

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

FINANCES

OF THE

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

For the Year Ending December 31, 1885,

AND THE

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



PROVINCETOWN, MASS.:

N. T. FREEMAN, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,

1886.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

In accordance with that part of our duty which requires us annually to communicate to the citizens such information, and to recommend such measures as the interest of the town may require, we now present to you our financial statement of the business of the year just closed and the estimates for the current year. The indebtedness of the town for obligations of all kinds, excepting the new Town Hall loan, on December 31, 1885, was \$22,353.23. The cash assets amount to \$13,657.99, leaving the net indebtedness for railroad loan and interest, schoolhouse loan, demand loans and interest, and public schools \$8695.24.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

December 31, 1884, net obligations,	\$14,635 69
" " 1885 " "	8,695 24
	\$5,940 45
Reduction the past year,	\$5,940 45
December 31, 1885, net obligations for railroad,	
schoolhouse, demand loans and public schools,	\$8,695 24
New Town Hall, loan and interest,	10,457 42
	\$19,152.66
Total net obligation of the town to date,	\$19,152.66

VALUATION MAY 1, 1885.

Personal estate,	\$1,075,042 00	at \$14 80	\$15,910 62
Real estate,	944,550 00	at 14 80	13,979 34
	\$2,019,592 00	at \$14 80	\$29,889 96

1363 polls at \$2,	\$2,726 00
Total tax for state, county and town purposes,	\$32,615 96
Non-resident bank tax,	1,863 81
	<u>\$34,479 77</u>
Registered voters, October 28,	816
Rate per thousand,	\$14 80
Total number of horses,	86
" " of cows,	50
" " of dwellings,	911
" " of acres land,	956

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1885.

NET EXPENDITURES.

Watch and police,	\$250 00	\$207 43
Temperance cause,	100 00	11 50
Interest on demand loans,	450 00	430 44
Abatement of taxes,	300 00	367 13
Memorial day,	100 00	100 00
Town Hill and fences,	50 00	53 94
Cemeteries,	50 00	46 24
Railroad loan and interest,	2,600 00	2,600 00
Public library,	300 00	320 57
New schoolhouse loan and int.,	1,275 00	1,275 00
Support of the poor,	3,750 00	3,760 40
Fire department,	2,000 00	1,851 29
Roads and walks,	2,300 00	2,119 53
Public schools,	7,600 00 *	7,735 77
Schoolhouse repairs,	200 00	213 18
School incidentals,	400 00	428 37
Free text-books and supplies,	1,000 00	1,071 08
Boys' winter school,	150 00	140 25

* Bal. Jan. 1, 1885, \$321.99, \$7921.99.

Discount and collection of taxes,	\$700 00	\$633 85
Incidental expenses,	2,000 00	1,964 97
Street lights,	500 00	560 08
Art. 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, war-		
rant of 1885,	350 00	159 73
	<u>\$26,425 00</u>	<u>\$26,050 75</u>
Current expenses,		
New Town Hall,	3,000 00	
State tax,	1,725 00	
County tax,	1,283 72	
Overlayings,	182 24	
Tax assessed,	\$32,615 96	
Non-resident bank tax,	1,863 81	

Total amt. of collector's war't, \$34,479 77

DR.	WATCH AND POLICE.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation, \$250 00	June 30, by payments, \$24 25	
	July 30, " 3 50	
	Aug. 30, " 18 50	
	Sept. 30, " 25 81	
	Oct. 31, " 7 00	
	Nov. 30, " 65 37	
	Dec. 31, " 63 00	
	Balance in treasury, 42 57	
	<u>\$250 00</u>	<u>\$250 00</u>
DR.	TEMPERANCE CAUSE.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation, \$100 00	July 30, by payment, \$11 50	
	Dec. 31, bal. in treas. 88 50	
	<u>\$100 00</u>	<u>\$100 00</u>

DR.	INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation, \$450 00	Apl. 30, by payments, \$96 46	
Dec. 31, int. col'd, 166 80	May 30, " 43 00	
	June 30, " 110 50	
	July 30, " 16 95	
	Oct. 31, " 77 50	
	Nov. 28, " 100 23	
	Dec. 31, " 152 60	
	Dec. 31, bal in treas. 19 56	
	<u>\$616 80</u>	<u>\$616 80</u>

DR.	ABATEMENT OF TAXES.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation, \$300 00	March 28, by payments, \$9 09	
Dec. 31, to deficiency, 67 13	April 30, " 7 05	
	June 27, " 1 41	
	Sept. 30, " 22 20	
	Oct. 31, " 14 80	
	Nov. 30, " 28 20	
	Dec. 31, " 284 38	
	<u>\$367 13</u>	<u>\$367 13</u>

DR.	TOWN HILL AND FENCES.	CR:
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation, \$50 00	Feb. 28, by payments, \$ 90	
Dec. 31, to deficiency, 3 94	May 30, " 2 00	
	June 27, " 2 06	
	July 30, " 18 00	
	Aug. 30, " 20 62	
	Dec. 31, " 10 36	
	<u>\$53 94</u>	<u>\$53 94</u>

DR.	CEMETERIES.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation, \$50 00	Oct. 31, by payments, \$11 30	
	Nov. 30, " 6 00	
	Dec. 31, " 28 94	
	Dec. 31, bal. in treas. 3 76	
	<u>\$50 00</u>	<u>\$50 00</u>

DR.	RAILROAD LOAN AND INTEREST.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation \$2,600 00	Jan. 31, by payments \$300 00	
	Aug. 29, " 2,300 00	
	<u>\$2,600 00</u>	<u>\$2,600 00</u>

DR.	RAILROAD LOAN.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1885.	1885.	
To amount out- standing bonds, \$12,000 00	Dec. 31, by payments, { See railroad } { loan and int. } \$2,600 00	
Aug. 1, interest to date, 600 00	Dec. 31, by amt. bonds outstand- ing, 10,000 00	
	<u>\$12,600 00</u>	<u>\$12,600 00</u>

DR.	BOYS' WINTER SCHOOL.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation, \$150 00	Feb. 28, by paym'ts, \$131 25	
	March 31, " 9 00	
	Dec 31, bal. in treas. 9 75	
	<u>\$150 00</u>	<u>\$150 00</u>

DR.	PUBLIC LIBRARY.	CR.
Jan. 15, 1885.		1885.
To dog tax received,	\$119 76	Mch. 30, by paym'ts, \$178 26
Feb. 10, to appropriation,	300 00	April 30, " 4 50
Dec. 31, deficiency,	20 57	June 30, " 76 95
		July 30, " 35 93
		Sept. 30, " 63 50
		Dec. 31, " 81 19
	<u>\$440 33</u>	<u>\$440 33</u>

DR.	NEW SCHOOLHOUSE LOAN AND INTEREST.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.
To appropriation	\$1,275 00	June 30, by paym'ts, \$137 50
		Dec. 31, " 1,137 50
	<u>\$1,275 00</u>	<u>\$1,275 00</u>

DR.	NEW SCHOOLHOUSE LOAN.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1885.		1885.
To amount outstanding liabilities,	\$5,500 00	Dec. 31, by payments,
Dec. 31, interest to date,	275 00	{ See newschool-house loan and interest } 1,275 00
	<u>\$5,775 00</u>	Balance liabilities, 4,500 00
		<u>\$5,775 00</u>

DR.	MEMORIAL DAY.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.
To appropriation,	\$100 00	May 30, by payment, \$100 00
	<u>\$100 00</u>	<u>\$100 00</u>

DR.	SUPPORT OF THE POOR.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.
To appropriation	\$3,300 00	Jan. 31, by paym'ts, \$652 38
Appropriations for salaries,	450 00	Feb. 28, " 243 07
Dec. 31, 1885.		Mch. 31, " 319 49
Cash received for insane persons,	238 49	Apr. 30, by paym'ts, 417 21
Cash from commonwealth,	91 90	May 30, " 225 17
Cash from town of Brewster,	73 14	June 30, " 290 97
Cash from town of Truro,	38 50	July 31, " 292 11
Greely children,	1 70	Aug. 31, " 131 55
Manuel Grassie account of 1884,	2 00	Sept. 30, " 184 89
Temporary aid,	133 50	Oct. 31, " 374 02
Deficiency,	10 40	Nov. 30, " 257 03
	<u>\$4,339 63</u>	Dec. 31 " 501 74
		Salaries, 450 00
		<u>\$4,339 63</u>

DR.	FIRE DEPARTMENT.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.
To appropriation,	\$2,000 00	Feb. 21, by payments, \$2 00
		April 30, " 1,585 00
		May 16, " 19 25
		July 31, " 2 75
		Sept. 30, " 2 40
		Oct. 31, " 19 15
		Dec. 31, " 220 74
		Dec. 31, bal. in treas. 148 71
	<u>\$2,000 00</u>	<u>\$2,000 00</u>

DR.	ROADS AND WALKS.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.
To appropriation,	\$2,300 00	Jan. 30, by paym'ts, \$49 93
Dec. 31, material sold,	65 42	Feb. 28, " 48 57
		Mch. 31, " 17 25
		April 30, " 122 52
		May 30, " 338 11
		June 30, " 218 51
		July 31, " 150 82
		Aug. 31, " 49 20
		Sept. 30, " 534 63
		Oct. 31, " 246 03
		Nov. 30, " 215 68
		Dec. 31, " 193 70
		Dec. 31, bal. in treas. 180 47
	<u>\$2,365 42</u>	<u>\$2,365 42</u>

DR.	PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1885.		1885.
To bal. in treas.	\$321 99	Mch 31, by paym'ts \$2,346 10
Jan. 24, 1885.		April 30, " 105 27
Mass. school fund,	205 40	June 30, " 2,553 64
Feb. 10, 1885.		Sept. 30, " 574 26
To appropriation	7,600 00	Oct. 31, " 105 26
		Nov. 30, " 2,074 45
		Dec. 31, " 182 19
		Dec. 31, bal. in treas. 186 22
	<u>\$8,127 39</u>	<u>\$8,127 39</u>

DR.	SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.
To appropriation,	\$200 00	Feb. 28, by paym'ts, \$19 25
Dec. 31, deficiency,	13 18	June 30, " 12 95
		July 31, " 21 30
		Aug. 31, " 11 25
		Sept. 30, " 2 65
		Oct. 31, by payments, 24 83
		Dec. 31, " 120 95
	<u>\$213 18</u>	<u>\$213 18</u>

DR.	FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.
To appropriations	\$1,000 00	Jan. 31, by paym'ts, \$139 70
Dec. 31, deficiency,	71 08	April 30, " 187 31
		May 30, " 54 20
		July 31, " 139 01
		Oct. 31, " 435 71
		Nov. 30, " 22 20
		Dec. 31, " 92 95
	<u>\$1,071 08</u>	<u>\$1,071 08</u>

DR.	SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.
To appropriations,	\$400 00	July 31, by paym'ts, \$69 00
Dec. 31, deficiency,	28 37	Aug. 31, " 20 00
		Sept. 30, " 58 00
		Nov. 30, " 13 75
		Dec. 31, " 267 62
	<u>\$428 37</u>	<u>\$428 37</u>

DR.	MILITARY AID.	CR.
Dec. 10, 1885.	1885.	
Cash from commonwealth, \$341 00	Jan. 1, by balance due from commonwealth, \$341 00	
Dec. 31, balance due from com'nwealth, 288 00	Jan. 31, by paym'ts, 24 00	
	Feb. 28, " 24 00	
	March 31, " 24 00	
	April 30, " 24 00	
	May 30, " 24 00	
	June 30, " 24 00	
	July 31, " 24 00	
	Aug. 31, " 24 00	
	Sept. 30, " 24 00	
	Oct. 31, " 24 00	
	Nov. 30, " 24 00	
	Dec. 31, " 24 00	
	<u>\$629 00</u>	<u>\$629 00</u>

DR.	STREET LIGHTS.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation, \$500 00	Jan. 31, by paym'ts, \$120 46	
July 31, sale of bbls. 13 00	Feb. 28, " 25 00	
Dec. 31, " " 18 00	March 31, " 82 30	
Dec. 31, deficiency, 60 08	April 30, " 24 80	
	May 30, " 60 85	
	July 31, " 51 13	
	Aug. 31, " 87 59	
	Sept. 30, " 25 90	
	Oct. 31, " 8 25	
	Nov. 30, " 4 80	
	Dec. 31, " 100 00	
	<u>\$591 08</u>	<u>\$591 08</u>

DR.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
No appropriation.	Apl 30, by payments, \$23 81	
Dec. 31, To deficiency, \$107 79	May 30, " 46 48	
	Nov. 30, " 10 00	
	Dec. 31 " 27 50	
	<u>\$107 79</u>	<u>\$107 79</u>

DR.	STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation \$2,500 00	Dec. 10, by state tax, \$1,725 00	
Dec. 10, corporation tax, 1,209 51	Dec. 10, by county tax, 1,283 72	
Dec. 10, National Bank tax, 946 45	Dec. 10, National Bank tax, 1,799 01	
Dec. 10, foreign ships, 133 71		
Dec. 31, deficiency, 18 06		
	<u>\$4,807 73</u>	<u>\$4,807 73</u>

ARTICLES 14, 15, 16 AND 17 OF WARRANT, FEBRUARY,

DR.	1885.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriation, \$350 00	Nov. 30, by payments, \$33 77	
	Dec. 31, " 125 96	
	Dec. 31, bal. in treas. 190 27	
	<u>\$350 00</u>	<u>\$350 00</u>

DR.	NEW TOWN HALL.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.	1885.	
To appropriat'n, \$3,000 00	Mar. 31, by paym'ts, \$25 50	
Oct. 9, loan, 10,000 00	May 30, " 24 70	

Dec. 31, loan,	\$375 00	June 30, by paym'ts,	\$43 52
" cement and lime sold,	49 02	July 31, "	3,382 65
" empty barrels sold,	30 50	Aug. 30, "	1,127 30
" rents collected,	73 50	Sept. 30, "	6,681 55
" dwelling-house sold,	400 00	Oct. 31, "	1,521 19
		Nov. 3, "	277 10
		Dec. 31, "	842 92
		Dec. 31, bal in treas.	1 59
	<u>\$13,928 02</u>		<u>\$13,928 02</u>

DR.	NEW TOWN HALL LOAN.	CR.	
Oct. 9, 1885.		1885.	
To loan,	\$10,000 00	Dec. 31, amount	
Dec. 31, to loan,	375 00	outstanding liabilities,	\$10,375 00
	<u>\$10,375 00</u>		<u>\$10,375 00</u>

DR.	DISCOUNT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.	CR.	
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.	
To appropriation,	\$700 00	Dec. 31, by discount on taxes,	\$246 83
		Dec. 31, collection of taxes,	387 02
		Dec. 31, bal. in treas.	66 15
	<u>\$700 00</u>		<u>\$700 00</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1881.)	CR.	
	SETH SMITH.		
Jan. 1, 1885.		1885.	
To bal. taxes due,	\$466 44	Dec. 31, by balance taxes due,	\$466 44
	<u>\$466 44</u>		<u>\$466 44</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1883.)	CR.	
	JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.		
Jan. 1, 1885,		1885.	
To bal. taxes due,	\$415 98	July 25, by cash,	\$269 47
Dec. 31, interest collected,	17 39	Dec. 31, "	163 90
	<u>\$433 37</u>		<u>\$433 37</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1884.)	CR.	
	JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.		
Jan. 1, 1885.		1885.	
To balance taxes due,	\$9,600 00	Jan. 31, by cash,	\$2,413 33
Dec. 31, interest collected,	149 41	Feb. 28, "	1,262 95
		March 31, "	965 84
		April 30, "	413 34
		Aug. 30, "	160 00
		Nov. 30, "	800 00
		Dec. 31, "	3,733 95
	<u>\$9,749 41</u>		<u>\$9,749 41</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1885.)	CR.	
	JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.		
Sept. 1, 1885.		1885.	
To state tax,	\$1,725 00	Sept. 30, by cash to date,	\$9,421 24
Sept. 1, county tax,	1,283 72	Oct. 31, by cash to date,	3,063 11
Sept. 1, town tax,	29,425 00	Nov. 30, by cash to date,	2,128 02
Sept. 1, overlayings,	182 24	Dec. 31, by cash to date,	6,747 28
Sept. 1, non-resident bank tax,	1,863 81		

Dec. 31, additional taxes,	\$24 44	Dec. 31, discount on taxes,	\$246 83
		Dec. 31, collection of taxes,	387 02
		Dec. 31, balance taxes due,	12,510 71
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	\$34,504 21		\$34,504 21

DR.	DEMAND	LOANS.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1885.		1885.	
To outstanding liabilities,	\$7,800 00	May 30, by payments,	\$1,000 00
April 30, loans,	2,400 00	June 9, "	400 00
May 30, "	1,000 00	July 11, "	3,500 00
June 30, "	4,700 00	Oct. 31, "	5,000 00
July 30, "	7,000 00	Nov. 28, "	3,700 00
Aug. 15, "	4,300 00	Dec. 31, "	6,300 00
		Dec. 31, balance liabilities,	7,300 00
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	\$27,200 00		\$27,200 00

DR.	INCIDENTAL	EXPENSES.	CR.
Feb. 10, 1885.		1885.	
To appropriat'n,	\$2,000 00	By F. B. Goss, printing town reports,	\$117 75
To cash for auctioneer's licenses,	10 00	Auditor's salary,	3 00
To cash for junk licenses,	10 00	M. L. Adams, expense to Barnstable,	4 50
To cash for weir licenses,	150 00	Lewis Nickerson, insurance,	39 38
To cash for milk licenses,	27 50		

To cash for mfg. license,	\$2 00	County of Barnstable, use of jail, 1883, 1884,	\$30 00
To 1 Digest,	5 00	J. P. Johnson, services as moderator,	6 00
To jail fees,	2 00	Masonic Building Assoc'n, rents,	33 00
To cash from town of Truro,	2 50	Charles C. Soule, law books,	8 00
David Ryder, permits,	9 00	N. T. Freeman, printing,	43 00
		Ward & Gay, books and stationery,	39 65
		Wm. Carr, posting assessors' notices,	50
		Postage,	30
		F. B. Goss, printing,	15 50
		H. A. Davis, state inspector,	14 50
		Fairbanks, Brown & Co., measures and scale,	14 50
		Assessing taxes,	630 00
		Str. Longfellow, freight,	35
		Old Colony Railroad, freight,	63
		F. H. Lothrop, records,	2 50

Asa E. Lovell, records,	\$16 99
R. W. Swift, oaths,	50
H. J. Snow, teaming,	4 50
A. Gayland, labor and derrick, rais- ing bound stone,	5 00
C. H. Whiting, nat- uralization blks,	4 25
J. D. Hilliard, fuel for office,	14 25
Central Wharf Co., fuel for jail,	1 94
James Engles, sup- plies for office,	3 00
J. A. West, repairs for office,	35
James Gifford, rec- ords,	3 50
James Gifford, oaths,	3 00
S. Knowles, use of team,	1 50
A. L. Putnam & Co., supplies,	8 12
J. M. Crocker, re- turning 18 bths,	4 50
H. P. Harriman, counsel,	55 00
Painting letter- press,	75

D. Ryder, state agent,	\$13 50
Keeper of lock- up, salary,	15 00
Janitor's fees,	12 00
Office rent,	100 00
Registrar's salary,	75 00
Selectmen's salary,	400 00
Joseph Whitcomb, returning 86 deaths,	21 50
Wm. S. Birge, re- turning 28 births,	7 00
A. H. Newton, re- turning 10 births,	2 50
F. L. Newton, re- turning 6 births,	1 50
W. W. Gleason, re- turning 6 births,	1 50
Seth Smith, record- ing 13 births of 1884,	6 50
Seth Smith, services as treasurer,	250 00
Sealer of weights and measures,	20 00
Inspector of milk,	20 00
Attending annual meeting and re- cording same,	9 65
Attending special meetings,	3 00

Attending election	
Provincet'n and	
Truro, and re-	
cording same,	\$15 00
Postage and express-	
age,	9 61
Recor'g 46 marriages,	6 90
" 20 deaths,	4 00
" 66 deaths,	6 60
" 104 births,	52 00
Dec. 31, bal. in treas.	35 03
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	\$2,218 00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1886.

Watch and police,	\$200 00
Temperance cause,	50 00
Interest on demand loans,	450 00
Abatement of taxes,	350 00
Memorial day,	100 00
Town Hill and fences,	50 00
Cemeteries,	50 00
Railroad loan and interest,	2,500 00
Public library,	300 00
New schoolhouse loan and interest,	1,225 00
Support of the poor and salaries,	3,700 00
Fire department,	2,000 00
Roads and walks,	2,000 00
Discount and collection of taxes,	650 00
Incidental expenses,	1,900 00
Street lights,	500 00
State and county taxes,	2,500 00

Health department,	<u>\$75 00</u>
Town expenses,	\$18,600 00
New Town Hall loan,	<u>3,000 00</u>
	\$21,600 00

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,
CHARLES H. DYER,
B. O. GROSS,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

DR.

Cash in the treasury, Jan. 1, 1885,	\$505 37
Mass. school fund,	205 40
County dog fund,	119 76
Demand loans,	19,400 00
Town Hall loan,	10,375 00
Received on account of poor,	579 23
Weir licenses,	150 00
Auctioneer and other licenses,	22 00
Milk licenses,	27 50
Lamp department,	31 00
Permits,	9 00
Digest,	5 00
Use of jail,	2 00
Town of Truro, on account of bound stone,	2 50
Freeman Cook,	400 00
Town Hall, cement, lime and barrels,	79 52
Town Hall, rent of buildings,	73 50
Sale of planks,	65 42
Corporation tax,	1,209 51
National Bank tax,	946 45
Foreign ships,	133 71
State aid,	341 00
Taxes of 1883,	415 98
Interest on taxes of 1883,	17 39

Taxes of 1884,	\$9,600 00
Interest on taxes of 1884,	149 41
Taxes of 1885,	21,969 06
Additional taxes,	24 44
Rebate,	16 67
	\$66,875 82

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The treasurer has paid out upon vouchers the following sums :

Support of poor,	\$4,339 63
Incidental expenses,	2,199 64
Public schools,	7,941 17
Schoolhouse repairs,	213 18
School incidentals,	428 37
Boys' winter school,	140 25
New schoolhouse loan and interest,	1,275 00
Railroad loan and interest,	2,600 00
Interest on demand loans,	597 24
State aid,	288 00
Watch and police,	207 43
Decoration day,	100 00
Public library,	440 33
Free text books and supplies,	1,071 08
Fire department,	1,851 29
Roads and walks,	2,184 95
Town Hill and fences,	53 94
Cemeteries,	46 24
Temperance cause,	11 50
Health department,	107 79
Street lights,	591 08
Articles 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the warrant,	159 73
Demand loans,	19,900 00

New Town Hall,	\$13,926 43
State tax,	1,725 00
County tax,	1,283 72
National Bank tax,	1,799 01
Abatement of taxes,	367 13
Discount and collection of taxes,	633 85
Balance in the treasury, Dec. 31, 1885,	392 84

\$66,875 82

LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1885.

Railroad Loan,	\$10,000 00
Interest to Jan. 1, 1886,	208 34
New Schoolhouse Loan,	4,500 00
Demand Loans,	7,300 00
Interest to Jan. 1, 1886,	158 67
Public schools,	186 22
Town Hall Loan,	10,375 00
Interest on same,	82 42

\$32,810 65

ASSETS.

Due from the commonwealth, for military aid,	\$288 00
Taxes of 1881,	466 44
Taxes of 1885,	12,510 71
Cash in the treasury, Dec. 31, 1885,	392 84
Net liabilities,	19,152 66
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	\$32,810 65
Net obligations, Jan. 1, 1886,	\$19,152 66
Net obligations, Jan. 1, 1885,	14,635 69
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Net increase the past year,	\$4,516 97

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH, *Town Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The committee whose duty it is to audit the accounts of selectmen and treasurer, having attended to his duty, would report as follows; viz.,—

A careful examination of the office work of the year, as exhibited upon ledger, cash-book and general orders of both departments, indicates that a business system has been observed in the town accounts, neatness and general accuracy marking the work in all its details.

Vouchers for all accounts were duly filed. The exhibit of accounts will be seen in statement below.

Balance in treasury, Jan. 1, 1885,	\$505 37
Receipts of year,	66,370 45
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	\$66,875 82
Paid out on proper vouchers,	\$66,482 98
Balance on hand,	392 84
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	\$66,875 82
Total number of bills paid,	1,064
Total amount of claims paid,	\$66,482 98

A. L. PUTNAM,
Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

In accordance with the laws of the commonwealth, we present our annual report for the year 1885.

How to deal humanely and wisely with the poor is a problem that has not yet been satisfactorily solved. The officers who are selected as the almoners of the town's bounty are being constantly "between two fires." One person, with large sympathy and a knowledge of but one side of the case, complains of the executive officer, charging that he fails to perform his whole duty, while another, with an eye to the tax levy, and perhaps with no definite ideas upon the policy to be pursued, charges him with an excess of liberality, and that the town funds are disbursed too generously or to unworthy persons; but if our citizens generally would make personal investigation of reported cases, or have an interview with the almoner or some one of the overseers of the poor, they would obtain a much more correct idea of what ought to be done or what had been done.

The indiscriminate giving of alms, without care or a strict investigation, only adds to the evil it seeks to cure, and in time the recipient loses all self-respect or self-reliance, and falls into a state of confirmed pauperism, to prevent which is the duty of every one, as it is also to furnish, as far as possible, employment, and to extend kindly sympathy and aid to the prudent and worthy, advice to the improvident, and reproof to the lazy and intemperate.

Our expenses on account of the insane continue to in-

crease, and the expenses for the year to come in their behalf will exceed that of last year. The almshouse continues to be managed with economy, and justice to all the inmates, under the supervision of the matron, Mrs. Cobb.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,
C. H. DYER,
B. O. GROSS,

Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR IN THE ALMSHOUSE.

Salary of superintendent,	\$260 00
Groceries and provisions,	406 63
Fuel and lights,	79 04
Clothing and bedding,	90 18
Boots and shoes,	20 92
House furniture and fixtures,	30 12
Medical attendance and medicine,	10 25
Repairs,	50 42
Advertising,	1 40
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	\$948 96
Remaining in the almshouse, Jan. 1, 1885,	6
Admitted during the year,	7
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Whole number supported,	13
Discharged,	3
Died,	1
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Remaining in the almshouse, Dec. 31, 1885,	9
Number of persons fully supported,	22
Number of families partially supported,	52
Number of dependents of families,	108
Number of tramps,	9

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE FROM JANUARY 1, 1885, TO JANUARY 1, 1886.

NAME.	AGE.	BIRTHPLACE.	NATURE OF SETTLEMENT.	WHEN REG.	REMARKS.
Lucy A. Hill.	70	Boston.	Marriage.	1851	
Zilla D. Howe.	55	Eastham.	Father.	1858	
Reuben A. Smith.	36	Provincetown.	Father.	1870	
Sarah Wareham.	70	Boston.	Marriage.	1873	Discharged May 15, 1885.
Joseph A. Hill.	12	Provincetown.	Mother.	1873	
Annie Kenney.	12	Boston.	Grandfather.	1882	Discharged Oct. 12, 1885.
Florence Scannell.	18	Provincetown.	Marriage.	1885	Died March 25, 1885.
Joshua Hutchins.	71	Boston.	Father.	1884	Discharged June 27, 1885.
Ida Newcomb.	33	Harwich.	Taxation.	1884	
Dennis Scannell.	49	Ireland.	Father.	1877	
Charles E. Atwood.	49	Ireland.	Taxation.	1884	
Charles E. Atwood.	11	Boston.	Grandfather.	1878	
Eddie F. Atwood.	9	Boston.	Grandfather.	1878	

SUPPORT OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Atkins, Henry,	\$26 46
Atwood, Samuel A., Boston,	31 92
Briggs, Mary A., Boston,	18 25
Butler, Bridgett,	55 67
Bush, Priscilla, widow,	35 50
Caton, Sarah, widow,	42 00
Costa, Isabella, widow,	48 44
Costa, Justine, widow,	36 00
Collins children, Salem,	35 23
Colburn, Hannah M.,	9 23
Enos, Mary, widow,	105 16
Enos, Gertrude, widow,	62 20
Fine, Ellen, Taunton,	183 22
Freeman, F. Y. and family,	83 29
Furlong, Mary J.,	7 25
Grassie, Amelia, widow,	48 91
Greely children, Truro,	5 10
Holway, Ebenezer, state reform school,	21 57
Hooton, Laura A., widow,	20 00
Hamilton, Francis,	23 13
Jason, Johanna, widow,	55 00
Kelley, George F. and family,	180 00
Kenney, Annie,	38 61
Lima, Mary, widow,	75 36
Lewis, James M. and family,	12 47
Laens, John,	7 50
McCarty, Thomas and family,	71 95
McCarty, Patrick,	3 71
Marston, Leon C.,	78 22
Mayo, Joseph A.,	190 92

Morris, Joseph 2d and family,	\$82 00
Martin, Rosa, widow,	30 00
McKay, John,	16 25
Newcomb, Ida,	10 75
Nickerson, Hiram B. and family,	8 50
Noons, Mary C.,	25 00
Perry, Mary,	9 72
Pettis, Samuel E.,	75 75
Powers, Julia, widow,	34 34
Peterson, Lydia,	21 25
Paine, Elizabeth, widow,	20 13
Rich, Obed S.,	17 24
Scannel, Dennis,	151 81
Silver, Mary A., widow,	12 89
Smith, Walter S., state workhouse,	19 25
Smith, Lydia, widow,	11 46
Smith, Joshua,	6 94
Smith, Joseph A.,	2 85
Smith, E. Thomas,	2 19
Smith, Margaret,	90
Silver, Loring,	96 49
Stone, John,	18 23
Sullivan, Hannah, widow,	35 00
Valantine, Mary, widow,	5 03
Williams, Hannah,	8 00
Williams, Marion,	86 95
Williams, Mary, widow,	6 40
Wareham, Sarah, widow,	4 20
Poor of other towns (re-imbursed),	111 64
State paupers,	15 50
Insane persons (re-imbursed),	238 49
Temporary aid (re-imbursed),	133 50

Tramps,	\$4 50
Advertising,	5 25
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Support of the poor outside,	\$2,940 67
Almshouse expenses,	948 96
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	\$3,889 63
Cash re-imbursed,	579 23
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Net cost of the poor the past year,	\$3,310 40
Salaries,	450 00
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	\$3,760 40
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Feb. 10, appropriation,	\$3,750 00
Dec. 31, deficiency,	10 40
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	\$3,760 40

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1885.

- Jan. 1. Fred F. Cook and Sarah Emma Pierce, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 5. Albert Roderick and Marianna S. Golades, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 6. Joseph A. Mayo and Adeline Dears, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 7. John Jason and Marianna Costa, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 10. Manuel Veva and Clara Holmes, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 11. Clarence H. Hill and Mary L. Canning, both of Provincetown.
- Feb. 2. Herman P. Joacquim and Julia Hundrader, both of Provincetown.
- Feb. 16. Joseph Louza and Mary Silver, both of Provincetown.
- Mar. 1. George H. Bickees and Abbie Q. Caton, both of Provincetown.
- April 2. Silas S. Young, of Provincetown, and Alice A. Hinckley, of Osterville. Married in Osterville.
- April 5. Manuel S. Abner and Mary Oliver, both of Provincetown.
- April 12. Spencer V. Fisher and Annie C. McKay, both of Provincetown.

- April 30. Alfred T. Raymond, of West Harwich, and Olive P. Terry, of Provincetown.
- May 5. George W. Cobb, of Provincetown, and Ella J. Taylor, of Harwich Port. Married in Harwich Port.
- May 5. Reuben E. Rich and Carrie W. Freeman, both of Provincetown.
- May 20. Joseph A. Nickerson and Maggie A. Patterson, both of Provincetown.
- June 17. William W. Cobb, of Provincetown, and Alice N. Higgins, of Wellfleet. Married in Wellfleet.
- July 7. Joseph H. Hooton and Annie L. Foster, both of Provincetown. Married in Boston.
- July 9. Franklin E. Hill and Ada T. Nickerson, both of Provincetown.
- July 13. Joseph W. Jordan, of Wellfleet, and Susie M. Fisher, of Provincetown. Married in Chelsea.
- July 19. Joseph B. Dyer, Jr., and Ella M. Wheeler, both of Provincetown.
- Aug. 20. John K. Cobb and Rebecca N. Carrigan, both of Provincetown.
- Aug. 29. Jacob Kast and Rachel U. Whalen, both of Provincetown.
- Sept. 13. Frank L. Brown, of Provincetown, and Kittie L. Redding, Boston Highlands. Married in Hingham.
- Sept. 21. James Engles and Louisa A. McKennon, both of Provincetown. Married in Taunton.
- Sept. 26. John Rollins and Mary Amelia Jaciut, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 12. Joseph Cabrille and Philomena Delmina, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 15. Samuel S. Smith, Jr., and Emma E. Freeman, both of Provincetown.

- Oct. 22. Francis Joseph Mendosa and Maria de Predade Perry, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 28. Antoine Correar Tarvis and Mary Augustus Silveria, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 29. Manuel Tarvis and Mary Corea, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 2. Antoine De Sands and Amelia Grassie, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 14. Antoine P. Morrill and Mary De Lyda, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 20. Peter Souza and Lucia Souza, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 24. John A. Matheeson, of Provincetown, and Catherine Campbell, of Boston. Married in Boston.
- Nov. 26. Frederick E. Williams and Emma L. Chapman, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 26. Augustus Aiken and Lizzie Andrew Mayo, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 26. William W. Clark and Sadie C. Cornell, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 27. Manuel Madears and Mary Tarvis, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 28. Samuel H. Johnson and Lillian M. McCraw, both of Provincetown.
- Dec. 1. Joshua T. Small and D. Ellen Livermore, both of Provincetown. Married in Malden.
- Dec. 2. Charles H. Bates, of Danvers, and M. Etta Reed, of Provincetown.
- Dec. 8. George H. Hurlbert, Jr., and Lexie McDonald, both of Provincetown.
- Dec. 16. Albert Marshall and Lucy May Souza, both of Provincetown.

- Dec. 24. William M. Wareham and Jessie C. McKenzie, both of Provincetown.
- Dec. 25. Manuel J. Francis and Sadie F. Rich, both of Provincetown.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1885.

DATE.	NAMES.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS.	
			FATHER.	MOTHER.
1885.				
Jan. 15,	Small,	Aylmer and Katie,	Provincetown,	Cape Breton.
" "	Joseph Morris,	Joseph and Annie F.,	Flores, W.I.,	Pico, W.I.
Feb. 5,	Laurena Young Sparks,	Charles A. and Ada,	Provincetown,	Mill Villiage, N.S.
" 16,	Mamie Alves,	Manuel J. and Mary A.,	St. George, W.I.,	St. George, W.I.
" 22,	John Souza,	Bartholomew and Annie,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
Mar. 1,	Annie Fratus,	John and Mary W.,	Pico, W.I.,	Boston, Mass.
" 7,	Stephen A. Lavender,	Stephen and Maria Y.,	Provincetown,	Provincetown.
" 10,	Carrie Caton,	Manuel and Feomena,	Pico, W.I.,	Fayal, W.I.
" 11,	Charles Joseph Carr,	Joseph and Julia,	Provincetown,	Provincetown.
" 25,	Frank P. Smith,	Francis P. and Fidelia,	Pico, W.I.,	Provincetown.
" 27,	Sophia Blake Mickerson,	Lemuel F. and Cinderilla,	Provincetown,	Provincetown.
Apr. 15,	Coleman,	James E. and Nellie F.,	Sidney, C.B.,	Provincetown.
" 16,	Earnest Raymon Hill,	Clarence H. and Mary E.,	Provincetown,	Boston, Mass.
" 18,	Rosa Marshall,	Joseph and Alex,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
" 23,	Willard T. Burkett,	Willard T. and Susan,	Provincetown,	Provincetown.
May 2,	Sara B. Rogers,	Charles and Mary,	S. Orrington, Me.,	Provincetown.
" 7,	Sadie Randell,	George and Lizzie,	Vassalborough, Me.,	Vassalborough, Me.
" 21,	Charles Smith,	Isadore and Margaret,	Pico, W.I.,	Flores, W.I.
" 21,	Amos Lovett,	Amos and Sarah,	Halifax, N.S.,	Cape Breton,
" 24,	Amelia Jason,	Austin and Mary,	Flores, W.I.,	Flores, W.I.
May 26,	Annie Florence McDonald,	Roderick and Jessie,	Cape Breton,	Cape Breton.
" 28,	Mary Souza,	Antoine and Rosa,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
June 3,	Manuel Dutra,	John J. and Hope S.,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
" 8,	Franklin Atkins Manuel,	William O. and Katie K.,		Provincetown.
" 15,	William Jones Cosman,	Fred M. and Julia A.,	Gloucester,	Provincetown.
" 16,	Iwa Preston Hatch,	Luther P. and Mercy E.,	Truro, Mass.,	Truro, Mass.
" 21,	Manuel Frances,	Joseph and Mary J.,	St. George, W.I.,	Flores, W.I.
" 24,	William F. and Jennie C. McDonald,	Fred and Mariou,	Pennsylvania,	Prince Edwards Is.
" 26,	Winthrop Orr Davis,	John W. and Ida B.,	Wellfleet, Mass.,	Provincetown.
July 2,	Frank Smith,	Manuel and Mary D.,	Pico, W.I.,	Provincetown.
" 4,	Mary Woods,	John and Monca,	Provincetown,	Flores, W.I.
" 5,	Maggie Dewolff,	William and Jessie,	Liverpool, N.S.,	Cape Breton.
" 7,	Alice Adelia Johnson,	Charles and Clara,	Beverly, Mass.,	Port Medway, N.S.
" 11,	Manuel Ewas,	Manuel and Mary,	Fayal, W.I.,	Provincetown.
" 12,	Maria S. Linfield,	Minot D. and Lizzie W.,	Stoughton, Mass.,	Brockton.
" 12,	Isaiah Young,	Josiah L. and Susie M.,	Truro, Mass.,	East Boston.
" 13,	Roy Atkins Fish,	William E. and Priscilla S.,	Provincetown,	Provincetown.
" 17,	Jesse Simmons,	Marshall M. and Rosa,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
" 19,	Willie Elsworth Freeman,	Michael and Abbje,	Charlestown, Mass.,	Truro, Mass.
" 28,	Joseph Enos,	Joseph and Mary,	Fayal, W.I.,	Provincetown.
" 31,	Jno. and Georgie Valentine,	Manuel and Amelia C.,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
Aug. 1,	Frank Ferry,	Joseph and Louisa,	Fayal, W.I.,	Pico, W.I.
" 1,	Georgie Prader,	Antoine and Reta,	Fayal, W.I.,	Fayal, W.I.
" 5,	Clara Angeline Lucas,	Antoine P. and Rebecca,	Fayal, W.I.,	Magdalen Islands.
" 6,	L. Colby Nickerson, Jr.,	Luther C. and Leonora,	Provincetown,	Jacksonville, Ill.

DATE.	NAMES.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS.	
			FATHER.	MOTHER.
1885.				
Aug. 7,	Alice Rebecca Jenkinson,	George O. and Ida B.,	East Boston,	Lowell, Mass.
" 7,	Bruch,	George H. and Mary E.,	Provincetown.	Provincetown.
" 14,	Mamie Davis,	Manuel and Jessie,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
" 15,	Edward Silver,	Manuel F. and Isabella,	Pico, W.I.,	Pico, W.I.
" 16,	Joseph Stream Bowering,	David and Mary,	Harbor Grace, N.F.,	Provincetown.
" 19,	Edith Ward Smith,	Arthur P. and Martha B.,	Newbury, N.H.,	Provincetown.
" 19,	Carrie Broun,	Frank and Mary,	Fayal, W.I.,	Pico, W.I.
" 21,	George Perry,	Antoine and Mary,	Pico, W.I.,	St. George, W.I.
" 22,	Manuel Cook,	Frank and Amelia,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	Flores, W.I.
" 23,	Annie A. Joseph,	George and Julia,	St. George, W.I.,	Truro, Mass.
" 24,	Andrew S. Johnson,	George S. and Maggie,	Washington, N.C.,	Cape Breton.
" 24,	Cora F. Perie,	Frank and Matilda,	Provincetown,	Provincetown.
" 28,	Mamie Simmons,	Manuel L. and Mary M.,	Pico, W.I.,	Pico, W.I.
Sept. 2,	Arthur Rollins,	Antoine and Mary L.,	Fayal, W.I.,	Flores, W.I.
" 3,	Georgie Vincen,	Joseph and Mary,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	Provincetown.
" 4,	Lillie M. Frank,	Peter and Ida,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	New York.
" 5,	Charles A. Mayo,	Joseph and Adeline,	Provincetown,	Provincetown.
" 8,	Manuel Costa,	Manuel and Mary,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
" 10,	Wilfred Brown,	George and Jennie A.,	Provincetown,	Fayal, W.I.
" 11,	Nellie May Pierce,	Henry F. and Mary,	Provincetown,	Provincetown.
" 12,	Mary M. Mayo,	Joseph and Mary,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. George, W.I.
" 13,	Rogers,	Frank and Rosa,	Pico, W.I.,	Provincetown.

Sept. 16,	Richard Arthur Jennings,	Frank and Jennie,	St. Lucia, W.I.,	Provincetown.
" 20,	Eva Wager,	Frank and Jessie,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
" 24,	Antoine Roderick,	John J. and Mary J.,	Flores, W.I.,	Pico, W.I.
" 28,	Nora Souza,	Manuel E. and Phebe,	Pico, W.I.,	Pico, W.I.
Oct. 3,	Fynn,	James W. and Christie,	Philadelphia, Penn.,	Cape Breton.
" 3,	Antoine Marshall,	Antoine and Mary F.,	St. George, W.I.,	St. George, W.I.
" 4,	Arthur Ewell Redfern,	William W. and Cora B.,	Providence, R.I.,	Provincetown.
" 8,	Catherine M. Swift,	Frank M. and Hattie B.,	Yarmouth, Mass.,	Dennis, Mass.
" 9,	William Rose,	Manuel and Mary,	Fayal, W.I.,	St. George, W.I.
" 13,	Chase,	Josiah A. and Amelia A.,	Harwich, Mass.,	Provincetown.
" 15,	Rufus N. Paine,	Orin O. and Georgie D.,	Wellfleet, Mass.,	Provincetown.
" 17,	Mamie Vice,	Frank and Mary A.,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	Fayal, W.I.
" 18,	Ferry,	Joseph and Carrie,	Pico, W.I.,	Flores, W.I.
" 20,	Lizzie Adelaide Bickus,	George H. and Abbie Q.,	Charlestown, Mass.,	Provincetown.
" 20,	Rosa Cook,	Manuel and Mary,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
" 25,	Antoine Alves,	Joseph and Annie J.,	Flores, W.I.,	Flores, W.I.
" 25,	Matherson,	William K. and Christie,	Cape Breton,	Cape Breton.
Nov. 4,	John J. Alexander,	John J. and Mary,	St. George, W.I.,	Provincetown.
" 4,	Virginia Souza,	Joseph and Mary,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	Provincetown.
" 11,	Daniel A. Manley,	Mark A. and Emmie I.,	Charlestown, Mass.,	Portland, Me.
" 13,	Jule Silver,	Joseph J. and Mary,	St. George, W.I.,	Gracas, W.I.
" 18,	Joseph Silver,	Martin and Lucy A.,	Pico, W.I.,	Flores, W.I.
" 18,	Worth,	James E. and Nellie P.,	Provincetown,	Provincetown.
" 22,	Brier (twins),	Manuel and Annie E.,	St. George, W.I.,	Provincetown.
" 25,	Snow,	Manuel and Tillie,	Pico, W.I.,	Provincetown.
Dec. 2,	Emily Roderick,	John and Mary,	Pico, W.I.,	Fayal, W.I.

DATE.	NAMES.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS.	
			FATHER.	MOTHER.
1885.				
Dec. 3,	Nellie Vera,	Manuel and Mary,	Flores, W.I.,	Flores, W.I.
" 15,	Joseph Antoine,	Joseph and Mary,	Pico, W.I.,	Fayal, W.I.
" 19,	Silver,	Manuel and Hannah,	Fayal, W.I.,	Fayal, W.I.
" 23,	Frances,	John F. and Sarah H.,	Provincetown,	Wellfleet, Mass.
" 24,	Joseph Souza,	Antoine and Mary,	St. Michaels, W.I.,	St. Michaels, W.I.
" 26,	Warren Healey,	Willis C. and Addie J.,	Provincetown,	Watertown, N.Y.
" 28,	Roderick,	Albert and Mary A.,	Pico, W.I.,	Pico, W.I.
" 31,	Brown,	William H. and Annie F.,	Boston, Mass.	Truro, Mass.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1885.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAME OF PARENTS.
		Y.	M.	D.		
1885.						
Jan. 8,	Uriah Small,	51	8	2	Cancer of bowels,	Nathaniel H. and Peggy.
" 18,	John C. McDonald,	1	2	12	Meningitis,	Colin and Isabella.
" 18,	Richard Barnett,	75	5	17	General paralysis,	Richard and Bridget.
" 19,	Talifore Maher,	0	9	26	Cerebro spinal tuberculoſa,	Charles W. and Rosanna.
" 21,	John W. Lee,	56	6	3	Consumption,	John B. and Rosanna.
" 25,	Manuel Facha,	0	3	5	Probably teething,	Manuel R. and Catherine.
" 27,	Lewis,	0	0	0	Unknown,	Joseph and Mary.
" 27,	Polly G. Lacount,	67	5	27	Disease of heart,	Reuben and Sabva Hill.
" 29,	Harriet F. Mitchell,	52	7	24	Enlargement of spleen,	Philip S. and Sally D. Rich.
" 30,	Betsey N. Cook,	66	4	6	Softening of brain,	Elisha and Phebe M. Freeman.
Feb. 8,	Mary T. Murdock,	81	4	20	Paralysis,	O. and Susanna M. Sampson.
" 13,	John Enos,	56	0	0	Pulmonary congestion,	Joseph and Rose.
" 16,	William D. Foster,	62	1	26	Congestion of brain,	Simeon P. and Abigail.
" 21,	Eleanor Smith,	77	8	1	Congestion of lungs,	Sol. and Catherine Crowell.
" 22,	Francis A. Thomas,	41	0	20	Phthisis pulmonalis,	Victor and Mary.
" 23,	Stephen H. Smith,	37	20	0	Heart clot,	John and Sarah J.
" 24,	John Coffin,	71	0	0	Paralysis of heart,	Uriah and Susan.
Mar. 5,	John Freeman,	56	5	7	Disease of heart and paralysis,	Isaac and Martha G.
" 5,	Franklin Atkins,	78	5	3	Paralysis,	Asa and Hannah.
" 7,	William Perry,	0	1	28	Lung fever,	Joseph and Mary L.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAME OF PARENTS.
		Y.	M.	D.		
1885.						
Mar. 12,	Caroline Alexander,	70	10	9	Paralysis,	Robert and Nancy Patten.
" 12,	William Carr,	76	0	0	Old age,	James and Rosa.
" 14,	Winnefred Smith,	69	2	22	Cancer of liver,	John and Winnefred Stone.
" 15,	Nellie M. Thomas,	0	9	15	Phthisis pulmonalis,	Frank and Frances J.
" 25,	Margery Cook,	80	8	26	Paralysis,	Winslow and Tamsin Hinks.
" 25,	Manuel Tarvis,	0	1	25	Unknown,	John and Lucy.
Apr. 11,	Lizzie L. Atkins,	28	8	27	Consumption,	Nicholas and Harriet S. White.
" 25,	Frankie J. Smith,	1	4	1	Hydrothorax,	Manuel and Mary D.
" 28,	John Young,	74	1	8	Bright's disease,	Elisha and Hannah.
May 1,	Manuel Swaza,	8	1	2	Effusion of brain,	Manuel and Katie.
" 3,	Olivia A. Lewis,	0	7	18	Phthisis pulmonalis,	John and Hurcalena A.
" 7,	Mary Ghen,	75	4	27	Paralysis,	Reuben and Polly Collins.
" 9,	Elizabeth Hill,	66	6	14	Paralysis of heart,	Samuel and ——— Dyer.
" 15,	John Dyer,	82	6	2	Carcinoma alviolaris,	Joshua and Sally.
" 15,	Joseph P. Martin,	1	9	21	Pneumonia,	Joseph P. and Julia P.
" 22,	Bridget Butler,	40	0	0	Consumption,	Paul and Margaret O'Donnell.
" 25,	Joseph Barrs,	2	9	12	Unknown,	Joseph and Rosa.
" 30,	Elizabeth B. Cook,	63	6	14	Gastritis,	Allen and Mehitable Holway.
June 2,	John C. Laha,	33	5	10	Over dose of laudanum,	Solomon M. and Nancy A.
" 3,	John J. Alexander,	1	5	3	Capillary bronchitis,	John J. and Mary A.
" 4,	Joshua E. Bowley,	38	7	3	Laryngeal phthisis,	Joshua E. and Jane C.
" 14,	Poncianna Fields,	33	0	0	Heart disease,	Manuel and Mary.

June 14,	Loring Silver,	47	0	0	Pneumonia and apoplexy,	Joseph and Jose R.
" 21,	Amelia Antoine,	1	7	7	Morbili sceptici,	Manuel and Mary.
" 21,	Sadie B. McKinnon,	19	4	0	Consumption,	Daniel and Margaret.
" 28,	Manuel Souza,	0	10	9	Pneumonia,	Joseph and Mary A.
July 6,	Mary S. Dyer,	57	4	23	Cancerous ulceration of stomach,	William and Eliza Taylor.
" 7,	Emma J. Cook,	1	0	12	Marasmus,	Francis and Mary.
" 13,	John D. Silva,	17	10	0	Pulmonary consumption,	John and Delphine.
" 15,	Catherine L. Lee,	51	10	19	Cancer of stomach,	William and Catherine Osborn.
" 17,	Simmons,	0	0	0	Unknown,	Manuel M. and Rosa.
" 21,	Sarah E. Snow,	56	0	19	Cancer,	Jonathan and Mary Partridge.
" 21,	Frank Facha,	0	9	2	Congestion of brain,	Joseph R. and Julia.
" 26,	Caton,	0	0	4	Asphyxia,	Manuel and Ida.
Aug. 12,	Peggy Small,	76	11	20	Perpura hemanhagie,	Joshua and Hannah Smith.
" 13,	Sophia B. Nickerson,	0	4	17	Cholera infantum,	Lemuel F. and Cinderilla.
" 22,	Harold H. Barns,	0	6	2	Dentition,	John H. and Margaret.
" 24,	Hannah S. McCarty,	26	0	1	Pulmonary consumption,	Enos and Catherine M.
" 27,	Temperance Baker,	85	1	21	Old age,	Isaac and Tabotha S. Cook.
" 28,	Ruth Eaton,	83	9	28	Ulceration of bowels,	Solomon and Priscilla Doane.
" 31,	Lewis M. Talon,	1	0	24	Infantile paralysis,	Victor R. and Abbie C.
Sept. 2,	Joseph P. Knowles,	70	0	4	Paralysis,	Samuel and Hannah.
" 13,	Rogers,	0	0	0	Unknown,	Frank and Rose.
" 14,	Dannie P. Havender,	1	9	4	Typhoid dysentery,	William T. and Betsey.
" 19,	Manuel Cabrille,	24	0	0	Acute nephistis,	Frank and Frances.
" 20,	Joseph Enos,	0	1	23	Inflammation of bowels,	Joseph and Mary S.
" 22,	Mary Joseph,	0	3	16	Inflammation of bowels,	Manuel and Mary.
" 25,	John Valentine,	0	1	26	Cholera infantum,	Manuel and Emily.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAME OF PARENTS.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Sept. 30,	Patrick Carr,	68	0	0	Epilepsy,	James and Rosa.
Oct. 1,	Sarah M. Snow,	56	4	16	Liver and kidney disease,	Elisha and Rebecca Dyer.
" 19,	Sarah McIntosh,	41	5	3	Cancer,	John and Mary Mathuson.
" 20,	Frank Cabrille,	1	3	20	Scald,	Frank and Lizzie.
" 20,	Thomas McCarty,	66	0	0	Phthisis paralysis,	Patrick and Catherine.
" 24,	Rebecca A. Graham,	57	4	16	Phthisis,	Jesse and Sally Ryder.
Nov. 10,	Williams,	0	0	0	Unknown,	Jackson and Minnie.
" 13,	William Vera,	2	11	16	Hemiplegia,	Manuel J. and Mary.
" 20,	Joshua Nickerson,	68	11	14	Heart disease,	
" 21,	Mary Silva,	2	3	8	Congestion of brain,	Frank M. and Mary.
" 26,	James Young,	62	2	2	Apoplexy,	William and Mary.
" 30,	Lemuel Cook, 2d,	57	8	0	Disease of liver and kidneys,	Lemuel and Rebecca.
Dec. 5,	Christiana Atkins,	76	2	0	Apoplexy,	Asa P. and Martha Bodfish.
" 7,	Brier,	0	0	15	Premature birth,	Manuel P. and Annie E.
" 11,	Brier,	0	0	19	Premature birth,	Manuel P. and Annie E.
" 10,	Martines Fernandes,	84	1	2	Old age,	Manuel and Maria.
" 12,	Joseph A. Mayo,	63	1	15	Paralysis of heart,	Joshua A. and Betsey.
July 13,	John Dillon,	43			Drowned,	Joshua and Mary.

SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of births, marriages and deaths registered in Provincetown for the year ending December 31, 1885 :

Births.

Number of births registered in 1885,	104
Males,	57
Females,	47
The parentage of the children is as follows :	
Both parents American,	33
" " British Provinces,	4
" " Portuguese,	39
Mixed, one parent American,	27
Mixed, other nationalities,	1

Marriages.

Number of marriages registered in 1885,	45
Both parties born in the United States,	25
" " " British Provinces,	1
" " " Western Islands,	12
Mixed, one American,	6
Mixed, other nationalities,	1

Deaths.

Number of deaths registered in Provincetown in 1885,	86
Males,	46
Females,	40
Born in United States,	71
Born in British Provinces,	3
Born in Western Islands,	6
Born in Ireland,	5
Born in Scotland,	1

Dog Licenses.

Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown in 1885,	66
Paid county treasurer,	\$136 80

SETH SMITH,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR.

I herewith submit my report of milk inspection for the year ending December 31, 1885.

Whole number of licenses, fifty-five. I have had no complaint that milk had been adulterated. It is the duty of all persons using milk to complain to the inspector whenever they think the milk sold to them is not what it should be. I have made a number of private tests and have found the milk satisfactory. I have also visited most all of the stores in town where milk is sold, and in no case found the milk below the standard fixed by law.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH,
Milk Inspector.

REPORT OF THE ROAD SURVEYOR.

The road surveyor herewith submits his annual report for the year ending December 31, 1885.

Feb. 10, 1885, appropriation,	\$2,300 00
Material sold,	65 42
	\$2,365 42
Paid Alexander Gayland, surveyor,	\$310 50
Benjamin Lancy, lumber,	409 40
Parker J. Hall, gravel,	194 00
George Allen, post and plank,	15 58
Hugh McFayden, clay,	15 00
Angus McKay, clay,	13 50
S. B. Atwood, clay,	12 00
Owners schn. "F. W. Alton," clay,	12 00
S. N. Hughs, gravel,	7 00
Owners schn. "Louisa A. Grout," gravel,	6 00
Murdock McDonald, clay,	6 00
Daniel Kemp, clay,	5 00
William Matheson, clay,	4 00
D. S. Carlow & Co., shells,	4 00
Williard T. Barket, shells,	3 00
Charles F. Brown, shells,	80
J. A. West, spikes,	17 80
David Conwell, teaming,	196 60
Joseph L. Chase, teaming,	114 66

Paid Francis Chase, teaming,	\$82 83
George W. Ellis, teaming,	50 00
Josiah L. Young, teaming,	25 10
N. C. Brooks, teaming,	16 37
James T. Henderson, teaming,	9 90
S. Bennett, teaming,	7 30
J. D. Hilliard, teaming,	2 10
S. Knowles, teaming,	1 25
D. S. Carlow & Co., teaming,	13 40
William R. Gayland, labor,	127 27
Josiah G. Whorf, labor,	20 90
Charles Welch, labor,	17 40
William Setters, labor,	15 92
Charles E. Nickerson, labor,	11 80
James Carr, labor,	11 25
Henry Harvender, labor,	10 47
William Carr, labor,	9 80
Benjamin W. Atkins, labor,	9 35
William A. Smith, labor,	9 20
Freeman M. Bowley, labor,	9 03
Alfred N. Brown, labor,	8 95
Ebenezer Cook, labor,	8 24
Walter Welch, labor,	8 92
John Kiley, Jr., labor,	7 98
James M. Cook, labor,	6 86
Frank Raymond, labor,	6 00
Charles A. Higgins, labor,	5 87
Henry Atkins, labor,	5 50
George Crosby, labor,	5 10
S. S. Smith, Jr., labor,	4 36
William Newcomb, labor,	4 12

Paid Michael Barnett & Son, labor,	\$3 50
James Lopez, labor,	3 46
Frank Barnett, labor,	3 40
Henry B. Gayland, labor,	88 40
Lewis A. Smith, labor,	3 40
Moses S. Turner, labor,	3 10
William F. Hill, labor,	3 05
Benjamin Chapman, labor,	2 85
John W. Holway, labor,	2 56
Frederick Deane, labor,	2 50
Joseph H. Emery, labor,	2 50
Michael Barnett, labor,	2 25
Ephraim Bailey, labor,	2 15
Anthony R. Smith, labor,	2 00
Peter Morrill, labor,	1 60
Barnabas Turner, labor,	1 60
James Allen, labor,	1 60
William D. Foster, labor,	1 25
Ebenezer Turner, labor,	1 00
F. W. Cook, labor,	1 00
James Fuller, labor,	80
James F. Pratt, labor,	80
Joseph Francis, labor,	80
Frank Burk, labor,	70
George W. Readey, labor,	50
Eben Lucas, labor,	40
Walter T. Smith, labor,	30
James Daggett, rent of land,	5 00
William H. Herbolt, repairing tubs,	2 50
Heman S. Cook, auctioneer,	2 00
David Ryder, permits,	2 00
J. Paine, Jr., spikes and plank,	85

Paid A. Taylor, repairing tubs,	\$ 75
Snow bills,	155 00
Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1885,	180 47
	————— \$2,365 42

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER GAYLAND,
Road Surveyor.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of donation in treasury last report,	\$417 27	
Received for fines and catalogues,	21 61	
" dog fund, 1884,	119 76	
" dividend Seamen's Savings Bank,	12 50	
Paid Estes & Lauriat, books,	\$177 76	
A. L. Putnam & Co., magazines,	10 50	
W. R. Mitchell, book,	1 40	
W. H. Barsler, book,	3 00	
James H. Lamb, annual,	6 00	
A. L. Putnam & Co., sundries,	85	
James Gifford, insurance,	25 00	
Old Colony R.R., freight,	25	
Balance of donations on hand,	346 38	
	<u>\$571 14</u>	<u>\$571 14</u>
The appropriation for the annual expenses		
of the town library is		\$300 00
Paid W. R. Mitchell, librarian,	\$234 00	
H. H. Sylvester, printing,	4 50	
Wm. Allen, binding,	18 45	
Alfred Small, labor and stock,	35 93	
N. T. Freeman, printing,	5 00	
John D. Williard, coal,	5 75	
A. T. Williams, wood and kerosene,	6 75	
James Engles, labor,	1 35	

Paid Whitney Bros. & Co., paper,	\$7 59	
W. R. Mitchell, cleaning room,	1 25	
Deficiency,		\$20 57
	<u>\$320 57</u>	<u>\$320 57</u>

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Number of new books purchased,	172
Books received by donation,	3
Books received from government,	54
Periodicals subscribed for,	3
Subscriptions presented,	2
Present number of books,	3,442
Books lost during the year,	1
Names in register, December 31, 1884,	1,972
Added during the year,	100
Present number of names,	2,072
Circulation for the year,	12,483

MOSES N. GIFFORD,
 REUBEN W. SWIFT,
 JAMES H. HOPKINS,
 J. H. DYER,
 GEO. H. HOLMES,
 E. N. PAINE,
 A. T. WILLIAMS,

Trustees.

TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1885.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries to May 1, 1885 :

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 truck company,	125 00
Stewards of four engines, each \$50,	200 00
Steward of one engine	25 00
Steward of hook and ladder,	25 00
	\$1,585 00

The following, paid to December 26, 1885 :

Engine and truck repairs,	\$22 00
House repairs,	24 34
Painting front of engine houses and flag staffs,	41 87
Firecracker notices and posting,	3 25
Fuel, lights and stoves,	68 83
New flags and repairing old,	18 30
Extinguishing brush fires,	31 60
Flagstaff repairs,	8 60
Horse hire at fire alarms,	11 00

Reservoir repairs,	\$4 63
Other expenses,	33 75
	\$268 17
Less sale old plank, \$1 00	
Bunting,	88
	1 88
	\$266 29
	\$1,851 29
Balance in town treasury,	148 71
	\$2,000 00

RECORD OF FIRES IN 1885.

Aug. 15, 5 o'clock P.M. — Grass and net on Miller's Hill, near Caleb Cook's house. Damage to net. General alarm.

Oct. 17, 4.30 o'clock A.M. — An incendiary attempt to burn J. T. Sumner's fruit store discovered and extinguished without an alarm. No damage.

Oct. 20. — Taking fire of a kerosene stove being used to dry the Centenary Church organ. Discovered at 11.30 o'clock A.M., just in time to prevent a serious fire. No alarm. No damage.

Nov. 3, 10.30 o'clock P.M. — Bursting of kerosene lamp in tenement over James P. Holmes' store. No alarm. Damage trifling.

HOSE.

As reported at the last annual meeting, a purchase of hose will be necessary, for which we recommend an appropriation of \$500.

The requirements for the ordinary expenses of the department for 1886 are—

For salaries,	\$1,575 00
Repairs of houses, apparatus, hose, and for fuel, lights, &c.,	425 00
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	\$2,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HILLIARD,
L. V. PAINE,
GEO. O. KNOWLES,
JOHN G. WHITCOMB,
GEO. H. HOLMES,
Engineers of the Fire Department.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT — ADDITIONAL.

WHEREAS, the attention of this community has been called, in the past, to the necessity of a different system of Fire Alarm; that the burning of the Shirt Factory again forcibly impresses upon us the need of an alarm which will more quickly call the firemen, particularly in the night time;

Therefore, we recommend that, at the Annual Town Meeting, there be appointed a committee, whose duty shall be to examine the village system of electric fire alarm, and report at a future town meeting, the cost of and the advisability of introducing such a system, in place of the present ringing of bells.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Engineers,

J. D. HILLIARD,

Chief of Department.

PROVINCETOWN, Feb. 3, 1886.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

The board of health respectfully submit the following report for the year 1885 :

Upon the resignation of two members of the board elected at the annual town meeting, the vacancies were filled by the election of Dr. W. W. Gleason and Dr. Frank L. Newton at a special town meeting. The present board organized by the choice of F. C. Miller, chairman, and Frank L. Newton, secretary. The town was divided into three sections, each represented by a member of the board.

It is with pleasure that we can report thus favorably of the sanitary condition of our town during the past year. There have been no serious epidemics, and but few cases of contagious diseases reported. Though measles and influenza prevailed to considerable extent in the early part of the year, and a few cases of scarlet rash have been reported of late, yet mortality from such has not occurred except in a few cases of the former, where the attack was upon weakened constitutions. Cholera morbus and diarrhœa was usually prevalent during the summer months, and of a severe type in some instances, but not fatal. As a seaport town, we felt especially obliged to take all possible precaution against the the infection of Asiatic cholera, which was prevailing to so great extent in foreign lands. Accordingly notices were issued and requisite publication given through the local press. Special inspection of suspicious localities was made

and the several complaints duly attended to, and in the main the people have willingly acquiesced to the request of the board, so that in no instance has there been legal proceedings or unnecessary expense to the town. Later in the year there were rumors of vessels making port, coming from regions infected with smallpox. Investigation in several instances proved sufficient to allay excitement and insure safety. A warning was issued, setting forth quarantine regulations and establishing quarantine grounds as provided by the statute.

Too much emphasis cannot be put upon the necessity of choosing proper places for constructing or driving wells for obtaining water for drinking and culinary purposes, as well as the selection of sites for privies, cesspools and sties. The latter should receive the utmost care; and of the former we would suggest the probability that rain water as preserved in tanks or cisterns, where due precaution is taken, is much purer and more healthful than well water, especially that of wells on the front street.

Concerning the sale of adulterated milk foods, bread preparations and drugs, or of tainted meats, we should not fail to give the closest vigilance to detect any imposition of this kind which may be knowingly or unknowingly practised upon the community.

It is not unfrequently observed that our streets might don a more healthful appearance, if a little individual care were exercised in keeping them more cleanly; and it is commonly remarked that the street is not, or should not be, the receptacle for garbage and the sweepings of shops.

A few timely suggestions may be helpful to us all, and it becomes us to have that personal interest and pride in the appearance and healthfulness of our town to do whatever we

can; each in his way, to aid in the procuring of that which increases its attractiveness to the visitor and stranger who may ever seek a healthy resort to spend his summers or to make his home.

We wish to express our thanks to the selectmen, fellow-citizens and the public in general for their hearty co-operation in the labor of preserving public health. It is proverbial that this town is one of unusual good health, the praise for such not being wholly due to its people and their customs, but rather because of its peculiar geographical location. Accepting this as it may be, let us as a people, then, do as much for our town by way of making and keeping it clean, as nature has done for us in its location and the general character of its soil, and we might hope to see it the sanitarium of the East as parts of Colorado are of the West.

F. C. MILLER,
W. W. GLEASON,
F. L. NEWTON,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

At the annual meeting, held February 10 A.D. 1885, the following vote was passed :

That the selectmen be authorized and instructed to accept the gift of the Rev. William H. Ryder, and to purchase the building known as Ryder block ; also the adjoining estates of Delia A. Mills and Joshua F. Dyer, if agreeable to the said William H. Ryder, and upon these premises build a town hall the present year of 1885. Immediately after the adjournment of the meeting, steps were taken to carry out your wishes. After much delay we arrived at the conclusion that the adjoining estates could not be purchased at a fair and reasonable price, and on April 13, we called the citizens again together to take action concerning the property. After having taken the property agreeable to sections 41, 42 and 43 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, we again on April 30 issued our warrant for a special meeting, to clothe us with authority to sell said premises, and to authorize the selectmen to appoint an advisory committee to carry out the vote of the town. On May 8 the following persons were notified and accepted the trust as advisory committee on building the town hall, viz., Atkins Nickerson, James A. Small, Alfred Small, John D. Hilliard and George O. Knowles. We refer you to the report of the building committee.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,
CHARLES H. DYER,
B. O. GROSS,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE NEW TOWN HALL.

In presenting our first report on the building of the town hall, we have to report that, owing to many unforeseen circumstances, our hall is not yet completed. The adjoining estates which it was voted to purchase could not be bought at a reasonable price, and action had to be taken under the statutes. For the many vexatious delays and legal quibbles some of our own citizens are at fault. While your committee were not in favor of building the present year, yet, after full discussion of the matter at the annual meeting, and a decisive vote in favor of building the present year, no other course was left the committee but to carry into effect the expressed will of the town and proceed with the erection of the hall.

We have used our best judgment to carry out your desires. A sub-committee have visited numerous towns and examined their halls, and in each instance they were found not to be what our town required. We have commenced the work of building a hall for the present and future of Provincetown, and in so doing we have aimed to build that which will not only be ornamental and useful, but that will be adequate for the transaction of the business of the town for many years. Necessarily we have worked cautiously, and much trouble and expense has been incurred settling difficulties without resort to the courts. Mistakes may have been made ; and if so, it is not on account of the interest of

any one party. We have endeavored to secure that which is for the interest of all our citizens—a good substantial building at a fair price to the town. Annexed to our report will be found the correspondence and itemized account of the expenditures and receipts.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,
CHARLES H. DYER,
B. O. GROSS,
ATKINS NICKERSON,
JAMES A. SMALL,
ALFRED SMALL,
J. D. HILLIARD,
GEO. O. KNOWLES,

Building Committee New Town Hall.

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE, PROVINCETOWN, Feb. 13, 1885.

Rev. WILLIAM H. RYDER, D.D., Chicago, Ill.

Dear sir,—Having been instructed at the annual meeting of this town, on the 10th inst., to purchase for the purpose of enlarging the site for a town hall so generously donated by you the two lots of land adjoining said site on the southwest, provided such purchase shall be satisfactory to you, we address you for the purpose of ascertaining your wishes and views concerning such purchase. The committee, through whom you presented the land, discovering on measurement that the premises donated were $65\frac{2}{10}$ feet wide on Bradford street and 61 feet on Commercial street, concluded to recommend the buying of additional land on the southwest side, which if done would make the lot 96 feet on Commercial and 104 feet on Bradford street. It was their opinion that the convenience, beauty and value of the

whole site would thus be greatly enhanced. The present design is to build this year a hall that will be about 60 feet in width and 108 feet in length. Hence, distinctly subject to your approval, and after a full consideration and discussion, the selectmen were authorized, by a vote of 147 to 46, to buy the two adjacent lots on the southwest of your premises, and upon the lots combined erect thereon the current year a town hall. In presenting this matter, we will also state there is a considerable minority who think the lot you have given this town is sufficient for the contemplated hall. As they have instructed us to build the town hall the current year, an early communication to the undersigned of your wishes in regard to the purchase will be very acceptable.

Very respectfully yours,

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

(Private.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17, 1885.

Referring to your letter of the 13th inst., I would say that it had not occurred to me that the Ryder estate was too narrow to answer the full requirements of the proposed new town hall. But perhaps it is wise to purchase the additional strip on the southwest, as voted by the town. Before answering the leading question in your letter, however, I wish you to inform me what are the prices asked for the two lots, respectively, that it is proposed to purchase, and how much of those prices is for buildings and how much for

land. Please regard this note as strictly confidential within your board.

Kindly yours,

WM. H. RYDER.

PROVINCETOWN, Feb. 20, 1885.

Rev. WM. H. RYDER, D.D., Chicago, Ill.

Dear sir, — In reply to yours of the 17th inst., will say we will ascertain the facts you desire as soon as possible, without undue haste, from the parties owning the adjoining estates, and will advise you after ascertaining the same.

Truly yours.

PROVINCETOWN, June 20, 1885.

Rev. WILLIAM H. RYDER, D.D., Chicago, Ill.

Dear sir, — In reply to your communication dated February 17, 1885, will say the prices awarded for the lots of land taken for additional room for the town hall, is, Delia A. Mills' dwelling, \$1900; 7000 feet land, \$1000: total, \$2900. Joshua F. Dyer's dwelling and shed, \$600; 1850 feet of land, \$200: total, \$800.

We shall sell on Tuesday, July 7, if agreeable to you, the Ryder block, and also Delia A. Mills' dwelling and the dwelling of Joshua F. Dyer, all to be removed within thirty days, excepting the Ryder block, to remain until October 1. We purchased the Ryder block and land April 25, for \$4500, to be paid for October 1. We have engaged the services of an architect, who is now drawing plans for a hall 101x62, and propose to place it about ninety feet back from Commercial street, which is about twelve feet to the rear of the Ryder block. It is expected it will take about two months'

time to draw plans and specifications, when at that time we shall be ready to build. We have bored the land in five or six places, and find from the top of the soil to water 5½ feet; then comes a layer of marsh about 6 inches thick; three feet below this is another marsh, 15 inches thick. Our object in boring was to find out if we could hold up a brick building. We find in order to do so we shall have to pile the land, and have concluded to build of wood and brick, the basement to be ten feet high of brick, and the second floor, for offices and small hall, 12 feet high, and the next floor, the hall, 25 feet in height. The whole to be covered with a slate roof, with copper gutters. To be heated by steam and lighted by gas.

Yours truly.

CHICAGO, June 26, 1885.

Returning home from a short journey, I find your letter of the 20 inst., informing me of the action of the town with reference to the purchase of additional lands as a site for the new town hall. It appears from that statement that the town is to pay for the Mills house \$1900, and for the land connected with same \$1000 (total \$2900); and that you are to pay for the Dyer dwelling \$600, and for the land of same \$200 (total \$800). Without attempting to sit in judgment upon these prices, the first of which two items seems to me a little high, and accepting the trade as consummated, I herewith give my full assent to all you have done with respect to the enlargement of the site originally donated to the town by me, and submit for your consideration, in addition thereto, and in addition to anything I have hitherto said, the following statement:

1. It was, of course, originally my thought that the site I

offered you was ample for the purpose required for the erection of a new town hall; but, after considering the whole subject, I reached the conclusion that the proposed additional purchases were wise policy, and that if the said lands could be obtained at reasonable prices, I would include them also in my offer to furnish the site for the new town hall.

2. But in making this additional offer I wish to change my original offer in one particular. My proposition as it now stands is as follows: To give the land belonging to that part of the Ryder estate of which I hold the title, \$500 in money to Mrs. Phebe N. Ryder, to pay for the residue of that estate between Commercial and Bradford streets, and also \$500 in money toward the new building. When I added this last item to my first proposition I had no idea, as you will readily see, of buying any more land to enlarge the site already offered, but since it is my wish to give to the town of Provincetown all the land which will constitute the site and grounds of the proposed new town hall, I ask to be relieved of that part of my proposition by which I offer \$500 in money toward the new building, and place in its stead the \$1200, — which is needful to purchase the additional lands already named, — intending thereby, as you will clearly see, to assume no responsibility for the payment of the cost of any of the buildings which may have been purchased by the town, but to donate in full all the lands which may be used for the purposes named.

3. If the town has been obliged to resort to condemnation proceedings in order to get legal possession of any portion of the lands recently obtained, it may not be possible for the title to such lands to be vested in me, so that I may, by one general conveyance, transfer the title of the entire site to the town, for the uses and purposes spoken of in my former

letter. But you well know the facts, and you and your associates will, I doubt not, agree with me that some such arrangement as that which I propose, with reference to conveyance of title, is desirable, and the best for all parties concerned. Naturally I desire to insert into the conveyance of title certain prudential considerations as to the purposes to which this land is to be put; more especially that the site shall be used for the purpose for which it is donated, and that no part of the premises shall ever be occupied by buildings other than those which are needful for the corporate business of the town. Please inform me how, in your judgment, the titles to the two latest purchases can be vested in me for the purposes I name.

I will in due time dispose of the dwelling in which my parents spent so large a portion of their earthly life.

The needful payments will be promptly made whenever it is desirable that the titles should pass.

Awaiting your reply, I am, gentlemen,

Very truly and kindly yours,

W. H. RYDER.

PROVINCETOWN, July 2, 1885.

Rev. WM. H. RYDER, D.D.

Dear sir, — Yours of the 26th ultimo came to hand on Monday last. We hasten to reply in acknowledgment, and in the future will write you more fully. As regard to the titles to the lands recently purchased or taken, when the proper time arrives we will have the papers made as you desire. At present we are negotiating with Miss Mills (and have been for two months), and expect to settle with her to-day, thereby avoiding any legal controversy, which will no doubt explain to you the high price paid for

her premises. It is our present intention to have her convey the dwelling to the town, and the land to some person as trustee, the trustee to deed the same to you.

Hastily yours.

CHICAGO, July 4, 1885.

I have decided to sell the Ryder house, and wish to place the disposition of it in your hands. I really do not know what it is worth to move away; but I put the sale of it in your hands, and ask you, as chairman of the board of selectmen, to dispose of it according to your best judgment; either at auction, when you sell the rest, or afterward, as *you may deem best*; and I will not dictate as to price, for you know best about that. I await an answer to my letter with reference to the payment of the additional lands.

Kindly and truly yours,
W. H. RYDER.

PROVINCETOWN, July 29, 1885.

Rev. WILLIAM H. RYDER, D.D.

Dear sir, — We have been waiting to write to you definitely concerning the land additional taken, but cannot yet write you that the whole matter is arranged. We have settled with Miss Mills, and had her convey the land to Atkins Nickerson, trustee, who will, when the proper time comes, deed to you. We tried the buildings at auction, but had to bid them in, as we could not realize enough for them. Since that time we have sold the Dyer house, and now have two customers for yours, and hope to sell this week.

Truly yours.

CHICAGO, August 1, 1885.

I have your letter of July 29, and note what you say with reference to the buildings upon the town hall site; but in neither of the two letters I have received from you since making my statement to you of my intention to pay for the "additional lands," have you given me any definite information as to the acceptance by the town of my proposition and the release of the \$500 subscription, &c. You will see the propriety of a formal acceptance of my proposition, with a recognition of the condition accompanying it. I had thought that I would try to be in Provincetown when you broke ground for the new building, or laid the corner stone of it, and possibly I may do so even now. To this end I wish you would as soon as possible give me the proximate dates for these two events, that I may see whether it is practicable for me to meet either of them.

Very truly yours,
WM. H. RYDER.

PROVINCETOWN, August 18, 1885.

Rev. WM. H. RYDER, D.D., Chicago, Ill.

Dear sir, — Your letter dated August 1 A.D. 1885, in reply to ours, informing you of the action taken by vote of the town by its selectmen concerning the proposed additional land for the new town hall received. The first proposition submitted to the town by a committee of citizens, was that you were to present to the town the land of the homestead owned by you, the land under the Ryder block, and \$500 towards the purchase of said block. That proposition was immediately accepted, and a vote of thanks offered to you for your generous gift at the annual meeting. At that meet-

ing it was voted to purchase additional lands to enlarge said site given by you, if agreeable to you. In your letter before us you wish to present to the town all the land which may be used as a site for the new hall; and in so doing, it necessitates a change in your proposition of 1884. And as we now understand your wishes, your proposition is to give to the town of Provincetown all the land upon which the new town hall may be located, the town to purchase all buildings on the same, excepting the homestead owned by you, or which is substantially the same. You present to the town the land of the homestead, \$500 towards the purchase of the land under and connected with the Ryder block, and \$1200 for the lands additional taken under section 41, chapter 27, Public Statutes. In behalf of the citizens of the Town of Provincetown, we hereby gratefully accept this last proposition, and release you from all obligation of paying the \$500 towards the purchase of the Ryder block. Please accept the sincere thanks of our people for the munificent gifts donated by you.

Truly yours,

CHICAGO, August 22, 1885.

Your letter of the 18th inst., accepting my offer to pay for the "additional land" for the new town hall, and releasing me, in consideration of such added gift, from the obligation to pay \$500 toward the purchase of the Ryder block, has come safely to hand, and I am happy to add that your understanding of the case as it now stands harmonizes entirely with my own. You will understand that I am ready at any time to fulfil my part of the agreement, either as to the payment of money or the conveyance of title, and only await information from you upon the subject. I would convey

title of homestead to you at once, but for the fact that I prefer to cover *all* the land I give for the town hall by one deed. If, however, while the negotiation with other parties regarding the title are incomplete, you can use the money to advantage in paying for the purchased land, let me know and I will cheerfully forward it to your order.

As soon as I learn that the title to *all* the needed lands is vested in me, and you will forward me a description of the property, I will execute a deed at once and forward same to you. But, as I say above, if you wish the promised funds even before that is done, let me know without delay and they will be forthcoming.

Truly and kindly yours,

WM. H. RYDER.

PROVINCETOWN, September 5, 1885.

Rev. WM. H. RYDER, D.D.

Dear sir, — Yours of the 22d ultimo received. In reply to the same, will say the committee desire no deeds to be passed until we can have the entire property conveyed to you which has been bought (or taken). When we can come to terms with other parties and get deeds satisfactory, we will notify you concerning the financial part of your letter. We prefer for the whole matter to rest until deeds can be passed.

Yours truly,

MEDFORD, March 3, 1885.

I want to get some information about the purchase of the Ryder block by the town of Provincetown. I judge from the reports of the recent town meeting that it was decided to buy it. It is quite necessary for me to know when the

purchase will take place, as it may make some changes in my affairs. The insurance on the block expires the 1st of April, and while I do not wish to go to any expense on the building if I am to sell it, still I must keep the insurance up as long as necessary. Then, too, I am somewhat bound to give my tenants a month's notice before leaving. Of course I must await any decision the town may be making in reference to the block, but I would like to know as soon as possible when the building is to be bought. It materially affects my interests, as you see. Hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours respectfully,

PHEBE N. RYDER.

PROVINCETOWN, March 5, 1885.

Mrs. PHEBE N. RYDER, Medford, Mass.

Dear madam,— Your letter of the 3d instant reached us this morning and we hasten to reply. Agreeable to the vote of the town, we intend to purchase the block, and have been in hopes to have called on you concerning the matter before this; but the difficulty has been in purchasing the adjoining estates, and while we have realized your position in the matter, we could do nothing until the matter of additional land was settled. The parties owning the same being away, we have experienced some trouble in arriving at terms. We think, however, in course of two or three weeks this matter of land will be straightened, and we shall then be able to call and see you. We assure you that we have been at work trying to get matters arranged, but numerous complications have arisen which we are called upon to adjust; and wishing to do all the business in a straightforward and legal way, it has, and must necessarily, take time. Quite a lot of

unnecessary comments have been made, and many untruths are uttered, simply because we do not give to the public all our proceedings and correspondence; yet we think, out of respect to the wishes of Dr. Ryder, we are working in a way that will result in the end for the good of all. Our propositions to you are, first, the block will be bought as soon as possible after other arrangements are completed; second, the tenants who now occupy your block can stay there until July, 1885, and perhaps longer, for if we should buy the block in April, we need not sell it until August, and then have it moved off, as there is room enough to build the hall and let the block stand until the hall is nearly completed; third, we intend to do our business with you in an honest, straightforward, business-like way, so that you and your tenants shall be perfectly satisfied. Should these propositions meet your views, please inform us, and also your tenants, of the same, with the additional proviso that they shall have one month's notice previous to July 1st.

Yours truly,

MEDFORD, Mass., March 6, 1885.

Your letter this evening received, for which I am much obliged. My object in writing to you was to get information about the purchase of the block in season to warn my tenants and to attend to matters of insurance. I shall, of course, abide by the propositions stated in your letter and inform the tenants they can remain probably till July 1st, and that they will be duly notified a month in advance of the time to leave. I appreciate the favor of your letter, and shall await further information when the time comes for the purchase of the block.

Yours respectfully,

PHEBE N. RYDER.

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS, March 10, 1885.

Yours in regard to the vote of the town to purchase my place was duly received. I would say that I fitted up my house at great expense for a home in my declining years, and my furniture and household goods fill it, and I have no place to put them, and I would live nowhere else in Provincetown. You must see, therefore, that it upsets all my plans to disturb and turn me out of my house, and, being now not well, it falls a crushing burden upon me to think of parting with it. You say you have been advised to take it without my consent. I do not think the town meant to take it unless I were willing to sell it, and I can hardly think any one could be so unjust as to turn me out of my home at my time in life, when, by taking the road east of the Ryder estate, or what once belonged to that estate, they would have ample room for the hall. I have had several very good chances to sell my house at good prices, but refused them all. I would not sell for four thousand dollars if I can keep it; I have such an attachment to it. Yours respectfully,

D. A. MILLS.

PROVINCETOWN, March 12, 1885.

Miss DELIA A. MILLS.

Dear madam, — Yours of the 12th instant reached us yesterday. We are surprised at its contents, especially what you say regarding your love for your old home. Our records of 1880 show that you disclaimed any allegiance to Provincetown and claimed Vermont as your home for the future; perhaps you can recollect it when we taxed you for some cash and securities. We thought at that time, and have had no reason to change our views, you thought more

of Middletown, Vt., than you did of Provincetown. You speak of the expense you have been to in fitting up the place, and yet at that time you found fault with our valuation of the place, \$1650, saying it was too high; that your estimates for altering it at that time was \$700, but that you hired men by the day at large wages and they made the job last as long as they could. We were in hopes, taking into consideration the gift of Rev. William H. Ryder, that here in the place where you accumulated the property which to-day you are possessed of, you would be willing to sell at a fair appraisal of your property. As the tone of your letter seems to warrant us in believing you intend to obstruct instead of helping to improve the town, we shall, after due consideration, issue our warrant calling the citizens together to take what action they deem advisable in the matter.

Yours respectfully,

DORCHESTER, March 23, 1885.

I have been thinking that you would be expecting a letter from me in regard to the house, but I can't, in so short a time, make up my mind on any price. If I must sell, which is very much against my wish to sell, — but if I must, I must, — I want more time to consider on it, as it is worth more to me than to any one else. It is my home, that I could not replace for more than it has cost me by considerable more money; and, as I said to you, it breaks up my home and compels me to move my furniture from it; but will think it over.

Yours truly,

J. F. DYER.

N.B. — Before any decisive action is taken, I suppose I shall hear from you.

JOSHUA F. DYER.

PROVINCETOWN, March 24, 1885.

Mr. JOSHUA F. DYER.

Dear sir, — Yours of the 23d inst. reached us this morning. We have held our warrant for a town meeting, waiting to hear from you. Will you please give us a decisive answer between now and Thursday, as we can hold our warrant no longer than that time; and if we cannot agree, we shall have to put an article in the warrant for the citizens to vote on the question to take your place under the statutes. We think, under the circumstances, you had better decide on something.

Yours truly,

DORCHESTER, March 26, 1885.

I received your letter, and must still say it is with regret that I am compelled to set a price on the house, for I don't want to sell it at any price, for when I do, it turns me out in the street. I have no home to call mine, and I cannot replace the same for quite a sum of money to what it cost me. I had it fitted up at the expense of about \$350, making it \$850 which it cost me. I can rent it for \$80 per annum, and in a little time it would pay for it; and again, the inconvenience of moving and breaking all up. I hope that you or the committee will consider this — that it entirely breaks up my home, and it is not for dollars I want to sell; but if compelled, I must. I want for the house \$1400, but don't want to sell for that money, or for no price, as I cannot get a house and place as good as that is for me in town for that money, and would not sell to-day if not compelled for that.

Yours truly,

JOSHUA F. DYER.

PROVINCETOWN, December 1, 1885.

To the Committee on the New Town Hall:

Gentlemen, — Sixty years ago, at the age of twelve, I cast my lot with the people of Provincetown. Since that time, in prosperity as well as in adversity, I have appreciated the good-will of my fellow-citizens. Having served the town in many responsible positions, and now having passed the allotted age of threescore and ten, I know of no better way to acknowledge to the citizens my interest in the town's welfare than by presenting to the inhabitants a clock for their new hall now being erected.

If agreeable to you, as agents for the town, an early reply will be acceptable. Very truly yours,

JOSEPH P. JOHNSON.

PROVINCETOWN, December 2, 1885.

Hon. JOSEPH P. JOHNSON.

Dear sir, — Your letter of the 1st instant, wherein you desire to present to the town a clock for the new hall, received. In behalf of the citizens of our town we accept the gift so freely offered, and assure you that in expressing our gratitude and appreciation we fully voice the feelings of every loyal citizen. Please accept through us the good-will and thanks of this community.

Very respectfully yours,
 MARSHALL L. ADAMS,
 CHARLES H. DYER,
 B. O. GROSS,
 ATKINS NICKERSON,
 JAMES A. SMALL,
 ALFRED SMALL,
 JOHN D. HILLIARD,
 GEORGE O. KNOWLES,

Building Committee New Town Hall.

NEW TOWN HALL.

1885.	DR.	
Feb. 10.	To appropriations,	\$3,000 00
Oct. 9.	Loan,	10,000 00
	B. H. Dyer, 2 barrels cement, at \$3.20,	6 40
	10 barrels cement, at \$1.13,	11 30
	D. F. Lewis, 23 barrels lime, at \$1.16½,	26 80
	James Fuller, 4 barrels cement, at \$1.13,	4 52
	C. L. Marr, rent,	7 00
	D. A. Mills, rent,	25 00
	J. D. Hilliard, 305 empty barrels, at 10c.,	30 50
	Williard T. Burkett, rent,	29 00
	William Williams, rent,	12 50
	Freeman Cook, dwelling-house,	400 00
Dec. 31.	Loan,	375 00
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1885.	CR.	
March 31.	By M. L. Adams, expense to Boston, case of J. F. Dyer, three times,	\$25 50
May 5.	Medford case of Phebe N. Ryder, Legal advice,	10 00 15 00
June 2.	Hilliard and Adams, expense to Canton, Walpole and Mansfield,	27 52
June 10.	M. L. Adams, expense to Boston and Canton,	10 50
June 25.	Expense to Boston,	5 00
July 2.	D. A. Mills,	3,000 00
August 24.	M. L. Adams, expense to Bangor,	22 25
Sept. 15.	Expense to Boston,	7 50
Sept. 15.	Phebe N. Ryder, Blanks,	4,000 00 40

Sept. 30.	M. L. Adams, expense to Boston,	\$7 50
	" to Barnstable,	6 25
	" to Harwich,	4 80
	George E. Rich, labor,	3 40
	Telegrams,	2 02
	Holyoke Brothers, 354,000 brick, at \$5,	1,770 00
	Freight on 354,000 brick, at \$2,	708 00
	Steamer "Longfellow," freight,	72 20
	Insurance on brick,	21 08
	George W. Ellis, teaming 354,000 brick, at 34c.	120 36
	" 92 bbls. of lime, at 4c.	3 68
	J. G. Whitcomb, 115 bbls. lime, at 80 cts.,	92 00
	Waldo Brothers, 300 bbls. cement, at \$1.13,	339 00
	75 barrels cement, at \$1.20,	90 00
	8 barrels lime, at \$1.05,	8 40
	4 barrels Portland cement, at \$3,	12 00
	1 barrel cement, and carting,	1 65
	2000 face brick, at \$24,	48 00
	Walpole Dye & Chemical Works, 400 lbs. mortar black, at 4 cts.,	16 00
	S. L. Washburn, laying 330,000 brick, \$4.50,	1,485 00
	S. T. Long, window-frames,	42 00
	F. G. Coughlan & Co., window-sills,	75 00
	A. Gayland, moving building,	210 00
	Seth Nickerson, mortgage,	368 65
	David D. Smith, mortgage,	11 23
	David D. Smith, paper,	3 06
	James Engles, stock,	5 63
	J. D. Hilliard, wharfage on 239,000 brick, at 20 cts.	47 80
	J. D. Hilliard, teaming,	4 13

Central Wharf Company, wharfage on 24,700 brick, at 20 cts.	\$4 94
Central Wharf Company, teaming,	18 82
J. Manta, wharfage on 90,000 brick, at 20 cts.	18 00
"Gracie H. Benson," freight,	3 00
George Allen, lumber,	35 69
N. T. Freeman, printing,	3 50
William Matheson, wharfage on 284 barrels cement, at 2 cts.	5 68
B. H. Dyer, stock,	4 55
J. A. West, stock,	3 17
E. N. Sumner, labor,	111 16
H. Holmes, labor,	1 00
James Fuller, labor,	46 25
J. A. Manta, labor,	4 00
S. F. A. Atwood, teaming,	23 00
David Ryder, labor,	7 89
Reuben F. Brown, labor,	17 25
James S. Atkins, labor,	22 45
Henry O. Crowell, labor,	12 35
Charles Harvender, labor,	12 35
A. Hamlin, labor,	4 00
Joseph F. Rogers, Jr., labor,	5 55
Henry F. Pierce, labor,	6 45
Nathan S. Hudson, labor,	5 55
Francis W. Cook, labor,	8 55
John McKenzie, labor,	4 00
Francis G. Cook, labor,	3 55
James Campbell, teaming,	6 76
J. F. T. Lecount, labor,	5 00
James Downer, labor,	17 45
Charles C. Atkins, labor,	37 10

Lewis A. Smith, labor,	\$48 10
S. S. Smith, Jr., labor,	43 20
Barnabas Turner, labor,	15 10
David Cook, labor,	23 50
Caleb Fisher, labor,	84 70
I. A. Small, Jr., labor,	16 60
Antoine Silver, labor,	16 35
Seth P. Snow, labor,	22 75
C. W. Burkett, labor,	22 04
James M. Lewis, labor,	14 15
I. A. Small, labor,	1 99
Charles E. Nickerson, labor,	78 60
Reuben F. Freeman, labor,	36 70
William Dunham, labor,	28 13
Alfred Small, labor,	300 00
M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston,	13 00
Dec. 31st, balance in the treasury,	1 59
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1885.

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Frank Wiggin,	Principal.
Emma Gardner,	Assistant.
Lucinda W. Whorf,	Assistant.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Walter F. Sayward,	Principal.
Addie S. Mitchell,	Assistant.

HIGHER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Rebecca D. Sparks,	Ella A. Small.
	Sara Cavanagh.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Abbie C. Sparks,	Nellie B. Hilliard.
	Clara L. Smith.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Clara A. Ryder,	Alice M. Shortle.
Mary E. Dyer,	Angie F. Blake.
Edith Small,	Bessie Lyford.
Carrie A. Cowing,	Lottie D. Frellick.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting their annual report your committee are not unconscious of the important trusts committed to them, but as the reports for a few years past have been so full, and the condition of the schools have changed so little, they deem it best at the present time to make their statement in as few words as the interests of the school will allow.

The question, how shall we manage the primary schools under the present condition of things, gives more trouble than any one thing with which we have to contend. We reported these schools as over-crowded last year, and gave it as our opinion then that the best possible thing to do with them was to have half-day sessions for the lowest grade. Under such an arrangement more time could be given to the lessons, and it would be better for the little children just entering — morally, mentally, and every other way. This plan was attempted last spring, and partially carried out in the lowest grade and most crowded schools, but many of the parents were so much opposed to it that the project was abandoned. We were under the necessity, however, of employing another teacher, and thereby increasing the expense, which might have been avoided by the other plan. The new school occupies the room in the Center school building formerly used for the winter school.

The creation of an extra school does not entirely relieve us of our difficulty. There are two, viz., the Western No. 1 and Conant street, schools still crowded far beyond the limit

prescribed by the state law; and in order to keep within the limit of the law, and do ample justice to the children and teachers, another school should be opened somewhere in the western part of the town. In these schools during the present year have been enrolled more than five hundred children, whose ages have varied from five to fourteen years. Miss Carrie R. Cowing was put in charge of the new school, and Miss Lottie D. Frellick was chosen to fill a vacancy caused by the promotion of an old teacher.

The work in the intermediate and higher intermediate schools has not been interrupted during the year, though there was a change of teachers at the close of the fall term, Miss Mary E. Williams resigning her position as teacher of the Center higher intermediate, while Miss Sara Cavanagh was promoted from the Western intermediate to fill the vacancy, and Miss Clara L. Smith was promoted from the Western primary No. 2 to the intermediate in the same building.

The course of study is the same as last year and the work has been faithfully and well performed.

Mr. Charles H. Bates, principal of the Grammar school, left us during the fall vacation and Mr. Walter F. Sayward was employed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Sayward is a normal graduate and has had eight years' experience in teaching, his last experience being with a school of between three and four hundred pupils, where he was the principal teacher, and comes recommended as a faithful, successful and conscientious teacher. 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 con-

tinues to hold her place as assistant, rendering very important services where the principal is changed so often.

The school has a large membership, numbering this term one hundred and twelve pupils, and during the year one hundred and fifty names have been enrolled.

There are more than one hundred pupils in the school, and if divided equally there would be more than fifty in each class. There should be six recitations per day for these classes.

Now it is very easy to see that the attention and time given to each pupil must of necessity be very limited. Many of the girls and boys have, so far as regular systematic study is concerned, to finish their education in this school. In view of these facts, your committee once more recommended employing another teacher, that ample justice may be done all who enter this department.

There are eighty pupils in the High school the present term, and during the year about one hundred have been enrolled. The course of study has not been altered, and only one change has occurred in the corps of teachers. During the summer vacation Miss Emma N. Baxter, first assistant, resigned her position, and Miss Emma Gardner was employed to fill the vacancy. Miss Gardner is a lady of much experience as an instructor; she has a very excellent record, and is proving herself to be all that she was recommended.

The work and qualifications of the several teachers have been so fully set forth in previous reports that we deem it unnecessary to report them in this; we have therefore made special mention of only those who have been recently employed or promoted, and this in connection with the schools to which they have been assigned.

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

First Year.

Classical Course—4 Years.

Fall Term. — Algebra, physical geography and book-keeping.

Winter Term. — Algebra, physical geography and Latin or French.

Spring Term. — Algebra, physiology and Latin or French.

English Course—3 Years.

Fall Term. — Algebra, physical geography and book-keeping.

Winter Term. — Algebra, physical geography and arithmetic.

Spring Term. — Algebra, physiology and arithmetic.

Second Year.

Fall Term. — Geometry, physiology and Latin or French.

Winter Term.—Geometry, Outlines of History and Latin or French.

Spring Term—Surveying, with Outlines of History, philosophy and Latin or French.

Fall Term. — Geometry, physiology and commercial arithmetic, with English composition.

Winter Term.—Geometry, Outlines of History and commercial arithmetic, with English composition.

Spring Term.—Surveying, with Outlines of History, philosophy, and one or more English studies.

Third Year.

Fall Term. — Philosophy or Greek, Outlines of History, chemistry and Latin.

Winter Term. — Philoso-

Fall Term. — Philosophy, Outlines of History, chemistry and commercial arithmetic.

Winter Term. — Philoso-

phy or Greek, Outlines of History, chemistry, with government and Latin.

Spring Term. — Rhetoric, government, Latin and astronomy or Greek.

phy, chemistry, with government and commercial arithmetic.

Spring Term. — Rhetoric, government, commercial arithmetic and astronomy.

Fourth Year.

Fall Term. — Astronomy or Greek, English literature, Virgil and review of mathematics.

Winter Term. — Mental philosophy or Greek, English literature, Virgil and review of mathematics.

Spring Term. — Mental philosophy or Greek, English literature, Virgil and botany.

ATTENDANCE IN 1885.

Total number, spring term,	853
Total number, fall term,	837
Total number, present term,	865

Distributed as follows:—

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Spring term,	411
Fall term,	390
Present term,	392

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Spring term,	145
Fall term,	136
Present term,	137

HIGHER INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Spring term,	120
Fall term,	135
Present term,	142

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Spring term,	102
Fall term,	98
Present term,	112

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring term,	76
Fall term,	78
Present term,	82

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.

PROGRAMME OF CLASS 1885.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, 1885.

MARCH.

PRAYER.

INSTRUMENTAL DUET.

ORATION. Earth's Battle Fields. Salutatory. Misses Long and Leach. I. Adelbert Small.

ESSAY. The Ideal and the Real. Hannah P. Crocker.

CLASS HISTORY. Annie L. Lyford.

DUET. Star of the Twilight (*L. O. Emerson*). Misses Baker and Sylva.

ESSAY. No One Lives to Himself Alone. Abbie D. Leach.

ORATION. Earth's Benefactors. R. S. Lavender.

ESSAY. The Scholar's Hope. Nellie G. Nason.

SOLO. Speed on, my Bark, speed on (*H. Leslie*). Miss Crocker.

CLASS POEM. Esther H. Matheson.

ORATION. Man's True Greatness. J. S. Allen.

SOLO. Les Noces De Figaro (*Mozart*). Nellie G. Nason.

ESSAY. The Starry Heavens. Lucinda Sylva.

ORATION. The Purity of the Ballot. H. N. Dearborn.

ESSAY. A Rolling Stone Gathers no Moss. Elsie F. Long.

DUET. Beautiful Moonlight. Misses Crocker and Lyford.

ESSAY. "Let there be Light." Sadie C. Lucas.

CLASS PROPHECY. Lottie T. Baker.

ESSAY. The Harvest Follows the Sowing. Valedictory.

SINGING. Class Ode. Nettie B. Freeman.

Composed by Elsie F. Long.

Liberal appropriations will be necessary for schoolhouse repairs and incidental expenses this year, as in addition to the ordinary there will be the extraordinary expense of shingling the Western schoolhouse, and perhaps Eastern also. The Western building has been in a bad condition for a long time, and it now seems impossible to keep it from leaking by simply patching, as we have been doing for a number of years. The old shingles on these buildings have been in service for forty years.

Among the extra incidental expenses will be the thorough repairing of the old (or the possible purchasing of new) stoves in the Western building, and the repairing of all the fences. There would have been forty or fifty dollars unexpended of the appropriation for incidentals this year, but it was thought best to apply the balance to the reduction of the deficiency in the free text-book account.

For an itemized account, you are referred to the financial statement and the book-agent's report, where every dollar is accounted for.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The statute compelling towns to furnish books and supplies free to all scholars of public schools has been operative since August 1, 1884.

The figures below will enable our citizens to understand the working of the law, and to appropriate the amount of money necessary to answer the requisitions of the law in its details.

Exact balances or positive values in this department are manifestly impossible, inasmuch as part of the books now in use are new, part of them somewhat worn, and many of

them nearly worn out, having been in use from one to eighteen months.

Estimated value of books now in use,	\$900 00
Value of books and supplies in agent's hands,	474 55
Cash due treasurer for books sold,	17 52
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	\$1,392 07

Amount of books and supplies purchased in 1885,	\$1,071 07
Recommendation for school books and supplies,	\$1,000 00

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

James Engles, labor, stock and stove,	\$64 45
Hiram Holmes, labor and stock,	23 85
A. T. Williams, brooms, brushes, &c.,	6 57
Peter Morrill, labor,	6 50
A. L. Putnam & Co., labor, thermometer, clocks, &c.,	11 18
S. G. Cook, brooms,	1 68
H. O. Sparrow, labor and stock,	32 70
J. A. West, brooms, brushes, pails, &c.,	5 22
N. T. Freeman, advertising,	3 00
J. D. Hilliard, sundries,	7 22
A. L. Putnam & Co., commission as book agents,	127 00
J. Harvey Dearborn, returning truants,	15 00
Henry Atkins, cleaning Eastern schoolhouse,	19 00
J. H. Dearborn, cleaning High schoolhouse,	33 00
Samuel Taylor, cleaning Western schoolhouse,	17 00
Samuel Taylor, labor,	3 00
Nathan Hudson, cleaning Conant-street schoolhouse,	8 50
Widow Mary Williams, cleaning Johnson-street schoolhouse,	8 50
Maria Harvender, cleaning Center schoolhouse,	19 00
Henry F. Pierce, cleaning outhouse,	10 00

William H. Sprague, cleaning outhouses,		\$6 00
Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Deficiency,	28 37	
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	\$428 37	\$428 37

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

B. H. Dyer, paints, glass and putty,		\$1 54
Alex Hamlen, labor and stock,		5 60
A. T. Williams, nails, paint, boards, &c.,		5 41
James Campbell, sods,		3 60
Joshua Paine, Jr., lumber,		1 42
J. A. West, labor, stock, &c.,		49 37
George Allen, lumber and mouldings,		37 35
John A. Holway, labor,		2 45
Dyer & Smith, labor and stock,		14 21
Andrew Kennedy, labor and stock,		18 41
Charles H. Holway, labor,		25 10
R. G. Alexander, labor and stock,		4 17
James Fuller, labor and stock,		2 65
Cook & Co., paints and labor,		7 65
R. J. Days, labor,		15 00
Brockton Heat Controller,		19 25
Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Deficiency,	13 18	
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	\$213 18	\$213 18

BOYS' WINTER SCHOOL.

Frank Carter, teaching,		\$131 25
Henry Shortle, expense procuring teacher,		9 00
Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Balance in treasury January 1, 1886,		9 75
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Knight, Adams & Co., bills,	\$417 63	
Charles H. Whiting, bills,	22 20	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., bills,	329 76	
Cowperthwait & Co., bills,	150 31	
George F. King & Merrill, bills,	17 30	
A. H. Andrews & Co., bills,	5 40	
Clark & Maynard, bills,	25 20	
Harris, Rogers & Co., bills,	20 00	
Ward & Gay, bills,	12 00	
S. C. Grigg & Co., bills,	10 80	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., bills,	24 48	
Thompson, Brown & Co., bills,	36 00	
Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Deficiency,	71 08	
	<u>\$1,071 08</u>	<u>\$1,071 08</u>

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

WINTER TERM, 1884 and 1885.

	Number of weeks.	Salary per week.	Amount per year of 38 weeks.	Amount per term.
Frank Wiggin, principal high school,	13	26 31 ⁷ / ₁₀	\$1000 00	\$342 10
Emma N. Baxter, 1st asst. " "	13	12 50	475 00	162 50
Lucinda W. Whorf, 2d " "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Charles Bates, prin. grammar " "	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Addie S. Mitchell, asst. " "	3	9 00	342 00	27 00
Alice M. Shortle, " " "	10	9 00		90 00
Rebecca D. Sparks, prin. high. inter. school,	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Emma L. Chapman, " " " "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Ella A. Small, " " " "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Abbie C. Sparks, " intermediate "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Mary E. Williams, " " " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Sara Cavanagh, " " " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Mary E. Dyer, " primary "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Alice M. Shortle, " " " "	3	6 50	247 00	19 50
Bessie H. Lyford, " " " "	10	6 50		65 00
Nellie B. Hilliard, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Clara A. Ryder, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Edith Small, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Angie F. Blake, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Clara L. Smith, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
			<u>\$6415 00</u>	<u>\$2194 00</u>

SPRING TERM.

Frank Wiggin, principal high school,	13	26 31 ⁷ / ₁₀	\$1000 00	\$342 11
Emma N. Baxter, 1st asst. " "	13	12 50	475 00	162 50
Lucinda W. Whorf, 2d " "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Charles Bates, prin. grammar " "	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Addie S. Mitchell, asst. " "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Rebecca D. Sparks, higher inter. " "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Mary E. Williams, " " " "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Ella A. Small, " " " "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Abbie C. Sparks, intermediate " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Nellie B. Hilliard, " " " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Sara Cavanagh, " " " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Mary E. Dyer, primary " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Alice M. Shortle, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Bessie H. Lyford, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Clara A. Ryder, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Edith Small, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Angie F. Blake, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Clara L. Smith, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
			<u>\$6415 00</u>	<u>\$2194 61</u>

FALL TERM.

	Number of weeks.	Salary per week.	Amount per year of 38 weeks.	Amount per term.
Frank Wiggin, principal high school,	11	26 31 ⁷ / ₁₀	\$1000 00	\$289 47
Alice M. Shortle, asst. " "	1	14 00		14 00
Emma Gardner, " " "	10	14 47 ⁴ / ₁₀	550 00	144 74
Lucinda W. Whorf, " " "	11	9 00	342 00	99 00
Charles Bates, prin. grammar " "	11	20 00	760 00	220 00
Addie S. Mitchell, asst. " "	11	9 00	342 00	99 00
Rebecca D. Sparks, prin. higher inter. school	11	8 50	323 00	93 50
Mary E. Williams, " " " "	11	8 50	323 00	93 50
Ella A. Small, " " " "	11	8 50	323 00	93 50
Abbie C. Sparks, " intermediate " "	11	7 00	266 00	77 00
Nellie B. Hilliard, " " " "	11	7 00	266 00	77 00
Sara Cavanagh, " " " "	11	7 00	266 00	77 00
Mary E. Dyer, " primary " "	11	6 50	247 00	71 50
Alice M. Shortle, " " " "	11	6 50	247 00	71 50
Bessie H. Lyford, " " " "	11	6 50	247 00	71 50
Clara A. Ryder, " " " "	11	6 50	247 00	71 50
Carrie A. Cowing, " " " "	9	6 50	247 00	58 50
Edith Small, " " " "	11	6 50	247 00	71 50
Angie F. Blake, " " " "	11	6 50	247 00	71 50
Clara L. Smith, " " " "	11	6 50	247 00	71 50
			\$6737 00	\$1936 71

JANITORS' SALARIES.

	BUILDING.	NUMBER OF WEEKS.	PRICE PER WEEK.	AMOUNT.
WINTER TERM:				
J. H. Dearborn,	High and Grammar,	13	\$3 50	\$45 50
George A. Beaty,	Western and Conant street,	13	3 00	39 00
Henry Harvender,	Center and cleansing privy, \$2,	13	2 00	28 00
George C. Hill,	Johnson street,	13	1 00	13 00
Manuel Rose,	Eastern,	13	2 00	26 00
				\$151 50
SPRING TERM.				
J. H. Dearborn,	High and Grammar,	13	3 50	\$45 50
George A. Beaty,	Western and Conant street,	13	3 00	39 00
Henry Harvender,	Center,	13	2 00	26 00
George C. Hill,	Johnson street,	13	1 00	13 00
Manuel Rose,	Eastern,	13	2 00	26 00
				\$149 50
FALL TERM.				
J. H. Dearborn,	High and Grammar,	11	3 50	\$38 50
George A. Beaty,	Western and Conant street,	11	3 50	38 50
Henry Harvender,	Center,	11	2 50	27 50
George C. Hill,	Johnson street,	11	1 00	11 00
John Holway,	Eastern,	11	2 50	27 50
				\$143 00

FUEL.

Jno. D. Hilliard, $36\frac{1}{2}\frac{56}{1000}$ tons coal, \$5.84,	\$214 80
A. T. Williams, $111\frac{1}{2}\frac{50}{1000}$ tons coal, \$5.17,	574 26
A. T. Williams, wood and kindlings,	18 19
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	\$807 25

SUPERINTENDENT.

H. Shortle, salary as superintendent,	\$350 00
H. Shortle, expense paid for teacher,	14 00
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	\$364 00

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in treasury, January 1, 1885,	\$321 99
Massachusetts school fund,	205 40
Appropriation,	7,600 00

DEDUCT :

Teachers' salaries,	\$6,325 92
Janitors' salaries,	444 00
Fuel,	807 25
Superintendent's salary,	350 00
Expense procuring teacher,	14 00
Balance in treasury,	186 22
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	\$8,127 39
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	\$8,127 39

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For salaries of teachers, janitors and fuel,	\$8,000 00
Incidental expenses,	500 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	500 00

HENRY SHORTLE,
A. L. PUTNAM,
A. T. WILLIAMS,

School Committee.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

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 Provincetown qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Masonic Hall in said Provincetown, on Monday, the eighth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :—

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a town clerk and treasurer.
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.
4. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to hire money under the direction of the selectmen for current expenses in anticipation of taxes.
5. To take action on the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.
6. 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.
7. To see what rate of discount the town will allow for the prompt payment of taxes, and what rate of interest they will charge delinquents the current year.

8. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

10. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of sections 40 to 48, inclusive, of chapter 102, Public Statutes.

11. To see if the town will instruct its selectmen not to license a skating-rink the year ensuing.

12. To see what action the town will take toward compensating Eben Lothrop for damages sustained by his estate on Bradford street from the overflow of surface water from said street, and relieving said estate from such overflow in the future.

13. To see what action the town will take to prevent the water, running from Bradford street, from overflowing the land of Freeman Cook and others.

14. To see if the town will vote to accept the road leading from Bradford to Winslow street, on the western side of town hill.

15. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing; also to vote by ballot "Yes" or "No," in answer to the following questions: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

16. To raise such sums of money as may be thought necessary for town charges the current year, and appropriate the same.

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 twenty-fifth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,
CHARLES H. DYER,
B. O. GROSS,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSEPH WHITCOMB,

Constable of Provincetown.