40th ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

TO

MARCH 1, 1900.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.: THE NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY, 1900.

TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting held April 3, 1899.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes. DENNIS S. MASON.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor. MOSES S. DOUGLASS, EBEN F. LEONARD, HENRY F. TABER.

> School Committee for Three Years, THOMAS HERSOM, IR.

Board of Health for Three Years. CHARLES M. MORSE.

Single Highway Surveyor for Three Year. JAMES C. GAMMONS.

Auditor.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

Trustee of Free Public Library for Three Years. GEORGE J. PARKER.

Constables.

SYLVESTER PRATT.

CHARLES F. ALLEN.

Surveyors of Lumber.

EDWARD R. ASHLEY, CHARLES F. LEONARD, EMERY E. CUSHMAN,

CHARLES M MORSE,

HENRY F. TABER.

Pound Keepers.

JOHN M. VINCENT,

HENRY A. JACKSON.

Field Drivers.

GEORGE A. FULLER,

JOSEPH F. TABER.

Fence Viewers.

EDWARD R. ASHLEY, JEREMIAH E. BORDEN. SAMUEL WING.

REPORT.

I would most respectfully present to you my account as Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer for the financial year ending March 1, 1900.

> D. S. MASON, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET.

> > Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1896,	\$2.00	
Uncollected taxes of 1897,	84.22	
Uncollected taxes of 1898,	454.00	
Amount of tax bills of 1899:		
State tax,	360.00	
County tax,	1,081.40	
Town tax,	9,470.73	
Extra assessment,	.51	
Interest on taxes collected,	11.20	
		\$11,464.06
Cr.		
By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$360.00	
Amount paid County Treasurer,	1,081.40	
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	9,027.53	
Discount for prompt payment,	589.15	
Abatement by Assessors,	5.80	
Taxes remitted,	67.01	
Uncollected taxes of 1898,	66.10	
Uncollected taxes of 1899,	267.07	
		\$11,464.06

D. S. Mason, Town Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Acushnet.

1000	Dr.		
1899.			
March 1. Balance of	cash,		\$7.51
To amount received fro	m State T	reasur	er:
for corporation tax.			115.69
For national bank ta	X,		395.71
For state aid,			228.00
Income of school fund	d,		355.51
For superintendent of	f schools,		250.00
Dalance of corporation	n tax for	1898.	1.95
County treasurer, dog fi	und,		221.63
City of Fall River,			65.14
C. H. Grinnell, bal. of r	ent for 18	98.	10.00
U. H. Grinnell, rent to	Feb. 18, 19	90Ó.	46.00
Discounted Ioan.			993.11
Discounted loan,			976.30
Albert T. Sherman, for a	support of		0 10.50
Patience T. Collins.			169.45
Moses S. Douglass, for s	upport of		100.40
William D. Taber.			146.00
E. R. Ashley, auctioneer'	's license.		2.00
W. U. Ashley, for use of	school be	11	$\frac{2.00}{2.00}$
Jose, Parker & Co., Ban	kers. 7 no	tos	6,800.00
r remium on same,			
J. C. Gammons, for use	of crusher	nlant	82.93
by town of Rochester,	or crusher	prant	57.50
Alden Rounseville, Jr., M.	Middlehore	naad	57.50
Chas. L. Spooner,	"	road,	100.00
D. S. Mason,	"	"	10.00
Harry B. Parker,	"	"	1.00
Chas. F. Leonard,	"	"	3.00
Babbitt & Wood,	"		10.00
H. W. Cushman, for Lon		"	5.00
Samuel Wing for Motter	ig Plain ro	ad,	604.25
Samuel Wing, for Mattap E. J. Whiting,		1,	270.00
Samuel Wing Johan and	"		10.00
Samuel Wing, labor and wing lane,	material of	n	
M O Bradford lal	1		167.79
M. O. Bradford, labor and "Shady lane,"	d material	on	
chady rane,			73.26

M. S. Douglass, labor and material on state highway, 182.81 Town of Rochester, services of roller man, 13.19 H. W. Cushman, crushed stone, 119.39 E. E. Cushman, screenings, 2.00 F. E. Wellington, "2.50 Benj. Randall, "4.00 James Allen, "1.00 Godfrey Cottle, "1.00 Godfrey Cottle, "1.00 Money refunded on bill of Mayhew Pub. Co., 96 D. S. Mason, collector, 9,027.53	
Cr. By amount paid for support of poor, Amount paid for insane poor, Amount paid for incidentals, Amount paid for support of schools, Amount paid for support of schools, Amount paid for support of schools, Amount paid for state aid, Amount paid for highways, Amount paid for drains, Amount paid for macadamizing highways, Amount paid Jose, Parker & Co., 4 note, Amount paid Coddington Sav. Bank, 1 note, Amount paid Commonwealth, 1 note, Amount paid Merchants National Bank, Amount paid Anna H. Bradford, Treas.	4 3 0 4 0 2 3 5 1 0 0 0
Balance of cash, 1,484.1	7 - \$21,535.11
CEMETERY FUND. D_r .	
March 1, 1899. To amount of Elizabeth Taber fund, \$200.0	0
Interest to October, 1899,	
Cr. By amount paid Allen Russell, Jr., treas., \$8.0 Cash in New Bedford Institution for	0
Savings, March 1, 1900, 200.1	6 - \$208.16

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1899.

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.		
Jan. Jan. Jan. Feb. Feb. Mar. March March March May June June June June June June June June	20 9 23 19 26 29 13 15 24 24 27 18 3 23 24 24 28 3 22 28 3 29 29 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	Clifton Sumner James, Jennie Elizabeth Bennett, Elmer Howard Sherman, Henry Clay Taber, M. Marguerite Marvis, Elmer Edward Harding, Charles Edward Ashley, Willis Sherman Mason, Beatrice Estelle Gifford, Leroy Watson Tinkham, Borden, Arthur C. Paquette, Harold B. Hammond. George Davis Sherman, Ruth Davis Morse. Twins Gladys Barton Parker, Louis Sylvia, Lloyd Rogen Tripp, James Washington Keithley, Betsey White Taber, Henry Clifton Ripley Ward, May Louise Murphy,	Joseph H. and Viola E. Charles D. and Lucy E. Harry G. and Lottie E. Illegitimate. Frank E. and Louise Godias and Antonia Otis H. and Annie B. Herbert W. and Fannie W. Charles E. and Lizzie F. Arthur C. and Annie S. Frank E. and Clara M. Servile and Anda Alonzo B. and Delia I. Cyrus B. and Fannie E. Frank W. and Edith H. Stillborn Harry B. and Myra F. Joseph F. and Celia A. Lester A. and Mabel F. George W. and Lucy B. Walter and Lydia A. Francis R. and Josephine, Dennis and Margaret.		

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1899.

DATE.		Names of Groom and Bride.	RESIDENCE.
January	21	Henry W. Pittsley Hannah M. C. Westgate.	Acushnet. Wareham.
April	10	Walter H. Delano, Laura Shaw.	Middleboro.
April	29	Frank E. Borden, Clara M. Chase.	New Bedford. New Bedford.
June	20	Albert T. Davis, Nellie Wrigley.	New Bedford.
June	29	Thomas W. Davis, Alice S. Francis.	Acushnet. Fairhaven.
June	29	Melvin O. Bradford, Harriet E. Bradlev.	Acushnet. New Haven, Ct.
july	2	George F. Morse, Mary Wilsoncroft,	Acushnet. New Bedford.
July	11	James C. Dexter, Lizzie M. Nye.	Acushnet.
July	27	Charles F. Allen, Alice W. Stuart.	Acushnet. Rochester.
August	1	Daniel G. Pittsley, Cora F. Pittsley.	Freetown.
August	15	William Wilkinson, Jr., Esther M. Thomas.	Acushnet.
October	. 4		Acushnet. New Bedford.
October	14		New Bedford. New Bedford.
October	19	John P. Stratton, Minnie E. Hammett.	Fairhaven. Acushnet.
October	22	Michael Wolf, Annie Nestele.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
December	20	Edson V. Moranville, Alice M. James.	Taunton. Acushnet.
December	22		Middleboro. Acushnet.
December	24		New Bedford. Freetown.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1899.

DATE.	NAME.		AGE.			
DATE.	NAME.	Y.	Μ.	D.	DISEASE.	
Jan. 5	Salmon F. Perry,	80	11		Influenza.	
Jan. 12	Mary J. Allen,	42	1	8	General anasarca.	
Feb. 4	Julia A. Beals,	9	11		Typhoid fever.	
Feb. 9	Martha W. Morse,	59			Myelitis.	
Feb. 9	Lillian Caswell,	3	4		Diphtheria.	
Feb. 15	Judith C. Lewis,	82	9	1	Cerebral hemorrhage.	
Mar. 11	Rufus W. White,	82	1	9	Intestitial nephitis.	
Apr. 11	Maria A. Pierce,	71	1	13	Inanition.	
May 16	George S. Russell,	87	11	8	Old age.	
	Margaret Whalen,	42			Sarcoma.	
June 7	Edward Martin,	77			Heat exhaustion.	
June 14	Lydia Purdon,	72	6	6	Bright's disease.	
June 25	Dorothy Taber,		1	22		
July 2	Nathan D. Manter,	78	9		Senility.	
July 24	Phebe T. Devoll,	84	6		Apoplexy.	
Aug. 4	Harold B. Hammond,			1	Infantile debility.	
Aug. 8	John R. Thompson,	54	11	28	Phthisis pulmonalis.	
Aug. 14	Myra F. Chadwick,		11	19	Entero colitis.	
Aug. 20	Ellen M. Russell,	58			Dysentery.	
Aug. 24					Stillborn.	
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Aug. 31	M. Marguerite Marvis,	T ON	5	5	Cholera infantum.	
Sept. 16	Russell S. Braley,	70	1	23	Chronic disease stomach.	
Sept. 15	Garrison B. Blackmer.	74	4	14	Cancer of face.	
Sept. 17	John T. Chadwick,	50	5	11	Typhoid fever.	
Sept. 28	Norman E. Stevens,		3	5	Cholera infantum.	
Oct. 10	Edmund Williams,	62	11		Phthisis pulmonalis.	
Oct. 18	Charles L. Russell,	58			Cancer of liver.	
Oct. 25	Deborah Rounseville,	77	6		Senility.	
Dec. 7	Sarah P. Gammons,	85	4		Senile gangrene.	
Dec. 18	Betsey W. White,	73	5		Bronchitis.	
Dec. 28	Lucinda S. Skiff,	73			Pneumonia.	
Mar. 16	Bethany Gammons,	88	11		Apoplexy.	

Number of dogs licensed in town of Acushnet, 1899, 116; 103 males, 13 females.

D. S. MASON, Town Clerk of Acushnet.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet submit the following annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending March 1, 1900.

POOR ACCOUNT.

Paid John M. Collins, house rent Lewis Besse	and		
family,	\$39.00		
Uriah S. Cole, board of Fred Haskell,	45.64		
Town of Middleboro, on Nellie Walker case,	7.50		
City of New Bedford, supplies to Wm. H. That	tcher, 37.00		
City of New Bedford, supplies to Louisa Hunn			
City of New Bedford, supplies to Ernest Caswe			
State Board of Insanity, removing patients from			
ton to Medfield asylum,	10.68		
Susan H. Brightman, care of Louisa Hunnewel	1, 30.46		
Mrs. Edward A. Collins, supplies, etc.,	5.00		
Hatch & Co., express,	1.30		
George W. Lawrence, labor at almshouse,			
George W. Bennett, labor and paper at almshouse,			
Town of Fairhaven, supplies to Peleg Green's			
Mass. School for Feeble Minded, Fred Besse,	39.40		
D. S. Mason, groceries, etc., to Chas P. Washb	urn, 117.42		
Mary R. Burns, housekeeper to " "	1.50		
Sarah Madison, housekeeper to " "	22.00		
Rachael Pittsley, nurse to " "	3.00		
E. W. Bennett, cutting wood for " "	12.61		
Dr. J. F. Weeks, med. attendance, " "	8.00		
Elizabeth Taber, board of Fred Haskell,	7.50		
Alden Rounseville, lumber to almshouse,	6.19		
Dr. W. B. Branscombe, medical attendance to			
Harding's family,	10.00		

Henrietta King, housekeeper to Charles P. Washburn, New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co., coke to Mrs.	35.00
A. Chadwick,	4.50
J. H. Paige, groceries to Mrs. A. Chadwick,	12.68
A. G. Alley, groceries to Mrs. A. Chadwick,	1.03
James Blake, medicine for Mrs. A. Chadwick,	7.05
Town of Rochester, medical attendance to Lewis Bes-	
se's family,	49.00
J. H. Paige, groceries to George Harding,	21.00
Alfred Nye, groceries to Peleg Green's family,	71.50
M. S. Douglass, wood to Peleg Green's family,	13.25
D. S. Mason, nails to almshouse,	.55
M. S. Douglass, wood to Geo. Harding,	4.00
Eben F. Leonard, labor at almshouse,	2.00
Rufus Lincoln, groceries to Lucina Sears,	53.00
	3723.24

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Paid New Bedford Printing Co., 400 town reports, " " 25 women's voting	\$36.00
lists and tax bills,	3.25
New Bedford Printing Co., stamped envelopes,	3.50
" " " 1500 receipts,	3.50
Sherman & Habicht, 50 danger cards,	2.00
Traders & Mechanics Ins. Co., insuring town-house,	7.92
J. T. Brownell, services as auditor,	2.00
Leslie Morse, watching fires,	1.20
Philip H. Crandon, watching fires,	1.60
C. M. Drake, watching fires,	1.60
E. W. Ashley, services as teller,	2.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, services as teller,	2.00
N. P. Hayes, pump handle,	1.25
D. S. Mason, expenses to Boston, stamps, etc.,	29.01
Wood, Brightman & Co., work on pumps,	17.74
H. S. Hutchinson & Co., printing tax book,	4.50
George W. Barton, labor at town-house,	5.12
D. S. Mason, recording births, marriages and deaths,	22.70

Samuel Corey, services as ballot clerk, A. P. R. Gilmore, services as inspector,	2.00
C. A. Howland, work on pump,	.60
J. F. Weeks, M. D., reporting births,	4.00
Weston C. Vaughan, 12 death returns,	3.00
D. S. Mason, stamps, telephone, attending two town	
meetings and recording same,	18.23
M. S. Douglass, rendering oaths,	3.25
M. S. Douglass, two trips to Boston on bank and cor-	
poration taxes, also state highway,	7.00
M. S. Douglass, expense to Taunton on State High-	1.50
way hearing for Bristol County,	1.50 3.75
M. S. Douglass, stamps, envelopes, stationery, etc., H. B. Robinson, M. D., reporting one birth,	.25
Frank Pease, supplies to Board of Health,	1.00
Benj. White, making two pump handles,	2.50
David Brownell, damage to well by overflow of water	
caused by stoppage of drain and bridge,	10.00
M. S. Douglass, services as moderator,	5.00
George J. Parker, one record book,	1.00
Sylvester Pratt, services as constable, etc.,	40.00
Williams C. Ashley, services as school committee,	25.00
Thomas Hersom, Jr., " " "	25.00
Ida F. Morse, " " "	25.00
M. S. Douglass, services as selectman, assessor, and	
overseer of the poor,	100.00
Eben F. Leonard. services as selectman, assessor, and	
overseer of the poor,	67.00
Henry F. Taber, services as selectman, assessor, and	
overseer of the poor,	55.00
George J. Parker, services as board of health,	7.00
P. A. Bradford, inspector of cattle, meat, etc.,	63.00
Joseph A. But, for land taken on state highway,	46.85
E. B. Gray, services as supt. of schools,	200.00
C. M. Morse, Jr., services as chairman board of health,	10.00
Dennis S. Mason, services as collector,	165.70
Dennis S. Mason, services as confector, Dennis S. Mason, services as treasurer, .	98.91
M. S. Douglass, temporary loan in 1898,	230.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, interest on notes,	200.00

Coddington Savings Bank of Newport, Boon note, Melrose Savings Bank, interest on notes, Jose, Parker & Co., Boston, interest on n		136.00 119.00 85.00	Paid Worcester Insane Asylum: Support of Patience T. Collins, Support of Sarah L, Warner, 169.48	\$338.93
		\$1,985.43	Paid Anna H. Bradford, treasurer of trustees of Free Public Library, as appropriated,	\$75.00
MACADAM NOTES PAID Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Coddington Savings Bank, Newport, R. I Jose, Parker & Co., Boston, Merchants Bank, New Bedford, temporary	.,	1,000.00 1,000.00 1,000.00 1,000.00	Orders given by the selectmen on bills approved by the school committee, PRESENT TOWN DEBT.	\$2,644.94
STATE AID.	y Tourn,	\$4,000.00	Note in favor of Jose, Parker & Co. at 4½%, due Nov. 23, 1900, Note in favor of Coddington Savings Bank at 4%, due Oct. 15, 1902,	\$1,000.00 2,400.00
Sylvester Pratt, Edward C. Tew, Alexander Turner,	\$48.00 48.00 72.00		Note in favor of Commonwealth of Mass., at 4%, due Nov. 1, 1903, Note in favor of Melrose Savings Bank at 3½%, due Oct. 1, 1907,	4,000.00
Nathan D. Sturtevant, Edwin A. Wright, Elizabeth Potter, Edmund Williams,	$ \begin{array}{r} 40.50 \\ 28.00 \\ 24.00 \\ 24.00 \end{array} $		Merchants National Bank, temporary loan, Total debt,	\$14,200.00 1,000.00 \$15,200.00
Paid for burial of Edmund Williams, Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital: Support of Lucy M. Delano, Support of Hattie Wallen,	\$71.97 71.97	\$284.50 35.00	APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1899.	6
Support of Mary J. Clapp, Paid Medfield Insane Asylum: Support of Lucy M. Delano, Support of Hattie Wallen, Support of Mary J. Clapp, Support of William D. Taber,	\$84.00 \$4.00 84.00 146.00	\$215.91	Support of Schools, Support of Poor, Incidentals, Highways and Bridges, Drain at D. Cochran's, Free Public Library,	\$2,300.00 1,325.00 2,000.00 600.00 250.00 75.00
11 20001,		\$398.00	Insurance on town-house, expires April, 1902,	\$600.00

VALUATION OF THE TOWN,

May 1, 1899.

May 1, 1000.	
Personal property, Buildings, Land,	\$119,180.00 254,175.00 268,535.00
	\$641,890.00
Rate of taxation per \$1,000, No. of polls, "horses,	\$17.00 279 363 385
" cows, " neaf cattle, " swine.	72 79
swine,dwelling houses,acres of land,fowl assessed,	$ \begin{array}{c} 268 \\ 10,951 \ 5.6 \\ 8,505 \end{array} $

GUIDE BOARDS.

The guide boards of the town are all in fair condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MOSES S. DOUGLASS, EBEN F. LEONARD, HENRY F. TABER,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

B:11 C C 2C 1 - 21 -	-4 \$2 00	\$59.CO
Paid J. C. Gammons, 26 days 8 hrs		\$53.60 62.40
" team, 31 days 2 hrs		14.70
George Norton, 9 days 8 hrs. at	\$1.50 per day,	17.25
H. White, 11 days 5 hrs,		
C. R. Sherman, 20 days 1 hour,		30.15
Harry Parker, 3 days 4 hrs.	"	5.10
Frank Rogers, 2 days,		3.00
Albert Demars, 10 days,	u	15.00
Fred Gifford, 10 days 5 hrs.	"	15.75
J. Gagne, 1 day,	"	1.50
C. H. Grinnell, 13 days 5 hrs.	u	20.25
C. Fritz, 2 days.	"	3.00
Alden White, 2 days,	"	3.00
Fred Morse, 7 days,	u	10.50
Charles Morse, 9 days 4 hrs.	4.	14.10
L. Demoranville, 14 days 9 hrs.	"	22.35
William Macomber, 4 days,	"	6.00
C. Lawrence, 1 day,	ll .	1.50
L. Perry, 1 day,	u	1.50
Patrick Mahoney, 1 day,	u	1.50
George Parker, 3 days,	"	4.50
Walter Bradford, team, 10 days at	\$3.50,	35.00
Harry Parker, team, 2 days, 2 hrs.	"	7.70
P. H. Crandon, 3 days,	ll.	10.50
Albert Morse, 7 days,	16	24.50
Harry Sherman, 1 day,	"	3.50
William Pittsley, 6 days,	"	21.00
Charles Bennett, 4 days,		14.00
		2.45
George Fuller, 7 hrs.		
M. O. Bradford, 1 day,		3.50
Samuel Wing, 1 day,		3.50
John Thompson, 2 days 2 hrs.	"	7.70
J. T. Brownell, 1 day 6 hrs.	"	5.60
Charles Sullivan, 1 day at	\$1.75,	1.75
James Cobb, 6 days at	1.67,	10.00

Alden White's horse, 1 day,	1.00
John E. Hammond, repairing washout,	1.70
Loring Ashley, " "	5.00
J. Pierce, clearing snow, March, 1899,	1.36
M. O. Bradford, " " "	11.45
C. H. Dillingham, " " "	1.19
W. B. Bennett, blacksmithing, etc.,	15.03
E. C. Snell, "	3.45
Mary Davis, 22 loads of gravel at .06 per load,	1.32
James Sherman, 66 " " "	3.96
Henry Chase, 38 " " "	2.28
Wilson & Wordell, tools, plow point and standard,	
(Bill of 1898)	19.60
	\$524.69

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. GAMMONS,

Single Highway Surveyor.

MONEY EXPENDED ON DRAIN LAID ACROSS LAND OF DAVID COCHRAN.

Paid Melvin O. Brad	dford, teaming,	4	\$15.93
J. C. Gammons,	"		3.00
Samuel Wing,	и		15.75
Myron E. Douglass,	",		7.00
J. C. Gammons, labo	or \$2.00 per day,		14.00
L. T. Jenning, labor	\$3.00 per day,		3.00
A. Demars, labor \$1	.50 per day,		1.50
L. Demoranville,	11		10.50
C. Sherman,			7.50
C. H. Grinnell,	* (6.00
W. B. Macomber,			7.50
Fred C. Gifford,	"		6.00
Fred Morse,	"		4.50
H. White,	**		6.00
Patrick Mahoney,	٠.		2.25
Charles Morse,	- 4.		4.50

 C. M. Morse, Jr., grass seed and fertilizer, Acushnet Iron Foundry, grate, etc., S. S. Paine & Bro., pipe, cement, brick, etc., David Cochran, right of way across land to lay drain pipe, 	2.60 7.48 144.58 75.00
	\$344.59

MACADAM INCIDENTALS.

Paid Babbitt, Wood & Co., oil, packing, labor, etc.,	\$38.25
Farrell Foundry & Machine Co., jaw plates, etc.,	100.39
Good Roads Machinery Co., repairs on crusher,	74.75
Alden Rounseville, lumber,	10.14
C. M. Drake, printing signs,	1.50
George W. Barton, labor,	13.25
William E. Collins, wood,	2.50
City Coal Co., coal,	289.84
Neal Shoe Co., rubber springs,	6.00
Joseph S. Lewis, Jr., iron work and labor on crushe	ľ
plant,	191.88
Wm. F. Nye, oil, etc.,	42.10
E. H. Pierce, belts, etc.,	38.42
N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad, freight bills,	5.47
E. C. & K. Terry, lumber,	7.50
David H. Dyer, inspecting two boilers,	4.20
Buffalo Pitts Steam Boiler Co., grate,	3.00
W. H. Rankin, labor and material,	4.90
Ernest Snell, iron work,	3.45
S. S. Paine, drain pipe, cement, etc.,	13.93
George W. Bennett, iron work,	.88
Willard B. Bennett, iron work,	14.18
New Bedford Cordage Co., rope,	3.34
New Bedford Printing Co., printing tickets,	4.75
C. A. Howland, iron work,	7.45
Luther H. Reynolds, iron work,	2.60
C. A. Gray, powder, etc.,	8.70
James A. Thompson, kindling wood,	5.25
John M. Vincent, plank for scales,	1.22

18		19	
New Bedford Machine Co., shafting, D. S. Mason, telephone, nails, etc., Wilson & Wordell, shovels, picks, etc., Melvin Bradford, dynamite, Richard Davis, oil, tarred paper, etc.,	3.90 7.96 22.95 1.45 10.27 \$946.37	Frank L. Borden, at \$3.50 per day, William E. Collins, " Thomas L. Clark, " C. C. D. Gilmore, " George S. Crocker, " James C. Gammons' team at \$2.00,	.50 5.80 1.82 1:62 16.45 66.20
	φυ±0.51	•	\$121.84
		STONE.	
MACADAM ACCOUNT.		Paid Job A. E. Chase,	\$34.06
MINORDAM ACCOUNT.		H. B. Parker,	2.29
Cross Road Labor.		James C. Gammons,	60.44
Dillo a		William E. Collins,	60.42
Paid J. C. Gammons, \$2.50 per day,	\$99.75	William Durfee,	22.34
Thomas Luce, 3.00 "	48.00	Edward W. Morse,	151.84
Clarence S. Caswell, 2.50 "	2.50	Joseph T. Brownell,	50.19
Charles E. Sullivan, 1.75 "	63.87	Willard Peckham,	36.14
Arthur Davis, 2.00 "	46.00	John M. Vincent,	87.24
Harry Lawrence, 1.00 "	39.00	Emerson Bennett,	10.67
Charles H. Grinnell, 1.50 "	57.15	Henry Jackson,	32.59
Fred. C. Gifford, " "	56.40	Edward Pittsley,	13.15
Andrew Bismore, " "	54.15	Charles Norton,	97.49
Louis Perry, " "	29.40	George Parker,	62.23
Fred Morse, " "	29.40	F. Norton,	7.37
Charles Morse, " "	29.40	Eugene White,	19.80
Clarence Lawrence, " "	57.75	O. A Bradford,	3.52
William B. Macomber, " "	27.75	L. T. Jennings,	181.69
Russell Hammett " "	15.00	E. C. Morse,	9.75
Albert Demars, " "	57.90	E. F. Leonard,	27.24
Cyrus Sherman, " "	47.25	Eben F. Leonard,	11.99
Luther Demoranville, " "	59.70	George P. Morse,	18.34
Frank E. Borden, " "	18.15	Charles D. Bennett,	59.41
George Norton, " "	48.00	George S. Crocker,	3.36
Charles Leonard, conveying F. Luce to and from car,	7.80		\$1,063.56
	\$894.32	Cost of Incidentals on Cross Road,	252.32
TEAMING.		Cost to the Town for Labor, Teaming, Stone, and Incidentals, \$2,332.04	
Paid Walter Bradford, at \$3.50 per day,	\$15.45	Credit by eash subscriptions, 139.50	
Willard Peckham, " "	13.50	Total cost to the town,	\$2,192.54
Henry Jackson. " "	.50		
		There was built on the cross road about 6289 feet.	

LONG PLAIN ROAD. LABOR.

Paid J. C. Gammons at \$2.50 per day,	\$156.75
Thomas Luce at \$3.00 per day,	64.50
Arthur Davis at \$2.00 per day,	132.00
C. H. Vincent at \$1.00 per day,	52.30
J. M. Gammons at \$1.00 per day,	10.00
C. H. Grinnell at \$1.50 per day,	87.45
Louis Perry "	92.40
Gilbert Collins, "	64.80
Albert Demars, "	80.70
Fred C. Gifford, "	93.90
Cyrus Sherman, "	88.65
George Norton, "	68.10
L. K. Demoranville, "	89.40
Patrick Mahoney, "	79.50
Charles Morse, "	85.95
Andrew Bismore, "	83.55
James Cobb, "	75.75
Fred Morse, "	7.50
Herbert White, "	5.55
Henry F. Taber, conveying Thomas Luce to and	
car,	10.00
	\$1,428.75
TEAMING.	
Paid Fred O. Tripp at \$3.50 per day,	\$28.00
John F. Hammett, "	22.05
James A. Thompson,	50.05
Charles D. Bennett, "	40.95

\$461.10

22.75

58.10

90.50

45.50

103.20

STONE.

George A. Fuller,

Walter B. Bradford,

J. C. Gammons, team at \$2.00 per day,

Loring P. Ashley,

Fred C. Taber,

Paid George A. Fuller, 85.53

Edward W. Morse,	14.40
K. T. Eldredge,	23.78
H. W. Cushman,	38.41
Henry F. Taber,	20.80
Joseph A. Marion,	33.66
James A. Thompson,	46.23
David Brownell, Jr.,	44.90
Walter B. Bradford,	22.92
Loring P. Ashley,	10.85
Gilbert Collins,	5.50
Levi E. Pittsley,	15.51
N. B. Ellis,	86.34
M. S. Douglass,	32.80
Thomas J. Robinson,	28.37
Lester A. Tripp,	1.85
Horatio Morse,	6.46
Fred C. Taber,	69.22
J. F. Taber,	41.51
Frank T. Howland,	31.81
John F. Hammett,	103.78
Joseph T. Brownell,	143.74
N. F. Mendall,	155.43
John M. Vincent,	43.44
Charles D. Bennett,	12.95
John E. Hammond,	17.01
Thomas Norton,	1.02
George P. Norton,	6.35
Mrs. H. N. F. Mendall.	20.26
Fred Tripp,	21.72
Walter S. Perry,	5.66
Mrs. Betsey Taber,	86.42
	\$1,278.63
Cost of incidentals on Long Plain road,	347.03
Cost to the town for labor, stone and teaming, and incidentals, \$3,515,51	
Cr. by eash subscriptions, 645.25	
Total cost to the town,	\$2,870.26

There was built on the Long Plain road about 7,351 feet.

MATTAPOISETT ROAD.

L			

Paid J. C. Gammons,	\$2.50 p	er day		\$149.75
Arthur Davis,	2.00	"		130.00
James Cobb,	1.67	"		92.49
Percy Ashley,	1.00	44		36.10
Charles Vincent,	1.00	"		7.00
Charles F. Morse,	1.50	"		67.80
Patrick Mahoney,	1.50	"		84.75
Louis Perry,	1.50	"		87.45
Andrew Bismore,	1.50	"		12.75
George Parker,	1.50			45.60
Albert Demars.	1.50			7.95
Gilbert Collins,	1.50			19.50
Charles Grinnell,	1.50	"		63.00
Fred C. Gifford.	1.50			75.98
Horatio Morse,	1.50	"		6.00
Cyrus Sherman,	1.50	"		39.00
Luther Demoranville,	1.50	"		84.75
Herbert White,	1.50	- 11		78.75
George Norton,	1.50	"		6.75
	TEA	MING.		\$1,095.37
Doid Molein O. Duale			. 1	A04 70
Paid Melvin O. Bradfe	ora, at \$	3.50 p	er day,	\$94.50
John R. Thompson,				7.00
Joseph T. Brownell,		"	"	21.00
Orloff R. Howland,		"	••	21.00
Samuel Wing,		"	- 44	93.80
William T. Howland,		"	"	27.30
J. C. Gammons, team	at \$2.00	per d	ay,	103.40
				\$368.00
	ST	ONE.		
Paid Frank T. Howla	nd.			\$44.81
P. A. Bradford,				236.52
N. B. Ellis,				37.16
Horatio Morse,				
				42 02
Samuel Wing.				42.02 230.35
Samuel Wing, Orloff R. Howland,				$ \begin{array}{c} 42.02 \\ 230.35 \\ 90.99 \end{array} $

Walter Bradford, Edward Pittsley, William Pittsley, Joseph T. Brownell, William Ingram, John Richardson, E. Therrien, Fred Taber, John M. Vincent, S. Paquette,	4.95 10.92 4.23 9.96 5.85 4.54 95.57 76.08 1.95 1.87
Cost of incidentals on Mattapoisett road, Cost to town for labor, stone and teaming, and incidentals, Cr. by cash subscriptions, etc., \$2,708.16	\$897.77 347.02
Total cost to town,	\$1,855.22
There was built on the Mattapoisett road about Part of the road was built only 12 feet wide.	7,000 feet.
Cost to town, all three roads, Appropriated for macadam roads,	\$6,917.62 6,800.00
Exceeded appropriation,	\$117.62

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MOSES S. DOUGLASS, HENRY W. CUSHMAN, AUGUSTUS WHITE,

Committee on Macadam Roads.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR MACADAM ROAD.

LONG PLAIN ROAD.

H. W. Cushman,	\$100.00
H. F. Taber,	25.00
M. S. Douglass,	50.00
Joseph Marion,	20.00
N. F. Mendall,	25.00
J. K. Allen,	25.00
Mrs. C. S. Cushman,	25.00
Mrs. C. D. Pope,	5.00
J. C. Gammons,	21.00
Franklyn Howland,	$\frac{21.00}{2.50}$
J. R. Thompson,	28.00
P. R. Porter,	20.00
Estate P. Taber,	
John B. Jane,	25.00
Mrs. Harriet Rogerson,	2.00
Michael Mahoney,	25.00
J. G. Whalen,	5.00
Arthur E. Collins,	5.00
Miss Lillie W. Hallett,	2.00
C. M. Morse, Jr.,	5.00
Cash,	5.00
	10.00
Cash,	5.00
T. Hersom, Jr.,	7.50
H. N. Wilber,	5.00
J. F. Weeks,	15.00
J. M. Babbitt,	5.00
L. P. Ashley,	21.00
Fred G. Taber,	21.00
William G. Taber,	10.00
Augustus White,	15.00
Cash,	5.00
E. E. Cushman,	10.00
Jimmie Thompson,	7.00
Mrs. T. Fairchild,	5.00
John Taber,	5.00
	0.00

Mrs. Noah Gifford,	5.00
Mrs. H. M. T. Mendall,	20.00
George Hammond,	5.00
Herbert Hammond,	5.00
Arthur Barton,	2.00
Cash.	1.75
Cash,	1.00
C. A. Tripp,	.50
Frank Roberts.	.50
Jerry Roberts,	.50
S. A. Dean,	.50
Otis Harding,	3.00
James Griffin,	2.00
F. E. Wellington,	10.00
Walter Hawes,	1.00
William Griffin.	2.00
Eugene Paris,	2.00
John M. Ellis,	1.50
Thomas Melsom,	1.00
Mose Bosquet,	1.00
George Brightman,	5.00
George Morse,	10.00
Eugene White,	10.00
J. B. Hamblin,	25.00
Estate G. T. Russell,	25.00
M. Shattuck,	25.00
William T. Barton,	9.30
George Fuller,	65.00
C. D. Bennett,	24.50
John F. Hammett,	35.00
T. J. Robinson,	15.00
Jerome B. Tripp,	21.00
Albert S. Jenney,	6.90
John M. Vincent,	15.00
J. T. Brownell,	35.00
L. H. Reynolds,	7.50
Benjamin Ellis,	15.00
Nathan Bumpus,	21.00
Walter Bradford,	25.00
George W. Barton,	8.10
	\$1,035.55

CROSS ROAD.

W. B. Peckham,	\$25.00
W. A. Bradford,	50.00
D. T. Devoll,	10.00
J. C. Gammons,	25.00
James A. Hartley,	50.00
James A. Lawrence,	25.00
T. L. Clarke,	15.00
Frank Borden,	10.00
H. A. Jackson,	10.00
D. S. Mason,	50.00
A. P. R. Gilmore,	10.00
A. Rounseville, Jr.,	100.00
H. Parker,	3.00
W. E. Collins,	25.00
John M. Collins,	15.00
Eben F. Leonard,	10.00
Charles F. Leonard,	10.00
C. H. Grinnell,	3.00
L. F. Jennings,	20.00
C. L. Spooner,	10.00
Babbitt & Wood,	5.00
George S. Crocker,	21.00
I. V. Braley,	2.64
i Ditteloj,	2.04
	\$504.64

MATTAPOISETT ROAD.

Samuel Wing,	\$100.00
Shady Lane Farm,	100.00
Moses S. Douglass,	50.00
Oloff R. Howland,	30.00
James B. Hamblin,	25.00
Frank T. Howland,	25.00
John T. Richardson,	25.00
E. J. Whitney,	10.00
Charles Dillingham,	10.00
William Ingram,	10.00

Serville Paquette,	10.00
Henry LeLievre,	10.00
Augustus White,	10.00
Isaac Hathaway,	10.00
Benjamin Ellis,	10.00
Charles W. Morse,	9.00
Horatio N. Wilbur,	5.00
C. W. Ellis,	5.00
Thomas C. Tinkham,	10.00
W. B. Bennett,	2.00
Horatio Morse,	3.00
George A. Cobb,	4.90
James R. Allen,	25.00
N. H. Wilbur,	20.00
George H. Doscher,	20.00
E. A. Lion,	15.00
John M. Howland,	10.00
J. H. Hathaway,	10.00
Thomas Hersom, Jr.,	7.50
Elijah Bates,	5.00
J. Frank Weeks,	5.00
Herbert Hammond,	1.00
George Hammond,	1.00
R. E. Bassett,	1.00
C. H. Kenyon,	1.00
P. H. Wing,	1.00
Marguerite P. Gammons,	3.00
Viola Gammons,	2.00
Franklyn Howland,	1.00
Friend,	.50
Miss L. W. Hallett,	2.00
George M. Nichols,	1.00
George F. Brightman,	5.00
John Lumbard,	3.00
Arthur C. Cory,	2.00
J. M. Babbitt,	5.00
Henry S. Hutchinson,	2.00
Henry B. Howland,	1.00
Charles F. Wing,	2.00
George F. Nye,	1.00
P. P. Jenney,	1.00

A. L. Hazzard,	1.00
F. W. Palmer,	1.00
S. E. Bryant,	1.00
Ellis L. Howland,	1.00
M. T. Vincent,	1.00
F. C. Clarke,	1.00
Charles M. Wilber,	1.00
Charles F. Spooner,	1.00
George F. Russell,	25.00
Joseph Slocum,	2.00
J. A. Taylor,	1.00
A. M. Cory,	1.00
William Hathaway,	1.00
George L. Hathaway,	1.00
B. A. Randall,	10.00
C. M. Morse, Jr.,	5.00
Ezra Therrien,	10.00
John Thompson,	3.50
	\$696.40

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Acushnet, Mar. 19, 1900.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Surveyor, and Macadam Committee's report, of the Town of Acushnet, for the financial year ending March 1, 1900, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,

Auditor.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

For the year 1899.

The Board organized April 10, with C. M. Morse, Jr., Chairman, and George J. Parker, Secretary.

The whole number of deaths reported were 31 and two stillborn. The deaths in Acushnet were 20 and two stillborn. Eleven were burials from other places.

Of contagious diseases, there were four cases of typhoid fever with two deaths. There were 10 cases of scarlet fever, with no deaths.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORSE, JR, GEORGE J. PARKER, EDWARD R. ASHLEY.

Board of Health.

REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR

For the Year 1899.

Late in the summer, after concluding that there was nothing required of your inspector, came orders from the State Board to make a very thorough inspection of all cattle and barns where cattle are kept in the town, taking measurements of each, and distances from where cattle were watered, and a list of 29 questions was sent to be answered in regard to every place where an animal was found; and all to be done and a report sent to them before the 15th of November. The inspection of horses being included, I have killed two affected with glanders. I have found but one case of tuberculosis, and killed that cow immediately, thus preventing by a thorough disinfection of the premises, as ordered by the State Board, any spread of the disease. I have inspected and measured 128 barns, and found them mostly in a very good condition, and the cattle in much better shape than I expected, or have done in former years.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. BRADFORD, Inspector.

ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

Within the past year there has been an increased interest in our Public Library and its branches. From April 1, 1899, to March 12, 1900, there have been given out from the three rooms 1,895 volumes, also a number of magazines. As our fund for the purchase of books is very limited, it gives us pleasure to record donations to our libraries. Mrs. Clement Swift and Miss Emma Cochran kindly gave us a good many books, the latter adding magazines. Mrs. Joseph Ricketson, 2d, of New Bedford, kindly remembered us with a donation of about 50 valuable volumes from the library of her deceased husband.

Last summer a large, handsomely bound volume was presented our Library by Sanford H. Dudley, Attorney-at-Law, in Boston. This was the "Life of Thomas Dudley, Second Governor of Massachusetts." Being a descendant of this governor of colonial fame, Mr. Dudley wrote he presented the book "as a token of good will toward the town" with "kindly remembrance of some of the town's people living and departed." All these gifts, and the interest and thoughtfulness that prompted the donors, are fully appreciated by the patrons of the libraries and by the Trustees, and they may be valuable also as an inspiration to others to "go and do likewise." We have sometimes received magazines and one or two books from friends. All favors gratefully accepted. Last fall we received from the Millicent Library, Fairhaven, 100 books, partly worn, and recently about fifty (50) more. These are a great help to us.

A larger, pleasanter place for our main library at Acushnet seems necessary to all concerned. What we really need is a new Town Hall, where the business of the town could be conducted more easily and comfortably; where the archives of the town could be kept with safety and dignity; where a warm convenient room for books and space for a reading table would tempt more of our citizens to visit the Library; and where a modern hall, suitable for lectures and entertainments, would meet a long felt want. We wish some of our public

spirited citizens would consider this suggestion, agitate it and then act upon it.

Your Trustees are glad to report a smaller deficit than before, and an addition of several valuable volumes new from the publishers. We earnestly appeal to the generosity of our town, both for donations of books and the appropriation of the "dog fund," which a majority of the towns in our state allow for the support of Free Public Libraries.

EMILY A. BROWNELL, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cr.		
Deficit from last year,	\$5.95	
April 24. Paid Elsie Collins,	6.50	
26. Paid Florence Manter,	8.04	
July 1. Paid Elsie Collins	6.25	
1. Paid Florence Manter,	6.25	
Oct. 1. Paid Elsie Collins.	6.00	
1. Paid E. A. Brownell,	3.00	
1. Paid Florence Manter,	6.00	
Jan. 1. Paid Elsie Collins,	6.50	
1. Paid Florence Manter,	6.50	
Paid for 2 vols. "Life of Dewey,"	3.00	
Paid for 3 vols. "Life of Christ,"	6.50	
April 1, 1900. Paid Elsie Collins,	6.25	
Paid Florence Manter,	6.25	
		\$82.99
Dr.		
Town appropriation,	\$75.00	
Fines,	5.55	
		\$80.55
Balance due April 1, 1900,		\$2.44

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. PARKER, EMILY A. BROWNELL, ANNA H. BRADFORD,

Trustees of Board.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF ACUSHNET:

In accordance with your rules and regulations, I submit herewith the third annual report of the district superintendent for the year 1899.

WINTER TERM, 1899. January 2d to March 24th.

TEACHERS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attend.	Per. cent attendance,	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.
Bisbee.							
Elizabeth A. Haskins Whelden.	\$28.00	10	8.66	7.94	91.80	4	3
Grace Deming	32.00	. 28	25.11	18.47	73.56	31	22
Marie S. Howard Grammar.	38.00	36	33.05	26.47	80.10	9	0
Lydia R. Hiller Perry Hill.	40.00	30	27.37	25.18	91.99	39	22
Mary E. Carey	36.00	27	25.18	17.60	69.94	38	7
Rose D. Lanphear, Alice V. Bryant,	40.00 28.00	35	33.02	28.91	87.55	97	11
TOTAL	\$242.00	166	152.39	124.57	81.74	218	65

SPRING TERM, 1899.
APRIL 10TH TO JUNE 9TH.

TEACHERS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent attendance.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.
Bisbee. Elizabeth A. Haskins	\$28.00	11	8.56	7.85	91.71	3	1
Whelden.				25 21	90.88	25	15
Grace Deming	36 00	29	27.74	25.21	90.00	20	1.0
Marie S. Howard	38.00	38	27.40	25.11	91.64	7	0
Grammar. Lydia R. Hiller	40.00	27	26.04	24.30	93.32	25	18
Perry Hill. Mary E. Carey	36.00	26	24.89	22.64	90.96	21	5
Long Plain. Rose D. Lanphear, Alice V. Bryant,	40.00 28.00	32	31.72	29.30	92.37	84	17
Тотац	\$246.00	163	146.35	134.41	91.84	165	56

FALL TERM, 1899. September 5th to December 15th.

TEACHERS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled,	Average member. ship.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent attendance.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.
Bisbee.							
Elizabeth A. Haskins Whelden.	\$28.00	17	9.18	7.92	86.27	0	2
Ruth D. Fisher	36.00	28	25.12	21.16	84.04	29	12
Marie S. Howard	40.00	39	34.42	29.85	86.72	3	1
Lydia R. Hiller	40.00	34	30.44	26.79	88.01	25	1
Gertrude Walker	36.00	36	27.11	26.02	95.98	18	12
Rose D. Lanphear	40.00	40	32.49	29.62	91.16	171	26
Totals	\$220.00	194	158.76	141.36	89.04	246	54

For the past three years there has been a gradual improvement in attendance, the record of each year having been better than that of the preceding year.

The attendance for the past year would have shown a very marked improvement over previous years if there had not been several special causes for absence, such as whooping cough in the Primary school, scarlet fever in the Primary, Grammar and Whelden schools, and an unusual number of severe storms during last winter, when it was very difficult for pupils at a distance to get to school.

The improvement in attendance at the Perry Hill school is worthy of special mention. During the past term the absence in that school has amounted to only 4%, as against 17 2-5% for the corresponding term one year ago.

REPAIRS.

Besides numerous minor repairs, the Perry Hill and Whelden schoolhouses have been painted, and new stoves have been purchased for the Whelden and Long Plain schools.

The stoves in the Perry Hill and Bisbee schools are in very poor condition, and should be replaced before another winter.

GRADING OF THE SCHOOLS.

The district school, to do effective work, must not only be graded, but must be directed and systematized with some definite plan and purpose in view, thereby blending the work of successive terms and teachers, so that it shall form a carefully planned preparation for future study, otherwise the work of each teacher, often not at all in harmony with that of her predecessor, is likely to form a separate element in a haphazard course.

The work of the schools for the past two or three years has been directed with a view to the careful grading of all the schools, and the establishment in all of them of a course of study which shall prepare pupils for High School work. It was found to be impossible to closely grade the schools at once, without injury to many pupils, because without a definite course to follow they had been guided in many cases by their inclinations, and had spent an undue portion of their time and efforts

upon favorite subjects, to the neglect of others equally important.

It would not have been wise to have had the pupils drop entirely, even for a short time, the study of those subjects in which they were in advance of the grade to which they belonged. Therefore the aim has been in each class to spend more time upon and to emphasize the work in those subjects in which the pupils in that particular class were most deficient, and to gradually bring the schools to a more and more closely graded condition where all pupils, in the same grade, without regard to which school they attend, may do uniform work.

An effort has also been made to reduce as far as practicable the number of classes in each school, in order that the recitation periods may be lengthened, and an opportunity given for more effective teaching.

It is better both for the individual pupils and the school as a whole, that the teacher should give a little extra attention for a short time to one or more pupils who may be a little behind their class, if this will enable them to go on, rather than that a new class shall be formed, and so diminish the length of all recitation periods; for the greatest disadvantage under which the district school labors is the large number of classes and short recitation periods.

The following table may be of interest to some, as it shows the present number of classes in each school, and the number of pupils in each class, as well as the grade to which they belong:

	GRADE.							
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Bisbee,	3	4			6		3	1
Whelden,	11		9		6		2	1
Primary,	19	11	9				-	
Grammar,				11	8	9	6	
Perry Hill,	8	9		8	5	3		3
Long Plain,	9	8	9		10		4	
Total,	50	32	27	19	35	12	15	4

Irregular attendance has interfered somewhat with the work and some pupils on account of absence may have to go into the next lower class at the end of the year.

DIPLOMAS.

As the town does not maintain a High School, it has been thought best to give Grammar School diplomas, and last June the Committee gave diplomas to six pupils who had completed the course and passed a satisfactory examination.

EXHIBITION OF SCHOOL WORK.

There will be an exhibition of school work about the middle of next term. It is not proposed to have the pupils spend a large amount of time in the preparation of papers especially for exhibition, but rather to select the best of the daily work. Every set of papers to be complete, that is, representing the work of every member of the class.

Some work from every pupil in town will be collected and arranged for inspection during one or more days at each of the schools, at which time it is hoped that as many as possible of the parents will accept the invitation to visit the school and see, as far as it can be shown upon paper, what the pupils of the various schools are doing.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation of the zeal and faithfulness of the teachers, the continued confidence and support of the committee, and the co-operation of the parents.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. GRAY,

March 1, 1900.

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Support of schools, Received from state, Received from county, Received for superintendent,		\$2,200.00 355.51 221.63 100.00
Paid teachers, Paid janitors, Paid for wood and coal, Paid for supplies, Paid for repairs, Paid for High school tuition, Paid for incidentals,	\$2,034.50 131.85 106.71 108.24 166.32 73.88 23.44	\$2,877.14 \$2,644.94
Balance credit to school account, 1900, Balance credit to school account, 1899,		232.20 398.81
Total credit,		\$631.01

All pupils who have permits to attend schools out of the district in which they live, must apply in writing to the committee for new ones. This does not apply to High school pupils.

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