

TOWN RECORDS

AND

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

PROVINCETOWN, MASS.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.



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TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1897.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

Seth Smith.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Marshall L. Adams, James A. Small, John N. Swift.

AUDITOR.

Ezra J. Riggs.

COLLECTORS OF TAXES.

John N. Swift, Ezra J. Riggs; *Winthrop C. Dearborn,
‡Seth Smith.

CONSTABLES.

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Artemas P. Hannum, Andrew T. Williams, A. Louis Putnam.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Moses N. Gifford, Artemas P. Hannum, Simeon C. Smith,
A. Louis Putnam, Raymond A. Hopkins, Isaiah A. Small,
F. A. H. Gifford, George H. Holmes, Andrew T. Williams.

*Resigned June 7th.

‡Appointed June 12th to fill vacancy.

§Resigned March 27th.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

John D. Adams, Robert E. Conwell, Charles W. Burkett.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

Moses N. Gifford, Seth Smith, *Joseph Whitcomb,
§Thomas S. Taylor.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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

BOARD OF HEALTH.

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

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER.

George H. Holmes, Daniel F. Lewis, John G. Whitcomb.

FENCE VIEWERS.

J. Harvey Dearborn, Robert M. Lavender, Newton P. West.

FIELD DRIVERS.

James E. Browne, George W. Readey.

POUND KEEPER.

George W. Readey.

MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

John Rosenthal.

*Died October 6th.

§Elected to fill vacancy November 13.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Joseph S. Atwood.

SPECIAL POLICE.

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

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS.

George Allen.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

George H. Holmes, John G. Whitcomb, James H. Barnett,
Jonathan F. Snow, Jeremiah A. Rich.

ELECTION OFFICERS, NOV. 2, 1897.

BALLOT CLERKS—Charles W. Burkett, David Cook.

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

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Seth Smith.

INSPECTOR OF MILK.

Seth Smith.

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS AND ANIMALS.

Daniel F. Lewis.

KEEPER OF LOCKUP.

Nathaniel W. Ayers.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL.

Nathaniel W. Ayers.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Betsey Cobb.

PROVINCETOWN TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1897.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY, FEB. 8, 1897.

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 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 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.

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.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

PROVINCETOWN, Jan. 27, 1897.

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, Joseph Matthews, Andrew Kennedy, S. 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.

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 eighth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and were called to order at nine o'clock in the forenoon by Seth Smith, Town Clerk.

Marshall L. Adams, Selectman, read the warrant calling said meeting and the return thereon of the officer who served the same.

The Tellers, who had been appointed and sworn by the Clerk, took charge of the check list and were as follows: M. L. Adams, John N. Swift and Geo. W. Holbrook.

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. Marshall L. Adams and the Clerk then proceeded to sort and count the votes so given in, and the whole number was one hundred and sixty-seven (167). James Gifford had sixty-two (62) votes; Heman S. Cook, one hundred and five (105) votes, and Heman S. Cook was declared elected and sworn by the Town Clerk.

On motion it was voted that Mr. Wm. Wareham of Eastham a former resident, be invited to take a seat with the legal voters.

Article second taken up :

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

Moved by Joseph A. West, That a committee of sixteen be appointed to which all recommendations and estimates involving appropriations by the town may be referred; that such committee be authorized to summon town officers to examine the books and records of any department, to give hearings as the committee may determine and to report at an adjourned meeting of the town their action on the matters submitted to them.

The above motion amended by striking out the word sixteen in the first line and inserting the word seventeen, accepted as amended.

Voted, That no person holding a town office shall be a member of this committee.

The following committee was appointed by the Moderator: Enos N. Young, Benj. H. Dyer, Geo. O. Knowles, John B. Rich, Daniel F. Small, Reuben F. Brown, Joseph Manta, Wm. Roberts, Eugene W. Watson, James A. Reed, Thomas K. Paine, Samuel T. Hatch, Angus McKay, John D. Hilliard, Thomas S. Taylor, Frank E. Hill, E. Olin Snow.

Article third taken up :

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

Referred to committee of seventeen.

Resolutions introduced by Artemas P. Hannum and adopted by a unanimous vote :

Resolved, By the citizens of Provincetown assembled in their annual town meeting, that the Commonwealth ought to participate to some extent in the support of the public schools, to the end that educational rights may be more equitably afforded.

Resolved, That for this purpose the General Court should establish an annual assessment upon all taxable property and an annual distribution of the same to the cities and towns upon the basis of the average attendance in the schools.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent without delay to our Senator and Representative at the General Court.

On motion of Artemas P. Hannum, the following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote :

Whereas, Mr. John D. Hilliard after having efficiently served this town as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for a period of twenty-five years, has resigned that position, therefore be it

Resolved, That we desire to put on record our appreciation of the zeal, fidelity, good judgment and efficiency of Mr. Hilliard, whereby the Fire Department has been brought to its present high standard of efficiency and ability.

Resolved, That we the citizens of Provincetown in town meeting assembled, hereby extend the thanks of this town to Mr. John D. Hilliard for his valuable services.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the town and an engraved copy be presented to Mr. Hilliard.

Article fourth 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 Pidgeon, Nehemiah Nickerson, Jesse Nickerson, Alfred N. Brown, also by request the following names were added to the list: Harvey O. Sparrow, Freeman A. Smith, Alexander McKenzie. Accepted as amended.

Article fifth taken up: And voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money temporarily in anticipation of taxes the current year, agreeably to section 20 of the By-Laws of the town.

Article six taken up :

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

Referred to committee of seventeen.

Article seven taken up :

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

Referred to committee of seventeen.

Article nine taken up :

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

Referred to committee of seventeen.

Voted, That Article 10 of the warrant be laid on the table.

Voted, That this meeting stand adjourned to 11 o'clock A.

M. Met according to adjournment.

Article eight taken up :

To choose the following 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 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.

Voted, That the polls close at three o'clock P. M.

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

Ballot Clerks, Walter Welsh 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, was then delivered to Walter Welsh, Ballot Clerk, and his receipt taken thereof, 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 keys of the upper and lower parts were delivered to J. Harvey Dearborn, Constable. The polls were then declared open for the reception of votes and were kept open until three o'clock P. M. 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 two times for the purpose of counting votes and again at the close of the polls, when the register stood at four hundred and fifty-five (455).

The names on the list of voters which had been checked were then counted and the whole number was four hundred and fifty-five (455). The election officers then proceeded to canvass the votes so given in and the whole number was four hundred and fifty-five, 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,	400
SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR—THREE YEARS.	
James A Small,	245
Andrew T. Williams,	196

AUDITOR—ONE YEAR.

Ezra J. Riggs,
Scattering,

281
10

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—THREE YEARS.

James A. Small,
Andrew T. Williams,

243
197

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—THREE YEARS.

Artemas P. Hannum,

347

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY—TWO YEARS.

Raymond A. Hopkins,
Isaiah A. Small,
Herman A. Jennings,
Scattering,

284
297
19
2

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY—THREE YEARS.

Moses N. Gifford,
Artemas P. Hannum,
Simeon C. Smith,
H. A. Jennings,

346
322
323
3

WATER COMMISSIONER—TWO YEARS.

Charles W. Burkett,
Scattering,

322
9

WATER COMMISSIONER—THREE YEARS.

John D. Adams,
George Allen,

264
165

PARK COMMISSIONER—THREE YEARS.

Joshua Cook,

320

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER—THREE YEARS.

Moses N. Gifford,

342

CONSTABLE—ONE YEAR.

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

342
349
343
356
354
9

BOARD OF HEALTH—THREE YEARS.

Bangs A. Lewis,

348

TAX COLLECTOR—ONE YEAR.

*Winthrop C. Dearborn,
Scattering,

240
16

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER—ONE YEAR.

George H. Holmes,
Daniel F. Lewis,
John G. Whitcomb,

335
328
325

FENCE VIEWERS—ONE YEAR.

J. Harvey Dearborn,
Robert M. Lavender,
Newton P. West,

313
317
317

FIELD DRIVER—ONE YEAR.

James E. Browne,
George W. Readey,

289
322

POUND KEEPER—ONE YEAR.

George W. Readey,

336

MONUMENT COMMITTEE—ONE YEAR.

John Rosenthal,

346

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 three hundred and sixty-two.

Yes,

97

No,

265

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 cases made and provided.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to February 23, 1897, 7 o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 23d, 1897.

Meeting met according to adjournment.

Voted, That I. M. Small, Esq., of the town of Truro, be invited to a seat on the stage with the town officers.

Report of the committee of seventeen presented:

Your committee to whom was referred all recommendations and estimates involving appropriations by the town would respectfully submit the following appropriations for 1897:

Watch and Police,	8600 00
Town Hill and Fences,	50 00
Street Lights,	500 00
Interest on Demand Loans,	450 00
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	800 00
Abatement of Taxes,	650 00
Incidental Expenses,	1800 00
Overseers of the Poor,	4500 00
Roads and Walks,	2500 00
Jetty System,	50 00
Watering the Streets,	250 00
Fire Department,	1470 00
Board of Health,	175 00
Water Department,	450 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
Public Schools,	9500 00
School Incidentals,	400 00
Schoolhouse Repairs.	500 00
Free Text Books and Supplies,	600 00
Unpaid School Bills,	200 00
Public Library,	250 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Bradford Schoolhouse Insurance,	42 00
	825,937 00

1. Recommend, That no street light be located on Conant Street, near the residence of Joseph B. Prayder.

2. Recommend, Notices to be painted and erected, warning all persons under penalty not to pass up or down Town Hill, except by the main road.

3. Recommend, That the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to demand of the Collector of Taxes and his bondsmen for the years 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894, a full and final settlement of all outstanding taxes for these years, on or before December 1, 1897.

4. Recommend, That the Board of Health be instructed to paint the Pest House; expense of the same to be taken from the appropriation for the year 1897.

5. Recommend, That all persons making collections of money in their official capacity shall pay the same into the Treasury of the town, and said Treasurer be authorized to pay all expenses for said collections on presentation of proper vouchers.

6. Recommend, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for part payment on note of December 24, 1894, held by The First National Bank of Provincetown on account of Roads.

7. Recommend, That a committee of five (5) be appointed by the town for the preservation of Provincetown harbor.

8. Recommend, That the amount received from the County of Barnstable for dog fund be appropriated for the running expenses of the Public Library in addition to the two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) previously recommended.

9. Recommend, That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase coal for all town purposes by the cargo.

Also, such other recommendations and suggestions as are embodied in the Town Report, no action necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOS N. YOUNG,
B. H. DYER,
GEORGE O. KNOWLES,
JOHN B. RICH,
D. F. SMALL,
REUBEN F. BROWN,
JOSEPH MANTA,
WILLIAM ROBERTS,
E. W. WATSON,
JAMES A. REED,
THOMAS K. PAINE,
SAMUEL T. HATCH,
ANGUS MCKAY,
J. D. HILLIARD,
THOMAS S. TAYLOR,
FRANKLIN E. HILL,
E. OLIN SNOW,

Committee.

Moved by James Gifford and adopted that the recommendations of the committee of seventeen be considered separately.

Voted, That the recommendations of the committee appropriating twenty-five thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars for current expenses together with three hundred dollars to be appropriated on account road note of December 1894, making a total amount of twenty-six thousand two hundred and thirty-seven dollars, be adopted and appropriated.

Voted, To adopt recommendations numbering one, two, three, four, five, six, seven and nine.

Recommendation number eight after being amended as follows was adopted, viz.: That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase coal by the cargo for all town purposes provided the Selectmen have the assent of the officials of the several departments.

Voted, That the recommendations of the Water Commissioners on pages 109 and 110 printed report be referred to a committee of five, and to include the Water Commissioners.

Resolutions in relation to Fish Weirs introduced by Joseph A. West:

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED:

Whereas, A bill has been presented to your Honorable Bodies to abolish Fish Weirs, Pounds and Seines from the tide waters of Massachusetts, we, the legal voters of Provincetown in town meeting assembled hereby remonstrate against the passage of such bill, which by its provisions would destroy many thousands of dollars worth of taxable property and entail large burdens upon the fishing industries of the place.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Town Clerk to our Senator and Representative at the General Court.

The above resolutions adopted by a unanimous vote of the legal voters present.

Article ten taken from the table:

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.

On motion of M. L. Adams it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six thousand two hundred and thirty-seven dollars (\$26,237) for the year 1897.

Voted, That the vote be taken by a yea and nay ballot.
Yea, 17; Nay, 0.

Voted, That the Moderator be paid the usual fee.

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. 9. Town Clerk and Treasurer—Seth Smith.
Auditor—Ezra J. Riggs.
- Feb. 8. Selectman and Assessor—James A. Small.
Overseer of the Poor—James A. Small.
- Feb. 9. School Committee—Artemas P. Hannum.
Trustees of Public Library—Raymond A. Hopkins, Isaiah A. Small, Moses N. Gifford, Artemas P. Hannum, Simeon C. Smith.
- Feb. 10. Water Commissioner—Charles W. Burkett.
Water Commissioner—John D. Adams.
- Feb. 9. Park Commissioner—Joshua Cook.
Cemetery Commissioner—Moses N. Gifford.
- Feb. 8. Constables—J. Harvey Dearborn, Jesse Ghen, Robert M. Lavender, Alexander Livingston, Newton P. West.
Board of Health—Bangs A. Lewis.
- Feb. 9. Tax Collector—Winthrop C. Dearborn.
Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber—George H. Holmes, Daniel F. Lewis, John G. Whitcomb.
- Feb. 8. Fence Viewers—J. Harvey Dearborn, Robert M. Lavender, Newton P. West.
- Feb. 9. Field Drivers—James E. Browne, Geo. W. Readey.
Pound Keeper—George W. Readey.
Monument Committee—John Rosenthal.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, March 13, 1897.

I hereby certify that the ballots cast at the Annual Town Meeting, February 8, 1897, and the unused ballots were this day destroyed by me as required by law.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, March 6, 1897.

At a legal meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day the following named persons were drawn as Grand and Traverse Jurors to attend the United States District Court to be holden at Boston, within and for the District of Massachusetts, on the sixteenth and twenty-third days of March current at 10 o'clock, A. M.:

Grand Jurors—George Allen, Elijah O. Snow, John F. Francis, Alpheus W. Young.

Traverse Jurors—Jeremiah H. Dearborn, Joseph E. Weeks, Henry W. Marston, William A. Elder, Andrew Kennedy.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, March 27, 1897.

At a legal meeting of the Board of Selectmen held this day the following named persons were drawn as Grand and Traverse Jurors to attend the Superior Court to be holden at Barnstable on the thirteenth day of April, 1897:

Grand Jurors—Louis A. Law, Jonathan C. Lurton.

Traverse Jurors—Lewis H. Baker, Robert G. Alexander, Alexander McKenzie.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, September 24, 1897.

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 12th day of October, 1897: David S. Carlow, Ezra J. Riggs, Artemas P. Hannum.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY; OCT. 11, 1897,
7.30 P. M.

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 eleventh day of October, current, at seven thirty o'clock, P. M., for the following purposes, to wit:

FIRST. To choose a Moderator.

SECOND. To see what action the town will take toward improving its present water supply.

THIRD. To see what action the town will take to prevent the accumulation of water on Bradford Street, near the corner of Webster Place, in rainy weather.

And you are 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, Joseph Matthews, S. F. A. Atwood, B. H. Dyer & Co., John Adams, Jonathan Y. Cook, John D. Hilliard, John D. Adams, Jeremiah A. Kich, Geo. O. Knowles, 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.

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 second day of October in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.



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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

PROVINCETOWN, Oct. 2, 1897.

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, Joseph Matthews, S. F. A. Atwood, B. H. Dyer & Co., John Adams, Jonathan Y. Cook, John D. Adams, John D. Hilliard, Jeremiah A. Rich, George O. Knowles, 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.

NEWTON P. WEST,

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 and in town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, the eleventh day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and were called to order at seven thirty o'clock, P. M. 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 then appointed as Tellers: M. L. Adams, James A. Small, John N. Swift 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.

On motion of John D. Adams, it was voted that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Heman S. Cook for Moderator. The ballot was so cast by the Clerk and Heman S. Cook was declared elected and sworn by the Clerk.

Article second taken up:

To see what action the town will take towards improving the present Water Supply.

Moved by R. E. Conwell and voted that a committee of four be appointed to act with the Water Commissioners in relation

to improving our water supply, and that the Moderator be one of that committee, said committee to report at some future meeting called for that purpose.

The following committee appointed: Heman S. Cook, Daniel F. Small, James A. Small, Thomas K. Paine.

Voted, That the names of Daniel F. Lewis and Lysander N. Paine be added to the committee.

Article third taken up:

To see what action the town will take to prevent the accumulation of water on Bradford street, near the corner of Webster Place, in rainy weather.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to take into consideration the subject matter of article three, and to report at the Annual Meeting, to be holden February, 1898. The following committee appointed: J. T. Small, George F. Miller, Newton P. West.

The business of the meeting being completed, it was dissolved by vote.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 1897.

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 2d day of November, 1897, and were called to order at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, by the Town Clerk.

The following is the result of the election:

GOVERNOR.

John Bascom of Williamstown, Prohibition,	7
Thomas C. Brophy of Boston, Socialist Labor Party,	0
William Everett of Quincy, Democratic National,	9
George Fred Williams of Dedham, Democratic,	39
Roger Wolcott of Boston, Republican,	244

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Edward A. Buckland of South Hadley, Socialist Labor Party,
 Christopher T. Callahan of Holyoke, Democratic,
 James E. Cotter of Hyde Park, Democratic National,
 W. Murray Crane of Dalton, Republican,
 Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Prohibition,

SECRETARY.

Addison W. Barr of Worcester, Socialist Labor Party,
 Charles D. Nash of Whitman, Democratic,
 William M. Olin of Boston, Republican,
 Edwin Sawtell of Brockton, Prohibition,
 Bernard M. Wolf of Boston, Democratic National,

TREASURER.

George A. Brown of Lynn, Socialist Labor Party,
 Robert C. Habberley of Hyde Park, Prohibition,
 Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport, Republican,
 Horace P. Tobey of Wareham, Democratic National,
 Thomas A. Watson of Braintree, Democratic,

AUDITOR.

Joseph Ballam of Boston, Socialist Labor Party,
 Harry Douglas of Great Barrington, Democratic National,
 John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, Republican,
 Joseph Henry Sheldon of Haverhill, Democratic,
 Herbert M. Small of Templeton, Prohibition,

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst, Prohibition,
 William Harrison of Lawrence, Socialist Labor Party,
 Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford, Republican,
 William McClench of Chicopee, Democratic National,
 John A. O'Keefe of Lynn, Democratic,

COUNCILLOR—FIRST DISTRICT.

Nathaniel F. Ryder of Middleboro, Republican,

SENATOR—CAPE DISTRICT.

Herbert L. Chipman of Sandwich, Prohibition,
 William A. Morse of Tisbury, Republican,
 Charles C. Paine of Barnstable, Democratic,

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—THIRD BARNSTABLE DISTRICT

Thomas D. Sears of Brewster, Republican, 240

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—BARNSTABLE.

Wallace Cutter of Provincetown, Prohibition, 55
 Henry H. Fisk of Dennis, Republican, 193
 James Chandler of Wellfleet, Democratic, 1
 John E. Perry of Chatham, 3

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER—BARNSTABLE.

[To fill vacancy for the remainder of the term of three years
 from the first Wednesday of January, 1896.]

John E. Perry of Chatham, Republican, 168
 Frederick A. H. Gifford of Provincetown, Democratic, 1
 R. E. Conwell of Provincetown, Republican, 1

REGISTER OF DEEDS—BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

Andrew F. Sherman of Barnstable, Republican, 238
 Scattering, 1

COUNTY TREASURER—BARNSTABLE.

Peleg T. Brown of Sandwich, Prohibition, 22
 Edward L. Chase of Barnstable, Republican, 230
 Scattering, 1

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 12, 1897, it was found that the whole number of votes cast was five hundred and ninety-eight, as follows:

	Thomas D. Sears.	Hurd.
Provincetown,	240	
Truro,	69	
Wellfleet,	71	
Eastham,	41	1
Orleans,	92	
Brewster,	83	
	—	—
	597	1

Blanks, 137; total number of ballots cast, 735.

Thomas D. Sears of Brewster had five hundred and ninety-seven votes and was declared elected.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk,

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, THURSDAY, NOV. 4, 1897.

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 town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Thursday the fourth day of November next at seven thirty o'clock P. M. for the following purposes, to wit:

FIRST. To choose a moderator.

SECOND. To hear the report of the committee appointed at a special town meeting held October 11, 1897, to consider the improvement of the water supply of the town.

THIRD. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money not exceeding two thousand dollars for the purpose of improving the water supply of the town of Provincetown.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested printed copies thereof at the following places, to wit: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, S. F. A. Atwood, B. H. Dyer & Co., Geo. H. Holmes, Jonathan Y. Cook, John D. Hilliard,

Geo. O. Knowles, R. B. Dyer, Emily A. Smith, and Joseph Francis also at the Post Office all in said town, seven days at least before the time of 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 this twenty-sixth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.



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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, ss.

PROVINCETOWN, Oct. 27, 1897.

In pursuance of the within warrant I have 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, Joseph Matthews, S. F. A. Atwood, B. H. Dyer & Co., Geo. H. Holmes, Jonathan Y. Cook, John D. Hilliard, Geo. O. Knowles, R. B. Dyer, Emily A. Smith and Joseph Francis, also at the Post Office, all in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

NEWTON P. WEST,

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 Thursday, November 4, 1897, at 7.30 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 then appointed M. L. Adams, James A. Small and John N. Swift as tellers to take charge of the check list and administered to them the oath of office.

Article first in the warrant was then taken up: To choose a Moderator. Heman S. Cook was unanimously elected and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Article second taken up :

To hear the Report of the Committee appointed at a special town meeting held October eleventh, to consider the improvement of the Water Supply of the town of Provincetown.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed at the special town meeting held Oct. 11, 1897, to act in conjunction with the Board of Water Commissioners, to take into consideration the matter of devising some means of improving the quality of the Water Supply of the town of Provincetown, respectfully submit the following report:

The Committee met with the Water Board and organized with Heman S. Cook as permanent chairman. Several meetings of the Committee have been held, and the matter in hand has been duly considered.

Several tests of the surface water in the vicinity of the Pumping Station have been made by driving wells and water of excellent quality has been found, indicating that the water through that section taken from near the surface, at a slow draft, will furnish a sufficient supply of good water for all purposes. The Committee therefore recommend the following plan: That a reservoir of the dimensions of 80 by 50 feet on the water line be constructed.

The Committee arrived at this conclusion after considering the poor quality of the present supply and the apparent cause of the same, and after making the several tests of the surface water, fourteen in all, and finding the water furnished by the said test wells of good quality, and apparently of such water as will prove satisfactory.

The Committee find that according to experiments made with a reservoir of small dimensions that a slow draft from said reservoir will give a limited supply of good clear water for apparently an indefinite time.

The Committee therefore judging from the results of the experiments made with the small reservoir conclude that one constructed of the dimensions we recommend will give a supply sufficient for the town with a large margin of supply to cover all emergencies that may arise.

Your Committee therefore have come to the conclusion that the above plan of a reservoir is the most feasible one for the town to adopt.

J. D. ADAMS, Secretary.

Voted, That the recommendations of the Report of the Committee on Improving the Water Supply be accepted.

Article third taken up :

To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money not exceeding two thousand dollars for the purpose of improving the Water Supply of the town of Provincetown.

It was moved by R. E. Conwell that the Treasurer be authorized to hire an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars to improve the present Water Supply. Said motion was adopted by a two-thirds vote. Yeas, 87; Nays, 35.

Voted, That the same Committee including the Water Commissioners be appointed and empowered to carry into effect the plans for Improving the Water Supply, adopted by this meeting.

Voted, That this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest : SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, December 6, 1897.

I hereby certify that the ballots cast at the State Election, November 2, 1897, and the unused ballots were this day destroyed by me as required by law.

Attest : SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers
of the Poor

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

ORGANIZATION, 1897.

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

Agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth, we submit our report of the financial condition of the town for the year ending December 31, 1897 :

Gross debt, December 31, 1896,	\$93,719 09
Borrowed during the year :	
In anticipation of taxes,	27,185 00
On account of Improvement of Water Supply,	500 00
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	\$121,404 09

Debts paid from taxes and receipts :

Demand Loans,	\$29,560 00
Water Loans,	2,000 00
Schoolhouse Loan,	2,000 00
On account Road Loan,	329 09
Gross Debt, Dec. 31, 1897,	87,515 00
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	\$121,404 09

CASH ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth, State Aid,	\$1,268 54
" " " on acct.Supt.,	666 67
Taxes of 1891,	163 50
" 1892,	-249 45
" 1893,	248 50
" 1894,	871 99
" 1895,	379 06
" 1896,	378 05
" 1897,	10,244 89
Cash in the Treasury,	1,476 65
Net Liabilities,	71,567 70
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	\$87,515 00

The gross debt is composed of the following items:

Water Bonds, 4 1-2 per cent., dated June 1, 1893, Nos. 9 to 60 inclusive,	\$52,000 00
Water Bonds, 4 per cent., dated April 1, 1894, Nos. 61 to 70 inclusive,	10,000 00
Gov. Bradford Schoolhouse Bonds, dated June 1, 1893, 9 to 20 inclusive, at 4 per cent.,	12,000 00
Road Note of Dec. 24, 1894, at 5 per cent.,	1,950 00
Outstanding Demand Loans,	11,065 00
Note for Improving Water Supply,	500 00
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	\$87,515 00

DR.	APPROPRIATIONS, 1897.	CR.
1897.		
Feb. 23, Watch and Police,	\$600 00	
Town Hill and Fences,	50 00	
Cemeteries,	100 00	
Public Library,	250 00	
Memorial Day,	100 00	
Health Department,	175 00	
Support of the Poor,	4,500 00	
Roads and Walks,	2,500 00	
Jetty System,	50 00	
Watering the Streets,	250 00	
Public Schools,	9,500 00	
Schoolhouse Repairs,	500 00	
School Incidentals,	400 00	
Free Text Books and Supplies,	600 00	
Street Lights,	500 00	
Interest on Demand Loans,	450 00	
Am't car'd forward,	\$20,525 00	

Am't br't forward,	\$20,525 00	1897.
Discount and Collec- tion of Taxes,	800 00	May 1.
Fire Department,	1,470 00	1201 Polls,
Abatement of Taxes,	650 00	\$2,402 00
Unpaid School Bills of 1896,	200 00	Personal Estate, \$709,321 at \$17,
Road Note of 1894,	300 00	12,058 46
Insurance Governor Bradford Schoolhouse,	42 00	Real Estate, \$1,161,775 at \$17,
Water Department,	450 00	19,750 17
Incidental Expenses,	1,800 00	Non Resident Bank Tax,
	<hr/>	1,657 91
Town Expenses,	\$26,237 00	
Water Bonds Nos. 7 and 8,	2,000 00	
Interest on Water Bonds,	2,785 00	
Schoolhouse Bonds Nos. 7 and 8,	2,000 00	
Interest, Schoolhouse Bonds,	520 00	
State Tax,	1,592 50	
County Tax,	2,625 91	
Overlaysings,	250 22	
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	\$38,010 63	
Estimated Receipts,	3,800 00	
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	\$34,210 63	
Non Resident Bank Tax,	1,657 91	
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	\$35,868 54	

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DR.	WATER SUPPLY—FUNDED LOAN.	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Jan. 1, Amount Outstanding,	\$64,000 00	Mch. 27, By payment,	\$200 00
Apr. 1, Interest 6 mos., Bonds 61-70,	200 00	May 29, " " "	3,215 00
June 1, Interest 6 mos., Bonds 7-60,	1,215 00	Sept. 28, " " "	200 00
Oct. 1, Interest 6 mos., Bonds 61-70,	200 00	Nov. 27, " " "	1,170 00
Dec. 1, Interest 6 mos., Bonds 9-60,	1,170 00	Dec. 31, Amount outstanding,	62,000 00
	<u>\$66,785 00</u>		<u>\$66,785 00</u>

DR.	DEMAND LOANS,	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Jan. 1, To amount outstanding liabilities,	\$13,440 00	Mch. 19, By paym'ts,	\$800 00
Feb. 27, To Loan,	500 00	Apr. 3, " "	1,700 00
Mch. 19, " "	800 00	Apr. 13, " "	1,000 00
Mch. 27, " "	1,700 00	Apr. 29, " "	500 00
Apr. 6, " "	1,700 00	May 13, " "	1,000 00
Apr. 13, " "	1,000 00	May 29, " "	8,440 00
Apr. 29, " "	500 00	Aug. 6, " "	2,200 00
Apr. 30, " "	500 00	Aug. 7, " "	1,700 00
May 13, " "	1,000 00	Aug. 13, " "	3,360 00
May 29, " "	15,735 00	Aug. 14, " "	3,260 00
June 26, " "	500 00	Sept. 4, " "	2,320 00
July 31, " "	1,250 00	Oct. 2, " "	2,280 00
Nov. 26, " "	2,000 00	Dec. 25, " "	500 00
	<u>\$40,625 00</u>	Dec. 29, " "	500 00
		Dec. 31, Bal. outstanding liabilities,	11,065 00
			<u>\$40,625 00</u>

DR.	INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$450 00	Mch. 19, By payments,	\$40 00
Dec. 31, Interest collected :		Apr. 3, " "	42 50
Taxes 1891,	1 89	Apr. 13, " "	60 00
" 1892,	108 44	Apr. 30, " "	25 00
" 1893,	108 19	May 13, " "	50 00
" 1894,	178 89	May 29, " "	211 00
" 1895,	114 08	Aug. 6, " "	41 52
		Aug. 7, " "	28 57
		Aug. 13, " "	36 55
		Aug. 14, " "	33 97
		Sept. 4, " "	109 75
		Oct. 2, " "	38 95
		Nov. 27, " "	45 00
		Dec. 25, " "	12 50
		Dec. 29, " "	121 89
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,	64 29
	<u>\$961 49</u>		<u>\$961 49</u>

DR.	BRADFORD SCHOOLHOUSE LOAN.	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Jan. 1, Amount outstanding,	\$14,000 00	May 29, By payment,	\$2,280 00
June 1, 6 months' Interest,	280 00	Nov. 27, " "	240 00
Dec. 1, 6 months' Interest,	240 00	Dec. 31, Amount outstanding,	12,000 00
	<u>\$14,520 00</u>		<u>\$14,520 00</u>

DR.	NEW ROAD LOAN.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Jan. 1, Amount out- standing,	\$2,279 09	Sept. 4, By payment, \$329 09
		Dec. 31, Balance out- standing,
		1,950 00
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	\$2,279 09	\$2,279 09

DR.	TOWN HILL AND FENCES.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	\$50 00	Mch. 27, By payments, \$12 00
		Apr. 27, " 9 30
		June 5, " 8 00
		Oct. 25, " 10 50
		Dec. 18, " 9 00
		Dec. 31, Balance,
		27
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	\$50 00	\$50 00

DR.	WATCH AND POLICE.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	*\$600 00	Jan. 30, By payments, \$198 40
		Feb. 27, " 185 07
		Mch. 27, " 129 63
		July 10, " 46 25
		Oct. 30, " 14 62
		Dec. 25, " 6 37
		Dec. 31, Bal. unex- pended,
		19 66
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	\$600 00	\$600 00

* Expended for Night Watch,	\$505 60
" " Police Duty,	60 37
" " Fire Police,	4 37
" " Town Meeting Warrants,	5 00
" " Serving Dog Warrant,	5 00
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Amount paid out,	\$580 34

DR.	CEMETERIES.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	\$100 00	June 26, By payments, \$5 10
		July 31, " 58 95
		Dec. 25, " 35 85
		Dec. 31, Balance un- expended,
		10
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	\$100 00	\$100 00

DR.	PUBLIC LIBRARY.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Jan 5, To Dog Tax received,	\$191 43	Mch. 13, By payment, \$441 43
Feb. 23, Appropriation,	250 00	
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	\$441 43	\$441 43

DR.	MEMORIAL DAY.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	\$100 00	June 5, By payments, \$67 35
		Dec. 31, Bal. unex- pended,
		32 65
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	\$100 00	\$100 00

DR.	JETTY SYSTEM.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$50 00	Feb. 27, By payments, \$9 85
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	4 95	Mch. 27, " 10 20
	<hr/>	July 31, " 35 40
	\$54 95	<hr/>
		\$54 95

DR.	WATERING THE STREETS.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$250 00	June 26, By payments, \$33 67
		July 31, " 78 99
		Aug. 28, " 47 14
		Sept. 18, " 30 27
		Dec. 31, Balance un-
		expended, 60 00
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	\$250 00	\$250 00

DR.	FIRE DEPARTMENT.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$1,470 00	Feb. 27, By payments, \$15 78
Dec. 31, Material sold :		Mch. 27, " 4 25
Settees,	5 45	April 30, " 1083 99
Hose,	6 98	May 29, " 3 45
Stove,	50	June 26, " 14 50
		July 31, " 12 25
		Aug. 31, " 3 75
		Sept. 30, " 2 25
		Oct. 31, " 12 27
		Nov. 27, " 32 88
		Dec. 25, " 264 36
		Dec. 31, Bal. un-
		expended, 33 20
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	\$1,482 93	\$1,482 93

DR.	PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Jan. 28, To Mass. School Fund,	\$212 57	Jan. 30, By payments, \$950 93
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	9,500 00	Feb. 27, " 943 48
June 24, Cash from Common-		Mch. 27, " 1,460 98
wealth,	1,000 00	Apr. 30, " 520 24
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	848 22	May 29, " 1,183 82
		June 26, " 1,372 68
		July 31, " 1,065 12
		Aug. 31, " 139 00
		Sept. 30, " 509 00
		Oct. 31, " 1,194 55
		Nov. 27, " 1,046 01
		Dec. 25, " 1,174 98
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	\$11,560 79	\$11,560 79

DR.	SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$500 00	Feb. 27, By payments, \$7 15
		Mch. 27, " 11 50
		Apr. 24, " 9 30
		June 26, " 9 35
		Aug. 28, " 34 64
		Sept. 25, " 102 38
		Oct. 30, " 43 16
		Nov. 27, " 13 75
		Dec. 25, " 119 93
		Dec. 31, Bal. un-
		expended, 148 84
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	\$500 00	\$500 00

Dr.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT.	Cr.	
1897.		1897.	
To appropriation,	\$175 00	Jan. 30, By payments,	\$0 40
Cash rec'd for inspection of vessels,	82 50	Apr. 30, " "	12 00
Fumigating,	5 00	May 29, " "	36 50
Sanitary licenses,	4 00	June 26, " "	47 53
Undertakers' licenses,	6 00	July 31, " "	10 45
		Aug. 28, " "	12 60
		Oct. 30, " "	40 20
		Nov. 27, " "	27 50
		Dec. 25, " "	16 33
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexp'ded,	68 99
	\$272 50		\$272 50

Dr.	CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.	Cr.	
1897.		1897.	
Mch. 22, To cash received from fees,	\$0 50	Jan. 30, By payments,	\$1 25
Cash from 2d Dist. Court:		Feb. 27, " "	4 90
Apr. 1,	11 69	Mch. 27, " "	7 00
July 3,	37 78	Apr. 30, " "	1 25
Oct. 4,	6 30	May 29, " "	1 25
Dec. 31,	24 95	June 26, " "	1 25
		July 31, " "	1 25
		Aug. 28, " "	35 81
		Sept. 25, " "	10 09
		Oct. 30, " "	1 25
		Nov. 27, " "	3 41
		Dec. 25, " "	6 00
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,	6 51
	\$81 22		\$81 22

Dr.	SUPPORT OF POOR.	Cr.	
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$4,500 00	Jan. 30, By payments,	\$778 84
Dec. 31, Cash received:		Feb. 27, " "	197 05
From Commonw'lth,	120 50	Mch. 27, " "	295 94
" Towns,	143 17	Apr. 30, " "	606 80
For Temporary Aid,	17 75	May 29, " "	254 68
Sale of building,	7 00	June 26, " "	327 31
Transient Board,	104 00	July 31, " "	692 69
Deficiency,	408 50	Aug. 28, " "	211 79
		Sept. 30, " "	291 98
		Oct. 31, " "	516 70
		Nov. 30, " "	313 18
		Dec. 25, " "	363 96
		Dec. 31, Salary of Overseers,	450 00
	\$5,300 92		\$5,300 92

Dr.	ROADS AND WALKS.	Cr.	
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$2,500 00	Jan. 30, By payments,	\$83 12
Dec. 31, Material sold,	7 34	Feb. 27, " "	105 67
Deficiency,	247 72	Mch. 27, " "	78 11
		Apr. 30, " "	191 31
		May 29, " "	1006 24
		June 26, " "	344 87
		July 31, " "	415 97
		Aug. 28, " "	267 49
		Sept. 30, " "	51 47
		Oct. 21, " "	53 77
		Nov. 27, " "	67 17
		Dec. 25, " "	89 87
	\$2,755 06		\$2,755 06

DR.	INSURANCE GOV. BRADFORD SCHOOLHOUSE.	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	\$42 00	Apr. 8, By payment,	\$42 00
	<u>\$42 00</u>		<u>\$42 00</u>

DR.	SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	\$400 00	Feb. 27, By payments,	\$27 84
		Mch. 27, "	24 00
		Apr. 24, "	11 07
		June 26, "	50
		July 31, "	40 00
		Aug. 28, "	68 95
		Sept. 25, "	76 00
		Oct. 30, "	83 60
		Nov. 27, "	5 84
		Dec. 25, "	21 88
		Dec. 31; Bal. unex- pended,	90 32
	<u>\$400 00</u>		<u>\$400 00</u>

DR.	UNPAID SCHOOL BILLS OF 1896.	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	\$200 00	Feb. 27, By payments,	\$97 50
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	19	Mch. 27, "	93 38
	<u>\$200 19</u>	Apr. 24, "	9 31
			<u>\$200 19</u>

DR.	FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	\$600 00	Feb. 27, By payments,	\$63 75
Dec. 23, Cash for books sold,	7 42	Apr. 24, "	82 46
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	29 52	June 26, "	45 68
		Sept. 25, "	142 64
		Oct. 30, "	36 00
		Nov. 27, "	107 21
		Dec. 25, "	159 20
	<u>\$636 94</u>		<u>\$636 94</u>

DR.	STREET LIGHTS.	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	*\$500 00	Jan. 30, By payments,	\$57 34
Dec. 31, Sale of barrels, Deficiency,	25 36 51 37	Feb. 27, "	95 83
		Mch. 27, "	39 40
		Apr. 30, "	54 56
		May 29, "	63 48
		June 26, "	25 39
		July 31, "	53 35
		Aug. 31, "	42 50
		Sept. 30, "	48 66
		Oct. 31, "	86 42
		Dec. 25, "	9 80
	<u>\$576 73</u>		<u>\$576 73</u>

* Paid for Lamplighter,	\$274 16
Oil,	165 61
New Lamps and Burners,	25 50
Chimneys,	48 55
Wicking,	3 10
Matches,	2 60
Freight,	11 48
Carting,	9 45
Repairs,	36 28
	<u>\$576 73</u>

DR. STATE AND MILITARY AID. Cr.
(Chapters 301 and 279, Acts 1894.)

1897.	1897.	
Dec. 14, To cash received from Commonwealth, \$1000 00	Jan. 1, Balance due from Commonwealth, \$999 99	
Dis. 1-2 Military Aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1894, 201 55	Jan 30, By payments, 114 00	
Dec. 31, Bal. due from Commonwealth, 1268 54	Feb. 27, " 117 00	
	Mch. 27, " 117 00	
	Apr. 30, " 124 10	
	May 29, " 125 00	
	June 26, " 121 00	
	July 31, " 125 00	
	Aug. 31, " 121 00	
	Sept. 30, " 121 00	
	Oct. 31, " 125 00	
	Nov. 30, " 123 00	
	Dec. 25, " 132 00	
\$2,470 09	\$2,470 09	

DR. SOLDIERS RELIEF. Cr.
(Chapter 447, Acts 1890.)

1897.	1897.	
Dec. 31, To deficiency, \$14 25	Nov. 27, By payments, \$14 25	
\$14 25	\$14 25	

DR. STATE AND COUNTY TAXES. Cr.

1897.	1897.	
Mch. 27, Cash received for balance Corporation Tax, 1896, \$3 47	Nov. 11, County Tax, \$2,625 91	
May 1, State Tax assessed, 1,592 50	Dec. 14, State Tax, 1,592 50	
May 1, County Tax assessed, 2,625 91	Dec. 14, Non Resident Bank Tax, 1,600 29	
Dec. 14, Cash received for Corporation tax of 1897, 1,236 13	Dec. 31, Balance unexpended, 547 74	
Dec. 14, National Bank tax, 544 43		
Dec. 14, Foreign ships, 364 00		
\$6,366 44	\$6,366 44	

DR. DISCOUNT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES. Cr.

1897.	1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropriation, \$800 00	Mch. 20, By payments, \$4 56	
Dec. 31, Int. collected Taxes 1896, 269 01	Apr. 24, " 3 75	
	June 26, " 60 00	
	July 17, " 23 50	
	Aug. 30, " 26 26	
	Sept. 25, " 4 11	
	Dec. 29, " 752 99	
	Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended, 193 84	
\$1,069 01	\$1,069 01	

DR.	TAX SALE PURCHASES.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
May 15, To cash received,	\$64 48	Apr. 24, By payments, \$92 08
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	117 78	May 15, " 12 11
		July 17, " 44 57
		Oct. 23, " 10 10
		Nov. 6, " 87
		Dec. 4, " 22 53
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	\$182 26	\$182 26

DR.	ABATEMENT OF TAXES.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$650 00	Jan. 30, By payments, \$9 70
Dec. 31, Additional taxes collected:		Feb. 27, " 115 92
1892,	\$2 00	Mch. 27, " 6 00
1893,	2 67	Apr. 30, " 31 36
1894,	2 00	June 26, " 74 55
1895,	16 92	Aug. 28, " 70 14
1896,	4 00	Sept. 25, " 13 84
1897,	38 00— 65 59	Oct. 30, " 15 20
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	63 18	Dec. 31, " 442 56
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	\$778 77	\$778 77

(Collector of Taxes, 1891.)

DR.	JOHN N. SWIFT.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
Jan. 1, To balance taxes due,	\$210 63	Apr. 30, By cash, \$31 27
Dec. 31, Interest collected,	1 89	Sept. 3, " 4 00
		Dec. 28, " 13 75
		Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 163 50
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	\$212 52	\$212 52

(Collector of Taxes, 1892.)

DR.	JOHN N. SWIFT.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
Jan. 1, To balance taxes due,	\$733 44	Mch. 27, By cash, \$126 80
Dec. 31, Interest collected,	108 44	Apr. 30, " 145 79
Dec. 31, Additional tax collected,	2 00	July 31, " 81 39
		Sept. 30, " 218 63
		Dec. 31, " 21 82
		Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 249 45
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	\$843 88	\$843 88

(Collector of Taxes, 1893.)

DR.	JOHN N. SWIFT.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
Jan. 1, To balance taxes due,	\$911 01	Mch. 27, By cash, \$143 74
Dec. 31, Interest collected,	108 19	Apr. 30, " 178 82
Dec. 31, Additional tax collected,	2 67	May 14, " 23 67
		July 22, " 112 79
		Sept. 3, " 240 96
		Dec. 31, " 73 39
		Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 248 50
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	\$1,021 87	\$1,021 87

(Collector of Taxes, 1894.)

DR.	JOHN N. SWIFT.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
Jan. 1, To balance taxes due,	\$3,044 90	Mch. 27, By cash, \$305 62
Dec. 31, Interest collected,	178 89	Apr. 30, " 887 45
Dec. 31, Additional tax collected,	2 00	May 25, " 200 65
		July 30, " 230 76
		Sept. 30, " 110 36
		Dec. 31, " 618 96
		Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 871 99
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	\$3,225 79	\$3,225 79

(Collector of Taxes, 1895.)

DR.	EZRA J. RIGGS.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
Jan. 1, To balance	Jan. 16, By cash,	\$70 00
taxes due, \$1,820 12	Feb. 27, "	140 00
Dec. 31, Interest col-	Mch. 27, "	290 00
lected, 114 08	Apr. 30, "	155 00
Dec. 31, Additional	May 29, "	100 00
taxes collected, 16 92	June 26, "	205 00
	July 31, "	170 00
	Aug. 31, "	391 15
	Nov. 27, "	29 85
	Dec. 31, "	21 06
	Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due,	379 06
	<u>\$1,951 12</u>	<u>\$1,951 12</u>

(Collector of Taxes, 1896.)

DR.	EZRA J. RIGGS.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
Jan. 1, To balance	Jan. 30, By cash,	\$2,035 00
taxes due, \$12,405 00	Feb. 27, "	680 00
Dec. 31, Interest col-	Mch. 27, "	985 00
lected, 269 01	Apr. 30, "	910 00
Dec. 31, Additional	May 29, "	1,165 00
taxes collected, 4 00	June 26, "	1,360 00
	July 31, "	1,080 00
	Aug. 30, "	825 00
	Sept. 30, "	1,135 00
	Oct. 30, "	800 00
	Nov. 27, "	775 00
	Dec. 31, "	549 96
	Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due,	378 05
	<u>\$12,678 01</u>	<u>\$12,678 01</u>

(Collector of Taxes, 1897.)

DR.	SETH SMITH.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
Aug. 1, To state tax, \$1,592 50	Aug. 31, By cash, \$12,944 69	
County tax, 2,625 91	Sept. 30, " 2,823 46	
Town tax, 22,437 00	Oct. 30, " 2,372 10	
Assessments	Nov. 30, " 1,913 87	
agreeably to	Dec. 31, " 5,607 53	
Chap. 133,	Dec. 31, Bal. taxes	
Acts 1882, 7,365 00	due, 10,244 89	
Non Resi-		
dent Bank		
tax, 1,657 91		
Overlayings		
on taxes, 250 22		
Dec. 31, Additional		
taxes collected, 38 00		
	<u>\$35,906 54</u>	<u>\$35,906 54</u>

(Maintenance Account.)

DR.	WATER SUPPLY.	CR.
1897.	1897.	
Jan. 1, Bal. in Treas., \$51 20	Jan. 10, By payments, \$139 71	
Jan. 12, Cash from Supt, 417 30	Feb. 27, " 109 23	
Jan. 29, " " " 304 82	Mch. 27, " 432 05	
Mch. 23, " " " 121 23	April 30, " 173 19	
May 28, " " " 263 75	May 29, " 212 40	
June 26, " " " 84 90	June 26, " 140 22	
July 10, " " " 351 00	July 31, " 590 82	
July 31, " " " 302 25	Aug. 31, " 449 92	
Aug. 28, " " " 418 44	Sept. 30, " 118 13	
Sept. 24, " " " 148 50	Oct. 31, " 141 54	
Oct. 29, " " " 133 50	Nov. 27, " 60 55	
Nov. 27, " " " 63 50	Dec. 25, " 182 21	
Dec. 25, " " " 90 70	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas., 1 12	
	<u>\$2,751 09</u>	<u>\$2,751 09</u>

		(Water Supply.)	
DR.	INSPECTION OF PUMPS.		CR.
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$180 00	1897.	
		Mch. 27, By payments,	\$54 78
		Apr. 30, " "	6 88
		Oct. 30, " "	8 25
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,	110 14
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	\$180 00		\$180 00

		(Water Supply.)	
DR.	SUPPLY WELLS.		CR.
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropriation,	\$270 00	July 31, By payments,	\$83 90
		Aug. 28, " "	10 00
		Dec. 31, Bal. unexpended,	175 50
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	\$270 00		\$270 00

		IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY.	
DR.			CR.
1897.		1897.	
Dec. 22, To Loan Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$500 00	Dec. 25, By payments,	\$381 90
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.,	118 10
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	\$500 00		\$500 00

		TOWN HALL.	
DR.			CR.
1897.		1897.	
To cash received :		By cash paid :	
Jan. 29, S. Savings Bank,	\$2 00	Underhay Oil Company for gasolene,	\$142 38
Jan. 29, Equitable Ins. Co.,	2 00	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	16 10
Feb. 23, Royal Arcanum,	30 00	Steamer Longfellow, Freight,	10
Mch. 6, Royal Arcanum,	6 00	Joseph Breck & Sons, Fertilizer,	4 80
Mch. 27, Patterson Club,	60 00	Seeds,	2 62
Apr. 13, Sale of gasolene barrels,	3 32	Walworth Mfg Co., Fixtures for boiler,	1 70
June 1, J. C. Freeman Post 55,	25 00	Provincetown Cold Storage Co., Repairs to gas pipes,	21 12
June 12, Columbia Stock Co.,	70 00	Alfred Small, repairs,	26 63
July 3, St. Peter's So.	21 00	Ira K. Small, Reseating chairs,	2 75
July 5, Wallace Campbell,	30 00	Francis A. Paine, Insurance,	36 40
July 16, Wallace Campbell,	30 00	Frederick A. H. Gifford, Insurance,	16 28
Aug. 28, Wallace Campbell,	25 00	Wm. Matheson Co., 35 tons coal at \$5,	175 00
Sept. 4, Sale of gasolene barrels,	4 08	Putting in,	8 00
Oct. 1, Cape Cod Yacht Club,	28 00	2 cords slabs,	10 80
Oct. 30, Sale of gasolene barrels,	3 40	Lewis & Brown, 6 tons coal,	34 00
Nov. 27, A. N. Hoxie,	5 00	Putting in,	1 50
Dec. 17, M. C. Terra,	8 00	Slabs,	11 50
Dec. 18, J. C. Freeman Post 55,	25 00	Lumber for repairs,	2 12
Dec. 18, County of Barnstable,	150 00	Cleaning,	15 50
Dec. 21, High School Alumni,	28 00	Soap, powder and potash,	1 74
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	461 74	Wm. B. Bangs, repairs,	10 36

J. A. West, fixtures,	\$15 94
T. J. Mahan,	
Tuning piano,	3 00
B. H. Dyer & Co.,	
Painting,	70 83
Repairs,	8 13
Chas. A. Fuller, repairs,	50
Geo. H. Holmes, "	3 95
James E. Atkins, "	9 22
McKenny & Waterbury,	
Gas fixtures,	75
N. C. Brooks, teaming,	4 10
Nathaniel W. Ayers,	
Janitor,	200 00
Extra labor on build- ing and grounds,	102 30
Washing towels,	2 60
Geo. W. Readey, labor,	29 12
Lewis A. Smith, labor,	9 10
Charles Sears, labor,	80
J. M. Lewis, labor,	80
Water Rates,	15 00
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\$1,017 54	\$1,017 54

DR.	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.	CR.	
1897.		1897.	
Feb. 23, To appropria- tion,	\$1,800 00	By cash paid:	
To cash received from		Ezra J. Riggs,	
County of Barnstable,		Auditor of 1896,	\$15 00
Bounty on seals,	15 00	Heman S. Cook,	
For weir licenses,	210 00	Moderator,	12 00
" Milk "	20 50	Howard F. Hopkins,	
" Junk "	4 00	Printing annual re- ports of 1896,	152 00
" Auctioneers' li- censes,	4 00	Other printing,	75 25
" Billiard and Pool licenses,	12 00	A. F. Sherman,	
" Riding Gallery,	40 00	Abstract of records,	13 26
" Sealing Weights and Measures,	26 23	Freeman H. Lothrop,	
From Commonwealth		Abstract of records,	4 19
for 1-2 salary Insp. of Provisions and		Daniel F. Lewis,	
Animals,	15 00	Insp. of Provisions and Animals,	30 00
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	42 03	Assessors' salaries,	630 00
		Lyman B. Brooks,	
		2 check books,	24 75
		Enoch N. Sumner,	
		Labor, Soldiers' Monu- ment and grounds,	20 00
		Election officers,	
		Annual meeting,	25 00
		State election,	20 00
		Meals for election officers,	13 50
		J. D. Farley,	
		Check perforator and staple machine,	12 00
		Putting up and taking down election booths,	3 10
		Thomas C. Day,	
		Legal advice to Fence Viewers,	3 00

A. E. Martell & Co.,	
Letter books,	\$9 00
F. A. H. Gifford, Agt.	
Insurance permits,	6 00
Bounty on seals,	18 00
Wm. A. Carrie & Co.,	
1-2 dozen letter files,	1 75
George A. Grant,	
Engrossed copy of resolutions,	15 00
Samuel Ward Co.,	
Stationery and books,	30 90
A. Louis Putnam,	
Stationery,	2 53
Eben Lothrop,	
Stamped envelopes,	32 70
George W. Readey,	
Posting notices,	1 00
Old Colony Book Bindery,	
Labels,	7 31
Kendrick & Atkins,	
Carriage hire,	6 50
Ballot boxes for caucuses,	6 43
Board of Registrars,	
Salaries,	100 00
Selectmen's salary,	400 00
M. L. Adams,	
Expenses to Boston,	7 95
Heirs Joseph Whitcomb,	
Returning 50 deaths,	12 50
Thomas S. Taylor,	
Returning 10 deaths,	2 50
Nathaniel N. Gifford,	
Returning 5 deaths,	1 25
Wm. S. Birge,	
Returning 1 death,	25

O. H. Linnell,	
Returning 1 death,	\$0 25
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 :	
Annual,	15 00
State election, Nov. 2,	15 00
Special meeting, Oct. 11,	3 00
Special meeting, Nov. 4,	3 00
Recording	
27 marriages at .20,	5 40
129 births at .50,	64 50
78 deaths at .20,	15 60
Returning and re- cording 1 death,	50
Physicians and midwives returning 129 births at .25,	32 25
Expressage,	6 50
Postage,	10 38
Sundries,	26
Official oaths,	7 50
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	\$2,188 76
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ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1898.

Police,	\$100 00
Town Hill and Fences,	50 00
Interest on Demand Loans,	450 00
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	800 00
Abatement of Taxes,	750 00
Incidental Expenses,	1,800 00
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	\$3,950 00

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

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION MAY 1, 1897.

PERSONAL ESTATE ASSESSED.

Excluding bank stock,	\$590,845 00	
Resident bank stock,	118,476 00	
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Total personal estate,		\$709,321 00

REAL ESTATE ASSESSED.

Buildings excluding land,	\$850,076 00	
Land excluding buildings,	311,699 00	
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Total real estate,		1,161,775 00
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Total valuation May 1, 1897,		\$1,871,096 00

Rate of taxation on \$1000,		\$ 17 00
Amount raised for State, County, and Town purposes, by taxation,		\$34,210 63
Amount on real estate,	\$19,750 17	
“ “ personal estate,	12,058 46	
“ “ polls,	2,402 00	
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		\$34,210 63

Number of residents assessed on property,		
Individuals,		880
All others,		139
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Total number of residents assessed,		1,019

Number of non-residents assessed on property,	
Individuals,	115
All others,	8
Total non-residents assessed,	<u>123</u>
Total number assessed on property,	1,142
Number assessed poll tax only,	570
Total number of assessments,	<u>1,712</u>
Total number of polls assessed,	1,201
Tax on each poll,	\$2 00
Number of horses assessed,	120
" dwelling houses,	102
" acres of land,	92
Registered voters Nov. 2, 1897, male,	692
" " " " female,	64
Population, census 1895 (State),	4,555
Value of shipping in foreign trade May 1, 1897,	\$22,237 33
Exempted property (churches) " "	61,000 00
Value of schoolhouses and other public property as returned to tax commissioner May 1, 1897,	97,000 00
Value of fire apparatus as returned to tax com- missioner May 1, 1897,	7,000 00
Public Library as returned to commissioner,	8,000 00
Water Works " " "	65,000 00
Number of vessels of 7 tons and over assessed whole or part May 1, 1897, as follows:	
Whaling fleet	9
Fishing fleet,	57
Merchant service,	7
Steamers,	3
Total,	<u>76</u>

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

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Board of Overseers of the Poor herewith present their annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1897 :

EXPENSE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

ALMSHOUSE.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$260 00
Groceries and provisions,	449 06
Fuel and lights,	97 00
Clothing and bedding,	24 05
Boots and shoes,	6 46
Furniture and fixtures,	38 54
Repairs,	59 87
Sanitary expenses,	13 00
Dressing for land,	9 56
Medical attendance, nursing and medicine,	169 55
Water rates,	4 00
	<u>\$1,131 09</u>
Remaining in the Almshouse Dec. 31, 1896,	6
Admitted during the year,	1
	<u>7</u>
Remaining Dec. 31, 1897,	7
Number of persons fully supported during the year, viz. :	
At Almshouse,	8
Hospitals for Insane,	8
Insane in private families,	2
Massachusetts school for feeble minded,	1
	<u>19</u>
Number of families partially supported,	41
" " dependents,	115
" " tramps,	5

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE FROM DEC. 31, 1896 TO DEC. 31, 1897.

NAME.	AGE.	BIRTHPLACE.	NATURE OF SETTLEMENT.	WHEN REGISTERED.	REMARKS.
Frank A. Cook,	52	Provincetown,	Father,	Aug., 1888,	
Annie A. Costa,	84	Flores, Azores,	Acts 1879,	Apr. 30, 1892,	
Delia A. Foster,	56	Dorchester,	Acts 1879,	Apr. 11, 1896,	
Zilla D. Howe,	67	Eastham,	Father,	Apr., 1858,	
Ida Newcomb,	45	Harwich	Father,	Apr., 1877,	
Florence Scannell,	30	Provincetown,	Father,	Nov. 16, 1894,	
Edmund T. Smith,	71	Baldwin, Maine,	Taxation,	Oct. 25, 1897,	

FAMILIES PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Atkins, Bethia,	\$6 69
Azvedo, Alvira,	20 00
Barnes, Rosa,	68 48
Barnett, Julia,	13 69
Burkett, Austin G., (Lynn),	30 50
Cobee, Mary A.,	131 00
Davis, Louisa,	96 00
Days, Anthony F., (Boston),	15 00
Enos, Gertrude,	25 00
Gorman, Margaret, (Holyoke),	267 90
Kirley, Charles,	16 09
Jones, Mary A.,	54 58
Leander, Mary A.,	89 83
Lema, Mary,	73 75
Marks, Mary, (New Bedford),	60 00
Marshall, Mary,	90 00
Mayo, Joseph,	65 12
Morris, Anna F.,	122 75
McCurdy, Archibald,	95 50
Parone, Amelia,	25 75
Peirara, Joseph,	134 94
Roderick, Selina,	40 00
Rogers, Joseph, (Cambridge),	20 96
Rogers, Mary D.,	60 00
Sands, John L.,	13 08
Seireigo, Mary A.,	50 00
Silver, Barbara,	44 10
Silver, Joseph King,	20 30
Smith, Edmund T.,	13 99
Smith, Joseph A.,	5 12
Sparrow, Lizzie M.,	37 25
Tarves, Almira,	93 80
Taylor, William H., (Wareham),	92 35
Thomas, Antoine, (Cambridge),	16 70
Veara, Manuel J.,	47 07

INSANE AND IDIOTIC FULLY SUPPORTED.

Barnes, John,	\$42 25	
Barnes, William,	118 25	
Fine, Ellen,	162 97	
Freeman, Francis Y.,	98 96	
Hamilton, Frank,	156 43	
Healey, Willis C.,	134 05	
Kelley, James F., (Idiotic),	144 00	
Martin, Julia P.,	162 97	
Parks, Susan T.,	169 46	
Taylor, Jared L., (Idiotic),	91 71	
Winslow, James,	162 97	
	<hr/>	\$1,444 02
Commonwealth cases,		47 00
Temporary aid,		12 75
Poor of other towns,		143 17
Travelling expenses of Overseers,		15 60

RECAPITULATION.

Almshouse expenses,	\$1,131 09	
Partial support,	2,057 29	
Insane,	1,444 02	
Commonwealth cases,	47 00	
Temporary aid,	12 75	
Poor of other towns,	143 17	
Travelling expenses,	15 60	
Salary of Overseers,	450 00	
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Feb. 23, 1897, Appropriation,	\$4,500 00	
Dec. 31, 1897, Cash rec'd from Com'th,	120 50	
“ “ “ other towns,	143 17	
“ “ temporary aid,	12 75	
“ “ board,	104 00	
“ “ building,	7 00	
“ reimbursed,	5 00	
Deficiency,	408 50	
	<hr/>	\$5,300 92

In presenting our annual report we are again obliged to record a deficit amounting to \$408.50. It is unnecessary to refer to the fact that the general depression in business has been to a great extent the cause of this. The payment for the insane continues to call for a large amount of our appropriation. The almshouse is still under the care of Mrs. Betsey Cobb, the superintendent, who has been so many years the faithful servant of the town. The record of the past year is before you; the outlook for this department for the year to come calls for an increased appropriation. We recommend that the sum of \$5000 for the Support of the Poor and Salaries for the ensuing year be granted.

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1897, Cash in the Treasury,	\$322 48
Demand Loans,	27,185 00
Public Library,	191 48
Health Department,	97 50
Second District Court,	81 22
Support of Poor,	392 42
Roads and Walks,	7 34
Fire Department,	12 98
Public Schools:	
Massachusetts School Fund,	\$212 57
Com. on acct. of Dis. Supt.,	1,000 00
Free Text Books and Supplies,	7 42
	1,219 99
Street Lights, sale of oil barrels,	25 36
State and Military Aid,	1,000 00
Corporation Tax, 1896,	3 47
" " 1897,	\$1,236 13
National Bank Tax,	544 43
Foreign Ships,	364 00
	2,148 06
Tax Sale Purchases,	64 48
Taxes of 1891,	\$47 13
" 1892,	483 99
" 1893,	662 51
" 1894,	2,172 91
" 1895,	1,441 06
" 1896,	12,026 95
" 1897,	25,623 65
	42,458 20

Interest on taxes,	\$780 50
Additional taxes,	65 59
Water Supply, Maintenance Account,	2,699 89
Improvement of Water Supply,	500 00
Town Hall,	555 80
Weir licenses,	\$210 00
Milk " "	20 50
Junk " "	4 00
Auctioneers' licenses,	4 00
Billiard and Scippio licenses,	12 00
Sealing Weights and Measures,	26 23
Riding Gallery,	40 00
Bounty on seals,	15 00
Commonwealth, Inspection of Animals,	15 00
	346 73
	\$80,154 84

EXPENDITURES.

The Treasurer has paid out upon vouchers the following sums:

Water Supply, funded loan,	\$4,785 00
Bradford schoolhouse,	2,520 00
Road loan,	329 09
Demand loans,	29,560 00
Interest on demand loans,	897 20
Watch and Police,	580 34
Town Hill and fences,	49 73
Cemeteries,	99 90
Public Library,	441 43
Memorial Day,	67 35
Health Department,	203 51
Criminal Prosecutions,	74 71
Support of Poor,	5,300 92
Roads and Walks,	2,755 06
Jetty System,	54 95
Watering the Streets,	190 00
Fire Department,	1,449 73

Public Schools,	\$11,560 79
Schoolhouse Repairs,	351 16
Insurance Bradford Schoolhouse,	42 00
School Incidentals,	309 68
Unpaid school bills, 1896,	200 19
Free text books and supplies,	636 94
Street Lights,	576 73
State and Military Aid,	1,470 10
Soldiers Relief,	14 25
State and County Taxes,	5,818 70
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	875 17
Tax sale purchases,	182 26
Abatement of Taxes,	778 77
Water Supply, Maintenance Account,	\$2,749 97
“ “ Pump “	69 86
“ “ Wells,	94 50
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	2,914 33
Improvement of Water Supply,	381 90
Town Hall,	1,017 54
Incidental Expenses,	2,188 76
Balance in the treasury Dec. 31, 1897,	1,476 65
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	\$80,154 84

Respectfully submitted,
 SETH SMITH, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF TRUST FUNDS.

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

DR.	NANCY HANDLEY FUND.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Jan. 1, To deposit in		Sept. 22, By John
Seamen's Savings		Pierce,
Bank,	\$506 44	Dec. 31, By balance,
July 1, Dividend to		
date,	17 86	
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	\$524 30	\$524 30

DR.	JAMES EMERY FUND.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Jan. 1, To deposit		Sept. 22, By John
in Seamen's Savings		Pierce,
Bank,	\$200 08	Dec. 31, By balance,
July 1, Dividend to		
date,	7 05	
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	\$207 13	\$207 13

DR.	FRANCIS GODFREY FUND.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Jan. 1, To deposit		Sept. 22, By John
in Seamen's Savings		Pierce,
Bank,	\$85 77	Dec. 31, By balance,
July 1, Dividend to		
date,	3 00	
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	\$88 77	\$88 77

DR.	RICHARD E. NICKERSON FUND.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Jan. 1, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$300 00	Dec. 11, By Alfred P. Nickerson, \$10 58
July 1, Dividend to date,	10 58	Dec. 31, By balance, 300 00
	\$310 58	

DR.	BENJAMIN SMALL FUND.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Sept. 1, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$200 00	Sept. 14, By John Pierce, \$6 00
Sept. 14, Dividend to date,	25 47	Dec. 31, By balance, 219 47
	225 47	

DR.	MARY STIDD FUND.	CR.
1897.		1897.
Sept. 1, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$100 00	Sept. 14, By John Pierce, \$5 00
Sept. 14, To dividend,	29 27	Dec. 6, By Est. Joseph Whitecomb, 14 85
	\$129 27	Dec. 31, By balance, 109 42

SETH SMITH,
Treasurer Cemetery Trust Funds.

REPORT OF AUDITOR.

The provisions of the statutes of the Commonwealth (Acts 1893, Chap. 423, Sec. 20) defining the duties of town auditors, reads as follows:

"The auditors of towns shall examine the books and accounts of all officers and committees of their respective towns intrusted with the receipt, custody or expenditure of money, and all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been, or may be paid from the treasuries of their respective towns. They shall have free access to such books, accounts, bills and vouchers, as often as once a month, and make examination thereof, and they shall examine the same at least once in each year, and shall annually report in writing to their respective towns as to the correctness of all such books, accounts, bills and vouchers."

In the performance of the duties above described, the auditor has examined the books, accounts, etc., of the various town officials and begs leave to submit the following report:

TOWN TREASURER.

The books of the Town Treasurer are kept with the utmost neatness and care, the accounts are correctly cast, and each and every payment is attested by proper vouchers. The receipts and disbursements made for the year are in the aggregate as follows:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	\$322 43
Receipts for the year,	79,832 41
	\$80,154 84
Disbursements for the year,	\$78,678 19
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1897,	1,476 65
	\$80,154 84
Number of orders drawn,	1,929

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library accounts are properly kept, and satisfactory vouchers are shown for each and every expenditure. The transactions of this department for the year are as follows:

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	\$93 78
Town appropriation,	250 00
Dog Fund,	191 48
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	\$535 21
Expenses for the year (per trustee's report),	\$477 37
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1897,	57 84
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	\$535 21

BOOK FUND.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897,	\$33 52
Interest Benj. Small fund,	310 00
Books sold,	3 68
Dividend Savings Bank,	1 28
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	\$348 38
Paid for books,	\$347 78
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1897,	60
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	\$348 38

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

WATER DEPARTMENT.

The accounts of the water department for the past year have been correctly kept, and are rendered in a manner altogether satisfactory. No bills are paid by this department. The moneys collected from water rates and other sources are paid over to the Town Treasurer who has proper vouchers for all bills incurred on account of water supply. The transactions of this department for the past year are as follows:

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year,		\$51 20
Appropriation,		180 00
Received from water rates,		2,640 08
“ “ service work,		87 00
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		\$2,958 28
Bills paid,	\$2,819 83	
Cash in hands of Town Treasurer,	111 26	
“ “ “ Supt. Water Dept.,	27 19	
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		\$2,958 28

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,		\$270 00
Bills paid,	\$94 50	
Balance in Town Treasury,	175 50	
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		\$270 00

J. D. ADAMS, SUPT., IN ACCOUNT WITH SETH SMITH, TOWN
TREASURER.

Received for water rates,		\$2,640 08
“ “ service work,		87 00
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		\$2,727 08
Paid Seth Smith, Treas., per receipts,	\$2,699 89	
Balance in Superintendents hands,	27 19	
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		\$2,727 08

Respectfully submitted,

EZRA J. RIGGS, Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS OF THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN.

REVISED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, JAN. 8, 1898, AND
POSTED AGREEABLY TO SECTION 7, CHAPTER 170,
PUBLIC STATUTES.

Adams, John D.,
Atkins, Charles A.,
Atkins, Charles C.,
Atkins, James,
Atwood, Daniel W.,
Atwood, Josoph S.,
Atwood, Stephen F.,
Bangs, William B. E.,
Barnett, James H.,
Bell, John,
Bradshaw, Michael,
Bragdon, Sumner,
Burch, John M.,
Burkett, Charles W.,
Burkett, Willard T.,
Callaghan, James E.,
Chapman, Benjamin R.,
Chase, Frank,
Conwell, Robert E.,
Cook, Charles A.,
Cook, Elisha H.,
Cook, Frederick F.,
Cook, Heman S.,

Cook, Henry S.,
Cook, Herbert S.,
Cook, Richard W.,
Curren, William,
Dearborn, Winthrop C.,
Dyer, Charles A.,
Dyer, Charles H.,
Emery, Alfred J.,
Emery, Cushing H.,
Ewell, William M.,
Franzen, Eugene E.,
Freeman, George W.,
Freeman, Nathaniel W.,
Freeman, Prince L.,
Fuller, Charles A.,
Gifford, Frederick A. H.,
Hamblin, Herbert T.,
Herbolt, William H.,
Hilliard, John D.,
Holmes, George H.,
Holmes, Henry M.,
Hudson, William P.,
Johnson, Charles E.,

Johnson, George F.,
Kendrick, William R.,
Knowles, Otis M.,
Lewis, Bangs A.,
Lewis, George H.,
Livermore, John H.,
Manta, Joseph,
Matthews, Joseph,
McFadyen, Hugh,
McKay, Angus,
McKay, Daniel M.,
Miller, George F.,
Nickerson, Lemuel F.,
Nickerson, Luther,

Nickerson, Theodore S.,
Paine, Lysander N.,
Powe, Andrew T.,
Rich, Allen W.,
Rich, Elisha,
Rich, John B.,
Rich, Sylvanus,
Rogers, Jesse,
Small, Aylmer F.,
Small, James A.,
Smith, Freeman A.,
Sparrow, Harvey O.,
Turner, Isaiah,
Williams, Andrew T.,

Young, Charles L.

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

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

GENTLEMEN :—I respectfully submit my fourth annual report of the expenses incurred in the Highway Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897 :

The amount appropriated at the last annual meeting for roads and walks was	\$2,500 00
Received for material sold,	7 34
Deficiency,	247 72
	\$2,755 06

The details of the expenditures of this Department are as follows :

Paid Fred A. Stimson for crushed stone	\$651 00
Geo. Allen, lumber,	420 37
J. S. Atwood, salary,	350 00
Manuel F. Noons, teaming,	104 30
Prince I. Freeman, “	70 70
Manuel E. Silver, “	67 50
James H. Barnett, “	75 80
John S. Jones, “	55 10
James Campbell, “	39 10
John W. Welsh, “	40 40
Charles L. Young, “	11 30
A. E. Rich, “	62 80
N. C. Brooks, “	5 20
Moses S. Turner, “	50
Frank Rogers, “	8 70

Paid John McQuillan, labor,	\$164 70
Alexander Gayland, “	106 58
Charles Baker, “	59 25
Wm. H. Settes, “	92 55
Elisha H. Tilson, “	14 75
Lewis A. Smith, “	13 90
Nathanial Atkins, “	4 65
Benj. W. Atkins, “	5 30
Simeon L. West, “	3 85
George A. Settes, “	8 00
Manuel Williams, “	3 95
George Bolton, “	1 40
Joseph H. Emery, “	2 25
Save August, “	70
M. J. Campbell, “	1 90
Arthur L. Lombard, “	1 00
Reuben E. Ryder, “	3 05
Walter T. Smith, “	3 65
R. G. Tarrant, “	1 10
Alfred J. Emery, “	4 05
John F. Joseph, “	2 85
Chas. A. Cook, “	80
George W. Tuttle, “	9 95
James Atkins, “	35
John Dolan, “	2 75
Benj. R. Chapman, “	2 05
John W. Holway, “	4 50
John Garland, “	7 70
Hugh McFadyen, “	8 00
Boniface Silver, “	5 60
Jonathan H. Little, “	1 75
Thomas A. Weeks, “	1 80
James V. Bowley, “	2 30
George H. Lewis, “	6 90
A. W. Young, “	5 40
Bangs A. Lewis, “	5 05
Ira K. Small, “	5 75

Paid Antone S. Brown, labor,	\$1 20
Joseph E. Weeks, "	80
Jos. A. Nickerson, "	1 30
J. H. Dearborn, "	3 60
Antone M. Woods, "	2 10
Wm. R. Gayland, "	2 30
Jonathan D. Smith, "	65
John McFadden, "	8 60
C. C. Atkins, "	55
John J. Roderick, "	37 80
Joseph H. Settes, "	70
Stephen S. Lavender, "	2 80
C. H. Holway, "	11 55
J. H. McGinnis, "	1 90
John C. Heim, "	4 50
James Fuller, labor on reservoirs,	7 20
Wm. H. Herbolt, labor on picks,	60
Amasa Taylor, iron work,	2 90
Manuel Jones, labor,	45 60
Jesse Ghen, "	1 50
Thos. E. Carr, "	3 90
Peter Carr, "	2 60
Wm. H. Carr, "	4 40
Jos. C. Ellis, "	1 10
George H. Holmes, filing saw,	25
Andrew T. Williams, wharfage,	14 00
M. L. Adams, "	7 00
Est. of Wm. Matheson, "	7 00
John Atkins, oyster shells,	2 50
Est. of David Rich, oyster shells,	5 00
James E. Rich, " "	7 00
George Ford, gravel,	1 50
Michael A. Rich, clay,	1 75
Perez Bangs, sods,	7 37
Thos. Lewis,	10 86
John W. Savage, posts,	3 20
B. H. Dyer & Co., hardware,	33

Paid Lewis & Brown, drain pipe,	\$30
Herbert Engles, shovel,	50
Joseph A. West, hardware,	90
Reuben Nickerson, curbing,	2 50
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	\$2,755 06

EXPENDITURES ON JETTY SYSTEM FOR THE YEAR 1897.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
Deficiency,	4 95
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	\$54 95
Paid George Allen for stock,	\$6 65
Lewis & Brown "	10 15
M. L. Adams, horse hire,	85
C. H. Holway, labor,	12 00
John McQuillan, labor,	11 20
Wm. H. Settes, "	4 60
Alexander Gayland, labor,	5 10
Wm. R. Gayland, "	60
John W. Welsh, teaming,	1 00
Manuel F. Noons, "	2 80
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	\$54 95

Commercial Street has needed the most repairs the past year there being such an increase in travel. It was deemed advisable to use a greater part of our limited amount of crushed stone on this street, as past experience shows that no other material will stand the great wear and give such universal satisfaction.

From Gull Hill (so called) to the east end of the side walk the street has been covered with stone. Some sections that have stood for three years will need to be recovered the coming year.

From the east end of the walk to Bangsville it will call for considerable repairs especially on the slopes of the hills. I have tried to keep this section in fair order by using sods. Why I used this material was because the cost of teaming was

much less. But I am quite sure it would be better economy to use stone, even if the cost of teaming is greater. I think in every section of the country where they pride themselves on good roads, the unanimous opinion is in favor of crushed stone.

Bradford Street is in need of extensive repairs. I have endeavored to keep this street from being dangerous by the use of sods. Some of the cross streets will also want thorough repairs.

The sidewalk in the center of the town is in good repair. Some sections having been entirely relaid with hard pine plank. At each end of the walk there are places where it will be necessary to lay new.

In laying new walks we have always used all of the old plank that would answer to repair with. Three years ago we tried hard pine plank in place of soft and I think the condition of the walks to-day is evidence in favor of the use of it, providing it can be procured at a fair price.

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
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	\$3,350 00

J. S. ATWOOD,
Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

In submitting our annual report we defer all recommendations until the town shall be in a more prosperous condition. Owing to extra expenses for more essential needs, we feel justified in advising no appropriation for the ensuing year.

JOSEPH A. WEST,
N. P. HOLMES,
Park Commissioners.

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

FINANCIAL.

Salaries to May 1, 1897 :

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

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, 25 men,	\$125 00	
Steamer Co. No. 3,	15 "	75 00
Chemical Co. No. 4,	25 "	125 00
Hose Co. No. 1,	12 "	60 00
" " " 2,	12 "	60 00
" " " 3,	12 "	60 00
" " " 4,	12 "	60 00
" " " 5,	12 "	60 00
	<u>625 00</u>	

5 stewards, engine man, asst. engine man and stoker, 270 00

Total salaries to May 1, 1897, \$960 00

Sundry bills to Jan. 1, 1898 :

Engine and hose house repairs,	\$38 48
Ringin fire alarm bells,	19 25
House supplies, waste, polish and soda,	40 38
Stoves, fuel and lights,	54 57
Fire cracker notices and posting,	8 75
Printing engine blanks for reports,	11 75
Hose carriage repairs,	32 00
Horses on apparatus,	22 50
Horses on steamer, special contract,	75 00
Painting department houses,	47 24
Flag repairs,	50
Cleaning and carting hose,	17 80
Repairing hose,	22 00
Hose carriage reels,	30 15
Shut-off nozzles and hose suspender,	40 60
Hopkins' patent spanner and wrench,	6 76
Key boxes and express,	9 50
Rubber lined small hose,	7 50
Watching ruins after fires,	10 00
	<u>\$489 73</u>

Balance unexpended, \$1,449 73

33 20

\$1,482 93

Appropriation, \$1,470 00

Received from sale of settees, 5 45

" " " " old stove, 50

" " " " old hose, 6 98

\$1,482 93

RECORD OF FIRES FOR 1897.

Thursday, March 18, 1897, 10 min. of 6 A. M. Fire in Engine House occupied by N. Y., N. H. and Hartford R. R. Originated on first floor near oil room at the south end and

completely burned the inside out. Loss, \$800; Insurance, none.

Hose used, Steamer 3,	350 feet.
Hose 5 used,	300 "
Water used,	4,500 gal.

Wednesday, March 24, 1897, 10 min. of 12 A. M., Commercial Street. Slight fire in John D. Adams' drug store. Caused by leaking of a can of alcohol on to furnace in the floor below.

Hose used, Chemical 4,	250 feet.
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Sunday, May 23, 1897, 10 min. of 3 P. M., Commercial St. Slight fire in dwelling house owned and occupied by Ann S. Whelden and son. Cause, stove pipe too near partition. Loss, \$15; Insurance, \$1,000.

Hose used, Hose 1,	150 feet.
Water used,	1,500 gal.

Monday, May 31, 1897, 4.30 A. M. Fire in dwelling house owned by Lewis & Brown on Bradford St., caused by lightning which struck near roof and extended to the rooms below, ran along the plate out the rear end. It called out the whole department. Loss, \$75; Insurance, \$950.

Hose used, Hose 5,	300 feet.
Hose 3, wet,	150 "
Hose 1, wet,	150 "

July 7, 1897, 9.10 A. M., at Foster house. Useless alarm caused by burning old grass raked together and set fire which caused a great smoke and completely shut out the house from view. Called out the whole department.

July 16, 1897, 12 M. This alarm was thoughtlessly given by one or two excursionists visiting town, thinking the town clock striking 12 was a fire alarm. The parties offer this as an excuse.

Oct. 29, 1897, 9.10 P. M., Court St. Fire at Eugene W. Watson's barn and slaughter house. Originated in shed and extended to the main building, which contained quite a quantity of hay and other light combustion. When the department received the alarm the building was beyond saving. A valuable dog was burned which the firemen tried to save. The State Fire Marshal has been down to investigate and says cause unknown. Loss \$800; Insurance, none.

Hose used, Hose, 2,	550 feet.
Hose 3,	700 "
Hose 4,	500 "
Hose 5,	500 "
Chemical 4,	250 "
Water used,	40,550 gal.

Dec. 4, 1897, 9.15 P. M., Court St. Fire in dwelling house owned and occupied by Antone Woods. It started in bedroom on first floor and run up the stairs to second floor out through the roof. Chemical Engine 4 was equal to the occasion and held the fire in check. This fire has the appearance of incendiary origin. Loss, \$200; Insurance, \$700.

Long lines of hose must be used to reach buildings in the outer districts which takes time to handle.

Hose used, Hose 2,	700 feet.
Hose 4,	500 "
Hose 5,	400 "
Chemical 4,	250 "

Water of no account used.

ALARM.

Do not forget when you see fire to quickly let others know it.

RINGING CHURCH BELLS.

Now what earthly reason is there in ringing a regular fire bell at all hours of day and night for a meeting. Why not, if the bell

must be rung, TOLL THE BELL. The church bell is the only means the firemen have of a regular fire alarm.

HOUSES.

The several department buildings are as a whole in order. Painting has been done on Houses No's 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and Hook and Ladder, No. 1.

The new stone platform will be laid at Hose No 1 house in the spring. Some painting will be necessary to preserve the several buildings.

HOSE.

During the year we had occasion to use long lines of hose. Some was found unreliable in an emergency. A purchase of hose will be necessary for which we recommend an appropriation of \$300.

The number of feet now available for service is

200 feet, purchased in	1876
300 " " "	1877
550 " " "	1878
500 " " "	1882
600 " " "	1886
1000 " " "	1888
550 " " "	1891
650 " " "	1894

Total 4350

Which is distributed in the several fire stations as follows:

Hose 1,	700 feet.
Hose 2,	700 "
Hose 3,	1600 "
Hose 4,	500 "
Hose 5,	500 "
On relief reel for practice,	350 "
	<hr/> 4350

APPROPRIATION REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED.

Salaries one year to May 1, 1898,	\$950 00
Other expenses for one year to Jan. 1, 1899,	500 00

Total appropriation, \$1,450 00

Respectfully submitted,

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

Engineers Fire Department.

Provincetown, Jan. 12, 1898.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

ANNUAL EXPENSES.

Cash on hand last report,	\$93 78
Received Dog Fund,	191 48
" Appropriation,	250 00
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	\$535 21
Paid Hattie M. Dyer, librarian,	\$250 00
Freeman A. Smith, janitor,	101 50
James Gifford, insurance,	32 40
Lewis & Brown, coal,	10 20
Provincetown Water Works,	4 00
Alfred Small, labor,	1 25
Chas. A. Fuller, labor,	75
H. Engles, supplies,	6 07
J. D. Hilliard, supplies,	67 78
A. T. Williams, Agt., supplies,	2 80
A. L. Putnam,	2 62
Cash on hand,	57 84
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	\$535 21

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand last report,	\$93 52
Received Books sold,	3 68
Benjamin Small Fund,	310 00
Dividend Seaman's Savings Bank,	1 28
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	\$348 38

Paid Estes & Lauriat, books,	\$266 50
O. C. Book Bindery,	35 40
Expenses and freight,	1 38
D. Appleton & Co.,	6 00
H. F. Hopkins, printing,	3 00
A. L. Putnam, magazines,	35 50
Cash on hand,	60
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	\$348 38

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY DEC. 31, 1897.

Number of books Dec. 31, 1896,	6862
" " purchased,	63
" Magazines bound,	39
Number of books received from State,	11
" " " " United States,	21
" " " " donation,	68
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	202
Present number of books,	7064
Number of Periodicals,	12
Number of names registered Dec. 31, 1896,	3028
" " added 1897,	95
Present number of names,	3123
Circulation for the year,	11228

173 visitors have selected books for use at their homes. The circulation among them was 751 volumes.

319 strangers inspected the Library during 1897 from Jan. 1, 1897, to Dec. 31, 1897. The attendance at the reading room was 1,926.

Very few new volumes have been added to the Library the past year owing to the Dog Tax being diverted from the Book Fund to the Expense Account. The Trustees regretted the necessity for such action as it obliged us to largely curtail the purchase of books. A Library in order to fulfil its purpose should be able to purchase a good supply of new books as they appear in order to keep pace with the latest ideas and

discoveries and also to provide the best in current literature. We note an increased use of books by the public school pupils and feel that the library for this purpose alone would justify its existence.

Several donations of books have been made the past year:

Among them are the complete set of the Scientific American, 60 bound volumes, by John D. Hilliard.

Short Stories from English History by A. T. Blaisdell.

Who Invented the Reaper by R. B. Swift.

Inscriptions from Truro Cemetery by Josiah Lombard.

Tennyson's Poems by Rev. Henry Dowse.

History of the Pratt Family by Eleazer Franklin Pratt.

Trip of the Ancients by Joshua Cook.

Life of Horatio King by Henry F. King.

Flora of Middlesex Fells by Arbutus Club.

Arena for 1898 by J. T. Small.

The Trustees are very grateful for these contributions. We would again call the attention of our citizens to the needs of the Reading Room in the way of curiosities. A generous contribution of shells, coral and other articles of interest would be very much appreciated. We appreciate the continued contributions of the Advocate and Beacon and would be pleased to have other papers added to the list.

We would recommend an appropriation of \$450 for the running expenses of the Library and that the Dog Tax be used for the purchase of books.

MOSES N. GIFFORD,

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REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

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HEALTH OFFICER AND QUARANTINE PHYSICIAN.

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AGENT FOR ISSUING BURIAL PERMITS.

SETH SMITH.

The sanitary condition of our town appears to be much improved owing largely to the cooperation of the majority of the citizens who have kindly aided us in our work. About eight hundred houses have been inspected and the change for the better is very marked. The health of the town is no doubt due to the general cleanliness, and it is noticeable that scarlet and typhoid fevers have greatly decreased of late years. In one or two cases we have been obliged to levy a fine on persons who would not heed requests of the Board, but as a rule there has been a willingness to aid us as far as possible.

In former reports we have always advised the painting or white washing of buildings on the harbor front and in quite a number of cases this has been attended to particularly on the properties of J. A. Matheson, Jos. Manta, J. D. Hilliard and G. O. Knowles, all of these seemingly unimportant matters tend to beautify our harbor and attract visitors.

The pest house has been repaired and painted, and some of the old board fence replaced by wire. This will gradually be done as the old boards give way.

One remonstrance we must make, and that is against making a common dumping ground of the hollow on the west side of Town Hill in rear of the High schoolhouse. Each year we are compelled to go to considerable expense to have this ground cleaned, and this could be very easily overcome if those who are in the habit of throwing rubbish there to blow in every direction would only bury it in the sand at the bottom. No person has a right to use this for a dumping ground as it is private property. There are other places of like description but this is the worst, and the practice only makes expense for the town.

During the year sixteen vessels have been inspected. We have endeavored to make this department of our work very thorough, and meet all the requirements of the National Quarantine laws.

The death rate has been less this year than for a long time. For vital statistics reference may be made to the Town Clerk's report, that official acting as agent for the Board of Health.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$175 00
Cash from Dr. Birge, quarantine fees,	78 50
B. A. Lewis, " "	5 00
B. A. Lewis,	4 00
G. W. Readey, license,	2 00
J. LeCount, " "	2 00
J. W. Whitcomb, license,	2 00
T. S. Taylor, " "	2 00
N. N. Gifford, " "	2 00
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	\$272 50

Cash paid out 1897.

J. D. Hilliard, paint, etc.,	\$7 90
W. S. Birge, M. D., Health officer, inspecting 16 vessels in quarantine,	45 00
E. G. Berry, boat hire, (1),	1 00
W. F. Atkins, boat hire, (14),	14 00
Howard F. Hopkins, printing, etc.,	17 25
E. H. Tilson, labor,	29 85
B. A. Lewis, labor fumigating, including in- spection of Brig Moss Glen,	32 10
Geo. W. Readey, work done,	3 25
B. H. Dyer & Co., wire, etc.,	28
L. H. Baker, chloride lime,	40
Geo. H. Lewis, labor,	3 20
Thomas A. Weeks, labor,	70
W. S. Birge, salary as Secretary,	15 00
R. M. Lavender, work done, etc.,	30 50
Elmer S. Lewis, boat hire,	1 00
Geo. Allen, shingles, nails, etc.,	1 33
Balance unexpended,	68 99
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	\$272 50

We would ask for the year 1898 an appropriation of at least one hundred and seventy-five dollars. We feel that we have exercised great care in the expenditure of the town's money and not a cent has been put out that the town has not received an equivalent for.

We thank our citizens for their cooperation with us in our efforts to improve the sanitary condition of the town and ask for a continuation of the same in the future.

R. M. LAVENDER,
B. A. LEWIS,
W. S. BIRGE, M. D.,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

It is with sincere sorrow that we record the death of our former chairman, Joseph Whitcomb. From his connection with the care of our cemeteries for many years he was thoroughly conversant with their requirements and we shall greatly miss his counsel. A man singularly unselfish he devoted his time and labor freely in this department as in all other duties devolving on him in connection with our town. We mourn his death and add our appreciation of his sterling qualities and kindness of heart.

At a meeting of the Selectmen and Cemetery Commissioners Thomas S. Taylor was elected to fill the vacancy on the board.

We would recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars to continue repairs and improvement of Cemeteries.

Appropriation for 1897,	\$100 00
Paid June 26, E. N. Sumner,	\$5 10
July 23, John Pierce,	1 30
July 31, E. N. Sumner,	4 70
July 31, Reuben Nickerson,	52 95
Dec. 18, George Allen,	15 02
Dec. 18, George C. Hill,	6 75
Dec. 25, B. H. Dyer & Co.,	12 08
Dec. 25, Prince I. Freeman,	40
Dec. 25, James E. Atkins,	1 60
Balance unexpended,	10
	————— \$100 00

MOSES N. GIFFORD,
 THOMAS S. TAYLOR,
 SETH SMITH,
 Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT OF MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

I have the honor to make the following report :

Expended for taking care of the Soldiers Monument, \$20 00

JOHN ROSENTHAL,
 Monument Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE QUESTION OF DISPOSING OF THE WATER THAT ACCUMULATES AT THE JUNCTION OF BRADFORD STREET AND WEBSTER PLACE.

The undersigned, having been appointed at the Special Town Meeting held Oct. 11, 1897, "to see what action the town will take to prevent the accumulation of water on Bradford Street, near the corner of Webster Place, in rainy weather," report as follows:

After looking the premises over, we feel quite confident (though not positive) that the trouble may be remedied by laying a drain from the catch basin at the foot of Webster Place, to the reservoir near the residence of the late J. F. Small, and then from there to connect with the drain belonging to John D. Adams and others, which runs from Gosnold Street to the shore.

We would further recommend that a catch basin be placed at the junction of Winslow and Bradford Streets, to take the water that comes from Town Hill, the same to be connected by a drain with the one already mentioned.

The expense of all this work will be about \$90, and your committee would recommend that the Superintendent of Streets have a proper survey made of the premises; then, if he finds that the street can be drained in this manner, an appropriation can be made at some future meeting.

J. T. SMALL,
GEO. F. MILLER,
NEWTON P. WEST,
Committee.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1897.

JANUARY.

6. Addison Howson Baker and Bessie Eliza Ryder, both of Wellfleet. Married in Provincetown.
11. Frederick Augustus Randall and Addie Davis Bowley. Both of Provincetown.
20. John J. Silva and Mary Viola Jason, both of Provincetown.
25. Joseph Alves Pacheco and Amelia Francis Avella, both of Provincetown.

FEBRUARY.

27. Manuel F. Oliver and Maggie Morris, both of Provincetown.

MARCH.

1. Joseph Delory and Agnes Boudro, both of Wellfleet. Married in Provincetown.
9. Vincent Francis Silva and Gurine Hagen, both of Provincetown.
23. John Adams Logan and Kate May Thomas, both of Provincetown.

APRIL.

4. Manuel Sears and Emma F. Winslow, both of Provincetown.
24. John B. Wilson and Mary Jane Murphy, both of Provincetown.
26. Manuel Noons and Annie May Rich, both of Provincetown.

MAY.

17. Antoine Soares and Maria Estrella Pereira, both of Provincetown.
27. Richard J. Welsh of Provincetown and Emma F. Smith of Somerville. Married in Somerville.

JUNE.

2. Jared W. Hill and Mamie A. Noons, both of Provincetown.
16. Louis A. Law and Nellie N. Allen, both of Provincetown.
16. James W. Pierce and Eva May Lewis, both of Provincetown.
23. Herbert A. Ford of Boston and Lillian M. Cook of Provincetown. Married in East Boston.

JULY.

5. Daniel Warren Grozier and Hattie Althea Young, both of Provincetown.

AUGUST.

25. Charles G. Goodrich of Wilks-Barre, Pa., and Annie Young Shortle of Provincetown.
26. Serophine Tarves and Gloria Peirra, both of Provincetown.

OCTOBER.

28. Francis A. Paine and Louise A. Engles, nee McKennon, both of Provincetown.

NOVEMBER.

3. George B. Grover and Sarah M. Hatch, both of Provincetown.
13. Michael J. Campbell and Isabella O. Henley, both of Provincetown.
17. Irving Lepold Rosenthal and Mary Olive McKenzie, both of Provincetown.
24. Frank Souza of Provincetown and Jessie Valentine of New Bedford. Married in New Bedford.
25. Frank Thomas, Jr., and Rose Gracie, both of Provincetown.

DECEMBER.

6. William Dillon Carlos and Matilda Travers, both of Provincetown.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1897.

JANUARY.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
1.	William Crowley,	Frank and Mary, nee Joseph.
3.	William Corea,	Frank and Phebe, nee Paige.
5.	John Connolly Dow,	Joseph H. and Mary, nee Flaherty.
7.	Thomas Everett McQuillan,	Thomas and Sarah H. nee Bickers.
12.	Eleanor Nickerson McDonald,	Daniel C. and Joanna, nee McKenzie.
12.	Joseph Anthony Rogers,	Joseph and Frances, nee Avella.
20.	—Roderick,	Frank L. and Minnie, nee Silva.
21.	Genevieve Gracie,	Manuel and Margaret P. nee Martin.
23.	Manuel Gracie,	Joseph and Amelia, nee Jason.
26.	Manuel N. Costa,	Manuel and Jennie V., nee Christie.

FEBRUARY.

4.	Pearly May Olsen,	Alfred and Mary A., nee McLeod.
6.	Fred Clapham,	Fred A. and Susie J., nee Berry.
11.	—Swartz,	John and Mary J., nee Greal.
14.	Mamie C. Carter,	Manuel and Nancy, nee Tarves.
14.	Bella Foster,	Antoine and Mary, nee Santos.
16.	William Jason,	John and Mary T., nee Silva.
18.	Edith May Francis,	Manuel and Carrie, nee Silva.
18.	Cora Belle Mayo,	Herman L. and Annie, nee McKenzie.
19.	Josephine Azevedo,	Manuel and Mamie P., nee Martin.
24.	Margaret Tasha,	Fostine and Phebe, nee Silva.

MARCH.

3.	Frank Flores, Jr.,	Frank and Annie, nee Frates.
22.	Annie May Demars,	Joseph S. and Amelia, nee Lewis.
25.	Carrie Veara,	Frank and Mary, nee Frates.
26.	Manuel Henrique,	Antoine and Minnie L., nee Santos.
26.	William Anthony Brown,	John and Emma G., nee Coombs.
29.	Mamie Costa,	Antoine P. and Caroline, nee Peters.
31.	Amelia King Souza,	Antoine K. and Clara, nee Enos.

APRIL.

1.	Joseph Perry,	Frank V. and Margaret.
3.	Evelyn Taylor Rich,	Reuben E. & Carrie W. nee Freeman.
6.	—Marshall,	Albion and Lucy, nee Mello.
14.	Nellie Silva,	Frank and Mary, nee Oliver.
14.	Lewis Matthews Silva,	John G. and Frances V., nee Silva.
18.	Eva Sonce,	Joseph and Emily, nee Tarves.
24.	Nellie Cabral,	Jesse and Mary, nee Joseph.
28.	Annie Alves,	Frank S. and Mary S.

MAY.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
2.	Annie Agnes Henry,	Frank F. and Jessie, nee Patrick.
15.	Minnie Souza,	Manuel and Amelia, nee Tarves.
18.	John Gaspie,	Antoine and Reta, nee Ferry.
22.	—Bent,	Joseph P. and Mary.
25.	David L. Brown,	George A. and Georgie E., nee Lewis.
27.	Wilbert James Nickerson,	Joseph A. & Maggie A., nee Patterson.
30.	Nellie May Souza,	Marion and Mamie, nee Silva.
30.	Victor Joseph Miller,	Manuel J. and Mary A., nee Flores.

JUNE.

1.	Xenophon Rich Caton,	John F. and Justine S., nee Rich.
2.	Joseph Cabral, Jr.,	Joseph and Minnie, nee Silva.
4.	Madeline Winthrop Carlos,	Frank and Jennie M., nee Randall.
13.	William Meade, Jr.,	William and Mary.
29.	Frank Lombard,	Joseph and Josephine, nee Christie.

JULY.

1.	Georgie Cabral,	Antoine and Mary, nee Souza.
2.	Leo Joseph Rogers,	Antoine and Mary, nee O'Donnell.
3.	Mary Frates,	Manuel and Josephine, nee Marks.
3.	Frank William Maker,	Charles W. and Rosanna, nee Lema.
4.	Bessie Francis Marshall,	Manuel and Mary, nee Silva.
4.	Bellmeda Patrick,	John and Rosa.
5.	John Francis Callaghan,	James E. and Mary J., nee Frates.
13.	Mary Lillian Perry,	Peter and Nellie, nee Sullivan.
15.	Alfred Silva,	Manuel and Mary, nee Marshall.
20.	Manuel C. Oliver,	Manuel L. and Mary, nee Boatman.
21.	William Marshall,	Jule and Amelia, nee Souza.
28.	Antoine Ferry,	Jessie and Mary, nee Chase.

AUGUST.

1.	Emma Lewis Dyer,	Chas. W. and Gertrude R., nee Smith.
3.	Levi Cook,	Frank and Amelia L., nee Loring.
3.	Elleen Evelyn Lewis,	Fred A. and Minnie A., nee Ellis.
6.	Mary Horne Henderson,	Benjamin S. and Mary J., nee Dears.
6.	Hazel Young Atkins,	Charles A. and Etta, nee Pierce.
13.	Frederick Russell Alvarez,	Henry and Addie M., nee Webb.
15.	Nellie Tarves,	John and Mary G., nee Davis.
19.	John Days Fartarda,	Amonnea J. and Frances.
19.	William Jason,	Manuel and Mary A.

AUGUST.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
21.	Edith May Silva,	Antoine C. and Mary D., nee Brazil.
21.	Amelia May Silva,	Joseph J. and May, nee Thomas.
24.	Clarence Manuel Silva,	William H. and Amelia, nee Abner.
26.	Antoine Dutra,	Frank and Mary.
30.	Charles Gray Harvender,	Heman and Emma, nee Sprague.

SEPTEMBER.

1.	Mamie Morris,	Manuel and Mary, nee Flores.
2.	Frank Holmes,	Joseph R. and Josephine, nee Peters.
2.	Frank Loring, Jr.,	Frank and Mary A., nee Tarves.
3.	Sylvester Tarves,	John and Emma, nee Silva.
5.	Mamie Caton,	John and Phebe, nee Perry.
9.	Leland Dyer Baker,	Frank D. and Jennie W., nee Dyer.
10.	Mary J. Alexander,	John J. and Mary, nee Carlos.
11.	Mary Lewis,	Joseph A. and Mary, nee Rogers.
14.	Amelia Silva Alves,	John S. and Anna F., nee DeReies.
15.	Mary E. Roberts,	Richard W. & Lizzie, nee Crittenden.
18.	Warren Anthony Davis,	Manuel and Annie, nee Silva.
22.	Agnes Hazel Settes,	Joseph H. and Sophie, nee DeCost.
26.	Mary Dutra,	Manuel and Mary, nee Marks.
26.	John B. Oliver,	Joseph E. and Mamie, nee Fields.
27.	Mathew Joseph Silva,	Joseph S. and Louisa, nee Williams.
28.	Helen Silva,	John and Amelia, nee Souza.

OCTOBER.

3.	Antoine Perry,	Antoine P. and Amelia F.
4.	—Gifford,	Frederick A. H. & Laura T., nee Davis.
4.	Lewis Gaspie,	Jesse and Rosie, nee Meads.
8.	Stephen Roderick,	John and Virginia, nee Cabral.
12.	Gertrude Franklin Henderson,	James T. and Annie M., nee Carrigan.
12.	Joseph Souza,	Peter and Lucia F., nee Silva.
19.	Mary Souza Garalha,	Joseph S. and Mary S., nee Valentine.
22.	Annie Noons,	John A. and Mary A., nee Mayo.
25.	Mabel Josephine Logan,	John A. and Katie, nee Thomas.
25.	George Gaspie,	John S. and Mary, nee Lewis.
27.	Rosie Cable,	Frank and Lucy, nee Perry.
27.	Albert Chester Smith,	Chester O. and Clara, nee Bergeron.
28.	Manuel Andrews,	John and Mary D., nee Joseph.
29.	Arthur Johnson Young,	William H. and Annie M., nee Hughes.
29.	Joseph Silva,	Manuel and Marianna, nee Perry.
30.	Catherine May Avella,	Manuel F. and Rosie M., nee Silva.

NOVEMBER.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
1.	Russell Atwood Chipman,	Henry T. and Fannie H., nee Atwood.
12.	Harold James Waterman,	Albert J. and Annie M., nee Curtis.
15.	—Silva,	Joseph K. and Emma, nee Marshall.
16.	Albert Francis Noons,	Manuel F. and Annie M., nee Rich.
20.	William Curren Pierce,	Henry F. and Mary, nee McQuillan.
21.	Adelia Thompson Abbott,	Edwin and Abbie A., nee Smith.
21.	Joseph Veart, Jr.,	Joseph and Louisa J., nee Thomas.
26.	Willis Seavey Rich,	Willis L. and Rosie, nee McQuillan.
26.	Katie Enos,	Manuel and Mary, nee Souza.

DECEMBER.

1.	Joseph Gracie,	Manuel and Mary.
1.	Joseph Carmo,	John and Mary, nee Joseph.
2.	Joseph Patrick,	William and Louise.
2.	Stephen A. Days,	Frank N. and Mary, nee Silva.
3.	Elsie Lothrop Daggett,	Alton and Jessie, nee McKenzie.
7.	—Randall,	Frederick A. & Addie D., nee Bowley.
8.	Rosa Caton,	Manuel and Ida, nee Silva.
8.	Carl Morea,	Manuel and Mary, nee Joseph.
10.	Nellie Crowley,	John and Mary, nee Jesouce.
14.	Blanche Warren Ellis,	George W. and Alice, nee McQuillan.
14.	Manuel Veara, Jr.,	Manuel and Mary, nee Corea.
16.	John Burgess,	Jesse and Maryanna, nee Steel.
27.	Clarence Matthew Hagan,	Hans and Annie M., nee McQuillan.
29.	Amelia Roderick,	Albert and Maryanna, nee Gaulart.
31.	—Wilson,	John B. and Mary J., nee Murphy.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1897.

JANUARY.

Date.	Name.	Age.		Cause of Death.
		y.	m. d.	
5.	Joseph Souza,	0	5 18	Acute broncho pneumonia.
13.	Margaret Sullivan,	89	6 0	Old age, hernia.
20.	—Roderick,	0	0 0	Still birth.
21.	Joseph Rasins,	0	3 12	Pneumonia.

FEBRUARY.

3.	David Rich,	59	5 16	Rheumatic fever.
6.	Fred Clapham,	0	0 0	Still birth.

FEBRUARY.

Date.	Name.	Age.		Cause of Death.
		y.	m. d.	
11.	Leonora M. Rocheteau,	0	7 16	Whooping cough, broncho pneumonia.
16.	Joseph Swartz,	0	0 0	Still birth.

MARCH.

2.	Frank J. Lemos,	69	6 17	Nephritis, chronic gastritis.
4.	Frank Flores,	0	0 1	Premature birth.
10.	Enos N. Atkins,	62	2 10	Hemorrhage of stomach.
12.	Manuel S. Brown,	69	7 12	LaGrippe, pneumonia.
15.	Michael Barnett,	70	6 0	Phthisis pulmonalis.
22.	*Elisha L. Dyer,	46	10 14	Pneumonia.
26.	Lizzie M. Sparrow,	42	0 11	Typhoid pneumonia.
26.	Louisa Cook,	74	3 29	LaGrippe, heart failure.
31.	John C. P. Harvender,	81	5 30	LaGrippe, pneumonia.

APRIL.

6.	—Marshall,	0	0 0	Still birth.
6.	Sarah G. Cook,	70	6 15	Heart disease.
6.	Emma G. Brown,	30	11 6	Puerpural septicaemia.
7.	Rachel Campbell,	53	0 0	Typhoid fever.
7.	William A. Atkins,	78	9 29	Valvular disease of heart.
7.	Thomas Lowe,	65	7 11	Rheumatism and disease of heart.
8.	**William Barnes,	18	5 28	Chronic dementia.
23.	††Roderick McIntosh,	56	0 0	Cancer of liver.
27.	†Francis Young Freeman,	61	4 29	Apoplexy.

MAY.

6.	§Domingo Francis,	40	5 0	Accidental drowning.
6.	§§Herman A. Jennings,	64	0 0	Cancer of stomach.
13.	†Mary L. Tucker,	30	7 17	Septicaemia.
13.	Hannah S. Snow,	62	3 21	Uræmia.
16.	Alfred Cook,	80	9 4	Valvular disease of heart.
22.	—Bent,	0	0 0	Still born.
27.	†Tabaitha Allen,	75	6 15	Old age, heart failure.
27.	Antoine Days,	0	5 7	Spinal meningitis.

* Died in Chicago.

** Died in Taunton.

†† Died in Boston.

† Died in Taunton.

§ Drowned in Cape Cod Bay.

§§ Died in Boston.

‡ Died in Boston.

‡‡ Died in Cambridge.

JUNE.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		y.	m.	d.	
7.	Ralph N. Pierce,	1	3	23	Marasmus, teething.
8.	Phineas S. Cutter,	61	1	8	Heart disease.
13.	Sylvanus S. Gross,	88	7	21	General paresis.
15.	Willie Freeman,	18	9	10	Consumption.
30.	Neadon Rodgers,	60	0	10	Arterial insufficiency.

JULY.

7.	John Kiley,	82	3	13	Uraemic convulsions.
9.	Hannah S. Hughes,	71	1	8	Apoplexy.
15.	Temperance Winn,	51	9	11	Heart disease.
19.	Rebecca A. Cook,	60	0	20	Paralysis.
23.	Corinne C. Taylor,	0	4	10	Cholera infantum.

AUGUST.

6.	David Sparks,	83	4	21	Senile heart.
8.	*David H. Powers,	36	8	1	Accidental drowning.
13.	David L. Brown,	0	2	19	Cholera infantum.
14.	Mary J. Holway,	72	9	22	Typhoid dysentery.
16.	Edward J. Kilburn,	77	6	3	Chronic brights disease and "organic heart disease.
20.	Rebecca W. Loring,	59	2	15	Heart disease.

SEPTEMBER.

1.	Mary O'Brien,	61	8	7	LaGrippe, (Insanity.)
6.	Thomas J. Carrigan,	62	0	5	Paresis.
12.	Amelia K. Souza,	0	5	14	Cholera infantum.
21.	Manuel J. Vierra,	55	7	24	Tuberculosis.
27.	Levi Cook,	0	2	0	Cholera Infantum.
29.	Madelene Carlos,	0	3	26	Cholera infantum.
30.	Frank Loring,	0	0	18	Diarrhoea.

OCTOBER.

5.	James Downer,	77	0	11	Paralysis, senility.
6.	+Joseph Whitcomb,	56	4	6	Heart disease.
10.	Eva Santos,	0	6	18	Tuberculosis.
16.	Charles N. Taylor,	31	4	13	Accidental shooting.
19.	Mary Souza Garalha,	0	0	1	Premature birth.

OCTOBER.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		y.	m.	d.	
21.	*Jonathan Collins,	67	7	10	Killed by cars at South Wareham.
29.	Helen Francis Daggett,	60	10	18	Congestion of lungs with heart failure.

NOVEMBER.

13.	Joseph Camera, Jr.,	1	7	28	Broncho pneumonia.
17.	Elizabeth Mayo,	64	8	2	Cirrhosis of liver.
26.	Annie J. Morris,	9	2	0	Consumption.
28.	**John Tarves,	20	11	27	Cardiac disease, epistaxis.
30.	David Smith,	78	1	29	Heart disease followed by paralysis.

DECEMBER.

4.	Alfred Nickerson,	81	10	21	Pneumonia.
8.	Josiah F. Small,	68	8	10	Heart disease.
8.	+Flora Allen,	64	0	0	Valvular disease of heart.
11.	Joseph Souza,	0	1	29	Broncho Pneumonia.
12.	Antoine Perry,	0	2	9	Acute gastro enteritis, cere- bral anaemia.
16.	Mary Patrick,	65	0	0	Heart disease.
16.	++Mary H. Ghen,	48	9	0	General debility.
28.	Rittie Rose,	64	5	28	Heart disease.
29.	Annie May Tucker,	4	1	14	Accidental burning.

* Died in Wareham.

† Died in Chelsea.

** Died in New Bedford.

†† Died in Attleboro.

SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of marriages, births and deaths registered in Provincetown for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897:

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1897,
Both parents born in the United States,
" " " " Western Islands,
Mixed, one American,
" other nationalities,

BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1897,
Males,
Females,
The parentage of the children is as follows:
Both parents American,
" " Portuguese,
Mixed, one American,
" other nationalities,

DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1897,
Males,
Females,
Number died in Provincetown,
" " other places,
Born in the United States,
" " Western Islands,
" " British Provinces,
" " Ireland,
Death rate per 1000,

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown, 1897,
Paid County Treasurer,

Respectfully submitted,
SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

TO THE CITIZENS:

The Water Commissioners respectfully submit their annual report:

The standpipe, gates, hydrants and buildings are in good condition. The floor of the boiler room of the station needs repairs, but the expense will be small.

Of the appropriation made for repairs and duplicate parts for the pumps, only a part was expended. The balance should be carried forward or re-appropriated the coming year to complete the work. After consulting with the pump manufacturers, it was thought advisable to wait until the proposed new supply was put in, then any repairs made would be more permanent.

We have during the past year furnished the factory with about nine million and sixteen thousand gallons of water. The cost of the coal used for pumping this number of gallons, figured from an average price paid during the year, is about one hundred and seventy-eight dollars. We would like, before making another contract, an expression from the citizens as to whether the rate charged for the year 1898 shall be at the actual cost of pumping, more or less. The benefit to the town by having the factory should be taken into consideration, as it furnishes work for many who would otherwise be idle, or obliged to seek employment out of town. We are informed that the average weekly pay roll the past year was about one hundred and sixty dollars. This amount, though small, is a great benefit to the people among whom it is distributed, and of course indirectly is a benefit to the town at large.

Number of services to Jan. 1, 1898, 508
 " using water from Jan. '97 to July '97, 390
 " " " " July '97 to Jan. '98, 408

PUMPING STATION RECORDS.

1897,	Coal Lbs. Used.	Water Gallons Pumped.
January	25,329	2,568,727
February,	22,520	2,410,480
March,	28,130	3,162,947
April,	31,804	3,834,472
May,	32,002	4,109,614
June,	35,157	4,854,651
July,	38,498	5,402,232
August,	34,615	4,809,004
September,	32,613	4,466,424
October,	31,091	3,602,770
November,	27,675	2,980,486
December,	31,215	3,571,252
	<u>371,648</u>	<u>45,773,059</u>

Day on which greatest amount was pumped, Aug. 14, 1897.

Gallons pumped on above day, 272,040.

Week during which greatest amount was pumped, 2d week in August.

The large amount used in December was due to takers letting the water run to prevent freezing. Some nights during the cold snap as many as fifty thousand gallons per night were wasted.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, '97,	\$51 20	
Appropriation for pumps,	180 00	
Received water rates,	2,640 08	
" service work,	87 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,958 28

Bills paid as per vouchers,	\$2,819 83	
Bal. on hand, appropriation for pumps,	110 14	
" " treasury,	1 12	
" " Supt.,	27 19	
	<u> </u>	2,958 28

PUMP APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation,		180 00
Bills paid as per vouchers,	\$69 86	
Bal. on hand, treas.,	110 14	
	<u> </u>	180 00

ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER.

Received water rates,	\$2,640 08	
" service work,	87 00	
	<u> </u>	2,727 08
Cash paid Treasurer as per receipts,	\$2,699 89	
Bal. in hands of Supt.,	27 19	
	<u> </u>	2,727 08

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Paid Lewis & Brown,	\$664 52
L. B. Walther,	600 00
J. D. Adams,	400 00
Wm. B. Dunham,	301 40
Provincetown Cold Storage Co.,	292 50
Walworth M'fg Co.,	116 09
Wm. Matheson Co.,	139 58
Geo. W. Settes,	54 80
Hartford Boiler Ins. Co.,	50 00
J. T. Small,	25 00
P. R. Howes,	18 25
S. S. Lavender,	17 00
H. F. Hopkins,	14 50
H. J. Wagner,	14 50
Geo. F. Blake M'fg Co.,	13 95
Geo. H. Holmes,	11 25
John McIntosh,	8 40
J. A. West,	7 50
J. D. Hilliard,	6 92
F. J. Dibble,	5 15
Frank Silva,	5 00
A. W. Chesterton Co.,	4 88
Daniel Suker,	5 40
B. H. Dyer & Co.,	4 60
Nat'l Lead Co.,	4 36
Standard Oil Co.,	3 92
W. H. Herbolt,	3 60
M. Noons,	3 50
Jesse Davis,	3 35
Josiah Swift,	3 25
W. B. Bangs,	2 80
James E. Atkins,	2 75
Standard Thermometer Co.,	2 66
A. E. Rich,	2 00
Thos. McQuillan,	2 00
C. L. Young,	1 00

Paid Manuel Perry,	\$0 95
B. & P. S. S. Co.,	70
Str. Seaconnnett,	55
N. Y., N. H. & H.,	50
A. L. Putnam,	45
Buffalo Meter Co.,	30
	————— \$2,819 83

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for well work,		\$270 00
Bills paid as per vouchers,	\$94 50	
Bal. on hand, treas.,	175 50	
	—————	270 00

Paid W. B. Dunham,	25 20
Geo. W. Settes,	23 30
Joseph Davis,	18 30
Thomas McQuillan,	4 40
James M. Dunham,	23 30
	—————
	\$94 50

R. E. CONWELL,
C. W. BURKETT,
J. D. ADAMS,
Water Commissioners.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.



PROVINCETOWN, MASS.:

The Advocate Press. Howard F. Hopkins.

1898.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

	Term Ex.
Artemas P. Hannum, Chairman,	190
Andrew T. Williams, Secretary,	190
A. Louis Putnam, Agent,	190

The Board meets in the Committee's Room at the Town Hall 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,	Princ.
Phebe E. Freeman,	Assist.
Carra E. Wilcox,	Assist.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

J. Henry Clagg,	Princ.
Sara Cavanagh,	Assist.

HIGHER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Annie W. McKennon,	Pauline Atkins,	Julia C. Knowlton,
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INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

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

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Jessie B. Allen,	Cora Daggett,	Anna Dolan,
Blanche A. Holmes,	Susan N. Dearborn,	Estella E. Hatch,
Annie A. Swett,	Winifred S. Small,	Lillian N. Brown,
Albertina Young,	Gertrude Snow,	

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

With an appropriation too small for our needs it is not to be wondered at that the schools and school buildings are not in a satisfactory condition.

In accordance with the almost unanimous vote of the taxpayers we have cut down expenses in every possible way and we earnestly wish the parents of the pupils might visit the schools and witness the result. The salary of the principal of the High School has been reduced \$200, that of his first assistant \$100 and that of the principal of the Grammar School \$150. As these reductions could not go into effect until September the saving, thus far, is not large.

On the resignation of Miss Nellie N. Allen, Miss Jessie B. Allen was transferred to the Center 2nd Primary and the Montello St. School was closed. In addition, the March vacation was made two weeks instead of one, making the school year thirty-seven weeks instead of thirty-eight, as usual. Notwithstanding all this there is a deficiency in the public school account of nearly \$850.

Our appropriation for free text books and supplies was REDUCED FORTY PER CENT., and, as a consequence the pupils have been obliged to go without many things they needed and some of the books are in a disgraceful condition.

Does any fair minded person who reads these lines honestly believe that all the books, paper, ink, pens, pencils, chalk, etc., for a pupil for a whole year can be bought for SEVENTY-NINE CENTS?

Feeling that the appropriation for schoolhouse repairs was insufficient to do all that was required we have done only what

was strictly necessary for the time being and have an unexpended balance of nearly \$150.

The same may be said of the appropriation for incidentals where we have a balance remaining of \$90.32.

Our future needs are large. The High School building needs painting and the roof needs further repairs, the Governor Bradford building needs painting and we think it would be a matter of economy to put in a small furnace to heat the corridors. A new fence is needed at the Western building and the Center building needs new windows throughout. The heating apparatus of the High and Grammar School is defective and will need a large outlay or renewal in the near future.

To meet this unusual outlay we recommend that a special appropriation of the following sums be made for the purposes mentioned above:

Painting High Schoolhouse	\$200 00
Painting Gov. Bradford Schoolhouse,	175 00
Furnace " "	125 00
Fence and painting Western " "	75 00
Windows for Center " "	100 00

Mr. William D. Tillson; the principal of the Grammar School for the past five years, resigned in September to accept a better position at an increased salary in Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Tillson won the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact and it was with deep regret that we felt obliged to part with him. As a teacher he was conscientious and energetic, his discipline was excellent, and his school was one in which the committee took a just pride. He was succeeded by Mr. J. Henry Clagg, who comes well equipped for his work and who is performing his labors in a very satisfactory manner.

It may be of interest to know that the reduction in the appropriation for schools resulted in lowering the tax rate sixty-four cents.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

J. W. Beaty, labor,	\$4 20	
F. H. Dearborn, cleaning High School building,	40 00	
George Crosby, labor,	3 00	
George Crosby, cleaning Eastern building and labor,	24 00	
M. A. Bradshaw, cleaning Center building and labor,	21 75	
C. H. Bannister, cleaning Gov. Bradford building and labor,	33 00	
J. W. Beaty, cleaning Western and Conant St. building and labor,	27 00	
A. P. Hannum, water,	10 00	
H. F. Hopkins, printing,	27 50	
A. T. Williams, Agt., supplies,	8 07	
Magee Furnace Co., " "	11 10	
Wm. Hall & Co., " "	5 58	
Geo. C. Hill, cleaning Johnson St. building and labor,	13 00	
F. H. Dearborn, labor,	4 00	
W. B. Bangs, supplies and labor,	9 40	
J. H. Livermore, " "	3 10	
M. Bradshaw, labor,	11 40	
Jerome S. Smith, supplies and labor,	2 00	
H. O. Sparrow, Agent.,	8 32	
J. A. West, supplies and labor,	23 38	
J. E. Atkins, " "	6 86	
J. D. Hilliard, supplies,	50	
G. H. Holmes, supplies and labor,	1 25	
A. L. Putnam, supplies,	7 07	
Kendrick & Atkins, labor,	1 00	
Fire Department, supplies,	3 20	
Appropriation,		\$400 00
Balance unexpended,	90 32	
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	\$400 00	\$400 00

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

B. H. Dyer & Co., stock and labor,	\$29 08	
W. B. Bangs, " "	1 00	
J. E. Atkins, " "	19 31	
George Allen, " "	23 49	
James Fuller, " "	19 94	
H. O. Sparrow, Agt., " "	45 63	
T. W. Dyer & Co., " "	17 30	
H. Engles, " "	29 24	
Geo. H. Underhill, " "	40 35	
Magee Furnace Co., " "	12 75	
J. H. Livermore, " "	6 85	
A. T. Williams, Agt. " "	23 97	
Chas. W. Burkett, " "	9 30	
J. L. Hammett & Co. " "	14 25	
Geo. Grosby, " "	12 35	
J. E. Callaghan, " "	13 20	
F. H. Dearborn, " "	12 00	
Geo. C. Hill, " "	3 05	
John McQuillan, " "	6 40	
S. D. Nickerson, " "	11 70	
Appropriation,		\$500 00
Balance unexpended,	148 84	
	<u>\$500 00</u>	<u>\$500 00</u>

UNPAID BILLS

J. G. Whitcomb,	9 31	
A. L. Putnam,	18 51	
M. N. Gifford, Trustee,	93 38	
J. A. West,	78 99	
Appropriation,		\$200 00
Deficiency,		19
	<u>\$200 19</u>	<u>\$200 19</u>

FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	\$179 22	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	193 91	
Boston School Supply Co.,	25 00	
D. Appleton & Co.,	28 00	
Jacob Whitcomb & Co.,	43 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	10 29	
A. L. Putnam,	3 00	
Am. Book Co.,	46 00	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	5 75	
H. F. Hopkins,	36 00	
A. L. Putnam, Commission,	66 77	
Appropriation,		\$600 00
Cash for books sold,		7 42
Deficiency,		29 52
	<u>\$636 94</u>	<u>\$636 94</u>

AGENT'S ACCOUNT TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Estimated value books, etc., in use,	\$1,300 00
Stock now on hand,	677 07
Amount due treasurer for books sold,	6 87
	<u>\$1,983 94</u>

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Ira A. Jenkins, Prin. High School,	\$1,135	92
Phebe E. Freeman, Asst. High School,	567	96
Carra E. Wilcox, " " "	456	00
W. D. Tillson, Prin. Grammar School,	725	00
J. Henry Clagg, " " "	189	46
Sara Cavanagh, Asst. " "	444	00
Paulina J. Atkins, Prin. Higher Int. School,	351	50
Julia C. Knowles, " " " "	247	00
Martha H. Swift, " " " "	104	50
Annie W. McKennon, " " " "	351	50
Carrie A. Cowing, " Intermediate "	314	50
Olivia S. Sylva, " " "	277	50
Frances S. Crocker, " " "	277	50
Nathalin Ryder, " " "	277	50
Anna M. Dolan, Primary "	240	50
Blanche A. Holmes, " " "	240	50
Estella E. Hatch, " " "	240	00
Cessie B. Allen, " " "	240	50
Susan N. Dearborn, " " "	240	50
Cora M. Daggett, " " "	240	50
Lillian N. Brooks, " " "	240	50
Winifred S. Small, " " "	217	50
Annie A. Swett, " " "	217	50
Nellie N. Allen, " " "	78	00
Albertina C. Young, " " "	240	50
Gertrude L. Snow, " " "	217	50
	<hr/>	\$8,374 34

SUBSTITUTES.

Martha H. Swift,	\$16	70
Mary E. Sparrow,	10	05
Grace Cook,	5	85
Susan W. Small,	6	50
Clara L. Watson,	11	10
	<hr/>	\$50 20

FUEL.

John D. Hilliard, 3 tons coal,	\$6.25	\$18	75
Wm. Matheson Co., 126 " "	5.25	661	50
Wm. Matheson Co., 46 1-4 " "	5.00	231	25
A. T. Williams, Agt., wood,		47	38
John D. Hilliard, " "		12	58
		<hr/>	\$971 46
C. W. Fearing, Superintendent,			1,200 00

JANITORS.

J. H. Dearborn, High and Grammar,	\$166	50
J. W. Beaty, Western and Conant,	141	50
C. H. Bannister, Gov. Bradford,	267	00
Michael Bradshaw, Center,	92	50
George Crosby, Eastern,	92	50
George C. Hill, Johnson St.,	37	00
	<hr/>	797 00

TRUANTS.

Geo. Crosby,	\$6	25
J. W. Beaty,	10	25
J. H. Dearborn,	15	00
	<hr/>	31 50

CENSUS.

J. H. Dearborn,		30	00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

C. W. Fearing and A. P. Hannum, ex-			
pense procuring teachers,	\$19	79	
H. F. Hopkins, printing,	11	50	
Obadiah Snow, rent of organ,	12	00	
Geo. A. Grant, engraving diplomas,	3	00	
School Committee, salary,	60	00	
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RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation,	\$9,500 00
Mass. School Fund,	212 57
Commonwealth on account Superintendent,	1,000 00
Teachers' Salaries,	\$8,374 34
Substitutes,	50 20
Fuel,	971 46
Superintendent,	1,200 00
Janitors,	797 00
Returning Truants,	31 50
Census,	30 00
Miscellaneous,	106 29
Deficiency,	848 22
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	\$11,560 79 \$11,560 79

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For Public Schools,	\$10,000 00
School Incidentals,	500 00
Schoolhouse Repairs,	600 00
Free Text Books and Supplies,	1,000 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 seventh annual report of the District Superintendent of Schools, containing facts and suggestions relating to the condition of the public schools and their improvement is respectfully laid before you.

ATTENDANCE.

The tables appended to the report indicate the general condition of the attendance. As compared with last year there has been a marked improvement, a decrease of twelve per cent. in absence, nearly thirty per cent. in tardiness and dismissals, and twenty-five per cent. in time lost by tardiness and dismissal. The number of pupils not absent or tardy during one term has increased more than one hundred. On the other hand, twenty-nine pupils have received ten to thirty-five tardy marks each, and thirteen pupils have been absent from forty to sixty-eight days each for other reasons than sickness. Is not such irregularity a training for unreliability, shiftlessness and poverty, and sufficient to nullify the efforts of teachers to train for good citizenship?

Notwithstanding the school census shows a decrease of about forty in the number of children between five and fifteen years of age, the enrolment of pupils is slightly increased. This is partly due to a larger number of pupils continuing in school after they are fifteen years of age. During the year twenty-three pupils have moved into town and over forty have left town. Nearly forty pupils have left school to return no more, having passed the age of required attendance. In April and September, seventy-nine children entered school as beginners. There have been fifty-one transfers of pupils from one school to another, including those of the Montello school closed in March.

PROMOTIONS.

The number of promotions made in June shows a small increase over last year. Several promotions have been made

at other times, in cases showing sufficient qualification and ability. A number of pupils are being promoted from year to year more slowly than others and without having accomplished fully satisfactory work. These pupils are slower in mental activity and in comprehension, but are ready and willing to do the best they can. To insist upon the same requirements from them as from others is to compel them to repeat their work over and over again till it becomes a discouraging and hopeless treadmill. They will never display the quickness or thoroughness of their schoolmates. They can learn some things further on and it seems to be a duty to encourage them with the opportunity. They will not learn much more by being kept back for years and the discouragement of prolonged failure will lead to their disappearance from school without acquiring the benefit they might. This would be an injustice to them and to their parents; for the public schools, supported by public funds, should afford to every pupil the most and the best he can acquire. Such pupils will not be proper candidates for graduation from the High School, nor will they gratify the desires of teachers for bright pupils; but they have rights to be respected, and under appropriate training, they are as likely to reflect credit upon their teachers as some with whom nature has been more indulgent.

GENERAL CONDITION.

The work of the year has been as satisfactory as circumstances would allow. The teachers have labored patiently and faithfully, the pupils have attained fair standing, and a determination to improve has been everywhere manifest. That the present status of the schools is not what was hoped for and what it ought to be, is entirely due to the inadequacy of the funds at the disposal of the Committee.

A continuance of insufficient appropriations will certainly undo very soon much that has been done and bring about a serious deterioration of the whole school system.

It is particularly gratifying, in view of the unusual difficulties of the year, that the quality of the work has been so well

sustained and that the amount of work accomplished is so nearly equal to that of previous years.

A very welcome help to the schools is the privilege allowed to teachers by the Trustees of the Public Library to take out a number of books at a time for the benefit of their pupils.

This enables the teachers to guide pupils in forming a taste for good reading, and also to supplement with very great interest the work in other branches. Some teachers are taking advantage of this privilege and it is hoped that others will do so.

NINE YEAR COURSE.

That another step could not be taken this year toward the reduction of the number of grades below the high school from ten to nine is unfortunate. The lack of much needed books has effectually delayed this change for at least a year. The preparation of a nine year course of study will be completed within a few months; but it is very doubtful whether the introduction of it will be feasible next year. It will surely not be unless appropriate books and supplies are provided without delay.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Books of ordinary construction used as constantly and roughly as school books are, soon give evidence of wear and tear. From three to five years is about as long as most textbooks can be profitably used.

Considering the low prices of books at the present day and the need of frequent revision and improvement to meet modern demands, it seems to be true economy to exchange old books for new ones as often as once in five years. The books most needed and used are arithmetics, geographies, language books, physiologies, histories, and books for reading. If one of the first five is exchanged each year and a proportionate amount of new school literature is purchased, the expense becomes a regular and systematic item of the school appropriations. But the omission of this item for a single year compels the use of

many unsuitable books and creates an extra burden for the next year.

There may also be an unjustifiable form of economy in the provision of ordinary supplies, such as chalk, pens, pencils and paper. A poor quality of goods may necessitate a larger amount and moreover will seriously impair the efforts of pupils to present good work.

To compel pupils to supplement a meager supply at private expense is a very questionable proceeding.

The condition of the books now in use and the needs of the coming year are such as to require an outlay fully double that of the year just closed.

HIGH SCHOOL.

If the community is unwilling to maintain the present standing of the high school among the best in the State, then it is in order to lower it to the desired grade; but otherwise the treatment accorded it the past year should be counteracted at once.

The demands upon the teaching force are such that any attempt to reduce it either in number or in ability can have but one effect that of disrupting the course of study and lowering the grade of the school.

The number of pupils in the fall term was sixty-seven, an increase of twelve over that of the spring term; and next year there should be a further increase of twenty.

The graduation exercises in June were conducted after the former custom, the members of the graduating class presenting essays that were creditable both to the writers and to the instruction they had received.

TEACHERS.

The experience of the year has been unusual in that only one new teacher has been elected. This permanency of the teachers has been very helpful in promoting regularity and efficiency of work. The town is to be congratulated also in having a corps of teachers so uniformly interested in doing

their best for the schools in their charge and in advancing themselves in professional ability.

During the year thirty meetings have been held for the discussion of grade work and for professional advancement. The teachers have thus made themselves better acquainted with some modern methods and have made some preparation for giving instruction in drawing and elementary science.

When these branches are required and the necessary appliances are fully provided, the teachers will be ready to do their part, and the result will be more efficient work in all related branches as well as commendable attainment in these.

TRAINING CLASS.

Three young ladies were presented with training class certificates last June. On account of the opening of the new Normal School at Hyannis and in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, no training class has been organized this winter.

As an interesting matter of record, a list of all those to whom training class certificates have been given is appended to this report. From a perusal of this list it will appear that we must soon look elsewhere for a supply of teachers. With six of our young ladies attending normal school, the outlook is decidedly hopeful.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

Three high school graduates are attending the new Normal School at Hyannis, which has opened its course with a good attendance and under favorable auspices. Every graduate from our high school who desires to become a teacher, or a guide to young people in any direction, ought to consider seriously the question of attendance at this or some other school before entering upon the business of life.

Should there be promise of a fair attendance, it seems probable that a summer course will be arranged at the Normal School for the special benefit of those who can not attend the

regular course. This would be a great help to many of our teachers, and such a course is earnestly commended to their favorable consideration.

The demand for better professional preparation increases with each year and school committees are justified in favoring it.

An institute held at the Normal School in November by the State Board was attended by nearly all of our teachers and the day was well spent in getting acquainted with the new institution and its methods.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

Arbor Day was observed in an interesting manner by some of the schools, and not at all by others. The effort to beautify the school yards and to encourage children to care for and to love flowers had a good beginning and was worthy of more persevering support.

The Memorial Day exercises were attended by the schools with much the same spirit as in previous years. It would add to their interest in the occasion if the program could be so arranged as not to require them to listen to a long oration, which they do not very well understand and, which, consequently, they do not appreciate.

The last week of the spring term was made a special occasion for the exhibit of school work. Instead of being held at Town Hall, as last year, it was displayed in the schoolrooms.

There were not as many visitors, but the work was good and highly creditable to teachers and pupils.

An acceptable change in the public closing exercises of the school year consisted in having the exercises of the primary schools on Tuesday afternoon, and of the intermediate schools on Wednesday afternoon of the last week. This accommodated many parents and friends and was highly appreciated.

In December, the annual convention of the Barnstable County Teachers' Association was held at the High School Building and was an unusually profitable meeting.

LEGISLATION.

Several bills affecting schools, that failed of enactment in the last legislature will doubtless be urged again this winter. A bill revising and extensively amending the laws relating to school attendance and truancy has also been prepared and will be laid before the legislature without delay. It is important that these matters should interest us sufficiently to examine them and to express our opinion of them to our legislators.

PROGRESSION.

In the organic world there is an abhorrence of inactivity. The cessation of growth or of development is a mark of incipient decay, and some other form of life hastens to replace that which is deficient or exhausted. Survival requires vitality and effort more than sufficient for any present emergency.

So in the social world there must be progression. Neglect, instability, ultra-conservatism can have no enduring place in prosperity.

The steam power of to-day has supplanted the wind power of yesterday, and must itself soon yield to a still more economic propelling force. A similar change is taking place in the schools. Those of yesterday were excellent for their time, but the schools of to-day must answer the demands of to-day and must look sharply forward into to-morrow as well.

Public schools exist for the benefit of the people as a social organization and for no other purpose. There is no department of public affairs more vital to the welfare of the community. Every unstable and temporizing policy is a menace and a hindrance. There is but one way to look and that is straight forward.

The recommendations of former years relating to buildings, teachers, books and appliances are of such importance and some of them so necessary to the immediate interests of the schools that it seems inadvisable to suggest many other matters until these have been more earnestly considered. That our schools have attained their present degree of excellence is,

indeed, cause for gratification ; but we should not be so satisfied as to neglect to advance them still further. We have still many things to do before they can be made as efficient as they ought to be ; and every delay is a step backward even though we are trying to look forward.

There are three ways in which parents and friends can advance the interests of the schools very greatly. First, by securing the constant and punctual attendance of pupils.

Second, by displaying the personal interest our fathers and grandfathers had in the success of the schools, through acquaintance and counsel with the teachers, and by visiting the schools, noting their needs and encouraging the pupils.

Third, by insisting that the town make every reasonable and necessary provision for their maintenance. If parents are lukewarm or neglectful of these things, the schools will suffer; if they fulfil these duties, the schools will prosper and the town will prosper with them. Many parents are alive to these obligations and all ought to be.

Let us remember that the schools are what we, the people, make them ; and let no man raise his hand to their injury.

Let us be constant and persistent in our endeavors, and our hopes will be realized.

The continuance of cordial relations on the part of the Committee, the teachers, and the citizens is cause for my official and personal gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. FEARING,

District Superintendent of Schools.

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1897.

TRAINING CLASS GRADUATES.

1894.

Jessie B. Allen.
 Nellie N. Allen.
 Anna W. Atkins.
 Mattie W. Bangs.
 Lillian N. Brooks.
 Eva H. Burch.
 Sara Cavanagh.
 Carrie A. Cowing.
 Frances S. Crocker.
 Cora M. Daggett.
 Susan N. Dearborn.
 Anna M. Dolan.
 Mattie H. Gross.
 Nellie B. Hilliard.
 Blanche A. Holmes.
 Annie R. Kemp.
 Julia C. Knowles.
 Annie W. McKennon.
 Nathalin Ryder.
 Olivia S. Sylva.

1895.

Estella E. Hatch.
 Mary E. Ryder.
 Annie A. Swett.
 Susie E. Whitcomb.
 Albertina C. Young.

1896.

Winifred S. Small.

1897.

Grace E. Cook.
 Susie W. Small.
 Gertrude L. Snow.

GRADUATES OF HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASS OF 1897.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Annie Josephine Caton,

Emma Warren Cook,

Jennie Cleveland Hatch,

Katharine Isabel MacIntyre,

Ethel Asbury Reed,

Priscilla Myrick Smith.

EXERCISES AT TOWN HALL.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, 1897.

1. MARCH,—March from Faust, Gounod, Marion C. Small
2. PRAYER, Rev. W. P. Buck
3. ESSAY,—The Outlook for American Women, Priscilla M. Smith
4. ESSAY,—The Sinking of the Alabama, Ethel A. Reed
5. CORNET SOLO,—Medley Overture, Arr. by F. Beyer, Philip P. Manta
6. A SCENE FROM THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.

PORTIA,	Miss Reed
NERISSA,	Miss Hatch
7. ESSAY,—Night Brings out the Stars, Katharine I. MacIntyre
8. ESSAY,—The Ladder of Fame, Emma W. Cook
9. PIANO SOLO,—Grand Galop de Concert, E. Ketterer, Priscilla M. Smith
10. A SCENE FROM VALERIE BY SCRIBE.

CAROLINE,	Miss Caton
VALERIE,	Miss MacIntyre

Caroline, a young widow, informs her blind friend, Valerie that she is expecting a count, whom she may marry. The latter then pleads in behalf of Henri Milner who loves Caroline.
11. ESSAY,—Like unto Ships are We, Jennie C. Hatch
12. ESSAY,—Education, the Nurse of Liberty, Annie J. Caton
13. VOCAL SOLO,—Three Wishes, Ciro Pinsuti, Emma W. Cook
14. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS, Supt. C. W. Fearing
15. BENEDICTION.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

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| **Grace H. Benson, | Sylvanus Maker, |
| **Nina S. Williams, | Jennie W. Adams, |
| Nellie F. Colemar, | *Warren T. Newcomb, |
| **Amy B. Nickerson, | James H. Adams. |

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Laura S. Fearing, | **Ada M. Quinn, |
| **Bessie Cowing, | Frank Newcomb, |
| | Chester A. Rich. |

EASTERN SCHOOL.

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| Eva Johnson, | **Hollis Mayo, |
| *George Maker, | *Manuel Silva, |
| | Annie Lovett. |

CENTER SCHOOL.

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| *Louis A. Bennett, | Ina B. Coleman, |
| *Inez C. Bennett, | Miriam C. Fearing, |
| Herbert E. Adams, | *Ethleon M. Chapman, |
| *Corinne T. Gifford, | Pauline Wagner, |
| | Manuel Dutra. |

GOV. BRADFORD SCHOOL.

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| Mamie P. Dutra, | ***Joseph Roderick, |
| **Nora Cowing, | Florence Wareham, |
| Olive Williams, | Cora Tarvis, |
| | *Ida Roderick. |

WESTERN SCHOOL.

Eva Wager.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May 1,
1897,

Number of children between 8 and 14 years of age, May 1,
1897,

Pupils not absent or tardy during year,
" " " " " two terms,
" " " " " one term,

Pupils promoted in June,
Pupils graduated in June,

Age and Schooling Certificates issued in 1896,
" " " " " " 1897,

FALL TERM.

Number of different pupils,
Average membership,
Average attendance,
Percentage of attendance,
Pupils over 15 years of age,

Amount of appropriation for 1897 for each pupil in school:
For Support of Schools,
For Text-books and Supplies,

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE.

Schools.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Half Days of Absence.	Tardy Marks.	Dismissal Marks.	Hours Lost by Tardiness and Dismissal.
High	58.59	56.34	96	825	194	152	204.25
Grammar	57.99	56.01	97	509	28	25	34.75
Higher Intermediate							
Eastern	28.60	27.52	96	479	110	51	71.25
Center	32.01	30.63	96	568	58	51	33.92
Gov. Bradford	38.72	37.27	96	720	9	7	10.75
Lower Intermediate							
Eastern	33.49	30.01	90	728	257	32	49.17
Center	29.53	27.67	94	637	79	27	31.42
Gov. Bradford	35.90	33.59	94	713	17	19	14.83
Western	35.81	33.70	94	765	40	15	15.17
Second Primary							
Eastern	35.01	33.09	95	684	127	39	71.08
Center	39.69	36.84	93	999	81	37	41.67
Gov. Bradford	33.36	31.93	96	518	18	10	10.08
*Montello	23.55	20.28	86	347	41	12	16.00
Western	37.75	34.42	91	735	31	0	7.33
First Primary							
Eastern	34.19	32.97	96	735	111	4	20.33
Johnson	35.17	33.08	94	685	52	25	22.58
Center	33.99	32.18	95	630	120	19	49.75
Gov. Bradford	34.56	32.76	95	584	30	8	6.75
Conant	35.00	30.28	87	937	44	3	12.83
New Western	33.29	31.40	94	901	139	5	32.50
Western	30.39	27.22	90	1136	120	6	28.08
All the schools	756.59	709.19	94	14835	1706	547	784.75

*For winter term only.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, FEB. 14, 1898.

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 fourteenth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the following purposes, to wit:

FIRST. To choose a Moderator.

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

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 what sum of money the town will appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

SIXTH. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for a night watch.

SEVENTH. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to sell the hearse house and hearse.

EIGHTH. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the reinsurance of the Bradford Schoolhouse.

NINTH. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for lighting the streets.

TENTH. 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 School Committee for three years.
- One Water Commissioner for three years.
- One Park Commissioner for three years.
- One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
- One Member of Board of Health for three years.
- Five Constables for one year.
- A Collector of Taxes for one year.
- An Auditor for one year.
- 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.

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

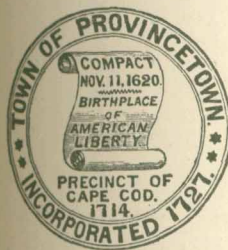
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following places to wit: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, Stephen F. A. Atwood, Benjamin H. Dyer & Co., John Adams, George H. Holmes, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Mary J. Ellis, John D. Hilliard, Jeremiah A. Rich, George O. Knowles, Leonard N. Swift, R. B. Dyer, Frederick A. Lewis, Emily A. Smith, 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 eighteenth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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

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



A true copy attest.

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