TOWN RECORDS

AND



OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

PROVINCETOWN, MASS.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.



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Town of Provincetown, Mass.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1898.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER. Seth Smith.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR. Marshall L. Adams, John N. Swift. James A. Small,

AUDITOR.

Otis M. Knowles.

COLLECTORS OF TAXES. John N. Swift,

Seth Smith.

CONSTABLES.

J. Harvey Dearborn, Reuben O. Kelley, Timothy T. Chase, Robert M. Lavender, Alexander Livingston.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

F. A. H. Gifford, George H. Holmes,

Moses N. Gifford, Artemas P. Hannum, Andrew T. Williams, Simeon C. Smith,

Raymond A. Hopkins, A. Louis Putnam, Isaiah A. Small.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Charles W. Burkett. John D. Adams. Lysander N. Paine,

> CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS. Seth Smith,

Moses N. Gifford.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Joshua Cook,

Joseph A. West. Nathaniel P. Holmes,

Robert M. Lavender,

BOARD OF HEALTH. Bangs A. Lewis. Wm. S. Birge,

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER. George H. Holmes, Daniel F. Lewis. John G. Whitcomb.

J. Harvey Dearborn,

FENCE VIEWERS. Robert M. Lavender,

Daniel F. Lewis.

Thomas S. Taylor.

FIELD DRIVER. George W. Readey.

POUND KEEPER. George W. Readey.

MONUMENT COMMITTEE. John Rosenthal.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS. Joseph S. Atwood.

SPECIAL POLICE. Nathaniel W. Ayres,

John W. Beaty, Robert E. Conwell.

Enos S. Burch,

ENGINEERS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

> REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. Alpheus W. Young.

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. Ayres.

NIGHT WATCHMEN.

euben O. Kelley. Albert S. Mayo,

George H. Hurlburt, Jr. eorge F. Johnson, Benjamin R. Chapman,

Simeon L. West. George E. Rich. George H. Lewis.

BURIAL AGENT, CHAP. 279, ACTS OF 1896. George W. Holbrook.

ELECTION OFFICERS.

ANNUAL MEETING, FEB. 14.

BALLOT CLERKS-Charles W. Burkett, David Cook. TELLERS-Joseph S. Atwood, David S. Carlow, Nathaniel H. Small, reeman A. Smith, Walter Welch, Frederick E. Williams.

SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 14.

BALLOT CLERKS-Charles W. Burkett, Frederick E. Williams. TELLERS-David S. Carlow, George W. Holbrook, Freeman A. mith.

STATE ELECTION, NOV. 8.

BALLOT CLERKS-Charles W. Burkett, Frederick E. Williams. TELLERS-Joseph S. Atwood, David S. Carlow, John Rosenthal athaniel H. Small, Simeon C. Smith.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMHOUSE. Betsey Cobb.

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Provincetown Town Records

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1898.

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

WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

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

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.

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.

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 and Lumber for one year. Two or more Field Drivers for one year. A Pound Keeper for one year.

A Found 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 at tested 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 Postoffice, 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.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

PROVINCETOWN, Jan. 25, 1898.

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, 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 Postoffice, all in said town, seven days at least before the time of 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 fourteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninetyeight, 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 Clerk then appointed Marshall L. Adams and George F.

Miller, Tellers, to take charge of the check list and administered to them the oath of office.

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

The polls were then declared open for the reception of ballots and were kept open until all had voted who wished, when they were declared closed. M. L. Adams and the Clerk then proceeded to sort and count the votes so given in, and the whole number was thirty (30). Jerome S. Smith had one (1) vote, James A. Small had twenty-nine (29) votes, and was declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Article second was taken up:

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

Moved, That the report of the Town Clerk on pages 9 to 31 inclusive, printed report, be accepted, and it was so voted.

Voted, That the report of the Selectmen be laid on the table and the recommendations referred to the Committee on Estmates.

Moved, That the report of the Assessors be accepted, and it was so voted.

Moved, that the report of the Overseers of the Poor be laid on the table, and recommendations referred to the Committee on Estimates, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the report of the Treasurer be accepted, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the report of the Treasurer of the Cemetery Trust Fund be accepted, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the report of the Auditor be accepted, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the report of the Superintendent of Streets be laid on the table, and recommendations referred to the Committee on Estimates, and it was so voted.

Park Commissioners' report accepted by a unanimous vote.

Moved, That the report of the Trustees of the Public Library be laid upon the table, and the recommendations referred to the Committee on Estimates, and it was so voted. Moved, That the report of the Engineers of the Fire Department be laid on the table, and the recommendations referred to the Committee on Estimates, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the report of the Board of Health be laid on the table, and the recommendations referred to the Committee on Estimates, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the report of the Cemetery Commissioners be laid on the table, and the recommendations referred to the Committee on Estimates, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the report of the Monument Committee be accepted, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the report of the Committee, to whom was referred the question of disposing of the water that accummulates at the junction of Bradford Street and Webster Place, be referred to the Committee on Estimates, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the report of the Town Clerk on pages 99 to 108 inclusive, printed report, be accepted, and it was so voted.

Moved, That the Water Commissioners be instructed to charge Mr. Shaw, manager of the Factory on Court Street, one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175) for the use of water the ensuing year. By a vote of 25 yeas to 15 nays it was laid on the table.

Moved, That Angus McKay and John D. Adams be a committee to confer with Mr. Shaw, relative to supplying water for his factory for the ensuing year, and it was so voted.

The motion that was laid on the table instructing the Water Commissioners to charge Mr. Shaw one hundred and seventyfive dollars for the use of water for the ensuing year, was taken from the table.

The committee appointed to investigate the subject matter of supplying the factory with water, made the following report:

We have conferred with Mr. Shaw and find that he is willing to pay a sum equal to the expense incurred in supplying the factory with water.

Moved, That the Committee's report be substituted for the motion, whereby the Water Commissioners were instructed to charge one hundred and seventy-five dollars for supplying the factory with water the ensuing year. Report adopted by a large vote.

Moved, That the reappropriating of the balance of one hundred and ten dollars and fourteen cents (\$110.14) now in the PumpDepartment of the Water Works be referred to the Committee on Estimates, and it was so voted.

Voted, That the balance of the Water Commissioners' report be laid on the table.

Moved, That the Committee on Improving the Water Supply chosen at a special meeting held Oct. 11, 1897, make a report of their doings up to the date of this meeting, Feb. 14, 1898, and it was so voted.

Voted, That the report of the School Committee be laid on the table, and all of the recommendations referred to the Committee on Estimates.

Voted, That this meeting adjourn to 11 o'clock A. M.

Meeting met according to adjournment. Article tenth taken up:

To choose Town Officers. 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 were opened at eleven o'clock A. M., and closed at 3 o'clock P. M. Ballot Clerks, Charles W. Burkett and David Cook, who had been appointed by the Selectmen and sworn by the Town Clerk, were 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 (1100) and one package of women's ballots (100), supplied by the Town Clerk, were delivered to Charles W. Burkett, Ballot Clerk, and his receipt taken therefor, who furnished them to the voters as they presented themselves and checked their names on the list. The cards of instructions and specimen ballots were also posted in different parts of the hall outside the railing. The ballot box to be used was then opened in public meeting and was examined by the election officers and was shown to be empty. The register of the box was set at zero (0) and locked, and the key of the upper and lower parts 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., when after due notice, they were declared closed.

The Moderator, James A. Small, had charge of the election. The ballot box and check list were in his care; and during the time of voting the ballot box by unanimous consent was opened eight times for the purpose of counting votes; first time at 11.20, when the register stood at 84; at 11.45, 172; at 12.50, 233; at 1.15, 296; at 1.38, 341; at 2, 380; at 2.15, 400; at 2.45, 434; again at the close of the polls when the register stood 443.

The names on the list of voters which had been checked were then counted, and the whole number was four hundred and forty-three (443). The election officers then proceeded to canvass the votes so given in, and the whole number was four hundred and forty-three, 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.	otes.
Seth Smith,	339
AUDITOR-ONE YEAR.	
Otis M. Knowles,	288
SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR-THREE YEARS.	
Heman S. Cook, - This is the stand of the st	119
Thomas Lewis,	124
Ezra J. Riggs,	36
John N. Swift,	147

OVERSEER OF THE POOR-THREE YEARS.	
Heman S. Cook,	119
Thomas Lewis,	124
Ezra J. Riggs,	35
John N. Swift,	144
SCHOOL COMMITTEE-THREE YEARS.	
A. Louis Putnam,	342
TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY-THREE YEARS.	
Frederick A. H. Gifford,	311
George H. Holmes,	301
Andrew T. Williams,	301
WATER COMMISSIONER-THREE YEARS.	
Lysander N. Paine,	339
PARK COMMISSIONER-THREE YEARS.	
	314
Nathaniel P. Holmes,	
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER-THREE YEARS.	
Thomas S. Taylor,	341
CONSTABLES-ONE YEAR.	
Timothy T. Chase,	317
J. Harvey Dearborn,	312
Reuben O. Kelley,	299
Robert M. Lavender,	319 305
Alexander Livingston,	900
BOARD OF HEALTH-THREE YEARS.	
William S. Birge,	320
TAX COLLECTOR-ONE YEAR.	
Seth Smith,	354
SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER-ONE YEAR.	
George H. Holmes,	297
Daniel F. Lewis,	288
John G. Whitcomb,	289

	FENCE VIEWERS-ONE YEAR.	
J. Harvey Dearbon	rn,	291
Robert M. Lavende	er,	286
Daniel F. Lewis,		273
	FIELD DRIVERS-ONE YEAR.	
George W. Readey	,	308
Henry Pierce,		4
	POUND KEEPER-ONE YEAR.	
leorge W. Readey	,	307
M	ONUMENT COMMITTEE—ONE YEAR.	
John Rosenthal,		324
intoxicating liquor was three hundred Yes, No,	s in this town?" the whole number of and sixty-three.	votes cast 121 242
to deposit a vote checked. The el	heck list was used and no person was e until his name was found on the ection of officers being completed, oters used at the polls were then seal	e list and the votes
endorsed by the	election officers and delivered to ty with the law in such cases made	the Town

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

By request the following named persons were excused from serving as Jurors the ensuing year: John D. Hilliard, Charles A. Atkins, Herbert S. Cook, Andrew T. Williams. Also by request the name of Jonathan D. Smith was added. List accepted as amended.

Article fourth taken up:

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

Moved, 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. Adopted by a unanimous vote.

Article fifth taken up:

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

Voted, That article fifth of the warrant be referred to the Committee on Estimates.

Article sixth taken up:

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

Voted, That article sixth be laid on the table. Article seventh taken up:

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

Moved, That the Selectmen be instructed to sell the hears house and hearse, and it was so voted.

Article eighth taken up:

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

Moved, That the sum of ninety-six dollars (\$96) be raise and appropriated for the reinsurance of the Bradford Scholhouse, and it was so voted. Resolutions introduced by Joseph A. West, and adopted by the meeting:

Resolved, That it is the sentiment of this town that the Legislature should not take any action which would injuriously affect the Fish Weirs, Seines, and other appliances, but that the true policy of the State is to protect them and encourage their use.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to our Representative in the General Court, and Senator from the Cape District.

Article ninth taken up:

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

Voted, That article be laid on the table.

Voted, That this meeting now adjourn to Monday evening, February 21, 1898, at 7 P. M.

ADJOURNED MEETING, FEB. 21, 1898.

Meeting met according to adjournment. Article eleventh taken from the table :

To raise an 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.

Voted, To hear the report of the Committee on Estimates.

Moved, That the report of the Committee on Estimates to whom was referred the recommendations in the reports of the different departments, be agreed to and the recommendations of the Committee's report be acted upon separately, and it was so voted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

Your Committee appointed at the session of this meeting held Feb. 14, 1898, to take into consideration the matter of appropriations for the ensuing year and to make estimates for the several departments, having attended to their duty, submit the following report: For Police,

Town Hill and Fences,

\$100 00 50 00

Interest on Demand Loans,	450 00
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	800 00
Abatement of Taxes,	750 0
Incidental Expenses,	1800 0
Overseers of the Poor,	5000 0
Roads and Walks,	3000 0

Moved, That the Selectmen be instructed to have the Superintendent of Streets furnish a team, whose salary and hire d team shall be \$500.00. He with one other man whose salar shall be \$350.00 shall work on the public streets, roads and walks from time of appointment until next annual meeting in February.

Adopted.

Moved, That the Selectmen be instructed to sell at autim to the lowest bidder the labor of removing snow from the side walk. The sidewalk to be divided into 35 sections and that m one be allowed more than one section, and was adopted. Yes 50; No, 18.

Jetty System,	\$100 00
Watering the Streets,	250 00
Fire Department,	1400 00
Fire Department for Purchase of Hose,	300 00
Public Library,	350 01
Board of Health,	175 (0
	100 00
Cemeteries,	
Schoolhouse Repairs (Special),	125 00
Painting Gov. Bradford Schoolhouse,	
Windows for Center Schoolhouse,	100 00
Yes, 41; No, 0.	
Free Text Books and Supplies,	800 00
Schoolhouse Repairs (Ordinary),	600 00
School Incidentals,	400 00
Public Schools,	10,000 00
Memorial Day,	100 00

Your Committee would also submit for your consideration the following recommendations:

FIRST. That the matter of disposing of the surplus water at Webster Place be referred to the Board of Selectmen and the Superintendent of Streets, and that they have a survey made of the premises and report at some future meeting.

Adopted.

SECOND. That the Board of Water Commissioners be authorized to hire money for the purchase of coal for use at the Pumping Station the coming year, in anticipation of water taxes.

Amended so as to read as follows:

That the Treasurer be authorized to hire money for the purchase of coal for the use of the Pumping Station the coming year, in anticipation of water taxes, under direction of the Water Commissioners.

Adopted.

THIRD. That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for a night watch.

Adopted. Yes, 57; No. 30.

FOURTH. That the sum of eight hundred dollars be appropriated for Street Lights, and that the Selectmen be authorized to regulate the number of nights that they shall be lighted each month, and also to discontinue any light that they may deem advisable and that the care of the lights shall not be entrusted to boys.

Moved, That the following substitute motion be adopted in place of the Committee's recommendation, excepting the eight hundred dollars recommended by the Committee on Estimates: Moved, That the Selectmen are hereby instructed to divide the lighting and care of the Street Lights into not less than eight sections, that they specify the hours in each month for lighting the lamps and that they shall accept proposals therefor of only those who can guarantee to keep the lanterns and lamps clean, and the lights in good order. Adopted. Yes, 93; No, 51. Moved, That the recommendations of the Committee as amended be adopted, and it was so voted.

FIFTH. That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to suppress Liquor Selling and Gambling in this town, and that the Selectmen be instructed to employ all lawful means to accomplish this end.

Amended by striking out the words, Liquor Selling and Gambling, and inserting the words, suppression of crime, so as to read:

"That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to suppress crime in this town, and that the Selectmen be instructed to employ all lawful means to accomplish this end."

Adopted as amended.

SIXTH. That the Superintendent of Schools have charge of the purchase and distribution of the Free Text Books and Supplies, and that an office be provided for him in the School Committee Room at the Town Hall Building, for that purpose.

Adopted.

SEVENTH. Your committee has been informed that it has been the practice on Sundays and some other days after school hours for certain young men to congregate at the High and Grammar School Building for card playing. We desire to protest against this sacrilege of the Sabbath, and perversion of the town buildings. We recommend that the School Committee be instructed to investigate this matter and, if found to exist, to take some action to prevent its continuance.

Moved, That the recommendation be adopted, and it was so voted.

The recommendation of the Water Commissioners to re-appropriate \$110.14, (the unexpended balance of last year for repairs on pumps) which was referred to this Committee, does not in the judgment of the Committee require any action by them, for the reason that we find on the records of the Annual Town Meeting held February 11, 1895, the following entry:

On motion of M. L. Adams it was voted that all balances remaining in the Treasury at the end of each financial year belonging to the Water Department be carried forward to the new year, instead of lapsing into the Treasury, and the Water Commissioners have authority to transfer from Maintenance to the Construction Account when occasion demands.

Moved, That the unexpended balance of \$110.14 in the Pump Department be re-appropriated, and it was so voted.

It also becomes the duty of your Committee to report that one of its number, Joshua T. Small, refused to serve on the committee and has attended none of its sessions, the duties having been performed by the balance of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. WEST, Chairman, MYRICK C. ATWOOD, Secretary, B. H. DYER, R. E. CONWELL, MOSES N. GIFFORD, J. F. SNOW, Committee on Estimates.

Moved, That the report of the Committee be accepted as amended, and it was so voted.

Report of the Committee Appointed to Improve the Present Water Supply.

The committee appointed at the Special Town Meeting held Nov. 4, 1897, herewith respectfully submit a report of their proceedings and expenditures:

The committee met and organized as follows: R. E. Conwell, Chairman; J. D. Adams, Secretary. It was voted to begin work as soon as practicable. Proposals for excavating the reservoir were asked for, and the following received: J. M. Burke, one thousand and seventy dollars; Walter Welsh, one thousand and five hundred dollars.

By a unanimous vote the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, J. M. Burke.

Work was begun at once and carried forward as fast as weather

permitted, when finished the excavation was examined and accepted by the committee.

Bids for constructing a fence were asked for and received as follows: George Allen, eighty-five dollars; Lewis & Brown, eightythree dollars. Contract awarded to Lewis & Brown.

It was deemed advisable to construct a curb at the water level to prevent caving or washing down of the sides. Bids were asked for and received as follows: Lewis & Brown, fifty-five dollars, C. W. Burkett, fifty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents. Contract award ed to Lewis & Brown.

This comprises the work done up to the present time. There is yet a large lot of sod to be removed from the bottom of the reservoir, and pipe connections to be made. Temporary connections for pumping were made and water from the reservoir furnished to the town for a few days. The water showed a decided improvement and the comments of many of the water takers were very complimentary.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,			\$2000 00
Paid James M. Burke, contract,	\$1074	00	
Charles Miller & Son, pipe,	143	38	
Lewis & Brown, fence,	83	00	
Lewis & Brown, curb,	55	00	
Chapman Valve M'f'g Co., gate,	32	14	
National Lead Co.,	21	12	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	27	65	
James M. Burke, extra,	15	00	
W. B. Dunham, labor,	10	70	
Antoine Lopez, "	5	40	
James Lopez, "	5	40	
George Settes, "	5	40	
James M. Burke, tools,	4	75	
H. F. Hopkins, printing,	4	50	
James M. Dunham, labor,	3	60	
Josiah L. Young, teaming,	2	70	
George Forrest, "	2	70	
George W. Tuttle, labor,	2	40	
Elden Rogers, "	1	10	

Paid Manuel Noons, labor,	\$1 00	
Beacon Pub. Co., advertising,	1 00	
Moses S. Turner, teaming,	40	
Total bills paid,	\$1502 34	
Balance unexpended,	497 66	

(Signed)

\$2000 00 \$2000 00 R. E. CONWELL, CHARLES W. BURKETT, DANIEL F. LEWIS, JOHN D. ADAMS, D. F. SMALL, THOMAS K. PAINE, HEMAN S. COOK, JAMES A. SMALL, Committee.

Moved, That the report of the Committee on Improving the Water Supply be accepted, and it was so voted.

Moved, That there be raised and appropriated the ensuing year twenty-eight thousand two hundred and fifty-six dollars and fourteen cents (\$28,256.14), and it was so voted. Yes, 30; No, 3.

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 office at the time set against their names or signified their acceptance of the offices to which they had been elected, viz.:

Feb. 14. Auditor-Otis M. Knowles.

Feb. 15. Selectman and Assessor-John N. Swift.

Feb. 15. Overseer of the Poor-John N. Swift.

Feb. 15. School Committee-A. Louis Putnam.

Feb. 16. Trustees of the Public Library-Frederick A. H. Gifford, George H. Holmes, Andrew T. Williams.

- Feb. 21. Water Commissioner-Lysander N. Paine.
- Feb. 21. Park Commissioner-Nathaniel P. Holmes.
- Feb. 14. Cemetery Commissioner-Thomas S. Taylor.
- Feb. 14. Constables—Timothy T. Chase, J. Harvey Dearborn, Reuben O. Kelley, Robert M. Lavender, Alexander Livingston.
- Feb. 16. Board of Health-Wm. S. Birge, M. D.
- Feb. 16. Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber-George H. Holmes, Daniel F. Lewis, John G. Whitcomb.
- Feb. 14. Fence Viewers—J. Harvey Dearborn, Robert M. Lavender, Daniel F. Lewis.
- Feb. 15. Field Driver-George W. Readey.
- Feb. 15. Pound Keeper-George W. Readey.
- Feb. 16. Monument Committee—John Rosenthal. Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes-Seth Smith. Sworn by Wm. H. Young, Justice of Peace.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, March 16, 1898.

I hereby certify that the ballots cast at the Annual Town Election, February 14, 1898, were this day destroyed by me as required by law.

Attest:

SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, March 22, 1898.

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 eleventh day of April, 1898:

Grand Jurors-William M. Ewell, Hugh McFayden, Sylvanus Rich, Luther Nickerson.

Traverse Jurors-John D. Adams, Wm. R. Kendrick, Otis M. Knowles, Alfred J. Emery.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL ELECTION, MAY 31, 1898.

WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

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

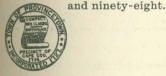
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we do direct and require you to notify and summon the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote for State Officers, to give in their votes on Tuesday, the thirty-first day of May next, for a Representative in Congress, to represent the Thirteenth Congressional District, to fill a vacancy, now existing, and for the remainder of the term of two years from the fourth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

The polls will be open at the polling place in the Town Hall at nine o'clock A. M., and may be closed at three o'clock P. M.

You will serve this precept by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at the following places: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, B. H. Dyer & Co., Albert W. Fuller, John D. Hilliard, John Adams, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Mathias Morris, George O. Knowles, R. B. Dyer, Frederick A. Lewis, Emily A. Smith and Joseph Francis, also at the Post-office, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this precept with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Witness, the seal of the town of Provincetown hereunto affixed, this thirteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred



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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

PROVINCETOWN, May 7, 1898.

In pursuance of the within precept, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote for State Officers, to meet at the time and for the purpose herein named, by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following places, to wit: Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, B. H. Dyer & Co., Albert W. Fuller, John D. Hilliard, John Adams, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Matthias Morris, George O. Knowles, 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 of said meeting.

> J. HARVEY DEARBORN, Constable of the town of Provincetor L. Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

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 31st day of May, 1898, and were called to order at 9 o'clock in the forenoon by the Town Clerk.

The following is the result of the election :

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

William S. Greene, Fall River, Republican,	7
Charles T. Luce, New Bedford, Democratic,	1
Charles S. Randall, New Bedford, R. I. Nom. Papers,	
Walter P. J. Shahan, New Bedford, Socialist Labor Party,	
Defective,	
Blanks,	
Total number of votes cast,	10

Voted, That this meeting be now dissolved. Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 21, 1898.

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, we do direct and require you to notify and summon the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the twenty-first day, of June, current, at seven o'clock, P. M., to act on the following articles:

FIRST. To choose a Moderator.

SECOND. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the Annual Meeting to consider the matter of disposing of the surplus water at the corner of Bradford Street and Webster Place.

THIRD. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Water Commissioners, to hire money temporarily in anticipation of water taxes, for the purchase of coal.

FOURTH. To see what action the town will take towards the location of the flagstaff for the flag to be presented to the town.

You will serve this precept by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at the following places: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, B. H. Dyer & Co., Albert W. Fuller, John 'Adams, Lewis & Brown, Matthias Morris, John D. Hilliard, George O. Knowles, R. B. Dyer, Frederick A. Lewis, Emily A. Smith and Joseph Francis, also at the Post-office, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this precept with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Witness, the seal of the town of Provincetown hereunto affixed, this fourteenth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred

PROVING and ninety-eight.



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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

PROVINCETOWN, June 14, 1898.

In pursuance of the within precept, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections, 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, B. H. Dyer & Co., Albert W. Fuller, John Adams, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Matthias Morris, John D. Hilliard, George O. Knowles, 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 of holding said meeting.

J. HARVEY DEARBORN, Constable of the town of Provincetown. Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing precept, 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 Tuesday, the twenty-first day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and were called to order at 7.30 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: Marshall L. Adams, John N. Swift, and administered to them the oath of office, and they took charge of the check list.

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

James A. Small was unanimously elected and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Article second taken up:

To hear the report of the committee appointed at the Annual Meeting to consider the matter of disposing of the surplus water at the corner of Bradford Street and Webster Place.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed at an adjourned Town Meeting held Feb. 21, 1898, to consider the subject of the disposal of the surplu water on Bradford Street near Webster Place, submit the following report:

Upon the examination of the premises, we find that the water accumulating at this point comes from Lothrop's Hill, Town Hill, and the building owned by the Marine Lodge of Odd Fellows.

After surveying the premises, Gosnold Street and also Commercial Street, where it adjoins Gosnold St., we find that Commercial Street is eighteen inches higher than the Bradford Street corner of Gosnold Street, but at the Commercial Street extremity of Gosnold Street we can get a proper grade for the surplus water to run to the shore by connecting with a pipe there some four feet below the surface.

We submit for your consideration the following plans:

FIRST. Commencing at the cesspool at the junction of Bradford Street and Webster Place, running with a six inch drain to a cesspool to be built at the foot of Winslow Street, thence to Commercial Street, to intersect at this point with the drain of John D. Adams and others, at an estimated cost of one hundred and fifty dollars.

SECOND. Commencing at the cesspool at the junction of Bradford Street and Webster Place, running thence with a six inch drain pipe to the cesspool at the foot of Winslow Street, continuing from said cesspool through Gosnold Street and town way to the shore, at an estimated cost of two hundred dollars.

We recommend that there be appropriated the sum of two hundred dollars to carry on the work.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS, JAMES A. SMALL, JOHN N. SWIFT, Selectmen of Provincetown. JOSEPH S. ATWOOD, Superintendent of Streets.

Moved, That the report of the Committee be accepted, and that two hundred dollars be appropriated to carry on the work. Adopted by a unanimous vote.

Article third taken up:

To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer under the direction of the Water Commissioners to hire money temporarily in anticipation of water taxes for the purchase of coal.

Moved, That the Treasurer be authorized, under the direction of the Water Commissioners, to hire money temporarily in anticipations of water taxes for the purchase of coal the ensuing year. Adopted by a unanimous vote.

Article fourth taken up:

To see what action the town will take towards the location of the flagstaff for the flag to be presented to the town.

Voted, That the vote on location of flagstaff be taken by a yea and nay ballot.

Moved, That the flagstaff to be presented to the town be located on the west side of the lawn in front of the Town Hall in the central space between the trees thereon. Adopted Yeas, 43 : Navs, 22.

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

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, September 21, 1898.

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 11th day of October, 1898: Robert E. Conwell, George F. Miller, Charles E. Johnson, Henry S. Cook.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, Sept. 21, 1898.

I hereby certify that the ballots cast at the Special Election, May 31, 1898, and the unused ballots were this day destroyed by me as required by law.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, October 6, 1898.

At a legal meeting of the Board of Selectment held this day the following named persons were drawn as Grand and Peti Jurors to attend the United States Circuit Court and the Superior Judicial Court to be holden at Boston on the fifteenth and twenty-fifth days of October, current, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Grand Jurors-Frederick A. H. Gifford, Henry M. Holmes, William Curren, Alymer F. Small.

Petit Jurors-George H. Lewis, Freeman A. Smith, Herbert T. Hamblin, Willard T. Burkett, Elisha H. Cook, George H. Holmes, Nathaniel W. Freeman, Eugene E. Franzen, Bangs A. Lewis.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOV. 8, 1898.

. 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 directed to notify and summon the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections, to give in their votes on Tuesday, the eighth day of November next, for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Councillor for the First Councillor District, a Representative in the Fifty-sixth Congress for the thirteenth Congressional District, a District Attorney for the Southern District, a Senator for the Cape Senatorial District, one County Commissioner, two Special Commissioners, a Register of Probate and a Sheriff for the County of Barnstable, also a Representative in the General Court for the Third Barnstable District.

The polls will be open at the polling place in the Town Hall at nine o'clock A. M., and may be closed at four o'clock P. M.

You will serve this precept by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at the following places: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, B. H. Dyer & Co., Albert W. Fuller, John Adams, Matthias Morris, John D. Hiliard, George O. Knowles, R. B. Dyer, Frederick A. Lewis, Emily A. Smith and Joseph Francis, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this precept with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Witness, the seal of the town of Provincetown hereunto affixed,



this fifteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

> MARSHALL L. ADAMS, JAMES A. SMALL, Selectmen of Provincetown

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

PROVINCETOWN, Oct. 24, 1898.

In pursuance of the within precept, I have notified and summoned the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the time and place and for the purpose 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, B. H. Dyer & Co., Albert W. Fuller, John Adams, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Matthias Morris, John D. Hilliard, George O. Knowles, R. B. Dyer, Frederick A. Lewis Emily A. Smith and Joseph Francis, all in said town, it being 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.

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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 8th day of November, 1898, and were called to order at 9 o'clock in the forenoon by Seth Smith, Town Clerk.

The following is the result of the election :

GOVERNOR.

Alexander B. Bruce, of Lawrence, Democratic,	-
George R. Peare, of Lynn, Socialist Labor Party,	
Winfield P. Porter, of Newburyport, Dem. Social Nom. Paper,	
Samuel B. Shapleigh, of Boston, Prohibition,	
Roger Wolcott, of Boston, Republican,	2
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Blanks, 38. Whole number of ballots, 405.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Michael T. Berry, of Haverhill, Socialist Labor Party,
W. Murray Crane, of Dalton, Republican,
John L. Kilbon, of Lee, Prohibition,
Isaac W. Skinner, of Brockton, Dem. Social Nom. Paper,
Edward J. Slattery, of Framingham, Democratic,
Blanks, 58.

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SECRETARY.

Charles H. Bradley, of Haverhill, Dem. Social Nom. Paper,	
Henry A. Inman, of Newton, Prohibition,	
Henry Lloyd, of Boston, Democratic,	5
William M. Olin, of Boston, Republican,	27
James S. Stevens, of Boston, Socialist Labor Party,	
Blanks, 70. Whole number of ballots, 405.	

TREASURER.

Martha Moore Avery, of Boston, Socialist Labor Party,	6
Harry J. Jaquith, of Wellesley, Democratic,	46
Edward P. Shaw, of Newburyport, Republican,	260
Herbert Morley Small, of Templeton, Prohibition,	8
Charles W. White, of Winchester, Dem. Social Nom. Paper,	8
Blanks, 77.	

AUDITOR.

Charles S. Grieves, of Amesbury, Dem. Social Nom. Paper,	1
John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg, Republican,	263
John Palmer, of New Bedford, Socialist Labor Party,	4
Charles F. Parker, of Boston, Democratic,	: 4
Walter E. Sanford, of Attleboro, Prohibition,	1(
Blanks, 78.	

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Patrick Kilroy, of Springfield, Democratic,	50
Hosea M. Knowlton, of New Bedford, Republican,	278
Clarence E. Spelman, of Westfield, Socialist Labor Party,	• 3
Blanks, 74.	

COUNCILLOR-FIRST DISTRICT.

Patrick E. Foley, of Fall River, Democratic,	54
Nathaniel F. Ryder, of Middleboro, Republican,	264
Blanks, 87.	

SENATOR-CAPE DISTRICT.

Herbert L. Chipman, of Sandwich, Prohibition,	25
Walter O. Luscombe, of Falmouth, Republican,	239
Charles C. Paine, of Barnstable, Democratic,	63
Blanks, 78.	

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—THIRD BARNSTABLE DISTRICT.	
Robert E. Conwell, of Provincetown, Republican, Blanks, 105.	300
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.	
Wallace Cutter, of Provincetown, Prohibition,	62
Wallace Cutter, of Flormer, Democratic, William R. Gibbs, of Bourne, Democratic,	37
Alexander T. Newcomb, of Orleans, Republican, Blanks, 82.	224
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER-BARNSTABLE COUNTY.	
Honry H. Baker, Jr., of Barnstable, Republican,	200
James O. Hulse, Jr., of Harwich, Democratic,	45
Edward F. Maker, of Barnstable,	37 181
John E. Perry, of Chatham, Republican,	101
DISTRICT ATTORNEY-SOUTHERN DISTRICT.	
Lemuel LeBaron Holmes, of New Bedford, Republican, Blanks, 143.	262
REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY. BARNSTABLE COUNTY.	
Freeman H. Lothrop, of Barnstable, Republican, Blanks, 131.	27
SHERIFF-BARNSTABLE COUNTY.	
 Peleg T. Brown, of Sandwich, Prohibition, Judah H. Chase, of Harwich, Republican, Ulysses A. Hull, of Barnstable, Republican Ind. Nom. Paper, William N. Stetson, of Yarmouth, Republican Citz. Nom. Pap Seth Taylor, of Yarmouth, Democratic, Blanks, 17. 	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS—THIRTEENTH DISTRIC William S. Greene, of Fall River, Republican, Charles T. Luce, of New Bedford, Democratic,	yr.

Thomas Stevenson, of New Bedford, Socialist Lat Blanks, 80. 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 up 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 dissolved by vote.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 1898.

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 directed to notify and summon the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the ninth day of November, at seven o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles:

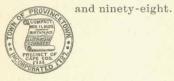
FIRST. To choose a Moderator.

SECOND. To take such action and make such provision as shall in the judgment of the meeting appear requisite to prevent the establishment of a guano factory on Long Point.

You will serve this precept by posting up one attested printed ⁵⁰py thereof at the following places: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andrew T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, Harvey O. Sparrow, Williams, Joseph Matthews, Harvey O. Sparrow, Williams E. Rogers, Albert W. Fuller, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams Matthias Morris, Jeremiah A. Rich, R. B. Dyer, Frederick A Lewis Emily A. Smith and Joseph Francis, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this precept with you doings thereon, to the Town Clerk seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Witnessed, the Seal of the Town of Provincetown affixed, the twenty-ninth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred



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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

PROVINCETOWN, OCT. 31, 1898.

In pursuance of the within precept, I have notified and summed the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown qualified to vote a town affairs, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose named by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each the following places, to wit: Stores of Alexander G. Small, Andre T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, Harvey O. Sparrow, William I Rogers, Albert W. Fuller, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Mathia Morris, Jeremiah A. Rich, R. B. Dyer, Frederick A. Lewis, Emily Smith and Joseph Francis, all in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

> J. HARVEY DEARBORN, Constable for the Town of Provincetown. Attest, SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing precept the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections, met in the Town Hall on Wednesday, the ninth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and were called to order at seven o'clock in the evening 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 by the Clerk and sworn, took charge of the check list and were as follows : M. L. Adams, John N. Swift, and George Allen was appointed by the Modererator and sworn by the clerk.

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. The Clerk then proceeded to sort and count the votes so given in, and the whole number was eight (8), all for James A. Small, who was declared elected and sworn by the Town Clerk.

Article second taken up:

To take such action and make such provision as shall in the judgment of the meeting appear requisite to prevent the establishment of a guano factory on Long Point.

Moved, by Joshua T. Small, that there be selected a committee of seven (7) citizens to protest against and to prevent, if possible, the re-establishment of a Guano Factory on Long Point, Provincetown, and that said committee be, and hereby is, authorized and instructed to take all such legitimate measures and action as may appear necessary for carrying into effect the purpose of this motion. It was so voted. Yeas, 158; Nays, 110.

Committee appointed—Joshua T. Small, J. D. Hilliard, James Gifford, Simeon C. Smith, Isaac B. Lewis, Charles O. Elliett, Lysander N. Paine.

Voted, That this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest: SE

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 18, 1898, to ascertain the number of votes cast for Representative in said District, and to make declaration of the same, it was found in counting the votes so cast that the whole number was six hundred and seventy-three.

	Blanks.	Conwell.	Chandler
Provincetown,	105	300	
Truro,	14	67	
Wellfleet,	29	75	
Eastham,	6	46	
Orleans,	31	101	1
Brewster,	20	83	
			-
	205	672	1

Robert E. Conwell of Provincetown had six hundred and seventy-two votes and was declared elected.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth, the qualified votes of Representative District Number Three, in their several meetings on the eighth day of November instant, for the choice of Representative in the General Court, did elect Robert E. Conwell of Provincetown, being an inhabitant of said District, to represent them in the General Court to be holden on the first Wednesday, of January next.

Dated at Wellfleet the eighteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SETH SMITH, Town Clerk of Provincetown, JOHN B. DYER, Town Clerk of Truro, ALVIN L. WILEY, Town Clerk of Wellfleet, GEORGE T. DILL, Town Clerk of Eastham, DAVID L. YOUNG, Town Clerk of Orleans, E. W. PAINE, Town Clerk of Brewster.

Attest: SETH SMITH, Town Clerk.

PROVINCETOWN, December 14, 1898.

I hereby certify that ballets cast at the State Election November 8, 1898, 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, 1898.

ORGANIZATION, 1898.

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

Report of Selectmen.

Agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth, we submit our report of the financial condition of the town for the year ending December 31, 1898:

Gross debt, December 31, 1897,			\$87,515	00
Borrowed on account of Improvement	of			
Water Supply during the year,			1,500	00
Borrowed during the year in anticipat	ion of tax	ces,	27,575	00
			\$116,590	00
Paid debts from receipts :			"	
Demand Loans,	\$23,990	00		
Water Loans,	2,000	00		
Schoolhouse Loan,	2,000	00		
On account of Road Loan,	582	55		
On acct. Impr'm't of Water Supply Loa	in, 200	00		
Gross debt, Dec. 31, 1898,	87,817	45		*
			\$116,590	00
Cash Assets	3.			
Due from Commonwealth, State and	** 0.00	4.0		
Military Aid,	\$1,363	16		
Due from Commonwealth, on account				
Supt. Schools,	666			
Taxes of 1891,	156			
" 1892,	223			
" 1893,	213			
" 1894,	508			
" 1895,	271	78		
" 1896,	155			
" 1897,	1,041			
" 1898,	8,949	82		
Cash in the Treasury,	12			
Net Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1898,	70,892	88		
			\$87.817	45

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\$87,817 45

The gross debt is composed of the following items Water Bonds, 4 1-2 per cent., dated June 1, 1893,	:
Nos. 11 to 60, inclusive,	\$50,000
Water Bonds, 4 per cent., dated April 1, 1894,	¢00,000
Nos. 61 to 70, inclusive,	10,000 #
Gov. Bradford Schoolhouse Bonds, dated June 1,	10,000
1893, Nos. 11 to 20, inclusive, 4 per cent.,	10,000
Improvement of Water Supply Loan, 4 1-2 per cent.	
	1,367 4
Road Loan, 5 per cent., Outstanding Demand Loans, 5 per cent.,	14,650
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7.000	\$87,817 #
DR. APPROPRIATIONS, 1898.	Cr.
1898.	1000
Feb. 21, Watch and	1000
Police, \$400 00	100
Town Hill and Fences, 50 00	100
Cemeteries, 100 00	100
Public Library, 350 00	1000
Memorial Day, 100 00	1.0
Health Department, 175 00	100
Support of Poor, 5,000 00	
Roads and Walks, 3,000 00	100
Jetty System, 100 00	
Watering Streets, 250 00	
Fire Department, 1,400 00	100
New Hose, 300 00	1000
Public Schools, 10,000 00	100
Schoolhouse Repairs, 600 00	
School Incidentals, 400 00	
Free Text Books and	
Supplies, 800 00	100
Insurance Bradford	1. 9. 19
Schoolhouse, 96 00	1. 1. 1.
Painting Gov. Brad-	1.1.1
ford Schoolhouse, 125 00	
Windows for Center	1911
Schoolhouse, 100 00	
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Street Lights,	\$800	00	1898.		
Interest on Demand			May 1.		
Loans,	450	00	1175 Polls, at \$2,	\$2,350	00
Discount and Collec-			Personal Estate,		
tion of Taxes,	800	00	\$690,271, at \$18,	$12,\!424$	88
Abatement of Taxes,	750	00	Real Estate,		
Inspection of Pumps,	110	14	\$1,167,300 at \$18,	21,011	40
Incidental Expenses,	1,800	00	Non Resident Bank		
Drainage Bradford			Tax,	1,782	07
St. and Webster					
Pl., June 21, '98,	200	00			
Town Expenses, \$	28,256	14			
Water Bonds, Nos.					
9 and 10,	2,000	00			
Interest on Water					
Bonds,	2,695	00			
Schoolhouse Bonds,					
Nos. 9 and 10,	2,000	00			
Interest on School-					
house Bonds,	440	00			
On acct. Road Note,	582	55			
Int. on Road Note,	97	50			
On account Improve-					
ment Water Supply,	, 200	00			
Int'st Improvement					
Water Supply Note,		26			
State Tax,	1,140				
County Tax,	2,556	05			
Non Resident Bank					
Tax,	1,782				
Overlayings,	228	78			
\$4	12,068	35			
Estimated Receipts,	4,500				
Amt. of Collector's			_		
Warrant, \$3	37,568	35	\$	37,568	35

DR. WATER SUPPLY	-Funded Loan. Cr.
1898.	1898.
Jan. 1, Amount Out-	Mch. 26, By payment, \$200 0
standing, \$62,000 00	
Apr. 1, Interest 6	Sept. 24, " 200 00
mos., Bonds 61–70, 200 00	
June 1, Interest 6	Dec. 31, Outstanding
mos., Bonds 9-60, 1,170 00	
Oct. 1, Interest 6	
mos., Bonds 61-70, 200 00	
Dec. 1, Interest 6	
mos., Bonds 11-60, 1,125 00	
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\$64,695 00	\$64,695 00
DR. BRADFORD SCH	IOOLHOUSE LOAN. CR.
1898.	1898.
Jan. 1, Amount out-	May 28, By payment, \$2,240 0
standing, \$12,000 00	Nov. 26, " 200 00
June 1,6 months' in-	Dec. 31, Outstanding
terest, bonds 9–20, 240 00	liabilities, 10,000 00
Dec. 1, 6 months' in-	
terest, bonds 11-20, 200 00	
\$12,440 00	\$12,440 00
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DR. ROA	D LOAN. CR.
1898.	1898.
Jan. 1, Amount out-	Dec. 22, By payment, \$680 05
standing, \$1,950 00	
Sept. 4, Interest to	Dec. 31, Outstanding
date, 97 50	D liabilities, 1,367 45
Dec. 24, Interest to	
date, 29 80	
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IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY LOAN.

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DR. INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS. 1898. 1898.	Cr.
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	60 00
priation, \$450 00 Apr. 13, "	25 00
Dec. 31, Interest col- Apr. 30, " May 12, "	50 00
lected: May 19,	99 48
Taxes 1891, 5 19 May 20,	36 46
" 1894, 16 26 July 50,	68 8
" 1890, 50 64 Aug. 4,	21 46
" 1897, 142 77 Aug. 11,	21 40
Deficiency, 49 55 Aug. 12,	21 20 50 17
Aug. 10,	0.0
Oct. 1,	93 92
Nov. 20,	50 00
Dec. 22, "	75 00
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DR. TOWN HILL AND FENCES.	Cr.
1898.	
b. 21, To appro- May 28, By payments,	\$23 50
priation, 50 00 June 25, "	4 00
Dec. 31, Deficiency, 8 81 July 30, "	30
Aug. 27, "	31 01
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DR. CEMETERIES.	CR.
1898.	
Feb. 21, To appro- Apr. 30, By payments,	\$10 00
priation, \$100 00 May 21, "	3 00
Mch. 15, Sale of hearse, 40 00 June 25, "	41 20
Apr. 1, Sale hearsehouse, 25 00 July 30, "	36 64
Sept. 17, Sale old hearse, 5 00 Sept. 24, "	29 79
Oct. 21, Sale old hearse- Nov. 26, "	20 05
house, 12 50 Dec. 31, "	43 80
Dec. 31, Deficiency, 1 98	
\$184 48	\$184 48

DR. PUBLIC LIBRARY. CH 98. n. 11, To Dog Tax received, \$168 67 b. 21, Appropria- tion, 350 00 \$518 67 \$518 67	
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priation, \$100 00	
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Dr. HEALTH DEPARTMENT. CR	
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b. 21, To appro- Feb. 26, By payments, \$6	00
priation, \$175 00 Apr. 30, " 30	
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Fumigating, 5 00 July 30, " 54	
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Undertakers' licenses, 4 00 Oct. 29, " 6	30
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Feb. 10, To cash re-	Jan. 29, By payments, \$1 25
ceived from	Feb. 26, " 1 25
fees, \$0 25	
Cash from 2d	Apr. 30, " 16 15
Dist. Court:	May 28, " 1 25
April 1, 91	
July 1, 73 11	July 30, " 1 25
Oct. 1, 44 62	
Dec. 31, 64 97	Sept. 24, " 23 12
	Oct. 29, " 1 25
	Nov. 26, " 20 90
	Dec. 31, " 9 09
	Bal. unexp'ded, 104 60
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Dr. Support	OF POOR. CR.
1898.	1898.
Feb. 21, To appro-	Jan. 29, By payments, \$565 43
priation, \$5,000 00	Feb. 26, " 245 90
Feb. 21, Cash received :	Mch. 26, " 311 03
From Commonw'lth, 112 04	Apr. 30, " 896 78
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" Temporary Aid, 50 80	June 25, " 325 54
" Transient Board, 76 00	July 30, " 427 04
" Insane, 76 14	Aug. 27, " 354 45
" John Santos, for	Sept. 24, " 301 90
aid Mch. 30, 1895, 6 00	Oct. 29, " 649 01
	Nov. 26, " 155 83
	Dec. 31, " 634 90
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	expended, 109 22
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DR.	ROADS AN	ND WALKS.	Cr.
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Feb. 21,	To appro-	Jan. 29, By payments	\$68 67
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DR.	DRAINAGE W	EBSTER PLACE.	Cr.
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DR.	SCHOOLHOU	ISE REPAIRS		CR	
1898.		1898.			
Feb. 21, To appro-	1. S	Jan. 29, B	y payments,	\$5	27
	\$600 00		"		50
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	54 01	Mch. 26,	"	13	74
		Apr. 30,	"	6	35
		May 28,	"	7	05
		July 30,	44	48	00
		Aug. 27,	66	80	72
		Sept. 24,	66	285	71
		Oct. 29,	<u></u>	131	18
		Nov. 26,	66	74	49
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DR.	SCHOOL IN	ICIDENTALS.		Cr.	
1898.		1898.			
Feb. 21, To appro-			y payments,	\$10	75
priation,			· paymones,		64
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	38 46	Apr. 30,			42
		May 28,	66	15	
		June 25,	66	20	
		July 30,	66	50	
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		Sept. 24,	66	88	26
		Oct. 29,	"	102	68
		Dec. 31,	"	11	49
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1898.		1898.			
Feb. 21, To appro-		Sept. 24, B	y payments,	\$44	00
priation,	\$96 00	Dec. 8,	"	48	
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tary Aid, 221 16 Feb. 26, "	132 00	May
Dec. 31, Bal. due from Mch. 26, "	129 00	
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wealth, 1,363 16 May 28, "	117 00	
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July 30, "	121 00	
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Dr. Soldiers' Relief.	Cr.	
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DR. STATE AND CO	OUNTY TAXES. CR.
398.	1898.
ch.17, Cash received	Oct. 29, County Tax, \$2,556 05
for balance	Dec. 12, State Tax, 1,140 00
Corporation	Dec. 12, Non Resi-
Tax, 1897, \$0 81	dent Bank
ay 1, State Tax as-	Tax, 1,720 05
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lay 1, County Tax	expended, 475 47
assessed, 2,556 05	
ec. 12, Cash received	
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1898, 1,339 37	
ec. 12, National	
Bank tax, 466 34	
ec. 12, Foreign ships, 389 00	
\$5,891 57	\$5,891 57
DR. TAX SALE	PURCHASES. CR.*
898.	1898.
Dec. 31, To deficiency, \$29 52	Sept. 10, By payments, \$5 00
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DR. DISCOUNT AND COL	LECTION OF TAXES. CR.
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Dr.ABATEMENT OF TAXES. C_R 1898.1898.Feb. 21, To appropriation, \$750 001898.Jan. 29, By payments, \$170Dec. 31, AdditionalJan. 29, By payments, \$170taxes collected :Jan. 29, By payments, \$1701896, 2 00Mch. 26, "1897, 21 22Sept. 24, "1898, 25 60Oct. 29, "Dec. 31, Deficiency, 56Nov. 26, " 56 $Nov. 26, "8799 388799 38$	Image: Collector of Taxes, 1893.) Dr. JOHN N. SWIFT. CR. 1898. 1898. Jan. 1, To balance taxes due, \$248 50 Oct. 22, By cash, \$2 00 Dec. 31, " 33 14 Dec. 31, Bal. taxes due, 213 36 \$248 50 \$248 55
(Collector of Taxes, 1891.) DR. JOHN N. SWIFT. Ск. 1898. Jan. 1, To balance taxes due, \$163 50 Oct. 22, Interest col- lected, 3 19 \$166 69	(Collector of Taxes, 1894.) Dr. JOHN N. SWIFT. CR. 1898. 1898. Jan. 1, To balance 1898. taxes due, \$871 99 Oct. 22, Interest collected, 16 28 16 28 1888 27 \$888 27 \$888 27
(Collector of Taxes, 1892.) DR. JOHN N. SWIFT. 1898. Jan. 1, To balance taxes due, \$249 45 \$249 45 \$249 45 \$249 45 \$249 45 \$249 45	(Collector of Taxes, pro tempore, 1895.) Dr. SETH SMITH. 1898. Jan. 1, To balance taxes due, \$379 06 \$379 06

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(Collector of Taxes, pro te	npore, 1896.)	(Collector of Taxes, 1898.)
DR. SETH SMITH.	Cr.	Dr. Seth Smith. Cr.
1898.		1898.
1000.	8, By cash, \$75 00	Aug.1, To State Tax, \$1,140 00 Aug. 31, By cash, \$14,327 46
taxes due, \$378 05 Feb. 2		County Tax, 2,556 05 Sept. 30, " 3,158 65
Feb. 1, Additional Mch.	26, " 56 86	Assessed Oct. 31, " 2,786 73
tax collected, 2 00 Apr. 3	0, " 72 29	agreeably to Nov. 26, " 1,693 04
Feb. 26. Interest col- Dec. 3		Chap. 133, Dec. 31, " 6,678 25
lected, 9 27 Dec. §	1, Bal. taxes due, 155 00	Acts 1882, 8,105 31 Dec. 31, Balance Town tax, 23,756 14 taxes due, 8,949 82
Dec. 31, Interest col-		Town tax, 23,756 14 taxes due, 8,949 82 Non Resi-
lected, 21 57		dent Bank
	\$410 89	tax, 1,782 07
\$410 89	QIIO 06	Overlayings
		on taxes, 228 78
		Dec. 31, Additional
		taxes collected, 25 60
	1007.)	827 CO2 OF
(Collector of Taxes		\$37,593 95 \$37,593 95
DR. SETH SMITH	Ur.	(Maintenance Account.)
1898.		DR. WATER SUPPLY. CR.
	31, By cash, \$2,957 29	1898.
taxes due, \$10,244 89 Feb.		Jan. 1, Bal. in Treas., \$1 12 Jan. 29, By payments, \$143 33
Sept. 15, Interest col-		Jan. 10, Cash from Supt, 277 10 Mch. 26, " 543 40
lected, 80 84 Apr.	,	Jan. 29, " " 188 60 May 28, " 268 41 Web 26 " " 202 24 June 25 " 124 62
Dec. 31, Interest col- lected, 61 93 June		104 10, 104 14 Julie 20, 104 05
		210 00 July 50, 500 18
Dec. 31, Additional taxes collected, 21 22 Aug.		100 00 Aug. 21.
Sept	0.00 01	July 14, " " 600 10 Oct. 29, " 97 25
Oct.		Aug. 26, " " 329 61 Nov. 26, " 334 70
Nov.		Oct. 29, " " 141 50 Dec. 31, " 207 03
Dec.		
	31, Bal. taxes	Dec. 30, " " 204 50 expended, 104 50
	due, 1,041 75	Dec. 31, " " 106 50
\$10,408 88	\$10,408 88	
	@10,100 00	\$2,676 77

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Dr. Im	PROVEMENT V	VATER SUPPLY.		Cr.	Dr.		Town	HALL.	CI	3.
1898.		1898.		100	1898.			1898.		
Jan. 1, Bal. in Treas	s. \$118 10	Jan. 29, By pays	m'ts. \$1.1	20 44	To cash receiv	ved :	1	By cash paid,		
Jan. 15, Loan,		Mch. 14, "		41 48	Jan. 15, Sale o	f barrels,	\$5 44	Underhay Oil Co.		
Mch. 26, Loan,		June 25, "		53 09	Feb. 10, Fran	nk Hart-		for gasolene,	\$71	15
Men. 20, 10an,	000 00	Aug. 27, "		67 95	ley's Minstr	els,	34 00	N. Y., N. H. & H. R.		
		Dec. 31, "		16 33	Feb. 25, W. C	. T. U.,	15 00		5	68
		Dec. 31, Bal.			Mch. 1, Amp	hion Or-		Steamer Longfellow,		
		pende		18 81	chestra,		20 00			65
		pende			Mch. 16, Equi	table Ins.		James Foley & Co.,		
	\$1,618 10		\$1,6	18 10	Co.,		2 00		6	25
					Mch. 16, Seam	nen's Sav-		McKenney & Waterbury		
					ings Bank,		2 00			00
					June 3, J. C.	Freeman		Fred'k A. Fisher, re-		
	Transmission	Drawna		Cr.	Post,		25 00			
Dr.	INSPECTION	OF PUMPS.		C.K.	July 2, High	School		gas pipes,	32	40
1898.		1898.			Alumni,		25 00	John McIntosh, labor,		80
Feb. 21, To appro)-	Jan. 29, By pay	yments,	\$0 57	July 9, Royal	Arcanum,		Walworth Mfg Co.,		
priation,	\$110 14	V Z	"	1 75	Aug. 23, Robt			0 /	16	51
		Aug. 27,		24 68	0	<u> </u>		Provincetown Cold		# 2
		Dec. 31, Bal.			Nov. 25, M. N				3	80
		pende	d,	83 14	Dec. 29, King			B. R. Chapman,		
			-		Lodge,		7 00		5	35
	\$110 14		\$1	10 14	Dec. 31, Coun	ty of		John A. Matheson,		
				100	Barnstable,		150 00		21	80
					Dec. 31, Defici	iency,	524 08	30 tons coal at 4.95,		
								Putting in,		00
								Lewis & Brown,		
								Lumber,		80
								3 tons of coal at 5.50	, 16	50
								Putting in,	<u></u>	75
								Herbert Engles, fixtures		60
				12				Amasa Taylor, fixtures,		40
1				3				Alfred Small, labor,	14	
				1999				Joseph Breck & Sons,		
								Fertilizer and seed,	11	62
	a ta a sa			1411				Repairing lawn mower,		60

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I. W. Wheeler & Co.,		H. O. Sparrow, Agt.,		
Bunting,	\$0 90	Labor,	\$7	20
Repairing flag,	1 00	G. H. Holmes, fixtures,	, 2	85
James E. Atkins,		N. C. Brooks, teaming,		20
Fixtures,	16 12	Water rates,	15	00
B. H. Dyer & Co.,				
Fixtures,	19 45	\$908 52	\$908	52
J. D. Hilliard, fixtures,	5 37			
T. W. Dyer, labor,	\$ 8 64	Dr. Incidental Expenses.	Cr	
F. A. H. Gifford,		1898.		
Insurance,	16 80	Feb. 21, To appro- By cash paid:		
Francis A. Paine,	1.1	priation, \$1,800 00 Ezra J. Riggs,		
Insurance,	36 40	Cash received from Auditor for 1897,	\$15	00
Wm. B. Bangs,	20 65	County of Barnstable, Howard F. Hopkins,		
James Fuller & Son,	6 65	Bounty on seals, 9 00 Printing annual re-		
Cleaning,	14 00	Weir licenses, 180 00 ports of 1897,	148	00
Soap, powder and	0.00	Milk " 22 00 Other printing,	100	75
pearline,	2 24	Junk " 6 00 Daniel F. Lewis,		
Chas. W. Burkett,		Auctioneers' li- Insp. of Provisions		
Repairs,	1 35	censes, 4 00 and Animals,	30	00
Manuel Williams, reev-		Billiard and Pool A. F. Sherman,		
ing halliards,	1 00	licenses, 8 00 Abstract of records,	15	76
Augustus E. Rich, labor,	65	Riding Gallery, 15 00 Freeman H. Lothrop,		
Ira K. Small, reseating		Sealing Weights and Abstract of records,	2	87
chairs,	2 10	Measures, 19 51 Assessors' salaries,	630	00
Angus McKay, cloth,	25	Commonwealth, 1-2 Enoch N. Sumner,		
Geo. A. Settes, labor,	1 45	salary Inspector Labor, monument		
B. A. Turner, labor,	2 30	of Provisions and grounds,	20	00
James P. Smith, labor,	1 40	Animals, 15 00 H. P. Hughes, bunting	, 4	20
George W. Readey,		Dec. 31, Deficiency, 50 06 Election officers,		
Whitewashing base-		Annual election,	27	50
ment,	14 00	Special "	15	00
Other labor,	17 10	State "	20	00
Nathaniel W. Ayers,		Meals for election office	rs, 13	50
Janitor,	200 00	Fred Hallett,	ĺ.	
Labor on grounds and		Schedules,	2	00
	109 40	1 Register of Voters	, 2	50

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George Allen,		Thomas S. Taylon		
Transferring list of	110	Thomas S. Taylor,	tha @17	95
voters,	\$6 00	Returning 69 dea Nathaniel N. Giffor		20
Putting up and taking	1100			95
down election booths,	, 11 20	Returning 41 dea Seth Smith,	1115, 10	40
N. W. Ayers,		Setti Smith, Services as Treasu	mon 250	00
Labelling law books,	1 00	Milk Inspector,		00
Geo. W. Readey,		Sealer of Weight		00
Posting notices,	3 00	and Measures,		00
Frederick A. Fisher,				00
Repairing Town Seal,	, 1 00	Attending and re		
Bounty on seals,	9 00	cording the following meeting		
Samuel Ward Co.,		lowing meeting		00
Stationery,	7 70	Annual, Feb. 14,	10	00
Hooper, Lewis & Co.,		Special Election,	4	00
Books,	4 50	May 31,		00
M. R. Warren,		Special Town Me		0.0
Blank notes,	2 08	ing, June 21,		00
Joseph A. West, P. M.,		State Election, No.		00
Stamped envelopes,	10 90	Special Town Me		00
Steamer Longfellow,		ing, Nov. 9,	Ð	00
Freight,	25	Recording	00 0	0.0
B. H. Dyer & Co.,		30 marriages at .		00
Fixtures,	80	2 births of 1897 :		
Kendrick & Atkins,		108 births, 1898,		00
Carriage hire,	5 75	105 deaths at .20	/	00
R. Nickerson,		12 shipwrecks,		40
Derrick and labor		Obtaining and re-		
on bound stone,	2 00	ing 23 deaths,		50
Wm. W. Bowley,		at sea,		50
Labor on bound stone	e, 100	Physicians and midy		
A. L. Putnam,		returning 110 bin		~ ~
Books and station-		at .25,		50
ery,	1 80	Expressage, postage		
Board of Registrars,		and telegrams,		11
	100 00	Official oaths,	7	50
	400 00		#0.100	~ ~ ~
		\$2,128 57	\$2,128	57

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1899.

Watch and Police,
Town Hill and Fences,
Interest on Demand Loans,
Discount and Collection of Taxes,
Abatement of Taxes,
Street Lights,
Incidental Expenses,

\$900	00
50	00
450	00
800	00
650	
800	00
1,800	00
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\$5,450 00

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

Report of the Assessors.

VALUATION MAY 1, 1898.

PERSONAL ESTATE ASSESSED.

Excluding bank stock, Resident bank stock, \$577,275 00 112,996 00

Total personal estate,

\$690,271 00

REAL ESTATE ASSESSED.

Buildings excluding land, Land excluding_buildings,	\$843,684 323,616		1
Total real estate,		1,167,300	00
Total valuation May 1, 1898,		\$1,857,571	00
Rate of taxation on \$1000,		\$18	00
Amount raised for State, County, and Town purposes, by taxation, Amount on Real Estate, ""Personal Estate, ""Polls,	\$21,011 12,424 2,350	88	
Number of residents assessed on prop Individuals, All others,	943 141		
Total number of residents assess	sed,	1,	084

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Number of non-residents assessed on property, Individuals, All others,

Total non-residents assessed,

Total number assessed on property, Number assessed poll tax only,

Total number of assessments, Total number of polls assessed, Tax on each poll, Number of horses assessed,

66 cows assessed, dwelling houses assessed, 66 66 acres of land assessed, Registered voters, Nov. 8, 1898, male, 66 female, 66 66 66 Population, census 1895, (State), Value of shipping in foreign trade, May, 1, 1898, Exempted property (churches) 44 66 Value of schoolhouses and other public property as returned to tax commissioner, May 1, 1898, Value of fire apparatus as returned to tax commissioner, May 1, 1898, Public Library as returned to commissioner,

Water Works """"" Number of vessels of 7 tons and over assessed whole or part May 1, 1898, as follows: Whaling fleet, Fishing fleet,

Merchant service, Steamers,

Total,

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

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

The Board of Overseers of the Poor herewith present their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1898:

ALMSHOUSE.

TELEORO COM.		
Salary of Superintendent,	\$260	00
Groceries and provisions,	468	
Fuel and lights,	94	50
Clothing and bedding,	51	77
Boots and shoes,		36
Transporation,		00
Furniture and fixtures,	22	84
Repairs,		63
Sanitary expenses,	4	00
Dressing for land,	5 3	00
Water rates,	4	00 *
Medical attendance and medicine,	148	65
Burial,	15	00
	\$1,119	04
Remaining in the Almshouse Dec. 31, 1897,	7	
Admitted during the year,	7	
	14	
Discharged, 7; died, 2,	9	
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Remaining Dec. 31, 1898,		
Number of persons fully supported during the year,	14	
At Almshouse,		
Hospitals for Insane,	9	
Insane in private family,	1	24
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Number of families partially supported,		147
" " dependents,		
" " tramps,		5

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE FROM DEC. 31, 1897 TO DEC. 31, 1898.

NAME.	AGE.	BIRTHPLACE.	NATURE OF SETTLEMENT.	WHEN REGISTERED	REMARKS.
Avellar, Annie,	19	Flores, Azores,	Father,	Jan. 13, 1898,	Disch'd Mch. 24, '98.
Illegitimate,	*	Provincetown,	Mother,	Feb. 23, 1898,	Disch'd Mch. 24, '98.
Boyle, John,	62	Ireland,	Military,	Mch, 28, 1898,	Disch'd Sept. 12, '98.
Carr, James,	50	Ireland,	Taxation,	Jan. 1, 1898,	Dis'ch'd Mch. 4, '98.
Cook, Frank A.,	53	Provincetown,	Father,	Aug. 1888,	
Costa, Annie A.,	85	Flores, Azores,	Acts 1879,	Apr. 30, 1892,	Died Aug. 13, '98.
Foster, Delia A.,	57	Dorchester,	Acts 1879,	Apr. 11, 1896,	
Howe, Zilla D.,	68	Eastham,	Father,	Apr. 1858,	
McCarthy, Patrick,	62	Boston,	Military,	June 28, 1898,	Disch'd Sept. 14, '98.
Newcomb, Ida,	46	Harwich,	Father,	April 1877,	
Parks, Susan T.,	59	Provincetown,	Acts 1879,	Jan. 20, 1898,	Disch'd Oct. 26, '98.
Scannell, Florence,	31	Provincetown,	Father,	Nov. 16, 1894,	and the second second
Smith, Edward T.,	61	Baldwin, Me.,	Taxation,	Oct. 25, 1897,	Died Jan. 25, '98.
Whorf, Georgianna M.	28	Wellfleet,	Settlem't Wellfl't,	Feb. 25, 1898,	Disch'd Mch. 2, '98.

* Born Feb. 23, 1898.

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FAMILIES PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Andrews, Mary G.,	\$16	35
Armell, Antone Sousa, (New Bedford),	22	
Azvedo, Alvira,	20	
Azvedo, Mary F.,	28	00
Barnes, Rosa,	60	
Barnett, Julia,	3	
Burkett, Austin G., (Lynn),	28	
Cobee, Mary A.,	49	
Davis, Louisa,	100	
Days, Anthony F., (Cambridge),	10	78
Enos, Gertrude,	25	
Francis, Adaline, (New Bedford),	12	
Forrest, Herbert, (Boston),	16	00
Francis, Mary,	12	
Gorman, Margaret, (Holyoke),	105	00
Henrique, Maria,	18	06
Leander, Mary A.,	49	
Lema, Mary,	77	15
Lewis, John, (Lowell),	20	50
Marks, Mary, (New Bedford),	60	00
Marshall, Mary,	77	50
Mayo, Joseph A., (Chatham),	98	56
Morris, Anna,	60	00
McCurdy, Archibald,	83	00
Naugler, Ann,	10	78
Newcomb, William,	12	
Noons, Mary A.,		50
Peirara, Joseph,	124	
Peterson, Mary S., (New Bedford),	21	
Rogers, Joseph, (Cambridge),	8	30
Rogers, Mary D.,		00
Sands, John L.,	134	
Silver, Joseph King,	31	45
Silver, Mary August, (Cambridge),	7	49
Tarves, Almina,		00
Tarves, Joseph, (Boston),	40	

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Tarves, John, (New Bedford),	15 00
Thomas, Antoine, (Cambridge),	24 02
Tucker, Louis, (Boston),	65 00
Veirara, Mary,	53 52
	\$1,773 11
INSANE AND IDIOTIC FULLY SUP	PORTED.
Barnes, John, \$1	69 46
Fine, Ellen, 1	46 00
	49 43
	58 65
Kelley, James F., (Idiotic), 1	44 00
Lema, Joseph, 3	53 20
Martin, Julia P., 1	46 00
Parks, Susan T.,	58 81
Winslow, James, 1	46 00
Insane, reimbursed,	76 14
	\$1,447 69
Commonwealth cases,	167 79
Temporary aid,	50 80
Poor of other towns,	79 16
Shipwrecked seamen,	68 70
Repairs to Smith house,	94 58
Traveling expenses of Overseers,	41 48
RECAPITULATION.	
	19 04
	73 11
	47 69
	67 79
	50 80
	79 16
	68 70
	94 58
	41 48
	50.00

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\$5,401 57

Salary of Overseers,

Balance unexpended,

76

21, 1898, App	ropriation,	\$5,000	00
31, 1898, Cash	rec'd from Com'th,	112	04
"	" "other towns,	80	59
.4	" temporary aid,	-50	80
"	" transient board,	76	00
"	" insane,	76	14
"	" John Santos,	6	00

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The following is the report of the Inspector of Institutions of the Commonwealth:

Almshouse at Provincetown Visited August 4, 1898.

EXTERIOR-Almshouse building in good condition ; fire escapes none; water supply abundant from well; drainage proper.

INTERIOR-Provides no separation of the sexes; nor of the sane and insane; rooms all clean and orderly and properly furnished; bath rooms none; supplied with hot and cold water; water closets two; location detached; condition good; heating by stoves, local but good; ventilation satisfactory.

CARE OF INMATES-Food is sufficient; of good quality; clothing is suitable and clean; beds and bedding, feathers and straw beds, with good bedding, clean and free from vermin. Bathing properly looked after; actual separation of sexes, none by day; insecure by night; none at meals; discipline good. Hired help, in-door, none; out-door, none.

REMARKS—As usual this almshouse has a very comfortable appearance, being thoroughly clean and tidy. Many modern appliances are wanting and the labor of caring for the inmates is thereby increased. But good management brings about good results with imperfect means.

CHAS. E. WOODBURY, Inspector of Institutions. Aug. 29, 1898.

We recommend an appropriation for the ensuing year of MARSHALL L. ADAMS, \$5,000.

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

\$5,401 57

Report of the Treasurer.

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RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1898, Cash in the Treasury,		\$1,476
Demand Loans,		27,575
Cemeteries,		82
Public Library,		168
Health Department,		114
Second District Court,		183
Support of Poor,		401
Roads and Walks,		4
Fire Department,		14
Public Schools:		
Massachusetts School Fund,	\$281 28	
Com. on acct. of Dis. Supt.,	1,000 00	
Free Text Books and Supplies,	7 42	
		1,288
State and Military Aid,		1,268
Corporation Tax, 1897,	\$0 81	
" " 1898,	1,339 37	
National Bank Tax,	466 34	
Foreign Ships,	389 00	0.40*
	1.	2,195
Taxes of 1891,	\$7 50	
·· 1892,	25 86	
" 1893,	35 14	
" 1894,	363 67	
" 1895,	107 28	
" 1896,	223 05	
" 1897,	9,203 14	
" 1898,	28,618 53	
The second second second second		38.584

Interest on taxes,			\$193	08	5
Additional taxes,			48	82	2
Water Supply, Maintenance Account,			2,675	65	ì
Improvement of Water Supply,			1,500	00	
Town Hall,			384	44	
Weir licenses,	\$180	00			
Milk "	22	00			
Junk "	6	00			
Auctioneers' licenses,	4	00			
Billiard and Pool licenses,	8	00			
Sealing Weights and Measures,	19	51			
Riding Gallery,	15	00			
Bounty on seals,	9	00			
Commonwealth, Inspection of Animals,	15	00			
			278	51	
Soldiers' Relief,			3	00	
			\$78,441	89	

EXPENDITURES.

The Treasurer has paid out upon vouchers the following sums: Water Supply, funded loan, bonds 9-10, \$2,000 00 •

	TT 6 1							
46	66	66	66	Interest on				
				bonds 61-70	400	00		
**	46	66	66	Interest on				
				bonds 9-60,	2,295	.00		
Improve	ement V	Water	Supp	ly, loan,	290			
improre	omono	,, acca	~app	., , .ouii,			4,985	28
Bradfor	d Schoo	olhous	se Loa	n, bonds 9–10,	2,000	00		
66		"	66	Interest on				
				bonds 9-20,	440	00		
							2,440	00
New Ro	ad loan	1,					709	85
Demand	l loans,						23,990	00
Interest	on der	nand	loans,				692	41
Town H	Iill and	Fenc	es,				58	81

Cemeteries,

Public Library,	\$518 67
Memorial Day,	100 13
Health Department,	242 30
Criminal Prosecutions,	79 26
Support of Poor,	5,292 35
Roads and Walks, \$3,194 80	
Jetty System, 6 55	
Watering Streets, 154 00	
Drainage of Webster Place, 97 34	
	3,452 69
Fire Department,	1,791 33
Public Schools, \$11,364 53	
Schoolhouse repairs, 654 01	
School Incidentals, 438 46	
Free Text Books and Supplies, 799 00	
Windows for Center Schoolhouse, 100 00	
Insurance on Bradford Schoolhouse, 92 00	
Painting " " 137 50	
	13,585 50
Street Lights,	761 35
Watch and Police,	402 22
State and Military Aid,	1,584 33
Soldiers' Relief,	39 35
State and County Taxes,	5,416 10
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	875 81
Abatement of Taxes,	799 38
Tax Sale Purchases,	29 52
Water Supply, Maintenance Account, \$2,572 27	
" " Improvement, 1,399 29	
Inspection of Pumps, 27 00	
	3,998 56
Town Hall,	908 52
Incidental Expenses,	2,128 57
Balance in the Treasury Dec. 31, 1898,	3,375 12
	\$78,441 89
Described in the later	φ10,111 00
Respectfully submitted,	
SETH SMITH	1, Treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer of Trust Funds.

The Treasurer of the Cemetery Trust Funds herewith submits his fifth annual report:

Dr.	NANCY]	HAN	DLEY FUND.	Cr.
 1898. Jan. 1, To deposit Seamen's Savi Bank, July 1, Dividend date, 	ngs \$514 to	54	1898.Dec. 24, By Malvina J. Nickerson,Dec. 31, By balance,	\$18 00 511 84 \$529 84
Dr.			ERY FUND.	ф929 о 1 Св.
 1898. Jan. 1, To deposi Seamen's Savi Bank, July 1, Dividend date, 	ngs \$200 to	08 04	1898. Dec. 6, By John Pierce, Dec. 31, By balance,	\$6 12 200 00
	\$206	12	The second s	\$206 12

DR. FRANCIS GODFREY FUND. 1898. Jan. 1, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank, \$\$87 02 July 1, Dividend to date, 2 67 \$\$80,60	\$1 50 88 19	DR. MARY STIED FUND. CR. 1898. 1898. Jan. 1, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank, 1898. July 1, Dividend to date, \$109 42 \$112 71 \$112 71
\$89 69DR.RICHARD E. NICKERSON FUND.1898.1898.Jan. 1, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank,1898.Oct. 21, By Henry F. Pierce, Dec. 31, By balance,July 1, Dividend to date,9 06	\$89 69 Cr. \$9 06 300 00	DR. WILLIAM A. ATKINS FUND. CR. 1898. June 8, To deposit in Seamen's Savings 1898. Bank, \$500 00 \$500 00 \$\$500 00 \$\$500 00 \$\$500 00 Dr. HENRY J. LANCY FUND. CR. 1898. 1898. CR. 1898. 1898. CR. 1898. 1898. CR. 1898. 1898. CR.
\$309 06 DR. BENJAMIN SMALL FUND. 1898. Jan. 1, To deposit in Seamen's Savings Bank, \$219 47 July 1, Dividend to date, 6 61 \$226 08	\$309 06 Cr. \$226 08 \$226 08	Seamen's Savings Bank, \$500 00 \$8500 00 \$500 00 \$\$500 00 \$\$500 00 DR. PHILIP RICH FUND. CR. 1898. 1898. Cec. 31, By balance, \$100 00 Seamen's Savings Bank, \$\$100 00 \$\$100 00 \$\$100 00 \$\$100 00 SETH SMITH, Treasurer Cemetery Trust Funds.

List of Jurors of the Town of Provincetown.

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REVISED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN JAN. 16, 1899, AND POSTED AGREEABLY TO SECTION 7, CHAPTER 170, PUBLIC STATUTES.

Atkins, Charles C., Atkins, Frank R., Atkins, James. Atkins, James S., Atwood, Daniel W., Atwood, Joseph S., Atwood, Stephen F., Baker, Benjamin A., Bangs, Wm. B. E., Barnett, James H., Bell, John, Bradshaw, Michael, Bragdon, Sumner, Burch, John M., Burkett, Charles W., Callahan, James E., Chapman, Benjamin R., Chapman, George S., Chapman, Stephen F., Chase, Frank, Cook, Charles A., Cook, Clarence A., Cook, Frederick F.,

Cook, Heman S., Cook, Richard W., Crosby, George, Dearborn, Winthrop C., Dyer, Charles A., Dver, Charles H., Emerv, Cushing H., Engles, Herbert, Ewell, Seneca G., Francis, John A., Freeman, Alpheus I., Freeman, Geo. W., Freeman, Prince I., Fuller, Charles A., Herbolt, Wm. H., Hill, Franklin E., Hopkins, Charles S., Hudson, Wm. P., Johnson, Geo. F., Johnson, Wm. F., Lavender, Elbridge G. R., Lewis, Frederick A., Lewis, Henry J.,

Livermore, John H., Manta, Joseph, Manta, Joseph A., Matthews, Joseph, Marsten, Charles H., McKay, Angus, McKay, Daniel M., Mavo, Albert S., Nickerson, Lemuel F., Nickerson, Theodore S., Paine, Lysander N., Young, Charles L.

Powe, Andrew T., Rich, Allen W., Rich, Elisha, Rich, John B., Rogers, Jesse, Small, James A., Smith, Jerome S., Smith, John R., Smith, Simeon C.,

Sparrow, Harvey O.,

Turner, Isaiah,

Total number sixty-nine, agreeably to Section 6, Chapter 170. Public Statutes.

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

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting, Monday, February 13, 1899.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and summon the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, the thirteenth day of February next, at nime 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 se 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 its 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 the reinsurance of the Governor Bradford Schoolhouse.

SEVENTH. To ree if the town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the suppression of crime. EIGHTH. To see what action the town will take towards abating the nuisance on Bradford Street, near the premises of Joseph A. West and John M. Burch, caused by insufficient drainage.

NINTH. To see if the town will vote to reimburse widow Rebecca G. Cutter, for damages caused to her property by the overflow of water from Tremont Street.

TENTH. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to extend the plank walk at the western end of the town to the "Pungo" so called and that seventy-five dollars be raised and appropriated for the same.

ELEVENTH. To see if the town will pass resolutions in favor of the fish weirs to be forwarded to the Legislature.

TWELFTH. 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 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. Three Trustees of the Public Library for three years. A Collector of Taxes for one year. An Auditor for one year. Three Fence Viewers for one year. Three Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber for one year. Two or more Field Drivers for one year. A Pound Keeper for one year. A Monument Committee for one year.

Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ?" The polls will be open at eleven o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at three o'clock, P. M. THIRTEENTH. 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 ou attested printed copy thereof at each of the following places to wit: Stores of Alexander G. Small, William Trevosh, Andrey T. Williams, Joseph Matthews, Joseph Silver, Benjamin H. Dyer & Co., John Adams, Lewis & Brown, John D. Adams, Mary J. Ellis, John D. Hilliard, Matthias Silver, 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 ninetynine.

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

A true copy attest.

J. HARVEY DEARBORN, Constable of the town of Provincetown

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

GENTLEMEN :—I respectfully submit my fifth annual report of the work done and expenses incurred in the Highway Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898 :

The amount appropriated at the last annual

meeting for	roads and walks was	\$3,000	00
Old material sold,		4	95
Deficiency,		189	85

\$3,194 80

EXPENDITURES.

aid	J. S. Atwood, salary,	\$350	00
	J. S. Atwood, team hire 10 months,	125	00
	James H. Barnett, salary 10 months,	291	66
	Fred A. Stimson, for crushed stone, 1	1,179	55
	George Allen, lumber,	204	12
	Lewis & Brown, lumber,	159	77
	Alexander Gayland, labor on walks		
	and bulkheads,	108	15
	John McQuillan, labor,	53	75
	James Welsh, teaming sand and sods,	44	20
	John S. Jones, """""	8	60
	Manuel F. Noons, " " "	35	80
	N. C. Brooks, breaking roads,	1	00
	Charles L. Young, teaming stone and		
	sand,	12	80
	Manuel E. Silver, teaming stone,	7	83

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Paid A. E. Rich, teaming stone,	\$7	40
James Campbell, teaming stone,	10	60
Prince I. Freeman, ""	5	40
John W. Welsh, carting stone and		
cleaning cesspools,	26	50
John Davis, carting stone and sods,	51	90
J. D. Hilliard, wharfage and carting		
stone,	16	50
John A. Matheson, wharfage on stone,	34	80
Philip R. Whorf, ""	12	00
Wm. H. Settes, labor on sods and stone,	34	80
Jesse Ghen, labor on clearing snow,	10	68
Ira K. Small, " " "	7	08
Boniface Silver, labor on clearing snow,	9	43
A. W. Young, " " "	4	30
Hugh McFadyen, " " "	7	51
John Garland, " " "	8	82
John W. Holway, labor clearing snow,	. 4	33
Benj. W. Atkins, " " "	8	03
George H. Lewis, """"	8	42
Bangs A. Lewis, " " "	8	78
Reuben E. Ryder, " " "	2	85
Elisha Tilson, labor on stones and walks	5, 7	90
Wm. H. Carr, " " "	8	63
Lewis A. Smith, labor clearing snow,	2	05
Nathaniel Atkins, " " "	6	-38
J. H. Dearborn, " " "	2	6.0
Joseph C. Ellis, """"		30
James M. Burke, dip nets,		50
James E. Rich, oyster shells,	6	00
John F. Joseph, labor on snow,		30
John Atkins, oyster shells,	5	50
Heman S. Cook, auctioneer,	3	00
Geo. A. Settes, labor on sods and road,	.12	60
John J. Roderick, cutting sods and		
labor on road,	30	.90
John C. Heims, clearing snow,	5	83

1 H. F. Hopkins, printing,	\$3	00
Geo. W. Readey, labor removing ashes,	6	40
John A. Logan, labor on stone,		60
James McQuillan, labor on stone,	10	94
Thos. McQuillan, "	4	20
Thos. E. Carr, "	9	47
Peter McQuillan, "	3	80
Amasa Taylor, iron work,	13	26
Walter T. Smith, labor on stone,	3	80
Benj. T. Benson, labor on bulkhead,	3	55
Wm. R. Gayland, "	2	30
David Conwell, wharfage on stone,	9	00
Wm. W. Bowley, labor on stone,	3	70
C. C. Atkins, "	3	43
Robt. H. Sparrow, labor on snow,	1	25
Chas. H. Holway, labor on sidewalk,	11	55
B. H. Dyer & Co., tools and nails,	8	82
J. H. Livermore, iron work,		40
Geo. O. Knowles, wharfage on stone,	7	80
Samuel A. Bennett, carting sods,	14	90
Frank Silver, labor stone and snow,	6	22
Wm. B. Lewis, labor on snow, 10 months	, 4	58
Simeon L. West, labor on stone,	1	60
Wm. H. Sprague, labor on snow,		80
James Fuller and Son, labor on cesspool,	2	15
Adam M. Holway, removing trees from		
street,		50
Eben W. Holway, removing trees from		
street,		50
George H. Holmes, filing saws and iron		
work,	1	50
Frank Brown, labor removing trees		
from street,	2	00
Joseph Brown, Jr., labor removing		
trees from street,	2	00
Wm. P. Cross, removing trees from		
street,	3	80

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Paid	l Geo. W. Tuttle, lab	or on sand.		\$2	25	
	Manuel Enos, labor		months.		75	
	Walter Welch,	cc ·	"		58	
	Jerome S. Smith,	"	66		58	
	George Crosby,	"	"		58	
	Thos. Welsh, Jr.,	"	"		00	
	James E. Worth,	"	"		58	
	Andrew T. Coleman.		44	3	75	
	Thomas Welch,	"	66		58	
	Geo. E. Ford,	44	66		75	
	Elden Rogers,	"	٤٥ .		58	
	P. R. Howes,	"		4	17	
	J. T. Small,	"	66	4	17	
	Joseph P. Morrill,	"	"	4	17	
	James Carr, 2nd,	"	"	4	17	
	Reuben W. Rich,	"	66	4	17	
	Peter Carr,	"	"	5	00	
	Geo. W. Ellis,	"	66	4	58	
	John W. Savage,	"	"	4		
	Joseph H. Emery,	"	"	4		
	Manuel Snow,	"	"	4	58	
	Wm. H. Herbolt, iro	n work,			40	
	Chas. Gardner, filing				25	
	Joseph Williams, lab				50	
			1	-		\$3,194 80

JETTY SYSTEM.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR]	898.	
Appropriation,		\$100 00
Jan. 29, Paid Joseph E. Weeks, labor,	90	
Geo. H. Lewis, labor,	. 90	
July 30, Paid Alexander Gayland, labor,	2 85	
Jas. W. Dunham, labor,	1 90	
Polones in the	\$6 55	
Balance in treasury,	93 45	2100 00
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WATERING THE STREETS.

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1898.	
propriation,	\$250 00
Expenditures.	
id James Campbell, \$149 00	
Jonathan Sparrow, land rent, 5 00	
\$154 00	
lance unexpended, 96 00	\$250 00
and the second	#200 00
DRAINAGE OF WEBSTER PLACE.	
propriation,	\$200 00
1898. Expenditures.	
ly 30, Paid Lewis&Brown, pipe and brick, \$51 50	
Reuben Nickerson, for stone, 6 00	
Amasa Taylor, iron work, 5 01	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., iron, 8 40	1. S. S. S.
James Fuller & Son, labor, 7 18	
Geo. W. Tuttle, " 4 70	
Jas. W. Dunham, " 2 80	
Thomas McQuillan, " 2 80	
Chas. H. Holway, " 1 35	1. 28 F
John McQuillan, " 5 60	
Charles Baker, " 40	
Manuel F. Noons, teaming, 1 60)
\$97 34	
alance unexpended, 102 66	
	- \$200 00
RECOMMENDATIONS.	
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I would recommend for the consideration	of	the	town 1	the	
ollowing appropriations for this department	the	year	ensuing	g :	
Roads and Walks,			\$3,000	00	
Watering the Streets,			250	00	

\$3,250 00

JOSEPH S. ATWOOD,

Superintendent of Streets.

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OF THE

Engineers of the Fire Department.

FINANCIAL.

hief of Department,		\$20	00
lerk Board of Engineers	,	15	00
hree Assistant Engineers	s, each \$10,	30	00
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look and Ladder Co. No.	1, 25 men,	\$125	00
teamer Co. No. 3,	15 "	75	00
hemical Co. No. 4,	20 %	100	00
lose Co. No. 1,	12 "	60	00
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3,	12 "	60	00
·· ·· 4,	12 "	60	00
5,	12 "	60	00

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

270 00

\$935 00

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Total salaries to May 1, 1898,

Stoves, fuel and lights, 58 60 House supplies, waste, polish, soda, 38 25 Fire cracker notices and posting, 3 50 8 75 Printing engine blanks for reports, 28 70 Hose carriage repairs, 53 00 Horses on apparatus, Horses on steamer, special contract, 70 00 Painting department houses, 42 24 Cleaning and carting hose, 34 40 Repairing hose, 12 00 Fire box keys, 1 66 Watching ruins after fires, 8 00 Apparatus and hose carriage reel repairs, 25 15 Flag staff repairs, 16 00 4 engineer's lanterns, 10 00 Hose washers and straps, 8 75 Taber spanners, 20 00 12 50 Horse hire at fires, Labor and carting on platform of Hose 16 75 house, No. 1, 13 08 Brass pocket spanners, 650 feet, 2 1-2 inch circular woven hose, 300 00 Appropriated at annual meeting 1898 for \$1,400 00 salaries and running expenses: 298 40 Special for hose, 1 60 Freight and carting on new hose, Sale of one ton cannel coal, 14 00 Overdrawn,

\$48 50

26 50

\$1,791 33

\$1,714 00

\$77 33

Sundry bills to Jan. 1, 1899: Engine and hose house repairs,

Ringing fire alarm bells.

RECORDS OF FIRES FOR 1898.

June 9, 3.10 P. M. Fire at the West End, caused by burning grass and bushes in near proximity to Pungo Cottage, so called. A needless alarm. No damage. Hose 2 laid a line of hose which was not used.

July 14, 4.15 P. M. Slight fire in store on Commercial Street owned and occupied by George Rich. Cuaused by burning net twine in a defective chimney. Hose 1 laid a line of hose which was not used, the fire being extinguished by the use of pails of water. Damage triffing. It called out the whole department.

Sept. 9, 2.30 P. M. Fire at Central Wharf building, owed by Central Wharf Co. and occupied by Joseph Rich & Co. This fire no doubt started from boys smoking on the lower floor and soon burned through the roof. Loss \$50.00. A general alarm was rung in.

Hose used, Hose 2,	700 feet.
Hose 3,	600 "
Hose 4,	450 "
Hose 5,	500 "
Water used,	15,000 gal.

Sept. 28, 3 o'clock, A. M. This fire started in a sleeping room on the upper floor of a building owned by Eva E. Barnes at the West End. It was not occupied at the time. The State Fire Marshal has been down to investigate, but could not decide the cause by the evidence collected. Loss on building, \$135; loss on furniture, \$30.

Hose used, Hose 2,	500 feet.
Hose 4,	. 300 "
Water used,	3,750 gal.

Sept. 29, 10.25 P. M. Fire in the barn of John M. Carnes in the rear of his house on Bradford Street. A horse, two cows, a quantity of hay, and barn tools were burned. It was quite a loss to Mr. Carnes, there being no insurance. The cause of this fire is unknown. Loss on building, \$250; loss on contents, \$150.

Hose used, Hose 2,	450 feet.
Hose 3,	450 "
Hose 4,	450 "
Hose 5,	450 "、
Chemical 4,	250 "
Water used,	50,000 gal.

Oct. 2, 3.45 A. M. The large cooper shop on Commercial Street owned by the late Adam Macool, on fire. The interior of the building, containing a quantity of lumber, a few casks, and tools, were burned.

The fire apparently begun in the section of building nearest the water. The department soon had the blaze under control, the fire being almost wholly confined within the building. The advantage of the Provincetown water department was well illustrated as the building was in a crowded section, surrounded on either side by large buildings. While the real origin of the fire is unknown, the general opinion prevails that it was incendiary. Loss on building, \$225; loss on contents, \$350. Insurance, \$1000.

Hose used, Hose 1,	550 feet.
Hose 2,	700 "
Hose 3,	800 "
Hose 4,	500 "
Hose 5,	500 "
Steamer 3,	600 "
Chemical 4,	250 "
Water used,	124,000 gal.

Oct. 7, 8.45 A. M. The cause of this fire no doubt was smoking near Conwell Bros.' large fish store at the lower end of wharf. The damage was slight. A general alarm was rung in.

Hose used, Hose 3,	800 feet.
Hose 5,	500 "
Water used,	1,200 gal.

Oct. 8, 11.45 P. M. An incendiary attempt to burn John Williams' dwelling house; discovered and extinguished without an alarm. No damage of any amount.

Nov. 12, 11.45 P. M. This alarm was given from Steamer A. B. Nickerson out in the harbor. The fire was in a stable owned by Joshua Paine and occupied by Warren Fielding. The building contained a quantity of hay, harnesses and barn tools, with four horses, which were suffocated by smoke before the firemen could release them. It was impossible to save the horses as heroic attempt was made. The real origin of the fire is unknown, but the general opinion is that it was incendiary. Loss on building, \$150; loss on contents, \$600.35.

Hose used, Hose 2,	600 feet.
Hose 4,	400 "
Water used,	28,125 gal.

Dec. 27, 9.55, A. M. Fire in wood house owned by Joseph Crowell. When the firemen arrived it looked almost impossible to save the building as there was a strong breeze blowing at the time. The cause of this fire smoking hams with sawdust in a barrel. Loss \$65.

Hose used, Hose 5,	500 feet.
Hose 3,	350 "
Hose 4, wet,	500 "
Water used,	5,000 gal.

ALARM.

We again call the attention of the people to the absolute necessity of raising an alarm whenever a fire is discovered. The firemen cannot reach a fire quickly unless promptly alarmed. Let all join in the cry Fire ! Fire !!

RINGING CHURCH BELLS.

So much ringing of bells, more than formerly, is the cause of lost time in determining for what the bells are ringing. Why not toll the bell; it will answer just as well, no doubt.

Houses.

The several department buildings are as a whole in order. Painting has been done on houses, Nos. 2, 3, and 5. The new stone platform has been laid at Hose No. 1 house, also new top to flagstaff. Some painting and other repairs will be necessary to preserve the several buildings.

HOSE.

With the special appropriation, 650 feet new 21-2 inch rubber lined wax and gum treated circular woven hose has been purchased during the year, and there have been occasions this year to use most all the hose in the department. At the several fires during the year there have been 12,050 feet of hose in use.

APPROPRIATION REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED.

Salaries one year to May 1, 1899,	\$950	00
Other expenses for one year to Jan. 1, 1900,	500	00

Total appropriation,

\$1,450 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. HOLMES,JOHN G. WHITCOMB,J. H. BARNETT,J. F. SNOW,J. A. RICH,Engineers Fire Department.

Provincetown, Jan. 16, 1899.

Report of Monument Committee.

I have the honor to submit the following report of Monument Committee for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898:

Expended for taking care of Soldier's Monument,	\$20 0
For bunting and labor in decorating the monument,	4 2

Total,

JOHN ROSENTHAL, Monument Committee.

\$24 20

Report of the Board of Health.

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The Board of Health is much pleased to record a marked improvement in the sanitary condition of the town since the year 1897. About eight hundred buildings and cesspools have been inspected, and, with few exceptions, a change for the better is noticeable. As a rule, the people seem to appreciate the efforts which have been made, and appear very glad to assist us in every way possible. There are cases in which we have been obliged to seem severe in regard to certain laws affecting cleanliness and doubtless, have made some enemies by doing so, but this has been the case when laws of any kind have been enforced and we can only regret the necessity.

Some few years ago, the Board adopted Quarantine Regulations for the safety of the people, which have been approved by the National Board of Health, this town having received the praise of being better regulated in the matter of quarantine, than any seaport in the State.

Recently a question has arisen in regard to establishing a fish and oil factory on Long Point, as to whether or not, it would be an advantage to the present and future residents. Judging from what we have known of factories located here in the past, we should think it would add neither to the health or wealth of the town, unless, as we are told, the improved process does away with all malodorous effects. In that case, it would be, in the opinion of a majority of our town people, a financial benefit.

It is the opinion of this Board that the town should, at its next annual meeting, set aside a small sum of money to secure some place for a common dumping ground. Many are puzzled to know what to do with collections of garbage and rubbish, and the foregoing plan would, we think, dispose of that questionthe said ground to be cared for by the Board of Health.

Aside from that we would recommend that the same amount be appropriated as last year, this having been one of hardship for many of our citizens. For many years past, we have not had as many foreign vessels in our port as during 1898.

We sincerely regret the resignation of Capt. Robert M. Lavender from this Board as during his long and faithful term of office he has rendered the town such excellent service and has done much to elevate the Board of Health to its present usefulness of which we as citizens of the town feel proud.

For Vital Statistics see report of Town Clerk who acts as agent for the Board of Health.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Amount of appropriation,	\$175	00
Cash received for inspecting vessels and passengers,	97	25
Sanitary licenses (4),	8	00
Undertakers' licenses (2),	4	00
Fumigating,	5	00
Reimbursing for sanitary work,	3	00
	\$292	25
Amount of expenditures.		
Inspecting 17 vessels in quarantine, \$51 00		
William T. Atkins, boat hire, 14 00		
E. G. Berry, " 2 00		
Philip P. Morrell, " 1 00		
Secretary, for services, postage, etc., 20 00		
Rubber stamp, 50		
Howard F. Hopkins, printing notices,		
stationery, etc., 24,80		
A. L. Putnam, record book, 75		
B. A. Lewis, labor, etc., 30 85		
E. H. Tillson, labor, etc., 25 05		
S. S. Lavender, labor, 4 00		
Isaiah L. Young, labor, 5 00		
G. E. Ford, sanitary work, 3 00		
Schering & Glatz, fumigating apparatus, 7 25		
George W. Readey, sanitary work, 8 50		
George H. Lewis, labor, 4 90		
Robt. M. Lavender, labor, inspecting, etc., 42 70		
Balance unexpended, 46 95		

\$292 25

B. A. LEWIS,
E. H. TILLSON,
W. S. BIRGE, M. D., Board of Health.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

With the additional funds realized from the sale of hearses and hearse house your Commissioners have been able to accomplish more work than usual in repairs and improvements.

A large section of the Eastern Cemetery was cleared of rubbish and trees and a fence built to prevent tresspassing on the new addition. In the Western Cemetery two long sections of new fence have been put up, rubbish removed and the road on the Western side improved. This cemetery needs additional work in the way of removal of bushes and vines and more new fencing.

An appropriation of one hundred dollars is recommended.

Appropriation, Received from sale of hearses, ""sale of hearse house,				00 45 37	00
			\$1	.82	50
Paid Reuben Nickerson,	\$8	43			
John T. D. Holway,	6	92			
Chas. H. Holway,	20	55			
Chas. W. Dyer,	10	00			
Lewis & Brown,	24	45			
B. H. Dyer & Co.,	33	19			
James Fuller,	2	00			
H. J. Lancey,	4	24			
George Allen,	27	40			
Joseph A. Nickerson,	3.	00			

Deficiency,

 Paid Benjamin G. Pierce,
 \$3 30

 Jerome S. Smith,
 3 00

 W. H. Settes,
 10 00

 Henry F. Pierce,
 28 00

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Sec. 2.

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The transactions of this department for the year are as follows:

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.			
To cash balance Jan. 1, 1898,		\$57	84
Town appropriation,		350	00
Dog Fund,		168	67
		\$576	51
Expenses for the year (per trustee's report), \$568	24		
	27		
		\$576	51
BOOK ACCOUNT.			
To cash balance, Jan. 1, 1898,		\$0	60
Interest Benj. Small Fund,		310	00
Received books sold,		1	98
Received interest,		1	68
Balance due Treasurer-deficiency,		4	86
		\$319	12
Paid for books during year,		\$319	12
Demletions concerning Trust Funds hold by	Tr	natoos	of

Regulations concerning Trust Funds held by Trustees of Public Libraries are clearly defined in Sec. 6, Chap. 304, Acts of 1888. A list of the Benjamin Small securities held by the Trustees is herewith appended :

Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis R. R. Co.,	
1st mortgage 6 per cent. bond due 1918,	
numbered 1451. Interest due May and	
November,	\$1,000 00
Chicago and Eastern III. R. R. Co., 1st con-	
solidated mortgage 6 per cent., bonds due	
1934, numbered 390, 391, 606. Interest	
due April and October,	3,000 00
City of Cincinnati, 7 per cent. bond due 1908,	
numbered 222. Interest due May and	
November,	1,000 00
	\$5,000 00

Report of Auditor.

Agreeably to Sec. 20, Chap. 423, Acts of 1893, the Auditr of Accounts of the town respectfully submits the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898:

 To cash balance Jan. 1, 1898,
 \$1,476 65

 Receipts for the year,
 76,965 24

\$78,441 89

By disbursements:

Jan.	152	orders	on Treasu	arer,	ę	\$3,141	24
Feb.	140	66	"			1,862	62
Mch.	166	66	66			4,371	99
Apr.	166	66	66			5,086	92
May	164	66	66		1	13,890	91
June	169	"	44			3,667	39
July	168	66	66			4,062	34
Aug.	139	""	"			11,345	26
Sept.	154	"	66			3,521	82
Oct.	150	66	. 4 4		1	11,077	14
Nov.	177	"	66			3,930	63
Dec.	304	66	"			$9,\!108$	51
	Tota	ıl disbu	rsements,		\$	75,066	77
Dec	. 31,	1898, c	ash baland	ce:			
	· · ·		onal Bank,		86		
In Tre	asur	er's han	.ds,	3,513	83		
				\$5,703	69		
Less o	heck	s issued	d in Dec.				
					I and an or		

cancelled in Jan. 1899, 2,328 57

Actual cash balance,

3,375 12

\$78,441 89

2.049

Total number of orders drawn,

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

29

21

\$2,875 55

As regulated by Chap. 264, Acts of 1890, coming within the scope of this department, a statement in aggregate of same is for the first time herewith embodied in the Auditor's report.

Jan. 1, 1898. Total trusts, Income during the year, New trusts added in 1898,		\$1,430 43 1,100
Bills paid by Treasurer on approve	d	\$2,573
vouchers,	\$36 68	
Dec. 31, 1898. Balance trusts,	2,536 82	
		\$2.573

WATER DEPARTMENT.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

To cash balance Jan. 1, 1898, Town Treasurer,	\$111 26
" " Jan. 1, 1898, Supt. Water Dep't,	27 19
Received from water rates,	2,663 07
" " service work,	74 03
	\$2,875 55
By bills paid during the year :	
Maintenance account, \$2,572 27	
Pump account, 27 00	
Dec 31 1898 Cash bal Town Treas 104 50	

Dec. 51, 1090,	Cash bal., 10wh 1reas,	104 00
Dec. 31, 1898,	Cash bal., Town Treas.,	
	pump account,	83 14
Dec. 31, 1898,	Cash bal. in Supt's hands,	88 64

J. D. ADAMS, SUPT., IN ACCOUNT WITH SETH SMITH, TOWN TREASURER. \$27 19 To cash balance Jan. 1, 1898, 2.663 07 Received for water rates, 74 03 " service work, 66 \$2,764 29 Paid Seth Smith, Town Treas., as per receipts: \$465 70 January, 202 24 March. 378 00 May. 93 10 June, 600 10 July. 329 61 August, 141 50 October, 154 40 November, 311 00 December, \$2,675 65 Dec. 31, 1898, Cash bal. in Supt.'s hands, 88 64 \$2,764 29

Limited space necessitates this report of the receipts and expenditures of the town to be presented principally in the aggregate. A detailed or itemized account would be a radical departure from the usual custom and at this time not justifiable to your Auditor without an expressed vote of the citizens. Either an itemized or classified statement or report needs no argument in its favor.

I cannot close this report, however, without noting the courtesy extended by many of the department officials. No book, voucher or paper was withheld by the efficient custodian of the Town Treasury, but a free and open examination was cheerfully accorded and welcomed.

OTIS M. KNOWLES, Auditor.

Report of the Special Committee TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GUAM FACTORY ON LONG POINT, PROVINCETOWN.

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At a special town meeting held on the evening of November 9th last, called, as appears by the 2d article in the warrant for said meeting, "To take such action and make such provision as shall appear requisite to prevent the establishment of a Guam Factory on Long Point."

This article being under consideration, the following motion was made by J. T. Small:

"Moved, That there be appointed a committee of seven citizens to protest against, and to prevent, if possible, the re-establishment of a Guano Factory on Long Point in Province town and that said committee be and hereby is authorized and instructed to take all such legitimate measures and action as may appear necessary for effecting the purpose of this motion"

After a full, prolonged discussion, this motion was carried by a "Yes" and "No" ballot, 158 voters voting for and 110 against the motion.

In pursuance thereof the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to carry this motion into effect, viz.: Joshua T. Small, John D. Hilliard, James Gifford, Simeon C. Smith, Charles O. Elliett, Isaac B. Lewis, and Lysander N. Paine. At a meeting held November 11th last, the committee was organized by the choice of James Gifford, Chairman, and J. T. Small, Secretary.

On motion, Mr. C. O. Elliett was made a sub-committee to convey to Col. C. R. Suther, Engineer U. S. A., of the War Department, a certified copy of the foregoing vote of the town and to confer with him concerning the five years' lease of land granted the American Fisheries Co. on Long Point for a guano plant. The Chairman was likewise instructed to communicate with Senator Hoar, either personally or by letter relating to the same object, if deemed necessary.

In fulfillment of these instructions no time was lost by the sub-committee in conveying to Col. Suther a certified copy of the vote polled at the special town meeting and in conferring with him respecting the revocation of the lease.

On November 26th last, the chairman of the committee in a personal interview in Boston with Col. Suther, ascertained that the five years' lease of land on Long Point, granted the American Fisheries Co. had been revoked by the Secretary of War four days prior to that date. This intelligence was immediately wired to the secretary of the committee who made public announcement of it.

For this result not only to Col. Suther, but also to his predecessor, Col. S. M. Mansfield, the obligations of your committee are due, and are hereby acknowledged, for the fairness and courtesy accorded it, in reopening the merits of the re-establishment of the contemplated Guano Works, and for permitting the introduction of evidence in opposition to this scheme.

Recognizing the fact that they had, in the first instance, been misled into recommending the lease, through the unwarranted representation that the Selectmen of Provincetown, had, in their official capacity, petitioned for it, these officials were the more willing to allow an examination of the syndicate's project. They were moreover not unwilling that the town should decide for itself, by vote, whether or not it desired the guano factory within its borders. The decision expressed against it at the special town meeting was not so pronounced as could have been wished but was, nevertheless, gratifying considering the circumstances under which it was rendered. Great expectations of employment excited by exaggerations of the amount of work the new company would furnish, were vividly and persistently set forth and with effect. To these illusions was added, just prior to the meeting the unprecedented outlay of large sums of money, ostensibly on account of the company's large fleet of pory steamers rendezvouring here just at that time. Distributions of liberal sums for outfits were made under imperative orders from the company "to scatter the money throughout the town." Keepers of small, remote groceries were astonished and made glad by unexpected orders received for the first time in the ten or more years their new patrons had frequented this port. The larger and more popular traders were in some instances, made glad by receipt of \$700. Nor were mechanics overlooked in this rare deal.

Considering therefore the expectations inspired and the alluements held out, your committee regard the result of the balloting at the special town meeting, as creditable to the firmness and good sense of the town.

When it is borne in mind that by the language of the Act of Congress, authorizing the lease of government land and that by the express terms of this Company's lease itself it was "revokable at any time," by the Secretary of War, it will be seen that the American Fisheries Co. received only just what it had bargained for when its lease was taken away. Why then seek to impose the cost of obtaining it upon others?

Such parts of the correspondence as appear to be of public interest are herewith submitted.

Chas. J. Canda, Pres. Rt.Hon. The Lord Lurgan, Vice Pres't. W. M, Tuttle, Treas. 16 St. Helens Place, London, E. C. J. J. McAuliffe, Sec.

THE AMERICAN FISHERIES COMPANY,

MANUFACTURERS OF

FISH OILS AND FISH GUANOS.

N. B. Church, General Manager. 135 Front St.

Telephone, 117 John Cable, "Piscatorio"

NEW YORK, Nov. 19, 1898.

MR. JOSHUA T. SMALL & OTHERS, Provincetown, Mass.

Dear Sirs,—I have been informed that you and several other gentlemen have been appointed a Committee to protest against and to prevent if possible the building of a fish factory on Long Point, Provincetown Harbor. I have been waiting since your appointment expecting to hear something from you in reply to my letter to the Advocate on Nov. 3d. Will you kindly write me what you propose to do regarding this matter so that I may be able to carry out my plans for the construction and equipment of a plant somewhere in Provincetown Bay.

Awaiting your pleasure, I remain,

Yours very truly, N. B. CHURCH, General Manager.

To the foregoing your committee returned the following reply:

PROVINCETOWN, Nov. 26, 1898.

MR. N. B. CHURCH, General Manager, American Fisheries Co., Dear Sir :-Your letter of the 19th inst., has been submitted to the committee appointed by this town to prevent the reestablishment of a guano factory on Long Point, Provincetewn, and to which you insist upon an answer. You, moreover, therein inform this committee that you have been waiting to hear something in reply to your letter in the Advocate of Nov. 3d. Your proposition thus referred to is, "provided your people who are so bitterly opposed to its (the guano factory's) erection would pay all bills incurred to date by the company, about \$700, said company would cancel the lease." But why,

permit us to ask, should the town of Provincetown pay these bills? How did it become responsible for them? Did it offer any inducement for incurring this debt? No; the whole scheme originated with your syndicate. The signatures to the petition for the guano factory resulting in your claim for \$700 were solicited, not by Provincetown, nor its agents, but by the employees of your syndicate. The town took no step to encourage or promote the undertaking. Its only action has been opposed it. Whether or not individual citizens have contracted obligations to pay this claim is a matter not assigned this committee to determine. So far as the town's responsibility is involved, it is denied. But suppose a majority of its voters were willing to pay this bill, will Mr. Church or any of his associates of the syndicate, point out the statute authorizing the town to raise and appropriate money for this purpose? The objects for which money may be raised and applied by towns in Massachusetts are specified and limited, and this committee know of no provision of law, expressed or implied, authorizing the assessment of a tax upon the property holders of Provincetown for the payment of bills incurred without its consent or knowledge or benefit. The committee is therefore debarred making any proposition for the liquidation of your claim.

In answer to your request to "kindly write me what you propose to do regarding this matter," we can only advise you that it is the purpose of this committee to carry into effect the object for which it was chosen, viz.: to save, if possible, the inhabitants of Provincetown from becoming the victims of an intolerable nuisance to be inflicted to advance the fortunes of "The Right Honorable, The Lord Lurgan," and other alien and domestic associates of the American Fisheries Syndicate.

> Very respectfully yours, (Signed) J. T. SMALL, Secretary.

Liberty is taken to append, without the writer's knowledge, the following letter for the purpose of showing his interest in the town, as attested by characteristic generosity in the offer to share its burdens: BOSTON, MASS., NOV. 15, 1898.

J. T. SMALL, Esq., Provincetown, Mass.

DEAR MR. SMALL:—I was pleased to receive your letter of Nov. 14th, regarding the proposed factory of the American Fisheries Co., upon Long Point. In a clipping from the Advocate, which, I think, you also sent me. I notice a statement by the Company that they would surrender their lease upon payment of \$700, which, they allege, is the expense to which they have been put in the matter. Will you kindly favor me with your views as to whether the American Fisheries Company has been to such an expense? In this connection I may say that, if it becomes necessary to start a subscription to raise this, or perhaps a smaller amount, for the purpose of preventing the erection of a guano factory, you may put me down for \$50.

Very truly yours,

E. A. GROZIER.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA T. SMALL, JOHN D. HILLIARD, JAMES GIFFORD, LYSANDER N. PAINE, SIMEON C. SMITH, ISAAC B. LEWIS, CHARLES O. ELLIETT, Special Committee.

JUNE.

30. Frederick William Kingman of Hyannis and Bertha Kent Cushman of Provincetown. Married at Harwich Port.

JULY.

- 9. Anthony Stuart Brown and Minnie Etta Collins, both of Provincetown. Married at South Boston.
- 30. Joseph Frates Jacob and Mary Veara, both of Provincetown.

AUGUST.

- 7. Joseph Rogers of Truro and Fermana Marshall of Provincetown.
- Joseph Henry Carley of Buffalo, N. Y., and Adeline Lothrop of Provincetown.

SEPTEMBER.

23. Willard L. Potter and Ruth P. Walker, both of Orleans, Mass. Married in Provincetown.

OCTOBER.

- 2. William Bangs Lewis and Winifred Sherman Small, both of Provincetown.
- 11. George C. Smith and Carrie R. Smith, both of Provincetown.
- Joseph M. Prada and Rebecca M. Newcomb, both of Provincetown.
- 17. Antoine Andrado and Victorine Joseph, both of Provincetown.
- 20. Raymond A. Hopkins and Elizabeth K. MacIntyre, both of Provincetown.
- 29. Joseph Souza and Mary Anna Brown, both of Provincetown.

NOVEMBER.

- 14. Manuel F. Silva and Mamie Enos, both of Provincetown.
- 14. Antoine Francis and Mamie R. Silva, both of Provincetown.
- 14. Joseph Perry Flores and Mary Alves, both of Provincetown.
- 14. John S. Francis of Truro, Mass., and Mary Prada of Provincetown.
- 17. John A. Francis of Provincetown and Mary J. Enos of Truro, Mass. Married at Truro.

Town Clerk's Report.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1898.

JANUARY.

- 12. John Souza Ponts and Mamie Cook, both of Provincetown.
- 20. Frank Andrews Vice and Mamie Marks, both of Provincetown.
- 23. William Bradley Littlefield of Brockton, Mass., and Lila May O'Neil of Provincetown.

FEBRUARY.

- 5. Martin Silva and Barbara da Livramento Silva, both of Provincetown.
- 7. Bernard Ventura Delora and Annie A. Silva, both of Provincetown.
- 19. Manuel C. Francis of Truro and Matilda Glover of Deering, N.H.
- 19. Manuel J. Souza and Mamie J. Days, both of Provincetown.
- 21. Duncan Campbell and Annie McDonald, both of Provincetown.

APRIL.

27. Elijah Jacobs Rogers and Clara Louise Bangs, both of Provincetown.

MAY.

- 4. John Burt Bangs and Lena McDonald, both of Provincetown.
- 8. Merton Lenwood Rogers and Ada May Magee, both of Provincetown.
- 18. Jule Frates and Mary Silva, both of Provincetown.
- 23. Joseph Matthews of Provincetown and Henrietta Medwood of Wellfleet. Married at Brewster.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1898.

JANUARY.

Date. Name. 4. John Warren Pierce, 9. Maud Gayland Baker, 9. Antoine Perry, Jr., 10. Nellie Souza,

- 11. Daniel Milton Suker,
- 14. Mary Flores,
- 19. Frank Cook,
- 20. Julia Prayder,
- 21. Mary Rochteau,
- 23. Irene May Perry,
- 29. John Oliver,
- 30. Mamie DeRiggs,
- 1. Mamie Gaspie,
- 2. Elizabeth Silva,
- 3. Clarence Wilfred Ghen,
- 3. John Davis,
- 4. ——Edwards,
- 16. Ida Silva,
- 17. Lawrence Wilber Caton,
- 21. Richard Soper Welsh,
- 22. John Riggs Cadosh,
- 23. Illegitimate.
- 26. Mary Carver Adams,
- 6. Honola May Sparrow,
- 8. Magdalena Mary Souza,
- 8. Nellie Perry,
- 9. Viola Althea Grozier,
- 11. Antoine Perry,
- 13. Blanche Warren Ellis,
- 13. Magdalena Sands,

Names of Parents.

James W. and Eva May, nee Lewis. Charles and Lizzie, nee Gayland. Antoine and Selina, nee Christie. Lewis and Mary, nee Prayder. Daniel L. and Annie E., nee Berry. Frank and Amelia, nee Frates. Manuel and Volante A., nee Coracao. Jcseph and Mary, nee Lewis. Joseph and Margaret C., nee Lopez. Joseph E. and Mary, nee Cadosh. Fernando and Mary, nee Jecouse. Antoine and Mary, nee Joseph.

FEBRUARY.

John S. and Mary, nee Lewis. Antoine I. and Mary, nee Viera. Clarence A.and Grace D., nee Eldridge Manuel and Jessie, nee Souza. Thomas and Augustine, nee Styles. 15. Dorothy Atherton Spinney, Leslie A. and Nellie B., nee Frellick. Henry P. and Mary, nee Frates. John and Wilhelmina, nee Carlos. Richard J. and Emma F., nee Smith. Manuel R. and Antoina, nee Gaspie.

John and Nellie G., nee Nason.

MARCH.

Alvin M. and Mamie, nee Mullen. Marion and Mary, nee Silva. Marion and Mary J., nee Souza. Daniel W. and Hattie A., nee Young. John and Mary. nee Fereia. John W. and Agnes F., nee Logan. Peter and Maggie, nee Joseph.

Date. Name. 16. Manuel Davis, 18. John Meads, 20. Ralph Gamaliel Fuller, 28. Lawrence Leslie Silva, 28. Ralph Freeman Lewis, 29. Raphael William Hill,

- 3. Olivia Marshall,
- 5. Edith Simmons,
- 15. Marion E. Swartz,
- 29. Ernest Horton Morris,
- 2. William Cabral,
- 15. America Frates,
- 29. ——Patrick,
- 6. Maggie May Almeda,
- 12. Joseph Henrique, Jr.
- 17. Arthur Cabral,
- 18. Ernest Francis Rich,
- 25. Agnes Margaret Silva,
- 28. Ernest Souza,
- 4. John Rogers,
 - 4. Mamie Jason,
 - 5. Ida Gomes,
 - 5. Mary Perry,
 - 5. Nellie Costa,
 - 7. Edward Thomas,
 - 9. Leah Crowley,
 - 11. Lawrence Crowley,

MARCH.

Names of Parents. Joseph and Mary, nee Joseph. Antoine and Minnie, nee Peters. Gamaliel F. and Emma, nee Hughes. John J. and Mary V., nee Jason. Isaac W.and Laura May, nee Freeman Jared W. and Mamie A., nee Noons.

APRIL.

Joseph R. and Mary, nee Silva. Manuel L. and Rose, nee Marshall. John and Mary J., nee Greeley. Matthias and Carrie May, nee Patrick.

MAY.

Jessie and Mary, nee Joseph. Antoine and Emma, nee Oliver. Antoine and Mary, nee Tasha.

JUNE.

Antoine and Rosie, nee Jason. Joseph and Maria da C., nee Joseph. 15. Frances Veronica Martins, Henry M. and Sarah J., nee Ramos. Manuel and Amelia, nee Valentine. Augustus E.and Melissa, nee Newcomb Manuel and Mary, nee Clement. Ferdinand and Mary F., nee Silva.

JULY.

King and Julia, nee Ferreira. Manuel and Mary Amelia. Frank and Mary, nee Trazer. Frank V. and Margaret. Jesse and Jessie. Manuel and Mary, nee Crowley. Frank, 2d, and Mary, nee Joseph. Manuel and Mary C., nee White.

JULY.

Names of Parents.

11. Mildred Wilson Mabbett. Albert G. and Grace, nee Henderson. Zacharias and Gertrude G., nee Rose. Frank and Kate, nee Perry. Manuel and Clara, nee Gomes. Frank S. and Mary S., nee Lent. Vincent F. and Gurine Hagen. Augustus Ray and Frazie de Concisca Frank and Jennie, nee Randall.

AUGUST.

Frank and Mary A., nee Tarves. Antoine and Mary Williams. John and Marv, nee Silva.

Joseph and Mary, nee Souza. 15. Josephine Evelyn Grover, George B. and Sarah M., nee Hatch. John D. and Virginia, nee Joseph. Merton L. and Ada May, nee Magee. Stephen M. and Frances R., nee Silva. 27. Josephine Alves Pachaco, Joseph A. and Amelia Francis.

SEPTEMBER.

- 1. Amelia Ellen Francis,
- 4. Jennie de Cost,
- 17. Sherman Peterson Perie,
- 18. Emma Silva,

Date.

Name.

13. Georgie DaLus,

22. Nellie Veara,

26. John Alves.

14. Joseph Crowley,

26. Bertha May Silva,

31. Madeline W. Carlos,

5. Mary Ann Loring,

8. Charles Jason.

13. Angie Pershake,

15. Annie May Fields,

23. Laura Woods,

21. Harold Austin Rogers,

9. Still born.

11. Still born.

7. Magdalena Alexander,

30. Ida Ray Cadosh,

- 19. Eldoretta Ward.
- 20. John Santos, Jr.,
- 21. Maud Enos.
- 21. Jennie Jason.
- 25. Mary Cambria Souza,
- 25. Illegitimate.
- 30. Mertes Ellsworth Caton,

Fred and Catherine, nee Bushely. Frank and Tillie, nee Jones. Manuel F. and Mary, nee Marshall. William I. and Emma L., nee Thomas John and Caroline, nee Lopez. John and Isabella, nee Azevedo. William and Mary, nee Cable. Joseph C. and Mary, nee Silva.

Date. Name.

- 2. Philip Baldwin Skerrye,
- 4. John Bent.
- 4. Nellie May Thomas,
- 11. Carlton Horton Smith,
- 21. Mary Christie Agnew.
- 23. Owen Edson McQuillan,

1. Mamie Joseph Silva,

15. Elbridge Berry Clapham,

- 25. Illegitimate.
- 30. William Melden,

3. Annie Souza.

11. Louise Tarves.

16. Antoine Costa,

17. Bella Foster,

20. Mamie Corea,

25. Jennie Enos,

6. Mamie Silva,

8. William Adams,

17. ——DeNaully,

OCTOBER.

Names of Parents.

William F.and Lillian M., nee Starratt. Joseph and Mary, nee Perry. Frank, Jr. and Rosa, nee Gracie. George C. and Carrie R. Edward P. and Julia C., nee Andrews. Thomas and Sarah H., nee Bickers.

William and Emily, nee Oliver.

NOVEMBER.

Manuel J. and Lucy, nee Silva. Peter and Louise, nee Souza. Brass and Gertrude, nee Babbitt. Frederick A., and Susie J., nee Berry. Antoine P. and Caroline, nee Peters. Antoine and Mary I., nee Sonc. Frank and Phebe, nee Page. Manuel and Mary, nee Souza.

DECEMBER.

John and Almeda, nee Souza. Walter H. and Nellie, nee O'Donnell. William H. and Eunice, nee Stanley. James and Mary C., nee Feirara. Joseph G. and Mary, nee Silva. John and Carrie, nee Silva.

Manuel and Carrie, nee Silva. 20. Josie Carr, 27. ——DeRiggs, 31. ____Adams.

John F. and Justine, nee Rich.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1898.

Crew of Sch. Susan R. Stone, lost in the gale of Nov. 15, 1897.

Name.	Age.	Cause of Dea	
Captain Manuel Veara,	48	Drowned at	t sea.
Frederick Alden,	33	"	"
John Andrews,	30	66	"
Joseph Foote,	50	"	66
Manuel H. Souza,	61	"	"
William Silva,	30		66
Joseph Lewis,	27	" "	"
John Antoine Noons,	31	"	"
Joseph Barnes,	37	66	"
Manuel Crowell,	18	"	"
Antoine J. Azevedo,	32		"
Lawrence Tarves,	22	66	66
Joseph Mary,	29	"	66
Joseph Henrique,	26	"	"
Louis Souza,	26	66	"
Antoine Souza,	36	"	"
Manuel Rescamore,	26	"	66
Antoine Pacheco,	25	"	"
Manuel Jacobs,		"	"

	JAN	UAR	RY.	
Date. Name.		Age.		Cause of Death.
	Y.	м.	D.	
12. Mary Ann Nickerson,	71	9	13	Asthenia.
14. ——Flores,	0	0	0	Premature birth.
18. Joseph W. Jordan,	41	10	20	Heart disease.
22. Rosa Martin,	53	0	0	Cirrhosis of liver.
25. Joseph Gracie Silva,		1	24	Heart disease.
25. Edmund T. Smith,	61	5	10	Brights disease an
				disease.
30. Frank Souza Garlha,	26	0	24	Phthis1s pulmonalis

31. Martha J. Beaty,

	Age.		Cause of Death.				
Υ.	м.	D.					
71	9	13	Asthenia.				
0	0	0	Premature birth.				
41	10	20	Heart disease.				
53	0	0	Cirrhosis of liver.				
	1	24	Heart disease.				
61	5	10	Brights disease [and	beart			
			disease.				
90	0	04	Dhthings nulmons lin				

70 10 23 Carcinoma.

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FEBRUARY.

Date.

4. Samue 6. ____ 6. Adam 7. Achsa 16. *Edw 20. Danie

21. Josep 22. Rozali 23. †Willi 24. Bella 25. Elizab 26. Georg 28. James

26. Bellemeda Patrick,

		TED	RUAI	LI.	
Date	e. Name.		Age.	D.	Cause of Death.
1	Leah G. Crowley,	ч. З	м. 0	-	Broncho pneumonia.
	Martha Dyer,	74	3		Cirrhosis of liver and heart
					disease.
4.	Samuel T. Soper,	. 74	2	11	Paralysis.
	Edwards,	0	0	1	Hemorrhage.
6.	Adam Macool,	74	0	0	Brights disease.
	Achsah S. Abbott,	61	4	24	Paralysis.
16.	*Edwin M. Burgess,	59	3	10	Heart disease.
20.	Daniel M. Suker,	0	1	5	Ichthus manatorum maras-
					mus.
21.	Josephine Frates,	42	0	0	Cirrhosis of liver.
22.	Rozalinda de Rego,	0	5	0	Brencho pneumonia.
23.	†Willis C. Healey,	41	9	10	Paresis.
24.	Bella S. Foster,	. 1	0	10	Capillary bronchitis.
25.	Elizabeth D. Mayo,	57	7	17	Brights disease.
26.	George Cook Hill,	31	7	17	Tuberculosis of lungs.
28.	James M. Cook,	77	10	19	Malignant tumor of bowels.
		M	ARCI	Ħ.	
3.	Manuel Francis Silva,	32	9	23	Heart disease with pulmo-
					nary hemorrhage.
6.	Manuel F. de Avella,	24	3	14	Endocarditis.
100		MO		10	Olimphania of linton

9. Mary Hughes Nickerson, 73 4 18 Cirrhosis of liver.

0 8 22 Cerebro spinal menigitis.

APRIL.

2.	Mary Francis,	90	0	0 La Grippe.
10.	Manuel Souza,	6	9	4 Tubercular menigitis.
14.	Eunice C. Carnes,	79	3	16 Cirrhosis of liver.
15.	‡Josiah A. Chase,	48	4	0 Coast fever.
15.	Marinda J. Nickerson,	68	5	28 Mitral regurgitation.
18.	Manuel Joaquina,	21	4	3 Typhoid fever.

* Veteran of the Rebellion.

† Died at Medfield, Mass.

‡ Died at Monrovia, Liberia.

MAY.

Age.

date	e. Name.
1	
1.	Marinda D. Smith,
4.	Manuel Davis,
13.	Laura A. Kelley,
16.	Mary C. Joseph,
16.	Charles A. Young,
17.	*Bartholomew O. Gross,
19.	Lewis L. Chapman,
21.	Hugh McFayden,
22.	†Sarah C. Cornell,
24.	Mary A. Lewis,
30.	Lawrence Mancy,

4.	‡Klaas Djarken Wessels	,
10.	William M. Moore,	

14.	Abbie W. Dean,
19.	Manuel Gomes,
24.	Marion E. Swartz
29.	Phebe N. Whorf,
29.	Nellie M. Souza,

1.	Nathan Young,
3.	§Daniel Mc Fayden,
7.	Flora M. Holmes,
7.	Mary E. Valentine,
19.	Antoine Perry,
27.	Alfred Silva,
28.	Angie Rasins,

29. Mary Perry,

	Age.		Casse of Death.
ч. 60	м. 10	D.	Heart disease.
	10		
0	-		Marasmus.
69	5		Broncho pneumonia.
51	2		Heart disease.
71	5		Heart disease.
84	2		Old age.
79	5		Senile paralysis of hear.
63	3		Heart disease.
67	10		Ulcer of stomach.
0	8	13	Capillary bronchitis,
70	0	0	Heart disease.
Jτ	UNE.		
29	4	1	Accidental drowning.
49	7	16	Cerebral embalism, result
			of an accident.
56	11	8	Cancer.
2	0	10	Acute meningitis.
0	2	14	Meningitis.
79	4	14	Age, asthenia.
1	1	0	Meningitis.
J	ULY		
74	8	22	Heart disease.
31	14	10	Consumpti on.
11	4	8	Accidental burning.
67	0	0	Tuberculosis of knee joint.
0	4	7	Senile birth.
1	0	12	Broncho pneumonia.
3	0	19	Broncho pneumonia, acut
			laryngitis.

Casse of Death.

Date.

21. Manuel Cabral,

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		Au	gus.	F.	
Date	. Name.	х.	Age. M.	D.	Cause of Death.
	TT 13 T Waterman	0	8		Cholera infantum.
	Harold J. Waterman,	68	8		Chronic nephritis.
	Jesse Nickerson,		0		Septicaemia.
	Madgalene W. Carlos,	0			Hemorrhage following in-
8.	Joseph Alves Pacheco,	26	0	0	cised wound of heart and
					liver.
		0	0	0	Still born.
9.	T I TT ILIUS	0	3	-	Diarrhœa.
	Joshua F. Hopkins,	77	0		Still born.
11.		0			Acute enteritis, associated
13.	Willie Raisins,	3	1	4	with bronchitis.
12	Annie A. Costa,	85	3	13	Dysentery.
	Maud Gayland Baker,	0	7		Cholera infantum.
	Mary E. Lewis,	. 57	6		Tuberculosis of lungs.
	Rose Cable,	0	9	27	Cerebral meningitis.
	Joseph Patrick,	0	8		Cholera infantum.
	David S. Kelley,	87	9	12	Senility.
	Annie Enos,	3	3		Septicaemia, following scar-
29.	Annio Enos,		4		let fever.
20	Laura M. Woods,	0	0	8	Convulsions.
	*Alfred J. Emery,	54	10	27	Cirrhosis of liver.
	Clarence Ellis,	4	1		Accidental burning.
	Lillian Russell Atkins,	4	4		Accidental drowning.
	. §Norman McKenzie,	52) Lost at sea.
31.	. shorman mercenzie,	01			
		SEP	TEM	BE	R.
1	. Edith Simmons,	0	4	2	6 Cholera infantum.
	. Charles F. Woods,	31	9	14	4 Consumption.
	. Frank L. Roderick, Jr.,	0	8	3	7 Cholera infantum.
	. Mary E. Dyer,	63	5	2	9 Neurastheria.
	Ruth A. McKennon.	78	10) 1	0 Uraemic coma.
	. Georgie De Lust,	0	2	1	4 Cholera infantum.

* Veteran of the Rebellion. § Lost at Sea.

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4 0 Phthisis pulmonalis.

* Died in Boston.

† Died in New Bedford.

t Drowned in Provincetown Harbor.

0 0 24 Cholera infantum.

§ Died in Jay, Maine.

SEPTEMBER.

Date. Name,		Age. M. D.	Cause of Death.	Drowned of
22. Antoine Francis,			Paralysis.	27. Abby C. C
24. Claude Strachauer,	26	9 13	General peritonitis.	27. Willard E
25.	0	0 0	Still born, illegitimate.	27. F. M. Smi
28. Mary Dutra,	1	0 2	Broncho pneumonia.	27. Lewis J. M 27. Body unk

4.	Charles P. Rogers,	42	3	1
7.	William Martin,	84	4	1
10.	Ebenezer Cook,	87	8	
12.	Honorah O'Donnell,	55	0	
13.	John Alves,	0	2	1
21.	Almira Nickerson,	77	1	
23.	Mary W. Pierce,	73	0	
27.	Josephine Alves Pacheco	, 0	2	1

OCTOBER. 16 Cancer of spleen. 17 Chronic cystitis, acute hæmaturia. 8 Old age.

- 0 Brights disease.
- 16 Cholera infantum. 3 Heart disease.
- 7 Chronic bronchitis.

0 Gastro enteritis.

NOVEMBER.

1.	*Robert D. Baxter,	67	0	0	Pneumonia.
6.	Jennie DeCost,	0	2	0	Marasmus.
13.	Mary Vincent,	29	5	1	Pneumonia.
14.	Amos Almeda,	50	6	0	Tubercular Meningitis.

Frozen to death in rigging of sch. Jordan L. Mott, Provincetom Harbor:

27. Charles G. Dyer, No. 5, 67 years.

Frozen to death in rigging of Sch. Lester A. Lewis, Provincetown Harbor:

27. Frederick E. Hatch,	No. 9,	26 years.
27. Nelson Kimball,	No. 10,	46 years.
27. Body unknown,	No. 11,	33 years.
27. Isaac H. Hemek,	No. 12,	50 years.
27. Henry P. Hatch,	No. 13,	46 years.

* Died in Boston.

NOVEMBER.

off Cape Cod, from Steamer Portland:

27.	Abby C. Chickering,	No. 6,	54	years.
27.	Willard E. Mosher,	No. 7,	27	years.
27.	F. M. Smith, (M),	No. 8,	38	years.
27.	Lewis J. Metcalf,	No. 30,	40	years.
27.	Body unknown,	No. 33,		1.1
27.	Body unknown,	No. 32,	35	years. I
		,		0

Drowned. Body found in Herring Cove.

DECEMBER.

e. Name.		Age.		Cause of Death.
	¥.	м.	D.	
Susie J. Clapham,	28	2	13	Hemorrhage infraction.
Elmira Curtis Mayo,	29	4	11	Carcinoma.
*David Cook,	61	2	26	Pulmonary tuberculosis.
David Conwell,	80	1	26	La Grippe, paralysis.
John V. Souza,	35	0	0	Heart failure.

MAY, 1897.

Joseph O'Brine,

Date

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23 0 0 Drowned off Delaware Breakwater.

* Veteran of the Rebellion.

SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of marriages, births and deaths registered in Provincetown for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

MARBIAGES.

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Number of marriages registered in 1898. Both parents born in the United States. 66 66 " Western Islands, 66 Mixed, one American,

BIRTHS.	
Number of births registered in 1898,	112
Males,	44
Females,	68
The parentage of the children is as follows:	
Both parents American,	29
" " Portuguese,	40
Mixed, one American,	33
" other nationalities,	10
DEATHS.	
Number of deaths registered in 1898,	140
Males,	86
Females,	53
Number died in Provincetown,	97
" " other places,	10
" lost at sea,	21
" drowned and frozen, gale Nov. 27, 1898,	12
Born in the United States,	100
" " Azores,	31
" " British Provinces,	5
" " Ireland,	2
" " Sweden,	1
" " Germany,	1
Death rate per 1000,	21.34
DOG LICENSES.	
Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown in 1898,	115
Paid County Treasurer,	\$221 00
Respectfully submitted,	
SETH SMITH, Town	n Clerk.

Report of the Water Commissioners.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Expenditures have been as follows: \$600 00 Paid L. B. Walther, 591 51 Lewis & Brown, 328 85 Wm. B. Dunham, 200 00 J. D. Adams, 183 90 J. A. Matheson, 93 92 Cold Storage Co., 75.00 J. T. Small, 55 60 A. W. Chesterton & Co., 50 00 Hartford Ins. Co., 45 97 Sumner Goodwin & Co., 37 80 Neptune Meter Co., 31 45 Geo. A. Settes, 30 30 Vacuum Oil Co., 30 45 Nat'l Meter Co., 26 10 H. S. Macomber & Co., 24 74 Walworth Man'f'g Co., 24 50 H. F. Hopkins, 15 00 P. R. Howes, 14 73 Geo. H. Holmes, 9 49 B. H. Dyer & Co., 12 00 Amasa Taylor, 8 40 Standard Oil Co., 7 00 F. J. Dibble,

John McIntosh,

American Steam Gauge Co.,

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Paid-Chapman Valve Co.,	\$6	00	
J. M. Burke,	5	00	
M. S. Turner,	4	50	
H. J. Wagner,	4	00	
W. B. Bangs,	3	85	
Manuel F. Noons,	3	50	
Dan'l E. Suker,	3	40	
H. W. Johns Man'f'g Co.,	3	00	
Joseph Martin,	2	10	
F. A. Fisher,	2	00	
Irvin Hall,	1	80	
J. D. Hilliard,	1	71	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.,	1	36	
W. H. Herbolt,	1	25	
Boston and Provincetown S. S. Co.,	1	20	
Andrew Coleman,	1	20	
Jesse Swett,	1	20	
Peter Perry,	1	10	
Rensellaer Man'f'g Co.,	1	00	
Joseph Williams,	1	00	
Thomson Meter Co.,		90	
Est. Chas. A. Young,		54	
Buffalo Meter Co.,		50	
A. L. Putnam,		50	
James E. Atkins,		50	
Sch. Lizzie Smith,		30	
Sundry office expenses,	9	10	
Sector and a sector of the sector of the		-	\$2,572 27

		Pump	ACCOUNT.

\$27 00

Pa	id	Geo.	F.	Bla	ce A	lan'	fg	Co.	
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FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

FINANCIAL ACCOU	JNT.			
MAINTENANCE ACCOU	UNT.			
Balance on hand, treas., Jan. 1, '98,	\$1	12		
" " Supt., "	27			
Received from water rates,	2,663	07		
" " service work,	74	03		
			\$2,765	41
Bills paid as per vouchers,	\$2,572	27		
Balance on hand, treasury,	104			
" " Supt.,	88	64		
e up uy			\$2,765	41
SUPT.'S ACCOUNT WITH T	REASURER.			
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, '98,	\$27	19		
Received from rates and services,	2,737	10		
and the second	-	-	\$2,764	29
Cash paid Treasurer as per receipts,	\$2,675			
Balance on hand,	88	64	******	20
		_	\$2,764	29
Appropriation for P	UMPS.			
Balance in hands Treas., Jan. 1, '98,			\$110	14
Balance in hands Freas., Jan. 1, 50, Bills paid as per vouchers,	\$27	00	WAAY	
Balance in hands Treas.,	83			
Dalance in namus Treas.,			\$110	14
We have as outstanding bills in Main	tenance A	LCCC	unt:	
The Supt.'s salary from July to Jan.,			\$200	00
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$104	50		
" Superintendent's hands,	88	64		
Deficit,	6	86		
			\$200	00

\$200 00

PUMPING	STATION	RECORDS.
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1898.	Water Gallons Pumped.	Coal Lbs. Used.
January,	3,228,040	29,145
February,	2,287,503	26,285
March,	3,495,780,	30,925
April,	2,689,060	31,500
May,	3,382,538	31,380
June,	4,795,075	45,875
July,	3,648,808	38,965
August,	4,133,976	38,055
September,	5,628,952	39,890
October,	5,278,832	32,638
November,	3,664,882	27,615
December,	3,588,878	30,330
	45,822,324	402,603

Extra coal used pumping waste water from reservoir, 12,125 pounds.

Day on which greatest amount of water was pumped, July 2. Amount pumped, 399,300 gallons.

Week during which greatest amount of water was pumped, first week in July. Amount pumped, 1,593,592 gals.

Number of services, Jan. 1, '99, 524

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Number of takers, Jan. to July, 367.

"July to Jan., 402.

The gates and hydrants are all in good order and ready for immediate use. During the year four gates have been repaired at a small expense.

No leaks on the main distribution pipe have occurred; we have had, however, four leaks in service connections which were promptly attended to.

The stand-pipe was emptied and thoroughly cleaned inside. Slight repairs were made to the roof for damage caused by lightning. The pumping station and grounds are in good condition. The boilers are inspected quarterly by an insurance company and the good report received of their condition is a testimonial of the careful attention they have received from the past and present engineers.

The pumps have given more or less trouble and were in need of quite extensive repairs. The small air-pumps broke down three times and finally had to be shipped to the factory. Sand having worked in through the suction to the large pump, caused considerable wear to the plungers. It was thought that the repairs needed would be slight, but on examination there was more required than was at first anticipated. The Geo. F. Blake Man'f'g Co. was consulted; they sent an expert who made a thorough examination. Although in excess of what was at first deemed necessary, it was thought advisable to follow out his recommendations. Repairs and new parts were made accordingly. All of the pumps are now in as good condition as when new.

The large pump required new plungers, sleeves and valverods.

The feed-pump chest was removed, new chest piston fitted, valve gear partly renewed, valve and valve seat fitted.

For the vacuum pump was required new outside valve gear, snaprings on chest piston, and fitting of valve and valve seat.

A new oil cup was purchased for the small air-pump, also duplicate valves and valve springs for each of the pumps.

The amount of expense incurred for the above was \$254.58. We hereby recommend that the sum of \$171.44 be appropriated which with the balance on hand, \$83.14 for repairs of pumps, will be sufficient to pay the same.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. BURKETT, L. N. PAINE, J. D. ADAMS, Water Commissioners.

Report of Committee for Improvement of the Water Supply.

The report of this committee from its appointment up to the annual town meeting of Feb. 1898, will be found on pages 23, 24 and 25.

During January, February and March the water from the reservoir was used as a partial supply in connection with the driven wells.

April 1st, the wells were shut off and the total supply for the town was pumped from the reservoir.

The analysis of samples sent the the State Board of Health, shows a decided decrease of iron up to September when it, (the quantity of iron), begins to increase and so continues up to the present time.

The conditions are improved by a more adequate supply, but the quality of the water remains about the same.

Following is the analyses of samples sent to the State Board of Health:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.-STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

WATER ANALYSIS.—(PARTS IN 100,000.)

NO.	DATI	E OF	A	PPEARANCE	c.	OD	OR.	RESIDUE ON EVAPORATION.		
NO.	Collec- tion.	Exami- nation.	Turbid- ity.	Sediment.	Color.	Cold.	Hot.	Total.	Loss on Ignition.	Fixed
21776	Jan. 5, '98	Jan. 6, '98	Decided.	Cons. iron.	Turbid with iron, 2.50.	None.	Faintly earthy.	10.00	3.50	6.50
22089	Feb. 7, '98	Feb. 8, '98	Decided.	Cons. iron.	Too turbid	None.	Faintly earthy.	9.50	3.10	6.40
2450	Mch. 2, '98	Mch. 4, '98	Decided iron.	Slight iron.	with iron. About 1.75.	None.	None.	10.00	2.60	7.40
2702	Apr. 1, '98	Apr. 2, '98	Decided	Cons. iron.	Too turbid	Faintly earthy.	Faintly earthy.	9.40	3.10	6.30
3071	May 4, '98	May 5, '98	iron. Decided milky.	Cons. iron.	iron. Turbid 0.70,	None.	None.	8.50	2.90	5.60
3415	June 6, '98	June 7, '98	Slight.	Slight.	0.66.	None.	Faintly earthy.	10.00	4.50	5.50
3819	July 6, '98	July 7, '98	Slight.	Slight.	Fil. 0.40.	None.	Faintly earthy.	8.50	3.00	5.50
4153	Aug. 3, '98	Aug. 4, '98	Slight.	Slight.	Fil. 0.32.	None.	Faintly unpleasant.	8.20		
4577	Sept. 7, '98	Sept. 8, '98	Decided	Cons. iron.	Fil. 0.70.	None.	None.	8.90		
4928	Oct. 5, '98	Oct. 6, '98	milky. Decided milky.	Slight iron.	Fil. but turbid 0.90.	None.	None	9.00		
5282	Nov. 7, '98	Nov. 8, '98	Decided	Heavy iron.	Fil. but	None.	None.	12.10	4.90	7.20
5456	Nov. 21, '98	Nov. 23, '98	iron. Decided iron.	Heavy iron.	turbid 1.10. Fil. turbid, iton, 0.90.	None,	None.	10.00	4.00	6.00
25582	Des. 7, '98	Dec. 9, '98	Decided	Heavy iron.	Turbid with	None.	None.	11.00	3.50	7 50
25690	Dec. 19, '98	Dec. 20, '98	iron. Decided iron.	Heavy iron.	iron, 0.50. Fil. about 0.70.	None.	None.	11.50	3.30	8.20

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

WATER ANALYSIS.—(PARTS IN 100,000.)

	AMMONIA.			NITROGEN AS new Stand Nitrates. Nitrites.			-				
No.	Albuminoid.		Chlo-			yge	Hard-	Iron.	REMARKS.		
	Free.	Total.	In Solution	In Sus- pension.	rine.	Nitrates.	Nitrites.	Ox cons	ness.		
21776	.0154	.0124			2.26	.0080	.0000	.7440	5.0	.7500	21776. From tap at pumping station.
22089	.0140	.0102			2.32	.0060	.0001	.7840	3.5	.5000	22089. " " "
22450	.0114	.0124			2.66	.0020	.0001	.6640	2.9	.3900	22450. " " " "
22702	.0092	.0154			2.75	.0070	.0000	.6280	2.2	.2850	22702. This is from the large well
23071	.0016	.0134			2.80	.0040	.0001	.5120	2.2	.1900	and seems to be a poor sample. 23071. From reservoir at station.
23415	.0008	.0132			2.67	.0080	.0003	.4800	1.4	.0400	23415. From reservoir.
23819	.0010	.0108			2.53	.0050	.0001	.5880	1.8	.0200	23819. From reservoir.
24153	.0032	.0268	1.1		2.20	.0040	.0000	.5360	1.1	.0470	24153. From reservoir.
24577	.0008	.0104			2.37	.0010	.0000	.6080	1.6	.1600	24577. From reservoir.
24928	.0052	.0166			2.18	.0030	.0003	.7280	2.6	.2980	24928. From reservoir.
25282	.0182	.0148			2.54	.0060	.0002	.7520	2.5	.4800	25282. From reservoir.
25456	.0016	.0138	1.2.10		2.42	.0080	.0000	.7280	2.7	.6600	25456. From reservoir.
25582	.0122	.0122			2.63	.0010	.0000	.7200	3.0	.4200	25582. From reservoir.
25690	.0212	.0186			2.50	.0060	.0001	7760	3.1	.4800	25690. From reservoir.

p	ended as per vouchers, 1897,	\$382	90
10	l James M. Burke,	751	63
	Lewis & Brown,	159	67
	Charles Millar & Son,	143	38
	Chapman Valve M'f'g. Co.,	56	49
	W. B. Dunham,	53	85
	George Settes,	38	50
	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.,	28	37
	James W. Dunham,	27	25
	National Lead Co.,	21	12
	James A. Lopez,	21	05
	Antoine Lopez,	17	85
	John Burke,	17	65
	George W. Tuttle,	14	65
	James Jordan,	14	05
	E. W. Smith,	6	25
	Charles L. Young,	5	90
	Thomas McQuillan,	5	20
	George Ford,	. 2	70
	Josiah L. Young,	2	70
	Amasa Taylor,	2	25
	Peter Perry,	1	80
	J. D. Hilliard,	1	60
	Joseph Manta,	1	25
	Elden Rogers,	1	10
	Josiah Swift,	1	00
	James E. Atkins,		63
	Moses Turner,		40
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Total amount expended,

\$1,781 19

J. D. ADAMS, For the Committee.

Report of the Trustees of the Public Library,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1898.

ANNUAL EXPENSES.

Cash on hand last report, Received Dog Fund, Received appropriation,			\$57 84 168 67 350 00
Paid Hattie M. Dyer, Freeman A. Smith, James Gifford,	\$250 101 32	00	
A. T. Williams, Lewis & Brown, Water Works,		$\begin{array}{c} 00\\ 40\\ 00 \end{array}$	
H. F. Hopkins, H. Engles, A. L. Putnam,	13 5 37	68	
J. D. Hilliard, Freight and express, H. E. Hooper,	$\frac{1}{39}$	94 61 00	
D. Appleton & Co., O. C. Book Bindery, Cash on hand,	1	00 40 27	
	\$576	51	\$576 51

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand last report,	\$0	60
Received Benj. Small Fund,	310	00
Books sold,	1	98
Dividend and interest,	1	68
Paid Chas. E. Lauriat Co., \$157 81		
Cash due Treasurer,	4	86
\$319 12	\$319	12

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY, DEC. 31, 1898.

Number o	of books	Dec. 31, 1897,	-	7,064
66	"	purchased,	168	
"	66	received from State,	6	
46	66	" " United States,	13	
	66	" " donation,	6	
				193
Pres	ent num	ber of books,		7,257
Number o	of Period	licals,		10
Number of	of names	registered Dec. 31, 1897,		3,123
"		added 1898,		71
Present n		of names,		3,194
Circulatio	on for th	ie year,		11,071

204 visitors have selected books for use at their homes. The circulation among them was 889 volumes.

342 strangers inspected the Library during 1898. The attendance at the reading-room was 2,047.

DONATIONS, 1898.

Poems by Augusta Larned, donated by author.
Ten No-License Years in Cambridge, donated by W. C. T. U. of Cambridge.
Bradford History, received from the State.
Inebriety, donated by F. H. Revell Co.
Life of Frances Willard, donated by Mr. M. N. Gifford.
John Marmaduke, donated by Samuel Harden Church.
Spirit of '76 from Mass. Society of the Sons of the A. R.,
L. A. W. Bulletin.
Woman's Journal.
Provincetown Beacon,
Provincetown Advocate.

N. P. West brought from Jamaica an iron tea kettle taken from the Spanish warship Maria Teresa and presented to the Trustees who have placed it in the Reading Room.

The Trustees recommend an appropriation of \$350 to defray expenses for ensuing year, and the usual Dog Tax.

> MOSES N. GIFFORD, A. T. WILLIAMS, I. A. SMALL, FRED'K A. H. GIFFORD, A. L. PUTNAM, A. P. HANNUM, S. C. SMITH, R. A. HOPKINS, GEO. H. HOLMES,

> > Trustees.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.



PROVINCETOWN, MASS.: The Adbocate Press. Howard F. Hopkins. 1899.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Term Expires

Artemas P. Hannum, Chairman,	•			1900
Andrew T. Williams, Secretary,		•		1899
A. Louis Putnam, Agent, .			•	1901

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

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

Clarence W. Fearing.

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS. HIGH SCHOOL.

Ira A. Jenkins,			1000		1.	· .	Principal
Phebe E. Freeman,		(¹	0.1	•			Assistant
Carra E. Wilcox,	•	•	1			•	Assistant

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

J. Henry Clagg,	•	•			Principa
Sara Cavanagh,			•	•	Assistan

HIGHER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Annie W. McKennon, Pauline Atkins, Julia C. Knowles

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

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

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Jessie B. Allen, Cora Daggett, Blanche A. Holmes, Susie N. Dearborn, Annie A. Swett, Ethel A. Reed, Albertina Young, Gertr

Anna Dolan, born, Grace E. Cook, , Lillian N. Brooks, Gertrude Snow.

Report of School Committee.

The School Committee respectfully submit their report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898:

We also present the report of the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent, by reason of the wide range of his duties; the amount of time required to perform his work; the amount of his salary; and his close relation with parents and tax-payers is the most important official in our town and his report should command the most careful attention. We would call especial attention to that part of his report relating to the new course of study. The change is an important one and it is hoped will lead to a saving of time and money, the doing of certain prescribed work by every teacher and a greater care in the promotion of pupils.

A thorough inspection of all school buildings was made by the committee in July. Most of our buildings are old and need constant repairs, yet we are obliged to omit many things that should be done.

We have made only such repairs as were absolutely needed yet we have exceeded the appropriation and still have some bills unpaid, for the payment of which we recommend an appropriation of \$200.

The High School building, which has been a source of trouble and expense ever since its construction, grows worse year by year. The roof has sagged, the floors have settled, and it leaks badly. More money is spent on it for repairs than on any other school building and yet every severe storm finds some new leak and it seems to be impossible to heat the rooms properly in very cold weather. The method of heating is decidedly faulty, for the temperature in the school rooms is frequently 55 degrees when the mercury in the basement stands at 90 degrees. The furnaces, which never heated satisfactorily, have been forced so hard in the attempt to do good work that both are worn out and one of them is unsafe.

We recommend that a committee be appointed at the next annual town meeting, whose duty it shall be to examine different methods of heating and ventilation and report at a special meeting, recommending some practical and economical system of heating and ventilating the High School building. Said system to be in practical and successful operation before the opening of the schools in September next.

We renew our recommendation that \$200 be appropriated to paint this building.

In accordance with the vote of the town, all the old windows in the Center schoolhouse have been removed and new ones with larger glass put in their place. The result is most gratifying. The appearance of the building is much improved, the school rooms are lighter, more cheerful and better ventilated and the danger to the eyes from insufficient light no longer exists. The Western schoolhouse has the same windows that were put in it in 1848. It is poorly ventilated and insufficiently lighted. We recommend that \$100 be appropriated for new windows.

The blackboards in the Eastern and Western schoolhouses are very poor. Being made of coarse mortar in the first place, they have been patched and painted for more than thirty years and some of them are useless. We recommend an appropriation of \$100 for slate blackboards in these two buildings.

But two changes are to be recorded in the corps of teachers. Miss Winifred S. Small resigned in August and Miss Ethel A. Reed was elected to her position at the Gov. Bradford 1st Primary.

Miss Estella E. Hatch resigned in December and was succeeded at the Western 1st Primary by Miss Grace E. Cook.

In conclusion we can only urge you as parents, as citizens and as tax-payers to take a greater personal interest in our public schools. See to it that officers and teachers are doing their whole duty; see to it also that your children are constant and punctual in their attendance, and see to it that the appropriations for the different departments are sufficient for their needs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.				
Appropriation,			\$600	00
Paid Chas. A. Fuller, labor,	\$27	75		
Lewis & Brown, labor and stock,	96	89		
George Crosby, labor,	35	50		
Frank P. Cook, labor and stock,	4	89		
W. C. Snow, " "	2	75		
Chas. W. Burkett, "	6	35		
Alfred Small, ""	4	35		
Geo. A. Beaty, labor,	37	20		
F. H. Dearborn, labor,	48	00		
Small & Cook, labor and stock,	25	47		1
Geo. Allen, stock,	11	05		
A. P. Hannum, labor,	14	80		
John McQuillan, labor,	11	50		
James Callaghan, labor,	48	60		
S. D. Nickerson, labor,	42	30		
J. L. Hammett Co., blackboards,	42	66		
Manuel Snow, labor,	28	90		
Geo. C. Hill, labor,	21	40		
H. O. Sparrow, labor and stock,	23	46		
J. H. Livermore, labor and stock,	12	50		
Geo. W. Watson, labor,	3	60		
B. H. Dyer, stock,	64	69		
F. N. Days, labor and stock,	9	80		
Magee Furnace Co., furnace fixtures,	29	60		
Deficiency,			54	0

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SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.		
Appropriation,		\$400 00
Paid F. A. Paine, labor,	\$2 40	
H. O. Sparrow, stock and labor,	9 95	
Walter Welsh, labor,	3 50	
F. H. Dearborn, labor,	10 25	
W. C. Horton, labor,	4 00	
H. F. Hopkins, printing,	37 10	
A. T. Williams, Agent, supplies,	13 59	
B. T. Crocker, supplies,	1 92	
Geo. Crosby, labor,	29 80	
F. J. Cook, labor,	3 91	
J. H. Dearborn, labor,	2 50	
Chas. C. Atkins, labor,	1 00	
Geo. A. Grant, engraving,	5 50	
W. B. Bangs, labor,	22 57	
John McQuillen, labor,	9 80	
M. Bradshaw, labor,	55 60	
Manuel Snow, labor,	12 74	
A. P. Hannum, labor,	51 60	
J. W. Beaty, labor,	27 00	
Amasa S. Dyer, labor,	1 50	
T. W. Dyer, labor,	14 26	
Geo. C. Hill, labor,	13 00	
A. P. Hannum, water,	5 00	
Hayward Bros., chairs,	53 27	
Andrew Kennedy, supplies,	34 60	
James Fuller, labor,	8 47	
Geo. H. Holmes, labor,	3 00	
Wm. Hall & Co., supplies,	63	
Deficiency,		38 46

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FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.	
Appropriation,	\$800 00
Received for books sold,	7 42
Paid A. L. Putnam, \$77 88	
Obadiah Snow, 18 00	
R. J. Kimball, 8 00	
H. E. Hooper, 44 00	
Lowell M. Cook, 6 60	
Houghton Mifflin & Co., 5 49	
E. E. Babb & Co., 248 89	
D. C. Heath & Co., 104 95	
Ginn & Co., 46 81	
Geo. C. Goodwin & Co 60	
Jacob Whitcomb & Co., 26 00	
J. L. Hammett Co., 161 06	
Bruch & Land Ass., 1 52	
H. F. Hopkins, 29 50	
S. E. Knott App. Co., 19 70	
Balance on hand, 8-42	

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PAINTING GOV. BRADFORD SCHOOL BUILDING.

Appropriation,				\$125	00
Small & Cook's bill,		\$137	50		
Deficiency,				12	50
		\$137	50	\$137	50

WINDOWS FOR CENTER CCHOOL BUILDING.

Appropriation,			\$100	00
B. H. Dyer & Co., bill,	\$100	00		

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Ira A. Jenkins, Prin. High School,	\$1,026 00
Phebe E. Freeman, Asst. High School,	513 00
Carra E. Wilcox, " " "	456 00
J. Henry Clagg, Prin. Grammar School,	800 00
Sara Cavanagh, Asst. " "	456 00
Annie W. McKennon, Prin. Higher Int. School,	349 10
Julia C. Knowles, """ "	361 00
Pauline J. Atkins, " " " "	361 (
Carrie A. Cowing, " Intermediate School,	323 00
Olivia S. Silva, Intermediate School,	285 00
Frances S. Crocker, " "	285 00
Nathalin Ryder, "	285 00
Lillian N. Brooks, Primary School,	247 00
Anna M. Dolan, """	247 00
Estella E. Hatch, "	156 00
Grace Cook, " "	96 50
Susan N. Dearborn, """	247, 00
Winifred S. Small, "	156 00
Ethel A. Reed, " "	91 30
Annie A. Swett, " "	246 35
Jessie B. Allen, " "	240 00
Blanche A. Holmes, """	234 00
Albertina C. Young, " "	247 00
Gertrude L. Snow, " "	247 00
Cora M. Daggett, " "	247 00
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SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.

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Clara L. Watson,	\$58	40	
Susan E. Whitcomb,	3	25	
Martha H. Swift,	1	30	
Mary E. Sparrow,	6	00	
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FUEL.

J. D. Hilliard,	2 tons	coal,	\$5.50,	\$11	00
John A. Matheson,	6 "	66	5.50,	33	00
Wm. Matheson Co.	60 "	66	5.50,	• 330	00
	41 1-2"	66	4.95,	205	43
	56 1-4"	"	5.20,	292	50
A. T. Williams, Ag	t., wood,			40	59
John A. Matheson,	wood,			6	55
John D. Hilliard, w	ood,			28	59
Geo. Crosby, wood,				• 1	67
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Chas. H. Bannister, Gov. Bradford,	\$78			
A. P. Hannum, Gov. Bradford,	186	00		
Michael Bradshaw, Center,	95	00		
J. H. Dearborn, High and Grammar,	171	00		
George Crosby, Eastern,	95	00		
George C. Hill, Johnson St.,	38	00		
J. W. Beaty, Western and Conant St.,	133	00		
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TRUANTS.				
J. W. Beaty,	\$4	75		
Geo. Crosby,	3	50		
J. H. Dearborn,	42	75		
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J. H. Dearborn,			30	00
Superintendent's Salary,			1,200	00
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School Committee's Salary,			60	00
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RECAPITULATION.

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Superintendent's Salary, 1,200 00
School Committee, 60 00
Fuel, 949-33
Janitors, 796 00
Truants, 51 00
Census, 30 00
Substitutes, 68 95
Deficiency, 83 2

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

For Public Schools,	\$10,000 00	
School Incidentals,	500 00	
Schoolhouse Repairs,	500 00	
Free Text Books and Supplies,	800 00	

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF PROVINCETOWN :

Your consideration is invited to the eighth annual report of the District Superintendent of Schools.

The closing year has been one of quiet industry and progressive effort uninterrupted by any serious disturbance. Through the helpful action of the Committee and the hearty endeavors of many teachers, the progress of previous years has been maintained and new steps have been taken for the advancement of the schools.

COURSE OF STUDY.

In accordance with the line of work pursued for several years, the course of study has been completely revised and remodeled with the purpose of having pupils accomplish in nine years what has heretofore required ten years, and of employing the most practicable methods.

The prominent features of the new course will be: A time allowance for each branch in each grade; the grouping and correlating of studies about the study of nature as a central branch; maximum and minimum requirements in leading branches so as to admit of special promotions at the beginning of any term; the introduction of regular lessons in nature study, physiology, practical ethics, drawing, music, and single-entry book-keeping; and important notes regarding particular lines of work and methods to be followed. The course will soon be presented to the Committee for its action, and if adopted, it can go into effect next September. In its preparation, credit is due the teachers for many helpful suggestions.

REGRADING.

The work of the ten grades below the High School is this year undergoing slight changes in order to be ready for the new nine-grade course next year. The regrading can be accomplished by promoting as many as possible to the High School next June from both the ninth and tenth grades. Then let the tenth grade be abolished; and let the Grammar School hereafter consist of the eighth and ninth grades; the higher intermediate schools, of the sixth and seventh grades; the lower intermediate schools, of the fourth and fifth grades; the second primary schools, of the second and third grades; and the first primary schools, of the first grade only.

This will cause a corresponding change in the number of schools of each grade. There will be four first primary schools, six second primary, four lower intermediate, and four higher intermediate. The second primary schools can be accommodated by placing one in the Johnson Street building and one in the Conant Street, and by having all the first primary schools in the large buildings.

Two assistant teachers may be required in the Grammar School, and so the same number of teachers would be employed as are in service now.

The advantages of this arrangement will be more efficient instruction to the first grade, the saving of a year of time to the majority of pupils, and eventually a reduction of one in the number of teachers.

VERTICAL WRITING.

After much careful study of the subject, it was finally decided to recommend the introduction of vertical writing in place of the slant writing that has prevailed for several generations.

While not as sanguine as some of the great superiority of this style of writing, it must be conceded that its simpler forms are more easily acquired and more quickly read than those of slant writing. Since its introduction last spring, there has been a marked improvement in the appearance of the written work, particularly in the primary grades. It seems probable that children who have learned only vertical writing will eventually write more rapidly than those who are accustomed to slant writing.

Certainly from a business standpoint, the vertical writing is more desirable on account of its simplicity and legibility. Slant writing is not so ancient a standard as some may suppose for Robert Southey, in the early part of the present century, refers to "zigzag lines, according to the reformed system of writing; which said system improves hand-writings by making them all alike and all illegible."

MUSIC.

In several past reports the introduction of instruction in music has been strongly urged, but without avail. Various practical reasons have prevented favorable action. If once fairly introduced, there is reason to believe that it would be made a permanent part of the course of instruction and would be as highly esteemed as any other branch. The present winter is an unusually favorable time to secure special instruction in , music at small expense and it is hoped there will be no delay in improving the opportunity.

NEW ARITHMETICS.

The new arithmetics placed in the schools in September are giving good satisfaction and are a great help in economizing time, increasing the supply of work for pupils, and preparing the way for regrading the schools and remodeling the course of study.

BOOKS NEEDED.

There is urgent need of a larger supply of books for reading. Many of the older books now in service are not well adapted to the grades where they must be used, and will soon be too dilapitated for further use. The supply in some rooms is inadequate. There ought to be at least two books for each pupil, besides the standard reader.

The books that should next be renewed are the geographies. The books now in service are fairly good as to subject-matter and might be continued a while longer; but they are getting badly worn and a large number will soon have to be discarded.

During the past few years, several new series of geographies have been published, in which great changes appear in the method of treatment—changes intended to arouse a deeper interest in the subject of geography both by teachers and by pupils, and to make the instruction clearer and more profitable. For these reasons it seems advisable to recommend the introduction of a new series.

MAPS.

Most of the wall maps now in the schools are very bady worn and almost useless. There is immediate need of a generous supply of new and modern maps, and also of a few globes.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Through the care and faithfulness of the teachers, the excellent standing of the High School in grade of scholarship required has been continued. The course of studies is as extended and varied and exacting as is desirable in a country high school, and it is a credit to the town. It meets the needs of pupils with general acceptance, and there has as yet been only slight occasion for departing from it in order to accommodate any one.

Last spring Mr. Edward M. Dean made a generous offer to fill a large case with stuffed birds. Friends of the school immediately responded by presenting a fine cabinet which is already well filled. Other friends have also contributed specimens of birds and animals.

There should be a greater determination on the part of our young people to profit by the opportunities offered by the High School. The school is "for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the town," and it is a form of prodigal extravagance to belittle its privileges or to refuse them. Of eighty who should have been in the school during the fall term, fourteen did not appear.

Under the proposed regrading of the lower schools, there should be over eighty and perhaps nearly a hundred pupils in the High School next year. If those who can enter next fall appreciate the fact that success in life at the present day is more and more assured by thoroughness and completeness in the education to be obtained in the public schools, they will attend in full numbers:

SPECIAL PUPILS.

Pupils in the High School who are deficient in any branch of study at the end of the school year are expected to prepare for a special examination in that branch, to be taken during the first week of the fall term. If this examination is satisfactory, they are then promoted; but if not satisfactory, they cannot continue that branch, or a consecutive study, with their classes. They become special pupils, taking only studies in which their standing is satisfactory and for which they are duly qualified. Special pupils cannot be graduated while they are such; but by making up their deficiencies privately, or outside of school, they may at any suitable time ask for another special examination, and if this is satisfactory, they will become regular pupils again. This regulation has been rendered necessary through the continued neglect of some pupils to do satisfactory work until it is too late to do it properly. At present there are seven special pupils.

CONCERNING BOYS.

Attention is called to the relatively small number of boys in the High School. The enrolment for the fall term contains the names of twenty-six boys and forty girls. There are scarcely two-thirds as many boys as girls.

In some previous years there have been less than one-half as many. Why should not the nearly even numbers of the lower schools be continued in the High School ?

During the past six years, there have been graduated thirtyeight girls and only fifteen boys. Is it of more consequence for girls to receive a high school education than for boys?

It is worthy of notice that all of the special pupils in the High School at the present time are boys. Is it more difficult for boys to learn than it is for girls? Or is a high school training too severe for boys?

It may be fair to ask what is to be the future of a community under such conditions, in an age requiring the keenest foresight and widest intelligence.

This is said in no spirit of criticism, but only to bring us face

to face with the facts. The blunt question confronts the father of every son, "What shall be done for the boy?"

ATTENDANCE.

During the winter term considerable absence was caused in the primary schools by the prevalence of mumps. But the greatest amount of absence was caused during the fall term by children employed to gather cranberries.

There seems to be a period of two or three weeks in the month of October, when a vacation for the schools below the grammar grade would prevent excessive absence with the consequent interruption of school work, and would accommodate many poor families. Perhaps a rearrangement of terms might be made to allow this.

Notwithstanding so much absence, the general average of attendance for the year has been nearly the same as last year.

It is to be regretted that the number of tardy and dismissal marks and of hours lost thereby continue so large. Particular attention is called to the record of the High School, although there has been a slight improvement over the record of last year. Why should there be so much more tardiness in the High School than in any other school? The teachers have labored persistently to secure more punctual attendance, but so far with little favorable result. If parents will consider the importance of punctuality as a habit, and as an element of character and of success, and will do their part to secure it, there can be no doubt as to the effect.

During the year, thirty-one pupils have left town, twentythree have come into town, fifty-nine have been transferred from one school to another, eleven were graduated in June, sixty-eight have left school to attend no more, and eighty-six have entered school as beginners.

LOSS OF DAYS.

The number of days on which there is no session of the schools should be kept at a minimum. When there is one holiday every week, the schools ought to be in session the other five, unless there are serious reasons for dismissing them. This year in addition to six regular holidays and five days of severe stormy weather, there was also a loss of two or three days in most of the schools on account of the illness of the teacher, insufficient heat, fine coasting, or some other unusual circumstance.

When teachers attend professional meetings or visit other schools, there is some consideration for the loss of time; but for the loss of some days there is no adequate return. Inasmuch as the cost of the schools is over fifty dollars a day, and the interruption of a day lost is also an injury to the work of other days, such loss should not be lightly incurred.

NO SESSION SIGNALS.

Some efficient method of notifying parents as well as teachers when there is to be no session of school on account of severe weather would meet a widely felt need. If a team with a large gong attached were driven rapidly through Commercial and Bradford Streets at stated times, a code of signals could be arranged which would be readily understood.

YEAR OF FORTY WEEKS.

The law regarding high schools requires that the course shall cover four years, and that each year shall be forty weeks in length. As our school is in session only thirty-eight weeks, and we are trying to accomplish the same amount of work as elsewhere occupies forty weeks, there must be extra pressure, or else the work is not quite as well done as it should be. It would certainly promote the interests of the school to be allowed the full amount of time, and as the additional expense would be very little, it is recommended that the high school year be made forty weeks in length.

In the lower schools, especially after the number of grades is reduced to nine, it would also be wise to extend the year to forty weeks, but it would not be as necessary as in the high school and it would involve greater increase of expense.

TEACHERS.

For another year the schools have been blessed with a high degree of permanency in the teaching force-and this means a great deal for the uninterrupted advancement of the pupils. Enough changes, however, have been made to exhaust the present list of candidates that have made any preparation for teaching. Should any further vacancies occur, the troublesome question will arise as to whether they shall be filled with trained teachers and so probably involve some change of salaries, or whether we shall go back to the old plan of selecting high school graduates with no special preparation for teaching. In any case, regard should be had to the following qualifications, some of which are indispensable and all desirable; irreproachable character, good scholarship, ability to control and to instruct, interest in the welfare of pupils, willingness to work, tact, and earnestness in professional improvement. The interests of our children are too sacred to be entrusted to unworthy or incompetent hands.

READING FOR TEACHERS.

Many towns are providing pedagogical libraries for the use of their teachers; but here it is not quite so necessary, for there is, in the Public Library, a list of good books of special importance to teachers for professional reading. Any person who desires to teach and has no better opportunity for preparation would do well to read carefully some of these books, and they would also be helpful to those who are already teaching.

The best teachers of the present day are doing more and more of professional reading and investigation.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

A Teachers' Institute was held at Hyannis early in November which a few of our teachers attended. The great distance is doubtless a prevailing objection to going to institutes that are held at the same place every year. The geography of the Cape is a great barrier to the centralizing of institutes and conventions in any one locality. The effective way to insure the continuous attendance of those living at remote points is either to contribute liberally toward traveling expenses, or else to present exercises and instruction of an order so superior that distance and expense seem of small account. Otherwise communities like our own must be content not to derive much benefit from these meetings.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

That the Normal School at Hyannis is being appreciated is in part manifest from the goodly number of the young people of the county who are in attendance. There are over fifty pupils, of whom five are from this town. At a short summer session for the benefit of teachers and others who could not attend the regular sessions, there were over one hundred pupils. Many of these intend to return next summer. Here is a valuable opportunity for teachers who have not had normal training and for all who wish to become better acquainted with modern methods.

Good teachers are eager for such opportunities and they are worth the necessary effort to improve them.

LEGISLATION.

Many changes were made last winter in the laws relating to school attendance. The following points are of most immediate interest to parents and the public generally :

All children between SEVEN and FOURTEEN years of age must attend school the entire time the schools are in session.

The absence of a child for five days during any six months of school time, except for sickness, renders the parent liable to a fine of twenty dollars.

No child under fourteen years of age can be employed in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment.

Every person who induces a child to absent himself unlawfully from school is liable to a fine of fifty dollars.

Habital truants, absentees, and school offenders, may be committed to a truant school by the district court. While a child is an inmate of a truant school, payment for his support may be required of his parent. The same truant officer may be employed by the school committees of two or more towns.

Many more changes are likely to be made in the school laws this winter. Probably there will be an endeavor to secure the appointment of State attendance officers; compulsory supervision of schools; a minimum standard of qualification for the position of teacher; and an increased assistance to small towns for the support of schools. These are questions that appeal to all who are interested in the welfare of the schools and that call for sound opinion and definite action.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

During the spring term the names of all pupils able to write were enrolled upon a list for preservation in a National Maine Monument, and a contribution of over twelve dollars in sums not exceeding ten cents was made towards the cost of the monument. In the state of patriotic excitement then prevailing this seemed to be a praiseworthy movement; but many other appeals have since been made to the patriotism and generosity of the public schools in behalf of similar projects, and it has become necessary to refuse them all, on the ground that national memorials can and should be promoted in other ways, and that the schools must not become the prey of professional schemers.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE.

Memorial Day was observed according to the custon of the past few years.

Other important patriotic occasions were remembered by special exercises in the schools, and the work of the teachers in this direction is highly commendable.

The history of the town, the State and the Nation is the pride of every lover of our country, and the great questions and opportunities of the present evoke our personal interest and offer a true ground for faith in a glorious future.

If the faith and work of the fathers are to be the sure heritage of the generations that follow, there must be the everrecurring celebration of great historic events.

Home and School.

"Home and school should help each other" appears upon the monthly report cards of the pupils. The school can help the home by closer acquaintance, by cultivating the love of home, by making the school itself home-like, and by training the children to become more worthy and useful members of home.

The home can help the school by closer acquaintance, by a fairer understanding of its plans and purposes, by a reasonable confidence in the sincerity and ability of the teacher, and by securing constant and punctual attendance.

This interrelation is too auspicious to be neglected or violated for slight cause. For the sake of our children, for the sake of our homes, for the sake of our country, let nothing come between the home and the school; but let everything be done to promote their mutual helpfulness.

WANTED-THE BEST.

Parents want their children to receive the best instruction, and the town wants the reputation of having the best of schools. By making the most of helpful local conditions and resources, by adopting measures and appliances of the highest merit, and by wise and liberal economy, the best of schools are surely within our reach. Let us join hand in hand to advance still further the excellence already attained.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. FEARING, District Superintendent of Schools. PROVINCETOWN, Dec. 31, 1898.

GRADUATES OF HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASS OF 1898.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Grace Evans Atkins, Grace Howard Benson,

Mary Agnes Days,

Josie Isabella Margaret Matheson, Sadie May McKenzie, Lizzie Masten Pidgeon, Emanuel Aloysious DeWager, Nina Soper Williams. ENGLISH COURSE.

Thomas Daniel Campbell,

20. BENEDICTION.

Lawrence Norman McKenzie,

Sylvanus Maker.

EXERCISES AT TOWN HALL.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 23, 1898.

1. MARCH,-Persian March, DeKontski, Jennie I. Atwood Rev. E. J. Avres 2. PRAYER, ORATION,-The United States, Emanuel A. DeWager 3. 4. Essay,-The Nobility of Labor, Lizzie M. Pidgeon VOCAL SOLO,-Sing again that Sweet Refrain, G. L. Davis. 5. Herman A. Wagner Essay,-The Advantages of Poverty, Josie I. M. Matheson 6. ORATION,-Wonders of Electricity, Lawrence N. McKenzie 7. 8. PIANO DUET,-Pegasus in A, Schotte. Misses Pidgeon and Williams 9. ESSAY,-Self-respect and Self-confidence, Grace H. Benson 10. Essay,-Aim at Perfection, Sadie M. McKenzie 11. PROPHECY, Grace E. Atkins 12. VOCAL SOLO,-Cradle Song, Vannale, Nellie F. Coleman 13. ORATION,-Life of Thomas A. Edison, Sylvanus Maker 14. Essay,-Blind in the Midst of Beauty, Mary A. Days 15. PIANO SOLO,-LaPerle Du Soie, Ketterer, Leon A. West Thomas D. Campbell 16. ORATION,-Napoleon Bonaparte, 17. Essay,-Patriotism, Nina S. Williams 18. VOCAL DUET,-Beautiful Sea, Millard, **Misses Francis and Matthews** Supt. C. W. Fearing 19. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Jennie W. Adams, **Amy B. Nickerson, Edith C. Crosby, ***Ada M. Quinn,

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

William Knowles, Alice M. Burch, *Helen P. Livermore, Annie B. Foster, *Mamie P. Dutra, Ethel C. Pierce.

EASTERN SCHOOL.

Rosa Perry, Carl Small, Annie Perry, Rosa Francis. Charles Silva.

CENTER SCHOOL.

George S. Lucas, Georgie White, *George Leonard, *Arthur H. Burch, Arthur Chapman, **Ethleon M. Chapman.

GOV. BBADFORD SCHOOL.

*Eva Wager, William Hannum, Mamie Roderick, Lucinda Anthony, Edward Swett, **Ida Roderick, Tony White, Mabel Brown, Eugene Souza.

WESTERN SCHOOL. *Susie Newcomb.

Stars indicate additional years on the Roll of Honor.

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age May 1, 1898,	742	Gr
Number of children between 7 and 14 years of age, May 1,	540	Hi
1898,	518	
Pupils not absent or tardy during the year,	31	
" " " two terms,	97	
« « « « « " one term,	290	
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Pupils promoted in June,	594	
Pupils promoted at other times,	23	
Pupils graduated in June,	11	
Age and Schooling Certificates issued in 1897,	6	
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FALL TERM.		
Number of different pupils,	782	
Average membership,	751.16	
Average attendance,	701.56	
Percentage of attendance,	93	
Pupils over 15 years of age,	90	Fir
Amount of appropriation for 1898 for each pupil in school:		121
For Support of Schools,	\$13.26	
For Text-books and Supplies,	1.06	1.80.84
		1.18

Schools.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Half Days of Absence.	Tardy Marks.	Dismissal Marks.	Hours Lost by Tardiness and Dismissal.
High	61.83	59.57	96	911	197	110	161.25
Grammar	66.84	63.74	94	1071	41	76	75.67
Higher Intermedi	ate						
Eastern	. 27.51	26.11	95	528	40	14	19.67
Center	. 37.28	35.75	96	889	46	49	45.33
Gov. Bradford	1 37.26	35.22	95	816	17	6	17.50
Lower Intermedia						1.4	
Eastern	. 29.50	26.57	90	712	100	17	14.08
Center	. 34.65	31.36	91	842	83	33	33.58
Gov. Bradford		35.06	93	979	35	27	42.75
Western .	. 30.89	28.62	93	866	64	15	24.83
Second Primary							
Eastern	. 41.19	39.19	95	726	128	24	61.83
Center	. 35.70	32.49	91	1112	89	27	38.08
Gov. Bradford		36.98	96	568	41	10	19.83
Western .	. 44.25	41.41	94	1138	49	49	8.75
Western .	. 11.20	11.11	01	1100	10	10	0.10
First Primary							
Eastern	. 33.23	31.37	94	1045	132	18	30.08
Johnson .	. 31.81	29.47	93	833	52	16	16.50
Center	. 33.53	31.48	94	881	169	33	52.17
Gov. Bradford		35.10	95	805	148	19	28.25
Conant	. 36.67	34.10	93	1006	62	8	22.00
New Western		29.37	93	894	139	4	30.25
Western .	27.59	24.55	89	1271	85	4	27.42

All the schools . 754.32 707.51 94 17893 1717 559 769.82

Report of School Committee.

AGENT'S ACCOUNT TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Approximate value books, etc. in use,	\$1,100 00
Stock now on hand,	548 08
Amount due treasurer for books sold,	13 12

\$1,661 15

Report of Park Commissioners.

No appropriation was made at the annual meeting for work in this department. We believe it is not for the interest of the town to invest money in parks at the present time and recommend that the office of Park Commissioners be done away with until the business of the town is in a more prosperous condition.

> J. A. WEST, N. P. HOLMES, Park Commissioners.

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