386 ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF
ACUSHNET

MARCH 1, 1898.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.:
THE NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY,

## TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting held April 5, 1897.
Toun Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.
DENNIS S. MASON.
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.
HENRY F. TABER.
School Committee for Three Vears.
IDA F. LEONARD.
Board of Health.
EDWARD R. ASHLEY for Three Years.
Single Highzay Surveyor.
JAMES C. GAMMONS for One Year.
Auditor.
JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.
Constables.
SYLVESTER PRATT,
CHARLES F. ALLEN.
Surveyors of Lumber.
EDWARD R. ASHLEY,
CHARLES F. LEONARD,
EMERY E. CUSHMAN, CHARLES M. MORSE, HENRY F. TABER.
Pound Keepers.
JOHN M. VINCENT,
HENRY A. JACKSON.
GEORGE A. FLLLER,
Field Drizers.
JOSEPH F. TABER.
Fence Viewers.
EDWARD R. ASHLEY,
JAMES R. ALLEN, GEORGE T. RUSSELL.
Trustee for the Free Public Library.
EMILY A. BROWNELL for Three Years.

## REPORT.

I would most respectfully present to you my account as Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer for the financial year ending March 1, 1898.
D. S. Mason, Collector, in Account with the Town of Acushnet.

## Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1892 , $\$ 36.30$
Uncollected taxes of 1893 , 36.96
Uncollected taxes of $1894 . \quad 60.20$
Uncollected taxes of 1895 , 45.00
Uncollected taxes of 1896 , 259.70
Amount of tax bills of 1897:
State tax,
County tax,
Town tax,
Extra assessment,
Interest on taxes collected,
$C r$.
By amount paid State Treasurer,
Amount paid County Treasurer;
Amount paid Town Treasurer,
Discount for prompt payment,
Abatement by Assessors,
Taxes remitted,
764.29

7,484.46
488.52
6.80
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Uncollected taxes of } 189 \text { ( } & 207.78\end{array}$
Uncollected taxes of 1897
397.76
D. S. Mason, Town Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Acushnet.
Dr.
1897.

March 1. Balance of cash
To amount received from State Treasurer
For corporation tax,
$\$ 2,002.34$

For state aid,
422.85
204.00

Income of school fund, $\quad 381.29$
Expense of contagious diseases, 41.25

Balance of corporation tax, 1896, 1.25

County treasurer, dog fund,
6.41
M. S. Douglass, for support of Wm.
D. Taber,
207.17

Albert S. Sherman, guardian, for support of Patience T. Collins,
326.98
A. Edwin Clarke, for support of Lewis Simonds,
46.21
C. H. Grinnell, for rent of town farm, 87.50
S. E. Waire, for use of school hall,

Long Plain,
3.00

Prof. Locke, for use of hall, 4.00
William I. Shockley, for dynamite, $\quad 1.29$
Geo. P. Morse, for crushing stone, etc., 32.02
Peleg H. Green, for support of Delia Green, 37.00
S. S. Paine \& Bro., discount on bill, 26
N. Y., N. H. \& H. R. R., overcharge,
. 25
State treasurer, state highway account,
3,881.33
E. H. Gay \& Co., bankers, for seven
notes for $\$ 1,000$ each,
7,000.00
Premium and interest on same, 65.87
D. S. Mason, collector,

7,484.46
$C r$.
By amount paid for support of poor, \$1,417.35
Support of incidentals,
1,963.27
Support of schools,
2,753.37

5

| Repairs of highways, | 474.20 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Macadamizing highways, | $6,927.32$ |
| Mass. Broken Stone Co., | $3,881.33$ |
| Jose, Parker \& Co., three notes, | $2,500.00$ |
| E. H. Gay \& Co., one note, | $1,000.00$ |
| Balance of cash in treasury March 1, |  |
| 1898, |  |

$\$ 22,540.07$

## CEMETERY FUND.

## $D_{r}$.

March 1, 1897. To amount of Elizabeth Taber fund,
$\$ 208.08$
Interest to Oct. 4, 1897,
8.40
$\$ 216.48$
$C r$.
By amount paid Allen Russell, Jr., Treas., $\$ 16.48$
Cash in New Bedford Institution for
Savings, March 1, 1898 ,
200.00

LIS' OF UNPAID TAXES, MARCH 1, 1898. 1896.

Emeline A. Hammond, $\$ 43.00$
Reuben A. Peckham,
Marcus M. Thompson,
John M. Vincent,
14.80

Charles P. Washburn.
7.70
11.00

|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Frank R. Bennett, |  |
| James H. Cobb, | 2.00 |
| Albert A. Dunbar, | 4.80 |
| S. Allen Dean, | 2.00 |
| Marcus L. Freeman, | 2.00 |
| William A. Gurney, | 6.90 |
| John F. Gifford, | 5.64 |
| Emeline A. Hammond, | 2.00 |
| Frank T. Howland, | 58.80 |
| John E. Hammond, | 38.26 |
| Latham T. Jennings, | 18.80 |
| Elliot F. Jones, | 55.62 |
| Hannah T. Leach, paid March 15, | 2.00 |
| William L. Norton, | 25.34 |
| Phineas Peckham, | 2.98 |
| Reuben Peckham, | 2.00 |
| Sylvester Pratt, balance, | 2.00 |
| Onesine Provencher, | 13.30 |
| Joseph B. Slocum, | 20.30 |
| Humphrey S. Taber, paid March 11, | 69.90 |
| Charles S. Taylor, paid March 15, | 6.34 |
| John M. Vincent, | 2.00 |
| Charles P. Washburn, | 9.28 |
| John Whalon, balance, | 12.60 |
|  | 8.40 |
| Heirs Silas Collins, |  |
| Edwin J. Howard, |  |
| Joseph H. Lawrence, | .70 |
| Estate Cordelia W. Morton, | 4.20 |
| John F. Parker, | 1.40 |
| Harris N. Tinkham, | 2.80 |
| Lemuel Washburn, | 6.30 |
|  | 2.10 |

S. Allen2.00
William A. Gurney, ..... 5.642.00
merine A. Hammond38.2655.622.0025.342.98

$$
2.00
$$2.00

13.3020.30

Edwin J. Howard,
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Estate Cordelia W. Morton, } & 2.80\end{array}$
Harris N. Tinkham,6.30

Lemuel Washburn,

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1897.

| Date. | Name of Child. | Name of Parents. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 10 | Merrill May Parris, |  |
| Jan. 11 | Caroline Robinson Gilmore, | Abiel P. R. and Ruth E. |
| Feb. 15 | Illegitimate. |  |
| Feb. 21 | Arabella A. Gurney, |  |
| Mar. 15 | Harold Welmouth Ashley, | Herbert W. and Fannie M. |
| Mar. 20 | Stillborn. |  |
| April 7 | Ethel Pearle Brownell, | David, Jr., and Ada F. |
| April $\begin{array}{r}8 \\ \text { April } \\ 12\end{array}$ | Sarah Amelia Whitehead, | Charles A. and Ursula. |
| April 25 | Gladys Jane Beals, | Charles E. and Elanor. Michael and Margaret. |
| April 30 | John Irving Ward, | Francis R. and Josephine. |
| May 12 | - White, | Eugene and Annie T. |
| May 24 | -- Lackie, | David F. and Nora F. |
| June $\quad 9$ | Robert Gardner Thompson, | John R. Jr., and Lillian M. |
| July 5 | Josephine Bousquet, | Samuel and Emma. |
| JulyJuly 7 | Allen Humphrey Hersom, | Thomas, Jr. and Millie A. |
| $\begin{array}{lr} \text { July } & 9 \\ \text { July } & 28 \end{array}$ | Jose Fagodens, | Manuel J. and Maria. |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { July } \\ \text { Sept. } & 16\end{array}$ | Joshua Morse Geggatt, Dora Alice Harding, | Thomas B. and Dora W. Orrin and Lillian. |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1897.

| Date. |  | Names of Groom and Bride. | Residence. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February | 3 | Fred H. Robinson, | Brockton. |
| February 14 |  | Helen Brightman, Sylvanus F. Tinkham, | Acushnet. |
| March 7 |  | Elsie A. Washburn, | Middleboro. Fairhaven. |
|  |  | David F. Lackie, | Acushnet. |
| April 26 | 6 | Lenora R. Tripp, Henry A. Jackson, | Acushnet. |
| June 20 |  | Susie H. Walker, | Acushnet. |
| June | 20 | William J. Richey, | Boston, |
| July | 13 | Edward V. Morse, | Boston. |
| August | 7 | Ida F. Leonard, | Acushnet. Acushnet. |
|  |  | Charles W. Bartlett, | Boston. |
| September | 1 | Annie M. White, Herbert W. Lawrence, | Boston. |
| September |  | Mary Lang, | Acushnet. Acushnet. |
|  | 1 | Charles E. Sherman, | Rochester. |
| October | 3 | Annie Shaw, Sylvester Pratt, | Rochester. |
| December | 30 | Lucy H. W. Ellis, | Acushnet. |
|  |  | Treffle Major, | Acushnet. |
|  |  | Ednay Thaneuf, | New Bedford. |

DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1897.


Number of dogs licensed in town of Acushnet, 1897, 103 ; 91 males, 12 females.
D. S. MASON, Town Clerk of Acushnet.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Acushnet respectfully submit the following annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending March 1, 1898.

## POOR ACCOUNI'.

## Paid Caleb Slade, groceries to Delia Green, <br> C. F. Perry, groceries to Delia Green,

City of New Bedford, medical attendance to Delia Green,
Town of Fairhaven, supplies to Delia Green, ..... 12.80
Alfred Nye, supplies to Delia Green, ..... 39.00
M. S. Douglass, wood to Delia Green, ..... 7.50
J. F. Weeks, medical attendance to Mrs. Geo. Parris, ..... 10.00
S. S. Paine \& Bro., brick and cement, ..... 5.98
City of New Bedford, groceries and fuel to W. HThatcher,
12.00
C. F. Allen, work at almshouse, ..... 4.25
Rufus Lincoln, groceries to Lucina Sears, ..... 56.00
Gerard U. Tobey, rent to Lucina Sears, ..... 24.00
Russell P. Hammett, opening grave for Lewis Simonds, ..... 2.00
C. H. Grinnell, for board of C. P. Washburn, 20 5-7 weeks at $\$ 4.00$ per week, ..... 82.86
J. F. Weeks, medical attendance to C. P. Washburn, ..... 20.00
Sylvester Pratt, moving C. P. Washburn, ..... 1.50
Lizzie Clark, keeping house for C. P. Washburn, ..... 4.29
Rachel A. Pittsley, nurse for C. P. Washburn, 14 daysat $\$ 1.00$ per day,14.00
Eben F. Leonard, supplies to C. P. Washburn, ..... 4.95
Andrew Bismore, cutting wood for C. P. Washburn, ..... 5.00
D. S. Mason, supplies to C. P. Washburn, ..... 2.75

| J. M. Hammond, shoes to C. P. Washburn, | 3.38 |
| :--- | ---: |
| M. S. Douglass, expense to C. P. Washburn, | 2.50 |
| Richard Davis, supplies to C. P. Washburn, | 52.44 |
| Mass. School for Feehle Minded, clothing for |  |
| Fred Besse, | 8.55 |
| Richard Davis, | .74 |
|  |  |
|  | $\$ 412.98$ |

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Paid New Bedford Printing Co., printing 450 town reports,
New Bedford Printing Co., printing notices to voters and weigh bills,
N. P. Hayes, pump and one extra handle, ..... 18.25
George J. Parker, services as health officer, ..... 5.00
Thomas Hersom, Jr., services as teller at annual town meeting, ..... 2.00
Edward W. Ashley, services as teller, ..... 2.50
Greene \& Wood, lumber for scales, ..... 13.69
George W. Bennett, iron work for scales, ..... 3.08
DeWolf \& Vincent, 40 lbs tarred paper, ..... 1.20
Joseph T. Brownell, services as auditor, ..... 2.00
Mercury Pub. Co., printing blanks for births, etc., ..... 6.50
Mercury Pub. Co., printing 750 envelopes, ..... 1.00
E. \& K. C. Terry, lumber for roller house, ..... 53.40
Jose, Parker \& Co., interest on macadam bonds, ..... 233.75
Sylvester Pratt, serving warrants for four town meetings, ..... 12.00
Sylvester Pratt, for collecting delinquent taxes, ..... 7.00
Sylvester Pratt, for collecting dog licenses, ..... 5.00
Sylvester Pratt, on the Chevier case, Commonwealth, ..... 5.42
Horatio Morse, building wall and clearing up lot, ..... 22.70
H. S. Hutchinson \& Co., tax book, ..... 4.50
Thomas 0 . Hathaway, services as fire warden, .....  50
Wood, Brightman \& Co., two pumps, ..... 55.77
Warren P. Tobey, printing 700 tax notices, etc., ..... 8.00
George A. Cobb, fixing pump at Perry Hill, ..... 2.10
D. H. Howland, Commonwealth vs. Hart case, ..... 10.00
Commonwealth of Mass., interest on notes, ..... 140.00
Samuel Corey, services as ballot clerk, ..... 2.00
Edward W. Ashley, services as ballot clerk, ..... 2.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, services as teller, ..... 2.00
Town of Fairhaven, scales, ..... 60.00
D. S. Mason, stamps and envelopes,22.21
D. S. Mason, attending and recording two townmeetings, and one meeting of town clerks of the6th Bristol district,
S. M. Spencer \& Son, ink for ballot machine,10.00
Weston C. Vaughn, making out 21 death returns, .....  3
Franklyn H
highway,
J. F. Weeks, making out 12 birth returns,4.45
3.00
A. C. Shattuck, express on public documents, ..... 6.74
George A. Macomber, services as school committee, ..... 25.00
Thomas Hersom, Jr., services as school committee
Mrs. Ida F. L. Morse, services as school committee,M. S. Douglass, services as selectman, assessor andoverseer of the poor
Eben F. Leonard, services as selectman, assessorand overseer of the poor,25.0025.00
Henry F. Taber, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,
Philip A. Bradford, inspector of meat, cattle, etc.,
M. S. Douglass, ink, stamps, pens, envelopes, etc.,
M. S. Douglass, telephone and telegraph messages and sundry small bills,
M. S. Douglass, expense to Boston on corporation and bank taxes and state highway, two trips,
M. S. Douglass, rendering oaths on state aid papere,
M. S. Douglass, copying registration book, etc.,
M. S. Douglass, services as moderator, as voted, ..... 2.00
Eben F. Leonard, sundry small bills, ..... 5.00
C. M. Morse, services as board of health, ..... 10.00
D. S. Mason, recording births and deaths, ..... 17.35
Edward W. Ashley, repairs on pumps,
4.00
4.00
D. S. Mason, commission as collector, ..... 132.46
D. S. Mason, commission as treasurer,

## STATE AID.

| Sylvester Pratt, | 48.00 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Alexander Turner, | 72.00 |
| Nathan D. Sturtevant, | 36.00 |
| Elizabeth Potter, | 24.00 |
| Edward C. Tew, | 32.00 |
|  | $\$ 212.00$ |

## Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital:

Support of Lucy M. Delano,
$\$ 169.46$
Support of Willie V. Taber,
169.46

Support of Mary J. Clapp,
Support of William D. Taber,

Paid Medfield Insane Asylum : Support of William D. Taber,

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum :
Support of Patience T. Collins,
Support of Sarah I.. Warner,
169.47

Paid Mrs. Anna H. Bradford, treasurer of trustees of Free Public Library, as appropriated,

## DISTRICT SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

Paid E. B. Gray, salary April 12 to Mar. 1,
Town appropriation,

Orders given by the. Selectmen on bills approved by the school committee,

## AMOUNT EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid George A. Fuller and others on last year's snow bills,
William I. Shockley, labor and gravel for sidewalks,
James C. Gammons, surveyor of highways, on bills approved by him,
Also on work done at the Head of the River, paring, sidewalks, etc.,

$$
125.00
$$

Bills on drain by Mr. Churchill,
125.00

Amount expended in macadarnizing the Fairhaven road, for stone, teaming and labor,
$2,848.64$

Amount expended on Middle road, labor, stone and teaming;

3,024.62
Incidentals on macadam account,
828.86
$\$ 7,401.52$

## MONEY EXPENDED ON DRAIN

bY I. C. CHURCHILL..
Loring P. Ashley, labor, $\quad \$ 12.00$
I. C. Churchill labor
N. F. Mendall, labor,
9.00

John Gifford, labor,
6.00

Wm. H. Maxim, labor, 9.00
Samuel C. Wing, labor, . 0

Myron E. Douglass, labor, $\quad 7.05$
Myron E. Douglass, with team, 9.50
Samuel Wing, with team, $\quad 12.25$
C. S. Paisler, pipe and cement,

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1897.


## GUIDE BOARDS.

The guide boards of the town are in fair condition.

## STATE HIGHWAY.

The town of Acushnet received notice from the Massachusetts Highway Commission that $\$ 4,000$ had been allotted to it from the state highway appropriation, to build a piece of state highway. The town took the contract, and owing to the macadam work already laid out, sublet the contract to the Massachusetts Broken Stone Co., at the same price we received from the state. We received from the state $\$ 3,881.33$ which was paid over to the Mass. Broken Stone Co. We also received the loan of a steam road roller from the state, which has been a great help to the town in the work. There was built about three-quarters of a mile of road, which we hope will be continued the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

> MOSES S. DOUGLASS, EBEN F. LEONARD, HENRY F. TABER,

Selectmen, Assessors and Oversee:'s of the Poor.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

## Acushnet, Mass., Mar. 1, 1898.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, School Committee, Surveyor, and Macadam Committee's report, of the Town of Acushnet for the financial year ending March 1, 1898, and find
them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL, Auditor.

## SINGLE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

For year ending February, 1898.
J. C. Gammons, 2512 days at $\$ 2.00$, ..... $\$ 51.00$
J. C. Gammons, team 4 horses 5 days, 6 hrs., at $\$ 4$, ..... 22.40
J. C. Gammons, 2 horses, 203.4 days, at $\$ 2$, ..... 41.50
Joseph Besse, 3 days, at $\$ 1.50$, ..... 4.50
Chas. Sullivan, 14 1-2 days, at $\$ 1.50$, ..... 21.75
Harry Parker, team 4 days, 6 hrs., at $\$ 3.50$, ..... 16.10
Harry Parker, 5 days, at $\$ 1.50$, ..... 7.50
Cyrus Sherman, 2 days, 6 hrs., at $\$ 1.50$, ..... 3.90
Jesse Gagne, 21 days, 3 hrs., at ..... 31.95
Johu Gegratt, 9 1-2 days, at ..... 14.25
Charles Grinnell, 4 1.2 days, at ..... 14.25
Russell Hammett, 5 1-2 days, at ..... 8.25
Horatio Morse, 1 day. ..... 1.50
Uriah Cole, 6 days, at ..... 9.00
George Crocker, team 8 1-2 days, at $\$ 3.50$, ..... 29.75
P. H. Crandon, team 6 days, at ..... 21.00
G. L. Bennett, team 5 days, at ..... 17.50
Benjamin Wilson, team 4 days, at ..... 14.00
George Fuller, team 2 days, at ..... 7.00
George Fuller, team 3 days, 4 hrs., at .. ..... 11.90
Gilbert Collins, 3 days, 2 hrs., at $\$ 1.50$, ..... 4.80
R. Bumpus, 2 days, at ..... 3.00
G. Bennett, 2 days, at $\$ 3.50$. ..... 7.00
R. Taber, 2 days, 4 hrs., at \$1.25, ..... 3.00
Gilbert Collins, 127 loads gravel at 6 cents. ..... 7.62
Mary Davis, 30 loads gravel, at 6 cents, ..... 1.80
I. V. Braley, 10 loads gravel, at 6 cents, .....  60
George Russell, 55 loads gravel, at 6 cents, ..... 3.30
Wilson \& Wordell, plow points and pick handles, ..... 3.10
Charles Gray, dynamite and caps. ..... 2.80
E. R. Ashley, posts and rails, ..... 9.25Express on scraper knife,

Samuel Wing, team 2 1-2 days at $\$ 3.50$,
8.75

Clarence Lawrence, 2 1-2 days, at $\$ 1.50$,
3.75

George Crocker, 3 days, at $\$ 1.50$,
James C. Gammons, labor,

## Head of the River Road

Henry Jackson, 3 days, at $\$ 3.50$,
\$10.50
Harry Parker, 2 days, at
R. Morse, 3 days, at
C. Bennett, 3 days, at
10.50
E. Hawes, 3 days, at
J. C. Gammons, 1 day, at $\$ 2.00$,
2.00

George Crocker, 4 days, at $\$ 1.50$,
6.00

Jesse Gagne, 4 days, at
6.00

Charles James, 1 day, at
A. Bismore, 5 days, at
7.50
E. Hawes, 1 day, at 1.50
A. White, 1 day, at
1.50
C. Grinnell, 1 day, at 1.50
A. Lawrence, 9 days, at
13.50

Jesse Gagne, 3 days, at 4.50
H. Lawrence, 1 day, at
3.50
3. 50
W. Collins, 2 days, at
7.00
F. Braley, 3 days, at
C. Sullivan, 1 day, at
1.50
10.50
C. Lawrence, 1 day, at
1.50
"
1.50 .

0 . Harding, 3 days, at
J. C. Gammons, 1 day, at 2.00

Yours Respectfully,
JAMES C. GAMMONS.
Single Highway Surveyor.

## MACADAM ACCOUNT.

## FAIRHAVEN ROAD.

| Paid Horatio N. Wilbur, for stone, | $\$ 501.90$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| William I. Shockley, stone, | 8.96 |
| Myron E. Douglass, stone, | 25.39 |
| Ann M. Ruggles, stone, | 80.41 |
| Orloff. Rowland, stone, | 17.33 |
| Samuel Wing, stone, | 45.83 |
| Melvin O. Bradford, stone, | 69.90 |
| Walter B. Bradford, stone, | 25.93 |
| Thomas D. Kayes, stone, | 246.09 |
| Loring P. Ashley, stone, | 20.43 |
| Charles E. Beales, stone, | 3.84 |
| Susan G. Mayo, stone, | 16.34 |
| Lewis Harding, stone, | 28.24 |
|  | $\mathbf{\$ 1 . 0 9 0 . 5 9}$ |

We purchased 3,641 tons, 525 pounds, for this road, for which we paid 30 cents per ton, with the exception of about 60 tons of large stone, for which we paid 25 cents per ton.

| Paid Joseph T. Brownell, teaming, | $\$ 60.55$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| William I. Shockley, teaming, | 83.65 |
| Tra Worcester, teaming, | 25.20 |
| John F. Hammett, teaming, | 68.25 |
| George A. Fuller, teaming, | 49.00 |
| Charles E. Beales, teaming, | 139.55 |
| Loring P. Ashles, teaming, | 90.65 |
| George Norton, teaming, | 7.00 |
| James C. Gaminons' team at $\$ 2.00$ per day, | 91.00 |
|  | $\$ 614.85$ |

On the abore work we paid $\$ 3.50$ per day for pair horses and man.

Paid James C. Gammons, foreman, 52 days 8 hours, at $\$ 2.50$ per day,
C. S. Caswell, running roller 51 days at $\$ 2.00$,
102.00

Percy L. Ashley, weighing, 38 days at $\$ 1.00$,
D. C. W. Cushman, weighing, 9 days at $\$ 1.00$,
esse Gagne, labor, at $\$ 1.50$
Thomas Davoll, labor, "
Frank Potter, labor ..
Albert Gagne, labor, "
John Gifford, labor,
Charles Sullivan, labor,
Charles James, labor,
Russell Hammett, labor

## William H. Maxim, labor,

George Crocker, labor
M. Culhane, labor,
51.00
62.70
52.80
44.25
15.75
20.55
77.25
\$1,143.20
Cost of material, labor and teaming, $\$ 2,848.64$. We built on the Fairhaven road 6,610 feet.

## MIDDLE ROAD.

Paid William Durfee, for stone,
D. S. Mason, stone,

Augustus White, stone, 21.52
Eben F. Leonard, stone, 11.09
Charles Leonard, stone,
Edward W. Morse, stone,
George P. Morse, stone,

William G. Taber, stone,
150.68
E. A. Drake, stone,

Rexford G. Morse, stone,
Clarence Lawrence, stone,
Clarence Lawrence, stone, 68.65

Job Chase, stone.
Joseph T. Brownell, stone,
Harry B. Parker, stone,
Charles F. Norton, stone,
Levi Hawes, stone,
Philip Harding, stone,
Emerson Bennett, stone. 21.06
Clarence Drake, stone, 37.83

Leslie Morse, stone,
George S. Crocker, stone,
27.37

Charles F. James, stone, 15.67
Orrin Harding, stone,
George W. Spooner, stone, 7.90

John Harding, stone,
Lewis Harding stone,
George W. Norton, stone, 5.39

Henry Jackson, stone, 2.75

William Pittsley, stone, 3.74

Frank Spooner, stone, 6.14

Charles D. Bennett, stone,
William Collins, stone

We bought 4,037 tons, 1,800 pounds of stone, for this road, at 30 cents per ton.

| Paid Creorge S. Crocker, teaming, | $\$ 47.25$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| P. H. Crandon, teaming, | 42.00 |
| Fred Taber, teaming, | 36.75 |
| Lewis Harding, teaming, | 41.30 |
| Orrin Harding, teaming, | 41.30 |
| Charles D. Bennett, teaming, | 21.00 |
| Henry Jackson, teaming, | 17.50 |
| William E. Collins, teaming, | 15.05 |
| Herbert Lawrence, teaming, | 21.70 |
| Levi Hawes, teaming, | 35.00 |

Fred J. Braley, teaming, 10.50
William J. Pittsley, teaming, 43.75
Geremi Gagne, teaming,
38.50

George W. Norton, teaming, $\quad 42.60$
Harry B. Parker, teaming, $\quad 26.95$
George P. Morse, teaming, 45.50
A. S. Morse, teaming,
23.80

William G. Taber, teaming,
44.80
J. C. Gammons' team at $\$ 2.00$ per day,

On this work we paid $\$ 3.50$ per day for pair horses and man.

| Paid James C. Gammons, at $\$ 2.50$ per day, | \$134.25 |
| :---: | :---: |
| C. S. Caswell, running roller at \$2.00, | 123.00 |
| A. S. Morse, weighing stone at $\$ 1.00$, | 37.60 |
| Jerry Roberts, blasting, at \$1.75. | 5.25 |
| Joseph James, 22 days at $\$ 2.00$, | 44.00 |
| Joseph James, 36 days at $\$ 1.50$. | 54.00 |
| Charles James, labor, " | 67.05 |
| Andrew Bismore, labor, | 61.05 |
| Alden White, labor, | 47.25 |
| Albert Lawrence, labor, | 21.75 |
| Charles Sullivan, | 74.85 |
| Alex Tontaine, labor, | 39.45 |
| Willard Reynolds, labor, | 26.25 |
| Lewis Besse, labor, | 7.50 |
| George S. Crocker, labor, | 7.80 |
| Clarence Lawrence, labor, | 4.50 |
| Henry Pittsley, labor, | 21.75 |
| Charles Grinnell, labor, | 63.30 |
| Clarence Drake, labor, | 27.30 |
| Otis Harding, labor, | 61.50 |
| Cyrus Sherman, labor, | 54.30 |
| Manuel Enos, labor, | 17.25 |
| William G. Taber, labor, etc., | 21.80 |
| Jesse Gagne, labor, at \$1.50, | 53.85 |
| Everett Hawes, labor, .. | 55.80 |

Cost of material, labor and teaming, $\$ 3,024.62$. We built on the Middle road 7,200 feet.

## INCIDENTAL BILLS CONTRACTED ON THE MACADAM ACCOUNT.

Paid Geo. Delano \& Sons, oil cask, \$5.8
Myron Douglass, wood,
Myron Douglass, wood,
DeWolf \& Vincent, tools
New Bedford Printing Co., weigh bills,
New Bedford Printing Co., weigh bills, 45.25
City Coal Co., coal,
John F. Gifford, setting scales, etc.,
J. B. Dion, tools,

Good Roads Machinery Co., screen, sprocket wheel and chain,
R. T. Refuse, 31 feet belt,

Arthur Corey, lumber, 2.29
Farrell Foundry \& Machine Co., jaw plate, toggle bearings, steel cheeks, etc.,
E. \& K. C. Terry, spruce lumber,

38.33

Babbitt \& Wood, iron work, etc.,
E. H..Pierce, Albany grease, belt lacing, etc., 33.75

Green \& Wood, lumber for scales, 24.20
E. W. Forrest, sealing scales, 2.00

John 1.25
John S. Davis, use of jack screws, $\quad 3.03$
N. Y., N. H. \& H. R. R. Co., freight, $\quad 5.03$

David Chase, use of lot,
Joseph A. Burt, labor, nails, boards, steam pipe, paint and pins,
10.40

C. A. Gray, dynamite

Town of Fairharen, labor setting crusher, $\quad 3.48$
D. S. Mason, nails, oils, etc.,
Luther H. Reynolds, sharpening picks, iron work, etc.,
H. W. Cushman, water cart, injector, wrench, bolts and work at machine shop,
N. P. Hayes, tools, 2.25
W. N. Davis, labor,
Myron E. Douglass, carting part of plant fromFairhaven, plowing, scraping and cartingstone to set scales, filling and cleaning up lotafter plant was removed from Fairhaven road,
35.00
DeWolf \& Vincent, Babbitt metal, ..... 1.15
William West, brush, paint, oil, etc ..... 1.95
George A. Cobb, nails,
30
30
Richard Davis, tarred paper, ..... 2.16
Acushnet Saw Mill Co., lumber, ..... 72
W. B. Bennett, work on scraper, bolts, etc.. ..... 10.32
Israel Peckham, bolts, iron work, etc., ..... 21.58

We, the Committee on Macadam Roads, had all the work done by the day, by our town's people, and we are convinced that the work is well done, and will compare favorably with any macadam roads built by any town in the state. We also think it is money well spent. We have had to purchase many things for the crusher plant, which another year we shall not have to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

> MOSES S. DOUGLASS, HENRY W. CUSHMAN, AUGUSTUS WHITE.

Committee on Maradam Roads.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

For the year 1897.

The Board organized April 20, with C. M. Morse, Jr., Chairman, and George J. Parker, Secretary.

The whole number of deaths reported was $37 ; 5$ were burials from other places; the deaths in Acushnet were 32.

Of contagious diseases reported to the Board, there were 36 cases of measles, 3 cases of typhoid fever and 1 case of diphtheria.

A new feature the past year is keeping record of quarantine of cattle in the town, and of the disposition made of them.

Respectfully subrnitted,

> C. M. Morse, Jr. George J. Parker. Edward R. Ashley.
> Board of Health.

## Report of Inspector of Cattle

For the year 1897.

In performing the duties of inspector for the past year, I have found the animals as a rule better fed and better cared for than ever before. I have also received and investigated more complaints of tuberculosis than in any previous year. At the time last year's report was rendered there were under surveillance three cows, two of which were later quarantined, condemned and killed. In April four more were quarantined and
in June another. Of the last number only one was condemned and killed.

An order from the State Board necessitated several days' labor in disinfecting and cleansing the infected barns and sheds where the cattle were quarantined. Instructions were also received from the State Board to measure and describe all barns and watering places which had not previously been done. I found twelve and inspected them according to orders.

I have in all examined 516 cattle, 206 swine, 4 sheep, and 12 barns. Quarantined 7 cows, killed 3, released 4, and condemned one slaughtered cow.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP A. BRADFORD,
Inspector of Cattle.

## ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## Report of the Trustees.

The interest in our public library has been slowly but stead. ily increasing, proved by the support and patronage it has re. ceived.

It was decided at the commencement of the present year we were deficient in reading for our young people. Your trustees learning of a circulating library to be closed out, invested in fifty books of interest to that class, the first the town has purchased. At a later date we added eighteen more.

Many kind friends have donated liberally books and periodicals the past year, and we have received by mail many more; and through the kindness of the librarian at Rochester we had the loan of the photographs of our National Library at Washington, which has so kindly been sent to any place desiring it.

Some thousand volumes have been taken from Acushnet and Long Plain. We have about nine hundred books at the pres. ent time.

It was thought advisable to insure our books and a policy was taken out for one year, expiring March 1, 1898. By renewing for three years we could save one year's expense of insuring, so we availed ourselves of that opportunity, which drained our treasury and left us a trifle in debt, as will be seen by the treasurer's report.

Could we invest a few more dollars in some of the recent publications, so popular at the present time, it would greatly increase the value of our library, which we feel very anxious should compare favorably with those of our neighboring towns. All of which is respectfully submitted.

> George J. Parker, Chairman. Emily A. Brownell, Secretary. Anna H. Bradford, Treasurer.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## Cr.

| M. S. Slocum, for books, | $\$ 12.50$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| H. S. Hutchinson, tor books, | 7.62 |
| Richard Daris, for putting locks on door, | .80 |
| Catalogues, | 10.00 |
| Printing, | 3.00 |
| H. H. Critchlow, librarian, Acushnet, | 22.80 |
| Florence A. Manter, librarian, Long Plain, | 10.00 |
| Capt. Parker, incidentals, | 3.00 |
| Insurance on books, three years, | 8.00 |
| H. H. Critchlow, stamps, oil, ink, | .54 |

$$
\$ 78.26
$$

Dr.

| Balance from 1896, | $\$ 21.11$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Town appropriation, | 50.00 |
| Lawn Fete at Swift's, | 3.23 |
| Fines, | 2.69 |

Balance due March 1, 1898,
Respectfully submitted,
Anna H. Bradford, Treasurer.

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

## To the School Committee of Acushnet:-

I have the honor to submit to you herewith the first annual report of the district superintendent for the year 1897 .

Before proceeding with the formal part of my report, however, permit me to tender to the members of the board my most hearty thanks for your confidence and the cordial support you have so kindly given me. I desire at this time, also, to acknowledge my obligation to the teachers for the willingness they have shown to co-operate in all efforts to improve the work of the schools.

The Grammar school does not at present prepare pupils for High school. Occasionally one of the brightest pupils may be able to pass the necessary examination ; but as a rule they have to do about one year's work in some other school.

An effort is being made to raise the standard of this school so that graduates may be able to enter any High school. A few changes, however, will be necessary to accomplish this result.

A course of study covering a period of eight years (four in the Primary and four in the Grammar) will be laid out. Promotion from one grade to another will be made in June and pupils entering school, for the first time, will be admitted only in September, unless they have received previous instruction and are able to take up the work being done by the pupils who entered at that time.

There are several reasons why classes should not be sent from the Primary to the Grammar school in April. It would necessitate a reorganization of the daily program and the
shortening of the recitation period of each class (there would then be five classes in the room instead of four) at a time when the first class, at least, should receive more rather than less attention from the teacher, for they would be reviewing and preparing for the June examinations for admission to the High school.

Then again it would be a detriment to the class which was promoted, for supposing the two teachers to be of equal ability, the pupils would learn much more, during the term which follows, under their old teacher than under the new one; because it would require some time for this teacher to ascertain just what the pupils know and what they are capable of doing, and for the pupils to become acquainted with the new teacher, new methods of instruction and new surroundings. It is much better to make the change in September when, after the long vacation, it is usually a month before a school settles down to its best work.

The Primary pupils gain very little by entering school in April instead of the following September. They do not learn very much the first term, forget most of it during the long vacation, and in September have always been put in the same class with those who are entering school for the first time.

I would recommend that the course of study adopted for the Primary and Grammar schools be used in the other schools, and that the pupils in these schools take up the same work in the same order. The only essential difference being that, on account of the larger number of classes and the correspondingly short time which the teacher is able to devote to each class, the pupils in these schools would probably require nine or ten years to complete the same work which is done in the Primary and Grammar schools in eight years. Consequently the promotion from one grade to another could not always be made in June, but could be made at any time of the year when a class has completed the work of the previous grade.

This would afford a good opportunity for comparing the relative progress of classes in the different schools, and a pupil from either of the schools might be given a Grammar school diploma when the work of the eight grades had been completed.

Something has been done during the past year in classifying the pupils in the various schools so that the number of classes has been somewhat diminished; but with the co-operation of parents and teachers much more can be accomplished along this line the coming year with material benefit to the work of the schools.

If this policy of uniting classes whenever practicable, and thus diminishing the number as much as possible, could be faithfully carried out for two or three years, most of the schools would be able to complete the couse of study just spoken of in nine years at the longest, where ten would probably be required under present conditions.

Vertical writing had previously been used in some of the schools, but during the past year it has been adopted for all the schools, and most of the pupils are making satisfactory progress in penmanship.

Without neglecting or giving undue prominence to any subject, a special effort, in which the teachers have co-operated most heartily and earnestly, has been made to improve the work of the sciools in Arithmetic, Reading and Lingaage.

In Arithmetic, special attention has been given to the tables and fundamental processes which form the basis of all advance work, and an effort has been made to have the principles of the advanced work thoronghly taught and the pupils led to acquire the power to reason, in order that they may not be dependent upon rules, which are so easily forgotten, and may be able to apply the knowledge acquired to the practical problems of every-day life.

In Reading, the object has been to obtain a more distinct enunciation and better expression; and in Language, as far as possible, to obtain the same ease and fluency in writing as in
speaking, by much practice in writing upon subjects with which the pupils are thoroughly familiar as well as interested.

The schools have suffered so much from the absence of pupils that it seems necessary to speak of the matter here, for to this one thing (irregularity) more than any other, are we indebted for poor work and loss of interest on the part of many pupils, which often causes them to be taken from school, although their parents would gladly have let them remain in scbool several years longer, if their work had been satisfactory.

In some cases, the pupils are so irregular in their attendance and their excuses so trivial, that it seems as if the parents send them to school only when they can find nothing else for them to do.

One school authority has said that parents should consider "that the duties of the school constitute the regular business of the child so long as he remains a member of the school, and all other work should be made subordinate to this. If parents allow a son to become a clerk for some tradesman, they do not feel at liberty to keep him from his employer one or two days every week. If errands are to be done in the morning, he is not expected to do them, unless he can do them and still be on time at his employer's office."

Another says: "Parents should come to feel that school duties ought to take precedence of all others, so long as the child is a member of the school. Irregular attendance is an offence against the community, whose substance, freely given in support of the schools is thereby wasted; that it is an injustice to the school, in that thereby the cares and labors of the teacher are increased, and the progress of the pupils is retarded; and that it is an injury to the child who is allowed to form habits that will lead to bankruptcy in business, and disorder, waste and discontent in the home."

Habits of promptness and regularity are exceedingly important for one who would win success in life, and should $\mathrm{b}_{\mathrm{e}}$
insisted upon in our schools. Parents should be urged to be more careful about this matter of absence and tardiness, in order that these evils may be reduced to the minimum, which illness and unavoidable causes render necessary.
In closing I would say that, although there is room for improvement, good work is being done in your schools, the teachers are working earnestly and successfully, and progress is being made.

## Respectfully submitted,

## E. B. GRAY,

March 1, 1898.
Superintendent of Schools.

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

| Balance to credit of schools for $1896-97, \$ 206.83$ |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Received from Town of Freetown, | 11.00 |
| Appropriated by the Town, | $1,700.00$ |
| From State School Fund, | 381.29 |
| From County Dog Fund, | 207.17 |

Paid:
Anna E. Davis, ..... \$ 96.00
Hattie L. Chace, ..... 168.00
C. M. Pierce, ..... 336.00
Jennie M. Cowen. ..... 120.00
Lydia R. Hiller, ..... 240.00
Marie S. Howard, 342.00246.00
Edna T. Swift, ..... 108.00
120.00Ella J. Tebbetts,
Melvin O. Bradford, ..... 95.00
J. B. Robertson, ..... 120.00
George A. Macomber, wood, ..... 1.62
Edward W. Morse, wood, ..... 2.25
Alden Rounsville, wood, ..... 103.40
Fred. A. Gifford, preparing and putting in, ..... 8.25
Dora S. Tripp, cleaning four rooms,
14.10
14.10
Edith Spooner, cleaning one room, ..... 3.50
Addie Bennett, cleaning one room, ..... 4.00
Nelson C. Morse, janitor, ..... 6.00
John Hill, janitor, ..... 10.75
Lucy Lawrence, sweeping, ..... 2.00
Augusta Drake, ..... 2.75
Flora Parris, ..... 4.80
Ermina Taber, ..... 4.80


Credit by balance,

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Appropriated by the town,
Paid:

| Edward S. Babb \& Co., | $\$ 8.10$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Silver, Burdett \& Co., | 26.55 |
| Cind |  |

Ginn \& Con 24.25
American Book Co., $\quad 38.60$
H. S. Hutchinson, 1.90

Sherman \& Habicht, 2.50
George F. King \& Co., 14.05
Haskell \& Tripp, 4 flags,
12.69
J. L. Hammett \& Co., 24.26
C. F. Wing,
4.00

University Publishing Co.,
10.00

Brown \& Co., 9.00
C. M. Morse, Jr., 3.50
D. S. Mason,
7.35
A. C. Shattuck, express, 9.65

## SCHOOL REPAIRS.

Appropriated by the town,

## PaID :

Geo. S. Tripp, labor and material at Bisbee, $\$ 35.00$
Geo. S. Tripp, labor and material at Whelden, 5.00
Frank Bennett, labor and material at Bisbee, 25.00
Geo. P. Morse, 10,000 shingles, $\quad 27.50$
Orloff Howland, labor and material at Acushnet, 17.61
Eben F. Leonard, labor and material at Acushnet, 7.45
Charles F. Allen, repairs, 2.80
Will J. Pittsley, drawing gravel, 4.55
J. Frank Parker, 3 panes glass and setting, 1.25

George A. Cobb, $\quad 5.96$
Edward Morton,
2.28
T. Booth, repairing clock, 75
B. F. Cottle, repairing organs, 2.75

Luther H. Reynolds,

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Appropriated by the town,
Paid City of New Bedford,
Town of Fairhaven.

Less than appropriation,

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes:
Appropriated for support of schools, $\quad \$ 1,700.00$
School supplies,
School repairs, 100.00

High school tuition,

Balance to credit of schools, 1896-97, 206.83 Town of Freetown,

Expenditures.
Support of schools,
School supplies,
School repairs,
High school tuition,

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 2,219.02 \\
196.34 \\
138.55 \\
199.46
\end{array}
$$

Balance to credit of school account

Due from town of Freetown,

Number of children in town between 5 and 15 years,
'SOILSILVJ.S


## ROLL OF HONOR.

| No. | Term. | Names. | Teachers. | WAges. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Length } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Term. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Spring <br> Fall <br> Winter | Bisbee | Anna E. Davis Hattie L. Chace Hattie L. Chace | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 32.00 \\ 28.00 \\ 28.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}3 & \text { mos. } \\ 3 & \text { " } \\ 3 & \text { " }\end{array}$ |
| 2 | Spring <br> Fall <br> Winter | Whelden | Miss C. M. Pierce Miss C. M. Pierce Miss C. M. Pierce | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 36.00 \\ 36.00 \\ 40.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}3 & \text { mos. } \\ 3 & \text { U } \\ 3 & \text { '. }\end{array}$ |
| 3 | Spring <br> Fall <br> Winter | Acushnet <br> Primary | Marie S. Howard Marie S. Howard Marie S. Howard | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 38.00 \\ 38.00 \\ 38.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 3 & \text { mos. } \\ 3 & \text { " } \\ 3 & \text { " } \end{array}$ |
| 4 | Spring <br> Fall <br> Winter | Acushnet <br> Grammar | Jennie M. Cowen Lydia R. Hiller Lydia R. Hiller | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 40.00 \\ 40.00 \\ 40.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 3 & \text { mos. } \\ 3 & " \\ 3 & " \end{array}$ |
| 5 | Spring Fall Winter | Perry Hill | Melvin O. Bradford Mary E. Carey Mary E. Carey | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 38.00 \\ 36.00 \\ 40.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}21 / 2 & \text { mos. } \\ 31 / 2 & \text { a } \\ 3 & \text { u }\end{array}$ |
| 6 | Spring <br> Fall <br> Winter | Long Plain | Edna T. Swift Ella J. Tebbetts J. B. Robertson | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 36.00 \\ 40.00 \\ 40.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 3 & \text { mos. } \\ 3 & " \\ 3 & " \end{array}$ |

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy:
Bisbee School No. 1.
Spring term-John Hill.
Whelden School No. 2.
Fall term-Earl Burt.
Acushnet Primary No. 3.
Fall term-Blanche C. Whitney, Ruth Cushman, Alton Tripp.

Winter term-Willie Ward, Alton Tripp.
Acushnet Grammar No, 4.
Winter term-Bernard W. Shockley.

$$
\text { Perry Hill No. } 5 .
$$

Spring term-Frank Howland, Louis Jenney.
Fall term-Hattie Bumpus.
Winter term-Hattie Bumpus.
Long Plain No. 6.
Spring term-Mary Foster.
Fall term-Ella Braley, Reuben Mason.
Winter term-Reuben Mason.

> Respectfully submitted,
> GEORGE A. MACOMBER,
> THOMAS HERSOM, JR.,
> MRS. IDA F. MORSE,

School Commitee.
CHARLES F. ALLEN, Truant Officer.

