E. GIFFORD. EDWARD L. MACOMBER.
JOHN M. VINCENT.

Surveyors of Lumber for One Year.
EDWARD W. ASHLEY. CHARLES F. LEONARD.
HENRY F. TABER.

Pound Keeper for One Year.
BANCROFT WINSOR.

Field Drivers for One Year.
JOHN M. VINCENT. THOMAS HERSOM, JR.

Fence Viewers for One Year.
WILLIAM I. SHOCKLEY. WILLIAM E. COLLINS.
GEORGE A. FULLER.

Cemetery Board for Three Years.
EUGENE WHITE.

ALDEN WHITE, Collector.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.		
To uncollected taxes of 1913,	\$75.16	
Interest on taxes collected,	19.85	
	<u> </u>	\$95.01
CR.		
By amount paid Town Treasurer,		\$95.01
	<u> </u>	

HENRY F. TABER, Collector.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.		
To uncollected taxes of 1914,	\$1,252.37	
To uncollected taxes of 1915,	5,732.10	
State tax,	2,480.00	
State highway tax,	341.00	
Delayed returns,	8.00	
County tax,	1,798.35	
Town tax,	29,744.30	
Extra and omitted assessments,	309.78	
Interest on taxes collected,	164.75	
	<u> </u>	\$41,830.65
CR.		
By amount paid state treasurer, state		
tax,	\$2,480.00	
State highway tax,	341.00	
State returns delayed,	8.00	
Amount paid county treasurer,	1,798.35	
Amount paid town treasurer,	26,819.93	
Taxes remitted,	654.46	
Uncollected taxes of 1914,	564.22	
Uncollected taxes of 1915,	2,264.68	
Uncollected taxes of 1916,	6,900.01	
	<u> </u>	\$41,830.65

HENRY F. TABER, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

To balance in treasury,	\$750.76
Amounts received from state treasurer:	
Corporation tax, public service,	207.40
Corporation tax, business,	1,707.09
National bank tax,	187.03
State aid,	192.00
Income from state school fund,	968.93
High school tuition, one-half returned,	1,113.75
County treasurer, dog fund,	403.82
Inspection of animals, one half returned,	24.30
High school transportation,	918.75
Industrial school tuition, one-half returned,	335.63
Mass. highway commission,	500.00
Soldiers' exemption,	32.72
Chairman dist. supt. union,	208.33
Alden White, taxes of 1913,	95.01
Merchants National Bank, 5 notes,	14,730.67
C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., 30 water notes,	15,000.00
Premium and interest on 30 notes,	108.33
From Water Works,	2,690.81
Auctioneers' licenses,	8.00
Slaughter house license,	1.00
Sunday license,	10.00
Pool table license,	8.00
Rent of town hall,	62.00
Town of Freetown poor.	100.75
Sale of school house and lot,	350.00
Sale of stove,	.50
Third District Court fines,	12.79
Sale of school junk,	6.00
N. B. Electric Light and Telephone Co., stamps,	2.00
Joseph Walsh, list,	.50
F. E. Wellington, tolls,	1.50
George T. Parker, tolls,	.60
Benj. F. White, tolls,	5.20

Henry F. Taber, tolls,	4.07
G. T. Parker, dynamite,	6.25
N. B. Institution for Savings,	3.33
J. Hathaway, tel. tolls,	7.20
J. Hartley, dynamite,	3.76
C. E. Gifford, tel. tolls,	.40
H. F. Taber, tax collector,	<u>26,656.16</u>
	\$67,465.34

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Amount paid for support of poor,	\$1,671.36
Amount paid for state aid,	224.00
Amount paid for incidentals,	1,269.91
Amount paid for notes and interest,	19,654.48
Amount paid for schools, superintendent's salary, high school tuition,	13,999.07
Amount paid for industrial school tuition,	298.90
Amount paid for library,	342.86
Amount paid for highways,	6,594.84
Amount paid by board of health,	188.55
Amount paid by forest warden,	136.83
Amount paid for moth inspection,	79.50
Amount paid for settees, etc., town house,	273.77
Amount paid for weights and measures,	34.32
Amount paid for water works,	18,477.66
Amount paid for town officers,	1,872.35
Amount paid for street lights,	421.61
Amount paid for telephones,	191.11
Amount paid for G. W. mem. mon.,	125.00
Amount paid for constables,	226.24
Balance in treasury,	1,382.98
	<u> </u> \$67,465.34

CEMETERY FUNDS.

Held in Trust by the Town of Acushnet.

To principal of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$205.09	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	58.99	
	<u> </u>	\$264.08
Paid A. Russell, Jr.,		5.00
Balance,		<u>\$259.08</u>
To principal of William D. Taber fund,	\$50.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	18.16	
	<u> </u>	\$68.16
Paid A. Russell, Jr.,		1.00
Balance,		<u>\$67.16</u>
To principal of Pardon Taber, Jr., fund,	\$75.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	13.92	
	<u> </u>	\$88.92
Paid A. Russell, Jr.,		2.00
Balance,		<u>\$86.92</u>
To principal of Jacob Taber fund for Joseph Taber lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	36.74	
	<u> </u>	\$136.74
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.25
Balance,		<u>\$134.49</u>
To principal of Jacob Taber fund for Ellis Mendall lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	32.30	
	<u> </u>	\$132.30
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.25
Balance,		<u>\$130.05</u>

To principal of John B. Fowler fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	61.41	
	<u> </u>	\$261.41
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.75
Balance,		<u>\$257.66</u>
To principal of William Taber fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	26.87	
	<u> </u>	\$126.87
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.25
Balance,		<u>\$124.61</u>
To principal of Samuel Pierce fund,	\$150.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	38.62	
	<u> </u>	\$188.62
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.25
Balance,		<u>\$186.37</u>
To principal of Mary S. Davis fund,	\$200 00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	40.35	
	<u> </u>	\$240.35
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.25
Balance,		<u>\$238.10</u>
To principal of John S. Perry fund for Wing lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	4.76	
	<u> </u>	\$104.76
Paid Richard Davis,		3.75
Balance,		<u>\$101.01</u>
To principal Alfred Morse fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	9.99	
	<u> </u>	\$109.99
Paid Richard Davis,		3.75
Balance,		<u>\$106.24</u>

To principal of James Cathell fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	28.34	
	<u> </u>	\$128.34
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.25
Balance,		<u>\$126.09</u>
To principal of Sylvester Pratt fund,	\$51.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	3.31	
	<u> </u>	\$53.31
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.00
Balance,		<u>\$50.31</u>
To principal of James Hamlin fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	25.62	
	<u> </u>	\$225.62
Paid A. Russell, Jr.,		3.00
Balance,		<u>\$222.62</u>
To principal of George J. Parker fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	4.44	
	<u> </u>	\$104.44
Paid A. Russell, Jr.,		2.00
Balance,		<u>\$102.44</u>
To principal of William and A. Omey fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	8.49	
	<u> </u>	\$108.49
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.25
Balance,		<u>\$106.24</u>
To principal of J. and Lucy Parker fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	5.08	
	<u> </u>	\$105.08
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.50
Balance,		<u>\$101.58</u>
To principal of E. Morse fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	15.42	
	<u> </u>	\$215.42
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.25
Balance,		<u>\$212.17</u>

To principal of Benjamin White fund, old cemetery, west side,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	1.00	
	<u> </u>	\$101.00

To principal of Benjamin White fund, new cemetery, east side,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1916,	1.00	
	<u> </u>	\$101.00

Other Funds Held by Town.

CEMETERY ADDITION, LONG PLAIN.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1916,	\$49.98	
Interest to October, 1916,	1.98	
Sale of lot,	20.00	
	<u> </u>	
Total,		\$71.96

HENRY H. ROGERS GIFT FUND.

On deposit in New Bedford Institution for Savings, Jan. 1, 1916,	\$907.87	
Interest to October, 1916,	36.66	
	<u> </u>	
Total,		\$944.53

HELD IN TRUST BY ALDEN WHITE.

To fund for Long Plain Cemetery,	\$308.00	
Interest to October, 1916,	12.44	
	<u> </u>	\$320.44
Care of cemetery,		12.44
Balance,		<u>\$308.00</u>

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births Registered in Acushnet, 1916.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1915		
Dec. 19	Elanor Frances Widden	Oscar—Mary
1916		
Jan. 5	Albert Labossiere	John—Rosanna
Jan. 10	Beatrice Cormier	David—Addera
Jan. 18	Dorothy Laycock	John—Florence
Jan. 24	Stillborn	
Jan. 24	Edward Francis Clapp	Benjamin—Ethel
Jan. 28	Henry Beaulieu	Touissant—Albertine
Feb. 3	Mabel Ruth Gifford	Truman—Emily
Feb. 3	Nevalyn Althea Soule	George—Carrol
Feb. 8	Alfred Potter, Jr.	Alfred—Ida
Feb. 11	Alfred Theberge	Joseph—Alposen
Feb. 16	Lillian Ganchu	Felix—Pinna
Mar. 15	Claire Rosseau	Alphonse—Yvonne
Mar. 22	— Davignon	Eudore—Clara
Mar. 27	Myrtle Eliza Braley	Herbert—Jennie
Apr. 14	Clovis Poyant	Clovis—Eugenia
Apr. 25	Normand Lambert	Edmund—Roselma
Apr. 26	Roland Louis Ouelette	George—Georgiana
May 2	Mary Glory Arrude	Manuel—Marie
May 3	— Lavena	George—Mary
May 7	Florence Lepage	Joseph—Victoria
May 9	Angelo deMello Pacheco, Jr.	Angelo—Anna
May 9	Stillborn	
May 10	Doris Vieira Macedo	Louis—Julia
May 16	Pacifique Emery Brunelle	Louis—Evelyn
May 20	Margaret Francis Colyar Anderly	Gustave—Winifred
May 20	Norman Bourgeois	Joseph—Anna
May 24	Theresa Nelson Macomber	Arthur—Edith
May 27	Stillborn	
May 30	Marie Rita Jaillet	Erbe—Elizabeth
May 31	Irene Pepin	Ernest—Eva
June 1	James Albert Pepin	Aime—Blanche
June 3	Stillborn	
June 3	Clara Gardner	David—Sarah
June 10	Sylvia Fleisch	William—Rebecca
June 12	Florence Hudson Bumpus	George—Lillie
June 12	Pauline Normandin	Mederic—Rose
June 16	Norman Walter Harpin	Oscar—Josephine
June 18	Rosanna Gaumond	Bertrand—Josephine
June 28	Emile Sozepaniek	Andrew—Katie
June 29	Maria Clementine	Frank—Emeline

Births—Continued.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
July 2	Millie Izola Tripp	Charles—Dora
July 7	Doris Rubie Dupre	Alexander—Virginia
July 9	John Wallace White	Henry—Olive
July 12	Albert Savaria	Rudolph—Albina
July 12	Arthur Ovila Joseph Saucier	Henry—Mary
July 16	Wallace McIntosh Holmes, Jr.	Wallace—Rebecca
July 25	Harold A. Macomber	Edward—Abbie
July 25	Robert Clifton Parker	Harry—Myra
July 27	Diana St. George	George—Mary
July 29	Edna May Welsh	James—Olivine
July 31	Irene Ferreira	Jule—Annie
Aug. 4	Eva Arrude	Manuel—Mary
Aug. 8	Marguerite Julia Pland	Albert—Julie
Aug. 20	Joseph Armand LaPointe	Frank—Lalida
Aug. 27	Manuel M. Rezendes	Antone—Theresa
Aug. 31	Florence Betsey Morse	Foster—Annie
Sept. 17	Elanor Jane Rothwell	Abraham—Gertrude
Sept. 17	Emili Linek	Frank—Mary
Sept. 18	Charles Frederic Thibeault	Ludger—Anna
Sept. 22	Evelin LaFleur	Gideon—Alphonsine
Sept. 30	Dennis Roland Cloutier	Cyrille—Alvine
Oct. 4	Mary Precella Laurette LeBlanc	Theophile—Anna
Oct. 30	George Alden Harding	Edgar—Lena
Nov. 10	Romeo Ouelette	Emile—Evangeline
Nov. 12	Illegitimate	
Nov. 15	Deloris Lapierre	Joseph—Amanda
Nov. 24	Kiestutas Gervickas	Aleks—Sophie
Nov. 25	Niona M. Tinkham	Oscar—Amy
Dec. 2	Jeanette Langevin	Louis—Laura
Dec. 3	Alfred J. B. Blain	Jean—Regina
Dec. 12	Rose Evelina Lacroix	Pierre—Evelina
Dec. 14	Allen Sherman	Harry—Lottie
Dec. 18	Frank H. Gifford, Jr.	Frank—Margaret
Dec. 26	Albert Joseph Alfred Daly	John—Yvonne

Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1916.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 1	Lester M. Taber Julia A. Coughlin	Acushnet Fairhaven
Jan. 18	Joseph L. Lamarre Marie C. Robert	Acushnet New Bedford
Mar. 23	George E. Cobb Alice R. Braley	Marion Acushnet
May 6	Francis J. Rejsek Ethel Simcoe	Acushnet New Bedford
May 25	Carl E. Taber Edith E. Carey	Acushnet Roxbury
May 30	Ernest Cleminshaw Mabel Potter	Acushnet Acushnet
June 24	Frank Preston Annie Tootle	Acushnet Acushnet
July 31	Earl C. Burt Marion E. Tripp	Acushnet Acushnet
Aug. 7	Francois Branconnier Victoria Chevelier	New Bedford Acushnet
Aug. 14	Victor Brunelle Alida Lamarre	New Bedford Acushnet
Sept. 5	William S. Congdon Blanche C. Whitney	Willimantic, Conn. Acushnet
Sept. 6	Joao daCosta Maria R. Anginar	Acushnet New Bedford
Oct. 3	Armandieus Charest Rosana Bourque	Brockton Acushnet
Oct. 7	Joseph W. Maud, Jr. Mary E. Thatcher	Acushnet Fairhaven
Oct. 9	Rock P. Matthieu Marie G. Lapierre	New Bedford Acushnet
Oct. 9	John Beauregard Frida H. Schiller	Acushnet Acushnet
Oct. 16	William J. Feeley Margaret Murphy	New Bedford Acushnet
Nov. 6	Alfred Leclair Lucy Blain	New Bedford Acushnet
Nov. 27	David Gaudreau Dorilia Bonneau	Acushnet Acushnet

Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1916.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			RESIDENCE.
		Y.	M.	D	
Jan. 19	Frank Ward	70	0	0	New Bedford
Jan. 24	Stillborn				Acushnet
Jan. 28	Frank T. Howland	64	3	20	Acushnet
Feb. 4	Amy S. Hathaway	67	10	28	Acushnet
Feb. 9	Ruth M. Burt	92	0	25	Acushnet
Feb. 18	Emily H. Willis	62	0	21	New Bedford
Feb. 24	Joseph C. Verville	49	6	18	Acushnet
Mar. 3	Mike Witkos	45	0	0	Acushnet
Mar. 9	Julia F. Slocum	76	6	9	Acushnet
Mar. 25	—— Davignon			3	Acushnet
Mar. 26	Jane Gladu	10	9	18	Acushnet
Apr. 3	Joseph Alphonse Deggee	29	2	24	Acushnet
Apr. 12	Stanley Burton Dexter		9	17	Acushnet
Apr. 13	Andrew J. Murphy	33	2	5	Acushnet
Apr. 17	Ruth Allen Borden	74	5	24	Acushnet
Apr. 28	Normand Lambert			3	Acushnet
May 8	Edward C. Lew	73	4	5	Acushnet
May 9	Stillborn				Acushnet
June 6	Gilbert Mendonea	3	11	16	Acushnet
June 23	Albert C. Shattuck	79	3	20	Acushnet
June 28	Eugenia Levassier	69	10	27	Acushnet
July 14	Lucinda E. Bisbee	85	0	26	No. Dartmouth
July 15	Hattie E. Thomas	38	0	29	Acushnet
July 20	Jessie Mae Lawton	46	6	18	Fairhaven
July 21	Stillborn				Acushnet
Aug. 14	Maderise Lefebure	69	4	28	Acushnet
Aug. 16	Mary A. Hadeock	73	0	0	Dartmouth
Aug. 17	Joao Taveira		3	14	Acushnet
Aug. 19	Clair Rosseau		5	5	Acushnet
Aug. 22	Henri Beaulieu		6	14	Acushnet
Aug. 28	Stillborn				Acushnet
Aug. 31	Albert Neild	43	4	18	Manheim, Pa.
Sept. 7	Salome P. Sherman	86	7	15	Acushnet
Sept. 22	Charles Curtis	65	10	28	Acushnet
Sept. 27	John F. Howard	75	6	23	Fairhaven
Oct. 3	Ellen L. Driscoll	58	4	29	New Bedford
Oct. 19	Ida Tomlinson	18	1	19	Acushnet
Nov. 4	Cyrille Cadieux	42	4	23	Acushnet
Nov. 4	William A. Rayno	39	3	17	Acushnet
Dec. 11	Elijah W. Ellis	74	7	19	Mattapoissett
Dec. 21	F. Harland Gifford, Jr.			3	Acushnet
Dec. 23	Martin Washburn	75	1	22	Acushnet
Dec. 24	Wiona M. Tinkham		1	0	Acushnet

Hunters' Licenses.

One hundred and twelve hunters' licenses were issued in 1916.

Dogs.

Number of dogs licensed in 1916: 183 male, 23 female.

One kennel license.

HENRY F. TABER,
Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Poor Account.

Paid for board,	\$420.00
" fuel,	84.50
" supplies,	692.85
" board at hospital,	155.25
" medical attendance and medicine,	128.50
" cash,	100.00
" milk,	69.95
" miscellaneous,	8.66
" clothing,	11.65
	\$1,671.36

Incidental Account.

Acushnet Saw Mill Co., lumber,	\$5.76
A. C. Smith, opening safe,	3.10
Elmer E. Braley, express,	1.25
George T. Parker, stationery,	1.63
City of New Bedford, boundary stone and setting,	13.04
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	2.05
Bureau of Statistics,	10.00
F. S. Brightman Co., blank books,	.70
N. B. Printing Co., printing,	85.25
Wakefield Daily Item, printed forms,	3.65
John F. Hammett, teaming,	1.50
Henry A. Jackson, attending hearing,	3.70
U. S. Cole, Memorial Day,	13.00
Paul & Dixon, insurance,	106.11
Alden White, surveying, etc.,	11.00
N. B. Printing Co., printing,	29.50
F. E. Wellington, record book,	1.60

Leslie A. Tripp, filing books,	2.00
A. R. Hambly, stamped envelopes,	21.24
F. P. Crandon, transportation,	1.50
Alden White, writing deeds,	2.00
C. S. Ashley & Sons, insurance,	82.71
Hobbs & Warren, forms,	3.18
Henry F. Taber, Bureau of Statistics returns,	6.00
Henry W. Chase, teaming,	2.50
John M. Vincent, Com. vs. Hubert,	5.57
Perry, Jenney & Potter, legal advice,	1.00
J. P. Bradford, Pitcher case,	30.00
F. E. Wellington, posting notices, etc.,	8.50
A. H. Bartlett, forms,	1.25
George A. Cobb, bolts, nails, etc.,	2.12
Ruth H. Taber, copying valuation book,	15.00
John M. Vincent, Com. vs. S. W. Panek,	4.06
George A. Cobb, miscellaneous bill,	33.68
C. E. Gifford, Com. vs. J. Cote,	6.50
W. A. Payette, death returns,	2.00
The Carter Ink Co., ink,	.21
J. O. Douglass, advertising and selling school house,	11.00
F. E. Wellington, investigating cases, etc.,	31.96
R. G. Morse, transportation,	10.00
C. E. Gifford, Com. vs. Girouard,	2.12
H. F. Taber, wood for town house,	12.00
Henry J. Marshall, shutters for library,	48.43
G. M. Bennett, labor,	8.97
E. L. Macomber, posting town warrants,	31.00
Alden White, oaths,	3.50
Paisler & Willis, pipe and cement,	6.75
Commonwealth of Mass., balance,	495.48
Leroy Ellis, sawing wood,	2.00
Lettice R. Washburn, plates for boundary,	4.45
J. P. Bradford and others, birth returns,	14.75
F. E. Wellington, stamps and envelopes,	2.11
George A. Cobb, sundries,	12.50
E. E. Macomber, warrants,	6.00
Eugene White, ballot box repairs,	1.00
Tellers,	42.00
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	\$1,269.91

Moth Inspector.

A. P. R. Gilmore,	\$15.00
William E. Jenkins,	20.00
Robert E. Parker,	24.50
Albert J. Parker,	20.00
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	\$79.50

Notes and Interest.

Merchants National Bank, 5 notes,	\$14,730.67
N. B. Institution for Savings, 2 notes,	1,500.00
C. D. Parker & Co., 3 notes,	2,100.00
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	\$18,330.67
Merchants National Bank, interest,	\$269.33
N. B. Institution for Savings, interest,	290.09
C. D. Parker & Co., interest,	250.63
Charlestown Savings Bank, interest,	333.76
County Savings Bank, Chelsea, interest,	50.00
Somerville Savings Bank,	40.00
E. W. Hart,	50.00
A. V. Wilbur,	40.00
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	\$1,323.81
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	\$19,654.48

Board of Health.

Nichols & Damon,	\$2.00
William A. Moncrief,	30.00
John F. Hammett,	1.25
Joel P. Bradford,	17.00
Albert S. Jenney,	131.30
H. C. Toupin,	5.00
Augustus H. Mandell,	2.00
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	\$188.55

Paid Industrial School,	\$298.90
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Paid N. B. Gas & Edison Light Co. for street lights,	\$421.61
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Paid for town telephones,	\$191.11
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Paid George Washington Memorial Building Com.,	\$125.00

Town Hall Expenses.

N. B. Gas & Edison Light Co.,	\$11.11
John W. Pierce, painting,	8.50
George A. Cobb, stock, etc.,	26.77
G. M. Bennett, labor,	11.51
Acushnet Saw Mills Co.,	15.80
Heywood Bros., settees,	180.00
Leslie A. Tripp, janitor,	10.00
F. E. Wellington, labor, etc.,	8.63
Walter F. Douglass, mason work,	1.45
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	\$273.77

Appropriations for 1916.

Schools and superintendent's salary,	\$9,500.00
Poor,	1,000.00
Incidentals,	1,000.00
Highways,	6,000.00
Free Public Library,	400.00
Notes and interest,	4,700.00
High school tuition,	1,114.00
Forest warden,	100.00
Board of health,	250.00
Industrial school tuition,	135.00
Salaries town officers,	2,000.00

Moth inspection,	200.00
Telephones,	180.00
Street lights,	400.00
Geo. Washington memorial building,	125.00
Garfield street,	800.00
Drain, So. Main St.,	600.00
Walks, town hall,	30.00
Caterpillars,	225.00
	<u>\$28,759.00</u>

Valuation of Town April 1, 1916.

Personal property,	\$168,650.00
Buildings,	559,430.00
Land,	551,445.00
Total,	<u>\$1,279,525.00</u>

Rate of taxation,	\$26.00
Number of assessed polls,	552
Number of assessed horses,	286
Number of assessed cows,	686
Number of assessed neat cattle,	113
Number of assessed dwellings,	492
Number of assessed swine,	80
Number of acres of land assessed,	11,100
Number of fowl assessed,	14,950
Value of fowl,	\$11,185.00
Number of registered voters, February, 1917,	280

The Town Owns Property as Follows:

School houses and lots,	\$22,000.00
Town house and lot,	6,000.00
Crusher plant,	1,100.00
Library books and fixtures,	900.00
Safes,	300.00

Gravel lots,	200.00
Roller house and lot,	1,000.00
Steam roller,	1,200.00
Watering cart,	200.00
Pump and scales,	250.00
School books and supplies,	200.00
School barges,	300.00
Forest fire apparatus and building,	1,000.00
Road scraper,	250.00
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	\$34,900.00

The Present Town Debt.

Town Hall notes:

Notes Nos. 46 and 47, sold to C. D. Parker & Co., due Nov. 15, 1917 and 1918, at 5%,	\$2,000.00
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Highway notes:

Notes No. 74 to 77, inclusive, sold to C. D. Parker & Co., due Dec. 15, 1917, to 1920, at 4%,	2,400.00
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Drainage notes:

Notes No. 24 and 29 to 30, inclusive, sold to N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1917, to 1923, at 4%,	3,500.00
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Slocum Bridge notes:

Notes Nos. 50 to 56 and No. 61 and Nos. 58 to 60, inclusive, sold to C. D. Parker & Co., due April 15, 1917, to 1927, at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$,	5,500.00
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Acushnet Water Works Dept. bonds:

Bonds Nos. 1 to 30, inclusive, sold to C. D. Parker & Co., due June 1, 1917, to June 1, 1947, at 4%,	15,000.00
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Total town debt,	<hr/>	\$28,400.00
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Interest due in 1917 on present town debt,	\$1,184.12
Amount of notes due 1917,	\$3,100.00

The guide boards in town are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WELLINGTON,
JAMES O. DOUGLASS,
ALDEN WHITE,
Selectmen of Acushnet.

Salaries of Town Officers.

Walter E. Tripp, school committee for 1915,	\$25.00
Joel P. Bradford, board of health for 1915,	25.00
Fred E. Wellington, selectman,	75.00
James O. Douglass, selectman,	35.00
Alden White, selectman,	18.75
Fred E. Wellington, overseer of poor,	25.00
James O. Douglass, overseer of poor,	25.00
Alden White, overseer of poor,	18.75
Henry F. Taber, assessor,	160.00
Eben F. Leonard, assessor,	135.00
F. P. Crandon, assessor,	135.00
Henry A. Jackson, school committee,	25.00
Bancroft Winsor, school committee,	25.00
Walter E. Tripp, school committee,	25.00
Fred E. Wellington, board of health,	50.00
Joel P. Bradford, board of health,	35.00
Henry D. Pierce, board of health,	10.00
F. O. Tripp, inspector of animals,	63.00
Robert E. Parker, tree warden,	5.00
H. F. Taber, coll. \$31,282.51 at .02%,	625.45
H. F. Taber, disbursing \$46,860 at .005%,	234.30
H. F. Taber, town clerk,	72.90
M. O. Bradford, moderator,	15.00
George T. Parker, moderator,	5.00
J. T. Brownell, auditor,	4.00
C. E. Gifford, constable,	102.75
J. M. Vincent, constable,	76.00
E. L. Macomber, constable,	47.49

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

Acushnet, Mass., Jan. 1, 1917.

To the Citizens of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Health respectfully submits its annual report for the year 1916.

There were ten cases of contagious diseases reported during 1916: One case of chicken pox, two of ophthalmia neonatorum, three of whooping cough, one of scarlet fever, two of tuberculosis, one of mumps. Deaths recorded during the year, 40.

The board consists of:

Joel P. Bradford, M. D., Chairman.	Term expires 1918
Fred E. Wellington, Secretary and Agent.	Term expires 1919
Henry D. Pierce.	Term expires 1917

The usual complaints of petty nuisances have been reported and settled with little disturbance. Mr. Albert S. Jenney was appointed by the board and approved by the state as inspector of slaughtered carcasses for the year 1916.

The board would again respectfully call the attention of the town to conditions which produce unsatisfactory surroundings for the wells, tenements with water, and urge an adequate water supply for the town.

JOEL P. BRADFORD, M. D.,
 FRED E. WELLINGTON,
 HENRY D. PIERCE.

Report of Inspector of Animals.

I have inspected this year 124 barns, 75 pigs, 909 cows, 1 pair oxen, 2 goats and 2 sheep.

There have been two cows quarantined and condemned with tuberculosis.

Respectfully submitted,

F. O. TRIPP, Inspector.

Report of Inspector of Slaughtering.

There were inspected during the year 1916:

Swine, 431; veal, 216; beef, 19; lambs, 4; total 670.

Condemned: Swine, 2; beef, 1

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. JENNEY, Inspector.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

During 1916, there have been tested, sealed, etc., the following:

Four platform scales over 5,000 lbs., 10 under 5,000 lbs. capacity; 7 computing scales; 19 liquid measures; 3 counter scales; 20 spring balances; 64 weights; 4 automatic pumps; 1 yard stick.

Condemned: 1 computing scale; 2 automatic pumps.

Granted four applications for license to peddle in the town.

J. E. BORDEN,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN.

Supplies:	
Robertson Motor Car Co., tire, inner tubes, oil, etc.,	\$67.41
A. F. Lawrence, soda,	6.72
Gas,	5.52
	\$79.65
B. F. White, attending fires and care of truck,	25.00

Fighting Fires.

Joseph Galager,	\$1.25
Charles M. Peckham,	1.25
Melvin O. Bradford,	1.05
Walter F. Douglass,	.90
Fred E. Wellington,	2.00
R. G. Morse,	3.00
H. F. Taber,	5.00
Fred O. Tripp,	2.50
	\$16.95
H. F. Taber, services as fire warden,	5.00
	\$126.60

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. TABER, Forest Warden.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Labor.

James H. Hathaway, 202 days, 1 hour,	at \$3.00	\$606.33
Andrew H. Burke, 195 days, 5 hours,	at 2.75	537.78
Cornelius A. Sowle, 7 hours,	at 2.00	1.55
Henry F. Perry, 1 day, 6 hours,	at 2.00	3.33
Joseph Herbert, 65 days, 4 hours,	at 2.00	130.89
Fred Buckley, 32 days, 5 hours,	at 2.00	65.11
Edward W. Ashley, 156 days, 4 hours,	at 2.00	312.89
Philip E. Macomber, 106 days, 5 hours,	at 2.00	213.11
John F. Smith, 36 days, 6 hours,	at 2.00	73.33
Foster L. Morse, 59 days, 4 hours,	at 2.00	118.89
Henry W. Jackson, 23 days,	at 2.00	46.00
Joseph Galager, 104 days, 8 hours,	at 2.00	209.78
John S. Geggatt, 95 days, 2 hours,	at 2.00	190.44
Paul Rogers, 89 days, 5 hours,	at 2.00	179.11
Edmund Delano, 1 day, 7 hours,	at 2.00	3.56
Henry C. Gibbs, 9 days,	at 2.00	18.00
Herbert F. Cole, 21 days,	at 2.00	42.00
Granville A. Ashley, 22 days, 5 hours,	at 2.00	45.11
Victor Chartier, 7 days, 7 hours,	at 2.00	15.56
Andrew A. Cole, 20 days,	at 2.00	40.00
William E. Jenkins, 36 days, 5 hours,	at 2.00	73.11
		\$2,925.88

Teaming.

James H. Hathaway, 120 days,	at \$4.50	\$540.00
James H. Hathaway, 75 days, 5 hours,	at 2.75	207.78
Telesphore Bolduc, 2 days,	at 4.50	9.00
Levi Hawes, 10 days, 5 hours,	at 4.55	47.50
Charles P. Cottle, 52 days,	at 4.50	234.00
O. Provincher, 50 days, 5 hours,	at 4.50	227.50
Walter A. White, 1 day, 4 hours,	at 4.50	7.00
R. G. Morse, 2 days,	at 4.50	9.00
		\$1,281.78

Incidentals.

Mar.	31.	P. B. Bragdon, inspecting boilers,	\$10.00
	31.	Babbitt Steam Specialty Co., waste, belt,	11.11
Apr.	1.	Denison Bros. Co., coal,	13.35
Mar.	31.	Briggs & Beckman, canvas and paint,	3.55
	31.	Geo. A. Cobb, pumping cellar, and chain,	3.60
Apr.	5.	M. O. Bradford, repairing road,	19.30
	3.	Buffalo Steam Roller, Co., grates, brackets, curtains,	42.90
	8.	Adams Express Co., express,	1.44
	8.	Adams Express Co., express,	2.57
	12.	N. Y., N. H. & H. Railway Co., freight,	.81
	18.	C. E. Marchal, four picks sharpened,	.40
	18.	Joseph T. Brownell, pine limbs,	3.50
	29.	New Bedford Boiler & Machine Co.,	8.81
	30.	Babbitt Steam Specialty Co., globe valve,	1.76
May	1.	Denison Bros. Co., coal,	12.62
	12.	John McCullough, lead,	3.25
Apr.	24.	Chas. S. Ashley & Co., insurance,	51.00
May	10.	Chas. Desrosiers, stone,	103.58
	13.	Greene & Wood, lumber,	33.26
	12.	Greene & Wood, lumber,	33.09
Oct.	9.	D. Guillotte, bill 1915;	.30
May	9.	Waldo Bros., pipe and freight,	125.67
	24.	N. Y., N. H. & H. Railway Co., freight,	66.65
	18.	Jonathan Handy, bolts,	3.31
	31.	Waldo Bros., pipe and freight,	179.63
June	6.	John Laycock, lanterns and oil,	2.50
	8.	New England Road Machine Co., repairs,	79.97
	10.	E. L. Macomber, repairs,	11.65
	5.	N. P. Hayes, line,	.35
	13.	N. Y., N. H. & H. Railway, freight,	.39
	22.	C. S. Ashley & Co., balance 1914 insurance,	14.13
July	1.	Willard M. Pettey, cement,	6.00
June	27.	F. Lemaire, oil,	.55
July	1.	Denison Bros. Co., coal,	34.57
	22.	Carl E. Taber, express,	.50
		J. F. Lemaire, bridge stone,	3.00
	31.	Joseph T. Brownell, stones,	14.23

Aug.	12.	Acushnet Saw Mills Co., lumber,	10.22
	19.	Acushnet Saw Mills Co., lumber,	12.09
	28.	C. S. Ashley & Co., balance 1915 insurance,	45.21
Sept.	1.	Chas. Desrosiers, stone,	17.44
Aug.	31.	George A. Eggers, dynamite	1.90
	31.	N. P. Hayes, brooms,	2.50
Sept.	1.	Akin-Denison Co., coal,	13.13
Aug.	31.	Babbitt Steam Specialty Co., repairs,	.32
May	13.	Jonathan Handy Co., bolts, yokes and iron,	23.24
Aug.	31.	N. B. Gas & Edison Light Co., coal tar,	135.00
Sept.	1.	S. S. Paine Co., T, bends and cement,	39.43
	13.	Walter A. White, gravel,	5.40
	13.	Eben Leonard, gravel,	19.92
	13.	H. B. Parker, gravel,	6.00
July	11.	Waldo Bros., pipe,	9.60
Sept.	11.	Fairhaven Iron Fd'ry, cistern cover, frames,	12.00
	15.	Athanas Charpentier, setting glass,	1.00
	28.	Jonathan Handy Co., twisted steel,	19.15
	30.	N. P. Hayes, brooms,	2.00
	30.	George A. Eggers, dynamite,	3.80
Oct.	1.	S. S. Paine & Bros., T and bends,	6.20
	2.	George A. Cobb,	21.10
Sept.	25.	Chas. Desrosiers, stone,	10.67
	30.	N. B. Gas & Edison Light Co., coal tar,	360.00
Oct.	30.	James Hartley, plank,	12.00
	30.	James Hartley, plank bill of 1915,	17.00
	31.	Babbitt Steam Specialty Co., oil,	3.75
	14.	J. F. Lemaire, oil and expressing,	2.15
	31.	N. P. Hayes, trowels,	2.00
	31.	George A. Eggers, dynamite,	49.50
Nov.	11.	Alden White, surveying,	4.00
Oct.	31.	Jonathan Handy, chains,	7.62
Nov.	1.	Paisler & Willis, pipe,	48.58
	1.	Akin-Denison Co., coal,	21.91
		John Laycock, oil,	1.60
Oct.	31.	A. St. Jean, express,	3.00
Nov.	15.	H. F. Taber, sand and gravel,	5.44
Oct.	16.	Acushnet Saw Mills Co., lumber,	8.12
Nov.	10.	Acushnet Saw Mills Co., lumber,	2.56
	10.	Acushnet Saw Mills Co., lumber,	1.28
	20.	Bonneau & Goodreau, stone,	70.77

Nov.	4.	N. B. Gas & Edison Light Co., coal tar,	30.00
	29.	Acushnet Iron Co., sand catcher grates,	5.00
Dec.	6.	A. F. Lawrence, shovels, globes, gas and oil,	13.65
	1.	Akin-Denison Co., coal,	35.48
	12.	Bonneau & Goodreau, stone,	6.42
	18.	Bonneau & Goodreau, stone,	9.73
	27.	J. M. Vincent, gravel,	3.72
1917			
Jan.	1.	Eben Leonard, gravel,	2.76
	1.	Akin-Denison Co., coal,	23.75
		F. O. Tripp,	3.00
		Chas. Desrosiers, stone,	16.42
		Chas. Desrosiers, stone,	174.89
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			\$2,267.00

Stone Account.

Mr. St. Aubin, stone,	\$45.47
James H. Hathaway, stone,	6.15
Leo A. Tripp, stone,	6.82
O. Provincher, stone,	14.09
Joseph F. Brownell, stone,	16.78
A. P. R. Gilmore, stone,	6.72
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	\$96.03

Highway Credits.

George T. Parker, dynamite,	\$6.25
James Hartley, dynamite,	3.76

ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report for Year ending Dec. 31, 1916.

Books taken out, Jan. 1, 1916, to Dec. 31, 1916,	6,193
Average per week,	119
Books bought by town,	81
Books bought by library,	28
Books given,	175
	284
Fines, lost cards and books lost,	\$33.11
Donation,	2.00
	\$35.11

EXPENSES.

Balance due,	\$5.47
Books and magazines,	9.90
Express and carriage,	10.25
Postage,	1.46
Sundries,	2.40
	\$29.48
Cash on hand December 31, 1916,	5.63
	\$35.11
Handed in from Long Plain Branch,	\$1.12
Two books bought,	1.10
Due Long Plain,	.02

Eighteen magazines are now taken for adults, six for young people, and two weekly illustrated papers. Most of these are in constant circulation, and often with a waiting list. Six magazines are also taken for the Long Plain Branch Library. The experiment of taking a first-class French weekly paper was tried for three months, but no interest was shown in it, although the French books are fairly well patronized.

The following have given books, to whom most grateful thanks are returned: The State, publishers of Massachusetts Vital Records, G. A. R., Spanish Veterans, Millicent Library, New Bedford Reading Club, Mrs. I. H. Knowles, Miss S. H. Knowles, Mrs. D. W. Lane, Miss Emily Brownell, Miss M. G. Purdue, Otto H. Kahn, Drama League of America, Massachusetts Anti-Vivisection League, Woman's Suffrage League, Massachusetts Anti-Suffrage League, State Anti-Tuberculosis League, Rockefeller Institute, Roland G. Mosher, Cyrus W. Davis, Department of the Interior, and various bulletins.

The Woman's Educational Association has sent us three traveling libraries during the year, for adults (French) 44 books, for young people 46 books, and for Polish readers 28 books. The two latter remain with us until May, and that for young people is proving most popular.

The only expense to us for these traveling libraries is that for returning them, which explains the extent of that item in expenditures, another adult English library going back early in the year.

A series of Natural History pictures was also offered to us, but had to be refused, there being absolutely no available space to show them.

In June we were inspected and visited by one of the State Library Commission's visitors and the Secretary of the Woman's Educational Association. They stayed over an hour, inspecting our books and methods, and fully informing themselves of our needs, and expressed themselves well satisfied with the care which had been taken by the trustees in selecting books. The visit and the interest shown were exceedingly helpful and encouraging.

At the beginning of November we were obliged to accept with regret Mrs. Nathan Mitchell's resignation as branch librarian at Long Plain, a position which she had filled with much zeal for five years. We have been fortunate in securing Mrs.

Henry Perry for this branch, and were able to re-open by the middle of December.

Circulation of books reported, January 1st to November 3d, 1916, 1,996. Average for 44 days, 45.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE N. SWIFT,

Jan. 6, 1917.

Trustee and Librarian.

Secretary's Report.

There have been few changes to report in connection with our Library the past year, it is so fully established now, and patronized more and more as new families enter the town. We are still congratulating ourselves on our pleasant, commodious quarters.

From time to time, as usual, new books are added, and friends have kindly donated books and magazines from their own shelves. All are appreciated. Occasionally something new in the way of a convenience is purchased. Books in the French and Portuguese languages have been provided in larger numbers to accommodate our growing population.

Mrs. Mitchell, who has been librarian at the Long Plain branch, having moved to New Bedford, her successor is Mrs. Pamela Perry. We were fortunate in securing her, as she likes her new duties, is faithful and satisfactory, and her home is central, which accommodates the patrons.

At the Acushnet library we still have our efficient, painstaking Mrs. Swift as librarian. The work continues to go on smoothly, and from the largest and most important business to the smallest detail all is accurate and complete. Those outside

do not realize the necessary work that is to be done before and after the prescribed hours of service.

For further particulars please see report of Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY A. BROWNELL,
Secretary.

Financial Report, Public Library.

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Town appropriation,		\$400.00
Balance, 1915,		15.17
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		\$415.17
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Librarian,		\$68.75
H. S. Hutchinson,		99.82
Magazine agency,		43.25
Library Bureau,		6.23
Leslie A. Tripp,		22.00
Schoenoff Book Co.,		22.65
New England Library Bindery Co.,		35.45
McClure Publishing Co.,		5.00
University of Chicago Press,		4.47
Gaylord Bros.,		2.92
Porter E. Sargent,		1.80
G. P. Putnam and Sons,		2.60
C. F. Wing & Co.,		2.25
Elliott C. Sabins,		5.98
Miscellaneous expenses,		19.69
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		\$342.86
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$72.31

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET WATER BOARD.

The Water Board, through a misunderstanding, received their appropriation too late to take advantage of the market in purchase of pipe and fittings; it therefore cost us twenty per cent. more, which meant that only by the greatest economy we were enabled to do the work laid out.

Four bids were received for installing the system. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, G. Ferullo & Co., of Boston, Mass.

Four bids were received on cast iron pipe. The contract was awarded R. D. Wood & Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., the highest bidder; but the difference between the lowest and highest bidder was paid by the Acushnet Process Co., for the reason that R. D. Wood & Co. promised earlier delivery of the pipe.

Two bids were received for excavating and laying pipes from the water main to house. The contract was awarded W. F. Douglass as follows: Twenty-five cents per foot for laying pipes from water main into house. Laying pipe from sidewalk into house, five cents per foot, where owner does his own digging. Tapping main, \$1.00.

We have been able this year to furnish an adequate water supply to Main St., Slocum St., Nye St., and the Fairhaven road as far south as Hope St. This water supply has abated danger from contaminated wells throughout this district, and has greatly lessened the fire hazard in this congested district of wooden buildings, an illustration being the fire of Jan. 23, 1917, in the midst of four three-tenement houses on Slocum St., which was readily controlled at a saving of the cost of the system which has thus far been installed.

We are glad to show a slight balance on the right side of

the ledger, knowing that the coming year will be one of more income than expense.

In regard to the extension of the system, many urgent calls have come to the committee for extensions in various directions; but your committee feels that on sanitary reasons the more congested and less healthful territory adjoining the Parting Ways school house lots should receive the next attention. We would therefore ask that we be allowed to issue \$15,000 additional to extend the system into this territory at such time as market conditions make it seem feasible to your committee. At the present time conditions are such as to be practically prohibitive in the minds of the committee; but we should be in a position to take advantage of the first fall in market conditions.

Your committee realizes fully the responsibility resting upon them, and have no desire to place any unnecessary burdens upon the town or to be responsible for any precipitated action involving town finances.

There is sufficient material on hand to install thirty-five house services which can be used toward the extension of the system.

Following is the financial statement of the year's work:

Receipts.

Appropriation,	\$15,000.00	
Premium and interest,	108.33	
Service,	1,918.23	
Meters and water tax,	1,196.35	
Acushnet Process Co.,	242.75	
Rebate from Mueller Mfg. Co.,	8.21	
Rebate from Donaldson Iron Co.,	.27	
	<hr/>	\$18,474.14
Bills receivable,		157.00

Expenditures.

Paid for cast iron pipes,	\$8,862.79	
Express, cartage, etc.,	83.86	
Fittings,	874.95	
Valves and hydrants,	1,113.50	
Meters,	748.28	
Installing mains,	4,282.10	
Installing service,	2,332.53	
Water tax of New Bedford,	201.79	
Stationery,	77.86	
	—————	\$18,477.66
Bills payable,		25.00

There is stock on hand to the value of \$1,191.76 as per the inventory.

THOMAS HERSOM, JR.,
 MOISE BERARD,
 JOEL P. BRADFORD,
 Water Board.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Highway Surveyor, Schools, Water Board and all trust funds held by the town for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1916, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,
 Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT

1917

School Committee.

HENRY A. JACKSON,	Term expires 1917
WALTER E. TRIPP,	Term expires 1918
BANCROFT WINSOR,	Term expires 1919

HENRY A. JACKSON, Chairman.

CHARLES F. PRIOR, Superintendent.

Telephone at home in Fairhaven, 3499-W.

Telephone at office in Fairhaven Town Hall, 3891.

REPORT OF ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Voters :

The School Committee presents herewith the following report concerning its efforts to secure a new school building,

At the request of the Committee an article was inserted in the warrant of the meeting held in March, 1916, asking for an appropriation for a new school house. Because of a complaint that the Committee in the past had failed to be definite, it engaged an architect to prepare a sketch of a proposed building and to secure estimates thereon. The preliminary sketch and estimates were secured for only one purpose, viz.,—to let the town know what the School Committee thought was needed for school accommodations, and the estimated cost of providing them. The town was bound in no way to architect or plan.

At the meeting the voters appropriated \$20,000 for a new school house and elected a building committee. The School Committee believed at first that it had the power to designate the location of the building. Acting under this supposition, it made some investigation of sites and secured prices. Before a site had been selected a vote was passed at a special town meeting expressing the wish that the building be erected on Middle Road. This was not the choice of the School Committee, but was satisfactory to the building committee, and, if selected, seemed to guarantee that the building would be begun at once. The Committee entered into negotiations for a lot. When negotiations were nearly completed, they were brought to a sudden halt by the discovery of a law, in force only a short time, which made it illegal to pay for a building site more than a sum equal to twenty-five per cent added to the

average assessed valuation for the three preceding years. If there had been no other reason, this would have checked the negotiations. It was argued to the Committee that the above-mentioned law was relatively new, not proven constitutional, etc., etc., and that it would be safe to go ahead, anyway, as no one would make any trouble if the purchase price was in excess of the legal rate. The Committee did not think it wise to go ahead.

Out of the experiences of the year some facts have come clearly into view. The Committee presents them in the hope that they will assist the town in settling the school house problem.

I. The School Committee has no legal right to select or purchase a site for a school house. It may be appointed in an advisory capacity with the Selectmen, but the latter are the purchasing agents. Unless appointed, the Committee has absolutely no voice in the matter.

II. A Building Committee has no right to select or purchase a site for a school house.

III. The Selectmen cannot purchase a site unless authorized definitely by the town. A particular site must be stated in the article authorizing them.

IV. It is frequently the custom to appoint the Selectmen and the School Committee to investigate a site and report at a future town meeting.

V. Following is the law referred to above: "Whenever the price proposed to be paid for a lot of land for any municipal purpose is more than twenty-five per cent higher than its average assessed valuation during the three previous years, the land shall not be taken by purchase, but shall be taken by the right of eminent domain."

The School Committee has had, and has now, only one aim in view, viz.,—to secure adequate housing for the children. It respectfully suggests to the voters that this question is a

serious one and that it can be settled best and quickest by making a fresh start. Nothing is to be gained by mulling over the past. The School Committee has made mistakes ; it admits and regrets them. It has not, however, been wholly responsible for the failure of efforts to get a school house.

Respectfully,

HENRY A. JACKSON,
BANCROFT WINSOR,

School Committee of Acushnet.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Acushnet School Committee:

Herewith is submitted my fifth annual report, the twentieth in the series of superintendents' reports since the formation of the union with Mattapoisett and Fairhaven.

Maintenance of schools is compulsory, made so by the people. To the School Committee, directly, to the superintendent and teachers, indirectly, is delegated the task of operating the schools owned by the people. In some measure praise or censure for the success or failure of the schools belongs to school officials; in equally large degree, at least, the people themselves are responsible. This is true because the spirit and interest of the people in education are reflected in the schools by their children; it is also true, because teaching, school buildings, equipment and facilities cost money, and the quality of these essentials of success depends quite largely upon what can be paid for them. It is the important problem of the voters to determine whether the essential conditions of success shall be unfavorable, favorable or most favorable. Despite the unfavorable conditions of housing at the Parting Ways school, the schools have improved in the last three years. A chief reason for this has been the increased generosity of the people in supporting them. The people of Acushnet believe in good schools.

Finances.

In the following table the total expenses of the year are classified. The headings are those used in the State system of accounting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For the Fiscal Year, Jan. 1, 1916, to Jan. 1, 1917.

GENERAL CONTROL.

Superintendent	\$416.64	
Truant officer,	29.50	
Census,	30.00	
Miscellaneous,	24.02	
	<u> </u>	\$500.16

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION.

Teachers' salaries,	\$5,574.29	
Text books,	98.65	
Supplies,	280.07	
	<u> </u>	5,953.01

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT.

Janitors' salaries,	\$699.25	
Fuel,	563.41	
	<u> </u>	1,262.66

MAINTENANCE.

Repairs,	\$284.31	
New equipment,	46.50	
	<u> </u>	330.81

AUXILIARY AGENCIES.

Transportation,	\$2,473.00	
Medical inspection,	75.00	
	<u> </u>	2,548.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cartage, floor oil, express, disinfectants, toilet paper, etc.,	\$213.68	
	<u> </u>	213.68
Total,		<u>\$10,808.32</u>

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1915,	\$11.97	
Appropriation,	9,500.00	
County dog fund,	403.82	
State, on account of superintendent,	208.33	
State school fund,	968.93	
		<u>\$11,093.05</u>
Balance on hand,		\$284.73

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Payments,		\$2,272.00
Received from state,	\$1,113.75	
Appropriation,	1,114.00	
		<u>2,227.75</u>
Deficit,		\$45.25

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

Payments,	\$918.75
Received from the state,	918.75

Schools have cost \$409.29 more than last year. Why? One extra teacher to assist in overcrowded rooms has been in service since September, and the salaries of four teachers were increased to retain them. Close economy has been exercised. The chief supplies were purchased last March, saving thereby at least two hundred dollars. Arithmetic paper that cost sixteen cents per package at that time now costs thirty-eight; composition paper that was twenty-eight cents is now sixty, and other supplies have undergone a corresponding raise. The high cost of living has found the schools.

The high school tuition account shows a deficit of \$158.25. I recommend that the sum of \$1,158.25 be asked to meet the needs next year.

School Accommodations.

There has been little change, as compared with last year, in the number of pupils enrolled. The Parting Ways school is still much overcrowded. The present enrollment by rooms is as follows:

GRADES							
I	II	III	IV	V	V-VI	VII-VIII (Teacher is Principal	
75	55	58	46	34	41	25	

Three more rooms are needed. If they were available in the same building or in a building near enough to transfer pupils back and forth readily, the children might be distributed as follows:

GRADES								
I	I	II	III	II-III	IV	IV-V	V-VI	VII-VIII
38	37	38	38	37	40	40	41	25

It will be noted that five of these rooms would have only one grade per teacher, no room would be overcrowded, no teacher would have as many as three grades. Under conditions like these good work could be accomplished.

Sixty-eight children are transported to Parting Ways school by barge, twenty-five of these being from the Perry Hill section. It is suggested that all barge children, and children living "below the bridge" (near Hamlin's store) attend school in a building on Middle Road. If there were three rooms available there today and this housing plan was in force, they would be occupied by ninety-six children, who might be distributed as follows:

GRADES		
I-II	III-IV-V	VI-VII-VIII
36	34	26

Another plan of distribution might be arranged, of course, but under any practicable plan, as the children are graded, two of the three rooms would have three grades per teacher. The above plan is the best the superintendent could devise.

If the ninety-six children were placed at Middle Road, the most advantageous distribution of the pupils left at Parting Ways would be as follows:

GRADES					
I	I-II	II-III	III-IV	V-VI	VI-VII-VIII
42	45	45	41	40	33

Four rooms would have two grades per teacher and one room three grades; two rooms would have forty-five pupils, too many for one teacher. Contrast this distribution of children with respect to educational advantage with the one possible when nine rooms are available in buildings near enough to enable the pupils to be transferred readily from one to the other, and you have the chief reason for the superintendent's hope, expressed last year, that the new building might be in the vicinity of Parting Ways school. In the vicinity does not necessarily mean in the school yard; it means in the neighborhood of.

It is the superintendent's business to supervise schools in buildings. He does not wish to feel or express partisanship in the selection of a building site. It is his duty to state facts and to interpret them in terms of educational advantage or disadvantage. He has nothing to gain or lose by the location of a building on Middle Road or at Parting Ways. He will feel very happy when the present period of controversy is ended and the children are given better conditions of work.

Teachers.

Four teachers have resigned since the last report. It is a pleasure to report that their successors are doing good work.

I believe the present corps is doing excellent work under difficult conditions.

Course of Study.

A committee of school superintendents, assisted by certain members of the Massachusetts normal school faculties, and acting under the direction of the State Board of Education, has completed a course of study in each subject taught in the first six grades. Copies of these courses have been placed in the schools. They are very suggestive and their use will improve the results in the common branches. A copy of "Speaking and Writing English" by Superintendent Sheridan of Lawrence has also been furnished each teacher and directions for its use discussed. This treatise is a noteworthy contribution to the problem of securing good results in English.

Miscellaneous.

A class of eleven graduated from the eighth grade in June. The graduation exercises were held in the Town Hall and were notable for their excellence.

In May an excellent exhibit of school work was held which was well attended.

The work in music and drawing, introduced in the schools two years ago, steadily improves.

There are eighteen pupils attending Fairhaven High school, eight pupils in New Bedford High school, and four in the New Bedford Industrial school.

I wish to thank the School Committee for its courtesy during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. PRIOR.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT.

Teachers.

Lenora Coombs,	\$750.12
Mrs. Ava R. Schaffer,	542.16
Delight Tuthill,	527.64
Marie S. Howard,	542.16
Mrs. Nellie L. Barnes,	600.02
Ruth Fitzsimmons,	286.00
Mrs. Helen B. Walton,	26.32
Ethel M. Riley,	41.98
Helen Hayes,	465.14
Helen M. Gibbs,	253.00
May J. Whitcomb,	3.75
Edna M. Lilley,	200.00
Mildred Brownell,	195.00
Elizabeth Simmons,	210.56
Louise A. Hawkins,	231.52
Ruth Waterhouse,	286.00
Anna Dearborn,	13.16
Anna B. Trowbridge,	199.88
Mrs. Delano Luce,	199.88
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	\$5,574.29

Books.

C. C. Birchard Co.	\$1.03
Ginn & Co.,	31.59
E. Babb & Co.,	33.79
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	7.92
White, Smith Pub. Co.,	2.44
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	6.61
Bernard M. Sheridan,	5.00
J. L. Hammett,	3.92
C. E. Doner,	6.00
Macmillan Co.,	10.35
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	\$98.65

Supplies.

E. Babb & Co.,	\$119.69
J. L. Hammett Co.,	94.83
Milton Bradley Co.,	65.55
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	\$280.07

Transportation.

C. D. Gennett,	\$570.00
C. L. Spooner,	608.00
C. E. Gifford,	285.00
John Vincent,	687.00
J. F. Lemaire,	323.00
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	\$2,473.00

Janitors.

Frank Crandon,	\$71.25
Henry Perry,	60.00
Leslie Tripp,	568.00
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	\$699.25

Fuel.

Denison Bros. Co.,	\$203.99
City Coal Co.,	342.92
James Hartley,	11.00
Acushnet Saw Mills Co.,	5.50
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	\$563.41

Superintendent.

Charles F. Prior,	\$416.64
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Health.

Dr. J. Frank Weeks,	\$75.00
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Miscellaneous.

George A. Cobb,	\$50.88
D. Guillotte,	6.00
New Bedford Dry Goods Co.,	13.25
George T. Johnson Co.,	12.90
C. D. Waldron,	4.00
Manuel D'Amarel,	.50
Walter E. Tripp,	2.03
P. B. Bragden,	4.00
Frank P. Crandon,	1.50
Henry C. Doughty,	19.25
Frank J. Jameson,	16.08
John W. Laycock,	2.65
Adams Express Co.,	.72
Pairpoint Corporation,	1.25
Frank C. Brown,	50.00
Clarence Rounseville,	3.00
H. A. Jackson,	9.60
E. Anthony & Sons,	3.99
C. F. Cushing,	2.50
Lenora Coombs,	5.78
Arthur Smith,	1.80
Perry, Jenney and Potter,	2.00
E. W. Ashley,	30.00
Edward Macomber,	29.50
Charles F. Prior,	24.02
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	\$297.20

Repairs and New Equipment.

Mrs. E. B. Mosher,	\$40.00
H. A. Dallman,	2.00
Charles F. Wing,	4.50
C. E. Taber,	2.50
G. W. Barton,	1.50
Rounseville Brothers,	7.50
A. F. Lawrence,	2.77
C. L. Dunham,	34.87
G. B. Bennett,	16.39
Walter F. Peirce,	15.20
Acushnet Saw Mills Co.,	23.42

New Bedford Dry Goods Co.,	1.30
George J. Allen Co.,	97.50
Norris' Paint Store,	1.85
N. P. Hayes,	.78
M. F. Douglass,	9.40
George A. Cobb,	15.73
Howland & Sampson,	10.80
M. Terry Sylvia,	12.00
A. St. Jean,	3.00
Walter Casewell,	27.80
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	\$330.81

High School Transportation.

Fennimore G. Batchelor,	\$71.80
Mrs. George Pettey,	27.00
Dennis Murphy,	18.35
Alfred M. B. Cory,	28.05
A. P. R. Gilmore,	54.00
Florence I. Baker,	9.60
Arthur C. Cory,	56.10
Emery E. Cushman,	28.35
Henry A. Jackson,	152.10
Charles E. Gifford,	18.75
Mrs. Emily Albro,	9.30
M. D. Madeiros,	56.10
Mrs. Eda F. Morse,	56.70
Thomas H. Bassindale,	56.45
William Haskins,	9.30
James H. Hathaway,	28.50
C. D. Bennett,	17.45
Walter F. Douglas,	37.50
Philip Wolf,	53.40
Alfred Guilbeault,	18.00
Harry E. Taber,	28.05
Ernest M. Ames,	.70
E. P. Auger,	6.00
Frank E. Taber,	55.20
Mrs. F. H. Robinson,	22.20
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	\$918.75
Received from State,	918.75

High School Tuition.

City of New Bedford,	\$525.00	
Fairhaven High School,	1,747.00	
Deficit as per last report,	149.69	
	<u> </u>	\$2,421.69
Appropriated,	\$1,149.69	
Received from State,	1,113.75	
	<u> </u>	2,263.44
Deficit,		<u>\$158.25</u>

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1917.

Tuesday, January 2,		Schools re-open
Friday, March 16,		Schools close
Monday, March 26,		Schools re-open
Thursday, April 19,	Patriots' Day,	Legal holiday
Wednesday, May 30,	Memorial Day,	Legal holiday
Friday, June 8,	Schools close,	Summer Vacation
Tuesday, September 4,		Schools re-open
Friday, October 12,	Columbus Day,	Legal holiday
Wednesday, Nov. 28,	Schools close,	Thanksgiving vacation
Monday, December 3,		Schools re-open
Friday, December 21,	Schools close,	Christmas vacation
Wednesday, January 2 (1918),		Schools re-open

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

Lenora Coombs,	Parting Ways,	Castine Normal (Me.)	
Mrs. Ava R. Shaffer,		High School	
Edna M. Lilley,		Hyannis Normal	
Delight Tuthill,		Bridgewater Normal	
Helen A. Hayes,	Newburyport Training School		
Elizabeth Simmons,		North Adams Normal	
Marie S. Howard,		New Bedford High School	
Mildred Brownell,		Bridgewater Normal	
Mrs. Nellie L. Barnes,		High School	
Louise A. Hawkins,		Castleton Normal (Vt.)	
Mrs. Delano Luce, Marion, Mass.,		Supervisor of Drawing	
Anna B. Trowbridge,		Supervisor of Music	

ROLL OF HONOR.

Philip Fortin	Henry Guilbeault
Otis Tripp	Evelyn Hathaway
Agnes Mawhinney	Mildred Taber
Fred Hathaway	Richard Bertrand
Clifford Tripp	James Bardsley
Charles Thompson	Edith Gifford
Fred Buckley	Eva Dubois,
Helen Gifford	Amy Hathaway
Sophronia Ashley	Rose Alves

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Attendance, Etc.
SCHOOL YEAR. September, 1915—June, 1916.

SCHOOLS	Grades	TEACHERS	Whole number enrolled	Average member-ship	Average daily attendance	Per cent. attendance	Total days absense	Cases of tardiness	No. of weeks in year
Parting Ways	7 & 8	Lenora Coombs	34	27.	25.2	93.3	924.5	34	38
Parting Ways	7 & 8	Ava Schaffer							
Parting Ways		Olive Waterhouse	33	28.0	27.	96.4	333.0	47	
Parting Ways	5	Anna I. Dearborn	53	45.7	42.1	92.1	622.5	62	
Parting Ways	4	Ruth E. Fitzimmons	54	49.4	45.8	92.7	638.5	71	
Parting Ways	3	Delight Tuthill	50	46.9	43.5	92.8	622.0	47	
Parting Ways		Helen A. Hayes	60	47.4	46.1	97.3	882.5	46	
Parting Ways	1	Marie S. Howard	79	57.7	54.7	94.0	553.0	34	
Long Plain	5-8	Nellie Barnes	18	16.5	15.7	95.2	64.0	-11	
Long Plain	1-4	Helen Gibbs	45	39.5	36.5	92.4	512.0	38	
Music		Anna B. Trowbridge							
Drawing		Beatrice A. Randall							
		TOTALS, 1916	426	358.1	336.6	93.9	5152.0	390	38
		TOTALS, 1915	425	329.9	308.0	93.3	4219.0	294	
		TOTALS, 1914	381	296.9	275.8	92.8	4084.0	250	
		TOTALS, 1913	328	245.6	229.3	93.	3837.5	327	
		TOTALS, 1912	304	248.6	226.0	90.8	3923.0	297	

GRADE AND AGE DISTRIBUTION, 1916

AGE	GRADE									TOTALS
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
5	38									38
6	30	5								35
7	11	19	3							33
8	9	21	22	1	2					55
9	4	11	23	7	6					51
10	1	4	8	17	9	1				40
11	1	2	8	11	12	5				39
12	1		1	6	11	15	5	1		40
13		1		7	14	9	9	4		44
14					2	2	5	6		15
15							1			1
16							1	1		2
Total enrolled....	95	63	65	49	56	32	21	12		393
Number over age based on entrance age of six	16	18	17	24	27	11	7	1		121
Per cent above normal age.....	16.8	28.5	26	50	48	34	33	8		30.8



