

44th ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 1, 1904.

NEW BEDFORD:

NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY.

1904.

TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting held March 2, 1903.

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,

THOMAS J. ROBINSON.

Board of Health for Three Years.

EDWARD W. ASHLEY.

Single Highway Surveyor for One Year.

JAMES C. GAMMONS.

Tree Warden for One Year.

JAMES B. HAMLIN.

Trustee of Free Public Library for Three Years.

EMILY A. BROWNELL.

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,

THOMAS B. GEGGATT.

Field Drivers.

SAMUEL CORY,

JOHN GEGGATT.

Fence Viewers.

JOHN M. COLLINS,

HENRY F. TABER,

WILLARD B. PECKHAM.

REPORT.

D. S. MASON, Collector.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1899,	\$71.40	
Uncollected taxes of 1900,	250.20	
Interest on taxes collected,	13.05	
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		\$334.65

CR.

By uncollected taxes of 1899,	\$71.40	
Uncollected taxes of 1900,	163.20	
Amount paid town treasurer,	100.05	
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		\$334.65

ALDEN WHITE, Collector.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1901,	\$99.70
" " " " 1902,	427.20
To amount of tax bills of 1903:	
State tax,	575.00
County tax,	1,061.65
State highway tax,	73.34
Town tax,	10,536.15
Additional assessment,	62.36
Interest on taxes collected,	14.92
	<hr/> \$12,850.32

CR.

By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$575.00
Amount paid County Treasurer,	1,061.65
Amount paid State Treasurer,	73.34
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	9,566.67
Discount for prompt payment,	639.29
Abatement by assessors,	42.58
Remitted by assessors,	8.00
Uncollected taxes of 1902,	247.89
" " " 1903,	635.90
	<hr/> \$12,850.32

Free

ALDEN WHITE, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

Feb. 1, 1903.	
To balance on hand,	\$3,186.25
Amounts received from State Treasurer:	
Corporation tax,	253.99
Balance of corporation tax,	7.42
National Bank tax,	419.46
State School fund,	677.92
For State aid,	344.50
For superintendent of schools,	250.00
For inspection of animals,	49.00
For High School tuition,	938.44
For burial of soldiers,	70.00
County treasurer,	248.74
Merchants National Bank,	2,000.00
Jose, Parker & Co.,	4,500.00
City of Fall River,	3.00
Town of Plympton,	70.84
Town of Freetown,	160.39
Town of Lakeville,	16.81
Third District Court, fines,	7.48
Sale of burial lot,	10.00
M. S. Douglass, wood,	38.63
Acushnet Saw Mill Co., logs,	24.00
Albert Sherman,	169.45
James O. Douglass, auctioneer's license,	2.00
Edward W. Ashley, " "	2.00
Charles H. Grinnell, rent,	8.34
M. P. Morton, rent,	38.00
H. A. Jackson, rent,	24.00
Thomas Hersom & Co., road dirt,	5.75
Charles P. Cottle, road dirt,	5.73
D. S. Mason, back taxes,	100.05
Alden White, collector,	9,566.67
	<hr/> \$23,198.86

CR.

By amount paid for support of poor,	\$646.15	
Amount paid for incidentals,	1,941.18	
" " on notes,	5,000.00	
" " for state and military aid,	483.50	
" " " insane,	959.79	
" " " support of schools,	5,275.87	
" " " highways,	1,176.44	
" " " public library,	151.10	
" " " school construc-		
tion, etc.,	5,778.12	
Balance, cash on hand,	1,786.71	
		\$23,198.86
Received as gift from Henry H. Rogers,		\$5,000.00

CEMETERY FUNDS.

1903.		
May 18. To amount of Elizabeth Taber,		
fund,	\$211.38	
May 18. To amount paid Allen Russell, Jr.,	4.14	
		\$207.24
1904.		
Jan. 13. To amount of Alfred Morse,		
fund,	\$106.18	
Jan. 13. To amount paid Richard Davis,		
for care of lot in 1902,	3.50	
		\$102.68

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1903.

Births Registered in Acushnet in 1903.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Feb. 7	Minnie Louise Ashley.	Herbert W. and Fannie M.
Feb. 18	Max Elesmere Chapman.	Charles A. and Susan M.
Feb. 25	Etta E. Morse.	Evertt C. and Minnie E.
Feb. 27	Maurice Clifton Braley.	Herbert C. and Flora E.
March 9	Mildred Louise Taber.	William G. and Mary L.
March 19	Cecelia Bettencourt.	Jose and Mary.
April 4	Matilda Noia.	Frank P. and Emelia.
April 16	Dorothy Sargent Jackson.	Henry A. and Susie H.
April 19	Gladys May Mason.	Dennis S. and Bertha W.
May 1		Stillborn.
May 9	Clara Amelia Sherman.	Harry G. and Lottie E.
June 7	Mary Blanche Guilbeault.	Saul and Fanny.
June 10	White.	Walter A. and Annie F.
June 19	Lloyd Emerson Taber.	Harry E. and Hattie L.
July 31	Ruth Evelyn Tripp.	Leo A. and Kate L.
Sept. 12	Jesse Clifton Tripp.	Charles A. and Dora S.
Sept. 24	Marian Houston.	Alexander and Mary.
Nov. 22	Horton.	George W. and Mary A.
Nov. 29	Elton Harding.	Otis H. and Annie B.
Dec. 8	Amy May Hathaway.	James H. and Amy M.
Dec. 10	Rosario Robitaille.	Osila R. and Anna.
Dec. 11	Ada Francis Bennett.	Herbert E. and Laura R.
Dec. 13	Alice May Sherman.	Cyrus B. and Fannie E.
Dec. 18	Illegitimate	
Dec. 19	Edward Sumner Cobb.	James H. and Ruth A.
Dec. 19	Joseph Yvon R. Harbeck.	John and Marie R.
Dec. 21	Osila Provencher.	Achille and Delima.
Dec. 25	Annie Mary Bousquet.	John J. and Milly M.

Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1903.

DATE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
April 13	Frederic O. Tripp, Edith M. Robinson.	Acushnet.
June 29	Charles A. Chase, Mary E. Hawes.	New Bedford.
August 17	Clovis Poyant, Eugenie M. Gentilhomme.	Fairhaven.
September 27	Philip H. Crandon, Jr., Mabel E. Hathaway.	Acushnet.
October 8	William H. Reed, Emma B. Robinson.	New Bedford.
November 1	Harlow T. Sherman, Mary L. Hathaway.	Taunton.
November 7	Clarence B. Ellis, Althea I. Perry.	Acushnet.
December 24	Edgar I. Harding, Lena M. Smith.	Acushnet.

Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1903.

DATE	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 6	Philippe Gagne	22			Pulmonary tuberculosis.
Jan. 19	Mary A. Williams.	88	1	24	Senility.
Jan. 26	Enoch S. Bennett.	71	10		General debility.
Jan. 29	Ruth H. Brightman.	69	9	26	Acute nephritis and cap. - bronchitis.
Feb. 23	Nancy B. Doscher.	65	6		Heart disease.
Feb. 26	William Washburn.	84	4	16	General debility.
Mar. 5	Flora E. Braley.	18	10		Scarlet fever, pneumonia.
Mar. 16	Priscilla B. Case.	79	4		Senility.
Mar. 31	Cecelia Rettencourt.			12	Cyanosis.
Apr. 8	Edwin A. Wright.	69	9	1	Pyelo nephritis.
Apr. 29	Phebe A. Washburn.	84	8	11	Heart disease.
May 1					Stillborn.
May 29	Mary E. Morton.	2	8		Meningitis.
May 22	Didase Gagne.	17			Drowning.
May 31	Minnie L. Ashley.		3	20	Bronchitis.
June 16	Marian D. Hathaway.		8	27	Meningitis.
June 19	John Lumbard.	87	4	19	Senility.
July 7	--- White.			27	Marasmus.
July 19	Samuel Fox.	90	3	28	Senility.
July 25	Michael Sweeney.	8			Natural causes.
Aug. 5	Daniel Allen.	75			Senility.
Aug. 17	Nancy S. Allen.	84	6	3	Heart disease.
Aug. 19	Walter S. Perry.	84		7	Senile debility.
Aug. 29	Elihu D. Manter.	79	8	8	Enteritis.
Oct. 6	Rupert G. N. Swift.	58			Diabetes mellitus.
Dec. 11	Lucy Bates.	88	10	11	Heart disease.

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, 1904:

Poor Account.

A. G. Alley, groceries Mrs. Hunniwell,	\$3.00
Mrs. Gammons, board of Mrs. Hunniwell,	14.71
Traveling expenses Mrs. Hunniwell,	10.00
Haskell & Tripp, clothing, Braley family,	7.19
Weston Vaughn, burial, Flora Braley,	18.00
City of New Bedford, support of William Thatcher,	81.00
A. H. Bassett, meat, J. Bettencourt,	4.00
C. H. Kenyon, groceries, J. Bettencourt,	10.00
F. H. Robinson, medical attendance Braley family,	37.00
" " " " Flora Braley,	5.00
" " " " E. A. Wright,	26.00
W. J. Gibbs, meat, H. Braley family,	6.00
W. C. Vaughn, burial E. A. Wright,	35.00
R. P. Hammett, opening grave,	2.00
M. S. Douglass, wood, Braley family,	3.00
R. Davis, groceries, E. A. Wright,	12.00
" " Braley family,	18.00
H. E. Taber, wood, E. A. Wright,	1.50
C. H. Kenyon, groceries, Parris family,	23.73
A. H. Bassett, meat, E. A. Wright,	4.84
C. H. Kenyon, groceries, G. Nickerson,	37.05
F. H. Robinson, medical attendance Parris family,	27.25
" " " " Mary Sylvia,	8.00
Mass. School Feeble Minded, for Fred. Besse,	3.90
J. F. Weeks, medical attendance E. A. Wright,	23.50
A. G. Alley, groceries, D. Green,	20.20
F. J. Braley, wood, Mary Sylvia,	3.00
J. E. Borden, groceries, Mary Sylvia,	18.02
A. H. Bassett, meat, G. Nickerson,	3.00

J. A. Frasier, medical attendance, D. Green,	8.00
City of New Bedford, for D. Green,	6.00
George A. Cobb, coal, G. Nickerson,	19.52
Augustus White, milk, Braley family,	4.20
Willard B. Peckham, milk, Parris family,	3.78
William Branscomb, medical attendance Mrs. Hunniwell,	1.00
H. F. Taber, wood, G. Nickerson,	1.00
Rachel A. Pittsley, nursing Braley family,	60.00
St. Luke's hospital, board, G. P. Norton,	9.00
J. F. Weeks, medical attendance, " "	4.50
J. E. Borden & Co., groceries, " "	18.06
C. H. Kenyon, " " "	.75
E. F. Leonard, wood, " "	2.00
H. F. Taber, " " "	5.62
C. H. Kenyon, groceries, A. Cole,	36.83

Total cost of poor, \$646.15

Received from Fall River on account of poor,	\$3.00
" " Plympton, " "	70.84
" " Freetown, " "	160.39
" " Lakeville, " "	16.81
Due from the state, soldiers' burial,	35.00

\$286.04

Total net cost of poor, \$360.11

Tramps lodged at the almshouse during the year 160.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Joseph T. Brownell, auditor,	\$2.00
New Bedford Printing Co., 450 town reports,	42.00
E. W. Ashley, teller,	2.00
Hiram Van Campen, town treasurer bond,	24.00
Frank M. Metcalf, surveying, plans, etc.,	19.15
William Olin, copy Revised Laws,	6.00
" registration book,	1.00
Hobbs & Warren Co., town forms,	2.95
Harris M. Dolbeare, assessors' books and blanks,	4.40
T. E. Braley, rendering oaths,	1.00
P. A. Bradford, inspection and posting notices,	35.00
Sylvester Pratt, decorating soldiers' graves,	5.00
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	4.27
Wood Brightman & Co, repairing town pumps,	31.43
H. S. Hutchinson, tax book,	4.50
J. T. Brownell and others, reward,	25.00
New Bedford Printing Co., 550 tax bills,	4.50
C. P. Cottle, Com. vs. C. P. and A. F. Thompson,	6.38
W. R. Spooner, Com. vs. Ellen Bardsley,	6.50
Sylvester Pratt, services as constable,	28.00
George A. Cobb, repairing pump,	1.50
A. C. Shattuck, express, etc.,	4.30
W. G. Taber, fire warden,	7.50
William W. Durfee, fighting fire,	1.20
E. W. Ashley, ballot clerk,	2.00
Alden White, stamps, stationery, telephone, etc.,	7.06
" attending and recording three town meetings,	7.00
Hiram Van Campen, insurance on new school house,	12.00
Eugene White, ballot clerk,	2.00
J. F. Weeks, reporting 12 births,	3.00
F. H. Robinson, reporting 2 births,	.50
W. C. Vaughn, 10 death returns,	2.50
C. P. Cottle, Com. vs. E. W. Parris,	6.80
Henry F. Taber, town officer,	110.00
Moses S. Douglass, " "	65.00
Eben F. Leonard, " "	65.00
Henry F. Taber, stamps stationery, etc.,	6.35

M. S. Douglass, expenses Boston, corporation and bank tax,	4.50
E. F. Leonard, expenses Boston, corporation and bank tax,	4.50
Henry F. Taber, expense state aid examinations,	4.00
M. S. Douglass, moderator 2 town meetings,	5.00
Sylvester Pratt, Washburn and Bousquet cases,	8.00
H. F. Taber, perambulating town line,	1.00
M. S. Douglass, " " "	1.00
Hiram Van Campen, insurance,	.25
M. S. Douglass, rendering oaths,	3.50
D. S. Mason, fee as collector,	1.31
Philip A. Bradford, inspector,	75.00
" " posting notices,	8.00
New Bedford Printing Co., notices,	1.25
E. W. Ashley, fire warden,	5.00
Samuel Cory, teller,	2.00
J. F. Weeks, reporting two births,	.50
Alden White, recording births, marriages and deaths,	22.75
" " commission as collector,	169.15
C. Hammond & Sons, plans,	144.00
E. W. Ashley, school committee,	25.00
W. C. Ashley, " "	25.00
T. J. Robinson, " "	25.00
Alden White, commission as Treasurer,	106.50
	<u>\$1,201.00</u>

Board of Health.

E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	\$2.50
F. M. Douglass, fumigating candles,	6.00
Charles Lentz & Sons, fumigator, etc.,	29.00
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	6.00
F. M. Douglass,	.85
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	3.00
F. H. Robinson, salary Board of Health,	12.50
E. W. Ashley, " " "	20.00
" " fumigating,	3.00
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	2.87
	<u>\$85.72</u>

Interest Account.

Melrose Savings Bank,	\$84.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	35.00
Jose, Parker & Co.,	87.50
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	20.00
" "	35.00
Melrose Savings Bank,	84.00
Jose, Parker & Co.,	87.50
Merchants National Bank,	34.64
E. H. Gay & Co.,	20.00
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	\$487.64

Repairs at Town Farm.

H. W. Cushman, lumber,	\$4.90
C. G. & G. A. Randall, "	38.40
Charles H. Dillingham, labor,	49.63
Harold E. Taber, carting lumber,	1.00
George W. Lawrence, mason work,	13.00
M. P. Morton,	5.59
Charles T. Bowen, painting,	37.95
M. S. Douglass, lumber,	5.00
Richard Davis, stock,	9.35
Alden Rounseville, Jr., lumber,	2.00
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	\$166.82
Total incidental expenses,	<hr/>
	\$1,941.18

Notes Paid by the Town, 1903.

Merchants National Bank,	\$2,000.00
Melrose Savings Bank,	1,000.00
Jose, Parker & Co.,	1,000.00
E. H. Gay & Co.,	1,000.00
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	\$5,000.00

Orders Given by Selectmen

On bills approved by the School Committee,	\$5,275.87
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STATE AID.

Sylvester Pratt,	\$48.00
Alexander Turner,	48.00
Edward C. Tew,	48.00
Edwin A. Wright,	15.00
Thomas Haskell,	36.00
Daniel V. Smith,	48.00
Azel Chase,	48.00
Herbert F. Washburn,	54.00
Augustus B. Vickery,	12.00
Lemuel Dillingham,	44.00
William S. Gracie,	22.50
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	\$423.50

Military Aid.

William S. Gracie,	\$60.00
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	\$60.00
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	\$483.50

Insane.

Worcester Insane Asylum:	
For board of Patience T. Collins,	\$169.45
" " Sarah L. Warner,	169.48
Medfield Insane Asylum:	
For board of Lucy M. Delano,	\$146.00
" " Hattie Wallen,	146.00
" " Mary J. Clapp,	139.60
Taunton Insane Asylum:	
For board of Arthur Macomber,	\$169.46
" " Minnie L. James,	13.00
Mrs. A. G. Boyden:	
For board of Mary J. Clapp,	\$6.80
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Total cost of insane,	\$959.79
Received of A. S. Sherman, guardian of Patience Collins,	\$169.45
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Total net cost of insane,	\$790.34

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

THE TOWN OWNS PROPERTY AS FOLLOWS:

School houses and lots,	\$7,750.00	
Town house and lot,	1,000.00	
Town farm,	1,600.00	
Gravel lots,	200.00	
Crusher plant,	500.00	
Library books,	350.00	
Safes, etc.,	200.00	
		<hr/> \$11,600.00

PRESENT TOWN DEBT.

Note in favor of Melrose Savings Bank, due Oct. 15, 1907, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$,	\$3,800.00	
Note in favor of Jose, Parker & Co., due Oct. 15, 1907, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$,	4,000.00	
Note in favor of Commonwealth of Mass., due Oct. 15, 1910, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$,	2,000.00	
Note in favor of Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1912, at 4% ,	4,500.00	
		<hr/> 14,300.00

The guide boards of the town are in poor condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR FOR YEAR
ENDING FEB. 1, 1904.

J. C. Gammons,	70 days, 5 hrs. at \$2.50,	\$176.25
Joseph Gagne,	26 days, 8 hrs. at 1.50,	40.33
William Mosher,	10 " " "	15.00
Charles Grinnell,	1 " " "	1.50
Charles Morse,	47 " 8 hrs. at " "	71.83
Wallace Morse,	52 " 2 " " "	78.34
Fred Morse,	10 " " " "	15.00
Clifton Paradise,	41 " 1 hr. " "	61.67
Henry Savaria,	69 " 6 hrs. " "	104.50
George Crocher,	1 " " " "	1.50
Albert Demars,	1 " " " "	1.50
Michael Rabal,	7 " " " "	10.50
Russell Hammett,	1 " " " "	1.50
George A. Macomber,	7 " " " "	10.50
Charles Norton,	9 " 4 hrs. " "	14.16
Henry Pittsley,	34 " 3 " " "	51.50
Sydney Hathaway,	25 " " " "	37.50
Nelson Hathaway,	5 " " " "	7.50
J. B. Hamlin's man,	1 " " " "	1.50
Henry Slocum,	1 " 3 hrs. " "	2.00
J. C. Gammons, (team)	75 days, 8 hrs. at 2.50,	189.72
George Crocker,	" 16 " 4.00,	64.00
M. S. Douglass,	" 2 " " "	8.00
Levi Hawes,	" 4 " " "	16.00
Augustus White,	" 3 " " "	12.00
M. J. Fajmous,	" 7 " " "	28.00
George Norton,	" 1 " " "	4.00
Fred. Braley,	" 3 " 8 hrs. " "	15.56
George Crocker,	" $2\frac{1}{2}$ " at 2.50,	6.25
Charles Grinnell,	" 1 " " 1.25,	1.25
Samuel Wing,	" 8 " " 4.00,	32.00
Jas. Sherman,	gravel, 60 loads, at .06 cents,	3.60
Mr. Wood,	" 31 " " " "	1.86
George Norton,	" 252 " " " "	15.12
A. Wordell, tools,		2.80
Richard Davis, tools,		6.85
Uriah Cole, clearing snow, 1903,		2.25
Benj. White, blacksmithing,		1.80
		<hr/> \$1,115.14

Highway Incidentals.

E. W. Ashley, cedar poles,	\$3.00
William F. Hunter, engineer,	9.00
Charles S. Taylor, stone 1902,	.49
George A. Cobb, plow points,	5.25
S. S. Paine, drain pipe,	15.27
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	\$33.01

Clearing Snow.

M. S. Douglass,	\$2.00
Jas. C. Gammons, 20 hrs. at $17\frac{1}{2}$ cents,	3.50
Jas. C. Gammons, team, 2 days, at 2.50,	5.00
Henry Savaria, 20 hrs. at $17\frac{1}{2}$ cents,	3.50
Harry Parker, 5 " " "	.87
William Pittsley, 5 " " "	.87
Charles Crandon, 3 " " "	.52
Uriah Cole, $7\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	1.28
Andrew Cole, $7\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	1.28
Herbert Cole, $7\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	1.28
Charles Cole, $7\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	1.28
Fred. Braley, 3 " " "	.52
Fred. Braley's man, 3 " " "	.52
Fred. Braley's team, 3 " at 25 " "	.75
Levi Hawes, 10 " " $17\frac{1}{2}$ " "	1.75
Levi Hawes, 3 horses, 5 " " $37\frac{1}{2}$ " "	1.87
Samuel Wing,	1.50
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	\$28.29
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	\$1,176.44

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. C. GAMMONS.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

ACUSHNET, MASS., Feb. 15, 1904.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Surveyor, and School accounts, of the Town of Acushnet for the financial year ending Feb. 1, 1904, 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.
 George A. Macomber, farmer.
 Willard B. Peckham, farmer.
 John R. Thompson, farmer.
 Frank W. Morse, civil engineer.
 Eugene White, farmer.
 Henry Bartlett, farmer.
 Joseph T. Brownell, farmer.
 Williams C. Ashley, farmer.
 Henry T. Russell, real estate.
 Samuel Wing, farmer.
 Frederic O. Tripp, farmer.

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed in Town of Acushnet, 1903, 141;
133 males, 8 females.

ALDEN WHITE, *Town Clerk.*

BOARD OF HEALTH.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1904.

The records of the town show that while we had a number of cases of scarlet fever we were quite fortunate in preventing its spread by the use of the appliance owned by the town.

We report the following as shown on our records:

Deaths in Acushnet,	24
Burials in Acushnet,	6
Burials in other cemeteries,	18
Removals in town,	2
Fumigations,	5
Scarlet fever cases,	8
Diphtheria cases,	2
Typhoid,	0
Measles,	0

We advise that parents cause their children to be vaccinated, to comply with the state requirements thereon.

F. H. ROBINSON,
E. W. ASHLEY,
N. F. MENDALL.

E. W. ASHLEY, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF CATTLE FOR THE YEAR 1903.

One eminent writer has said: "If one is successful in life, they may expect difficulties to increase." Perhaps this may apply to cattle inspecting, as your inspector has never had so many to surmount as the past year. Sept. 25th a notice was sent from the Cattle Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture as follows:

"You are hereby directed to make a *thorough* inspection of the neat stock in your town, to commence Oct. 1, and to be completed before Nov. 15. Owing to the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in this state, inspectors of all animals are hereby ordered to be on the alert for symptoms of this disease, as well as all other contagious diseases. If an inspector discovers any cattle, sheep or swine with this disease, or any symptoms, he is to cease inspecting for that day at least, and return home, without going on the premises where any other animals are kept, or into his own barn until he has changed his clothing and boots he wore when this disease existed, and thoroughly disinfected them, also thoroughly washed his hands with some disinfectant solution, then with soap, and thoroughly cleaned his nails, etc. The necessary books will be forwarded by express."

I waited until after Oct. 1, and, not receiving the books, wrote asking that they might be forwarded. A reply stated that they were in the hands of an express company to be delivered to the local express company, but they did not reach me until Oct. 22, and on that day I began inspecting, but it was utterly impossible to finish by Nov. 15. I encountered much difficulty from storms and hindrances of various kinds, but succeeded in getting the books started for Boston on Nov. 22,

and if the express was as long conveying them there as here, I don't know when they reached them.

I found no trace of foot and mouth disease or any other contagious disease. In fact, I have never found any better condition of cattle and barns. With one or two exceptions, things have been very satisfactory. The number of barns were a little below last year, as I examined only 152. I examined 518 cattle, 263 swine, two sheep and two goats.

Notices have been posted on all road corners where other towns joined ours, and in public places and post offices all over our town, three or four times during the year, but all quarantine is now removed and transportation allowed if cattle have been inspected.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. BRADFORD,
Inspector.

ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The reports of our librarians show an increasing interest in the Acushnet Library, and its branches. The larger appropriations of the town the past two years has more fully met the demands of the reading public, but the yearly addition of books and magazines calls for more room than we now have.

It is to be hoped that in the near future, we shall have better accommodations for librarian and patrons, also for the credit of the Town of Acushnet.

EMILY A. BROWNELL, *Secretary.*

Financial Report.

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To balance Feb. 1, 1903,	\$1.10	
Town appropriation,	150.00	151.10

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Paid librarians,	\$49.52	
H. S. Hutchinson, books,	29.26	
Essex publishing Co., books,	63.00	
Emily A. Brownell, books,	4.50	
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	2.87	
G. J. Parker, wood,	1.95	
		\$151.10

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. PARKER, *Clerk of Trustees.*

Librarian's Report.

Report of the Librarian of the Acushnet Free Public Library for the year ending Feb. 1, 1904.

Books taken out during year,	1,913
Average per week,	37

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1903,	\$3.15	
Fines, etc., Feb. 1, 1903 to Feb. 1, 1904,	6.19	
		\$9.34

EXPENSES.

Books,	\$6.60	
Mucilage,	.15	
Express,	.40	
Travelling library freight,	.50	
A. C. Shattuck,	.10	
Postal,	.01	
Stamps,	.06	
Oil,	.15	
Clearing snow,	.50	
		\$8.47
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1904,		\$.87

Books have been donated by Harper & Bros., Mrs. Clement Swift, Mrs. Walter A. White; old magazines by Miss Brady and Mrs. I. B. Tompkins.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE COLLINS, *Librarian.*

Perry Hill Branch.

Number of books taken out from March 6, 1903, to Feb. 13, 1904, 600.

Respectfully submitted,

CORA B. FULLER, *Librarian.*

Long Plain.

From Feb. 1, 1903, to Feb. 1, 1904, number of books taken out of the Long Plain Library, 556, an increase of 193.

Fines collected, 78 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE A. MANter, *Librarian.*

SCHOOL REPORT

1904

School Committee.

WM. C. ASHLEY, Chairman,	Term expires 1904
THOMAS J. ROBINSON,	Term expires 1906
EDWARD W. ASHLEY,	Term expires 1905

FRANK M. MARSH,
Secretary and Superintendent.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 1904. The Committee voted: "To accept the report of the Superintendent as the report of the School Committee."

CALENDAR, 1904-1905.

1904.

MONDAY, JAN. 4	Schools re-open
MONDAY, FEB. 22	Washington's birthday
FRIDAY, MARCH 25	All schools close. Spring vacation
MONDAY, APRIL 4	Schools re-open
TUESDAY, APRIL 19	Patriots' day
MONDAY, MAY 30	Memorial day
FRIDAY, JUNE 17	All schools close. Summer vacation
TUESDAY, SEPT. 6	All schools open
THURSDAY, NOV. 24-25	Thanksgiving holidays
FRIDAY, DEC. 23	All schools close. Christmas vacation

1905.

MONDAY, JAN. 9	All schools re-open
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance Feb. 1, 1903,	\$602.07
Appropriation,	2,650.00
Received from state school fund,	677.92
" " " (account of superintendent),	250.00
" " " (high school tuition),	938.44
" " county (dog tax)	248.74
Appropriation high school tuition, 1902,	220.68
Total,	\$5,587.85

Paid teachers,	\$2,564.00
Janitors,	174.52
Fuel,	213.40
Books and supplies,	107.76
Repairs,	362.33
Incidentals,	67.28
Superintendent,	300.00
High school tuition,	1,486.58
	\$5,275.87
Balance, Feb. 1, 1904,	\$311.98

Teachers.

Etta L. Simpson,	\$311.00
Marie S. Howard,	310.00
Sarah E. Howard,	362.50
Elizabeth G. Johnson,	273.50
Bessie R. Dunham,	370.50
Anna S. Ekman,	180.50
Alice Lilley,	171.00
Harriet E. Means,	142.50
Gertrude E. Gibbs,	133.00
Ethel F. Smith,	90.00
Abbie Murrant,	33.00
Mary E. Norris,	142.50
Laura O. Kelsey,	44.00
	\$2,564.00

Janitors.

W. J. Allen,	\$9.70
Fred E. Ashley,	30.00
Paul A. Barnes,	6.00
Lewis Jenney,	6.75
Mary Bousquet,	2.88
Valetta E. Bumpus,	2.88
Lydia Heys,	2.50
R. Mason,	6.20
P. Taber,	52.50
Rachel Reynolds,	12.00
Arthur Harding,	3.00
Mrs. Ellen Cole,	4.00
Ethel Pittsley,	1.88
Emily Cole,	1.88
Henry A. Chase,	2.75
W. R. Butts,	13.00
Florence Davis,	2.60
Rachel Pittsley,	14.00
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	\$174.52

Fuel.

City Coal Company,	\$126.89
William J. Pittsley,	4.14
Alden Rounseville, Jr.	65.37
E. W. Ashley,	8.00
Albert Demars,	6.00
William Sherman,	3.00
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	\$213.40

Books and Supplies.

J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$58.98
E. E. Babb & Co.,	37.86
Maynard, Merrill & Co.	8.00
D. C. Heath & Co.,	2.92
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	\$107.76

Repairs.

John F. Parker,	\$113.85
I. N. Paine,	109.00
H. H. Paine,	34.00
George W. Lawrence,	28.00
J. Geggatt,	18.00
E. W. Ashley,	10.00
James B. Hamblin,	8.00
Richard Davis,	7.43
George A. Cobb,	14.28
W. B. Bennett,	4.15
C. F. Allen,	4.00
T. L. Butts,	3.00
F. T. Akin,	2.09
William R. West,	1.98
Albert Demars,	1.80
DeWolf & Wincent,	1.75
Charles H. Dillingham,	1.00
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	\$362.33

Incidentals.

Charles F. Wing,	\$11.75
Thomas M. Hart & Co.,	20.89
E. W. Ashley,	14.00
Thomas Hersom & Co.,	3.60
Hatch & Co.,	1.45
F. M. Marsh,	10.90
F. J. Bentley,	2.59
W. C. Ashley,	2.10
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	\$67.28

High School Tuition.

City of New Bedford,	\$1,350.08
Town of Fairhaven,	136.50
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	\$1,486.58

Roll of Honor.

Pupils not absent or tardy during the school year:

Harold Tripp,	Natole Bousquet,
Fred J. Hayward,	Mason Burt.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Acushnet :

In accordance with your regulations I herewith present my third annual report concerning the work of the schools of Acushnet.

Last year you were fortunate in being able to commence school work with but one new teacher, while it has been necessary, since the close of schools in the spring, to engage four new teachers, who together with those remaining in their former positions, are doing conscientious and faithful work,—some under the most discouraging conditions, and others under favoring circumstances.

It is difficult, indeed, for a teacher to gain anything but inferior results, when the parents in any district maintain a spirit either of armed neutrality or of actual opposition to the efforts and work of the school. This spirit is fortunately limited to a small area and to a few individuals, who cannot realize how the many problems involved in educating *their* children, demand not only their constant sympathy, but also their intelligent assistance.

Parents who allow their children to remain out of school for trivial or careless reasons, are robbing their own and other children, besides breaking up the work of the schools in such a way as to waste a large part of the money expended on such schools. The question of unexcused and unexcusable absences will demand vigorous attention in the near future. The needs of the children and the demands of the statutes are plain in this respect.

The general work of the schools has been carried on in a satisfactory manner, and in most cases with little interruption.

The chief item of interest has been the action of the town in providing adequate and suitable accommodations for the pupils at the Parting Ways School, the need of which has been previously pointed out in previous reports. We feel that the decision of the town to build a schoolhouse of ample room, of pleasing appearance, and improved location, was not only necessary, but wise. This progressive action on the part of the town has been doubly fruitful of good, since it provided for a long felt want and also attracted the attention of that generous neighbor and constant friend of education who has rendered timely aid to the schools of Acushnet. I need not speak of the details of this practically new and handsome structure, which will stand for years as a credit to the public spirit of the citizens.

The lateness of the date when the building could be turned over to the school department for occupancy is to be regretted, since it has made the time too short for a full and satisfactory year's work, though it is hoped that by shorter vacations and a longer year the time lost may be made up by the end of the next school year. On account of the late opening the enrollment was not as large as it would naturally have been, since some went to other schools, and some of the younger children postponed enrollment until another year. Three rooms are now occupied by the nine grades, so that the crowding and confusion of former years is obviated, and the work is being conducted under normal and more successful conditions.

The winter has been of such unusual severity that it has been difficult to always properly heat one or two of the buildings, but did not necessitate closing, as has been the case in many towns. The Long Plain schoolhouse, on account of its exposure, should have double windows and a new double floor, so as to be more easily kept at a suitable temperature in extreme cold weather. Here also new blackboards are badly

needed. The Perry Hill schoolhouse needs painting and minor repairs inside and out.

The town of Acushnet is favored by a new law governing the distribution of the State school fund, since the amount received is largely increased. Then, too, the high school law relieves the town of paying a large sum for tuition in outside high schools. This year nearly \$1,000 was received from the State. The law requires that pupils must be properly prepared for high school, and thus secure the permit of the committee to attend an outside high school. It is impossible to prepare pupils to pass the necessary examinations, or to do the work in the high school, without regular attendance and strenuous effort on the part of the pupil himself. It means *study in school and at home*, or else failure to enter or remain in the high school.

The grammar schools of the town are fully able to prepare faithful and ambitious pupils for high schools where requirements are reasonable, unless examinations are required in Music, Drawing, and Latin, for the teaching of which the town will be unwilling to tax itself for several years to come.

With the added material equipment and the new interest that is developing for the general welfare of the schools, there seems to be a fair prospect of putting the public education of the town upon a better working basis.

The interests of the school and the community are identical, and no real good can be desired for the school without including the community. The need of the town is always for good, self-supporting, industrious citizens, and this is the first duty and purpose of the public schools.

In recent times, when the foreign element is gradually increasing in our communities, and the home is turning over to the school many of its responsibilities, greater and greater burdens are being placed upon those who teach.

Our children can never receive their full intellectual, moral, and spiritual training, until parents, teachers, churches and cit-

izens, work in unison for one common end—character and good citizenship.

I wish, in closing, to record my appreciation of the industry and patience of your teachers, and my thanks to your board and to the citizens who have had such a helpful interest in the progress of the public schools.

FRANK M. MARSH,

Superintendent of Schools.

Feb. 15, 1904.

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.
SEPTEMBER, 1902—JUNE, 1903.

SCHOOLS	Grades.	TEACHERS	Salary per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.
Acushnet	6-9	Sarah E. Howard.....	40.00	59	45.93	42.59	92.73	608	73
Acushnet	3-5	Elizabeth G. Johnson....	34.00						
Acushnet	1-2	Marie S. Howard.....	40.00	41	34.37	32.54	94.67	313.5	22
Long Plain	5-9	Etta L. Simpson	40.00	21	19.33	15.58	80.60	613	67
Long Plain	1-4	Harriet E. Means.....	30.00	15	11.36	8.81	77.55	437	89
Whelden	1-5	Anna S. Ekman.....	38.00	34	25.17	20.35	80.85	810	66
Perry Hill	1-8	Bessie R. Dunham.....	38.00	35	24.13	22.25	92.25	344	29
Bisbee	1-5	Mary E. Norris.....	30.00	13	11.69	9.84	84.17	319	61
TOTALS, 1903.....			290.00	218	172	152	86.12	3444.5	407
TOTALS, 1902.....			278.00	181	155	139	87.98	2961.5	653

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.
FALL TERM. Sept. 8, 1903—Dec. 18, 1903.

SCHOOLS	Grades.	TEACHERS	Salary per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.
Acushnet	6-9	Sarah E. Howard.....	40.00	18	17.88	16.70	93.40	66	7
Acushnet	3-5	Elizabeth G. Johnson....	36.00	34	33.88	30.56	90.25	181.5	48
Acushnet	1-2	Marie S. Howard.....	40.00	34	32.64	29.87	91.51	152	5
Long Plain	5-9	Etta L. Simpson	40.00	23	20.84	18.90	90.69	131.5	30
Long Plain	1-4	Ethel F. Smith.....	30.00	20	19.77	18.08	91.45	116.5	32
Whelden	1-8	Alice Lilley.....	36.00	37	29.30	25.71	87.75	251	50
Perry Hill	1-8	Bessie R. Dunham.....	40.00	25	24.14	23.54	97.51	41	8
Bisbee	1-5	Gertrude E. Gibbs.....	28.00	12	12	10.41	86.75	111	41
TOTALS 1903.....			290.00	203	190	174	91.16	1050.5	221
TOTALS 1902.....			282.00	197	177	160	88.77	1167.	175
TOTALS, 1901.....			278.00	179	165	148	89.66		353