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OF THE

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TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting, held March 3rd, 1913.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

ALDEN WHITE.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for One Year

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

Assessor for Three Years

EBEN F. LEONARD.

Member of School Committee for Three Years

EZRA DIMAN.

Member of Board of Health for Three Years

FREDERICK E. WELLINGTON.

Single Highway Surveyor for One Year

JAMES H. HATHAWAY.

Tree Warden for One Year

ROBERT E. PARKER.

Trustee of Free Public Library for Three Years

ANNIE A. SWIFT.

Auditor for One Year

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

Constables for One Year

EDWARD L. MACOMBER, JOHN M. VINCENT,
CHARLES E. GIFFORD.

Surveyors of Lumber for One Year

EDWARD W. ASHLEY, CHARLES F. LEONARD,
HENRY F. TABER.

Pound Keeper for One Year

URIAH S. COLE.

Field Drivers for One Year

JOHN M. VINCENT, JOHN GEGGATT, JR.

Fence Viewers for One Year

WILLIAM I. SHOCKLEY, FRED O. TRIPP,
JAMES H. HATHAWAY.

ALDEN WHITE, Collector,
In account with the Town of Acushnet.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1911,	\$72.85	
To uncollected taxes of 1912,	1,606.14	
Amount of tax bills of 1913:		
State tax,	2,160.00	
State highway tax,	170.50	
County tax,	1,374.73	
Town tax,	21,410.93	
Extra and omitted assessments,	83.36	
Interest on taxes collected,	105.20	
	—————	\$26,983.73

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Amount paid state treasurer,	\$2,160.00	
Amount paid county treasurer,	1,374.73	
Amount paid state treasurer,	170.50	
Amount paid town treasurer,	19,423.43	
Amount taxes remitted by assessors,	266.61	
Amount uncollected taxes of 1912,	2.68	
Amount uncollected taxes of 1913,	3,585.76	
	—————	\$26,983.71

ALDEN WHITE, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

To balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1913,	\$3,197.86
Amounts received from state treasurer:	
Corporation tax, public service,	135.97
Corporation tax, business,	1,095.87
National bank tax,	472.30
Income from state school fund,	1,022.51
High School tuition, returned,	843.75
State aid returned,	240.00
For inspection of animals returned,	27.50
Account of Industrial school tuition returned,	82.50
Account of burial of soldiers,	37.00
Account of contagious diseases,	244.44
From county treasurer, dog fund,	386.27
F. O. Tripp, slaughter house licenses,	1.00
George A. Fuller, auctioneer's license,	2.00
J. O. Douglass, auctioneer's license,	2.00
C. D. Bennett, rent of school barge,	3.00
E. L. Macomber, sale of cemetery grass,	3.00
B. F. White, return of acid carboy,	2.00
N. C. and A. S. Morse, Jr., rent of school house,	30.00
Clerk of Third District Court,	48.76
A. P. R. Gilmore, sale of acetate of lead,	1.00
John M. Vincent, telephone tolls, 1912,	4.10

Henry F. Taber, telephone tolls, 1913,	2.00
Alden White, telephone tolls, 1913,	1.30
Chairman of District Superintendency Union,	208.34
Merchants National Bank, on notes,	12,000.00
Henry F. Taber,	4.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings,	5,000.00
City of Fall River, account of poor,	90.15
City of New Bedford, account of Board of Health,	70.01
Alden White, collector of taxes,	19,423.43
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	\$44,682.06

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By amount paid for support of poor,	\$1,068.47	
" " state aid,	176.00	
" " incidentals,	4,143.81	
" " notes and interest,	14,969.28	
Amount paid for schools, including superintendent's salary and high school tuition,	9,448.36	
Amount paid for support of Library,	324.50	
Amount paid for highways, etc.,	10,783.84	
Balance in town treasury,	3,767.80	
	<hr/>	\$44,682.06

CEMETERY FUNDS

Held in Trust by the Town of Acushnet.

To principal of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$205.09	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	46.91	
	<hr/>	\$252.00
Paid A. Russell, Jr., Treas., and others,		8.00
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Balance,		\$244.00
To principal of Wm. D. Taber fund,	\$50.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	13.48	
	<hr/>	\$63.48
Paid A. Russell, Jr., Treas.,		1.00
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Balance,		\$62.48
To principal of fund for Pardon Taber cemetery lot,	\$75.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	9.78	
	<hr/>	\$84.78
Paid A. Russell, Jr., Treas.,		2.00
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Balance,		\$82.78
To principal of Jacob Taber fund for Joseph Taber cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	28.36	
	<hr/>	\$128.36
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.50
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Balance,		\$124.86
To principal Jacob Taber fund for Ellis Mendall cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	23.00	
	<hr/>	\$123.00
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.00
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Balance,		\$121.00

To principal of John B. Fowler fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	43.06	
	<hr/>	\$243.06
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.50
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Balance,		\$239.56
To principal of William Taber fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	\$22.18	
	<hr/>	\$122.18
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		6.00
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Balance,		\$116.18
To principal of Samuel Pierce fund,	\$150.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	22.52	
	<hr/>	\$172.52
Paid R. P. Hammett,		\$1.50
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Balance,		\$171.02
To principal of Mary S. Davis cem. fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	22.12	
	<hr/>	\$222.12
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.00
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Balance,		\$219.12
To principal of John S. Perry Fund for		
Wing cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October 1913,	4.14	
	<hr/>	\$104.14
Paid Richard Davis,		4.00
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Balance,		\$100.14
To principal of Alfred Morse fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	8.77	
	<hr/>	\$108.77
Paid Richard Davis,		3.75
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Balance,		\$105.02

To principal of fund for James Cathell lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	20.02	
	<hr/>	\$120.02
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.50
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Balance,		\$117.52
To principal of fund for Sylvester Pratt lot,	\$50.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	2.02	
	<hr/>	\$52.02
Paid R. P. Hammett,		1.50
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Balance,		\$50.52
To principal of fund for James B. Hamlin cemetery lot.	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	6.04	
	<hr/>	\$206.04
To principal of fund for George J. Parker cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	\$2.00	
	<hr/>	\$102.00
To principal of fund for William and A. Omey, cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
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Balance,		\$100.00

Held in Trust by Alden White.

To principal of contributed fund for care of Long Plain cemetery,	\$308.00	
Interest on hand October, 1913,	12.43	
	<hr/>	\$320.43
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		12.43
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Balance,		\$308.00

Gift Fund.

On deposit in N. B. Inst. for Savings, with interest to October, 1913,	\$838.77
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Cemetery Addition, Long Plain.

Balance on hand 1912,	\$16.40	
Sale of lot, 1913,	15.00	
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Balance on hand,		\$31.40

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births Registered in Acushnet, 1913.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Jan. 2	Albert J. Dube	Peter—Philomene
Jan. 20	Stillborn	
Jan. 22	Frank Souza Jr.	Frank—Adeline
Feb. 1	Arthur Pepin	Ernest—Eva
Feb. 14	Mary Elizabeth Hathaway	James H.—Amy W.
Feb. 18	— Cormier	Oliver—Dora
Feb. 21	Marie Irene Yvonne Gaumond	Bertrand—Josephine
Mar. 1	Stillborn	
Mar. 4	Emma Cordeiro	Joseph—Emily
Mar. 9	Lillian Edith Catherine St. Jean	August—Edith
Mar. 16	Armand Normand Leblanc	Theophilus—Anna
Mar. 21	Henri Thibeault	George—Delia
Mar. 21	Vincent Secunden Strona	Charles V.—Jennie
Mar. 27	Joseph Lambert	Edmond A.—Rosaline
Apr. 10	Alma Jean Gurney	Preston S.—Sarah E.
Apr. 16	Marie Jeanne Bertrand	Hormidas—Eugenia
Apr. 22	Sanford Henry Gifford	Trueman E.—Emily C.
Apr. 27	Robert Kellerman Morse	Nelson C.—Pauline L.
Apr. 28	Augusta Pabst Holmes	Wallace M.—Rebecca C.
May 5	Armand Bergeron	Zepherim—Malvina
May 14	Eva Motta	Manuel—Maria
May 16	Norman Charles Bastien	George J.—Annie
May 16	Gladys Mary Bastien	George J.—Annie
May 20	Armand Doyon	Adelard—Cora
May 23	Harry Fleisch	William—Rebecca
May 24	Clayton Sanford Work	Eugene A.—Olive M.
May 25	Mary Margaret Dora Hebert	Thomas—Emma
May 25	Stillborn	
May 29	Louis Antonio Joseph LaFerriere	Albert—Rose
June 3	Milton Francis Leonard	Charles F. Jr.—Bertha D.
June 3	— Nowell	Henry—Martha
June 6	Joseph R. Bouché	Peter—Alida
June 21	Beatrice Lapalme	Elzea—Anna
June 22	Lillian Guilbeault	Saul—Fanny
June 30	Hazel Jeannette Harding	Edgar I.—Lena
July 11	Georges Parigé	John—Yvonne
July 11	Henry Jacque Saucier	Henry O.—Mary R.
July 30	Julia White	Walter A.—Annie F.
Aug. 2	Ille.	
Aug. 3	Phillip G. Schlais	Paul M.—Edna L.
Aug. 4	Wallace G. Hathaway, Jr.	Wallace G.—Florence A.
Aug. 11	Helen Batchelor	Fenmore G.—Flora M.
Aug. 22	Walton Ellis Briggs, Jr.	Walton E.—Sarah E.
Aug. 22	Florian Grenier	F. X.—L. Ann
Aug. 25	Romeo Joseph Beaulieu	Toussaint—Albertine
Sept. 6	Bernard Francis Sturtevant	Elwood M.—Lurana T.
Sept. 15	Ille.	
Sept. 17	Stanislaw Polka	Kazimza—Katarzyna
Sept. 17	Nladyslawa Polka	Kazimza—Katarzyna

Births—(Continued)

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Sept. 27	Manuel Mottas	John—Mary
Oct. 1	Marie Rose Blanche Michon	Eugene—Rosaline
Oct. 3	Walton Elwood Braley, Jr.	Walton E.—Mae A.
Oct. 3	—— Tomkiewicz	Wladyslaw—Katarzana
Oct. 9	Mary Areta	Manuel—Mary
Oct. 11	Joseph Phillippe Boivin	Phillippe—Mamie
Oct. 12	Joseph LeBlanc	Frank—Eva
Oct. 22	Mary Jeane Sargent	James—Delia
Oct. 23	Inez Hazzard Bumpus	Eben E.—Emma B.
Oct. 30	Dosithe Leo Guillotte	Dosithe—Laura
Nov. 2	Charles Viera	Frank—Maria
Nov. 10	Bella Bettancourt	Hermenegildo—Marie
Nov. 12	Henry Clay White, Jr.	Henry C.—Mary O.
Nov. 16	Victor Gelnias	Eli—Eveline
Nov. 19	Marie Virginia Bourque	Ovila—Eugenia
Nov. 21	Frank Roderiques	Manuel—Rose
Nov. 22	Margaret Gladys Morse	James C.—Helen
Nov. 22	George Clifton Sullivan	Charles E.—Clara L.
Nov. 27	Oliver Dupre, Jr.	Oliver—Malvina
Dec. 11	—— Surprenant	Telesphore—Yvonne
Dec. 11	Marie Clemence Plaud	Emile—Rose
Dec. 14	Raymond Asa Taber	Clarence—Sarah E.
Dec. 15	Dora Tripp	Charles A.—Dora
Dec. 28	Robert William Smith	William P.—Lora V.
Dec. 29	—— Belliveu	Marcel—Laura
Dec. 30	Leo Bernard	Clement—Marie L.

Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1913.

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	RESIDENCE
Mar. 6	Alexander Albro	Acushnet
	Emily L. Janvrin	Acushnet
Apr. 22	Louis Bissonnette	Acushnet
	Delia Dubois	New Bedford
May 11	Oscar Demoranville	New Bedford
	Elsie M. Pittsley	Freetown
May 26	Wilbrod Jacques	Acushnet
	Adeline Bourque	Fairhaven
June 2	Joseph P. Bourgeois	Acushnet
	Anna Villemure	Acushnet
June 16	Clarence B. Ellis	Acushnet
	Edith Taber	New Bedford
June 26	Bancroft Winsor	Acushnet
	Beatrice L. Dunham	Fairhaven
July 13	Ewart G. Maud	Acushnet
	J. Arietta Huard	New Bedford
July 20	Herbert C. Leonard	Acushnet
	Jennie E. Wade	Eastondale
Aug. 17	Reinard Thompson	New Bedford
	Helen S. Perry	New Bedford
Sept. 20	Max G. Hemmann	Acushnet
	Mary H. Sottak	Freetown
Sept. 22	Joseph M. Landry	New Bedford
	Matilda R. Blanchette	Acushnet
Oct. 6	Emile Ouellet	New Bedford
	Angelina Bourgeois	Acushnet
Oct. 9	Antone Enos	Acushnet
	Elizabeth Chapman	Acushnet
Oct. 17	William H. Drake	Acushnet
	Annie S. Francis	Acushnet
Oct. 19	Everett L. Reynolds	Rochester
	Nellie B. Geggatt	Acushnet
Oct. 19	Arthur Shaughnessy	Providence
	Caroline McGregor	New Bedford
Nov. 27	Manuel S. Brown	Acushnet
	Philomena Machado	Gloucester
Dec. 24	Rexford G. Morse	Acushnet
	Adelaide A. Goff	Taunton

Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1913.

DATE	NAME	AGE			RESIDENCE
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 8	Elizabeth Morton	31			Acushnet
Jan. 20	Stillborn				Acushnet
Jan. 30	Ruth White		3	28	Acushnet
Feb. 4	David Laroque	89		27	Acushnet
Feb. 8	Almira M. Barnes	44	1	17	Middleboro
Feb. 12	Marie A. Sivigny	34	3	14	Acushnet
Feb. 13	Elizabeth Walsh	72	9	14	Acushnet
Feb. 15	Arthur Pepin			15	Acushnet
Feb. 2	Rachael Woods	35	8		Acushnet
Feb. 25	Alma E. Oliver	65	4		Taunton
Mar. 2	Betsey J. Trippe	83	3	1	Acushnet
Mar. 5	Susan F. Morse	69	3	22	Acushnet
Mar. 9	Floyd W. Collins	1		24	Acushnet
Mar. 14	Harriet N. Gifford	1	1	15	Acushnet
Mar. 29	Alfred Dupuis	3		2	Acushnet
Mar. 30	Joseph Lambert			3	Acushnet
Apr. 10	Henry Bruckshaw	58	5	14	Pawtucket
May 13	Harry F. Tripp	7	4	21	Acushnet
May 20	Armand Doyon			1	Acushnet
May 25	Stillborn				Acushnet
May 27	Anna Gwozdz	5	9	17	Acushnet
June 2	Pawel Szwarc	53	4	17	Acushnet
June 17	Francois Lacroix		7	10	Acushnet
June 19	Hector R. St. Onge		5	17	Acushnet
June 20	Bertha E. Ellis	8	1	10	Acushnet
June 26	Abbie F. Ellis	73	5	15	Fairhaven
July 3	Helen M. Allen	72	9		New Bedford
July 21	Marie A. Latraverse		10	29	Acushnet
July 29	Emily Cordeira		4	19	Acushnet
July 26	William W. Howland	63	8	18	Middleboro
July 27	Elizabeth C. Norris	77	2	23	New Bedford
Aug. 2	Albert J. Dube		7		Acushnet
Aug. 9	Edward Millette		5	6	Acushnet
Aug. 15	Adolphe Perreault	59	4	5	Acushnet
Aug. 19	Hetty S. Potter	89	4	12	Dartmouth
Aug. 20	Mary L. Lamarre	47		25	Acushnet
Aug. 26	Joseph R. Boucher		2	20	Acushnet
Aug. 26	Sarah R. Harlow	81	2	29	New Bedford
Sept. 8	George Tanguay		4	9	Acushnet
Sept. 22	Isabella E. Smith	63	2	11	Acushnet
Sept. 22	Annie W. Gold	55	3	2	Boston
Sept. 22	Eva Motta		4	8	Acushnet
Oct. 15	Philip G. Schlais		2	12	Acushnet
Oct. 25	Ida St. Onge	1	3	16	Acushnet
Oct. 29	Tomkiewicz			26	Acushnet
Nov. 13	Anthony J. Brower		3	21	Acushnet
Dec. 9	Agnes Bartels	77	7	18	New Bedford
Dec. 16	Dora Tripp			1	Acushnet
Dec. 24	Elizabeth A. Werden	71	11	26	New Bedford
Dec. 29	Robert W. Smith			1	New Bedford

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 beginning Feb. 1, 1913, and ending Dec. 31, 1913:

Poor Account.

Paid for board,	\$212.00	
“ supplies,	300.00	
“ medical attendance,	37.32	
“ medicine,	16.54	
“ fuel,	32.35	
“ burial,	20.00	
“ board at hospitals,	450.26	
	<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$1,068.47
Paid for state aid,		\$176.00

Incidental Account.

Joseph T. Brownell, auditor,	\$3.00
Henry B. Worth, legal advice,	2.00
Melvin O. Bradford, teller,	2.00
N. B. Printing Co., printing town reports,	57.75
Com. of Mass.,	.19
Elmer E. Braley, express,	.25
Paul & Dixon, treasurer bond,	24.00
Bureau of Statistics,	48.00
County of Bristol,	6.57
Paul & Dixon, insurance on 4 school houses,	105.76

R. G. Bennett, death returns,	2.00
Fred O. Tripp, insurance of animals,	60.00
Alden White, sealing town scales,	1.00
A. R. Hambly, stamped envelopes,	10.62
Albert S. Jenney, meat inspection,	102.08
Hobbs & Warren, forms,	.43
Wakefield Daily Item, blanks,	4.50
John P. Taber, supplies,	9.61
Uriah S. Cole, Memorial day,	13.00
Dr. J. F. Weeks, birth returns,	1.25
Eugene White, shingling Bog schoolhouse,	5.75
N. B. Printing Co., tax warrants,	4.25
Nelson C. Morse, pump repairs,	4.25
Lincoln E. Chace, shingles,	20.00
Elmer E. Braley, express,	.25
F. S. Brightman, stationery,	1.28
Dr. J. F. Weeks, birth returns,	1.50
E. W. Ashley, cleaning well, Parting Ways,	5.00
N. B. Printing Co., tax bills, receipts, etc.,	23.50
E. Anthony & Sons, adv. lights on wagons,	3.76
Sullivan & Crocker, tax book,	4.50
N. B. Industrial School,	195.00
E. W. Ashley, cleaning well, Long Plain,	5.00
George A. Fuller, assessor,	75.00
M. S. Douglass, moderator,	5.00
Benjamin Lamothe, reward,	50.00
E. W. Ashley, pencils, etc.,	.20
N. B. Printing Co., notices,	2.00
E. L. Macomber, writing and posting warrants,	17.00
Perry, Jenney & Potter,	9.00
James S. Robinson, lists,	1.00
E. Anthony & Sons, reward,	6.73
Cecil T. Bagnall, paper blocks,	1.30
A. R. Hambly, st. envelopes,	2.32
E. L. Macomber, repairese on well,	3.00
G. A. Cobb, cleaning pipe Town House,	.75
Eben F. Leonard, assessor,	75.00

Eben F. Leonard, selectman,	25.00
Eben F. Leonard, overseer of poor,	25.00
George T. Parker, selectman,	25.00
George T. Parker, overseer of poor,	25.00
Henry F. Taber, assessor,	100.00
Henry F. Taber, selectman,	50.00
Henry F. Taber, overseer of poor,	25.00
Henry F. Taber, copying bal. book,	20.00
Henry F. Taber, stamps, etc.,	7.48
Henry F. Taber, work for Bureau of Statistics,	2.25
Eugene White, teller,	6.00
Charles E. Beals, teller,	2.00
E. W. Ashley, teller,	4.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller,	4.00
Vaughn & Co., death returns,	3.00
Alden White, rendering oaths,	3.00
Alden White, returns to Bureau of Statistics,	4.00
Fred E. Wellington, board of health,	10.00
John Robins Mfg. Co., supplies,	1.60
Ezra Diman, school com., 1912,	25.00
Walter E. Tripp, school com. 1912,	25.00
Henry A. Jackson, school com. 1912,	25.00
Alden White, express, etc.,	2.21
Alden White, birth and death returns,	3.75
Alden White, town clerk,	55.75
Alden White, collector,	345.24
Alden White, treasurer,	201.36
A. L. Dillingham, land rent,	15.00
Bessie E. Fairchild,	25.00
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	\$642.35

Town Telephones.

Paid N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.,	\$123.61
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Constables.

Paid Charles E. Gifford, constable,	138.73
Paid Edward L. Macomber, constable,	74.20
Paid John M. Vincent, constable,	27.71
Paid Walter R. Spooner, com. vs. Alberski,	21.26
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	\$261.90

Pump Parting Ways.

George A. Cobb, pump, etc.,	\$13.64
Acushnet Saw Mill Co., lumber,	3.05
Hormidas Vincent, labor,	2.75
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	\$19.44

Forest Wardens' Report.**Supplies:**

John P. Taber, 1/2 doz. shovels,	\$6.50
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Paid for fighting fires:

Banjamin F. White,	\$25.54
William T. Howland,	1.40
Harold E. Taber,	8.25
Charles W. Spooner,	.50
Charles E. Gifford,	20.20
George G. Petty,	27.25
Elmer Washburn,	1.50
Solomon Haskell,	1.50
Henry D. Pierce,	2.00
Alton J. Pierce,	7.75
Clarence W. Gifford,	1.00

Frank Noyer,	3.25	
Delphis J. Guilotte,	3.00	
William A. Durfee,	8.50	
Harry B. Parker,	2.00	
Thomas I. Hathaway,	2.50	
Michael Frank,	3.25	
Henry F. Taber,	18.00	
Myron E. Douglass,	.75	
Fred Buckley,	1.00	
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		\$139.14
Henry F. Taber, services as Fire Warden,	5.00	
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		\$150.64

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

F. T. Aiken, supplies,	\$.25	
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies,	7.93	
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		\$8.18

Moth Extermination.

Abiel P. R. Gilmore, labor,	66.50	
Charles L. Spooner, labor,	19.50	
Benjamin A. Gilmore, labor,	13.00	
Robert E. Parker, labor,	84.25	
Robert E. Parker, team and labor spraying,	15.75	
Alton Pierce, labor,	54.00	
Harold E. Taber, labor,	29.00	
A. P. Gilmore, express,	1.25	
A. E. Wordell, pump and fixtures,	14.50	
Samuel Cabott, creosote,	1.13	
Reuben A. Peckham, labor,	9.00	
D. F. Monroe, supplies,	6.19	
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		\$314.07

Expense on Account of Small Pox.

Myron E. Douglas, wood,	\$7.50
Robert Hadercroft, supplies,	10.35
E. E. Cushman, supplies,	9.41
Ovilla Munier, milk,	2.80
J. E. Normandin, supplies,	19.89
Briggs & Beckman, tent,	5.50
Acushnet Saw Mill Co., case,	1.35
David Duff, coal,	7.75
Cyrille Cloutier, supplies,	2.20
A. St. Jean, bread,	4.70
D. J. P. Bradford, medical attendance,	240.00
Charles E. Gifford, duty,	43.50
Oscar L. Tinkham, duty,	103.50
H. Obed Whitehead, duty,	106.50
E. W. Ashley, duty,	42.00
Max Cormier, $\frac{2}{3}$ wages,	12.86
Alice Bourque, $\frac{2}{3}$ wages,	7.30
Oliver Bourque, $\frac{2}{3}$ wages,	2.89
Alexander Sylvia, $\frac{2}{3}$ wages,	11.92
City of New Bedford, fumigating,	4.02
A. Dimanche, nurse,	165.00
T. Beaulieu,	5.60
J. Boldue,	94.64
Mrs. Demanche,	140.00
Catherine Bourgeois,	85.00
George A. Cobb,	7.20
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	\$1,143.38

Board of Health.

J. E. Budlong, printing,	\$9.50
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	4.00
Dr. A. H. Mandell,	4.00
City of New Bedford, supplies,	.50

H. A. Toupin, supplies,	3.35
Dr. A. H. Mandell,	2.00
State Board of Health,	2.65
Philip Bovin,	11.50
Dr. S. A. Lamoreux,	24.00
Perry, Jenney & Potter, advice,	5.00
Browne Pharmacy, supplies,	4.00
Dr. E. E. Foster,	10.00
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	\$80.50

Notes and Interest.

Merchants Nat. Bank, notes,	\$13,500.00
N. B. Inst. for Savings,	1,000.00
N. B. Inst. for Savings, interest,	120.00
Merchants Nat. bank, interest,	349.28
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	\$14,969.28

Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved by Ch. of School Committee	9,448.36
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Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved by chairman of Trustees of Free Public Library,	324.50
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Orders given by the Selectmen on bills, approved by Highway Surveyor on Highways and Drain,	\$10,783.84
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Valuation of Town April 1, 1913.

Personal property,	\$133,930.00
Buildings,	483,130.00
Land,	481,220.00
Total,	<u>\$1,098,280.00</u>

Rate of taxation,	\$22.00
Number of assessed polls,	477
Number of assessed horses,	325
Number of assessed cows,	613
Number of assessed neat cattle,	107
Number of assessed swine,	67
Number of dwellings,	427
Number of assessed acres of land,	10,964
Number of assessed fowl,	13,145
Value of assessed fowl,	\$9,080.00
Number of registered voters February 19, 1914,	274

The Town Owns Property As Follows:

School houses and lots,	\$22,000.00
Town house and lot,	1,500.00
Lot Parting Ways,	500.00
Crusher plant,	1,500.00
Library, books and fixtures,	600.00
Safes,	300.00
Gravel lots,	200.00
Roller house and lot,	500.00
Steam roller,	2,200.00
Watering cart,	200.00

Pump and scales,	250.00
School books and supplies,	200.00
School barges,	250.00
Forest fire apparatus and building,	250.00
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	\$30,400.00

Appropriations for 1913.

Schools and Superintendent's salary,	\$7,000.00
Poor,	1,000.00
Incidentals,	2,000.00
Highways and bridges,	6,500.00
Notes and interest,	2,850.00
Public library,	350.00
Nye street,	600.00
Gammons road,	1,000.00
Drain special town meeting,	5,000.00

Present Town Debt.

Note held by Merchants National bank, due Nov. 15, 1914, at 4%,	\$1,500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Aug. 1, 1914, at 4%,	1,000.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1914, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Aug. 1, 1915, at 4%,	1,000.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1915, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Aug. 1, 1916, at 4%,	1,000.00

Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1916, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1917, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1918, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1919, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1920, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1921, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1922, at 5%,	500.00
Note held by N. B. Institution for Savings, due Sept. 10, 1923, at 5%,	500.00
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	\$9,500.00

The guide boards in town are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Selectmen of Acushnet.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Labor.

James H. Hathaway, 123 days, 1 hour, at	\$2.50	\$315.29
Andrew H. Burke, 121 days, 3½ hours, at	2.50	303.48
Philip E. Macomber, 78 days, 4 hours, at	1.75	137.28
Joseph Couture, 7 days at	1.75	12.25
John F. Smith, 26 days, at	1.75	45.50
William B. Mayes, 9 days, 8 hours, at	1.75	17.31
Cornelius A. Sowle, 84 days, 6 hours, at	1.75	148.17
James H. Cobb, 2 days, at	2.00	4.00
J. E. Borden, 45 days, at	1.50	67.50
John J. Green, 99 days, at	1.75	173.26
William Tootle, 1 day, 4½ hours, at	2.50	3.75
Edward W. Ashley, 99 days, 7 hours, at	1.75	174.62
Eugene White, 1 day, at	2.50	2.50
Walter C. Caswell, 103 days, 2 hours, at	1.75	180.64
Charles R. Minor, 91 days, 6 hours, at	1.75	160.42
Samuel Sturtevant, 40 days, 4½ hours, at	2.50	101.25
Arthur L. Tripp, 89 days, 5 hours, at	1.75	156.73
Granville A. Ashley, 21 days, at	1.75	36.75
Clarence Gifford, 10 days, at	1.75	17.50
Solomon Haskell, 18 days, at	1.75	31.50
Joseph Hebert, 36 days, 8 hours, at	1.75	64.56
Andre Dion, 13 days, 3 hours, at	1.75	23.33
Harry G. Sherman, 10 days, 8 hours, at	1.75	19.06
Frank Linek, 9 days, 8 hours, at	1.75	17.31
Fred Buckley, 2 days, at	1.75	3.50
Frank Vera, 2 days, at	1.75	3.50
Eben J. Whitney, 10 days, 8 hours, at	1.75	19.06
Richard Marshall, 10 days, 8 hours, at	1.75	19.06
John Jefferson, 4 hours, at	1.75	.78
		<hr/> \$2,259.86

Teaming.

James H. Hathaway, 121 days, at	\$4.50	\$332.74
Stanislas St. Jean, 4 days, at	4.50	21.50
Frank L. Borden, 13 days, at	4.50	58.50
Manuel Fagundes, 47 days, at	4.50	213.00
Telephore Bolduc, 3 days, at	4.50	13.50
Joseph T. Brownell, 3 days, 5 hours, at	4.50	16.00
Charles P. Cottle, 101 days, at	4.50	456.50
Philip E. Macomber, 1 days, 2 hours, at	3.00	3.67
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		\$1,115.41

Stone Account, Gammons Road.

Fred O. Tripp,	\$44.31
John Smith,	13.17
Allen Weeks,	29.33
Annie M. Gracie,	49.91
Charles Perry,	54.42
Manuel Fagundes,	18.70
Antone Jacintho,	41.75
H. F. Taber,	26.46
A. Vincent,	27.22
J. T. Brownell,	292.55
Mrs. F. Royland,	71.93
R. Varley,	96.45
Henry Chase,	79.53
G. Blanchette,	33.84
Schlais Bros.,	62.57
J. E. Hammond,	45.58
Charles Bennett,	49.78
A. H. Hammond,	110.13
Walter Tripp,	88.54
P. Lecuyer,	20.95
Leonard Hill.	
L. A. Tripp,	\$141.72
D. Goodreau,	20.24
G. A. Sowle,	15.00

Walter White,	20.50
M. Fagundes,	43.28
James H. Hathaway,	12.58
T. Bolduc,	57.66
J. Gonsalves,	40.56
Charles Cottle,	3.66
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	\$1,612.30

Labor—Bridge.

James H. Hathaway, 22 days, at	\$2.50	\$55.00
Andrew H. Burke, 19 days, 3 hours, at	2.50	48.34
Samuel Sturtevant, 15 days, at	2.50	37.50
Philip E. Macomber, 17 days, at	1.75	29.75
William B. Mayes, 19 days, at	1.75	33.25
Frank Linek, 21 days, at	1.75	36.75
Frank Vera, 22 days, at	1.75	38.50
Arthur L. Tripp, 22 days, at	1.75	38.50
Joseph Hebert, 22 days, at	1.75	38.50
Richard Marshall, 22 days, at	1.75	38.50
John Jefferson, 22 days, at	1.75	38.50
John J. Green, 17 days, at	1.75	29.75
Harry G. Sherman, 19 days, at	1.75	33.25
Ed. W. Ashley, 17 days, at	1.75	29.75
Eben J. Whitney, 9 days, at	1.75	15.75
Fred Buckley, 13 days, 8 hours, at	1.75	24.31
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		\$565.90

Teaming—Bridge.

James H. Hathaway, 22 days, at	\$2.75	\$60.50
Charles P. Cottle, 22 days, at	4.50	99.00
Stanislas St. Jean, 10 days, 4 hours, at	4.50	47.00
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		\$206.50

Incidentals—Bridge.

Denison Bros. Co., coal,	\$54.37
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Stone—Bridge.

J. Beauchaine,	\$21.58
Peter Lecuyer,	24.18
F. P. Noia,	107.60
J. F. Brownell,	48.13
J. Bettencourt,	41.44
Manuel Madeiros,	78.18
John W. Pierce,	20.04
Henry Saucier,	53.09
D. Warren,	5.42
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	\$399.66

Labor—Drain.

James H. Hathaway, 62 days, 5 hrs., at \$2.50	\$156.39
Walter C. Caswell, 11 days, 5 hours, at 1.75	19.25
Cornellus A. Sowle, 37 days, 5 hours, at 1.75	65.72
Joseph Hebert, 55 days, 5 hours, at 1.75	97.22
Andrew H. Burke, 49 days, 5 hours, at 2.50	123.92
Philip E. Macomber, 45 days, at 1.75	78.75
John Smith, 19 days, 2 hours, at 1.75	33.64
John J. Green, 51 days, 1 hour, at 1.75	89.42
Frank Linek, 43 days, 5 hours, at 1.75	76.22
Arthur L. Tripp, 54 days, 5 hours, at 1.75	95.47
Andre Dion, 6 days, 3 hours, at 1.75	11.08
Patrick Sullivan, 7 days, 8 hours, at 1.75	13.81
James H. Cobb, 10 days, at 2.00	20.00
James H. Cobb, 5 days, at 2.50	12.50
George St. George, 5 days, 6 hours, at 1.75	9.92
James Sargent, 2 days, at 1.75	3.50
Frank Vera, 15 days, 4 hours, at 1.75	27.03
William B. Mayes, 45 days, 5 hours, at 1.75	79.72
Eben J. Whitney, 36 days, 5 hours, at 1.75	63.97
Harry G. Sherman, 41 days, 5 hours, at 1.75	72.72
Richard Marshall, 45 days, 5 hours, at 1.75	79.72
John Jefferson, 24 days at 1.75	42.00

Ed. W. Ashley, 6 days at	1.75	10.50
Fred Buckley, 6 days at	1.75	10.50
Isaac Gross, 6 days at	1.75	10.50
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		\$1,303.47

Teaming—Drain.

James H. Hathaway, 60 days, 5 hours, at \$4.50	\$166.53
Chas. P. Cottle, 13 days at	4.50 58.50
M. J. Fagundes, 2 days at	4.50 9.00
Stanislas St. Jean, 2 days at	4.50 9.00
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	\$243.03

Highway Incidentals.

J. H. Hathaway,	\$.35
N. B. Rubber Co.,	.30
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	.25
J. Handy Co.,	.21
Adams Express Co.,	.60
P. B. Bragdon,	10.00
M. & L. A. Denault,	2.00
Good Roads Machinery Co.,	7.25
J. G. Nicholson,	2.46
Augustus White,	10.25
Buffalo Steam Roller Co.,	4.75
Babbitt Steam Co.,	21.20
N. B. Boiler Co.,	2.56
Louis Turner,	9.13
Adams Express Co.,	1.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	.25
P. F. Wood Boiler Works,	10.83
Buffalo Steam Roller Co.,	5.45
Denison Bros.,	243.84
Walter A. White,	1.10
Good Roads Machinery Co.,	17.50
E. D. Etnyee,	1.04

A. F. Lawrence,	1.15
J. Handy Co.,	.58
G. A. Cobb,	11.67
J. T. Brownell,	3.50
Rankin & Arnold,	2.30
Babbitt Steam Co.,	2.13
E. E. Cushman,	.55
Henry Taber,	.70
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	3.01
Valvoline Oil Co.,	2.66
Buffalo Steam Roller Co.,	5.10
Babbitt Steam Co.,	5.07
William C. Dawe Co.,	3.00
N. P. Hayes,	.55
E. Anthony & Sons,	.61
P. F. Wood Boiler Works,	1.00
G. A. Eggers,	1.50
Babbitt Steam Co.,	4.95
Ingersoll, Sargent Drill Co.,	143.95
Annie M. Gracia,	1.00
E. L. Macomber,	10.79
United States Express Co.,	1.00
G. A. Cobb,	12.77
Babbitt Steam Co.,	7.08
Good Roads Machinery Co.,	123.49
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	.25
Good Roads Machinery Co.,	22.50
A. S. Jenney,	4.20
Charles Desrosiers,	16.91
Joseph Lague,	1.00
J. Handy Co.,	4.75
Rankin & Arnold,	.15
Babbitt Steam Co.,	.25
E. Anthony & Sons,	.36
G. W. Barton,	.25
Frank Linek et al.,	25.74
G. A. Cobb,	9.45

Paisler & Willis,	5.20
A. F. Lawrence,	1.92
N. P. Hayes,	4.70
J. F. Weeks, M. D.,	7.00
G. A. Cobb,	3.14
H. N. Wilbur,	3.50
G. A. Eggers,	1.50
P. F. Wood,	8.50
Fairbanks Co.,	1.76
S. S. Paine,	3.50
Gatenby & Swift,	1.50
B. F. White,	8.59
R. Davis,	10.45
E. L. Macomber,	4.70
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	\$854.20

Drain Incidentals.

Denison Bros. Co., coal,	\$19.50
Ingersoll, Sergeant Drill Co.,	20.80
Adams Express Co.,	.55
Stephen Goggin, sign,	2.25
Denison Bros. Co., coal,	18.28
Central Lumber Co.,	66.30
Reuben L. Sawyer, repairs,	1.00
Acushnet Saw Mill Co., lumber,	12.57
Paisler & Willis, cement,	10.45
G. A. Eggers,	19.20
G. A. Cobb,	16.36
N. B. Foundry, casting,	9.36
Paisler & Willis,	6.45
D. Guilotte, repairs,	59.10
A. St. Jean, lumber,	1.61
E. E. Cushman, lanterns and oil,	5.87
C. Desrosiers, dynamite, etc.,	45.10
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	\$314.75

Summary.

	Dr.		
Town appropriation,		\$6,500.00	
Nye street appropriation,		600.00	
Gammons road appropriation,		1,000.00	
		<hr/>	\$8,100.00
	Cr.		
Paid for stone,		\$1,612.30	
Paid for teaming,		2,259.86	
Paid for labor,		1,115.41	
Paid for incidentals,		854.20	
		<hr/>	\$5,841.77
Balance,			<hr/> \$2,258.23

Drain Account.

	Dr.		
Appropriation by town,			\$5,000.00
	Cr.		
Paid for labor,		\$1,303.47	
Paid for teaming,		243.03	
Paid for incidentals,		314.75	
Paid for pipe, cement, etc.,		1,854.39	
		<hr/>	\$3,715.64
Balance,			<hr/> \$1,284.36
Balance of Drain Account was appropriated at Special Town Meeting for Slocum and River street,			\$1,284.36
Paid for labor,		\$565.90	
Paid for teaming,		206.50	
Paid for stone,		399.66	
Incidentals,		54.37	
		<hr/>	\$1,226.43
Balance,			<hr/> \$57.93

JAMES H. HATHAWAY,
Single Highway Surveyor.

ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Acushnet Library is now so well established that little can be added to previous records. There is a steadily increasing call for books and magazines, while the reading table gives pleasure and instruction to many of our young people. The past year, as heretofore, new books, magazines and illustrated papers have been added, and friends have kindly donated valuable reading matter. Our library is consequently increasingly hampered by inadequate space for its book cases and shelves, and by lack of convenient arrangements for librarian and patrons. Last summer our faithful and most efficient librarian, Miss Elsie Collins, resigned her position, having been offered a place in the New Bedford Library. She cheerfully assisted the trustees with regard to the selection of new books, and her advice and help proved valuable to many readers, especially our young students.

The town is considered fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Clement Swift as our present librarian. Mrs. Swift is well qualified for her duties, as she has a wide knowledge of books, a cultivated literary taste with excellent judgment, so necessary in the different departments that claim her attention.

For statistics see the report of librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY A. BROWNELL, Secretary.

Report of the Librarian of the Acushnet Free Public Library
Year Ending December 31, 1913.

Books taken out Feb. 1, 1913, to Dec. 31, 1913,		5,703
Average per week (eleven months),		119
Books bought by town,	300	
Books bought by library,	35	
Books given,	78	
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Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1913,	\$6.31	
Fines,	26.56	
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EXPENSES.

Books,	\$20.40	
Magazines,	1.70	
E. Brailey (carriage of parcels),	3.30	
Express,	.20	
Postage,	.59	
Paste and mending tissue,	1.05	
Scrap book,	1.35	
Lamp and wicks,	1.05	
Oil and stove lifter,	.29	
Calendar memo. book,	.10	
Miscellaneous,	1.30	
	<hr/>	\$31.33
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1913,		\$1.54

Report of Long Plain Branch.

Received from sub-librarian, Long Plain,		\$2.00
Expended for Long Plain Sub-Library:		
Ink,	.05	
Paste,	.25	
Calendar memo. book,	.10	
Books,	.90	
"Popular Mechanics," Nov., Dec., Jan.,	.45	
	<hr/>	\$1.75
Balance cash on hand Dec. 31, 1913,		\$.25

The following have presented one or more books to the library during the past eleven months: "A Friend," Mrs. Emeline Cory, Mr. Edward Denham, Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts, Mr. T. H. Knowles, Mrs. S. A. Merrick, New Bedford Book Club, Mrs. C. Swift. The State and the Agricultural College have, as usual, contributed Reports and Pamphlets, while Mrs. C. McP. Ames kindly gives the "Youth's Companion" for the reading table. Two weekly illustrated papers and thirteen monthly papers or magazines are taken, most of which are in constant circulation when removed from the reading table at the end of each month. Five monthly magazines are taken for Long Plain Sub-Library.

Considerable additions to the furnishings of the library have been made—a fine card-catalogue case, likely to meet all our needs for some time to come; an excellent stand for magazines, another section for the sectional book-case, a small book-case for what appears to be the only remaining available spot in the room, more lamps and a new table for the librarian, with drawers, the use of which will liberate a little space for books now occupied by supplies. The old table is to be utilized at our sub-library, Long Plain.

In closing her report the librarian (as such) wishes to put on record that only one who follows Miss Collins in office can fully appreciate what her long term of devoted and whole-hearted service has meant for the building up of our library and the making it so large a factor in the life of our community.

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

Financial Report.

Dr.

Town appropriation,	\$350.00	
Balance from 1912,	2.21	
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Paid librarians,	\$77.09	
For books,	119.19	
For magazine subscriptions,	39.85	
For binding,	15.25	
For library furnishings,	58.14	
For American Library Association,	5.00	
For miscellaneous,	9.98	
	<hr/>	\$324.50
Balance,		<hr/> \$27.71

ALDEN WHITE,
ANNIE A. SWIFT,
EMILY A. BROWNELL,
Trustees.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Highway Surveyor, Schools, and all trust bonds held by the town for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1913, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

Your Inspector received notice from Mr. Walker of the Department of Animal Industry to begin inspections of animals of the town the first of February and complete middle of March. I inspected 128 barns, 789 cattle and 120 swine. Killed 4 cows with tuberculosis.

Respectfully submitted,

F. O. TRIPP,
Inspector.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

During 1913 there have been tested and sealed or condemned the following: 4 platform scales over 5,000 pounds capacity, 5 under 5,000 pounds capacity, 4 computing scales, 20 other scales and balances, 3 condemned, 56 weights, 5 adjusted, 57 liquid measures, 5 linear measures, 2 adjusted, 2 oil pumps.

ALDEN WHITE,
Sealer.

HUNTERS' LICENSES.

Eighty-one resident hunters' licenses were issued for 1913.

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed in town during 1913, 223: 201 males, 22 females.

ALDEN WHITE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Citizens of Acushnet:—

The Board of Health respectfully submits its annual report for the year 1913. The Board consists of

Joel P. Bradford, M. D., Chairman. Term expires 1915.

Emery E. Cushman, Secretary and Agent. Term expires 1914.

Fred E. Wellington. Term expires 1916.

The Board at considerable expense to the town had 1,000 pamphlets printed relating to contagious diseases, which were distributed throughout the schools.

The Board regrets that in many families these valuable pamphlets of advice were thrown away instead of being kept for reference.

There were 77 cases of contagious diseases reported during 1913.

- 2 German measles.
- 58 Measles.
- 1 Ophthalmia Neonatorum.
- 1 Tuberculosis.
- 1 Diphtheria.
- 3 Scarlet fever.
- 3 Whooping cough.
- 5 Small pox.
- 1 Varicella.

There were 51 deaths recorded during the year.

On March 15, 1913, there were five cases of small pox reported. As the town has provided no isolation hospital the Board was forced to care for these patients in their own home, transforming it for the period of isolation into a temporary hospital, where the patients were cared for by a nurse and medical attendance furnished. The Board also

quarantined another house containing two families for the period of two weeks. The usual number of petty complaints and nuisances have been reported, which were settled with little disturbance.

Albert S. Jenney was appointed by the Board and approved by the State as inspector of slaughtered carcasses for the year 1913. There were inspected from Jan 1, 1913, to Jan. 1, 1914,

29 beef.

262 veal.

294 swine.

Two pigs and one cow were condemned as unfit for food.

JOEL P. BRADFORD, M. D.,
EMERY E. CUSHMAN,
FRED. E. WELLINGTON,

SCHOOL REPORT

1914

School Committee.

HENRY A. JACKSON	Term expires 1914
WALTER A. TRIPP,	Term expires 1915
EZRA DIMAN,	Term expires 1916

HENRY A. JACKSON, Chairman.
EZRA DIMAN, Secretary.

CHARLES F. PRIOR, Superintendent.

Regular meeting of the School Committee, Feb. 5.
"Voted, to adopt the report of the Superintendent as the
report of the School Committee."

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1914.

Tuesday, Dec. 30 (1913)	Schools re-open
Friday, March 20	Schools close. Spring vacation
Monday, March 30	Schools re-open
Monday, April 20 (April 19), Patriots' Day.	Legal holiday
Friday, June 5	Schools close. Summer vacation
Tuesday, Sept. 8	Schools re-open
Monday, Oct. 13, Columbus Day.	Legal holiday
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Schools close. Thanksgiving vacation
Monday, Nov. 30	Schools re-open
Friday, Dec. 18	Schools close. Christmas vacation
Tuesday, Dec. 29	Schools re-open

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

Elizabeth Norell	Parting Ways	Aroostock Normal
Almyra Davis	"	Bridgewater Normal
Beulah D. Wood	"	Bridgewater Normal
Edith M. Hathaway	"	Boston Normal School
Mary M. Gregg	"	Framingham Normal
Marie S. Howard	"	New Bedford High School
Grace M. Farnsworth	Long Plain	Hyannis Normal
Mary W. Urquhart	"	Hyannis Normal

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the year
1912—1913.

Mary Raulet	Leo Jackson
Rachel Work	Alice Morse
Joanna Diman	Evelyn Hathaway
Esther Taber	Omere Bergeron
Alice Macomber	Bessie Taber
Helen White	Edna Corey
	Eugene Diman

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.
SCHOOL YEAR. September, 1912—June, 1913.

SCHOOLS	Grades	TEACHERS	Salary per month	Whole number enrolled	Average member-ship	Average daily attendance	Per cent. attendance	Total days absence	Cases of tardiness	Dismissals.
Parting Ways	7-8-9	Elizabeth L. Norell	\$73.68	29	24.9	23.7	95.18	224.5	9	13
Parting Ways	5 & 6	Hazel E. Patterson	50.00	51	38.1	35.6	93.4	443.	25	16
Parting Ways	4	Beulah D. Wood	50 00	46	31.	28.5	91.9	459.	18	10
Parting Ways	3	Edith M. Hathaway	52.64	41	24.8	22.6	88.87	306.5	34	3
		Ruth F. Wilson								
Parting Ways	2	Pernal Johnson	44.00	65	50.66	47.6	92.95	1457.5	48	5
		Mary M. Gregg								
Parting Ways	1	Marie S. Howard	50.00	47	35.09	32.8	93.36	426.	13	0
		Bertha M. Priestley								
Long Plain	5-9	Grace Farnsworth	63.16	20	16.1	15.5	93.9	155.5	31	10
		Bessie M. White	50.00	29	25.	23.	91.7	365.5	72	10
TOTALS, 1913.....			\$422.96	328	245.65	229.3	93.	3837.5	250	67
TOTALS, 1912.....			376.00	304	248.64	226.06	90.84	3923.	327	98
TOTALS, 1911.....			344.63	265	225.8	208.5	92.	3215.5	207	83
TOTALS, 1910.....			344.63	258	207.68	187.22	90.	3403.5	199	80
TOTALS, 1909.....			309 00	224	167.72	157.51	93.	2028.	177	40

GRADE AND AGE DISTRIBUTION

AGE	GRADE									TOTAL
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
5	3									3
6	54	1								55
7	16	20	2							38
8	11	13	19	2						45
9	2	5	14	10	5	1				37
10	2	3	12	11	8	10				46
11		2	6	10	2	14	1			35
12		2	3	6	6	10	5	3	2	37
13			3		5	3	13	2	6	32
14						4	3	4	5	16
15			1			1			1	3
16							1		1	2
Total enrolled....	88	46	60	39	26	43	23	9	15	349
Number over age based on entrance age of six	15	12	25	16	11	8	4	0	1	92
Percentage over age17	.26	.416	.41	.42	.186	.15	0	.066	.26
Percentage over age, 1913	.122	.36	.38	.39	.22	.318	.23	.125	.143	.28

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Acushnet:—

Gentlemen:—Herewith is submitted my annual report, the seventeenth in the series of superintendent's reports since the formation of the union with Fairhaven and Mattapoisett.

Finances.

The following table compares the expenses of the present fiscal year with those of the year ending January 31, 1913. It will not agree with the regular financial statement of this report because I have included in the expenditures of the present year the salaries of teachers, transportation, janitors and all other bills paid by the School Department up to January 31, 1914, which has been heretofore the end of the fiscal year.

	1913.	1914.
Teachers' Salaries,	\$3875.80	\$4146.15
Transportation,	1675.80	1982.00
Janitors,	518.00	594.00
Books and Stationery,	319.75	380.50
Fuel,	416.76	418.84
Miscellaneous,	233.00	295.89
Repairs and New Equipment,	786.75	167.79
Superintendent's Salary,	390.66	364.60
Health,	15.00	75.00
Supervision, Penmanship,	40.00	45.00
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	\$8241.55	\$8469.77

It will be noted that the total expenditure has increased by \$228.22. A glance at the various items will indicate the directions in which more money has been expended. Teachers, transportation and janitor service, and miscellaneous items have cost more than last year. The sum spent for repairs and new equipment has been materially less. The advance in teachers' salaries has enabled us to retain for another year six of the eight teachers in the corps. This, in view of the increased enrollment, has been a decided advantage to us. The janitor service has cost more because of the necessity of paying a living wage for the full time of a man at Parting Ways School. Transportation has cost more because of an increase in the number of children carried and, also, because we could get it done for no smaller amount.

There are no regular bills outstanding against the School Department, and there is a balance of \$177.34.

High School Tuition.

For the first time the amount received from the state as reimbursement for high school tuition has not equalled the expenditure by the town. The law states "that a town whose valuation is less than one million dollars shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of the commonwealth all necessary amounts, and a town whose valuation exceeds one million dollars shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of the commonwealth half of all necessary amounts which have actually been expended for high school tuition." The valuation of Acushnet is now more than the sum specified in the statutes as entitling full reimbursement. This year an expenditure of \$1,725.01 was incurred, which will be reimbursed to the extent of \$862.50, of which sum the state has returned to date \$843.50. It will be necessary for the town in future appropriations to provide for the tuition of its high school pupils. There is a present deficit of

\$219.38. There are now 21 pupils at the Fairhaven High School and five at New Bedford High. If these pupils remain in school during this coming year their tuition will amount to about two thousand dollars. Deducting the state reimbursement, an appropriation of one thousand dollars will be needed in order to meet the expenditure.

High School Transportation.

The legislature of 1913 passed an act providing for the payment by towns for the transportation of pupils to outside high schools. It reads as follows: "A town of less than five hundred families or householders, in which a public school is not maintained, shall, through its committee, when necessary, provide for the transportation of any child who resides in said town and who, with the previous approval of the School Committee of the town, attends the high school of any other town or city, and shall pay for the expenses of such transportation a sum not exceeding one dollar and a half per week during the time of actual attendance of such child in the high school. If any town fails to provide such transportation, it will be liable to an action of contract, to the parent or guardian of a child who has been furnished with such transportation for such amounts, not exceeding one dollar and a half per week, as the parent or guardian has paid for same. A town which has expended for the support of its public schools for the preceeding year from the proceeds of local taxation an amount not less than four and less than five dollars per thousand dollars of valuation, shall receive from the treasury of the commonwealth one half of the amount actually expended for transportation under the provisions of this act; and a town which has expended from the proceeds of local taxation for the support of its public schools for the proceeding year an amount equal to at least five dollars per thousand dollars of valuation, shall receive

from the treasury of the commonwealth the whole transportation under the provisions of this act."

Citizens of Acushnet have put in bills for high school transportation reimbursement amounting to over two hundred dollars. It is at present uncertain whether the state would reimburse the town if these bills were paid. An effort is being made to get a ruling in this particular. A glance at the law will indicate the ground for doubt. The law states that the School Committee shall provide transportation "when necessary," and if the "transportation has been previously approved" by them. This latter suggests that parents intending to send children to high school must make a request of the School Committee for approval of a definite transportation expense before it is incurred. It would imply that bills for transportation put in without this formality could not be legally paid by the town. The words "when necessary" are susceptible of various interpretations. Until the question of what the state will require in a request for reimbursement has been settled the bills cannot be paid unless the town makes an appropriation to pay them regardless of whether it is to receive the sum back from the state.

Attendance.

The total membership of your schools for the year ending in June 1913 was 328, i. e.,—that number of different pupils enrolled during the year. The average membership was 245; the average attendance, 229; the percentage of attendance, 93. The membership of your schools on January 1, 1914 was 332; at the same time last year it was 261. The school census taken on September 1, 1912 gave the number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15 as 345; the census of September, 1913, gives 413 between the same age limits. Census returns and school enrollment indicate an appreciable increase in school population during the year.

It may be of interest to compare the number of children in the last school census with that of five and ten years ago respectively.

	1903	1908	1913
Number of children between 5 and 15,	239	236	413

The figures indicate that the school population has nearly doubled during the last five years. The actual present membership of your schools by grades is distributed as follows:

Grade I	88
Grade II	46
Grade III	60
Grade IV	39
Grade V	26
Grade VI	43
Grade VII	23
Grade VIII	9
Grade IX	15
Total	<hr/> 349

Twenty-one pupils are in attendance at Fairhaven High School, five at New Bedford High, and three at the New Bedford Industrial School.

Following is a comparison of the census returns and facts of school enrollment relating to children between the ages of 7 and 14 compelled by law to attend school. The school census returns 295 children between the ages of 7 and 14; the number of pupils between 7 and 14 enrolled in the public schools is at present 270. Twenty-five pupils who ought to be in school are evidently missing. This is a matter that should receive earnest attention.

New Child Labor Law.

Below are a few of the provisions of the new Child Labor Law. They are included in this report in order that parents and employers may have them at hand for reference:

I. No permit to work shall be given a child under sixteen unless he has completed the fourth grade.

11. Children on becoming fourteen cannot be granted a certificate unless they have attended school 130 days in the previous year.

III. Children between fourteen and sixteen not employed at least six hours a day must be in school. Children in these age limits cannot be employed more than eight hours a day.

IV. Parents wishing their children to leave school between the ages of fourteen and sixteen to work at home must get a special permit.

V. Every person under twenty-one must have a certificate of some kind in order to be legally employed.

VI. A birth certificate or some official record of age replaces the sworn statement of the parent or guardian.

Buildings.

The amount expended for repairs and new equipment has been small this year. At the Long Plain school a hardwood floor was laid, the walls were re-tinted, the woodwork painted and new curtains purchased. All these were needed improvements and have added much to the attractiveness of the building.

In September the School Department was again confronted with the difficulty of housing the increasing school population in the south portion of the town. Seventy-two pupils enrolled in the first grade. There were 47 pupils in grade two and 48 in grade three, so that it was impracticable to unite a portion of grade one with either of

these. The other rooms of the building were likewise crowded, and no re-distribution of pupils was possible. At first another room and teacher seemed to be a necessity. A search revealed the impossibility of finding a suitable room for a school in that section of the town. It was finally decided to adopt the half-session plan for the year. This has grave disadvantages when children are not admitted to school until the age of six, but it was the best that could be done under the circumstances, as there was not seating space for 72 pupils. The arrangement has entailed a heavy burden upon the teacher, but she has accepted the situation cheerfully, and the results thus far are better than could have been expected.

Next year the problem of housing pupils will probably be even greater. It will be impossible to use the half-session plan after the first grade, so that relief must be provided in some other form. Two additional rooms are needed. I know this will bring a burden of expense upon a town that can ill afford it at present, but it is a condition rather than a theory which confronts us. Here is a large school population that must be accommodated. It is not a question of whether the valuation of the town has increased as fast as the population, but a question of furnishing legal school accommodations. To those who would relieve the situation by opening the two district schools, now closed, the answer is that such a plan would only tend to increase the general school expenses. The pupils conveyed by barge to Parting Ways School are distributed through the six rooms of the building, forming no very large addition to any one room. If they were not brought there, congestion in certain grades would still occur. A change of the town's policy of conveying pupils would result simply in the inefficiency of district schools, due to the scarcity of teachers for them, and the necessity of maintaining more schools than would otherwise be necessary. The only permanent solution of the problem is the addition of rooms to the Parting Ways School. If two rooms were put on during this summer, it is certain that one

of them would be used next September and the present rate of increase of school population would bring the other into use within a year.

If the town feels that its financial condition is such as to preclude the idea of adding to the building this year, it may be possible to get along another year by the employment of an assistant teacher in each room having an enrolment of more than 50. This measure would be required by law. Such an arrangement would be unsatisfactory in a large measure and would only postpone for one year the expenditure for additional rooms.

Teachers.

Two new teachers have entered your service since the last report. Good teachers and continuity of service are the essentials of efficiency in school work. These conditions of success can be had only by paying for them. In the last analysis the quality of teaching is dependent upon the intelligent appropriation of money for the purpose. Young women who are well-trained and skilful teachers, and who possess refinement, tact and common sense, are in great demand. Intelligent appropriation of money for teachers' salaries recognizes market values and does not demand teachers worth seven or eight hundred dollars per year for two or three hundred dollars less. The effort to secure high-standard service at a low standard rate of payment will sometimes be successful, but as a rule will result in disappointment.

The large enrolment in many of our schools demands high-grade teachers in order to maintain that elementary condition of efficiency—discipline. The highest type of teaching is not too good for Acushnet children. I have no doubt that the town will do its very best to enable us to pay for it.

Course of Study.

The revision of the course of study, begun last year, has been continued. Detailed outlines of the work in English and spelling have been placed in each school, and a compilation of directions for teaching primary reading has been furnished grades I and II. A course of study in arithmetic is in preparation and will be placed in the schools during the present term. It is planned to complete a revision of the geography and history outlines before the year closes.

New Books.

The work in arithmetic and English has been greatly improved during the last two years by the purchase of new and modern books. During the coming year the supply of reading material should be replenished. I would recommend, also, that the committee purchase sets of maps for the intermediate and upper grades.

Exhibition of School Work.

Very creditable exhibits of school work were held in June at both Parting Ways and Long Plain Schools. Specimens of the written work in all subjects, of drawing, of sewing and of basketry, were shown. The attendance of parents and citizens was large, but not so large as hoped for, but the expressions of pleasure and pride in the exhibits on the part of those who saw them were genuine. If citizens knew the labor involved in preparing for such exhibits, and appreciated the satisfaction and inspiration derived by teachers and pupils from their attendance and interest, I feel sure more effort would be made by them to attend.

Long Plain School.

Special mention should be made of the exhibit at the Long Plain School. The basketry by grammar grades of this

school was highly creditable, and would be worthy of praise if found in any school system. Some elementary work in woodworking by the boys and in cooking by the girls, deserves mention.

In no other school in town has there been greater improvement during the year than at Long Plain. The discipline has been excellent, the teaching of superior quality, and the spirit of the school has, for the most part, been one of earnestness and co-operation. I feel that the introduction of manual activities is responsible in some measure for the generally higher tone that prevails. As stated in last year's report, confining pupils to books, giving them in their school life no issue for motor impulses, leads to the conception of the whole school life as drudgery and unreality. On the other hand, when opportunities are given by the school for the exercise of the natural tendency to do things, especially those things that appeal to children as occupations of life, the school life takes on the atmosphere of reality and interest. The present school room at Long Plain has been divided into two parts by a high screen, made by the pupils. On one side conventional lines of school work are followed; and on the other, basketry, sewing, cooking and woodworking are done. Of course, none of these activities can be carried on in an extensive way, but enough is done to cultivate some degree of skill in these operations and to arouse the interest of the children in them.

Money for the purchase of a three-burner oil stove to be used in cooking, as well as for basketry and cooking supplies, has been raised in part by entertainments given by the school, and in part by the sale of articles made by the children.

Promotion and Retardation.

Last year's report contained a grade and age distribution table which showed the number and percentage of over-age children in each grade in your system. A similar table, based on this year's enrolment, will be found elsewhere with

other statistical tables of this report. Comparison with the table of last year elicits the fact that the percentage of over-age children has decreased two per cent.

At the close of the school year in June, 272 pupils were enrolled. Of these, 217 were promoted and 55 were retarded. Teachers were required to make a report on every pupil held back. In every case parents of retarded pupils had received early notification from the teacher of the child's failure to do the work, and had been asked to co-operate in an effort to bring him up to grade. In each case the teacher gave individual help to the child. The reasons for failure to grade which teachers gave most frequently were immaturity, irregularity of attendance, and poor physical condition. I have no doubt these were very nearly correct.

The causes of retardation suggest their own remedies.

It is the responsibility of the School Department to make every possible effort to cause each child to progress steadily from grade to grade, but when our efforts become futile because of limitations of power, the responsibility for the loss of a year to the child in his school life must rest elsewhere. Where? Upon the parent who fails to co-operate with the school; upon the community which causes too many pupils to be placed under one teacher, and which does not provide adequate funds for retaining skillful teachers; and upon the larger social body which tolerates economic conditions that do not permit hygienic and wholesome living.

Medical Inspection.

The results of the eye and ear tests made in September, 1913, by the teachers, are as follows:

Number of pupils examined,	180
Number of pupils found defective in eye sight,	13
Number of pupils found defective in hearing,	6
Number of parents notified,	18

The examination of first grade children does not occur until spring, hence is not included in this report.

Graduation Exercises.

Grammar school graduation exercises were held for the first time in June. The small size of the ninth grade made it necessary that other grades assist in giving the program. The pupils marched in a body to the Methodist Church, where the exercises were held, and in the presence of a large number of interested parents and citizens an exceptionally good program of recitations and songs was carried out. During a long experience in school work, I have never seen more quiet and courteous attention manifested by a large number of children during a lengthy program than by those two hundred and fifty Acushnet boys and girls at the graduation exercises. Such demeanor speaks well for the children and their teachers. I hope graduation exercises will, for a time, be held annually. The small percentage of boys and girls who complete grammar school in Acushnet suggests that we should make the goal as prominent as possible.

Viewed as a whole, the year has been one of progress; in several directions distinct gains have been made. In the usual formal terms but, nevertheless, in entire sincerity, I wish to express appreciation of the hearty co-operation of teachers in efforts to advance the schools to a higher level.

It has been a pleasure to work with this School Committee. I have appreciated its support and confidence, and I hope the character of my work will continue to justify it.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. PRIOR.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Feb. 1, 1913, to Jan. 1, 1914.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	\$7,000.00
State School fund,	1,022.51
State on account of superintendent,	208.33
Rental of school house,	30.00
County Dog fund,	386.27
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	\$8,647.11

Expenditures.

Superintendent's salary,	\$333.35
Teachers' salaries,	3,697.55
Transportation,	1,782.00
Janitors.	542.00
Books and supplies,	354.72
Repairs and new equipment,	152.49
Fuel,	413.34
Miscellaneous,	283.78
School physician,	75.00
Supervision-Penmanship,	45.00
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	\$7,679.23
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1914,	967.88

Teachers' Salaries.

Elizabeth Norell,	\$631.56
Mary Urquhart,	192.00
Grace Farnsworth,	426.43
Almyra Davis,	192.00
Beulah D. Wood,	433.00
Mary M. Gregg,	398.00
Edith Hathaway,	477.44
Marie S. Howard,	433.00
Bessie White,	225.00
Bertha Priestly,	92.12
Hazel Patterson,	25.00
Mrs. F. C. Hill,	2.00
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	\$3,697.55

Janitors.

Leo A. Tripp,	\$440.00
Howard O. Jackson,	24.00
Walter Hinekley,	24.00
Leo A. Jackson,	27.00
Chas. T. Ashley,	27.00
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	\$542.00

Superintendent.

Charles F. Prior,	\$333.35
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Health,

Dr. J. F. Weeks,	\$75.00
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Transportation.

M. O. Bradford,	\$698.00
Chas. Spooner,	492.00
Chas. Bennett,	506.00
Ezra Diman,	50.00
Fred Buckley,	50.00
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	1,782.00

Supervision.

John R. King, penmanship,	\$45.00
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Fuel.

James Hartley,	\$5.00
Denison Bros. Co.,	408.34
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	\$413.34

Repairs and New Equipment.

C. D. Bennett,	\$8.50
D. Guillotte,	8.10
Richard Davis,	.60
C. F. Spooner,	9.00
Franklin Parker,	30.00
D. Bennett,	3.50
A. C. Smith,	14.19
W. H. Johns-Mannville Co.	39.00
George A. Braley,	39.60
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	\$152.49

Books and Supplies.

E. Babb & Co.,	\$61.95
D. C. Heath & Co.,	63.42
Chas. F. Merrill & Co.,	7.19
Ginn & Co.,	8.96
Little, Brown & Co.,	14.65
Houghton Mifflin & Co.,	6.49
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	137.84
Benjamin Sanborn & Co.,	1.28
American Book Co.,	4.32
Educational Publishing Co.,	6.92
Grace Farnsworth,	14.75
Oliver Ditson Co.,	4.22
F. S. Brightman & Co.,	.75
Elizabeth Norell,	5.55
Mable K. Baker,	10.63
C. F. Wing, Co.,	5.80
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	\$354.72

Miscellaneous.

C. D. Waldron,	\$10.43
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	3.11
Walter Baker Dept. Store,	1.20
F. T. Aiken & Co.,	6.75
E. Anthony & Sons,	2.43
John W. Pierce,	14.10
E. L. Macomber,	33.00
New Bedford Furniture Co.,	21.25
Thomas W. Croacher,	80.19
A. F. Lawrence,	3.05
Geo. A. Cobb,	20.10
Browne Pharmacy,	1.00
C. F. Wing,	2.00

A. LaCroix,	.94
Pheonix Garage,	2.00
Edmond E. Baudoin,	10.00
Mrs. Chas. Higgins,	.75
New Bedford Dry Goods Co.,	3.46
H. A. Jackson,	2.45
Ezra Diman,	2.65
Emery Cushman,	7.74
C. E. Turner,	6.00
Burr J. Merriam,	4.00
E. W. Ashley,	26.00
C. F. Prior,	18.68
Wright & Potter,	.50
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	283.78

High School Tuition.

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Balance on hand as per last report,	\$662.13
Received from the State,	843.50
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	\$1,505.63

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Town of Fairhaven,	\$1,387.51
City of New Bedford,	337.50
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	\$1,725.01
Deficit,	\$219.38

