

49th ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 1, 1909.

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1909



## TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting, held March 2, 1908.

*Town Clerk. Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.*  
ALDEN WHITE.

*Selectmen and Overseers of Poor for One Year.*  
HENRY F. TABER,  
EBEN F. LEONARD,  
GEORGE T. PARKER.

*Assessor for Three Years.*  
HENRY F. TABER.

*Assessor for Two Years.*  
EBEN F. LEONARD.

*Assessor for One Year.*  
GEORGE T. PARKER.

*School Committee for Three Years,*  
CAROLINE E. W. PARKER.

*Member of Board of Health for Three Years.*  
EMERY E. CUSHMAN.

*Single Highway Surveyor for One Year.*  
WILLARD B. PECKHAM.

*Tree Warden for One Year.*  
HENRY A. JACKSON.

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

*Auditor for One Year.*  
JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

*Constables.*  
SYLVESTER PRATT, CHARLES P. COTTLE,  
JOHN M. VINCENT.

*Surveyors of Lumber for One Year.*  
EDWARD W. ASHLEY,  
EMERY E. CUSHMAN,  
CHARLES F. LEONARD,  
SAMUEL WING,  
HENRY F. TABER.

*Fence Viewers for One Year.*  
WILLIAM I. SHOCKLEY, HENRY F. TABER,  
WILLARD B. PECKHAM.

ALDEN WHITE, Collector.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.	
To uncollected taxes of 1906,	\$96.56
To uncollected taxes of 1907,	978.59
Amount of tax bills of 1908:	
State tax,	1,155.00
State highway tax,	169.75
County tax,	1,017.46
Town tax,	11,910.19
Extra and omitted assessments,	198.80
Interest on taxes collected,	46.64
	\$15,572.99
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By amount paid state treasurer,	\$1,155.00
Amount paid county treasurer,	1,017.46
Amount paid state treasurer,	169.75
Amount paid town treasurer,	11,767.99
Discount for prompt tax payment,	720.54
Taxes remitted and abated by assessors,	93.80
Uncollected taxes of 1908,	648.45
	\$15,572.99



**ALDEN WHITE, Treasurer.**

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

Feb. 1, 1908.

To balance in treasury,	\$2,847.47
Amounts received from state treasurer:	
Corporation tax,	551.04
National bank tax,	400.06
Income from state school fund,	1,018.81
Returns of high school tuition,	1,338.00
For superintendent of schools,	208.33
For tuition of children, special cases,	90.00
Return of state aid,	593.00
For inspection of animals,	25.00
From county treasurer, dog fund,	367.81
Merchants Nat'l bank, temporary loans,	5,000.00
State Board of Charity,	15.00
Third district court, fines,	4.54
Slaughter house licenses,	4.00
Geo. A. Fuller, auctioneer's license,	2.00
E. W. Ashley, auctioneer's license,	2.00
Rent of town farm,	10.00
Geo. N. Alden, unearned premium,	5.06
Paul, Dixon & Cook, return premium,	9.44
Contribution to a house for road roller,	209.00
Town of Freetown, for tuition,	60.00
Town of Rochester, for tuition,	30.00
Rent of school barge,	4.00
Melvin O. Bradford, school furniture,	5.00
F. H. Robinson, school furniture,	4.00
H. M. Spooner,	2.00
A. Papa, for burial of child,	5.80
O. H. Harding, standing grass, school lot,	6.00
G. T. Parker, lumber sold,	1.00
Mrs. C. E. W. Parker, sale of books, furniture, etc.,	6.70

W. B. Peckham, cash returned,	5.41
George T. Parker, crushed stone,	7.50
W. F. Douglass, town lot,	345.00
S. S. and Julia Tripp, schoolhouse and lot,	330.00
H. H. Jackson, town lot,	12.50
M. P. Morton, town farm,	1,580.00
Alden White, collector of taxes,	11,767.99
	<hr/> \$26,873.46

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By amount paid for support of poor and soldiers' relief,	\$229.80
Amount paid for temporary loans,	5,000.00
" " Notes and interest,	1,900.64
" " State aid,	548.00
" " Incidentals,	1,131.29
" " Fire Warden's account,	31.50
" " Board of Health account,	53.73
" " Account of town sealing,	135.00
" " Account of roller house,	418.92
" " Public Library,	299.40
" " Schools, including superin- tendent's salary and high school tuition,	7,339.51
Amount paid for highways,	3,197.38
" " Road roller,	3,000.00
Balance in town treasury,	3588.29
	<hr/> \$26,873.46

**Gift Fund.**

To amount in N. B. Inst. for Savings, Feb. 1, 1908,	\$753.89
Interest to Oct., 1908,	30.42
	<hr/> \$784.31



## CEMETERY FUNDS

Held in trust by the Town of Acushnet.

To principal of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$205.09	
Interest on hand Oct., 1908,	24.85	
	<u>          </u>	\$229.94
Paid Allen Russell, Jr., treasurer, care in 1908,		5.00
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$224.94
To principal of William D. Taber fund,	\$50.00	
Interest on hand Oct., 1908,	7.64	
	<u>          </u>	\$57.64
Paid Allen Russell, Jr., treasurer, care in 1908,		1.00
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$56.64
To principal of Alfred Morse fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand Oct., 1908,	6.70	
	<u>          </u>	106.70
Paid R. Davis for care of lot in 1908,		3.50
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$103.20
To principal of Jacob Taber fund for Joseph Taber cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand Oct., 1908,	12.81	
	<u>          </u>	\$112.81
Paid R. P. Hammett for care in 1908,		1.50
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$111.31
To principal of Jacob Taber fund for Ellis Mendell cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand to Oct., 1908,	11.93	
	<u>          </u>	\$111.93
Paid R. P. Hammett and others for care in 1908,		1.75
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$110.18
To principal of John B. Taber fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand Oct., 1908,	19.76	
	<u>          </u>	\$219.76
Paid R. P. Hammett and others for care in 1908,		3.50
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$216.26

To principal of John S. Perry fund for Wing cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand Oct., 1908,	4.36	
	<u>          </u>	\$104.36
Paid R. Davis for care in 1908,		3.75
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$100.61
To principal of fund for care of William Taber lot, Long Plain,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand Oct., 1908,	8.82	
	<u>          </u>	\$108.82
Paid R. P. Hammett for care in 1908,		1.50
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$107.32
To principal of fund for care of James Cathell cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1908,	7.20	
	<u>          </u>	\$107.20
Paid R. P. Hammett for care in 1908,		1.50
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$105.70
To principal of fund for care of Pardon Taber, Jr., cemetery lot,	\$75.00	
Interest on hand October, 1908,	3.02	
	<u>          </u>	\$78.02
Paid Allen Russell, Jr. for care in 1908,		2.00
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$76.02

## Held in Trust by Alden White.

To principal of contributed fund for the care of the Long Plain cemetery,	\$265.00	
Interest on hand October, 1908,	10.46	
	<u>          </u>	\$275.46
Paid for work at cemetery in 1908,		10.46
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$265.00



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## Births Registered in Acushnet in 1908.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Jan. 7	Albert Maillotte	Louis and Donalda
Jan. 21	Lionel Matton	Phileas and Mary
Jan. 29	Viola Jeannette Braley	Herbert and Jennie
Feb. 9	Lillian Hughes	James M. and Mary
Feb. 24	Kenneth Barker Peckham	Alva R. and Annie W.
Mar. 13	—Kearsley	William and Alice S.
Mar. 21	Susan Mae Jackson	Henry A. and Susie H.
Apr. 21	Irire St. Amand	Henry and Adelina
May 6	Verna White	Walter A. and Annie F.
May 18	Leonard Papa	Antonio and Orsala
May 22	Alfred Fagundes	Manuel J. and Maria
June 10	Alfred James Collins	Arthur E. and Cora E.
June 14	Germaine Lelievre	Gustave and Julia
June 28	Howard Emerson Borden	Frank E. and Clara M.
June 28	Milton E. Bumpus	Ebenezer E. and Emma B.
June 29	Lillian Bertrand	Hormidas and Eugenia
Aug. 8	Clarence Irving Harding	Edgar F. and Elena M.
Aug. 28	Berthia Chapman	Claton and Lizzie
Sept. 8	Frank E. Taber	Narry E. and Hattie L.
Sept. 17	Stillborn	—
Sept. 21	Illegitimate	—
Sept. 27	Hilda Allen Tripp	Charles A. and Dora S.
Sept. 27	Alcide Gaudette Jr.	Alcide and Phebe
Sept. 28	Everett Ellis Sherman	William E. and Rachel M.
Oct. 1	Ruth Clifton Patry	Zela E. and Eva C.
Oct. 5	Stillborn	—
Oct. 10	Lucie Pena	Rufus and Lydia
Oct. 14	Elizabeth Cushman	Henry E. and Bessie M.
Oct. 17	Zrine Surprenant	Zephir and Anna
Oct. 19	Carleton Francis Vaughan	Louis F. and Edith F.
Oct. 20	Jerome Francis Soule	Herbert L. and Estelle B.
Oct. 27	Pierre St. Germain	Charles and Odila
Nov. 8	Frances Estelle Parker	Harry B. and Myra F.
Nov. 16	Eugene Rioux	Charles and Eva
Nov. 16	Alethea Hyacinth Ashley	Harry F. and Grace E.
Dec. 7	Mariane Simon Dupre	Oliver and Malvina
Dec. 8	Albert Pellant	Gilbert and Oda
Dec. 16	Stillborn	—
Dec. 16	Rosanna Millette	Remi and Georgianna
Apr. 30	Antonio Sanoa Dias, Jr.	Antonio S. and Alechan D.

## Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1908.

DATE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE.
April 2	Harry N. Parker, Gertrude L. Hersey.	Acushnet. New Bedford.
April 4	Louis F. Vaughan, Edith F. Ellis.	Mattapoisett. Acushnet.
April 5	Trueman E. Gifford, Emily C. Cole.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
May 19	Andrew A. Cole, Mamie E. Smith.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
May 28	William Addy, Matilda Broadmeadow.	New Bedford. New Bedford.
June 2	Charles S. Taylor, Annie E. Luce.	Acushnet. Actshnet.
June 6	George W. Stratton, Lena E. Hammett.	Fairhaven. Acushnet.
June 7	George C. Bennett, Edith Potter.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
July 1	Jesse J. Townsend, Grace P. Dillingham.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
July 25	Henry Webber, Mary Kobza	Acushnet. Acushnet.
July 20	Charles P. Cole, Violet Evans.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
September 2	Bernard W. Shockley, Alice C. Bartlett.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
September 14	Leroy A. Howland, Edith M. Winward.	Acushnet. Cambridge.
September 16	William T. Howland, Marie Fichtenmayer.	Acushnet. So. Dartmouth.
November 9	Felix Lapointe, Dora Gagne.	So. Dartmouth. Acushnet.
December 10	Henry C. White, Mary O. Harden.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
December 25	Frank P. Crandon, Althine G. Borden.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
December 26	Hermenegildo Bettencourt, Maria L. Da Reia.	Acushnet. Acushnet.



## Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1908.

DATE	NAME	AGE			RESIDENCE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 2	Robert D. Bennett	3	4	7	Acushnet.
Jan. 7	Mary R. G. Devoll	54	8		Acushnet.
Jan. 25	John H. Murphy	22	1	7	Acushnet.
Feb. 19	Harriet A. Chatburn	60			Lawrence.
Mar. 8	Azubah A. Vincent	79	4	11	Acushnet.
Mar. 13	—Kearsley			1m	Acushnet.
Mar. 22	Annie Enos	36			Acushnet.
Mar. 28	Mary Newcastle	78			New Bedford.
Apr. 18	Mary S. Davis	75	5		Acushnet.
Apr. 27	Mary M. Wing	71			Acushnet.
Apr. 30	John Camelia	51	1	14	Acushnet.
May 1	Eliza G. Phinney	68	11		New Bedford.
May 5	Marie R. A. Taber	78	3	5	Acushnet.
May 8	Gladys E. Taber	1	1	17	Acushnet.
May 9	Charles H. Chase	71			Rochester.
May 11	Louis Leger	1	7	5	Acushnet.
June 5	Charles S. Taylor	50	11	14	Acushnet.
June 28	Unknown man				
Aug. 3	Sam Gaudreau	54			Acushnet.
Aug. 9	George P. Ramsey	31	9	8	Freetown.
Aug. 16	Ellen H. Harris	65	11		Acushnet.
Sept. 3	Lester Ledoux	2	3	27	Acushnet.
Sept. 5	Fred Newsham		9		Acushnet.
Sept. 6	Octavia L. Stephens	67			Welaka, Fla.
Sept. 12	Louise T. Sullivan	2		25	Acushnet.
Sept. 15	Eliza A. Allen	84	10		Acushnet.
Sept. 19	Betsey S. Bailey	68	3	17	Acushnet.
Sept. 17	Stillborn				
Sept. 22	Frank E. Taber			14	Acushnet.
Sept. 28	Salome F. Damon	75			New Bedford.
Oct. 5	Stillborn				
Oct. 11	Berthia Chapman		1	14	Acushnet.
Oct. 13	James C. Gammons	54	11	26	Acushnet.
Oct. 18	Joseph E. Cloutier	3	9		Acushnet.
Oct. 22	Elizabeth W. Braley	78			Acushnet.
Dec. 13	Sylvester Pratt	75	3	24	Acushnet.
Dec. 15	Pierre St. Germain			49	Acushnet.
Dec. 16	Stillborn				
Dec. 22	Lydia B. Burke	25			Acushnet.
Dec. 24	Milton E. Bumpus		6		Acushnet.

ALDEN WHITE,  
Town Clerk.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending Feb. 1, 1909.

## Poor Account.

Au Bon Marche, clothing, R. A. Pittsley,	\$10.00
St. Luke's Hospital, E. Harding,	14.00
W. F. Douglass, supplies, M. Freeman,	64.50
R. G. Bennett, burial N. Besse,	15.00
R. P. Hammett, opening grave, etc.,	2.20
City of Brockton, E. Braley,	6.30
Com. of Massachusetts, Mary Surette,	20.80
R. Davis, supplies, Mrs. J. Green,	19.50
R. Davis, supplies, R. A. Pittsley,	1.50
Town of Fairhaven, G. Norton,	8.00
P. J. Riley, shoes, R. A. Pittsley,	2.00
W. C. Vaughan, burial of Clarisa G. Chase,	18.00
	<u>\$181.80</u>

## Soldier's Relief.

Eli W. Pierce,	\$48.00
	<u>\$229.80</u>

## Incidental Account.

Paul, Dixon & Cook, insurance on library books,	\$18.00
N. P. Printing Co., 450 town reports,	42.00
N. B. Printing Co., voting and registration lists,	8.75
W. F. Douglass, 425 stamped envelopes, town clerk,	9.06
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller,	2.00
E. W. Ashley, teller,	2.00
Paul, Dixon & Cook, treasurer's bond,	24.00
Registry of Deeds, New Bedford,	1.30



C. F. Leonard, Jr., cutting and carting posts,	3.35
G. A. Fuller, advertising and selling for town,	14.64
Eugene White, labor on guide boards,	4.50
Eugene White, teller,	2.00
Alden White, returns to Bureau of Statistics of Labor,	2.00
Registry of Deeds, New Bedford,	.65
Joseph T. Brownell, auditor,	3.00
Paul, Dixon & Cook, vacancy permit Bog school,	.25
Hatch & Co., express,	.25
Paul, Dixon & Cook, insurance on town house,	12.24
Frank P. Crandon, repairing pump, Long Plain,	1.85
Dr. Bernier, one birth return,	.25
Henry Jackson, services as tree warden, 1907,	3.50
Alden White, writing deeds,	2.00
Alden White, sealing, testing, etc., town scales,	1.00
Sylvester Pratt, Memorial day expenses,	12.00
McGilvray & Jones, freight of stone for Pilgrim Memorial monument,	1.47
Wakefield Daily Item, assessors' books, etc.,	3.40
Herbert Spooner, per order district court clerk,	2.00
Perry, Jenney & Potter, legal advice,	2.00
N. B. Printing Co., 300 tax notices,	1.25
A. Rounseville, lumber for guide boards,	4.16
F. L. Hathaway, per order district court clerk,	2.00
N. B. Printing Co., 600 school orders,	3.00
" " 650 tax bills,	4.75
" " 15 jury lists,	.75
Wood, Brightman & Co., pump repairs, Bog,	4.50
" " " " " Long Plain,	4.50
Com. of Massachusetts, return of bank tax,	33.10
Sylvester Pratt, services as constable,	23.00
Wood, Brightman & Co., repairs, Parting Ways,	3.50
Daniel I. Davoll, professional services to field driver and pound keeper,	23.00
N. B. Printing Co., 400 printed postals,	6.50
Alden White, attending and recording 3 elections,	7.00
E. W. Ashley, teller,	2.00
John F. Parker, painting guide boards,	12.87
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller,	2.00
Eugene White, teller,	2.00
Samuel Corey, Jr., teller,	2.00

Alden White, paper, stamps, etc.,	1.00
Alden White, attending and recording special town meeting,	1.50
Sylvester Pratt, posting warrant, etc.,	5.00
Wood, Brightman & Co., pump repairs P. W.,	1.50
Dr. J. F. Weeks, 11 birth returns,	2.75
W. C. Vaughan, 25 death returns for 1907 and 1908,	6.25
E. J. Whalley, per order of clerk 3d District Court,	7.86
Dr. F. H. Robinson, 3 birth returns,	.75
Dr. F. H. Robinson, services as school committee,	25.00
A. S. Jenney, services as school committee,	25.00
Mrs. C. E. W. Parker, services as school committee,	25.00
Eben F. Leonard, incidentals,	1.50
Eben F. Leonard, selectman, assessor and o. of p.,	70.00
Henry F. Taber, stamps, etc.,	5.75
Henry F. Taber, expense cor. and bank tax,	3.50
Henry F. Taber, expense A. Wilcox case,	2.50
Harold E. Taber, repairs on pump, Perry Hill,	1.00
Henry F. Taber, selectman, assessor and o. of p.,	115.00
George T. Parker, " " "	70.00
Moses S. Douglass, moderator,	5.00
Moses S. Douglass, rendering oaths,	4.00
Walter A. White, inspector of animals,	50.00
John M. Vincent, constable,	5.00
Perry, Jenney & Potter, legal advice,	5.00
Alden White, recording and returning births, marriages and deaths,	33.60
Alden White, commission as collector,	221.76
Alden White, commission as Treasurer,	114.73
	<u>\$1,131.29</u>



## Board of Health.

Browne Pharmacy, 1 dozen candles,	\$4.50
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	5.00
Nuttall's Pharmacy, germicide,	5.00
Dr. F. H. Robinson, visiting suspected scarlet fever cases,	2.00
E. E. Cushman, issuing permits, recording, etc.,	24.08
Henry Bartlett, services as board of health,	4.50
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	3.50
E. E. Cushman,	5.15
	<hr/> \$53.73

## Roller House.

J. G. Nicholson, lumber,	\$45.00
James Hartley, lumber,	97.93
N. P. Hayes, nails,	6.10
Brown, Wales & Co., metal covering and nails,	67.20
C. L. Dunham, nails,	9.06
C. L. Dunham, pipe, etc.,	17.36
Thomas W. Croacher, 8 windows,	10.00
George T. Parker, sundries,	5.55
Eugene White, labor,	92.90
Charles E. Gifford, labor,	44.80
C. F. Leonard, Jr., teaming,	.75
C. S. Paisler, lime and cement,	3.75
George S. Crocker, cementing,	15.94
William R. West, paint,	2.58
	<hr/> \$418.92

## Expenses Sealer of Weights and Measures.

W. H. & L. E. Gurley, measures,	\$19.60
John Hargraves, quarter pound diamond ink,	1.00
W. H. & L. E. Gurley, weights and balance,	61.75
C. H. & H. A. Lawton, 1 quart graduate,	2.00
R. Woodman Co., steel stamps, etc.,	11.19

J. J. Hargraves, quarter pound diamond ink,	1.00
DeWolf & Vincent, 1 pair nippers,	.60
W. F. Douglass, carting weights,	.25
Allen's express,	.25
A. E. Coffin, books and seals,	5.25
DeWolf & Vincent, 1 pair pliers,	.45
E. Anthony & Sons, printing notices,	3.51
Hatch & Co., express,	.25
W. H. & H. E. Gurley, portable drill, etc.,	7.30
R. Davis, file,	.20
N. P. Hayes, solder, hammer and set,	.90
J. J. Hargraves, quarter pound diamond ink,	1.00
Hatch & Co., express,	.25
B. F. Stowell, die for stamp,	.25
Alden White, sealing 3,676 milk jars,	18.00
	<hr/> \$135.00

## Forest Fire Warden.

Charles E. Gifford, 33 hours,	\$6.60
Antonio Papa, 29 hours,	5.80
E. W. Ashley, 30 hours,	6.00
Charles F. Allen, 5 hours,	1.00
Emerson W. Bennett, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	1.10
E. W. Ashley, 10 hours,	2.00
Henry Saucier, 15 hours,	3.00
Myron Douglass, 3 hours,	.60
Frank Novia, 4 hours,	.80
Michael Frank, 18 hours,	3.60
Harry B. Parker, 5 hours,	1.00
	<hr/> \$31.50

Orders given by the Selectmen on bills presented by  
chairman of Trustees of Free Public Library, \$299.40



## Notes and Interest.

Paid during the year 1908:

Jose, Parker & Co., 1 note,	\$500.00	
Merchants National Bank, bridge note,	1,101.51	
Merchants National Bank, 3 notes,	5,000.00	
		\$6,601.51
Jose, Parker & Co., interest,	\$80.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, interest,	90.00	
Merchants National Bank, 3 notes,	129.13	
		\$299.13
		\$6,900.64

## State Aid.

Sylvester Pratt,	\$44.00
Edward C. Tew,	48.00
Daniel V. Swift,	48.00
Isaac V. Braley,	48.00
James H. Sears,	72.00
Ruth A. Haskell,	48.00
Elisabeth Potter,	48.00
Chloe J. Dillingham,	48.00
Lois E. Chase,	48.00
Henrietta Baker,	48.00
A. Maria G. Hathaway,	48.00
	\$548.00

Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved  
by the School Committee,

\$7,339.51

## Appropriations for 1908.

Schools and Superintendent's salary,	\$3,650.00
Appropriated at special town meeting,	600.00
Poor,	400.00
Incidentals,	1,500.00
Highways and bridges,	3,000.00
Hope street,	200.00
Library,	300.00
Notes and interest,	1,900.00

## Valuation of Town, May 1, 1908.

Personal property,	\$107,720.00
Buildings,	302,800.00
Land,	269,600.00
	\$680,120.00

Rate of Taxation,	\$20.00
Number of polls assessed,	325
Number of horses assessed,	297
Number of cows assessed,	412
Number of neat cattle assessed,	69
Number of swine assessed,	37
Number of dwellings assessed,	320
Number of acres of land assessed,	10,900
Number of fowls assessed,	11,020
Value of fowls,	\$4,340.00

## The Town Owns Property as Follows:

Schoolhouses and lots,	\$7,800.00
Town house and lot,	1,000.00
Crusher plant,	500.00
Library books,	450.00



Safes,	200.00
Gravel lots,	200.00
Roller house,	400.00
Steam roller,	3,000.00
School books and supplies,	200.00
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	\$13,750.00

#### Present Town Debt.

Note held by Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1909, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ,	\$1,000.00
Note held by Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1910, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ,	1,000.00
Note held by Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1909, at $4\%$ ,	500.00
Note held by Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1910, at $4\%$ ,	500.00
Note held by Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1911, at $4\%$ ,	500.00
Note held by Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1912, at $4\%$ ,	500.00
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	\$4,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. TABER,  
GEORGE T. PARKER,  
EBEN F. LEONARD,

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.*

#### Orders given by Selectmen on bills approved by Highway Surveyor.

##### Stone Account.

Joseph F. Sylvia,	\$119.18
Manuel J. Fagundi,	323.10
Geo. W. Spooner,	21.08
Charles F. Norton,	76.66
John G. Harding,	16.78
Lewis F. Harding,	5.82
George W. Norton,	28.20
William E. Jenkins,	44.56
W. W. Durfee,	23.34
George P. Morse,	22.53
Charles P. Cottle,	15.41
J. T. Brownell,	.77
Walter A. White,	6.85
Augustus White,	2.67
John W. Heys,	4.69
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	\$711.64

##### Miscellaneous Highway Bills.

E. C. Morse, oil,	\$41.55
James Hamlin, lumber,	1.72
Young & Kimball, oil cask,	7.61
A.H. Wordell, 11 shovels, 3 sledge hammers, etc.,	16.72
J. Handy Co., 1 set rims,	2.06
Denison Bros., coal,	89.87
N. B. boiler Co., stock and labor,	7.08
Canton Culvert Co.,	124.97
M. J. Fagundi, rent of lot,	25.00
Good Roads Machine Co., 3 screens, chain, etc.,	165.40
W. G. Taber, cedar posts,	2.00
Charles E. Sullivan, labor,	7.50
N. B. Boiler Co.,	3.40
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	494.88
Paid W. B. Peckham and Denison & Co., bills of 1907,	130.98
Paid W. B. Peckham for 1908,	1,859.88
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	\$3,197.38



# HIGHWAY LABOR ACCOUNT.

Charles L. Spooner, 26 days 6½ hours at \$1.50,	\$40.06
Charles E. Sullivan, 77 days at 2.50,	192.50
Manuel Rose, 6 days at 2.00,	12.00
Manuel Rose, 11½ days at 1.50,	17.25
Wm. J. Pittsley, 26 days 3 hours, man and team,	105.33
Antone August, 16 days at 1.50,	24.00
John Coots, 24½ days at 2.50,	61.25
Harry Sherman, 47 days, man and team, at 4.00,	188.03
James H. Hathaway, 11 days, man and team, at 4.00,	44.00
Levi Hawes, 7 days, man and team, at 4.00,	28.00
Joseph T. Brownell, 21 days 6½ hours, man and team, at 4.00,	86.90
Joseph T. Brownell, 1 day,	1.50
Charles P. Cottle, 10 days, man and team, at 4.00,	40.00
W. B. Peckham, 100 days 3 hours at 2.50,	250.83
“ “ 90 days 3 hours, team, at 2.50,	225.83
“ “ 4 days, man, at 1.75,	7.00
“ “ 3 days 5 hours, man, at 1.50,	5.33
Fred Morse, 5 days, man and team, at 4.00,	20.00
C. D. Bennett, 5 days, man and team, at 4.00,	20.00
Leslie P. Morse, 26 days 3 hours, at 1.75,	46.10
Walter Morse, 18 days 3 hours, at 1.75,	32.10
John Oliver, 11½ days, at 1.50,	17.25
Nap. Jarry, 34 days 6½ hours, at 1.50,	52.06
John Ray, 10½ days, at 1.50,	15.75
Foster Morse, 17 days 3 hours, at 1.75,	30.35
Foster Morse, 12 days, at 1.50,	18.00
Benjamin Quiripel, 8 days, at 1.50,	12.00
Stanislas St. Jean, 10 days, at 1.50,	15.00
Charles Morse, 42 days 6½ hours, at 1.50,	64.06
Oliver B. Peck, 21 days 3 hours, at 1.75,	37.34
Oliver B. Peck, 3 days, at 1.50,	4.51
J. W. Heys, 2 hours,	.37
Antone Proder, 5 days, at 1.50,	7.50
Antone Marion, 4 days, at 1.50,	6.00

Edgar LeBlanc, 2 days, at 1.50,	3.00
M. J. Fagundes, 6 days, at 2.00,	12.00
Manuel Gabral, 6 days, at 2.00,	12.00
John Curro, 2 days, at 1.50,	3.00
George S. Crocker, 1 day for team,	2.50
Clarence W. Gifford, 38½ days at 1.50,	57.75
	<hr/> \$1,818.45

# Highway Incidental Account.

Charles E. Sullivan, helper,	.50
John Coots, oil can,	.45
Leslie P. Morse, expressing,	1.00
W. B. Peckham, freight, repairs for crusher,	1.95
W. B. Peckham, express, repairs for crusher,	2.00
W. B. Peckham, telephone,	1.65
Inspecting two boilers,	10.00
James Hartley, 2 cords pine limbs,	3.00
George W. Norton, 5 gallons oil,	.60
Charles S. Taylor, 164 loads gravel,	16.40
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	4.50
Benjamin F. White,	.75
H. Louise Allen, 22 loads gravel,	2.20
Richard Davis, rake and whetstone,	.65
A. B. Lawrence, 2 hoes and 25 lbs. potash,	1.05
H. C. Stanbridge,	.35
James Chamberlain,	2.25
Freight on culverts,	8.95
New Bedford Boiler Co.,	4.50
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	.54
“ “ “ “	.51
N. B. Boiler Co.,	.80
E. Anthony & Sons, advertising,	.36
G. W. Norton, rep.,	.30
N. P. Hayes, oil can,	.30
G. A. Cobb, lantern,	.50
Repairs on roller,	.60
	<hr/> \$66.66



## Recapitulation.

*Dr.*

Received cash from Town Treasurer,	\$1,859.88
Received from H. Bartlett for crushed stone and labor,	27.39
Received from F. J. Braley for screen- ings,	1.00
Received from P. Fortin, 3 loads road scrapings,	.75
Received from N. Leblond, 6 loads road scrapings,	1.50
	<hr/> \$1,890.52

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Paid for labor,	\$1,818.45
Paid for incidentals,	66.66
	<hr/> \$1,885.11
Balance paid Town Treasurer,	\$5.41

W. B. PECKHAM,  
*Single Highway Surveyor.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Highway Surveyor, Schools, and all Trust Funds held for the benefit of the town, or property of the town, for the financial year ending Feb. 1, 1909, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,  
*Auditor.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF CATTLE

For Year ending Feb. 1, 1909.

Received notice from the Cattle Bureau of State Board of Agriculture to begin the annual inspection of animals Oct. 1. Inspected 118 barns, and found the cattle, as a whole, in good general condition. The barns were generally cleaned, but lacked sawdust.

I quarantined and killed one cow, badly afflicted with tuberculosis. Quarantined seven inter-state cows, by order of State Board; washed water troughs, and posted notices as ordered by State Board. Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITE,  
*Inspector of Animals.*

## Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1909.

There have been tested and sealed 3,678 milk and cream bottles; 284 were condemned; 1 platform scale over 5,000 pounds; 7 under 5,000 pounds; 17 counter scales; 7 spring balances; 81 weights tested, adjusted and sealed; 83 liquid measures, 27 condemned; 36 dry measures, several adjusted, one condemned.

ALDEN WHITE,  
*Sealer.*

## HUNTERS' LICENSES.

Twenty-five licenses were granted hunters in the town of Acushnet to February, 1909.



## DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed in the town of Acushnet in 1908:  
190; 171 males, 19 females.

ALDEN WHITE,  
*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908.

Deaths recorded in Acushnet during 1908, 40

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REPORTED, 67.

2 scarlet fever.

2 german measles.

63 measles.

One nuisance was abated by the board. Several others were investigated which required no action.

Vaccination is again called to the attention of the parents in accordance with the State laws.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC O. TRIPP,  
EMERY E. CUSHMAN,  
HENRY BARTLETT.  
*Board of Health.*

## ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## Secretary's Report.

The annual report of the Acushnet Library shows that the patrons are yearly more numerous, and the general interest is steadily increasing. Within the past year valuable reference books have been purchased for the reading table, which is now very popular. Students in our schools seek information from Encyclopaedia, Historical Works, Biographies, Reference Books, Nature Studies, etc. As in all other libraries, there is a demand here for fiction, but only the best is chosen after careful selection by the trustees, assisted by the librarian, all striving faithfully to meet the needs and tastes of the public, and they will welcome any suggestions that are helpful and practical.

Another book case has been added to relieve crowded shelves and tables, but we cannot well encroach upon the space so necessary at caucuses and town meetings. The rooms now occupied are inadequate for a library as regards space, convenience, comfort and appearance. It is greatly to be desired that the citizens of Acushnet secure a building, or better arrangement for the books which have been provided by donations of friends and by generous appropriations by the town.

For specific information, see the librarian's report.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY A. BROWNELL,  
*Secretary.*



## Financial Report.

DR.		
Appropriation by town,		\$300.00
Balance from last year,		8.05
		<u>\$308.05</u>
CR.		
Paid librarians,	\$100.00	
" for books,	158.15	
" " binding,	6.00	
" " magazines,	24.75	
" " wood,	5.50	
" American Library Association,	5.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$299.40
Balance to credit,		<u>\$8.65</u>

## Librarian's Report.

Report of the librarian of the Acushnet Free Public Library for the year ending Feb. 1, 1909:

Books taken out Feb. 1, 1908, to Feb. 1, 1909,	5,667
Average per week,	109
Attendance at reading table for year,	394
Books bought by town Feb. 1, 1908, to Feb. 1, 1909,	177
Books bought by library,	14
Books given,	30
Total number of books added,	<u>221</u>
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1908,	\$1.80
Received from fines and lost cards Feb. 1, 1908, to Feb. 1, 1909,	20.93
	<u>\$22.73</u>

## EXPENSES.

Books,	\$8.49
Magazines,	2.50
Express,	1.95

Books repaired,	1.80
Post cards and stamps,	.41
W. F. Douglass,	.40
J. H. Paige,	.30
Book labels,	3.25
Paper,	.25
Oil,	.26
Paste,	.25
Dating stamp,	.25
Lamp chimney,	.12
	<u>\$20.23</u>
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1909,	<u>\$2.50</u>

The following have presented one or more books to the library during the past year: A Friend, Miss Julia Delano, Mrs. Franklyn Howland, Capt. George J. Parker, Mrs. A. T. Smith, Mr. Joseph S. Spooner, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Swift, and the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, who sent an account of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Mattapoisett.

The Library has made a special effort this year to provide the books required for supplementary reading in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE COLLINS,  
*Librarian.*



Report  
OF THE  
Acushnet School Committee  
1909

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MEMBERS

ALBERT S. JENNEY,	Term expires 1909
F. H. ROBINSON, M. D.,	Term expires 1910
CAROLINE E. PARKER,	Term expires 1911

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ALBERT S. JENNEY, Chairman.  
CAROLINE E. PARKER, Secretary.

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FRANK M. MARSH, Superintendent.

Regular meeting of the School Committee, Feb. 13. "Voted,  
to adopt the report of the Superintendent as the report of the  
School Committee."



As the report was about to go to press, it was found that the member from the Plain had prepared and presented to the printer for insertion a report as secretary. While we accept the *financial statement* as probably correct, we do not accept the slanderous statements therein contained, nor approve the sly, underhand method by which this member of the committee sought to obtain its insertion without our knowledge and consent; refusing to attend and present at a regular meeting of the committee any financial or other statement for approval and adoption by the committee; such a meeting having been called for Saturday, Feb. 13.

We resent as unwarranted and uncalled for, and assert as false and untrue the reflections on many efficient teachers who have been employed during the past ten years, and the various citizens who have served upon the committee.

FRED H. ROBINSON,  
ALBERT S. JENNEY.

*School Committee.*

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1909-10.

ADOPTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1908	All schools re-open
Monday, Feb. 22	Washington's Birthday
Friday, March 26	All schools close. Spring vacation
Monday, April 5	All schools re-open
Monday, April 19	Patriots' Day
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day
Friday, June 11	All schools close. Summer vacation
Tuesday, Sept. 2	All schools re-open
Wednesday, Nov. 24	All schools close. Thanksgiving recess
Monday, Nov. 29	All schools re-open
Friday, Dec. 24	All schools close. Winter vacation
Monday, Jan. 3, 1910	All schools re-open

## Present Corps of Teachers.

Vashti M. Crosby,	Parting Ways,	Castine Normal
Marjory Lewis,	" "	Fitchburg Normal
Ella F. Sherman,	" "	Bridgewater Normal
Maria S. Howard,	" "	New Bedford High
Jennie A. Washburn,	Long Plain,	Framingham Normal
Margaret E. Crocker,	" "	Bridgewater Normal
Sarah E. Hathaway,	Perry Hill	Hyannis Summer School



## ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the year 1907-1908:

Maria Ashley, George Loxton,  
Mason Burt, Eugene Cardin,

The following have neither been absent nor tardy for one or two terms, as indicated by the number of stars:

Sadie M. Beals, **	Henry Knowles, *
Harold Tripp, **	Agnes Murphy, *
William Burt, **	Marian Tripp, *
Susan Culhane, **	Raymond Whitney, *
Wilfred Cardin, **	Philena Spooner, *
Leslie Tripp, **	Emerson Ashley, *
Henry C. Ward, **	Mildred Jenney, *
William M. Camelia, *	Amy Taber, *
Errol Perry, *	Edna Weeks, *
Rawson Ashley, *	Leo Jackson, *
Willis Mason, *	Charles Robertson, *
Esther Taber, *	Elmer Harding, *
Henry Gagner, *	Louis Sylvia, *
Olive Hathaway, *	Clarence Cory, *
Ellsworth Pittsley, *	Mary Ward, *
Myrtle Welden, *	Myra Brailey, *
Allen Herson, *	Edith Tripp, *
John Ward, *	M. Louise Murphy, *
Jerry Riendeau, *	Elliot Taber, *
	Mary Petty, *

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.  
SCHOOL YEAR. September, 1907—June, 1908.

SCHOOLS	Grades	TEACHERS							Average member-ship	Average daily attendance	Per cent. attendance	Total days absence	Cases of tardiness	Dismissals.
		Salary per month												
Acushnet .....	7-9	Vashti M. Crosby .....	\$65.00	25	20	19	.95	183.	5	14				
Acushnet .....	5 & 6	Florence E. Gibbs .....	40.00	35	31	28	.91	535.	13	25				
Acushnet .....	3 & 4	Fanny F. Putnam .....	40.00	51	38	35	.92	648.5	68	47				
Acushnet .....	1 & 2	Marie S. Howard .....	40.00	41	30	27	.91	503.5	46	1				
Long Plain .....	5-9	Nellie M. Farnsworth ..	48.00	24	20	17	.88	433.	49	29				
Long Plain .....	1-4	Ethel L. Sargent .....	44.00	30	25	22	.89	505.	11	6				
Perry Hill .....	1-7	Sarah E. Hathaway .....	32.00	17	13	13	.95	143.	13	11				
TOTALS, 1908.....			\$309.00	223	177	161	.92	2951	205	133				
TOTALS, 1907.....			306.00	224	187	172	.92	2637.5	231	112				
TOTALS, 1906.....			290.00	220	189	173	.91	2469	220	105				
TOTALS, 1905.....			272.00	229	190	177	.92	2514	337	126				



Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.  
FALL TERM, 1908.

SCHOOLS	Grades	TEACHERS	Salary per month	Whole number enrolled	Average membership	Average daily attendance	Per cent. attendance	Total days absence	Cases of tardiness	Dismissals
Acushnet .....	7-9	Vashti M. Crosby .....	\$65.00	20	17	17	.99	12.5	1	1
Acushnet .....	5 & 6	Marjory Lewis .....	40.00	36	33	32	.96	88.5	9	2
Acushnet .....	3 & 4	Ella F. Sherman .....	40.00	34	33	31	.95	115.5	16	2
Acushnet .....	1 & 2	Marie S. Howard .....	40.00	38	33	32	.96	97	6	0
Long Plain .....	5-9	Jennie A. Washburn .....	48.00	20	18	17	.98	28.5	18	2
Long Plain .....	1-4	Margaret Crocker .....	40.00	32	28	25	.91	165.	20	3
Perry Hill .....	1-7	Sarah E. Hathaway .....	36.00	16	16	15	.94	68.	1	1
Totals, 1908. ....	.....	.....	\$309.00	196	178	169	.95	575.	71	11
Totals, 1907. ....	.....	.....	309.00	206	187	174	.93	989.	77	56

## UNION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the School Committee of Acushnet:*

In accordance with the requirements of your committee, I submit for your consideration the annual report of the superintendent of schools.

Since the last report the organization of the school system has not changed. The Long Plain building with its two rooms accommodates all the pupils in the north part of the town, with an enrollment last year of fifty-four pupils. At Perry Hill seventeen pupils were enrolled during the year, while the four room building at Parting Ways accommodated one hundred and fifty-two from the south end of the town and from the Welden section.

Although there was some difficulty in getting a permanent teacher for the Perry Hill school, and considerable delay in finding some one to finish out the year in the third and fourth grade room at Parting Ways, the schools rounded out the year for the most part with excellent results. At the end of the school year in June, both the principal and primary teacher at Long Plain for various reasons declined to serve longer in this school, and were soon elected to responsible and better paying positions: one as principal of a primary building in Norwood; the other as teacher in a single grade in Belmont, a wealthy suburb of Boston. Two teachers retired from the Parting Ways school, Miss Putnam giving up teaching, while Miss Gibbs was appointed as principal of a grammar school at Westport at an increased salary. Fortunately two teachers were discovered who, on account of nearness to their homes, were willing to fill these vacancies at Parting Ways at the same salary as formerly paid. Owing to the lateness of



the season when search was begun for teachers for the Long Plain school, it was possible to recommend only inexperienced teachers of promising ability. This school also has been unusually fortunate in the character and qualification of the present teachers. Although the loss of two experienced and altogether efficient teachers from this school caused a serious break in the work, nothing could be done except to start over again, and I am glad to commend the success of the industrious efforts put forth by the teachers in the interests of the pupils, not only at this building, but also the excellent work done by the new and old teachers at Parting Ways and Perry Hill. I have no hesitation in asserting that the Acushnet school system has had an unusual development in the past ten years, and that the present condition of the schools should be a matter for congratulation not only on account of the excellent work that can be done as now organized and taught, but because of the foundations which have been slowly and patiently laid for further improvement when the opportunity is afforded.

In these days when so many things are taken for granted or passed by with little consideration, it is well to pause and look back. As we glance backward to the school situation as seen some eight years ago, I wonder if the great advances made have been fully realized. Your schools were then provided with eight teachers, some of whom were new to the Acushnet schools, several having little if any training, and some with no experience whatever. Some succeeded even in difficult surroundings; some did *not* succeed. There were three ungraded schools, two of which were very unsatisfactory and one which had been demoralized by four different teachers during the previous year; while the school at Long Plain was better graded. Only ten dollars a week was available for the principal of the grammar school, and \$7.50 per week for the primary school. The two-room building at Parting Ways was likewise graded. Here also the maximum salary for a principal was only \$10.00 per week and \$7.50 for an assistant.

At this time it was necessary for the attention of the town to be called to the exceedingly difficult conditions under which work had to be carried on in this over-crowded, inadequate building, making it necessary for me to point out the urgent need of an expansion of this building in order to make four rooms. It will not be difficult for those who had any experience in this building to recall not only the inadequate room but the wretched, unsatisfactory blackboards, the bad floors, the lack of any basement, and the neglected outbuildings, and withal, no school yard or play ground except the street. Similar conditions might be recalled with reference to the Long Plain building, except there was plenty of room and a good play ground.

Similar conditions might be recalled with reference to text books, and it was necessary to call attention to the "curtailment in the purchase of books and supplies" and in this same report to mention "an urgent need for increased expenditures" in this direction. A glance at the financial schedule of that year shows that while the supply of books was very low and many unfit for use, there was available only the small sum of \$83.00 for books and supplies for the year, being about forty-nine cents per pupil, a sum totally inadequate.

Not only were the teachers nearly all new to the conditions and the work, and the material surroundings and equipment unsatisfactory or insufficient, but the record of attendance for the period of years beginning 1897 to 1903 had ranged from 85 per cent. to 88 per cent., in some schools falling as low as 78 per cent.

It was a pleasure after two years of discussion and temporary experiments in providing an additional room at the Parting Ways school to find the citizens convinced that a school house of ample room and suitable accommodations was sufficiently necessary to warrant definite action towards providing the same. It is not difficult to recall the enthusiasm which was aroused by the fact that a generous friend of the



town supplemented the six thousand dollars already appropriated by a gift of five thousand dollars additional, which gave a new impetus and provided for much equipment and many additional repairs, not only on the Parting Ways building and grounds, but enabled the expenditure of twelve to fifteen hundred dollars for much needed repairs on the Long Plain school.

With these two buildings put in excellent condition, and with ample accommodations, it was possible to refer to the new interest in school affairs and prospects as an educational revival. Taking advantage of this new interest in school conditions, it has been possible to raise the salary of principals from \$40.00 per month to \$50.00 or \$65.00, and the salary of regular grade teachers from a minimum of \$7.50 to a minimum of \$10.00, and in one case at least, to \$11.00 per week, and this, too, with a corresponding increase in service and effectiveness.

It is not necessary for me again to call to mind the patient yet persistent efforts to place the schools upon their present basis of organization so that all the pupils of the town might have the advantages of the best schools and best instruction, instead of the poorest. This problem of organization seems to have been settled in a manner to demand the approval of all. The following table of per centages of attendance is one of the best indications of an improved condition of affairs.

	Per cent. Attendance.
1897	85
1898	87
1899	87
1900	89
1901	87
1902	88
1903	86
1904	88
1905	92

1906	91
1907	92
1908	92

This increase of the per cent. of attendance from five to seven per cent. means much more than the mere saving of five to seven per cent. of the expenditure for the schools, but means a more healthy and effective type of work which can be done when pupils are regularly in their places.

Another *conspicuous result* of the better organization and improved teaching may be seen in the fact that during the past fall term **twenty** pupils from Acushnet have been enrolled in the Fairhaven and New Bedford High Schools, where they are maintaining their standing with great credit to the schools and town, and in several instances excelling in the character of their work. Close observation of the fitness and standing of the Acushnet pupils in the high school furnishes convincing proof that your primary schools are laying the foundation and your grammar schools furnishing adequate instruction to prepare for the high school any and all who have the disposition and ability to successfully take up the high school course. This large number at present in the high school doing successful work is conclusive proof that they are prepared, and that the few who fall by the wayside and fail, do so because they are unable to rise to the opportunities and responsibilities of the high school: so that *they* and not their teachers are responsible, all having had the same opportunities..

Reference was earlier made to the fact that in 1902 the supply of tools in the shape of text books had reached a very low ebb. The sum of forty-nine cents per pupil was scarcely enough to buy the paper, pencils, pens, blotters and erasers. Since then a gradual but constant effort has been put forth alongside the attempt to improve the quality of the teaching force, to provide for a more adequate and a more satisfactory supply of books and materials, which are nearly as necessary as teachers themselves. We believe it to be an unwise policy to



pay salaries to teachers to do a certain piece of work without supplying the necessary tools to economically carry on this work. In accord with this policy, the committee have authorized the gradually increasing expenditure for text books which, if it could continue, would not only replace books which are both out of date and out of condition, from six to twenty years of use, but would gradually increase the supply of usable books until the schools were reasonably equipped. The following table indicates the amount expended for all kinds of text books and every kind of supplies alongside the number of pupils enrolled in each of the years from 1902 to 1908:

Years.	Total enrollment.	Total expenditures. Books and supplies.
1902	181	\$83.80
1902	218	138.33
1904	219	107.76
1905	229	206.21
1906	220	282.26
1907	224	287.00
1908	223	194.18

The average expenditure for books and supplies for these years is \$185.00, making the cost per child for the entire year for all books and supplies, only eighty-five cents; about one-half the amount usually expended. While during the last year and a half the amount expended for repairs has reduced the small amount heretofore available for books, it is earnestly hoped that this line of improvement may be advanced during the coming year. Among the things seriously needed are spelling books, a further supply of reading books, and now that the equipment of our teachers makes elementary instruction in music possible, books and charts for this purpose should be supplied. For the successful teaching of geography and history additional wall maps and globes are essential.

Another means for further upbuilding the effectiveness of the

schools involves the payment of more adequate salary for the second and third year of service of teachers who have demonstrated their faithfulness and ability to return one hundred cents on a dollar in service rendered.

Having faith in the same loyalty among the citizens who have supported and aided in the developments of the past decade, we feel sure that no policies will prevail which do not have for their undoubted and unbiased aim the best good of all the schools and the children, to whom the schools belong.

Yours respectfully,

FRANK M. MARSH,  
*Superintendent.*

February 13, 1909.



# SCHOOL REPORT

Feb. 1, 1908, to Feb. 1, 1909

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## Members of the Committee

ALBERT S. JENNEY,	Term expires 1908
F. H. ROBINSON, M. D.,	Term expires 1909
CAROLINE E. WING PARKER,	Term expires 1911

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ALBERT S. JENNEY, Chairman.

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FRANK M. MARSH, A. M., Superintendent.

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CAROLINE E. WING PARKER, Secretary.



## CALENDAR—1909

## WINTER TERM.

Schools open  
Dec. 29, 1908.

Schools close  
March 26, 1909

## SPRING TERM.

April 5, 1909.

June 11, 1909

## FALL TERM.

Sept. 7, 1909.

Dec. 17, 1909

Schools close Wednesday before Thanksgiving at noon until the following Monday.

## WINTER TERM.

Dec. 27, 1909.

## PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

## PARTING WAYS SCHOOL.

Vashti M. Crosby,

Marjory Lewis,

Ella F. Sherman,

Marie S. Howard.

## LONG PLAIN SCHOOL.

Jennie A. Washburn,

Margaret E. Crocker.

## PERRY HILL.

Sarah E. Hathaway.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

A few words concerning the expenditure of the school money may be of interest to many. Some of the appropriation had to be used to meet the bills that were not paid last year. By this time you all know what it cost to repair the buildings at Long Plain and put them in a condition to comply with the state laws. This, with the work done at Parting Ways, cost more than the sum voted for schools, Dec. 26, 1908.

The school barge was in a dilapidated condition, as the bill testifies. A few repairs will probably have to be made next summer, but not as many. A greater part of Geo. A. Cobb's bill was due more than a year ago. Much of E. E. Babb's bill was for paper, pencils, crayons, etc., supplies that are consumed every year. The rest of the report I think you will understand.

You are invited to consider the necessary repairs for the coming year. The school house at Parting Ways needs painting on the outside. The varnish which was put on the floors last summer is nearly all worn off. Usually something has to be done to the heating apparatus. It will cost about seventy dollars to oil the floors, paint inside, and change the seats from down stairs to up stairs at Long Plain. A walk of some kind is needed in front of the south door to prevent the gravel from being carried into the building. A few minor repairs will also have to be made at Perry Hill. A couch and covering are needed at Parting Ways school for the comfort and use of those children who are taken suddenly ill and are obliged to wait some time before they can be carried home. Would the town not have better service if it owned the vehicle used for transporting the children from the Bisbee district to



Long Plain? Private individuals hesitate to equip themselves with such a vehicle, because it is very uncertain how long they will have any use for it. Books are always wearing out. No one knows how many are actually needed for the coming year to replace those that are unfit for use.

More fuel will have to be bought this year than last. That from Welden Hill was taken to Long Plain and has been used the greater part of the time since last March. I speak of things now, for personally I dislike to use more money than the town appropriates, even if it is within the power of the school committee to do so *lawfully*, and I trust it will seem best to you all to consider what it will cost to do this before the school appropriation is definitely fixed.

The destruction of school property at Long Plain during the past has been, in many cases, needless, and sometimes malicious. Let us go back nine, ten, or eleven years, and think of the many teachers that have taught in that school during that time. What of their experience? Virtually none. In short, for years the school at Long Plain has been a training school for teachers and not one with a particularly high standing. How could it be when it has been and is practically without supervision and two teachers working together the greater part of the time who have never held places of trust or responsibility before? When one stops and considers how enthusiastic, full of energy and spirit a young teacher is, as well as void of judgment or responsibility of any kind, it surprises me that the damage has not been of a more serious nature. The first thing necessary is a definite course of study for these inexperienced workmen to follow. It is a necessity if you wish to do the most for the majority of the schools. Many young teachers spend their time upon those studies that they enjoy teaching, when not held to the work by a definite amount to be accomplished, consequently, something, yes, many things of vital importance are pushed to the rear and are never brought to the front. Is it not of more importance for a child who is to

leave school this year to be able to compute what he has earned in fifteen weeks, make out a bill for the same, than it is to spend his time painting Xmas trees? Giving a few directions once in three or four weeks can not raise the standard of education to any great height or even where it should be. When teachers and children are held to a high standard of work the moral tone of any school is lifted and destruction of property ceases.

The second thing I would suggest is, that the school property be properly inventoried and a personal account be opened with each child. Some day examine the books at Long Plain and note the different names and scrawls in them. If children and teachers had to care for all school property you would soon find your books in a better condition and the bills lower. I am aware that one or two teachers consider this a hardship, but may I ask them to find what is done in cities where there is a good supervision, and if THIS IS ANY MORE, I most gladly withdraw the suggestion. The use of perishable supplies at this school has been and still is in the most lavish manner imaginable. Children are allowed to help themselves whenever they please, and use as much or little as they like, and then throw the rest into the waste basket. Last March I took from the desks at Long Plain over a bushel of paper crumpled and partly used. Lead pencils, pens and crayon without limit. The greatest number of pencils I found in any one desk was twenty-six, and the smallest number five. It also cost nearly five dollars to remove the filth from the cellar and clean the outbuildings. As I have before stated, make the teacher responsible for the school and its supplies and these faults will be corrected. You must never expect the children to care for the outside of a building when they do not for what is inside of it.

The third thing is to employ a janitor who is able to meet the requirements of the position. Inexperienced teacher and a boy for a janitor are not able, usually, to care for a building



as it should be done. During the past ten months I have been frequently asked by the people, especially in this part of the town, why our school at Long Plain is not of as high a standing as the one at Parting Ways. I have, I think, in a measure, answered the question. It never can be any better until there is more system in the work, and a definite organization. This summer the Long Plain school was put in decent repair. The teachers as well as the children have made an effort to keep it so. How well they have succeeded I leave this for you to judge.

The school at Parting Ways is doomed to fall if we allow its very able principal, Miss Vashti S. Crosby to leave us. The corps of teachers there now is very efficient and it would be a serious mistake to allow any of them to seek employment elsewhere.

I can not close this short report without speaking of my appreciation of the conscientious and efficient work done by the truant officer, the drivers of the barges, as well as that of the attendant, Mrs. Crocker. From time to time I have visited the barges and have always found all living up to the contract. The children have been well cared for, punctual in arriving at school and leaving at night. I also wish to thank the citizens of Acushnet for their sympathetic and hearty support the many times I have found it necessary to ask for it during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE E. WING PARKER,

*Secretary of School Committee.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FEB. 1, 1908, to FEB. 1, 1909.

### Receipts.

Appropriation,	\$3,650.00
Special appropriation,	600.00
Received from State school fund,	1,018.81
Received from state for superintendent,	208.33
Received from county dog tax,	367.81
Tuition, state wards,	90.00
Tuition, town of Freetown,	60.00
Tuition, town of Rochester,	30.00
Sale of old furniture and old books,	15.79
Grass, Parting Ways,	6.00
Renting barge,	4.00
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	\$6,050.65

### Expenditures.

Teachers' salaries,	\$3,094.84
Frank M. Marsh,	375.00
Janitors,	429.25
Transportation,	899.50
Fuel,	144.20
Repairs,	598.48
Books and supplies,	237.29
Miscellaneous,	150.95
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	\$5,929.51
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$121.14



**PAYMENTS.**

FEBRUARY 1, 1908, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1909.

Teachers' salaries,	\$3,094.84
Frank M. Marsh,	375.00

**Janitors.****LONG PLAIN SCHOOL.**

Emerson Ashley, Sept. '07 to June '08,	58.50
Carlton Sherman, 20 weeks at \$1.75,	35.00

**PARTING WAYS SCHOOL.**

Emery E. Cushman,	288.00
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**PERRY HILL SCHOOL.**

Maud W. Sherman,	8.75
Abbie Cleveland,	4.25
Geo. H. Ellis,	6.25
Errol C. Perry, Jan. 20, '08 to June 12, '08,	10.00
Errol C. Perry, Sept. 8, '08 to Feb. 1, '09,	9.00
Sarah E. Hathaway, 19 weeks at \$0.50,	9.50
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	\$429.25

**Transportation.**

Melvin O. Bradford, 19 weeks at \$13.00,	\$247.00
A. C. Shattuck, 19 weeks at \$7.50,	142.50
Leo. A. Tripp, 20 weeks at \$15.00,	300.00
George S. Crocker, 20 weeks at \$8.00,	160.00
Mary F. Crocker, 20 weeks at \$2.50,	50.00
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	\$899.50

**High School Tuition.****RECEIPTS.**

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1908,	\$735.63
Received from State,	1,338.00
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	\$2,073.63

**EXPENDITURES.**

Paid Town of Fairhaven,	\$1,260.00
Paid City of New Bedford,	150.00
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	\$1,410.00
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$663.63

**Repairs.****BARGE REPAIRS.**

W. H. Drake, painting,	\$35.00
L. A. Tripp, labor and stock,	25.98
E. L. Macomber, labor and stock,	5.12
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	\$66.10

**Long Plain School.****FIRE ESCAPE.**

John G. Nicholson, lumber,	\$55.45
Hardware,	7.66
Chas. E. Gifford, 8 days labor,	22.40
Carting and telephoning,	.35
Eugene White, 8 days labor,	20.00
Everett Borden, 7 days labor,	14.00
Eugene White, shingles,	2.46
George S. Crocker, labor,	.88
Benj. White, labor,	.75
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	\$123.95



## Repairs on Buildings.\*

Elliot F. Jones, carting coal from Welden Hill school to Long Plain school, and repairs at Long Plain,	\$14.56
Eugene White, labor and lumber,	11.65
Everett Borden, 2 days labor,	4.00
Richard Davis, hardware,	5.76
J. G. Nicholson, 2 sashes,	2.10
Elliot F. Jones, 9 days labor,	15.75
Elliot F. Jones, cleaning vaults,	2.00
George W. Lawrence, repairs, whitening, and moving piano,	9.00
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	\$64.82

## Painting.

John F. Parker, 31½ days labor at \$3.00,	\$94.50
Labor, 20 days at \$3.00,	60.00
600 lbs. white lead, at \$7.00,	42.00
25 gals. of oil, at 49c.,	12.25
2 gals. turpentine, at 60c.,	1.20
1 gal. dryer, at 90c.,	.90
25 lbs. green, at 9c.,	2.25
5 lbs. black, at 12c.,	.60
1 qt. varnish, at \$1.00,	1.00
5 lights of glass,	.75
Stain for doors,	.15
Putty,	.25
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	\$215.85

## NOTE:

It cost to paint fence,	\$83.00
" " " buildings,	97.85
" " " fire escape,	20.00
" " " inside,	15.00
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	\$215.85

Since last March the children have replaced the glass that has been broken. The money expended for glass and putty in this bill was to replace that which was cracked or damaged before last March.

## Repairs at Parting Ways.

E. E. Cushman, repairing and sundries,	\$1.45
D. V. Smith, labor,	54.35
Wm. R. West, paint, varnish, etc.,	46.63
Chas. H. Dillingham, labor,	4.00
S. Guilbeault, cleaning vaults,	5.00
Hardware,	.70
Lumber,	15.63
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	\$127.76

## Books and Supplies.

J. Q. Adams, books,	\$12.00
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, books,	8.30
Teachers' Lesson Plan books, 500 forms,	4.17
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies,	2.88
J. C. Hammett & Co., paint and brushes,	3.47
Geo. C. Merriman & Co., books,	10.20
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies,	26.65
E. E. Babb & Co., books and perishable supplies,	62.04
E. E. Babb & Co., reading books,	16.00
Ginn & Co., writing books,	6.00
Ginn & Co., 30 histories; Ginn & Co., 30 King Arthur stories,	27.50
Chas. Scribner's Sons, books,	8.45
Albert S. Jenney, supplies,	5.55
C. F. Wing & Co., furniture,	7.25
Two flags,	4.96
Little, Brown & Co., 55 primers and first readers,	13.45
Rubber stamp,	\$1.25
Thompson, Brown & Co., 40 arithmetics,	16.67
Vashti M. Crosby, mending tissue,	.50
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	\$237.29



## Fuel.

Alden Rounseville, Jr., wood,	\$75.45	
H. E. & E. Cushman, kindling,	11.50	
Dr. H. Robinson, 10 cds. hard wood at \$5.50,	55.00	
Albert S. Jenney, wood,	2.25	
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## Miscellaneous.

John Wm. Heyes,	\$6.00	
C. F. Cushing,	4.38	
R. Ann Pittsley, cleaning,	11.00	
Richard Davies, sundries,	3.95	
Hatch Express Co.,	2.40	
Eugene White, sundries,	8.75	
N. P. Hayes, hardware,	1.22	
Wood, Brightman & Co., repairs,	2.25	
American Seating Co.,	3.50	
Thos. Hersom & Co.,	3.00	
Geo. A. Cobb, carting, repairing and supplies,	37.20	
Albert S. Jenney, labor,	20.20	
Boat for barge,	2.50	
J. C. Tripp,	.50	
E. W. Ashley, school census,	20.00	
Blankets for barge,	10.00	
Frank M. Marsh, car fare and expenses to Boston,	6.05	
Frank M. Marsh, postage and telephone tolls,	2.80	
John M. Vincent, 7 truancy calls at 75c,	5.25	
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		\$5,929.51