

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town of Provincetown,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

Dec. 31, 1879.



PROVINCETOWN, MASS. :
ADVOCATE STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1880.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1879.

Selectmen and Assessors—H. W. Cowing, Benjamin Dyer, B. O. Gross.

Overseers of the Poor—Benjamin Dyer, B. O. Gross, H. W. Cowing.

Town Clerk and Treasurer—Seth Smith.

Collector of Taxes—Jonah G. Small.

School Committee—Henry Shortle, Augustus Mitchell, John D. Hilliard, A. L. Putnam.

Chief Engineer Fire Department—John D. Hilliard.

Assistant Engineers—Jonathan Cook, Charles A. Cook, George O. Knowles, L. N. Paine, Enos N. Young, John G. Whitcomb.

Road Surveyor—Joseph S. Atwood.

Constables—Joseph Whitcomb, Robert D. Baxter, Daniel F. Lewis, John M. Carnes.

Fence Viewers—Robert G. Alexander, Jabez W. Atwood, B. A. Lewis.

Trustees of Town Library—Isaiah Gifford, A. T. Williams, John D. Hilliard, R. W. Swift, Horace A. Freeman, J. Hersey Dyer, Edwin N. Paine.

Trustees of Sinking Fund—Edmund Smith, John D. Hilliard, Atkins Nickerson.

Board of Health—J. M. Crocker, B. A. Lewis, David S. Kelley.

Beach Grass Committee—Jabez W. Atwood, J. Baker, Freeman M. Bowley.

Surveyors of Lumber, &c.—George Allen, Reuben S. Snow, N. C. Brooks.

Field Driver and Pound Keeper—Charles H. Walker.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Seth Smith.

Monument Committee—John D. Hilliard.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF PROVINCETOWN:

The Selectmen of the Town of Provincetown, respectfully submit their Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1879:

VALUATION OF THE TOWN MAY 1ST, 1879.

Real Estate,	\$824,415 00
Personal Estate,	621,864 00
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	\$1,446,279 00

Number of Polls at \$2. each,	1098
Number of Legal Voters,	968
Rate of Taxation on \$1000,	\$18 50
Number of Dwelling Houses,	890
Number of Horses,	77
Number of Cows,	29
Acres of Land,	770

APPROPRIATIONS.

Support of Poor,	\$4000 00
Schools in addition to balance in Treasury,	6600 00
School Incidentals,	300 00

School House Repairs,	\$150 00	
Fire Department,	2000 00	
Reservoirs,	200 00	
Public Library,	200 00	
Roads and Walks,	1500 00	
Railroad Loans and Interest on same,	3909 59	
Interest on Demand Loans,	1100 00	
Abatement on Taxes,	150 00	
Discount on Taxes,	400 00	
Incidental Expenses,	3500 00	
State and County Taxes,	2800 00	
Decoration Day,	50 00	
Town Hill and Fence,	25 00	
Watch and Police,	500 00	
Cemetery Repairs,	50 00	
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	\$27,434 59	
Overlaying on Taxes,	1517 56	
Non-Resident Bank Tax,	2092 79	
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Amount to be Collected.	\$31,044 94	

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Orders of Overseers of Poor,	\$4466 33	
Town Appropriation,	\$4000 00	
Rec'd. from Towns, Individuals,		
and State,	153 14	
Deficiency,	313 19	
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	\$4466 33	\$4466 33

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Paid Orders of School Committee,	\$6843 87	
Town Appropriation,	\$6600 00	
Massachusetts School Fund,	247 67	
Balance in Treasury,	2480 93	
Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1879,	2484 73	
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	\$9,328 60	\$9,328 60

ROADS AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid Orders Road Surveyor,		\$1599 67
Town Appropriation,	\$1500 00	
Cr. by Sale of Old Plank,	6 75	
Deficiency,	92 92	
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	\$1599 67	\$1599 67

TOWN HILL AND FENCE.

Town Appropriation,	\$25 00	
Paid Loring Rogers for lumber,		\$8 02
John Young, labor on and care of Hill,		8 70
Benj. Dyer, bill of nails,		2 35
Geo. Allen for lumber,		1 80
Cash in Treasury to balance,		4 13
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	\$25 00	\$25 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Orders of Engineers,		\$1836 51
Town Appropriation,	\$2000 00	
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1879,		163 49
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	\$2000 00	\$2000 00

TUBULAR RESERVOIRS.

Paid Orders of Engineers,		\$160 00
Town Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1879,		40 00
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Orders of Trustees to		
Freeman & Hilliard, for coal, &c.,		\$8 83
F. P. Goss, printing,		5 00
William R. Mitchell,		75 00
Salome A. Gifford,		135 00
Town Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Deficiency,	23 83	
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	\$223 83	\$223 83

WATCH AND POLICE.

Paid night watch and police, to Dec. 31, 1879,		\$410 23
Town appropriation,	\$500 00	
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, '79		89 77
	<u>\$500 00</u>	<u>\$500 00</u>

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Paid Jonah G. Small, discount on taxes, 1879,		\$542 83
Town appropriation,	\$400 00	
Deficiency,	142 83	
	<u>\$542 83</u>	<u>\$542 83</u>

RAILROAD LOANS AND INTEREST ON SAME.

Paid to sinking fund commissioners, Town appropriation,	\$3,909 59	\$3,909 59
	<u>\$3,909 59</u>	<u>\$3,909 59</u>

INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.

Paid individuals and banks, Town appropriation,	\$1,100 00	\$1,084 14
Balance, Dec. 31, 1879,		15 86
	<u>\$1,100 00</u>	<u>\$1,100 00</u>

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid Orders School Committee, Town Appropriation,	\$150 00	\$163 92
Deficiency,	13 92	
	<u>\$163 92</u>	<u>\$163 92</u>

TOWN LOANS.

Demand Loans unpaid Dec. 31, '78,	\$17,132 00	
Loaned in 1879,	6,571 00	
Paid on Demand Loans in 1879,		\$12,282 00
Demand Loans unpaid Dec. 31, 1879,		11,421 00
	<u>\$23,703 00</u>	<u>\$23,703 00</u>

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Paid Orders School Committee, Town appropriation,	\$300 00	\$720 22
Deficiency,	420 22	
	<u>\$720 22</u>	<u>\$720 22</u>

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer, County Treasurer,		\$550 00
Town appropriation,	\$2,800 00	2,079 92
Balance in treasury, Dec. 31, 1879,		170 08
	<u>\$2,800 00</u>	<u>\$2,800 00</u>

ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

Town appropriation,	\$150 00	
Received for extra taxes and interest,	449 71	
Paid abatements,		\$619 00
Deficiency,	19 29	
	<u>\$619 00</u>	<u>\$619 00</u>

STATE AND SOLDIERS AID.

Paid aid for the year ending Dec. 31, '79,		\$410 00
Rec'd from State for Aid of 1878,	\$538 00	
Balance in treasury,		128 00
	<u>\$538 00</u>	<u>\$538 00</u>

DECORATION DAY.

Paid treasurer Army and Navy Association, Town appropriation,	\$50 00	\$45 49
Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1879,		4 51
	<u>\$50 00</u>	<u>\$50 00</u>

CEMETERY REPAIRS.

Paid Thomas McCarthey, for labor,		\$1 25
Mark G. Smith		3 00
James Carr		7 12
B. A. Turner		1 20
C. H. Critchett		2 75
George Allen, lumber,		4 34
John Young, care and labor,		6 47

Paid Robert Knowles, stock and labor,	\$11 55
Peter Morrill, labor,	5 20
Town appropriation,	\$50 00
Balance in treasury, Dec. 31, 1879,	7 12
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	\$50 00
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	\$50 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Obadiah Smith for labor in cemetery,	\$7 50
County of Barnstable rent of jail for 2 years,	30 00
Boston Advertiser, adver'ng printing proposals,	6 88
H. W. Cowing, passages and expense to Boston,	11 00
“ “ for one day book,	2 00
A. J. Wright, printing town and school reports,	76 24
“ “ 2000 tax receipts,	3 50
“ “ tax books,	3 60
“ “ for one check book,	6 40
F. B. Goss, printing 200 town warrants,	5 00
“ “ charity blanks,	2 00
“ “ advertising yearly notices &c.,	27 00
“ “ printing posters &c.,	11 00
“ “ dog licences &c.,	11 75
J. P. Johnson, Moderator's fee,	6 00
“ “ rent of Town Office,	100 00
“ “ State Agency,	26 00
Joshua Cook, care of lockup 1878,	20 00
“ “ board of inmates in same,	2 45
J. Pinkney, services as Beach Grass Com. '78,	5 00
J. W. Atwood, “ “ “ 1879,	5 00
Joseph Baker, “ “ “ 1879,	5 00
F. M. Bowley, “ “ “ 1879,	5 00
Central Wharf Co., one pail, &c., for jail,	1 31
“ “ coal for jail,	1 75
Sparrow & Snow, pipe “ “	38
W. H. Herbolt, care of lockup, 1879,	15 00
Hire of Masonic Hall,	16 00
D. F. Lewis, repairing pump, &c., Alms House,	11 60
“ “ truants returns and fee,	10 25
Augustus Mitchell, School Committee services,	54 50
A. L. Putnam, “ “ “	38 58
A. L. Putnam & Co., school books for poor children,	142 19

Paid Seth Smith, postage, expressage, and stationery,	\$18 57
“ “ services as Treasurer,	250 00
“ “ Sealer of Weights and Measures,	20 00
“ “ attending meetings and recording,	15 00
“ “ elections in Provincetown and Truro,	15 00
“ “ recording births,	45 50
“ “ marriages,	3 50
“ “ deaths,	11 80
Centre M. E. Parish for use of church,	15 00
J. W. Beatty, truant returns and fee,	15 13
John Young, “ “ “	7 75
Henry Shortle, School Committee, services,	85 00
“ “ Superintendent of Schools,	100 00
Commonwealth, on bank tax,	13 63
Engineers, salaries,	85 00
Walter Chipman, custom house returns,	5 00
J. D. Hilliard, School Committee, services,	35 00
L. N. Paine, “ “ “	35 00
A. E. Lovell, record returns,	15 00
Joseph Whitecomb, for Temperance Committee,	164 80
Geo. A. Smith, stationery,	6 00
N. C. Brooks, use of teams,	1 00
Assessors of Taxes,	592 50
James Gifford, revision of enrollments,	4 00
P. C. Young, P. O. box rent one year,	1 00
Dyer & Smith, painting two signs,	1 00
Geo. Allen, two cedar posts,	26
Henry Harvender, cleaning town office,	2 75
Joshua F. Dyer, paint for Alms House,	3 63
Salathiel Hamilton, 5 loads of dressing,	5 00
Samuel Knowles, use of teams,	2 50
B. Dyer, passage and expense to Cambridge,	12 70
“ stationery for the town office,	1 72
Francis Joseph, painting hearse houses,	10 00
B. F. Hutchinson, services on liquor cases,	49 00
“ “ legal advice &c.,	37 50
Overseers of the Poor, services,	450 00
Selectmen, services,	400 00
Freeman & Hilliard, coal and wood for office,	5 63
Robert Knowles, care of cemetery and tomb,	5 00
“ “ return of deaths,	17 00

Paid J. A. West, pail and wrench for hearse house,	\$1	11
Board of Health, bill,	56	00
J. G. Small, collecting taxes,	588	03
Town appropriation,	\$3,500	00
Deficiency,	377	81
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	\$3,877,	81
	\$3,877,	81

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 1879.

We have examined the Town Treasurer's accounts, and find that there have been received into the treasury the following amounts, to wit:

Massachusetts school fund,	\$247	67
County dog fund,	83	48
Borrowed money,	6,571	00
Junk licenses,	8	00
Sale of Stove, Pest House,	2	50
School Book account,	6	38
Sidewalk plank,	5	50
Clay,	1	25
County, use of jail,	3	62
Permits granted,	9	00
Francis Godfrey's estate,	50	00
Corporation tax, 1879,	620	31
State national bank tax,	1,013	07
State aid, 1878,	422	00
State on account poor,	62	32
Received from individuals,	90	82
Soldiers and sailors aid,	116	00
H. W. Cowing, taxes for 1877,	583	00
J. G. Small, taxes 1878,	7,029	65
“ “ 1879,	27,392	72
Received for extra taxes and interest,	449	71
Cash in the treasury January 1, 1879,	387	14
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	\$45,155	14

The Treasurer has paid out upon proper vouchers, the following sums:

Support of poor,	\$4,466	32
Schools,	6,843	87

Fire Department,	\$1,836	51
School incidentals,	720	22
School house repairs,	163	92
Tube reservoirs,	160	00
Public Library,	307	31
Roads and Sidewalks,	1,599	67
Railroad loan and interest,	3,909	59
Interest on demand loans,	1,084	14
Memorial Day,	45	49
Town Hill and fence,	20	87
Cemeteries and fence,	42	88
Night Watch and Police,	410	23
Soldiers and Sailors aid,	20	00
State aid,	390	00
State tax 1879,	550	00
Bank tax “	2,043	38
County tax “	2,079	92
Incidental expenses,	4,291	57
Discount on taxes,	542	83
Abatements on taxes,	619	00
Demand loans,	12,282	00
Balance in treasury, Dec. 31, 1879,	725	42
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	\$45,155	14

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Loans of individuals,	\$11,471	00
Public Schools,	2,184	73
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	\$13,655	73

The following are reported as the assets of the town:

Due from the State for State aid, 1879,	\$390	00
“ “ soldiers' aid,	20	00
Taxes of 1877 not collected,	497	00
Taxes of 1878 not collected,	1,014	48
Taxes of 1879 not collected,	3,652	22
Balance in the treasury Dec. 31, 1879,	725	42
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	\$6,299	12

Town debt Dec. 31, 1879,	\$7,356	61
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Town debt Dec. 31, 1878,	\$9,876 84
Town debt Dec. 31, 1879,	7,356 61
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Decreased the past year,	\$2,520 23

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COWING, } *Selectmen*
 BENJAMIN DYER, } *of*
 B. O. GROSS, } *Provincetown.*

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1879.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Provincetown, submit the following report for the year ending, December 31, 1879 :

SUPPORT OF THE POOR IN THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid salary of superintendent,	\$260 00
Groceries and provisions,	802 39
Fuel and lights,	77 75
Clothing and bedding,	105 96
Boots and shoes,	32 35
House furniture and fixtures,	19 14
Stoves and repairs,	19 48
Medicine and medical attendance,	65 00
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	\$1,382 07

STATISTICS OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Whole number supported the past year,	17
Remaining in the almshouse Jan. 1, 1880,	15
Average,	13
Discharged,	4
Admitted,	7
Number of tramps the past year,	26

WHEN ADMITTED, AND AGE AT THIS DATE.

Zilla Howe,	April, 1851,	Age 50 years.
Joseph Ghen,	" 1861,	55 "
Lydia Nickerson,	Sept. 1870,	72 "
Rebecca Hill,	Dec. 1869,	33 "
Reuben A. Smith,	" 1871,	30 "
Joseph A. Hill,	Oct. 1873,	7 "
Edward Lewis,	" 1876,	70 "
Francis Hamilton,	" 1878,	60 "

Willie Fine,	Mar. 1879,	Age 7 years.
John Fine,	" 1879,	5 "
Mary A. Frances,	" 1879,	72 "
Sally Wareham,	Nov. 1879,	64 "
Avis J. Crowell,	Dec. 1879,	66 "
Lucy A. Hill,	" 1879,	63 "
George W. Newcomb,	" 1879,	49 "

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Widow Eliza McCurdy,	\$89 50
" Margaret Powers,	8 27
" Hannah Ryder,	55 48
Joseph Castle and family,	16 44
Geo. W. Newcomb,	88 62
James M. Lewis and family,	97 07
Ida Silvia, State Industrial School,	52 00
William H. McCarty, State Reform School,	20 00
Joseph A. Smith and family,	39 40
Jesse W. Smith and family,	34 47
Theodore F. Newcomb, Barnstable,	4 75
Carr boys, at Blind Institute,	13 50
Louise Baxter,	11 05
Ellen Fine and children,	282 27
Thomas Williams and family,	6 38
Josiah Ghen and family,	121 66
Henry Atkins and family,	26 42
Joseph Barnes and family,	5 72
Isabel Costa and children, New Bedford,	39 56
Hannah G. Holway and child,	84 00
Helen Oliver and children, New Bedford,	12 00
Manuel S. Thomas and family,	14 85
John Burke's family,	6 00
Mary S. Rogers and family, New Bedford,	87 10
Peter Enos and family,	10 26
Ella F. Collins and children,	112 25
Susan Terry and child, Dennis,	47 32
Widow Sarah Caton and family,	48 00
Francis Day and family,	11 22
Widow Julia Powers,	12 24
Elbridge G. Berry, Dennis,	8 95
Travelers,	5 90
Widow Justin Costa and family,	36 00

Samuel L. Smith, and family,	\$7 10
Widow Mary Jason and children,	75 00
David Bowering and family,	17 96
Widow Joan Jason and children,	5 57
E. Thomas Smith,	1 50
Laura A Hooton and children,	155 09
Nathan S. Hudson and family,	13 91
William Whalin and family,	1 85
Widow Lucy A. Hill,	97 62
Widow Flora Frates and children,	55 63
Hannah E. Smith,	21 92
Widow Patrick Sullivan and children,	34 41
Frank Loring and family,	8 59
Widow Antone Marks and family,	22 66
George B. Burch and family,	16 38
Jesse Vera and family,	17 38
James C. Dunham and family,	6 92
Thomas McCarty and family,	75 32
Ida Newcomb, Harwich,	125 50
Abial Taylor and family,	14 68
Widow Joseph Silver and family,	19 15
Hiram B. Nickerson and family,	13 25
Burial of the child of Antone Tarvis,	7 25
Joseph Terry and family,	14 44
George W. Cashin, Springfield,	6 57
Jordan family, Wellfleet,	4 01
Maria Gross and child, Gloucester,	25 00
John Swartz and family, Truro,	72 92
Catharine Atwood, Boston,	13 50
Martha Bailey,	8 75
Geo. W. Freeman,	4 75
Mary A. Little,	36 00
Jenette Mitchell,	12 13
Charles H. Lewis,	2 75
Mary A. Briggs, Boston,	23 93
Samuel Whorf,	97 72
James Smith and family,	9 70
Widow Pamela Nickerson,	18 92
Widow Priscilla Bush,	90 29
Wareham family,	143 85
Widow Joseph Martine and family,	8 05
John C. Roberts and family,	5 17

Francis Y. Freeman and family,		\$67 50	
Widow Mary A. Frances,		1 15	
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Support of poor in the almshouse,		\$2,993 44	
		1,382 07	
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Received from State on account of poor,		\$4,375 51	
		62 32	
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Town appropriation,	\$4,000 00		
Deficiency,	313 19		
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	\$4,313 19	\$4,313 13	

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN DYER, } Overseers
 B. O. GROSS, } of
 H. W. COWING, } Poor.

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1879.

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500 84
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 363
 1270
 3293

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

In accordance with a vote of the town, the Chief of Police presents his third Annual Report, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1879.

Whole number of arrests, exclusive of liquor cases,	33
Males,	31
Females,	2
Residents,	29
Adults,	19
Juvenile offenders,	14
Native born,	17
Foreign born,	16
Non-residents,	2

The following table will show for what offences arrests have been made :

Assault and battery,	7
Breaking and entering,	5
Disturbing the peace,	2
Malicious mischief,	11
Labor on the Sabbath,	3
Cheating and defrauding boarding house,	1
Indecent assault,	1
Perjury,	3

Of the Juvenile offenders complained of for larceny and malicious mischief two were sent to the State Reform at Westboro. The others were placed on probation.

Miscellaneous work performed during the year :

Dogs killed,	3
Disturbances suppressed,	12

The usual number of police force was detailed for duty on excursion days and Sundays, when steamboats arrived bring-

ing large numbers of excursionists, and whenever a number of the fishing fleet were in the harbor.

Acting under the orders of the Temperance Committee, the police make the following statement :

Whole number of arrests,	10
Males,	5
Females,	5
Residents,	9
Non-residents,	1
Adults,	10
Native born,	2
Foreign born,	8

The arrests were made for the following offences :

Selling without license,	10
Fined for selling without license,	5
In default of payment sent to House of Correction,	2
Cases carried to Superior Court,	2
Paid fine and costs,	1

Fines imposed and immediately collected :

For selling without a license, fine \$50 00 ; costs \$22 45 ;	\$72 45.
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Imposed and appealed from :

Selling without a license, fine \$100 ; costs \$19 80 ;	119 80
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Imposed and in default of payment :

Sent to House of Correction, selling without a license ; fine \$150 ; costs \$18 80 ;	168 80
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Imposed and finally collected :

Selling without a license, fine \$50 ; costs \$7 85,	57 85
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\$418 90

The condemned liquors, seized during the year, were all turned over to the Chief of the Massachusetts District Police, in Boston, during the Summer and Fall of 1879.

The Town Committee appointed by the Selectmen, have attended to their duty, and under their direction the sum of one hundred and sixty five dollars and eighty cents, has been expended for different purposes, all of which has been paid to parties from out of town, who have aided in the arrests and conviction of several parties. It is the opinion

of your Committee; that their efforts in that direction, has saved more than that amount of costs in police duty.

There has been expended for police duty this year \$126 98.

There has been a less amount of trouble than usual, the past year. We generally expect during the autumn months when the streets are filled by the seamen from the fishing fleet, to expect considerable trouble ; and we are happy to record the fact, that not much trouble from people was to be seen on our streets during these months.

No licenses have been granted the past year for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and whenever liquor is sold, it is more in defiance of law than for the profits made by such sales.

This Committee succeeded in gaining admission to three of the places where liquor was sold by the wholesale and retail, and the places were said to be impregnable to the police, or to any but the initiated. Success however crowned the efforts made, and the places are now closed.

To the officers of the police department I extend many thanks for their willingness on all occasions to obey orders, and for their faithful discharge of the duties imposed on them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH WHITCOMB,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health would respectfully submit the following Report :

That the town during the past year has been almost free from epidemics, eight or ten cases of diphtheria being excepted and a number of cases of erysipelas, which were epidemic during the winter of 1878-9. Two of the cases of diphtheria in the same house proved fatal, several of the other cases were severe, but recovered. We have reason to be thankful that while many towns in the Commonwealth, and even on the Cape, have suffered long and severely from this terrible malady we have been so nearly exempt. Our immunity is probably largely due to the natural situation of the town, the excellent drainage nature has provided us with—the sand proving an excellent filter, the distance of the village from bodies of stagnant water,—the constant fanning by the ocean breezes we experience, there being no valleys to catch and hold poisonous air, and, also, to the fact that the citizens, as a class, appreciate the healthfulness of clean surroundings and are active in securing them. Yet there are dangers to which we are exposed. Among them, the indiscriminate driving of tubular wells without regard to drains and privies. The dangerous nearness of pigsties and other deposits of filth to sleeping and living rooms. The attention of the Board has been directed to such cases during the year. Too much care cannot be exercised by the people in these directions to promote the sanitary condition of the town.—And as the health of the community depends in a large measure upon its cleanliness, let every precaution be used by each individual householder about his own premises. Let him see that his drains are not poisoning his well water, that his privy vaults are not dug too deeply and that they are fre-

quently emptied, (neglect of this has without doubt not only proven a source of annoyance, but also of disease heretofore), and that the shores are kept free from fish and other decomposing materials.

The Board returns its thanks to the citizens for their co-operation and kindness while in the discharge of its duties.

DAVID S. KELLEY.
J. M. CROCKER.
BANGS A. LEWIS.

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

The whole number of births registered for the year 1879 was 90. Males, 41; females, 49.

Number born in January,	6
February,	5
March,	2
April,	4
May,	4
June,	9
July,	18
August,	10
September,	10
October,	9
November,	6
December,	7
	90

Both parents American,	25
Portugese,	48
Irish,	1
British Provinces,	4
Mixed,	12
	90

MARRIAGES.

Whole number of marriages,	35
Married in Provincetown,	31
In other towns.	4

DEATHS.

The whole number of deaths registered for 1879 was 68. Males, 36; females, 32. Ages; Under 1 year, 13; from 1 to 20 years, 17; from 20 to 40 years, 11; from 40 to 60 years, 8; from 60 to 80 years, 16; over 80 years, 3.

SETH SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1879.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,

For the year ending Dec. 31st, 1879.

This department has not been called into active service the past year; but two alarms for the past twelve months.— The first January 22d, occasioned by the total destruction of a small dwelling owned and occupied by James LeCount, situated back of High Pole Hill, in a lonely spot. The occupant being absent the building was well on fire when the alarm was given. The department responded with its accustomed alacrity, but for want of water could render no assistance. The second alarm June 24th, was false. We can but congratulate this community on the remarkable immunity from the ravages of the devouring element, that has been with relentless hand sweeping out of existence the homes, business, and blighting the prospects of many who had felt secure against the fire fiend.

When we stop to consider that our engines have not been called to play upon a fire since Feb. 1877, the burning of the Town House, excepting the one engine used to cool off the ruins of the slaughter house burned in 1878, the present should be an occasion of rejoicing.

Of such material are all the buildings of this town that constant vigilance is required by this department. All of the apparatus must be in the very best possible order at all times; the members constantly on the alert, day and night, for all of which the citizens should continue to keep up the spirit of liberality that has been shown in the past, particularly to encourage the rank and file of firemen. Extinguishing fires has become no longer a pastime but a profession, the object being to quickly reach and extinguish fires with as little damage as possible to surrounding property.

The Engines, Hook and Ladder Truck, Ladders, Hose and other appliances are in good order. The house should be painted somewhat outside the coming season.

The addition of a Bangor extension ladder would be a valuable one, if the truck should be found strong enough to carry the additional weight. The builder offers to place one in this department; if not liked, or the town do not feel able to purchase, it will be taken away free of any expense.

The hose so far as can be seen are good, the only depreciation being a steady decay that all material of like nature undergoes. None will be needed except from loss and damage that may occur from having a large, or succession of small fires.

The number of reservoirs has been increased by two tubes, one on Court St., at the junction of High Street, the other in front of the house of Engine No. 1, for the cost of which see financial statement. A constant addition each year in locations needing additional water supply would seem the prudent way, yet there is no occasion for haste in this particular.

We again call the attention of the owners of the several churches to the necessity of permanent roof ladders, and urge upon them the necessity of such for their own protection.

Many advantages are gained by the use of a Siamese Connection, by which several engines can be concentrated upon one pipe, thereby producing a much larger and more powerful stream than in any other way. We recommend the purchase of one.

The customary appraised value of property in charge of this department, list of reservoirs and officers of companies, because of sameness we omit this year.

The attention of this community is called to the Firemen's Mutual Life Insurance Association that since its organization in 1873 has steadily been increasing in membership, now numbering 355, and pays to the family of a deceased member, or whoever is entitled to receive, a benefit of no small sum. There are times when from extra exertion individual property is saved from destruction, the person so benefited being prompted to bestow a pecuniary gift for such services, will benefit a large part of the firemen by donating to the permanent fund of the Association.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries one year to May 1, 1879.

230 members, at \$5,	\$1,150 00	
4 stewards, at \$50,	200 00	
1 steward,	25 00	
1 steward,	15 00	
2 stewards, at \$5,	10 00	
		\$1,400 00
Total salaries,		
Reservoirs—repairs and clearing snow,	\$17 18	
Engine—repairs,	18 10	
Houses—repairs and rebuilding platforms,	24 71	
Hose—repairs,	31 37	
Hose—balance of bill last year unpaid,	210 02	
Flags—repairs,	11 00	
Fuel, lights and stoves,	75 72	
Printing and posting fire cracker notices,	3 50	
Badges,	5 00	
Horse hire at alarms of fire,	14 00	
Watching in engine houses extra hazardous weather,	8 00	
Oil for inside of engines,	17 91	
		436 51
		1,836 51
Balance remaining in town treasury,		163 49
		\$2,000 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

For expenses of the Department,	\$1,800 00
For payment of hose bill of last year unpaid,	200 00
	\$2,000 00

TUBE RESERVOIRS.

Two new as per contract,	\$160 00
Balance of appropriation in hands of Town Treasurer,	40 00
	\$200 00
Appropriation,	\$200 00

APPROPRIATION.

For payment of salaries, fuel, lights, repairs,
&c., your engineers respectfully ask for an ap-
propriation of

\$2000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. HILLIARD,
JONATHAN COOK,
CHARLES A. COOK,
L. N. PAINE,
ENOS N. YOUNG,
GEO. O. KNOWLES,
J. G. WHITCOMB.

Engineers
of the
Fire Department.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

In presenting this, their Annual Report, your Commissioners would not be unmindful of the loss sustained by this Commission in the death of Edmund Smith, Esq. April 25, and to whom they would render a just tribute of praise and remembrance for the earnest, faithful, and efficient services performed as Chairman of this Commission.

A meeting of the remaining members of the Commission in company with the Selectmen was held at the town rooms June 21, to make choice of one person as Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death above referred to, Geo. O. Knowles was unanimously elected.

Treasurer's statement for the year ending, Dec. 31, 1879:

RECEIPTS.

From Town, amount appropriated at annual meet- ing,	\$3,909 59
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 1, 6 mos., interest \$24,000 Loan,	\$600 00
Aug. 1, 6 mos., interest \$24,000 Loan,	600 00
“ 1, Bonds Nos., 1 and 2 part of loan matured,	2,000 00
“ 1, Demand note, Seamen's, Sav- ings Bank,	669 42
Interest note, at 6 per ct., for 1 year,	40 17

\$3,909 59

Outstanding obligations of the town for "Railroad Debt" to date are,—

MUNICIPAL LOAN.

Fives, due Aug. 1, 1880,	\$2,000 00
" " " 1881,	2,000 00
" " " 1882,	2,000 00
" " " 1883,	2,000 00
" " " 1884,	2,000 00
" " " 1885,	2,000 00
" " " 1886,	2,000 00
" " " 1887,	2,000 00
" " " 1888,	2,000 00
" " " 1889,	2,000 00
" " " 1890,	2,000 00
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	\$22,000 00

In conclusion your Commissioners respectfully ask the following appropriations :

For bonds coming due Aug. 1, 1880,	\$2,000 00
interest 5 per cent. Municipal loan, \$22,000,	1,100 00
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	\$3,100 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ATKINS NICKERSON, } *Sinking Fund*
 J. D. HILLIARD, } *Commissioners.*
 GEO. O. KNOWLES, }

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1879.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1879.

Balance of donations in treasury, last report,	\$550 41
Received for fines and catalogues,	27 51
from dog fund for 1878,	83 48
from Trustees of Library Building,	60 00
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	\$721 40

Paid Freight,	\$0 60
Wm. Allen, binding,	27 45
Insurance,	20 00
Estes & Lauriat,	64 39
Subscription Harper's Magazine,	4 00
One quarter's salary Librarian's	67 50
Freeman & Hilliard,	11 00
A. T. Williams,	3 25
A. L. Putnam & Co.,	2 83
Stationery and postage,	42
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	201 44

Balance of donations on hand,	\$519 96
Deposited in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$495 15
In hands of treasurer,	24 81
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	\$519 96

CONDITION OF LIBRARY.

Number of books last report,	2,683
purchased during the year,	49
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Present number,	2,732

CIRCULATION.

The aggregate circulation of the year has been,	19,343
Names in register Jan. 1, 1879,	1,478
Added in 1879,	103
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Making the present number,	1,581

The Trustees would recommend an appropriation of \$300 to meet the expenses of the coming year.

Appropriation for the annual expenses of the town library is \$200 00

Which the town has paid out as follows :

Salaries,	\$210 00	
Printing,	5 00	
Freeman & Hilliard,	8 83	
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		223 83
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Excess of appropriation,		\$23 86

ISAIAH GIFFORD,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
A. T. WILLIAMS,		
R. W. SWIFT,		
J. D. HILLIARD,		
J. H. DYER,		
H. A. FREEMAN,		
E. N. PAINE,		

FINAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1878.

Whole number of scholars belonging to the Primary Department, three hundred and sixty-three; average attendance, three hundred and thirty.

Whole number belonging to the Intermediate Department, one hundred and eighty-two; average attendance, one hundred and sixty.

Whole number belonging to the Higher Intermediate Schools, one hundred and forty; average attendance, one hundred and twenty-nine.

Whole number in the Grammar School, one hundred and thirty-seven; average attendance, one hundred and twenty-three.

The whole number in the High School, sixty-three; average attendance, sixty.

And the whole number attending school, during the winter term, was eight hundred and eighty-five; average attendance, eight hundred and two.

HENRY SHORTLE,
L. N. PAINE,
AUGUSTUS MITCHELL,
A. L. PUTNAM,
J. D. HILLIARD,

} *School
Committee.*

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

High School :

J. B. Hingeley,	<i>Principal.</i>
Hattie F. Weeks,	<i>Assistant.</i>

Grammar School :

Horatio D. Newton,	<i>Principal.</i>
Addie S. Mitchell,	<i>Assistant.</i>

High Intermediate Schools :

Rebecca D. Sparks.	Lizzie W. Clark.
	Ella A. Small.

Intermediate Schools :

Lizzie P. Chapman.	S. Lizzie Starre.
Annie B. Frellick.	

Primary Schools :

M. Jennie Keefe.	Lucinda W. Whorf.
Abbie C. Sparks.	Abbie N. Hamlin.
Bessie G. Wiley.	Isalinda Chapman.
Emma Chapman.	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Year by year, throughout our country, the question of education assumes a deeper and more serious importance than ever before. At no former time, probably, were so many of our countrymen awake to the necessity of an efficient system of public education in order to preserve those great interests, both personal and public, so dear to us all, and never was the fact made plainer that nothing can endanger such an educational system without also endangering those various interests which it is a chief means of protecting.— We think we are not mistaken in the opinion that the towns of Massachusetts, generally, have determined that the work of education shall not go backward within their respective borders; nor in the opinion that the people of Provincetown have never made any expression which should be construed to the weakening and injury of their school system. Believing that such never has been and never will be their intention, and if it ever should be they will clearly and directly express it, we have felt ourselves bound to avoid sweeping and hurtful changes, and have exercised our trust in aiming at the greatest economy that could be employed without destroying the efficiency of the schools. We have conscientiously and to the best of our ability applied the means placed at our disposal, in accordance with what appeared to be, on the whole, the real wishes and interest, of the public. But it will often be found in the management of schools, as well as in other matters, that general rules and theories that appear simple and satisfactory, and recommend themselves in a moment, are found to present difficulties and disadvantages, when they come to be carried out in their practical details, which had not been expected nor provided for. In view of

all the circumstances which have affected the school work during the year, we think there is just reason to congratulate our citizens on the degree of prosperity and success which has attended it.

SUPERINTENDENCY.

Authorized by previous action of the town, and of the opinion that it would be better for one man to have the general supervision of the schools, your committee at the beginning of the spring term appointed one of their number superintendent.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

We have five good school buildings, in good repair, and in every way very pleasant, except the location. In these buildings are thirteen of our schools, in which are congregated seven hundred and eighty-seven pupils, leaving one hundred and seventy to be provided for outside of the houses belonging to the town. For these we have to hire rooms in three different buildings and from three different parties at an extra cost of about five hundred dollars per annum—interest at six per cent on \$8,333 33 1-3. And in these rooms we are tenants at will, subject to the interest of the persons owning the property. The unsuitableness of the buildings rented for school purposes has been so fully set forth in two previous reports that we deem it unnecessary to repeat it in this.

The town should not only own school rooms enough to accommodate all the pupils attending school, but rooms well lighted and ventilated. Dark, damp and gloomy school rooms are damaging alike to the health and morals of our children. If there were any valid reasons for delay we should not be so persistent in urging the erection of a new building. But looking the matter all over, the Committee have come to the unanimous conclusion that, while there is no good reason for waiting, there are many reasons why the matter should be immediately attended to. Among the most prominent are the health of the children, consistent financial economy, and the good morals of the community.

The citizens of Provincetown, who have always taken pride in the excellence of their schools, will not forget that the wealth of the town consists not in its ships and well filled

stores, chiefly, but in its men and women. The price of property generally depends upon the moral and intellectual worth of those who occupy and surround it. "The cheapest protection to life and property which has yet been discovered is right education".

TRUANCY.

While there has been some improvement, there is still great room for reform. The number of those who give trouble is not large, but most persistent; one dozen will perhaps cover all the very bad cases, yet these are enough to very seriously disturb some of our schools. During the year a number of the worst boys have been sent to the State Reform School, and the families of others have removed.—The Committee are of the opinion that the time has fully come when such children as habitually absent themselves from the school room without cause should be expelled therefrom.

It is unreasonable to ask that a few bad boys and girls, guilty of such truancy or other gross misconduct, should remain in our schools with which their contact is a moral poison, and where their irregularities are a constant source of trouble.

THE SCHOOLS.

There has been a great improvement in our Primary Schools, the teachers realizing more than ever the fact that to them is committed the work of laying the foundation for the education of the children intrusted to their care. A more conscientious devotion to the important work to which they have set themselves we have never seen, than that exhibited by the instructors in the Primary Department. The happy faculty has been acquired of so arranging the work for the little ones that, to most of them, it has become a pleasure rather than an irksome task, as it used to be. The pupils master the written characters at the same time they learn the printed letters. It is a real pleasure to one interested in the prosperity of the schools to visit some of these Primaries and see the happy faces when the classes are ordered to take their places at the boards for work; the writing of many is better than that of former scholars, often, when entering the Grammar Schools. Blackboards, which were once thought to be useless commodities, have not only become a great source of

pleasure to the children but absolutely indispensable to their successful instruction. There are seven of these Primary Schools, with three hundred and ninety-two scholars; average attendance, three hundred and twenty-six; average number in each school, fifty-six; average attendance in each school, forty-seven.

The teachers of the Intermediate Schools are nobly taking up the work where the Primaries leave it, preparing the scholars for the next grade higher. There has been a lack of uniformity in the work of this department, thereby occasioning more or less delay and trouble in the Higher Intermediate Schools when the children are promoted. This, however, will be remedied by having a uniform course of work arranged by the Committee. The teachers are earnest and devoted, but always over worked. They have had more scholars than could be successfully managed and thoroughly instructed: no one realizes this more than the teachers themselves. If geography should be dispensed with until the pupils reach the Higher Intermediate, it would greatly relieve the teachers by giving them more time for reading, writing and arithmetic; and the scholars would be better prepared to take up the study understandingly, because more mature in other studies and in age.

The whole number of scholars in this department is one hundred and eighty-three; average attendance, one hundred and fifty-six; average in each school, sixty-one.

The same faithful teachers are employed in the Higher Intermediate Schools as last year. Their work is to finish the preparation of scholars for the Grammar School; and never has that work been better done than during the past year, as is plainly shown by the class which was promoted at the close of the spring term. Spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic and geography are successfully taught in this department.

There are one hundred and fifty-two scholars in these schools; average number in each, fifty-one.

The Grammar School is not as badly crowded as last winter, owing to the fact that we have a school for boys who attend only in winter.

At the close of the spring term, Mr. H. A. Freeman, the principal, and Miss M. Ella Emery, the assistant, who had

served as teachers for a number of years, resigned. We were fortunate in procuring Mr. H. D. Newton, an experienced and successful teacher, as principal; and Miss Addie S. Mitchell, teacher of the Center Intermediate School, was appointed assistant. The school has moved steadily forward, and little is risked in saying we have a model Grammar School. It is so graded that each class receives the entire attention of the teacher without having that attention divided between two or three different classes or disturbing others when they recite. Written examinations are had twice in each term which serve to show the proficiency of the pupils, and also determine their position in school as those of the second class who succeed in getting an average of seventy per cent the first year are promoted to the first class, and those in the first class who succeed are promoted to the High School. The order is almost perfect in this school; not order at the expense of perfect ease and self-respect but promotive of both by having a time for everything, and everything done in its time. The largest number of scholars in this school during the year was one hundred and twenty-seven; average number, one hundred and fifteen.

The teachers deserve the thanks of the town for the extra time given and attention paid to the study of music, by which the scholars have the advantage of instruction in a very pleasing and important branch.

Our High School is accomplishing a grand work, though struggling with difficulties which, by many, would be considered insurmountable. We very much doubt the existence of another High School in the State that is accomplishing as much work and doing it so well as ours under as many or similar disadvantages. The Principal has very truthfully said: The first requisites for a school room are light and ventilation; the former is wanting, and the latter we can have only in warm weather, except at the cost of colds and sickness. During the spring term, with an attendance of forty to fifty, the room was as full as it ought to be at any time, yet in the fall your Committee were compelled to crowd into the same space seventy-eight. The scholars are seated at desks where there are very often seven and sometimes eight in a row, so cramped and uncomfortable that their parents would not submit to it, themselves, for one day, yet

they are compelled to endure it about two hundred days in a year and five hours per day. We shall lose at the close of this term, perhaps, ten by graduation and other causes, leaving sixty-two in the school. The first class in the Grammar School numbers fifty-eight; in all probability not less than fifty or fifty-two will pass the examination for the High School; which, added to the present number, will make one hundred and fourteen. If these estimates prove correct, and we can see no reason why they will not, the town must either provide a different and larger place or the School Committee will be obliged to do so. A more intelligent and industrious class of scholars it has seldom been our privilege to see in the High School, and we think them worthy of better treatment. The same faithful and conscientious teachers are employed as last year.

It gives us much pleasure to report that the Young Men's School, so called, is no longer an experiment, but a real success. It can now be said with truth, if never before, that it is "a good thing" for the boys whose misfortune has been, from whatever cause, not to receive an education qualifying them for business pursuits; and not merely for the sake, (as has been asserted,) of keeping a set of boys out of our regular schools in the winter who cannot grade with the classes who attend school through the year. We were very fortunate in obtaining for this school the services of Mr. Seth S. Crocker, of South Yarmouth, formerly teacher in the famous Quincy Schools, one fitted both by nature and education for the peculiar work of teaching. In this school are gathered forty-five young men whose average attendance, and application, and general deportment in the school room, will compare favorably with our other schools. The town would act generously and wisely should it provide suitable accommodations for such of our young men as could be induced to attend a place of instruction during the winter months. By the generous sympathy of our citizens, such a place could be made the *great attraction* of the young men of this town. We should remember that these are in the immediate future to take part in and help shape all our municipal affairs. There should not be much time spent on the question of a few extra dollars, when the future history of the town depends upon our immediate action.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

School House Repairs.

Alex'r Hamblin, mason, labor and material,	\$7 20
S. D. Nickerson, labor, Western school house,	14 75
Andrew Kennedy, labor, " " "	4 40
Eaton & Dana, door bolts,	11 91
J. W. Snow, labor, Centre and Eastern fences,	7 03
James Gorman, sod wall, Western school,	56 00
Wm. Hedge, labor Centre school house,	4 28
Benj. Lancy, lumber,	4 65
Geo. Allen, lumber and lime,	16 99
John H. Livermore, stock and labor, Western house,	6 40
J. A. West, glazing and repairs,	1 85
J. & L. N. Paine, nails, glass, &c.,	5 37
Freeman & Hilliard, nails and whitewash brushes,	4 94
Alfred Small, labor, Centre and Eastern houses,	3 85
Damage to Eastern school house:	
Edmund B. Vannevar, repairing bell,	\$13 80
Freight bell to and from Boston & carting,	1 00
Henry J. Poole, repairing organ,	6 00
	20 80
	\$170 42

Appropriation,	\$150 00
Deficiency,	20 42
	\$170 42

School Incidentals.

Geo. H. Holmes, 1 frame,	\$1 50
J. B. Hingeley, apparatus,	1 98
M. W. Tewksbury, record books,	5 60
J. Harvey Dearborn, census of school children,	12 00
Advertising for coal proposals,	2 25
Sparrow & Snow, stove repairs and supplies,	6 00
Hiram Holmes, " " "	10 17
J. A. West, school furniture and repairs,	51 51
Freeman & Hilliard, supplies,	37 35
James Engles, 1 new stove, repairs and supplies,	63 19
F. B. Goss, paper and printing,	9 00
Horatio D. Newton, records,	1 50
J. G. Whitcomb, stock and labor,	5 00

A. L. Putnam, & Co., supplies,	\$60 13
Samuel Taylor, cleaning Western and Conant Street school rooms and outbuildings,	24 00
Mrs Henry Harvender, cleaning Centre school rooms and outbuildings,	17 00
C. H. Hill, cleaning Johnson Street school room and outbuildings,	7 00
Sarah H. Bickers, cleaning Eastern school rooms and outbuildings	17 00
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Amount of incidental expenses,	\$336 18

Rents.

Winter term, 1878 and 1879 :	
Vestry of Orthodox church for High School, 13 weeks, at \$5 26,	\$68 38
Est'e Jeremiah Stone, rooms in second story for High Intermediate School 13 weeks at \$4 00,	52 00
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	\$120 38

Spring term 1879 :

Church vestry 13 weeks at \$5 26,	\$68 38
Stone building rooms 13 weeks at \$4 00	52 00
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	\$120 38

Fall term 1879.

Church vestry 12 weeks at \$4 95,	\$59 40
Stone building rooms 12 weeks at \$4 00,	48 00
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	\$107 40

Total rents,	<hr/>	\$348 16
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Total incidental expenses and rent,	\$684 34
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Deficiency,	384 34
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	\$684 34

TEACHER'S SALARIES.
Winter Term 1878 and 1879.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount per Year of 38 Weeks.	Amount for the Term.
J B Hingeley, Prin. High School,	13	\$26 32	\$1,000 00	\$342 16
Hattie F Weeks, Assistant do,	13	10 53	400 00	136 89
H A Freeman, Prin Gram School,	13	21 32	810 00	277 16
Mary E Emery, Assistant do,	13	9 47	360 00	123 11
Ella A Small, High Intermediate,	13	8 87	337 00	115 31
Lizzie W Clark, do	13	8 87	337 00	115 31
Rebecca D Sparks, do	13	8 87	337 00	115 31
S Lizzie Starr, Intermediate,	13	7 10	270 00	92 30
Addie S Mitchell, do	13	7 10	270 00	92 30
Lizzie P Chapman, do	13	7 10	270 00	92 30
M Jennie Keefe, Primary,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Abbie C Sparks, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Annie B Frellick, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Isalinda Chapman, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Lois B Hamblin, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Lucinda W Whorf, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Bessie G Wiley, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
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Total Yearly Salaries,			\$6,120 00	
Total Salaries for winter Term,				\$2,093 65

Spring Term.

J B Hingeley, Prin. High School,	13	\$25 00	\$950 00	\$325 00
Hattie F Weeks, Assistant do,	13	10 00	380 00	130 00
H A Freeman, Prin Gram School,	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Mary E Emery, Assistant do,	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Ella A Small, High Intermediate,	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Lizzie W Clark, do	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Rebecca D Sparks, do	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
S Lizzie Starr, Intermediate,	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Addie S Mitchell, do	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Lizzie P Chapman, do	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
M Jennie Keefe, Primary,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Abbie C Sparks, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Annie B Frellick, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Isalinda Chapman, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Lois B Hamblin, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Lucinda W Whorf, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Bessie G Wiley, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
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Total Yearly Salaries,			\$5,928 00	
Total Salaries, Spring Term,				\$2,028 00

Fall Term 1879.

	Number of weeks.	Salary per week.	Amount per year of 38 weeks.	Amount for the term.
J B Hingeley, Prin High School,	12	\$25 00	\$950 00	\$300 00
Hattie F Weeks, Assis. ant do	12	10 00	380 00	120 00
H D Newton, Prin Gram School,	12	20 00	760 00	240 00
Addie S Mitchell, Assistant do	12	9 00	342 00	108 00
Ella A Small, High Intermediate,	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Lizzie W Clark, do	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Rebecca D Spark, do	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
S Lizzie Starr, Intermediate,	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Annie B Frellick, do	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Lizzie P Chapman, do	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
M Jennie Keefe, Primary,	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Abbie C Sparks, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Abbie N Abbott, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Isalinda Chapman, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Lois B Hamblin, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Lucinda W Whorf, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Bessie G Wiley, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Total yearly salaries,			\$5,928 00	
Total salaries, Fall term,				\$1,872 00

JANITOR'S SALARIES.

Winter Term.	Building.	No. of weeks.	Price per week.	Amount.
Paul Dyer, fires and sweeping,	Eastern,	13	\$2 00	\$26 00
Geo. C. Hill, fires and sweeping,	Johnson street,	13	80	10 40
Henry Harvender, fires only,	Centre & Stone,	13	3 00	39 00
Mrs. Joseph Ellis, sweeping only,	Centre & Stone,	13	1 50	19 50
Chas. A. Beatty, fires and sweep- ing,	Western and Co- nant streets,	13	3 02	39 26
Chas. C. Atkins,	High School,	13	1 25	16 25
				\$150 41

Spring Term.

Paul Dyer, fires and sweeping,	Eastern,	13	\$2 00	\$26 00
Geo. C. Hill, fires and sweeping,	Johnson Street,	13	80	10 40
Henry Harvender, fires only,	Centre & Stone,	9	3 00	27 00
Mrs. Joseph Ellis, sweeping only,	Centre & Stone,	13	1 50	19 50
Chas. A. Beatty, fires and sweep- ing,	Western and Co- nant streets,	13	3 00	39 00
Chas. C. Atkins, fires and sweep- ing,	High School,	13	1 25	16 25
				\$138 15

Fall Term 1879.

	Building.	No. of weeks.	Price per week.	Amount.
Paul Dyer, fires and sweeping,	Eastern,	12	\$2 00	\$24 00
Geo. C. Hill, fires and sweeping,	Johnson Street,	12	1 00	12 00
Henry Harvender, fires and sweeping,	Centre & Stone,	12	3 25	39 00
Chas. A. Beatty, fires and sweep- ing,	Western and Co- nant streets,	12	3 00	36 00
Chas. C. Atkins, fires and sweep- ing,	High School,	12	1 25	15 00
				\$126 00

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in the town treasury Jan. 1, 1879,	\$2,480 93
Deduct:	
Salaries, Winter term 1878-9,	\$2,093 65
Teachers,	150 41
Janitors,	
	\$2,244 06

Fuel.

Wm. H. Collins & Co., 11 tons, con- tract 1878, at \$4 50,	49 50
Freeman & Hilliard, wood kindlings,	4 63
	2,298 19
Balance to new school year,	\$182 74
Town appropriation for 1879 and until the close of the winter term of 1879 and 1880,	\$6,300 00
Massachusetts school fund,	247 67
	\$6,730 41

Deduct:

Salaries, Spring term 1879,	
Teachers,	\$2,028 00
Janitors,	138 15
	\$2,166 15
Salaries, Fall term 1879,	
Teachers,	\$1,872 00
Janitors,	126 00
	\$1,998 00

Fuel.

Freeman & Hilliard, wood coal, April and May,	\$37 03	
Central Wharf Co., coal, April,	6 00	
Freeman & Hilliard, as per contract, 65 tons 1200 lbs. coal, at \$5 16,	338 50	
Wood kindlings,	3 17	
Small coal for High School,	1 69	
	<u>\$386 39</u>	
		<u>\$4,550 54</u>
Jan. 1, 1880, balance in hands of town Treasurer,		\$2,179 87
At the close of the present term of 13 weeks there will be due, to be deducted from the above balance:		
Salaries of teachers,	\$2,028 00	
Salaries of janitors,	136 50	
Coal and kindlings,	40 00	
	<u>\$2,204 50</u>	
Account short of the requirements of the school year,		\$24 63
		<u>\$2,204 50</u>

BOYS' WINTER SCHOOL.

Bills paid:

J. A. West, lumber and labor,	\$18 61
Freeman & Hilliard, 1 ton coal,	5 16
Teaming benches, desks &c,	75
	<u>\$24 52</u>

Amount of bills paid,

The following to be paid at the close of the term:—

Salary of Seth S. Crocker, teacher, 12 weeks at \$16 00,	\$192 00
Coal and wood, say	10 00
M. L. Adams, rent of room,	50 00
James Engles, 1 stove,	8 00

M. L. Adams, janitor.	\$10 00	
Reversible blackboard,	14 00	
	<u>284 00</u>	
		<u>\$308 52</u>

Appropriation, \$300 00

TOWN SCHOOL-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Jan. 1, 1879, books on hand, and book-case,	\$299 83
Balance due the town,	35 46
	<u>\$335 29</u>

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Jan. 1, 1880, books on hand, and book-case,	\$351 32
Balance due A. L. Putnam & Co.,	16 03
	<u>\$335 29</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For salaries of teachers, janitors, and for fuel there will be required the sum of	\$6,700 00
For rent of rooms for the High School, and one Higher Intermediate School,	350 00
For incidental expenses,	400 00
For school house repairs,	150 00
For salary of teacher, rent of room and other expenses Boy's Winter School,	350 00

In conclusion, we recommend the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the schools not provided for in other town buildings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY SHORTLE,	} <i>School</i>
AUGUSTUS MITCHELL,	
J. D. HILLIARD,	
A. L. PUTNAM,	

Committee.

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1879.