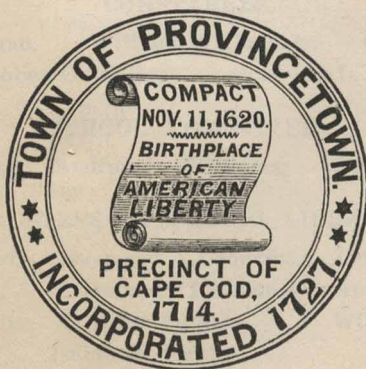


TOWN RECORDS  
AND  
REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
PROVINCETOWN, MASS.  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915



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# Town of Provincetown, Mass.

## OFFICERS FOR 1915.

### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

Louis A. Law.

### SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

C. Austin Cook,                      A. P. Hannum,                      James E. Rich.

### AUDITOR.

Isaiah A. Small.

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

John R. Manta.

### CONSTABLES.

James E. Callaghan,              William B. Dunham,              Charles A. Foster,  
Reuben O. Kelley,              Irving L. Rosenthal.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Joseph H. Weeks,              Andrew T. Williams,              Clara Louise Watson.

### TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Myrick C. Atwood,              \*Raymond A. Hopkins,              James E. Rich,  
Moses N. Gifford,              Artemas P. Hannum,              Andrew T. Williams,  
Howard F. Hopkins,              A. Louis Putnam,              William H. Young,  
Isaiah A. Small.

### WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Daniel F. Small,    William H. Young,  
\*\*Harvey O. Sparrow, Jr.

\* Resigned.

\*\* Died.



## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

Hersey D. Taylor, John A. Cook, 2nd, George W. Tuttle.

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Samuel A. Bennett, John A. Cook, 2nd, Norman F. Somes.

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER.

R. F. Brown, Frank Thomas.

## FENCE VIEWERS.

C. Austin Cook, A. P. Hannum, James E. Rich.

## FIELD DRIVER.

Henry F. Pierce.

## MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

Charles W. Burkett.

## TREE WARDEN.

Eugene W. Watson.

## POUND KEEPER.

Henry F. Pierce.

## APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Frank Chase, James H. Barnett.

## JANITOR OF TOWN HALL.

William B. Dunham.

## POLICE.

Reuben O. Kelley.

## NIGHT POLICE.

\*William M. Ewell, Charles A. Sparks, John F. Joseph.

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS.

Nathaniel H. Small.

\* Died.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Charles S. Hopkins.

## CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Eugene W. Watson.

## KEEPER OF LOCKUP.

William B. Dunham.

## ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

James H. Barnett, Louis A. Law, T. Julian Lewis,  
James E. Callaghan, Albert W. Fuller.

## ELECTION OFFICERS.

Annual Town Meeting, February 8, 1915.

Ballot Clerks—Frank Chase, John M. Burch.

Tellers—Joseph A. Manta, John N. Swift, Simeon C. Smith,  
Charles S. Hopkins.

Town Clerk, pro tem.—John R. Smith.

Constable—Irving L. Rosenthal.

Special Town Meeting, May 20th, 1915.

Tellers—Frank Chase, Simeon C. Smith.

Special Town Meeting, June 24th, 1915.

Tellers—Frank Chase, Simeon C. Smith.

State Primaries, Sept. 21st, 1915.

Ballot Clerks—Frank Chase, John M. Burch.

Tellers—John N. Swift, Simeon C. Smith.

Election Officers—C. Austin Cook, A. P. Hannum, James E. Rich.

Constable—I. L. Rosenthal.

State Election, Nov. 2nd, 1915.

Ballot Clerks—Frank Chase, John M. Burch.

Tellers—John R. Manta, Joseph A. Manta John N. Swift and Si-  
meon C. Smith.

Election Officers—C. Austin Cook, A. P. Hannum, James E. Rich.

Constable—Irving L. Rosenthal.

BURIAL AGENT, CHAP. 76, SEC. 20, REVISED LAWS.

George Allen.



## APPOINTMENTS BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

MATRON OF TOWN HOME.

Mrs. Emma S. Ellis.

DEPARTMENT PHYSICIAN.

Frank O. Cass, M. D.

## Provincetown Town Records

For the Municipal Year 1915.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 8TH, 1915.

### 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 the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, the eighth day of February next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purposes, to wit:

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To act upon the reports and recommendations of the Town Officers and Committees.

Third. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Fourth. To choose the following town officers on one ballot:

A Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year.

One Selectman and Overseer of Poor for three years.

One Assessor for three years.

One Member of the School Committee for three years.

One Member of the School Committee for one year.

Three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

One Member of the Board of Health for three years.

One Water Commissioner for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.



An Auditor for one year.

A Tax Collector for one year.

Five Constables for one year.

Three Fence Viewers for one year.

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

Two Field Drivers for one year.

A Pound Keeper for one year.

A Monument Committee for one year.

A Tree Warden for one year.

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

The polls will be open at eleven o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Fifth. 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.

You will serve this precept by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at the following places: Stores of William Tarvis, Andrew T. Williams, B. H. Dyer & Co., Wm. B. Bangs, R. F. Brown, Jonathan Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Matthias W. Morris, Frank Silva, John D. Hilliard, Jeremiah A. Rich, Joseph Crowell, R. B. Dyer, Simeon C. Smith, and John A. Francis, also at the Board of Trade and Post Office, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of the warrant 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 twenty-ninth day of January in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

[seal]

C. AUSTIN COOK,

A. P. HANNUM,

JAMES E. RICH,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

A true copy. Attest:

WILLIAM B. DUNHAM,  
Constable of the Town of Provincetown.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Barnstable, ss.

Provincetown, Jan. 30, 1915.

In pursuance of the within precept I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, the 8th day of February next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the within described purpose by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following public places: Stores of William Tarvis, Andrew T. Williams, B. H. Dyer & Co., William B. Bangs, R. F. Brown, Jonathan Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Matthias Moris, Frank Silva, John D. Hilliard, Jeremiah A. Rich, Joseph Crowell, R. B. Dyer, Simeon C. Smith, John Francis, Board of Trade and Post Office, all in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

WILLIAM B. DUNHAM,

Constable of the Town of Provincetown.

Attest:

LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in the Town Hall on Monday, the 8th day of February, in the year 1915, and were called to order by Louis A. Law, Town Clerk.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. George M. Whyte.

Frank Chase was appointed Ballot Clerk; Jos. A. Manta, John N. Swift, Simeon C. Smith, Chas. S. Hopkins and John M. Burch were appointed Tellers and were sworn in by the Town Clerk and took charge of check list.

Article first. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George F. Miller was chosen Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Article second. To act upon the reports and recommendations of Town Officers and Committees.

Upon motion of Mr. J. T. Small it was voted that each item in the Selectmen's Report be taken up separately.

Recommendation of \$750 Interest on Trust Funds accepted.

Recommendation of \$400 Interest on Demand Loans accepted.



Recommendation of \$30 Fees on Town Notes accepted.  
 Recommendation of \$50 Town Hill Fences accepted.  
 Recommendation of \$100 for Memorial Day accepted.  
 Recommendation of Insurance on School Buildings, upon motion of Mr. J. T. Small was reduced to \$170.

The recommendation for Police Department upon motion was reduced to \$800.

Recommendation of \$600 for Night Police accepted.  
 Recommendation of \$2250 for Street Lights accepted.  
 Recommendation of \$600 for Collection of Taxes accepted.  
 Recommendation of \$500 for Abatement of Taxes accepted.  
 Recommendation of \$2,000 for Incidental Expenses accepted.  
 Recommendation of \$250 for Moth Extermination accepted.  
 Recommendation of \$144 for Soldiers' Relief accepted.

The report of the Overseers of the Poor, calling for an appropriation of \$4000 for the department and of \$600 for the carrying out of provisions of Chap. 763, Acts of 1913, was accepted.

Voted, That when the meeting adjourns it be to 7 o'clock this evening.

At 10.45 it was voted that a recess be taken until eleven o'clock to meet in the lower hall for voting.

11 A. M.

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

A Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year.  
 One Selectman and Overseer of Poor for three years.  
 One Assessor for three years.  
 One Member of the School Committee for three years.  
 One Member of the School Committee for one year.  
 Three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.  
 One Member of the Board of Health for three years.  
 One Water Commissioner for three years.  
 One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.  
 An Auditor for one year.  
 A Tax Collector for one year.

Five Constables for one year.  
 Three Fence Viewers for one year.  
 Three Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber for one year.  
 Two Field Drivers for one year.  
 A Pound Keeper for one year.  
 A Monument Committee for one year.  
 A Tree Warden for one year.

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

The polls will be open at eleven o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at 3 o'clock, P. M.

John R. Smith appointed Town Clerk, pro tempore, to serve until election and qualification of Town Clerk.

Upon motion it was voted that the polls close at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Frank Chase, Ballot Clerk, received of Selectman C. Austin Cook the ballots to be used at this meeting.

Tellers were supplied with a list of registered voters of the town.

The ballot box to be used at this election was opened in public meeting, was examined by the election officers and constables and was shown to be empty.

The Register of the Box was set at 000 and locked and the key delivered to constable Wm. B. Dunham.

The polls were then declared open for the reception of votes and kept open by vote until 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Ballot Box by unanimous consent was opened several times. First count at 11:25 when the register stood at 50; 12-100; 12:20-150; 12:45-200; 1-250; 1:20-300; 1:50-350; 2:10-400; 2:30-450; 3-472 Total.

Number of Women Ballots cast—92.

JOHN R. SMITH, Town Clerk, pro tempore.

The election officers then proceeded to canvass the votes so given in and the whole number was four hundred and seventy-two, which were sorted, counted and recorded and declaration made thereof in open meeting as required by law and were for the following officers:



## Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year.

Louis A. Law,	309
Blanks,	163—472

## Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for three years.

Wm. E. Cowing,	176
Artemas P. Hannum,	190
Blanks,	106—472

## Assessor for three years.

William E. Cowing,	164
Artemas P. Hannum,	184
Blanks,	124—472

## School Committee for three years.

Clara Louise Watson,	325
Blanks,	147—472

## School Committee for one year.

Joseph Hatton Weeks,	301
Collen C. Campbell,	139
Blanks,	32—472

## Trustees of Public Library for three years.

Moses N. Gifford,	242
Artemas P. Hannum,	226
Howard F. Hopkins,	241

## Board of Health for three years.

Norman F. Somes,	257
Scattering,	5
Blanks,	210—472

## Water Commissioner for three years.

Harvey O. Sparrow,	224
Blanks,	248—472

## Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

Hersey D. Taylor,	269
Blanks,	203—472

## Constables for one year.

James E. Callaghan,	239
William B. Dunham,	244
Charles A. Foster,	241
Reuben O. Kelley,	239
Irving L. Rosenthal,	245

## Auditor for one year.

Isaiah A. Small,	14
Blanks,	458—472

## Tax Collector for one year.

John R. Manta,	331
Blanks,	141—472

## Fence Viewers for one year.

John A. Matheson,	1
Wm. B. Bangs,	1
James Biram,	1
Wm. E. Cowing,	1
F. A. Days,	1
Manuel Silva,	1
Henry F. Pierce,	2

## Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber.

Frank Thomas,	1
R. F. Brown,	3

## Field Drivers for one year.

John Mayo,	2
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## Pound Keeper for one year.

George Ford,	2
H. F. Pierce,	2
Blanks,	468—472

## Monument Committee for one year.

George Allen,	1
Charles W. Burkett,	2
Blanks,	469—472



Tree Warden for one year.

E. W. Watson,	2
Blanks,	470—472
Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?	
Yes,	110
No,	187
Blanks,	175—472

Meeting adjourned to 7 P. M.

7 P. M., February 8, 1915.

Mr. A. P. Hannum asked unanimous consent to introduce the following resolution, which was granted:

Resolved: That in the death of Mr. John Rosenthal our town has lost one of its most esteemed citizens, one whose unflinching charity and genial companionship won the love of all, and whose faithfulness in the discharge of public duties, continuing for many years, marked by honesty and integrity, won the highest commendation of our citizens.

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the town as an appreciation of our love and respect for one, who was as faithful to our town in times of peace as he was loyal to our country in time of war.

Adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Report of Superintendent of Streets, page 93, was taken up, and it was voted to act upon each item separately.

Voted not to appropriate the amount asked for by the Superintendent of Streets for one mile of Ma Drite paving.

Voted, To amend the second item by adding the words "and Walks and Roads, \$3000. It was then accepted.

Recommendation of \$1000 for two men and horse was accepted.

Recommendation of \$350 for Watering Streets was accepted.

Recommendation of \$350 for Snow Contract was accepted.

Recommendation of \$200 for Clearing Rubbish on Commercial St. was accepted.

Recommendation of \$60 for Bulkhead on Commercial St. was accepted.

Report of Treasurer accepted.

Report of Treasurer Cemetery Trust Funds accepted.

Report of Police accepted.

Report of Water Commissioners accepted.

The Report of the Board of Health was amended by adding the following: "That the Board of Health be instructed to appoint a Milk Inspector for the town for the ensuing year." It was then adopted and recommendation of \$500 accepted.

The Report of the Cemetery Commissioners, carrying an appropriation of \$200, was accepted.

The Report of the Engineers of the Fire Department, recommending an appropriation of \$1865, was accepted.

The Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, recommending an appropriation of \$600 in addition to the Dog Tax, was accepted.

Voted to take up each item in the School Committee's Report separately.

Recommendation of \$14,000 for Public Schools accepted.

Recommendation of \$1,500 for Incidentals and Repairs accepted.

Recommendation of \$1300 for Free Text Books and Supplies accepted.

Recommendation of \$249.91 for Unpaid Bills accepted.

The following report was presented:

"To the Citizens of the Town of Provincetown, the undersigned, appointed a committee on additional street lights by the Moderator at the annual town meeting of Feb. 9, 1914, report in favor of placing and maintaining street lights at the locations called for in Article ninth, at corner of Snow and Bradford Streets, and Article twelfth, at or near No. 31 Mechanic St., and adversely on Articles tenth, eleventh, thirteenth and fourteenth, and recommend the sum of thirty-six (\$36) dollars be appropriated for the same."

W. E. COWING, Chairman,  
JOS. A. MANTA, Secretary,  
J. H. BARNETT.

Report accepted.



Mr. J. T. Small offered the following privileged motion :

“That our Board of Selectmen be instructed to have the water that comes from the roof of our Town Hall conveyed to the shore through the drain that was laid for that purpose, the work to be done as soon as possible and the job to be paid for out of the Town Hall receipts.”

Motion adopted.

Article third. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Mr. A. P. Hannum moved: That the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Mr. Hannum that \$802.92 be appropriated to pay the net deficiencies for 1914 as shown on Page 83.

Motion adopted.

Mr. A. P. Hannum moved that we raise and appropriate by ballot the sum of \$39,257.83 to defray the current expenses of the town and the matters voted on at this meeting.

After balloting the Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

Interest on Demand Loans,	\$400 00
Interest on Trust Funds,	750 00
Fees on Town Notes,	30 00
Town Hill Fence,	50 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Insurance School Buildings,	170 00
Police Department,	800 00
Night Police,	600 00
Street Lights,	2,286 00
Collection of Taxes,	600 00
Abatement of Taxes,	500 00
Incidental Expenses,	2,000 00
Moth Extermination,	250 00
Support of Poor,	4,000 00

Mothers with Dependent Children,	\$600 00
Roads and Walks,	4,960 00
Fire Department,	1,865 00
Health Department,	500 00
Public Library,	600 00
Cemetery Commission,	200 00
Public Schools,	14,000 00
School Incidentals,	1,500 00
Free Text Books and Supplies,	1,300 00
Soldiers' Relief,	144 00
Unpaid Bills,	249 91
Deficiencies,	802 92
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	\$39,257 83

No other business coming before the meeting, it was Voted, The meeting be dissolved.

Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.

#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 20, 1915.

#### WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Provincetown, on Thursday, the twentieth day of May at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1915, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.



Thir.d To see what action the town will take toward grading and hardening Brewster Street, so called, from the premises of W. O. Manuel to or near the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and appropriate money for the same.

Fourth. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the Roads and Walks.

Fifth. To see if the town will establish and maintain two electric street lights at the west end of Commercial Street and appropriate money for the same.

Sixth. To see if the town will establish and maintain an electric street light between Kiley's Ct. and Bangs St. on Commercial Street and appropriate money for the same.

You will serve this warrant by posting up attested printed copies thereof at the following places: Stores of William Tarvis, B. H. Dyer & Co., Wm. B. Bangs, P. R. Howes, J. Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Frank Silva, J. D. Hilliard, Joseph Crowell, R. B. Dyer, S. C. Smith, John Francis, also Board of Trade and Post Office, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant 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 eleventh day of May in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

[seal] C. AUSTIN COOK,  
A. P. HANNUM,  
JAMES E. RICH,  
Selectmen of Provincetown.

A true copy. Attest: IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,  
Constable of the Town of Provincetown.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Barnstable, ss. Provincetown, May 12, 1915.

In pursuance of the within precept I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall at the time and place and for the purpose herein named, by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following public places: Stores of William Tarvis, B. H. Dyer & Co., William B. Bangs, P. R. Howes, J. Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Frank Silva, John D. Hilliard, Joseph Crowell, R.

B. Dyer, Simeon C. Smith, Joseph Francis, Board of Trade and Post Office, all in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting:

IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,  
Constable of the Town of Provincetown.  
Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 20th, 1915, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George F. Miller was chosen Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1st, 1915, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

On motion of Mr. Hannum, it was

Voted, That the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1st, 1915, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 3. To see what action the town will take toward grading and hardening Brewster St., so called, from the premises of W. O. Manuel to or near the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and appropriate money for the same.

Moved by Mr. Cowing that we adjourn to 7.30 o'clock this evening. Motion not carried.

Moved that Article 3 be laid on the table. Motion carried.

Article 4. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the Roads and Walks.



Moved by Mr. Chase that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for Roads and Walks.

The motion was declared carried by the Moderator.

Article 5. To see if the town will establish and maintain two electric street lights at the west end of Commercial street, and appropriate money for the same.

On motion of Mr. Hannum it was voted that the town establish and maintain two electric street lights at the west end of Commercial St. and that the sum of twenty dollars be appropriated for the same.

Article 6. To see if the town will establish and maintain an electric street light between Kiley's Court and Bangs Street on Commercial St., and appropriate money for the same.

Mr. Cowing moved that this article be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Moderator.

Mr. Welsh moved as an amendment that the light be established upon a favorable report of the committee to the Selectmen, and that ten dollars be appropriated for same.

Mr. Days moved as a further amendment that the light, if established, be located near the junction of Kiley's Court and Commercial St.

After discussion the motion and amendments were adopted.

The Moderator appointed as committee: Wm. E. Cowing, Frank A. Days, Jr., and Frank Chase.

Moved that Article 3 be taken from the table. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Welsh that four hundred dollars be appropriated for grading and hardening Brewster Street.

Voted that the ballot be a "yea" and "nay" ballot.

After discussion the ballot was taken and the Moderator declared the vote to be Yes, 17; No, 11.

The sum of nine hundred and thirty dollars was appropriated by ballot to carry out the matters voted upon at this meeting, after which the meeting was dissolved.

Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 24th, 1915.  
WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Provincetown on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of June, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To see what action the town will take to defend, compromise, or settle a suit against the town of Provincetown by Mersey E. Hatch.

You will serve this warrant by posting up attested printed copies thereof at the following places: Stores of William Tarvis, B. H. Dyer & Co., Wm. B. Bangs, P. R. Howes, J. Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Frank Silva, J. D. Hilliard, Joseph Crowell, R. B. Dyer, S. C. Simth, John Francis, also Board of Trade and Post Office, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant 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 June in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

C. AUSTIN COOK,

[seal]

A. P. HANNUM,

JAMES E. RICH,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

A true copy.

Attest: IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,  
Constable of the Town of Provincetown.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Barnstable, ss.

Provincetown, June 16, A. D. 1915.

In pursuance of the within precept I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in town



affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 24th day of June next, for the purpose herein named, by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following public places: Stores of William Tarvis, B. H. Dyer & Co., William B. Bangs, P. R. Howes, J. Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Frank Silva, John D. Hilliard, Joseph Crowell, R. B. Dyer, Simeon C. Smith, Joseph Francis, Board of Trade and Post Office, all in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,

Constable of the Town of Provincetown.

Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Town Hall on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of June, 1915, at 9 A. M. and were called to order by Louis A. Law, Town Clerk.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George F. Miller was chosen Moderator to preside.

By unanimous consent a letter was read from H. F. Williamson concerning improvements desired by the cottage owners at Bangsville.

Article 2. To see what action the town will take to defend, compromise, or settle a suit against the Town of Provincetown by Mersey E. Hatch.

Moved by Mr. Hannum, that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to defend, compromise or settle the suit brought against the town by Mersey E. Hatch.

Motion carried.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.

## STATE PRIMARIES, SEPTEMBER 21, 1915.

### WARRANT.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Barnstable, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Provincetown, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Town Hall Tuesday, the twenty-first day of September, 1915, at 12 o'clock, M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor for this Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor for this Commonwealth, Secretary of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General for this Commonwealth, Auditor of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth, Attorney General for this Commonwealth, Councillor for the First Councillor District, Senator for the Cape Senatorial District, Representative in General Court for the Third Representative District, County Commissioner for Barnstable County, County Treasurer for Barnstable County, Sheriff for Barnstable County,

And for the election of the following officers:

District Member of State Committee for each political party for the Cape Senatorial District, Members of the Democratic Town Committee, Members of the Republican Town Committee, Members of the Progressive Party Town Committee, Delegates to State Conventions of Political Parties.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock, M., to 3 o'clock, P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up one attested copy at the following public places: Stores of William Tarvis, Andrew T. Williams, B. H. Dyer & Co., Wm. B. Bangs, Jonathan Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Frank Silva, John D. Hilliard, R. B. Dyer, Simeon C. Smith, Joseph Francis, also at the Post Office and Board of Trade Building, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant 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 13th day of September in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

[seal] C. AUSTIN COOK,  
A. P. HANNUM,  
JAMES E. RICH,  
Selectmen.

A true copy. Attest: IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,  
Constable of the Town of Provincetown.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Barnstable, ss. Provincetown, September 14, A. D. 1915.

In pursuance of this precept I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown qualified to vote in Primaries to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of September, 1915, for the purpose herein named by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following public places: Stores of William Tarvis, Andrew T. Williams, B. H. Dyer & Co., William B. Bangs, Jonathan Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Frank Silva, John D. Hilliard, R. B. Dyer, Simeon C. Smith, Joseph Francis, Post Office and Board of Trade Building, all in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,  
Constable of the Town of Provincetown.

Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections, met in the Caucus Hall in said town on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of September, in the year 1915, and were called to order at 12 o'clock noon by C. Austin Cook, presiding officer of the meeting.

The following election officers were sworn in: Frank Chase, John M. Burch, Ballot Clerks; John N. Swift, Simeon C. Smith, Tellers; and Irving L. Rosenthal, Constable.

The Ballot Box was shown to be empty, the Register was set at 0, the Box was locked and the key delivered to Constable Irving L. Rosenthal.

Tellers were supplied with a list of registered voters of the town. The polls were then declared opened and were kept

open until 3:00 P. M., when it was found 79 ballots had been cast.

The votes were counted by the election officers and the following declared as the result: 13 ballots were declared void because they were marked for the candidate of more than one party.

### REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Governor.	
Grafton D. Cushing,	16
Eugene N. Foss,	1
Samuel W. McCall,	40—57
Lieutenant Governor.	
Calvin Coolidge,	19
Guy Andrews Ham,	14
Blanks,	24—57
Secretary.	
Albert P. Langtry,	27
Blanks,	30—57
Treasurer.	
Charles L. Burrill,	26
Blanks,	31—57
Auditor.	
Edward C. R. Bagley,	8
Alonzo B. Cook,	9
Samuel W. George,	7
Blanks,	33—57
Attorney General.	
Henry C. Attwill,	26
Blanks,	31—57
Councillor.	
David L. Parker,	23
Blanks,	34—57
Senator.	
Charles L. Gifford,	31
Blanks,	26—57



## Representative in General Court.

Jerome Sands Smith, 45  
Blanks, 12-57

## County Commissioner.

Benjamin F. Bourne, 24  
Blanks, 33-57

## County Treasurer.

Edward L. Chase, 25  
Blanks, 32-57

## Sheriff.

Ulysses A. Hull, 2  
Henry M. Percival, 29  
Blanks, 26-57

## State Committee.

Edric Eldridge, 15  
Robert A. Hammond, 28  
Blanks, 14-57

## Delegates to State Convention.

Wm. H. Young, 22  
I. L. Rosenthal, 25  
Blanks, 10-57

## Town Committee.

Moses N. Gifford, 27  
John D. Adams, 26  
James M. Burke, 26

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

## Governor.

Frederick S. Dietrick, 1  
David I. Walsh, 7  
Blanks, 1-9

## Lieutenant Governor.

Edward P. Barry, 7  
Blanks, 2-9

## Secretary.

Edwin A. Grosvenor, 6  
Blanks, 3-9

## Treasurer.

Henry L. Bowles, 6  
Blanks, 3-9

## Auditor.

Jacob C. Morse, 7  
Blanks, 2-9

## Attorney General.

Joseph Joyce Donahue, 3  
Harold Williams, Jr., 2  
Blanks, 4-9

## Representative in General Court.

J. S. Smith, 1  
Blanks, 8-9

## Sheriff.

Henry M. Percival, 1  
Blanks, 8-9

## Delegates to State Convention.

Michael A. Bradshaw, 5  
Blanks, 4-9

## Town Committee.

Nathaniel Small, 6  
Michael A. Bradshaw, 6  
John Adams, 6  
Blanks, 3

The ballots cast and the list of voters used at the polls were sealed up, signed by the Election Officers and delivered to the Town Clerk.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.



STATE ELECTION, NOV. 2, 1915.

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 give in their votes on Tuesday, the second day of November next, for the following officers:

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Attorney General for this Commonwealth.

Councillor for the 1st Councillor District.

Senator for the Cape Senatorial District.

Representative in General Court for 3rd Barnstable Representative District.

County Commissioner for Barnstable County.

County Treasurer for Barnstable County.

Sheriff for Barnstable County and any other officer whose name appears on the official ballot.

And to vote, "Yes" or "No" on the following questions:

Acceptance of Chapter 129, Resolves of 1915, entitled:

"Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment to the Constitution empowering the General Court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens."

Acceptance of Chapter 130, entitled:

"Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the Constitution striking the word 'Male' from the qualifications of voters."

Acceptance of Chapter 140, entitled:

Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the Constitution relative to the authority of the General Court to impose taxes."

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.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting at-

tested copies thereof at the following public places: Stores of William Tarvis, Andrew T. Williams, B. H. Dyer & Co., W. B. Bangs, J. Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Frank Silva, John D. Hilliard, R. B. Dyer, Simeon C. Smith, Joseph Francis, also at the Post Office and Board of Trade Building, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant 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 21st day of October, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

C. AUSTIN COOK,

[seal]

A. P. HANNUM,

JAMES E. RICH,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

A true copy.

Attest: IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,

Constable of Town of Provincetown.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Barnstable, ss.

Provincetown, October 23, A. D. 1915.

In pursuance of this precept I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown qualified to vote in elections to meet at the polling place in Town Hall in said Provincetown on Tuesday, November the 2nd, for the purpose herein named by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at each of the following public places: Stores of William Tarvis, Andrew T. Williams, B. H. Dyer & Co., W. B. Bangs, J. Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Frank Silva, John D. Hilliard, R. B. Dyer, Simeon C. Smith, Joseph Francis, Post Office and Board of Trade, all in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,

Constable of the Town of Provincetown.

Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections, met in the Caucus Hall in said town on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November in the year 1915, and were called to order at nine o'clock in the forenoon by C. Austin Cook, presiding officer of the meeting.



Frank Chase, Joseph Manta and John N. Swift, Ballot Clerks; Simeon C. Smith, John R. Manta and John M. Burch as Tellers; C. Austin Cook, A. P. Hannum and James E. Rich, Election Officers, with Irving L. Rosenthal as Constable were sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Presiding Officer C. Austin Cook gave the Town Clerk his receipt for one package containing 850 ballots. Ballot Clerk Frank Chase gave Mr. Cook a receipt for 850 ballots to be used at this meeting.

Tellers were supplied with a list of the registered voters of the town.

The Ballot Box was examined by the Election Officers and was shown to be empty. The register of the Box was set at 000 and locked, the key delivered to Constable Irving L. Rosenthal.

The polls were then declared open and a motion was carried that they be closed at 4 P. M.

The first count of 50 was taken out at 9.55; 100 at 10.50; 150 at 12.30; 200 at 12.55; 250 at 1.20; 300 at 1.47; 350 at 2.25; 400 at 3.37 and 401 at 4.00 P. M.

At the close of the polls the names on the list of voters which had been checked were then counted and the whole number was four hundred and one.

The Election Officers then proceeded to canvass the votes so given in and the whole number was four hundred and one (401) which were sorted, counted and recorded and declaration made thereof in open meeting as required by law and were for the following officers:

#### Governor.

Nelson B. Clark of Beverly, Progressive,	7
Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield, Socialist,	6
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, Republican,	224
Peter O'Rourke of Medford, Socialist Labor,	4
William Shaw of Andover, Prohibition,	23
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg, Democratic,	128
Blanks,	9—401

#### Lieutenant Governor.

Edward P. Barry of Boston, Democratic,	107
Calvin Coolidge of Northampton, Republican,	203
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley, Prohibition,	20
James Hayes of Plymouth, Socialist Labor,	5
Samuel P. Levenberg of Boston, Socialist,	7
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston, Progressive Party,	
Citizens' Nomination Papers,	5
Blanks,	54—401

#### Secretary.

Edwin A. Grosvenor of Amherst, Democratic,	83
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield, Republican,	202
Thomas J. Maher of Medford, Socialist Labor,	5
Marion E. Sproule of Lowell, Socialist,	4
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Prohibition,	19
Blanks,	88—401

#### Treasurer.

Henry L. Bowles of Springfield, Democratic,	84
Chas. L. Burrill of Boston, Republican,	201
Chas. E. Fenner of Worcester, Socialist,	8
William E. Marks of Worcester, Prohibition,	20
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem, Socialist Labor,	3
Blanks,	85—401

#### Auditor.

Alonzo B. Cook of Boston, Republican,	201
James W. Holden of New Bedford, Socialist Labor,	8
Henry C. Iram of Warwick, Socialist,	9
Jacob C. Morse of Brookline, Democratic,	77
William G. Rogers of Wilbraham, Prohibition,	18
Blanks,	88—401

#### Attorney General.

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn, Republican,	198
Frank Auchter of Boston, Prohibition,	19
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford, Democratic,	80
John McCarthy of Abington, Socialist,	7
William Taylor of Worcester, Socialist Labor,	6
Blanks,	91—401



## Councillor—First District.

Abraham Bloom of Brockton, Socialist,	19
David L. Parker of New Bedford, Republican,	230
Blanks,	152—401

## Senator—Cape District.

Chas. L. Gifford of Barnstable, Republican,	256
Blanks,	145—401

## Representative in General Court.

Jerome Sands Smith, of Provincetown, Republican,	331
Blanks,	70—401

## County Commissioner.

Benj. F. Bourne of Bourne, Republican,	238
Blanks,	163—401

## County Treasurer.

Edward L. Chase of Barnstable, Republican,	250
Blanks,	151—401

## Sheriff.

Ulysses A. Hull of Barnstable, Rep. Ind. Nom. Papers,	42
Henry M. Percival of Orleans, Republican,	281
Blanks,	78—401

“Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution, empowering the General Court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens be approved and ratified?”

Yes,	150
No,	37
Blanks,	214—401

“Shall the following proposed amendment to the Constitution enabling women to vote be approved and ratified?”

Article of Amendment: Article three of the articles of amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof the word ‘male’.

Yes,	83
No,	228
Blanks,	90—401

“Shall the following proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemption, be approved and ratified?”

Article of Amendment: Full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the General Court to impose and levy a tax on income in the manner hereinafter provided. Such tax may be at different rates upon income derived from different classes of property, but shall be levied at a uniform rate throughout the Commonwealth upon incomes derived from the same class of property.

The General Court may tax income not derived from property at a lower rate than income derived from property, and may grant reasonable exemptions and abatements. Any class of property the income from which is taxed under the provisions of this article may be exempted from the imposition and levying of proportional and reasonable assessments, rates and taxes as at present authorized by the Constitution. This article shall not be construed to limit the power of the General Court to impose and levy reasonable duties and excises.

Yes,	136
No,	60
Blanks,	205—401

The business of the meeting being completed, the returns were filled up, signed by the Selectmen, delivered to the Town Clerk and forwarded to their several places of destination.

The ballots cast and the list of voters used at the polls were sealed up, endorsed by the Election Officers and delivered to the Town Clerk in conformity with the laws in such cases made and provided.

The meeting was then declared dissolved.

Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.



PROVINCETOWN, November 12, 1915.

At a legal meeting of the several Town Clerks in Representative District Number Three held in the Town of Provincetown at noon November 12, 1915, 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 ;

	Charles F. Poor.	Jerome S. Smith.	Blanks.	Totals.
Provincetown,		331	70	401
Truro,		56	7	63
Wellfleet,	2	130	29	161
Eastham,		64	18	82
Orleans,		130	54	184
Brewster,		94	33	127
	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 805	<hr/> 211	<hr/> 1,018

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth the voters of Representative District Number Three in their several meetings on the 2nd day of November inst., for the choice of Representative in General Court did elect Jerome S. Smith, 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 Provincetown, this twelfth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk of Provincetown,  
 JOHN B. DYER, Town Clerk of Truro,  
 ARTHUR H. ROGERS, Town Clerk of Wellfleet,  
 GEORGE T. DILL, Town Clerk of Eastham,  
 JOSEPH H. CUMMINGS, Town Clerk of Orleans,  
 FRANKLIN B. CROCKER, Town Clerk of Brewster,  
 Attest: LOUIS A. LAW, Town Clerk.

## Town Clerk's Report.

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1915.

February.

- 1 John Gaspa of Provincetown and Margaret M. Fitzgerald of Boston.
- 10 John M. Silva and Mary E. Meads, both of Provincetown.
- 15 William M. Silva and Blanche W. Ellis, both of Provincetown.

March.

- 4 James Arthur Hoffman of Fremont, O., and Nellie May Rogers of Provincetown.
- 9 Charles Edward Baker and Olive K. Handy, both of Provincetown.
- 27 Thomas P. Henderson of Provincetown and Angie May King of Wellfleet. Married in Wellfleet.

April.

- 3 Joaquin J. Manita and Delia O'iga Maya, both of Provincetown.

June.

- 10 Charles Gott of Arlington and Gladys L. Baker of Provincetown. Married in Somerville.
- 14 Robert M. McGaughey of Indianapolis, Ind., and Margaret W. Fitts of Provincetown.
- 14 Roy S. Rogers of Orleans and Georgianna C. Bent of Provincetown.
- 17 Charles D. Alexander of Provincetown and Mary Lambertus of Louisville, Ky.
- 21 Albert J. Perry and Elizabeth A. Silva, both of Provincetown.
- 23 Stephen M. Barnes and Constance Souza, both of Provincetown.
- 30 Leonard R. Foss of Provincetown and Katie Nickerson Stanbridge of New Bedford. Married in New Bedford.



## July.

- 21 Christopher Salvador and Delphine Lombard, both of Provincetown.  
 26 Edmund Q. Durgin of Boston and Mary Ellen Pierce of Provincetown.

## August.

- 3 Clifford A. Clark of Fitchburg and Theresa Lombard of Provincetown. Married in Boston.  
 5 Antone N. Santos and Mary Costa, both of Provincetown.  
 24 Sivert J. Benson and Isabelle M. Small, both of Provincetown.  
 5 George W. Ellis and Gertrude G. Wood, both of Provincetown.  
 28 Roy Ives Conklin and Lillian Agatha Doyle, both of Provincetown.

## September.

- 4 Burleigh Herbert Cooper of Peoria, Ill., and Ida Fuller Smith of Provincetown.  
 11 Emile J. LeClair and Jennie Souza, both of New Bedford.  
 18 John G. Santos and Philomena Maria Patrick, both of Provincetown.  
 29 Frank Avila Rogers of Provincetown and Margaret McGrath of Ireland.

## October.

- 11 Joao Francesco Cravo and Emma A. Holmes, both of Provincetown.  
 21 Manuel Lawrence and Esther Perry, both of Provincetown.  
 24 Frank Silva and Mary E. Swett, both of Provincetown.  
 27 William H. Paige of Provincetown and Mary E. Grassie of Taunton. Married in Taunton.  
 30 Manuel Gomes Pena of Sagamore and Louise P. Tarvis of Provincetown.

## November.

- 17 Frank H. Edwards and Maria M. Rocheteau, both of Provincetown.  
 24 John Enos and Olinda Bent, both of Provincetown.  
 24 Domingos Albert Martin and Isabel Foster, both of Provincetown.

## December.

- 2 Stephen Roderick and Luceana E. Souza, both of Provincetown.  
 5 Frank F. Sousa and Mary Christil, both of Provincetown.  
 8 Edwin N. Snow and Catherine N. McFarland, both of Provincetown.  
 20 Joseph Brown of Provincetown and Louise A. Taylor of Orleans. Married in Orleans.  
 14 George B. Pond of Branford, Conn., and Elizabeth Williams of Provincetown.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1915.

## January.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents,
1	Florence Edwards,	William and Emma, nee Tarvis.
6	Doris Elvira Costa,	John and Elvira, nee Azevedo.
6	Genivieve FrancisPerry,	Peter and Nellie, nee Sullivan.
8	Joseph Jason Roderick,	Joseph J. and Agnes, nee McIntosh.
8	Albert Francis Mayo,	Frank and Katherine, nee Roan.
13	Joseph Charles Patrick,	Manuel and Sadie, nee Newcomb.
14	Clifton Johnson Crawley,	Frank and Kate, nee Perry.

## February.

4	Mary C. Mathado,	John S. and Mary C., nee Alelina.
14	Ida May White,	Joseph and Mary C., nee Souza.
16	Pauline Rose Enos,	Frank G. and Rose, nee Joseph.
22	Manuel Levi Souza,	Manuel and Georgiana, nee Patrick.
25	Amelia Seraphine Diego,	Michael and Amelia, nee Costa.

## March.

5	Matthews Gregoria,	Augusto and Gertrude, nee Encarnacio.
13	Francis Caton Noons,	Manuel C. and Mary, nee Silva.
18	Margaret Elizabeth McFarland,	William and Ina, nee Johnson.
25	Stillborn,	Cyrenius Lovell and Core E., nee Nickerson.
27	Ruth Francis Murphy,	Thomas H. and Mary, nee Cabral.
27	Mary Roberts,	Joseph J. and Mary E., nee Alkern.
30	Lloyd Chester Atwood,	Frank and Emma J., nee Hill.



## April.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
5	William Bangs Matheson,	William B. and Elizabeth M., nee Cowing.
6	Isabel Souza,	Marion and Georgie, nee Cook.
10	Leonard Joseph Gaspa,	Joseph and Nellie, nee Santos.
12	Rose Potter,	Manuel and Mary, nee Sabaino.
13	Evelyn May Mello,	Manuel and Mary, nee Taves.
13	John Leroy Atkins,	Frank K. and Emma W., nee Cook.
14	Sherman Valentine,	Antoine and Angeline, nee Costa.
18	Florence Louise Benson,	Clarence and Louise, nee Paine.
25	Mary Elizabeth Gaspa,	John and Margaret, nee Fitzgerald.
29	Andrew Thomas Coleman,	Andrew T. and Emma, nee Williams.
28	Herbert Warren Prada,	Joseph M. and Rebecca M., nee Newcomb.
30	———Cabral,	Jesse and Mary, nee Joseph.

## May.

2	Umberts P. Silva,	Joseph P. and Mary, nee Prader.
6	Luella Parker Hatch,	Frank and Lizzie A., nee Jennings.
10	Madeline Carlos,	Manuel and Jennie, nee Randall.
20	Stillman Fisher Weeks,	Harold S. and Marion, nee Fisher.
26	George Silva,	George A. and Mary, nee Alves.
22	Stephen Gomes,	Stephen and Christie, nee Marks.
22	Carlos Gomes,	Stephen and Christie, nee Marks.
27	Anthony Souza,	Antone and Joaquine, nee Poeira.

## June.

10	John Styler Edwards,	John A. and Georgianna, nee Valentine.
12	Leona Warren Leonard,	William J. and Josephine W., nee Newcomb.
17	Mary Elizabeth Days,	Frank A. and Annie, nee Swett.
20	Gladys Hazel Burch,	Cyrus C. and Margaret M., nee Hill.
27	John Francis Corea,	John and Mary, nee Bent.
29	Harold Amber Crocker,	Veranus G. and Jessie M., nee Amber.

## July.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
4	Joseph Fernandes Lisbon,	Joseph Fernandes and Isabel, nee Salvador.
6	Marguerite Johnson,	James W. and Flora, nee Joseph.
15	James William O'Neill,	James W. and Mildred, nee Tarvis.
16	Warren Perry,	Marion and Rose D., nee McGowan.
25	Helen Roderick,	John and Mary, nee Souza.
26	Agnes Mary Days,	Joseph A. and Amelia, nee Roderick.
27	John Emanuel Enos,	John and Elizabeth, nee Morrill.

## August.

1	Emeline Leonard,	John J. and Mati da, nee Fratus.
5	Chester Joseph Roderick,	Joseph and Mary, nee Silva.
8	Stillborn,	Thomas Welsh and Nellie, nee Dow.
12	Charels O'Neil,	Charles B. and Mary, nee Days.
12	Hucilia V. Ramos,	Sebastian and Anna, nee Lopes.
25	Mary C. Ferreira,	John F. and Mary F., nee Oliver.
29	Ralph Chester Joseph,	John and Jennie, nee Cook.

## September.

7	Louisa Souza,	Antone and Mary, nee Souza.
10	Clara Watson,	Horace S. and Dora M., nee Chickering.
10	Rosemarie Francis Dears,	Fostine and Lois, nee Souza.
20	Ottelinda Soares,	Manuel and Lucy, nee Fernandes.
21	Mary Cordeiro,	Louis and Mary, nee Costa.
22	Manuel Souza,	John and Irene, nee Souza.
23	Cecelia Avila,	John S. and Emma, nee Meades.

## October.

1	Orania Arcenia Souza,	Francisco and Maria A., nee Rego.
2	Marian C. Gibbs,	Embert M. and Minnie F., nee Williams.
7	Irene Mary Lewis,	Joseph and Virginia, nee Souza.
11	Cora Taylor,	Edward A. and Maud L., nee Grozier.
12	Raymond Andrews,	Antone and Victoria, nee Joseph.
17	———Prada,	Antone and Florence, nee Alexander.
17	Frances Perry,	Joseph and Mary, nee Perry.



## October.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
24	Genivieve Martin,	John S. and Nellie, nee Costa.
27	May Ethel Prada,	Manuel and Maggie, nee Parrone.
27	Maria Conceicao Souza,	Antone and Jesunia, nee Roderick.
27	Helen Natalie Ellis,	Warren and Sadie, nee Jenson.
27	*George Allen Foss,	Leonard R. and Katie B., nee Nickerson.

## November.

1	Alfred C. George,	Joseph, Jr., and Alberta R., nee Williams.
5	Philip Souza,	Manuel and Teresa, nee Valentine.
6	Irene Periera,	Manuel and Mary, nee Bent.
11	Alice Oliver,	Manuel and Alice, nee Santos.
21	Helen Lewis Pierce,	James W. and Eva M., nee Lewis.
29	Olivia Sants,	Antone and Olivia, nee Francis.

## December.

4	Antone Perry Flores,	Antone Perry and Philomina G., nee Fahal.
8	Alice Roderick,	Frank and Joanna, nee Noones.

\*Born in New Bedford.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1915.

## December, 1914.

	Y.	Age. M.	D.
27	†Anna B. Whelden,	31	5 0

## January.

2	Manuel Perry,	47	5 0 Pulmonary tuberculosis.
2	‡Manuel Enos, Jr.,	29	5 22 Multiple injuries.
3	Cyrus C. Burch,	37	4 1 Acute lobar pneumonia.
7	Jackson Souza,	2	0 0 Capillary Bronchitis.
9	James M. Lewis,	74	0 0 Bright's Disease.
16	**Hannah L. Lyford,	69	2 2 Mita of regurgitation.
17	Philip R. Cook,	0	3 6 Rheumatic arthritis.

†Died in Lansing, Mich.

‡Died in Boston.

\*\*Died in Sutton, N. H.

## January.

	Y.	Age. M.	D.
21	Rebecca L. Nickerson,	77	4 19 Lobar pneumonia.
25	Harriet S. White,	81	0 0 Cerebral apoplexy.
27	Harold E. Watson,	24	4 19 Pulmonary tuberculosis.

## February.

1	Mary B. Readey,	94	3 12 Cerebral apoplexy.
2	*Frank A. Silva,	27	11 29 Pneumonia.
4	Mary S. Fisher,	61	3 3 Mitral insufficiency.
7	Mary Santos Vieara,	31	11 0 Chronic Bright's disease.
7	John Rosenthal,	81	11 28 Arterio Sclerosis.
11	George B. Sheerar,	77	5 20 Arterio Sclerosis.
22	Francisco Jemerald Joseph,	85	0 0 Valvular heart disease.
23	Marion J. Roderick,	25	3 12 Pulmonary tuberculosis.
24	Ellen M. Pierce,	58	1 2 Carcinoma of stomach.
27	Sophronia B. Rich,	76	5 20 Acute cardiac dilatation.
27	John McKenzie,	72	8 0 Diabetes.
27	Betsy Cobb,	80	0 0 Chronic nephritis.
27	John Williams,	85	0 0 Diffuse nephritis.

## March.

4	Frank M. Perry,	70	0 0 Senile debility.
6	Joseph Bent,	2	2 11 Convulsions.
7	Edward A. Dyer,	77	11 2 Cerebral apoplexy.
20	**Frank Flores,	37	0 0 Acute appendicitis.
22	Sylvia C. Long,	79	0 0 Organic heart disease.
22	Chandler S. Covell,	90	0 9 Cerebral hemorrhage.
25	Manuel M. Taves,	0	0 3 Syphilis congenital.
25	———Lovell, (m)	0	0 0 Stillborn.
27	Charles W. Allen,	12	6 14 Typhoid fever.
27	Cora A. Rabbitt,	12	3 17 Tuberculosis.
27	Maria Amber,	22	3 2 Typhoid fever.
31	Mary A. Souza,	35	0 0 Acute uremia.
28	§Mary C. Corea,	16	4 8 Phthisis pulmonalis.

\*Died in Falmouth.

\*\*Died in Boston.

§Died in Lakeville.



## April.

	Y.	Age. M.	D.	
2	Isaac A. Dyer,	79	2	5 Valvular heart disease.
3	Joseph Sabino,	49	0	0 Pneumonia.
4	Ellen M. Small,	58	10	7 Lobar pneumonia.
9	Thomas A. Higgins,	58	2	6 Acute cardiac dilatation.
14	Joseph King Corea,	57	6	23 Lobar pneumonia.
19	Amelia H. Freeman,	78	9	19 Chronic Bright's disease.
27	*Isabel Philip,	36	0	0 Miscarriage.

## May.

6	Antone P. Maya,	46	0	0 Lobar pneumonia.
18	Josephine Francis Silva,	3	7	0 Lobular pneumonia.
9	Marianna B. Souza,	67	0	14 Chronic endocarditis.
11	Christie Anthony,	47	11	15 Chronic endocarditis.
30	John J. Alexander,	58	0	10 Chronic Bright's disease.

## June.

6	George E. Kennedy,	55	0	9 Intestinal obstruction.
10	John M. Hastings,	47	8	10 Acute Bright's disease.
20	Antonio Soares,	38	8	11 Syphilis.
21	Isaiah Turner,	72	0	25 Chronic nephritis.
25	Mary S. Perry,	61	0	0 Cancer of stomach.
27	Charles P. Kelley,	64	9	11 Diabetes mellitus.
28	Mary Days,	53	8	0 Malignant tumor of liver.
30	Edmond Rego,	15	10	0 Accidental drowning.

## July.

8	Emerson F. Rogers,	10	6	6 Miliary tuberculosis.
15	Sarah J. Martines,	44	6	13 Pyomphrosis.
19	Rebecca A. Gifford,	90	10	5 Senile debility.
22	*Nettie B. Daggett,	48	10	24 Stone in kidney.
26	Mildred A. Taylor,	1	1	26 Broncho pneumonia.
27	Josephine Crocker,	75	10	22 Carcinoma of stomach.

## August.

6	Eliza S. Small,	77	11	18 Cerebral apoplexy.
8	———Welsh, (f)	0	0	0 Stillborn.
14	*Josephine A. Halsall,	69	0	0 Acute dilation heart.

\*Died in Boston.

## August.

	Y.	Age. M.	D.	
15	Ida White,	0	6	0 Cholera infantum.
17	Maria M. Rogers,	75	8	21 Cerebral hemorrhage.
28	Candido Silva,	80	0	0 Cerebral apoplexy.
31	Mary F. Oliver,	61	0	0 Myocarditis.

## September.

9	Lucille May Flores,	0	11	0 Gastro intestinal indigestion.
14	Christopher Gomes,	0	3	22 Cholera infantum.
15	Carlos Gomes,	0	3	23 Malnutrition.
29	Manuel T. Brazill,	78	8	11 Cerebral hemorrhage.

## October.

9	James F. Atkins,	64	1	27 Acute gastro enteritis.
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## November.

1	*Ellen Finè,	73	0	0 Status epilepticus.
10	Ralph C. Joseph,	0	2	15 Pertussus.
14	Lawrence Silva,	1	6	1 Pertussus.
14	Harvey O. Sparrow, Jr.,	49	2	10 Congestion of brain.
15	**Mary Silva,	57	0	0 Lobar pneumonia.
16	Adeline Martin,	27	0	12 Pulmonary tuberculosis.
19	Betsy Corea,	79	0	0 Diabetes mellitus.
23	Cora Taylor,	0	1	10 Malnutrition.
29	Zilpha Bell,	80	3	2 Cerebral hemorrhage.

## December.

2	Caroline Rocheteau,	1	6	7 Lobar pneumonia.
4	Augusta R. Williams,	78	5	0 Valvular heart lesion.
5	Manuel Joseph Costa,	60	0	0 Broncho pneumonia.
6	Almena Perry,	0	1	3 Laryngitis.
9	James W. O'Neill,	0	4	24 Broncho pneumonia.
9	Thankful H. Tyler,	82	7	8 Cirrhosis of liver.
16	William M. Ewell,	69	1	17 Acute myocarditis.
17	Mary R. Rich,	70	6	8 Cerebral apoplexy.
18	Louisa Souza,	0	3	19 Lobar pneumonia.
18	George W. King,	81	9	0 Chronic cystitis.
20	Louise P. McKay,	52	3	2 Carcinomatosis.
26	Flora MacQuarrie,	60	1	16 Carcinoma of pharynx.
26	Arthur W. Jaffray,	39	2	0 Cardiac insufficiency.
26	Hilda Morrill,	3	0	0 Nasal diphtheria.

\*Died in Medfield.

\*\*Died in Boston.



# REPORTS

OF THE

## Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915



## ORGANIZATION, 1915

### SELECTMEN.

C. AUSTIN COOK, Chairman.

ARTEMAS P. HANNUM, Secretary.

JAMES E. RICH

### ASSESSORS.

JAMES E. RICH, Chairman.

C. AUSTIN COOK, Secretary.

ARTEMAS P. HANNUM

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ARTEMAS P. HANNUM, Chairman.

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C. AUSTIN COOK

## Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen respectfully submit their report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915.

The report of the financial condition of the town will be found below:

Gross Debt, Dec. 31, 1914,	\$106,426 50
Received from Demand Loans,	13,000 00
Received from Trust Funds,	1,491 83
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	\$120,918 33

Paid from receipts on account of

Demand Loans,	\$13,000 00
Water Supply, Bonded Loan,	3,000 00
New Water Supply, Bonded Loan,	2,000 00
New Water Supply, Notes,	500 00
Macadam Road Loan,	200 00
Heating High School Building Loan,	200 00
Improvement Water Loan,	200 00
West End Extension Macadam Road Loan,	200 00
Gross Debt, Dec. 31, 1915,	101,618 33
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	\$120,918 33



## ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth on account		
State Aid,	\$668	00
Supt. of Schools,	282	17
Taxes, 1915,	11,877	74
Bonds on acct. Cemetery Trust Funds,	23,000	00
Deposit in Bank, acct. Cemetery		
Trust Funds,	471	13
Cash in Treasury,	3,703	78
Net Liabilities, Dec. 31,	72,915	51
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$112,918	33

## Itemized Gross Debt :

Water Bonds dated June 1, 1893,	\$16,000	00
Water Bonds dated April 1, 1894,	9,000	00
New Water Supply Bonds,	34,000	00
New Water Supply Notes,	3,500	00
Macadam Road Loan,	200	00
Improvement Water Loan,	400	00
West End Extension Macadam Road		
Loan,	200	00
Notes due Commonwealth acct. Trust		
Funds,	15,600	00
Cemetery Trust Funds,	23,868	33
Water Department, Account Pumps,	1,150	00
Notes due C. D. Parker & Co., acct.		
Demand Loans,	9,000	00
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$112,918	33

DR.	APPROPRIATIONS.	CR.
Feb. 8, 1915.		
Interest on Demand		
Loans,	\$400	00
Interest on Cemetery		
Trust Funds,	750	00
Fees on Town Notes,	30	00
Town Hill Fences,	50	00
Memorial Day,	100	00
Insurance on School		
Buildings,	170	00
Police,	800	00
Night Police,	600	00
Street Lights,	2,286	00
Collector of Taxes,	600	00
Abatement of Taxes,	500	00
Incidental Expenses,	2,000	00
Moth Extermination,	250	00
Soldiers' Relief,	144	00
Support of Poor,	4,000	00
Mothers with De-		
pendent Children,	600	00
Roads and Walks,	4,960	00
Health Department,	500	00
Cemetery No. 1,	50	00
Cemeteries, 1 and 2,	150	00
Fire Department,	1,865	00
Public Library,	600	00
Public Schools,	14,000	00
School Incidentals,	1,500	00
Free Text Books,	1,300	00
Unpaid School Bills,	249	91
Deficiencies,	802	92
May 20.		
Roads and Walks,	500	00
Grading and harden-		
ing Brewster st.,	400	00
Street Lights,	30	00
Current Expenses,	\$40,187	83







DR.	MACADAM ROAD LOAN,	CR.
1915.		1915.
June 11, To paym'ts,	\$210 00	Jan. 1, Amount out-
Dec. 11, " "	5 00	standing,
Dec. 31, Balance out-		\$400 00
standing,	200 00	June 11, 6 mos. int.,
		10 00
		Dec. 11, " "
		5 00
	\$415 00	
		\$415 00

DR.	HEATING HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN.	CR.
1915.		1915.
Apr. 24, To payments,	\$205 00	Jan. 1, Amount out-
		standing,
		\$200 00
		Apr. 24, 6 mos. int.,
		5 00
	\$205 00	
		\$205 00

DR.	IMPROVEMENT WATER LOAN.	CR.
1915.		1915.
Mch. 26, To paym'ts,	\$215 00	Jan. 1, Amount out-
Sept. 26, " "	10 00	standing,
Dec. 31, Balance out-		\$600 00
standing,	400 00	Mch. 26, 6 mos. int.,
		15 00
		Sept. 26, " "
		10 00
	\$625 00	
		\$625 00

DR.	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.	CR.
1915.		1915.
Dec. 31, Amount out-		Jan. 1, Amount out-
standing,	\$23,868 33	standing,
		\$22,376 50
		Mch. 20, Deposit,
		91 83
		July 13, " "
		300 00
		July 14, " "
		300 00
		Nov. 1, " "
		200 00
		Nov. 4, " "
		100 00
		Nov. 23, " "
		300 00
		Dec. 31, " "
		200 00
	\$23,868 33	
		\$23,868 33

DR.	INTEREST ON CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.	CR.
1915.		1915.
To payments,	\$714 00	Feb. 8, By appro-
Dec. 31, Balance un-		priation,
expended,	36 00	\$750 00
	\$750 00	
		\$750 00

DR.	MEMORIAL DAY.	CR.
1915.		1915.
June 3, To payments,	\$93 75	Feb. 8, By appro-
Dec. 31, Balance un-		priation,
expended,	6 25	\$100 00
	\$100 00	
		\$100 00



DR.		PUBLIC LIBRARY.		CR.	
1915.		1915.			
Feb. 13, To paym'ts,	\$150 34	Jan. 1, By Dog Fund,	\$150 34		
July 3, " "	100 00	Feb. 8, Appropriation,	600 00		
Sept. 14, " "	100 00				
Nov. 1, " "	100 00				
Nov. 27, " "	300 00				
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\$750 34				\$750 34	

DR.		IMPROVEMENT NEW CEMETERY.		CR.	
1915.		1915.			
Dec. 31, Balance un-	\$200 00	Mch. 22, By sale of lot,	\$25 00		
expended,		Mch. 22, " "	25 00		
		Mch. 22, " "	25 00		
		May 26, " "	15 00		
		May 26, " "	15 00		
		July 29, " "	50 00		
		July 29, " "	15 00		
		Aug. 5, " "	15 00		
		Dec. 11, " "	15 00		
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\$200 00				\$200 00	

DR.		TOWN HILL FENCES.		CR.	
1915.		1915.			
Feb. 27, To payment,	\$19 10	Feb. 8, By appropria-			
Apr. 24, " "	25 00	tions,	\$50 00		
Dec. 31, Balance unex-					
pended,	5 90				
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\$50 00				\$50 00	

DR.		MOTH EXTERMINATION.		CR.	
1915.		1915.			
Apr. 24, To paym'ts,	\$114 00	Feb. 8, By appropria-			
Aug. 28, " "	3 75	tion,	\$250 00		
Nov. 27, " "	77 50	Aug. 26, Cash reim-			
Dec. 31, Balance unex-		bursed,	37 25		
pended,	92 00				
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\$287 25				\$287 25	

DR.		CEMETERIES.		CR.	
1915.		1915.			
Mch. 27, To payment,	\$5 00	Feb. 8, By appropria-			
May 29, " "	175 34	tion,	\$200 00		
July 30, " "	1 00	Dec. 31, Deficiency,	1 34		
Dec. 24, " "	20 00				
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\$201 34				\$201 34	

DR.		INSURANCE ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.		CR.	
1915.		1915.			
Feb. 17, To payments,	\$33 60	Feb. 8, By appropria-			
Feb. 20, " "	15 00	tion,	\$170 00		
Mch. 17, " "	27 00				
Mch. 17, " "	27 00				
Mch. 27, " "	36 00				
Oct. 7, " "	19 65				
Dec. 24, " "	9 60				
Dec. 31, Balance unex-					
pended,	2 15				
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\$170 00				\$170 00	



DR. WEST END EXTENSION MACADAM ROAD LOAN.		CR.	
1915.		1915.	
Apr. 22, To payments,	\$210 00	Jan. 1, By amount	
Oct. 22, " "	5 00	outstanding,	\$400 00
Dec. 31, Balance out-		Apr. 22, 6 mos. int.,	10 00
standing,	200 00	Oct. 22, " "	5 00
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	\$415 00		\$415 00

DR. BUREAU OF STATISTICS.		CR.	
1915.		1915.	
May 8, To payments,	\$4 00	Feb. 8, By appropria-	
June 19, " "	4 00	tion,	\$30 00
Dec. 31, Balance unex-		May 5, Rebate,	2 00
pendent,	24 00		
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	\$32 00		\$32 00

DR. SOLDIERS' RELIEF.		CR.	
1915.		1915.	
Jan. 31, To payments,	\$12 00	Feb. 8, By appropria-	
Feb. 28, " "	12 00	tion,	\$144 00
Mch. 27, " "	12 00	Dec. 31, Deficiency,	18 00
Apr. 24, " "	14 00		
May 29, " "	14 00		
June 26, " "	14 00		
July 31, " "	14 00		
Aug. 28, " "	14 00		
Sept. 25, " "	14 00		
Oct. 30, " "	14 00		
Nov. 27, " "	14 00		
Dec. 24, " "	14 00		
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	\$162 00		\$162 00

DR. MOTHERS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.		CR.	
1915.		1915.	
Oct. 30, To payments,	\$5 00	Feb. 8, By appropria-	
Nov. 21, " "	201 33	tion,	\$600 00
Dec. 31, " "	36 00		
Dec. 31, Balance unex-			
pendent,	357 67		
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	\$600 00		\$600 00

DR. GRADING AND HARDENING BREWSTER ST.		CR.	
1915.		1915.	
May 29, To payments,	\$15 00	May 20, By appropria-	
June 26, " "	765 00	tion,	\$400 00
July 28, " "	60 00	Aug. 14, Texas Co.,	400 00
		Dec. 31, Deficiency,	40 00
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	\$840 00		\$840 00

DR. UNPAID SCHOOL BILLS.		CR.	
1915.		1915.	
Feb. 13, To payment,	\$249 91	Feb. 8, By appropria-	
		tion,	\$249 91
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	\$249 91		\$249 91

DR. MERSEY E. HATCH.		CR.	
1915.		1915.	
To W. S. Birge, M. D.,	\$4 00	Dec. 31, By deficiency,	\$4 00
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	\$4 00		\$4 00



DR.	DEMAND LOANS.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
Sept. 18, To pay'ts,	\$5,000 00	May 25, By note,	\$5,000 00
Sept. 18, " "	5,000 00	June 2, " "	3,000 00
Oct. 18, " "	3,000 00	June 23, " "	5,000 00
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	\$13,000 00		\$13,000 00

DR.	INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
Apr. 10, To paym'ts,	\$200 00	Feb. 8, By appropria-	
June 26, " "	51 11	tion,	\$400 00
Sept. 18, " "	83 33	Interest received	
Oct. 1, " "	50 00	from deposits :	
Oct. 15, " "	180 00	Jan. 30,	\$8 79
Dec. 31, Balance un-		Feb. 27,	10 33
expended,	78 16	Mch. 31,	8 71
		Apr. 30,	4 30
		June 30,	1 03
		July 31,	50
		Aug. 30,	4 65
		Sept. 30,	17 23
		Oct. 30,	9 66
		Nov. 26,	15 68
		Dec. 31, Int. from	
		taxes, 1914,	158 22
		Interest,	3 50
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	\$642 60		\$642 60

DR.	CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
Jan. 30, To payments,	\$2 50	Mch. 31, By cash re-	
Feb. 27, " "	2 50	ceived 2nd District	
Mch. 27, " "	2 50	Court,	\$30 00
Apr. 24, " "	2 50	June 30, 2nd District	
Apr. 24, " "	13 71	Court,	180 00
May 8, " "	26 44	Sept. 30, 2nd District	
May 29, " "	17 75	Court,	150 00
June 19, " "	9 00	Dec. 31, 2nd District	
July 1, " "	11 25	Court,	35 00
July 24, " "	3 50		
July 24, " "	19 30		
Aug. 28, " "	8 70		
Sept. 25, " "	10 85		
Oct. 30, " "	2 50		
Nov. 9, " "	13 37		
Nov. 27, " "	2 50		
Dec. 24, " "	2 50		
Dec. 31, Balance unex-			
pended,	243 63		
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	\$395 00		\$395 00

DR.	WATERING THE STREETS.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
Jan. 30, To payments,	\$5 50	Feb. 8, By appropria-	
May 29, " "	40 00	tion,	\$350 00
June 26, " "	40 00		
July 31, " "	42 50		
Aug. 28, " "	42 50		
Sept. 25, " "	40 00		
Oct. 30, " "	40 00		
Dec. 24, " "	1 72		
Dec. 31, Balance unex-			
pended,	97 78		
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	\$350 00		\$350 00



## HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

CR.

DR.

1915.		1915.	
Jan. 30, To payments,	\$25 46	Feb. 8, By appropriation,	\$500 00
Feb. 27, " "	65 25	Cash received for	
Mch. 27, " "	197 77	Licenses,	38 00
Apr. 24, " "	202 02	Inspections,	20 00
May 29, " "	59 05	Reimbursements,	12 00
June 26, " "	181 01	Rebate,	2 75
July 31, " "	169 30	Dec. 31, Deficiency,	1,243 60
Aug. 28, " "	127 47		
Sept. 25, " "	272 37		
Oct. 30, " "	55 00		
Oct. 30, " "	252 82		
Nov. 27, " "	120 09		
Dec. 24, " "	88 74		
	<u>\$1,816 35</u>		<u>\$1,816 35</u>

DR.

## ROADS AND WALKS.

CR.

1915.		1915.	
Jan. 30, To payments,	\$83 33	Feb. 8, By appropriations:	
Feb. 27, " "	104 82	Roads,	\$1,000 00
Mch. 27, " "	263 01	Walks,	2,000 00
Apr. 24, " "	330 45	2 men and horse,	1,000 00
Apr. 30, " "	294 00	Snow contract,	350 00
May 29, " "	1,215 25	Clearing rubbish	
June 3, " "	6 00	from Com'l St.,	200 00
June 26, " "	650 35	Bulkhead, Com'l St.,	60 00
July 31, " "	547 05	Material sold,	229 67
Aug. 28, " "	370 79	May 5, Appropriation,	500 00
Sept. 25, " "	245 32		
Oct. 24, " "	3 00		
Oct. 30, " "	263 32		
Nov. 27, " "	3 00		
Nov. 27, " "	372 94		
Dec. 24, " "	432 14		
Dec. 31, " "	3 25		
Dec. 31, Balance unex-			
pended,	151 65		
	<u>\$5,339 67</u>		<u>\$5,339 67</u>

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

CR.

DR.

1915.		1915.	
Jan. 30, To payments,	\$466 27	Feb. 8, By appropriation,	\$4,000 00
Feb. 28, " "	591 00	Dec. 31, Reimburse-	
Mch. 31, " "	770 34	ments,	316 30
Apr. 30, " "	400 78	Dec. 31, Deficiency,	2,041 49
May 31, " "	572 99		
June 30, " "	580 33		
July 31, " "	722 26		
Aug. 31, " "	242 75		
Sept. 30, " "	376 92		
Oct. 30, " "	643 28		
Nov. 30, " "	390 32		
Dec. 31, " "	600 55		
	<u>\$6,357 79</u>		<u>\$6,357 79</u>

DR.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

CR.

1915.		1915.	
Feb. 4, To payments,	\$14 01	Feb. 8, By appropriation,	\$1,865 00
Mch. 4, " "	5 05	Dec. 31, Credit,	2 58
Apr. 8, " "	18 77	Dec. 31, Material sold,	1 50
Apr. 30, " "	814 13		
May 1, " "	150 00		
May 8, " "	168 25		
June 3, " "	32 67		
July 8, " "	38 45		
Aug. 5, " "	2 25		
Sept. 18, " "	50 80		
Oct. 7, " "	8 25		
Nov. 4, " "	18 55		
Dec. 4, " "	163 98		
Dec. 31, " "	121 36		
Dec. 31, Balance unex-			
pended,	262 56		
	<u>\$1,869 08</u>		<u>\$1,869 08</u>



DR.	POLICE DEPARTMENT.	CR.
1915.	1915.	
Jan. 30, To payments,	\$62 00	Feb. 8, By appropriation,
Feb. 27, "	56 00	\$800 00
Mch. 27, "	62 00	
Apr. 24, "	60 00	
May 29, "	62 00	
June 26, "	60 00	
July 7, "	25 00	
July 31, "	63 25	
Aug. 28, "	62 00	
Sept. 25, "	60 00	
Oct. 30, "	72 00	
Nov. 27, "	60 00	
Dec. 25, "	62 00	
Dec. 31, Balance unexpended,	33 75	
	<u>\$800 00</u>	<u>\$800 00</u>

DR.	NIGHT POLICE.	CR.
1915.	1915.	
Jan. 31, To payme'ts,	\$100 00	Feb. 8, By appropriation,
Feb. 27, "	100 00	\$600 00
Mch. 27, "	100 00	
Oct. 30, "	100 00	
Nov. 27, "	100 00	
Dec. 25, "	100 00	
	<u>\$600 00</u>	<u>\$600 00</u>

DR.	PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	CR.
1915.	1915.	
Jan. 30, To pay'ts,	\$1,865 96	Jan. 28, By Mass. School Fund,
Feb. 27, "	1,475 06	\$692 29
Mch. 27, "	1,636 84	Feb. 8, Appr'tion, 14,000 00
Apr. 24, "	1,144 19	Aug. 1, Tuition, Town of Truro,
May 29, "	1,891 86	54 00
June 19, "	1,244 19	Oct. 1, Mass. School Fund,
June 26, "	594 28	871 22
July 31, "	128 16	Nov. 26, Sale of Out Building,
Aug. 28, "	148 00	18 00
Sept. 18, "	92 93	Dec. 31, Deficiency, 1,871 87
Sept. 25, "	1,276 46	
Oct. 30, "	2,938 37	
Nov. 27, "	1,619 02	
Dec. 24, "	1,452 06	
	<u>\$17,507 38</u>	<u>\$17,507 38</u>

DR.	SCHOOL INCIDENTALS AND REPAIRS.	CR.
1915.	1915.	
Jan. 30, To payments,	\$4 83	Feb. 8, By appropriation,
Feb. 27, "	31 90	\$1,500 00
Mch. 27, "	37 18	Dec. 31, Deficiency, 91 89
Apr. 24, "	11 63	
May 29, "	41 40	
June 26, "	58 92	
July 31, "	322 78	
Aug. 28, "	241 31	
Sept. 25, "	606 57	
Oct. 30, "	19 67	
Nov. 27, "	213 70	
Dec. 24, "	2 00	
	<u>\$1,591 89</u>	<u>\$1,591 89</u>



DR.	FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.	CR.
1915.	1915.	
Jan. 21, To payments,	\$10 45	Feb. 8, By appro-
Jan. 30, " "	149 49	priation,
Feb. 27, " "	254 28	Feb. 31, Deficiency,
Mch. 27, " "	129 80	
Apr. 24, " "	70 02	
May 29, " "	193 02	
June 26, " "	77 66	
Sept. 25, " "	182 24	
Oct. 30, " "	103 90	
Nov. 27, " "	95 49	
Dec. 31, " "	46 63	
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	\$1,312 98	\$1,312 98

DR.	STATE AID.	CR.
1915.	1915.	
Jan. 1, To amt. due		Nov. 26, By cash rec'd
from Com'nwealth,	\$732 00	from Com'wealth,
Jan. 30, To payments,	58 00	Dec. 31, Balance due
Feb. 27, " "	58 00	from Com'wealth,
Mch. 27, " "	58 00	668 00
Apr. 24, " "	58 00	
May 29, " "	58 00	
June 26, " "	58 00	
July 31, " "	54 00	
Aug. 28, " "	54 00	
Sept. 25, " "	54 00	
Oct. 30, " "	54 00	
Nov. 27, " "	54 00	
Dec. 31, " "	50 00	
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	\$1,400 00	\$1,400 00

DR.	STREET LIGHTS.	CR.
1915.	1915.	
Feb. 1, To paym'ts,	\$187 50	Feb. 8, By appro-
Mch. 2, " "	189 00	priation,
Apr. 3, " "	190 50	May 5, Appropriation,
May 8, " "	190 50	Dec. 31, Deficiency,
June 12, " "	190 50	
July 8, " "	196 50	
Aug. 2, " "	196 50	
Sept. 25, " "	196 50	
Oct. 7, " "	196 50	
Nov. 4, " "	196 50	
Dec. 2, " "	196 50	
Dec. 31, " "	196 50	
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	\$2,323 50	\$2,323 50

DR.	WATER SUPPLY.	CR.
1915.	1915.	
Jan., To payments,	\$283 75	Feb., By cash rec'd
Feb., " "	518 23	from Collector:
March, " "	200 90	\$3,130 99
April, " "	630 68	Mch.,
May, " "	809 17	3,800 00
June, " "	671 77	April,
July, " "	505 19	2,467 69
Aug., " "	640 41	May,
Sept., " "	551 22	1 35
Oct., " "	1,266 71	July,
Nov., " "	503 95	800 00
Dec., " "	1,274 54	September,
Dec. 31, Balance un-		1 60
expended,	3,662 99	December,
	<hr/>	1,317 88
	\$11,519 51	\$11,519 51



DR.	STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
To State Tax,	\$5,659 63	By County Tax,	\$3,398 44
County Tax,	3,398 44	Corporation Tax,	1,478 51
State Highway Tax,	116 19	National Bank Tax,	118 34
National Bank Tax,	278 05	State Aid,	732 00
		Burial, Chap. 76,	50 00
		Cash to Com'w'th,	3,675 02
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	\$9,452 31		\$9,452 31

DR.	COLLECTION OF TAXES.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
Dec. 31, John R. Manta,		Feb. 8, By appro-	
1914,	\$113 86	priation,	\$600 00
Dec. 31, 1915,	460 33		
Dec. 31, Balance un-			
expended,	25 81		
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	\$600 00		\$600 00

DR.	ABATEMENT OF TAXES.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
Dec. 31, To John R.		Feb. 8, By appro-	
Manta,	\$733 29	priation,	\$500 00
		Dec. 31, Deficiency,	233 29
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	\$733 29		\$733 29

DR.	COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1914.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
Jan. 1, To balance		Dec. 31, By cash,	\$11,016 62
taxes due,	\$11,016 62		
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	\$11,016 62		\$11,016 62

DR.	COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1915.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
Aug. 1, To 1,074 Polls		Dec. 31, By cash,	\$46,033 17
at \$2.00,	\$2,148 00	Dec. 31, Bal. due,	11,877 74
Aug. 1, Personal			
property, \$675,359			
at \$22.70,	15,330 65		
Aug. 1, Real Estate,			
\$1,767,943 at			
\$22.70,	40,177 70		
Aug. 1, Non Resident			
Bank Tax,	254 56		
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	\$57,910 91		\$57,910 91

DR.	TOWN HALL.		CR.
1915.		1915.	
To cash paid :		By cash received :	
Jan. 21, Stone & For-		Jan. 16, Woman's	
syth, paper,	\$6 50	Guild,	\$15 85
Jan. 21, Water Dept.,	15 00	Feb. 6, C. G. Campbell,	19 30
Jan. 31, Wm. B. Dunham,		Mch. 20, Mrs. Joshua	
Labor,	5 84	Paine,	1 00
Jan. 31, Jas. W. Dunham,		Mch. 27, Mrs. J. Paine,	1 00
Labor,	1 12	Mch. 31, Mrs. J. Paine,	1 00
Jan. 31, W. H. Horton,		Apr. 6, John Dennis,	14 00
Tuning piano,	2 50	Apr. 13, Mrs. J. Paine,	4 00
Feb. 28, Wm. B. Dunham,		Apr. 21, Nautilus Club,	5 00
Labor,	4 37	Apr. 29, High School,	14 00
Feb. 28, Jas. W. Dunham,		May 10, Mrs. J. Paine,	6 00
Labor,	4 00	May 11, Provincetown	
Feb. 28, Nellie Silvey,		Band,	25 00
Repairing flag,	1 00	May 18, High School,	14 00
Feb. 28, James Perry,		May 18, Mrs. Jas. Burke,	2 00
Labor and stock,	6 20	June 5, Life Saving	
Feb. 28, J. A. Hill,		Service,	10 00
Teaming,	2 00	June 5, Mrs. J. Paine,	21 80



Mch. 31, Wm. B. Dunham, Labor,	\$3 56	July 3, Alumni Asso.,	\$20 00
Mch. 31, Eastern School, Caning chair,	1 00	July 6, Amphion Or- chestra,	70 00
Mch. 31, Boston Regalia Co., flag,	6 73	July 15, Social Orches- tra,	42 00
Apr. 30, W. B. Dunham, Labor,	1 75	Aug. 7, Amphion Or- chestra,	56 00
Apr. 30, Chester Smith, Labor,	75	Aug. 10, Provincetown Band,	13 60
Apr. 30, Carrie E. Sim- mons, caning chairs,	2 00	Aug. 12, Social Orches- tra,	42 00
Apr. 30, E. J. Rivard, Wiring and stock,	17 66	Aug. 23, Provincetown Art. Association,	14 00
Apr. 30, Cape Cod Cold Storage, boiler plugs,	3 00	Aug. 31, Benj. Hender- son,	13 90
May 1, E. L. Doyle, re- pairing flag staff,	35 49	Sept. 2, Social Orches- tra,	28 00
May 8, Oscar Snow, put- ting in 25 4-5 tons coal,	6 45	Sept. 4, Amphion Or- chestra,	14 00
May 31, W. B. Dunham, Labor,	14 50	Sept. 4, Mrs. J. Paine,	2 00
May 31, Jas. W. Dunham, Labor,	1 87	Oct. 8, Swastika Club,	6 00
May 31, John Welsh, Labor,	50	Oct. 8, Mrs. J. Paine,	3 00
May 31, George Whorf, Labor,	75	Oct. 28, Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins,	10 00
May 31, George Fishburn, Labor,	62	Oct. 30, High School,	12 00
May 31, John McIntyre, Labor on flag staff,	6 25	Nov. 4, Swastika Club,	2 00
May 31, Geo. E. Cook, Floor brush,	4 74	Nov. 11, Swastika Club,	2 00
May 31, Jacob Ticket Co., Tickets,	10 80	Nov. 13, Mrs. J. Paine,	1 00
May 31, Express,	51	Nov. 16, Frank Barnett,	4 00
		Nov. 18, John Enos, Jr.,	2 85
		Nov. 18, Frank Barnett,	4 00
		Nov. 23, Jas. M. Burke,	10 00
		Nov. 26, Amphion Or- chestra,	14 00
		Nov. 26, Frank Barnett,	15 05
		Nov. 26, Mrs. J. Paine,	1 00
		Nov. 26, Swastika Club,	4 11

May 31, Est. J.D.Hilliard, 25 4-5 tons coal,	\$178 02	Nov. 26, John Enos, Jr.,	\$2 00
June 30, W. B. Dunham, Labor,	3 75	Dec. 4, John Enos, Jr.,	2 00
June 30, J. W. Dunham,	1 62	Dec. 4, Camp Fire Girls,	1 00
June 30, W. B. Bangs, Improvement of drainage, Town Hall,	179 10	Dec. 4, Branch, No. 7,	31 00
June 30, H. A. Wippich, Repairing clock,	3 50	Dec. 4, Jos. H. Weeks,	2 00
June 30, Est. T. A. Hig- gins, lumber,	9 09	Dec. 14, John Enos, Jr.,	6 00
July 31, W. B. Dunham, Labor,	3 25	Dec. 16, Frank Barnett,	2 00
July 31, Ramos Bros., Iron work,	2 00	Dec. 18, John Enos, Jr.,	6 00
June 30, W. H. Horton, Tuning piano,	2 50	Dec. 23, High School,	5 00
Aug. 31, W. B. Dunham, Labor,	3 25	Dec. 24, Frank Barnett,	2 00
Sept. 30, W. B. Dunham, Labor,	5 25	Dec. 29, John Enos, Jr.,	4 00
Sept. 30, J. W. Dunham, Labor,	3 25	Dec. 29, John Callaghan,	14 00
Sept. 30, Geo. W. Cash- man, stock and labor,	15 58	Dec. 31, Frank Barnett,	14 70
Sept. 30, Ramos Bros., Stock and labor,	4 25	Dec. 31, Wm. Pierce,	18 00
Oct. 30, John Caton, Janitor,	20 83	Dec. 31, High School,	20 95
Oct. 30, W. B. Dunham, Labor,	2 75	Dec. 31, St. Peter's Aid Society,	31 00
Oct. 30, Jas. W. Dunham, Labor,	75	Dec. 31, Jos. H. Weeks,	2 60
Oct. 30, John Caton, labor,	50	Dec. 31, Barnstable Co.,	150 00
Oct. 30, John A. Caton, Labor,	75	Dec. 31, Deficiency,	672 25



Nov. 20, Jas. A. McGuire, Labor repairing curtain,	1 50
Nov. 20, H. W. Johns Manville Co., stock,	2 61
Nov. 20, Stone & For- syth Co., supplies,	12 40
Nov. 30, W. B. Dunham, Labor,	4 50
Nov. 30, F. A. Days & Sons, cement,	9 43
Dec. 7, B. A. Patrick & Co., towels,	1 50
Dec. 24, W. B. Dunham, Labor,	3 87
Dec. 24, W. B. Bangs, Stock for toilet,	12 25
Dec. 24, Stone & Forsyth, Stock,	3 00
Dec. 24, B. H. Dyer & Co., sundries,	38 42
Dec. 24, E. O. Snow & Son, string for piano,	50
Dec. 24, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight,	60
Dec. 24, E. J. Rivard, Stock and labor,	3 00
Dec. 24, Jas. E. Atkins, Sundries,	29 98
Dec. 31, P. R. Howes, Sundries,	2 77
Dec. 31, W. B. Dunham, Janitor,	500 00
Dec. 31, Prov. Light & Power Associates,	322 18
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	\$1,546 96

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DR.	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.	CR.
1915.	1915.	
To Cash paid :	Feb. 8, By appro-	
Selectmen's Salary,	priation,	\$2,000 00
Assessors' Salary,	Dec. 31, By Cash re-	
Registrars of Voters,	ceived inspecting	
I. A. Small, Auditor, 1914,	animals,	15 00
John A. Holway, Abstract Book,	Sealer of Weights and Measures,	83 74
Annual Election,	Weir Licenses,	365 00
Howard F. Hopkins, Printing Town Reports,	Billiard and Pool Licenses,	14 00
Other Printing,	Bowling Alley License,	2 00
Hobbs & Warren, Stationery, etc.,	Auctioneer's License,	2 00
P. B. Murphy, Asses- sors' Notices, etc.,	Pedlers' Licenses,	55 00
C. S. Hopkins, Sealer of Weights & Measures,	Junk Licenses,	6 00
M. C. Atwood, transfer of vessels,	Butchers' Licenses,	4 00
E. W. Watson, Inspector of Animals,	Ice Cream Licenses,	99 00
Chas. H. Nickerson, care of Monument Grounds,	Expressman's License,	2 00
Special Town Meeting, May 20,	Use of Telephone,	2 16
Special Town Meeting, June 24,	Electric Boat Co.,	30 00
C. G. W. Fuller, printing,	Sale Mileage Book,	2 20
Thomas Groom & Co., Stationery, etc.,	By Deficiency,	191 15
F. B. Goss, printing,		
Samuel Ward Co., Ledger,		

10 00



Diamond Stamp Co.,	
Supplies for Weights	
and Measures,	\$3 20
E. W. Prescott, returns,	7 00
Thomas J. Bagley,	
Relief Officers,	3 00
F. H. Dearborn,	
Pencil Pointers,	4 00
A. W. Brownell,	
Dog Warrants,	2 00
W. & L. E. Gurley,	
Supplies for Weights	
and Measures,	24 30
J. W. Small, bonds for	
Town Treasurer,	25 00
J. F. Snow, bonds for	
Tax Collector,	25 00
Provincetown Post Office;	
Stamped envelopes for	
Town Clerk,	10 62
Tax Collector.	21 00
S. S. Smith, oil,	55
C. W. Burkett, pump	
Monument Grounds,	2 50
F. K. Atkins, team hire,	4 00
State Primaries,	9 00
State Election,	30 75
Susie W. Lewis,	
Clerical work,	3 50
New England Tel. Co.,	59 09
Town Float,	208 73
Selectmen's Traveling	
Expenses,	26 00
Assessors' Traveling	
Expenses,	20 00
Overseers of Poor	
Traveling Expenses,	23 99

Undertakers' Returns,	\$22 00
Louis A. Law,	
Services as Treasurer,	250 00
Recording Town Meet-	
ing, Feb. 8,	15 00
Special M't'g, May 20,	5 00
" " June 24,	5 00
Primaries, Sept. 21,	5 00
State Election, Nov. 2,	15 00
97 Deaths at \$0.20,	19 40
88 Births at \$0.50,	44 00
38 Marriages at \$0.20,	7 60
Physicians and Midwives,	
Returning 87 Births	
at \$0.25,	21 75
Postage,	14 20
Official Oaths,	14 75
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	\$2,873 25

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 \$2,873 25



The Deficiencies and Balances for the year are as follows:

DEFICIENCIES.	BALANCES.
Cemeteries Nos. 2 and 3, \$1 34	Memorial Day, \$6 25
Soldiers' Relief, 18 00	Improvement New Cemetery, 200 00
Grading and Hardening Brewster St., 40 00	Town Hill Fences, 5 90
Mersey E. Hatch acct., 4 00	Moth Extermination, 92 00
Health Department, 1,243 60	Insurance on School Buildings, 2 15
Support of Poor, 2,041 49	Bureau of Statistics, 24 00
Public Schools, 1,871 87	Mothers with Dependent Children, 357 67
School Incidentals, 91 89	Criminal Prosecutions, 243 63
Free Text Books and Supplies, 12 98	Watering the Streets, 97 78
Streets Lights, 7 50	Roads and Walks, 151 65
Abatement of Taxes, 233 29	Fire Department, 262 56
Town Hall, 672 75	Police Department, 33 75
Incidental Expenses, 191 15	Collection of Taxes, 25 81
	Water Supply, 3,649 44
	Interest Cemetery Trust Funds, 36 00
	Interest on Demand Loans, 78 16
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\$6,429 86	\$5,266 75
Net Deficiency,	\$1,163 11

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1916.

Interest on Demand Loans,	\$400 00
Interest on Trust Funds,	700 00
Fees for Town Notes,	20 00
Town Hill Fences,	50 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Insurance on School Buildings,	170 00
Police Department,	1,000 00
Night Police,	600 00
Collection of Taxes,	600 00
Abatement of Taxes,	500 00
Incidental Expenses,	2,000 00
Moth Extermination,	250 00
Soldiers' Relief,	168 00
Street Lights,	2,358 00
Net Deficiencies,	1,163 11

C. AUSTIN COOK,  
A. P. HANNUM,  
JAMES E. RICH,  
Selectmen of Provincetown.



## Report of the Assessors.

### VALUATION APRIL 1, 1915.

#### VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE.

Excluding resident bank stock,	\$642,073 00	
Resident bank stock,	33,286 00	
Total,		\$675,359 00

#### VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE.

Buildings, excluding land,	\$1,277,607 00	
Land, excluding buildings,	492,336 00	
Total,		1,769,943 00
Total value of assessed estates,		\$2,445,302 00

Tax for State, County and Town purposes, including Overlayings:

On Personal Estate,	\$15,585 21	
On Real Estate,	40,177 70	
On 1,074 Polls,	2,148 00	
		\$57,910 91

Rate of Tax per \$1000, \$22 70

Number of residents assessed on property:

Individuals,	1,007	
All others,	119	
		1,126

Number of non-residents assessed on property:

Individuals,	117	
All others,	9	
		126

Total number assessed on property, 1,252  
For poll tax only, 529

Total, 1,781

Number of polls assessed, 1,074  
Tax on each poll, \$2 00

Number of horses assessed, 92  
" cows assessed, 68  
" dwelling houses, 1,109  
" acres of land, 970

Registered Voters 1915, males, 684  
" " " females, 146  
Population, census of 1915, 4,369

Exempted church property, April 1, 1915, \$43,050 00  
Value of Fire Apparatus as returned, 7,000 00  
Public Library, 8,700 00  
Water Works, 120,000 00

Number of vessels of 7 tons and over, assessed whole or part April 1, 1915, as follows:

Whaling vessels,	3	
Fishing vessels,	57	
Steamers,	1	
Coasting vessels,	2	
		63

JAMES E. RICH,  
ARTEMAS P. HANNUM,  
C. AUSTIN COOK,  
Assessors of Provincetown.



## Report of Overseers of the Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully present their report for the year ending December 31, 1915.

The number of families partially supported is larger than last year as is also the number of dependent children, requiring a larger outlay.

The amount of reimbursements has been more than a thousand dollars less than last year, which accounts in a large measure for the large deficiency.

The Act for the Relief of Mothers with dependent children has not been in operation long enough to test its merits and will probably be amended during the next session of the legislature.

It will require an appropriation of at least six hundred dollars, which appropriation we recommend.

### TOWN HOME.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$260 00
Groceries and provisions,	663 54
Fuel and lights,	136 68
Clothing and bedding,	13 50
Repairs,	19 49
Water rates,	11 50
Sundries,	18 23
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	\$1,122 94
Reimbursed,	125 30
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Net expense of Town Home,	\$997 64

Remaining in Town Home, Dec. 31, 1914,	7
Admitted during year,	4
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Discharged,	2
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Remaining Dec. 31, 1915,	9
Number of families partially supported,	71
Number of dependents,	168

### INMATES OF THE TOWN HOME FULLY SUPPORTED FROM DEC. 31, 1914, TO DEC. 31, 1915.

Name.	Age.	Birthplace.	Nature of Settlement.	When Registered.
Foster, Delia,	74	Dorchester,	Acts of 1879,	April 21, 1896
Parks, Susie T.,	76	Provincetown,	Acts of 1879,	Aug. 21, 1892
Taylor, George T.,	40	Provincetown,	Taxation,	April 23, 1910
Rogers, Mary,	79	Azores,	Taxation,	Jan. 1, 1913
LeCount, Edith,	26	Medford,	Father,	July 23, 1913
Smith, Walter T.,	65	Provincetown,	Taxation,	April 8, 1914
Hopkins, Betsey,	78	Truro,	Taxation,	June 5, 1915
Rogers, Augustus,	78	Azores,	Taxation,	Aug. 23, 1915
Atkins, Benj. W.,	62	Provincetown,	Taxation,	Oct. 10, 1915



Amount expended for outside poor in town,	\$3,389 33
Amount expended for outside poor out of town,	1,102 02
	<u>\$4,491 35</u>
Medical attendance,	\$100 00
Salary of Overseers,	450 00
Burial expenses,	193 50
	<u>743 50</u>
Town Home expenses,	1,122 94
	<u>\$6,357 79</u>
Appropriation,	\$4,000 00
Reimbursed,	316 30
Deficiency,	2,041 49
	<u>\$6,357 79</u>

We recommend for this department for the ensuing year an appropriation of \$4,500 00  
 For carrying out provisions of the Act for Relief of Mothers with dependent children, 600 00  
\$5,100 00

A. P. HANNUM,  
 C. AUSTIN COOK,  
 JAMES E. RICH,  
 Overseers of the Poor.

Handwritten calculations:  
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Handwritten calculations:  
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 28.61

Handwritten calculations:  

$$\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 283 \\ \hline 313 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 10666 \\ \hline 38 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 106 \\ 78 \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$$

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## Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully submit my annual report of the work done and the expense incurred in the Highway Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915:

The amount appropriated at the last annual meeting for maintenance of Roads and Walks was

Roads,	\$1,000 00
Walks,	2,000 00
Two men and horse,	1,000 00
Snow contract,	350 00
Clearing rubbish on Commercial St.,	200 00
Bulkhead on Commercial St.,	60 00
June 24, Special Town Meeting appropriated,	500 00
Material sold,	229 67
Balance,	151 65
	<u>\$5,491 32</u>

I would ask that the unexpended balance of 1915 be added to 1916 appropriation.

### EXPENDITURES.

Frank Chase, superintendent,	\$400 00
James H. Barnett, with team,	600 00
R. F. Brown, lumber,	196 48
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight on stone,	278 32
J. A. Hill, team on road,	105 50



Snow contract,	\$294 00
Chester Smith, clearing rubbish from Commercial St.,	194 75
Chester Smith, gravel,	8 75
Sch. J. P. Foster, freight on Tarvia,	49 00
Estate T. A. Higgins, lumber,	164 59
B. H. Dyer & Co., merchandise,	41 41
C. C. Cold Storage, draining water from Com'l St.,	18 79
Walter Cashman, labor on walks,	65 74
A. Alexander, labor on road,	1 50
C. M. Snow, iron work,	14 00
James W. Dunham, labor on streets and walks,	180 37
Peter Perry, " " " "	68 75
Eddie Brown, " " " "	166 63
Thomas Carr, gravel,	7 00
Page Bros., team on road and sodding Franklin St.,	337 53
John McIntyre, labor on walks,	3 63
J. W. Welch, labor on roads and walks,	98 88
Manuel J. Francis, labor on roads and walks,	213 75
George Cashman, labor on walks,	169 60
Frank Chase, expense to Hingham,	5 89
W. B. Bangs, merchandise,	6 30
George Ford, cleaning cesspools,	34 00
Manuel Morrell, team on road,	87 25
Independent Coal Tar Co., Tarbinder,	107 02
Henry Pierce, sods,	4 00
Frank A. Days & Sons, cement, lumber and bulkhead,	549 75
The Lane Quarry Co., crushed stone,	275 94
Barrett Manufacturing Co., Tarvia,	279 60
Estate J. D. Hilliard, merchandise,	5 76
Alfred Crocker, permit for widening street,	3 00
Heman S. Cook, selling snow clearing,	3 00
Ramos Bros., team and iron work,	56 17
Jos. Rogers, labor on road,	36 75
A. S. Dyer, teaming,	6 00
C. A. Gardner, labor and filing saws,	10 52
Josiah L. Young, cinders,	24 75
Frank Alves, team on road,	15 50

Joseph Silva & Son, lime,	\$0 35
S. C. Smith, brooms,	90
John Roderick, team and sods,	4 50
John McQuillan, Jr., labor,	3 00
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	\$6,784 43

I would recommend an appropriation for the ensuing year:

For one mile of MaDrite Paving on Commercial St.,	\$3,000 00
Roads,	1,000 00
Walks,	2,000 00
Two men and horse,	1,000 00
Snow contract,	350 00
Watering streets,	350 00
Clearing rubbish on Commercial St.,	200 00
Road on west side of Town Hill,	900 00
Concrete bulkhead on Howland St.,	95 00
Fence on Bradford St.,	40 00

The old plank bulkhead on Howland St., near the premises of Frank Raymond is badly rotted and will give way at any time. It should be replaced with a concrete wall. I would recommend an appropriation of nine-five dollars for this work.

The fence at the west end of Bradford St. on the north side of the road is in a dangerous condition and should be rebuilt. I would recommend an appropriation of forty dollars for this work.

The road on the west side of Town Hill is in bad condition and has been so for many years. The Pilgrim Memorial Association has notified us that they are willing to bear half the expense of a good road. I have consulted a contractor who will build a good road there for \$1800 and keep it in repair for five years. I recommend an appropriation of \$900 for building a road on the west side of Town Hill, provided the Pilgrim Memorial Association will provide a like amount.

FRANK CHASE,  
Superintendent of Streets.



# Report of the Treasurer

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915.

## RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1915, Cash in the Treasury,	\$6,399 07
Support of Poor,	316 30
Cemetery Trust Fund,	5,654 13
Interest Cemetery Trust Fund,	1,217 09
Public Library, Dog Fund,	150 34
Roads and Walks,	229 67
Health Department,	72 75
Criminal Prosecutions,	395 00
Hardening and Grading Brewster St.,	400 00
Water Supply:	
Cash from Collector,	\$12,435 52
Use of telephone,	2 95— 12,438 47
Improvement New Cemetery,	200 00
Bureau of Statistics,	2 00
Demand Loans,	13,000 00
Town Hall,	874 71
Interest on Bank Deposits,	84 38
Schools:	
Massachusetts School Fund,	\$692 29
Commonwealth on acct. Supt.,	871 22
Tuition of Pupils,	54 00
Sale of Outbuilding,	18 00— 1,635 51
Taxes 1914,	10,196 39
Taxes 1915,	46,033 17
Interest on Taxes of 1914,	158 32
Moth Extermination,	37 25
Corporation Tax, Public Service,	148 66

Corporation Tax, Business,	\$1,329 85
National Bank Tax,	118 34
State Aid,	732 00
Fire Dept.,	4 08
Incidental Expenses:	
Weir Licenses,	\$365 00
Ice Cream Licenses,	99 00
Auctioneer's License,	2 00
Express Licenses,	2 00
Pool Licenses,	16 00
Junk Licenses,	6 00
Pedlers' Licenses,	55 00
Slaughterers' Licenses,	4 00
Inspector of Animals,	15 00
Use of Float,	30 00
Use of Telephone,	2 16
Mileage sold,	2 20
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	83 74— 682 10
Total,	\$102,509 58

## EXPENDITURES.

The Treasurer has paid upon vouchers the following amounts:

Unpaid School Bills of 1914,	\$249 91
Public Schools,	17,507 38
School Incidentals,	1,602 27
Free Text Books and Supplies,	1,302 53
Support of Poor,	6,176 69
Incidental Expenses,	2,873 25
Health Department,	2,239 78
Roads and Walks,	5,188 02
Watering Streets,	252 22
Town Hall,	1,546 96
Water Supply,	7,870 07
Street Lights,	2,323 50
Police,	1,366 25
Criminal Prosecutions,	151 37
Fire Department,	1,606 52



Cemeteries,	\$201 34
Public Library,	750 34
Grading and Hardening Brewster St.,	840 00
Moth Extermination,	195 25
Insurance School Buildings,	167 85
State Aid,	668 00
Cemetery Trust Fund,	5,654 13
Interest Cemetery Trust Fund,	1,217 09
Town Hill Fences,	44 10
Bureau of Statistics,	8 00
Account Suit of Mersey E. Hatch,	4 00
State Tax,	\$5,659 63
State Highway Tax,	116 19
National Bank Tax,	278 05— 6,053 87
County Tax,	3,398 44
Soldiers' Relief,	162 00
Water Supply, Funded Loan,	7,765 00
New Water Supply, Notes,	680 00
Improvement Water Loan,	225 00
Demand Loans Refunding Notes and Interest,	1,380 00
Cemetery Trust Refunding Loan and Interest,	1,914 00
Heating High School Building Loan,	205 00
Macadam Road Loan,	215 00
West End Extension Macadam Road Loan,	215 00
Demand Loans,	13,000 00
Interest Demand Loans,	184 44
Memorial Day,	93 75
Abatement of Taxes,	733 29
Collection of Taxes,	574 19
Cash in Treasury,	3,703 78
	<u>\$102,509 58</u>

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS A. LAW, Treasurer.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown, 86  
 Paid County Treasurer, \$169 80

LOUIS A. LAW, Treasurer.

## Report of the Treasurer of the Cemetery Trust Funds.

VOTE OF THE TOWN FEBRUARY 15, 1894.

“That the Town Treasurer be authorized to receive the money donated to the town for the care of Cemetery Lots not less than twenty-five dollars.”

Name.	When Received.	Amt. of Deposit.	Accrued Interest to Oct. 1, 1915.	Payments. 1915.	Condition Oct. 1, 1915.
Francis Godfrey,	1879	\$50 00	\$2 00	\$2 00	\$50 00
Nancy Handley,	1893	500 00	20 00	20 00	500 00
James Emery,	1893	200 00	8 00	8 00	200 00
Richard E. Nickerson,	1894	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
Benjamin Small,	1897	375 00	39 43	13 00	401 43
Mary Stidd,	1897	100 00	4 00	4 00	100 00
William A. Atkins,	1898	500 00	46 00	17 00	529 00
Henry J. Lancy,	1898	500 00	113 20	15 00	598 20
Philip S. Rich,	1898	100 00	4 00	4 00	100 00
John Nickerson,	1899	500 00	109 95	16 00	593 95
Eben S. Smith and	1915	91 83			
Philip Cook,	1914	100 00	21 82	8 00	405 65
	1899	200 00			
Nehemiah Nickerson,	1899	200 00	8 00	8 00	200 00
Amelia O. Rich,	1900	50 00	5 00		55 00
Charlotte M. Weeks,	1900	200 00	37 00	6 00	231 00
Millie W. Young,	1900	600 00	127 33	16 50	710 83
Seth Smith,	1901	300 00	16 00	16 00	400 00
	1914	100 00			
Stephen Mott,	1902	300 00	24 38	11 00	313 38
Eliza L. Atkins,	1903	200 00	10 00	5 50	204 50
John W. Atwood,	1903	250 00	10 00	10 00	250 00
Francis Nickerson,	1904	400 00	128 65	17 00	511 65



Annie L. Hooten,	1904	\$100 00	\$15 50	\$5 00	\$110 50
Reuben Snow,	1904	300 00	20 70	11 00	309 70
Stephen Nickerson,	1904	300 00	59 00	16 50	342 50
Thomas Lothrop,	1905	400 00	16 00	16 00	400 00
Joshua Nickerson,	1905	150 00	12 50	5 00	157 50
Edward C. Burt,	1905	300 00	27 40	11 00	316 40
Sarah B. Freeman,	1906	500 00	23 83	20 00	503 83
Urania T. Atwood,	1906	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
Solomon D. Nickerson,	1907	200 00	69 16		269 16
Addison Nickerson,	1907	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
Caleb D. Smith,	1907	200 00	27 00	6 00	221 00
John McIntosh,	1908	150 00	14 00	14 00	150 00
Rich and Small,	1908	300 00	32 10	10 00	322 10
Josiah T. Sumner,	1908	200 00	22 65	8 00	214 65
Alexander McKenzie,	1908	200 00	8 00	8 00	200 00
Franklin Atkins,	1908	500 00	21 44	21 44	500 00
Alzina E. Atkins,	1908	200 00	16 00	11 00	205 00
Charles B. Snow,	1908	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
George Allen,	1908	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
Charles F. Cate,	1909	100 00	10 42	2 50	107 92
Eliza W. Cook,	1909	100 00	10 42	2 50	107 92
Thomas Lewis,	1909	200 00	21 50	5 50	216 00
Adelaide P. Williams,	1909	200 00	9 33	5 00	204 33
Josiah F. Small,	1909	300 00	74 00		374 00
Higgins and Holmes,	1909	400 00	19 87	15 00	404 87
Edwin C. Mayo,	1909	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
John B. Bangs,	1909	200 00	31 22	5 00	226 22
Lucy A., Julia C. and Angie Knowles,	1910	400 00	87 16		487 16
Mary G. Curran,	1910	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
Stephen Cook,	1910	959 50	59 99	67 99	951 50
Betsey C. Long,	1910	300 00	20 23	11 00	309 23
Charles Nickerson,	1911	300 00	22 00	10 00	312 00
Jesse Cook,	1911	300 00	15 00	10 00	305 00
Jesse Cook, Jr.	1911	300 00	22 00	11 00	311 00
Dr. Isaiah Whitney,	1911	500 00	20 00	20 00	500 00
Prince Freeman,	1911	67 00	2 92		69 92
Ruth E. Small,	1911	300 00	17 00	11 00	306 00
Experience L. Dowling,	1911	300 00	21 10	10 00	311 10

Seth Nickerson,	1912	\$400 00	\$16 00	\$16 00	\$400 00
Benjamin A. Atkins,	1912	150 00	7 32	6 00	151 32
Josiah C. Fluker,	1912	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
William Roberts,	1912	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
Walter I. Nickerson,	1912	300 00	12 00	12 00	300 00
John M. Carnes,	1913	100 00	9 68		109 68
Esther T. Mayo,	1913	100 00	9 32	5 00	104 32
Francis Nickerson, Pittsfield,	1913	300 00	17 00	11 50	305 50
Isaiah and John Atkins,	1913	300 00	14 00	12 00	302 00
Dyer and Ewell,	1913	300 00	18 50	8 00	310 50
Lydia A. Maddock,	1913	125 00	10 00		135 00
Zerrie Small,	1914	200 00	8 00	5 00	203 00
Hannah Soule,	1914	300 00	18 00	10 00	308 00
Gifford and Elder,	1914	400 00	24 00	10 00	414 00
John A. Lewis,	1914	100 00	6 00		106 00
Thomas A. Weeks,	1914	50 00	3 00	50	52 50
Richard G. Tarrant,	1914	200 00	8 00		208 00
Annie P. Lewis,	1914	400 00	12 00	11 00	401 00
Russell Atkins,	1914	400 00	12 00	4 00	408 00
Artemas Paine,	1914	300 00	9 00	9 00	300 00
Henry Shortle,	1914	300 00	9 00	9 00	300 00
Samuel J. Rich,	1915	300 00	3 00	3 00	300 00
Edward J. Kilburn,	1915	300 00	3 00		303 00
Rufus H. Hopkins,	1915	200 00			200 00
Eliza S. Small,	1915	100 00			100 00
Kelley and Fuller,	1915	300 00			300 00
Kelley and Hinman,	1915	200 00			200 00

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In addition to the bonds reported on hand last year there have been purchased this year:

\$2,000 San Francisco Bonds, cost	\$2,011 65
\$2,000 Warwick, R. I., Bonds, cost,	2,065 00
\$1,000 State of California Bond, cost,	962 30

The Fund consists of:

Bonds, at par,	\$23,000 00
Premium account,	397 20
Deposit Seamen's Savings Bank,	471 13
	\$23,868 33



The income for the year from the investment of the fund was \$932.06, from which dividends at the rate of 4 per cent., requiring \$888.88 were credited the several accounts, the balance, \$43.18, being used to reduce the premium account.

The unused balances belonging to the several accounts, amounting to \$1,134.59, have been kept on deposit in the Seamen's Savings Bank in a separate account, which with interest, now amounts to \$1,282.90.

Respectfully submitted,  
LOUIS A. LAW, Treasurer.

## Report of Police.

I respectfully present my report of the work of the Police Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915:

Whole number of arrests,	
Males,	62
Females,	10— 72

For the following causes:

Assault and Battery,	20
Disturbance of Peace,	3
Larceny,	11
Drunkenness,	5
Illegal Sale of Liquor,	3
Dumping Fish in Harbor,	3
Wilfully Interfering with Lobster Pots,	8
Working on Lord's Day,	1
Delinquent Child,	1
Neglecting Child,	1
Violating Automobile Law,	2
Reckless Speeding of Auto,	1
Violation of Town By-Laws,	2
Using Indecent Language,	2
Non Support of Child,	1
Tramp,	1
Illegitimacy,	2
Failure to send Child to School,	1
Being Disorderly,	1
Not Attending School,	1
Sent to School for Feeble Minded,	2— 72



Assault and Battery :	
4 paid \$15 each,	\$60 00
2 paid \$25 each,	50 00
4 paid \$5 each,	20 00
4 discharged.	
1 placed on file.	
1 sixty days in House of Correction.	
2 thirty days in House of Correction.	
1 three months suspended sentence.	
1 three months suspended sentence.	
Disturbance of Peace :	
1 paid	15 00
1 paid	10 00
1 suspended sentence.	
Larceny :	
6 put on probation 6 months.	
1 three months House of Correction.	
1 sent to Lyman School.	
2 cases continued.	
1 case placed on file.	
Drunkenness :	
1 paid	25 00
1 paid	10 00
1 discharged.	
1 sentence suspended for 1 year.	
1 sent to State Farm.	
Being Disorderly :	
1 sent to State Industrial School.	
Not Attending School :	
1 sentence suspended.	
2 sent to School for Feeble Minded.	
Illegal Sale of Liquor :	
1 paid	75 00
1 paid	50 00
1 discharged.	

Dumping Fish in Harbor :	
3 paid \$10 each,	30 00
Interference with Lobster Pots :	
3 paid \$10 each to State.	
5 discharged.	
Working on Lord's Day :	
1 paid	10 00
Delinquent Child :	
1 sentence *suspended.	
Neglecting Child :	
1 placed on file.	
Violating Automobile Law :	
2 paid \$10 each to Highway Commission,	
Reckless Driving Motor Vehicle :	
1 paid \$25 to Highway Commissioners.	
Violating Town By-Laws :	
1 paid	10 00
1 paid	5 00
Using Indecent Language :	
2 paid \$10 each,	20 00
	<hr/> \$390 00
Non Support of Child :	
Case continued.	
Tramp :	
1 sent away.	
Illegitimacy :	
2 cases continued.	
Failure to send Child to School	
Sentence suspended.	
Not Attending School :	
1 case suspended.	



## MISCELLANEOUS.

Complaints attended to without arrest,	65
Disturbances suppressed without arrest,	50
Complaints investigated,	30
Boy cases investigated,	25
Male dogs licensed,	81
Female dogs licensed,	5
Lights reported out,	40
Search Warrants served,	2
Notices served,	8
Arrest for out of town police,	1
Committed to Insane Asylum,	1

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. KELLEY,

Police Officer.

## Report of Board of Health.

TO THE CITIZENS OF PROVINCETOWN:

Your Board of Health submits its report for the past year. The Board of Health of a community is mainly concerned in the abatement of nuisances that may be injurious to the public health, in the isolation of contagious diseases that might cause a widespread epidemic, and a thorough fumigation after such diseases have run their course,

There is another duty that has devolved on the Board within a few years and that is, provision for the care and maintenance of consumptives, either in their homes or at a State Sanatorium when called upon for aid, in the general effort that is being made the world over to stamp out the great white plague (consumption) that is perhaps the greatest menace to our advancing civilization.

The above comes under the Acts of 1909, Chap. 380. Our good citizens may see by the above Acts where the local Board of Health is compelled to spend so much money for the care of cases dangerous to the public health.

Unfortunately our tuberculosis cases seem to be on the increase in our town. The congested population of our cities and growing towns, and if you will, the skyscrapers that shut out the sunlight and the fresh air from Heaven from the toilers in darkened rooms and alleys, have created conditions that are most favorable for the germination and spread of tuberculosis. As the main treatment of tuberculosis to-day is good food, fresh air and sunlight, so the sanatoriums, the sun parlors, the sleeping out of doors in tents and the open windows at night



are the efforts to undo what human greed and unsanitary surroundings have often times brought on the unfortunate individual.

As a matter of fact, I with the assistance of the state officials, and the visiting nurse, going among the people, having private talks in the homes, lectures in Town Hall, public schools, and theatres, I find has done a great deal of good.

And again the local physicians inform me that there have been more chest examinations than ever, showing me that people have begun to realize what it means to have tuberculosis. I find that there has been more notice taken of tuberculosis this past year than ever.

As regards sanatoriums, I believe that if a person is sent in time, that they are a great help. With persons that have this disease in a mild form, or a person who is classed as in an advanced stage, by all means they should go to a sanatorium. I have learned this much: that people who go to a sanatorium are taught to take care of themselves, and not to endanger other people. There are times when home treatment is all right. But I believe that a person should go to a sanatorium to receive proper instruction.

As there is only a yearly inspection of our schools by the school physician, I have felt it my duty for the benefit of the teachers and pupils to keep in touch with them, as often as I could, and from time to time giving them a talk on some health subject.

There was one case of chicken-pox reported in February. Chicken-pox is one of those minor communicable diseases. In that, the mortality is practically nil. The differential diagnosis between chicken-pox and small-pox is often an important and difficult public health problem.

In April one case of mumps was reported. Mumps is contagious before the symptoms appear for some time. The disease is usually spread by direct contact, or by a third person.

### Scarlet fever reported in the months of

	Cases.	Deaths.
February,	8	0
April,	3	0
July,	4	0
October,	1	0
November,	1	0
	—	—
Total,	17	0

Scarlet fever is classed as a highly contagious disease. The cause of scarlet fever is not known. Many cases of walking scarlet fever present little further evidence than a passing sore throat. These cases spread the disease especially in schools. Third persons may carry the disease, perhaps in their clothing, thermometers and handkerchiefs, by the secretions of the mouth. They play the same role that they do in diphtheria. Milk is rather a frequent vehicle for scarlet fever infection. Most of our scarlet fever cases have been confined to one family. As regards the isolation of patients, who have scarlet fever, or any other highly contagious disease, I believe where there is a good registered, competent nurse, one or two rooms in the house is enough to be quarantined. Where there is no nurse I believe the house should be quarantined and an officer put in charge to safe-guard the public health. Both in scarlet fever and typhoid fever, where public health was in danger, and a life at stake, I have put a police officer to watch the house.

Tuberculosis was reported in the following months:

	Cases.	Deaths.
January,	1	2
February,	0	1
March,	0	2
April,	0	0
May,	0	0
June,	2	0
July,	0	1
August,	0	0
September,	1	0
October,	1	0
November,	2	1
	—	—
Total,	7	7



Diphtheria: onset insidious, may be rapid or gradual; typically sore throat, great weakness and swelling of lymph nodes in the neck about the angle of the jaw. The back of the throat, tonsils or palate may show patches like pieces of grayish white kid. The most pronounced symptoms are great debility and lassitude and there may be little else noticeable. There may be hardly any symptoms at all. For the whole year there were only two cases reported and one death, all in the month of December.

The following cases of typhoid fever were reported in the following months:

	Cases.	Deaths.
January,	1	0
February,	1	0
March,	3	1
September,	3	0
October,	5	0
November,	1	1
Total,	14	2

Typhoid fever is a sanitary problem. Water, food, fingers and flies play an important part in the infection. Typhoid bacilli enter by way of the mouth. Typhoid fever is spread either directly, or indirectly through water, milk, and other foods. As a matter of fact, some cases were traced to milk. I, with the assistance of the state officials, have made a fight for cleaner dairies. There have been times when I have stopped the sale of milk from some of the dairies, and in one case I cut off the supply of milk entirely. Some cases were traced to bad water, and the pumps condemned.

The following cases of whooping cough were reported in the following months. Out of 178 cases only 25 cases were attended and reported by a doctor.

	Cases.	Deaths.
July,	7	0
August,	11	0
September,	25	0
October,	31	0
November,	78	1
December,	16	1
Total,	178	2

Whooping Cough was brought into town this year by visiting people. It is classed as a contagious disease, and may be transmitted from one person to another. It may be transmitted by indirect contact, with handkerchiefs, toys and drinking cups, towels and other objects.

For a time, we placarded for whooping cough until I found it did no good. In many places, health officials placard for whooping cough and will not allow children outside of the yard. But in these places they have a large police force. It has been a hard fight to keep children with whooping cough from the moving picture shows and accommodations. The placarding of a house for a contagious disease greatly disturbs some people who believe they are immune from any such infection, who often times resent action of the health board. The officials do not placard houses for fun. It is done to protect others, and when contagion comes home to us, help rather than retard the health officers. The law of the Commonwealth is to place a warning card on a house where dangerous diseases exist. Adults or children suffering from any contagious disease, no matter how well they may appear, should not be allowed to mingle with others. Yet there are some unprincipled persons in every community who allow their youngsters to do as they please, until reprimanded by a health officer. It is most impossible to watch every case, and there should be community pride in all to assist in checking the spread of any communicable disease.

#### PROBLEMS.

The following are the problems that are facing the local board at the present time:

- Public sentiment.
- Various disagreements in opinions of physicians.
- Fumigation and disinfection.
- Carelessness of the summer colony.
- Beaches.
- Public dumps.
- Public school question.



With the many health problems, we have had a great deal of trouble with the following:

We are at the present time maintaining six public dumps, at no small expense. People will throw their rubbish anywhere but inside the dump, which means a clean-up several times a year.

The beach problem is a matter that the public should take under consideration. With the many cold storage plants, places where fish are bought in large quantities, and with the many fish boats, it is no small matter to keep the beach clean, although managers and foremen of these different plants are always willing to help clean the beach. Most of the trouble we have had is boats throwing fish in the harbor limits, drifting ashore. We have had a great many black-fish drift on our beach and it has been no small expense to dispose of them. Between the beach and the dumping grounds, it costs the town a lot of money. Dirty and filthy beaches and dumping grounds are great dangers to public health.

A gipsy band visited our town last summer. Believing that there would be a danger to our citizens as regards to health, I ordered them away.

With the help of the school physician and the watchfulness of our public school teachers, we have done a great deal in not having more contagion in our schools. To them and all others who have helped me in the many health problems I wish to extend my thanks. I also wish to thank the clergy, the district nurse, and the local doctors who have always been willing to help me in health matters. As a matter of fact, we have no sewerage, with other dangers that increase typhoid fever, we are fortunate not to have more typhoid than we have had. I believe that the local board should be instructed at our annual town meeting to have plumbing laws.

Dr. Curley and I made an inspection of the vessel and crew of the schooner "Valdare", N. S., and Dr. Cass and I made an inspection of the crew and schooner "Atonomico Acoriano" from the Azores. I have ordered, the past year, two houses thoroughly cleaned and in one case placed the people in the town home.

The mid-wifery question is up before me again, but I believe it should be up to the local doctors.

With the local board, I believe that there should be an advisory board.

Lectures, costing the town practically nothing have been given in Town Hall, subject "Tuberculosis" by Dr. Bailey of New York, and in the Pilgrim Theatre, by Prof. Gunn, of the State Department of Health on Child Welfare, School Hygiene, Toothache, Fly Danger, Thoughtlessness, and Long and Short Haul.

JOHN A. COOK,  
Chairman and Secretary.

TO THE CITIZENS OF PROVINCETOWN:

With the many incoming people who have various opinions of health laws, it has been no small matter to keep the town as clean and as healthy as we have. It must be understood that we have many old toilets, very near houses, which from time to time, I am compelling the people to remove, owing to danger of disease.

I have attended to two hundred and fifty complaints, while our chairman has taken care of a large number. As a matter of fact I have been unable to devote my whole time or all the time that I would like to for the cause of good health.

Provincetown should be glad to have a man such as our Chairman, Mr. Cook, who has made a study of health regulations, as well as contagion and disinfection.

Respectfully submitted,  
NORMAN F. SOMES.

TO THE CITIZENS OF PROVINCETOWN:

I have attended to several complaints. I have had a great deal of trouble with pig styes and henneries. I believe the time will come when some law must be made to have pig styes away from streets and dwellings. Where you find pig styes you will find rats and where there are rats it means disease.

S. A. BENNETT.



When taking into consideration the babies and invalid people that depend entirely on milk for their nourishment, I have tried to keep that milk as near the standard as possible.

There were issued from July 1, 1915, to Dec. 31, 1915:

33 Milk Licenses.

50 Dairy Permits.

1 dairy was discontinued. 2 dairies were suspended until cleaned. They were cleaned and then a permit was given.

JOHN DENNIS,  
Milk Inspector.

Report from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1915. I have inspected during this period the following: 201 hogs, 8 calves, 4 cattle, and I found them to be in good condition.

During this time a few hogs died which I think could have been saved if they had had proper care in season.

Also I was called during the hot spell in September to the slaughtering of a hog which I found overcome with the heat. Their intention was to slaughter and ship, which I refused. When this one was slaughtered in December, it made a fine porker.

B. R. CHAPMAN,  
Inspector of Slaughtering.

#### EXPENDITURES, 1915.

J. A. Francis,	\$12 49
John Agna,	5 00
M. E. Woodworth,	1 50
Provincetown Beacon,	85 25
Adams' Pharmacy,	19 55
J. A. Cook,	240 25
H. F. Hopkins,	84 40
F. Goularte,	12 50
J. Dennis,	14 60
B. H. Dyer & Co.,	2 28
J. A. Hill,	15 00

M. Prada,	\$10 00
S. A. Bennett,	55 10
Amelia Marks, passage to Portugal,	55 00
A. Alves,	5 75
A. Perry,	1 00
J. Cabral,	75
M. Enos,	50
Wm. Francis,	75
I. L. Rosenthal,	85
F. Rogers,	14 00
M. Cabral,	1 00
Hobbs & Warren,	6 15
M. E. Rogers,	50
M. Rogers,	1 00
J. V. Gaspé,	2 00
Wm. Lewis,	2 00
J. B. Dyer,	4 00
Capt. F. Raymond,	8 00
J. A. Hill,	5 00
Wm. Ewell,	3 75
Jos. Agna,	5 15
O. R. Smith,	30 00
V. G. Crocker,	5 50
S. Andrews,	1 50
M. Cook,	6 00
N. F. Somes,	85 35
M. M. Cook,	6 00
J. F. Cook,	6 00
C. C. Campbell,	14 00
J. A. Cook,	
Cash paid telephones, stamps, express and boatman,	15 29
Cash paid removal of Joseph Silva to Westfield State Sanatorium,	25 00
F. H. Barnett,	3 00
S. A. Days,	2 50
C. B. Dolge,	20 00
M. Souza,	1 50



Joseph Gaspa,	\$3 50
John Gaspa,	1 50
J. Johnson,	1 88
F. Worth,	50
W. Davis,	2 63
H. Lewis,	2 63
R. Lewis,	1 38
J. A. Morris,	3 38
P. Kenney,	10 00
F. Vieira,	2 25
A. Roderick,	3 75
J. Vieira,	3 00
A. Lema,	1 25
F. Lombard,	2 25
F. H. Smith,	4 75
S. C. Smith,	90
M. Crawley,	23 75
W. Murphy,	1 00
A. Jason,	50
J. Jason,	4 25
Estate T. A. Higgins,	3 58
J. Cross,	5 00
Edward Cabral,	1 00
Dr. Coffin,	1 50
M. G. Francis,	25
A. Coleman,	25
C. R. Snow,	25
J. Noons,	25
A. Fratus,	25
J. Smith,	50
J. Foster,	2 00
S. Milliken,	3 50
Geo. E. Hersey,	31 63
J. DeRiggs,	7 44
Stone & Forsyth,	3 00
Capt. Joseph Lucas,	1 50
Dr. Bartlett,	

J. E. Atkins,	\$1 85
L. K. Silva,	20 00
Eastern Transportation Co.,	1 00
J. F. Francis,	1 60
V. Prada,	1 25
M. Sants,	1 25
M. Prada,	1 25
Capt. S. West,	8 00
F. Alves,	2 00
Mrs. M. Cabral,	1 00
A. Perry,	12 00
B. Marks,	65
J. Marshall,	65
F. Crawles,	1 00
J. Goularte,	1 50
J. A. Pereira,	1 50
Wm. McInnis,	1 50
M. Peterson,	1 50
A. Peterson,	5 38
F. Dears,	2 35
F. Enos,	1 50
C. Benson,	2 50
Dr. F. O. Cass,	5 00
Dr. C. P. Curley,	10 00
M. B. MacBride,	24 00
American Journal of Public Health,	3 00
Wm. Silva,	3 50
B. R. Chapman,	100 00
J. Fratus,	1 00
C. Williams,	2 50
Westfield State Sanatorium,	\$155 43
Rutland State Sanatorium,	120 72
North Reading State Sanatorium,	186 85
Lakeville State Sanatorium,	66 86
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	529 86
Total Expenditures,	<hr/>
	\$1,816 35



## RECEIPTS.

5 Sanitary licenses,	\$10 00	
3 Undertakers' licenses,	6 00	
11 Massage licenses,	5 50	
Inspection,	20 00	
33 Milk licenses,	16 50	
Jule Marshall,	12 00	
Rebate, H. F. Hopkins,	2 75	
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	\$72 75	
Appropriation,	500 00	
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Total receipts,	\$572 75	
Deficiency,	1,243 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,816 35

We recommend the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 JOHN A. COOK,  
 NORMAN F. SOMES,  
 SAMUEL A. BENNETT,  
 Board of Health.

## Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

Your Cemetery Commissioners respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1915:

With the assistance of the Research Club we are doing what we can to improve Cemetery No. 1.

We are improving Cemetery No. 2 and the New Cemetery, by planting trees, clearing out the lots and avenues and erecting fences.

We recommend the sum of \$50 be used for improvements on Cemetery No. 1, under the direction of the ladies of the Research Club, but under the supervision of the Cemetery Commissioners.

We recommend the sum of \$150 be appropriated to be used on Cemetery No. 2, the Old Catholic Cemetery and the New Cemetery.

We also recommend that all money received for the sale of lots in the New Cemetery be placed in the hands of the Town Treasurer, to be known as the New Cemetery Fund. This money to be spent on clearing lots, fencing, grading and whatever improvements the Cemetery Commissioners wish to make.

### REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CEMETERIES.

Art. 1. All lots in the town cemeteries either to be deeded or assigned shall be given by the Cemetery Commissioners and signed by them, the price to be regulated by said Commissioners.

Art. 2. Whenever a lot shall become vacant by the removal of the bodies therefrom, the land shall revert to the town. The lots are not transferable without the consent in writing of the Commissioners.



Art. 3. No charge will be made for opening or closing the receiving tomb. All bodies must be removed from the same by May 1st, unless by special permit of the Commissioners in writing.

Art. 4. Drivers of carriages employed at funerals will be required to care for their teams during the ceremonies, and their employers will be held responsible for any damage which may result from their carelessness or neglect of duty.

Art. 5. No tomb shall be constructed except in such parts of the grounds as shall be designated by the Commissioners for that purpose and no proprietor shall suffer the remains of any person to be deposited in a tomb so authorized for hire.

Art. 6. All persons are forbidden from gathering any flowers, either wild or cultivated, breaking any tree, shrub or plant, writing upon, defacing or injuring any monument, fencing or structure or walking upon any of the lots or borders and discharging firearms in the cemetery.

Art. 7. No horses or carriages shall be allowed to enter the grounds, except for burial purposes, without the permission of a majority of the Commissioners.

Art. 8. All graves for adults, unless placed in a slate or brick vault shall not be less than five feet deep, and for children not less than four feet deep.

### Expenditures on Cemetery No. 1:

George Tuttle, labor,	\$9 00	
J. A. Cook, labor,	9 00	
H. D. Taylor, labor,	1 00	
F. Goularte, labor,	9 25	
A. Alves, labor,	1 00	
J. Settes, labor,	2 00	
M. Prada, labor,	12 25	
Manuel Simmons, labor,	3 29	
Manuel C. Morrill, labor,	1 00	
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		\$47 79

### Expenditures on Cemetery No. 2:

George Tuttle, labor,	\$25 00	
J. A. Cook, labor,	15 00	
H. D. Taylor, labor,	1 00	
F. Goularte, labor,	21 00	
M. Prada, labor,	29 00	
T. A. Higgins Estate, lumber,	7 78	
B. F. Dyer, material,	29 77	
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		128 55

### Other expenditures:

George Tuttle, salary,	\$5 00	
J. A. Cook, salary,	5 00	
H. D. Taylor, salary,	5 00	
George Tuttle, labor,	5 00	
Provincetown Advocate, printing,	5 00	
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		25 00

Total expenditures,	\$201 34
Amount appropriated,	200 00
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Deficiency,	\$1 34

The following sum has been spent by the Research Club:

Joseph Goularte,	\$4 00
Manuel Prada,	1 00
Manuel Simmons,	7 00
Frank Goularte,	9 00
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	\$21 00



Lots sold during the year :

March 22, Mrs. Edward Dyer, 1 Lot, No. 7, Ave. B, West Side,	\$25 00
March 22, Manuel Enos, 1-2 Lot, No. 5, and 1-2 Lot, No. 6, Ave. A, West Side,	25 00
March 23, Mrs. John Rosenthal, 1 Lot, No. 7, Ave. A, East Side,	25 00
May 26, Mrs. Joseph Sabino, 1-2 Lot, No. 7, Ave. A., West Side,	15 00
May 26, James Philips, 1-2 Lot, No. 8, Ave. A, East Side,	15 00
July 24, Joseph Amber, 1-2 Lot, No. 7, Ave. A, West Side,	15 00
July 24, Mrs. Lyle, 2 Lots, No. 7 and 8, Ave. B., East Side,	50 00
Aug. 5, Cyrenius Lovell, 1-2 Lot, No. 8, Ave. B, West Side,	15 00
Dec. 11, Joseph Martin, 1-2 Lot, No. 8, Ave. 1, West Side,	15 00
Total,	<u>\$200 00</u>
Money due for lots,	\$80 00

Respectfully submitted,  
 GEORGE W. TUTTLE,  
 JOHN A. COOK,  
 HERSEY D. TAYLOR,  
 Cemetery Commissioners.

## FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# Engineers of the Fire Department.

### FINANCIAL.

Salaries to May 1, 1915 :

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

Stewards, engine-man, assistant engine-  
man, care-taker and stoker,

275 00

Hook and Ladder Co., 25 men,	\$125 00
Steamer Co., No. 3, 12 "	52 08
Chemical Co., No. 4, 20 "	94 97
Hose Co., No. 1, 12 "	60 00
Hose Co., No. 2, 12 "	60 00
Hose Co., No. 3, 12 "	50 00
Hose Co., No. 4, 12 "	51 67
Hose Co., No. 5, 12 "	58 33
	<u>\$552 05</u>



## Sundry bills to Jan. 1, 1916 :

Eastman Deluge Set,	\$165 00	
House repairs,	135 30	
Apparatus repairs,	47 90	
House supplies,	37 08	
Fuel,	43 00	
Lights,	21 00	
Water,	8 66	
Telephone,	12 00	
New Stove,	15 00	
Ringing bells,	22 50	
Horses for steamer,	70 00	
Horses for other apparatus,	33 50	
Forest fires,	39 92	
Soda for Chemical,	5 08	
Oil coats,	16 50	
Printing and postage,	23 70	
State Association dues,	5 00	
Teaming and cleaning hose,	9 75	
Posting notices,	1 50	
		\$712 39
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		\$1,604 44
Old hose sold,	\$1 50	
Badge,	50	
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		2 00
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		\$1,602 44
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		262 56
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Balance unexpended,		\$1,865 00
Appropriation,		

## RECORD OF FIRES FOR 1915.

MARCH 26, 1915.

An alarm was rung in at 7.30 P. M. Friday, for a fire in the block of fish stores, owned by Capt. John A. Cook on south side of Commercial near Pearl St. The department responded and streams of water from Hose companies 3 and 5 soon had the fire out. A heavy westerly gale was blowing at the time and many people were unaware of an alarm and knew nothing of the fire until later in the evening. Caused by smoking cigarettes. Damage to building and contents, \$75.00. No insurance. Hose used: Hose 5, 200 feet; Hose 3, 150 feet. Water used, 3,750 gallons.

APRIL 17, 1915.

An alarm was rung in at 8.30 P. M. Saturday for the burning of Capt. Charles A. Foster's ice house, at what is known as Bennett's pond. The fire was first discovered by a woman at the West end, who sent in a telephone call stating there was a bad fire at the head of Franklin St. It was soon discovered that the fire was in the opposite direction and back of the town. The building was doomed when the fire was discovered and burned to the ground. Cause unknown. Damage to building and contents, \$2,500. Insurance on building, \$1,000.

MAY 17, 1915.

An alarm was rung in at 9.35 P. M. Monday for a fire in a pig sty which adjoined the large stable of Capt. Amasa Dyer on Nickerson St. The sky was lighted up in a manner indicating a big blaze. The department responded and a stream from Hose 2 soon extinguished it before it got into the stable. The cause of the fire unknown. A steady rain had been falling nearly all day and evening. A man passed the place shortly before the fire and stated there were no signs of it then. Damage to building, \$20.00. Insurance on same, \$500.00. Hose used: Hose 2, 250 feet. Water used, 1,250 gallons.



JUNE 30, 1915.

An alarm was rung in at 2.20 P. M. Wednesday for a fire in the decking of Railroad pier. Caused by a cigarette. The department responded and only 2 pieces of apparatus were used, Hose 3 and 5, and soon had it under control. Damage to pier \$25.00. No insurance. Hose used: Hose 3 and 5, 1,050 ft. Water used: 2,500 gallons.

AUGUST 15, 1915.

An alarm was rung in at 1.30 P. M. Sunday, for a brisk fire at Dr. C. P. Curley's garage, the old wooden building formerly used as a garage prior to the building of the new one adjoining. The fire was said to have been caused by a helper who had been doing some vulcanizing. With practically no warning dense black smoke filled Commercial St. and the surrounding district. The exceedingly quick time made by Chemical 4 and Hose 4 in responding and getting a stream on the blaze undoubtedly saved much damage. The fire was confined to the south-east end of building on lower floor, that being badly charred, and to the damage to P. R. Howes' automobile. Damage to building, \$75.00. No insurance. Damage to contents, \$500. Insurance on contents, \$650. Hose used: Hose 4, 350 feet; Chemical 4, 250 feet. Water used, 1,250 gallons.

AUGUST 21, 1915.

An alarm was rung in at 11.15 P. M. Saturday, for a fire at Frank Silva's fish market, next door west of Board of Trade building. The department responded but was not needed as it was extinguished with a line of garden hose. The fire started under the lobster boiling pot in the rear end of the building and was caused by defective brick work under the fire pot. The floor was burned considerably but after tearing it away and knocking out the brick work it was soon extinguished. Damage to building, \$25.00. Insurance on building and contents, \$2,000.

NOVEMBER 8, 1915.

Fire from a defective chimney at the dwelling of Mr. Joseph King Silva, No. 485 Commercial St., East End, at 11.25 A. M.

Monday, communicated with and ignited woodwork between ceilings and partition walls in the upper story, causing the sounding of a general alarm and the assembling of the entire fire department. Fortunately early arrivals at the scene broke into the floor and walls and began to flood the burning area without delay, using water buckets at first and garden hose as soon as the latter could be coupled and gotten into the house and when the firemen arrived the danger was passed and the building and contents injured but little. Damage to building and contents, \$35.00 Insurance on building and contents, \$1,500.

NOVEMBER 10, 1915.

An alarm was rung in at 5.15 P. M. Wednesday, for a fire in the house owned by Mrs. Jean M. Ashton of Springfield. The alarm was given from the Wood End coast guard station whose men discovered the fire and notified the department by telephone. When the firemen reached the spot the building was doomed. A high northwest wind was blowing at the time. The firemen saved other houses in the vicinity but were powerless to save the Ashton cottage. Cause of the fire unknown. Damage to building and contents, \$2,200. Insurance on building and contents, \$2,000. Hose used: Hose 1, 250 ft., Hose 2, 650 ft., Hose 4, 500 ft., Chemical 4, 250 ft. Water used, 18,750 gallons.

DECEMBER 13, 1915.

Still Alarm.—For a fire in the house owned by Frank White, No. 7 Conant St., at 2.45 P. M. Monday, caused by hot ashes from his pipe setting fire to the table and some clothing on the floor. It was soon extinguished with a line of garden hose. Damage to building and contents, \$12.00. Insurance on same, \$2,500.

DECEMBER 16, 1915.

An alarm was rung in at 5.25 A. M. Thursday, for a fire which started when a kettle of doughnut fat boiled over at the bakery of Clarence L. Burch, No. 467 Commercial St. The floor of the story where the fire started together with the attic



floor was burned quite badly in spots and fire found its way through the roof in one or more places. The department responded and only two pieces of apparatus, Hose 1 and Chemical 4 were used and soon had it under control. Damage to building and contents, \$250. Insurance on building and contents, \$3,100. Hose used: Hose 1, 300 ft., Chemical 4, 250 ft. Water used, 3,125 gallons.

Amount of loss by fire during the year,	\$5,717 00
Amount of insurance on same,	13,250 00

#### RINGING BELLS.

When one rings a church bell in case of actual fire and one piece of apparatus is used, he is allowed \$1.00; school bells 50 cents.

#### ALARMS.

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.

#### HOUSES.

Most of the houses are in good condition. The houses of No. 1 and No. 2 will need some shingling and several houses will need some painting on the inside.

#### APPARATUS.

The apparatus is all in good condition but we think a decided change for the better can be made in the ladder truck. Many of the ladders are heavy and cumbersome and should be replaced by modern ladders. We recommend an appropriation of \$225 for that purpose.

#### HOSE.

We have now on hand 7600 feet of 2 1-2 inch cotton rubber lined hose, 5,850 feet of which is comparatively new, and 1,300 feet is good; but 450 feet of it is very poor. We would recommend an appropriation of \$500 for new hose.

#### APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED.

Salaries one year to May 1, 1916,	\$925 00
Other expenses to Jan. 1, 1917,	775 00
For new hose,	500 00
For new ladders,	225 00
Total appropriations,	<u>\$2,425 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. H. BARNETT,  
 J. E. CALLAGHAN,  
 T. J. LEWIS,  
 L. A. LAW,  
 A. W. FULLER,  
 Engineers Fire Department.



# Report of Water Commissioners.

TO THE CITIZENS OF PROVINCETOWN:

Your Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submit the following report:

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received Water Rates,	\$10,370 06	
Meter Excesses,	676 63	
Service Fittings,	38 54	
Meters,	518 40	
		\$11,603 63
Less Rebates,		87 07
		\$11,516 56
Less expenditures, "A" (see list)		7,151 68
		\$4,364 88

## CREDITS.

Pumping Station inventory,	\$380 00	
Meters, pipe and fittings,	860 00	
Hydrants, 74 at \$25,	1,850 00	
Water for streets,	100 00	
		3,190 00
Total credits,		\$7,554 88

## "A".

### EXPENDITURES.

Pumping Station:		
Coal,	\$1,275 30	
Oil and waste,	121 26	
Wages,	1,822 50	
Insurance,	37 68	
Electric motor and supplies,	631 37	
F. A. Days & Sons,	102 80	
Chas. A. Fuller,	13 23	
Geo. W. Cashman,	8 50	
New wells and labor,	265 54	
		\$4,278 18
Meters and repairs,	677 29	
Pipes and fittings,	384 43	
		\$1,061 72
General:		
Telephone,	\$49 49	
Freight and express,	22 64	
Superintendent,	600 00	
Horse hire,	300 50	
Printing,	34 75	
Commissioners,	100 00	
Collector,	100 00	
Truro Tax,	5 25	
Railroad lease,	1 00	
Faucet inspection,	58 95	
Clerical work,	70 50	
Stock and labor,	324 77	
Crushed stone,	12 00	
B. H. Dyer & Co.,	45 00	
Ramos Bros.,	13 55	
Geo. B. Lovell,	11 41	
James E. Atkins,	4 83	
Consolidated Weir Co.,	2 38	
Lumber,	4 76	
Workmen's Compensation Ins.,	50 00	
		1,811 78
		\$7,151 68



OLD SUPPLY:		
Bonds maturing 1915,	\$3,000 00	
NEW SUPPLY:		
Bonds maturing 1915,	2,000 00	
Notes maturing 1915,	500 00	
IMPROVEMENT OF WATER LOAN:		
Notes maturing 1915,	200 00	
NEW PUMP:		
Notes maturing 1915,	575 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,275 00
INTEREST:		
Old Supply Bonds,	\$1,145 00	
New Supply Bonds,	1,620 00	
New Supply Notes,	180 00	
Water Loan,	25 00	
New Pump,	43 13	
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Total for bonds and interest,		\$9,288 13
Less receipts and credits,		7,554 88
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		\$1,733 25

## STATEMENT OF BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING.

Old Supply,	\$16,000	4 1-2 per cent. due June 1916-1923 inclusive, \$2,000 each year.
	9,000	4 per cent. due April 1916-1924 inclusive, \$1,000 each year.
New Supply,	4,000	4 1-2 per cent. due Nov. 1916-1917 inclusive, \$2,000 each year.
	10,000	4 1-2 per cent. due Nov. 1918-1927 inclusive, \$1,000 each year.
	20,000	4 1-2 per cent. due Nov. 1928-1937 inclusive, \$2,000 each year.
New Supply Notes,	3,500	4 1-2 per cent. due Oct. 1916-1922 inclusive, \$500 each year.
Improvement Water,	400	5 per cent. due March 1916-1917 inclusive, \$200 each year.
New Pump,	1,150	5 per cent. due Dec, 1916-1917 inclusive, \$575 each year.
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	\$64,050 00	

Number of services in use Jan. 1, 1915,	1,050
Number of services tapped during 1915,	45
Number of services registered Jan. 1, 1916,	1,140
Number of services in use Jan. 1, 1916,	1,090
Number of metered services,	418
Number of meters installed during 1915,	43



## PUMPING STATION RECORD.

	Water: Gallons pumped.	Coal: Pounds used.
January,	5,738,055	38,165
February,	5,269,158	36,950
March,	5,928,358	42,515
April,	5,902,060	41,550
May,	7,096,233	47,830
June,	9,007,941	57,995
July,	10,129,749	52,625
August,	9,697,922	58,350
September,	8,612,295	47,370
October,	6,096,699	38,665
November,	4,191,542	28,515
December,	5,425,224	32,920
	<u>83,095,236</u>	<u>523,450</u>

Daily average, coal, 1,434 pounds.  
 Daily average, water, 227,658 gallons.  
 Largest day, Sept. 9th, 498,750 gallons.  
 Largest week, Sept. 5-11, 2,694,740 gallons.

DANIEL F. SMALL,  
 WILLIAM H. YOUNG,  
 Water Commissioners

Provincetown, January 15, 1916.

## Report of Auditor.

The Auditor of Accounts of the Town has carefully examined the Treasurer's Cash Book, Ledger, Account of Cemetery Trust Funds, and General Order Book; also the accounts of the Water Department and Public Library and would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1915:

Balance in Town Treasury, Dec. 31, 1914,	\$6,399 07
Receipts for the year,	<u>96,110 51</u>
	\$102,509 58
Paid on approved vouchers,	\$98,805 80
Balance Dec. 31, 1915,	<u>3,703 78</u>
	\$102,509 58

### CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1914,	\$1,032 14
Total Trust Funds Dec. 31, 1914,	22,376 50
New Trusts added in 1915,	1,291 83
Interest to Oct. 1, 1915,	<u>888 88</u>
	\$25,589 35
Bills paid by Treasurer,	\$786 43
Total Trust Funds Dec. 31, 1915,	<u>23,668 33</u>
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1915,	<u>1,134 59</u>
	\$25,589 35



## WATER DEPARTMENT.

Received from Water Rates,		\$10,370 06
Received from Excess,		676 63
Received from Meters,		518 40
Received from Pipes and Fittings,		38 54
Received from all other sources,		2 95
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		\$11,606 58
Bills paid by Town Treasurer,	\$7,870 07	
Rebates,	87 07	
Balance Dec. 31, 1915,	3,649 44	
	<hr/>	\$11,606 58

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Balance Dec. 31, 1914,		\$42 90
Appropriation,		600 00
Dog Fund,		150 34
Trustees of Building, acct. water, 1914,		10 00
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		\$803 24
Expenses for the year,	\$758 96	
Balance Dec. 31, 1915,	44 28	
	<hr/>	\$803 24

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance Dec. 31, 1914,		\$85 50
Received from Benjamin Small Fund,		77 50
Received from fines, catalogues, etc.,		62 00
Received from summer visitors,		39 75
Received from sale of books,		13 00
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		\$277 79
Paid for books, etc.,	\$227 64	
Balance Dec. 31, 1915,	50 15	
	<hr/>	\$277 79

## CATALOGUE FUND.

Balance Dec. 31, 1914,	\$129 57
Dividends, Seamen's Savings Bank,	3 85
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Balance Dec. 31, 1915,	\$133 42

## PREMIUM ACCOUNT, BENJAMIN SMALL FUND.

Balance Dec. 31, 1914,	\$114 86
Dividends, Seamen's Savings Bank,	4 32
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Balance Dec. 31, 1915,	\$119 18

The Benjamin Small Trust Fund Securities remain the same as last year, \$5,000.

Respectively submitted,

ISAIAH A. SMALL,

Auditor.



# Report of the Trustees of the Public Library.

## EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1914,	\$42 90
Appropriation,	600 00
Dog Fund,	150 34
Rebate from Library building,	10 00
	<u>\$803 24</u>

Paid Abbie C. Putnam, Librarian,	\$300 00
Carrie W. Small, Asst. Librarian,	87 50
John Francis, janitor,	100 00
Wm. H. Young, insurance,	44 00
Kate Williams, cleaning,	18 00
Water Department,	10 00
Prov. Light and Power Associates,	59 75
H. A. Wippich,	5 00
J. J. Barnard Co.,	25 50
H. F. Hopkins,	16 50
Dennison Mfg. Co.,	1 10
W. B. Bangs,	5 25
David Farquhar,	39 70
Est. of J. D. Hilliard,	46 66
Balance on hand,	44 28
	<u>\$803 24</u>

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1914,	\$85 54
Income Benj. Small Fund,	77 50
Visitors' Fund,	39 75
Fines and Catalogues,	62 00
Sale of books,	13 00
	<u>\$277 79</u>

Paid C. E. Lauriat Co.,	\$77 01
H. Wilson Co.,	12 00
Redpath's History,	21 50
Geo. W. Dys,	1 13
C. W. Swift,	7 50
M. N. Gifford,	2 89
F. D. Ballou,	1 61
Librarian of Congress,	10 00
F. H. Dearborn,	53 00
Jessie T. Matheson,	40 00
A. L. A. Publishing Co.,	1 00
Balance on hand,	50 15
	<u>\$277 79</u>

Catalogue Fund, deposited in S. S. Bank, Dec. 31, 1915,	\$129 57
Dividend,	3 85
	<u>133 42</u>
Premium Account, Benj. Small Fund, deposited S. S. Bank, Dec. 31, '15,	\$114 86
Dividend,	4 32
	<u>119 18</u>



## DONATIONS, 1915.

- Standard History of Music from Norine H. Doane.  
 Pictorial Log of the Battle Fleet Cruise around the World from  
 Elisha H. Tillson.  
 The General Education Board from The General Education  
 Board.  
 Woman Suffrage from the Mass. Woman Suffrage Association.  
 The Youth's Companion, 1889.  
 History of New Salem Academy from the Academy.

From the Misses Elizabeth H. Thomas and Isabel G. Dod the  
 following twenty-one books :

- Lessons in Italian,  
 Baedeker's Guide Books of Northern and Southern France in  
 French,  
 Lessons in Spanish,  
 Rome,  
 Recent Excavations in the Roman Forum,  
 A Handbook of Travel Talk,  
 Notes on the Cathedrals,  
 Cities of Northern Italy,  
 Historical Guides of Venice, Florence, Paris,  
 Little Pilgrimages among Bavarian Inns,  
 Baedeker's Guide Books of Paris, Great Britain, Southern Italy,  
 The Rhine, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland.

The New York Stock Exchange in the Crisis of 1914 from the  
 Stock Exchange.

Angela's Business from Mrs. A. M. Freeman.

From the Mary Baker Eddy Fund the following eight books :

- Unity of Good,  
 Rudimental Divine Science,  
 Christian Healing,  
 No and Yes,  
 Christian Science versus Pantheism,  
 Retrospection and Introspection,  
 Pulpit and Press,  
 The First Church of Christ Scientist, and Miscellany.

One American's Opinion of the European War from F. W.  
 Whitridge.

Unpopular Truth Against Popular Error from Charles W.  
 Morse.

The Evidence in the Case.

The Anti-Prohibition Manual from the publishers.

The Best Private Schools from Porter E. Sargent.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, year book, from  
 the Endowment.

Annual Report of the Isthmian Canal Commission from Mr. G.  
 A. Beneker.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti from Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Halsall.

From Caroline Fuller ;

The Bramble Bush,

K,

The Taming of Zenas Henry.

The Pageant and Masque of St. Louis.

Origin of the American Navy from W. F. Halsall.

The Prohibition Movement from Percy Andreae.

The Handicap.

Anna of the Five Towns from Mrs. Annie G. Hopkins.

60 books from the Boston Athenaeum.

Christian Science Journal and Sentinel.

Christian Science Monitor.

Our Dumb Animals.

National Geographic Magazine from Mr. M. N. Gifford.

Theosophical Path.



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915.

Number of books Dec. 31, 1914,	13,972
“ “ purchased 1915,	225
“ “ received from State,	15
“ “ received from U. S.,	11
“ “ donated,	118
Present number of books,	14,341
Number of periodicals,	25
Number of names added in 1915,	162
Circulation for the year,	15,408
Circulation 173 less than last year.	
New books to replace old,	19

## 1915.

551 strangers visited the library,  
 158 selected books for home use.  
 Circulation of books among them, 1148.  
 Circulation 357 less than last year.

We recommend an appropriation of \$600 and the Dog Tax.

M. N. GIFFORD,  
 A. T. WILLIAMS,  
 W. H. YOUNG,  
 A. P. HANNUM,  
 M. C. ATWOOD,  
 JAMES E. RICH,  
 A. L. PUTNAM,  
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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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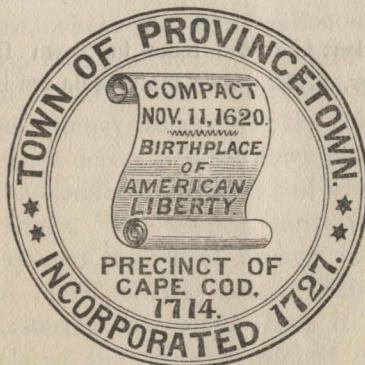
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF

PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915



PROVINCETOWN, MASS.:

The Advocate Press; Howard F. Hopkins  
1916



## Report of School Committee.

In presenting our report we would congratulate the people of the town on the continuing improvement of the schools, the better condition of the school properties, the high average health of the pupils for the past year, the securing of an experienced and most acceptable Superintendent, and the possession of a corps of active and faithful teachers.

### REPAIRS.

As soon as possible, after the organization of the Board, an inspection of all the school properties was made by the three members. We found that most of the buildings were of course in need of repairs. The building demanding special attention was the Eastern, where the deterioration was so serious as to necessitate a large outlay of money. A good share of our appropriation went to this section. The east side of the roof was shingled and the chimneys topped up; the belfry, which was in an advanced state of decay, was cut down nearly three feet and retimbered. The wonder was that it had withstood so long the violence of the winds. The timbers supporting the bell were quite rotted away, and the wheel broken in pieces. Gutters, conductors and much of the outside finish were renewed. Inside much plastering was done. Had it been possible we would have replaced the old and patched ceilings with new. The out houses were put in order, a large screen was erected before them; the yard was levelled and an old fence removed, while cement walks took the place of the decaying planks leading from entrances to the street.

### SCHOOL BOARD.

Joseph H. Weeks, Chairman,  
Andrew T. Williams, Secretary,  
Mrs. Clara L. Watson,

Term expires 1916  
Term expires 1917  
Term expires 1918

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

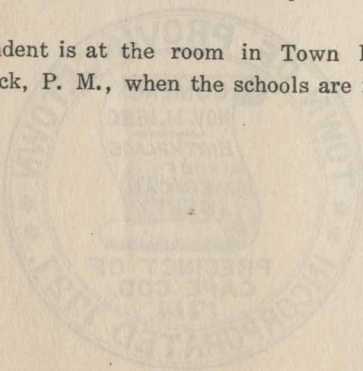
Chas. M. Pennell, A. M.

### TRUANT OFFICERS.

Manuel Cook, Horace Watson.

The school Board holds a regular meeting in the room at Town Hall on Wednesday before the last Saturday of each month, at 7.30 P. M.

The Superintendent is at the room in Town Hall on Tuesday, from 3 to 5 o'clock, P. M., when the schools are in session.





Practically all the school houses were in the hands of the masons, who put up hundreds of patches of plaster and calcimined walls everywhere.

So great was the expense incurred in repairing the Eastern school property that our plan to provide proper sanitary appliances there, as at the Western and Centre buildings, had to be abandoned. The present year should witness the installation of such appliances and the abolishment of the outside conveniences.

At the Bradford School the plank bulkhead on the eastern side, extending the full depth of the lot, was found entirely decayed, while the earth from the broken bank was caving down upon the adjoining property. We put in here a cement retaining wall which should last for many years.

Most of the school houses are sadly needing a new coat of paint, inside and out. Extra windows should be placed in the rooms of the three oldest school houses, to make them lighter and more attractive. The cost would not be large, and each building in turn could be taken.

#### CHANGES IN HIGH SCHOOL ROOM.

In December we received orders from the State Board of Education to supply a fifth teacher for the High School, the number of pupils enrolled being in excess of that allowable for four instructors. We had but a few days allowed us but succeeded in securing the additional instructor and installed her as head of the English department.

It is anticipated that the money received from tuition pupils will largely cover this addition to our expenses.

There was no space in the building for an extra recitation room. After much discussion and planning it was decided to run a glass partition through the main room, dividing it into two, and furnished with sliding sashes. When necessary these sashes could be run up, thus making of the whole space one assembly room. This plan appealed to us as the one involving the least expense, as any addition to the building would cost

several thousand dollars. We estimate the cost of the partition as not more than six hundred dollars.

#### HEATING.

With one exception the school buildings have been kept comfortable in the coldest weather. As in former years most complaints of low temperature have come from the High and Grammar Schools. The same heating appliances are in use for the two schools. It seems impossible to heat satisfactorily, in a high winter wind, the two recitation rooms in the north-west corner of the building. Some change in the present method of heating may be considered.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The acknowledgments of this Board are due Mr. Cook, chairman of the Board of Health, for his co-operation in all plans made for the good health of the pupils in our schools. His never tiring energy, his intelligent recognition of the great importance of his position, and his sympathetic response to all the requirements of the State Board of Health have prevented any serious spread of infectious and contagious diseases in our schools, and so, in our community, while minor diseases, in individual cases, have been detected and reported to the proper authorities. He has indeed been an invaluable co-worker.

#### DISTRICT NURSE.

To those acquainted with the nature and results of her work, the services of the District Nurse have become absolutely necessary to the complete supervision of the health of the children of the schools. With the Chairman of the Board of Health, the School Physician and the Nurse associated in this important work of supervision we have a complete medical corps.

It would be wise economy for the town to furnish at least one hundred dollars towards the nurse's salary, the major portion being guaranteed by the Woman's Guild.



## TEACHERS.

A. E. Thomas,	Principal High School,	\$390 00
Albert S. Norris,	" " "	360 00
Aubrey F. Hills,	" " "	480 00
Phebe E. Freeman,	Asst. " "	738 00
Martha E. Fernald,	" " "	615 00
Stephen W. Ferguson,	" " "	75 00
H. Ferguson,	" " "	240 00
Irving T. MacDonald,	" " "	240 00
Sara Cavanagh,	Principal Grammar School,	718 36
Nina S. Williams,	Assistant " "	546 00
Katherine I. MacIntyre,	" " "	507 00
Helen F. Nickerson,	Grade VII.,	487 50
Lillian N. Brooks,	"	487 50
Pauline J. Atkins,	Grade VI.,	425 00
Madeline Silva,	"	390 00
Christine Nickerson,	Grade V.,	388 00
Minnie Roderick,	"	390 00
Carrie A. Cowing,	Grade IV.,	429 00
Mildred Graves,	"	240 00
Mary Enos,	Grade III. & IV.,	390 00
Mertie C. Kelley,	"	392 00
Annabel MacQuarrie,	Grade III.,	350 00
Mary C. Silva,	Grade II.,	390 00
Elizabeth Matheson,	"	390 00
Grace Snow,	"	390 00
Miriam Corea,	Grade I. & III.,	390 00
May P. Browne,	Grade I.,	390 00
Carrie O. Matheson,	"	390 00
Florence E. Hudson,	"	390 00
Delphine Cabral,	"	150 00
Abbie S. Taylor, Music,		410 00
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		\$12,568 36

## SUBSTITUTES.

Virginia B. Williams,	\$68 00
Clara L. Watson,	12 00
Jennie Barton,	8 40
Nellie N. Law,	8 00
Ida Smith,	4 00
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	100 40

## PRINTING.

H. F. Hopkins,	\$77 75
F. P. Goss,	3 75
Wm. Welsh,	19 00
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	100 50

## MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

F. O. Cass,	\$13 25
M. E. Woodworth,	10 00
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	23 25

## CENSUS.

P. J. Atkins,	30 00
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## JANITORS.

C. W. Dyer, Western,	\$120 00
Manuel Cook, Bradford,	420 00
Garfield Crocker, High and Center,	250 00
H. S. Watson, High and Center,	192 00
F. E. Lewis, Eastern,	75 00
Enos S. Burch, Eastern,	27 00
Lawrence Caton, Eastern,	75 00
Heman N. Smith, Western,	75 00
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	1,234 00

## SUPERINTENDENT.

F. K. Graves,	\$743 44
Charles M. Pennell,	418 20
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	1,161 64

## CITY OF BOSTON.

Tuition, Annie James, Trade School for Girls,	27 00
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## FREE TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,		\$1,300 00
Paid A. N. Palmer Co.,	\$5 75	
Warren J. Crosby,	65 00	
Ginn & Co.,	174 72	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	559 50	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	17 25	
Abbie C. Taylor,	4 84	
W. H. Horton,	5 00	
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.,	53 99	
Am. Book Co.,	38 36	
Chas. E. Merrill Co.,	12 90	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	64 85	
J. C. LeDuc,	4 50	
Frances L. Thomas,	3 91	
Milton Bradley Co.,	23 51	
John R. Smith,	1 50	
L. E. Knott App. Co.,	79 45	
Pauline J. Atkins,	70	
Oliver Ditson Co.,	3 93	
Silver Burdett Co.,	2 49	
J. Fischer & Bro.,	3 53	
Amasa S. Dyer,	13 19	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	31 13	
Victor Typewriter Co.,	34 25	
Allyn & Bacon,	4 20	
Est. J. D. Hilliard,	75	
Underwood Typewriter Co.,	2 75	
Current Events,	10 50	
Kenney Bros. and Wolkins,	14 90	
C. M. Pennell,	12 99	
Jessie T. Matheson,	10 45	
F. K. Graves,	52 19	
Deficiency,		12 98
	<u>\$1,312 98</u>	<u>\$1,312 98</u>

## INCIDENTALS AND REPAIRS.

Appropriation,	\$12 50	\$1,500 00
Paid A. J. Roderick,	11 00	
Manuel Cook,	7 66	
Est. J. D. Hilliard,	3 75	
J. A. Hill,	12 50	
Jessie Matheson,	175 00	
R. A. Jennings,	29 88	
Standard Oil Co.,	2 20	
F. L. Farita,	8 89	
Garfield Crocker,	4 05	
R. F. Brown,	359 91	
James Perry,	10 93	
S. F. Atwood,	15 12	
R. F. Dyer,	8 75	
Wm. Hutchins,	203 81	
Geo. F. Johnson,	3 00	
James Williams,	20 40	
C. P. Dodge Co.,	269 08	
Est. T. A. Higgins,	2 20	
Joseph Perry,	30 60	
Haywood Bros. & Co.,	153 18	
Geo. B. Lovell,	12 80	
J. H. Weeks,	1 97	
M. M. Wood,	25 25	
H. S. Watson,	21 00	
Richard Rich,	1 95	
Wm. Paine,	1 75	
John Olin,	13 25	
Overy Smith,	1 00	
Antone B. Oliver,	1 01	
P. R. Howes,	75	
Manuel Gonzales,	1 75	
Enos S. Burch,	3 00	
Benj. Sparks,	26 90	
W. B. Bangs,	3 01	
F. K. Graves,		



Paid H. F. Hopkins,	\$2 00
Clara L. Watson,	3 01
Paige Bros.,	75
Domingo Silva,	3 30
John Mayo,	1 50
E. W. Watson,	8 33
Boston Regalia Co.,	21 00
John Joseph,	1 00
H. A. Wippich,	1 60
Josiah Swift,	2 14
E. O. Snow & Son,	2 00
Ford & Brown,	10 00
Samuel Ward,	36 00
R. P. Snow,	8 00
B. H. Dyer & Co.,	4 71
J. E. Atkins,	21 00
R. Hill,	2 00
Geo. W. Watson,	3 75
Deficiency,	
	91 89
	\$1,591 89 \$1,591 89

## FUEL.

Eastern Coal Co., 74.09 tons at \$6.85,	\$509 98
59.21 tons at \$6.90,	414 35
67.19 tons at \$7.15,	485 34
Est. J. D. Hilliard, wood and coal,	284 24
J. A. Hill, teaming,	64 18
Paige Bros., teaming,	33 74
F. K. Atkins, coal,	79 92
T. E. Carr, labor,	54 17
P. McQuillan, labor,	5 25
	\$1,931 17
School Committee, salary,	150 00

Expense procuring teachers :	
J. H. Weeks,	\$6 53
Clara L. Watson,	6 53
Annie Lema, cleaning Western School,	\$25 00
Mrs. Raisins, cleaning Bradford School,	30 00
Kate Williams, cleaning High, Center, and Eastern,	85 00
Mrs. Tasha, cleaning Conant School,	8 00
	148 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation,	\$14,000 00
Mass. School Fund,	672 29
Tuition from Town of Truro,	54 00
Received from State for Supt.,	871 22
Sale of Out Building,	18 00
	\$15,615 51

Paid Teachers,	\$12,568 36
Substitutes,	100 40
Janitors,	1,234 00
Superintendent,	1,161 64
Printing,	100 50
School Committee,	150 00
Medical attendance,	23 25
Fuel,	1,931 17
Tuition,	27 00
Census,	30 00
Expense procuring Teachers,	13 06
Cleaning,	148 00
Deficiency,	1,871 87
	\$17,487 38 \$17,487 38



We recommend the following amounts to be appropriated for the ensuing year :

Public Schools,	\$16,000 00
Incidentals and Repairs,	1,500 00
Free Text Books and supplies,	1,600 00
Unpaid Bills,	250 00

J. H. WEEKS,  
A. T. WILLIAMS,  
CLARA L. WATSON,  
School Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF PROVINCETOWN :

I herewith submit my first annual report of the public schools of the town of Provincetown.

Though I have been in your midst since the first of last September, I have formed some impressions of the conditions and needs prevailing in the schools throughout the town.

The school spirit manifested on the part of parents, teachers and pupils is, for the most part, highly commendable. The interest in the welfare and progress of the schools, on the part of all concerned, is good, a fact which goes a long way toward insuring success.

Efficiency is the watchword to-day in all matters educational. The demand on the part of the general public is for more efficient workers. Speed and accuracy are demanded as essentials in the business world. Without these no one can hope to be even moderately successful. Hence it is the duty of the school to furnish these requirements in the fullest measure possible. It is also the duty of the school to search out the possibilities inherent in the pupils and to train for efficiency along the lines of their strongest capabilities. The person who, by patience, self-denial and hard work, will train himself, profiting by others suggestions and advice, to do a certain line of work better than the mass is able to do it, will never be long without a position. The great army of the unemployed of which we hear so much, is made up largely of those who are lacking in adequate preparation for their work. Education is not derived entirely from books; far from it. Schools in the hands of some teachers would be good without books, while others in the hands of a different type of teacher would be poor, though supplied with an abundance of books. The teacher, who is able by her personality to inspire her pupils with enthusiasm, to lead them to the sources of information and to show them how to get it, is making of her pupils effective workers.

When one has acquired the working tools of an education,



the three R's, reading, writing and arithmetic, he is in a position to educate himself. Without these he is helpless. Hence the importance of teaching the fundamentals forcefully and thoroughly.

It is our purpose in the lower grades of the schools to have the fundamentals so well taught through persistent and painstaking drill, that the upper grades may have the opportunity of doing the work strictly outlined for these grades. For teachers in the fifth and sixth grades, for instance, to be obliged to teach the processes of multiplication and division that should have been thoroughly taught in the fourth grade, is a perversion of time and effort, an unnecessary and avoidable source of waste.

To be proficient in a few things is believed to be better than to be superficially trained in many. A school system that prepares its pupils to read understandingly, to speak clearly, to spell correctly, to write legibly and to perform the fundamental processes of arithmetic rapidly and accurately is going a long way toward making education a fit preparation for life. The schools of this town are insisting as far as possible upon the above requirements. Nor is this all. The sense of duty and responsibility, honesty in deed and word, respect for the rights and property of others are all persistently taught. There probably never was a time when honesty and integrity were more necessary both in the social and business world than to-day. The school aided by the home must see that these virtues are successfully taught. Nor must the home which has direct control of the boys and girls for more than three-fourths of their waking hours, shirk its responsibility. The home and the school must co-operate. In many of the schools of to-day special attention is being paid to moral and ethical instruction. This is as it should be, and this we are trying in some degree to do in our schools. Not that ethics, as a set study, should necessarily form a part of the school curriculum, yet human duty should be taught in our schools so thoroughly by precept and example that the pupil is led to see his duty to himself and to society of which he is a member.

#### TEACHERS.

It is a satisfaction to know that so many teachers in the schools have had professional training. Good teachers make good schools, and, in order to have efficient teachers, a fair amount of training, as well as experience, is essential. It is a sound business principle that it is cheaper to employ competent help than to employ labor merely because it is cheap. Cheap labor is usually dearest in the end. To day when teaching is seeking recognition as a profession, and rightly so, I believe, it would seem to be the part of wisdom to follow such rules of procedure as would tend to place teaching among the professions. This can be done in no more substantial way than to insist upon professional training whenever teachers are to be employed. The successful running of a school system has come to be a business proposition, subject to rules and regulations that must be observed, if results commensurate with expense and expectations are to be realized.

The day is passing when any one regardless of qualifications is deemed "good enough to teach school." The trained teacher is in demand in all towns that are willing to pay an adequate salary. Training is expensive and this training must be paid for, but the money paid for such training is money well spent. The teacher's salary must be sufficient to warrant her having a good, comfortable home well heated and lighted, supplied with plenty of books and magazines. Good food carefully prepared, congenial companions and some opportunity to enter into the social life of the community must all be hers if she is to be at her best in rendering acceptable service. Teachers, as a rule, are conscientious in their work and gladly give their best service if they feel that they have the confidence and support of the community in which they work. The teachers of this town are conscientious and enthusiastic in their work and in view of their training and experience, excellent service may confidently be expected.

#### MANUAL WORK IN THE SCHOOLS.

In many towns no larger than our own manual work in the schools is being carried on successfully and has come to be



considered an invaluable part of the school curriculum. Manual Training in its simpler forms for the boys and Domestic Science for the girls are possible in our own schools without great additional expense. I believe the increased interest and enthusiasm in school work would soon become apparent by the introduction of such courses.

The ultimate aim of an education is to fit for the highest type of citizenship. Whatever forms a part of a course of study that promotes keenness of insight and sound judgment is worthy of a place. Experience has shown in numerous instances that courses in the manual arts produce such results. In educating for efficiency two distinct types of training are indispensable, namely, the formation of correct habits of thought and of action, and the development of the judgment. These two results of such training are altogether different in content, yet one is as much to be desired as the other. The former is sought to make our nervous system our ally and a helper instead of an enemy and a hindrance in life's activities. Certain of the every day duties of life, whatever our calling, must be performed with the least possible expenditure of energy and practically without thought. In other words, the numerous duties needing to be attended to are performed with a minimum of attention and a maximum of efficiency. Then, when helpful and correct habits have become established, the mind is left free to attend to matters requiring careful consideration and mature judgment.

The finest product of the school is the person who has profited most in the acquisition of useful habits and in his ability to form correct judgments when confronted by actual conditions as they present themselves during life. Any system of education failing to recognize the importance of these two elements is inadequate and needs regenerating. It has been shown that manual work tends strongly toward the all round development of the individual, the purpose and aim of education.

#### HEALTH OF PUPILS.

The general health of the pupils has been good. No disease has become epidemic. There has been some scarlet fever, but this has been slight in amount and great care has been exercised to prevent its spreading. About the usual amount of grip and colds has prevailed. There have been a few cases of tubercular trouble reported among the pupils but these have been advised to consult medical aid and have left school. Sickness is largely preventable. Care exercised on the part of teachers and parents may often ward off disease or in case disease is present, mitigate its severity. Hygiene is carefully taught in the schools and advice freely given the pupils, as to ways and means of warding off sickness. The attempt is made to show pupils that it is easier and cheaper to keep well than to get well when once sick. The importance of proper diet, adequate ventilation in all places, especially the sleeping rooms, and an abundance of sleep and rest is repeatedly emphasized. It is the policy of the school so far as the teaching of hygiene is concerned to show that the school is a promoter of good health and a place where health may be built up and improved. Nor is this all. The school strives to improve health conditions in the homes by freely offering such advice as will be most likely to be followed in the home life. It is the duty of the school to do this for the community, as well as to give instruction along other lines.

The eye and ear tests have been made by the teachers as usual and the results recorded. A record of the tests appears at the close of this report. This examination is productive of much good. Many a boy and girl with defective vision or hearing, by consulting specialists has been helped, and, in almost every instance, improvement in school work is at once noticeable.

The School Physician, Dr. Cass, has made his annual examination of the school children. The result of this examination is an improvement over past years, as will be seen by consulting his report at the close of this report. His report should be read by all.



## SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The most of the school buildings are in need of some repairs. The three oldest buildings, similar in structure and appearance, are badly lighted. These buildings have only about three-fifths of the window space necessary for the proper lighting of the rooms. In our schools we are teaching proper care of the eyes. We teach pupils to exercise care in reading by a poor light and then compel them to get their lessons in rooms supplied with three-fifths the proper amount of light. I would suggest that more windows be placed in these buildings. This inexpensive change in lighting would give us many pleasant rooms well adapted to school purposes. This, I believe, is the most pressing need in our schools to-day, and should be attended to as soon as possible.

The ventilation of most of the school buildings is good.

According to a ruling of the State Board of Education, high schools in towns aided by the state, in maintaining a district superintendency, shall employ one teacher for every twenty-five pupils, or fractional part thereof in attendance at such high schools. This ruling made it compulsory to employ one more teacher for the high school, as the number had reached one hundred twelve. In order to accommodate the new teacher it becomes necessary to furnish an additional recitation room. The least expensive method of furnishing this necessary room seems to be to divide the main room by a partition containing sliding doors, so that the two rooms formed may be converted into one room again, in case of need.

The heating equipment in this building is altogether inadequate both upstairs and down. In extremely cold and windy weather it is utterly impossible to heat the building so that the northern rooms may be usable. At such times it becomes necessary to hold two recitations in the main room at the same time, a condition that is altogether unsatisfactory. The present heating plant should be supplemented, so that all rooms both upstairs and down may be regularly used. With the high school numbering one hundred twelve and the grammar school of the same size, every available foot of floor space in the building is greatly needed.

The Centre building is in need of painting inside and out, and considerable carpenter work should be done about the different rooms and corridors.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The high school under the management of Mr. Aubrey F. Hills is making good progress. Mr. Irving T. MacDonald, a graduate of Holy Cross College, was employed as assistant, to begin work at the opening of the school year in September. The remaining two teachers, Miss Freeman and Miss Fernald, have taught successfully in the school for several years.

I believe we have an efficient corps of teachers who are exerting their best efforts to have the school stand for what a high school should stand in a community.

It has been the purpose of the School Board, the teachers and myself to have the high school course stand for four years of earnest, painstaking work on the part of the student body. The most of the students show a disposition to co-operate in this purpose and are doing creditable work.

The discipline of the school is excellent and the spirit of work and good fellowship is a factor going a long way toward making the school stand for uplift and good citizenship.

Miss Helen Bryan of Westfield, a graduate of Smith College, has been engaged as teacher of English for the winter and spring terms. It is believed this addition to the teaching force will enable the school to render better service, as it makes it possible to divide into two divisions some of the largest classes, a need that has long been felt. The high school is an asset to the town that is deserving of the confidence and support of every taxpayer.

The elementary schools throughout the town are making good progress. The attendance is regular and the interest commendable.

One matter that would help to make the schools of greater service to the town may be mentioned at this time. There is a comparatively large number of pupils in the schools who ought to be in a school by themselves. These are pupils who find the regular work of the grades impossible to accomplish. There is



great waste by continuing these pupils in the grades. They need special instruction adapted to their retarded mental condition. Their own time, much of the teachers' time and energy and considerable time of the rest of the class is now being wasted by their presence as members. Books do not appeal to their interest and they are unable to acquire much of anything from books. Some cannot even learn to read, but show some ability when working with the hands. There should be a school in which children of this type may be assembled for special instruction. Work adapted to their mental capacity should be given them, and the school should be placed in the hands of a highly competent teacher. A school of this type would go a long way toward rendering pupils such as I have mentioned, self supporting citizens, by training them along the lines whereby they might derive the greatest benefit.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to extend my thanks to the citizens who have co-operated with the school officials in their attempts to make the schools the best possible. The school officials gladly receive well intentioned suggestions given with a view to bettering school conditions. The kindly interest manifested in school matters throughout the town is highly gratifying. It augurs well for the success of the schools in the future. Only when a fair degree of harmony and co-operation exists among teachers, school officials and the general public, can anything approaching ideal conditions prevail.

Finally, I wish to thank the School Board for such suggestions and kindly criticisms as have been offered from time to time with a view to making the schools more serviceable.

The relations existing between your Board and myself have been most cordial and agreeable.

Under existing conditions the outlook for continued and increasing usefulness on the part of the schools to the community, is most promising.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. PENNELL, A. M., Superintendent of Schools,  
Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet District.

#### REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL. Mr. Charles M. Pennell, Supt. of Schools, Provincetown, Mass.

My dear Mr. Pennell:—In this, my first report as principal of the Provincetown High School, I shall devote more attention to things which I hope may be accomplished rather than to those things which have already been done. Some of the thoughts are my personal ideas, while others have been gathered from scattered sources.

I wish first to speak of the scholarship of the students. As a whole it is almost up to the standard of the high schools with which I am acquainted. Shortly after school opened, I was asked to express an opinion regarding the spirit of work in the school. I would now answer that while there seems to be a reasonable amount of the SPIRIT of work among the pupils, the HABIT of work is less in evidence. This lack, which can be remedied in time, may be the result of a misunderstanding of the purpose and seriousness of a high school training. We are trying to overcome it by impressing upon the pupils the facts that four years of mere attendance at school do not entitle any one to a diploma; that the diploma itself is of no value unless the student while earning it has, to some degree, acquired most of those habits, such as promptness, persistence, thoroughness, accuracy, industry, etc., which may be summed up as the power to do things; and finally we are trying to cultivate an appreciation of the "value of excellence" in all work.

The curriculum is the next thing to which I would call your attention. We are now offering what might be called the traditional subjects, practically all of which are elective. As a result of this system there are now in the school too many boys and girls who have drifted aimlessly along with no goal in mind, and a year on that, and some are about to graduate without much less in sight. They have spent a year on this subject and a year on that, and some are about to graduate without enough knowledge of anyone subject to be of either practical or commercial value. I would recommend the establishment of a course system which would require a student, after electing a certain subject to continue studying it until he had acquired a



knowledge of it which would have a positive and practical value.

Such a system should, of course, conform as closely as possible to the needs of the students. This would mean more money, but my observations lead me to the conclusion that the children of this town are worth more money than is now being spent on them. Local conditions are rather peculiar. The State law, the lack of opportunity to get work in town, the inability of many to go elsewhere, and the lack of knowledge of where to go if one is able, all combine to make an unusually large percentage of students who remain in school throughout the four years. It seems to me that one of the aims of the high school should be to help these students decide what they want; and then to give them instruction in that subject, and finally to point out places where their knowledge would bring remuneration.

I should like to see established a course in "vocations" which might be given during the first year and would show the students in more or less detail a great many of the innumerable, congenial ways in which a person can earn a comfortable living. Many a college man is now in a distasteful and even unsuccessful vocation, because while in school he never even learned of the existence of the vocation in which he would have been most successful. I know of no school in which such a course is given, yet I believe it would be of great value in every high school. After studying in this course for a year, a student would be far better fitted to choose intelligently a course to be followed during the three remaining years. Then, when he was graduated he would not have to waste so much time as many do now in floundering around and asking the questions, "What do I want to do?" and "What is there that a person just out of high school can do?"

Other courses that might be introduced to advantage are commercial geography, and a limited amount of domestic science and manual training. Also I think the study of the Spanish and Portuguese languages would be profitable to many of the students in connection with the commercial course. In

view of the probability of the increase of trade between this country and South America during the coming years, the boys of this town seem to have an unusual advantage because of the fact that in Brazil, which covers over one-half of the continent, the Portuguese language is spoken. A knowledge of Portuguese would be useful either in the big American shipping centers or in Brazil, while Spanish would be valuable for the rest of South America, West Indies and Mexico.

I shall next devote a few words to our daily program. The addition of a fifth teacher brings us a few steps nearer the privilege of being rated by the State Board of Education as a class A school, although in order to fill the requirements literally still another teacher would be necessary. Previously to this year, there were four thirty-eight minute recitations weekly in each subject. With a few exceptions, we now have five forty minute classes weekly in each subject. This complies with the very widely accepted understanding that one "unit" of work shall mean the completion of a course that shall have had the equivalent of one hundred twenty sixty-minute recitation periods. This arrangement allows the student to take fewer subjects, but calls for more concentrated work and the covering of more ground in each subject. With the erection of the new partition, which we hope to get, we shall be able to have during most of the day, an absolutely quiet room in which students may study. Such a room is sadly needed if the pupils are to make the best use of their time. Hitherto, they have had to study in a room in which one and frequently two classes were being held at the same time.

The new program has made it necessary to cut the number of music periods from three to one. Yet we are still giving as much time to music as is devoted to it in a majority of the best high schools of the State.

Before coming to the closing paragraphs, a few words regarding school athletics might be inserted. A basket ball team has been formed, made up mostly of inexperienced players. Their progress so far has been very satisfactory. We hope to have a good base ball team in the spring. Last week an athletic



association was formed and joined by most of the members of the school. The association will regulate all school athletics. The executive power is vested in an executive committee of which two of the school faculty are members.

I shall close by indicating some of the most important physical needs, the filling of which would add greatly to the welfare of the school. Some of them are: (1) A new set of desks large enough to be used with some degree of comfort by a pupil of average size. (2) Better heating apparatus. (3) New window casings. (4) Lights for the main room—a pressing need on cloudy days. (5) An electric bell system. (6) A fire gong. (7) Another laboratory table, containing a trough and running water. (8) Cabinets for chemicals and apparatus. (9) A filing cabinet for school records, which are now kept in scattered places.

Respectfully submitted,

AUBREY F. HILLS,

Principal.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

Report of School Inspection for year 1915:

Number of pupils examined,	910
Number with defective teeth,	60
Number with adenoids,	30
Number with enlarged glands,	15
Number with diseased tonsils,	7
Number with impetigo (skin disease),	6
Number with organic heart disease,	2
Number with alopecia,	2
Number with pediculosis (lice in head),	12

The progress made may best be realized by comparing this year with that of 1914.

1915.		1914.
60	Defective teeth,	325
12	Scalps with lice,	157
15	Enlarged glands,	39

The above speaks for the betterment of the child. In last year's report I suggested the services of a school nurse, which suggestion was accepted, with the result that we find 12 scalps with lice as against 157 last year. The nurse by her frequent visits can keep the heads clean. My yearly examination of the scalps amount to nothing unless followed up by the nurse.

The work of the teachers in impressing the necessity of keeping teeth clean is already showing results. Slides shown under the direction of the Board of Health have helped to a marked degree. Poor teeth mean bad digestion, improper development and an unhealthy child, who can not do the best school work.

Sanitary conditions have been improved in the Eastern School. While there is chance for still more improvement, we may feel well pleased with the progress made thus far.

Sincerely,

FRANK O. CASS, M. D.,  
School Physician.



TEACHERS OF PROVINCETOWN SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1915.

School.	Teacher.	Where educated.	Terms taught before.	Weeks taught	Salary per week	Total membership.	Average membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Number of Tardinesses.	Number of Dismissals.
High.	Alvin E. Thomas,	Bates College,	79	28	30.00	107	99.28	92.87	93.50	1748	371
	Albert F. Norris,	Clark College,		12	30.00						
	Aubrey F. Hills,	Boston University,		16	30.00						
	Phebe E. Freeman,	Salem Normal, Plymouth Business School,	82	40	16.50						
	Martha E. Fernald,	*Radcliffe College,	12	40	15.00						
	Stephen Ferguson, 3d,	*Fitchburg Normal, *Harvard College,	34	20	15.00						
	Harold Ferguson,	Clark College,		16	15.00						
	Irving T. MacDonald,	Holy Cross College,		16	15.00						
	Grammar.	Sara A. Cavanagh,	*Normal School of Methods, *Plymouth, N. H., Summer School,	103	38						
Nina S. Williams,		Hyannis Normal,	46	38	14.00						
Katherine I. McIntyre,		Hyannis Normal, *Plymouth, N. H., Summer School, *Amherst Agr. College,	49	38	13.00						

\*Attended without graduating.

TEACHERS OF PROVINCETOWN SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1915. (Continued).

Governor Bradford School.

School.	Teacher.	Where educated.	Terms taught before.	Weeks taught	Salary per week.	Total membership.	Average membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Number of Tardinesses.	Number of Dismissals.
Grade VII.	Lillian N. Brooks,	*Hyannis Summer School,	69	38	12.50	40	38.09	35.94	93.87	28	17
Grade V.	Minnie A. Roderick,	Hyannis Normal,	7	38	10.00	38	37.30	35.89	96.22	66	25
Gr. III.-IV.	Mercy A. C. Kelley,	*Hyannis Summer School,	20	38	10.00	34	33.46	32.51	96.80	52	12
Grade I.	Florence E. Hudson,	*Hyannis Summer School,	10	38	10.00	38	36.73	35.19	95.75	84	8
Center.											
Grade VII.	Mrs. Helen Nickerson,	Bridgewater Normal,	44	38	12.50	41	38.70	37.50	96.90	82	8
Grade V.	Christine A. Nickerson,	Bridgewater Normal,	10	38	10.00	39	37.80	35.80	94.70	163	5
Grade III.	Annabel McQuarrie,	Plymouth Business School, *Hyannis Summer School,	26	38	10.00	31	30.00	29.62	98.70	81	11
Grade I.	Carrie O. Matheson,	Perry Kindergarten,	10	38	10.00	25	24.10	22.90	95.00	120	5
Conant.											
Grade III.	Mrs Mary C. Enos,	Hyannis Normal,	28	23	10.00	35	33.41	32.16	95.50	54	6
	Miriam C. Corea,	Hyannis Normal,	7	15	10.00						
Grade II.	Mary C. Silva,	Hyannis Normal,	18	38	10.00	36	35.30	33.90	96.02	24	5

\*Attended without graduating.



## LIST OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

## Classical Course.

John Callahan,  
 Bessie Elizabeth Corea,  
 Elsie Lothrop Daggett,  
 Frederick Orr Gifford,  
 Bessie Frances Marshall,  
 Helen Beatrice Nickerson,  
 William Jason Roderick.

## Commercial Course.

Leroy Kenney,  
 Janet Warren Lewis,  
 Carrie Simmons,  
 Genevieve Tarvis,  
 Lewis Manuel Wager.

## English Course.

Stephen Days,  
 Joseph Cabral,  
 Russell Chipman,  
 Edward Tasha Enos,  
 Cora Belle Mayo,  
 Victor Emmanuel Mello,  
 Phyllis May Mott,  
 Willis Rich,  
 Clarence Emmanuel Silva,  
 Louis Hardy Silva.

## Instructors.

Mr. Albert F. Norris, Principal.  
 Miss Phebe E. Freeman, 1st Asst.  
 Miss Martha E. Fernald, 2nd Asst.  
 Mr. Harold A. Ferguson, 3rd Asst.  
 Superintendent—Frank K. Graves.

## GRADUATES OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1915.

George Chapman,	Joseph Paige,
Jesse Cabral,	Joseph Veara,
Mary Enos,	Leora Ethelyn Westcott,
Cecelia Enos,	Adeline Volton,
Virginia Fitts.	John A. Wilson,
Frank Henderson,	William Cabral,
Catherine Jason,	Joseph Gaspie,
Alice Marks,	Henry J. James,
Kenneth Mayo,	Mary Loring,
Dorothy Perry,	Antone Oliver,
Nora Perry,	Dorothy Paine,
Alexander Perry,	Jasmine Suker,
Frank V. Perry,	Priscilla Simmons,
Isabelle Perry,	Elizabeth Young,
Catherine Souza,	Beatrice Welsh,
Lewis Souza,	John Agna,
Marian Silva,	Mildred Allen,
Leo Silva,	*Hazel Atkins,

\*Special. No diploma.



## STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1914—1915.

Total enrollment,	869
Number between 5 and 7,	123
Number between 7 and 14,	572
Number between, 14 and 16,	106
Number over 16,	68
Average membership,	828.36
Average attendance,	790.56
Percent of attendance,	95.44

## REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

Given by Teachers, Fall Term, 1915.

School.	Number of pupils examined.	No. found defective in sight.	No. found defective in hearing.	Number of parents notified.
High,	111	11	2	13
Grammar,	116	13	3	13
Governor Bradford:				
Grade VII.,	37	4	1	5
Grade V.,	39	2	0	2
Grade III. and IV.,	44	10	2	12
Grade I.,	42	7	0	7
Center:				
Grade VII.,	43	4	0	4
Grade V.,	33	3	0	3
Grade III.,	45	3	0	3
Grade I.,	42	7	0	7
Conant St:				
Grade III.,	43	3	1	4
Grade II.,	41	1	0	1
Eastern:				
Grade VI.,	21	0	1	1
Grade IV.,	37	5	0	5
Grade II.,	46	2	1	3
Grade I.,	32	3	0	3
Western:				
Grade VI.,	44	9	0	9
Grade IV.,	46	2	0	2
Grade II.,	35	0	1	1
Grade I.,	38	0	0	0
	<hr/> 935	<hr/> 89	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 96

## School Calendar for 1916.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Winter term 12 weeks from Jan. 3 to March 24.  
 Spring term 12 weeks from April 3 to June 23.  
 Fall term 16 weeks from Sept. 5 to Dec. 22.

## ALL OTHER SCHOOLS.

Winter term 12 weeks from Jan. 3 to March 24.  
 Spring term 11 weeks from April 10 to June 23.  
 Fall term 15 weeks from Sept. 5 to Dec. 15.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR 1916.

February 22—Washington's Birthday.  
 April 19—Patriots' Day.  
 May 30—Memorial Day.  
 July 4—Independence Day.  
 Sept. 4—Labor Day.  
 Oct. 12—Columbus Day.  
 Nov. 30—Thanksgiving Day, and the day following.  
 Dec. 25—Christmas Day.



# Annual Town Meeting, Monday, February 14th, 1916.

## 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 the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in elections 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 to preside at said meeting.

Second. To act upon the reports and recommendations of the Town Officers and Committees.

Third. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Fourth. To see what action, if any, the Town will take in reference to prescribing by By-Law, the number of legal voters necessary to constitute a quorum at Town Meetings, except such parts of meetings as are devoted exclusively to the election of Town Officers.

Fifth. To see what action, if any, the town will take to have all town highways, that connect Commercial and Bradford Sts., also the town highways leading from Bradford St. to the north, which are inhabited, cleaned of snow, by the use of snow plow, such as now used upon Bradford St.



Sixth. To see what action, if any, the town will take to have its Special Town Meetings, called to order in the evening, namely at seven P. M. and that all adjournments therefrom shall be to the same hour.

Seventh. To see what action the town will take toward grading and hardening Priscilla Alden Road and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.

Eighth. To see what action the town will take to drain Atlantic Ave. and appropriate money for the same.

Ninth. To choose the following Town Officers on one ballot:

A Town Clerk and Treasurer for one year.

One Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for three years.

One Assessor for three years.

One Member of the School Committee for three years.

Three Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

One Member of the Board of Health for three years.

One Water Commissioner for two years.

One Water Commissioner for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

An Auditor for one year.

A Tax Collector for one year.

Five Constables for one year.

Three Fence Viewers for one year.

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

Two Field Drivers for one year.

A Pound Keeper for one year.

A Tree Warden for one year.

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

The polls will be open at eleven o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 3 o'clock P. M.

Tenth. To see if the town will accept Chapter 128, Acts of 1915. An Act relative to the planting and cultivating of clams and quahaugs in the County of Barnstable.

Eleventh. To see what action the town will take towards procuring a Motor Chemical and providing better fire protection for the town.

Twelfth. To see what action the town will take to reimburse Mrs. Margaret Silva, 5 Alden St., for damage caused by water.

Thirteenth. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Assessors to publish a list of all persons who are assessed for either or both a real estate or personal property tax, showing the assessed valuation of each parcel of real estate and aggregate valuation of personal property of each person.

Fourteenth. To see if the town will appropriate \$300 for the Washington Memorial at Washington, D. C.

Fifteenth. To see if the town will establish and maintain an electric street light on Winslow St. near the residence of George B. Young and appropriate money for the same.

Sixteenth. To see if the town will establish and maintain an electric street light on Alden St. opposite the Town Home and appropriate money for the same.

Seventeenth. To see if the town will appropriate \$200 to work the road near Mayflower Heights as relocated by the County Commissioners.

Eighteenth. To see what action the town will take towards replacing the premises of A. W. Fuller, corner Court and Commercial Streets, made uninhabitable to a very great extent by raising the grade of Court Street, causing the basement to be frequently flooded.

Nineteenth. To see if the town will harden by an application of crushed stone that section of Race Street lying between Pleasant and Franklin Sts. and that the sum of \$125 be appropriated for the same.

Twentieth. To see if the town will vote to sell or lease for a terms of years any part of the parcel of land deeded to the



town by Dewing Woodward and L. L. Johnson in a deed dated September 15, 1911, and recorded in Barnstable County Deed Book 307, page 584, said land being in the westerly part of the town, and runs from Commercial Street to the sea, being 75 feet in width, or take any other action concerning said land.

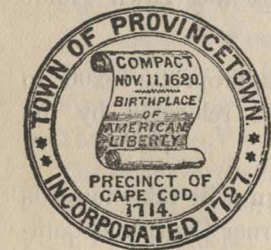
Twenty-first. To raise and appropriate by ballot such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town and matters voted on at this meeting.

You will serve this precept by posting up one attested printed copy thereof at the following places: Stores of William Tarvis, Andrew T. Williams, B. H. Dyer & Co., William B. Bangs, J. Y. Cook, John D. Adams, Matthias W. Morris, Frank Silva, John D. Hilliard, Jeremiah A. Rich, Joseph Crowell, R. B. Dyer, Simeon C. Smith and John A. Francis, also at the Board of Trade and Post Office, all in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant 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 third day of February in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen.

C. AUSTIN COOK,  
A. P. HANNUM,  
JAMES E. RICH,  
Selectmen of Provincetown.



A true copy. Attest: IRVING L. ROSENTHAL,  
Constable of the Town of Provincetown.

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