

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

—ON THE—

FINANCES

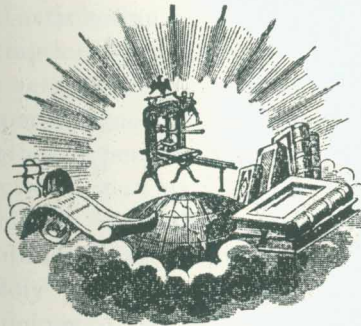
—OF THE—

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1883,

—AND THE—

Reports of the Treasurer, Town Clerk, Auditor, Overseers of the Poor,
Engineers and School Committee.



PROVINCETOWN:
ADVOCATE STEAM JOB PRINT.
1884.

Report of the Selectmen.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

By our acceptance of the trust delegated to us in the election of one year ago, we committed ourselves to the performance of every official duty and responsibility with all that zeal and fidelity which you had a right to expect of us as public servants.

In reviewing the results of the year just closed, your Board of Selectmen must necessarily confine themselves to those departments of expenditure over which either wholly or in part their jurisdiction has extended.

Watch and Police.

To all law abiding citizens, this department, we believe, has given general satisfaction ; not that we claim for the force perfection or exemption from mistakes incident to the human family—for such neither they nor others possess. To escape criticism in the performance of the duties of Police Officers, however conscientiously performed, no man who accepts the office need expect—no man ever has, and no man ever will escape such criticism. We believe, however, that they have performed their duties, without prejudice or partiality, and with a view solely to the public good. The following is a summary of the doings of the department for the year just closed: Whole number of arrests, 74; assault, 5; drunkenness, 8; liquor nuisances, 8; illegal sale of liquor, 2; disturbance of the peace, 31; malicious mischief, 9; larceny, 3; breaking and entering, 1; stubborn children, 1; indecent assault, 1; resistance of officers, 5.

Town Debt.

The amount of net obligations of the town

Dec. 30, 1882, was	\$25,490 79
Decrease the past year	5,268 03
Net liabilities Dec. 31, 1883,	<u>\$20,222 76</u>

The following is the valuation of Public property belonging to the Town: School houses, \$26,000; Public Library, \$3,500; other public buildings, \$6,000; Cemeteries, \$1,500; other real estate, \$750.00; fire apparatus, \$12,000.00; total, \$49,750.00.

Town Landings.

Agreeable to a vote of the Town we have bounded the landings with stone bounds, according to the records of the Committee of 1882.

East Harbor Causeway.

The suit between Provincetown and Truro has been decided against the Town; the expense of the same, \$182.04, paid.

Perambulation of Town Lines.

The boundary lines between Provincetown and the town of Truro were perambulated by the Selectmen of the respective towns September 17th, 1883. The several bound stones were found in their proper positions, and certificates of this service were duly signed, in duplicate as by law required, and were deposited with the Clerks of the Towns above named.

Street Signs.

Thirty-four new Street signs have been erected, and the names of some of the streets changed according to the vote of the Town. A record of the same has been deposited with the Town Clerk.

State and Military Aid.

The amount refunded by the State each year for State aid

paid by the Town the preceding year provides for this account. One-half of the amount paid for military aid is refunded by the State, and the other half is paid from the Town treasury. There is only one, at the present time, that is paid military aid.

New Streets.

The Street leading from Pleasant Street to Franklin Street was put in repair, as voted by the Town, at an expense considerably less than the appropriation.

The extension of Bradford Street has been finished to West Vine Street and the road opened for travel at an expense exceeding the appropriation of \$37.06.

We would recommend an appropriation for watch and police, \$250.00; for temperance cause, \$200.00; interest, \$450.00; abatement of taxes, \$300.00; Army and Navy Association, \$50.00; Town Hill and fences, \$75.00; cemeteries, \$75.00; special repairs foot of Gull Hill, \$300.00; railroad loan and interest, \$2,700; new school house loan and interest, \$1,325; State and County taxes, \$3,000.00; discount and collection of taxes, \$700.00; incidental expenses, \$2,000.00.

Special Repairs foot of Gull Hill.

The bulkhead and jetties erected on the beach at this place have proved very satisfactory. The interests of the Town demand the same number of feet be built the ensuing year.

New Pest House.

The new pest house is finished and ready for occupancy. In case of an emergency there will be needed some furniture and fixtures, those in the old house being poor and unfit for use. We do not deem it advisable to buy until the necessity arises. The old house is dangerous and part of the fence to its burial ground needs repairing. We think action should be taken regarding the disposal of the house at the annual meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Feb. 13, 1883.	
Watch and police,	\$300 00
Temperance cause,	300 00
Interest on demand loans,	450 00
Abatement of taxes,	300 00
Army and Navy Association,	50 00
Town Hill and fences,	75 00
Cemetery repairs,	75 00
New school house loan and interest,	1375 00
Special repairs foot of Gull Hill,	300 00
Bradford Street extension,	500 00
New pest-house,	600 00
Railroad loan and interest,	2800 00
Support of the poor,	3600 00
Salaries of overseers,	430 00
Roads and walks,	2000 00
Intersecting road,	200 00
Public Library,	300 00
Fire department,	2510 00
Public schools,	6400 00
School incidentals,	500 00
School house repairs,	300 00
Discount and collection of taxes,	900 00
Incidental expenses,	2200 00
Town expenses,	\$26,465 00
State tax,	1725 00
County tax,	1497 67
Overlaying on taxes,	451 49
Total amount of taxes for State, County and Town purposes,	\$30,139 16
Non resident bank tax,	1819 90
Total amount of collector's warrant, 1883,	\$31,959 06

DR.	WATCH AND POLICE.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.
To appropriation,	\$300 00	Feb. 28, by payments, \$3 12
		Mar. 31, " 15 00
		Nov. 30, " 100 62
		Dec. 31, " 162 25
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 19 01
	\$300 00	\$300 00
DR.	TEMPERANCE CAUSE.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.
To appropriation,	\$300 00	Mar. 31, by payments, \$50 00
		June 30, " 36 00
		Sept. 29, " 75 75
		Nov. 17, " 19 25
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas, 119 00
	\$300 00	\$300 00
DR.	INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.
To appropriation,	\$450 00	Feb. 28, by payments, \$28 33
Dec. 31, deficiency,	23 68	Mar. 31, " 3 00
		April 28, " 70 00
		May 26, " 84 54
		Aug. 31, " 45 77
		Sept. 29, " 59 02
		Oct. 30, " 63 66
		Nov. 30, " 91 23
		Dec. 31, " 28 13
	\$473 68	\$473 68
DR.	ABATEMENT OF TAXES.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.
To appropriation,	\$300 00	Feb. 28, by payments, \$70 10
Dec. 31, additional taxes collected,	33 45	Mar. 31, " 5 78
		June 30, " 13 90
		Oct. 30, " 5 07
		Nov. 30, " 8 35
		Dec. 31, " 121 30
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 108 95
	\$333 45	\$333 45

DR.	ARMY AND NAVY ASSOCIATION.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$50 00	June 2, by payment,	\$54 20
Dec. 31, deficiency,	4 20		
	<u>\$54 20</u>		<u>\$54 20</u>

DR.	TOWN HILL AND FENCES.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$75 00	June 30, by payments,	\$30 53
Dec. 31, deficiency,	18 10	Aug. 25, "	51 74
		Dec. 29, "	3 38
		Dec. 31, "	7 45
	<u>\$93 10</u>		<u>\$93 10</u>

DR.	CEMETERIES.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$75 00	June 30, by payments,	\$1 50
		Dec. 31, "	68 05
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.	5 45
	<u>\$75 00</u>		<u>\$75 00</u>

DR.	SPECIAL REPAIRS FOOT OF GULL HILL.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$300 00	June 30, by payments,	\$262 72
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.	37 28
	<u>\$300 00</u>		<u>\$300 00</u>

DR.	BRADFORD STREET EXTENSION.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$500 00	May 26, by payments,	\$2 50
June 7, cash from Wm.		June 30, "	80 00
H. Nickerson,	20 00	Aug. 25, "	464 56
Dec. 31, deficiency,	37 06	Nov. 30, "	10 00
	<u>\$557 06</u>		<u>\$557 06</u>

DR.	NEW PEST HOUSE.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$600 00	May 26, by payments,	\$2 50
		Dec. 31, "	596 48
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.	1 02
	<u>\$600 00</u>		<u>\$600 00</u>

DR.	RAILROAD LOAN AND INTEREST.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$2800 00	July 27, by payments,	\$400 00
		Aug. 4, "	2400 00
	<u>\$2800 00</u>		<u>\$2800 00</u>

DR.	PUBLIC LIBRARY.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$300 00	Mar. 31, by paym'ts,	\$66 68
County dog tax,	66 21	April 28, "	20 75
Dec. 31, deficiency,	36 16	June 30, "	75 30
		Sept. 29, "	74 90
		Nov. 30, "	78 71
		Dec. 31, "	86 03
	<u>\$402 37</u>		<u>\$402 37</u>

DR.	SUPPORT OF THE POOR.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$3,600 00	Feb. 28, by paym'ts,	\$734 98
For salaries,	430 00	Mar. 31, "	405 36
To cash from Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	230 09	April 28, "	462 25
To cash for insane persons,	179 36	May 26, "	243 50
To cash for temporary aid,	10 41	June 30, "	333 64
To cash from town of Brewster,	56 79	July 31, "	457 55
To cash from town of Dennis,	5 90	Aug. 26, "	175 93
To cash for rents,	43 75	Sept. 29, "	298 16
Dec. 31, deficiency,	223 18	Oct. 30, "	514 60
		Nov. 30, "	230 30
		Dec. 31, "	493 21
		Dec. 31, salaries,	430 00
	<u>\$4,779 48</u>		<u>\$4,779 48</u>

DR. NEW SCHOOL HOUSE LOAN AND INTEREST.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.
To appropriation, \$1,375 00		June 30, by paym'ts, \$187 50
		Dec. 29, " 1,187 50
	<u>\$1,375 00</u>	<u>\$1,375 00</u>
DR. NEW SCHOOL HOUSE LOAN. CR.		
Jan. 1, 1883.		1883.
To amount of liabilities, \$7,500 00		Dec. 29, by payment (see new school house loan and interest), \$1,375 00
Dec. 31, to interest to date, 375 00		Dec. 31, by amount of outstanding liabilities, 6,500 00
	<u>\$7,875 00</u>	<u>\$7,875 00</u>
DR. ROADS AND WALKS. CR.		
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.
To appropriation, \$2,000 00		Feb. 28, by payments, \$358 49
To appropriation new road, 200 00		Mar. 31, " 63 94
To sale of plank, 119 40		April 28, " 848 31
Dec. 31, deficiency, 503 08		May 28, " 490 36
		June 30, new road, 166 07
		June 30, " 295 81
		Aug. 25, " 87 42
		Oct. 27, " 179 18
		Dec. 31, " 332 90
	<u>\$2,822 48</u>	<u>\$2,822 48</u>
DR. FIRE DEPARTMENT. CR.		
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.
To appropriation, \$2,510 00		Jan. 27, by payment, \$1 25
Dec. 31, sale of old hose, 5 00		April 28, " 1,667 55
		Aug. 10, " 60 74
		Nov. 17, " 24 03
		Dec. 29, " 463 98
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 297 45
	<u>\$2,515 00</u>	<u>\$2,515 00</u>

DR. SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.		1883.
To appropriation, \$500 00		Jan. 20, by payments, \$1 50
Dec. 31, book taxes collected, 25 58		Mch. 31, " 195 67
Dec. 31, rebate on bill, 5 00		June 30, " 32 80
Dec. 31, sale of iron, 8 90		Aug. 31, " 57 00
Dec. 31, deficiency, 458 73		Sept. 29, " 60 00
	<u>\$998 21</u>	Dec. 31, " 651 24
		<u>\$998 21</u>
DR. PUBLIC SCHOOLS. CR.		
Jan. 1, 1883.		1883.
To balance in the treasury, \$1,541 89		Jan. 27, by payments, \$79 02
Jan. 25, Masssachusetts school fund, 229 78		Mar. 3, " 2,531 50
Feb. 13, to appropriation, 6,400 00		Mar. 31, " 55 05
		Apr. 28, " 22 87
		May 26, " 8 28
		June 16, " 2,369 50
		Sept. 29, " 80 00
		Oct. 27, " 178 09
		Nov. 17, " 2,476 28
		Dec. 29, " 6 69
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas, 364 39
	<u>\$8,171 67</u>	<u>\$8,171 67</u>
DR. DEMAND LOANS. CR.		
Jan. 1, 1883.		1883.
To amount of liabilities, \$5,400 00		Jan. 20, by payments, \$100 00
Mar. 31, to loans, 1,060 00		Mar. 31, " 310 00
April 28, " 3,500 00		May 28, " 1,050 00
May 28, " 2,100 00		Aug. 31, " 3,145 00
June 30, " 3,625 00		Sept. 29, " 5,000 00
July 18, " 500 00		Oct. 27, " 500 00
Dec. 31, " 1,800 00		Nov. 24, " 1,180 00
		Dec. 31, amount of liabilities, 6,700 00
	<u>\$17,985 00</u>	<u>\$17,985 00</u>

DR.	SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.	1883.	
To appropriation, \$300 00	April 28, by paym'ts,	\$1 50
Dec. 31, deficiency, 33 08	June 30, " "	3 00
	Aug. 31, " "	92 90
	Sept. 29, " "	5 90
	Oct. 30, " "	35 71
	Nov. 17, " "	8 50
	Dec. 31, " "	185 57
	<u>\$333 08</u>	<u>\$333 08</u>

DR.	BOYS' WINTER SCHOOL.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1883.	1883.	
To Bal. in treasury, \$351 75	Mar. 31, by payment,	\$262 50
	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.	89 25
	<u>\$351 75</u>	<u>\$351 75</u>

DR.	STATE AND MILITARY AID.	CR.
Dec. 4, 1883.	1883.	
To cash from Commonwealth, \$336 00	Jan. 1, by amount due from Commonwealth,	\$336 00
Dec. 31, discount 1-2 military aid, 40 00	Jan. 27, by payments,	28 00
Dec. 31, Bal. due from Commonwealth, 376 00	Feb. 28, " "	28 00
	Mar. 31, " "	28 00
	April 28, " "	28 00
	May 26, " "	38 00
	June 30, " "	38 00
	July 31, " "	38 00
	Aug. 25, " "	38 00
	Sept. 29, " "	38 00
	Oct. 27, " "	38 00
	Nov. 24, " "	38 00
	Dec. 31, " "	38 00
	<u>\$752 00</u>	<u>\$752 00</u>

DR.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.	1883.	
No appropriation.	Jan. 6, by payments,	\$3 20
Dec. 31, to deficiency, \$65 70	April 28, " "	3 50
	Dec. 31, " "	59 00
	<u>\$65 70</u>	<u>\$65 70</u>

DR.	STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.	1883.	
To appropriation, \$3,500 00	Dec. 4, by State tax,	\$1,725 00
Feb. 26, to balance due on corporation tax, 1882, 19 22	Dec. 4, by non resident bank tax,	1,756 61
Dec. 4, corporation tax, 947 45	Dec. 4, by county tax,	1,497 67
Dec. 4, national bank tax, 1,173 09	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.	773 00
Dec. 4, tax on foreign ships, 112 52		
	<u>\$5,752 28</u>	<u>\$5,752 28</u>

DR.	DISCOUNT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1883.	1883.	
To appropriation, \$900 00	Dec. 31, by discount of taxes,	\$362 36
Dec. 31, to interest on taxes, 1882, 15 09	Dec. 31, by collection of taxes,	360 13
	Dec. 31, by balance in the treasury,	192 60
	<u>\$915 09</u>	<u>\$915 09</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1881.)	CR.
	SETH SMITH.	
Jan. 1, 1883.	1883.	
To balance taxes due, \$648 82	Feb. 28, by cash,	\$56 87
	Dec. 31, " "	94 73
	Dec. 31, balance taxes due,	497 22
	<u>\$648 82</u>	<u>\$648 82</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1882,)	CR.	
JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.			
Jan. 1, 1883.		1883.	
To bal. taxes due,	\$3,641 88	Mar. 31, by cash,	\$3,058 53
Dec. 31, to interest		April 14, "	206 48
collected to date,	15 09	Dec. 29, "	192 10
		Dec. 31, bal. taxes	
		due,	199 86
	<u>\$3,656 97</u>		<u>\$3,656 97</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1883,)	CR.	
JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.			
July 28, 1883.		1883.	
To Town tax,	\$26,465 00	Aug. 31, by cash	
To State tax,	1,725 00	to date,	\$9,518 89
To County tax,	1,497 67	Sept. 29, by cash	
To overlayings,	451 49	to date,	3,968 35
Non-resident bank		Oct. 30, by cash	
tax,	1,819 90	to date,	3,719 09
Additional taxes,	33 45	Nov. 30, by cash	
Book taxes,	18 61	to date,	2,963 79
		Dec. 31, by cash to	
		date,	4,443 25
		Dec. 31, discount	
		of taxes,	362 36
		Dec. 31, collection	
		of taxes,	360 13
		Dec. 31, balance	
		taxes due,	6,675 26
	<u>\$32,011 12</u>		<u>\$32,011 12</u>

DR.	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.	CR.	
Feb. 14, 1883.		1883.	
To appropriation,	\$2,200 00	By H. H. Sylvester,	
To cash for fish weir		printing Town Re-	
licenses,	150 00	ports,	\$100 00
To junk licenses,	10 00	M. L. Adams, ex-	
To auctioneers' li-		penses to Boston,	28 86
censes,	10 00	Hutchins & Wheeler,	
To Town of Truro,		legal advice,	50 00
1-2 expenses of		Estate of B. F.	
boundary,	9 25	Hutchinson, Truro	
To sale of old paper,	53	case,	6 00
To J. P. Johnson,		H. P. Harriman,	
permits,	2 00	Truro case,	85 10
To Wm. D. Foster,		H. M. Knowlton,	
finer,	15 00	Truro case,	85 44
		Joseph Whitcomb,	
		Truro case,	5 50
		Newell C. Brooks,	
		use of team, Prov-	
		incetown and	
		Truro,	10 50
		Newell C. Brooks,	
		teaming bound-	
		stones,	3 00
		Newell C. Brooks,	
		use of team for	
		fish weirs,	4 50
		P. C. Young, box rent	1 00
		Paron C. Young,	
		stamped envelopes	33 30
		Ward & Gay, books,	32 50
		J. P. Johnson, ser-	
		vices as moderator,	6 00
		Masonic Building	
		association, rents,	21 00
		J. Whitcomb, bound	
		stones for Truro	
		and Provincetown	8 00
		Joseph Whitcomb,	
		bound stones for	
		landings,	3 13

M. L. Adams, ex- penses to Boston,	5 00
W. H. Clark, at- tending court,	5 00
Telegrams and ex- pressage,	2 54
J. D. Hilliard, fuel for office,	12 29
Cleaning office and carpet,	4 25
A. L. Putnam, ser- vices as auditor,	3 00
Soule & Bugbee, law books,	6 50
Asa Lovell, records,	16 50
H. J. Snow, use of team,	4 00
H. A. Jennings, cut- ting bound stones,	5 26
Freeman H. Loth- rop, records,	1 00
H. J. Lancy, street signs,	20 25
N. C. Brooks, cart- ing bound stones,	4 00
Wm. H. Herbolt, care of jail,	15 00
M. L. Adams, ex- penses to Boston,	14 50
James Gifford, rec- ords,	4 00
J. P. Johnson, rent,	100 00
J. P. Johnson, State agent,	15 00
Assessors of taxes,	630 00
Selectmen's salary,	400 00
N. T. Freeman, printing,	62 25
Posting notices,	50
A. L. Putnam & Co., sundries,	2 73

James Engles, fix- tures,	6 75
Geo. Allen, lumber for pound,	1 34
R. W. Swift, oaths, Janitor,	6 50 12 00
J. Whitcomb, return of deaths,	21 75
J. M. Crocker, re- turn of births,	8 25
A. H. Newton, re- turn of births,	75
A. D. Barton, re- turn of births,	50
W. W. Gleason, re- turn of births,	25
L. N. Paine, expense on monument ground	28 86
Seth Smith, services as treasurer,	250 00
Seth Smith, services assealer of weights and measures,	20 00
Expressage and pos- tage,	13 65
Attending annual meeting and re- cording doings of same,	15 50
Attending elections, Provincetown and Truro, and record- ing doings of the same,	15 00
Recording 49 mar- riages,	7 35
Recording 87 deaths,	10 70
Recording 92 births,	46 00
Bal. in the treasury,	114 23
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\$2,396 78	\$2,396 78

Report of the Treasurer.

DR.			CR.
Cash in the treasury Jan. 1, 1883,	\$1,129 27	The Treasurer has paid out upon vouchers the following sums:	
Mass. school fund,	229 78	Support of poor,	\$4,779 48
County dog fund,	66 21	Incidentals,	2,282 55
Borrowed money,	12,585 00	Public schools,	7 807 28
Received on acct of poor,	526 30	State and military aid,	416 00
Weir licenses,	150 00	Watch and police,	280 99
Auctioneer and other licenses,	20 00	Railroad loan and interest,	2,800 00
Sale of plank,	119 40	Interest on demand loans,	473 68
Sale of old iron,	8 90	New school house loan and interest,	1,375 00
Sale of old hose,	5 00	Boys' winter school,	262 50
Sale of old paper,	53	School incidentals,	998 21
Permits granted,	2 00	School house repairs,	333 08
State aid for 1882,	336 00	Public library,	402 37
Establishing boundaries.	9 25	Cemeteries and fences,	69 55
William H. Nickerson & Co.,	20 00	Town Hill and fences,	93 10
William D. Foster, fines,	15 00	Decoration day,	54 20
Taxes of 1881,	151 60	Health department,	65 70
Taxes of 1882,	3,442 02	Fire department,	2,217 55
Interest on taxes of 1882,	15 09	Roads and walks,	2,822 48
Book taxes,	25 58	State tax,	1,725 00
Rebate on school incidentals,	5 00	County tax,	1,497 67
Balance corporation tax for 1882,	19 22	National bank tax,	1,756 61
Corporation tax for 1883,	947 45	Bradford street extension,	557 06
National bank tax,	1,173 09	Bulkhead foot of Gull hill,	262 72
Foreign ship tax,	112 52	New pest house,	598 98
Additional taxes,	33 45		
Taxes of 1883,	25,283 80		

Temperance cause,	181 00
Town debt,	11,285 00
Abatement of taxes,	224 50
Discount and collection of taxes,	722 49
Bal. in the treasury Dec. 31, 1883,	86 71
	\$46,431 46

ASSETS.

Due from the State, for State and military aid, 1883,	\$376 00
Taxes of 1881 not collected,	497 22
Taxes of 1882 not collected,	199 86
Taxes of 1883 not collected,	6,675 26
Cash in the treasury Dec. 31, 1883,	86 71
	\$7,835 05

LIABILITIES.

Demand loans,	\$6,700 00
Public schools,	364 39
Boys' winter school,	89 25
Balance in favor of the town,	681 41
	\$7,835 05
Total outstanding obligations of the Town to date are:	
Jan 1, 1884, railroad loan,	\$14,000 00
Interest on the same, Jan. 1, 1884,	290 67
New school house loan,	6,500 00
Demand loans,	6,700 00
Interest on same, Jan. 1, 1884,	113 50
Due to schools,	453 64
Jan. 1, 1884, total obligations of the town,	\$28,057 81
Less cash assets,	7,835 05
Jan. 1, 1884, total net obligation,	\$20,222 76
Jan. 1, 1883, " "	\$25,490 79
Jan. 1, 1884, " "	20,222 76
Reduction on entire debt the past year,	\$5,268 03

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH, Town Treasurer.

Report of Auditor.

A close inspection of the books of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1883, by the committee appointed as Auditor, exhibits the same care and accuracy as has been found upon previous examinations.

A voucher, indorsed in due form, was found for every account entered upon the Book of General Orders.

Following is a summary of the Town accounts as the result of the examination :

Balance in treasury		Paid out on proper	
Jan. 1, 1883,	\$1,129 27	vouchers,	\$46,344 75
Receipts of the		Balance in bank as	
year,	45,302 19	per deposit book,	86 71
	<u>\$46,431 46</u>		<u>\$46,431 46</u>

Total number of bills audited,	1,030
Total amount of claims paid,	\$46,344 75

A. L. PUTNAM, Auditor.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births.

Number of births registered in 1883,	108
Males,	53
Females,	55

	108
Both parents American,	31
Both parents foreign,	50
American father and foreign mother,	9
Foreign father and American mother,	18

108

Marriages.

Number of marriages registered in 1883,	49
Both parties American,	20
Both parties foreign,	20
American groom and foreign bride,	1
Foreign groom and American bride,	8

49

Oldest person married was 53 years old; the youngest was 16 years old. Number of persons, first marriage, 87; second marriage, 11—total, 98; number of couples, 49.

Deaths.

Number of deaths in 1883, 87; more than in 1882, 24.

AGES.—Under 1 year, males 7, females 9, total 16; from 1 to 10, males 7, females 3, total 10; from 10 to 20, males 3, females 2, total 5; from 20 to 40, males 8, females 2, total 10; from 40 to 60, males 10, females 0, total 10; from 60 to 80, males 14, females 13, total 27; over 80, males 4, females 5, total 9.

Dog License.

Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown in 1883,	55
Paid County Treasurer,	\$114 00

SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

To conduct the pauper affairs of any municipality satisfactorily requires the continual exercise of patience, kindness and discretion, in order that just and proper discrimination may be made between the deservedly needy and those who would take advantage of the charities of the Town that they might live in idleness or indolence. In disbursing relief, however, as in every other expense incurred, we have endeavored to keep in mind the fact that taxation, which even in its mildest form is burdensome to many, supplies the means, and have therefore countenanced nothing beyond what was absolutely required to meet the objects of the charity. During the past year we have had many notifications from various cities and towns of aid being rendered and charged to Provincetown, which have required much investigation under the present complicated pauper laws, notwithstanding which only two new cases have been settled upon the town. The inmates of the almshouse we have always found in a neat and cheerful condition and its whole appearance speaks in praise of the matron, Mrs. Cobb. We would recommend an appropriation of \$4,030.00 for the support of the poor and salaries the ensuing year.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS, } Overseers
 C. H. DYER, } of
 LUTHER NICKERSON, } the Poor.

Support of Poor in the Almshouse, Statistics.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$312 00
Groceries and provisions,	614 36
Fuel and lights,	119 08
Clothing and bedding,	70 63
Boots and shoes,	32 45
Furniture and fixtures,	13 70
Medical attendance,	48 50
Medicine,	17 90
Nursing,	24 00
Burial expenses,	4 00
Repairs,	48 13
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	\$1,304 75
Whole number supported the past year,	17
Remaining in the almshouse Dec. 31, 1883,	11
Admitted,	3
Died,	2
Discharged,	4
Number of persons fully supported,	25
Number of families partially supported,	65
Number of dependents of families,	163
Number of tramps,	3

Inmates of the Almshouse from January 1, 1883, to January 1, 1884.

NAME.	AGE.	BIRTHPLACE.	NATURE OF SETTLEMENT.	WHEN REG.	REMARKS.
Zilla D. Howe.	53	Eastham.	Father.	1858	
Lucy A. Hill.	68	Boston.	Marriage.	1851	
Rebecca F. Hill.	36	Provincetown.	Father.	1868	
Sarah Wareham.	68	Boston.	Marriage.	1873	
Joseph A. Hill.	10	Provincetown.	Mother.	1873	
Edward B. Lewis.	74	Maine.	Taxation.	1876	
Ruben A. Smith.	34	Provincetown.	Father.	1870	
Hannah C. Ryder.	82	Duxbury.	Marriage.	1880	Died May 28.
Eliza McCurdy.	85	Liverpool, Eng.	Act 1874.	1880	
Hannah E. McIntosh.	34	Provincetown.	Father.	1880	
James P. Smith.	10	Provincetown.	Mother.	1880	
Henry F. Smith.	3	Provincetown.	Mother.	1880	
Joseph Valentine.	31	Provincetown.	Father.	1882	Died April 5.
Annie Kenney.	8	Boston.	Grandfather.	1882	Discharged June 6.
Augusta Peach.	27	Liverpool, N. S.	Act 1874.	1883	Discharged Oct. 30.
John Malcomb.	42	Pt. Hawksbury, N. S.	State pauper.	1883	Discharged Sept. 22.
Joseph Ricard D. Silver.	20	Flores, W. I.	State pauper.	1883	Discharged Oct. 5.

Support of the Poor out of the Almshouse.

Atkins, Henry,	\$36 07	Kenney, Annie,	19 81
Atwood, Samuel A.,		Lima, Mary, wid.	
Boston,	10 00	and fam.,	52 56
Avena, Mary, wid.,	37 20	Mayo, Joseph A.,	49 25
Bush, Priscilla, wid.,	48 00	McCarty, Thomas and	
Briggs, Mary A.,		fam.,	38 60
Boston,	3 56	Martin, Rosa, wid.	
Costa, Justine, wid.,	36 00	and fam.,	56 17
Caton, Sarah, wid.,	60 21	Morris, Joseph, 2d,	
Costa, Isabella, wid.,	142 52	and fam., Boston,	4 50
Colburn, Hannah M.,		Nickerson, H. B. and	
wid.,	19 08	fam.,	11 76
Cahoo, Annie, Fall		Newcomb, Ida, Har-	
River,	15 50	wich,	148 65
Cole, Andrew, est. of,	6 60	Noons, Mary C., wid.,	18 95
Enos, Mary, wid.,	133 01	Powers, Julia, wid.,	24 65
Enos, John,	18 40	Powers, Margaret,	
Frates, Flora, wid.,	79 24	wid.,	15 07
Fine, Ellen,	185 51	Paine, Elizabeth,	
Freeman, F. Y. and		wid.,	10 33
fam.,	132 04	Pettis, Samuel E.,	46 25
Ghen, Josiah and		Perry, Mary, wid.,	6 25
fam.,	142 99	Rich, Obadiah S. and	
Grassie, Manuel,	2 00	fam.,	17 54
Greeley, Philomena		Ryder, Hannah C.,	
M., wid., Truro,	156 16	wid.,	39 59
Hooton, Laura A.		Sullivan, Hannah,	
and fam.,	57 40	wid.,	61 00
Howes, Samuel H.		Silva, Caton J.,	17 20
and fam.,	12 63	Stone, John,	18 07
Hutchinson, Eben-		Smith, James and	
ezer, Brewster,	75	fam.,	10 19
Jason, Mary, wid. and		Smith, Joshua,	18 13
fam.,	81 32	Smith, E. Thomas,	4 43
Jason, Johanna, and		Smith, Chester A.,	
fam.,	64 06	State Reform	
Joseph, Frances, wid.	69 45	school,	39 14
Kelley, George F.		Snow, George F.,	93 66
and fam., Barn-		Silva, Catherine C.,	
stable,	144 00	Gloucester,	2 82

Silva, Mary, wid. and fam.,	25 20	Williams, Marion, wid. and fam.,	44 27
Sweeny, Edward and fam.,	3 29	Welsh, Ellen, wid. and fam.,	10 80
Smith, Walter T., State workhouse,	56 00	State Paupers,	71 07
Terry, Susan Mrs. Dennis,	39 77	Poor of other towns (reimbursed),	69 33
Valentine, Mary, wid. and fam.,	16 96	Insane persons (re- imbursed),	179 36
		Temporary aid (re- imbursed),	10 41

Amount paid for support of the poor out of the
house, including State paupers, \$3,044 73

Amount paid for support of the poor in the alms-
house, 1,304 75

Salaries of overseers, 430 00

\$4,779 48

Less cash received, 526 30

\$4,253 18

Report of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health would respectfully report :

That the Town should again be congratulated upon the fact that there have been no dangerous epidemics during the year, one or two cases of diphtheria and one case of scarlet fever only having been reported.

While the citizens should not ascribe the comparative healthfulness of the community solely to their own observance of sanitary laws, yet the general cleanliness of the village tends strongly to promote this desirable condition. At the risk of repeating what in former years the Board has desired to strongly impress upon the minds of the citizens, we feel we cannot lay too great stress upon the vital importance of the proper situation of driven wells; that they must not be located too near accumulations of filth of any sort, whether they be privies, sties or cesspools, or other sources of infection, remembering that it is a proven fact that the most fatal diseases are frequently transmitted by poisonous drinking water.

Another factor in the causation of diseases has been discovered and is largely overlooked here, and that is impure milk. When we reflect how largely milk is used as a diet and how many infants are dependent solely upon cows' milk for their sustenance we can see the importance of having it pure. That some of the milk used in town has not been up to the required standard is without doubt true, and that some of it may contain deleterious substances is at least possible, though the vendors themselves may be unaware of the fact.

A suitable person should be appointed by the authorities to inspect at intervals the milk used by the citizens.

A commodious pest house has been erected in a healthy locality. The ventilation of the sick ward has been effected in an inexpensive manner and the quarters generally are such that if there is a requirement for their use that the chances for the recovery of the sick will be greatly enhanced over those who occupied the old house.

It is hoped the greatest care will be exercised by the people the ensuing year to keep the town cleanly. This is to be best done by each citizen carefully attending to his own premises. Thanks are due the Selectmen and citizens generally for their cordial co-operation in the work of the Board.

DAVID S. KELLY,	}	Board of Health.
PAUL ATKINS,		
J. M. CROCKER,		

Report of the Road Surveyor.

The Road Surveyor herewith submits his annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1883 :

Appropriation,	\$2,000 00
Sale of plank,	119 40
Deficiency,	537 01
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	\$2,656 41
Paid Ebenezer Cook, labor,	\$164 49
S. G. Cook, teaming,	253 72
Freeman M. Bowley, teaming,	43 53
Freeman M. Bowley, labor,	49 39
Ebenezer Turner, labor,	36 31
Barnabas Turner, labor,	18 58
Francis Dears, teaming,	41 63
Rufus Williams, sods and labor,	14 60
John M. Graham, teaming,	71 16
Frank L. Brown, labor,	4 81
David H. Powers, labor,	1 25
H. & S. Cook & Co., wharfage and teaming,	28 55
R. O. Kelley, labor,	2 25
Wm. H. Forrest, labor,	1 12
Alfred Hall, labor,	1 25
Alexander Gayland, labor,	21 00
Joseph P. Bickers, labor,	27 60
Ryder & Young, sods,	3 75

Paid Marshall Reed, labor,	1 42
David Smith, 2d, labor,	2 25
B. R. Kelley, labor,	2 25
Old Colony railroad, freight,	25
Paul L. Dyer, labor,	5 60
George Allen, lumber,	167 14
Fred Gifford, labor,	1 87
Zenas W. Crocker, labor,	16 00
James V. Bowley, labor,	2 93
F. M. Freeman, wharfage,	2 00
Joseph Brown, Jr., labor,	2 00
Peter Morrill, labor,	1 00
H. J. Snow, teaming,	2 00
N. C. Brooks, teaming,	39 42
Ephraim Cook, labor,	25 98
Charles C. Atkins, labor,	4 50
James F. Atkins, labor,	9 39
James Fuller, labor,	4 50
Parker & Gannett, two gins,	10 35
Central Wharf Co., teaming,	1 67
John Adams, labor,	1 05
H. O. Sparrow, labor,	1 05
Ira K. Small, labor,	40
Charles Loring, labor,	12 50
Lombard Rich, teaming,	20 13
Benjamin Lancy, lumber,	316 16
William Hammond, labor,	16 50
Addison Nickerson, teaming,	2 80
Joseph H. Emery, labor,	3 12
Francis W. Cook, labor,	12 50
Frank A. Cook, labor,	87
Francis C. Miller, storage,	5 00
Nathaniel Hopkins, bulkhead,	14 00
J. & L. N. Paine, clay, wharfage and teaming,	67 62

Paid Isaiah Young, teaming,	21 25
Josiah Swift, spikes,	14 61
David Conwell, hoisting,	1 50
David Conwell, clay and wharfage,	48 45
John Hill, labor,	15 22
C. H. Holway, labor,	1 50
William Settes, labor,	9 60
Michael Barnett, labor,	27 69
John W. Holway, labor,	28 20
Nathaniel Atkins, labor,	35 07
Benjamin W. Atkins, labor,	45 42
William F. Hill, labor,	4 80
S. S. Swift, clay, carting and wharfage,	49 92
Joseph Manta, wharfage,	7 40
John Cobb, labor,	2 42
James Cook, shells,	2 50
Jared Hill, teaming and sods,	64 75
J. D. Hilliard, clay, wharfage and teaming,	18 25
• Amasa Taylor, bolts,	88
W. T. Burkett, shells,	5 00
Heman S. Cook, spikes,	7 05
William Allen, clay,	26 60
F. A. Doggett, labor,	2 37
James Cummings, clay,	14 00
Luther P. Hatch, clay,	35 00
Henry Young, labor,	1 00
A. L. Doggett, labor,	7 23
Schr. C. H. Hodgdon, clay,	72 10
Joseph Hatch, Jr., clay,	5 00
Dennis Scannell, labor,	14 11
William Carr, labor,	4 00
Patrick Tallon, labor,	1 75
James Dill, labor,	1 42
Archibald McCurdy, labor,	1 00

Paid John Dolan, labor,	1 00
Frank Whalen, labor,	6 28
Owners Schr. F. W. Alton, clay,	30 80
Charles W. Burkett, labor,	1 75
A. T. Williams, wharfage,	5 80
Thomas A. Doggett, labor,	1 42
Spring Bird and owners, clay,	35 00
Ann Nickerson, wharfage,	9 70
Francis Hamilton, labor,	1 12
Owners Schr. Gertrude, clay,	86 25
James Carr, cleaning sewers,	12 00
James Carr, labor,	5 00
Stephen Bennett, teaming,	72 24
Richard Barnett, teaming,	13 50
Wm. Matheson, clay,	51 80
Joseph Pinckney, labor,	23 09
James Campbell, cleaning sewers,	16 00
James Campbell, teaming,	44 42
P. A. Whorf, clay	20 80
Thomas E. Carr, labor,	4 62
Wm. H. Carr, labor,	4 63
James H. Carr, labor,	2 75
Perez Bangs, labor,	1 25
Caleb Fisher, labor,	2 37
James W. Dunham, labor,	3 43
Henry Atkins, labor,	11 10
George Crosby, labor,	8 11
Wm. Newcomb, labor,	21 91
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	\$2,656 41
Intersecting road appropriation,	\$200 00
Paid Jared Hill for grading and sodding,	\$62 30
Alfred Cook, clay,	61 50
Richard Barnett, teaming,	11 40
J. & L. N. Paine, wharfage,	5 00
F. M. Bowley, teaming,	3 90

John M. Graham, teaming,	3 80
John W. Holway, labor,	1 90
Wm. H. Carr, labor,	1 90
Henry B. Gayland, labor,	1 90
Barnabas Turner, labor,	1 90
William Whalan, labor,	1 90
Benjamin F. Atkins, labor,	1 90
John Pierce, labor,	1 90
Ebenezer Cook, labor,	2 37
N. T. Freeman, printing,	2 50
Balance,	33 93
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	\$200 00

I recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 00 the ensuing year.

EBENEZER COOK, Road Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE

Commissioners for Funding Railroad Loan.

In accordance with our custom, we herewith submit our annual report, though the report of our treasurer, to which we refer for a full statement, seems to make it unnecessary.

Coupons maturing Feb. 1 and Aug. 1, also Town bonds Nos. 9 and 10, due Aug. 1, were promptly paid and canceled. Treasurer's statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 1883 :

Receipts.

From Town, amount appropriated at annual meeting,	\$2,800 00
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Disbursements.

Feb. 1, 6 mos. interest \$16,000 00 loan,	\$400 00
Aug. 1, 6 mos. interest \$16,000 00 loan,	\$400 00
Aug. 1, redeemed bonds Nos. 9 and 10, \$1,000 each, falling due this day,	\$2,000 00
	\$2,800 00

Outstanding obligations of the Town; balance of railroad debt to date :

Municipal Loan.

Five per cent. bonds due Aug 1, 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
	\$14,000 00

Instead of making our usual request for the annual appropriation for bonds and coupons maturing hereafter, your Commissioners, believing it inexpedient to continue this Commission, would recommend its discontinuance and their discharge from those duties and responsibilities appertaining thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1883.

Report of Trustees of Public Library.

Balance of donation in treasury last report,	\$464 15
Received for fines and catalogues,	18 00
Received dog fund 1882,	66 21
Received from trustees of library building,	90 00
Received dividend from Seamen's Savings Bank,	12 27
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	\$650 63
Paid Estes & Lauriat, bills of books,	97 23
A. L. Putnam, bill magazines,	9 00
Insurance,	20 00
Appleton's Encyclopedia,	94 00
A. L. Putnam, stationery,	1 50
Balance of donations on hand,	428 90
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	\$650 63

The appropriation for the annual expenses of
the Town Library is \$300 00

Deficiency,	36 16
Paid W. R. Mitchell, librarian,	\$234 00
James Engles, supplies,	3 65
A. T. Williams, coal and labor,	12 50
B. H. Dyer, supplies,	1 00
N. T. Freeman, library cards,	13 00
O. C. book bindery,	43 05

Paid J. D. Hilliard, coal,	11 38
Whitney Bros., paper,	3 60
A. T. Williams, kerosene,	8 18
Alfred Small, labor,	2 40
A. T. Williams, wood and labor	3 40
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	\$336 16

Condition of the Library.

Number of books purchased,	89
Number of books donated,	11
Number of magazines purchased,	3
Number of books lost,	0
Present number of books,	2,958
Names in register Jan. 1, 1883,	1,817
Added in 1883,	97
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Present number of names,	1,914
Aggregate circulation for the year,	13,058

E. P. McELROY,	} Trustees.
J. HERSEY DYER,	
E. N. PAINE,	
GEO. H. HOLMES,	
R. W. SWIFT,	
M. N. GIFFORD,	
A. T. WILLIAMS,	

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

Report of the Fire Department

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1883.

Another year has passed and in that time not a building has been burned, a record that can hardly be shown by another town the size of this.

When we consider that the fire losses in the United States and Canada for nine months of 1883 aggregate seventy-five million dollars, exceeding the losses for the same length of time in 1882 seven million, seven hundred thousand dollars, we can but congratulate ourselves on being so fortunate as to not have even one building burned. There has been a few slight fires extinguished without alarm and with but a trifling loss.

The apparatus, houses and hose are in good order, needing only ordinary repairs to keep them up to standard.

Financial.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries to May 1, 1883.

Chief engineer,	\$20 00
Clerk of engineers,	15 00
Five assistant engineers, each \$10,	50 00
Four engine companies, each \$250,	1,000 00
One engine company,	125 00
One hook and ladder company,	125 00
Stewards of four engines, each \$50,	200 00
Steward of one engine,	20 00
Steward of hook and ladder,	25 00
Steward of engine company No. 5,	5 00
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	\$1,585 00

The following, paid to Jan. 1, 1884:

Reservoir repairs,	\$25 00
Engine repairs,	8 15
House repairs,	21 93
Fire cracker notices and posting,	4 00
Badges,	17 10
Watch in engine houses,	6 00
Extinguishing and care of "woods" fires,	17 30
Fuel, lights and stoves,	66 65
Engine cover,	19 70
Hose repairs,	24 13
Other expenses,	36 45
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	\$246 41

Tube reservoirs—On Commercial street, near Chas. A. Cook's store,	194 63
Near almshouse,	191 51
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\$386 14

\$2,217 55

Deduct old hose sold,	5 00
	<u>\$2,212 55</u>
Balance in Town treasury,	297 45
Appropriated at annual meeting, 1883,	<u>\$2,510 00</u>

APPROPRIATIONS.

The requirements for 1884 are :

For salaries,	\$1,600 00
Repairs of houses and apparatus, fuel, lights, etc.,	500 00
	<u>\$2,100 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HILLIARD, CHARLES A. COOK, L. N. PAINE, GEO. O. KNOWLES, JOHN G. WHITCOMB, G. H. HOLMES,	}	Engineers of the Fire Department.
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To the Citizens of the Town of Provincetown :

After a service in this department of 31 years last April, having in that time carefully studied the fire subject of this and other places, at the same time having a liking for the business and a strong affection for our own department and welfare and safety of this community, I felt after this long term of service that I could be relieved from further duty. In January, 1883, at a regular meeting of the Board of Engineers, I requested that they would select one of their number to take my place on the 15th day of March following at 12 o'clock noon. My request has not been granted. I wish honorably to leave this department when I can with the full consent of my associates, retaining also the good will of this community.

I have endeavored always to do the best that was possible under all circumstances, and feel that the record of our firemen stands well, at least so far as stopping fire is concerned.

As this possibly may be the last report I shall make, I can not refrain from expressing my honest conviction.

With the progress made in fire apparatus and the manner of fighting fires, the hand machine is giving way to the steam machine. This view of the subject may not meet with the approval of the majority of the taxpayers, yet after careful observation and a very careful record of figures, I am satisfied that in the end this Town would save money and have a better fire protection by selling engines Nos. 3, 4 and 5 and the Washington, substituting two light steamers. Hand engines are becoming of less value every year.

I do not wish it understood that firemen and the machines in our department today are not good, or as good as they have been in the past. The machines for their kind are good, the men cannot be equalled for efficiency and sobriety; but the young men coming up do not have the same ideas of fire duty as in years past.

Steam fire engines and ladder trucks can be hauled to fires by hand, but in the long run that department which has its steam and chemical engines and trucks moved by horses show the best results. In too many instances the latest and best appliances are only introduced after thousands of dollars in property has been destroyed.

My thanks are due the Board of Selectmen for the courtesy shown on all occasions; to my associates on the Board of Engineers for their support and assistance, and to the officers and members of the several companies for their prompt and able response when called upon.

Respectfully,

J. D. HILLIARD,

Chief of Department.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

—FOR THE—

✦YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1883.✦

Present Corps of Teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Frank Wiggin,	-	-	-	-	Principal.
Emma N. Baxter,	-	-	-	-	Assistant.
Lucinda W. Whorf,	-	-	-	-	Assistant.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Henry W. Harrub,	-	-	-	Principal.
Addie S. Mitchell,	-	-	-	Assistant.

HIGHER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Rebecca D. Sparks,	-	-	-	Ella A. Small,
				Annie B. Frellick.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Abbie C. Sparks,	-	-	-	Emma L. Chapman,
				Sara Cavanagh.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Nellie B. Hilliard,	-	-	-	Mary E. Williams,
Irene P. Bush,	-	-	-	Clara L. Smith,
Mary E. Dyer,	-	-	-	Clara A. Ryder,
				Edith Small.

THE YOUNG MEN'S SCHOOL.

Capt. Caleb K. Sullivan,	-	-	-	Principal.
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Report of School Committee.

In pursuance of previous custom and the law of the State, it becomes the duty of the School Committee to present annually, to the citizens of the Town, the condition of schools under their supervision. It is not our purpose, for the sake of writing a book, to make a long report; but, in as few words as the interests of the schools will allow, give the true standing of the several schools under our charge. On the first day of May, there were eight hundred and fifty-two children belonging in town between the ages of five and fifteen, and five hundred and sixty-three between eight and fourteen years of age; and during the year, there were nine hundred and forty different pupils, of all ages, registered in our schools. If the young people of Provincetown grow up in ignorance, the generosity of the Town having provided ample means for their education, they are left without an excuse. Many things are needed and many improvements ought to be made, yet provision is made for all, and every boy and girl, every young man and woman, if they wish a place, can find one, as our schools are now arranged, just adapted to their needs at any time and for any length of time; no one is barred on account of age.

The frequent changes of teachers, especially in the High and Grammar schools, is an evil which shows no tendency to

diminish, but rather to increase, and has reached such magnitude as to claim the candid attention of our townsmen. The history of years makes the fact plain that teachers good and true, of the standard we require, and having no dissatisfaction with their position except the smallness of compensation, are drawn away from us by the better pecuniary inducements offered them elsewhere. The demand for first class teaching ability is very strong and general, and such ability on coming into notice, whether on Cape Cod or in our large cities, commands a higher remuneration than we offer. Accordingly, when the desired talent, combined with the other necessary social and moral qualifications, has been secured, we are able to retain it but a short time; and when the right successor is found and the experiment proves a success, the same disappointment is repeated. It is easy to answer, "There are plenty of candidates to be had on our own terms," but talented and trained teachers of discipline and character, are not so numerous. To employ inferior teachers would be to sacrifice, in great degree, the various and important interests which center in the education of our children. Such a course would be to drop behind in the competition of the times, and an acknowledgment of the Town's inferiority. The frequent change even of good teachers involves outlay without benefit, and while financially injurious, there are other considerations more vital. By the time a teacher has acquired such acquaintance with a school and with the peculiarities of its individual pupils as to be capable of thorough usefulness and fully in command of the situation, he is secured in some more liberal field. Then follow a loss of interest and loss of time on the part of the scholars, and great disadvantage to the general work of the school. After some difficulty a new Principal is appointed and the work recommenced, but the relief is only temporary; the new incumbent soon leaves, like his predecessor, and the same results follow, with perhaps criticism and dissatisfaction, most injurious of all. The first class in the

High school, to graduate next June, have up to this time, been under the charge of five successive teachers (Principals); during the present single school year, of three. The changes described occur as often in the Grammar as in the High school.

The only permanent remedy for these evils is for us to pay the same as other towns for the same amount and kind of work. The old adage, "variety's the spice of life," does not apply in this case. It would be more appropriate to say, too much spice endangers life. It may be asked, "Have you no system?" We answer, yes, a general system, but every teacher has a mode of teaching and managing schools peculiar to himself; it is impossible to adjust a set of iron-clad rules to every case.

A few hundred dollars additional per year, would have prevented these mischievous inroads upon our school work. In general business it is conceded that the best workmen, at any price, are the cheapest, and our experience in the management of schools has convinced us that the principle here, applies with peculiar force. Our citizens must judge whether, in view of the whole case, there is not a good reason for such an increase in the compensation of teachers as will remedy the evil and secure the desired benefits.

We have, as last year, seven Primary schools, in which during the present year have been enrolled more than five hundred children, whose ages have varied from five to twelve years. We are inclined to the opinion that very many of our citizens, even many of the parents of the children attending these schools, are ignorant of the difficulties with which the teachers have to contend and the great patience and forbearance constantly demanded of them. The wonder is that they accomplish so much. It is wonderful, in some of these schools, to see the readiness of very little children, both in reading written words and sentences and in producing them. The pupils in this department are taught to read, spell and

write; they must also have a knowledge of Arithmetic as far as properties of numbers before they are promoted to the next, or Intermediate, grade. Two of our long-trying and faithful teachers resigned during the year and one other was promoted, making it necessary to appoint three new teachers to fill the vacancies. Two of these schools have been overcrowded this year, viz.: the Primary No. 1, at the Western house, and Primary school on Conant street, numbering respectively eighty-five and seventy-five. No one teacher can do complete justice to so many, and the children are too small to be sent to other districts; some way must be provided for assistance where they are. If the parents could be induced to visit their children it would be a great blessing to the schools; a more friendly feeling would spring up between the parents and teachers, and the children would think very much more of the schools if they found their mothers and fathers interested enough to visit them in their school rooms. The work in the Intermediate department has not been interrupted during the year; though there was a change of teachers in the Western school it occurred at the close of the year, causing no disturbance. The course of study is the same as last year, and the work has been faithfully and grandly performed. The schools are not overcrowded, as in other years, though there are as many pupils in each as one teacher can successfully manage. The lack of uniformity, which gave much annoyance, has been entirely overcome by having the same course of study in each school and requiring the same test from all the pupils before promotion. Reading, writing, spelling, Arithmetic and Geography are taught in this grade. There have been more than two hundred names registered in these schools the present year.

No changes have taken place in the arrangement or work of the Higher Intermediate department. The same teachers continue their excellent work of training their classes for the Grammar school, and in many instances giving the final

school preparation for the duties of life; as many end their school days in this grade. It will readily appear, therefore, that these schools are of vast importance, and should not be trusted to careless hands. While we are always desirous that pupils should go as far as possible in our schools, we feel that if they are faithful and thorough in this department they have a chance, with the many helps outside of the school room, to work their way, if circumstances do prevent further systematic work in the schools. Arithmetic and Geography are thoroughly taught in these schools, and in a very practical manner. The pupils are required to test their knowledge by written examinations twice, in all their studies, each term. They understand Arithmetic as far as mensuration, and have two years' drill in Geography before being admitted to the Grammar school.

We have tried to maintain intact the interests of the Grammar school, though it has been hard work to do so, where we have had so many interruptions. A school must be composed of very remarkable material that can stand such repeated changes in its officers and still advance. Three successive teachers have been in charge of this school the present year. Before the children could get accustomed to the modes and manners of one man, we have had to introduce them to a new teacher, differing perhaps in nearly every characteristic. Sometimes the pupils will fall in readily with the new incumbent, but in three cases out of every four, if they have liked the former teacher, will make unfavorable comparisons and show a spirit of insubordination, or in more modern phrase, a spirit of independence. These things ought not so to be when it is possible to avoid them; and the only way they can in our judgment be permanently avoided has been already stated. Notwithstanding the changes and hindrances, the school has accomplished a good work. The large majority of the pupils are intelligent and industrious. The lazy and vicious are always ready to take advantage of all the circum-

stances favorable to idleness and mischief in order to make trouble and disturb the school. The system of written examination twice in each term, in all the branches taught, is still pursued; serving to keep fresh in the minds of the pupils, by being constantly reviewed, the subject matter of each lesson passed over. The value of this school cannot be too highly estimated; the pupils are fitted here for the High school, and their success there depends, in a great measure upon the preparation received here. Another important reason why this should be very carefully watched over and furnished with the best of teachers, is the fact that many of our children cannot afford to go beyond the Grammar school, but must receive here their final school preparation, for the duties of life. Mr. Geo. M. Strout resigned the principalship of this school last summer, and Mr. Frank Wiggin, a man of long and successful experience as a teacher, was engaged to fill the vacancy. Mr. Wiggin served the school very acceptably to pupils, parents and committee, for one term, at the close of which he was transferred to the High school and Mr. Henry W. Harrub was engaged to fill the vacant place in the Grammar school the first of the present term. Mr. Harrub is a Normal graduate and has had three years' experience in teaching; his stay with us has been too short, at this writing, to enable the committee to tell how he will succeed, though he appears to be getting control of the school, and will doubtless succeed well. Miss Addie S. Mitchell continues to hold her place as assistant in this school, performing her usual good work, and during the period of such constant changes rendered very important service. The school has a large membership, numbering this term, one hundred and eight pupils, and during the year one hundred and sixty names have been registered.

Our High school has a large membership, only a few less than the Grammar school, there being a difference on an average, of only nine or ten pupils, proving conclusively that

this school is growing in favor with the people. More than seven-eighths of all the pupils who take the full course in the Grammar enter the High school. We may be pardoned, perhaps, if we confess a degree of honest pride in our High school students, for their noble conduct during the year. They have borne themselves remarkably well, considering the many changes in their corps of teachers and other hindrances with which they have had to contend. We venture to say that the schools are very few in the Commonwealth that would have stood the almost constant change of officers better, or would have unflinchingly, and without murmuring, under whatever authority, proved themselves more worthy of the confidence of the people who have expended their money to maintain the school; certainly the scholars have grandly, on their part, maintained its high reputation. In this school every provision is made for those who wish to lay the foundation for a classical education and fit themselves for higher schools, while English branches are by no means neglected. The course of study as now adopted provides for weekly recitations in Arithmetic throughout the entire four years, for recitations in Book-keeping twice a week and also for the important branches of Spelling and Reading. Another important feature is that of dropping the languages and higher English studies (excepting those who take the College course) during the last term of the course and taking a thorough review of the common English branches. While we do not claim perfection for our school, either in its course of study, its standard of admission or that a diploma is always proof of thorough scholarship, we do claim that it does compare very favorably with the High schools of the State; and those who honestly pursue either the English or the classical course will have fitted themselves for the common duties and exigencies of life. A course of lectures similar to those of last winter have been inaugurated this term and given Friday afternoons. These lectures are pleasing, and we think profitable, to scholars and parents.

Nothing speaks so well for a community as the interest in the public schools, shown by frequent visits and words of encouragement to those to whom the future welfare of the young is, in a great measure, entrusted. Ninety-seven is the largest number of pupils registered at any one time during the year, though one hundred and twenty different names have been enrolled.

For the Winter school we have been fortunate this winter, as we have been for a number of years past, in obtaining the services of Capt. Caleb K. Sullivan, whose success in the past guarantees continued prosperity to this important school. While we have a good school and a fine class of young men in it, fifty having been enrolled, we are sorry to say that a great many of our young men, who might be benefitted by this school, do not avail themselves of the great opportunities it offers them every year. The branches taught are the same as last winter.

CHANGES.—These have been more numerous than usual. The High school has undergone an *entire* change in its corps of teachers, not a single one remaining that commenced the year. Mr. A. M. Osgood, principal of the High school for two years, resigned at the close of the school year and Mr. Charles D. Seely accepted the position, but remained only one term, resigning after being chosen teacher of another school during the last week of the fall vacation. Mr. Frank Wiggin, the present principal, was transferred from the Grammar school at the beginning of the winter term. Miss Nannie W. Paine also resigned her position, as assistant, at the close of the year and Miss Lucinda W. Whorf, for a number of years in charge of Western Intermediate school, was chosen to fill the vacancy. Three weeks after the commencement of the present term, Miss Hattie F. Weeks, for five years assistant teacher, notified the committee that she had accepted the position of assistant teacher in the Ipswich High school at a salary of six hundred dollars, and should, therefore, re-

sign her place to some one else. We succeeded, after a few days, in filling the vacancy, Miss Emma N. Baxter of Dorchester accepting the position. The principal of the Grammar school, Mr. Geo. M. Strout, resigned and Mr. Frank Wiggin was chosen to fill the vacancy. At the close of the fall term, Mr. Wiggin having been promoted, Mr. Henry W. Harrub took charge of the school. Miss Sara Cavanagh was transferred from the Western Primary No. 2, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Miss Whorf. Three new teachers have been employed for the Primary department, viz.: Miss Clara A. Ryder, Miss Mary E. Dyer and Miss Edith Small, to fill the places made vacant by the resignations of Miss M. Jennie Keefe and Miss Mary C. Richardson and the promotion of Miss Cavanagh.

The committee are constrained to earnestly appeal once more to the parents and other citizens who may have any interest in the success of the schools or desire the prosperity of our young people, to help as far as possible, to put an end to the great obstacles in the way of the overthrow of ignorance and vice; namely, tardiness and truancy. It is high time for these abuses to be corrected, and we are convinced that the parents can do very much, if they will, towards the overcoming of such needless evils. There can possibly be no excuse worth the mentioning for three-fourths of the tardiness encountered in the High and Grammar schools, to say nothing of the evil in the lower grades. The late and absent ones are generally among the poorest scholars, and therefore *should* take advantage of every opportunity offered, to enable them to maintain a fair standing in their classes. If it was possible to tax the tardy ones three cents it would, without doubt, materially lessen the number of cases. Now, money is not worth mentioning in comparison with the real damage sustained by the child and the wrong done the school each time the offence is willfully or carelessly committed, and if the people could be brought to see this and realize how much of

the time belonging to the whole school is devoted to these irregular scholars, who for every frivolous pretext are absent or tardy, they would make some effort to prevent the evil. It is very seldom that a boy who is regular at and on time for school is arrested for the committal of crime; while it is a fact that seven-eighths of the juvenile offenders in Town and State are from those who are irregular in their attendance or habitually late at school. We must not suppose that children who have formed and persistently practice irregular habits during their youth or school life, will or can easily change their course in after years. Let us, therefore, for the good of the children in after life do all within our power to help them form correct and regular habits while young and under the influence of their homes and schools. If the good citizens would set their faces against these pernicious habits and make the children feel their disapproval of such loose practices, they would render the schools much valuable assistance and our young people a lasting service.

By-Laws.

ARTICLE 1. The Town of Provincetown hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth now in force relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and in pursuance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following by-laws:

ARTICLE 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, and who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to any institution which has been provided by this Commonwealth, or may hereafter be provided by the State, or the County of Barnstable, or the Town of Provincetown, for confinement, instruction and discipline.

ARTICLE 3. Two or more truant officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all violations of the truant laws, and of the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 4. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previous to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed and of the penalty therefor; and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, at his discretion, forbear to prosecute, so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of the School Committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the School Committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

ARTICLE 7. Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

Attendance in 1883.

Total number, Spring term,	856
Total number, Fall term,	870
Total number, Present term,	891

Distributed as follows:

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Spring term,	408
Fall term,	393
Present term,	378

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Spring term,	129
Fall term,	138
Present term,	138

HIGHER INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Spring term,	130
Fall term,	128
Present term,	126

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Spring term,	106
Fall term,	106
Present term,	108

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring term,	82
Fall term,	97
Present team,	91

YOUNG MEN'S SCHOOL.

Present term,	50
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Course of Study in the High School.

FIRST YEAR.

Fall Term.—*Algebra, Physical Geography, Book-keeping.*

Winter Term.—*Algebra, Physical Geography, Latin Grammar or French Grammar.*

Spring Term.—*Algebra, Physiology, Latin Grammar or French Grammar.*

SECOND YEAR.

Fall Term.—*Geometry, Physiology, Latin Grammar and Cæsar or French, Arithmetic for the whole year.*

Winter Term.—*Geometry and Trigonometry, Analysis of Government, Cæsar or French.*

Spring Term.—*Trigonometry and Philosophy, English History, Cæsar and Virgil or French, and Zoology.*

THIRD YEAR.

Fall Term.—*Natural Philosophy, Outlines of History, Virgil or Chemistry, Arithmetic for the whole year.*

Winter Term.—*Natural Philosophy, Outlines, Virgil and Cicero or Chemistry and Botany or Navigation.*

Spring Term.—*Outlines of History, Rhetoric, Cicero or Botany or Navigation.*

FOURTH YEAR.

Fall Term.—*Astronomy, Rhetoric and Geology, English Literature, Arithmetic for the whole year.*

Winter Term.—*Astronomy and Mental Philosophy, Geology, English Literature.*

Spring Term.—*Review of Mathematics, Mental Philosophy and Logic, English Literature.*

Compositions and declamations every Friday afternoon during the course.

Practical book-keeping twice a week during the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth terms. This study is required of every scholar.

The studies for the three years' English course are indicated by italics.

Programme of Class '83.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 14TH, 1883.

MARCH.

PRAYER.

SOLO. "Greenville." - - - - Millie W. Young.

ORATION. "Ideal Government." With Latin Salutatory.

J. Llewellyn Freeman.

ESSAY. "Our Lifework." With English Salutatory.

Ada L. Holmes.

POEM. "Our School." - - - - Carrie W. Clarke.

CLASS HISTORY. - - - - Ella M. Mayo.

VOCAL DUET. "Sweet Hour of Night." Misses Mayo and Lyford.

ESSAY. "English Literature." - - - - Allice S. Hilliard.

ORATION. "Engineering." - - - - Ira K. Small.

ESSAY. "Visez a une Certaine Fin." - - - - Vashti O. Dyer.

SOLO. "Chapel Chimes." - - - - Nellie F. Putnam.

ESSAY. "Education." - - - - Celestia D. Cavanagh.

ORATION. "Man's Lifework." - - - - Donald B. Smith.

ESSAY. "Life is a Battlefield." - - - - Hettie F. L. Holmes.

MUSIC.

ESSAY. "True Nobility." - - - - Millie W. Young.

ESSAY. "Trust not to Appearances." - - - - Eloise G. Havender.

ESSAY. "Ladder of Life." - - - - Julia C. Knowles.

CLASS ODE. - - - - Composed by Nellie F. Putnam.

CLASS PROPHECY. - - - - Bessie H. Lyford.

ORATION. "Human Race." With English Vaedictory.

Edgar W. Swift.

ESSAY. "Who are the Victors?" With Greek Vaedictory.

Angie E. Sparks.

The incidental expenses for the year have been uncommonly large; though the *ordinary* expenses have not been unusually large, the extraordinary added to the ordinary, have amounted to a good deal more than was anticipated when the committee made their last report, and asked for an appropriation to cover these as well as the other expenses of the year. We knew, however, when the last report was submitted, that the furnaces, in the building occupied by the High and Grammar schools, were very poor, yet we hoped to make them answer for one more year. In this we were doomed to disappointment; for soon after the annual Town meeting and before the close of the winter term, the sides of one of the furnaces fell out, demanding of the committee, immediate action. The old furnace was removed without delay and a new Magee (the largest size) at the very moderate cost, freight, carting and setting up included, of \$160, was put in its place. With this and the other old one we succeeded in getting along until the close of the fall term, when the chief of the fire department, Mr. John D. Hilliard, pronounced it (the old one) unsafe and dangerous. The committee removed it and contracted for another Magee furnace the same size and cost of the one purchased last winter, making the cost of both, ready for use \$320. We now have two furnaces, pronounced by competent judges to be, if not the best, as good as anything in the market. There is another (extra) item of expense in the shape of outside or storm sashes for the twenty windows in the four recitation rooms and metallic weather strips for the windows in the main or large rooms of the same building, at a cost of \$140, making the extraordinary expenses, not anticipated, four hundred and sixty dollars (\$460). The two buildings known as the Conant and Johnson Street Primary school-houses were painted two coats, last summer, in a satisfactory manner at a cost of \$58.50. The bills for repairs would have been comparatively small, but for the damage done to the Eastern school-house by the gale of last Novem-

ber, when a part of the steeple of that building was blown off, breaking in the roof, tearing off the gutter and doing other damage. The buildings are now well covered with paint, excepting the new school house, which will have to be painted next spring or summer. We have, the past year as in other years, applied the means placed at our disposal in accordance with our best judgment and what appeared to be the real interests of the public; every dollar of which may be found in the financial statement.

School Incidentals.

Mrs. Michael Parker, labor,	\$1 50
H. D. Newton, song books for Grammar school,	19 79
Henry Shortle, traveling expenses,	11 50
John W. Beaty, labor,	3 63
James Engles, furnaces, labor and stock,	343 65
J. H. Dearborn, taking census,	12 00
Andrew Kennedy, supplies and labor,	36 48
J. H. Dearborn, supplies and labor,	20 00
N. T. Freeman, advertising,	3 00
J. F. Dyer, stock and labor,	18 04
Geo. F. Johnson, stock and labor,	1 90
Hiram Holmes, supplies and labor,	9 05
John D. Hilliard, supplies,	6 95
A. T. Williams, supplies,	10 25
H. O. Sparrow, supplies and labor,	38 10
J. H. Dearborn, truants returned,	8 25
A. L. Putnam & Co., school books and supplies,	102 89
A. L. Putnam & Co., books furnished poor,	80 42

J. A. West, supplies and labor,	158 81
Maria Havender, cleaning Center school-house, stoves and outbuildings,	19 00
Sam'l Taylor, cleaning Western school-house, stoves and outbuildings,	19 00
Henry Atkins, cleaning Eastern school-house, stoves and outbuildings,	18 00
J. Harvey Dearborn, cleaning High and Grammar school-house and outbuildings,	35 00
Louise Baxter, cleaning Conant street school-house, stoves and outbuildings,	8 00
Mary Williams, cleaning Johnson street school- house, stoves and outbuildings,	8 00
	<u>\$993 21</u>
Appropriation,	\$500 00
Rec'd for books,	25 58
Rec'd for old iron,	8 90
Deficiency,	458 73
	<u>\$993 21</u>

School House Repairs.

Geo. F. Johnson, labor,	\$1 50
N. T. Freeman, advertising,	3 00
H. A. Jennings, labor,	3 50
Geo. Ellis, sods and labor,	25 00
John W. Holway, whitewashing and labor,	5 90
Tillson & Cook, painting Johnson and Conant street school-houses, as per contract,	58 50.
Rufus Williams, labor and whitewashing,	5 90
Solomon D. Nickerson, labor,	11 05
Geo. Allen, lumber and nails,	36 25
John W. Beatty, whitewashing and labor,	8 50
Wm. H. Hedge, labor,	18 00

J. & L. N. Paine, supplies,	24
Dyer & Smith, labor and stock,	4 69
Dyer & Smith, storm windows for High and Gram- mar school building,	85 87
Philander Crocker, labor,	1 15
B. H. Dyer, stock and labor,	5 72
Amasa Taylor, stock,	1 38
Benjamin Lancy, lumber,	1 59
Alex. Hamlen, stock and labor,	4 65
Geo. H. Holmes, labor,	75
John D. Hilliard, supplies,	1 54
Joseph W. Snow, labor,	9 00
Josiah Snow, labor,	28 00
Daniel F. Lewis, labor and stock,	11 40
	<u>\$333 08</u>
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Deficiency,	33 08
	<u>\$333 08</u>

Teachers' Salaries.

WINTER TERM, 1882 AND 1883.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount per year of '88 weeks.	Amount per Term.
A. M. Osgood, Prin. High school.	13	\$25 00	\$950 00	\$325 00
Hattie F. Weeks, 1st Asst. "	13	10 00	380 00	130 00
Nancy W. Paine, 2d Asst. "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Geo. M. Strout, Prin. Gram. school.	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Addie S. Mitchell, Asst. "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Ella A. Small, Prin. Higher Inter.	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Annie B. Frellick, Asst. "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Rebecca D. Sparks, Asst. "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Lucinda W. Whorf, Inter. school.	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Emma L. Chapman, "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Abbie C. Sparks, "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Clara L. Smith, Primary school.	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Irene P. Bush, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Sara Cavanagh, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Nellie B. Hilliard, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Mary E. Williams, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Jennie Keefe, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Mary C. Richardson, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Phebe E. Freeman,			3 00	3 00
			\$6,273 00	\$2,148 00
Addie S. Mitchell, extra service.				9 00
				\$2,157 00

SPRING TERM, 1883.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount per year of '88 weeks.	Amount per Term.
A. M. Osgood, Prin. High school.	13	\$25 00	\$950 00	\$325 00
Hattie F. Weeks, 1st Asst. "	13	10 00	380 00	130 00
Nancy W. Paine, 2d Asst. "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Geo. M. Strout, Prin. Gram. school.	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Addie S. Mitchell, Asst. "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Annie B. Frellick, Higher Inter.	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Rebecca D. Sparks, "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Ella A. Small, "	10	8 50	323 00	85 00
Lucinda W. Whorf, "	3	8 50	323 00	25 50
Abbie C. Sparks, Inter. school.	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Emma L. Chapman, "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Lucinda W. Whorf, "	10	7 00	266 00	70 00
Emily M. Dyer, "	3	7 00	266 00	21 00
Mary C. Richardson, Primary school.	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Irene P. Bush, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Nellie B. Hilliard, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Mary E. Williams, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
M. Jennie Keefe, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Sara Cavanagh, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Clara L. Smith, "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
			\$6,270 00	\$2,145 00

FALL TERM, 1883.

Chas. D. Seely, Prin. High school.	12	\$26 32	\$1,000 00	\$315 78
Hattie F. Weeks, 1st Asst. "	12	10 00	380 00	120 00
Lucinda W. Whorf, 2d Asst. "	2	9 00	342 00	18 00
Nancy W. Paine, " "	10	9 00	342 00	90 00
Frank Wiggin, Prin Gram. school.	12	20 00	760 00	240 00
Addie S. Mitchell, Asst. "	12	9 00	342 00	108 00
Ella A. Small, Higher Inter. school.	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Annie B. Frellick, " "	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Rebecca D. Sparks, " "	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Sara Cavanagh, Intermediate school.	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Emma L. Chapman, "	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Abbie C. Sparks, "	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Mary Richardson, Primary school.	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Mary Dyer, "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Mary E. Williams, "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Nellie B. Hilliard, "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Clara L. Smith, "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Clara A. Ryder, "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Irene P. Bush, "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
			\$6,320 00	\$1,995 78
Mary Richardson, extra service.				6 00
				\$2,001 78

Janitors' Salaries.

	Building.	Number of Weeks.	Price per Week.	Amount.
WINTER TERM.				
Geo. A. Beaty.	Western and Conant street.	13	\$3 00	\$39 00
J. H. Dearborn.	High and Grammar.	13	3 50	45 50
Henry Harvender.	Center.	13	2 00	26 00
Geo. C. Hill.	Johnson street.	13	1 00	13 00
J. H. Dearborn.	Eastern.	13	2 00	26 00
				\$149 50
SPRING TERM.				
Geo. A. Beaty.	Western and Conant street.	13	3 00	39 00
J. H. Dearborn.	High and Grammar.	13	3 50	45 50
Henry Harvender.	Center.	13	2 00	26 00
Geo. C. Hill.	Johnson street.	13	1 00	13 00
J. H. Dearborn.	Eastern.	13	2 00	26 00
				\$149 50
FALL TERM.				
Geo. A. Beaty.	Western and Conant street.	12	3 00	36 00
J. H. Dearborn.	High and Grammar.	12	3 50	42 00
Henry Harvender.	Center.	12	2 00	24 00
Geo. C. Hill.	Johnson street.	12	1 00	12 00
J. H. Dearborn.	Eastern.	12	2 00	24 00
				\$138 00

Fuel.

A. T. Williams, 22 tons coal, \$6.36,	\$139 92
J. D. Hilliard, 50 tons coal, \$6.17,	308 50
A. T. Williams, wood and kindlings,	40 23
Samuel Taylor, sawing wood,	2 85
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	\$491 50

Superintendent's Salary.

H. Shortle, balance of salary of last year to March 3, 1883,	\$225 00
H. Shortle, salary to March, 1884, one year,	350 00
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	\$575 00

Recapitulation.

Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1883,	\$1,541 89
Massachusetts school fund,	229 78
Appropriation,	6,400 00
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	\$8,171 67

DEDUCT :

Teachers' salaries,	\$6,303 78
Janitors' salaries,	437 00
Fuel,	491 50
Superintendents' salaries,	\$575 00
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	\$7,807 28
Balance in treasury,	<hr/>
	\$364 39

Boys' Winter School.

Balance Jan. 1, 1883,	\$351 75
Paid C. K. Sullivan, teacher,	262 50
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Balance in Town treasury,	\$89 25

School Book Account.

DR.	Jan. 1, 1883.	
Books on hand,		\$326 37
Balance due Town,		8 92
		<u>\$325 29</u>
CR.	Jan. 1, 1884.	
Books on hand,		\$343 44
Balance due A. L. Putnam & Co.,		8 15
		<u>\$335 29</u>

Recommendations.

For salaries of teachers, janitors and for fuel,	\$7,600 00
Incidental expenses,	500 00
School house repairs,	500 00
Boys' winter school,	300 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY SHORTLE, }
 A. L. PUTNAM, } School
 A. T. WILLIAMS, } Committee.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Provincetown, in
 said County :

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you
 are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Pro-
 vincetown, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs,
 to meet at the Masonic Hall in said Provincetown, on Monday
 the eleventh day of February next, at nine o'clock in the
 forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said
 meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Town Clerk and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen, and other Town Officers and Committees, who are to report at this meeting, and act on the same.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money for Town expenses, in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 5. To take action on the list of Jurors, as prepared by the Selectmen and posted according to law.

ARTICLE 6. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing; also, to vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ARTICLE 7. To determine the manner of repairing Highways and Townways the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all means of collecting the same which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

ARTICLE 10. To see what rate of discount the Town will allow for prompt payment of taxes, and what rate of interest they will charge delinquents the current year.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

ARTICLE 12. To raise such sums of money as may be thought necessary for Town expenses the current year and appropriate the same.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will authorize and appoint the Selectmen to be its agents and attorneys to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle, any and all legal suits

or proceedings, in which the Town may be in any way engaged, or interested for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will appropriate any money for sea wall and jetties at the foot of Gull Hill (so called).

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to have a Superintendent of Schools the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to consider the advisability of procuring a lot of land and erecting thereon a new Town Hall, said Committee to report at the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to revise the records of the Town.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint one or more persons, to be inspectors of milk in accordance with Section 1 Chapter 57 Public Statutes.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint a harbor master agreeable to Section 25, Chapter 69 Public Statutes.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will adopt Chapter 33 Public Statutes, entitled Workhouses and Almshouses.

ARTICLE 21. To see what action the Town will take in regard to lighting the streets the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will take such action as will prevent the drainage from Town Hill and Lothrop's Hill (so called) from overflowing the premises, cellars and private ways of residents in that vicinity.

ARTICLE 23. To transact all other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid :

Given under our hands, this Nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-four.

B. O. GROSS,	}	Selectmen.
MARSHALL L. ADAMS,		of
C. H. DYER,		Provincetown.

A true copy. Attest :

JOSEPH WHITCOMB,

Constable of the Town of Provincetown.