

58th ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31. 1917

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.:
THE NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY.
1918.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Elected at the Annual Meeting Held March 10, 1917.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

HENRY F. TABER.

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor for One Year.

AIDEN WHITE.

FRED E. WELLINGTON.

JAMES O. DOUGLASS.

Assessor for Three Years.

WILLIAM G. TABER.

School Committee for Three Years.

WALTER F. DOUGLASS.

Board of Health for Three Years.

HENRY D. PIERCE.

Single Highway Surveyor for One Year.

JAMES H. HATHAWAY.

Tree Warden for One Year.

ROBERT E. PARKER.

Trustee of Free Public Library for One Year.

AIDEN WHITE.

Auditor for One Year.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

Constables for One Year.

CHARLES E. GIFFORD.

ELZEAR LAPALME.

EDWARD L. MACOMBER.

JOHN M. VINCENT.

Surveyors of Lumber for One Year.

EDWARD W. ASHLEY.

BENJAMIN F. HOWE.

CHARLES F. LEONARD.

HENRY F. TABER.

Pound Keeper for One Year.

URIAH S. COLE.

Field Drivers for One Year.

JOHN M. VINCENT.

THOMAS HERSOM, JR.

Fence Viewers for One Year.

WILLIAM I. SHOCKLEY.

ALBERT F. LAWRENCE.

GEORGE A. FULLER.

Cemetery Board for Three Years.

RUSSELL P. HAMMETT.

Water Commissioners.

For Three Years,

JOEL P. BRADFORD.

For Two Years,

THOMAS HERSOM, JR.

For One Year,

MOISE BERARD.

HENRY F. TABER, Collector.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1914,	\$564.22	
To uncollected taxes of 1915,	2,264.68	
To uncollected taxes of 1916,	6,900.01	
Town tax,	34,853.68	
Extra assessments,	500.98	
Interest on taxes,	362.85	
	<hr/>	\$45,446.42

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By amount paid town treasurer,	\$33,283.10	
Taxes remitted,	2,051.51	
Uncollected taxes for 1915,	1,195.48	
Uncollected taxes for 1916,	2,794.20	
Uncollected taxes for 1917,	6,122.13	
	<hr/>	\$45,446.42

HENRY F. TABER, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

Dr.

To balance in treasury,	\$1,506.75
Amounts received from state treasurer:	
Public service,	278.03
Business,	1,313.54
Income tax,	820.57
National bank tax,	328.36
Soldiers' exemption,	30.29
State aid,	230.00
State school fund,	865.98
High School tuition,	000.00
County treasurer, dog fund,	422.49
Inspection of animals, one-half returned,	27.50
High school transportation,	000.00
Industrial school tuition, one-half returned,	149.45
Ch. dist. supt. union,	208.33
Merchants National Bank, 5 discounted notes,	14,736.00
N. B. Institution for Savings, water loan,	5,000.00
From Water Works,	2,621.83
Acutioneers' licenses,	4.00
Slaughter-house license,	1.00
Sunday licenses,	15.00
Pool table licenses,	18.00
Third District Court, fines,	45.64
N. B. Inst. for Savings, 6 portable school houses notes,	3,000.00
Town of Rochester, poor,	170.00
Town of Freetown, poor,	8.00
City of New Bedford, poor,	607.61
County treasurer, killing dogs,	8.00
N. B. Inst. for Savings, highway loan,	4,000.00
Balance income tax,	124.00
For breaking glass,	1.00
Use of crusher plant,	125.00
Drawn from Rogers fund,	195.00
Frank Michon, drain,	4.10
A. Hotte, drain,	4.48

F. E. Wellington, tolls of 1916,	1.30
J. M. Vincent, tolls of 1916,	14.50
Balance income tax,	62.00
H. F. Taber, tax collector,	33,283.10

\$70,230.85

Cr.

Amount paid for state tax,	\$3,410.00
Amount paid for highway tax,	341.00
Amount paid for county tax,	1,807.44
Amount paid for poor,	2,399.96
Amount paid for state aid,	268.00
Amount paid for soldiers' relief,	48.00
Amount paid for incidentals,	930.26
Amount paid for notes and interest,	18,159.46
Amount paid for schools, superintendent's salary and high school tuition,	14,485.85
Amount paid for industrial school tuition,	389.50
Amount paid for library,	435.45
Amount paid for highways,	5,122.50
Amount paid for board of health,	294.85
Amount paid for forest warden,	257.71
Amount paid for moth inspection,	12.25
Amount paid for weights and measures,	93.62
Amount paid for water works,	4,490.91
Amount paid for town officers,	2,096.48
Amount paid for street lights,	656.33
Amount paid for telephones,	228.43
Amount paid for town hall,	98.97
Amount paid for isolation hospital,	186.16
Amount paid for high school transportation,	981.86
Amount paid for public safety,	37.94
Amount paid for painting school house,	195.00
Parting Ways,	5,000.00
Amount paid Middlesex Construction Co.,	3,000.00
Amount paid E. F. Hodgson, portable house,	4,802.92
Balance in treasury,	<u>\$70,230.85</u>

CEMETERY FUNDS.

Held in trust by the Town of Acushnet.

To principal of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$205.09	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	64.45	
	<hr/>	\$269.54
Paid A. Russell,		5.00
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$264.54
 To principal of William D. Taber fund,	 \$50.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	19.86	
	<hr/>	\$69.86
Paid A. Russell,		1.00
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$68.86
 To principal of Pardon Taber fund,	 \$75.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	15.40	
	<hr/>	\$90.40
Paid A. Russell,		2.00
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$88.40
 To principal of Jacob Taber fund for Joseph Taber lot,	 \$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	39.91	
	<hr/>	\$139.91
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$137.71
 To principal of Jacob Taber fund for Ellis Mendall lot,	 \$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	35.29	
	<hr/>	\$135.29
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$133.09

To principal of John B. Fowler fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	68.04	
	<hr/>	\$268.04
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.40
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$264.64
 To principal of William Taber fund,	 \$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	29.63	
	<hr/>	\$129.63
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$127.43
 To principal of Samuel Pierce fund,	 \$150.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	43.89	
	<hr/>	\$193.89
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$191.69
 To principal of Mary S. Davis fund.	 \$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	47.70	
	<hr/>	\$247.70
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$245.50
 To principal of John S. Perry fund for Wing lot,	 \$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	5.09	
	<hr/>	\$105.09
Paid Walter C. Caswell,		3.75
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$101.34
 To principal of Alfred Morse fund.	 \$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	10.52	
	<hr/>	\$110.52
Paid Walter C. Caswell,		3.75
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$106.77
 To principal of James Cathell fund,	 \$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	31.17	
	<hr/>	\$131.17
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$128.97

To principal of Sylvester Pratt fund,	\$50.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	2.33	
	<hr/>	\$52.33
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$50.13
To principal of James Hamlin fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	31.60	
	<hr/>	\$231.60
Paid A. Russell,		3.00
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$228.60
To principal of George J. Parker fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	10.72	
	<hr/>	\$110.72
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.00
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$108.72
To principal of William and A. Omev fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	10.52	
	<hr/>	\$110.52
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
	<hr/>	\$108.32
To principal of J. and Lucy Parker fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	5.66	
	<hr/>	\$105.66
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$103.46
To principal of E. Morse fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	20.73	
	<hr/>	\$220.73
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		10.95
Balance,		<hr/>
		209.78
To principal of Benjamin White fund,		
old cemetery, west side,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	5.08	
	<hr/>	\$105.08
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		3.90
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$101.18

To principal of Benjamin White fund,	\$100.00	
new cemetery, east side,	5.08	
Interest on hand October, 1917,	<hr/>	\$105.08
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		2.20
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$102.88

Other Funds Held by Town.

Cemetery addition, Long Plain,	\$71.96	
Sale of lot,	20.00	
Interest to October, 1917,	2.66	
	<hr/>	\$94.62
Paid for setting wall,		36.85
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$57.77

HENRY H. ROGERS GIFT FUND

On deposit in New Bedford Institution for		
Savings Jan. 1, 1917,	\$944.53	
Interest to October, 1917,	34.24	
	<hr/>	\$978.77
Withdrawn for painting school house, Parting Ways,		195.00
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$783.77

HELD IN TRUST BY ALDEN WHITE.

To fund for Long Plain Cemetery,	\$309.00	
Interest to October, 1917,	12.44	
	<hr/>	\$321.44
Care of cemetery,		12.44
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$309.00

Feb. 2, 1918. Additional Cemetery Fund:

To principal of Eli Pierce fund,	\$150.00	
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$150.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births Registered in Acushnet, 1917.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 1	Alice Laliberte	Antonio—Mary
Jan. 2	Pearl Millie Cote	Joseph—Millie
Jan. 13	Alfred Lewis	Alfred—Stella
Jan. 16	Milton Laycock	John—Florence
Jan. 22	Rachelle Pelletier } Twins	
	Lucille Pellefier }	
Jan. 22	Irma Levasseur } Twins	Joseph—Alma
	Marcelle Levasseur }	
Jan. 24	Henclide Guilotte	August—Victoria
Jan. 25	Wojerech Yedozski	Pierre—Anna
Jan. 29	Mabel Elizabeth Ellis	Wojerech—Antonia
Feb. 3	Telesphore Cormier	Leroy—Abbie
Feb. 4	Edith Eliza Crowther	Telesphore—Azelia
Feb. 9	Helen Norton	William—Lillian
Feb. 12	Andre Kaszyk	Thomas—Irene
Feb. 20	Foster Milton Willoughby	William—Mary
Feb. 20	Lylah Martha Clemminshaw	Benjamin—Grace
Feb. 21	Leo Lamore	Ernest—Mabel
Feb. 25	Geneva Hermit Fogg	Luke—Cedule
Mar. 9	Marie Louise Alice Dupuis	Walter—Christine
Mar. 10	Louis Medeiros	Albina—Eveline
Mar. 12	Joseph Henry Raymond Leblanc	Louis—Marie
Mar. 16	Marie Rita Rose Alice Bolduc	Frank—Eva
Mar. 19	Camille Legere	Telesphore—Marie
Mar. 26	Veronica Cambra	Placide—Delima
Mar. 31	Everett Robert Smith	John—Anna
Apr. 10	Henry Beaulieu	Everett—Dora
Apr. 13	Arthur St. Germain	Touissant—Albertine
Apr. 20	Karsmira Skhyszowski	Charles—Adeila
Apr. 23	Mary Burbank Hiller	Joseph—Josephine
Apr. 24	Clayton Franklyn Sullivan	George—Sarah
May 4	Illegitimate	Charles—Clara
May 7	Joseph Theodore Ernest Martin	Carlos—Rose
May 8	Charles Francis Joerres, Jr.	Charles—Mary
May 19	Illegitimate	
May 28	Illegitimate	
June 1	Robert Bigny Cushman	Henry—Bessie
June 4	Illegitimate	
June 13	Antoinette Doyon	Adelard—Cora
June 30	David Goodreau, Jr.	David—Donellia
July 14	Evelyn Eldredge Taber	Carl—Edith

Births—Continued.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Aug. 1	Alexander Hahn	Henry—Annie
Aug. 3	Nescen Clementina	Frank—Emily
Aug. 4	Doris Saucier	Henry—Mary
Aug. 13	Marion Maude Gifford	Trueman—Emily
Aug. 16	Illegitimate	
Aug. 26	Milielimo Brienzo	Donat—Josephine
Sept. 4	Marie Hermonie Partia Charest	Armand—Rosanna
Sept. 5	Lawrence Xavier Bertram	Hormidas—Eugenia
Sept. 11	Gilbert Nelson Collins	Gilbert—Almyra
Sept. 20	Bertha D. Hummann	Curtis—Bertha
Sept. 29	Illegitimate	
Oct. 13	Elzear Lapalme, Jr.	Elzear—Anna
Oct. 18	Max Julius Hummann	Max—Mary
Oct. 23	Mary Blanche Lauraine LeBlanc	Theophile—Anna
Oct. 28	Gabrielle Corme	Paul—Jeanne
Nov. 4	Lydia Howard Dexter	Joseph—Lucy
Nov. 11	Leonard Owen Burt	Earl—Marion
Nov. 13	Andrew Texera	Dennis—Marianna
Nov. 13	Curtis Edmund Tripp	Walter—Lydia
Nov. 15	—— Rapoza	Manuel—Rose
Nov. 16	Martha Jane Fletcher	Abram—Rose
Nov. 20	Joseph Costa	Antone—Alexandria
Nov. 22	Henry Edmund Lambert	Edmond—Roselma
Nov. 30	—— Belica	Edmond—Victoria
Dec. 1	Evelyn Gaumond	Bertrand—Josephine
Dec. 2	Joseph Edmond Emile Mouri	Emile—Emma
Dec. 8	Karl Wunschell	Karl—Mary
Dec. 26	Matilda Rebecka Buckley	Fred—Isabelle

Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1917.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 8	Noi Provincial	New Bedford
	Cecile Paradis	Acushnet
Jan. 8	Henry Bernard	New Bedford
	Blanche Lamarre	Acushnet
Jan. 13	Alva A. Wentworth	Acushnet
	Clara S. Manton	Acushnet
Feb. 24	Elliott A. Spooner	Acushnet
	Grace E. Parker	New Bedford
Mar. 10	Manuel Thomas	New Bedford
	Rose Bettencourt	Acushnet
Apr. 11	Charles I. Westgate	East Freetown
	Pearl E. Westgate	East Freetown
Apr. 16	Philip Roy	Fairhaven
	Beatrice Bourgeois	Acushnet
Apr. 25	Clifton A. Wood	New Bedford
	Irene M. Drew	New Bedford
May 5	Edmond A. Houston	Acushnet
	Ruth L. Towne	New Bedford
May 6	Lester Norton Chace Darling	East Freetown
	Hannah Florence Baker	East Freetown
May 7	Joseph Lucien Omert Bissonette	Acushnet
	Beatrice Blakeley	Fairhaven
May 21	Adam Boisvert	New Bedford
	Mary Bettencourt	Acushnet
June 13	Fred Manton	New Bedford
	Augustie Irene Prince	Acushnet
June 19	Ralph B. Dunbar	New Bedford
	Dora L. R. Wilkinson	Acushnet
July 4	Joshua M. Geggatt	Acushnet
	Edith H. Tripp	Acushnet
July 29	John Albert Yanak	Acushnet
	Rona MacGregor	Dorchester
Aug. 11	Benjamin Hebert	Acushnet
	Malvina Lefebvre	New Bedford
Aug. 13	Arthur Lamarre	Acushnet
	Donalda Dansereau	New Bedford
Aug. 15	Peter J. Haritos	New Bedford
	Ida M. Lewis	New Bedford
Aug. 22	William Gill	Acushnet
	Alice Harwood	New Bedford
Sept. 1	Wilfred P. Hewitt	Acushnet
	Marjorie White	Acushnet
Oct. 29	Henry T. Russell	Acushnet
	Sarah E. Sagar	Acushnet
Nov. 19	Albert Gartland	New Bedford
	Blanche Yvonne Leclair	Acushnet

Marriages—Continued.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	RESIDENCE.
Nov. 29	Reuben A. Peckham	Acushnet
	Ada F. Spooner	New Bedford
Dec. 1	Raymond E. Whitney	Acushnet
	Dorothy M. Cayouette	New Bedford
Dec.	Renneth P. Leard	Worcester
	Dorothy Houston	Acushnet

Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1917.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			RESIDENCE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 2	—— Laliberte			1	Acushnet
Jan. 6	Harold A. Macomber		5	12	Acushnet
Jan. 19	Nathaniel B. Ellis	68	5	29	Acushnet
Jan. 20	Esther Hammett	90	6	4	Acushnet
Jan. 25	Anna M. Ackerman	61	2	14	New Bedford
Feb. 12	Anna C. Motta		3	29	Acushnet
Feb. 15	Otis K. Collins	84	5		Dartmouth
Feb. 20	Anna M. Collins	63	10	29	Acushnet
Mar. 2	Augustus White	84	5	6	Acushnet
Mar. 5	Mary C. Chubbuck	83	3	1	Rochester
Mar. 13	John M. Collins	87	10	13	Acushnet
Mar. 25	James B. Sherman	79	10	28	Acushnet
Mar. 27	Moses S. Douglass	80		6	Acushnet
Apr. 2	Eliza A. Perry	80	3	20	Mattapoisett
Apr. 20	Daniel V. Smith	82	10	15	Acushnet
Apr. 27	Cornelius Tirrell	98	3	9	Acushnet
May 6	Elizabeth Johnson		2	4	Whitman
May 9	Caroline Yanak	54			Acushnet
May 10	Stillborn				Acushnet
May 10	Samuel Cory, Jr.	85		14	Acushnet
May 25	Stillborn				New Bedford
June 6	Pacifique H. Bunnelle	1		21	Acushnet
June 7	Stillborn				Acushnet
June 17	Keistutas Gerviekas		6	21	Acushnet
June 19	Alfred L. Potter	1	4	11	Acushnet
June 19	Frederic Parker	41	1	16	Mattapoisett
June 24	Louis Medeiros	27			Acushnet
June 25	Alice Rogers	9	5	11	Acushnet
July 2	Mary E. Fowler	72			Grafton
July 7	Esther Fournier	79	3	23	Acushnet
July 26	Alfred Lewis, Jr.		6	13	Acushnet
Aug. 7	Abbie W. Sisson	75	4	2	Westport
Aug. 10	Ruth A. Weaver	87	3	2	Somerset
Aug. 11	Edward Messier	79			Acushnet
Aug. 11	Edouard Hebert	2	1	14	Acushnet
Aug. 14	Susan A. Anthony	79	3	25	Dartmouth
Aug. 16	Stillborn				Acushnet
Aug. 20	George C. Dansereau	1	2	16	Acushnet
Aug. 23	Arianna H. McCoughtry	70	2	22	New Bedford
Aug. 28	Dora Hebert	4	3	3	Acushnet
Sept. 6	Mary H. Gibbs	54	5	14	Acushnet
Sept. 11	Ethel Rayno	40	7	8	Acushnet
Oct. 8	James T. Dews	40		11	Dartmouth
Nov. 2	Emma T. Smith	70	4	10	Oak Bluffs
Nov. 6	Alden H. Manter	68	1	5	Acushnet
Dec. 19	Orlin W. Jenney	85	5	7	Acushnet

Hunters' Licenses.

Ninety-one hunters' licenses were issued in 1917.

Dogs.

Number of dogs licensed in 1917: 199 male, 24 female.

Paid County Treasurer,	\$473.40
Returned by County Treasurer,	422.49

HENRY F. TABER,
Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Poor Account.

Paid for board,	\$494.44
" fuel,	157.58
" supplies,	1,336.43
" cash,	135.00
" clothing,	63.76
" medical attendance,	70.50
" burials,	80.00
" operations,	35.00
" milk,	8.70
" medicine,	5.55
" miscellaneous items,	13.00
	<u>\$2,399.96</u>

Incidental Account.

New Bedford Printing Co., 475 town reports,	\$82.00
New Bedford Printing Co., other printing,	32.50
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	10.82
Mercury Publishing Co., printing,	2.24
A. W. Brownell, forms,	1.75
Hobbs & Warren, forms,	1.87
Wakefield Daily Item, assessors' supplies,	31.35
Auto Publishing Co., lists,	5.00
Bertha A. Cram, registry transfers,	3.50
C. S. Ashley & Sons, insurance,	15.00
Paul & Dixon, insurance,	70.46
L. Hall, check writer,	20.00
Bureau of Statistics, recording notes,	40.00
W. A. Greenough, directory,	11.00
J. T. Brownell, auditor,	5.00
C. Claudino, express,	2.00

F. S. Brightman, blank books,	3.65
H. S. Curran, safe for assessors,	70.00
H. S. Hutchinson, stationery,	1.00
F. P. Crandon, teaming,	4.00
F. P. Crandon, stamps, etc.,	5.59
U. S. Cole, Memorial Day,	14.00
F. E. Wellington, investigating poor cases, etc.,	25.71
Acushnet Saw Mill Co., lumber,	2.50
J. Greenwood, flags,	2.15
A. H. Bartlett, printed forms,	1.50
Frank A. Habicht, collectors' sheets,	10.00
Sullivan & Crocker, tax book,	5.50
G. A. Cobb, pump repairs,	4.50
N. B. Printing Co., 1800 tax bills,	10.00
Briggs & Beckman, flag,	6.50
H. F. Taber, returns to Bureau of Statistics,	6.00
Perry, Jenney & Potter, advice,	2.00
Henry B. Worth, advice,	10.00
F. E. Wellington, posting notices, etc.,	11.00
George T. Parker, moderator,	15.00
P. A. Lacroix, stamped envelopes,	10.80
A. White, administering oaths,	3.50
J. P. Bradford and others, birth returns,	15.25
H. L. Potter, death return,	.25
W. S. Dillingham, death returns,	4.25
Tellers at election,	82.00
Annie N. Swift, glass,	1.00
W. F. Douglass,	3.70
H. F. Taber, administering oaths,	7.25
H. F. Taber, stamps and stationery,	16.77
Thos. W. Croacher, lumber,	124.55
Alexander Pate, labor carpentering,	84.40
W. F. Douglass, labor mason,	36.45
	<u>\$935.26</u>

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

During 1917 there have been tested, sealed, etc., the following:

Six platform scales over 5,000 lbs., 19 platform scales under 5,000 lbs. capacity; 5 computing platform scales; 5 counter scales; 15 spring balances; 2 beam balances; 108 weights; 22 liquid measures; 4 automatic pumps; 2 yard sticks.

Condemned: 1 beam balance; 1 platform computing; 1 automatic pump; 2 spring balances.

Non-sealed: One counter scale.

Inspected 7 stores, and made 22 inspections.

J. E. BORDEN,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Financial Report.

Paid F. P. Crandon, auto hire,	\$6.00
" W. and L. E. Gurley, supplies,	29.27
" Hobbs & Warren, record book and forms,	8 16
" J. E. Borden, sealer of weights and measures,	50.19
	<u>\$93.62</u>

REPORT OF MOTH INSPECTOR.

Paid A. P. R. Gilmore,	\$12.25
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REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

I have inspected this year 122 barns, 160 pigs, 636 dairy cows, 26 bulls, 207 young cattle, 2 pairs of oxen.

There have been four cows quarantined and condemned with tuberculosis.

Respectfully submitted,
F. O. TRIPP, Inspector.

Notes and Interest.

Merchants National Bank, 5 notes,	\$14,736.00
C. D. Parker & Co., 3 notes,	2,100.00
N. B. Institution for Savings, 1 note,	500.00
	<u>\$17,336.00</u>
Merchants National Bank, interest,	\$277.33
N. B. Institution for Savings, interest,	175.00
Charlestown Savings Bank, interest,	262.50
C. D. Parker & Co., interest,	83.63
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., interest,	25.00
	<u>\$823.46</u>
	<u>\$18,159.46</u>

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

Acushnet, Mass., Jan. 1, 1918.

To the Citizens of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following annual report for the year 1917.

There have been reported to the Board 62 cases of contagious diseases during the past year as follows:

Measles,	27
German measles,	17
Typhoid fever,	6
Tuberculosis,	3
Chicken pox,	4
Ophthalmia neonatorum,	3
Scarlet fever,	1
Mumps,	1
Total,	<u>62</u>

This great increase in cases reported is due, not to a great increase in actual cases but to a vigorous campaign to enforce the reporting of all cases.

The State Board have added two contagious diseases to the list of reportable diseases.

There have been 44 deaths recorded.

The usual number of complaints have been adjusted without any serious disturbance.

Mr. Albert S. Jenney was re-appointed inspector of slaughtered carcasses for the year 1917.

Financial Report

Albert S. Jenney,	\$157.35
William A. Moncrieff,	10.00
H. C. Toupin,	7.80
J. P. Bradford,	52.00
P. A. Lacroix,	4.45
Harold E. Perry, M. D.,	3.00
A. H. Mandell,	3.00
Nichols & Damon,	3.75
E. E. Foster,	10.00
Acushnet Sanatorium,	37.50
Fred E. Wellington,	6.00
	<u>\$294.85</u>

Isolation Hospital.

The transformation of the Perry Hill school house into an Isolation Hospital has been accomplished very satisfactorily, and we have now an approved hospital ready for furnishing.

The cost has exceeded the appropriation on account of the roof, which required shingling at an expense of \$51.45, which properly comes from the incidental account.

The financial account is as follows:

Total cost,	\$186.16
Shingling,	<u>51.45</u>
Actual cost of alteration,	\$134.71
Balance of appropriation,	<u>15.29</u>
	<u>\$150.00</u>

The organization of the board for 1917 was as follows:

Joel P. Bradford, M. D., chairman,	Term expires 1918
F. E. Wellington, secretary and agent,	Term expires 1919
Henry F. Pierce,	Term expires 1920

JOEL P. BRADFORD, M. D.

FRED E. WELLINGTON,

H. D. PIERCE.

Town Hall.

R. E. Parker,	\$4.50
G. M. Bennett,	3.07
N. B. Gas Co.,	3.01
G. A. Cobb,	.75
Leslie Tripp,	1.75
H. F. Taber,	7.00
Leslie Tripp,	25.00
Acushnet Water Board,	45.65
A. C. Smith,	.45
Acushnet Saw Mill Co.,	1.54
Daniel Rose,	6.25
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	\$98.97

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

There have been inspected during the year 1917:

Swine,	294
Veal,	262
Beef,	29

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. JENNEY, Inspector.

Appropriations for 1917.

Schools and superintendent's salary,	\$10,000.00
Poor,	1,000.00
Incidentals,	1,000.00
Highways and bridges,	4,000.00
Free Public Library,	400.00
Notes and interest,	4,600.00
Moths,	200.00
Board of Health,	250.00
Forest warden,	150.00
Industrial school tuition,	300.00
High school tuition,	1,150.00
South Main St.,	1,000.00
Telephones,	230.00
John St.,	500.00
Tar heater and sweeper,	450.00
Slocum St.,	500.00
Town officers' salaries,	2,000.00
Street lights,	800.00
Perry Hill school house,	150.00
Public safety,	50.00
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	\$28,730.00

Valuation of Town April 1, 1917.

Personal property,	\$294,645.00
Buildings,	608,640.00
Land,	597,265.00
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Total,	\$1,500,550.00
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Rate of taxation,	\$22.50
Number of assessed polls,	603
Number of assessed horses,	251
Number of assessed cows,	644
Number of assessed neat cattle,	145

Number of assessed dwellings,	522
Number of assessed swine,	91
Number of acres of land assessed,	11,069
Number of fowl assessed,	15,020
Value of fowl,	\$14,340
Number of registered voters, February, 1918,	298

The Town Owns Property as Follows :

School houses and lots,	\$22,000.00
Town house and lot,	6,000.00
Crusher plant,	1,100.00
Library books and fixtures,	900.00
Safes,	370.00
Gravel lots,	200.00
Roller house and lot,	1,000.00
Steam roller,	1,200.00
Watering cart,	200.00
Pump and scales,	250.00
School books and supplies,	200.00
School barges,	300.00
Forest fire apparatus and building,	1,000.00
Road scraper,	250.00
Portable school house,	3,200.00
Tar heater and sweeper,	400.00
	<u>\$38,570.00</u>

The Present Town Debt.

Town Hall note:	
Note No. 47, due Nov. 15, 1918, at 5%,	\$1000.00
Highway notes:	
Notes Nos. 75, 76 and 77, due Dec. 15, 1918, 1919, 1920, at 4%,	1,800.00

Drainage notes:

Notes Nos. 25 to 30, inclusive, due Sept. 10, 1918 to 1923, at 4%,	3,000.00
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Bridge notes:

Notes Nos. 50 to 56, inclusive, and Nos. 58 to 61, inclusive, due April 15, 1918 to 1927, at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$,	5,000.00
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Acushnet Water Works Dept. bonds:

Bonds Nos. 2 to 30, inclusive, due June 1, 1918 to 1947, at 4%,	14,500.00
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Acushnet Water Works Dept. notes:

Notes Nos. 87 to 91, inclusive, due August 1, 1918 to 1922, at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$,	5,000.00
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Highway notes, Main and South Main Sts.:

Note Nos. 92 to 95, inclusive, due Sept. 1, 1918 to 1921, at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$,	4,000.00
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Portable School House notes:

Notes Nos. 99 to 104, inclusive, due Jan. 1, 1919 to 1924, at 5%,	3,000.00
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Total town debt, \$37,300.00

Interest due in 1918 on present town debt,	\$1,602.00
Amount of notes due in 1918,	\$5,600.00

The Guide Boards in town are in good condition.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Paid for teams and labor,	\$3,092.70
" crushed stone,	471.18
" field stone,	331.25
" coal,	186.43
" sand and gravel,	87.33
" oil,	22.87
" dynamite, etc.,	41.65
" pipe, lime and cement,	72.08
" tar,	6.50
" boiler inspection,	10.00
" insurance,	74.66
" castings,	40.00
" twisted steel,	13.20
" hose,	4.50
" lumber,	3.50
" yoke for roller,	113.33
" repairs and miscellaneous,	98.32
" sweeper and freight,	278.00
" tar heater,	175.00
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	\$5,122.50

ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report for Year ending Dec. 31, 1917.

Books taken out, Jan. 1, 1917, to Dec. 31, 1917,	7,892
Average per week (open three days),	150
Books bought by town,	128
Books bought by library,	54
Books given,	64
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	246

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917,	\$5.63
Fines, lost cards, magazines and injury to books,	28.26
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	\$33.89

EXPENSES.

Books and magazines,	\$23.57
Express and carriage,	5.79
Postage,	1.68
Sundries,	2.85
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	\$33.89

Long Plain Branch Library.

Mr. Henry Perry in charge.

Books taken out, Dec. 22, 1916, to Dec. 14, 1917,	581
Average per week (open one day),	12
Fines forwarded to me,	\$2.16
4 books bought,	2.18
Balance due, 2 cents.	

Twenty magazines and two weekly illustrated papers are now taken for adults—six for young people and seven for the Long Plain Branch—all of which are in constant demand, both on the reading table and for circulation.

Very interesting monthly publications are also sent us: "Vital Statistics," the organ of the Massachusetts Anti-Vivisectionists, "Reports of the Rockefeller Institute," and the "Official Bulletin of the U. S. Government (published daily)" among them.

Books have been given by the following to whom our thanks are returned: The State, Publishers of Massachusetts Vital Records, Millicent Library, the late Mrs. Charles Cummings (by Miss E. Brownell), New Bedford Reading Club, the late Mrs. E. Gibbs, Miss Katherine Hersom. Among the state's gifts were three of the Audubon Bird Charts—which are of unfailing interest.

The Woman's Educational Association has again supplied us with a Traveling Library which is most attractive to our younger readers. We have now a very fair collection of French books, which are well patronized, though we should be glad if it were by more readers.

Very especially at this time, too, the bulletins sent us by the various State and Federal organizations for Food Conservation should certainly be more widely consulted and read.

Very interesting information and statistics as to the growing, utilization, and relative value of various crops are sent periodically by the American Steel and Wire Company and displayed on the Food Conservation bulletin-board instituted by Government request. We have taken some small part in the two canvasses for Red Cross membership, and through our special committee appointed for the purpose were enabled to contribute \$107 for the Soldiers and Sailors' Libraries.

A very growing interest and appreciation is evidenced in our Library and its facilities, which are much increased by the

great courtesy of the New Bedford Free Public Library in lending us—when called for—technical books, the actual acquisition of which would be a needless expense. We have thus within the last year been able to meet calls—on various phases of lumber, cotton, and woollen industries, and applications of steam and electricity. Increasingly we feel our lack of adequate space and it cannot be very long before it becomes imperative to enlarge the room to accomodate our public even more than our books.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE A. SWIFT,

Trustee and Librarian.

Jan. 1, 1918.

Financial Report, Public Library.

DR.		
Town appropriation,	\$400.00	
Balance, 1916,	72.31	
		<u>\$472.31</u>
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Librarians,	\$75.00	
H. S. Hutchinson & Co.,	173.84	
National Library Supply Co.,	41.65	
Herman Goldberger,	51.95	
Leslie A. Tripp,	30.00	
Arthur R. Womrath,	14.28	
National Geographical Society,	2.50	
Doubleday, Page & Co.	4.50	
Gaylord Bros.,	4.34	
E. Anthony & Sons,	5.00	
Henry F. Taber,	20.38	
Schoenhoff Book Co.,	10.16	
Albert H. Heusser,	1.85	
		<u>\$435.45</u>
Balance,		<u>\$36.86</u>

Fines Received by District Court.

which were payable to the Town of Acushnet.

Blanchette,	\$15.00
Demarton,	10.00
Hebert,	100.00
	<u>\$125.00</u>

Fees paid to the following officers:

John Parkinson, Com. vs. Hebert,	\$3.00
J. M. Vincent, " Varley,	5.75
J. M. Vincent, " Charest,	11.05
J. M. Vincent, " Brunelle,	8.20
E. L. Macomber, " Collins,	4.85
J. M. Vincent, " Royland,	7.05
C. E. Gifford, " Blanchette,	2.72
C. E. Gifford, " Demarton,	1.82
J. M. Vincent, " Haskell,	6.64
E. Lapalme, " Beauregard,	4.90
W. R. Spooner, " Green,	23.38
	<u>\$79.36</u>
Balance paid town,	\$45.64
Paid J. M. Vincent, Com. vs. ———	\$7.00
" E. L. Macomber, posting warrants,	20.00
" E. Lapalme, Com. vs. Brunelle,	5.26
" J. M. Vincent, Com. vs. Studley,	5.25
" E. L. Macomber, posting warrants,	32.00
" Paid J. M. Vincent, Com. vs. Driscoll,	14.65
" E. Lapalme, services as constable,	51.20
" J. M. Vincent, Com. vs. Driscoll,	28.44
" J. M. Vincent, Com. vs. Milette,	9.20
" E. L. Macomber, services as constable,	22.00
	<u>\$195.00</u>

Salaries of Town Officers.

Fred E. Wellington, selectman,	\$50.00
James O. Douglass, selectman,	40.00
Alden White, selectman,	40.00
Frank P. Crandon, assessor,	200.00
Eben F. Leonard, assessor,	180.00
William G. Taber, assessor,	150.00
Edward L. Macomber, school committee,	25.00
Walter E. Tripp, school committee,	25.00
Walter F. Douglass, school committee,	35.00
Fred E. Wellington, overseer of poor,	25.00
James O. Douglass, overseer of poor,	25.00
Alden White, overseer of poor,	25.00
Fred E. Wellington, board of health,	50.00
Joel P. Bradford, board of health,	25.00
Henry D. Pierce, board of health,	10.00
Fred O. Tripp, inspector of animals,	75.00
Robert E. Parker, tree warden,	5.00
Joseph T. Brownell, auditor,	5.00
Henry F. Taber, town clerk,	83.40
Henry F. Taber, treasurer,	238.01
Henry F. Taber, collector,	590.07
Constables,	195.00
	<u>\$2,096.48</u>

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN.

Supplies:

Carl E. Taber, tire, tubes, etc.,	\$66.90
G. A. Blake, acid,	9.36
A. F. Lawrence, supplies,	1.82
T. B. Geggatt, supplies,	21.68
R. G. Morse, teaming,	20.00
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	\$119.76
Joshua Geggatt, attending fires and care of truck,	14.85
Paid for fighting fires,	\$118.10
H. F. Taber, services as fire warden,	5.00
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	123.10
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	\$257.71

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. TABER, Forest Warden.

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET WATER BOARD.

To the Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Your Water Board begs leave to submit the following second annual report:

The decision of the State to surface a portion of Main and North Main Streets with concrete, forced us to make certain changes and extensions in order not to be placed where we could not supply water to certain districts, for we would not be able to cross the concrete; hence for this purpose an appropriation of \$5,000.00 was voted.

We have extended the service in the mains 698 feet as follows:

Location and size of cast iron pipe laid in 1817.

	10 in.	6 in.	4 in.
Long Plain Road,	12 feet	238 feet	
Dayton Street,			25 feet
Westland Street,		25 feet	
Boylston Street,		25 feet	
Nye Ave.,			348 feet
Jean Street,		25 feet	
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Totals,	12 feet	313 feet	373 feet

Owing to the extremely early and severe winter, certain extensions for which the material was purchased have not been completed, and now await the Spring. Shortage of labor has also retarded our work, as well as in other departments; and the inability of the Highway Department to properly fix Slocum Street, and the extremely cold weather, caused an early freeze-up on that line which it has not been possible to open. The

continued extreme cold worked into our other services until, in company with other towns and cities, we have become more or less an entirely closed up system since the first of the year.

While sincerely regretting this, we can only refer to the report of the weather Bureau that never in its history has such long intense cold been known in this section, and say to our subscribers that their bills will be proportioned to their services, and hope that the same conditions will not prevail again.

The extreme high cost of material makes further extension practically prohibitive, and we are forced to refuse many applications for main extensions which are desired, and which would add materially to our service and our revenues. With this in mind, we would ask the patience of the people, and promise all the extensions asked when the market resumes its normal condition.

Our financial report will show that in spite of all the adverse influences we have been able not to fall behind, and hope for better times the coming year.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	\$5,000.00	
Meters and water tax,	2,023.62	
Services,	587.05	
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Bills Receivable,		136.60
Inventory,		1,502.50
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Expenditures.

Paid for cast iron pipes,	\$1,101.33
Express, cartage, etc.,	62.95
Fittings,	296.17
Installing services,	639.81
Meters and meter cases	12.84
Management and repairs,	119.80
Stationery,	31.60

Equipment,	16.15
Water tax of New Bedford,	1,114.96
Paid on bond,	500.00
Paid interest on bonds,	590.00
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	\$4,485.61

THOMAS HERSOM, JR.,

MOISE BERARD,

JOEL P. BRADFORD, M. D.

Water Board.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Schools, Water Board, and unitemized account of Highway Surveyor, and all trust funds held by the town, for the financial year ending December 31, 1917, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL, Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT

1918

School Committee.

WALTER E. TRIPP,

Term expires 1918

E. L. MACOMBER,

Term expires 1918

WALTER F. DOUGLAS,

Term expires 1920

WALTER E. TRIPP, Chairman.

CHARLES F. PRIOR, Superintendent.

Telephone at home in Fairhaven, 3499-W.

Telephone at office in Fairhaven Town Hall, 3891.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Acushnet School Committee:

Herewith is submitted my sixth annual report, the twentieth in the series of superintendent's reports since the formation of the union with Fairhaven and Mattapoisett.

The Outlook published recently an interview with the Principal of one of the New York City public schools, in which was a statement worthy of consideration in connection with a school report. Said the Principal,—“This war is for children. We are ready to sacrifice life itself—lives and lives and lives—all for children. Could not we ourselves stand tyranny for a little while? Would any regime be so hard for us that we could not live under it for the length of our own days? Could we not suffer oppression so we would not suffer death? Ah, it is for the children that our men have gone out to fight for our country—and for the world. We must defeat Germany for the sake of our children. This war must be fought to a finish for the liberty of our children and of the children all over the world.”

The statement is profoundly true. America has entered the war not primarily for benefits that will accrue to men and women of to-day, but that their children and those after them may live in the era of permanent peace, under a democratic form of government, secure from the evils of militarism. Realization of this truth will lead to increased consideration of the problem of maintaining the schools on a high level of efficiency, even during these difficult war times. It is obvious that if sacrifices are being made for the future opportunities of children, children must be prepared for these opportunities.

The public schools have always been supported to train boys and girls for the duties of citizenship. These years of war are furnishing one test of the value of the training received. The years of peace, when they come, will furnish a more critical test than has any time of the past. In every department of activity there will be need of better trained minds than ever before. There will be a world to be rebuilt, thousands of trained men, the flower of our youth, to be replaced, leaders to be educated, if the United States is to have the leadership in the world's affairs which its interests and importance demand. The patriotic far-seeing citizen will be more interested in the schools this year than ever before.

Finances.

In the following table the total expenditures of the year are classified according to the State system of accounting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACUSHNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE For the Fiscal Year, Jan. 1, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1918.

GENERAL CONTROL.

Superintendent,	\$433.32	
Attendance officers,	26.00	
School census,	40.00	
Miscellaneous,	14.92	
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EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION.

Teachers' salaries,	\$6,160.19	
Text books,	164.74	
Supplies,	251.63	
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OPERATION OF PLANT.

Janitors' salaries,	\$741.00	
Fuel,	487.25	
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MAINTENANCE.

Repairs,	\$534.80	
New equipment,	408.70	
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AUXILIARY EXPENSES.

Transportation,	\$2,723.00	
Medical Inspection,	75.00	
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Cartage, toilet paper, express, disinfectants, etc.,	\$479.05	
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Total,		\$12,539.60

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1916,	\$284.73	
Appropriation,	10,000.00	
Special appropriation,	800.00	
State school fund,	865.98	
State on account of superintendent,	208.33	
County dog fund,	422.49	
	<hr/>	\$12,581.33
Balance on hand,		\$41.73

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Deficit in 1916,	\$158.25	
Expenditures in 1917,	1,946.25	
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Town appropriation,		1,150.00
Deficit,		\$954.50

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

Expenditures,	\$975.86	
Deficit,		975.86

Expenditures for grade schools have increased by \$1,731.28 over those of last year. Analysis shows the increase is found mainly in the following items: teaching, repairs, new equipment and transportation. Teaching cost more than last year by \$585.90, repairs by \$250.49, new equipment by \$362.20, transportation by \$250, these items totalling \$1,448.59. Miscellaneous expenditures increased \$282.69. Teaching cost more because two additional teachers had to be employed owing to increase in number of pupils. Increase in the cost of repairs includes cost of alterations ordered by State Police amounting to \$179.60, and the added expense of making ordinary repairs in these times. The new equipment bought consisted mainly of new desks to seat the increased number of pupils. Transportation cost more because of the higher prices paid the barge drivers. Miscellaneous expenditures were higher because of advances in purchasing prices.

Expenditures for high school tuition and transportation are compulsory, if a town does not maintain a high school. In the past the Town has received partial or total re-imbursement of money paid for these items from the State. This will not continue. The following letters from the Commissioner of Education are self explanatory.

Boston, November 14, 1917.

MR. WALTER E. TRIPP,
Acushnet, Mass.

My Dear Sir:—We are informed by the Bureau of Statistics that according to the State census of 1915 the town of Acushnet has more than five hundred (500) families. Therefore in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 42 of the Revised Laws, the town of Acushnet will not be entitled to receive from the State re-imbursement for expenditures incurred during the school year ending June 30, 1917 for the tuition of pupils attending high schools in other towns and cities.

Inasmuch as the town now contains five hundred families, it

is required by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1914, to maintain a high school unless specifically exempted by the Board of Education.

Very truly yours,

PAYSON S. SMITH,
Commissioner of Education.

Boston, November 14, 1917.

My Dear Sir: — It was decided to day that the data of the census of 1915 would have to be used in determining whether a town could receive re-imbursement for high school tuition and transportation expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1917.

In accordance with that decision we are returning herewith the certificate of expenditures for high school tuition of the town of Acushnet.

Very truly yours,

PAYSON S. SMITH,
Commissioner of Education.

The effect of the decision given in these letters is to make it necessary for the Town to pay for the tuition and transportation of high school pupils during 1917. In the future also the total expense of these items will have to be borne by the Town. There is no remedy except to maintain a high school in Acushnet and this would cost more and give less for expenditures than the present plan.

Those who send pupils to High school may lessen the burden to the Town by lessening their claims for transportation of their children.

Attendance and School Accommodations.

The total enrollment for the year ending in June, 1917, was 436, a slight increase over that of the preceding year. As directed by vote of the Town in March, 1917, the Selectmen

and School Committee investigated plans for additional school accommodations. Their recommendation that four rooms be added to the present building at Parting Ways was rejected at special Town meeting. Schools opened in September with an increase of 50 pupils in the enrollment at Parting Ways. The first grade numbered 73, the fourth grade 65, two other rooms of the building, over 50 pupils, and the overflow school at the Town Hall, 93 pupils. It was, of course, absolutely necessary to relieve these conditions. The State withdrew the Town's share of the State school fund until this should be done. A two-room portable school was finally purchased and erected. Through the use of this the first grade pupils have been given a full day session for the first time in five years, and the most crowded rooms elsewhere have been relieved. Despite this, there are now three rooms with nearly or quite fifty pupils. If there is another increase of fifty pupils next fall, the necessity of furnishing more room will again arise. Since the Town must furnish school accommodations for its children, why delay action until too late to provide them in a satisfactory manner?

The total enrollment this year is 476, of whom 409 are at the Parting Ways school. The tendency thus far this year indicates continued increase in the number of children to be housed and taught.

Teachers.

There are eleven teachers employed in Acushnet schools; only four of these were in the corps last year. The superintendent has engaged eight new teachers for the Town since last June. Your teachers are all doing good work; most of them exceedingly good work. It has been a most trying year for the Parting Ways school. New teachers, overcrowded rooms, shortage of seats and delay in securing them, — these and numerous other matters, small in importance to the outsider, have added greatly to the difficulties of those doing the

work. It is a pleasure to commend earnestly the fine spirit and work of these teachers.

It needs to be understood that the situation in respect to teachers is unusual. There are fewer good teachers available than ever before because so many have withdrawn from the service to accept business positions vacated by young men who have been called to the colors, and because many of the brightest young women have abandoned a teaching career for more lucrative work. Your superintendent has engaged twenty-eight new teachers in his district within less than a year. The worn statement, "Good teachers are scarce" has assumed new meaning to him. In so far as this scarcity relates to Acushnet it is to be remembered that all the larger places and most of the smaller ones have increased salaries several times in the last two years. In New Bedford, for illustration, the minimum salary of a regular grade teacher is \$650, while seventy-five percent of the teachers receive \$900 per year. Acushnet cannot pay as much as New Bedford but it must be remembered that most of Acushnet teachers have to board in New Bedford and pay the living expenses of that city. Board costs from \$8 to \$8.50 per week. On our maximum salary of \$600, with board and carfare to pay, there isn't much left for the three months schools are not in session. In fact, if the teachers could not work in the summer at something else or board at home, there isn't a living in their salaries. The Superintendent is not arguing for a large increase in salaries but it would be justice to the teachers and of assistance in maintaining the efficiency of the schools if the appropriation could be made sufficiently large to increase salaries at least \$25 per year. This would require \$350 more than the amount needed to keep the schools on the present level.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. PRIOR.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT.

Teachers.

Lenora M. Coombs,	\$750.07
Mrs. Ava R. Schafer,	584.23
Delight Tuthill,	349.13
Edna M. Lilley,	276.75
Helen A. Hayes,	540.07
Elizabeth Simmons,	291.27
Marie S. Howard,	585.98
Mrs. Nellie L. Barnes,	589.13
Louise Hawkins,	320.09
Mildred Brownell,	278.20
Mrs. Delano Luce,	194.62
Anna B. Trowbridg	194.62
Leah E. Pike,	236.85
Harriet McAloon,	217.50
Mary L. Crocker,	25.28
Leona Hoerstedt,	165.00
Doris E. Eddy,	207.30
Marion Parshley,	66.70
Kathryn Campbell,	181.50
Marian Coleman,	99.90
Rachael Kennedy,	6.00
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	\$6,160.19

Books.

Charles Scribner's Sons,	\$4.80
D. C. Heath & Co.,	22.87
The MacMillan Co.,	38.35
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	67.92
Ginn & Co.,	30.80
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	\$164.74

Supplies.

F. S. Brightman,	\$3.40
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	46.13
J. L. Hammett Co.,	164.85
Ginn & Co.,	.45
White-Smith Pub. Co.	1.10
Carter, Rice & Co.,	7.92
Milton Bradley Co.,	27.78
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	\$251.63

Transportation.

C. D. Bennett,	\$630.00
C. L. Spooner,	652.00
C. E. Gifford,	315.00
John Vincent,	815.00
J. L. Lemaire,	187.00
Alton Ellis,	124.00
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	\$2,723.00

Janitors.

Leslie Tripp,	\$408.00
Henry Perry,	135.00
Daniel Rose,	60.00
Arthur Harding,	138.00
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	\$741.00

Fuel.

City Coal Company,	\$226.43
R. G. Morse,	35.00
Hope E. Lincoln,	219.07
J. T. Brownell,	6.75
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	\$487.25

Superintendent.

Charles F. Prior,	\$433.32
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Health.

Dr. J. Frank Weeks,	\$75.00
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Repairs.

E. L. Macomber,	\$55.35
E. P. Hirst & Co.,	15.03
H. F. Ashley,	30.00
F. E. Ashley,	1.50
S. S. Paine & Bros.,	2.50
W. F. Douglas,	179.60
F. P. Crandon,	1.00
Emile Marchal,	1.10
James Hartley,	9.10
Alexander Pate,	4.45
DeWolf & Vincent,	6.75
George A. Cobb,	78.99
Walter E. Tripp,	5.00
Wood, Brightman Co.,	20.55
Acushnet Saw Mill Co.,	13.59
D. Guillotte,	99.05
G. M. Bennett,	7.24
C. W. Turner,	4.00
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	\$534.80

New Equipment.

H. A. Jackson,	\$2.54
C. F. Wing Co.,	1.56
George T. Johnston Co.,	3.00
Kenney Brothers & Wolkins,	367.85
Marshall, Son & Co.,	.75
New Bedford Dry Goods Co.,	12.45
Edward Babb & Co.,	3.15
E. F. Hodgson Co.,	17.40
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	\$408.70

Miscellaneous.

E. W. Ashley,	\$34.00
George A. Cobb,	27.12
A. F. Lawrence,	1.60
Gardner & Milliken,	19.00
A. D. McMullen,	4.00
J. S. Sanford,	1.50
James Hathaway,	16.00
J. A. Sylvia,	19.00
Fairhaven Star,	12.75
H. S. Hutchinson,	.70
E. Anthony & Sons,	1.35
Leslie Tripp,	5.60
John W. Laycock,	6.82
Adams Express Co.,	.90
Kennedy & Kirwin,	4.35
Somerville Brush Co.,	5.05
Arthur F. Harding,	1.25
Walter E. Tripp,	6.71
S. St. Jean,	15.00
Helen Baker,	2.00
L. L. Dexter,	17.35
C. B. Dolge Co.,	9.75
George T. Johnston Co.,	27.50
Frank C. Brown,	50.00
Ida C. Case,	175.00
Lenora Coombs,	14.75
C. F. Prior,	13.87
E. L. Macomber,	46.00
W. F. Douglas,	20.00
Wright & Potter Printing Co.,	1.05
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	\$559.97

High School Transportation.

——Morse,	\$36.90
P. A. Murphy,	9.20
Manuel Perry,	55.50
——Bacon,	28.65
William Haskins,	55.35

William Taber,	55.50
Millard Peckham,	16.30
Alfred M. B. Cory,	27.75
Arthur C. Cory,	27.75
W. P. Fortin,	6.65
H. Emmons Taber	111.00
Alfred Guilbeault,	23.46
E. M. P. Ames,	4.45
A. P. Gilmore,	45.75
M. D. Madeiros,	54.90
Leo A. Tripp,	54.00
Fennimore Batchelor,	8.50
James H. Hathaway,	51.30
Henry A. Jackson,	101.40
Joseph Sorelle,	4.20
Charles E. Gifford,	9.25
Thomas H. Bassindale,	57.30
Emery E. Cushman,	28.65
W. F. Douglas,	18.50
Walter A. White,	29.65
——Morse,	54.00
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	\$975.86
Received from State,	000.00
Deficit,	<hr/>
	\$975.86

High School Tuition.

Deficit in 1916,	\$158.25
City of New Bedford, 1917,	806.25
Town of Fairhaven, 1917,	1,140.00
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	\$2,104.50
Town appropriation,	\$1,150.00
Received from State,	0,000.00
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	\$1,150.00
Deficit,	<hr/>
	\$954.50

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1918

Tuesday, January 2,		Schools re-open
Friday, March 23,		Schools close
Monday, April 1,		Schools re-open
Friday, April 19,	Patriots' Day,	Legal holiday
Thursday, May 30,	Memorial Day,	Legal holiday
Friday, June 14,	Schools close,	Summer vacation
Tuesday, September 3,		Schools re-open
Wednesday, Nov. 27,	Schools close,	Thanksgiving vacation
Monday, December 3,		Schools re-open
Friday, December 20,	Schools close,	Christmas vacation
Monday, December 30,		Schools re-open

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

Lenora Coombs,	Castine Normal (Me.)
Mrs. Ava R. Shaffer.	High School
Leah E. Pike,	Gorham Normal
Helen A. Hayes,	Newburyport Training School
Kathryn Campbell,	Bridgewater Normal
Marian Coleman,	Salem Normal
Harriet McAloon,	Lowell Normal
Marie S. Howard,	New Bedford High School
Leona Hoerstedt,	Hyannis Normal
Nellie L. Barnes,	High School
Doris C. Eddy,	Bridgewater Normal
Mrs. Delano Luce, Marion, Mass.,	Supervisor of Drawing
Anna B. Trowbridge,	Supervisor of Music

ROLL OF HONOR.

Louise Dunham,	Alfred Collins.
Philip Fortin,	Alyr Joillet,
Evelyn Hathaway,	Abel Pland,
Otis Tripp,	Clara Sherman,
Allen Thompson,	Diana Gladu,
Helen Gifford,	Gloriana Gladu.
Verna White,	Rose Alves,
Henry DeCosta,	Herman Morse.
Jennie Paparoanon,	Loretta Gladu,
James Bardsley,	Doris Casewell,
Rosario Boucher,	Loretta Bolduc.

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Attendance, Etc.

SCHOOL YEAR. September, 1916—June, 1917.

SCHOOLS	Grades	TEACHERS	Whole number enrolled	Average member-ship	Average daily attendance	Per cent. attendance	Total days absence	Cases of tardiness	No. of weeks in year
Parting Ways	7 & 8	Lenora Coombs	22	22.5	21.3	94.7	332.5	28	38
Parting Ways	5 & 6	Ava Schaffer	54	41.9	39.	93.1	522.0	24	
Parting Ways	5	Edna L. Lilley	37	31.9	31.2	97.8	512.5	22	
Parting Ways	4	Delight Tuthill	47	45.6	41.2	90.4	714.5	78	
Parting Ways	3	Helen A. Hayes	68	55.6	51.7	92.9	937.0	21	
Parting Ways	2	Elizabeth A. Simmons..	54	52.8	47.4	89.8	964.0	131	
Parting Ways	1	Marie S. Howard.....	88	68.8	64.8	94.2	684.0	9	
Long Plain	5-8	Nellie L. Barnes.....	25	21.4	21.0	98.1	74.5	7	
Long Plain	1-4	Louise A. Hawkins	41	34.1	31.6	92.7	397.0	3	
Music		Anna B. Trowbridge....							
Drawing		Mrs. Delano Luce							
		TOTALS, 1917	436	374.6	349.2	93.2	5138.0	323	38
		TOTALS, 1916	426	358.1	336.6	93.9	5152.0	390	
		TOTALS, 1915	425	329.9	308.0	93.3	4219.0	294	
		TOTALS, 1914	381	296.9	275.8	92.8	4084.0	250	
		TOTALS, 1913	328	245.6	229.3	93.	3837.5	327	

GRADE AND AGE DISTRIBUTION, 1917

AGE	GRADE									TOTALS
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
5	6									6
6	41	1								42
7	25	17	2	1	2					44
8	11	33	17							62
9	1	18	22	12	2	8				55
10	3	12	15	27	20	9				85
11	1	2	14	15	18	15	6	2		57
12		1	7	12	5	11	14	5		49
13		1	3	5	8	9	5	5		47
14			2		3		2	1		25
15										3
16										
Total enrolled....	88	85	82	72	56	52	27	13		475
Number over age based on entrance age of six	16	34	41	32	16	20	7	1		167
Per cent above normal age.....	18	40	50	44	28	40	26	8		35.2

