

39th ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

TO

MARCH 1, 1899.

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NEW BEDFORD, MASS.:  
THE NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY,  
1899.

## TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting held April 4, 1898.

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

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

*School Committee for Three Years,*  
WILLIAMS C. ASHLEY.

*Board of Health for Three Years.*  
GEORGE J. PARKER.

*Single Highway Surveyor for One Year.*  
JAMES C. GAMMONS.

*Auditor.*  
JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

*Trustee of Free Public Library for Three Years.*  
ANNA H. BRADFORD.

*Constables.*  
SYLVESTER PRATT, CHARLES F. ALLEN.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*  
EDWARD R. ASHLEY, CHARLES F. LEONARD,  
EMERY E. CUSHMAN, CHARLES M. MORSE,  
HENRY F. TABER.

*Pound Keepers.*  
JOHN M. VINCENT, HENRY A. JACKSON.

*Field Drivers.*  
GEORGE A. FULLER, JOSEPH F. TABER.

*Fence Viewers.*  
EDWARD R. ASHLEY, JEREMIAH E. BORDEN,  
SAMUEL WING.

## REPORT.

I would most respectfully present to you my account as Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer for the financial year ending March 1, 1899.

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

<i>Dr.</i>		
To uncollected taxes of 1896,	\$78.50	
Uncollected taxes of 1897,	397.76	
Amount of tax bills of 1898:		
State tax,	\$360.00	
County tax,	1,297.69	
Town tax,	7,829.89	
Extra assessment,	9.98	
Interest on taxes collected,	14.02	
	\$9,987.84	
<i>Cr.</i>		
By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$360.00	
Amount paid County Treasurer,	1,297.69	
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	7,238.67	
Discount for prompt payment,	478.68	
Abatement by Assessors,	10.96	
Taxes remitted,	61.62	
Uncollected taxes of 1896,	2.00	
Uncollected taxes of 1897,	84.22	
Uncollected taxes of 1898,	454.00	
	\$9,987.84	

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

Dr.

1898.		
March 1. Balance of cash,	\$1,623.23	
To amount received from State Treasurer:		
For corporation tax,	117.75	
For national bank tax,	412.54	
For state aid,	208.00	
Income of school fund,	355.55	
Balance of corporation tax for 1897,	4.75	
For inspection of animals,	47.00	
For superintendent of schools,	250.00	
County Treasurer, dog fund,	190.90	
Town of Middleboro, for support of Cynthia A. Morse,	29.00	
M. S. Douglass, for support of William D. Taber,	146.00	
Albert S. Sherman, for support of Patience T. Collins,	169.45	
Thos. J. Cobb, balance due town in case of Com. vs. Louis Willitt,	.78	
Charles H. Grinnell, for rent of town farm,	40.00	
J. C. Gammons, for use of crusher plant,	18.00	
Town of Rochester, " " "	137.50	
E. R. Ashley, auctioneer's license,	4.00	
Bond & Goodwin, notes,	4,400.00	
Discounted loan,	993.11	
J. P. Tripp, for 7 loads screenings,	3.50	
H. B. Parker, 4 " "	2.00	
J. M. Cushman, 2 " "	1.00	
Luther Reynolds, 1 " "	.50	
State Treasurer, for work done on state highway,	3.60	
M. S. Douglass, for material and labor on state highway,	13.43	
D. S. Mason, collector,	7,238.67	
Cash to balance,	230.00	
		\$16,640.26

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By amount paid for support of poor,	\$1,664.50	
Support of incidentals,	1,337.54	
Support of schools,	2,999.09	
Support of highways,	894.12	
Macadamizing highways,	5,424.50	
State aid,	263.00	
Jose, Parker & Co., 1 note,	1,000.00	
E. H. Gay & Co., 1 note,	1,000.00	
Bond & Goodwin, 1 note,	1,000.00	
Merchants National Bank,	1,000.00	
Anna H. Bradford, treasurer,	50.00	
Balance of cash,	7.51	
		\$16,640.26

## CEMETERY FUND.

Dr.

March 1, 1898. To amount of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$200.00	
Interest to October, 1898,	8.08	
		\$208.08

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By amount paid Allen Russell, Jr., treas.,	\$8.00	
Cash in New Bedford Institution for Savings, March 1, 1899,	200.08	
		\$208.08

## LIST OF UNPAID TAXES, MARCH 1, 1899.

1896.

Reuben A. Peckham,	\$2.00	
		\$2.00

1897.

Marcus L. Freeman,	\$6.90
Emeline A. Hammond,	58.80
John E. Hammond (bal.)	16.52
Elliott F. Jones,	2.00

\$84.22

1898.

Edward R. Ashl�y (bal.),	\$57.92
Henry B. Allen,	2.00
George W. Bennett,	2.00
James H. Cobb,	4.38
Thomas W. Davis,	28.18
Emeline A. Hammond,	58.80
Frank L. Howland,	37.98
Orin C. Harding (bal.),	1.90
Latham T. Jennings,	55.76
Joseph T. James,	4.24
Hannah T. Leach,	25.06
Albert M. Lawrence,	3.40
Estate Charles M. Morse,	19.60
George W. Norton,	2.00
William L. Norton (bal.),	1.54
Phineas Peckham,	2.00
William J. Pittsley,	3.26
Estate Abram Skiff,	31.40
Joseph F. Taber,	16.64
Joseph B. Slocum,	70.32
Charles P. Washburn,	12.60

## NON-RESIDENTS.

Charles H. Chase,	2.52
George W. Lawrence,	.42
George G. Lawton,	1.40
Estate Cordelia M. Morton,	.28
John F. Parker,	6.30
Harris N. Tinkham,	2.10

\$454.00

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1898.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 3	Henry Bosquet, } Twins.	John A. and Mary.
Jan. 3	Louis Bosquet, }	John A. and Mary.
Jan. 28	Roland Granville Ashley, }	Edward W. and Nancy W.
Jan. 28	Rawson Hallett Ashley, }	Edward W. and Nancy W.
Feb. 11	George Nye Robinson,	Fred H. and Helen B.
Feb. 14	Phinney,	George W. and Abbie G.
Mar. 15	John Souaz,	John S. and Annie.
April 3	Alvah Burton Chase,	Leroy E. and Florence E.
April 10	Edna Eldora Weeks,	Allen E. and Mabel C.
April 12	Ellsworth Clifton Pittsley,	William J. and Hattie M.
April 17	Henry Walker Jackson,	Henry A. and Susie H.
April 28	Joseph Elbert Bradford,	Walter B. and Olive A.
May 1	Clifton Elbert Geggatt,	John, Jr., and Florence M.
June 13	Allen Crapo Ashley,	Williams C. and Ellen L.
June 27	Emily Francis Briggs,	Earl C. and Mabel E.
June 30	James Stanley Morton,	Melbourne P. and Mabel N.
July 20	Mabel Luther Demoranville,	Luther K. and Ada A.
July 23	— — — — —	Illegitimate.
July 26	Leonard K. Murphy,	Dennis and Margaret.
Aug. 26	Almira Francis Chadwick,	Ezra F. and Helen W.
Sept. 11	Ethel Cutter Caswell,	Clarence S. and Evelena,
Sept. 16	Isabel Alice James,	Charles F. and Mary N.
Sept. 19	Alice Leonard Morse,	Edward W. and Ida F.
Oct. 2	— — — — — Beals,	Charles E. and Elanor H.
Oct. 4	Edna Bertha Cory,	Arthur C. and Sarah P.
Nov. 7	James Franklin Bismore,	Andrew P. and Myra C.
Nov. 8	— — — — — Bettencourt,	Joseph and Marie.
Nov. 28	Mason Morse Taber,	William G. and May Louise.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1898.

DATE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
February 24	Thomas Rogerson, Harriet Hacking,	Dartmouth Acushnet.
March 8	George J. Parker, Lillie M. Wood,	Acushnet. Boston.
March 15	Harry E. Taber, Hattie L. Chase,	New Bedford. Acushnet.
March 31	Albert F. Omev, Catherine H. Allen,	Acushnet. Acushnet.
April 6	Charles M. Horton, Emma L. Poulson,	New Bedford. New Bedford.
April 16	John B. Jones, Sadie E. Haskell,	Acushnet. Acushnet.
May 16	William A. Gifford, Ella F. Wilson,	Falmouth. Acushnet.
July 31	Charles E. Gifford, Lizzie F. Norton,	Acushnet. Acushnet.
September 29	Alvah R. Peckham, Annie W. Nicholson,	Acushnet. Fall River.
September 29	Isaac Reed, Helen R. Collins,	New Bedford. Acushnet.
October 24	James P. Peckham, Mertie E. Peckham,	Acushnet. New Bedford.
October 30	Clarence E. Westgate, Bertha A. Reynolds,	New Bedford. Acushnet.
November 21	Arthur C. Tinkham, Annie S. Houston,	Mattapoisett. Acushnet.
November 24	Jerome P. Tripp, Jr., Phebe Elizabeth Bennett,	Acushnet. Acushnet.
December 9	Charles H. Kenyon, Abbie L. Collins,	Acushnet. Acushnet.
December 26	Frank W. Morse, Edith H. Spooner,	Acushnet. Acushnet.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1898.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 13	George W. Pierce,	60	7		Pneumonia.
Jan. 21	Hannah Horr,	86	1	15	Bronchitis and general debility.
Feb. 10	Humphrey S. Taber,	68			Fracture of skull.
Mar. 1	Alamedia W. Hafford,	90	8		Cerebral hemorrhage.
Mar. 21	William V. Taber,	31	4	5	Phthisis.
Apr. 11	George E. Ashley,	60	8		
Apr. 27					Stillborn.
May 13	Frank S. Bisbee,	33	11	11	Phthisis.
May 23	Benjamin F. Peckham,	27	6		Tuberculosis.
June 5	Johannah Mahoney,	78			Senility.
June 22	Cornelia Davis,	73	9		Apoplexy.
June 21	Jonathan Westgate,	75	5		Heart disease.
July 4	Zenas Bowen,	68			Fracture of skull.
July 8	Ann M. Gifford,	87	8		Senility.
July 10	John H. Ricketson,	59			Cancer of stomach.
July 23	Harold C. Stone,	1		9	Convulsions.
Aug. 3	Ezra Bisbee,	73	4	19	Cerebral hemorrhage.
Aug. 3	Bethia W. Patterson,	80	8		General debility.
Aug. 7	Arthur Ste Marie,		5		Enterocolitis.
Aug. 26	James Marlor,	79	2	5	Hanging.
Aug. 30	Abram Skiff,	78	8		Disease of kidneys.
Sept. 6	Reuben Peckham,	71	4		Cystitis.
Sept. 13	William J. R. Mayo,	67	5		Old age.
Sept. 23	Harriet J. Hathaway,	74	8		General debility.
Oct. 5	John Sylvia,		4		Convulsions.
Oct. 7	Mary J. Leonard,	81			Dysentery.
Oct. 21	Elanor H. Beals,	35	3	4	Puerperal septicaemia.
Oct. 23	Michael Mahoney,	72			Senility.
Oct. 26	Eliza Spooner,	87	7	12	Senility.
Nov. 7	Patience S. Davis,	87	4	13	Old age.
Nov. 8	James F. Bismore,			1	Inanition.
Nov. 9	James R. Johnson,	52	11		Septicaemia.
Nov. 26	Lydia A. Cochran,	81	4		Exhaustion, softening of brain.
Dec. 13	Annie E. Fowler,	65			Cancer of liver.
Dec. 18	James Hacking,	71			Pericarditis.
Dec. 20	Edward G. Dillingham,	84	2	11	Cerebral hemorrhage, followed by paralysis.
Dec. 24	Harriet E. Smith,	63	3	21	Cancer.

Number of dogs licensed in town of Acushnet, 1898, 98;  
89 males, 9 females.

D. S. MASON, Town Clerk of Acushnet.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet respectfully submit the following annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending March 1, 1899.

### POOR ACCOUNT.

Paid Mass. School for Feeble Minded, clothing, etc., for Fred Besse,	\$29.20
J. A. Eldredge, medical attendance for Lucina Sears,	1.00
Rufus Lincoln, groceries for Lucina Sears,	53.00
Gerard C. Tobey, rent for Lucina Sears,	24.00
Town of Rochester, for Louis Besse family,	64.40
O. A. Bradford, rent for Louis Besse family,	14.00
Town of Fairhaven, groceries and fuel for Delia Green and family,	29.70
Alfred Nye, groceries for Delia Green and family,	78.00
Charles H. Tripp, rent for Delia Green and family,	37.50
Charles F. Allen, 3 days work on almshouse,	6.00
D. S. Mason, nails, paint, etc., at almshouse,	2.21
D. S. Mason, supplies to Andrew Bismore.	3.50
D. S. Mason, supplies to Charles P. Washburn,	26.29
Richard Davis, supplies to Charles P. Washburn,	5.08
George Phinney, on C. P. Washburn's account,	13.63
Annie Sowards, housekeeper for C. P. Washburn,	1.50
Sarah Madison, housekeeper for C. P. Washburn,	20.57
Haskell & Tripp, clothing to L. Hunnewell,	3.99
City of New Bedford, groceries to L. Hunnewell,	53.00
Horatio F. Morse, board for Cynthia Morse,	26.50
J. F. Weeks, M. D., medical attendance for Cynthia Morse,	1.50

W. D. Branscombe, M. D., medical attendance for Cynthia Morse,	1.00
Emerson Bennett, cutting and drawing 2 cords wood to C. P. Washburn,	2.60
Uriah S. Cole, board of Fred Haskell,	12.00
City of New Bedford, groceries and fuel to William H. Thatcher,	21.50
M. S. Douglass, expense to Middleboro on the Cynthia Morse case,	2.50
	<u>\$534.17</u>

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Received from Town of Middleboro for Cynthia Morse,	\$29.00
Due from state for Andrew Bismore,	3.50
Due from City of Fall River, for board of Fred Haskell,	12.00
	<u>\$44.50</u>
Actual cost of poor,	\$489.67
Appropriated,	400.00
	<u>\$89.67</u>

Exceeded appropriation,

### INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Paid H. B. Robinson, M. D., return of birth,	\$ .25
George J. Parker, services as board of health in 1897 and 1898,	10.00
Charles M. Morse, chairman board of health,	10.00
Wood, Brightman & Co., repairs on pumps,	7.55
New Bedford Printing Co., town reports,	38.00
New Bedford Printing Co., assessors' books,	4.00
J. T. Brownell, services as auditor,	3.00
E. W. Ashley, services as teller,	2.00

Leslie C. Allen, services as teller,	2.00
Mercury Publishing Co., 500 physicians' certificates,	3.50
Mercury Publishing Co., 700 stamped envelopes,	1.00
Mercury Publishing Co., printing voting lists,	10.00
Mercury Publishing Co., 600 tax bills,	3.00
Albert Demers, work on gravel lot,	1.28
Wm. J. Pittsley, work on gravel lot,	2.97
George H. Palmer, postage and car fare,	.25
W. C. Parker, advice,	1.00
C. S. Caswell, watching fires,	2.20
John Geggatt, Jr., watching fires,	3.40
Luther K. Demoranville, watching fires,	1.80
Wm. J. Pittsley, watching fires,	2.60
Fred A. Gifford, watching fires,	1.80
Sylvester Pratt, services as constable,	22.00
Samuel Cory, services as ballot clerk,	4.00
Everett Borden, watching fire,	2.60
Edwin F. Taber, watching fire,	3.20
Wm. B. Macomber, watching fire,	2.40
A. C. White, watching fire,	2.50
Fred A. Gifford, watching fire,	2.40
Wm. S. Gracie, watching fire,	2.80
C. A. Howland, work on pump,	.25
N. P. Hayes, pump handle,	1.50
D. S. Mason, stamps, envelopes, telephone, etc.,	24.60
M. S. Douglass, carting and setting two boundary stones,	3.60
W. C. Vaughn, 13 death returns,	3.25
J. F. Weeks, reporting 19 births,	4.75
E. T. Wilson, 6 death returns,	1.50
Franklyn Howland, expense to Boston before the highway commission,	4.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, services as inspector at state election,	2.00
E. W. Ashley, inspector at special election,	2.00
H. W. Collins, surveying,	1.50
N. B. Ellis, watching fires,	2.40
F. H. Robinson, M. D., return of births,	1.25
Thomas Hersom, Jr., services as school committee,	25.00
W. C. Ashley, school committee,	25.00

Ida F. Morse, school committee,	25.00
Moses S. Douglass, services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor,	90.00
Eben F. Leonard, services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor,	68.00
Henry F. Taber, services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor,	55.00
M. S. Douglass, 3 days in Boston on state highway, and bank and corporation taxes,	10.50
M. S. Douglass, paper, stamps, pens, etc.,	4.00
M. S. Douglass, copying valuation book,	10.00
M. S. Douglass, services as moderator,	5.00
M. S. Douglass, rendering oaths on state aid papers,	3.25
Henry W. Cushman, 1 day in Boston before the state highway commission,	3.50
A. C. Shattuck, expressage,	7.02
D. S. Mason, recording births, marriages and deaths,	25.10
D. S. Mason, attending and recording 3 town meetings,	8.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, interest on notes,	240.00
Jose, Parker & Co., interest on macadam bonds,	127.50
Coddington Savings Bank, interest,	88.00
Hiram Van Campen, insurance on school houses,	86.25
D. S. Mason, Collector,	140.27
D. S. Mason, Treasurer,	84.05
	<hr/> \$1,337.54

## STATE AID.

Sylvester Pratt,	\$48.00
Alexander Turner,	72.00
Nathan D. Sturtevant,	36.00
Elizabeth Potter,	24.00
Edward C. Tew,	48.00
	<hr/> \$228.00

Paid for burial of Wm. J. R. Mayo, which will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth (an indigent soldier), 35.00

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital:	
Support of Willis V. Taber,	\$39.06
Support of Lucy M. Delano,	169.46
Support of Mary J. Clapp,	169.46
Support of Hattie Wallen,	169.46
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Paid Worcester Insane Asylum:	
Support of Patience T. Collins,	\$169.45
Support of Sarah L. Warner,	169.48
	<hr/> 338.93

Paid Medfield Insane Asylum:	
Support of William D. Taber,	146.00

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Board of Hattie Wallen,	97.96
	<hr/> \$1,130.33

## DISTRICT SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

Paid E. B. Gray, salary,	\$300.00
Appropriation,	150.00
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Paid Anna H. Bradford, treasurer of trustees of Free Public Library, as appropriated,	\$50.00
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Orders given by the selectmen on bills approved by the school committee,	\$2,699.09
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MONEY EXPENDED ON DRAIN AT  
HEAD-OF-THE-RIVER.

Loring D. Ashley,	\$15.90
Frank Veira,	18.45
N. F. Mendall,	30.50
George W. Bennett, sharpening tools,	1.47
Percy L. Ashley,	2.70
Samuel Wing,	39.38
Myron E. Douglass,	12.00
City of New Bedford, drain pipe,	58.26
	<hr/> \$178.66

## AMOUNT EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS.

For clearing snow,	\$200.25
J. C. Gammons, highway surveyor,	515.21
For drain in Head-of-the-River,	178.66
Amount expended in macadamizing Perry Hill road, for stone, teaming and labor,	2,553.71
Amount expended on Robinson road, for stone, teaming and labor,	1,471.08
Incidentals on macadam account,	809.71
	<hr/> \$5,728.62

## CREDIT TO THE MACADAM ACCOUNT.

Received from town of Rochester for use of crusher plant,	\$137.50
Received from J. C. Gammons for use crusher plant,	18.00
Received for screenings,	7.00
	<hr/> \$162.50



## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1898.

Support of Poor,	\$400.00
Highways and Bridges,	300.00
Incidentals,	1,000.00
Schools,	1,700.00
School Supplies,	200.00
High School, tuition,	200.00
Repair of School Buildings,	100.00
Superintendent of Schools,	150.00
Free Public Library,	50.00
Macadam Notes,	1,000.00
Boiler for crusher plant,	300.00
Moderator,	5.00

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\$5,405.00

Paid on macadam notes,	\$3,000.00
Paid interest on macadam notes,	\$455.50

Town debt,	\$10,630.00
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## INSURANCE ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Acushnet Grammar,	\$2,000.00
Long Plain,	1,750.00
Perry Hill,	800.00
Whelden,	600.00
Bisbee,	600.00
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	\$5,750.00

These buildings are insured for three years, until April 21, 1901.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN,  
May 1, 1898.

Personal property,	\$113,410.00
Buildings,	252,710.00
Land,	271,850.00
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	\$637,950.00

Rate of taxation per \$1,000,	\$14.00
Number of polls,	278
Number of horses,	359
Number of cows,	328
Number of neat cattle,	57
Number of swine,	80
Number of dwelling houses,	272
Number of acres of land,	10,993
Number of fowl assessed,	7,995
Number of tramps at almshouse, 1898,	103

## GUIDE BOARDS.

The Guide Boards of the town are all in a fair condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

## LIST OF JURORS

Prepared by the Selectmen April 1, 1899.

George T. Parker, Farmer.  
 Dennis S. Mason, Grocer,  
 Frank L. Tuttle, Farmer.  
 Moses S. Douglass, Farmer.  
 Charles L. Spooner, Clerk.  
 Samuel Wing, Farmer.  
 Melvin O. Bradford, Farmer.  
 Cornelius A. Howland, Blacksmith.  
 Eben F. Leonard, Boat Builder.  
 John M. Vincent, Farmer.  
 Walter Taber, Trader.  
 George A. Fuller, Farmer.  
 Noah F. Mendell, Farmer.  
 Joseph F. Taber, Farmer.  
 Henry F. Taber, Farmer.  
 George J. Parker, Farmer.

## SINGLE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

For the year ending February, 1899.

J. C. Gammons, 22 days 3 hours at \$2.00,	\$44.60
J. C. Gammons, team 22 1-2 days,	45.00
Walter Bradford, team, 8 days at \$3.50,	28.00
Jesse Gagne, 6 days at \$1.50,	9.00
George Norton, 7 days at \$1.50,	10.50
George A. Fuller, 4 days at \$3.50,	14.00
George A. Fuller, pair horses 2 hours,	.40
Augustus White, team, 3 1-2 days at \$3.50,	12.25
C. D. Bennett, team, 3 days at \$3.50,	10.50

Samuel Wing, team, 12 days 6 1-2 hours,	44.26
Russell P. Hammett, 3 days at \$1.50,	4.50
Orrin Harding, 8 days at \$1.50,	10.50
Otis Harding, 7 days at \$1.50,	12.00
William Macomber, 17 days at \$1.50,	25.50
Charles Grinnell, 17 days at \$1.50,	25.50
Clarence Lawrence, 3 days at \$1.50,	4.50
John Geggatt, 7 days at \$1.50,	10.50
Charles Sullivan, 9 days 3 hours, at \$1.50,	13.95
George Norton, team 2 1-2 days at \$3.50,	8.75
James Cobb, 7 1-2 days at \$1.50,	11.25
Clarence Caswell, 10 days at \$2.00,	20.00
Cyrus Sherman, 9 days 5 1-2 hours at \$1.50,	14.33
Charles James, 12 days 7 1-2 hours at \$1.50,	19.13
J. T. James, 1 day at \$1.75,	1.75
Lewis Harding, 5 days at \$1.50,	7.50
C. A. Howland, sharpening picks,	3.68
Melvin O. Bradford, paving stones,	5.57
P. H. Crandon, team 2 days at \$3.50,	7.00
George P. Morse, team 4 days at \$3.50,	14.00
William Taber, team 4 days at \$3.50,	14.00
Cyrus Sherman, 5 days at \$1.50,	7.50
Albert Demars, 6 days 3 hours at \$1.50,	9.45

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 \$469.37

Moving roller house and setting up, moving A. J.

Wellington's boiler and putting house over same,	\$29.50
Painting roadscraper, and material,	3.00
Harry Chase, 24 loads gravel at 6c,	1.44
George Norton, 160 loads gravel at 6c,	9.60
I. V. Braley, 2 loads paving,	.50
Benjamin White, blacksmithing,	1.80

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 \$45.84

Yours respectfully,

JAMES C. GAMMONS,

Single Highway Surveyor.

## SNOW REPORT, 1898-99.

J. C. Gammons, 7 days 3 hours, at 17c per hour,	\$12.41
J. C. Gammons, team, 5 days 4 hours,	13.50
George Norton, 7 days 3 hours,	12.41
Harry B. Parker, 4 days,	6.80
Frank Rogers, 3 1-2 days,	5.95
James Cobb, 2 days 8 1-2 hours,	4.85
W. Peckham, 7 hours,	1.19
W. Wilkinson, 2 days 3 hours,	3.91
Charles Allen, 11 1-2 hours,	1.96
Henry Jackson, 4 days,	6.80
John Geggatt, 2 1-2 days,	4.25
P. H. Crandon, 5 days 4 hours,	9.18
P. H. Crandon, team, 16 hours,	4.00
Charles Grinnell, 2 days 8 hours,	4.76
F. J. Braley, 4 days 4 1-2 hours,	7.57
F. J. Braley, team, 2 days 6 hours,	6.50
E. W. Ashley, 18 hours,	3.06
Cyrus Sherman, 15 hours,	2.55
Herbert Ashley, 15 hours,	2.55
Joseph Garcia, 9 hours,	1.53
John T. Chadwick, 2 days 7 hours,	4.59
George Fuller, 2 days 7 hours,	4.59
George Fuller, team, 15 1-2 hours,	3.88
Uriah Cole, 4 days 1 1-2 hours,	7.06
Lester Tripp, 2 days 1 hour,	3.57
Lester Tripp, team, 8 1-2 hours,	2.13
Benjamin Baker, 5 hours,	.85
Charles T. James, 4 hours,	.68
William Sherman, 9 hours,	1.53
Gilbert Collins, 2 days,	3.40
John Hammett, 8 hours,	1.36
Charles James, 6 hours,	1.02
Orrin Harding, 5 hours with team,	2.10
Charles Norton, 5 hours,	.85
L. T. Jennings, 11 hours,	1.87
Ezra Chadwick, 13 1-2 hours,	2.30
Albert Demars, 1 day,	1.70
Benjamin White, 5 hours,	.85
Alden White, 22 hours,	3.74

Everett Hawes, 18 hours,	3.06
Evertt Hawes, 3 horses 7 1-2 hours,	2.82
Charles Bennett, 13 1-2 hours,	2.30
Albert Vincent, 14 1-2 hours,	2.47
Fred Tripp, 8 hours,	1.36
Fred Tripp, 2 horses 5 hours,	1.25
Henry Chase, 4 hours,	.68
Herbert Lawrence with team,	2.93
Otis Harding, 22 hours,	3.30
Francis O. Jenney, 7 hours,	1.05
Nathan B. Ellis, 7 hours,	1.05
Percy L. Ashley, 7 hours,	1.05
Ralph Taber, 7 hours,	1.05
Horatio Morse, 24 hours,	3.60
Myron E. Douglass, team and labor,	4.65
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	\$200.25

## MACADAM ACCOUNT.

## PERRY HILL ROAD.

Paid George W. Barstow, stone,	\$102.43
James P. Gracie, "	96.66
Lester A. Tripp, "	78.31
Joseph T. Brownell, "	67.36
Henry P. Allen, "	54.22
Allen Weeks, "	49.20
Joseph Garcia, "	37.39
George A. Fuller, "	15.48
Seth K. Pierce, "	9.42
Thomas J. Robinson, "	118.20
Albert S. Jenney, "	54.19
Charles Perry, "	39.71

C. B. Ellis,	stone,	52.86
Sylvester Pratt,	"	16.88
C. D. Bennett,	"	7.93
John E. Hammond,	"	2.28
Thomas G. Tripp,	"	2.94
Gilbert Collins, 4 loads paving,		4.00
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		\$809.46

We purchased 2,684 tons, 1,730 pounds of stone for this road, for which we paid 30 cents per ton.

Paid Charles D. Bennett, teaming,	\$57.75
J. C. Gammons,	" 96.60
J. T. Brownell,	" 10.50
James A. Thompson,	" 66.50
Jerome P. Tripp,	" 85.05
John F. Hammett,	" 59.50
George W. Norton,	" 7.00
George S. Crocker,	" 44.50
Walter Bradford,	" 3.50
George A. Fuller,	" 71.05
Nathan C. Bumpus,	" 35.00
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	\$536.95

On the above work we paid \$3.50 per day for pair horses and man.

Paid James C. Gammons, foreman, at \$2.50 per day,	\$140.75
C. S. Caswell, running roller at \$2.00 per day,	106.00
Joseph James, engineer, at \$1.75 per day,	66.75
Charles H. Vincent, weighing, at \$1.00 per day,	30.80
Albert Demars, labor, at \$1.50,	15.00
Alex Fontaine,	" 16.50
Charles Pittsley,	" 15.00
Henry Pittsley,	" 13.50
James H. Cobb,	" 70.20

Albert Lawrence, labor at \$1.50,	24.00
Charles H. Grinnell,	" 55.50
Charles E. Sullivan,	" 82.45
Uriah S. Cole,	" 61.20
Otis Harding,	" 65.95
Charles James,	" 62.85
John Geggatt, Jr.,	" 29.25
Andrew Bismore,	" 70.20
John Hammond,	" 48.45
Cyrus B. Sherman,	" 51.45
William B. Macomber,	" 59.70
Clarence Lawrence,	" 54.45
Jesse Gagne,	" 67.35
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	\$1,207.30

The cost to the town for building this road, for material, labor and teaming, was \$2,553.71. Length of road built, 6,600 feet.

#### ROBINSON ROAD.

Paid C. C. D. Gilmore, stone,	\$167.44
James C. Gammons,	" 270.67
Charles L. Spooner,	" 105.66
J. E. Borden,	" 42.76
G. Gagne,	" 138.68
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	\$725.21

We purchased 2,417 tons, 800 pounds stone for this road at 30 cents per ton.

Paid J. C. Gammons, teaming,	\$26.00
Walter Bradford,	" 68.75
George S. Crocker,	" 10.50
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	\$105.25

On the above work we paid \$3.50 per day for pair horses and man.

Paid J. C. Gammons, foreman, at \$2.50 per day,	\$101.25
C. S. Caswell, running roller at \$1.75 per day,	86.00
Charles E. Sullivan, engineer at \$1.75 per day,	84.87
J. M. Gammons, weighing, \$1.00 per day,	15.00
Harry Lawrence, " " "	10.00
Otis Harding, labor, at \$1.50,	51.75
Charles James, "	53.25
Andrew Bismore, "	53.25
James H. Cobb, "	44.25
C. Lawrence, "	33.75
Jesse Gagne, "	18.00
Charles H. Grinnell, "	39.00
Lewis Harding, "	12.00
Russell Hammett, "	15.00
Orrin C. Harding, "	15.75
A. Wilson, "	6.00
John Geggatt, "	1.50

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\$640.62

The cost to the town for building this road, for material, labor and teaming, was \$1,471.08. There was built about 4,900 feet on this road.

#### INCIDENTAL BILLS CONTRACTED ON THE MACADAM ACCOUNT.

Paid Farrel Foundry Co., jaw plates, toggle bearings, etc.,	\$88.95
William F. Nye, oils,	31.41
Babbitt & Wood, iron work, etc.,	103.50
E. H. Pierce, grease, belting, etc.,	59.18
City Coal Co., coal,	219.79
E. & K. C. Terry, lumber,	11.13
F. W. Luscomb,	1.45
Good Roads Machinery Co., iron work,	66.90
J. C. Gammons, tools and repairs,	8.20
Wilson & Wordell, hardware, etc.,	49.98
W. B. Bennett, iron work,	5.45
New Bedford Printing Co., weigh bills,	6.00

C. C. D. Gilmore, wood,	2.62
Benjamin F. White, iron work,	7.00
Massachusetts Broken Stone Co., use of engine,	85.00
George A. Cobb, repairs on elevator,	1.00
D. S. Mason, bolts, nails, etc.,	7.75
A. C. Shattuck, expressage,	5.15
Alden Rounseville, lumber,	16.21
Samuel Wing, moving plant,	5.25
Richard Davis, tarred paper, paint,	2.91
M. S. Douglass, wood,	5.00
M. S. Douglass, two chains,	2.00
M. S. Douglass, freight bills,	4.88
Henry W. Cushman, pair wheels,	8.00
Henry W. Cushman, box for tools,	5.00
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	\$809.71

Paid Babbitt & Wood for building boiler and mounting the same,	\$590.00
Appropriated by the town,	300.00
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Exceeded appropriation,	\$290.00

The committee on macadam roads had all the work done by the day by our own townspeople. The Perry Hill and Robinson roads which we built this year are giving good satisfaction and are a credit to the town. There were some \$600 or \$700 given on each of these roads, in labor, material, or money. Thanks should be given to the citizens of Acushnet and Rochester for the help they gave us in building these two roads, which was appreciated. The amounts given by the citizens of Acushnet and Rochester are not included in the macadam account, as we have not the correct figures in our possession.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

*Committee on Macadam Roads.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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ACUSHNET, Mass., March 17, 1899.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Surveyor, and Macadam Committee's report of the Town of Acushnet for the financial year ending March 1, 1899, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,  
*Auditor.*

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## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

For the year 1898.

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The Board organized April 4, with C. M. Morse, Jr., Chairman, and George J. Parker, Secretary.

The whole number of deaths reported were 37. The deaths in Acushnet were 28, with 9 burials from other places.

Of contagious diseases there were 3 cases of typhoid fever, all in one family. There were no deaths from contagious diseases in 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORSE, JR.,  
GEORGE J. PARKER,  
EDWARD R. ASHLEY,  
*Board of Health.*

## REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR

For the year 1898.

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Your inspector received at the commencement of the year notice from the State Board of Cattle Commission that the state had made no appropriation, and all infected cattle must be referred to the Board of Health. I have only inspected when called upon. The state refused to accept any quarantine I might place, so one cow I would liked to have had examined was not troubled. I have answered quite a number of calls, but as the state assumed no bills, I have made the town no charge.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. BRADFORD,  
*Inspector.*

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## ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

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Another year has rolled away, and we are pleased to report it as a successful one for our Library in its extension of work and increase of interest, although financially we are pained to report again a deficiency. Our only source of income the past year has been the appropriation by the town.

An attempt was made to give a clam-bake and other entertainments for the benefit of the Library, but circumstances beyond control prevented. The Millicent Library, through the influence of Mr. Nathan D. Manter, kindly donated us 250 books, a gift very much appreciated, as was also the gift of Mrs. Clement Swift, of some volumes of valuable new books.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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1898.		
Deficit from 1897,	\$1.23	
April 1. H. H. Critchlow, librarian,	3.50	
" 10. Capt. Parker, for bill paid,	2.00	
July 8. Florence Manter, librarian, Long Plain,	4.50	
" 8. Elsie Collins, librarian, Acushnet,	6.50	
Oct. 1. Florence Manter, librarian,	6.00	
" 1. Elsie Collins, librarian,	6.50	
" 1. Bill for last year's advertising,	2.50	
Dec. 19. Florence Manter, librarian,	5.00	
1899.		
Jan. 30. Elsie Collins, librarian,	6.50	
Express on books,	1.15	
Incidentals,	.53	
	<hr/>	\$45.91
Due librarians to April 1,		11.00
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		\$56.91
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Town appropriation,	\$50.00	
Fines collected,	.96	
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Balance due March 1, 1899,		\$5.95

All donations of books or periodicals are gratefully received, and we earnestly appeal to the generosity of our town for a more liberal appropriation the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. PARKER, *Chairman.*  
 EMILY A. BROWNELL, *Secretary.*  
 ANNA H. BRADFORD, *Treasurer.*

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the School Committee of Acushnet:*

In accordance with your rules and regulations, I submit herewith the second annual report of the district superintendent for the year 1898.

The greatest need of the schools at the present time is a more regular attendance, and this *must* be obtained before they can do any very satisfactory work.

In several cases a school has been in session a whole term without even a single day on which every member of the school was present.

The pupils of the town, on an average, have been absent more than one day out of every seven, and therefore have received only thirty weeks of schooling instead of thirty-six.

The attention of parents is called to the following table of statistics concerning school attendance, and it is hoped that during the coming year they will make a greater effort to have their children in school *every* day unless it is *absolutely necessary* for them to be absent.

## WINTER TERM, 1898.

TEACHERS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per. cent attendance.	Cases of tardiness.
<i>Bisbee.</i> Hattie L. Chace .....	\$28.00	12	10.33	9.33	90.31	11
<i>Whelden.</i> Clymena M. Pierce.....	40.00	37	35.00	28.67	81.91	81
<i>Primary.</i> Marie S. Howard.....	38.00	33	31.67	26.67	84.21	2
<i>Grammar.</i> Lydia R. Hillers .....	40.00	25	25.00	22.33	89.32	33
<i>Perry Hill.</i> Mary E. Carey.....	40.00	32	29.33	24.67	84.11	14
<i>Long Plain.</i> J. B. Robertson .....	40.00	30	25.67	22.67	88.31	44
TOTAL.....	\$226.00	169	157.00	134.34	85.56	185

## SPRING TERM, 1898.

TEACHERS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per. cent attendance.	Cases of tardiness.
<i>Bisbee.</i> Edna F. Swift .....	\$28.00	13	12.19	10.98	90.07	12
<i>Whelden.</i> Clymena M. Pierce.....	40.00	39	35.27	29.42	83.41	10
<i>Primary.</i> Marie S. Howard.....	38.00	33	31.67	26.54	83.80	3
<i>Grammar.</i> Lydia R. Hiller .....	40.00	32	29.69	28.33	95.42	27
<i>Perry Hill.</i> Mary E. Carey.....	40.00	29	24.59	18.82	76.53	25
<i>Long Plain.</i> J. B. Robertson.....	50.00	28	24.85	22.11	88.93	41
TOTAL.....	\$236.00	174	158.26	136.20	86.06	118



## FALL TERM, 1898.

TEACHERS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent attendance.	Cases of tardiness.
<i>Bisbee.</i>						
Edna F. Swift.....	\$32.00	12	10.90	9.79	89.82	6
<i>Whelden.</i>						
Jane Alden.....	36.00	33	29.25	24.50	83.76	57
<i>Primary.</i>						
Marie S. Howard.....	38.00	38	35.50	29.90	84.22	7
<i>Grammar.</i>						
Lydia R. Hiller .....	40.00	30	27.50	26.14	95.05	54
<i>Perry Hill.</i>						
Mary E. Carey.....	36.00	28	25.94	21.43	82.61	39
<i>Long Plain.</i>						
Rose D. Lanphear, } ....	40.00	38	37.10	35.20	94.88	134
Alice V. Bryant, }	24.00					
TOTALS.....	\$246.00	179	166.19	146.96	88.43	297

It is the duty of the teachers and school authorities to see that all pupils attend regularly and punctually.

As there have been some changes during the past year in the school attendance laws, it may be well to quote from the Public Statutes, Chap. 46, Acts of 1898.

Sec. 12. "Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exception as to children, places of attendance and schools, as are provided for in sections three, seven, ten and eleven of this act. . . .

Sec. 31. "Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for five day sessions or ten half-day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by section twelve of this act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint of a truant officer, and conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars." . . .

## REPAIRS.

It had been several years since anything had been done to the walls and ceilings of the school rooms and entries, and they sadly needed attention, therefore they have all been whitened and put in good condition. Several of the outbuildings were out of repair, and in such condition that they were absolutely unfit for use. These have been repaired and an effort will be made to keep them in good condition. Several of the school-houses needed painting, but the Committee had already overrun the amount appropriated for repairs and were obliged to postpone the painting until another year. The appropriation for repairs for the coming year should be increased so that at least one of the schoolhouses can be painted. The Whelden probably needs it as much or more than any other.

## TEXT BOOKS.

The text books are not in a satisfactory condition. Some of them are old and not nearly as good as some more recent publications on the same subjects, while many have been used roughly and not properly taken care of by the pupils.

During the summer vacation the books from all the schools were collected and those which were no longer of use were exchanged in part payment for new books. In this way a considerable number of new books have been purchased during the year at small expense to the town. It will, however, be several years before the town will be well supplied with good text books unless the appropriation for text books and supplies is temporarily increased. The average amount expended for the whole state during the past ten years has been \$1.60 per pupil each year, or \$280 for a town the size of Acushnet. It is always a matter of economy to have pupils well supplied with the best text books on every subject.

It would also be a matter of economy to purchase covers for all text books. Covers cost about \$12.50 per thousand, and books will wear almost twice as long if they are well covered.

Something has been done in Music, Drawing and Nature Study, but these subjects, especially the Music and Drawing, have been too much neglected in the past, but it is hoped that they may be given a more prominent place in the course of study during the coming year.

I would recommend that the Committee give Grammar School diplomas to all pupils who have completed and passed a satisfactory examination on the eight years' work as outlined for the schools.

The Long Plain school, when it opened in September, was found to be unusually large. Quite a number of the pupils were beginners, and after taking into consideration the number of classes it was thought advisable to engage an assistant teacher. The unusually good work of the school and the

rapid progress which the pupils have made seem to have fully justified the increased cost.

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers for their earnest, faithful and successful work and loyal support; the Committee for their hearty co-operation and confidence, and the people for their courtesy, and the interest which they have manifested in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. GRAY,  
*Superintendent of Schools.*

March 1, 1899.

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriated by town,	\$1,700.00	
Balance credit from last year,	252.92	
Received from state,	355.55	
From county dog fund,	190.90	
From superintendent's salary,	99.75	
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		\$2,599.12
PAID :		
Marie Howard,	\$332.50	
Lydia R. Hiller,	350.00	
Edna F. Swift,	202.40	
Mary E. Carey,	291.60	
C. M. Pierce,	120.00	
Miss Gammons,	18.00	
Jane Alden,	198.00	
Rose D. Lanphear,	230.00	
Alice V. Bryant,	128.00	
Elizabeth A. Haskins,	56.00	
J. B. Robertson,	150.00	
P. H. Crandon,	20.50	
Charles Norton,	.60	
Flora Parris,	2.40	

## RECAPITULATION.

Appropriated by the town,	\$1,700.00	
School supplies,	200.00	
School repairs,	100.00	
School tuition,	200.00	
Balance from 1897	252.92	
Received from state, school fund,	355.55	
From county, dog fund,	190.90	
From superintendent's salary,	99.75	
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid for support of schools	2,269.79	
Repairs,	142.31	
Supplies,	124.42	
Tuition,	124.86	
Incidentals,	38.93	
	<hr/>	\$2,700.31
Balance to credit of school account,		<hr/> \$398.81

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS HERSOM JR.,  
 WILLIAMS C. ASHLEY,  
 MRS. IDA F. MORSE,

*School Committee.*CHARLES F. ALLEN, *Truant Officer.*