

45th ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 1, 1905.

NEW BEDFORD:
NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY.
1905.

GIFT.

TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting held March 7, 1904.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.

ALDEN WHITE.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY F. TABER.

EBEN F. LEONARD,

MOSES S. DOUGLASS.

School Committee for Three Years,

WILLIAMS C. ASHLEY.

Board of Health for Three Years.

JOHN R. THOMPSON.

Single Highway Surveyor for One Year.

GEORGE S. CROCKER.

Tree Warden for One Year.

JAMES B. HAMLIN.

Trustee of Free Public Library for Three Years.

ANNIE A. SWIFT.

Auditor.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

Constables.

SYLVESTER PRATT,

CHARLES P. COTTLE.

FREDERICK J. BRALEY.

Surveyors of Lumber.

EDWARD W. ASHLEY,

CHARLES F. LEONARD

EMERY E. CUSHMAN,

SAMUEL WING,

HENRY F. TABER.

Pound Keepers.

JOSEPH GREENWOOD,

HENRY JACKSON.

Field Drivers.

SAMUEL CORY,

JOHN GEGGATT.

Fence Viewers.

JOSEPH B. SLOCUM.

HENRY F. TABER,

WILLARD B. PECKHAM.

ALDEN WHITE, Collector.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

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To uncollected taxes of 1902,	\$247.89
" " " " 1903,	635.90
Amount of tax bills of 1904:	
State tax,	525.00
County tax,	1,102.65
State highway tax,	118.40
Town tax,	9,303.39
Additional assessment,	26.80
Interest on taxes collected,	22.09
	\$11,982.12

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By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$525.00
Amount paid County Treasurer,	1,102.65
Amount paid State Treasurer,	118.40
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	8,475.36
Discount for prompt payment,	563.62
Remitted by assessors,	28.80
Uncollected taxes of 1903,	334.12
" " " 1904,	834.17
	\$11,982.12

ALDEN WHITE, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

Feb. 1, 1904.	
To balance on hand,	\$1,786.71
Amounts received from State Treasurer:	
Corporation tax,	119.67
Balance of corporation tax,	2.32
National Bank tax,	455.32
State School fund income accrued to	
January 12, 1905,	1,052.91
For state and military aid,	452.00
For superintendent of schools,	250.00
State Highway loan fund,	36.00
For inspection of animals,	59.00
State board of charity,	1.20
From County treasurer, dog fund,	255.62
Merchants National Bank, loans	2,500.00
Massachusetts Society for Prevention of	
Cruelty to Animals,	20.00
From clerk Third District Court,	4.24
Melbourne P. Morton, rent for town farm,	84.00
Edward W. Ashley, auctioneer's license,	2.00
James O. Douglass, " "	2.00
Town of Lakeville,	71.25
E. W. Ashley, for stone screenings,	.50
James Lawrence,	1.50
Thomas B. Geggatt,	.50
Frank Lawrence,	.50
Frederic Wellington,	1.50
Alden White, collector,	8,475.36
	<u> </u> \$15,634.10

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By amount paid for support of poor,	\$473.70
Amount paid for incidentals and	
interest,	1,710.57
Amount paid for notes,	5,000.00
" " " state aid,	385.50
" " " schools,	4,952.12
" " " highways,	2,030.30
" " " public library,	199.95
	881.96
Balance,	<u> </u> \$15,634.10
To amount of Gift Fund, with interest,	\$5,025.00
Expended upon schoolhouses and land,	3,986.86
Balance on hand,	<u> </u> \$1,038.14

CEMETERY FUNDS.

Held in trust by Town of Acushnet.

Oct. 1904.		
To principal of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$205.09	
Interest to Oct. 1904,	14.81	
		\$219.90
Paid Allen Russell, Jr., for care of lot for summer of 1903 and 1904,		10.00
Balance,		\$209.90
To principal of William D. Taber fund,	\$50.00	
Interest to Oct. 1904,	1.00	
		\$51.00
To principal of Alfred Morse fund,	\$100.00	
Interest Oct. 1904,	6.80	
		\$106.80
Paid Richard Davis, for care of lot in 1903,		\$3.00
Balance,		\$103.80
Jan. 1905.		
To principal of estate of Jacob Taber fund for Joseph Taber burial lot,	\$100.00	
		\$100.00
To principal of estate of Jacob Taber fund for Ellis Mendall burial lot,	\$100.00	
		\$100.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1904.

Births Registered in Acushnet in 1904.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 8	Marie Sylvina Riendeau.	Ovila and Clara.
Feb. 5	— Phillips.	Thomas D. and Anna T.
Feb. 13	Evalina Fagundes.	Manuel and Maria.
Mar. 11	Julienne A. Champagne.	Pierre and Aurore.
April 15	Juliette Leontine Paquette.	Servule and Oda.
May 7	Carlton T. Hathaway.	Charles T. and Lillian M.
May 20	John Charles Morse.	George F. and Mary.
May 31	Alfred Tinkham.	Arthur and Annie S.
June 4	Earle Clifton Jenney.	Herbert E. and Florence L.
June 14	Lillian Jessie.	Manuel and Elizabeth E.
June 24	George R. Ward.	Francis R. and Josephine C.
July 27	Mildred Frances Howard.	Everett L. and Josephine M.
July 30	Helen Louise White.	Walter and Annie F.
Aug. 12	William Lewis Enos.	Antone and Annie.
Aug. 17	Harry Barton Parker, Jr.	Harry B. and Myra F.
Aug. 26	Robert Davis Bennett.	Charles D. Lucy E.
Sept. 26	Angeline Maglie.	Joseph and Tonia.
Oct. 26	Eva Paradis.	John P. and Odeil.
Nov. 22	Henry Guilbeault.	Alfred and Delia.
Dec. 5	Illegitimate.	Williams C. and Nellie L.
Dec. 6	Sophronia Wood Ashley.	Clarence B. and Althea S.
Dec. 13	Gladys Perry Ellis.	Antonio and Castellina.
Dec. 23	Joseph Bono.	Jose and Marie.
Dec. 29	John Bettencourt.	

Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1904.

DATE.		NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
January	9	Charles E. Sullivan, Clara L. Chase.	Acushnet.
February	3	Paul R. Hemmann, Jennie S. Gibbs.	Acushnet.
February	28	John E. Hammond, Cora M. Savage.	New Bedford.
April	5	Charles F. Leonard, Jr., Bertha D. Chase.	Acushnet.
May	14	Leslie P. Morse, Susie F. Holden.	Acushnet.
June	11	Francis E. Rose, Lillian G. Vight.	Acushnet.
June	11	John Varville, Josephine Plankey.	New Bedford.
September	12	Abel E. Plaud, Leonie M. Gentilhomme.	New Bedford.
October	19	Moses S. Douglass, Lydia W. Hallett.	Acushnet.
Oct.	22	Pierre Gentilhomme, Clemence Poyant.	Acushnet.
November	9	Edward E. Drake, Florence A. Manter.	Acushnet.
November	24	Arthur C. White, Lila M. Gifford.	Providence, R. I.
December	11	John B. Francis, Maria P. DaCosta.	Acushnet.
December	20	Herbert F. Cole, Louisa A. Braley.	New Bedford.
December	28	George L. Washburn, Nancy M. Kirby.	Acushnet.

Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1904.

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 10	Mary A. Hammond.	70	8	19	General debility.
Jan. 31	Frederic A. Gifford.	38		9	Pneumonia.
Feb. 3	Marieanne Lapointe.	24			Pulmonary tuberculosis.
Feb. 8	Marie S. Riendeau.			1	Infantile debility.
Feb. 21	Anna T. Phillips.	34			Acute Bright's disease.
Feb. 21	Ovila Provencher.			2	Pneumonia.
Feb. 25	William N. Davis.	74	10		Apoplexy.
Mar. 6	Susan T. Mayo.	69		13	Pneumonia.
Mar. 8	Almeda T. Hersom.	65	6		General debility.
Mar. 21	Anthony D. Richmond	78	4	27	Apop exy.
Apr. 6	Betty Greenwood.	49			Cancer of bowels.
May 12	Henry W. Cushman.	45	2	22	Em. of cor. artery, causing moist gan. of heart muscle
May 18	Charles H. Kenyon.	42	7		Ch. intestinal nephritis.
May 19	Rufus Omev.	53	5	4	Natural causes.
May 26	Ada E. Ellis.	53	11	15	Gastritis.
June 11	Harriet M. T. Mendall	75	10		Heart disease.
June 16	William S. Gracie.	66			Cirrhosis of liver.
June 22	Thomas Adams.	66			Heart disease.
July 10	Abby P. Davis.	86	8		Heart disease.
Aug. 25	Isaac C. Churchill.	81	10		Arterio sclerosis.
Oct. 30	Henry P. Allen.	64	8		Enteritis.
Nov. 19	Horatio F. Morse.	71	4		Arterio sclerosis.
Dec. 1	John Murray.	91	3		Senility.
Dec. 6	Capt. James R. Allen.	88	4	7	General debility.
Dec. 8	Illegitimate.			3	Capillary bronchitis.
Dec. 28	Angeline N. Keith.	86		9	Old age.

ALDEN WHITE,
Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet submit the following annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending Feb. 1, 1905:

Poor Account.

Mass. School for Feeble Minded, for Fred Besse,	\$6.98
C. H. Kenyon, groceries, Parris family,	20.00
G. T. Parker, milk, Parris family,	4.80
C. H. Kenyon, groceries, G. K. Nickerson,	24.00
Dr. F. H. Robinson, medical attendance, Parris family,	25.00
Dr. F. H. Robinson, medical attendance, Alden Cole,	13.50
J. E. Borden & Co., groceries, G. Norton,	2.03
G. J. Parker, wood, Parris family,	6.00
G. A. Cobb, coal, G. K. Nickerson,	15.25
Estate C. H. Kenyon, groceries, G. K. Nickerson,	15.36
Town of Rochester, on account of G. T. Norton,	30.57
Weston C. Vaughan, burial of William Gracie,	35.00
City of New Bedford, on account of Mrs. Hunniwell,	40.00
City of New Bedford, on account of Wm. Thatcher,	48.00
Surprise Clothing Co., on account of A. Cole,	14.92
W. F. Douglass, on account of A. Cole,	30.29
Mrs. M. P. Gammons, board of Mrs. Hunniwell,	66.50
G. A. Cobb, coal for M. L. Freeman,	8.00
W. F. Douglass, groceries for M. L. Freeman,	12.00
City of New Bedford, Mrs. Thatcher,	25.50
Nichols & Damon, on account of A. Cole,	2.50
J. F. Weeks, medical attendance, H. Morse,	19.50
Soldier's relief, Eli W. Pierce,	8.00
	<u>\$473.70</u>
Due from state, soldier's burial,	\$70.00
Due from town of Lakeville,	11.76
	<u>81.76</u>
Net cost of poor,	<u>\$391.94</u>
Tramps lodged at almshouse during the year, 171.	

Incidental Account.

New Bedford Printing Co., 450 town reports,	\$39.00
New Bedford Printing Co., 25 lists of voters,	4.75
Edward J. Whalley, Commonwealth vs. Levi Washburn,	12.55
Walter R. Spooner, search warrant, stolen goods,	3.02
Joseph T. Brownell, auditor,	3.00
Avery O. Parker, repairs on town house,	4.06
Edward W. Ashley, teller,	2.00
Walter R. Spooner, search warrant, stolen goods,	11.62
Hiram Van Campen, treasurer's bond,	24.00
John W. Paul, insurance on 5 schoolhouses,	122.63
Mercury Publishing Co., tree warden's notices,	5.25
Alden White, surveying at Bisbee school,	1.50
Abial P. R. Gilmore, teller,	2.00
M. P. Morton, paint, paper and labor at town farm,	3.92
E. W. Ashley, posting fire warnings,	3.50
H. S. Hutchinson, "Mass. Town Officer,"	4.00
E. E. Baudoin, fire warden badges,	6.00
Wood, Brightman & Co., repairs on town pumps,	21.98
Register of Deeds, recording deeds,	1.30
F. H. Sargent, repairing weights and measures,	9.50
New Bedford Printing Co., \$00 tax bills,	4.75
C. S. Paisler, piping,	3.50
Sylvester Pratt, services as constable,	25.00
F. J. Braley, Commonwealth vs. Savario,	4.24
M. S. Douglass, carting and setting 24 state boundary stones,	36.00
Henry H. Taber, copying valuation book,	10.00
A. Q. Shattuck, express,	5.15
Alden White, labor and stock on town cabinet of weights and measures,	2.00
W. R. Spooner, Commonwealth vs. Pasqualo Nigro,	25.10
Alden White, attending and recording town and state elections,	5.00
W. R. Spooner, Commonwealth vs. Geo. Mayhew,	11.18
F. O. Tripp, cattle inspector,	40.50
William G. Taber, fire warden,	5.00
William G. Taber, fighting fire,	3.60
F. H. Robinson, 2 birth returns,	.50
M. S. Douglass, attending bridge hearing,	4.00

M. S. Douglass, rendering oaths,	3.50
M. S. Douglass, salary as town officer,	68.00
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	5.00
M. S. Douglass, expense on corporation and bank tax,	5.00
M. S. Douglass, services as moderator,	5.00
H. F. Taber, salary as town officer,	106.00
" " stamps and stationery,	5.67
Alden White, stamps and stationery,	8.76
Alden White, recording births, marriages and deaths,	21.95
Eben F. Leonard, services as town officer,	68.00
J. F. Weeks, reporting 7 births,	1.75
W. C. Vaughn, reporting 10 deaths,	2.50
Samuel Corey, Jr., teller,	2.00
John R. Thompson, salary board of health,	6.25
Thomas J. Robinson, salary as school committee,	25.00
E. W. Ashley, salary as school committee,	25.00
W. C. Ashley, salary as school committee,	25.00
Greene & Wood, lumber,	4.73
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	5.00
Alden White, commission as collector,	153.32
Alden White, commission as treasurer,	92.47
E. W. Ashley, board of health,	20.00
M. R. Morton, labor and stock,	7.57
Forfeiture,	4.00
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	\$1,142.57

Interest Account.

Jose, Parker & Co., interest,	\$320.00
Melrose Savings Bank, interest,	133.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, interest,	70.00
Merchants National Bank,	45.00
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	568.00
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	\$1,710.57

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Received from the Mass. Highway Commission for setting boundary stone on the Robinson and Long Plain roads,	36.00
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Notes Paid by the Town, 1904.

Jose, Parker & Co.,	\$1,500 00
Melrose Savings Bank,	1,000.00
Merchants National Bank,	2,500.00
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	\$5,000.00

State Aid.

Sylvester Pratt,	\$48.00
Alexander Turner,	48.00
Edward C. Tew,	48.00
Daniel V. Smith,	48.00
Azel Chase,	48.00
Lemuel Dillingham,	48.00
Samuel J. Russell,	28.00
Nathan C. Bumpus,	20.00
Thomas Haskell,	9.00
William S. Gracie,	22.50
Herbert F. Washburn,	6.00
Augustus B. Vickery,	12.00
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	\$385.50

Orders given by the Selectmen.

On bills approved by the School Committee,	\$4,752.12
Transferred from school appropriation by order of School Committee to account of gift fund,	200.00
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	\$4,952.12

Gift Fund.

EXPENDED AT PARTING WAYS SCHOOL.

Paid Samuel Wing, for lot of land on corner,	\$300.00
Samuel Wing, for playground,	66 50
E. Anthony & Sons, printing proposals to clear land,	.87
Napoleon Milotte, inside painting and oiling floors,	30.00
Napoleon Milotte, stock and labor painting,	42.00
Blossom Bros., doors, sash, moulding, pine and cypress lumber, and labor,	59.20
E. V. Kendall, typewriting specifications,	3.60
Greene & Wood, flooring, clapboards, ceiling, shingles, gutters, cypress lumber, and carting,	151.29
I. N. Paine, labor, hardware and carting,	497.89
DeWolf & Vincent, paper and builder's hardware,	16.43
Frank C. Bennett, labor, sand, cement and carting,	237.25
William I. Shockley, gravel delivered at school yard,	96.75
For screened gravel, delivered at school yard,	15.91
James B. Hamlin, one load gravel and use and carting of lumber for stagings,	5.00
Alexander A. Tripp, clearing and grading land as per contract,	450.00
Removing wall, making sidewalk and gutter, clearing rubbish and storing wood,	65.00
N. Y. N. H. & H. Railroad Co., freight on school furniture,	7.19
James B. Hamlin, one load of stone, posts, joists, plank and cedar,	19.69
Frank M. Metcalf, survey, specifications, inspection, etc.,	132.05
S. C. Lowe Supply Co., gutters and conductors,	107.00
Samuel Wing, for seeding down dressing,	10.00
American School Furniture Co., chairs, desks, etc.,	356.50
J. L. Hammett Co., slate blackboard, delivered and placed in position,	228.56
Rachel Townsend, cleaning school rooms,	6.00
Everett C. Morse, carting desks and seats to school house,	3.50
	<u>\$2,908.18</u>

REBUILDING BOUNDARY WALL, NORTH
SIDE SCHOOL LOT.

Augustus White, split stone,	\$66.16
Bartlett M. Bumpus and others, labor,	120.00
George W. Norton, carting stone,	19.00
James B. Hamlin, carting sand and cement, 2 men with team,	10.00
Frank C. Bennett, 8 bbls. cement,	16.00
	<u>\$231.16</u>

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One-half cost of wall, received of Society of Friends,	\$115.58
Crusher stone sold,	3.28
	<u>118.86</u>
	112.30

EXPENDED AT LONG PLAIN SCHOOL.

I. N. Paine, labor, hardware and carting,	\$324.45
Blossom Bros., doors, frames, pine, etc.,	26.79
Greene & Wood, flooring, clapboards, hard pine, etc.,	75.72
Alden Rounseville, Jr., shingles, pine, cedar boards and pickets,	120.41
DeWolf & Vincent, nails, paper and builders' hardware,	20.49
W. J. Shockley, gravel,	7.07
James B. Hamlin, posts, hemlock and pine plank,	34.21
George S. Crocker, labor with team and 2 men, carting dirt and brush,	19.25
Philip H. Crandon, labor with team,	9.00
Frank C. Bennett, labor, cement, brick, carting, etc.,	195.67
N. Milotte, stock and labor, painting,	153.00
J. L. Hammett & Co., slate blackboards,	59.22
American School Furniture Co., desks and seats,	123.75

APPROPRIATIONS, 1903.

School construction, Parting Ways,	\$5,000.00
Schools,	2,500.00
High school tuition,	220.68
Superintendent of schools,	150.00
Poor and insane,	1,300.00
Incidentals,	1,600.00
Highways and bridges,	1,200.00
Library,	150.00
Moderator,	5.00

VALUATION OF TOWN, MAY 1, 1903.

Personal property,	\$119,020.00
Buildings,	269,390.00
Land,	258,820.00
Total,	\$647,230.00

Rate of taxation,	\$18.00
Number of polls,	298
" " horses,	336
" " cows,	430
" " neat cattle,	79
" " swine,	56
" " dwelling houses,	285
" " acres of land,	11,033
" " fowl,	8,675
Value of fowl,	\$3,445.00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT, SCHOOL HOUSE,
PARTING WAYS.

Paid Israel N. Paine, per contract,	\$4,826.00
Napoleon Milotte, painting,	55.00
Henry Harlow, stock for painting,	96.78
John F. Parker, painting,	13.95
E. F. Penny, stoves and ventilating apparatus,	212.69
I. N. Paine, labor and stock on extras,	290.00
N. P. Hayes, hardware and rope,	6.50
J. B. Hamlin, lumber,	4.26
	<u>\$5,505.18</u>

Furnishings.

Paid Chandler Desk Co.,	\$130.00
Household Furnishing Co.,	30.10
C. F. Wing, furnishings,	38.80
D. H. Demoranville, freight and carting,	4.55
E. F. Penny, furnishings,	10.49
	<u>\$213.94</u>

Grading.

Paid Jas. B. Hamlin,	\$41.38
Jas. C. Gammons,	4.75
A. F. Howland,	7.95
S. S. Paine, drain pipe,	4.92
	<u>\$59.00</u>
	<u>\$5,778.12</u>

We are pleased to announce contributions in grading grounds of school yard as follows:

James B. Hamlin, amount of labor furnished as per bill, \$34.88

Labor given by members of the building committee, road surveyor and others.

Orders Given by Selectmen on Bills Approved by the
Highway Surveyor.

Leslie P. Morse, 6½ days with team,	\$26.00
James C. Gammons, 7½ days with team,	30.00
George W. Norton, 3 days with team,	12.00
James C. Gammons, 2½ days with team,	10.00
Chas. S. Paisler, pipe and cement,	23.40
Benj. F. White, repairing tools,	13.80
G. A. Macomber, 15 days work,	22.50
Frank Morton,	11.34
V. A. Hammett,	28.68
Joseph Cote,	25.18
W. B. Peckham, 19 days 1 hour, and 2 days for man,	79.44
Wm. A. Hersey,	19.68
Wm. Sherman, 6 days at 2.25,	13.50
Albert Demars, 6 days at 1.50,	9.00
J. E. Borden, tools,	5.00
V. A. Hammett, 3 days at 1.50,	4.50
Denison Bros., coal,	44.99
Slocum & Kilburn, supplies,	11.84
Joseph S. Lewis, supplies,	21.50
C. S. Paisler, pipe,	29.12
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	\$441.47

Snow Bills, 1904.

Uriah S. Cole,	\$2.63
J. C. Gammons,	20.35
F. O. Tripp,	2.93

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P. H. Crandon,	3.07
V. A. Hammett, 36 hours,	6.30
Geo. P. Norton, 6 hours,	1.05
Andrew A. Cole, 2 days,	3.00
Geo. A. Ryder, 6 hours,	1.05
Leslie P. Morse, 6 hours, team,	2.70
George S. Crocker, 4 days, team,	16.00
Russell P. Hammett, 13½ hours,	2.37
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	61.45

Stone

Henry A. Jackson,	266,460 lbs.,	\$53.30
Antone Enos,	82,250	16.45
Job A. E. Chase,	199,770	39.95
J. T. Brownell,	350,940	70.19
Joseph Sylvia,	26,150	5.23
Manuel Fagundi,	81,450	16.29
James H. Hathaway,	141,535	28.31
Chas. Bennett,	61,400	12.28
C. F. Norton,	86,885	17.38
E. W. Morse,	35,790	7.16
James C. Gammons,	57,520	11.50
Chas. H. Holden,	23,320	4.66
George T. Parker,	13,050	2.61
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		285.31
Paid G. S. Crocker from Apr. 8, '04 to Feb. 1, '05,		1,242.07
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		\$2,030.30

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

George S. Crocker,	teaming,	\$472.50
W. J. Pittsley,	"	98.88
Harry G. Sherman,	"	39.86
Geo. P. Morse,	"	4.00
F. J. Braley,	"	37.25
Chas. D. Bennett,	"	12.00
Joseph T. Brownell,	"	6.00
P. H. Crandon,	"	22.00
V. A. Hammett,	labor,	119.60
Wm. C. Sherman,	"	60.75
Arthur Bellville,	"	16.90
Clifford Paradice,	"	27.00
Arthur St. Laurent,	"	22.40
Roland H. Cobb,	"	4.50
Alfred Gagne,	"	3.00
E. W. Ashley,		1.50
Cherie Roberts,		14.00
Wm. C. Ivey,		41.25
Andrew Cole,		13.10
Fred Morse,	"	30.50
Wallace Morse,	"	31.25
Charles Morse,	"	26.00
Geo. A. Macomber,	"	7.50
Joseph Cote,	"	66.00
John Pennell,	"	17.75
Albert Demars,	"	30.37
Geo. T. Parker, dynamite,		2.76
Daniel T. Davoll, advice,		5.00
J. E. Borden, tools,		7.45
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		\$1,242.07

Statement of Cost of Drains, Bridges, Etc.

Taken from above account.

LABOR.

Expense of repairing drain across Churchill land,	\$45.00
Drain, Braley Hill, blasting and removing stone,	115.35

Repairing bridge, Society of Friends' driveway, Long Plain,	6.00
Building bridge at H. Jackson land,	8.50
Special repairs, Perkins road,	10.00

STOCK.

C. S. Paisler, pipe and cement,	29.12
C. S. Paisler, pipe,	23.40
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	\$237.37

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. CROCKER,
Single Highway Surveyor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

ACUSHNET, Feb. 9, 1905.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Surveyor and School Committee's report of the Town of Acushnet for the financial year ending Feb. 1, 1905, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,
Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS AS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Frank T. Howland, painter.
Abiel P. R. Gilmore, farmer.
Henry W. Kenyon, farmer.
Charles F. Leonard, boat builder.
Eugene White, farmer.
Williams C. Ashley, farmer.
Henry T. Russell, real estate.
Frederic O. Tripp, farmer.
Thomas L. Butts, mason.
William T. Gifford, farmer.
William G. Taber lumber.
Joseph B. Slocum, farmer.
John M. Vincent, farmer.
John Geggett, Jr., farmer.
Charles D. Bennett, farmer.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Report for the year ending Jan. 1, 1905.

The records of Acushnet Board of Health are as shown by the following table:

Deaths in Acushnet,	25
Burials in Acushnet,	13
Burials in other cemeteries,	13
Removal permits granted,	1

Contagious diseases reported as follows:

Scarlet fever,	2
Diphtheria,	1
Typhoid fever,	1
Measles,	1

Also a number of cases investigated that called for no action by the board. Vaccination is called to the attention of parents, as it is required by the state laws.

NOAH F. MENDALL,
JOHN R. THOMPSON,
EDWARD W. ASHLEY,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1904.

I received notice from the Cattle Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture to begin inspection Oct. 1, 1904, to be completed by Nov. 15, 1904.

I inspected 148 barns, 612 cattle, 386 swine, and 2 goats. Killed one cow badly afflicted with tuberculosis. Had one barn thoroughly cleansed, and three fixed suitable to keep cattle in.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED O. TRIPP,

Inspector.

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN.

The town Fire Wardens, under the state law, caused to be printed and posted copies of the various articles in regard to forest fires, in school houses and many other places in town. More precaution was taken, as the attention of many was called to this matter who had not given it any attention. We report less loss than last year, and no fire of magnitude.

A number caused by carelessness of smokers were put out in time. Children in a few cases started small fires that the prompt attention of near forest fire wardens promptly put out.

E. W. ASHLEY,
Fire Warden.

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed in town of Acushnet in 1904, 146;
134 males, 12 females.

ALDEN WHITE,
Town Clerk.

ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Free Public Library of Acushnet has had a prosperous year. The circulation at the village was nearly double that of the previous year, as 2,927 books were given out. Through the added grant of the town we have been enabled since April to open the library twice a week, on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and to provide a reading table supplied with popular magazines and illustrated papers. This opportunity is especially appreciated by the scholars and other young people of Acushnet. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Swift a loan exhibit of antiquities from Acushnet was held at their spacious home in October. The net proceeds, \$32.50, were given to the library. It is hoped that a similar exhibition may be given in the future, which will be patronized more by our townspeople. This exhibit involved a great deal of planning, care, time, and labor, but Mr. and Mrs. Swift felt rewarded by the success of their undertaking.

Miss Elsie Collins and Mrs. Geo. A. Fuller continue as librarians. The librarian at Long Plain, Miss Florence Manter, resigned last fall, after several years of faithful service. Miss Sophronia Veazie is her successor.

For further details see reports of librarians.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY A. BROWNELL,
Secretary.

Financial Report.

	DR.	
Appropriated by town,		\$200.00
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Paid librarians,		\$75.84
Subscriptions to magazines,		13.60

Warren P. Tobey, cards,	3.25	
J. V. Spare, denim,	1.20	
For books,	95.36	
Edith H. Cobb, cataloguing,	5.00	
Bliss & Nye, lamps,	1.70	
J. F. Parker, painting,	1.50	
Geo. J. Parker, wood,	2.50	
	—	199.95

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. PARKER,

Chairman of Trustees.

Librarians' Report.

Report of the Librarian of the Acushnet Free Public Library
for the year ending Feb. 1, 1905:

Books taken out during the year,	2,927
Average per week,	57
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1904,	.87
Fines, etc., Feb. 1, 1904, to Feb. 1, 1905,	9.84
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	\$10.71

EXPENSES.

Books,	\$2.42	
Magazines,	.95	
Mr. Shattuck,	1.60	
Stamps,	.14	
Money order,	.03	
Snow cleared,	.25	
Travelling library, freight,	.50	
Paste,	.35	
Paper for card slips,	.20	
Library cards,	2.25	
Oil,	.15	
	—	8.84
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1905,		\$1.87

The Library now subscribes for Harper's Monthly, Harper's Weekly, St. Nicholas, and Collier's. Miss E. C. Watkins of New Bedford kindly sends the Graphic at second hand, and Mrs. Thomas Knowles the Metropolitan. The Saturday Evening Post is also received the same way.

One hundred and twenty books have been bought by the town during the past year. "The Inside History of the Carnegie Steel Company" was presented by J. H. Bridge of New York. Twelve books were donated from the library of the late Rupert G. N. Swift; nine nature books by "A Lover of Nature"; other books by Miss Julia Delano, Dr. Helen Robinson and Mrs. Clement Swift. A large number of old magazines have been donated by friends at various times through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE COLLINS,

Librarian.

LONG PLAIN BRANCH.

Number of books taken out from Feb. 1, 1904, to Feb. 1, 1905, 605. Fines, \$2.87.

Respectfully submitted,

SOPHRONIA W. VEAZIE,

Librarian.

PERRY HILL BRANCH.

Number of books taken out from Feb. 1, 1904, to Feb. 1, 1905, 306.

Respectfully submitted,

CORA B. FULLER,

Librarian.

SCHOOL REPORT

1905

School Committee.

WM. C. ASHLEY, Chairman,
THOMAS J. ROBINSON,
EDWARD W. ASHLEY,

Terms expires 1907
Terms expires 1906
Terms expires 1905

FRANK M. MARSH, A. M.
Superintendent and Secretary.

Voted: "To accept the report of the Superintendent as
the report of the School Committee."

CALENDAR, 1905-1906.

1905.

MONDAY, JAN. 9	.	.	.	Schools re-open
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22	.	.	.	Washington's birthday
FRIDAY, MARCH 24	.	All schools close.	Spring vacation	
MONDAY, APRIL 3	.	.	.	Schools re-open
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19	.	.	.	Patriots' day
TUESDAY, MAY 30	.	.	.	Memorial day
FRIDAY, JUNE 16	.	All schools close.	Summer vacation	
MONDAY, SEPT. 11	.	.	.	All schools open
THURSDAY, NOV. 30, DEC. 1	.	.	.	Thanksgiving holidays
FRIDAY, DEC. 22.	.	All schools close.	Christmas vacation	

1906.

MONDAY, JAN. 8	.	.	.	All schools re-open
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1905.

Receipts.

Balance Feb. 1, 1904,	\$311.98
Appropriation,	2,900.00
Received from county (dog tax),	255.62
" " state (on account of superintendent),	250.00
" " " (school fund),	1,052.91
Total income,	<u>\$4,770.51</u>

Expenditures.

Teachers' salaries,	\$2,964.50
Superintendent,	335.00
Janitors,	306.01
Fuel,	202.44
Repairs,	154.08
Books and supplies,	206.21
Incidentals,	111.03
Special repairs (Long Plain),	200.00
High school tuition (1904),	472.85
	<u>\$4,952.12</u>
Overdrawn,	\$181.41
Due from the state for High school tuition,	\$445.90

Teachers.

Laura C. Kelsey,	\$449.00
Marie S. Howard,	410.00
Alice Lilley,	380.50
Gertrude E. Gibbs,	285.00
Vashti M. Crosby,	224.00
Sarah E. Howard,	210.00
Bessie R. Dunham,	190.00
Elizabeth G. Johnson,	189.00
Ethel R. Fothergill,	171.00
Emma F. Longley,	171.00
Bertha L. Hamblin,	142.50
Ethel F. Smith,	142.50
	<u>\$2,964.50</u>

Janitors.

Robinson Robinson,	\$96.00
Pardon Taber,	76.00
Clifford Ashley,	24.00
Rachel Pittsley,	24.00
Fred E. Ashley,	23.00
Willard R. Butts,	19.50
Charles W. Spooner,	12.25
Lewis A. Jenney,	9.00
Arthur Tripp,	5.00
Mrs. Ellen A. Cole,	4.00
Valetta E. Bumpus,	3.38
Emily Cole,	2.88
Leroy E. Ellis,	2.75
Ethel Pittsley,	1.50
Carrol Parris,	1.00
Hannah Norton,	1.00
Arthur Harding,	.75
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	\$306.01

Fuel.

City Coal Company,	\$153.14
A. Rounseville, Jr.,	49.30
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	202.44

Books and Supplies.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	\$82.83
Ginn and Company,	42.20
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	17.21
Eagle Pencil Co.,	15.30
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	13.81
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	8.12
G. & C. Merriam Co.,	7.45
J. L. Hammett Co.,	5.75
D. C. Heath & Co.,	5.54
Milton, Bradley Co.,	3.60
King, Richardson Co.,	2.90
A. J. Shooks,	1.50
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	\$206.21

Repairs.

E. W. Ashley,	\$69.25
Charles H. Dillingham,	22.47
Greene & Wood,	11.06
W. C. Ashley,	9.75
Napoleon Millotte,	7.00
Albert Demars,	6.00
G. W. Lawrence,	5.50
F. T. Akin,	3.51
N. B. Boiler & Machine Co.,	3.39
G. A. Ashley,	3.00
E. F. Penney,	2.50
N. P. Hayes,	2.40
W. E. Sherman,	2.25
John Geggatt, Jr.,	2.00
Charles F. Allen,	2.00
H. B. Howland,	2.00
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	\$154.08

Incidentals.

L. A. Tripp,	\$24.00
W. B. Peckham,	21.56
George A. Cobb,	12.94
E. W. Ashley,	12.00
F. M. Marsh,	11.55
H. W. Chase,	10.33
Bliss and Nye,	9.83
Hathaway & Co.,	3.00
W. J. Pittsley,	2.40
Hatch & Co.,	1.80
Thomas Hercom & Co.,	1.27
Allen's Express,	.35
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	\$111.03

High School Tuition.

City of New Bedford,	\$445.90
(School year 1903-1904).	
Due from the state,	445.90

Roll of Honor.

Neither absent nor tardy for school year 1903-1904:

Valetta E. Bumpus	Willard Butts
Elsie S. Jenney	Modest Lelievre
Katie Butts	

The following have been neither absent nor tardy for one or two terms, as indicated by the number of stars:

Althine Borden**	Moise Bousquet*
Joseph A. Guilbeault**	Chester Hammond*
Ruth Dillingham**	Edmund Houston*
Mary Ward**	Helen L. Mahoney*
Marion Dillingham**	Margaret Murphy*
Evonne Lelievre**	Mary A. Sylvia*
Fred Ashley*	Clara E. G. Welden*
Maurice Dean*	Laurence Mason*
Oscar Paquette*	Ellsworth L. Pittsley*
Mildred Hammond*	Erroll C. Perry*
John Ward*	Alida L. Taber*
Louis Bousquet*	Henry A. Chase*
William Burt*	Ethel B. Pittsley*
Marian Tripp*	Leroy E. Ellis*
	Lizzie Henman*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF ACUSHNET:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report concerning the work and condition of the schools of the town which you serve.

To be the bearer of a cheerful and encouraging report is always a pleasant task. We are impelled to believe that those who have kept in close touch with school affairs and interests in the past two years have had many reasons for rejoicing. For the benefit of those who have not had either the time or inclination to know what has been taking place, I want to say that the educational interests of Acushnet have taken a greater step in advance in the past two years, than in the preceding decade.

This educational revival, I think we may call it, began when the town decided to build a new schoolhouse to replace the over-crowded and much worn building at Acushnet, where for two years, work had been done under hampered and disagreeable conditions.

This was a good beginning, but even after the town had spent nearly \$6,000, there yet remained much to be done, not only inside, but outside and around this most excellent and attractive building. While keenly desiring to complete the work so well begun, it was not possible, until the neighborly gift of \$5,000 gave new impetus and courage, and withal the means of accomplishing unexpected, yet highly desirable improvements, beside many necessary repairs, which must otherwise have fallen heavily upon the town.

A brief resumé of the material improvements made during the last year will be of interest. At the Acushnet school, new cement floors were made in the basement, new double floors were laid to replace the wretched floors in the old portion of

the building, new adjustable chairs and desks were installed, the whole building was furnished with most satisfactory and durable slate blackboards. The purchase of a corner lot on the west and about three-fourths of an acre in the rear gave an ample lot and play ground for this sightly building. The whole area from street to rear line was cleared and properly graded; the portion back of the building having been leveled for the children's play ground, while the front was plotted for a lawn, with suitable walks and driveways. The outbuildings were put in shape, with proper vaults, so that a successful attempt could be made to secure a greater degree of civilization in regard to their care and use. The Friends' society promptly met the committee half way in the re-building of the wall on the north line.

All in all, this splendid building, well lighted and heated, with new and clean floors, modern furniture, the best of blackboards, ample grounds and wholesome surroundings, furnishes a genuine foundation and stimulus for a better spirit in and about the school. This new environment has had a marked effect upon teachers and scholars.

Since your committee has felt the necessity of getting along with as economical appropriations as possible, only absolutely necessary repairs have been made from year to year, but the time had arrived when considerable outlay must be made at Long Plain. The floor which had become worn and open and consequently very cold, was replaced, new adjustable desks provided, and the walls in the grammar room fitted with slate blackboards. The windows and blinds were all re-fitted and properly adjusted. At this building also a new cement floor was made in the basement. In place of the old fence, which was not a credit to the town because of its age and condition, there was substituted a very neat and substantial one which greatly improves the appearance of this splendid school lot. In general, the expenditure of about \$1,200 upon and around the Long Plain school has not only put the building and

grounds in such shape as to arouse local pride, but has furnished cleaner, more comfortable and satisfactory conditions for all concerned.

Those who are most closely connected with the every day work and needs of the schools, have the greatest appreciation of what it means for a town to have such excellent buildings and unusually good grounds. It has always been said that *environment* has a powerful effect upon people, and this truth has been clearly demonstrated in the case of both teachers and pupils, who are working under these new conditions. Give children that in which they take pride, and it will not be misused. Defacement of all sorts has been almost entirely absent. The work of instruction has been carried on with less friction and with a better spirit.

From the regular town appropriation considerable has been done at the other schools. Perry Hill has had new steps and platform, and new blackboards; while the grounds have been improved by grading. At Whelden the grounds were cleared of bushes and loose stones. A new fence encloses the lot at Bisbee, where other minor repairs have been made.

While all this advance has been made in material things, which have surely exerted an unconscious influence, we have not lost sight of the direct efforts to furnish excellent instruction. Although we lost good teachers last June, I can say, without being trite, that I have never seen your schools as a whole in charge of so efficient a corps of teachers. There are, however, weak places, which will, as the system is now organized, of necessity always exist.

I wish briefly to call you attention to the preceding financial report, as well as to the statistics for enrollment, attendance, etc. First, you will note there has been a steady increase of pupils (47) since 1901, which has involved the salary of another teacher and other increased expenditures for books and supplies, fuel, etc. However, you have had the good fortune to be able to make the same or smaller appropriations, and still meet

those increasing expenditures until now the limit has been reached. The following table shows how your appropriations have decreased since the state became so generous in 1903 and refunded the total cost of High school tuition:

1902.				
Appropriation,	\$2,750.00			
High school tuition,	750.00			
		Balance.	Total.	
Total appropriation,	\$3,500.00	+ \$234.65	= \$3,734.65	
1903.				
Appropriation,	\$2,650.00			
High school tuition,	220.00			
		Balance.	Total.	
Total appropriation,	\$2,870.00	+ \$601.00	= \$3,471.00	
1904.				
		Balance.	Total.	
Total appropriation,	\$2,900.00	+ \$311.88	= \$3,212.00	

Having been freed from this large bill for tuition, you actually raised for school purposes, in 1904, \$600 *less* than in 1902. By reason of this increased help from the state and the balance of \$601 in 1903 and \$311 in 1904, we have been able to postpone the time when we have to report, instead of a balance a deficit, which might, however, have been avoided if the state had returned at the proper time what was due on account of high school tuition.

After making a most careful estimate for next year, and deducting the probable income from outside sources, there remains the need for an appropriation of \$3,500, which was the total amount raised in 1902.

In closing this report, I wish to express my thanks for the confidence and assistance of your committee, and my genuine appreciation of those citizens who have rendered such unselfish services in making the educational efforts of teachers and officials more effective.

Respectfully,

FRANK M. MARSH,

Superintendent of Schools.

Feb. 15, 1905.

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.
SCHOOL YEAR. SEPTEMBER, 1903—JUNE, 1904.

SCHOOLS	Grades.	TEACHERS					Salary per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Dismissals.
		6, 7, 9	3, 4, 5	1-2	5, 6, 7, 9	1, 2, 3, 4								
Acushnet		6, 7, 9	Sarah E. Howard.....				40.00	19	17.01	15.77	93.	192	10	22
Acushnet		3, 4, 5	Elizabeth G. Johnson....				36.00	35	33.02	27.91	85.	623	132	96
Acushnet		1-2	Marie S. Howard				40.00	38	33.55	30.40	91.	459	17	0
Long Plain		5, 6, 7, 9	Laura C. Kelsey				44.00	23	20.04	17.24	86.	501	61	19
Long Plain		1, 2, 3, 4	Ethel F. Smith.....				30.00	20	18.67	15.90	85.	476	114	40
Perry Hill		1-9	Bessie R. Dunham.....				40.00	33	24.91	23.54	95.	244	25	32
Whelden		1-7	Alice Lilley.....				38.00	38	28.33	24.17	85.	637	166	70
Bisbee		1-5	Gertrude E. Gibbs				30.00	13	11.34	9.19	80.	373	218	54
TOTALS, 1904.....							298.00	219	187	164	88.	3565	714	333
TOTALS, 1903.....							290.00	218	172	152	86.	3444	407	.....
TOTALS, 1902.....							278.00	181	155	139	88.	2961	653	.....

Highest per cent. attendance—Perry Hill.

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.

FALL TERM. Sept. 6, 1904—Dec. 23, 1904.

SCHOOLS	Grades.	TEACHERS	Salary per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Dismissals.
Acushnet	5,6,7,8	Vashti M. Crosby	48.00	36	32.48	30.74	95.	133	25	6
Acushnet	3-4	Alice Lilley	40.00	39	33.59	32.46	97.	86	21	7
Acushnet	1-2	Marie S. Howard	40.00	30	26.23	24.78	94.	106	4	0
Long Plain	5,6,8,9	Laura C. Kelsey	48.00	26	21.78	20.41	94.	104	14	9
Long Plain	1,2,3,4	Gertrude E. Gibbs	30.00	24	19.19	18.12	94.	81	31	15
Perry Hill	1-8	Ethel R. Fothergill	36.00	30	24.95	23.34	94.	122	7	9
Whelden	1-5	Emma F. Longley	36.00	28	23.46	19.91	85.	263	21	5
Bisbee	1-5	Bertha L. Hamblin	30.00	13	13.00	11.71	90.	97	39	8
TOTALS, 1904			308.00	226	195	181	93.	992	162	.....
TOTALS, 1903			290.00	203	190	174	91.	1050	221	.....
TOTALS, 1902			282.00	197	177	160	89.	1167	175	.....
TOTALS, 1901			278.00	179	165	148	90.	.....	353	.....
		Increase from 1901-1904 ..	30.00	47	30	33	3.	.....	.....	.....
		Decrease, 1902-1904						175	191	.....

Highest per cent. attendance—Grades 3 and 4, Acushnet.