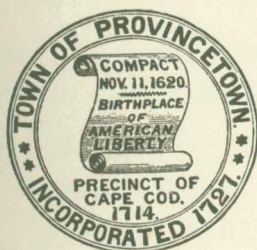


TOWN RECORDS  
AND  
REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
PROVINCETOWN, MASS.,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.



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# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN.

## OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

Seth Smith.

### SELECTMEN.

Marshall L. Adams,

James A. Small,

John N. Swift.

### ASSESSORS.

James A. Small,

John N. Swift,

Marshall L. Adams.

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Marshall L. Adams,

John N. Swift,

James A. Small.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Clarence W. Fearing.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Artemas P. Hannum,

Andrew T. Williams,

A. Louis Putnam.

### TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

\*James H. Hopkins,

Robert D. Baxter,

Edwin N. Paine,

A. Louis Putnam,

F. A. H. Gifford,

George H. Holmes.

Andrew T. Williams,

Moses N. Gifford,

Artemas P. Hannum.

### TAX COLLECTOR.

Ezra J. Riggs.

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\* Died Sept. 5, 1896.

## CONSTABLES.

J. Harvey Dearborn, Alexander Livingston, Jesse Ghen,  
Robert M. Lavender, Newton P. West.

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Bangs A. Lewis, Wm. S. Birge, Robert M. Lavender.

## AUDITOR.

Ezra J. Riggs.

## FENCE VIEWERS.

Marshall L. Adams, William P. Cross, James A. Small.

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER.

Joseph S. Atwood, Daniel F. Lewis, John G. Whitcomb.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

George W. Ready, Henry F. Pierce.

## POUND KEEPER.

George W. Ready.

## MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

John Rosenthal.

## WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Lysander N. Paine, John D. Adams, Robert E. Conwell.

## PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Joseph A. West, Joshua Cook, Nathaniel P. Holmes.

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

Joseph Whitcomb, Seth Smith, Moses N. Gifford.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Joseph S. Atwood.

## NIGHT WATCH AND POLICE.

Jesse Ghen, Reuben O. Kelley, \*Joseph Francis,  
John McIntyre, \*Charles A. Cook, Hugh McFadyen,  
Alexander Livingston, Frederick J. Alden, George H. Lewis.

## SPECIAL POLICE.

Timothy T. Chase, Enos S. Burch, Nathaniel W. Ayers,  
John W. Beaty.

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

George Allen, Robert D. Baxter, Alpheus W. Young,  
Seth Smith.

## ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

\*John D. Hilliard, Jonathan F. Snow, John G. Whitcomb,  
George H. Holmes, James H. Barnett, \*Thomas W. Sparks,  
Jeremiah A. Rich.

## ELECTION OFFICERS, NOV. 3, 1896.

BALLOT CLERKS—Charles W. Burkett, David Cook.

TELLERS AND CANVASSERS—David S. Carlow, Freeman A. Smith,  
Walter Welsh, Frederick E. Williams, Joseph S. Atwood.

## KEEPER OF LOCKUP.

Nathaniel W. Ayers.

## JANITOR OF TOWN HALL.

Nathaniel W. Ayers.

\* Resigned.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Seth Smith.

## INSPECTOR OF MILK.

Seth Smith.

## INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS AND ANIMALS.

Daniel F. Lewis.

## APPOINTMENTS OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Betsey Cobb.

## PROVINCETOWN TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1896.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1896.

## WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

To any constable in the town of Provincetown, in said County,

## GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in Town Hall on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of January, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE I. To choose moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE II. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to use the McTammany Voting Machine in the election of town officers for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 465, Acts 1893.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested printed copies thereof at the following places, to wit: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, L. N. Paine & Co., Andrew Kennedy, S. F. A. Atwood, B. H. Dyer & Co., John Adams, Joseph A. West, John D. Hilliard, R. B. Dyer, R. W. Loring, and Joseph Francis, also at the Post Office, all 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, on or before said day and hour of meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Provincetown, this fourteenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
JAMES A. SMALL,  
JOHN N. SWIFT,  
Selectmen of Provincetown.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

PROVINCETOWN, Jan. 15, 1896.

In pursuance of the within warrant, I notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose herein named by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following places, to wit: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, L. N. Paine & Co., Andrew Kennedy, S. F. A. Atwood, R. H. Dyer & Co., John Adams, Joseph A. West, John D. Hilliard, R. B. Dyer, R. W. Loring and Joseph Francis, also at the Post Office, all in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

J. HARVEY DEARBORN,  
Constable for the town of Provincetown.

Attest, SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said town, on Friday, the 24th day of January, 1896, at two o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by Seth Smith, Town Clerk, who read the warrant calling said meeting and the return thereon of the officer who served the same.

The Clerk appointed as tellers: Marshall L. Adams, James A. Small and John N. Swift to take charge of the check list, and administered to them the oath of office.

The first article in the warrant was then taken up: To choose a Moderator.

The polls were then declared open for the reception of ballots, and were kept opened until all had voted who wished, when they were declared closed. The Clerk and M. L. Adams then proceeded to sort and count the votes so given in and the whole number was ten (10), all for James Gifford, who

was then declared elected, and was sworn by the Town Clerk and took the chair.

By unanimous consent of the meeting, J. H. Hopkins introduced the following motion, which was adopted by a unanimous vote:

To see if the town will authorize the Old Colony Commission to erect on land belonging to the town in front of the Town Hall a Stone Monument bearing bronze tablets commemorating the signing of the Pilgrim Compact, provided that the place selected shall be approved by the Selectmen and the Trustees of the Cape Cod Monument Association.

Voted, that the promoters of the McTammany Voting Machine be invited to exhibit the machine and explain the working of the same to the meeting.

After the exhibit and explanations of the working of the machine, the following motion was made:

Moved, That the town accept the loan of the McTammany Voting Machine for use in the election of town officers at the coming town election to be held Feb. 10th, 1896.

Yeas, 38; Nays, 59.

The business of the meeting having been completed, it was voted that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, FEB. 10, 1896.

WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to

meet at the Town Hall on Monday, the tenth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the following purposes, to wit:

ARTICLE FIRST. To choose a Moderator.

SECOND. To hear and act upon the reports and recommendations of the town officers.

THIRD. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, and posted according to law.

FOURTH. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money temporarily, in anticipation of taxes the current year, agreeably to Section 20 of the By-Laws of the town.

FIFTH. To see if the town will vote to amend Section twenty-nine of the By-Laws of the town.

SIXTH. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

SEVENTH. To choose the following officers, all on one ballot, viz.:

- A Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year.
- One Selectman and Assessor for three years.
- One Overseer of the Poor for three years.
- One member of the School Committee for three years.
- Three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.
- One Water Commissioner for three years.
- One Park Commissioner for three years.
- One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
- Five Constables for one year.
- One member of the Board of Health for one year.
- One member of the Board of Health for two years.
- One member of the Board of Health for three years.
- A Collector of Taxes for one year.
- An Auditor for one year.
- Three Fence Viewers for one year.
- Three Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber for one year.
- Two or more Field Drivers for one year.
- A Pound Keeper for one year.
- A Monument Committee for one year.

Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The polls will open at eleven o'clock A. M., and may be closed at three o'clock P. M.

EIGHTH. To see what action the town will take for the preservation of the Harbor of Provincetown.

NINTH. To see if the town will vote to erect and maintain two street lights on Montello Street in the following localities, viz.: One

on the corner of Bradford and Montello Streets, near the residence of Widow Hannah Sears, and one at the head of Montello Street, near the premises of John Patrick.

TENTH. To take action on the following, relating to the locating and maintaining of water pipes.

Section one. To see if the town will instruct the Water Commissioners to locate a water pipe on Taylor's Lane [in the western part of the town] and raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.

Section two. To see if the town will instruct the Water Commissioners to lay and maintain a suitable water pipe as follows: Commencing at the pipe on Cudworth Street running thence through Watson's Lane to its terminal, thence extending northerly through the town way to Prince Street to connect with the pipe on said Prince Street and to raise and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars therefor.

Section three. To see if the town will instruct the Water Commissioners to locate and maintain a suitable water pipe from the corner of Bradford and Cottage Streets to the premises of Mary Meads on said Cottage Street.

Section four. To see if the town will instruct the Water Commissioners to lay a suitable pipe from the main on Pleasant Street to the estate of Reuben W. Rich, appropriating three hundred dollars for the same.

ELEVENTH. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to place folding doors between the Caucus Hall and the Firemen's Room in the town hall and will raise and appropriate money for the same or will take any other action toward improving the hall.

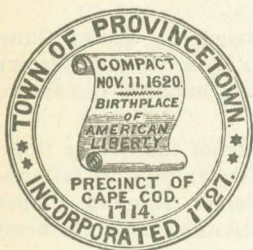
TWELFTH. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain one street light on Bradford Street near the premises of D. M. McKay.

THIRTEENTH. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town and matters voted on at this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following places, to wit: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, L. N. Paine & Co., Joseph Matthews, Andrew Kennedy, S. F. A. Atwood, Harvey O. Sparrow, B. H. Dyer & Co., John Adams, Ira K. Small, George H. Holmes, Frederick A. H. Gifford, Newton P. West, Josiah F. Small, Jonathan Y. Cook, Joseph A. West, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Thomas W. Sparks, John D. Hilliard, Leonard N. Swift, Stephen S. Lavender, Jeremiah A. Rich, George O. Knowles,

R. B. Dyer, Rebecca W. Loring and Joseph Francis, also at the Post Office, all 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 Selectmen or Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.



Given under our hands this twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
JAMES A. SMALL,  
JOHN N. SWIFT,  
Selectmen of Provincetown.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

PROVINCETOWN, Jan. 29, 1896.

In pursuance of the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose herein named by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following places, to wit: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, L. N. Paine & Co., Joseph Matthews, Andrew Kennedy, S. F. A. Atwood, Harvey O. Sparrow, B. H. Dyer & Co., John Adams, Ira K. Small, George H. Holmes, Frederick A. H. Gifford, Newton P. West, Josiah F. Small, Jonathan Y. Cook, Joseph A. West, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Thomas W. Sparks, John D. Hilliard, Leonard N. Swift, Stephen S. Lavender, Jeremiah A. Rich, George O. Knowles, R. B. Dyer, Rebecca W. Loring and Joseph Francis, also at the Post Office, all in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

J. HARVEY DEARBORN,  
Constable of the town of Provincetown.

Attest, SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections, met in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, the tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and were called to order at nine o'clock in the forenoon by Seth Smith, Town Clerk. James A. Small, Selectman, read the warrant calling said meeting, and the return thereon of the officer who served the same.

The Clerk then appointed as Tellers: James A. Small, John N. Swift and George W. Holbrook to take charge of the check list and administered to them the oath of office.

Article first was then taken up: To choose a Moderator.

The polls were then declared open for the reception of ballots and were kept open until all had voted who wished, when they were declared closed. James A. Small and the Clerk then proceeded to sort and count the votes so given in, and the whole number was two hundred and sixty-three (263). Heman S. Cook had one hundred (100) votes; James Gifford, one hundred and sixty-three (163) votes, and was declared elected and sworn by the Town Clerk.

On motion of M. L. Adams, Mr. Samuel T. Soper, a former resident, was invited to take a seat with the legal voters.

The report of the Town Clerk was accepted.

The report of the Selectmen was accepted and it was voted that there be raised and appropriated for the financial year 1896 the sum of \$5,425, as estimated by the Selectmen.

The report of the Assessors accepted.

The report of the Overseers of the Poor was accepted, and voted that the recommendation be adopted and there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$4,500 for the ensuing year.

The report of the Treasurer of the Cemetery Trust Funds was accepted.

The report of the Superintendent of Streets accepted and it was voted that the recommendation be adopted and the sum of \$3,650 be raised and appropriated therefor for the year ensuing.

Auditor's report accepted.

Report of the Engineers of the Fire Department accepted and it was voted that the recommendations of the Engineers of the Fire Department be accepted and the sum of \$1510 raised and appropriated therefor.

The report of the Board of Health accepted and it was voted that the recommendation be adopted and the sum of \$225 be raised and appropriated therefor.

Report of Park Commissioners accepted.

The report of the Trustees of the Public Library accepted and it was voted that the recommendation be adopted and the sum of \$600 be raised and appropriated for said Library.

Report of the Water Commissioners: Voted, that the recommendation, recommending an appropriation of \$1250 for construction account, be amended by striking out the sum of \$600 and was accepted, as amended.

The recommendations, recommending that the Fire Department pay to the Water Department \$850 for hydrant service, and that the Road Department pay \$150 for watering streets, were rejected.

The report of the Cemetery Commissioners accepted and the recommendation for \$100 for the year ensuing to carry on the work of repairs be adopted.

The report of the School Committee was accepted and it was voted that the recommendations of the School Committee of \$12,600 be raised and appropriated.

Article third taken up:

To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and posted according to law.

By request the following named persons were excused from serving as Jurors the ensuing year: John D. Hilliard, James E. Rich and Daniel F. Small. It was then voted that the Juror list be accepted as revised.

Article fourth taken up:

To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money temporarily in anticipation of taxes the current year agreeably to Section 20 of the By-Laws of the town.

Voted, That the Treasurer be so authorized.

Article fifth taken up:

To see if the town will vote to amend section twenty-nine of the By-Laws of the town.

Voted, That section twenty-nine of the By-Laws be amended by substituting the following motion:

All persons who shall voluntarily pay the taxes assessed upon them on or before the first day of November of the year in which they are assessed shall be entitled to the following discounts:

From August 1st to August 15th inclusive, a discount of 2 1-2 per cent.

From August 16th to August 31st inclusive, a discount of 2 1-4 per cent.

From September 1st to September 15th inclusive, a discount of 2 1-2 per cent.

From September 16th to September 30th inclusive, a discount of 1 1-2 per cent.

From October 16 to November 1st inclusive, a discount of 1-2 of 1 per cent, after which time no discount will be allowed.

Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum will be charged on all taxes not paid on or before the first day of January following.

Article six taken up and voted that the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the observance of Memorial Day the ensuing year.

Article seven taken up:

To choose the following town officers, all on one ballot, viz.:

A Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year.

One Selectman and Assessor for three years.

One Overseer of the Poor for three years.

One member of School Committee for three years.

Three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

One Water Commissioner for three years.

One Park Commissioner for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

Five Constables for one year.

One member of the Board of Health for one year.

One member of the Board of Health for two years.

One member of the Board of Health for three years.

A Collector of Taxes for one year.

An Auditor for one year.

Three Fence Viewers for one year.

Three Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber, one year.

Two or more Field Drivers for one year.

A Monument Committee for one year.

Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls were opened at eleven o'clock, A. M., and closed at three o'clock P. M.

Ballot Clerks Charles W. Burkett and David Cook who had



been appointed by the Selectmen, and sworn by the Town Clerk, were then stationed at the entrance to the polling place and were furnished with a list of the registered voters of the town.

One package of men's ballots and one package of women's ballots, supplied by the Town Clerk, were then delivered to Charles W. Burkett, Ballot Clerk, and his receipt taken therefor, who furnished them to the voters as they presented themselves and checked their names on the list. The cards of instruction and specimen ballots were also posted in different parts of the hall outside the railing. The ballot box to be used at the election was then opened in public meeting and examined by the election officers and shown to be empty.

The register of the box was set at zero (0) and locked. The key to the lower part was delivered to J. Harvey Dearborn, Constable, and the key to the upper part to the Town Clerk. The polls were then declared open for the reception of votes and were kept open until three o'clock P. M., when, after due notice, they were declared closed.

The Moderator had charge of the election and the ballot box and check list were in his care, and during the time of voting the ballot box, by unanimous consent, was opened five times for the purpose of counting votes, and again at the close of the polls, when the register stood at five hundred and forty-seven.

The names on the list of voters, which had been checked, were then counted and the whole number was five hundred and forty-seven. The election officers then proceeded to canvass the votes so given in and the whole number was five hundred and forty-seven, which were sorted, counted and recorded and declaration thereof made in open town meeting as required by law and were for the following town officers:

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER, ONE YEAR. Votes.

Seth Smith, 429

SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR, THREE YEARS.

Marshall L. Adams, 355  
Myrick C. Atwood, 177

OVERSEER OF THE POOR, THREE YEARS.

Marshall L. Adams, 352  
Myrick C. Atwood, 174

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, THREE YEARS.

Andrew T. Williams, 442

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, THREE YEARS.

Robert D. Baxter, 405  
Edwin N. Paine, 388  
A. Louis Putnam, 389

WATER COMMISSIONER, THREE YEARS.

Lysander N. Paine, 423

PARK COMMISSIONER, THREE YEARS.

Joseph A. West, 440

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, THREE YEARS.

Seth Smith, 431

CONSTABLES, ONE YEAR.

Jeremiah H. Dearborn, 359  
Jesse Ghen, 367  
Reuben O. Kelley, 256  
Robert M. Lavender, 363  
Alexander Livingston, 355  
Newton P. West, 344

BOARD OF HEALTH, ONE YEAR.

Bangs A. Lewis, 400

BOARD OF HEALTH, TWO YEARS.

William S. Birge, 389

BOARD OF HEALTH, THREE YEARS.

Robert M. Lavender, 380  
Scattering, 1

## TAX COLLECTOR, ONE YEAR.

Ezra J. Riggs, 412  
Scattering, 1

## AUDITOR, ONE YEAR.

Ezra J. Riggs, 367

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER, ONE YEAR.

Joseph S. Atwood, 375  
Daniel F. Lewis, 59  
John G. Whitecomb, 349

## FENCE VIEWERS, ONE YEAR.

Marshall L. Adams, 8  
William P. Cross, 5  
James A. Small, 7  
John N. Swift, 7  
George W. Ready, 5  
Nehemiah Nickerson, 2  
Scattering, 25

## FIELD DRIVERS, ONE YEAR.

George W. Ready, 355  
Henry F. Pierce, 3  
Scattering, 6

## POUND KEEPER, ONE YEAR.

George W. Ready, 350

## MONUMENT COMMITTEE, ONE YEAR.

John Rosenthal, 351  
Scattering, 1

In answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" the whole number of votes cast was 382.

Yes, 97  
No, 285

In voting the check list was used and no person was allowed to deposit a vote until his name was found on the list and

checked. The election of officers being completed, the votes cast, the list of voters used at the polls were then sealed up and endorsed by the election officers and delivered to the Town Clerk, in conformity with the law in such case made and provided.

Voted, That the subject matter of Article eighth be laid on the table.

Voted, That this meeting stand adjourned until 7 P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That article eight be taken from the table.

A. T. Williams, Secretary of the Committee on the Preservation of Provincetown Harbor, appointed at a meeting of the citizens, presented to the meeting the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the citizens of Provincetown in annual town meeting assembled, realizing that that the very existence of the town depends upon the preservation of the harbor, again affirm their belief in the urgent need of additional protection to the Long Point arm of the harbor and respectfully urge and request the Congress of the United States to appropriate such moneys as may be necessary to provide a preliminary survey of the harbor and the adjacent shores of Long Point for the purpose of determining the most feasible method of securing additional and adequate protection against the inroads of the sea.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk transmit copies of these resolutions to the Hon. John Simpkins, member of Congress from the thirteenth District, and to such other officials as the Committee upon Harbor Defences may suggest.

The above resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote.

Voted, That the doings of the committee be accepted.

Voted, That the committee be continued to the next annual meeting, and that one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for their use, if required.

Moved by Joseph A. West and adopted by a unanimous vote, That the Board of Assessors be requested to exempt from taxation the Puritan Shirt Factory and any person occupying the same for the purpose of carrying on a manufacturing business.

Article ninth taken up; and voted that the Selectmen be authorized to erect and maintain one street light on the corner

of Bradford and Montello Streets, near the residence of widow Hannah Sears, and one at the head of Montello Street near the premises of John Patrick.

Article tenth, section one, taken up; and it was voted that the Water Commissioners be instructed to locate a water pipe on Taylor's Lane in the western part of the town and to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.

Section two:

To see if the town will instruct the Water Commissioners to lay and maintain a suitable water pipe as follows: Commencing at the pipe on Cudworth Street running thence through Watson's Lane to its terminal, thence extending northerly through the town way to Prince Street to connect with the pipe on said Prince Street and to raise and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars therefor.

Voted, That section two of article tenth be laid on the table.

Section three taken up; and it was voted that the Water Commissioners be instructed to locate and maintain a suitable water pipe from the corner of Bradford and Cottage Streets to the premises of Mary Meads on said Cottage Street, and one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the same.

Section four, article tenth, taken up:

To see if the town will instruct the Water Commissioners to lay a suitable pipe from the main on Pleasant Street to the estate of Reuben W. Rich, appropriating three hundred dollars for the same.

Voted, That the subject matter of section four of article ten be laid on the table.

Article eleventh taken up; and it was voted that the Selectmen be instructed to place suitable doors between the Caucus Hall and the Firemen's Room in the Town Hall and make by a dumb-waiter or otherwise, such communication between said rooms and the basement as the use of these apartments require.

Article twelfth taken up; and it was voted that the Selectmen erect and maintain one street light on Bradford Street near the premises of D. M. McKay.

Article thirteenth taken up; and it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-nine thousand nine hundred and ten dollars for the following purposes:

Watch and Police,	\$1,000 00
Town Hill and Fences,	25 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
Public Library,	600 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Health Department,	225 00
Support of the Poor,	4,500 00
Roads and Walks,	3,000 00
Fire Department,	1,510 00
Jetty System,	150 00
Watering the Streets,	250 00
Public Schools,	10,500 00
Schoolhouse Repairs,	600 00
School Incidentals,	500 00
Free Text Books and Supplies,	1,000 00
Street Lights,	800 00
Interest on Demand Loans,	450 00
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	750 00
Abatement of Taxes,	650 00
Water Supply, Construction Account,	650 00
Incidental Expenses,	1,900 00
Drainage of Pearl Street,	250 00
Committee on Preservation of Provincetown Harbor,	160 00
Laying Water Pipes on Cottage Street,	100 00
Laying Water Pipes on Taylor's Lane,	200 00
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	\$29,910 00

Yes, 27; No, 1.

The business of the meeting have been accomplished, it was voted that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest:           SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

Then personally appeared the persons named below and were sworn to a faithful discharge of the duties of the offices, at the time set against their names, or signified their acceptance of the offices to which they had been elected, viz.:

Feb. 10. Town Clerk and Treasurer—Seth Smith.  
 Selectman and Assessor—Marshall L. Adams.  
 Overseer of the Poor—Marshall L. Adams.

- Feb. 10. School Committee—Andrew T. Williams.  
Trustees of the Public Library—Robert D. Baxter, A.  
Louis Putnam, Edwin N. Paine.
- Feb. 11. Water Commissioner—Lysander N. Paine.  
Park Commissioner—Joseph A. West.
- Feb. 12. Cemetery Commissioner—Seth Smith.
- Feb. 10. Constables—Jeremiah H. Dearborn, Jesse Ghen, Newton  
P. West, Alexander Livingston.
- Feb. 11. Constable—Robert M. Lavender.
- Feb. 10. Board of Health—Bangs A. Lewis, Wm. S. Birge, M. D.,  
Robert M. Lavender.  
Tax Collector—Ezra J. Riggs.  
Auditor—Ezra J. Riggs.  
Fence Viewers—Marshall L. Adams, William P. Cross.
- Feb. 15. Fence Viewer—\*James A. Small.
- Feb. 10. Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber—Joseph S. At-  
wood, Daniel F. Lewis, John G. Whitcomb.  
Field Drivers—George W. Ready, Henry F. Pierce.  
Pound Keeper—George W. Ready.  
Monument Committee—John Rosenthal.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE SELECTMEN.

- Ballot Clerks—Charles W. Burkett, David Cook.  
Tellers—David S. Carlow, Freeman A. Smith, Nathaniel H. Small,  
Walter Welsh, Joseph S. Atwood, and George W. Holbrook.  
Superintendent of Streets—Joseph S. Atwood.  
Keeper of Lockup and Special Police—N. W. Ayers.  
Inspector of Milk—Seth Smith.  
Night Watch and Police—Jesse Ghen, Reuben O. Kelley, Joseph  
Francis, Charles A. Cook, John McIntyre, Hugh McFadyen, Alex-  
ander Livingston, Frederick J. Alden and George H. Lewis.  
Special Police—Timothy T. Chase, Enos S. Burch, John W. Beaty.  
Engineers of the Fire Department—§John D. Hilliard, George H.  
Holmes, Jonathan F. Snow, John G. Whitcomb, James H. Barnett,  
§Thomas W. Sparks, Jeremiah A. Rich.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, March 12, 1896.

I hereby certify that the ballots cast at the Town Election,  
February 10, 1896, were this day destroyed by me, as required  
by law.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

\* Appointed.

§ Resigned.

PROVINCETOWN, March 28, 1896.

At a legal meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day  
the following named persons were drawn as jurors to attend  
the Superior Court to be holden at Barnstable on the 14th day  
of April, 1896.

Grand Jurors—Joseph H. Emery and John Rosenthal.

Traverse Jurors—James P. Holmes, Edward Q. Weeks, George W.  
Watson.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, September 28, 1896.

At a legal meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day  
the following named persons were drawn as Traverse Jurors  
to attend the Superior Court to be holden at Barnstable on the  
13th day of October, 1896: William Roberts, Seth Smith,  
Nathaniel Small.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

NATIONAL AND STATE ELECTION,  
NOVEMBER 3, 1896.

In pursuance of the warrant, the inhabitants of the town of  
Provincetown, qualified to vote as the law directs, met in the  
Caucus Hall, Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 3d day of November,  
1896, and were called to order at 9 o'clock in the forenoon by  
the Town Clerk.

The following is the result of the election:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

BRYAN AND SEWALL. Democratic.

At Large—Ernest C. Marshall of Boston,	59
At Large—Daniel W. Kenney of Holyoke,	59
Dist. 1. William B. Mahoney of Westfield,	59

Dist. 2.	Joseph F. Callanan of Springfield,	59
3.	Levi Barker of Worcester,	59
4.	Henry J. Jaquith of Wellesley,	59
5.	Michael O'Mahoney of Lawrence,	59
6.	James P. Dearborn of Haverhill,	59
7.	Edward B. Newhall of Lynn,	59
8.	John P. McCormick of Cambridge,	59
9.	James J. Lanigan of Boston,	59
10.	Quincy A. Lothrop of Boston,	59
11.	William D. Leahy of Milford,	59
12.	Francis A. Hobart of Braintree,	59
13.	Thomas J. Meaney of New Bedford,	59

## BRYAN AND SEWALL. Democratic Bryan Nom. Paper.

At Large—	Henry Winn of Malden,	30
Dist. 1.	Frank S. Gross of Lee,	30
2.	William M. E. Mellen of Chicopee,	30
3.	Enoch Earle of Worcester,	30
4.	Harry J. Jaquith of Wellesley,	30
5.	James E. Donoghue of Lawrence,	30
6.	Thomas Sanders of Haverhill,	30
7.	William J. Brickley of Everett,	30
8.		
9.	William J. Burke of Boston,	30
10.	Quincy A. Lothrop of Boston,	30
11.	James Jeffrey Roche of Brookline,	30
12.	Francis A. Hobart of Braintree,	30
13.	Charles H. Lane of Tisbury,	30

## BRYAN AND WATSON. Peoples Party.

At Large—	Henry Winn of Malden,	3
Dist. 1.		
2.	William M. E. Mellen of Chicopee,	3
3.	Enoch Earle of Worcester,	3
4.	Harry J. Jaquith of Wellesley,	3
5.	James E. Donoghue of Lawrence,	3
6.	Thomas Sanders of Haverhill,	3
7.	William J. Brickley of Everett,	3
8.		
9.	William J. Burke of Boston,	3
10.	Quincy A. Lothrop of Boston,	3
11.	James Jeffrey Roche of Brookline,	3
12.	Francis A. Hobart of Braintree,	3
13.		

## LEVERING AND JOHNSON. Prohibition.

At Large—	Edward Kendall of Cambridge,	3
At Large—	Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield,	3
Dist. 1.	Edward S. Rogers of Lee,	3
2.	Hubbard Lawrence of Palmer,	3
3.	John Holt of Sutton,	3
4.	Edward G. Watkins of Gardner,	3
5.	James K. Fellows of Lowell,	3
6.	Albert B. Coats of Beverly,	3
7.	Seth Weston of Chelsea,	3
8.	Abijah Hall of Boston,	3
9.	Charles A. Abbott of Boston,	3
10.	William J. Hurd of Boston,	3
11.	William H. Partridge of Newton,	3
12.	Edwin Sawtelle of Brockton,	3
13.	Charles A. Chace of Swanzey,	3

## MATCHETT AND MAGUIRE. Socialist Labor Party.

At Large—	George L. Lovell of Holyoke,	0
At Large—	Patrick F. Griffin of North Adams,	0
Dist. 1.	Rudolph Fuchs of Adams,	0
2.	Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield,	0
3.	Addison W. Barr of Worcester,	0
4.	William H. Keiser of Fitchburg,	0
5.	Louis Gens of Lawrence,	0
6.	John F. Crabtree of Haverhill,	0
7.	Louis Wolfson of Lynn,	0
8.	Squire E. Putney of Somerville,	0
9.	David Goldstein of Boston,	0
10.	Conrad Kersten of Boston,	0
11.	Theodore Wuesteman of Norwood,	0
12.		0
13.	Frank Blauensteiner of New Bedford,	0

## MCKINLEY AND HOBART. Republican.

At Large—	John Q. A. Brackett of Arlington,	423
At Large—	William H. Haile of Springfield,	423
Dist. 1.	Franklin Carter of Williamstown,	423
2.	Augustus Coolidge of Athol,	423
3.	Arthur F. Whitin of Northbridge,	423
4.	Charles H. Moulton of Waltham,	423
5.	Joseph Miller of Lowell,	423
6.	Sylvanus Smith of Gloucester,	423
7.	Edward W. LaCroix of Lynn,	423

Dist. 8. Robert O. Fuller of Cambridge,	423
9. Peter Morrison of Boston,	423
10. John C. Cobb of Milton,	423
11. Wilbur H. Powers of Hyde Park,	423
12. Henry A. Thomas of Weymouth,	423
13. Edmund Anthony, Jr., of Fairhaven,	423

## PALMER AND BUCKNER. Democratic National Nom. Paper.

At Large—Thomas J. Gargan of Boston,	8
At Large—James S. Grinnell of Greenfield,	8
Dist. 1. James W. Hull of Pittsfield,	8
2. Leander B. Morse of Athol,	8
3. Eben S. Stevens of Dudley,	8
4. Charles J. Williams of Acton,	8
5. Sam D. Stevens of North Andover,	8
6. Robert S. Rantoul of Salem,	8
7. Samuel K. Hamilton of Wakefield,	8
8. Godfrey Morse of Boston,	8
9. Sigourney Butler of Boston,	8
10. Daniel L. Prendergast of Boston,	8
11. James E. Cotter of Hyde Park,	8
12. Charles G. Davis of Plymouth,	8
13. Louis B. Thacher of Yarmouth,	8

## GOVERNOR.

Thomas C. Brophy, of Somerville, Socialist Labor Party,	12
Allen Coffin of Nantucket, Prohibition,	7
Frederick O. Prince of Boston, Democratic National Nom. Paper,	7
George Fred Williams of Dedham, Democratic,	46
George Fred Williams of Dedham, Peoples Party,	9
George Fred Williams of Dedham, Democratic Bryan Nom. Paper,	13
Roger Wolcott of Boston, Republican,	383

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Christopher T. Callahan of Holyoke, Democratic Bryan Nom. Paper, Democratic,	54
W. Murray Crane of Dalton, Republican,	342
Archibald Dakin of Brockton, Peoples Party,	9
James E. McConnell of Fitchburg, Democratic National Nom. Paper,	13
William W. Nash of Williamsburg, Prohibition,	9
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke, Socialist Labor Party,	9

## SECRETARY.

Asa F. Hall of Hudson, Peoples Party,	8
Waldo Lincoln of Worcester, Democratic National Nom. Paper,	14
William M. Olin of Boston, Republican,	353
Joseph H. Potts of Lynn, Democratic Bryan Nom. Paper, Democratic,	45
Leroy D. Usher of Worcester, Socialist Labor Party,	0
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Prohibition,	9

## TREASURER.

Charles G. F. Claus of Malden, Socialist Labor Party,	2
Robert C. Habberley of Hyde Park, Prohibition,	16
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport, Republican,	337
Horace P. Tobey of Wareham, Democratic National Nom. Paper,	24
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree, Peoples Party. Democratic Bryan Nom. Paper. Democratic,	33

## AUDITOR.

Maurice P. Cavanaugh of Springfield, Democratic Bryan Nom. Paper,	24
Maurice J. Fitzgerald of Boston, Democratic,	25
Thomas A. Frissell of Hinsdale, Prohibition,	5
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, Republican,	338
Rufus H. Phinney of Lynn, Socialist Labor Party,	2
William P. Proctor of Marblehead, Peoples Party,	6
Charles C. Spellman of Springfield, Democratic National Nom. Paper,	7

## ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

John C. Chase of Haverhill, Socialist Labor Party,	2
Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst, Prohibition,	7
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn, Democratic National Nom. Paper,	13
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford, Republican,	339
William H. Morse of Chelsea, Peoples Party,	10
John B. O'Donnell of Northampton, Democratic Bryan Nom. Paper. Democratic,	35

## COUNCILLOR—FIRST DISTRICT.

Nathaniel F. Ryder of Middleboro, Republican,	362
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## SENATOR—CAPE DISTRICT.

William A. Morse of Tisbury, Republican,	382
Charles C. Paine of Barnstable, Democratic,	60

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—THIRD BARNSTABLE DISTRICT.

Frank H. Pervere of Wellfleet, Republican, 379

## CLERK OF COURTS—BARNSTABLE.

Smith K. Hopkins of Barnstable, Democratic. Republican, 330

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER—BARNSTABLE.

Frank M. Hinckley of Barnstable, Democratic, 55

Joshua C. Robinson of Falmouth, Republican, 345

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS—THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

James Francis Morris of Fall River, Democratic, 48

John Simpkins of Yarmouth, Republican, 386

First Article of Amendment: Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of state officers be approved and ratified?

Yes, 121

No, 146

Second Article of Amendment: Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of members of the general court be approved and ratified?

Yes, 100

No, 137

In voting the check list was used and no person was allowed to deposit his vote until his name was found on the list and checked.

The business of the meeting being completed the returns were filled up, signed by the Selectmen, countersigned by the Town Clerk, and sealed in open Town Meeting as required by law and delivered to the Town Clerk to forward to their several places of destination.

The votes cast and the list of voters used at the polls were then sealed up and endorsed by a majority of the election officers and delivered to the Town Clerk in conformity with the laws in such cases made and provided.

The meeting was then declared dissolved by vote.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the several Town Clerks in Representative District number three held in the town of Wellfleet at noon November 13, 1896, it was found that the whole number of votes cast was ten hundred and sixty-four, as follows:

	Frank H. Pervere.	Clark.
Provincetown,	379	
Truro,	94	
Wellfleet,	158	
Eastham,	95	1
Orleans,	196	
Brewster,	141	
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Frank H. Pervere of Wellfleet was declared elected.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, December 8, 1896.

I hereby certify that the ballots cast at the National and State Election, November 3, 1896, and the unused ballots were this day destroyed by me as required by law.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1896.

#### JANUARY.

1. Rev. William Frederick Skerrye of Provincetown and Lillian Morse Starratt of Melrose. Married in Melrose, Mass.
1. Herman A. Jennings and Mrs. Lizzie M. Jackson, both of Provincetown.
10. Joseph Gracie and Amelia Jason, both of Provincetown.
11. John W. Ellis and Agnes F. Logan, both of Provincetown. Married in Brockton, Mass.
15. David H. Powers and Elizabeth W. Law, both of Provincetown.
15. Daniel F. Small and Lenora Smith, both of Provincetown.
23. Joseph Loring Silva and Mary Isabella Avela, both of Provincetown.
23. Manuel Francis and Carrie M. Silva, both of Provincetown.

#### FEBRUARY.

15. John Swartz and Mary Joseph Greal, both of Provincetown.
17. Joseph H. Settes and Sophia DeCost, both of Provincetown.

#### MARCH.

5. Alton Lothrop Daggett and Jessie Van McKenzie, both of Provincetown.

#### APRIL.

26. Reuben N. Freeman and Bertha Thomas, both of Provincetown.

#### MAY.

14. Elmer Small Lewis and Helen H. Whelden, both of Provincetown.
20. Prince Freeman and Lorinda P. Starr, both of Provincetown.

#### JUNE.

10. Donald B. Smith of Provincetown and Nettie Elizabeth Thayer of Norwood. Married in Norwood, Mass.
24. David Kendrick of Boston, Mass., and Mary Emma Ryder of Provincetown.
25. William B. Hassenburg of Provincetown and Elizabeth Frances Foulkes of Washington, D. C. Married in Boston, Mass.

#### JULY.

5. Solomon Bangs Rich of Provincetown and Abbie Cobb of East Boston. Married in Boston.
15. James Patterson of Boston and Agnes K. Atkins of Provincetown.
22. Jesse Cabral and Mary Joseph, both of Provincetown.
25. George W. Ellis and Alice McQuillan, both of Provincetown.
26. Prince William Kenney and Bessie Emma Small, both of Provincetown.

#### AUGUST.

21. Alvin M. Sparrow and Mary E. Mullen, both of Provincetown.
23. Peter Perry and Nellie Sullivan, both of Provincetown.

#### SEPTEMBER.

3. Herbert Scott and Mary Bell, both of Provincetown.
3. Theodore Winthrop Swift of Yarmouth, Mass., and Mattie Hanson Gross of Provincetown.
5. Walter Pierce Plummer of New York City and Alice Maud Potter of Provincetown.
6. Joseph M. Whitney and Vashti O. Dyer, both of Boston. Married in Provincetown.
7. Manuel Silva Rasgamar and Margana Prayder Lema, both of Provincetown.
14. Mathias Morris and Carrie May Patrick, both of Provincetown.

#### OCTOBER.

15. Francisco Alfonso of Provincetown and Maria des Morris of Boston. Married in Boston.
26. Frank Carlos and Jennie M. Randell, both of Provincetown.



## NOVEMBER.

11. Robert McMurray and Mary S. Matheson, both of Provincetown.
21. James Turner Jordan and Annie Gillis, both of Provincetown.
23. John Silva and Almeda Souza, both of Provincetown.
23. Louis Souza and Mary Prayder, both of Provincetown.
25. Antoine Carlos and Catherine Days, both of Provincetown.
26. Arlington Damon of Buckfield, Me., and Flora F. Bowley of Provincetown. Married in Buckfield, Me.
26. Manuel Davis and Annie Silva, both of Provincetown.

## DECEMBER.

4. Manuel Joseph Jason and Susie Ayers Smith, both of Provincetown.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1896.

## JANUARY.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
5.	Minnie Tragie Crowley,	John and Mary Jesouce.
7.	Jessie Costa,	Manuel and Jessie, nee Jason.
8.	Stephen Marshall Barnes,	Anthony and Nellie, nee Marshall.
10.	Ernest Antoine Edwards,	Thomas and Augustine, nee Styles.
14.	John Enos, Jr.,	John and Isabel, nee Asevedo.
15.	Angie Cook,	Manuel F. and Viola, nee Ferry.
17.	Joseph Souza,	Joseph C. and Mary, nee Souza.
22.	Annie Meads,	Seth G. and Mary N., nee Silva.

## FEBRUARY.

6.	Annie May Bragg,	Joseph and Annie, nee Silva.
8.	Lewis Armstrong Young,	William H. and Annie, nee Hughes.
13.	Ralph Needham Pierce,	Benjamin G. and Sadie S, nee Rich.
15.	John Woods,	John P. and Monica N., nee Avela.
18.	Richard Leslie Silva,	John F. and Mary E., nee Barnett.

## MARCH.

3.	Joseph F. Cook, Jr.,	Frank F. and Amelia L., nee Frates.
7.	Maggie Morris { twins }	Manuel and Mary, nee Flores,
	Phebe Morris }	
12.	John Ferry,	Jesse and Mary R., nee Chave.
17.	Lydialina Crowley,	Manuel and Mary Louisa.

## MARCH.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
17.	William C. Brown,	Manuel F. and Julia, nee Silva.
18.	Joseph Thomas,	Manuel and Mamie, nee Crowley.
19.	Harvey Shaw Matheson,	Angus K. and Rebecca, nee McKenzie.
21.	Lucy King,	Antoine and Mary, nee Ferry.
25.	William J. Fratus,	John W. and Mary J., nee Williams.
28.	Nora Gracie,	Manuel and Mary, nee Francis.
31.	—Lewis,	Fred A. and Minnie A., nee Ellis.

## APRIL.

3.	Mamie Cadosh,	Augustus and Trazie, nee Costa.
3.	Antoine Veara,	Manuel and Clara, nee Gomes.
5.	Josephine Lee Atwood,	Joseph S. and Abbie S., nee Ryder.
8.	Joseph Silva,	Manuel H. and Mary, nee Marshall.
16.	Manuel Henrique,	Joseph and Maria C., nee Joseph.
16.	Rosie Steel,	Joseph and Mary, nee Brown.
16.	Joseph Camera, Jr.,	Joseph and Mary, nee Silva.
17.	Rosie Andrews,	John and Mary, nee Deglory.
20.	Joseph Lombard Dantos, Jr.	Joseph L. & Delphine C., nee Pershake.
21.	Carl Frederick Alden,	Fred and Jessie, nee McKenzie.
25.	Albert George Brown,	George A. and Georgie E., nee Lewis.
25.	Mamie Flores,	Frank and Carrie, nee Frates.

## MAY.

3.	Frank Fish Caton,	Manuel and Ida, nee Silva.
14.	Edward J. Bennett,	Alfred and Annie A., nee Connelly.
19.	Annie May Rabbet,	Joseph and Josephine, nee Sears.
23.	Esther Emma Perry,	Joseph E. and Mary C., nee Rogers.
30.	Lenora Oliver,	Peter F. and Josephine A., nee Gaspie.

## JUNE.

7.	John Veara,	Manuel J. and Mary, nee Jason.
9.	Manuel Gomes,	Frank and Mary F., nee Perry.
11.	Amelia Souza,	Bartholomew and Anna J., nee Lema.
12.	Gloriana Perry,	John and Mary, nee Ferry.
18.	Joseph Souza,	Peter and Louisa, nee Silva.
18.	Mary Lamos,	Manuel S. and Frances, nee Silva.
19.	George Ventura Loring,	Joseph V. and Christie L., nee Rogers.
26.	Leonora Rocheteau,	Joseph and Maggie C., nee Lopez.
28.	Edwin M. Ellis,	John W. and Agnes F., nee Logan.
30.	Caroline Simmons Souza,	Manuel and Rosie, nee Marshall.

## JULY.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
12.	Edward Warren Jones,	John S. and Angie B., nee Dyer.
13.	William Warren Marten,	Henry M. and Sarah, nee Ramos.
16.	—Avella,	Manuel F. and Rosie, nee Silva.
17.	Cora Althea Lewis,	Isaac W. and Laura M., nee Freeman.
18.	Walter Francis Buck,	Walter and Frances L., nee Landon.
19.	John Loring,	Joseph and Mary F., nee Jason.
19.	Agnes Silva,	Joseph K. and Emma, nee Marshall.
21.	Mamie Swett Silva,	Manuel and Emily G., nee Oliver.
22.	Jennie Souza,	Jesse and Gertrude M., nee Gasp.
22.	William A. Snow,	Manuel and Tillie, nee Powers.
29.	Ella Augusta DeNaulley,	William H. and Eunice, nee Stanly.
30.	Manuel Morea, Jr.	Manuel and Mary, nee Joseph.

## AUGUST.

3.	Antoine Francis,	Joseph and Frances, nee Lieal.
5.	Amelia John,	Joseph and Mary, nee Deglory.
8.	Annie May Tarves,	John and Emma A., nee Silva.
8.	Joseph Frader,	Jule and Mary R., nee Costa.
8.	Georgie Patrick,	Joseph and Mary, nee Souza.
9.	Walter Welch, Jr.,	Walter and Annie C., nee Cook.
9.	Mary Souza,	Manuel and Julia, nee Prader.
10.	Christopher Carr,	John and Mary, nee Joseph.
10.	Frank Souza,	Marion and Amelia, nee Cook.
10.	Prudence Enos,	Manuel and Mary, nee Souza.
10.	Ernest Hayes Kenney,	Prince W. and Bessie E., nee Small.
13.	Manuel S. Azevedo, Jr.,	Manuel S. and Mamie P., nee Martin.
14.	Bessie May Spinney,	Leslie A. and Nellie B., nee Frellick.
19.	Madeline Jason,	William A. and Rosie A., nee Wager.
22.	Amelia Jason,	William and Mary, nee Cable.
22.	Helen May Frates,	Manuel and Zena, nee Lopez.
24.	William E. Russell Carr,	James, 2d, and Mary C., nee Ferrira.
28.	Henry Jason,	Lawrence M. and Arsena, nee Pina.
28.	Charles Simmons Marston,	Edward S. and Annie B., nee Silva.
30.	Bessie L. Corea,	William J. & Mary A., nee McKennon.

## SEPTEMBER.

2.	Mary Emma Perry,	Joseph F. and Louisa, nee Silva.
4.	Simeon Smith Gifford,	Isaiah and Agnes, nee Morris.
6.	Mary Minnie Jule,	Frank J. and Mary, nee King.
6.	William Perry,	Manuel and Amelia, nee Hill.
9.	Mary Tarves,	Augustus L. and Mary M.
10.	Jesse Meads,	Manuel and Mary, nee Tarves.
10.	Joseph Lewis,	Joseph A. and Mary, nee Rogers.

## SEPTEMBER.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
12.	Richard Caton,	John and Phebe, nee Perry.
14.	Muriel Leslie Henderson,	Thomas and Abbie, nee Chandler.
18.	Annie Rogers,	King and Julia, nee Ferreira.
19.	John B. Oliver, Jr.,	John B. and Mamie, nee Thomas.
20.	Joseph Alves,	Manuel J. and Marion, nee Swett.
20.	Joseph Riggs,	Frank and Amelia C.
20.	Mamie S. Gaspie, Manuel S. Gaspie, { twins }	John S. and Mary, nee Lewis.
27.	Mildred Jason,	John and Mary A., nee Costa.
28.	Joseph Raisins,	Manuel and Nellie, nee Costa.

## OCTOBER.

7.	Anna da Lus,	Zackarias and Gertrude G., nee Rosa.
10.	Philomena Perry,	Joseph and Mary L., nee Rogers.
12.	—Burgess,	Jesse and Mary A., nee Foot.
13.	Agnes Meads,	Joseph and Mary G., nee Ferry.
13.	Antoine Frates, Jr.,	Antoine and Emma, nee Oliver.
13.	Amelia Fields,	John and Virginia, nee Joseph.
14.	Arthur Callistus Patrick,	Joseph and Mary, nee Tarves.
15.	Philomena Morea,	Joseph and Mary F., nee Bent.
17.	Thomas Francis,	Domingo and Mary, nee Veara.
18.	Ernest Christian Jensen,	Hanns P. and Christina, nee Lester.
23.	Arthur Joseph Settes,	Joseph H. and Sophia, nee DeCost.

## NOVEMBER.

7.	William Enos Silva,	Joseph E. and Mary, nee Silva.
8.	Lewis M. Wager,	Frank C. and Phebe A., nee Silva.
9.	Manuel Perry,	Antoine and Selena, nee Christie.
11.	Antoine Veara, Jr.,	Antoine and Mary M., nee Peters.
14.	Betrecia Patrick,	Manuel and Mary C., nee Souza.
16.	Wilbut Bancroft Skerrye,	Wm. F. and Lillian M., nee Starratt.
17.	Lewis Ferreira,	Manuel and Julia, nee Costa.
25.	Walter Allen Adams,	Walter H. and Ellen, nee O'Donnell.

## DECEMBER.

2.	Antoine Roderick,	Albert and Maryann S., nee Gilbert.
4.	Wilhelmina Milton Caton,	John and Wilhelmina, nee Carlos.
8.	Joseph Rombero,	Joseph E. and Mary, nee Roderick.
8.	Edward Gaspie,	Frank and Mary, nee Gracie.
12.	Jennie Davis,	Manuel and Jessie, nee Souza.
18.	Elsia Mayburg Lewis,	Elmer S. and Helen H., nee Whelden.
19.	Frank Page,	John S. and Mary J.
20.	Anthony A. Days,	Frank A. and Mary, nee Silva.
23.	—Silva,	Antoine and Mary L., nee Newcomb.
24.	Arthur Wesley De Coste,	Fred and Katherine, nee Boushie.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1896.

## JANUARY.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
6.	Hannah V. Brown,	83	3	26	Broken hip.
8.	Joseph Tarves,	70	0	0	Brights disease.
13.	Jesse D. Rogers,	40	10	5	Locomotor ataxia.
17.	William H. Newcomb,	45	11	12	Carcinoma.
18.	Manuel Costa,	0	1	5	Infantile atrophy.

## FEBRUARY.

1.	Antoine S. Lema,	17	11	17	Cerebral meningitis.
2.	Theresa F. Cadosh,	47	2	17	Organic heart disease.
8.	James Carr,	5	0	20	Cerebral meningitis.
10.	Annie R. Kemp,	25	3	18	Tuberculosis.
11.	John Wood,	1	5	21	Convulsions.
13.	Frank F. Oliver,	32	8	3	Drowning.
14.	Hannah N. B. Stevenson,	49	11	16	Diabetes mellitus.
15.	John Francis Days,	44	6	25	Paralysis.
19.	Ann S. Paine,	64	0	8	Pneumonia.
20.	Jeremiah Queam,	71	3	19	Consumption.
21.	Minnie Cadosh,	0	5	27	Erysipelas.
26.	Mary Thomas,	73	0	0	Fracture of hip.
27.	Nabby Lancy,	83	7	24	Age, debility.

## MARCH.

1.	Joseph F. Leander,	52	0	0	Paresis.
8.	William Matheson,	67	9	6	La grippe.
15.	Catherine Dexter,	83	0	1	Broncho pneumonia.
16.	Carrie M. Silva,	23	2	5	Tuberculosis.
16.	Norman L. Fisher,	2	4	0	Scarlet fever.
18.	Reuben R. Hudson,	49	8	4	Mitral insufficiency.
18.	Thomas R. Hamlin,	63	0	10	Chronic nephritis.
18.	Rebecca R. Nickerson,	91	3	0	Old age.
26.	Rosa S. Oliver,	65	2	9	Heart disease.
31.	Amelia Morris,	64	0	0	Acute hepatitis.

## APRIL.

2.	Olive Dolan,	47	5	10	Intestinal nephritis.
4.	Zenas Crocker,	78	1	11	Chronic nephritis.
4.	Amos F. Whorf,	59	3	7	Angina pectoris.
18.	Hannah S. Vice,	20	9	2	Tuberculosis and heart disease.
28.	Mamie Flores,	0	0	1	Unknown.

## MAY.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
2.	Elizabeth D. Paine,	74	5	1	Paralysis.
3.	Lizzie King Souza,	0	7	29	Marasmus.
5.	Annie J. Fernandes,	67	0	0	Carditis hypertrophy.
13.	Earl L. Tucker,	0	6	28	Tuberculosis.
19.	Carrie M. Simmons,	1	7	0	Scarlet fever and measles.
31.	Lucia M. Nickerson,	0	3	1	Putussis and congestion of kidneys.

## JUNE.

9.	Annie Meads,	0	4	17	Cholera infantum.
10.	Joseph Morris,	34	0	0	Emphysema.
13.	Manuel Silva,	0	9	28	Cholera infantum.
27.	Manuel Barnes,	17	0	0	Organic brain disease.
27.	Helen Lancy,	76	0	0	Pneumonia, cancer of breast.

## JULY.

13.	Maria Harvender,	74	4	0	Cirrhosis of liver.
15.	Maria G. McNear,	30	5	25	Acute hysteria.
15.	Helen May Adams,	1	0	2	Cholera infantum.
16.	—Avalla,	0	0	1	Premature birth.
16.	George S. Vice,	1	9	17	Convulsions.
19.	Emma King,	2	6	13	Convulsions.
30.	Maggie Morris,	0	4	23	Cholera infantum.
31.	Mary A. Souza,	0	10	9	Tuberculosis.

## AUGUST.

3.	Ecolastic Souza,	22	7	14	Typhoid fever.
4.	Phebe Morris,	0	4	25	Cholera infantum.
5.	Ernest Patrick.	0	10	0	Cholera infantum.
9.	Edith Mand Comey,	9	10	0	Convulsions, gastro enteritis.
11.	Frank Caton,	82	3	10	Old age.
12.	Jennie W. Adams,	34	5	9	Cancer.
13.	Harvey S. Matheson.	0	4	25	Reflex diarrhoea and heat.
13.	Joseph F. Cook,	0	5	4	Cholera infantum.
16.	Edward J. Bennett,	0	3	2	Asthenia.
17.	Louisa A. Perry,	0	6	6	Diarrhoea, gastro enteritis.
19.	Joseph A. White,	0	8	0	Cholera infantum.
21.	William C. Brown,	0	5	4	Cholera infantum.
24.	Mary Lamos,	0	2	7	Cholera infantum.

## AUGUST.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
26.	Joseph Thomas,	0	5	9	Tuberculosis of bowels.
30.	Edwin M. Ellis,	0	2	2	Cholera infantum.
30.	Mary O. Donnell,	66	0	0	Cancer of Rectum.

## SEPTEMBER.

1.	Mary McQuillan,	53	0	0	Cancer of stomach.
4.	James M. Dolliver,	77	11	1	Asthenia, age.
5.	James Hughes Hopkins,	35	6	15	Bright's disease.
5.	Rebecca Cook,	91	0	8	Old age.
8.	Josiah Snow,	69	0	10	Pulmonary phthisis.
9.	Abigail Jacobs,	81	10	5	Heart disease.
11.	Honorah Bennett,	60	0	0	Fatty degeneration of heart.
13.	Johanna Jordan,	82	3	11	Old age.
13.	Joseph Roderick,	1	1	4	Cholera infantum.
14.	Madeline Jason,	0	0	29	Convulsions.
14.	*Luigi Gennaro,	30	0	0	Accidental drowning.
14.	*Biaggio Appolito,	35	0	0	Suicide by cutting throat.
14.	*Olivari Emmanueto,	39	0	0	Suicide by shooting through head.
14.	*Ceesrto Rafficator,	17	0	0	Accidental drowning.
15.	§Manuel Enos Peter,	56	0	0	Stoppage.
16.	Bertha M. Enos,	21	7	25	Plumonary phthisis.

## OCTOBER.

12.	Paulina Kelley,	81	5	7	Hydro-pericardium congestion of lungs.
12.	Manuel F. Silva,	50	0	0	Typhoid fever.
12.	——Burgess,	0	0	0	Still birth.

## NOVEMBER.

1.	Emeline S. Ryder,	69	7	3	Parenchymatous goitre.
5.	John Swift,	84	8	27	Bronchial pneumonia.
8.	Frank Martin,	76	0	0	Old age.
9.	Mary Lavender,	90	1	3	Asthenia.
24.	Mary S. Amber,	35	5	0	Phthisis.
27.	Heman Merrill Smith,	69	0	19	Paralysis.

\* Shipwrecked crew of Bark Monte Tabor, wrecked on Peaked Hill Bars.  
 § Soldier who served in the war of the Rebellion.

## DECEMBER.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1.	*William G. Hill,	33	1	6	Gun shot wound.
6.	Elizabeth B. Atkins,	64	0	21	Fibroid phthisis.
9.	Antoine P. Morrill,	48	0	0	Typhoid fever.
16.	William J. Frates,	0	7	21	Acute broncho pneumonia.
17.	§Henry Lewis,	46	0	0	Apoplexy.
18.	John C. Weeks,	81	6	24	Old age.
20.	Mamie G. Silva,	0	3	0	Diarrhoea.
21.	Rosa Oliver,	1	2	0	Broncho pneumonia.
25.	Betsey Freeman,	73	2	28	Mitral insufficiency (failure).
25.	David Newcomb,	80	0	19	Cystitis inflammation of bladder.
28.	†Alexander Devro,	23	0	0	Pneumonia.

## SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of marriages, births and deaths registered in Provincetown for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896:

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1896,	40
Both parents born in the United States,	22
“ “ “ “ Western Islands,	4
Mixed, one American,	13
“ other nationalities,	1

## BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1896,	130
Males,	73
Females,	57
The parentage of the children is as follows:	
Both parents American,	25
“ “ Portuguese,	61
Mixed, one American,	34
“ other nationalities,	10

\* Died in Portland, Oregon.

§ Died at Port Richmond, Philadelphia.

† Died on board Brig Mercy Belle.

## DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1896,

Maies,

Females,

Born in the United States,

“ “ Western Islands,

“ “ British Provinces,

“ “ Ireland,

Other nationalities,

## DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown, 1896,

Paid County Treasurer,

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

## REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers  
of the Poor

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

ORGANIZATION, FEB. 15, 1896.

### SELECTMEN.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS, Chairman.

JAMES A. SMALL, Secretary.

JOHN N. SWIFT.

### ASSESSORS.

JAMES A. SMALL, Chairman.

JOHN N. SWIFT, Secretary.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS.

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS, Chairman.

JOHN N. SWIFT, Secretary.

JAMES A. SMALL.

The Selectmen have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending, Dec. 31, 1896 :

The financial condition of the town is shown in the following figures :

Gross debt, December 31, 1895,	\$101,039 09
Borrowed during the year :	
In anticipation of taxes,	22,740 00
	<u>\$123,779 09</u>

Debts paid from taxes and receipts :

Demand Loans,	\$21,460 00	
Water Loan,	2,000 00	
Schoolhouse Loan,	2,000 00	
Town Hall Loan,	4,600 00	
	<u>30,060 00</u>	

Gross debt, Dec. 31, 1896,	\$93,719 09
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### CASH ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth, State Aid,	\$999 99
“ “ “ on acct. Supt.,	666 67
Taxes of 1891,	210 63
“ 1892,	733 44
“ 1893,	911 01
“ 1894,	3,044 90
“ 1895,	1,820 12
“ 1896,	12,405 00
Cash in Treasury,	322 43
Net liabilities, Dec. 31, 1896,	72,604 90
	<u>\$93,719 09</u>

The gross debt is composed of the following items:

Water Bonds, 4 1-2 per cent., dated June 1, 1893,	
Nos. 7 to 60 inclusive,	\$54,000 00
Nos. 61 to 70 inclusive, at 4 per cent., dated April 1, 1894,	10,000 00
Gov. Bradford Schoolhouse Bonds, dated June 1, 1893, 7 to 20 inclusive, at 4 per cent.,	14,000 00
Note on account of Roads, First National Bank, dated Dec. 24, 1894, at 5 per cent.,	2,279 00
Outstanding Demand Loans,	13,440 00
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	\$93,719 00

Dr. Cr.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1896.

DR.	
1896.	
Feb. 10, Watch and Police,	\$1,000 00
Town Hill and Fences,	25 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
Public Library,	600 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Health Department,	225 00
Support of Poor and Salaries,	4,500 00
Roads and Walks,	3,000 00
Jetty System,	150 00
Drainage on Pearl St.,	250 00
Watering Streets,	250 00
Public Schools,	10,500 00
Schoolhouse Repairs,	600 00
School Incidentals,	500 00
Free Text Books and Supplies,	1,000 00
Street Lights,	800 00
Interest on Demand Loans,	450 00
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Am't car'd forward,	\$24,050 00

Am't br't forward,	\$24,050 00	1896.	
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	750 00	May 1.	
Abatement of Taxes,	650 00	1264 Polls at \$2,	\$2,528 00
Water Supply, Construction Acct.,	650 00	Personal Estate,	
Locating water pipe, Taylor's Lane,	200 00	\$747,728 at \$20,	14,954 56
Locating water pipe, Cottage St.,	100 00	Real Estate,	
Preservation of Provincetown Harbor,	100 00	\$1,174,400 at \$20,	23,488 00
Fire Department,	1,510 00	Non Resident Bank Tax,	1,909 44
Incidental Expenses,	1,900 00		
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Town Expenses,	\$29,910 00		
Water Supply Bonds, 5 and 6,	2,000 00		
Interest on Water Bonds,	2,875 00		
Schoolhouse Bonds, 5 and 6,	2,000 00		
Interest on Schoolhouse Bonds,	600 00		
Town Hall Note,	4,600 00		
Interest on Town Hall Note,	172 50		
State Tax,	1,592 50		
County Tax,	2,291 71		
Non Resident Bank Tax,	1,909 44		
Overlaysings,	128 85		
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	\$48,080 00		
Estimated Receipts,	5,200 00		
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Collector's War-rant,	\$42,880 00		\$42,880 00

## DR. WATER SUPPLY—FUNDED LOAN.

1896.		1896.	
Jan. 1, To amount		Apr. 1, By payment,	\$200 00
outstanding		May 29, " "	3,200 00
liabilities, \$66,000	00	Sept. 29, " "	200 00
Apr. 1, 6 months' Int.		Nov. 28, " "	1,215 00
on bonds, 61		Dec. 31, Bal. outstand-	
to 70,	200 00	ing bonds, 64,000	00
June 1, 6 months' Int.			
on bonds, 5			
to 60,	1,260 00		
Oct. 1, 6 months' Int.			
on bonds, 61			
to 70,	200 00		
Dec. 1, 6 months' Int.			
on bonds, 7			
to 60,	1,215 00		
	<u>\$68,875 00</u>		<u>\$68,875 00</u>

## DR. BRADFORD SCHOOLHOUSE—FUNDED LOAN.

1896.		1896.	
Jan. 1, To amount		May 29, By payment,	\$2,320 00
outstanding		Nov. 28, " "	280 00
liabilities, \$16,000	00	Dec. 31, Bal. outstand-	
June 1, 6 months' Int.		ing bonds, 14,000	00
on bonds, 5			
to 20,	320 00		
Dec. 1, 6 months' Int.			
on bonds, 7			
to 20,	280 00		
	<u>\$16,600 00</u>		<u>\$16,600 00</u>

## DR. TOWN HALL—FUNDED LOAN.

1896.		1896.	
Jan. 1, To amount		Mch. 28, By payments,	\$86 25
outstanding		Oct. 3, " "	4,686 25
liabilities, \$4,600	00		
Apr. 7, 6 months' Int.			
on note No.			
10,	86 25		
Oct. 7, 6 months' Int.			
on note No.			
10,	86 25		
	<u>\$4,772 50</u>		<u>\$4,772 50</u>

## DR. DEMAND LOANS.

1896.		1896.	
Jan. 1, To amt. out-		Mar. 21, By paym'ts,	\$800 00
standing lia-		Apr. 11, " "	1,000 00
bilities, \$12,160	00	" 30, " "	500 00
Feb. 29, To Loan,	1,500 00	May 13, " "	1,000 00
Mch. 19, " "	800 00	" 29, " "	2,360 00
" 21, " "	1,000 00	Aug. 6, " "	1,500 00
" 28, " "	1,000 00	" 7, " "	1,500 00
Apr. 6, " "	500 00	" 15, " "	3,500 00
" 13, " "	1,000 00	" 18, " "	5,000 00
" 29, " "	1,500 00	Dec. 31, " "	4,300 00
May 13, " "	1,000 00	Dec. 31, Balance out-	
" 29, " "	8,440 00	standing lia-	
June 27, " "	1,000 00	bilities,	13,440 00
Oct. 6, " "	3,500 00		
" 31, " "	1,000 00		
Nov. 28, " "	500 00		
	<u>\$34,900 00</u>		<u>\$34,900 00</u>



DR.	INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS,		CR.
1896.			1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$450 00		Mch. 21, By payments,
Dec. 31, Interest collected:			"    28,    "    50 00
Taxes 1891,	21 83		Apr. 11,    "    60 00
"    1892,	66 10		"    30,    "    25 00
"    1894,	186 08		May 13,    "    50 00
"    1895,	232 02		"    29,    "    59 00
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	34 67		Aug. 6,    "    44 79
			"    7,    "    77 29
			"    15,    "    101 18
			"    18,    "    99 87
			Sept. 12,    "    56 98
			Nov. 28,    "    71 50
			Dec. 26,    "    221 48
			"    31,    "    34 10
	<u>\$990 69</u>		<u>\$990 69</u>

DR.	WATCH AND POLICE.		CR.
1896.			1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$1,000 00		Jan. 25, By payments,
			Feb. 29,    "    238 25
			Mch. 28,    "    208 00
			July 11,    "    48 75
			Nov. 28,    "    6 00
			Dec. 26,    "    208 90
			Dec. 31, Bal.unexp'n'd,
			130 10
	<u>\$1,000 00</u>		<u>\$1,000 00</u>

DR.	TOWN HILL AND FENCES.		CR.
1896.			1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$25 00		Oct. 24, By payment,
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	4 74		Dec. 12,    "    5 87
	<u>\$29 74</u>		<u>\$29 74</u>

DR.	CEMETERIES.		CR.
1896.			1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$100 00		May 29, By payments,
Cash received for rent of land,	35 00		June 27,    "    26 26
			July 11,    "    55
			Dec. 26,    "    36 50
			Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,
			09
	<u>\$135 00</u>		<u>\$135 00</u>

DR.	PUBLIC LIBRARY.		CR.
1896.			1896.
Jan. 7, To cash received for dog licenses 1895,	\$214 36		Feb. 13, By payment,
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	600 00		\$814 36
	<u>\$814 36</u>		<u>\$814 36</u>

DR.	MEMORIAL DAY.		CR.
1896.			1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$100 00		June 4, By payments,
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	7 84		\$107 84
	<u>\$107 84</u>		<u>\$107 84</u>

DR.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT.	CR.
1896.		1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$225 00	Mch. 31, By payment,
Cash for license,	2 00	Apr. 25, " "
		May 29, " "
		July 25, " "
		Sept. 26, " "
		Oct. 31, " "
		Dec. 26, " "
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,
	\$227 00	47 54
		\$227 00

DR.	CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.	CR.
1896.		1896.
To cash received from Justices of the Court, viz :		Jan. 25, By payment,
Jan. 10, \$9 00		Feb. 29, " "
July 23, 40 30		Mch. 28, " "
Oct. 16, 3 68		Apr. 25, " "
Dec. 31, 8 05		May 29, " "
		June 27, " "
		July 25, " "
		Aug. 29, " "
		Sept. 26, " "
		Oct. 31, " "
		Nov. 28, " "
		Dec. 26, " "
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,
	\$61 03	29 53
		\$61 03

DR.	PRESERVATION OF PROVINCETOWN HARBOR.	CR.
1896.		1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$100 00	Mch. 23, By payments,
		July 25, " "
		Aug. 15, " "
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,
	\$100 00	\$31 00
		3 00
		4 35
		\$100 00

DR.	NEW ROAD LOAN.	CR.
1896.		1896.
Jan. 1, To am't outstanding liabilities,	\$2,279 09	Dec. 31, By am't outstanding,
	\$2,279 09	\$2,279 09
		\$2,279 09

DR.	SUPPORT OF POOR.	CR.
1896.		1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$4,500 00	Jan. 25, By payments,
Dec. 31, Cash received:		Feb. 29, " "
For insane,	92 16	Mch. 28, " "
Commonwealth,	50 15	Apr. 25, " "
Cities and Towns,	40 65	May 29, " "
Temporary Aid,	24 14	June 27, " "
Transient Board,	104 00	July 25, " "
Deficiency,	375 60	Aug. 29, " "
		Sept. 26, " "
		Oct. 31, " "
		Nov. 28, " "
		Dec. 26, " "
		Dec. 31, Salary of Overseers,
	\$5,186 70	\$688 10
		293 26
		286 94
		627 80
		285 56
		320 54
		562 06
		230 11
		343 52
		531 75
		196 51
		370 85
		\$5,186 70

DR.	ROADS AND WALKS.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$3,000 00	Jan. 25, By payments, \$60 67
Dec. 31, Material sold,	12 57	Feb. 29, " 50 67
Deficiency,	99 24	Mch. 28, " 87 11
		Apr. 25, " 508 53
		May 30, " 326 69
		June 27, " 1076 09
		July 25, " 288 65
		Aug. 31, " 436 02
		Sept. 26, " 55 81
		Oct. 31, " 50 96
		Nov. 28, " 32 02
		Dec. 26, " 138 58
	<u>\$3,111 81</u>	<u>\$3,111 81</u>

DR.	JETTY SYSTEM.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$150 00	May 29, By payments, \$10 06
		Sept. 26, " 79 23
		Dec. 26, " 84
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,
		59 88
	<u>\$150 00</u>	<u>\$150 00</u>

DR.	DRAINAGE ON PEARL STREET.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$250 00	May 29, By payments, \$255 53
Dec. 31, Material sold,	1 00	June 27, " 14 33
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	18 85	
	<u>\$269 85</u>	<u>\$269 85</u>

DR.	WATERING THE STREETS.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$250 00	June 27, By payment, \$75 00
		July 25, " 75 00
		Aug. 29, " 75 00
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,
		25 00
	<u>\$250 00</u>	<u>\$250 00</u>

DR.	FIRE DEPARTMENT.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$1,510 00	Apr. 30, By paym'ts, \$1,062 09
Dec. 31, Material sold,	13 00	May 29, " 9 16
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	2 52	June 27, " 54 81
		July 25, " 4 75
		Aug. 6, " 186 98
		Sept. 26, " 48 13
		Nov. 28, " 63 98
		Dec. 26, " 95 62
	<u>\$1,525 52</u>	<u>\$1,525 52</u>

DR.	PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Jan. 27, To cash from Commonwealth,	\$185 35	Jan. 25, By payments, \$801 48
Feb. 10, Appropriation,	10500 00	Feb. 29, " 1056 97
June 12, Cash from Commonwealth,	1000 00	Mch. 28, " 1564 21
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	498 79	Apr. 25, " 736 48
		May 29, " 860 26
		June 27, " 1846 86
		July 25, " 100 00
		Aug. 29, " 455 00
		Sept. 26, " 1084 50
		Oct. 31, " 1195 15
		Nov. 28, " 899 48
		Dec. 26, " 1583 75
	<u>\$12,184 14</u>	<u>\$12,184 14</u>

DR.	SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$600 00	Feb. 29, By payments, \$163 11
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	42 96	Mch. 28, " 14 00
		April 25, " 9 90
		June 27, " 25 30
		Aug. 29, " 86 70
		Sept. 26, " 179 72
		Oct. 31, " 82 76
		Nov. 28, " 81 48
	<u>\$642 96</u>	<u>\$642 96</u>

DR.	INSURANCE.	CR.
	(Gov. Bradford Schoolhouse.)	
1896.	1896.	
No appropriation,		May 25, By payments, \$24 00
Dec. 31, To deficiency,	\$30 50	June 27, " 3 50
		Dec. 19, " 3 00
	<u>\$30 50</u>	<u>\$30 50</u>

DR.	SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$500 00	Jan. 25, By payments, \$16 00
Dec. 31, Material sold,	4 00	Feb. 29, " 48 97
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	46 87	Mch. 28, " 9 76
		Apr. 25, " 11 50
		May 29, " 17 20
		June 27, " 13 75
		July 25, " 20 75
		Aug. 29, " 147 17
		Sept. 26, " 227 82
		Oct. 31, " 30 20
		Nov. 28, " 1 75
		Dec. 26, " 6 00
	<u>\$550 87</u>	<u>\$550 87</u>

DR.	FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$1,000 00	Feb. 29, By payments, \$235 52
Dec 31, Cash received for books sold,	15 06	Mch. 28, " 92 67
		Apr. 25, " 77 00
		May 29, " 6 00
		July 25, " 14 00
		Aug. 29, " 94 53
		Sept. 26, " 214 33
		Oct. 31, " 26 50
		Nov. 28, " 137 81
		Dec. 26, " 97 92
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,
	<u>\$1,015 06</u>	<u>18 78</u>
		<u>\$1,015 06</u>

DR.	STREET LIGHTS.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$800 00	Jan. 25, By payments, \$96 52
Dec. 31, Sale of bbls.,	33 63	Feb. 29, " 57 24
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	3 11	Mch. 28, " 54 95
		Apr. 25, " 58 46
		May 29, " 76 23
		June 27, " 65 78
		July 25, " 48 65
		Aug. 29, " 114 71
		Sept. 26, " 44 19
		Oct. 31, " 58 89
		Nov. 28, " 32 49
		Dec. 26, " 128 63
	<u>\$836 74</u>	<u>\$836 74</u>

DR.	STATE AND MILITARY AID.	CR.
1896.		1896.
Dec. 14, To cash received from Commonwealth, \$929 29		Jan. 1, Balance due from Commonwealth, \$929 29
Dis. 1-2 Military Aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1894, 200 00		Jan. 25, By payments, 90 00
Dec. 31, Bal. due from Commonwealth, 999 99		Feb. 29, " 94 00
		Mch. 28, " 90 00
		Apr. 25, " 94 00
		May 29, " 98 00
		June 27, " 98 00
		July 25, " 98 00
		Aug. 29, " 106 00
		Sept. 26, " 106 00
		Oct. 31, " 110 00
		Nov. 28, " 106 00
		Dec. 26, " 110 00
	\$2,129 28	\$2,129 28

DR.	STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.	CR.
1896.		1896.
May 1, To State tax assessed, \$1,592 50		Oct. 31, By payment, \$2,291 71
May 1, County tax, " 2,291 71		Dec. 14, " 3,435 53
Dec. 14, Corporation tax, 1,349 03		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended, 538 21
Dec. 14, Nat'l bank tax, 526 60		
Dec. 14, Foreign ships, 505 63		
	\$6,265 47	\$6,265 47

DR.	DISCOUNT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.	CR.
1896.		1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$750 00		Feb. 29, By payments, \$7 48
June 2, Cash received for tax sale, 135 43		Mch. 28, " 30 00
Dec. 31, Int. collected Taxes 1893, 151 25		Apr. 25, " 3 48
Dec. 31, Deficiency, 56 32		June 27, " 170 43
		July 25, " 31 14
		Aug. 29, " 125 05
		Oct. 31, " 6 00
		Nov. 28, " 1 12
		Dec. 31, " 718 30
	\$1,093 00	\$1,093 00

DR.	ABATEMENT OF TAXES.	CR.
1896.		1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$650 00		Jan. 25, By payments, \$74 00
Dec. 31, Additional taxes collected:		Feb. 29, " 1 88
1891, 5 09		Mch. 28, " 22 00
1894, 21 40		Apr. 25, " 50 28
1895, 21 88		May 29, " 15 04
1896, 44 00		June 27, " 138 62
Dec. 31, Deficiency, 3 85		Aug. 29, " 44 46
		Sept. 26, " 18 80
		Oct. 31, " 28 94
		Nov. 28, " 51 00
		Dec. 31, " 301 20
	\$746 22	\$746 22

## (Collector of Taxes, 1891.)

DR.	JOHN N. SWIFT.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Jan. 1, To bal. taxes	Mch. 2, By cash,	\$5 09
due, \$309 00	Apr. 30, " "	32 92
Dec. 31, Int. collected, 21 83	May 19, " "	51 44
Dec. 31, Additional	June 27, " "	28 46
taxes collected, 5 09	Dec. 30, " "	7 88
	Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 210 60	
	<u>\$335 92</u>	<u>\$335 92</u>

## (Collector of Taxes, 1892.)

DR.	JOHN N. SWIFT.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Jan. 1, To bal. taxes	Jan. 27, By cash,	\$18 00
due, \$1,141 41	Mch. 2, " "	21 47
Dec. 31, Int. col-	Apr. 29, " "	158 07
lected, 66 10	May 19, " "	175 77
	June 27, " "	81 21
	Dec. 30, " "	19 55
	Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 733 44	
	<u>\$1,207 51</u>	<u>\$1,207 51</u>

## (Collector of Taxes, 1893.)

DR.	JOHN N. SWIFT.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Jan. 1, To bal. taxes	Jan. 27, By cash,	\$97 51
due, \$2,414 92	Mch. 2, " "	240 98
Dec. 31, Int. collect-	Apr. 29, " "	324 14
ed, 151 25	May 19, " "	398 71
	June 27, " "	273 41
	July 25, " "	49 07
	Dec. 31, " "	276 82
	Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 911 01	
	<u>\$2,566 17</u>	<u>\$2,566 17</u>

## (Collector of Taxes, 1894.)

DR.	JOHN N. SWIFT.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Jan. 1, To bal. taxes	Jan. 27, By cash,	\$321 40
due, \$5,639 32	Mch. 2, " "	104 22
Dec. 31, Interest col-	Apr. 29, " "	482 49
lected, 186 07	May 19, " "	518 67
Dec. 31, Additional	June 18, " "	481 17
taxes collected, 21 40	July 25, " "	240 34
	Dec. 31, " "	653 60
	Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 3044 90	
	<u>\$5,846 79</u>	<u>\$5,846 79</u>

## (Collector of Taxes, 1895.)

DR.	EZRA J. RIGGS.	CR.
1896.	1896.	
Jan. 1, To bal. taxes	Jan. 31, By cash,	\$1560 00
due, \$12941 95	Feb. 29, " "	1045 00
Dec. 31, Interest col-	Mch. 28, " "	532 30
lected, 232 02	Apr. 29, " "	1275 00
Dec. 31, Additional	May 29, " "	1546 77
taxes collected, 21 88	June 27, " "	1225 00
	July 30, " "	969 33
	Aug. 26, " "	500 00
	Sept. 26, " "	960 84
	Oct. 31, " "	591 53
	Nov. 30, " "	500 00
	Dec. 31, " "	669 96
	Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 1820 12	
	<u>\$13195 85</u>	<u>\$13195 85</u>

## (Collector of Taxes, 1896.)

Dr.	EZRA J. RIGGS.	Cr.
1896.	1896.	
Aug. 1, To state tax, \$1592 50	Aug. 31, By cash, \$1415 00	
County tax, 2291 71	Sept. 29, " 2625 00	
Town tax, 24710 00	Oct. 31, " 3360 00	
Chap. 133	Nov. 30, " 2600 00	
Acts, 1882, 12247 50	Dec. 31, " 7819 00	
Non Resi-	Dec. 31, Bal. taxes	
dent Bank	due, 12405 00	
tax, 1909 44		
Overlayings, 128 85		
Dec. 31, Additional		
taxes collected, 44 00		
	<u>\$42924 00</u>	<u>\$42924 00</u>

## (Maintenance Account.)

Dr.	WATER SUPPLY.	Cr.
1896.	1896.	
Jan. 1, Bal. in Treas., \$430 31	Jan. 25, By payments, \$132 31	
Jan. 8, Cash from Supt, 200 00	Feb. 29, " 412 11	
Feb. 3, " " " 318 38	Mch. 28, " 275 92	
Feb. 28, " " " 179 97	Apr. 25, " 365 06	
Mch. 27, " " " 239 00	May 29, " 230 51	
Apr. 25, " " " 272 50	June 27, " 516 33	
June 27, " " " 263 66	July 25, " 212 28	
July 18, " " " 800 00	Aug. 29, " 441 44	
July 23, " " " 100 49	Sept. 26, " 263 42	
July 30, " " " 150 00	Oct. 31, " 219 71	
Oct. 6, " " " 322 90	Nov. 28, " 182 16	
Dec. 26, " " " 187 04	Dec. 26, " 257 11	
Dec. 28, " " " 59 00	Dec. 31, Bal. unex-	
Dec. 30, " " " 36 31	pended, 51 20	
	<u>\$3559 56</u>	<u>\$3559 56</u>

## (Construction Account.)

Dr.	WATER SUPPLY.	Cr.
1896.	1896.	
Jan. 1, To bal. in the	Feb. 29, By payments, \$11 53	
treasury, \$2 02	Mch. 28, " 18 58	
Feb. 10, Appropriation, 650 00	May 29, " 745 70	
May 29, Cash from	June 27, " 75 91	
Taylor's Lane	July 25, " 63 96	
acct., 129 25		
Cottage St. acct., 105 82		
Dec. 30, Cash received		
from Supt., 28 59		
	<u>\$915 68</u>	<u>\$915 68</u>

## TAYLOR'S LANE.

Dr.	LOCATING WATER PIPE.	Cr.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropria-	May 29, By payment, \$129 25	
tion, \$200 00	Dec. 31, Bal. unex-	
	pended, 70 75	
	<u>\$200 00</u>	<u>\$200 00</u>

## COTTAGE STREET.

Dr.	LOCATING WATER PIPE.	Cr.
1896.	1896.	
Feb. 10, To appropria-	May 29, By payment, \$105 82	
tion, \$100 00		
Dec. 31, Deficiency, 5 82		
	<u>\$105 82</u>	<u>\$105 82</u>

DR.	TOWN	HALL.	CR.
1896.		1896.	
To cash received :		Cash paid for improve-	
Feb. 8, Royal Arcanum,	\$8 00	ments as per vote	
Feb. 20, Frank Hartley's		of Feb. 10, viz.:	
Minstrels,	52 50	Jewett Lumber Co,	
Mch. 30, King Hiram's		Lumber,	\$67 00
Lodge,	59 60	Lewis & Brown,	
June 1, J. C. Freeman		Lumber,	17 83
Post, G. A. R.,	21 12	W. B. Bangs,	
July 2, Fred Straffin,	25 00	Tank and fixtures,	71 55
July 6, W. S. Reeves,	30 00	J. A. West, fixtures,	21 47
Aug. 12, W. S. Reeves,	30 00	C. A. Young, painting,	19 46
Aug. 12, Luciers Min-		Alfred Small, labor,	85 61
strels,	30 00	Jesse Rogers, labor,	54 30
Sept. 4, A. M. Percival,	30 00	Geo. W. Ready, "	8 05
Nov. 6, Republican		N. Y., N. H., & H.	
Town Committee,	15 00	R. R., freight,	2 55
Dec. 19, County of		N. C. Brooks, teaming,	1 75
Barnstable,	150 00		
Dec. 28, M. C. Terra,	8 00		\$349 57
Dec. 30, High School		Joseph Breck & Sons,	
Alumni,	25 00	Fertilizer,	\$7 59
Dec. 30, Equitable In-		Steamer Longfellow,	
surance Co.,	2 00	Freight,	55
Dec. 30, Seamen's		H. A. Wippich,	
Savings Bank,	2 00	Repairing clock,	4 25
Dec. 30, Sale of bbls.,	3 40	W. B. Dunham, filterer,	75
Dec. 30, Insurance divi-		Underhay Oil Co.,	
dend,	9 33	Gasolene,	44 79
Dec. 30, Deficiency,	662 30	N. Y., N. H. & H.	
		R. R., freight,	3 40
		E. N. Paine, insurance,	30 28
		F. A. H. Gifford, "	10 50
		Joseph W. Cook,	
		Painting fence,	16 00

McKenny & Waterbury,	
Gas fixtures,	\$12 50
Mitchell, Woodbury & Co.,	
Gas fixtures,	1 95
James Fuller & Son,	
Repairs,	14 47
A. T. Williams,	
37 1-4 tons coal at	
\$5.41,	201 52
Lewis & Brown, coal	
and putting in,	17 75
Slabs,	24 50
J. A. West, fixtures,	27 56
B. H. Dyer & Co, "	3 30
B. H. Dyer & Co, cement,	3 52
Water Rates,	14 90
Reuben Nickerson,	
Flagging,	4 05
Geo. Allen, lumber,	3 27
T. J. Mahan,	
Tuning piano,	3 00
George H. Holmes,	
Repairs,	2 50
J. D. Hilliard, letter	
file, 75 cents, grass	
seed, 63 cents,	1 38
W. B. Bangs, fixtures,	1 00
N. C. Brooks, teaming,	1 00
Robert D. Baxter,	
Repairing mats,	75
Chas. W. Burkett, repairs,	60
John Adams, soap,	1 70
Kate Williams, cleaning,	7 00
Emily Melden, "	6 00
Mary M. Silver, "	5 50
Mary Almeda, "	1 00
Rosa Francis Alves, "	1 00



Ira K. Small,	
Reseating chairs,	\$1 20
Labor viz :	
George W. Ready,	17 85
Lewis A. Smith,	3 60
Benj. G. Pierce,	40
Henry F. Pierce,	40
James W. Pierce,	40
Barney A. Turner,	80
Edward M. Lewis,	40
James M. Lewis,	40
Wm. W. Sprague,	40
L. F. Nickerson,	40
W. B. Dunham,	40
Nathaniel W. Ayers,	
Janitor's salary,	200 00
Extra labor in building	
and on grounds,	104 60
Washing 52 towels,	2 60
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\$1,163 25	\$1,163 25

DR.	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.	CR.
1896.		1896.
Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$1,900 00	Cash paid :
Dec. 10, To cash received from County of Barnstable,	3 00	George F. Miller,
For weir licenses,	240 00	Auditor of 1895,
" Milk "	22 50	James Gifford,
" Junk "	6 00	Moderator's services,
" Auctioneers' licenses,	6 00	Howard F. Hopkins,
" Billiard licenses,	8 00	Printing reports of
" Scippio "	4 00	1895,
" Riding Gallery,	40 00	Printing,
		Andrew F. Sherman,
		Abstract of records,
		Charles F. Chamberlayne,
		Cost of Bangs Suit,

Sealing Weights and Measures,	\$26 85	J. H. & R. A. Hopkins,	
		Services and expenses	
		Bangs Suit,	\$15 00
		M. R. Warren, blank	
		notes,	2 00
		P. B. Murphy, dog	
		notices,	1 75
		Freeman H. Lothrop,	
		Abstracts of records,	82
		Daniel F. Lewis,	
		Inspector of Provisions and Animals,	
		1895,	15 00
		Assessors salaries,	630 00
		Thomas Groom & Co.,	
		2 check books,	25 00
		Enoch N. Sumner,	
		Care of Soldiers' Monument and	
		grounds,	20 00
		Raymond A. Hopkins,	
		Services at court. Approval of By-Laws,	10 00
		Entry Fee,	3 00
		Election officers, annual meeting,	20 00
		State Election,	20 00
		Meals for officers,	13 00
		Amasa Taylor, iron work for election booths,	2 80
		Putting up and taking down election booths,	6 75
		Tolling bell, funeral of Governor,	3 00
		F. A. H. Gifford,	
		Insurance,	5 88

Nathaniel T. Burch,	
Killing seal,	\$3 00
B. H. Dyer & Co.,	
Glass for Smith house,	2 39
Thomas W. Dyer,	
Labor and material	
repairing Smith house,	9 61
George Allen, boards	
for Smith house,	1 62
Board of Registrars	
Salaries,	100 00
A. L. Putnam, books	
and stationery,	3 91
Est. of Sam'l Knowles,	
Carriage hire,	19 25
Kendrick & Atkins,	
Carriage hire,	1 00
Samuel Ward Co.,	
Stationery,	40 30
N. Y., N. H. & H. R.	
R., freight,	25
Selectmen's salary,	400 00
Joseph Whitcomb,	
Returning 104 deaths,	26 00
Seth Smith,	
Services as Treasurer,	250 00
Milk Inspector,	20 00
Sealer of Weights	
and Measures,	25 00
Attending and re-	
cording the fol-	
lowing meetings :	
Special Jan. 24,	2 00
Annual,	15 00
State election, Nov. 3,	15 00
Recording	
40 marriages,	6 00

Recording	
130 births,	\$65 00
20 deaths,	4 00
84 deaths,	8 40
Returning and re-	
cording 1 birth,	75
Physicians and midwives	
returning 130 births,	32 50
Expressage,	6 05
Postage,	9 82
Telegrams,	2 83
1 box for bonds,	1 50
Official oaths,	7 50
Balance unexpended,	44 00
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	\$2,256 35

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1897.

Watch and Police,	\$850 00
Town Hill and Fences,	50 00
Street Lights,	800 00
Interest on Demand Loans,	450 00
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	800 00
Abatement of Taxes,	650 00
Incidental Expenses,	1,800 00
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	\$5,400 00

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
 JAMES A. SMALL,  
 JOHN N. SWIFT,  
 Selectmen of Provincetown.

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

### VALUATION MAY 1, 1896.

#### PERSONAL ESTATE ASSESSED.

Excluding bank stock,	\$627,200 00
Resident bank stock,	120,528 00
Total personal estate,	\$747,728 00

#### REAL ESTATE ASSESSED.

Buildings excluding land,	\$865,046 00
Land excluding buildings,	309,352 00
Total real estate,	1,174,400 00
Total assessed valuation May 1, 1896,	\$1,922,128 00

Rate of taxation on \$1000,	\$20 00
Amount raised for State, County, and Town purposes, by taxation,	\$40,970 56
Amount on real estate,	\$23,488 00
“ “ personal estate,	14,954 56
“ “ polls,	2,528 00
	\$40,970 56

Number of persons assessed on property,	1122
“ “ “ poll only,	630
Total number assessed,	1752
Whole number of polls,	1264
Tax on each poll,	\$2 00

Number of residents assessed on property,	
Individual,	868
All others,	149
Total residents assessed on property,	1017
No. of non-residents assessed on property, individual,	101
All others,	4
Total non-residents assessed,	105
Total assessments on property,	1122
Value of shipping in foreign trade, May 1, 1896,	\$25,618 75
Exempted property (churches) May 1, 1896,	61,000 00
Value of schoolhouses and other public buildings as returned to tax commissioner May 1, 1896,	105,000 00
Value of fire apparatus as returned to commissioner May 1, 1896,	8,000 00
Public Library as returned to commissioner,	8,000 00
Water Works “ “ “	70,000 00
Number of vessels 7 tons and over assessed whole or part May 1, 1896, as follows :	
Whaling fleet,	9
Fishing fleet,	60
Merchant service,	7
Steamers,	4
Total,	80
Number of horses assessed,	131
“ cows “	54
“ dwelling houses assessed,	1019
“ acres of land “	930
Registered voters Nov. 3, 1896, male,	728
“ “ “ “ female,	70
Population, census 1895 (State),	4555

JAMES A. SMALL,  
JOHN N. SWIFT,  
MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
Assessors.

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present the following report:

We have rendered temporary aid during the year to forty families, representing one hundred and fifty-three persons. The Almshouse continues in the care of Mrs. Betsey Cobb, which is a guarantee of kind treatment to the inmates as well as an economical administration for the town.

The payment of money for the unfortunate insane continues to take a larger part of the appropriation for the poor outside of the almshouse. We recommend that the sum of forty-five hundred dollars be appropriated for the support of the poor including insane and salaries of the Overseers for the ensuing year.

### ALMSHOUSE.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$260 00
Groceries and provisions,	372 06
Fuel and lights,	84 07
Clothing and bedding,	24 42
Boots and shoes,	6 88
Furniture and fixtures,	48 96
Repairs,	33 30
Sanitary expenses,	12 00
Dressing for land,	7 00
Medical attendance and medicine,	33 30
Water rates,	9 00
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	\$890 93
Received for board,	104 00
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Net expenses for the year 1896,	\$786 93

Remaining in Almshouse Dec. 31, 1895,	7	
Admitted April 11, 1896,	1	
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Died May 2d,	1	
Discharged June 6th,	1	
	<hr/>	2
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Remaining Dec. 31, 1896,		6

Number of persons fully supported during the year, viz.:

At Almshouse,	8	
Hospitals for Insane,	9	
Insane in private families,	2	
Massachusetts school for feeble minded,	1	
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Number of families partially supported,

" " dependents,	113
" " tramps,	6

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE FROM DEC. 31, 1895 TO DEC. 31, 1896.

NAME.	AGE.	BIRTHPLACE.	NATURE OF SETTLEMENT.	WHEN REGISTERED.	REMARKS.
Frank A. Cook,	51	Provincetown,	Father,	Aug., 1888,	
Annie A. Costa,	83	Flores, Azores,	Acts of 1879,	Apr. 30, 1892,	
Delia A. Foster,	55	Dorchester,	Acts of 1879,	Apr. 11, 1896,	
Zilla D. Howe,	66	Eastham,	Father,	Apr. 1858,	
Ida Newcomb,	44	Harwich,	Father,	Apr. 1877,	
Elizabeth D. Paine,	74	Truro,	Marriage,	Mch. 6, 1894,	Died May 2d, 1896.
Florence Scannell,	29	Provincetown,	Father,	Nov. 16, 1894,	
Charles Wright,	66	New Jersey,	Taxation,	July 13, 1888,	Disch'gd June 6, '96.

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE, 1896.

Avellar, Anna,	\$1 85
Barnes, Rosa,	65 25
Burkett, Austin G., (Lynn),	48 50
Cobee, Mary A.,	131 00
Davis, Louisa,	99 00
Days, Anthony F., (Boston),	45 91
Enos, Gertrude,	36 39
Gorman, Margaret, (Holyoke),	13 06
Leander, Mary A.,	132 15
Lema, Mary,	89 00
Marks, Antoine,	24 00
Marks, Mary,	38 26
Marshall, Mary,	90 00
Mayo, Joseph A., (Chatham),	50 73
Morris, Annie F.,	20 00
McCurdy, Archibald,	79 75
Nelson, Mary E., (Lowell),	6 10
Newcomb, Robert M.,	11 25
Parone, Amelia,	86 00
Patrick, Joseph 2d,	61 50
Peirara, Joseph,	110 34
Perry, Eunice,	35 00
Roderick, Selina,	90 00
Rogers, Joseph, (Cambridge),	20 55
Rogers, Mary D.,	67 00
Seireigo, Mary A.,	67 50
Silver, Joseph Francis,	40 00
Smith, Edmund T.,	13 23
Sousa, Ecolastic,	90 72
Tarves, Almira,	90 00
Taylor, Wm. H., (Yarmouth),	43 48
Thomas, Antoine, (Cambridge),	32 43
Thomas, Mary,	16 25

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 \$1,846 20

## INSANE AND IDIOTIC FULLY SUPPORTED.

Barnes, Manuel,	\$146 54
Barnes, William,	169 92
Fine, Ellen,	169 92
Freeman, Francis Y.,	169 92
Hamilton, Frank,	156 86
Kelly, James F., (Idiotic),	144 00
Lema, Joseph,	98 89
Martin, Julia P.,	169 92
Parks, Susan T.,	169 92
Taylor, Jared L., (Idiotic),	169 92
Winslow, James,	169 92
Insane (reimbursed),	85 64

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\$1,821 37

Commonwealth cases,	113 41
Temporary aid,	24 14
Poor of other towns,	40 65

## RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation,	\$4,500 00
Cash received for insane,	92 16
“ “ on account Commonwealth cases,	50 15
“ “ other towns,	40 65
“ “ temporary aid,	24 14
“ “ board,	104 00
Deficiency,	375 60
	<hr/> \$5,186 70

Cash paid for expenses at almshouse,	\$890 93
“ “ “ of insane,	1,821 37
“ “ “ outside poor,	1,846 20
“ “ “ Commonwealth cases,	113 41
“ “ “ poor of other towns,	40 65
“ “ “ temporary aid,	24 14
Salary Overseers of the Poor,	450 00

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\$5,186 70

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
JOHN N. SWIFT,  
JAMES A. SMALL,  
Overseers of the Poor.

LIST OF JURORS OF THE TOWN OF  
PROVINCETOWN.

REVISED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, JAN. 16, 1897, AND  
POSTED AGREEABLY TO SECTION 7, CHAPTER 170,  
PUBLIC STATUTES.

Alexander, Robert G.,	Dearborn, Winthrop C.,
Allen, George,	Dyer, Charles H.,
Atkins, Charles C.,	Elder, Wm. A.,
Atwood, Daniel W.,	Emery, Joseph H.,
Atwood, Joseph S.,	Ewell, Wm. M.,
Atwood, Stephen F.,	Francis, John F.,
Baker, Lewis H.,	Freeman, Prince I.,
Bangs, Wm. B. E.,	Fuller, Charles A.,
Barnett, James H.,	Gayland, Alexander,
Baxter, Robert D.,	Gifford, Frederick A. H.,
Bradshaw, Michael,	Graham, Walter A.,
Bragdon, Sumner.	Hannum, Artemas P.,
Brown, Alfred N.,	Herbolt, Wm. H.,
Burkett, Charles W.,	Holmes, Henry M.,
Burkett, Williard T.,	Hudson, Wm. P.,
Callaghan, James E.,	Jennings, Herman A.,
Carlow, David S.,	Johnson, Charles E.,
Cook, Charles A.,	Kendrick, Wm. R.,
Cook, Frederick F.,	Kennedy, Andrew,
Cook, Heman S.,	Lavender, Robert M.,
Cook, Joshua,	Law, Louis A.,
Curren, Wm.,	Lewis, Bangs A.,
Dearborn, Jeremiah H.,	Lewis, George H.,

Lombard, Arthur L.,  
 Long, Charles H.,  
 Lurton, Jonathan C.,  
 Manta, Joseph,  
 Marsten, Henry W.,  
 Matthews, Joseph,  
 Mayo, Richard E.,  
 McKay, Angus,  
 McKay, Danial M.,  
 Miller, George F.,  
 Nickerson, Jesse,  
 Nickerson, Nehemiah,  
 Nickerson, Lemuel F.,  
 Nickerson, Theodore S.,

Pidgeon, John,  
 Powe, Andrew T.,  
 Rich, Allen W.,  
 Rich, David,  
 Rich, Elisha,  
 Rich, John B.,  
 Rich, Sylvanus,  
 Riggs, Ezra J.,  
 Rogers, Jesse,  
 Small, Aylmer F.,  
 Small, James A.,  
 Snow, Elijah O.,  
 Turner, Isaiah,  
 Weeks, Joseph E.,

Young, Alpheus W.

Total number seventy-five, agreeably to Section 6, Chapter  
 170, Public Statutes.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
 JAMES A. SMALL,  
 JOHN N. SWIFT,  
 Selectmen of Provincetown.

A true copy attest.

J. HARVEY DEARBORN,  
 Constable of Provincetown.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

### RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1896,		
Cash in the Treasury,		\$402 93
Cemeteries,		35 00
County dog fund,		214 36
Health Department,		2 00
Second District Court,		61 03
Support of Poor,		311 10
Roads and Walks,		12 57
Fire Department,		13 00
Massachusetts School Fund,	\$185 35	
Com. on acct. of Dis. Superintendent,	1,000 00	
School incidentals,	4 00	
Free Text Books and Supplies,	15 06	
		<u>1,204 41</u>
Street Lights, sale of oil bbls.,		33 63
Demand Loans,		22,740 00
Corporation Tax, 1895,	\$6 72	
“ “ 1896,	1,342 31	
National Bank Tax,	526 60	
Foreign Ships,	505 63	
State Aid,	700 00	
Military Aid,	159 29	
Indigent Sailors and Soldiers,	70 00	
		<u>3,310 55</u>
Tax sale of Real Estate,		135 43
Taxes of 1891,		98 37
“ 1892,		407 97



Taxes of 1893,		\$1,503 91
“ 1894,		2,594 43
“ 1895,		11,121 83
“ 1896,		30,475 00
Interest on taxes,		657 27
Additional taxes,		92 37
Water Supply, Maintenance acct.,	\$3,129 25	
“ “ Construction “	263 66	
		<u>3,392 91</u>
Town Hall,		500 65
Weir licenses,	\$240 00	
Milk “	22 50	
Junk “	6 00	
Auctioneers' licenses,	6 00	
Billiard and Scippo licenses,	12 00	
Sealing Weights and Measures,	26 85	
Riding Gallery,	40 00	
Bounty on seal,	3 00	
		<u>356 85</u>
Material sold, drainage on Pearl St.,		1 00
		<u>\$79,678 36</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

The Treasurer has paid out upon vouchers the following sums:

Water Supply, funded loan,	\$4,875 00
Bradford Schoolhouse, funded loan,	2,600 00
Town Hall, funded loan,	4,772 50
Watch and Police,	869 90
Town Hill and Fences,	29 74
Cemeteries,	134 91
Public Library,	814 36
Memorial Day,	107 84
Preservation of Provincetown Harbor,	38 35
Health Department,	179 46
Criminal Prosecutions,	31 50
Poor Department,	5,186 70

Roads and Walks,		\$3,111 81
Jetty System,		90 12
Drainage on Pearl St.,		269 85
Watering Streets,		225 00
Fire Department,		1,525 52
Public Schools,	\$12,184 14	
Schoolhouse repairs,	642 96	
School incidentals,	550 87	
Free Text Books and Supplies,	996 28	
		<u>14,374 25</u>
Insurance on Bradford Schoolhouse,		30 50
Street Lights,		836 74
State and Military Aid,		1,200 00
Demand Loans,		21,460 00
Interest on Demand Loans,		990 69
State Tax,	\$1,592 50	
County Tax,	2,291 71	
National Bank Tax,	1,843 05	
		<u>5,727 26</u>
Discount and Collection of Taxes,		1,093 00
Abatement of Taxes,		746 22
Water Supply, Maintenance acct.,	\$3,508 36	
“ “ Construction “	915 68	
“ “ Taylor's Lane,	129 25	
“ “ Cottage Street,	105 82	
		<u>4,659 11</u>
Town Hall,		1,163 25
Incidentals,		2,212 35
Balance in the Treasury, Dec. 31, 1896,		322 43
		<u>\$79,678 36</u>

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH, Town Treasurer.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF TRUST FUNDS.

The treasurer of the Cemetery Trust Funds herewith submits his third annual report:

DR.		NANCY HANDLEY FUND.		CR.
Jan. 1, 1896, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$525 90	Aug. 31, 1896, By Mary L. Nickerson,	\$28 00	
Jan. 1, Dividend to date,	10 50	Sept. 19, By John Pierce,	10 00	
July 1, Dividend to date,	8 04	Dec. 31, By balance,	506 44	
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	\$544 44		\$544 44	

DR.		JAMES EMERY FUND.		CR.
Jan. 1, 1896, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$200 08	Sept. 19, 1896, By John Pierce,	\$7 06	
July 1, To dividend,	7 06	Dec. 31, Balance,	200 08	
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	\$207 14		\$207 14	

DR.		FRANCIS GODFREY FUND.		CR.
Jan. 1, 1896, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$82 87	Dec. 31, By balance,	\$85 77	
July 1, Dividend to date,	2 90			
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	\$85 77		\$85 77	

DR.		RICHARD E. NICKERSON FUND.		CR.
Jan. 1, 1896, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$300 00	Nov. 12, 1896, By Henry F. Pierce,	\$10 59	
July 1, Dividend to date,	10 59	Dec. 31, Balance,	300 00	
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	\$310 59		\$310 59	

SETH SMITH,  
Treasurer Cemetery Trust Funds.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

After a careful examination of the books and accounts of the several town officials entrusted with the receipt and disbursement of public moneys I would respectfully report as follows:

The books of the Town Treasurer are neatly and carefully kept, the accounts are correctly cast, and each item of expenditure attested by proper vouchers. The entire receipts and disbursements in the various departments for the year 1896 are indicated as follows:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	\$402 93	
Receipts for the year,	79,275 43	
		\$79,678 36
Disbursements for the year,	\$79,355 93	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1896,	322 43	
		\$79,678 36
Number of orders drawn,	1940	

### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library accounts are carefully kept, and properly attested and show the receipts and expenditures of that department to be as follows:

#### BOOK ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	\$41 24	
Received from dog fund,	214 36	
Interest Benj. Small fund,	310 00	
“ Savings Bank,	1 40	
Fines and catalogues,	25 00	
		\$592 00
Paid for books,	\$558 48	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1896,	33 52	
		\$592 00

### TOWN APPROPRIATION.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	\$58 59	
Received from town,	600 00	
		\$658 59
Expenses for the year (per trustee's report),	\$564 81	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1896,	93 78	
		\$658 59

The securities belonging to the Benj. Small fund remain the same as last year.

### WATER DEPARTMENT.

The Auditor has also examined the books and accounts of the Water Department but is unable to report them in a satisfactory condition. The accounts as now kept are somewhat complicated and a failure to balance accounts at the end of each month renders the work of the Auditor unnecessarily difficult. As this condition of affairs has existed for three several years or since the Water Department was first organized the Auditor feels constrained to recommend that either the Selectmen or some committee by them appointed confer with the Superintendent of the Water Department with a view to such simplification of the department accounts as shall make it possible to render them in a more satisfactory manner. The transactions of this department for the past year appear to be as follows:

#### CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	\$2 02	
Appropriation,	650 00	
Special appropriation, Cottage St.,	100 00	
Special appropriation, Taylor's Lane,	200 00	
Deficiency Cottage St. appropriation,	5 82	
Transferred from maintenance account,	28 59	
		\$986 43
Paid for labor, material, etc.,	\$915 68	
Unexpended balance from Taylor's Lane,	70 75	
		\$986 43

## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896,		\$430 31
Received from water rates,		2,892 62
Received from water services,		265 22
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		\$3,588 15
Expenses (as per Com. report),	\$3,508 36	
Transferred to Construction acct.,	28 59	
Cash in hands of Town Treasurer,	51 20	
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		\$3,588 15

J. D. ADAMS, SUPT., IN ACCT. WITH SETH SMITH, TOWN

TREASURER.

Received for water rates,	\$2,892 62
“ “ service work,	265 22
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	\$3,157 84
Paid Seth Smith, Treas., per receipts,	\$3,157 84

Respectfully submitted,

EZRA J. RIGGS, Auditor.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

GENTLEMEN : — I respectfully submit my third annual report of the work done and the expenses incurred in the Highway Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896 :

The amount appropriated at the last annual meeting for the roads and walks,	\$3,000 00
Sale of old material,	12 57
Deficiency,	99 24
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	\$3,111 81

Paid Fred A. Stimson crushed stone,	\$940 20
George Allen, lumber,	467 74
J. S. Atwood, year's salary,	350 00
Lewis & Brown, lumber,	5 83
Est. Wm. Matheson, gravel and wfg.,	56 40
John W. Welsh, contract sodding st.,	66 00
“ “ teaming,	109 20
James Campbell, “	60 30
Chas. L. Young, “	57 70
John McQuillan, labor,	117 10
Alexander Gayland, labor,	81 58
James H. Barnett, teaming,	68 10
Thomas Nicholson, gravel,	13 50
Prince I. Freeman, teaming,	49 30
John S. Jones, “	41 10
A. E. Rich, “	36 40
Manuel E. Silver, “	23 40

Paid M. L. Adams, trustee, wharfage,	\$28 20
Peter Morrill, labor,	21 85
Wm. N. Settes, cutting sods and labor,	102 72
Elden C. Rogers, teaming,	23 20
Frank Rogers, " "	14 60
Geo. O. Knowles, wharfage and teaming,	11 50
James Fuller & Son, masonry,	12 94
Amasa Taylor, iron work,	4 94
W. H. Herbolt, " "	5 80
Wm. R. Gayland, labor,	33 70
Thos. E. Carr, " "	21 15
Wm. H. Carr, " "	3 70
James Carr, 2d, " "	90
Thomas McQuillan, " "	6 05
Peter Carr, " "	2 55
Michael Freeman, " "	3 40
Reuben F. Freeman, " "	90
Thomas Welsh, teaming,	5 30
N. C. Brooks, " "	6 70
B. H. Dyer & Co., tools,	3 75
Henry T. Dyer, labor,	2 70
James Carr, 1st., teaming,	3 10
Herbert Engles, lantern,	50
A. Macool, repairing cask,	88
Josiah L. Young, teaming,	24 20
Peter McQuillan, labor,	8 20
John J. Roderick, " "	32 55
John McFadden, " "	16 00
George Crosby, " "	60
Michael A. Rich, clay,	7 00
Joseph A. West, tools,	3 00
Geo. H. Holmes, filing saws,	75
Walter T. Smith, labor,	1 60
John Dolan, " "	1 00
Geo. W. Ready, " "	1 10
Benj. R. Chapman, " "	50
J. C. Heims, " "	55

Paid Jos. C. Ellis, labor,	\$1 10
Manuel Williams, " "	6 85
John N. McInnis, " "	3 20
Seneca G. Ewell, " "	1 05
Chas. C. Atkins, " "	2 30
Ira K. Small, " "	5 65
M. J. Campbell, " "	2 55
Geo. A. Settes, " "	5 75
Benj. W. Atkins, " "	5 85
John Garland, " "	5 65
Nathaniel Atkins, " "	3 55
Hugh McFadyen, " "	11 00
Lewis A. Smith, " "	12 65
John W. Holway, " "	5 90
Boniface Silver, " "	5 50
Bangs A. Lewis, " "	6 45
Geo. H. Lewis, " "	5 50
Reuben E. Ryder, " "	3 20
Michael Barnett, " "	5 75
James V. Bowley, " "	2 90
Jos. H. Emery, " "	2 70
A. L. Putnam, books,	1 25
A. W. Young, labor,	4 55
E. N. Sumner, " "	70
Elisha H. Tillson, " "	5 60
Joseph H. Settes, " "	40
Fred H. Dearborn, " "	2 10
Geo. W. Tuttle, " "	2 30
Chas. H. Holway, " "	1 88
David Rich, shells,	7 00
Stephen S. Lavender, shells and labor,	3 75
James E. Rich, shells,	3 25
Simeon L. West, labor,	1 40
Alfred J. Emery, " "	1 25
George Hurlbert, Jr., " "	90
Chas. A. Cook, " "	75
Antone Wood, " "	1 20

Paid James Atkins, labor,	\$0 25	
Arthur L. Lombard, "	60	
George Bolton, "	60	
Antone Marshall, "	45	
Thomas Weeks, "	55	
Joseph E. Weeks, "	60	
Antone S. Brown, "	1 20	
Manuel Enos, "	50	
John P. Wood, "	55	
Manuel Sears, "	35	
John J. Cook, "	70	
Waterman C. Quinn, "	20	
		<u>\$3,111 81</u>

## EXPENDITURES ON DRAINAGE OF PEARL STREET.

Appropriation Feb. 1896,	\$250 00
Cash for old material,	1 00
Deficiency,	18 85
	<u>\$269 85</u>

Paid Lewis & Brown, pipe,	\$140 44
George Allen, stock,	17 61
Hugh McFadyen, labor,	17 95
John McQuillan, "	16 30
Thos. E. Carr, "	15 45
Peter Morrill, "	11 35
Michael Freeman, "	10 45
Reuben E. Ryder, "	8 00
Heman F. Smith, "	8 00
Wm. H. Carr, "	8 00
Wm. R. Gayland, "	1 80
Alexander Gayland, "	2 70
Peter McQuillan, "	2 00
A. E. Rich, teaming,	9 40
Frank Rogers, "	40
	<u>\$269 85</u>

## EXPENDITURES ON JETTY SYSTEM FOR THE YEAR 1896.

Appropriation for the year 1896,		\$150 00
Paid Lewis & Brown, stock,	\$38 33	
Alexander Gayland, labor,	13 05	
Elisha H. Tillson, "	7 40	
George H. Lewis, "	6 40	
John J. Roderick, "	5 40	
James W. Dunham, "	5 40	
Thos. McQuillan, "	2 70	
Roads and Walks, spikes and plank,	4 50	
A. E. Rich, teaming,	3 20	
Wm. R. Gayland, labor,	1 30	
Geo. Allen, stock,	84	
Charles L. Young, teaming,	60	
John McQuillan, labor,	1 00	
Balance,	59 88	
		<u>\$150 00</u>

## WATERING THE STREETS.

Appropriation,		\$250 00
Paid Richard E. Mayo,	\$225 00	
Balance,	25 00	
		<u>\$250 00</u>

There is not much to say in regard to the recommendations for the Roads and Walks for the year 1897 that has not been already stated in my previous reports.

Commercial Street has had the past year the most attention, as this is of the most importance. It will be necessary to make (the ensuing year) considerable repairs from Mr. Fellows' cottage to Bangsville.

Bradford Street from Pearl St. to Allerton St., will need extensive repairs, as the original hardening has worn out, causing continual patching. This section of the road will call for quite an outlay in material.

The drainage of Pearl St. has been completed at a small cost above the appropriation, which was caused by the caving

of sand. It gives general satisfaction and I think the benefit derived will warrant the expense.

The side walks will require a large amount of stock, as some sections will have to be replaced entirely with new. From Masonic Place to Gosnold St., it has been laid with hard pine in place of soft the past season. From so short a time we are not prepared to say which is the most economical, but it is our opinion that hard pine will give the best results.

I recommend for the consideration of the town the following appropriations for this department the year ensuing:

Roads and Walks,	\$3,000 00
Jetty System,	100 00
Watering the Streets,	250 00

JOSEPH S. ATWOOD,  
Superintendent of Streets.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

CHAIRMAN.

R. M. LAVENDER.

INSPECTORS.

R. M. LAVENDER,

BANGS A. LEWIS.

HEALTH OFFICER AND QUARANTINE PHYSICIAN.

W. S. BIRGE, M. D.

SECRETARY.

W. S. BIRGE, M. D.

The past year the work done by the Board of Health has been most satisfactory and particularly gratifying as the people, with but few exceptions, have been ready to work in harmony with the Board, and willing to comply with any requests made. The results are apparent at sight and show a marked improvement over the past and we feel that the cleanliness of the town will compare favorably with any of its size in the Commonwealth. Particular care has been exercised by the Inspectors of this Board in bringing before our citizens the necessity of cleanliness of property as a safeguard and prevention against disease.

Typhoid fever which prevailed here so extensively a few years ago is now comparatively rare and confined to isolated cases.

Scarlet fever has prevailed to some extent but it has been mostly of a mild type, and the mortality very small. The

quarantine put upon infected houses has been most thorough and the fumigation very effective and in no instance can infection be traced to houses or persons discharged from quarantine by the Board. The fact that new cases spring up in various and often widely separated districts has convinced us that cases occur now and then of a mild type in some family that employs no physician, the case is not reported, and we have no positive evidence of its existence only from the fact that every few weeks two or three cases will spring into existence where the cause of infection can be traced to no appreciable cause, although as a matter of fact some cause must exist, and the above explanation seems to offer the most reasonable theory.

There are several matters we would call attention to for the coming year which materially affect the interests of the town. First, the great growing evil of our shore sewerage. Every one who can afford it would like to have this attached to their homes for convenience sake, but in view of the outlook for the near future your Board is fully aware that the practice is fast becoming a great source of annoyance. Every year our town seems to be becoming more popular as a summer resort and we ought to co-operate in making our shores not only clean, but just as attractive as possible. Let us place no obstruction in the way of the summer guest enjoying our shore privileges. We would recommend that measures be taken to do away with shore sewerage, also all promiscuous dumping of fish from wharves, etc. Loud complaints were made last season to the town authorities and the Board of Health of these matters. We would also recommend the white washing of buildings facing the shores as an improvement to the appearance of the water front.

The schoolhouses have been visited at frequent intervals and the temperature of the same found very satisfactory but the ventilation decidedly poor. We would suggest that some method be adopted by means of which this evil menacing the health of our children may be remedied.

Some much needed repairs have been made to the premises surrounding the pest house, and during the coming year it will

be necessary that the house receive a coat of paint, and the fences white-washed.

Among the work done by the Inspectors has been the personal inspection of 850 houses.

A letter lately received from the Secretary of the State Board of Registration in Medicine informs us that all parties practicing midwifery for a fee, are subject to the same requirements as are practitioners of medicine, and if not complying with the same by passing a satisfactory examination before the State Board will be liable to prosecution. It will be the duty of this Board to inform the State Board of Registration of such violations of the law.

We would suggest that three places be designated by the town for dumping refuse, one to be located in the deep hollow on land bordering on Bradford and Nickerson Sts., a second in the hollow back of the High School grounds, and a third somewhere in the eastern part of the town, that all refuse must be deposited in places so designated and no where else, that parties not so complying will be liable to prosecution.

#### WORK OF QUARANTINE HEALTH OFFICER.

The work of the Quarantine Health Officer has been carefully done. Eleven vessels have been inspected during the year. The National Quarantine regulations have been observed so far as practicable.

This department of our work receives no support from the town, being wholly self supporting. It is a very important part of the work of the Board of Health, guarding our town as it does from the encroachment of disease from any infected port.

#### MORTALITY REPORT FOR 1896.

Number of deaths reported, 104. Causes:			
Bright disease,	5	Convulsions,	5
Heart disease,	9	Pneumonia,	3
Cholera infantum,	12	Carcinoma,	4
Old age,	7	Broncho pneumonia,	4
Tuberculosis,	11	Scarlet fever,	2



Acute hepatitis,	1	Cerebro meningitis,
Marasmus,	1	Organic brain disease,
Pertussis,	1	Acute hysteria,
La grippe,	1	Typhoid fever,
Erysipelas,	1	Stoppage,
Cirrhosis of liver,	1	Goitre,
Empyemia,	1	Cystitis,
Diarrhoea,	3	Apoplexy,
Asthenia,	3	Premature birth,
Diabetis,	1	Still birth,
Paresis,	4	Suicide,
Drowning,	3	Gun shot wound,
Infantile atrophy,	1	Accidental injury,
Locomotor ataxia,	1	Unknown,

## EXPENDITURES OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

B. A. Lewis, fumigating houses,	\$5 48
H. F. Hopkins, printing, stationery, etc.,	28 25
Geo. W. Readey, sanitary work,	2 00
E. H. Tillson, 101 1-2 hours work,	20 30
Chas. A. Young, labor and stock,	2 00
B. A. Lewis, labor,	18 50
Ella F. Birge, 3 vaccinations,	1 50
W. W. Sprague, sanitary work,	4 00
Lewis & Brown, lumber,	1 74
Howard F. Hopkins, printing notices,	2 25
E. H. Tillson, 10 hours labor,	2 00
Geo. W. Readey, sanitary work,	50
B. H. Lewis, labor,	1 50
W. S. Birge, services as Secretary,	12 00
W. S. Birge, inspecting schoolhouses, etc.,	2 15
Geo. H. Lewis, labor,	1 20
Geo. Allen, lumber and nails,	9 95
R. M. Lavender, services, labor, horse, etc.,	55 90
Manuel Souza, labor on pest house,	3 60
Richard J. Days, labor on pest house,	3 60
B. A. Lewis, labor,	1 00

\$179 46

Appropriation for Board of Health, 1896,	\$225 00
Amount received for sanitary license,	2 00
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	\$227 00
Amount of expenditures,	\$179 46
Amount on hand,	47 54
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	\$227 00

We would ask that the sum of \$225 be appropriated for the coming year believing that amount will be needed to properly carry out the work required to be done.

We extend our thanks to the Selectmen, the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee and citizens who have aided us materially in our work during the present year, and trust that during the coming year the Board of Health may be able to accomplish a better and more satisfactory work than ever before.

R. M. LAVENDER,

B. A. LEWIS,

W. S. BIRGE,

Board of Health.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FINANCIAL.

Salaries to May 1, 1896 :

Chief of Department,	\$20 00	
Clerk Board of Engineers,	15 00	
Three Assistant Engineers, each \$10,	30 00	
		\$65 00

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, 25 men,	\$125 00	
Steamer Co. No. 3, 25 "	112 50	
Chemical Co. No. 4, 25 "	120 02	
Hose Co. No. 1, 12 "	60 00	
" " " 2, 12 "	60 00	
" " " 3, 12 "	56 67	
" " " 4, 12 "	55 02	
" " " 5, 12 "	59 57	
		648 78

5 stewards, engine man, asst. engine man and stoker,		270 00
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Total salaries to May 1, 1896,		\$983 78
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Sundry bills to Jan. 1, 1897 :

House supplies, waste, polish, etc.,		\$19 82
Engine and hose house repairs,		100 91
Stoves, fuel and lights,		41 45
Fire cracker notices and posting,		3 50
Printing engine blanks for reports,		9 95
Ringing fire alarm bells,		7 00
Hose carriage repairs,		28 02
Horses on apparatus,		11 00
Horses on steamer, special contract,		75 00
Painting department houses,		43 93
Flag repairs,		2 85
Paving stones for platforms, No. 1 and 2 houses,		33 60
Freight on paving,		30 00
Maple floor for department houses,		81 65
Carting paving and wharfage,		15 40
Labor on platform hose No. 2 house,		14 83
Cleaning and carting hose,		1 75
Badges and repairs,		1 00
Lumber, back platform hose No. 4 house,		6 08
Watch in hose No. 2 house,		1 00
		528 74
		\$1,512 52
Appropriation at annual meeting 1896,		1,510 00
		\$2 52

RECORD OF FIRES FOR 1896.

March 28. 11.05 o'clock A. M. Burning grass and bushes in close proximity to dwellings at the west end of town. Loss none; insurance, none. Fire set by small boys.

Hose used: Hose 2, 300 feet; hose 4, 450 feet; hose 5, 300 feet. Water pumped, 5625 gallons.

April 16. 10.20 A. M. Alarm given by boys, grass being burned in the rear of Town Hill, near Catholic cemetery, and

in charge of Walter Connor, who had control of it. Loss, none; insurance, none. Needless alarm. Looks very much like attempt to create a false alarm. 1000 feet hose laid by hose 3, but not used.

May 14. No alarm. Barn on Cross St., owned by Emerson Mayo.

July 1. 1.15 p. m. Fire in blacksmith shop occupied by W. H. Herbolt. Loss, \$125; insurance, \$350. Caught on roof from sparks from chimney. Hose used: Chemical, 250 feet; hose 4, 200 feet; hose 2, 250 feet. Water used, 1875 gallons.

Dec. 20. 12 o'clock midnight. Fire in house on Alden St., owned by Antone Lucas and occupied by Manuel Fratus. Damage to house, \$800; Insurance, \$500. Caught in rear end of building and burned the upper portion completely out. Cause, mice and matches. Hose used: Hose 5, 500 feet; hose 3, 500 feet; hose 4, 650 feet: Water used, 22500 gallons.

#### DO NOT FORGET TO CRY FIRE! FIRE!!

So long as we have this system of alarm the inhabitants must yell Fire! Fire!! All could see this at the Lucas fire.

#### HOSE.

The quantity of good hose remains the same as last year and at the several stations. If we should have a number of large fires this year no doubt next year we will be obliged to purchase more hose.

#### HOUSES.

The several department buildings are as a whole in order. The new floors in No. 3 and 4 houses have been laid as recommended last year. Hose No. 2 house has new stone platform. Hose No. 1 house will require one next year and we have the paving on hand for the same. Some painting will be necessary to preserve the several buildings.

#### RESIGNATION.

On the last of June, 1896, Chief of Department John D. Hilliard, who, for forty-three years had served faithfully a member

in this department twenty-five years of that time as Chief, resigned his position. By the retiring of Chief Hilliard the town loses the services of a faithful servant, the Engineers a careful and considerate adviser, the Fire Department an honored member.

Engineer Geo. H. Holmes was chosen chief and entered upon duty June 21st, 1896. T. W. Sparks was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board and served until October when he was obliged to resign on account of moving out of town. J. A. Rich was appointed to serve in Engineer Sparks' place.

#### APPROPRIATION REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED.

Salaries one year to May 1, 1897,	\$970 00
Other expenses for one year to Jan. 1, 1898,	500 00
Total appropriation,	<u>\$1,470 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HOLMES,  
JOHN G. WHITCOMB,  
JAMES H. BARNETT,  
J. F. SNOW,  
JEREMIAH A. RICH,

Engineers Fire Department.

Provincetown, Jan. 15, 1897.

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

## ANNUAL EXPENSES.

Cash on hand last report,	\$58 59
Received from town,	600 00
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	\$658 59
Paid Hattie M. Dyer, librarian,	\$250 00
Freeman A. Smith, janitor,	100 10
Lewis & Brown, lumber,	17 80
James Gifford, insurance,	32 40
A. T. Williams, coal and oil,	35 73
H. Engles, supplies,	39 44
B. H. Dyer & Co., "	4 00
Hattie M. Dyer, "	7 79
Andrew Kennedy, "	18 75
A. L. Putnam, "	2 67
J. D. Hilliard, "	5 03
J. A. West, "	25 56
Geo. W. Watson, labor,	4 20
Alfred Small, "	2 94
Howard F. Hopkins, printing,	14 00
Water rate,	4 00
Express,	40
Cash on hand,	93 78
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	\$658 59

## BOOK FUND.

Cash on hand last report,	\$41 24
Received Dog Tax,	214 36
Interest Benj. Small Fund,	310 00
Interest S. S. Bank,	1 40
Fines and catalogues,	25 00
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	\$592 00
Paid Magazines,	\$83 00
D. Appleton & Co.,	84 00
F. S. Blanchard & Co.,	1 50
Estes & Lauriat,	389 98
Cash on hand,	33 52
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	\$592 00

## CONDITION OF LIBRARY DEC. 31, 1896.

Number of books Dec. 31, 1895,	6507
" " purchased,	308
" " received from State,	9
" " " " United States,	26
" " " " donation,	1
" " purchased to replace old,	11
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	355
Present number of books,	6862
No. of Periodicals,	12
No. of names registered Dec. 31, '95,	2944
" " added in 1896,	84
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Present number of names,	3028
Circulation for the year,	11728

Three hundred and fourteen visitors inspected the Library during 1896, and one hundred and forty-four selected books for use at their summer homes.

It is with feelings of the deepest sorrow and regret that the Trustees of the Library have to report the death of their efficient chairman, the late James H. Hopkins. As is well known to this community he had the greatest interest in the

growth and success of the Library. His time was freely given for its benefit and through his knowledge of books the additions made during his term of office have brought the Library to a much higher standard than it had ever reached before. Largely through his efforts the Reading Room was opened and has already shown its necessity from the large number of attendants thus far recorded—being nearly fifteen hundred. It is our aim to further improve the facilities of this branch of the Library.

We would be very much pleased to have donations of curiosities for the Reading Room as we desire to render this place as attractive as possible. The room will be largely used in the Summer by visitors and let us show our public spirit by donations of interesting objects. During the past year Mr. J. D. Hilliard has notified the Trustees of his intention of presenting the Library with a complete bound set of *The Scientific American*, which will make a valuable and interesting addition to our volumes. Mr. J. T. Small donates the "Arena" for the year and the publishers of the *Advocate* and *Beacon* generously furnish their papers to the Reading Room. These gifts are very gratifying to the Trustees and we trust other citizens may be induced by these examples to make donations in the same line.

In connection with this report we present a series of resolutions in memory of our late Chairman. The reports of the Treasurer and Librarian are also included.

We would recommend an appropriation of \$450 for ensuing year to defray the running expenses of the Library.

MOSES N. GIFFORD,  
F. A. H. GIFFORD,  
GEO. H. HOLMES,  
A. P. HANNUM,  
ROBT D. BAXTER,  
A. T. WILLIAMS,  
A. L. PUTNAM,  
E. N. PAINE,

Trustees.

## In Memoriam.

JAMES HUGHES HOPKINS.

In recording the decease of James H. Hopkins, who was for many years the Chairman of the Trustees of Provincetown Public Library, the Trustees feel that they have sustained a loss well-nigh irreparable.

His accurate knowledge of literature, his scholastic research and his very positive tastes in literary matters were of so high an order that he was an ideal Chairman and worked constantly for the improvement of the Library and its facilities for the best results for the public. The unique system of catalogue that he arranged and perfected called for an expenditure of care and time that few men would have been willing to have given to a public library.

In view of his invaluable services to this department

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees appreciate to the full extent the loss they have suffered in his untimely departure from earth,

That his high ideals in this service were so persistently, but so modestly and retiringly prosecuted, as to produce results commensurate with the efforts he expended, in placing the Library on a plane that promised to make it increasingly a credit to the town.

That his work in all its departments was as quiet and unostentatious as it was conscientious and effective.

## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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In submitting our annual report we make no recommendations. Owing to the continued business depression and higher rate of taxation we advise that no appropriation be made for the ensuing year.

JOSHUA COOK,  
 JOSEPH A. WEST,  
 N. P. HOLMES,  
 Commissioners.

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

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Appropriation,	\$100 00
Received for rental of land,	35 00
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	\$135 00

Paid Reuben Nickerson,	\$35 20
C. H. Holway,	18 55
Geo. Allen,	40 01
James Campbell,	4 50
E. N. Sumner,	23 99
Freeman Smith,	1 60
J. D. Hilliard,	9 76
John Pierce,	1 30
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	134 91
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Balance unexpended,	09

In order to continue repairing cemetery fences we would ask for an appropriation of one hundred dollars for ensuing year.

JOSEPH WHITCOMB,  
 M. N. GIFFORD,  
 SETH SMITH,  
 Commissioners.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR PRESERVATION OF PROVINCETOWN HARBOR.

The Committee for the Preservation of Provincetown Harbor respectfully submit the following report :

Immediately after election your committee organized with A. T. Williams as Chairman and Judge J. H. Hopkins as Secretary.

Photographs of the Beach and indentures at the Wood End were procured showing the encroachments the sea was making and forwarded to Chief Engineer Mansfield at Boston and Congressman Simpkins at Washington. A correspondence with the above named gentlemen was kept up by our lamented Secretary, resulting in the appointment of a survey during the past summer which we hope will lead to the completion of a dike, the only procedure necessary for the preservation of our harbor.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
Paid Charles N. Taylor, photographs,	\$31 00	
J. H. Dyer, type writing,	4 35	
Howard F. Hopkins, printing,	3 00	
Balance unexpended,	61 65	
		\$100 00

A. T. WILLIAMS,  
JOHN D. ADAMS,  
JAS. A. REED,  
MARSHALL L. ADAMS.

## REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The Water Commissioners herewith respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896 :

That the water furnished to the takers is not of the quality desired for household purposes, is evidenced by the fact that many have discontinued its use, and that many more contemplate so doing unless the town takes some action toward improving it.

The State Board of Health has since last September been conducting a series of experiments for the removal of iron from water, and their work has been largely with the Provincetown water. The chemist of the State Board of Health does not hesitate to say that the water can by a process of filtration be made perfectly bright and clear, thus making it desirable for every domestic purpose. The analysis of the water after experimental filtration shows a removal of from ninety-three to ninety-eight per cent. of iron.

The cost of a filter bed such as would be needed by the town would, roughly estimated, be about six thousand dollars. A mechanical filter can be bought for less money, but is surely less desirable. In all mechanical filters, it is necessary to use a coagulant of some kind. They, in all cases, increase the hardness of the water materially. The cost of running a filter bed can only be determined by actual use. The opinion of experts, however, is that it would be less than for a mechanical filter of the same capacity.

We do not feel, at the present time, that we are sufficiently well informed, to advise any particular method, but would ask that the town at the annual meeting, instruct the water board

to make further investigations and to report at some future meeting when a close estimate as to cost of construction, expenses of maintaining and the most approved method for doing the desired work, can be presented more intelligently.

#### SUPPLY WELLS.

The wells are not in the best possible condition. In May all of them were taken up, relocated, and new strainers, coarser and two feet longer, were put in. This work made a marked improvement in the working of the pumps. After some months it was noticeable that the improvement made was only temporary, and we were obliged to resort to the former method of flushing the wells. This we do not consider beneficial in the end. It does the work effectively, but the intervals between the times of flushing are each shorter, and in time, unless some way is devised to overthrow this difficulty, it would be necessary to flush almost daily. From our talks with engineers and men interested and engaged in this kind of work, we are unable to find any one that can definitely say what is the best method to pursue. It is a work which can only be determined by actual experiment. If the wells can be put in the proper condition our coal bill can be reduced surely one third and we feel that any money expended in experimental work will be economy in the end.

#### PUMPING STATION.

The building is in good repair. The boilers and all of the connections are in good order. The pump is apparently in good condition, but we think it advisable to have it thoroughly inspected by an expert.

#### STAND PIPE.

During the month of July the stand pipe was thoroughly cleaned and a coating of asphaltum applied to the inside. This places it in a condition where no further outlay of money should be needed for a few years.

#### GATES AND HYDRANTS.

The gates and hydrants have been inspected at regular intervals, and at the present time, are all in good order, two hydrants have been repaired during the year at a small expense.

#### EXTENSIONS.

In May the pipe main was extended in Cottage Street and Taylor's Lane. Appropriations for this work was made at the annual meeting in February.

#### WATER ANALYSIS.

For comparison we give an analysis of water, samples were taken in each at the pumping station.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

#### PROVINCETOWN. WATER ANALYSIS. PARTS IN 100,000.

1893.		1896.	
No.,	11,266	No.,	17753
Date of Collection,	Oct. 28, 1893	Date of Collection,	Oct. 30, 1896
Date of Examination,	Oct. 30, 1893	Date of Examination,	Oct. 31, 1896
APPEARANCE:		APPEARANCE:	
Turbidity,	Distinctly milky	Turbidity,	Decided milky
Sediment,	Slight	Sediment,	Cons. rusty
Color,	1.00	Color,	1.10
ODOR:		ODOR:	
Cold,	None	Cold,	Faintly vegetable
Hot,	Faintly vegetable, sweetish	Hot,	Faintly vegetable
RESIDUE ON EVAPORATION:		RESIDUE ON EVAPORATION:	
Total,	8.70	Total,	8.70
Loss on Ignition,	—	Loss on Ignition,	—
Fixed,	—	Fixed,	—
AMMONIA:		AMMONIA:	
Free,	.0030	Free,	.0090
Albuminoid:		Albuminoid:	
Total,	.0082	Total,	.0108
In Solution,	—	In solution,	—
In Suspension,	—	In suspension,	—
Chlorine,	1.99	Chlorine,	.222
NITROGEN AS		NITRATE AS	
Nitrates,	.0000	Nitrates,	.0030
Nitrites,	.0000	Nitrites,	.0001
Hardness,	1.1	Hardness,	2.1
Oxygen consumed,	.8308	Oxygen consumed,	.7045
Iron,	.0150	Iron,	.5350

The color of water is expressed by numbers which increase with the amount of color. Boston water, as drawn from a tap at the Institute of Technology, had an average color in 1895 of 0.72. Other water supplies in the State had an average color of from 0 to 1.30.

All waters containing suspended matter, excepting ground waters which contain a large quantity of iron, are filtered through filter paper before determining the color and residue on evaporation. Occasionally these determinations are also made on the unfiltered water, the results in such cases being indicated by an asterisk.



## PUMPING STATION RECORDS.

1896.	Water. Gallons Pumped.	Coal. Lbs. Used.	Water Level.†	
			Highest. ft. in.	Lowest. ft. in.
Jan.	1,603,518	21,789	12 5	12 9
Feb.	1,562,026	19,971	12 1	12 5 3-4
Mar.	1,669,008	21,717	11 6 1-2	12 2 1-2
April.	1,864,124	23,428	11 5	11 9
May.	3,520,918	33,247	11 9	12 3
June.	3,272,284	30,571	12 1 1-2	12 5 1-2
*July.	4,835,390	44,089	12 4 3-4	12 7 1-2
*Aug.	6,369,408	64,416	12 11	13 4
Sept.	3,137,958	34,100	13	13
Oct.	1,834,950	24,695	12 9	12 11
Nov.	1,513,112	17,866	13 2	13 9
Dec.	2,048,894	23,156	13 1	13 3
Total,	33,231,590	359,045		

Total No. of services, Dec. 31, 1896,	486
“ “ “ water takers, Jan. 1, '97,	443
“ “ “ shops supplied,	25
“ “ “ families “	330
“ “ “ stables “	10
“ “ “ lawn hydrants exclusively for hose use,	123
“ “ “ laundrys,	1
“ “ “ hotels,	3
“ “ “ meters in use,	44
“ “ “ services put in this year,	37

Amount received from water rates,	\$2,892 62
“ “ “ services,	265 22
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	\$3,157 84

\* From July 20 to Aug. 31 pumping direct into mains day and night.

† The measurements for water level are taken from the surface of the ground to water.

## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Paid Lewis & Brown,	\$807 65
John McIntosh,	405 00
W. B. Dunham,	462 20
J. D. Adams,	400 00
Walworth M'fg Co.,	253 58
L. B. Walther,	125 00
J. A. Manta,	182 10
Geo. W. Settes,	93 10
Sumner & Goodwin,	92 45
J. T. Small,	58 33
Vacuum Oil Co.,	55 98
Bingham & Taylor,	48 00
Blake M'fg Co.,	43 95
P. R. Howes,	43 65
H. S. Macomber & Co.,	29 70
H. F. Hopkins,	26 75
National Lead Co.,	27 23
Thomas M'fg Co.,	18 77
H. J. Wagner,	18 75
Thomson Meter Co.,	18 80
F. J. Dibble,	16 95
L. N. Paine & Co.,	11 01
A. W. Chesterton & Co.,	10 88
Standard Oil Co.,	10 27
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	10 01
H. Engles,	12 58
Geo. H. Holmes,	17 55
B. H. Dyer & Co.,	15 76
Samuel Ward Co.,	9 80
W. B. Bangs,	8 90
Geo. W. Ellis, 2d,	9 80
Fred Randall,	9 55
Benj. G. Pierce,	9 80
Estate Wm. Matheson,	9 75
Amasa Taylor,	8 48
Geo. W. Tuttle,	8 90

Paid Estate Samuel Knowles,	\$7 70	
B. & P. S. S. Co.,	6 01	
Geo. Allen,	6 55	
W. H. Herbolt,	6 55	
Chapman Valve Co.,	4 33	
Standard Thermometer Co.,	4 00	
Daniel E. Suker,	5 90	
Chas. A. Young,	4 91	
M. S. Turner,	4 70	
Waldo Bros.,	4 30	
J. D. Hilliard,	3 39	
Francis P. Cook,	3 25	
Manuel Francis,	3 00	
Sch. A. F. Cole,	2 00	
Muellen M'fg Co.,	2 20	
Bay State Metal Works,	2 00	
F. A. H. Gifford,	2 35	
Alex. Roach,	1 30	
John Adams,	1 04	
L. A. Smith,	1 20	
John Jones,	1 00	
John Welch,	1 00	
National Meter Co.,	75	
M. E. Silva,	50	
A. L. Putnam,	45	
Sundry Office Expenses,	37 00	
		<u>\$3,508 86</u>
Cash transferred to construction acct.,	\$28 59	
Balance on hand,	51 20	
		<u>79 79</u>
		<u>\$3,588 15</u>

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Paid Walworth M'fg Co.,	\$227 66	
Cook Well Co.,	265 55	
Hersey M'fg Co.,	40 40	
Geo. Settes,	38 55	
Chapman Valve Co.,	37 52	
W. B. Dunham,	43 45	
Builders Foundry Co.,	36 76	
Louis A. Smith,	39 15	
Thos. McQuillan,	35 85	
James W. Dunham,	33 95	
Thomson Meter Co.,	18 80	
Chadwick Lead Works,	18 04	
Buffalo Meter Co.,	13 00	
N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R. Co.,	9 27	
Bingham & Taylor,	5 70	
Frank Jennings,	5 70	
Benj. Pierce,	5 40	
Ebed Cook,	5 40	
J. M. Burke,	5 40	
Frank Silva,	5 40	
Peter Morrill,	4 10	
Lewis & Brown,	4 01	
Perrin, Seaman & Co.,	5 18	
S. S. Lavender,	3 20	
Manuel E. Silva,	2 00	
John Welch,	2 00	
Manuel Perry,	1 70	
L. N. Paine & Co.,	1 00	
Jesse Davis,	30	
B. & P. S. S. Co.,	1 24	
		<u>\$915 68</u>
		Cr.
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	\$2 02	
Appropriation,	650 00	
Cash from Taylor's Lane appropriation,	129 25	
“ “ Cottage Street “	105 82	
“ transferred from maintenance acct.,	28 59	
		<u>\$915 68</u>

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would respectfully recommend that the following sums be appropriated for the purposes named :

To maintenance account for thorough inspection of pumps and duplicate parts, \$200 00  
 To construction account for work on supply wells, 300 00

L. N. PAINE,  
 R. E. CONWELL,  
 JOHN D. ADAMS,  
 Water Commissioners.

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

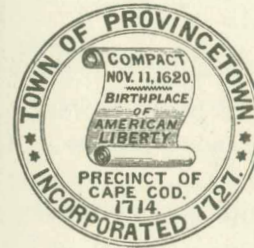
## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

## TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.



PROVINCETOWN, MASS.:

The Advocate Press. Howard F. Hopkins.

1897.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**

	Term Expires.
Artemas P. Hannum, Chairman, . . . . .	1897
Andrew T. Williams, Secretary, . . . . .	1899
A. Louis Putnam, Agent, . . . . .	1898

The Board meets in the Committee's Room at the Town Hall, on the Thursday before the last Saturday of each month, at 7.30 P. M.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.**

Clarence W. Fearing.

**PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.****HIGH SCHOOL.**

Ira A. Jenkins, . . . . .	Principal
Phebe E. Freeman, . . . . .	Assistant
Carra E. Wilcox, . . . . .	Assistant

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**

William Tillson, . . . . .	Principal
Sara Cavanagh, . . . . .	Assistant

**HIGHER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.**

Annie W. McKennon,	Pauline Atkins,	Julia C. Knowles.
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**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.**

Frances S. Crocker,	Nathalin Ryder,	Carrie A. Cowing,
	Olivia S. Sylva.	

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS.**

Jessie B. Allen,	Cora Daggett,	Anna Dolan,
Blanche A. Holmes,	Susie N. Dearnborn,	Estella E. Hatch,
Annie E. Swett,	Nellie N. Allen,	Lillian N. Brooks,
Albertina Young,	Winifred S. Small,	Gertrude Snow.

**REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**

The School Committee respectfully present their report for the year ending December 31, 1896, together with the report of the Superintendent of Schools :

As foreshadowed in our report of last year we found, on our annual inspection of school buildings, that some of them were in need of extensive repairs. The Eastern building leaked so badly as to be unfit for occupancy. To remedy this nearly the whole front had to be removed. New windows and frames were put in, rotten boarding and timber replaced with new and the front clapboarded and painted. This work alone took nearly one half the appropriation for schoolhouse repairs.

The Conant Street building was shingled, a new fence built and the grounds filled up and graded.

Considerable work was also done on the roof of the High School building and these, together with the necessary work done on the other buildings over-ran our appropriation and left some bills unsettled, for the payment of which we ask a special appropriation of two hundred dollars.

The roof of the High School building has settled and will need a large outlay to make it tight the coming year. The bulkhead and fence at the Western building will also require a considerable outlay. The condition of the Center building is described in the report of the Superintendent.

In March, Miss Grace Marchant resigned her position in the High School and was succeeded by Miss Mary I. Fiske of Arlington, Mass., who taught until the close of the spring term.

In September Miss Carra E. Wilcox of Erskine, N. J., was elected to the position. Her labors have proved highly satisfactory. In March the ill health of Mr. Tillson, principal of the Grammar School, obliged him to give up his labors and the school was placed in charge of the assistant, Miss Sara Cavanagh, and Mrs. Mary E. Sparrow was elected assistant. We cannot speak too highly of the labors of these two teachers from this time until the close of the spring term. The discipline of the school was fully maintained and the pupils made good progress in their studies. We are pleased to record that Mr. Tillson regained his health and resumed his duties in September.

In June Miss Nellie B. Hilliard, principal of the Center Higher Intermediate, asked for a year's leave of absence, which was granted and Miss Julia C. Knowles was promoted to the vacancy. Miss Frances S. Crocker was transferred from the Eastern to the Center Lower Intermediate, Miss Nathalin Ryder was promoted to the Eastern Lower Intermediate, Miss Cora Daggett was promoted to the Eastern Second Primary and Miss Gertie Snow was elected to the Eastern First Primary. Miss Mattie H. Gross resigned from the Governor Bradford Lower Intermediate in June and Miss Olivia S. Sylvia was promoted to the vacancy, Miss Susan N. Dearborn being promoted from First to Second Primary and Miss Winifred S. Small elected to the Governor Bradford First Primary. Miss Mary E. Ryder of the Conant Street Primary resigned in June and Miss Annie A. Swett was elected to the vacancy.

In all cases promotions have been made for special fitness and new appointments have been made from those having some special training.

So much has been said in former reports urging parents and friends to visit the schools that a repetition may seem unnecessary and yet the matter is as important as ever, even more so.

Better text books are being provided, more is expected of teachers, new methods being introduced, special teachers are employed in many places and fads and schemes are often introduced at large expense to be dropped after a brief trial.

Committees are being constantly importuned to adopt measures that will largely increase the cost of school work, and bills have been and are being introduced into the Legislature that will greatly change present methods and the cost of maintaining schools. In all these matters you, who pay the bills should feel deeply interested and we earnestly ask you to make yourselves better acquainted with the public schools.

## GRADUATES OF HIGH SCHOOL.

## CLASS OF 1896.

## COLLEGE COURSE.

JENNIE YOUNG FREEMAN,

WILLIAM FOYE JOHNSON.

## CLASSICAL COURSE.

WALTER LYMAN ATKINS,

MYRA COOK BURT,

BESSIE ALDWELL CHASE,

ANNIE FOSTER MAYO,

MAY EVELYN PAINE,

ROBERT EDWARD WAGNER.

## ENGLISH COURSE.

GRACE ELLIOTT COOK,

MAMIE JEANETTE HIGGINS,

KATHARINE JOSEPHINE TURNER.

## EXERCISES AT TOWN HALL,

THURSDAY EVENING, June 18, 1896.

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. MARCH,                    | Misses Cook and Reed                        |
| 2. PRAYER,                   | Rev. I. D. Morrison                         |
| 3. CORNET SOLO,              | Philip P. Manta                             |
| 4. ADDRESS,—Sydney Smith,    |   |
|                              | Prof. Samuel F. Upham, D. D., Drew Seminary |
| 5. VOCAL SOLO,               | Madge A. Smith                              |
| 6. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS, | Supt. C. W. Fearing                         |
| 7. PIANO SOLO,               | Priscilla M. Smith                          |
| 8. BENEDECTION.              |   |

\*Excused.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation,	\$500 00
Received for windows,	4 00
Deficiency,	46 87
Fred H. Dearborn, cleaning High School building and out houses,	\$40 00
Fred H. Dearborn, labor, washing and oiling,	36 80
Geo. Crosby, cleaning Eastern, Johnson St., and labor,	46 00
C. H. Bannister, cleaning Gov. Bradford and labor,	32 60
J. W. Beaty, cleaning Western and labor,	19 00
J. W. Beaty, " Conant and Montello St.,	15 00
Geo. W. Beaty, labor,	31 15
H. O. Sparrow, stock and labor,	52 02
A. T. Williams, supplies,	29 77
John McQuillan, labor,	7 40
Chas. W. Burkett, stock and labor,	8 00
Wm. Hall & Co., supplies,	4 98
Thomas Welsh, stock and labor,	6 00
Geo. C. Hill, labor,	2 60
A. Taylor, stock and labor,	1 00
James Callaghan, labor,	11 85
Josiah Swift, supplies,	75
Magee Furnace Co., supplies,	10 75
J. L. Hammett & Co., "	6 25
Carl Bradshaw, cleaning Center,	19 00
James Fuller, stock and labor,	23 07
Barstow Stove Co., 1 stove,	40 00
Lewis & Brown, stock,	55 45
David Stanford, labor,	1 50
Angus McKay, supplies,	7 27
W. W. Sprague, "	6 00

P. R. Howes, labor,	\$1 00	
Warren Ellis, "	10 00	
D. M. McKay, supplies,	3 50	
James H. Barnett, labor,	4 50	
D. J. McCarty & Son, plants,	10 40	
A. McKay, supplies for exhibit,	7 26	
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	\$550 87	\$550 87

## SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

Appropriation,		\$600 00
Deficiency,		42 96
M. Bradshaw, labor,	\$15 40	
Geo. Crosby, "	32 40	
Herbert Engles, labor and supplies,	26 15	
James Callaghan, "	62 80	
B. H. Dyer & Co., labor and supplies,	45 26	
T. W. Dyer, " "	19 90	
H. O. Sparrow, " "	37 05	
Chas. A. Fuller, "	1 60	
S. D. Nickerson, "	59 70	
Lewis & Brown, "	6 81	
A. T. Williams, supplies 1895,	84 06	
Geo. Allen, labor and supplies,	175 09	
Chas. A. Young, " "	31	
John W. Beaty, "	25 10	
J. L. Hammett & Co., "	16 75	
J. F. Small, labor and supplies,	3 00	
Andrew Kennedy, " "	31 58	
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	\$642 96	\$642 96

## FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Received for books sold,		15 06
Obadiah Snow, rent of organ,	\$18 00	
Howard F. Hopkins, printing,	26 50	
A. L. Putnam, balance bills 1895,	23 88	
Morse & Co., books,	5 88	
J. L. Hammett & Co., books and supplies,	169 45	
E. E. Babb & Co., " "	160 76	
Jacob Whitcomb & Co., " "	17 00	
D. C. Percival & Co., " "	5 00	
Ginn & Co.,	77 53	
Werner School Book Co., " "	63 42	
Arthur C. Boyden, " "	6 25	
University Pub. Co., " "	58 75	
Boston School Supply Co., " "	23 07	
Am. Book Co., " "	96 16	
F. S. Blanchard, " "	3 00	
D. Appleton & Co., " "	21 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., " "	6 28	
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, books and supplies,	50 80	
P. E. Freeman, books and supplies,	1 24	
D. C. Heath & Co., " "	23 76	
Leach, Shewall & Sanborn, books and supplies,	3 83	
Tracy Gibbs & Co., books and supplies,	31 00	
E. S. Pitcher & Low, " "	5 90	
A. L. Putnam, com. on supplies and books,	97 92	
Balance on hand,	18 78	
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	\$1,015 06	\$1,015 06

## AGENT'S ACCOUNT TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Estimated value books, etc., in use,	\$1,800 00
Amount in hands of agent,	764 11
Amount due treasurer for books sold,	7 42
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	\$2,571 53

## TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Ira A. Jenkins, Prin. High School,	\$1,200 04
Phebe E. Freeman, Asst. High School,	600 02
Grace Marchant, " " "	162 00
Mary P. Fiske, " " "	144 00
Carra E. Wilcox, " " "	168 00
Wm. D. Tillson, Prin. Grammar School,	625 00
Sara Cavanagh, Asst. & Prin. " "	518 00
Mary E Sparrow, Asst. " "	180 00
Pauline J. Atkins, Prin. Higher Int. School,	361 00
Julia C. Knowles, Prin. Higher Intermed- iate and Intermediate Schools,	301 00
Nellie B. Hilliard, Prin. Higher Int. School,	212 80
Annie W. McKennon, Prin. " " "	361 00
Martha H. Gross, Prin Int.,	168 88
Olivia S. Silva, " " & Primary School,	261 00
Carrie A. Cowing, Prin. Int. School,	311 00
Frances S. Crocker, " " "	273 00
Mary E. Ryder, Prin. Primary School,	156 00
Gertie Snow, " " "	77 00
Winifred S. Small, " " "	77 00
Nellie N. Allen, " " "	244 40
Lillie N. Brooks, " " "	247 00
Estella E. Hatch, " " "	247 00
Jessie B. Allen, " " "	247 00
Susan N. Dearborn, " " "	247 00
Blanche A. Holmes, " " "	247 00
Albertina C. Young, " " "	247 00
Cora Daggett, " " "	247 00
Anna M. Dolan, " " "	227 50
Nathalin Ryder, " " "	265 80
Annie A. Swett, " " "	77 00
	<hr/> \$8,689 56

## SUBSTITUTES.

Annie A. Swett,	\$31 95
Winifred S. Small,	44 20
Clara Watson,	27 35
Bessie M. Small,	6 35
Jennie Y. Freeman,	5 40
	<hr/> \$115 25

## FUEL.

J. D. Hilliard, 8 tons coal,	\$5.75	\$46 00
A. T. Williams, 171 1-2 " "	5.41	927 82
A. T. Williams, 2 1-2 " "	5.41	13 51
A. T. Williams, wood kindlings,		60 24
		<hr/> 1,047 57
C. W. Fearing, Superintendent,		1,200 00

## JANITORS.

J. H. Dearborn, High and Grammar,	\$171 00
J. W. Beaty, Western and Conant St.,	171 00
Michael Bradshaw, Center,	95 00
Geo. C. Hill, Johnson St.,	38 00
Chas. Bannister, Gov. Bradford,	273 00
Geo Crosby, Eastern,	95 00
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## TRUANTS.

J. H. Dearborn,	\$38 25
J. W. Beaty,	4 00
Geo. Crosby,	5 50
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## CENSUS.

J. H. Dearborn,	30 00
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

Geo. A. Grant, Teacher Drawing,	\$13 00	
Howard F. Hopkins, printing,	45 75	
School Committee,	60 00	
A. P. Hannum, water,	10 00	
Angus McKay, for exhibit,	7 43	
A. T. Williams, fares to Institute for teachers,	14 56	
Winifred S. Small, care of exhibit,	11 50	
A. L. Putnam, supplies,	15 77	
S. F. Upham, address to graduates and expenses,	33 00	
	<hr/>	\$211 01

## RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation,	\$10,500 00	
Mass. School Fund,	185 55	
From Commonwealth on account of Superintendent,	1,000 00	
Deficiency,	498 79	
Teachers Salaries,	\$8,689 56	
Substitutes,	115 25	
Fuel,	1,047 57	
Superintendent,	1,200 00	
Janitors,	843 00	
Returning Truants,	47 75	
Census,	30 00	
Miscellaneous,	211 01	
	<hr/>	\$12,184 14 \$12,184 14

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

For Public Schools,	\$10,500 00
School Incidentals,	500 00
Schoolhouse Repairs,	600 00
Free Text Books and Supplies,	1,000 00
Unpaid Bills,	200 00

A. P. HANNUM,  
 A. T. WILLIAMS,  
 A. L. PUTNAM,  
 School Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF PROVINCETOWN:

The sixth annual report of the District Superintendent of Schools, which is also the fourth report of the present incumbent, is herewith respectfully presented for your consideration.

There are appended to the report several tables of statistics, which afford data for some of the suggestions made, and which may be valuable for future reference.

The year just closed has been notable for the evidences of progress. More methodical work, closer application, and greater interest, have been the aims.

## TEACHERS.

The teachers have been unremitting in their labors, and have adapted themselves to the changing conditions of the schools with a commendable interest and tact. Parents who find the care of children wearisome and nerve-exhausting, and who experience great relief when the children are at school, are in a position to understand something of the demands made upon the teachers who must not only control thirty or forty children of other people, but must also instruct them, however dull or listless they may be, must train them to habits of industry and sobriety, must accomplish a certain amount in a certain time, and must be uniformly impartial, firm, kind, cheerful, even cordial. The teacher must possess knowledge both of the subject to be taught and of the proper method of presenting it to the pupil, must be able to supplement the text-book and to teach without it, must have nerve, tact, patience and perseverance in endless amount, and must defend herself against all sorts of criticisms and aspersions.

Not many people are to be found who are competent and willing to fill such a position with assurance of success. Other employments are less difficult, less wearing, more attractive, more remunerative.

The faithful and efficient teachers, by their devotion, example, character, and intellectual insight and power, indelibly impressed upon the minds and conduct of their pupils, are contributing out of the few best years of their lives, an influence that will help to determine, in no small measure, the future state of society.

They are conferring a permanent benefit not to be estimated in terms of dollars and cents. Are they not worthy of their hire?

#### SALARIES.

Attention has repeatedly been called to the desirability of regulating the salaries of the intermediate and primary teachers by experience and efficiency rather than by the grade of school. The one serious objection has been that the change would involve additional expense which the town cannot afford. What a given town can, or cannot afford for a given purpose, is a question determined sometimes by necessity, sometimes by the state of public feeling, sometimes by a sense of justice, sometimes by a due consideration of the public good. Laying aside the undesirable emotion usually aroused by comparisons, it may be instructive and helpful to the salary question to ascertain what is done elsewhere. A study of the table of State Statistics appended to this report (page 143) shows that only one town in Barnstable County pays its female teachers lower wages than Provincetown does. To equal the average wages paid in the county would require an increase of \$993 in the appropriation and to equal the average paid in the State would increase the appropriation \$3223.

Only two towns in the county have a higher valuation, and only three towns appropriate less for schools, per child of school age. To equal the county average per child of school age would increase the appropriation for schools \$2831, and to equal the State average would increase the appropriation \$3299.

We desire to have the very best of schools and mean to have them. How can we, if we fall much behind in supporting them? Or must we decide that we cannot afford them? An additional \$1000 would enable us to readjust the salaries on a

basis that would encourage teachers to fit themselves more thoroughly for, and to remain longer in, the grade of school for which they are best adapted, and thus we should gain greater efficiency in instruction.

#### TEACHERS' MEETINGS AND TRAINING CLASS.

Twenty-eight general and grade meetings have been held during the year. Beginning with the fall term, grade meetings have been held with less frequency in order to give opportunity to attend exercises in drawing. By introducing written monthly reports of progress in studies, much of the time of the grade meetings has been saved for the presentation and discussion of methods and devices.

Only one young lady was granted a training class certificate in June. The present training class has three members, one of whom is already teaching a school. The supply of qualified teachers is one of the most serious problems that confront us. The meagre course of the training class barely introduces its members to the work of teaching. The most that can be said for it is, that it is better than nothing. Experienced teachers and normal school graduates are not attracted by the salaries we are paying. We certainly cannot afford to place our schools in the hands of persons who have no professional preparation as teachers and are not interested to make any preparation.

#### NORMAL SCHOOL.

Thirty-seven per cent. of the teachers in the public schools of the State have attended normal school. It is safe to say that the larger part of those who have not been to normal school, are either college trained or are teachers of long and valuable experience. The unprofessional teacher is rapidly disappearing.

The opening of the new normal school at Hyannis, next September, will bring the opportunity for professional training within easy reach. Those of our young people who look for-

ward to the calling of the teacher ought to hasten to take advantage of the privileges there afforded. Even those who do not wish to teach very long and yet desire to extend their education beyond the High School, will find at the new normal school, a higher course of instruction that will be worthy of their pursuit and that will be a fitting completion of their school life. Not so favorable an opportunity has heretofore been presented, and it is hoped that the school will always include a large delegation from Provincetown.

#### DETRIMENTAL CONDITIONS.

The past year has been free from great interruptions to school work. Occasionally a session has been lost on account of severe weather, or the sickness of a teacher, or the failure to have a room properly warmed. Storms are unavoidable and sickness may be ; but the heating of rooms, and also the ventilating and lighting, are matters within human control. There are several rooms much more troublesome than the others, in one or more of these respects—those of the High School building, and the rear, lower rooms of the old buildings. The room at the Center Schoolhouse is especially bad. In the afternoon, it is often too dark for study, and a large part of the time during cold weather, the presence of coal gas is very noticeable. For some reason it seems to be impossible to keep the room properly heated and ventilated at the same time. The condition in the other rooms, while not quite so bad, is such as to warrant the opinion that a series of alterations and repairs should be begun without delay. The eyes and general health of the children are just as important as other things, and the town is just as responsible for them.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The general attendance for the past year has been somewhat better than for the year previous. The amount of absence has decreased nearly ten per cent. ; but it continues to be larger than it would be if fairly estimated. Must classes be held back

to accommodate absentees, or must they drop back into other classes? This is a constant question of perplexity to the teacher, dissatisfaction to the parents and discouragement to the pupils.

The appended table (page 142) of attendance, absence, tardiness and time lost, presents a curious study. Of the tardy marks, 923 were caused by fifty-five pupils who received from ten to thirty marks each in the course of the year. Five were pupils in the High School, ten in the intermediate schools and forty in the primary schools. The time consumed in absence, tardiness and dismissal amounts to the loss of an entire school year for forty-eight children. After making due allowance for real necessity and for sickness that could not have been prevented by ordinary good care, is it not still true that we can not afford to have so much irregularity in attendance?

The roll of honor of those who are neither absent nor tardy during the year grows most encouragingly. Quite a number of children have moved from town and a few have moved into town. The net loss is about forty.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

A class of eleven pupils was graduated from the High School in June. Of these, three have already entered upon a college course—a proof of the possibilities of the present course of study and of the encouragement it gives to some who otherwise must have been denied a fair opportunity to make the most of themselves. Another evidence of the standing of the school is that graduates from the college course are allowed to attend Boston University and Tufts College without taking an entrance examination.

A perusal of the school register will convince any person acquainted with the community that, while the school is maintained for the benefit of all the people, it is chiefly attended by those that come from the homes of the middle class and the poor. Whatever affects the school, then, must also affect the interests of the larger part of the community. It would

be cause for great regret, if the people should fail to understand the importance of maintaining the High School at its present grade; it would be equally deplorable if they should fail to send their children to the school. Many more ought to attend than do; and they can, if they will.

A smaller proportion of our pupils attend High School than in any other town supporting a High School in the county. To equal the average attendance throughout the county we should have at least one hundred pupils in our High School. According as greater proficiency is made in the lower schools and as the influence of the home is more and more directed to the highest interests of the children, the membership of the High School must and will increase until its capacity is reached. If all attend who will probably be entitled to, the membership next September will reach seventy, and in another year will be over eighty.

The school has been approved by the State Board of Education. What this means will be readily understood by the following extract from the last report of the Secretary of the Board:

"The sole question has been this: Is the plan or scheme of the school such that, if the teachers do good work, it may hold respectable rank as a high school? That is, is the curriculum sufficiently true to the statutes, comprehensive in its subjects, orderly in its arrangement and full in its time allotments, to merit approval? Is the teaching force large enough to do the work called for by the curriculum? Is the school plant reasonably complete in rooms, laboratories, and conveniences? Is it, in short, a school in which pupils of good capacity may reasonably expect, under fair teaching, to prepare themselves creditably either for higher institutions, or for the activities of business, social and civil life?"

Only while the facts relating to the school yield an affirmative answer to these questions, can the school be thus approved; for the Secretary continues, "The approval intended is not absolute, but relative; not final, but tentative."

At the date of the report, last January, out of the eleven high schools in the county, the Provincetown school was the

only one that had been approved. To maintain the present standing of the school, involves the service of every appliance and convenience, and requires the closest application of all the teachers. Any large diminution of effort or of resource would surely lower the standing and efficiency of the school. The present standing and the fair prospect of increasing worth to the people are sound reasons for continuing a support of the school that shall in no way hazard its interests.

#### STUDIES.

The introduction of new books for reading has given a most wholesome impulse to that branch. It is hoped that it will be possible to make small additions to the supply of reading matter every year, until there is a select juvenile library in every schoolroom. This will enable systematic instruction to be given in silent reading, that phase of the art of reading which is of the most practical importance, and which, at the same time, is the most neglected.

A new text book in arithmetic has not yet been provided. The lack of books in this branch leads to a great waste of time and energy and retards the progress of the pupils. This is a most serious hindrance to the plan of reducing the number of grades below the High School.

In language the work has been advanced so that it can soon be accomplished in nine grades—a condition due in part to the introduction of text books in the lower grades. In geography and history also, the work can soon be brought to a state admitting of a reduction in the number of grades.

Nature study has been taken up somewhat methodically and is most useful in correlating other studies, and also in stimulating and developing the power of investigation by the pupils.

A strong effort has been made to have drawing taught more systematically. A few lessons from Mr. Bailey, the State Supervisor, and from Rev. Mr. Grant were very helpful to the teachers. These have been supplemented by a series of special exercises for the teachers in a class of voluntary membership.

The teachers have evinced great interest in the subject by their attendance and by their attempts to apply in their instruction the principles presented.

#### SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

Arbor Day was generally observed by the schools last April. Although it occurred upon Saturday, the pupils of nearly every school were interested to plant trees or arrange plots of flowers. They also manifested much interest at some schools in taking care of the plants given them. The teachers are to be commended for their encouragement and oversight. The effort was a valuable object lesson both to the schools and to the people, and should be repeated every year.

Memorial Day came upon Saturday and yet was observed with much the same enthusiasm that was shown the year before.

On May fourth, occurred the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Horace Mann, the greatest leader we have had in the development of our public school system, and who was at once an educator, an orator and a statesman. The occasion was fittingly observed by a public meeting in the evening, at which his life, services and worth were recounted with high praise.

About the middle of May, nearly all of the teachers attended an institute held at Wellfleet, by the State Board of Education. It was valuable to the teachers in explaining principles and methods and in infusing more of the spirit of true teaching.

#### SCHOOL EXHIBIT.

The event of the year most interesting to the schools was the exhibit of school work at the Town Hall, during the last two weeks of June and twice a week during July. Every pupil was represented by selections from his work done during the year. The drawing and nature work were displayed upon screens and the arithmetic, language, geography and other studies were arranged in binders upon tables. One table was

devoted to a comprehensive exhibit of High School work. As compared with the exhibit made in December, 1895, a strongly marked progress was evident. The papers were neater, more orderly, more accurate, more praiseworthy.

The display upon the walls, of the pictures belonging to the schools, was an additional attraction and delight to visitors.

There were over fifteen hundred visitors, many of whom were not residents of the town. They came from all parts of the State, and quite a number from other states—Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Illinois, Colorado, and California, being well represented. There were many favorable criticisms and commendations. Not a few from out of town expressed gratification in being able to form a more just estimate of our schools and of the community that supports them, and declared their purpose to imitate at their own homes some of our good things. The exhibit has served not only as a stimulus and encouragement to better work on the part of teachers and pupils, but has also interested and informed the people of our town and of other towns. Great credit for the success of the exhibit is due to the interest and aid of the Committee and the teachers.

#### OFFICE FOR COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT.

The increasing frequency with which parents, teachers, pupils, business agents, and others have occasion to interview the Superintendent, or the Committee, and the growing accumulation of records and documents belonging to the department, render it inappropriate, not to say inconvenient, to have official business transacted much longer in a private house. It is suggested that the School Committee Room, or some other centrally located room, be fitted and furnished for office work. The Superintendent could then have stated hours for meeting all who have business with him, and all property of the department could be stored where it would be easily accessible and suitably protected.

## LEGISLATION.

Several matters affecting the public schools will probably receive the attention of the General Court during the coming session. They ought also to be considered by the School Committee and the citizens generally.

There is a strong movement to change the present mode of raising and appropriating money for the support of schools. Instead of relying upon the differing wealth and varying disposition of the towns, some form of general tax by the State is to be proposed, the money to be distributed to the towns according to the number of children attending school. Such a law may add several thousand dollars to our school appropriation without increasing the rate of tax.

There are so few towns not having a Superintendent of Schools that a statute will be proposed requiring all small towns to unite in districts for the purpose of having one.

Another proposition will be to require all persons desiring election as teachers to present some evidence of professional qualification and to impose upon the Superintendent the duty of nominating teachers for election.

These matters are all intended to promote greater uniformity in the support and administration of schools, with the expectation of greater efficiency.

## LOOKING FORWARD.

The educational world is agitated as never before concerning the philosophy of education; its aims, systems, methods, devices; its subjects, branches and requirements. As in the business world, the industrial world, and the social world, so in the educational, it is no time to be stationary; much less is it a time to be chiefly occupied in looking backward.

New discoveries, inventions, needs, relations and possibilities crowd every new year.

One of the most interesting movements and most productive of results affecting the public schools passes under the name of child study. It is spreading rapidly all over the country.

Parents, teachers, educators and scientists are pursuing the subject singly, in groups, in clubs, and in large associations. It would be exceedingly helpful to the educational and domestic, and indirectly to the social and business, interests of the town, if an organization for child study were formed and sustained here.

The great call of to-day and to-morrow is for men and women of superior intelligence, high culture, noble purposes, persevering industry and courageous determination. For such people, we must look largely to our schools and see to it that natural abilities are developed and supplemented by the best instruction and discipline that can be obtained. To such people the world is just as wide as ever, opportunities are just as inviting as ever, and assurance of success is just as bright as ever. With such people the prosperity of the town will be beyond question.

It would, indeed, be disappointing, if the young people passing through our schools and getting ready for the activities of life should only be able to lament hard times and decaying industries, and must confess themselves not equal to the hardships and struggles endured by their fathers and grandfathers. And it would be doubly disappointing, if that impotence were, in any degree, the result of neglect on our part to give them the training they need. The policy we pursue toward the schools, therefore, will be an important factor in determining the future welfare of the community.

These words from the writings of Horace Mann are true to-day:

"There are questions upon which the heart is a better counsellor than the head, where its plain expositions of right encounter and dispel the sophistries of the intellect."

"The narrow strip of half-cultivated land that lies between her eastern and western boundaries, is not Massachusetts; but her noble and incorruptible men, her pure and exalted women, the children in all her schools, whose daily lessons are the preludes and rehearsals of the great duties of life, and the prophecies of future eminence—THESE ARE THE STATE."

In closing this report, it is due from me to say, that without the hearty encouragement and support of the Committee, the teachers and the people, the measure of success attending the work of the year would have been impossible.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. FEARING,

District Superintendent of Schools.

Dec. 31, 1896.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May 1, 1896,	780
Number of children between 8 and 14 years of age, May 1, 1896,	462
Pupils not absent or tardy during year,	41
"    "    "    "    "    "    two terms,	68
"    "    "    "    "    "    one term,	185
Pupils promoted in June,	599
Pupils graduated in June,	11
Age and Schooling Certificates issued in 1895,	6
"    "    "    "    "    "    1896,	5

FALL TERM.

Number of different pupils,	780
Average membership,	741.47
Average attendance,	695.76
Percentage of attendance,	94
Pupils over 15 years of age,	67

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE.

Schools.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Half Days of Absence.	Tardy Marks.	Dismissal Marks.	Hours Lost by Truancy and Absentees.
High . . . . .	52.99	51.78	98	625	201	99	150.83
Grammar . . . . .	56.13	54.62	97	518	31	18	24.73
Higher Intermediate							
Eastern . . . . .	24.46	23.11	94	504	95	109	72.42
Center . . . . .	34.32	32.45	95	849	145	67	71.53
Gov. Bradford	38.45	36.67	95	563	19	28	27.87
Lower Intermediate							
Eastern . . . . .	39.45	36.09	91	935	180	32	46.17
Center . . . . .	36.21	34.19	94	786	148	80	68.50
Gov. Bradford	37.67	35.58	94	827	107	15	37.42
Western . . . . .	38.20	35.41	93	871	34	6	6.98
Second Primary							
Eastern . . . . .	35.18	32.22	92	760	185	45	74.98
Center . . . . .	34.44	32.60	95	621	48	38	55.33
Gov. Bradford	28.57	27.09	95	473	9	19	21.53
Montello . . . . .	27.56	25.33	92	815	165	76	105.67
Western . . . . .	27.11	24.37	90	377	37	8	9.58
First Primary							
Eastern . . . . .	38.04	34.71	91	1295	116	19	42.58
Johnson . . . . .	30.97	27.77	90	1016	132	19	25.67
Center . . . . .	35.12	33.08	94	687	148	41	64.56
Gov. Bradford	32.68	29.98	92	616	50	2	9.58
Conant . . . . .	39.15	36.67	94	1119	348	25	91.73
New Western . . . . .	40.53	36.07	89	1481	163	1	29.33
Western . . . . .	31.84	28.99	91	1177	89	10	16.92
All the schools . . . . .	759.07	708.78	93	16915	2450	751	1052.25

STATISTICS FROM REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 1894-'95.

Barnstable County.	Valuation 1894.	Average wages per month of female teachers.	Appropriated for each child between 5 and 15 years of age.
Barnstable . . . . .	\$3,671,885	\$41 00	\$20 58
Bourne . . . . .	1,667,475	41 00	18 45
Brewster . . . . .	566,405	38 50	14 98
Chatham . . . . .	823,422	26 20	16 29
Dennis . . . . .	1,365,317	35 00	16 04
Eastham . . . . .	267,251	33 33	12 86
Falmouth . . . . .	5,651,887	45 80	20 39
Harwich . . . . .	1,073,790	36 62	14 95
Mashpee . . . . .	187,970	42 00	15 20
Orleans . . . . .	551,146	40 00	9 94
Provincetown . . . . .	2,079,502	32 96	13 00
Sandwich . . . . .	898,250	35 92	23 26
Truro . . . . .	331,543	39 00	10 24
Wellfleet . . . . .	611,063	37 00	23 22
Yarmouth . . . . .	1,970,777	42 00	15 38
The County . . . . .	21,707,683	37 71	16 63
The State . . . . .	2,471,521,505	48 38	17 23



## ROLL OF HONOR

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

*Grace H. Benson,	*Nina S. Williams,
Maud L. Atkins,	Bertha J. Dearborn,
*David Louis Allen,	**Amy B. Nickerson,
Nell L. Smith,	*Herman A. Wagner,
Lee L. Young.	

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mary Cabral,	*Mercy Kelley,
**Mamie S. Lewis,	Minnie C. Matthews,
Olive A. Timson,	Annie Harvender,
Addie Livingstone,	*Ada M. Quinn.

## EASTERN SCHOOL.

*Willie Days,	Hollis Mayo,
Georgie Maker,	Manuel Silva.

## CENTER SCHOOL.

Sumner P. Prince,	John J. Wagner,
Louis A. Bennett,	Inez C. Bennett,
Frank Rogers,	Frank J. Roderick,
Ethleon M. Chapman,	Corinne T. Gifford.

## GOV. BRADFORD SCHOOL.

Bessie Cowing,	Carrie Lucas,
Edna Rogers,	Isabel Randall,
**Josie Roderick,	Lizzie Morrill,
John Francis,	Willie Leonard,
George Leonard,	Ida Roderick.

## WESTERN SCHOOL.

Nora Cowing,	*Osela Rogers.
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\*Second year on Roll of Honor.

\*\*Third year on Roll of Honor.

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1897.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

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

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, the eighth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the following purposes, to wit:

ARTICLE FIRST. To choose a Moderator.

SECOND. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee of sixteen to whom all reports and recommendations be referred.

THIRD. To hear and act upon the reports and recommendations of the town officers.

FOURTH. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and posted according to law.

FIFTH. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money temporarily in anticipation of taxes the current year, agreeably to section 20 of the By-Laws of the town.

SIXTH. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the observance of Memorial Day.

SEVENTH. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain one street light on Conant Street near the premises of Joseph B. Prayder.

EIGHTH. To choose the following town officers, viz:

- A Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year.
- One Selectman and Assessor for three years.
- One Overseer of the Poor for three years.
- One Member of the School Committee for three years.
- One Water Commissioner for two years.
- One Water Commissioner for three years.
- One Park Commissioner for three years.
- One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
- One Member of the Board of Health for three years.
- Five Constables for one year.
- A Collector of Taxes for one year.
- An Auditor for one year.
- Two Trustees of the Public Library for two years.
- Three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.
- Three Fence Viewers for one year.
- Three Surveyors of Wood, Bark & Lumber for one year.
- Two or more Field Drivers for one year.
- A Pound Keeper for one year.
- A Monument Committee for one year.

Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The polls will open at eleven o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at three o'clock, P. M.

NINTH. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for reinsurance of the Bradford Schoolhouse.

TENTH. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town and matters voted on at this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following places, to wit: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, Andrew Kennedy, Stephen F. A. Atwood, Harvey O. Sparrow, Benjamin H. Dyer & Co., John Adams, Ira K. Small, George H. Holmes, Frederick A. H. Gifford, Newton P. West, Josiah F. Small, Jonathan Y. Cook, Joseph A. West, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Josiah T. Sumner, John D. Hilliard, Leonard N. Swift, Jeremiah A. Rich, George O. Knowles, R. B. Dyer, Rebecca W. Loring and Joseph Francis, also at the Post-office, all in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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

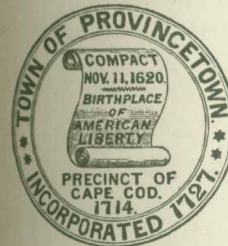
Given under our hands this nineteenth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
JAMES A. SMALL,  
JOHN N. SWIFT,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

A true copy attest.

J. HARVEY DEARBORN,  
Constable of the town of Provincetown.



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